

**THE UNIVERSAL DEFINING EQUATIONS OF ABELIAN SURFACES  
WITH LEVEL 3 STRUCTURE**

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1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $A = \mathbb{C}^2/\tau\mathbb{Z}^2 + \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{H}_2$  be a principally polarized abelian surface, and we put  $\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda_2 = \tau\mathbb{Z}^2 + \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Let  $H$  be a hermitian form on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  given by  $(\text{Im } \tau)^{-1}$ , and  $E = \text{Im } H$ , that is,  $E(v, w) = \text{Im}(v(\text{Im } \tau)^{-1}\bar{w}) = {}^t v_1 w_2 - {}^t v_2 w_1$  for  $v = \tau v_1 + v_2$  and  $w = \tau w_1 + w_2$ . In particular (1):  $E(\Lambda, \Lambda) \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . We define  $\alpha : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  by  $\alpha(\lambda) = (-1)^{{}^t \lambda_1 \lambda_2}$  for  $\lambda = \tau \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ . Then (2):  $\alpha(\lambda + \mu) = \alpha(\lambda)\alpha(\mu) \exp \pi i E(\lambda, \mu)$ .

We put  $L_0 = L(H, \alpha)$ , that is the quotient of trivial line bundle  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^2$  by the action of  $\Lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} ((a, v), \lambda) &\longmapsto (e_\lambda(v)a, v + \lambda) \quad a \in \mathbb{C}, v \in \mathbb{C}^2, \lambda \in \Lambda \\ e_\lambda(v) &= \alpha(\lambda) \exp(\pi H(v, \lambda) + \frac{\pi}{2} H(\lambda, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $L = L_0^k = L(kH, \alpha^k)$ ,  $K(L) = \{x \in A \mid T_x^* L \cong L\} = A_k = \{x \in A \mid kx = 0\}$ . We decompose  $K(L) = K(L)_1 \oplus K(L)_2$ . Then the Riemann-Roch theorem says

$$\dim H^0(A, L) = \#K(L)_1 = \#K(L)_2.$$

We can construct the standard basis of  $H^0(A, L)$ . Let  $B$  be a symmetric form on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  given by  $B(v, w) = {}^t v (\text{Im } \tau)^{-1} w$ . We consider  $M = L(H, \alpha)$  for any pair  $(H, \alpha)$  which satisfies (1) and (2). For  $x \in K(M)_1$ , we define

$$\vartheta_x^M(v) = \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2}B(v, v) - \frac{\pi}{2}(H - B)(x + 2v, x)\right) \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_1} \exp\left(\pi(H - B)(x + v, \lambda) - \frac{\pi}{2}(H - B)(\lambda, \lambda)\right),$$

then  $\{\vartheta_x^M\}_{x \in K(M)_1}$  form a basis of  $H^0(A, M)$ .

Now we put  $k = 3$ ,  $L = L_0^3$ . Then the canonical map

$$\varphi : \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Sym}^n H^0(A, L) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} H^0(A, L^n)$$

is surjective by the theorem of Koizumi([Ko1, Corollary 4.7]), and  $\ker \varphi$  is generated by the elements of degree 2 and 3 by the theorem of Sekiguchi([S, Main Theorem]).

2. QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

We consider the map  $\varphi_2 : \text{Sym}^2 H^0(A, L) \rightarrow H^0(A, L^2)$ . Then  $\dim \ker \varphi_2 = 45 - 36 = 9$ , thus we have 9 linearly independent equations.

**Lemma 1** (Addition formula). *We denote  $Z_2 = K(L^2)_1 \cap A_2$ . For any  $x_1, x_2 \in K(L)_1$ ,*

$$\varphi_2(\vartheta_{x_1}^L \vartheta_{x_2}^L) = \sum_{z \in Z_2} \vartheta_{y_2+z}^{L^2}(0) \cdot \vartheta_{y+z}^{L^2}$$

with  $y_1, y_2 \in K(L^2)_1$  such that  $y + y_2 = x_1$  and  $y - y_2 = x_2$ .

For the proof, see [LB, (1.3), Chapter 7], or also see [M1, p339].

Now we use the following notation:  $K(L^2)_1 = \{{}^t(a, b) \mid a, b \in \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15\}\}$ ,  $K(L)_1 = \{{}^t(a, b) \mid a, b \in \{0, 6, 12\}\}$  and  $Z_2 = \{{}^t(a, b) \mid a, b \in \{0, 9\}\}$ . Since  $K(L^2)_1 = K(L)_1 \oplus Z_2$ , we can take  $K(L)_1$  as the representative system of  $K(L^2)_1/Z_2$ .

For  $y \in K(L)_1$ , let  $W_y \subset H^0(A, L^2)$  be the space spanned by  $\{\vartheta_{y+z}^{L^2}\}_{z \in Z_2}$  and  $V_y \subset \text{Sym}^2 H^0(A, L)$  be the space spanned by  $\{\vartheta_{y+u}^L \vartheta_{y-u}^L\}_{u \in K(L)_1}$ . Then  $\varphi_2$  maps  $V_y$  onto  $W_y$ , and we write  $\varphi_2^y : V_y \rightarrow W_y$  the restriction of  $\varphi_2$ . We decompose

$$\text{Sym}^2 H^0(A, L) = \bigoplus_{y \in K(L)_1} V_y, \quad H^0(A, L^2) = \bigoplus_{y \in K(L)_1} W_y.$$

For simplicity, we write  $X_{a,b} = \vartheta_y^L$ ,  $Y_{a,b} = \vartheta_x^{L^2}$  and  $q(y) = \vartheta_y^{L^2}(0)$ , with  $y$  (or  $x$ ) =  $(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix})$ . Then  $\varphi_2^y$  is given by

$$\varphi_2^y(X_{y+u} X_{y-u}) = \sum_{z \in Z_2} q(u+z) Y_{y+z}.$$

For example the case of  $y = {}^t(0, 0) = 0$ , we have

$$\varphi_2^0 \begin{pmatrix} X_{0,0}^2 \\ X_{6,0}X_{12,0} \\ X_{0,6}X_{0,12} \\ X_{6,6}X_{12,12} \\ X_{6,12}X_{12,6} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}) \\ q(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 \\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}) \\ q(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 15 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 15 \end{smallmatrix}) \\ q(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 15 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 \\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 \\ 15 \end{smallmatrix}) \\ q(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 12 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 \\ 12 \end{smallmatrix}) & q(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{0,0} \\ Y_{0,9} \\ Y_{9,0} \\ Y_{9,9} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We write  $M$  the  $5 \times 4$  representation matrix above, and let  $M_k$  be the matrix removing the  $k$ -th row vector from  $M$ . Then for  $h_k = (-1)^{k+1} \det M_k$ , we see

$$(h_1, \dots, h_5) \cdot {}^t(X_{0,0}^2, \dots, X_{6,12}X_{12,6}) = 0.$$

**Theorem 1.** *We have 9 quadratic equations:*

- (q1)  $h_1 X_{0,0}^2 + h_2 X_{6,0}X_{12,0} + h_3 X_{0,6}X_{0,12} + h_4 X_{6,6}X_{12,12} + h_5 X_{6,12}X_{12,6} = 0,$
- (q2)  $h_1 X_{6,0}^2 + h_2 X_{12,0}X_{0,0} + h_3 X_{6,6}X_{6,12} + h_4 X_{12,6}X_{0,12} + h_5 X_{12,12}X_{0,6} = 0,$
- (q3)  $h_1 X_{12,0}^2 + h_2 X_{0,0}X_{6,0} + h_3 X_{12,6}X_{12,12} + h_4 X_{0,6}X_{6,12} + h_5 X_{0,12}X_{6,6} = 0,$
- (q4)  $h_1 X_{0,6}^2 + h_2 X_{6,6}X_{12,6} + h_3 X_{0,12}X_{0,0} + h_4 X_{6,12}X_{12,0} + h_5 X_{6,0}X_{12,12} = 0,$
- (q5)  $h_1 X_{6,6}^2 + h_2 X_{12,6}X_{0,6} + h_3 X_{6,12}X_{6,0} + h_4 X_{12,12}X_{0,0} + h_5 X_{12,0}X_{0,12} = 0,$
- (q6)  $h_1 X_{12,6}^2 + h_2 X_{0,6}X_{6,6} + h_3 X_{12,12}X_{12,0} + h_4 X_{0,12}X_{6,0} + h_5 X_{0,0}X_{6,12} = 0,$
- (q7)  $h_1 X_{0,12}^2 + h_2 X_{6,12}X_{12,12} + h_3 X_{0,0}X_{0,6} + h_4 X_{6,0}X_{12,6} + h_5 X_{6,6}X_{12,0} = 0,$
- (q8)  $h_1 X_{6,12}^2 + h_2 X_{12,12}X_{0,12} + h_3 X_{6,0}X_{6,6} + h_4 X_{12,0}X_{0,6} + h_5 X_{12,6}X_{0,0} = 0,$
- (q9)  $h_1 X_{12,12}^2 + h_2 X_{0,12}X_{6,12} + h_3 X_{12,0}X_{12,6} + h_4 X_{0,0}X_{6,6} + h_5 X_{0,6}X_{6,0} = 0.$

Here  $h_k = (-1)^{k+1} \det M_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq 5$ ).

We can regard  $q$  or  $h$  as functions in  $\tau$ . Then

$$q\left(\begin{matrix} 3a \\ 3b \end{matrix}\right) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \exp 6\pi i \tau [m - \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 2a \\ 2b \end{pmatrix}],$$

and each  $h_i$  is quartic polynomial in these  $q$ 's, and belongs to  $M_2(\Gamma^2(12))$ .

**Theorem 2.** For each  $1 \leq k \leq 5$ ,  $h_k$  is contained in the space  $M_2(\Gamma^2(3), \varepsilon)$ , with a character  $\varepsilon$  of  $\Gamma^2(3)/\Gamma^2(12)$  such that  $\varepsilon^2 = 1$ .

For the proof of this theorem, we use the fact that the group  $G = \Gamma^2(3)/\Gamma^2(12) \cong \Gamma^2/\Gamma^2(4)$ , and  $G$  is generated by the elements

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1_2 & 3S \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1_2 & 0 \\ 3S & 1_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad {}^t S = S.$$

The ring structure of the graded ring of Siegel modular forms of degree 2, level 3 is already known by Freitag and Salvati Manni [FS]. They showed

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k(\Gamma^2(3)) = \mathbb{C}[t_1, \dots, t_5, f_1, \dots, f_5]$$

with  $t_1, \dots, t_5 \in M_1(\Gamma^2(3))$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_5 \in M_3(\Gamma^2(3))$ . They have 5 relations in weight 5, and 15 relations in weight 6.

From this fact, we can rewrite the above functions  $h_1, \dots, h_5$  by using  $t_1, \dots, t_5$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_5$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} h_1^2 &= \frac{1}{216}(f_1 t_1 - t_1^4 + 4t_1(t_2^3 + t_3^3 + t_4^3 + t_5^3) - 24t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5), \\ h_1 h_2 &= \frac{1}{108}(f_2 t_2 + 3t_1^2 t_2^2 - 12t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5), \\ h_1 h_3 &= \frac{1}{108}(f_3 t_3 + 3t_1^2 t_3^2 - 12t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5), \\ h_1 h_4 &= \frac{1}{108}(f_4 t_4 + 3t_1^2 t_4^2 - 12t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5), \\ h_1 h_5 &= \frac{1}{108}(f_5 t_5 + 3t_1^2 t_5^2 - 12t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. CUBIC EQUATIONS

Next we consider the map  $\varphi_3 : \text{Sym}^3 H^0(A, L) \rightarrow H^0(A, L^2)$ . We need  $\dim \ker \varphi_3 = 165 - 81 = 84$  relations. However, in this case, all the generators of  $\ker \varphi_3$  is given by the theorem of Birkenhake and Lange.

Let  $Z_6 = A_6 \cap K(L^2)_1$ . For  $\rho \in \widehat{Z}_6 = \text{Hom}(Z_6, \mathbb{C}_1^\times)$ ,  $y_1 \in K(L^6)_1$  and  $y_2 \in K(L^2)_1$  we define

$$\theta_{(y_1, y_2), \rho}(v) = \sum_{a \in Z_6} \rho(a) \vartheta_{y_1-a}^{L^6}(v) \vartheta_{y_2-3a}^{L^2}(v).$$

**Theorem 3** (Cubic theta relations [BL, Theorem 3.3]). Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $A$  and assume  $L = L_0^3$  for a line bundle  $L_0$ . Then all the cubic theta relations are given by the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} &\theta_{(y_1, y_2), \rho}(0) \sum_{b \in Z_6} \rho(b) \vartheta_{y'_1+y'_2+y_3+2b}^L \vartheta_{y'_1-y'_2+y_3+2b}^L \vartheta_{-2y'_1+y_3+2b}^L \\ &= \theta_{(y'_1, y'_2), \rho}(0) \sum_{b \in Z_6} \rho(b) \vartheta_{y_1+y_2+y_3+2b}^L \vartheta_{y_1-y_2+y_3+2b}^L \vartheta_{-2y_1+y_3+2b}^L. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\rho \in \widehat{Z}_6$ ,  $y_1, y'_1 \in K(L^6)_1$ ,  $y_2, y'_2 \in K(L^2)_1$  and  $y_3 \in K(L^3)_1$  such that

$$\begin{cases} y_1 + y_2 + y_3, & y_1 - y_2 + y_3, & -2y_1 + y_3, \\ y'_1 + y'_2 + y_3, & y'_1 - y'_2 + y_3, & -2y'_1 + y_3 \end{cases}$$

belong to  $K(L)_1$ .

Using this theorem, we can write down all the 84 generators of  $\ker \varphi_3$ . Let  $W_3 = \{0, 3, 6\}$ , and  $\widehat{Z}_6^+$  be the set of all the character  $\rho$  of  $Z_6$  such that  $\rho^3 \equiv 1$ , that is, all the character of  $W_3^2 \bmod 9 \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^2$ . We define the character  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_4 \in \widehat{Z}_6^+$  by

$$\begin{cases} \rho_1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = 1, & \begin{cases} \rho_2 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \omega, \\ \rho_1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \omega. \end{cases} \\ \begin{cases} \rho_2 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = 1. \end{cases} & \begin{cases} \rho_3 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \omega^2, \\ \rho_3 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \omega. \end{cases} \\ \begin{cases} \rho_4 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \omega, \\ \rho_4 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \omega. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

For  $\rho \in \widehat{Z}_6^+$ , we define

$$\theta^\rho \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{a,b \in \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}} \rho \begin{pmatrix} 3a \\ 3b \end{pmatrix} \Theta \begin{bmatrix} 6a - 2x & 6b - 2z \\ 18a - 2y & 18b - 2w \end{bmatrix},$$

with

$$\Theta \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} (\tau) := \sum_{N \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})} \exp \pi i \left( \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \left[ N + \frac{1}{36} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right] \tau \right).$$

**Theorem 4.** *The following list contains all of the 84 linearly independent relations of degree 3.*

$$(c1) \quad \sum_{(a,b) \in K(L)_1} X_{a,b}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,0}X_{12,0} + X_{0,6}X_{6,6}X_{12,6} + X_{0,12}X_{6,12}X_{12,12})$$

$$(c2) \quad = 3 \frac{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{0,6}X_{0,12} + X_{6,0}X_{6,6}X_{6,12} + X_{12,0}X_{12,6}X_{12,12})$$

$$(c3) \quad = 3 \frac{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,6}X_{12,12} + X_{0,6}X_{6,12}X_{12,0} + X_{0,12}X_{12,6}X_{6,0})$$

$$(c4) \quad = 3 \frac{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 12 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,12}X_{12,6} + X_{6,6}X_{0,12}X_{12,0} + X_{12,12}X_{0,6}X_{6,0})$$

$$(d1) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{6,0}^3 + X_{12,0}^3 - X_{0,6}^3 - X_{6,6}^3 - X_{12,6}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_1} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_1} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,0}X_{12,0} - X_{0,6}X_{6,6}X_{12,6}),$$

$$(d2) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{6,0}^3 + X_{12,0}^3 - X_{0,12}^3 - X_{6,12}^3 - X_{12,12}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_1} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_1} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,0}X_{12,0} - X_{0,12}X_{6,12}X_{12,12}),$$

$$(d3) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{0,6}^3 + X_{0,12}^3 - X_{6,0}^3 - X_{6,6}^3 - X_{6,12}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_2} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_2} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{0,6}X_{0,12} - X_{6,0}X_{6,6}X_{6,12}),$$

$$(d4) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{0,6}^3 + X_{0,12}^3 - X_{12,0}^3 - X_{12,6}^3 - X_{12,12}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_2} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_2} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{0,6}X_{0,12} - X_{12,0}X_{12,6}X_{12,12}),$$

$$(d5) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{6,6}^3 + X_{12,12}^3 - X_{0,6}^3 - X_{6,12}^3 - X_{12,0}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_3} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_3} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,6}X_{12,12} - X_{0,6}X_{6,12}X_{12,0}),$$

$$(d6) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{6,6}^3 + X_{12,12}^3 - X_{0,12}^3 - X_{6,0}^3 - X_{12,6}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_3} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_3} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,6}X_{12,12} - X_{0,12}X_{6,0}X_{12,6}),$$

$$(d7) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{6,12}^3 + X_{12,6}^3 - X_{6,0}^3 - X_{12,12}^3 - X_{0,6}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_4} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_4} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 12 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,12}X_{12,6} - X_{6,0}X_{12,12}X_{0,6}),$$

$$(d8) \quad X_{0,0}^3 + X_{6,12}^3 + X_{12,6}^3 - X_{12,0}^3 - X_{0,12}^3 - X_{6,6}^3 = 3 \frac{\theta^{\rho_4} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^{\rho_4} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 12 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} (X_{0,0}X_{6,12}X_{12,6} - X_{12,0}X_{0,12}X_{6,6}),$$

$$(e1_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho \left( \begin{smallmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) X_{2a,6+2b}^2 X_{2a,12+2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{\theta^\rho \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho \left( \begin{smallmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) X_{6+2a,6+2b} X_{12+2a,6+2b} X_{2a,12+2b} \right),$$

- $$(e2_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,2b}^2 X_{12+2a,2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b} X_{6+2a,12+2b} X_{12+2a,2b} \right),$$
- $$(e3_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{2a,6+2b}^2 X_{2a,2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b} X_{12+2a,6+2b} X_{2a,2b} \right),$$
- $$(e4_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,2b}^2 X_{2a,2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b} X_{6+2a,12+2b} X_{2a,2b} \right),$$
- $$(e5_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b}^2 X_{12+2a,12+2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,12+2b} X_{6+2a,2b} X_{12+2a,12+2b} \right),$$
- $$(e6_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b}^2 X_{12+2a,2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,12+2b} X_{6+2a,2b} X_{12+2a,2b} \right),$$
- $$(e7_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b}^2 X_{2a,12+2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{12+2a,6+2b} X_{2a,6+2b} X_{2a,12+2b} \right),$$
- $$(e8_\rho) \quad \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,6+2b}^2 X_{2a,2b} = \frac{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} \left( \sum_{a,b \in W_3} \rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right) X_{6+2a,12+2b} X_{6+2a,6+2b} X_{2a,2b} \right).$$

In the last 8 equations  $(e1_\rho), \dots, (e8_\rho)$ ,  $\rho$  runs all the characters in  $\widehat{Z}_6^+$ .

For the coefficients, we have the following:

**Theorem 5.** For each  $\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2x & 6y \\ 2z & 6w \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ , there is a character  $\chi$  on  $\Gamma^2(3)$  such that  $\chi^3 \equiv 1$ , and  $\theta^\rho\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2x & 6y \\ 2z & 6w \end{smallmatrix}\right) \in M_1(\Gamma^2(3), \chi)$ . These characters are trivial on  $\Gamma^2(9)$  and depend only on  $x, z$  and  $\rho$ . In particular, all the coefficients of the defining equations in Theorem 4 are  $\Gamma^2(3)$ -invariant meromorphic functions.

And we can show the following relations.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{\rho_1}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \theta^{\rho_1}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)^2 &= t_1 t_2^2 - t_3 t_4 t_5, \\ \theta^{\rho_1}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)^3 &= \frac{1}{24}(t_1^3 + 20t_2^3 - 4t_3^3 - 4t_4^3 - 4t_5^3 - f_1), \\ \theta^1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \theta^1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)^2 &= \frac{1}{9}(t_3 t_4 t_5 + t_1 t_2 t_4 + t_1 t_2 t_5 + t_1 t_4 t_5 + t_2^2 t_3 + t_2 t_3 t_4 + t_3 t_4^2 + t_3 t_5^2), \\ \theta^{\rho_1}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)^3 &= \frac{1}{216}(-t_1^3 + 4(t_2^3 + t_3^3 + t_4^3 + t_5^3) + f_1 + 6t_1^2 t_3 \\ &\quad + 2f_3 + 24(t_2 t_4 t_5 + t_2^2 t_4 + t_2 t_4^2 + t_2^2 t_5 + t_2 t_5^2 + t_4 t_5^2 + t_4^2 t_5)). \end{aligned}$$

To prove the theorem, we can show that the group  $\Gamma^2(3)/\Gamma^2(36)$  are generated by the following elements:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1_2 & 3S \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \quad \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1_2 & 0 \\ 3S & 1_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \quad {}^t S = S, \\ &\left(\begin{smallmatrix} U_i & 0 \\ 0 & tU_i^{-1} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \ (1 \leq i \leq 3), \quad U_1 = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \quad U_2 = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \quad U_3 = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \\ &\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1_2 & \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1_2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1_2 & \begin{smallmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By the theory of the theta series of quadratic forms (cf. [A, Chapter 1, 2]), we can check the modularity for the above generators directory.

#### 4. EXPLICIT FORM OF THE DEFINING EQUATIONS

Finally we consider the problem: find the relations derived from quadratic relations among the cubic relations. Since  $\dim(\ker \varphi_2 \otimes H^0(A, L)) = 9 \times 9 = 81 < 84 = \dim \ker \varphi_3$ , we need at least 3 cubic relations. In fact we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 6** (Main Theorem). *Let  $X_{00}, X_{01}, X_{02}, X_{10}, X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{20}, X_{21}$  and  $X_{22}$  be the coordinate of  $\mathbb{P}^8$ . The defining equations of an abelian surface  $\mathbb{C}^2/(\tau\mathbb{Z}^2 + \mathbb{Z}^2)$  is given by the following 12 equations.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_1 X_{00}^2 + h_2 X_{10} X_{20} + h_3 X_{01} X_{02} + h_4 X_{11} X_{22} + h_5 X_{12} X_{21} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{10}^2 + h_2 X_{20} X_{00} + h_3 X_{11} X_{12} + h_4 X_{21} X_{02} + h_5 X_{22} X_{01} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{20}^2 + h_2 X_{00} X_{10} + h_3 X_{21} X_{22} + h_4 X_{01} X_{12} + h_5 X_{02} X_{11} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{01}^2 + h_2 X_{11} X_{21} + h_3 X_{02} X_{00} + h_4 X_{12} X_{20} + h_5 X_{10} X_{22} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{11}^2 + h_2 X_{21} X_{01} + h_3 X_{12} X_{10} + h_4 X_{22} X_{00} + h_5 X_{20} X_{02} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{21}^2 + h_2 X_{01} X_{11} + h_3 X_{22} X_{20} + h_4 X_{02} X_{10} + h_5 X_{00} X_{12} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{02}^2 + h_2 X_{12} X_{22} + h_3 X_{00} X_{01} + h_4 X_{10} X_{21} + h_5 X_{11} X_{20} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{12}^2 + h_2 X_{22} X_{02} + h_3 X_{10} X_{11} + h_4 X_{20} X_{01} + h_5 X_{21} X_{00} &= 0, \\
 h_1 X_{22}^2 + h_2 X_{02} X_{12} + h_3 X_{20} X_{21} + h_4 X_{00} X_{11} + h_5 X_{01} X_{10} &= 0, \\
 \\
 X_{00}^3 + X_{01}^3 + X_{02}^3 + X_{10}^3 + X_{11}^3 + X_{12}^3 + X_{20}^3 + X_{21}^3 + X_{22}^3 \\
 &= 3 \frac{t_1}{t_2} (X_{00} X_{10} X_{20} + X_{01} X_{11} X_{21} + X_{02} X_{12} X_{22}), \\
 &= 3 \frac{t_1}{t_3} (X_{00} X_{01} X_{02} + X_{10} X_{11} X_{12} + X_{20} X_{21} X_{22}), \\
 &= 3 \frac{t_1}{t_4} (X_{00} X_{11} X_{22} + X_{01} X_{12} X_{20} + X_{02} X_{21} X_{10}).
 \end{aligned}$$

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