

SYMMETRIES AND EQUATIONS OF SMOOTH QUARTIC SURFACES WITH MANY LINES

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ABSTRACT. We provide explicit equations of some smooth complex quartic surfaces with many lines, including all 10 quartics with more than 52 lines. We study the relation between linear automorphisms and some configurations of lines such as twin lines and special lines. We answer a question by Oguiso on a determinantal presentation of the Fermat quartic surface.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Principal results. In this paper, all algebraic varieties are defined over the field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} . If $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is an algebraic surface, we denote the number of lines on X by $\Phi(X)$.

While it is classically known that a smooth cubic surface contains exactly 27 lines, the number of lines on a smooth quartic surface X is finite, but depends on X . If X is general, then $\Phi(X) = 0$. Segre first claimed in 1943 that $\Phi(X) \leq 64$ for any surface [15]. His arguments, though, contained a flaw which was corrected about 70 years later by Rams and Schütt [11]. Their result was then strongly improved by Degtyarev, Itenberg and Sertöz [6], who showed that if $\Phi(X) > 52$, then X is projectively equivalent to exactly one of a list of 10 surfaces—called X_{64} , X'_{60} , X''_{60} , \bar{X}''_{60} , X_{56} , \bar{X}_{56} , Y_{56} , Q_{56} , X_{54} and Q_{54} —whose Néron-Severi lattices are explicitly known. The subscripts denote the number of lines that they contain. The pairs $(X''_{60}, \bar{X}''_{60})$ and (X_{56}, \bar{X}_{56}) are complex conjugate to each other, so these 10 surfaces correspond to 8 different line configurations.

The aim of this paper is to find an explicit defining equation of each of these 10 surfaces.

Seven of these 10 surfaces are already known in the literature. The surface X_{64} —which as an immediate corollary of this list is the only surface up to projective equivalence which contains 64 lines—was found by Schur in 1882 [14] and is given by the equation

$$x_0(x_0^3 - x_1^3) = x_2(x_2^3 - x_3^3).$$

The surfaces with 60 lines were found by Rams and Schütt. An equation of X'_{60} is contained in [11]. It was found while studying a particular 6-dimensional family \mathcal{Z} of quartics containing a line intersecting 18 or more other lines (see §4.4).

The surfaces X''_{60} and \bar{X}''_{60} were found by using positive characteristic methods [12]. These surfaces are still smooth and contain 60 lines when

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reduced modulo 2. According to Degtyarev [4], 60 lines is the maximal number of lines attainable by a smooth quartic surface defined over a field of characteristic 2.

The surface X_{56} was studied by Shimada and Shioda [16] due to a peculiar property: it is isomorphic as an abstract K3 surface to the Fermat quartic surface X_{48} , but it is not projectively equivalent to it, as the Fermat quartic only contains 48 lines. They provide an explicit equation of X_{56} and also an explicit isomorphism between the quartic surfaces. Oguiso showed that the graph S of the isomorphism $X_{48} \xrightarrow{\sim} X_{56}$ is the complete intersection of four hypersurfaces of bi-degree $(1, 1)$ in $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$ [10]. He also asked for explicit equations of the graph S , which we provide in §7. As a byproduct, we obtain a determinantal description of the Fermat quartic surface.

A defining equation of the surface Y_{56} is contained in [6]. This surface is a real surface with 56 real lines, i.e., it attains the maximal number of real lines that can be contained in a smooth real quartic.

The three remaining surfaces are Q_{56} , X_{54} and Q_{54} . In order to provide an explicit equation of Q_{56} and X_{54} (see §5.2 and §5.3), we investigate the group of linear automorphisms of each quartic surface, meaning the automorphisms that are restrictions of automorphisms of \mathbb{P}^3 . We use the word ‘symmetry’ for such an automorphism. Thanks to the global Torelli theorem, the group of symmetries can be computed from the Néron-Severi group using Nikulin’s theory of lattices [9].

As for Q_{54} , we first find by the same method an explicit equation of X_{52}'' , the unique surface up to projective equivalence containing configuration \mathbf{X}_{52}'' . This surface is isomorphic to Q_{54} as abstract K3 surface. Following [16], we find an explicit isomorphism between the two surfaces, which in turn enables us to find an equation of Q_{54} (see §5.4).

In previous papers [11, 19], two particular configurations of lines played an important role, viz. twin lines and special lines. Their geometry is related to torsion sections of some elliptic fibrations. Here we relate these configurations to the presence of certain symmetries of order 2 and 3, thus providing yet another characterization of both phenomena (see Propositions 4.3 and 4.6).

We extend our lattice computations to all rigid (i.e., of rank 20) line configurations that can be found in [6] and [5]. In particular, we determine for each of them the size of their group of symmetries, listed in Table 1. We are also able to find explicit equations of all smooth quartic surfaces containing configurations \mathbf{X}_{52}'' , \mathbf{X}_{52}''' , \mathbf{X}_{52}^v , \mathbf{Y}_{52}' , \mathbf{Q}_{52}''' and \mathbf{X}_{51} (see §6). We also provide a 1-dimensional family of quartic surfaces whose general member is smooth and contains the non-rigid configuration \mathbf{Z}_{52} (see §6.7).

1.2. Contents of the paper. In §2 we introduce the basic nomenclature and notation about lattices. In §3 we establish the connection between lattices and configurations of lines on smooth quartic surfaces and their symmetries. In §4 we investigate the properties of symmetries of order 2 and 3, relating them to some known configurations of lines, namely twin lines and special lines. In §5 and §6 we explain how to find explicit equations of several quartic surfaces containing many lines. In §7, we introduce Oguiso pairs and give explicit equations for the graph of the isomorphism $X_{48} \xrightarrow{\sim} X_{56}$.

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2. LATTICES

Let R be \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{R} . An R -lattice is a free finitely generated R -module L equipped with a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: L \times L \rightarrow R$.

Let n be the rank of a \mathbb{Z} -lattice L and choose a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of L . The matrix whose (i, j) -component is $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle$ is called a *Gram matrix* of L . The determinant of this matrix does not depend on the choice of the basis. It is called the *determinant* of L and denoted $\det L$.

2.1. Positive sign structures. By a well-known theorem of Sylvester, any \mathbb{R} -lattice admits a diagonal Gram matrix whose diagonal entries are ± 1 . The numbers s_+ of $+1$ and s_- of -1 are well defined and the pair (s_+, s_-) is called the *signature* of L . A lattice is *positive definite* if $s_- = 0$, *negative definite* if $s_+ = 0$, or *indefinite* otherwise. It is *hyperbolic* if $s_+ = 1$.

A *positive sign structure* of L is the choice of a connected component of the manifold parameterizing oriented s_+ -dimensional subspaces Π of L such that the restriction of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ to Π is positive definite.

By definition, the signature and the positive sign structure of a \mathbb{Z} - or \mathbb{Q} -lattice L are those of $L \otimes \mathbb{R}$.

2.2. Discriminant forms. Let D be a finite abelian group. A *finite symmetric bilinear form* on D is a homomorphism $b: D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ such that $b(x, y) = b(y, x)$ for any $x, y \in D$. A *finite quadratic form* on D is a map $q: D \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/2\mathbb{Z}$ such that

- (i) $q(nx) = n^2 q(x)$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x \in D$;
- (ii) the map $b: D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ defined by $(x, y) \mapsto (q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y))/2$ is a finite symmetric bilinear form.

A finite quadratic form (D, q) is *non-degenerate* if the associated finite symmetric bilinear form b is non-degenerate. We denote by $O(D, q)$ the group of automorphisms of a non-degenerate finite quadratic form (D, q) .

Let L be a \mathbb{Z} -lattice. The *dual lattice* L^\vee of L is the group of elements $x \in L \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\langle x, v \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $v \in L$. The dual lattice L^\vee is a free \mathbb{Z} -module which contains L as a submodule of finite index. In particular, L and L^\vee have the same rank.

A \mathbb{Z} -lattice L is *even* if $\langle x, x \rangle \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ holds for any $x \in L$. Given an even \mathbb{Z} -lattice L , the *discriminant form* (D_L, q_L) of L is the finite quadratic form on the group $D_L := L^\vee/L$ defined by $q_L(\bar{x}) = \langle x, x \rangle \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}$, where $\bar{x} \in D_L$ denotes the class of $x \in L^\vee$ modulo L .

2.3. Genera. Let (s_+, s_-) be a pair of non-negative integers and (D, q) be a non-degenerate finite quadratic form. The *genus* \mathcal{G} determined by (s_+, s_-) and (D, q) is the set of isometry classes of even \mathbb{Z} -lattices L of signature $\text{sign}(L) = (s_+, s_-)$ and discriminant form $(D_L, q_L) \cong (D, q)$.

The *oriented genus* \mathcal{G}^{or} determined by (s_+, s_-) and (D, q) is the set of equivalence classes of pairs (L, θ) , where L is a lattice whose isometry class belongs to \mathcal{G} , and θ is a positive sign structure on L . We say that (L, θ) and

(L', θ') are equivalent if there is an isometry $L \xrightarrow{\sim} L'$ which maps θ to θ' . There is an obvious forgetful map $\mathcal{G}^{\text{or}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$.

2.4. Positive definite lattices of rank 2. If T is a positive definite even \mathbb{Z} -lattice of rank 2 and discriminant form (D, q) , then there exists a unique triple (a, b, c) of integers with $0 < a \leq c$, $0 \leq 2b \leq a$, a and c even, such that T admits a Gram matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}.$$

We denote by $[a, b, c]$ the isometry class of T .

It is easy to compute the genus \mathcal{G} and oriented genus \mathcal{G}^{or} determined by $(2, 0)$ and (D, q) , since $\frac{3}{4}c \leq \det T \leq c^2$. The preimage of $[a, b, c]$ under the map $\mathcal{G}^{\text{or}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ has either one or two elements. It has one element if and only if T admits an orientation reversing autoisometry, which is the case if and only if $a = c$, or $a = 2b$, or $b = 0$.

3. FANO CONFIGURATIONS

A *d-polarized lattice* is a hyperbolic lattice S together with a distinguished vector $h \in S$ such that $h^2 = d$, called the *polarization*. A *line* in a polarized lattice (S, h) is a vector $v \in S$ such that $v^2 = -2$ and $v \cdot h = 1$. The set of lines is denoted by $\text{Fn}(S, h)$. A *configuration* is a 4-polarized lattice (S, h) which is generated over \mathbb{Q} by h and all lines in $\text{Fn}(S, h)$. A configuration is *rigid* if $\text{rank } S = 20$.

Let $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be a smooth quartic surface. The primitive sublattice $\mathcal{F}(X)$ of $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ spanned over \mathbb{Q} by the plane section h and the classes of all lines on X is called the *Fano configuration* of X . The plane section defines a polarization of $\mathcal{F}(X)$. A configuration is called *geometric* if it is isometric as a polarized lattice to the Fano configuration of some quartic surface.

3.1. Projective equivalence classes. Let S be a rigid geometric configuration. Consider the (non-empty) set of projective equivalence classes of smooth quartic surfaces whose Fano configuration is isometric to S . This set is finite and its cardinality can be computed in the following way. Let \mathcal{G}_S and $\mathcal{G}_S^{\text{or}}$ be the (oriented) genus determined by $(2, 0)$ and $(D_S, -q_S)$. Fix a positive definite lattice T of rank 2 whose class is in \mathcal{G}_S , and let $\psi: (D_T, q_T) \rightarrow (D_S, -q_S)$ be an isomorphism. We can identify $\text{O}_h(S)$ as a subgroup of $\text{O}(D_T, q_T)$. Define

$$\text{cl}(S) := |\text{O}^+(T) \backslash \text{O}(D_T, q_T) / \text{O}_h(S)|.$$

This number does not depend on the T and ψ chosen. The number of projective equivalence classes is equal to

$$\text{Cl}(S) := \text{cl}(S) \cdot |\mathcal{G}_S^{\text{or}}|.$$

For more details, see [5, Remark 3.6].

3.2. Symmetries. Let (S, h) be geometric Fano configuration. Fix a lattice T in \mathcal{G}_S and an isomorphism $\psi: (D_S, -q_S) \xrightarrow{\sim} (D_T, q_T)$. Let Γ_T be the image of $O^+(T)$ in $O(D_T, q_T)$. We define the subgroup

$$\Gamma_S := \{\psi^{-1}\gamma\psi \mid \gamma \in \Gamma_T\} \subset O(D_S, q_S).$$

The group Γ_S does not depend on the T and ψ chosen (see [5, §2.4]).

Let $\eta_S: O_h(S) \rightarrow O(D_S, q_S)$ be the natural homomorphism. We consider the subgroup of *symmetries* of S

$$\text{Sym}(S) := \{\varphi \in O_h(S) \mid \eta_S(\varphi) \in \Gamma_S\}$$

and the subgroup of *symplectic symmetries* of S

$$\text{Sp}(S) := \{\varphi \in O_h(S) \mid \eta_S(\varphi) = \text{id}\}.$$

Let $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be a smooth quartic surface. A *symmetry* of X is an automorphism $\varphi: X \rightarrow X$ which is the restriction of an automorphism of \mathbb{P}^3 . A symmetry φ is *symplectic* if it acts trivially on $H^{2,0}(X)$. We denote the group of symmetries of X by $\text{Sym}(X)$ and the subgroup of symplectic symmetries by $\text{Sp}(X)$.

Let $S := \mathcal{F}(X)$ be the Fano configuration of X . A symmetry of X induces a symmetry of S , thus giving a homomorphism $\text{Sym}(X) \rightarrow \text{Sym}(S)$. The following proposition is a consequence of Nikulin's theory of lattices and the global Torelli theorem.

Proposition 3.1. *If $S = \mathcal{F}(X)$ is a rigid geometric Fano configuration, then the homomorphism $\text{Sym}(X) \rightarrow \text{Sym}(S)$ is an isomorphism. Furthermore, symplectic automorphisms of X correspond to symplectic automorphisms of S under this isomorphism.*

3.3. The main table. Table 1 lists all known rigid geometric Fano configurations found in [6] and [5]. Let $N := |\text{Fn}(S)|$. Note that N is always equal to the subscript in the name of the configuration.

- Since S is rigid, an element in $O_h(S)$ corresponds uniquely to a permutation $\sigma \in S_N$ such that $\langle l_i, l_j \rangle = \langle l_{\sigma(i)}, l_{\sigma(j)} \rangle$.
- The sixth column contains a list of all elements of \mathcal{G}_S (see 2.4). Those classes that correspond to two elements in $\mathcal{G}_S^{\text{or}}$ are marked by an asterisk *. We write \times^2 if $\text{cl}(S) = 2$; otherwise, $\text{cl}(S) = 1$.
- We compute $\text{Sym}(S)$ and $\text{Sp}(S)$ using the definition.

The list of rigid configurations with exactly 52 lines is not known to be complete. The only known non-rigid configuration with 52 lines is \mathbf{Z}_{52} (see §6.7). On the other hand, there are certainly many more configurations with less than 52 lines than the ones listed here.

For our computations we used **GAP** [7].

4. SYMMETRIES AND LINES ON QUARTIC SURFACES

In this section we recall some basic facts about symplectic automorphisms of K3 surfaces. Moreover, we study symmetries of smooth quartic surfaces of order 2 and 3. Some of these symmetries are related to particular configurations of lines, which have played a major role in previous works (cf. [11, 19]): twin lines and special lines.

TABLE 1. Rigid geometric Fano configurations with many lines. For an explanation of the entries, see §3.3.

S	$ O_h(S) $	$ \text{Sym}(S) $	$ \text{Sp}(S) $	$\det T$	$T^{\times \text{cl}(S)}$	see
\mathbf{X}_{64}	4608	1152	192	48	$[8, 4, 8]$	[14]
\mathbf{X}'_{60}	480	120	60	60	$[4, 2, 16]$	[11]
\mathbf{X}''_{60}	240	120	60	55	$[4, 1, 14]^*$	[12]
\mathbf{X}_{56}	128	64	16	64	$[8, 0, 8]^{\times 2}$	[16], §7
\mathbf{Y}_{56}	64	32	16	64	$[2, 0, 32]$	[6]
\mathbf{Q}_{56}	384	96	48	60	$[4, 2, 16]$	§5.2
\mathbf{X}_{54}	384	48	24	96	$[4, 0, 24]$	§5.3
\mathbf{Q}_{54}	48	8	8	76	$[4, 2, 20]$	§5.4
\mathbf{X}'_{52}	24	3	3	80	$[8, 4, 12]$	
\mathbf{X}''_{52}	36	6	6	76	$[4, 2, 20]$	§6.1
\mathbf{X}'''_{52}	320	80	20	100	$[10, 0, 10]$	§6.2
\mathbf{X}^v_{52}	32	8	4	84	$[10, 4, 10]$	§6.3
\mathbf{Y}'_{52}	8	8	4	76	$\begin{cases} [2, 0, 38] \\ [8, 2, 10]^* \end{cases}$	§6.4
\mathbf{Y}''_{52}	8	8	4	79	$\begin{cases} [2, 1, 40] \\ [4, 1, 20]^* \\ [8, 1, 10]^* \end{cases}$	
\mathbf{Q}'_{52}	64	8	8	96	$[4, 0, 24]$	
\mathbf{Q}''_{52}	64	16	16	80	$[8, 4, 12]^{\times 2}$	
\mathbf{Q}'''_{52}	96	24	4	75	$[10, 5, 10]$	§6.5
\mathbf{X}_{51}	12	6	6	87	$\begin{cases} [4, 1, 22]^* \\ [6, 3, 16] \end{cases}$	§6.6
\mathbf{X}'_{50}	18	3	3	75	$[4, 2, 28]$	
\mathbf{X}''_{50}	12	3	3	96	$[4, 0, 24]^{\times 2}$	
\mathbf{X}'''_{50}	16	4	2	96	$[4, 0, 24]^{\times 2}$	
\mathbf{X}_{48}	6144	1536	384	64	$[8, 0, 8]$	§7
\mathbf{Y}'_{48}	8	2	1	96	$[2, 0, 48]$	
\mathbf{Y}''_{48}	8	4	4	95	$\begin{cases} [2, 1, 48] \\ [8, 1, 12]^* \\ [10, 5, 12] \end{cases}$	
$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}'_{48}$	48	48	24	76	$\begin{cases} [2, 0, 38] \\ [8, 2, 10]^* \end{cases}$	
$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}''_{48}$	12	12	6	79	$\begin{cases} [2, 1, 40] \\ [4, 1, 20]^* \\ [8, 1, 10]^* \end{cases}$	
\mathbf{Q}_{48}	128	16	8	80	$[8, 4, 12]$	

4.1. Symplectic automorphisms. We recall some basic properties of symplectic automorphisms of K3 surfaces. For more details, see [8].

If $\varphi: Y \rightarrow Y$ is an automorphism of an algebraic variety Y its *fixed locus* is denoted by $\text{Fix}(\varphi)$. If $\varphi: X \rightarrow X$ is a symmetry of a quartic surface X , then we denote by the same letter also the corresponding automorphism of \mathbb{P}^3 . If it is not clear from the context to which fixed locus we are referring, we write $\text{Fix}(\varphi, X)$ or $\text{Fix}(\varphi, \mathbb{P}^3)$.

Let $\varphi: Y \rightarrow Y$ be a symplectic automorphism of a K3 surface Y . If the order n of φ is finite, then $n \leq 8$ and $\text{Fix}(\varphi)$ consists of a finite number f_n of points. This number f_n depends only on the order n . The following list shows all values of f_n for $n = 1, \dots, 8$.

n	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
f_n	8	6	4	4	2	3	2

4.2. Type of a line. Let l be a line on a smooth quartic surface X . Consider the pencil of planes $\{\Pi_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{P}^1}$ containing l . The curve $C_t := \Pi_t \cap X$ is called the *residual cubic* in the plane Π_t . If C_t splits into three lines, then C_t is called a *3-fiber*. If C_t splits into a line and an irreducible conic, then C_t is called a *1-fiber*. The *type* of the original line l is the pair (p, q) , where p (resp. q) is the number of 3-fibers (resp. 1-fibers) of l .

The name “fiber” comes from the fact that the morphism $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ whose fiber over $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ is C_t is an elliptic fibration. In Kodaira’s notation, a 3-fiber corresponds to a fiber of type I_3 or IV , while a 1-fiber corresponds to a fiber of type I_2 or III . The *discriminant* of a line is the discriminant of its induced elliptic fibration. It is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 24 in two variables.

The restriction of $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ to l is a separable morphism of curves of degree 3. Its ramification divisor has degree 4. The *ramification points* of l are the ramification points with respect to this morphism.

4.3. Symmetries of order 2 and twin lines. Once coordinates on \mathbb{P}^n are chosen, any automorphism of \mathbb{P}^n (hence, any symmetry of a quartic surface) is represented by a square matrix of size n , well defined up to multiplication by a non-zero scalar. The diagonal matrix with entries $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ will be denoted by $\text{diag}(a, b, c, d)$. The following lemma is an easy consequence of the fact that a complex matrix of finite order is diagonalizable.

Lemma 4.1. *If $\varphi: \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ is an automorphism of order 2, then $\text{Fix}(\varphi)$ consists of the disjoint union of either two lines, or one point and one plane.*

Proposition 4.2. *If $\sigma: X \rightarrow X$ is a symplectic symmetry of order 2, then there exist two lines l_1 and l_2 in \mathbb{P}^3 such that $\text{Fix}(\sigma, \mathbb{P}^3) = l_1 \cup l_2$. Moreover, each l_i intersects X in 4 distinct points.*

Proof. A symplectic automorphism of order 2 of a K3 surface has exactly 8 fixed points, so the statement follows from Lemma 4.1 (cf. [18]). \square

Two disjoint lines l', l'' on X are *twin lines* if there exist 10 other distinct lines on X which intersects both l' and l'' .

Proposition 4.3. *If l', l'' are two disjoint lines on X , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *l' and l'' are twin lines;*
- (b) *there exists a non-symplectic symmetry $\tau: X \rightarrow X$ of order 2 such that $\text{Fix}(\tau, X) = \text{Fix}(\tau, \mathbb{P}^3) = l' \cup l''$.*

Proof. The implication (a) \implies (b) follows from [19, Remark 3.4].

Suppose that (b) holds. Up to coordinate change we can suppose that l', l'' are given by $x_0 = x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = x_3 = 0$, respectively. Then, necessarily $\tau = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)$. Imposing that τ is a non-symplectic symmetry of X leads to the vanishing of nine coefficients, so X belongs to the family \mathcal{A} in [19, Proposition 3.2]. By the same proposition, l' and l'' are twin lines. \square

Corollary 4.4. *Suppose that l', l'' are twin lines and that the residual cubic in a plane containing l' splits into three lines m_1, m_2, m_3 . If m_1 intersects l'' , then the intersection point of m_2 and m_3 lies on l' .*

Proof. The non-symplectic symmetry τ fixes m_1 as a set, but not pointwise. Moreover, τ exchanges m_2 and m_3 , otherwise there would be at least 3 fixed points on m_1 . As l' is fixed pointwise, the intersection point of m_2 and m_3 lies on l' . \square

4.4. Symmetries of order 3 and special lines. In a similar way as for order 2, we can prove the following lemma.

Lemma 4.5. *Let $\varphi: \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ be an automorphism of order 3.*

- (a) *If $n = 2$, then $\text{Fix}(\varphi)$ consists of the disjoint union of either one point and one line, or three points.*
- (a) *If $n = 3$, then $\text{Fix}(\varphi)$ consists of the disjoint union of either one point and one plane, or two lines, or two points and one line.*

A line l on a smooth quartic X is said to be *special*, if one can choose coordinates so that l is given by $x_0 = x_1 = 0$ and X belongs to the following family found by Rams–Schütt [11]:

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{Z}: x_0x_3^3 + x_1x_2^3 + x_2x_3q(x_0, x_1) + g(x_0, x_1) = 0,$$

where q and g are polynomials of degree 2 and 4, respectively.

Proposition 4.6. *If l is a line on a smooth quartic surface X , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *the line l is special;*
- (b) *there exists a symplectic symmetry $\sigma: X \rightarrow X$ of order 3 which preserves each plane containing l as a set.*

Proof. If (a) holds, then $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, \zeta, \zeta^2)$, where ζ is a primitive 3rd root of unity, is the required symmetry.

Conversely, suppose that (b) holds. Since σ is symplectic, $\text{Fix}(\sigma, X)$ consists of 6 distinct points. As σ preserves l as a set, σ exactly two fixed points on l , say P_1 and P_2 . As all ramification points of l are fixed, P_1 and P_2 are the only ramification points, necessarily of ramification index 3. Moreover, $\text{Fix}(\sigma, \mathbb{P}^3)$ cannot be the disjoint union of one plane Π and one point, because the curve $\Pi \cap X$ would be fixed pointwise.

Suppose that all lines in $\text{Fix}(\sigma, \mathbb{P}^3)$ pass through P_1 or P_2 . Choose a plane Π containing l , but not containing any lines in $\text{Fix}(\sigma, \mathbb{P}^3)$. Then, $\text{Fix}(\sigma, \Pi) = \{P, Q\}$, but this contradicts Lemma 4.5.

Hence, $\text{Fix}(\sigma, \mathbb{P}^3)$ is the disjoint union of P_1 , P_2 and one line m . For $i = 1, 2$, let Π_i be the plane containing l whose residual cubic contains P_i for $i = 1, 2$, and let Q_i be the point of intersection of Π_i with m for $i = 1, 2$. If we choose coordinates so that $P_1 = (0, 0, 1, 0)$, $P_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$, $Q_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ and $Q_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$, then $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, \zeta, \zeta^2)$. In particular, l is the line $x_0 = x_1 = 0$. By an explicit computation, imposing that σ is a symplectic symmetry of X , we obtain that X is a member of family \mathcal{Z} , i.e., l is special. \square

The richness of the geometry of special lines comes from the presence of a 3-torsion section on a certain base change of the fibration induced by l . We will use the following fact.

Proposition 4.7 ([11]). *If l is a line of type $(6, q)$, with $q > 0$, then l is special. Moreover, each 1-fiber intersects l at a single point.*

5. CONFIGURATIONS WITH MORE THAN 52 LINES

In this section we compute equations for Q_{56} , X_{54} and Q_{54} . For our calculations we used **SageMath** [13] and **Singular** [3]. Discriminants of elliptic fibrations induced by lines are computed with the formulas found in [1].

5.1. Conventions. As a general approach, given a rigid geometric configuration S , we let X be a smooth quartic surface containing S , i.e., such that $\mathcal{F}(X)$ is isometric to S . The complete knowledge of $\text{Sym}(X)$ and $\text{Sp}(X)$ comes from the complete knowledge of $\text{Sym}(S)$ and $\text{Sp}(S)$ thanks to Proposition 3.1.

A *quadrangle* is a set of four non-coplanar lines l_0, \dots, l_3 such that l_i intersects l_{i+1} for each $i = 0, \dots, 3$ (with subscripts interpreted modulo 4). The points of intersection of l_i and l_{i+1} are called *vertices* of the quadrangle. A *star* is a set of four coplanar lines intersecting in one single point. When a symmetry φ of a quartic surface X fixes a line, a quadrangle, etc. on X , it is understood that φ fixes the line, the quadrangle, etc. as a set, unless we explicitly state that φ fixes them pointwise.

5.2. Configuration Q_{56} . Let Q_{56} be a quartic surface containing configuration Q_{56} . Then, there exist four non-symplectic symmetries of order 2 τ_0, \dots, τ_3 such that $\tau_i \tau_j = \tau_j \tau_i$ for all i, j (there are three such quadruples). Since τ_i does not fix two lines on X and the fixed locus of a non-symplectic automorphism of order 2 on a K3 surface does not contain isolated points, $\text{Fix}(\tau_i, \mathbb{P}^3)$ consists of a point P_i (not belonging to X) and a plane Π_i . As τ_i and τ_j commute, $\tau_j(P_i) = P_i$ and $\tau_j(\Pi_i) = \Pi_i$. For $j \neq i$, τ_j does not fix Π_i pointwise (otherwise it would coincide with τ_i), so $\text{Fix}(\tau_j, \Pi_i)$ is the union of a point and a line. It follows that $P_j \in \Pi_i$ and that the four planes Π_0, \dots, Π_3 are in general position. Up to coordinate change, we can suppose that Π_i is given by $x_i = 0$. Thus, $\tau_0 = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1), \dots, \tau_3 = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1)$.

Up to relabeling, both $\sigma_1 := \tau_0 \tau_2 = \tau_1 \tau_3$ and $\sigma_2 := \tau_0 \tau_3 = \tau_1 \tau_2$ fix eight lines on Q_{56} , say a_0, \dots, a_7 and b_0, \dots, b_7 , respectively. The lines a_0, \dots, a_7

form two quadrangles $\{a_0, \dots, a_3\}$ and $\{a_4, \dots, a_7\}$. Hence, the vertices of these quadrangles are the eight fixed points of σ_1 on X . By Proposition 4.2, they lie on the lines $l: x_0 = x_2 = 0$ and $l': x_1 = x_3 = 0$. Analogously, the lines b_0, \dots, b_7 form two quadrangles $\{b_0, \dots, b_3\}$ and $\{b_4, \dots, b_7\}$, whose vertices lie on $m: x_0 = x_3 = 0$ and $m': x_1 = x_2 = 0$.

By inspection of \mathbf{Q}_{56} and its symmetry group, we see that (up to relabeling)

- a_i intersects b_j if and only if $i \equiv j \pmod{2}$;
- there exists a symplectic automorphism σ'_1 of order 2 which fixes a_0, a_2, a_4, a_6 ;
- there exists a symplectic automorphism σ'_2 of order 2 which fixes b_0, b_2, b_4, b_6 .

Up to rescaling variables and coefficients, we have

$$\sigma'_1 = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma'_2 = \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

If a_0, a_1 intersect each other at the point $(0, p, 0, 1)$, and b_0, b_1 intersect each other at the point $(0, q, 1, 0)$, for $p, q \in \mathbb{C}$, then the surface belongs to the 2-dimensional family given by

$$\begin{aligned} & 2p^2q^2(x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4) + (p^4 + 1)(q^4 + 1)(x_0^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_3^2) \\ & - 2q^2(p^4 + 1)(x_0^2x_2^2 + x_1^2x_3^2) - 2p^2(q^4 + 1)(x_0^2x_3^2 + x_1^2x_2^2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The automorphism σ'_1 fixes also two lines c, d which form a quadrangle with a_0 and a_4 ; necessarily, c and d pass through the fixed points of σ'_1 on a_0 and a_4 , which can be explicitly computed. Up to exchanging p with $-p$ or q with $-q$ (which does not influence the equation of the surface), it follows that

$$q = \frac{p-1}{p+1}.$$

Finally, the residual conic in the plane containing a_0 and b_0 is reducible. This means that p satisfies

$$p^4 - p^3 + 2p^2 + p + 1 = 0.$$

Remark 5.1. The surface Q_{56} itself is defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-15})$. All lines are defined over $\mathbb{Q}(p)$. The surface contains 24 lines of type $(3, 7)$, whose fibrations have one singular fiber of type III.

5.3. Configuration \mathbf{X}_{54} . Let X_{54} be a quartic surface whose Fano configuration is isometric to \mathbf{X}_{54} . Then X_{54} contains 4 special lines of type $(6, 2)$ and 10 pairs of twin lines. In particular, there is a quadrangle containing two opposite lines of type $(6, 2)$, say l_0 and l_2 , and a pair of twin lines of type $(0, 10)$, say l_1 and l_3 . Up to coordinate change, we can suppose that l_i is the line $x_i = x_{i+1} = 0$. The non-symplectic symmetry σ_1 corresponding to the twin pair formed by l_1 and l_3 is $\sigma_1 = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, 1)$ (see Proposition 4.3).

By inspection of $\text{Sym}(\mathbf{X}_{54})$, we find two symplectic symmetries σ_2 and σ_3 with the following properties

- $\sigma_2(l_0) = l_0, \sigma_2(l_1) = l_3, \sigma_2(l_2) = l_2;$

- $\sigma_3(l_0) = l_2, \sigma_3(l_1) = l_1, \sigma_3(l_3) = l_3$.

Therefore, there exist $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 \\ ab & & \\ & a & \\ & b & \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & c & & \\ & d & & \\ cd & & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Proposition 4.7, l_0 is a special line. This implies that $c = -b$ and that the residual conic is tangent to l_0 at the point of intersection with l_1 (see Proposition 4.7).

Imposing all these conditions and normalizing the remaining coefficients, we find that X_{54} is defined by the following equation:

$$3x_0^3x_2 - 3x_0x_1x_2^2 - x_0x_2^3 + 3x_1^3x_3 + 3x_0^2x_2x_3 + 3x_1^2x_2x_3 - 3x_0x_1x_3^2 - x_1x_3^3 = 0.$$

If ξ is a primitive 12th root of unity, the lines in the plane $x_0 = \xi^3x_1$ are all defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$. One can check that the three lines other than l_0 in this plane have type (2, 8).

5.4. Configuration \mathbf{Q}_{54} . Let X_{54} be a surface containing configuration \mathbf{Q}_{54} . All symmetries of X_{54} are symplectic of order 2. There is only one symmetry σ which fixes 4 disjoint lines l_0, \dots, l_3 . Observe that the restriction of σ to each l_i must have 2 fixed points: these are all the 8 fixed points of σ on X_{54} . By Proposition 4.2, these 8 points lie on two lines l', l'' in \mathbb{P}^3 .

There are then 3 more symmetries τ_1, τ_2, τ_3 , which fix two lines m_1, m_2 on X_{54} and act in this way on l_0, \dots, l_3 :

- $\tau_1(l_0) = l_1, \tau_1(l_2) = l_3$;
- $\tau_2(l_0) = l_2, \tau_2(l_1) = l_3$.
- $\tau_3(l_0) = l_3, \tau_3(l_1) = l_2$.

Since $\text{Sym}(\mathbf{Q}_{54})$ is a commutative group, each τ_i permutes l' and l'' . As $\tau_3 = \tau_1 \circ \tau_2$, at least one τ_i fixes l' and l'' ; hence, by symmetry, each τ_i fixes l' and l'' . Let m', m'' be the lines fixed pointwise in \mathbb{P}^3 by τ_1 . The lines l', m', l'', m'' form a quadrangle. Up to coordinate change, we can suppose that $l': x_1 = x_3 = 0, l'': x_0 = x_2 = 0, m': x_0 = x_1 = 0, m'': x_2 = x_3 = 0$.

In these coordinates, $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1)$ and $\tau_1 = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)$. We can rescale the coordinates so that $m_1: x_0 - x_1 = x_2 - x_3 = 0$ and

$$\tau_2 = \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \\ 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

If l_0 is given by $x_0 - \mu x_2 = x_1 - \nu x_3$, $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{C}$, then there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ so that Q_{54} is given by an equation of the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad & x_0^4 + x_2^4 + \lambda(x_1^4 + x_3^4) - \frac{(\mu^4 + 1)}{\mu^2}x_0^2x_2^2 - \frac{\lambda(\nu^4 + 1)}{\nu^2}x_1^2x_3^2 \\ & - (\lambda + 1)(x_0^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_3^2) + \frac{(\mu^2\nu^3\lambda - \mu^3\nu^2 - \mu\lambda + \nu)}{(\mu - \nu)\mu\nu}(x_1^2x_2^2 + x_0^2x_3^2) \\ & - \frac{(\mu^2\nu^4\lambda - \mu^4\nu^2 - \mu^2\lambda + \nu^2)(\mu + \nu)}{(\mu - \nu)\mu^2\nu^2}x_0x_1x_2x_3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We will explain below how to determine λ, μ and ν . It turns out that

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{95}{432} \nu^{11} - \frac{49}{48} \nu^{10} + \frac{1019}{432} \nu^9 - \frac{1447}{432} \nu^8 - \frac{323}{216} \nu^7 + \frac{2221}{216} \nu^6 \\ &\quad - \frac{1247}{216} \nu^5 - \frac{485}{216} \nu^4 + \frac{3997}{144} \nu^3 - \frac{7345}{432} \nu^2 + \frac{593}{144} \nu - \frac{23}{48}, \\ \mu &= \frac{1}{96} \nu^{11} - \frac{13}{288} \nu^{10} + \frac{19}{288} \nu^9 + \frac{1}{288} \nu^8 - \frac{55}{144} \nu^7 + \frac{113}{144} \nu^6 \\ &\quad + \frac{41}{144} \nu^5 - \frac{205}{144} \nu^4 + \frac{379}{288} \nu^3 + \frac{59}{288} \nu^2 - \frac{359}{96} \nu + \frac{1}{32},\end{aligned}$$

and the minimal polynomial of ν over \mathbb{Q} is

$$\begin{aligned}\nu^{12} - 6\nu^{11} + 18\nu^{10} - 34\nu^9 + 23\nu^8 + 44\nu^7 - 100\nu^6 \\ + 68\nu^5 + 127\nu^4 - 262\nu^3 + 242\nu^2 - 66\nu + 9.\end{aligned}$$

Remark 5.2. As a matter of fact, the surface Q_{54} is defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda)$, which is a non-Galois field extension of degree 6 of \mathbb{Q} . All lines are defined over its Galois closure $\mathbb{Q}(\nu) = \mathbb{Q}(\lambda, i)$.

5.4.1. *An explicit isomorphism between Q_{54} and X''_{52} .* Let X''_{52} be the only surface up to projective equivalence containing configuration \mathbf{X}''_{52} . Since the transcendental lattices of Q_{54} and X''_{52} are in the same oriented isometry class, these surfaces are isomorphic to each other by a theorem of Shioda-Inose [17]. More precisely, they form an Oguiso pair (cf. Section 7). In Section 6.1 we explain how to find a defining equation of X''_{52} . Starting from this equation, we provide here a way to compute an explicit isomorphism between Q_{54} and X''_{52} following a method illustrated by Shimada and Shioda. We refer to their article [16] for further details on the algorithms used.

Let (S, h) be the configuration \mathbf{X}''_{52} . Let \mathcal{L} be the set of the 52 lines in S ,

$$\mathcal{L} := \{l \in S \mid l^2 = -2, l \cdot h = 1\}.$$

Compute the set of very ample polarizations of degree 4 which have intersection 6 with h ,

$$\mathcal{H} := \{v \in S \mid v^2 = 4, v \cdot h = 6, v \text{ very ample}\}$$

(cf. also [5, Lemma 6.8]). The set \mathcal{H} has 153 elements. Let \mathcal{O} be the set of vectors v in \mathcal{H} such that

- (1) the configuration (S, v) is isometric to \mathbf{Q}_{54} ;
- (2) there are six pairwise distinct lines $l_0, \dots, l_5 \in \mathcal{L}$ such that

$$v = 3h - l_0 - \dots - l_5.$$

There are 36 vectors in \mathcal{H} which satisfy the first condition. (The other 117 vectors define a configuration isometric to \mathbf{X}''_{52} .) The set \mathcal{O} has 6 elements. For any vector $v \in \mathcal{O}$ and sextuple $l_0, \dots, l_5 \in \mathcal{L}$ as above, it turns out that, up to relabeling, l_0 is of type (4, 4), l_1, l_2 are of type (4, 3), l_3 is of type (3, 5) and l_4, l_5 are of type (0, 12).

Fix a vector $v \in \mathcal{O}$ and a sextuple $l_0, \dots, l_5 \in \mathcal{L}$ as above. Compute the explicit equations of the lines l_i in the surface X''_{52} (cf. Remark 6.3).

A defining equation of Q_{54} can then be obtained in a similar way as in [16, Theorem 4.5]. Let Γ_d be the space of homogeneous polynomials of degree d in the variables x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 . Let $\Lambda \subset \Gamma_4$ be the 4-dimensional

subspace of cubic polynomials that vanish along the lines l_0, \dots, l_5 . Since we know the equations of these lines, we can compute explicitly a basis $\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_3$ of Λ . Let $\bar{\Gamma} \subset \Gamma_{12}$ be the 290-dimensional subspace of polynomials of degree 12 whose degree with respect to x_0 is ≤ 3 . Let $\sigma: \Gamma_4 \rightarrow \bar{\Gamma}_{12}$ be the homomorphism given by the substitution $x_i \mapsto \varphi_i$. Let $\rho: \Gamma_{12} \rightarrow \bar{\Gamma}_{12}$ be the homomorphism given by the remainder of the division by the defining polynomial (8) of X''_{52} . Then, the kernel of $\rho \circ \sigma$ has dimension 1 and is generated by a defining equation of Q_{54} .

It is then a matter of changing coordinates in order to find an equation as in (2).

Remark 5.3. Let ζ be a primitive 3rd root of unity. Let r be the algebraic number defined as in Remark 6.3. The isomorphism that we found is defined over a degree 24 Galois extension of \mathbb{Q} generated by the element $x = ir$. Its minimal polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned} x^{24} + 38x^{22} + 1045x^{20} + 16306x^{18} + 180538x^{16} - 258514x^{14} + 166541x^{12} \\ - 258514x^{10} + 180538x^8 + 16306x^6 + 1045x^4 + 38x^2 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\mathbb{Q}(x) = \mathbb{Q}(\nu, \zeta) = \mathbb{Q}(r, i)$.

6. SOME CONFIGURATIONS WITH AT MOST 52 LINES

In this section we give explicit equations of the surfaces containing configurations \mathbf{X}''_{52} , \mathbf{X}'''_{52} , \mathbf{X}^v_{52} , \mathbf{Y}'_{52} , \mathbf{Q}''_{52} and \mathbf{X}_{51} . The same conventions as in §5.1 apply.

6.1. Configuration \mathbf{X}''_{52} . Let X''_{52} be a quartic surface containing configuration \mathbf{X}''_{52} . Let l_0 be the only line of type (6, 0) contained in X''_{52} . There is a symplectic automorphism σ of order 3 which preserves l_0 and six of its reducible fibers. By Proposition 4.6, l_0 is a special line; hence, X''_{52} is given by an equation as in (1) and $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, \zeta, \zeta^2)$, with ζ a primitive 3rd root of unity.

Let $m: x_2 = x_3 = 0$ be the line in \mathbb{P}^3 fixed pointwise by σ . Let τ be a symplectic automorphism of X''_{52} of order 2. Then τ fixes four lines l_0, \dots, l_3 and $\sigma^2\tau = \tau\sigma$, which implies that $\tau(\text{Fix}(\sigma)) = \text{Fix}(\sigma)$. The line l_0 has two ramified fibers in $\Pi': x_0 = 0$ and $\Pi'': x_1 = 0$, so the planes Π', Π'' are permuted by τ . If Π', Π'' were fixed by τ , then τ would commute with σ . It follows that $\tau(\Pi') = \Pi''$, so τ has the following form (after rescaling one variable):

$$(3) \quad \tau = \begin{bmatrix} & p & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & & p \\ & & 1 & \end{bmatrix},$$

for some $p \in \mathbb{C}$. For $i = 1, 2, 3$, we can suppose that l_i is the intersection of $\Pi_i: e_ix_0 + c_ix_1 + d_ix_2 = 0$ and $\tau(\Pi_i)$. After rescaling, we can suppose that $c_1 = d_1 = e_1 = 1$; we let $c := c_2$, $d := d_2$, $e := e_2$.

Imposing that l_1 and l_2 are contained in X''_{52} we can express all coefficients in terms of p, c, d, e ; moreover, one of the following equations must hold:

$$(4) \quad p = \frac{(c-d)^2}{(d-e)^2},$$

$$(5) \quad p = \frac{c^2 + cd + d^2}{d^2 + de + e^2},$$

$$(6) \quad p = -\frac{(c+d)^2(c-d)}{(d^2 - ce)(d+e)}.$$

Condition (4) implies that l_1 and l_2 intersect each other. Condition (5) implies that there exists a line intersecting l_0, l_1, l_2 and l_3 . Both are contradictions, so condition (6) must hold.

We parametrize the pencil of planes containing l_1 by

$$t \mapsto \{x_2 = -x_0 - x_1 - t(x_1 + x_3 + x_0/p)\}.$$

The discriminant Δ of l_1 has the following form:

$$\Delta = PQ^2R^2,$$

where P, Q, R are polynomials in t of degree 12, 4, 2, respectively. The line l_1 and l_2 are of type (4, 4), so R divides P and the following condition holds:

$$(7) \quad c^3d^2 + c^2d^3 + cd^4 - c^4e + 2c^3de + 4c^2d^2e + 2cd^3e - d^4e + c^3e^2 + c^2de^2 + cd^2e^2 = 0.$$

Under condition (7), the polynomial Q splits into two degree 2 polynomials $Q = Q_1Q_2$, with

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 = & (c^2d^3 + cd^4 + d^5 - c^3de + d^4e - c^3e^2 - c^2de^2 - cd^2e^2)t^2 \\ & + (-c^3d^2 + c^2d^3 + 4cd^4 + 2d^5 + c^4e + 2c^3de + 2c^2d^2e + cd^3e)t \\ & - c^5 - 2c^4d - c^3d^2 + c^2d^3 + 2cd^4 + d^5; \end{aligned}$$

moreover, $P = WQ_2R$ for some polynomial W of degree 8, which we can explicitly compute. The polynomial W has two double roots which account for the remaining 2-fibers of l_1 . After normalizing d to 1, we compute the resultant of W , obtaining another condition on c, e . Together with (7), we get that

$$e = -\frac{192}{247}c^5 - \frac{60}{247}c^4 - \frac{3624}{247}c^3 - \frac{621}{19}c^2 - \frac{5336}{247}c - \frac{708}{247},$$

and c satisfies

$$c^6 + 19c^4 + 36c^3 + 19c^2 + 1 = 0.$$

Remark 6.1. The last computations can be simplified by noting that all factors F of Δ satisfy a condition of symmetry due to τ :

$$k^{n/2}F(t) = t^n F(k/t),$$

where $k = (c+d)^2(d-c)/((d^2 - ce)(d+e))$ and $n = \deg F$.

Remark 6.2. The field $\mathbb{Q}(c)$ is a Galois extension of \mathbb{Q} of degree 6. The surface X''_{52} , though, can be defined on the smaller non-Galois extension $\mathbb{Q}(p)$, where p is the parameter appearing in (3) and is equal to

$$p = \frac{3}{26}c^5 + \frac{3}{13}c^4 + \frac{12}{13}c^3 + \frac{15}{13}c^2 + \frac{15}{26}c + \frac{4}{13}.$$

The minimal polynomial of p over \mathbb{Q} is

$$p^3 - 201p^2 + 111p - 19.$$

The surface X''_{52} is then defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad & x_0^4 + (-36p^2 + 6696p + 2052)x_0^3x_1 + 4968px_0^2x_1^2 \\ & + (-540p^2 + 6048p - 684)x_0x_1^3 + 3312p^2x_1^4 + (-19p^2 - 100p + 209)x_1x_2^3 \\ & + (11p^2 - 5542p + 1121)x_0^2x_2x_3 + (-116p^2 + 1612p - 380)x_0x_1x_2x_3 \\ & + (-3331p^2 - 100p + 209)x_1^2x_2x_3 + (-3919p^2 + 2318p - 361)x_0x_3^3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 6.3. All lines on X''_{52} are defined over $K = \mathbb{Q}(c, \zeta)$, where ζ is a primitive 3rd root of unity. A primitive element of K over \mathbb{Q} is $r = c\zeta$, whose minimal polynomial is

$$r^{12} - 19r^{10} + 72r^9 + 342r^8 - 684r^7 + 937r^6 - 684r^5 + 342r^4 + 72r^3 - 19r^2 + 1.$$

Remark 6.4. The quintic curve in \mathbb{P}^2 defined by condition (7) has one singularity of type \mathbf{D}_4 and two singularities of type \mathbf{A}_1 . Hence, it has geometric genus 1; in particular, it is not rational.

6.2. Configuration \mathbf{X}'''_{52} . Let X'''_{52} be a quartic surface containing configuration \mathbf{X}'''_{52} . Then X'''_{52} contains a pair of twin lines, say l_0 and l_1 , of type $(0, 10)$. There are four symplectic symmetries of order 5, which fix both l_0 and l_1 , and no other lines. Choose one of them and call it τ . By §4.1, τ has exactly 4 fixed point on X'''_{52} . Necessarily, two of them lie on l_0 and the other two on l_1 .

Up to coordinate change, we can suppose that l_0 and l_1 are given by $x_0 = x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = x_3 = 0$, respectively, and that the fixed points of τ are the coordinate points. It follows that $\tau = \text{diag}(1, \xi, \xi^i, \xi^j)$, where ξ is a primitive 5th root of unity, $0 \leq i, j \leq 4$. In fact, the first and second entries cannot be equal, because τ does not fix l_0 pointwise. Analogously for l_1 , we have $i \neq j$; hence, up to exchanging x_2 with x_3 , we can suppose $i < j$.

The conditions $i = 0$ or $i = 1$ lead to contradictions: X'''_{52} would contain more lines fixed by τ than just l_0 and l_1 . As X'''_{52} is smooth, we find $i = 2$ and $j = 4$.

Imposing that τ is a symplectic symmetry and normalizing the remaining coefficients, X'''_{52} turns out to be a Delsarte surface:

$$x_0^3x_2 + x_1x_2^3 + x_1^3x_3 + x_0x_3^3 = 0.$$

All lines intersecting both l_0 and l_1 (for instance, the line given by $x_0 - x_1 = x_2 + x_3 = 0$) are of type $(4, 6)$.

6.3. Configuration \mathbf{X}_{52}^v . Let X_{52}^v be a quartic surface whose Fano configuration is isometric to \mathbf{X}_{52}^v . Then X_{52}^v contains 12 lines of type (2, 8), but only four of them, say l_0, \dots, l_3 , form a quadrangle in which the opposite lines form two pairs of twin lines. We choose coordinates so that l_i is the line $x_i = x_{i+1} = 0$.

There is a symplectic symmetry σ of order 4 such that $\sigma(l_0) = l_2$, $\sigma(l_1) = l_3$ and σ^2 fixes l_0, \dots, l_3 . Since σ^2 has exactly 8 fixed points, of which 4 are the vertices of the quadrangle, we have $\sigma^2 = \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1)$. It follows that σ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & 1 & \\ & & & a \\ -ab & & & \\ & b & & \end{bmatrix}$$

for some $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. The residual conics in the coordinate planes are irreducible. Hence, there is a plane containing l_0 different from $x_0 = 0$ and $x_1 = 0$ where the residual cubic splits into three lines. We let m_1 be the line intersecting l_2 , which must be of type (5, 3). By Corollary 4.4, the point of intersection of the other two lines lies on l_0 . We introduce two parameters $p, q \in \mathbb{C}$, so that m_1 is given by $x_0 - px_1 = x_2 - qx_3 = 0$. After imposing all conditions, we normalize all remaining coefficients except a by rescaling variables. We find that X_{52}^v is given by a polynomial of the form

$$\begin{aligned} a^4 x_1 x_3^3 - a^3 x_1^3 x_3 - a x_0^3 x_2 - (a^3 - 2a) x_0 x_1^2 x_2 + (2a^3 - a) x_0^2 x_1 x_3 \\ - (2a^2 - 1) x_1 x_2^2 x_3 - (a^4 - 2a^2) x_0 x_2 x_3^2 - x_0 x_2^3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In order to determine a , we inspect the discriminant Δ of the fibration induced by m_1 . We parametrize the planes containing m_1 by

$$t \mapsto \{x_0 = px_1 + t(x_2 - qx_3)\}.$$

It turns out that the discriminant is of the form

$$\Delta = t^4 P Q^2 R^3,$$

where P , Q and R are polynomials in t of degree 4, 4 and 2, respectively. Since m_1 has type (5, 3), P and Q must have a common root. We compute the determinant of the Sylvester matrix associated to P and Q , finding that a must be a root of one of the following polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} a^4 - 3a^3 + 2a^2 + 3a + 1, \\ a^4 + 3a^3 + 2a^2 - 3a + 1, \text{ or} \\ a^{12} - 4a^{10} + 2a^8 + 5a^6 + 2a^4 - 4a^2 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

All solutions lead to projective equivalent surfaces, as $\text{Cl}(\mathbf{X}_{52}^v) = 1$, see §3.1.

6.4. Configuration \mathbf{Y}_{52}' . Let Y_{52}' be a quartic surface containing configuration \mathbf{Y}_{52}' . Then Y_{52}' contains two intersecting lines l_0 and l_1 of type (4, 6). We let l_0' and l_1' be their respective twin lines. As these lines form a quadrangle, we can choose coordinate so that $l_0: x_0 = x_1 = 0$, $l_0': x_2 = x_3 = 0$, $l_1: x_0 = x_3 = 0$, $l_1': x_1 = x_2 = 0$. The residual conics in the coordinate planes are irreducible. Moreover, there exists a unique symplectic symmetry σ of order 2 which fixes these four lines. It follows that the two lines

fixed in \mathbb{P}^3 by σ must be the only two lines not contained in Y'_{52} joining two vertices of the quadrangle, namely $x_0 = x_2 = 0$ and $x_1 = x_3 = 0$, so $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1)$.

Let τ be one of the two symplectic symmetries of order 4. We have $\tau(l_0) = l_1$ and $\tau(l'_0) = l'_1$ and $\tau^2 = \sigma$. After rescaling variables, τ is given by

$$\tau = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & & & 1 \\ & & r & \\ & -1 & & \end{bmatrix},$$

with $r^2 = 1$. If $r = 1$, then the conic in $x_0 = 0$ is reducible, which is not the case, so $r = -1$. Hence, Y'_{52} is given by an equation of the form

$$ax_0^3x_2 + bx_0x_2^3 + cx_0^2x_1x_3 + dx_1x_2^2x_3 + x_0x_1^2x_2 + x_1^3x_3 + x_0x_2x_3^2 + x_1x_3^3 = 0,$$

for some $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$. This is a 3-dimensional family, as one more coefficient can be set to 1 by rescaling the other coefficients and the variables.

We introduce two new parameters $p, q \in \mathbb{C}$ so that one of the lines m of type (3, 5) intersecting both l_0 and l'_0 and contained in a 3-fiber of l_0 is given by $m: x_0 - px_1 = x_2 - qx_3 = 0$. By Corollary 4.4, the other two lines in the plane containing l_0 and m intersect in a point lying on l_0 . The line $\tau(m)$ intersects m , and their residual conic is also reducible.

Imposing all these conditions and normalizing q , we can express all coefficients in terms of p . We find that

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -\frac{(2p+1)(p+1)^2}{2(p^2-2p-1)p^3}, \\ b &= -\frac{p^2+2p+1}{4p}, \\ c &= \frac{(7p+3)(p+1)}{2(p^2-2p-1)p^2}, \\ d &= \frac{1}{4}(p+1)(p-3). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we require that l_0 has type (4, 6) by looking at the discriminant Δ of its induced fibration. We parametrize the planes containing l_0 by $t \mapsto \{x_0 = tx_1\}$. The discriminant has the following form:

$$\Delta = t^2(t-p)^3(t+p)^3P^2Q^2R^2S,$$

where P, Q, R, S are polynomials in t of degree 2, and $P(-t) = Q(t)$. Therefore, S must have a common root with either P, Q or R . We find a finite list of values for p . Looking also at the determinant of m , it turns out that p is a root of

$$p^3 - \frac{11}{9}p^2 - \frac{7}{3}p - 1.$$

Since $\text{Cl}(\mathbf{Y}'_{52}) = 3$, each root corresponds to a different projective equivalence class. In particular, the real root corresponds to the surface with transcendental lattice $[2, 0, 38]$.

6.5. Configuration Q_{52}''' . Let Q_{52}''' be a quartic surface containing configuration Q_{52}''' . Then Q_{52}''' contains exactly 4 lines l_0, \dots, l_3 of type $(5, 0)$. Since these lines intersect each other pairwise, they are coplanar. Moreover, there exists a symplectic automorphism σ which fixes each l_i . It follows that l_0, \dots, l_3 form a star, otherwise σ would fix three points on at least one l_i , so it would fix the whole line, but this cannot happen, as σ is symplectic. By Lemma 4.1, σ fixes two lines m', m'' in \mathbb{P}^3 pointwise. If P is the center of the star and Q_i is the other point on l_i fixed by σ for $i = 0, \dots, 3$, then necessarily all Q_i lie on one of the two lines, say m' , and the other line m'' contains P . All symmetries of Q_{52}''' fix P .

There is a non-symplectic symmetry τ of order 3 which fixes each l_i and commutes with σ ; hence, τ fixes each Q_i . This means that, as an automorphism of \mathbb{P}^3 , τ fixes m' pointwise. Its invariant lattice has rank 4, so by results of Artebani, Sarti and Taki [2], $\text{Fix}(\tau, X)$ consists of one smooth curve C and exactly one point. By Lemma 4.5, the curve C must be the intersection of Q_{52}''' with a plane Π in $\text{Fix}(\tau, \mathbb{P}^3)$; moreover, Π necessarily contains m' , but not P , since C is smooth. Let R be the point of intersection of Π and m'' . If $R \in X$, then τ , being of order 3, would fix at least three points on m'' , so it would fix the whole line m'' pointwise. This is impossible since $\text{Fix}(\tau, \mathbb{P}^3) = \Pi \cup \{P\}$, so $R \notin X$ and $m'' \cap X$ consists of four distinct points.

There exists also a symplectic symmetry φ such that $\varphi^2 = \sigma$. Since φ commutes with σ and τ , $\varphi(R) = R$, so φ fixes m'' pointwise. Up to relabeling, $\varphi(l_0) = l_3$ and $\varphi(l_1) = l_2$. We choose coordinates in such a way that $P = (0, 0, 1, 0)$, $Q_0 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$, $Q_3 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$, and $R = (1, 0, 0, 0)$.

After rescaling, the automorphisms τ and φ are given by

$$\tau = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \zeta & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & & & -1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & \end{bmatrix},$$

where ζ is a primitive 3rd root of unity. If ω is a non-zero 2-form on Q_{52}''' , then either $\tau^*\omega = \zeta\omega$ or $\tau^*\omega = \zeta^2\omega$, but the second condition leads to P being a singular point.

It follows that Q_{52}''' is given by an equation of the form

$$cx_0^2x_1^2 + cx_0^2x_3^2 + dx_1^2x_3^2 + x_0^4 + x_0x_2^3 - x_1^3x_3 + x_1x_3^3 = 0,$$

for some $c, d \in \mathbb{C}$. Parametrizing the planes containing l_0 by $t \mapsto \{x_0 = tx_1\}$, the discriminant Δ of the fibration induced by l_0 has the following form:

$$\Delta = t^4 P(t^2)^2,$$

where P is a polynomial of degree 5. Looking at the resultant of P and excluding the conditions leading to surface singularities, we find that

$$27c^4d^2 - 54c^2d^3 + 100c^4 + 27d^4 - 198c^2d + 162d^2 + 243 = 0.$$

This polynomial splits over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$. We see that there exists $e \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$c = \frac{e^2 - 2\zeta - 1}{3e}, \quad \text{and} \quad d = \frac{1}{9}(e^2 - 20\zeta - 10).$$

Moreover,

$$\Delta = t^4(t^2 - e/3)^4 Q(t^2)^2,$$

where Q is a polynomial of degree 3. Looking now at the resultant of Q , it turns out that if e is a root of

$$e^4 - 20(2\zeta + 1)e^2 + \frac{15}{4},$$

then l_0 is of type $(5, 0)$, so the Fano configuration of Q'''_{52} is indeed \mathbf{Q}'''_{52} . As $\text{Cl}(\mathbf{Q}'''_{52}) = 1$, all other quartic surfaces with this Fano configuration are projectively equivalent to the one we found.

6.6. Configuration \mathbf{X}_{51} . Let X_{51} be a surface containing configuration \mathbf{X}_{51} . Then X_{51} contains a line l_0 of type $(6, 2)$. By Proposition 4.7, X_{51} is given by an equation as in (1). In particular, the two lines l_1 and l_2 in the 1-fibers are given by $x_0 = x_2 = 0$ and $x_1 = x_3 = 0$. Note that the residual conics in the 1-fibers intersect l_1 and l_2 at the coordinate points and are tangent to l_0 .

There are three symplectic symmetries of order 2 which exchange l_1 and l_2 . Choose one of them and call it σ ; necessarily, σ has the following form:

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 & \\ ab & & & \\ & & & a \\ & b & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

Moreover, σ fixes one line m intersecting both l_1 and l_2 . Up to rescaling variables, m is given by $x_3 - x_1 = x_2 - ax_0 = 0$. By further inspection of \mathbf{X}_{51} , we see that the residual conic in the plane containing m and l_1 is reducible. After normalizing all coefficients except a , we are left with the following 1-dimensional family:

$$\begin{aligned} & 3a^3x_0^2x_1^2 - 3a^3x_0^2x_2x_3 - 3a^2x_0x_1x_2x_3 - 3a^2x_1^2x_2x_3 \\ & - (a^4 - a^3)x_0^3x_1 - (a^3 - a^2)x_0x_1^3 + (4a - 1)x_1x_2^3 + (4a^3 - a^2)x_0x_3^3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In order to find the last condition for a , we investigate the discriminant Δ of the fibration induced by l_1 . We parametrize the planes containing l_1 by $t \mapsto \{x_0 = tx_2\}$, so that Δ has the following form:

$$\Delta = t^3(a^3t^3 - 1)^3P,$$

where P is a polynomial in $s = t^3$ of degree 4. As the line l_1 is of type $(3, 4)$, the resultant of P must vanish. Knowing also that m is of type $(2, 7)$, it follows that a satisfies the following equation:

$$a^3 - \frac{11}{3}a^2 + \frac{10}{9}a - \frac{1}{9} = 0.$$

Since $\text{Cl}(\mathbf{X}_{51}) = 3$, each root corresponds to a different projective equivalence class. In particular, the real root corresponds to the surface with transcendental lattice $[6, 3, 16]$.

6.7. Configuration \mathbf{Z}_{52} . The general member of the following rational family contains 52 lines forming configuration \mathbf{Z}_{52} and has Picard number 19:

$$\begin{aligned} & t^2x_1x_2(tx_0 + tx_3 - 2x_1 + 2x_2)(tx_0 - ax_3 - 2x_1 - 2x_2) \\ & = -4x_0x_3(tx_0 + tx_3 - 6x_1 + 6x_2)(tx_0 - tx_3 - 6x_1 - 6x_2). \end{aligned}$$

This family was found by taking advantage of the fact that a surface containing \mathbf{Z}_{52} has four special lines of type $(6, 0)$ and six pairs of twin lines of type $(2, 8)$.

Generically, the lines $x_0 = x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = x_3 = 0$ are twin lines, while the lines $x_0 = x_2 = 0$ and $x_1 = x_3 = 0$ are special lines. All surfaces of the family have the symmetry

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & -1 & \\ & 1 & & \\ -1 & & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

We obtain models containing configurations \mathbf{X}_{64} and \mathbf{X}'_{60} when the minimal polynomial of t is $t^4 + 144$ or $t^4 - 12t^2 + 144$, respectively.

7. AN EXPLICIT OGUIISO PAIR

In this section we answer a question posed by Oguiso [10].

7.1. Oguiso pairs. Let $\pi_1, \pi_2: \mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ be the first and second projection. A pair (X_1, X_2) of smooth quartic surfaces (not necessarily distinct) is an *Oguiso pair* if there exists a smooth complete intersection S of four hypersurfaces Q_0, \dots, Q_3 of bi-degree $(1, 1)$ in $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$ such that the restriction to S of π_i is an isomorphism onto X_i , for $i = 1, 2$. In particular, X_1 and X_2 are isomorphic as abstract K3 surfaces, and the isomorphism is given by

$$(\pi_2|_S) \circ (\pi_1|_S)^{-1}: X_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} X_2.$$

Conversely, let X be a K3 surface and suppose h_1, h_2 are very ample divisors which induce embeddings of X into \mathbb{P}^3 whose images are X_1 and X_2 , respectively.

Theorem 7.1 (Oguiso [10]). *The smooth quartic surfaces (X_1, X_2) form an Oguiso pair if and only if $h_1 \cdot h_2 = 6$.*

Under this assumption, both X_1 and X_2 are determinantal quartic surfaces (also called Cayley quartic surfaces). A determinantal description can be given in the following way. Let x_0, \dots, x_3 and y_0, \dots, y_3 be the coordinates in the first and second factor of $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$, respectively. Write

$$Q_k = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^3 a_{ijk} x_i y_j.$$

Consider the matrix M_1, M_2 whose (i, j) -component are

$$\begin{aligned} (M_1)_{ij} &= a_{0ij}x_0 + a_{1ij}x_1 + a_{2ij}x_2 + a_{3ij}x_3, \\ (M_2)_{ij} &= a_{i0j}y_0 + a_{i1j}y_1 + a_{i2j}y_2 + a_{i3j}y_3. \end{aligned}$$

Then the equations $\det M_1 = 0$ and $\det M_2 = 0$ define X_1 and X_2 , respectively.

7.2. Models of the Fermat quartic surface. Let X_{48} be the Fermat quartic surface (which is the only surface up to projective equivalence containing configuration \mathbf{X}_{48}) and let X_{56} be one of the two surfaces containing configuration \mathbf{X}_{56} (which are complex conjugate to each other). Shioda first noticed that X_{48} and X_{56} are isomorphic to each other as abstract K3 surfaces. An explicit equation of X_{56} and an explicit isomorphism between X_{48} and X_{56} were found by Shimada and Shioda [16]. The two surfaces are not projectively equivalent to each other, but they form an Oguiso pair.

According to Degtyarev [5], there are no other smooth quartic models of the Fermat quartic and—curiously enough— (X_{56}, X_{56}) is also an Oguiso pair, but (X_{48}, X_{48}) is not (cf. [5, §6.5]).

7.3. A determinantal presentation. Oguiso asked in his paper [10] for explicit equations defining the complete intersection S in $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$ projecting onto X_{48} and X_{56} . Here we provide such equations. In what follows we let ζ be a primitive 8th root of unity.

The explicit isomorphism $f: X_{48} \xrightarrow{\sim} X_{56}$ can be found in [16, Table 4.1]. The surface S is the graph of f .

Generically, a hypersurface of bi-degree $(1, 1)$ in $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$ is defined by 16 coefficients. Choosing 12 closed points x_1, \dots, x_{12} on X_{48} in a suitable way, one can find 12 linearly independent conditions on these coefficients by imposing that $(x_i, f(x_i))$ belongs to S for each $i = 1, \dots, 12$. The points chosen are

$$\begin{aligned} &(0, 0, 1, \zeta), (0, 0, 1, \zeta^5), (0, 1, 0, \zeta^5), (0, 1, 0, \zeta^7), (1, 0, 0, \zeta), (1, 0, 0, \zeta^5), \\ &(1, 0, 0, \zeta^7), (1, 0, \zeta^5, 0), (1, \zeta, 0, 0), (0, 1, \zeta, 0), (0, 1, \zeta^3, 0), (\zeta, \zeta^2, \zeta, 1), \end{aligned}$$

but of course this choice is quite arbitrary.

One ends up with a vector space of dimension 4 of polynomials of bi-degree $(1, 1)$. The following four polynomials Q_0, \dots, Q_3 form a basis of that vector space.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0 &= \zeta^3 x_0 y_2 + \zeta x_3 y_0 + x_1 y_0 - x_2 y_2, \\ Q_1 &= \zeta^3 x_3 y_1 - \zeta^3 x_0 y_3 + \zeta^2 x_2 y_3 + x_1 y_1, \\ Q_2 &= -(\zeta^2 - \zeta - 1)x_2 y_0 - (\zeta^2 + 2\zeta - 1)x_0 y_1 - (\zeta^2 - 2)x_1 y_1 \\ &\quad + (\zeta^2 - \zeta - 1)x_2 y_1 + (\zeta^2 - 1)x_0 y_2 - (\zeta^3 + \zeta - 1)x_1 y_2 \\ &\quad - (\zeta^3 + \zeta + 2)x_3 y_2 - (\zeta^3 + \zeta)x_0 y_3 - (\zeta^3 + \zeta - 1)x_1 y_3 \\ &\quad + (\zeta^2 - \zeta + 1)x_2 y_3 + \zeta x_2 y_2 + x_1 y_0, \\ Q_3 &= 6\zeta^3 x_3 y_3 - (4\zeta^3 + 3\zeta^2 - 2\zeta + 1)x_1 y_0 - 3(\zeta^3 + \zeta)x_2 y_0 \\ &\quad + (2\zeta^3 + \zeta^2 + 1)x_1 y_1 - 3(\zeta^3 + \zeta)x_2 y_1 + 2(\zeta^2 + \zeta - 1)x_0 y_2 \\ &\quad + 3(\zeta^2 + 1)x_1 y_2 + (3\zeta^3 + 2\zeta^2 - \zeta - 2)x_2 y_2 - 2(\zeta^3 + \zeta + 1)x_0 y_3 \\ &\quad - 3(\zeta^2 + 1)x_1 y_3 + (\zeta^3 + \zeta - 2)x_2 y_3 + 6x_0 y_0. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, the four hypersurfaces given by $Q_i = 0$ define a smooth complete intersection S in $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$ such that the restriction of π_1 and π_2 to S is an isomorphism onto X_{48} and X_{56} , respectively. This can be checked explicitly by computing the determinantal presentation explained in §7.1. The equation of X_{56} that one obtains is the one provided in [16, Theorem 1.3].

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