EXAMPLES OF SURFACES WITH CANONICAL MAPS OF DEGREE 12, 13, 15, 16 AND 18

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Abstract. In this note we present examples of complex algebraic surfaces with canonical maps of degree 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18. They are constructed as quotients of a product of two curves of genus 10 and 19 using certain non-free actions of the group $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2$. To our knowledge there are no other examples in literature of surfaces with canonical map of degree 13, 15 and 18.

1. Introduction

Beauville has shown in [B79] that if the image of the canonical map Φ_{K_S} of a surface has dimension 2, then its degree d is bounded as follows:

$$d := \deg(\Phi_{K_S}) \leq 9 + \frac{27-9q}{p_g-2} \leq 36.$$

Note that the bound $d \leq 36$ was shown first by Persson in [Per78, Proposition 5.7]. Here, q is the irregularity and p_g the geometric genus of S. In particular, $28 \leq d$ is only possible if $q = 0$ and $p_g = 3$. Motivated by this observation, the construction of surfaces with $p_g = 3$ and canonical map of degree d for every value $2 \leq d \leq 36$ is an interesting, but still widely open problem [MLP21, Question 5.2]. For a long time the only examples with $10 \leq d$ were the surfaces of Persson [Per78], with canonical map of degree 16, and Tan [Tan03], with degree 12. In recent years, this problem attracted the attention of many authors, putting an increased effort in the construction of new examples. As a result, we have now examples in literature for all degrees $2 \leq d \leq 12$ and $d = 14, 16, 20, 24, 27, 32$ and 36, see [MLP21],[Ri15, Ri17a, Ri17b, Ri22], [LY21], [GPR18], [N19, N21], [FG22] and [N22].

In this paper we construct surfaces as quotients of a product of two curves $C_1 \times C_2$ modulo an action of the group $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2$. Here C_1 is a fixed curve of genus 10 while C_2 is a curve of genus 19 varying in a one-dimensional family. Varying the action of $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2$ we get four different one-dimensional families of canonical models of surfaces of general type with $K_S^2 = 24$, $p_g = 3$ and $q = 0$.

We write the canonical system of each of them in terms of invariant holomorphic two-forms on the product $C_1 \times C_2$. It turns out that for none of them $|K_S|$ is base-point free, i.e. the canonical map $\Phi_{K_S} \colon S \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ is just a rational map. To compute its degree, we resolve the indeterminacy by a sequence of blowups and compute the degree of the resulting morphism via elementary intersection theory. It turns out that the degree of the canonical map is not always constant in a family and in fact it assumes five different values: $d = 12, 13, 15, 16$ and 18. To our knowledge there are no other examples in literature of surfaces with canonical map of degree 13, 15 and 18. [1]

We point out that our surfaces are examples of product-quotient surfaces, i.e. quotients of product of two curves modulo an action of a finite group. In our cases the action is diagonal and non-free, arising surfaces with 8 rational double points as singularities of type $\frac{1}{2}(1,1)$. Product-quotient surfaces are studied for the

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first time by Catanese in [Cat00]. They are revealed to being a very useful tool for building new examples of algebraic surfaces and studying their geometry in an accessible way. Apart from other works, that mainly deal with irregular surfaces, we want to mention the complete classification of surfaces isogenous to a product with $p_g = q = 0$ [BCG08] and the classification for $p_g = 1$ and $q = 0$ under the assumption that the action is diagonal [G15], the rigid but not infinitesimally rigid manifolds [BP21] of Bauer and Pignatelli that gave a negative answer to a question of Kodaira and Morrow [KM71, p.45] and also the infinite series of n-dimensional infinitesimally rigid manifolds of general type with non-contractible universal cover for each $n \geq 3$, provided by Frapporti and Gleissner[FG21].

Notation: An algebraic surface S is a *canonical model* if it has at most rational double points as singularities and ample canonical divisor. Recall that each surfaces of general type is birational to a unique canonical model. In particular the minimal resolution of the singularities of S is its minimal model.

Let us denote by σ and τ a rotation (3-cycle) and a reflection (transposition) of S_3 respectively. Consider also the three irreducible characters of S_3, so the trivial character 1, the character *sgn* computing the sign of a permutation, and the only 2-dimensional irreducible character $\mu := \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{reg} - sgn - 1)$, where χ_{reg} is the character of the regular representation of S_3.
Let us fix a basis e_1, e_2 of $\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ and consider the dual characters ϵ_1, ϵ_2 of e_1 and e_2, i.e. the characters defined by

$$\epsilon_i(ae_1 + be_2) := \zeta_3^{a\delta_{1i} + b\delta_{2i}}, \qquad \zeta_3 := e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}},$$

where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta.
Given a representation ρ on a vector space V and an isotypic component W of V of character χ, we can sometimes write W_χ instead of W for specifying its character;
When we write $\sqrt[n]{\lambda}$ we mean one of the n-roots (arbitrarily chosen) of the complex number λ.
Finally, denote by $[j] \in \{0, 1\}$ the class of the integer number j modulo 2.

2. The surfaces

In this section we construct a series of surfaces S, as quotients of a product of the two curves C_1 and C_2, modulo a suitable diagonal action of the group $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2$. For any surface S, we determine the canonical map Φ_{K_S} and compute its degree.

We consider the projective space $\mathbb{P}^3$ with homogeneous coordinates $x_0, \ldots, x_3$ and the weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}^3(1, 1, 1, 2)$ with homogeneous coordinates $y_0, \ldots, y_3$. Here y_3 is the variable of weight 2. We take the curves $C_1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ and $C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3(1, 1, 1, 2)$ as follows

$$C_1\colon \begin{cases} x_2^3 = x_0^3 - x_1^3 \\ x_3^3 = x_0^3 + x_1^3 \end{cases}, \qquad C_2\colon \begin{cases} y_2^3 = y_0^3 + y_1^3 \\ y_3^3 = y_0^6 + y_1^6 - 2\lambda y_0^3 y_1^3 \end{cases}, \lambda \neq -1, 1$$

Both curves are smooth, in fact this is the reason why we assume $\lambda \neq -1, 1$ in the definition of C_2.

On the first curve C_1 we consider the action of $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2$ given by

$$\phi_1\colon S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2 \to \operatorname{Aut}(C_1), \quad \big(\sigma^i\tau^j, (a, b)\big) \mapsto [(x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3) \mapsto (\zeta_3^i x_{[j]} : x_{[j+1]} : (-1)^j \zeta_3^{2a+2i} x_2 : \zeta_3^{2b+2i} x_3)].$$

We leave to the reader to checking that this defines an action.

Note that the automorphisms $\phi_1(\sigma^i\tau^j, (a, b))$ are precisely the deck transformations of the cover

$$\pi_1\colon C_1 \xrightarrow{9:1} \mathbb{P}^1 \xrightarrow{6:1} \mathbb{P}^1, \qquad (x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3) \mapsto (x_0 : x_1) \mapsto \big(x_0^3 x_1^3 : (x_0^6 + x_1^6)/2\big).$$

In particular $C_1/\big(S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2\big) \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ and π_1 is the quotient map. The cover is branched along $p_1 := (1 : 1)$, $p_2 := (0 : 1)$ and $p_3 := (-1 : 1)$, corresponding to the three orbits of the points with non trivial stabilizer, of respective length $9, 18$ and 9. A representative of each orbit and a generator of the stabilizer is given by:

	p_1	p_2	p_3
representative	$(1:1:0:\sqrt[3]{2})$	$(1:0:1:1)$	$(1:-\zeta_3:\sqrt[3]{2}:0)$
generator	$g_1 := (\tau,(1,0))$	$g_2 := (\sigma^2,(2,2))$	$g_3 := (\sigma\tau,(0,1))$

On the second curve C_2 the action ϕ_2 is defined as

$$\phi_2\colon S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2 \to \mathrm{Aut}(C_2), \quad \big(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b)\big) \mapsto [(y_0:y_1:y_2:y_3) \mapsto (\zeta_3^i y_{[j]} : y_{[j+1]} : \zeta_3^{a+2b+2i} y_2 : \zeta_3^{2a+2b+i} y_3)].$$

As in the previous case, we leave to the reader to checking that this defines a group action and note that the automorphisms $\phi_2(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b))$ are precisely the deck transformations of the cover

$$\pi_2\colon C_2 \xrightarrow{9:1} \mathbb{P}^1 \xrightarrow{6:1} \mathbb{P}^1, \qquad (y_0:y_1:y_2:y_3) \mapsto (y_0:y_1) \mapsto \big(y_0^3y_1^3 : (y_0^6+y_1^6)/2\big).$$

Hence $C_2/\big(S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2\big) \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ and π_2 is the quotient map. The cover is branched along $q_1 := (1:1)$, $q_2 := (0:1)$, $q_3 := (1:\lambda)$ and $q_4 := (-1:1)$, corresponding to the four orbits of the points with non trivial stabilizer, of respective length $27, 18, 18$ and 9. Note that the points q_j are pairwise distinct under the assumption $\lambda \neq -1, 1$.

A representative of each orbit and a generator of the stabilizer is given by:

	q_1	q_2	q_3	q_4
representative	$(1:\zeta_3:\sqrt[3]{2}:\sqrt[3]{2-2\lambda})$	$(0:1:1:1)$	$(1:\sqrt[3]{\lambda-\sqrt{\lambda^2-1}}:\sqrt[3]{1+\lambda-\sqrt{\lambda^2-1}}:0)$	$(1:-1:0:\sqrt[3]{2+2\lambda})$
generator	$h_1 := (\sigma\tau,0)$	$h_2 := (\sigma,(1,0))$	$h_3 := (Id,(1,1))$	$h_4 := (\tau,(1,2))$

We compute the action of $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ on $H^0(C_i,\Omega^1_{C_i})$.

By standard adjunction theory $H^0(C_1,\Omega^1_{C_1})$ is isomorphic to $H^0(C_1,\mathcal{O}_{C_1}(2))$, isomorphism mapping a monomial $x_0^{2-\alpha-\beta-\gamma}x_1^\alpha x_2^\beta x_3^\gamma$ to the 1-form $\omega_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ that in affine coordinates is

$$\omega_{\alpha\beta\gamma} := u^\alpha v^{\beta-2} t^{\gamma-2} du, \qquad \text{where} \qquad u := \frac{x_1}{x_0} \quad v := \frac{x_2}{x_0} \quad \text{and} \quad t := \frac{x_3}{x_0}.$$

The character of the *canonical* representation of C_1, the action of $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ on $H^0(C_1,\Omega^1_{C_1})$, can be computed by the standard Chevalley-Weil formula and is amount to

$$\chi^1_{can} = \epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2^2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_1 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2^2.$$

We give an explicit decomposition in irreducible subspaces. Using the expression in affine coordinates we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b))\cdot\omega_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= \phi_1\big(\big(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b)\big)^{-1}\big)^*(\omega_{\alpha\beta\gamma})\\ &= (-1)^{j(\beta-1)}\zeta_3^{a(\beta-2)+b(\gamma-2)+(\alpha-(2\alpha+\beta+\gamma-2)[j]+2\beta+2\gamma-7)i}\omega_{(\alpha-(2\alpha+\beta+\gamma-2)[j])\beta\gamma}.\end{aligned}$$

A tedious but straightforward computation gives the following decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}H^0(C_1,\Omega^1_{C_1}) =& \langle\omega_{011}\rangle_{\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2^2} \oplus \langle\omega_{100}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2} \oplus \langle\omega_{020}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_2} \oplus \langle\omega_{002}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1} \oplus\\ & \langle\omega_{000},\omega_{200}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2} \oplus \langle\omega_{010},\omega_{110}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2} \oplus \langle\omega_{001},\omega_{101}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, adjunction theory gives an isomorphism among $H^0(C_2,\Omega^1_{C_2})$ and $H^0(C_2,\mathcal{O}_{C_2}(4))$ mapping a monomial $y_0^{4-\alpha-\beta-2\gamma}y_1^\alpha y_2^\beta y_3^\gamma$ to the 1-form $\omega'_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ that in affine coordinates is

$$\omega'_{\alpha\beta\gamma} := (u')^\alpha (v')^{\beta-2}(t')^{\gamma-2}du', \qquad \text{where} \qquad u' := \frac{y_1}{y_0} \quad v' := \frac{y_2}{y_0} \quad \text{and} \quad t' := \frac{y_3}{y_0^2}.$$

We obtain a basis of 19 dimension space $H^0(C_2,\mathcal{O}_{C_2}(4))$ by taking the 22 monomials of degree 4 in the variables y_j and removing $y_0y_2^3$, $y_1y_2^3$ and y_2^4, that can be expressed in terms of the other monomials using the cubic equation defining C_2. Accordingly we get a basis of $H^0(C_2,\Omega^1_{C_2})$ by removing from that set $\omega'_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ the 1-forms

$\omega'_{040}, \omega'_{030}$ and ω'_{130}. The *canonical* character of C_2 is given by Chevalley-Weil as

$\chi^2_{can} = sgn\cdot\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2^2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_1 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_2^2 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_1 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_2 + 2\mu\cdot\epsilon_2^2 + sgn\cdot\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_1^2 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_1^2 + \mu\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2,$

and the action on $H^0(C_2, \Omega^1_{C_2})$ computed in affine coordinates as above is

$$\begin{aligned}(\sigma^i\tau^j, (a,b))\cdot\omega'_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= \phi_2(\big(\sigma^i\tau^j, (a,b)\big)^{-1})^*(\omega'_{\alpha\beta\gamma})\\ &= (-1)^j\zeta_3^{a(2\beta+\gamma)+b(\beta+\gamma-4)+(\alpha-(2\alpha+\beta+2\gamma-4)[j]+2\beta+\gamma+1)i}\omega'_{(\alpha-(2\alpha+\beta+2\gamma-4)[j])\beta\gamma}.\end{aligned}$$

Another tedious computation gives the decomposition

$$\begin{aligned}H^0(C_2,\Omega^1_{C_2}) =& \langle\omega'_{002}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2} \oplus \langle\omega'_{021}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1^2\cdot\epsilon_2^2} \oplus \langle\omega'_{120}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2}\\ &\oplus \langle\omega'_{101}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1} \oplus \langle\omega'_{200}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_2^2} \oplus \langle\omega'_{001},\omega'_{201}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_1} \oplus \langle\omega'_{011},\omega'_{111}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_2}\\ &\oplus \big(\langle\omega'_{000},\omega'_{400}\rangle \oplus \langle\omega'_{100},\omega'_{300}\rangle\big)_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_2^2} \oplus \langle\omega'_{010}+\omega'_{310}\rangle_{sgn\cdot\epsilon_1^2} \oplus \langle\omega'_{010}-\omega'_{310}\rangle_{\epsilon_1^2}\\ &\oplus \langle\omega'_{110},\omega'_{210}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_1^2} \oplus \langle\omega'_{220},\omega'_{020}\rangle_{\mu\cdot\epsilon_1\cdot\epsilon_2}.\end{aligned}$$

We consider unmixed quotients $S := (C_1\times C_2)/\big(S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2\big)$ modulo a diagonal action $\phi_1\times(\phi_2\circ\Psi)$, where Ψ is one of the automorphism of $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$.
Firstly we study the singularities of S. We observe that C_1 and C_2 have stabilizers of order $6,3$ and 6 and $2,3,3$ and 6 respectively. Hence 18 points of C_1 and 36 points of C_2 have stabilizer of even order. However $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ has only three elements of order 2 and they are in the same conjugacy class. This means that each of these three elements fix exactly $6\cdot 12 = 72$ points of $C_1\times C_2$. Thus S can never be smooth and if it admits only nodes, then they are in total $3\cdot 72/27 = 8$.
Now let us consider the following automorphisms of $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$

$$\begin{aligned}&\Psi_1 = Id, && \Psi_2 = \left(\begin{cases}\sigma\mapsto\sigma\\ \tau\mapsto\tau\sigma\end{cases}, \begin{pmatrix}0&1\\2&0\end{pmatrix}\right),\\ &\Psi_3 = \left(\begin{cases}\sigma\mapsto\sigma^2\\ \tau\mapsto\tau\end{cases}, \begin{pmatrix}0&2\\1&0\end{pmatrix}\right), && \Psi_4 = \left(\begin{cases}\sigma\mapsto\sigma^2\\ \tau\mapsto\tau\end{cases}, \begin{pmatrix}0&2\\2&0\end{pmatrix}\right).\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

A direct computation shows us that for these four choices of Ψ the surface S has exactly 8 nodes and no other singularities.

Remark 2.1. *The first example has been found by using the database* [CGP22]. *Later on we have run a systematic research over all automorphisms of $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ proving that the obtained surfaces having only nodes are isomorphic to the four surfaces presented in this note.*

The vector space $H^0(K_S)$ is isomorphic to the invariant subspace $\big(H^0(\Omega^1_{C_1})\otimes H^0(\Omega^1_{C_2})\big)^{S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2}$, where the action on the tensor product is diagonal, i.e. $\big(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b)\big)\in S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ acts via

$$\phi_1(\big(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b)\big)^{-1})^*\otimes\phi_2(\Psi(\big(\sigma^i\tau^j,(a,b)\big)^{-1}))^*. \tag{2}$$

For each character η of $S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ define its twist by Ψ as

$$\eta_\Psi := \eta\circ\Psi^{-1}.$$

Pulling back $H^0(K_S)$ to $C_1\times C_2$ we obtain

Lemma 2.2. *A basis of $H^0(K_S)$ is given by the $\big(S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2\big)$-invariant 2-forms of $H^0(\Omega^1_{C_1}) \otimes H^0(\Omega^1_{C_2})$ with respect to the action (2). Hence*

$$\big(H^0(\Omega^1_{C_1}) \otimes H^0(\Omega^1_{C_2})\big)^{S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2} = \bigoplus_{\eta\neq 0} \big(H^0(\Omega^1_{C_1})_\eta \otimes H^0(\Omega^1_{C_2})_{\overline{\eta\Psi}}\big)^{S_3\times\mathbb{Z}_3^2},$$

where $H^0(\Omega^1_{C_i})_\eta$ is the isotypic component of $H^0(\Omega^1_{C_i})$ of character η. Moreover

$$p_g = \langle \chi^1_{can} \cdot \chi^2_{can}, 1\rangle = \sum_{\eta\neq 0} \langle \chi^1_{can}, \eta\rangle \cdot \langle \chi^2_{can}, \overline{\eta\Psi}\rangle.$$

Denote by $\omega_{jklmrs} := \omega_{jkl} \otimes \omega'_{mrs}$. We can now state and prove our main result:

Theorem 2.3. *For all $\Psi \in \mathrm{Aut}(S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2)$ in (1), the diagonal action $\phi_1 \times (\phi_2 \circ \Psi)$ of $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2$ on the product of the two curves C_1 and C_2 is not free. The quotient is a canonical model of a regular surface S of general type with $K_S^2 = 24$, $p_g = 3$ and with 8 rational double points as singularities of type $\frac{1}{2}(1,1)$. A basis of $H^0(K_S)$, the canonical map Φ_{K_S} in projective coordinates and its degree are stated in the table:*

No	Ψ	*Basis of* $H^0(K_S)$	$\Phi_{K_S}(x,y)$	$\deg(\Phi_{K_S})$
1.	*Id*	$\{\omega_{100021}, \omega_{020200}, \omega_{002040}\}$	$(x_0x_1y_2^2y_3 : x_2^2y_0^2y_1^2 : x_3^2y_2^4)$	18
2.	Ψ_2	$\{\omega_{020101}, \omega_{002200}, \zeta_3\omega_{010020} - \omega_{110220}\}$	$(x_2^2y_0y_1y_3 : x_3^2y_0^2y_1^2 : x_2y_2^2(\zeta_3x_0y_0^2 - x_1y_1^2))$	$\begin{cases} 15 & \text{if } \lambda\neq 0 \\ 13 & \text{if } \lambda = 0\end{cases}$
3.	Ψ_3	$\{\omega_{100002}, \omega_{020040}, \omega_{001220} + \omega_{101020}\}$	$(x_0x_1y_3^2 : x_2^2y_2^4 : x_3y_2^2(x_0y_1^2 + x_1y_0^2))$	$\begin{cases} 18 & \text{if } \lambda\neq 0 \\ 16 & \text{if } \lambda = 0\end{cases}$
4.	Ψ_4	$\{\omega_{100120}, \omega_{020101}, \omega_{000020} + \omega_{200220}\}$	$(x_0x_1y_0y_1y_2^2 : x_2^2y_0y_1y_3 : y_2^2(x_0^2y_0^2 + x_1^2y_1^2))$	12

Proof. We have already mentioned that for all Ψ in (1) the action is not free and the quotient S has 8 singularities of type $\frac{1}{2}(1,1)$ and no other singularities. The genus of the two curves is $g(C_i) \geq 2$, hence $C_1 \times C_2$ has ample canonical divisor and so S has ample canonical divisor too. It follows S is a canonical model.

The self-intersection of the canonical divisor of each S is amount to

$$K_S^2 = \frac{8(g(C_1)-1)(g(C_2)-1)}{|S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2|} = 24.$$

They are regular surfaces, because they do not possess any non-zero holomorphic one-forms, since $C_i/\big(S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2\big)$ is biholomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1$. The geometric genus of each S is therefore equal to (compare [BP12])

$$p_g = \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - 1 = \frac{(g(C_1)-1)(g(C_2)-1)}{|S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2|} + \frac{1}{12}\left(8 \cdot \frac{3}{2}\right) - 1 = 3.$$

Using Lemma 2.2 we have computed a basis of $H^0(K_S)$. In fact since we have proved that $p_g = 3$ it is enough to verify that the given elements of the table are invariant for the corresponding action. Applying the explicit isomorphisms from $H^0(C_1, \Omega^1_{C_1})$ to $H^0(C_1, \mathcal{O}_{C_1}(2))$ and from $H^0(C_2, \Omega^1_{C_2})$ to $H^0(C_2, \mathcal{O}_{C_2}(4))$ we obtain the product of quadrics and quartics defining the canonical map in the table.

It remains to determine the degree of Φ_{K_S} for each surface S. Instead to work on S it is convenient to work on $C_1 \times C_2$, that is smooth:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C_1 \times C_2 & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{12}} & S & \overset{\Phi_{K_S}}{\dashrightarrow} & \mathbb{P}^2 \\ & \searrow^{\Phi_{K_{C_1\times C_2}}} & & \nearrow & \\ & & \mathbb{P}^{10\cdot 19-1}. & & \end{array}$$

Note that the map $\Phi_{K_S} \circ \lambda_{12}$ is induced by the sublinear system $|T|$ of $|K_{C_1\times C_2}|$ generated by the three invariant 2-forms defining Φ_{K_S}. In particular the self-intersection of T is amount to

$$T^2 = (\lambda_{12}^* K_S)^2 = |S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2| \cdot K_S^2 = 54 \cdot 24.$$

We *resolve the indeterminacy* of $\Phi_T = \Phi_{K_S} \circ \lambda_{12}$ by a sequence of blowups, as explained in the textbook [B96, Theorem II.7]:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{C_1 \times C_2} & \longrightarrow & C_1 \times C_2 \\ & \searrow^{\Phi_{\widehat{M}}} & \downarrow \Phi_T \\ & & \mathbb{P}^2. \end{array}$$

Here the morphism $\Phi_{\widehat{M}}$ is induced by the base-point free linear system $|\widehat{M}|$ obtained as follow:
We blow up the base-points of $|T|$, take the pullback of the mobile part $|M|$ of $|T|$ and remove the fixed part of this new linear system. We repeat the procedure, until we obtain a base-point free linear system $|\widehat{M}|$.

The self-intersection $\widehat{M}^2$ is positive if and only if $\Phi_{\widehat{M}}$ is not composed by a pencil. In this case $\Phi_{\widehat{M}}$ is onto and it holds:

$$\deg(\Phi_{K_S}) = \frac{1}{|S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^2|} \deg(\Phi_{\widehat{M}}) = \frac{1}{54}\widehat{M}^2.$$

For the computation of the resolution, it is convenient to write the divisors of the product of quadrics and quartics defining Φ_{K_S} (and hence Φ_T) as linear combinations of the curves $F_j := \{x_j = 0\}$ and $G_k := \{y_k = 0\}$ on $C_1 \times C_2$. We point out that these curves are reduced and intersect pairwise transversally thanks to the assumption $\lambda \neq -1, 1$. In particular $(F_j, F_k) = (G_j, G_k) = 0$ and $(F_j, G_k) = 81$, for $k \neq 3$, while $(F_j, G_3) = 162$. Consider the first surface in the table. Here, the divisors of the three products of quadrics and quartics spanning the subsystem $|T|$ are:

$$F_0 + F_1 + 2G_2 + G_3, \qquad 2F_2 + 2G_0 + 2G_1 \qquad \text{and} \qquad 2F_3 + 4G_2.$$

Here $|T|$ has not fixed part and it has precisely 81 (non reduced) base-points $F_2 \cap G_2$. We can perform the computation of the difference $T^2 - \widehat{M}^2$ by applying Lemma 2.4 below (for a proof see [FG22, Lemma 2.3]) recursively for each base-point of $|T|$:

Lemma 2.4. *Let $|M|$ be a two-dimensional linear system on a surface S spanned by D_1, D_2 and D_3. Assume that $|M|$ has only isolated base-points, smooth for S, and that in a neighborhood of a basepoint p we can write the divisors D_i as*

$$D_1 = aH, \quad D_2 = bK \quad \text{and} \quad D_3 = cH + dK.$$

Here H and K are reduced, smooth and intersect transversally at p and a, b, c, d are non-negative integers, $b \leq a$. Assume that

- *$d \geq b$ or*
- *$b \neq 0$ and $c + md \geq a$, where $a = mb + q$ with $0 \leq q < b$.*

Then after blowing up at most (ab)-times we obtain a new linear system $|\widehat{M}|$ such that no infinitely near point of p is a base-point of $|\widehat{M}|$. Moreover $\widehat{M}^2 = M^2 - ab$.

In a neighbourhood of each of these base-points the three divisors are respectively

$$2G_2, \qquad 2F_2 \qquad \text{and} \qquad 4G_2.$$

Since F_2 and G_2 are transversal we are in the situation of the Lemma 2.4 with $H = G_2$ and $K = F_2$, $a = b = 2$ and $c = 4$, $d = 0$. So $b \neq 0$ and $c + md \geq a$ and the Lemma applies. The correction term is $ab = 4$ for each of the 81 base-points. Thus

$$T^2 - \widehat{M}^2 = 4 \cdot 81.$$

The degree of the canonical map is therefore given by

$$\deg(\Phi_{K_S}) = \frac{1}{54}\widehat{M}^2 = \frac{1}{54}\left(T^2 - (T^2 - \widehat{M}^2)\right) = \frac{1}{54}(54 \cdot 24 - 4 \cdot 81) = 18.$$

Now we take in exam the second surface in our table. Here the subsystem $|T|$ is spanned by:

$$D_1 := 2F_2 + G_0 + G_1 + G_3, \quad D_2 := 2F_3 + 2G_0 + 2G_1 \quad \text{and} \quad D_3 := F_2 + 2G_2 + \Delta,$$

where $\Delta = (\zeta_3 x_0 y_0^2 - x_1 y_1^2)$. The (set-theoretical) base locus is

$$F_2 \cap G_0, F_2 \cap G_1, \quad \Delta \cap G_0, \Delta \cap G_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta \cap F_3 \cap G_3.$$

We remark that the other pieces of the base locus are empty. In fact that points would belong in some $F_i \cap F_j$ or $G_i \cap G_j$ and we have already mentioned that they are pairwise disjoint.

We determine the correction term to the self intersection number for each of these base-points of $|T|$.

We consider first the 81 points $F_2 \cap G_i$, for $i = 0, 1$. Here F_2 and G_i intersect transversally on each of them. Around one of these points, the divisors D_k are given by $G_i + 2F_2$, $2G_i$ and F_2. We are in the situation of the Lemma with $H = G_i$ and $K = F_2$, $a = d = 2$ and $b = c = 1$. Hence $d \geq b$ and the Lemma applies, which yields $ab = 2$ as correction term.

We let go on to the 81 base-points $\Delta \cap G_i$. The local coordinates around one of these points are $X := x_j/x_i$ and $Y := y_i/y_j$, where $j = 0, 1, j \neq i$. So the divisors D_k are respectively given by

$$\{Y = 0\}, \qquad 2\{Y = 0\} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \{\zeta_3^{1+i} Y^2 - X = 0\}.$$

Thus D_1 and D_3 intersect transversally in $(0, 0)$ and we fall down once more in the situation of the Lemma. Here $H = D_3$ and $K = D_1$, $a = b = 1$, $c = 0$ and $d = 2$. Since $d \geq b$ then the Lemma is fulfilled and the correction term is amount to $ab = 1$.

We consider finally the points $\Delta \cap F_3 \cap G_3$. These points satisfy the equations

$$\text{(3)} \qquad \begin{cases} y_3^3 = y_0^6 + y_1^6 - 2\lambda y_0^3 y_1^3 & = 0 \\ x_3^2 = x_0^3 + x_1^3 & = 0 \\ \zeta_3 x_0 y_0^2 - x_1 y_1^2 & = 0 \end{cases} .$$

The last two equations imply that $x_1^3 = -x_0^3$ and

$$x_0^3 y_0^6 = (\zeta_3 x_0 y_0^2)^3 = (x_1 y_1^2)^3 = x_1^3 y_1^6 = -x_0^3 y_1^6.$$

Thus $y_0^6 + y_1^6 = 0$ and comparing it with the first equation of 3 we get $\lambda y_0^3 y_1^3 = 0$. Therefore $\Delta \cap F_3 \cap G_3$ is non empty only if $\lambda = 0$.

Let us suppose $\lambda \neq 0$. Then

$$T^2 - \widehat{M}^2 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 81 + 2 \cdot 81 = 6 \cdot 81,$$

and the degree of the canonical map is amount to

$$\deg(\Phi_{K_S}) = \frac{1}{54}\left(T^2 - (T^2 - \widehat{M}^2)\right) = \frac{1}{54}(54 \cdot 24 - 6 \cdot 81) = 15.$$

It remains to consider the case when $\lambda = 0$. The base-points $\Delta \cap F_3 \cap G_3$ are the following 54 ones:

$$t_k := \left(\left(1 : -\zeta_3^{k_1} : \sqrt[3]{2}\zeta_3^{k_2} : 0\right), \left(1 : e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}\zeta_6^{k_3} : \sqrt[6]{2} e^{\frac{\pi i}{12}(1-2[k_3])}\zeta_3^{k_4} : 0\right)\right), \qquad k_1 + k_3 \equiv 2 \mod 3,$$

where $k_i = 0, 1, 2$, for $i \neq 3$, and $k_3 = 0, \ldots, 5$. Fix coordinates $X := x_1/x_0 + \zeta_3^2$ and $Y := y_1/y_0 - e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}$ around one of these points, for example that one for $k = (2, 0, 0, 0)$. The divisors D_k are locally given by

$$\{Y = 0\}, \qquad 2\{X = 0\} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \{Y(2e^{\frac{\pi i 5}{6}} + Y - 2e^{\frac{\pi i 5}{6}} X - XY) = 0\} = \{Y = 0\}.$$

In this case $H = \{X = 0\}$ and $K = \{Y = 0\}$ and $a = 2$ and $b = d = 1$, $c = 0$. The correction term is $ab = 2$. Hence

$$T^2 - \widehat{M}^2 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 81 + 2 \cdot 81 + 2 \cdot 54 = 6 \cdot 81 + 2 \cdot 54.$$

The degree of the canonical map is therefore given by

$$\deg(\Phi_{K_S}) = \frac{1}{54}\left(T^2 - (T^2 - \widehat{M}^2)\right) = \frac{1}{54}\left(54 \cdot 24 - 6 \cdot 81 - 2 \cdot 54\right) = 13.$$

We leave to the reader to verifying with the same approach that the degree of the canonical map of the remain two surfaces are amount to that ones stated in the table. □

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