ON CHARACTERISTIC POLYNOMIALS OF AUTOMORPHISMS OF ENRIQUES SURFACES

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ABSTRACT. Let f be an automorphism of a complex Enriques surface Y and let p_f denote the characteristic polynomial of the isometry f^* of the numerical Néron-Severi lattice of Y induced by f. We apply a modification of McMullen's method to prove that the modulo-2 reduction $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ is a product of modulo-2 reductions of (some of) the five cyclotomic polynomials Φ_m , where $m \leq 9$ and m is odd. We study Enriques surfaces that realize modulo-2 reductions of Φ_7 , Φ_9 and show that each of the five polynomials $(\Phi_m(x) \mod 2)$ is a factor of the modulo-2 reduction $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ for a complex Enriques surface.

1. INTRODUCTION

The subject of this note are isometries of the numerical Néron-Severi lattices induced by automorphisms of Enriques surfaces. To state our results, let Y (resp. X) be a complex Enriques surface (resp. its K3 cover) and let Num(Y) be the numerical Néron-Severi lattice of Y (i.e. Num(Y) := NS(Y)/Tors). Each automorphism $f \in Aut(Y)$ induces an isometry $f^* \in O(Num(Y))$. It is natural to study the properties of the characteristic polynomial of the latter.

In this note we prove the following refinement of [14, Theorem 1.2].

Theorem 1.1. Let f be an automorphism of a complex Enriques surface Y and let p_f be the characteristic polynomial of the isometry $f^* : \operatorname{Num}(Y) \to \operatorname{Num}(Y)$.

a) The modulo-2 reduction $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ is a product of (some of) the following polynomials:

$$F_1(x) = x + 1, \quad F_3(x) = x^2 + x + 1, \quad F_5(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1,$$

$$F_7(x) = x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1, \quad F_9(x) = x^6 + x^3 + 1.$$

b) Each of the five polynomials F_1, F_3, F_5, F_7, F_9 does appear in the factorization of the modulo-2 reduction $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ for an automorphism f

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of a complex Enriques surface. Any realization of F_7 and F_9 is by a semisymplectic automorphism.

Recall that the proof of [14, Theorem 1.2] shows that each factor of $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ either equals one of the five polynomials listed in Thm 1.1, or it is the modulo-2 reduction F_{15} of the cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_{15} \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. Moreover, examples with factors F_1 , F_3 , F_5 were given in [9] (see also [14, Example 3.1]), whereas the question if F_7 , F_9 and F_{15} can appear in the factorization of the modulo-2 reduction of p_f for an automorphism $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(Y)$ was left open (c.f. [14, Example 3.1.b]). This question is answered in Theorem 1.1.

To state the next theorem, we introduce some notation. Let us denote the covering involution of the double étale cover $\pi : X \to Y$ by ε . Moreover, we put $\tilde{f} \in \operatorname{Aut}(X)$ to denote a (non-unique) lift of an automorphism $f \in$ $\operatorname{Aut}(Y)$. Let $N := (H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})^{\varepsilon})^{\perp}$ be the orthogonal complement of the ε invariant sublattice $H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})^{\varepsilon}$ in the lattice $H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})$. Recall that N is stable under the cohomological action \tilde{f}^* and the restriction $f_N := \tilde{f}^*|_N$ is of finite order. Using Theorem 1.1, we can sharpen [14, Theorem 1.1] as well.

Theorem 1.2. Let Y be a complex Enriques surface and let f be an automorphism of Y. Then, the order of f_N is a divisor of at least one of the following five integers:

Among the 28 numbers that satisfy the above condition, at least the following 14 integers

$$1, \ldots, 10, 12, 14, 15, 20$$

are realized as orders.

Remark 1.3. We note that if the order of f_N is 7 or 9, then the cyclic subgroup generated by f_N is unique up to conjugacy in the orthogonal group O(N). For the remaining 14 integers

16, 18, 21, 24, 28, 30, 36, 40, 42, 48, 56, 60, 84, 120,

we do not know whether they arise as orders of f_N for some $f \in Aut(Y)$.

Originally, our interest in the subject of this note was motivated by the question what constraints on the dynamical spectra of Enriques surfaces result from the existence of the double étale K3 cover (c.f. [22, Theorem 1.2]). Indeed, Theorem 1.1.a yields a new constraint on the Salem numbers that appear as the dynamical degrees of automorphisms of Enriques surfaces (e.g. it implies that none of the Salem numbers given as # 3, 13, 16, 34, 35 in the table in [14, Appendix] can be the dynamical degree of an automorphisms of a complex Enriques surface), whereas Theorem 1.1.b shows that the above constraint cannot be strengthened.

It should be mentioned that automorphism groups of Enriques surfaces remain a subject of intensive research. Much is known in the case of Enriques surfaces with finite automorphism groups (even in positive characteristic) and unnodal Enriques surfaces, but a general picture is still missing. In this context both the constraints given by Theorem 1.2 and the geometry of the families of Enriques surfaces discussed in Propositions 5.3, 4.2, 4.7 are of separate interest. Still, such considerations exceed the scope of this paper. We sketch our strategy for the proof of Theorem 1.1. The argument in [14] is based on criteria for a polynomial to be the characteristic polynomial of an isometry of a lattice. Unfortunately, all the six polynomials F_1, \ldots, F_9, F_{15} do appear as factors of modulo-2 reductions of characteristic polynomials of isometries of the lattice $U \oplus E_8(-1)$ and the lattice N. Thus we need to take Hodge structures and the ample cone into account as well. In this note we apply a modification of McMullen's method (see [16], [17]) to obtain constraints on automorphisms of Enriques surfaces that can realize the factors F_7, F_9, F_{15} . In particular, we can rule out the existence of the highest-degree factor F_{15} (Prop. 3.1), and derive properties of the K3 covers of Enriques surfaces which realize F_7 (Prop. 5.2) and F_9 (Section 4). Then an algorithm based on Borcherd's method ([1], [2]) and the ideas from [28] and [4] allow us to find abstract Enriques surfaces realizing F_7 and F_9 . For the readers convenience, the algorithm is presented in Section 6 in pseudocode. We close this section with a related open question. For an Enriques surface Y we call the order of the image of bi-canonical representation

$$\operatorname{Aut}(Y) \to \operatorname{GL}\left(H^0(Y, K_Y^{\otimes 2})\right)$$

of the automorphism group the transcendental index I(Y) of Y.

Question 1.4. What are the possible transcendental indices of complex Enriques surfaces?

Note that all realizations of F_7 and F_9 must be by semi-symplectic automorphisms. Hence, we know that 7 and 9 do not divide I(Y).

Notation: In this note, we work over the field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} . Given a prime p, \mathbb{Z}_p denotes the ring of p-adic integers. For a ring R, we denote by R^{\times} its group of units. For a group G and a prime p, G_p is the p-Sylow subgroup of G.

2. Preliminaries

Basic notation. We maintain the notation of the previous section. In particular, $\pi: X \to Y$ is the K3 cover of Y and ε is the covering involution of π . Moreover, we have the finite index sublattice

$$(2.1) M \oplus N \subseteq H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})$$

where $M := H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})^{\varepsilon}$ coincides with the pullback of $H^2(Y, \mathbb{Z})$ by π and $N := M^{\perp}$ (see e.g. [20]). In particular, we have $M \simeq U(2) \oplus E_8(-2)$ and $N \simeq U \oplus U(2) \oplus E_8(-2)$, where U (resp. E_8) denotes the unimodular hyperbolic plane (resp. the unique even unimodular positive-definite lattice of rank 8). Let f be an automorphism of Y. The sublattices M and N are

preserved by the isometry $\tilde{f}^* \in \operatorname{Aut}(H^2(X,\mathbb{Z}))$, so as in [14] we can define the maps

$$f_M := \tilde{f}^*|_M$$
 and $f_N := \tilde{f}^*|_N$

and let p_N , p_M (resp. μ_N , μ_M) denote their characteristic (resp. minimal) polynomials. Then, (see e.g. [14, §3]) we have

(2.2)
$$p_M \equiv p_f \mod 2 \text{ and } (p_M \mod 2) \mid (p_N \mod 2).$$

As we already mentioned, f_N is a map of finite order (see e.g. [22, Lemma 4.2]), so p_N is a product of cyclotomic polynomials.

Recall that (see [24, Prop 2.2], [15, Thm 1.1])

(2.3)
$$N \cap NS(X)$$
 contains no vectors of square (-2).

Indeed, suppose to the contrary. By Riemann-Roch, a vector of square (-2) in $N \cap NS(X)$ or its negative is the class of an effective divisor $C \in NS(X)$ such that $\langle \pi^*(D), C \rangle = 0$ for every $D \in NS(Y)$. This is impossible by the Nakai-Moishezon criterion, because we can choose D so that $\pi^*(D)$ is ample.

For an automorphism f and an integer $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we define two lattices

(2.4)
$$N_k := \ker(\Phi_k(f_N))$$
 and $M_k := \ker(\Phi_k(f_M))$.

where $\Phi_k(x)$ stands for the k-th cyclotomic polynomial. Finally, to simplify our notation we put

$$F_k(x) := (\Phi_k(x) \bmod 2).$$

An automorphism f of an Enriques surface is called *semi-symplectic*, if it acts trivially on the global sections $H^0(Y, K_Y^{\otimes 2})$ of the bi-canonical bundle. This is the case if and only both lifts \tilde{f} and $\tilde{f} \circ \varepsilon$ of f act on $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$ as ± 1 . We denote by $\operatorname{Aut}_s(Y)$ the subgroup of semi-symplectic automorphisms.

Lattice. Let $R \in \{\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_p\}$ and K be the fraction field of R. An *R*-lattice is a finitely generated free R-module equipped with a non-degenerate symmetric K-valued bilinear form b. If the form is R valued, we call the lattice *integral*. If further $b(x, x) \in 2R$ for every $x \in L$, the lattice is called *even*. The *dual lattice* of L is

$$L^{\vee} = \{ x \in L \mid b(x, L) \subseteq R \}.$$

If L is integral, then $L \subseteq L^{\vee}$ and we call the quotient L^{\vee}/L the discriminant group of L. For $r \in R$, an R-lattice L is called r-modular if $rL^{\vee} = L$. If r = 1, we call the lattice unimodular. The Gram matrix $G = (G_{ij})$ with respect to an R-basis $(e_1, \ldots e_n)$ of L is defined by $G_{ij} = b(e_i, e_j)$. The determinant det $L \in R/R^{\times 2}$ of L is the determinant of any Gram matrix. For $R = \mathbb{Z}$ we have $|L^{\vee}/L| = |\det L|$. The discriminant group carries the discriminant bilinear form induced by $b(x, y) \mod R$ for $x, y \in L^{\vee}$. If L is an even lattice, its discriminant group moreover carries a torsion quadratic form induced by $x \mapsto b(x, x) \mod 2R$, called discriminant form. We say that two R-lattices (L, b), (L', b') are isomorphic if there is an R-linear isomorphism $\phi : L \to L'$ such that $b(x, x) = b'(\phi(x), \phi(x))$. For $r \in R$ we denote by L(r) the lattice with the same underlying free module as L but with bilinear form rb.

Let L, L', L'' be lattices. The orthogonal direct sum of two lattices is denoted by $L \oplus L'$. A sublattice $L' \subseteq L$ is called *primitive* if L/L' is torsion free. This is equivalent to $(L' \otimes K) \cap L = L'$. We call

$$L' \oplus L'' \subseteq L$$

a primitive extension if L', L'' are primitive sublattices of L and rank $L' + \operatorname{rank} L'' = \operatorname{rank} L$. The finite group $L''/(L \oplus L')$ is the glue of the primitive extension. For any prime p dividing its order, we say that L and L' are glued above/over p. The signature (pair) (s_+, s_-) of a \mathbb{Z} -lattice L is the signature of $L \otimes \mathbb{R}$ where s_+ is the number of positive and s_- is the number of negative eigenvalues of a Gram matrix. We denote by U the even unimodular lattice of signature (1,1). By A_n $(n \in \mathbb{N})$, D_n $(n \geq 4)$, E_6, E_7, E_8 the positive definite root lattice with the respective Dynkin diagram.

Genus. Two Z-lattices L and L' are in the same genus if $L \otimes \mathbb{R} \cong L' \otimes \mathbb{R}$ and for all prime numbers p we have $L \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p \cong L' \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$. The genus is an effectively computable invariant and has a compact description in terms of the so called genus symbols introduced by Conway and Sloane [8, Chapter 15]. In what follows we give a short account.

Let p be an odd prime. A p-adic unimodular lattice L_1 is determined up to isometry by its rank n_1 and the p-adic square class $\epsilon_1 \in \{\pm 1\}$ of its determinant. This is denoted by the symbol $1^{\epsilon_1 n_1}$. Let $q = p^k$, and recall that a lattice is q-modular if it is of the form L(q) for some unimodular L. A q-modular p-adic lattice is given up to isomorphism by its scale q, its rank n_q and the square class of the unit part of its determinant $\epsilon_q(L(q)) := \epsilon_1(L)$. This is denoted by the symbol $q^{\epsilon_q n_q}$.

A p-adic lattice L admits a so called Jordan decomposition

$$L = L_1 \oplus L_p \oplus \dots \oplus L_{p^k}$$

into p^i -modular lattices L_{p^i} . The latter are called the Jordan constituents. The decomposition is not unique. Nevertheless we can compute the isomorphism class of L from it. It is uniquely determined by the collection of $(\epsilon_q, n_q)_q$ for the q-modular lattices L_q as q runs through the powers of p. This collection is called the *p*-adic symbol of L. We introduce the notation for p-adic symbols with an example. The 3-adic symbol

$$1^2 3^{-2} 27^5$$

denotes a \mathbb{Z}_3 -lattice

$$L = L_1 \oplus L_3 \oplus L_{27}$$

such that L_1 is unimodular of rank 2 and determinant a square, L_3 is 3 modular of rank 2 and unit part of the determinant a non-square, that is the determinant is $2 \cdot 3$ and the unit part is 2 which is a 3-adic non-square unit, L_{27} is 27 modular of rank 5 and the unit part of its determinant is a

square. We see that L is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_3^9 with diagonal Gram matrix given by

diag(1, 1, 6, 3, 27, 27, 27, 27, 27).

An even unimodular 2-adic lattice L_1 is determined by its rank n_1 and $\epsilon_1 \in \{\pm 1\}$ which is 1 if the determinant is congruent to 1 or 7 modulo 8 and -1 if it is congruent to 3 or 5. This is denoted by $1^{\epsilon_1 n_1}$. As before we obtain symbols for q-modular lattices and have a Jordan decomposition. A Jordan constituent is called *even* if it is the twist of an even unimodular 2-adic lattice. A 2-adic lattice all whose Jordan constituents are even is called *completely even*. Two completely even lattices are isomorphic if and only if they have the same invariants (ϵ_q, n_q) for all powers q of 2. If the lattices in question are not completely even, the classification involves an additional quantity called the oddity. However, in this note all lattices considered are completely even.

To describe a genus it is enough to give the signature pair and the local symbols at primes dividing twice the determinant. This is collected in a single symbol called the (Conway-Sloane) genus symbol. For example A_2 is even of rank 2 and has determinant 3. In particular it is 2-adically unimodular and has the 2-adic symbol 1^{-2} . To compute the 3-adic symbol, we note that it is 3-adically equivalent to the lattice diag(2, 6) with 3-adic symbol $1^{-1}3^{-1}$. Together this gives

$$\mathrm{II}_{(2,0)}1^{-1}3^{-1}.$$

Here the II indicates that this lattice is even and the index (2,0) that it is positive definite of rank 2. Finally, the unimodular Jordan constituents can be reconstructed from the determinant. Thus they are omitted and the symbol is abbreviated to $II_{(2,0)}3^{-1}$.

Note that Conway and Sloane give necessary and sufficient conditions on when a collection of local symbols defines a non-empty genus [8, Thm 15.11 on p. 383].

Remark 2.1. The genus symbols and their relation with discriminant forms are implemented in sageMath [26] by the first author. It is possible to compute all classes in a genus using Kneser's neighboring algorithm [27] and Siegel's mass formula. Similarly roots can be found using short vector enumerators [6, \S .2.7.3]. We used the implementation provided by PARI [25] via sageMath.

In the following we relate the genus symbols with primitive extensions and isometries.

Lemma 2.2. Let L and L' be completely even p-adic lattices with symbols $(\epsilon_q, n_q)_q$ respectively $(\epsilon'_q, n'_q)_q$ then $L \oplus L'$ has symbol $(\epsilon_q \epsilon'_q, n_q + n'_q)$.

Proof. If $\bigoplus L_q$ and $\bigoplus L'_q$ are the respective Jordan decompositions, then $\bigoplus (L_q \oplus L'_q)$ is a Jordan decomposition of the sum. Finally the square class is multiplicative and the rank is additive.

Lemma 2.3. Let L and L' be completely even p-adic lattices with symbols $(\epsilon_q, n_q)_q$ and $(\epsilon'_q, n'_q)_q$. Then there is a primitive extension $L \oplus L' \subseteq L''$ with L'' unimodular if and only if for all q > 1 $n'_q = n_q$ and $\epsilon'_q = \delta^{n_q} \epsilon_q$ where

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } p \equiv 1, 2 \mod 4 \\ -1 & \text{for } p \equiv 3 \mod 4. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From [21, Cor. 1.6.2] we know that the existence of a unimodular primitive extension is equivalent to existence of an anti isometry of the discriminant forms of L and L'. Since the lattices are completely even, this means precisely that the Jordan constituents of scale q > 1 are anti isomorphic. If L is a q-modular lattice with symbol (n_q, ϵ_q) , then L(-1) has determinant $(-1)^{n_q} \det L$. Hence the symbol of L(-1) is $(n_q, \delta^{n_q} \epsilon_q)_q$ where for $p \neq 2$, δ is 1 or -1 according to -1 being a p-adic square or not. If p = 2, then $\delta = 1$.

In the sequel we will apply the following lemma.

Lemma 2.4. Let L be a \mathbb{Z} -lattice and let $g \in O(L)$ be an isometry with minimal polynomial Φ_3 . Then L is completely even and the 2-adic symbols of the genus of L are of the form

$$q_i^{\epsilon_i n_i}$$
 where $q_i = 2^i$, n_i is even and $\epsilon_i = (-1)^{n_i/2}$.

Proof. This is a special case of [12, Prop. 2.17, Kor. 2.36].

In particular, when L is a rank-2 (resp. rank-4) lattice of discriminant at most 4 (resp. 16) its 2-adic symbols are 1^{-2} , 2^{-2} (resp. 1^4 , $1^{-2}2^{-2}$, 2^4 , $1^{-2}4^{-2}$)

 $\Phi_n(x)$ -lattices. In the sequel we need the notion of a $\Phi_n(x)$ -lattice. The reader can consult [10], [17, § 5] for a concise and more general exposition of the facts we briefly sketch below.

Recall that a $\Phi_n(x)$ -lattice is defined to be a pair (L, f) where L is an integral lattice and $f \in O(L)$ is an isometry with characteristic polynomial $\Phi_n(x)$. Let n > 2, the principal $\Phi_n(x)$ -lattice $(L_0, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0, f_0)$ is defined as the \mathbb{Z} module $L_0 := \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$ equipped with the scalar product

$$\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle_0 = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_n]} \left(\frac{g_1 \overline{g_2}}{r'_n(\zeta_n + \zeta_n)} \right)$$

where Tr is the field trace of $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_n]/\mathbb{Q}$, $r_n \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ is the minimal polynomial of $\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}$, and r'_n is its derivative. Finally, $f_0: L_0 \to L_0$, $x \mapsto \zeta_n \cdot x$, is an isometry with minimal polynomial Φ_n . One can show that L_0 is an even lattice and

(2.5)
$$\det(L_0) = |\Phi_n(1)\Phi_n(-1)|.$$

Given a pair (L, f) as above and an element $a \in \mathbb{Z}[f + f^{-1}] \subset \operatorname{End}(L)$ one can define another inner product on L by the formula $\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle_a := \langle ag_1, g_2 \rangle_0$.

We say that the resulting lattice is the twist of L by a and denote it by L(a). Recall, that by [17, Thm 5.2]

(2.6) every $\Phi_n(x)$ -lattice is a twist of the principal lattice $(L_0, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0, f_0)$.

The genus symbols of Φ_n -lattices are computed in [12, Satz 2.57].

Equivariant gluing. We note the following well known Lemma for later use.

Lemma 2.5. If $A \oplus B \subseteq C$ is a primitive extension, then

$$\det A \det B = [C : A \oplus B]^2 \cdot \det C$$

and

$$\det A \mid [C : A \oplus B] \cdot \det C.$$

Moreover, if p is a prime such that $p \nmid [C : A \oplus B]$, then

$$C \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p = (A \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p) \oplus (B \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

Let $a \in O(A), b \in O(B), c \in O(C)$ be isometries. We call $(A, a) \oplus (B, b) \subseteq (C, c)$ an equivariant primitive extension if the restriction $c|_{A \oplus B} = a \oplus b$.

Lemma 2.6. Let $(A, a) \oplus (B, b) \hookrightarrow (C, c)$ be an equivariant primitive extension with characteristic polynomials p_A, p_B . Then any prime dividing the index $[C : A \oplus B]$ divides the resultant $\operatorname{res}(p_A, p_B)$.

Proof. Apply [17, Prop. 4.2] to
$$G = C/(A \oplus B)$$
.

Lemma 2.7. Let $(A, a) \oplus (B, b) \hookrightarrow (C, c)$ be an equivariant primitive extension. Suppose that the characteristic polynomial p_a of a is $\Phi_n(x)$. Then the glue $G = C/(A \oplus B)$ satisfies

$$|G| | \operatorname{res}(\Phi_n, \mu)$$

where $\mu = \mu_b$ is the minimal polynomial of b.

Proof. Let G_A denote the orthogonal projection of G to A^{\vee}/A and \overline{a} the automorphism on G_A induced by a. Since G_A is a finite $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$ -module generated by one element, we have $G_A = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]/I$ where I is the kernel of the map $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n] \mapsto \operatorname{End} G_A$ that sends the root of unity ζ_n to \overline{a} . This yields:

$$\mu(\overline{a}) = 0$$
 thus $\mu(\zeta_n) \in I$

and

$$|G| = |G_A| = |\mathcal{O}_K/I| = N(I) | N(\mu(\zeta_n)) = \prod_{(k,n)=1} \mu(\zeta_n^k) = \operatorname{res}(\phi_n, \mu_b)$$

where N(I) is the norm of the ideal I.

3. Ruling out the factor F_{15}

The main aim of this section is to prove the following proposition.

Proposition 3.1. Let f be an automorphism of an Enriques surface Y and let p_f be the minimal polynomial of the map $f^* : \text{Num}(Y) \to \text{Num}(Y)$. Then the modulo-2 reduction $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ is never divisible by the polynomial

$$F_{15} = x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$$

i.e. by the modulo-2 reduction of the cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_{15}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Recall (see e.g. [5]) that p_f is a product of cyclotomic polynomials and at most one Salem factor. Since p_f is reciprocal, $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$ is divisible by an irreducible factor of F_{15} if and only if it is divisible by the whole F_{15} (c.f. [14]).

Proof of Prop. 3.1 Assume that $F_{15} \mid (p_f \mod 2)$. Combined with [14, Remark 2.4], this implies that

(3.1) $(p_M \mod 2) = F_{15} \cdot F_1^2$ and $(F_{15} \cdot F_1^2) \mid (p_N \mod 2).$

By [14, Lemma 2.1] and [14, Lemma 2.5] the characteristic polynomial p_N is a product of cyclotomic polynomials of degree at most 8. Computing modulo-2 reductions of all such cyclotomic polynomials, one infers that either $\Phi_{15} \mid p_N$ or $\Phi_{30} \mid p_N$. Replacing \tilde{f} by a power coprime to 15 we can assume that p_N is a product of the Φ_k for $k \in \{1, 3, 5, 15\}$. Together with (3.1) this leaves us with the two possibilities

(3.2)
$$p_N = \Phi_{15} \cdot \Phi_1^4$$
 or $p_N = \Phi_{15} \cdot \Phi_3 \cdot \Phi_1^2$.

We consider the (primitive) f_N -invariant sublattice N_{15} (see (2.4)) and denote its orthogonal complement in N by N_{15}^{\perp} . Since $\Phi_{15}(x)$ has no real roots, the signature of N_{15} is of the form (2k, 2(4-k)) with $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Recall that N is of signature (2, 10) and contains N_{15} . Thus the signature of N_{15} is either (0, 8) or (2, 6).

By definition

$$N_{15} \oplus N_{15}^{\perp} \subset N$$

is a primitive extension. Let $G = N/(N_{15} \oplus N_{15}^{\perp})$ be the glue between N_{15} and N_{15}^{\perp} . Then by Lemma 2.7 we have

$$|G| | \operatorname{res}(\Phi_{15}, \mu_{f|_{N_{15}^{\perp}}})$$

But we have

(3.3)
$$\operatorname{res}(\Phi_{15}, \Phi_1) = 1 \text{ and } \operatorname{res}(\Phi_{15}, \Phi_3) = 25.$$

In particular, if |G| > 1 then

$$(3.4) p_N = \Phi_{15} \cdot \Phi_3 \cdot \Phi_1^2$$

In what follows we treat the cases whether G is trivial or not separately.

The case when G is trivial. Assume that the glue G is trivial, i.e.

(3.5)
$$N_{15} \oplus N_{15}^{\perp} = N \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,10)} 2^{10}.$$

Let (ϵ_q, n_q) be the 2-adic genus symbol of N_{15} and (ϵ'_q, n'_q) the symbol of N_{15}^{\perp} . From Lemma 2.2 we infer that $10 = n_2 + n'_2$. Further $n'_2 \leq \operatorname{rank} N_{15}^{\perp} = 4$ and $n_2 \leq \operatorname{rank} N_{15} = 8$. Thus we obtain $6 \leq n_2 \leq 8$. Since N_{15} is a Φ_{15} -lattice, we can calculate all Φ_{15} -lattices matching this condition. There is exactly one such lattice up to isometry:

(3.6)
$$N_{15} \cong E_8(-2) \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,8)}2^8$$

Using Lemma 2.2 once more, we calculate the genus symbol of N_{15}^{\perp} from those of N and N_{15} and see that

(3.7)
$$N_{15}^{\perp} \cong U \oplus U(2) \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,2)}2^2$$

is the unique class in its genus. From (3.6), (3.7) and [23, Lemma 7.7] we infer that the spectral radius of f_M is one (i.e. f has trivial entropy). Thus p_M is not divisible by a Salem polynomial and must be a product of cyclotomic polynomials. A direct computation of modulo-2 reductions of all cyclotomic polynomials of degree at most 8 shows that either Φ_{30} or Φ_{15} divides p_M . By replacing \tilde{f} with its iteration (i.e. by \tilde{f}^2 or \tilde{f}^4) we can assume that

$$p_M = \Phi_{15} \cdot \Phi_1^2$$

We consider the rank 2 lattice M_1 and the rank 8 lattice M_{15} (see (2.4)). Because Φ_{15} has no real roots, M_{15} has signature (2k, 2(4-k)). But M is of signature (1, 9), so the lattice M_{15} is negative-definite. Since the resultant res (Φ_{15}, Φ_1) is trival, there is no glue between M_1 and M_{15} which leaves us with $M_{15} \cong E_8(-2)$ and $M_1 \cong U(2)$. We observe that

$$H_{15} := \ker \Phi_{15}(\tilde{f}^*) = \overline{M_{15} \oplus N_{15}}$$

is the primitive closure of $M_{15} \oplus N_{15}$ in $H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})$. Since the resultant res $(\Phi_{15}, \Phi_1\Phi_3) = 25$ is odd, there is no glue over 2 between H_{15} and H_{15}^{\perp} . As further det $(M_{15} \oplus N_{15})$ and hence det (H_{15}) is not divisible by 3, there is no glue above 3 either. Thus H_{15} is a direct summand of the unimodular lattice $H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})$. In particular, it is an even negative-definite, unimodular lattice of rank 16. Such a lattice is either the direct sum of two copies of $E_8(-1)$ or it is the even negative-definite, unimodular lattice Γ_{16} whose root sublattice is $D_{16}(-1)$ (see e.g. [7, Table 1]). Each of those lattices has roots, so we can find a root in $NS(X) \supseteq H_{15}$. By Riemann-Roch such a root defines an effective divisor $C \in NS(X)$ such that

$$C + \tilde{f}^*C + \ldots + (\tilde{f}^*)^{14}C = 0 \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

and we arrive at a contradiction because NS(X) contains an ample class (c.f. [17, §2]). Hence the glue G cannot be trivial.

The case when G is non trivial. Assume that the glue G is non-trivial. In particular, the characteristic polynomial p_N satisfies (3.4).

By Lemma 2.7 and (3.3) we have either |G| = 5 or |G| = 25. Thus Lemma 2.5 with [3, Prop. 5.1] implies that |G| = 25 and

$$\det(N_{15}) \cdot \det(N_{15}^{\perp}) = \det(N) \cdot |G|^2 = 2^{10} \cdot 5^4$$

Observe that $det(N_{15}) = 2^{8k}r$ for some $k, r \in \mathbb{N}$, so we have

(3.8)
$$\det(N_{15}) = 2^8 \cdot 5^2$$

One computes that the genus of a Φ_{15} -lattice with this determinant and signature either (2, 6) or (0, 8) is unique. It is given by

$$N_{15} \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,6)} 2^8 5^{-2}$$
 and thus $N_{15}^{\perp} \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,4)} 2^2 5^{-2}$

(using Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3). Since $res(\Phi_3, \Phi_1) = 3$ is odd, we know that

$$N_{15}^{\perp} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2 = (N_1 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus (N_3 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

The rank of N_3 is 2, so by Lemma 2.4 the 2-adic symbol of N_3 is q^{-2} for $q = 2^i$. The 2-adic symbol of N_{15}^{\perp} is $1^2 2^2$. By Lemma 2.2, $i \leq 1$, and if i = 0, 1, then the sign is wrong. Hence $N_3 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ cannot be a direct summand of $N_{15}^{\perp} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ which is a contradiction.

4. The factor F_9

In this section we maintain the notation of previous sections and prove Theorems 1.1, 1.2. We assume that $f \in Aut(Y)$ satisfies the condition

(4.1)
$$F_9 \mid (p_f \mod 2)$$
.

After replacing \tilde{f} by some power co-prime to 3 we may assume that f_N is of order 9. Since $F_9F_1^2$ divides p_N , we can rule out $p_N = \Phi_9^2$. This leaves us with the three possibilities

(4.2)
$$p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3^k \Phi_1^{6-2k} \qquad k \in \{0, 1, 2\}.$$

As usual we set $N_9 := \ker(\Phi_9(f_N))$ and denote by N_9^{\perp} the orthogonal complement of N_9 in $N \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,10)}2^{10}$. By Lemma 2.7 det $N_9 \mid 2^6 \operatorname{res}(\Phi_9, \Phi_3 \Phi_1) = 2^6 \cdot 3^3$. Using the description of N_9 as Φ_9 -lattice, we enumerate the possibilities for N_9 . This yields 4 cases and with Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 we calculate the corresponding genus of N_9^{\perp} .

(4.3)
$$N_9 \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,6)} 2^{-6} 3^1 \text{ and } N_9^{\perp} \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,4)} 2^{-4} 3^{-1}$$

(4.4)
$$N_9 \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,6)} 2^{-6} 3^{-3} \text{ and } N_9^{\perp} \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,4)} 2^{-4} 3^3$$

(4.5)
$$N_9 \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,4)} 2^{-6} 3^{-1} \text{ and } N_9^{\perp} \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,6)} 2^{-4} 3^{1}$$

(4.6)
$$N_9 \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,4)} 2^{-6} 3^3 \text{ and } N_9^{\perp} \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,6)} 2^{-4} 3^{-3}$$

We can rule out the cases (4.5) and (4.6) since in each case the genus of N_9^{\perp} consists of a single class (see Remark 2.1) which contains roots. We continue by determining the characteristic polynomial.

Lemma 4.1. Let $g \in O(N)$ be an isometry of order 9, then the characteristic polynomial p_N of g is not of the form

$$p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3^2 \Phi_1^2.$$

Proof. Suppose that $p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3^2 \Phi_1^2$. Recall that by Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6.

$$N \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2 = (N_9 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus (N_3 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus (N_1 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

We see that $N_3 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ is of rank 4 and has maximal scale of a 2-adic Jordan component equal to 2. By Lemma 2.4 the possible 2-adic symbols of N_3 are 1^4 , $1^{-2}2^{-2}$ and 2^4 .

In all cases (4.3) - (4.6) the 2-adic symbol of N_9^{\perp} is $1^2 2^{-4}$. Therefore $N_3 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ cannot be a direct summand of $N_9^{\perp} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$. Indeed, in the first case 1^4 the unimodular part is too big. In the second case $1^{-2}2^{-2}$ the unimodular part has the wrong determinant, and finally in the last case 2^4 the 2-modular part has wrong determinant. This contradiction completes the proof.

If $p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_1^6$, then we must be in case (4.3) and $N_9^{\perp} = N_1$. Since the signature of N_1 is (2, 4), it contains the transcendental lattice. In particular, f is semi-symplectic. Choosing the covering K3 surface general enough, we may assume that N_1 is its transcendental lattice. This situation is analyzed in the next

Proposition 4.2. Let Y be an Enriques surface such that its covering K3 surface X has transcendental lattice

$$T(X) \cong U \oplus U(2) \oplus A_2(-2) \in II_{(2,4)}2^{-4}3^{-5}$$

and satisfies the condition

$$N \cap NS(X) \cong E_6(-2) \in II_{(0,6)}2^{-6}3^1.$$

Then the image of $\operatorname{Aut}_{s}(Y) \to O(\operatorname{Num}(Y)) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{2}$ generates a group isomorphic to \mathcal{S}_{5} .

Proof. The image of $\operatorname{Aut}_s(Y) \to O(\operatorname{Num}(Y))$ can be calculated with Algorithm 6.6. It is generated by 64 explicit matrices (see [31]). Their mod 2 reductions generate a group isomorphic to S_5 . The latter can be checked with help of [11].

Since S_5 does not contain an element of order 9, we are left with

$$p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3 \Phi_1^4.$$

We derive further restrictions.

Lemma 4.3. Let $g \in O(N)$ be an isometry with characteristic polynomial $p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3^1 \Phi_1^4.$

Then $N_3 = A_2(n)$ with $n \in \{\pm 2, \pm 6\}$.

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Proof. One can easily see that A_2 is the principal Φ_3 -lattice. By (2.6) $N_3 = A_2(n)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. In the following we show that $n \in \{\pm 2, \pm 6\}$ by bounding the determinant of N_3 . By Lemma 2.7 we have

det
$$N_3 \mid 2^2 \operatorname{res}(\Phi_3, \Phi_9 \Phi_1) = 2^2 3^3$$
.

By Lemma 2.4 the 2-adic symbol of N_3 is either 1^{-2} or 2^{-2} . The first one is not a direct summand of $N_9^{\perp} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ (see Lemma 2.2), so we are left with the second. Hence $|n| \neq 1$.

Lemma 4.4. Let $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(Y)$ be an automorphism of an Enriques surface such that $p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3^1 \Phi_1^4$ and (4.3) holds. Then $N_3 \cong A_2(-2)$ and $N_1 \cong U(2) \oplus U$.

Proof. By assumption (4.3) det $N_9^{\perp} = 2^43$, and Lemma 2.7 yields det $N_3 \mid 2^29$. Thus by Lemma 4.3, we are left with $N_3 = A_2(\pm 2)$. We see that det $N_1 \mid 2^23^2$. Suppose that $N_3 = A_2(2) \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,0)}2^{-2}3^1$. There is a single genus of signature (0, 4), 2-adic symbol 1^22^2 and determinant dividing 2^23^2 , namely $N_1 \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,4)}2^23^2$. It consists of a single class which has roots. Thus $N_3 \cong A_2(-2)$. We calculate the possible genus symbols of N_1 as $\mathrm{II}_{(2,2)}2^2$ and $\mathrm{II}_{(2,2)}2^29^{\pm 1}$. In the second case N_1 and N_3 must be glued non-trivially over 3. This is impossible, as the only possibility for the glue groups are $(N_3^{\vee}/N_3)_3$ whose discriminant form is non-degenerate and $3(N_1^{\vee}/N_1)_3$ whose discriminant form is degenerate. Thus $N_1 \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,2)}2^2$

If the transcendental lattice is $U \oplus U(2)$, then as before we see that the spectral radius of \tilde{f} is one. Since M_1 is of rank 2 and $f_M|M_1$ has spectral radius zero, it is of finite order. Since M_1^{\perp} is definite f_M is of finite order there as well. Thus \tilde{f} is an automorphism of order 9 on a complex Enriques surface. However no such isomorphism exists (cf. [19]). We are left with case (4.4) and $p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3 \Phi_1^4$.

Lemma 4.5. Let $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(Y)$ be an automorphism of an Enriques surface such that $p_N = \Phi_9 \Phi_3^1 \Phi_1^4$ and (4.4) holds. Then $N_3 \cong A_2(-6)$ and $N_1 \in$ $\operatorname{II}_{(2,2)} 2^{-2} 9^1$. Moreover $N_1^{\perp} \cong A_8(-2)$.

Proof. Recall that $\zeta_9 \cdot x := g(x)$ defines a $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ -module structure on N_9 and its discriminant group. Thus $N_9^{\vee}/N_9 \cong \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]/I$ for some ideal I. Since we are in case (4.4), I is of norm det $N_9 = 2^6 3^3$. There is only one such ideal, namely $2(1-\zeta_9)^3$. We see that the action of g on the 3-primary part $(N_9^{\vee}/N_9)_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]/(1-\zeta_9)^3$ has minimal polynomial $(x-1)^3 = x^3 - 1$. In particular it has order 3. Thus the order of g on

$$\left(N_9^{\perp\vee}/N_9^{\perp}\right)_3 \cong (N_9^{\vee}/N_9)_3$$

is 3 as well. This is only possible if the order of g on $(N_3^{\vee}/N_3)_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]/(1-\zeta_3)^i$ is 3 (this group is a subquotient of $(N_3 \oplus N_1)^{\vee}/(N_3 \oplus N_1)$). This implies that $i \geq 2$, i.e. that det N_3 is divisible by 9. From Lemma 4.3 we

see that $N_3 = A_2(\pm 6)$. Now that we know the determinant of N_3 and N_9^{\perp} , we can estimate that of N_1 to be a divisor of $2^2 3^2$. Since N_3 has a 3-adic Jordan component of scale 9 and N_9^{\perp} not, N_3 cannot be a direct summand of N_9^{\perp} . Thus N_3 and N_1 are glued non-trivially over 3. Consequently the determinant of N_1 is $2^2 3^2$.

Suppose that $N_3 \cong A_2(6)$, then the signature of N_1 is (0, 4). There is only one genus with 2-adic genus symbol $1^2 2^2$, signature (0, 4) and determinant $2^2 3^2$: II_(0,4) $2^2 3^2$ it consists of a single class which has roots.

Suppose now that $N_3 \cong A_2(-6)$. Then we obtain 3 possibilities for the genus of N_1 :

- (1) $II_{(2,2)}2^{2}3^{-2}$; There is only one possibility to glue N_3 and N_1 equivariantly over 3 (up to isomorphism). It results in $II_{(2,4)}2^{-4}3^{1}9^{1}$ which is not what we need;
- (2) $II_{(2,2)}2^{2}9^{-1}$; the full 3-adic symbol is $1^{-3}9^{-1}$. But that has the wrong sign at scale 1.
- (3) $II_{(2,2)}2^29^1$ indeed there is a unique possibility to glue N_3 and N_1 equivariantly over 3. It yields the correct result.

Corollary 4.6. If F_9 divides $(p_f \mod 2)$, then $F_1^2F_3F_9$ divides $(p_f \mod 2)$.

Proof. By the previous proposition $(N_3^{\vee}/N_3)_2 \cong \mathbb{F}_2^2$. Hence F_3 divides $p_N \mod 2$. Since $p_f \mod 2 \mid p_N \mod 2 = F_9F_3F_1^4$, the corollary is proven. \Box

We have determined the Néron-Severi lattice of the K3 cover of a generic Enriques surface admitting an automorphism with F_9 dividing $p_f \mod 2$. This allows us to compute the semi-symplectic part of the automorphism group and locate f in there.

Proposition 4.7. Let Y be an Enriques surface such that its K3 cover X satisfies the condition

$$NS(X) \cap N \cong A_8(-2) \in II_{(0,8)}2^89^1$$

and has the transcendental lattice given by

$$N_1 \in II_{(2,2)}2^{-2}9^1.$$

Then, the image of $\operatorname{Aut}_s(Y) \to O(\operatorname{Num}(Y) \otimes \mathbb{F}_2)$ generates a group isomorphic to S_9 .

In particular, the polynomials F_7 and F_9 do appear as factors of modulo-2 reductions of characteristic polynomials of isometries induced by some automorphisms of the Enriques surface Y.

Proof. The proof is a direct computation with the help of Algorithm 6.6 (c.f. proof of Prop. 4.2). The existence of the factors F_7 and F_9 follows since the symmetric group S_9 has elements of order 7 and 9.

Finally we can give the proofs of the main results of this note.

Proof of Theorem 1.1 a) One can repeat verbatim the proof of [14, Theorem 1.2] to see that the modulo-2 reduction $(p_N(x) \mod 2)$ is the product of some of the polynomials $F_1, F_3, F_5, F_7, F_9, F_{15}$. By (2.2) the same holds for $(p_f(x) \mod 2)$. The claim follows from Prop. 3.1. b) follows from Prop. 4.7.

Proof of Theorem 1.2 If the order of f_N is 90, 45, 72, then F_9 divides $p_N \mod 2$. Hence, by the previous corollary, $p_N \mod 2$ is divisible by $F_1^2F_3F_9$. In particular, p_N (of degree 12) cannot be divided by Φ_5 as well. This excludes orders 45 and 90. If the order is 72, then the characteristic polynomial must be divisible by Φ_8 and by one of $\Phi_{3a}\Phi_{9b}$ with $a, b \in \{1, 2\}$. From the previous considerations we know that $N_8 \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,2)}2^{-2}9^1$. This is impossible, as can be seen using the description of N_8 as a twist of the principal Φ_8 -lattice.

5. The factor F_7

The main aim of this section is to study Enriques surfaces Y with an automorphism $f \in Aut(Y)$ such that

$$(5.1) F_7 \mid (p_f \bmod 2).$$

The existence of such surfaces follows from Prop. 4.7. Here we derive a lattice-theoretic constraint given by (5.1) and show that it indeed defines Enriques surfaces with the desired property. We maintain the notation of the previous sections. Recall (see (2.1)) that

$$N \in II_{(2,10)}2^{10}$$
.

In the sequel we will need the following lemma.

Lemma 5.1. Let $g \in O(N)$ be an isometry such that its characteristic polynomial is the product $\Phi_7(x)\Phi_1(x)^6$. Then there are two possibilities for the genera of the lattices $N_7 := \ker \Phi_7(g)$ and $N_1 := \ker \Phi_1(g)$; either

 $N_7 \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,4)} 2^6 7^{-1}$ and $N_1 \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,6)} 2^4 7^1$

or

 $N_7 \in \mathrm{II}_{(0,6)} 2^6 7^1$ and $N_1 \in \mathrm{II}_{(2,4)} 2^4 7^{-1}$.

In either case the genus of N_1 contains a single class. In the first case the class of N_1 has roots.

Proof. Since res $(\Phi_1, \Phi_7) = 7$, Lemma 2.7 implies that the index $[N : N_7 \oplus N_1]$ divides 7. But in any case $7 = |\Phi_7(1)\Phi_7(-1)|$ divides det N_7 (see (2.5) and (2.6)). Thus we obtain

$$[N:N_7\oplus N_1]=7.$$

Consequently, for all $p \neq 7$, $N \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p = (N_7 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p) \oplus (N_1 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p)$. In particular for p = 2. Using the description of N_7 as a twist of the principal Φ_7 -lattice

we compute the two possibilities for the genus of N_7 (see Remark 2.1). It remains to determine the genus of N_1 . Since we have

$$N \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2 = (N_7 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus (N_1 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

the 2-adic symbol of N_1 must be 2^4 . To compute the 7-adic symbol note that $N \otimes \mathbb{Z}_7$ is unimodular, thus Lemma 2.3 applies. As (-1) is a non-square in \mathbb{Z}_7 this means that the signs ϵ_7 of the 7-modular Jordan constituents of N_7 and N_1 must be different. The claim that N_1 is unique in its genus in the first case is checked with a computer algebra system (see Remark 2.1). In the second case N_1 is indefinite and we can use [8, Thm.15.19].

Recall that X (resp. $\tilde{f} \in \operatorname{Aut}(X)$) stands for the K3-cover of an Enriques surface Y (resp. for a lift of an automorphism $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(Y)$).

Proposition 5.2. Let Y be an Enriques surfaces with an automorphism $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(Y)$ such that (5.1) holds. Then $\operatorname{NS}(X)$ contains a primitive \tilde{f}^* -invariant sublattice which belongs to the genus $\operatorname{II}_{(1,15)}2^47^1$ and $N \cap \operatorname{NS}(X)$ contains the \tilde{f}^* -invariant sublattice $A_6(-2) \cong N_7 \in \operatorname{II}_{(0,6)}2^67^1$ primitively.

Proof. Since F_7 divides p_f , (2.2) implies that the characteristic polynomial p_N is divisible by the cyclotomic polynomial Φ_7 . Moreover, after replacing f by f^k with $k \in \mathbb{N}$ coprime to 7, we may assume that

$$p_N = \Phi_7(x)\Phi_1(x)^6.$$

Now we can apply Lemma 5.1. The first case is impossible as then N_1 is contained in $NS(X) \cap N$ and contains roots (see (2.3)). Thus we are left with the second case. Since $N_1 \subseteq N$ is of signature (2,4) it must contain the transcendental lattice (and f is semi-symplectic). Thus the orthogonal complement of N_1 in $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is the sought for \tilde{f}^* invariant sublattice of NS(X).

Finally, we apply Algorithm 6.6 to check that the condition of Prop. 5.2 indeed gives Enriques surfaces such that (5.1) holds.

Proposition 5.3. If the K3 cover X of an Enriques surface Y satisfies the following conditions:

(a) $NS(X) \in II_{(1,15)}2^47^1$ and (b) $N \cap NS(X) \cong A_6(-2) \in II_{(0,6)}2^67^1$.

then the image of $\operatorname{Aut}_{s}(Y) \to O(\operatorname{Num}(Y)) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{2}$ generates a group isomorphic to \mathcal{S}_{7} . In particular, the Enriques surface Y admits an automorphism $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(Y)$ such that the modulo-2 reduction $(p_{f}(x) \mod 2)$ is divisible by the polynomial F_{7} .

Proof. Apply Algorithm 6.6 and [11] as in the proof of Prop. 4.2.

6. Appendix: An Algorithm to calculate generators

In this appendix, we present an algorithm to calculate a finite generating set of the image of the natural homomorphism from the automorphism group of an Enriques surface to the orthogonal group of the numerical Néron-Severi lattice of the Enriques surface. Our algorithm is based on Borcherds' method [1, 2] with the result in [4].

6.1. Borcherds' method. We use the notation and terminologies in [4]. In particular, we denote by Y an Enriques surface, $\pi: X \to Y$ the universal covering of Y, and S_X and S_Y the numerical Néron-Severi lattices of X and of Y, respectively (that is, $S_X = NS(X)$ and $S_Y = Num(Y)$ in the notation of previous sections.) Let \mathcal{P}_X (resp. \mathcal{P}_Y) be the positive cone of $S_X \otimes \mathbb{R}$ (resp. $S_Y \otimes \mathbb{R}$) containing an ample class. Let N_X (resp. N_Y) be the cone consisting of all $x \in \mathcal{P}_X$ (resp. all $x \in \mathcal{P}_Y$) such that $\langle x, [\Gamma] \rangle \geq 0$ for any curve Γ on X (resp. on Y). We let the orthogonal group O(L) of a Z-lattice L act on the lattice from the *right*. Suppose that L is even. A vector $r \in L$ is a (-2)-vector if $\langle r, r \rangle = -2$. Let W(L) denote the subgroup of O(L)generated by the reflections $s_r: x \mapsto x + \langle x, r \rangle r$ with respect to (-2)-vectors r of L. For a subset A of $L \otimes \mathbb{R}$, we denote by A^g the image of A under the action of $g \in O(L)$ (not the fixed locus of g in A), and put

$$\mathcal{O}(L,A) := \{ g \in \mathcal{O}(L) \mid A = A^g \}.$$

We have natural homomorphisms

$$\operatorname{Aut}(X) \to \operatorname{O}(S_X, \mathcal{P}_X), \quad \operatorname{Aut}(Y) \to \operatorname{O}(S_Y, \mathcal{P}_Y).$$

We denote by $\operatorname{aut}(X)$ and $\operatorname{aut}(Y)$ the images of these homomorphisms. Recall that $\operatorname{Aut}_s(Y)$ consists of the semi-symplectic automorphisms, i.e. those that act trivially on $H^0(Y, \omega_Y^{\otimes 2})$. We denote by $\operatorname{Aut}_s(X)$ the subgroup consisting of those automorphisms acting as ± 1 on $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2) \cong H^{2,0}(X)$. The subgroups $\operatorname{aut}_s(X) \subseteq \operatorname{aut}(X)$ and $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y) \subseteq \operatorname{aut}(Y)$ are defined as the respective images. Our goal is to calculate a finite generating set of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$.

Remark 6.1. We note that $\operatorname{Aut}_{s}(Y)$ is of finite index in $\operatorname{Aut}(Y)$. This index is one if the only isometries of T_X that preserve $H^{2,0}(X) \subset T_X \otimes \mathbb{C}$ are ± 1 , where T_X is the transcendental lattice of X.

We have the primitive embedding

$$\pi^*\colon S_Y(2) \hookrightarrow S_X,$$

which induces $\mathcal{P}_Y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}_X$. We regard S_Y as a submodule of S_X and \mathcal{P}_Y as a subspace of \mathcal{P}_X by π^* . Then we have

$$(6.1) N_Y = N_X \cap \mathcal{P}_Y.$$

If $\alpha \in S_Y$ is ample on Y, then $\pi^*(\alpha)$ is ample on X. Hence we have $N_Y^{\circ} = N_X^{\circ} \cap \mathcal{P}_Y$, where N_Y° and N_X° are the interiors of N_Y and N_X , respectively. Let Q denote the orthogonal complement of the sublattice $S_Y(2)$ in S_X . Since Q is negative-definite, the group O(Q) is finite. We consider the following assumptions for an element g of $O(S_Y, \mathcal{P}_Y)$:

- (i) There exists an isometry $h \in O(Q)$ such that the action of $g \oplus h$ on $S_Y(2) \oplus Q$ preserves the overlattice S_X of $S_Y(2) \oplus Q$ and the action of $(g \oplus h)|S_X$ on the discriminant group S_X^{\vee}/S_X of S_X is ± 1 .
- (ii-a) There exists an ample class $\alpha \in S_Y$ of Y such that there exist no vectors $r \in S_X$ with $\langle r, r \rangle = -2$ satisfying $\langle \pi^*(\alpha), r \rangle > 0$ and $\langle \pi^*(\alpha^g), r \rangle < 0$.
- (ii-b) For an arbitrary ample class $\alpha \in S_Y$ of Y, there exist no vectors $r \in S_X$ with $\langle r, r \rangle = -2$ satisfying $\langle \pi^*(\alpha), r \rangle > 0$ and $\langle \pi^*(\alpha^g), r \rangle < 0$.

Proposition 6.2. Let g be an element of $O(S_Y, \mathcal{P}_Y)$. Then g is in $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ if (i) and (ii-a) hold. If g is in $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$, then (i) and (ii-b) hold.

Proof. An element g of $O(S_Y, \mathcal{P}_Y)$ is in $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ if and only if there exists an element $\tilde{g} \in \operatorname{aut}_s(X)$ that preserves $S_Y \subset S_X$ and satisfies $\tilde{g}|S_Y = g$. By the Torelli theorem, we see that an element \tilde{g}' of $O(S_X, \mathcal{P}_X)$ is in $\operatorname{aut}_s(X)$ if and only if the action of \tilde{g}' on S_X^{\vee}/S_X is ± 1 and \tilde{g}' preserves N_X . Since N_X is a standard fundamental domain of the action of $W(S_X)$ on \mathcal{P}_X (see Example 1.5 of [4]), we have

$$N_X^{\circ} \cap N_X^h \neq \emptyset \implies N_X = N_X^h$$

for any $h \in O(S_X, \mathcal{P}_X)$. Therefore both of (ii-a) and (ii-b) are equivalent to the condition that $N_X^{\tilde{g}} = N_X$ for any $\tilde{g} \in O(S_X, \mathcal{P}_X)$ satisfying $S_Y^{\tilde{g}} = S_Y$ and $\tilde{g}|S_Y = g$.

Suppose that we have a primitive embedding

$$\iota_X \colon S_X \hookrightarrow L_{26},$$

where L_{26} is an even unimodular hyperbolic lattice of rank 26, which is unique up to isomorphism. (A more standard notation is II_{1,25}.) Composing π^* and ι_X , we obtain a primitive embedding

$$\iota_Y \colon S_Y(2) \hookrightarrow L_{26}.$$

Let \mathcal{P}_{26} be the positive cone of L_{26} into which \mathcal{P}_Y is mapped. We regard S_Y as a primitive submodule of L_{26} , and \mathcal{P}_Y as a subspace of \mathcal{P}_{26} by ι_Y . Recall from [4] that a Conway chamber is a standard fundamental domain of the action of $W(L_{26})$ on \mathcal{P}_{26} . The tessellation of \mathcal{P}_{26} by Conway chambers induces a tessellation of \mathcal{P}_Y by induced chambers.

Proposition 6.3. The action of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ on \mathcal{P}_Y preserves the tessellation of \mathcal{P}_Y by induced chambers.

Proof. Let g be an element of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$. By the proof of Proposition 6.2, there exists an isometry $\tilde{g} \in O(S_X, \mathcal{P}_X)$ such that $S_Y^{\tilde{g}} = S_Y, \tilde{g}|S_Y = g$ and the action of \tilde{g} on S_X^{\vee}/S_X is ± 1 . By the last condition, we see that \tilde{g} further extends to an isometry $g_{26} \in O(L_{26}, \mathcal{P}_{26})$. Since the action of g_{26} on

 \mathcal{P}_{26} preserves the tessellation by Conway chambers, the action of g on \mathcal{P}_Y preserves the tessellation by induced chambers.

Let L_{10} be an even unimodular hyperbolic lattice of rank 10, which is unique up to isomorphism. In [4], we have classified all primitive embeddings of $S_Y(2) \cong L_{10}(2)$ into L_{26} , and studied the tessellation of \mathcal{P}_Y by induced chambers. It turns out that, up to the action of $O(L_{10})$ and $O(L_{26})$, there exist exactly 17 primitive embeddings $L_{10}(2) \hookrightarrow L_{26}$, and except for one primitive embedding named as "infty", the associated tessellation of \mathcal{P}_Y by induced chambers has the following properties:

- Each induced chamber D is bounded by a finite number of walls, and each wall is defined by a (-2)-vector.
- If a (-2)-vector r defines a wall w = D∩(r)[⊥] of an induced chamber D, then the reflection s_r: x → x + ⟨x, r⟩r into the mirror (r)[⊥] maps D to the induced chamber adjacent to D across the wall w.

In particular, the tessellation of \mathcal{P}_Y by induced chambers is *simple* in the sense of [30].

6.2. Main Algorithm. Suppose that the primitive embedding ι_Y is not of type "infty". Suppose also that we have calculated the walls of an induced chamber $D_0 \subset \mathcal{P}_Y$ contained in N_Y .

Before starting the main algorithm, we calculate the finite groups O(Q)and $O(S_Y, D_0)$. We also fix an ample class α that is contained in the interior of D_0 . In the following, an induced chamber D is expressed by an element $\tau_D \in O(S_Y, \mathcal{P}_Y)$ such that $D = D_0^{\tau_D}$. Note that τ_D is uniquely determined by D up to left multiplications of elements of $O(S_Y, D_0)$.

Then we have the following auxiliary algorithms.

Algorithm 6.4. Given an induced chamber D, we can determine whether $D \subset N_Y$ or not. Indeed, by (6.1), we have $D \subset N_Y$ if and only if there exist no (-2)-vectors r of S_X such that $\langle \pi^*(\alpha), r \rangle > 0$ and $\langle \pi^*(\alpha^{\tau_D}), r \rangle < 0$. The set of such (-2)-vectors can be calculated by the algorithm in Section 3.3 of [29].

Suppose that $D \subset N_Y$. A wall $D \cap (r)^{\perp}$ of D is said to be *inner* if the induced chamber D^{s_r} adjacent to D across $D \cap (r)^{\perp}$ is contained in N_Y . Otherwise, we say that $D \cap (r)^{\perp}$ is *outer*.

Algorithm 6.5.

Input: An embedding $S_Y(2) \hookrightarrow S_X \hookrightarrow L_{26}$, the groups $O(S_Y, D_0)$, O(Q) and two induced chambers $D, D' \subset N_Y$ represented by $\tau_D, \tau_{D'}$. **Output:** The set $\{\gamma \in \operatorname{aut}_s(Y) \mid D' = D^{\gamma}\}$.

- 1: Compute Isom $(D, D') := \tau_D^{-1} O(S_Y, D_0) \tau_{D'}$. This is the set of all isometries $g \in O(S_Y, \mathcal{P}_Y)$ that satisfy $D' = D^g$.
- 2: Initialize $\mathcal{I} := \{\}$
- 3: for $g \in \text{Isom}(D, D')$ do
 - Use O(Q) and Proposition 6.2 to check

4: if $g \in \operatorname{aut}_{s}(Y)$ then 5: add g to \mathcal{I} . 6: Return \mathcal{I} .

Note that since both D and D' are contained in N_Y , condition (ii-a) of Proposition 6.2 is always satisfied in line 4. For D = D', Algorithm 6.5 calculates the group

$$\operatorname{aut}_{s}(Y, D) := O(S_{Y}, D) \cap \operatorname{aut}_{s}(Y).$$

Two induced chambers D and D' in N_Y are said to be $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalent if there exists an element $\gamma \in \operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ such that $D' = D^{\gamma}$.

Algorithm 6.6.

Input: An embedding $S_Y(2) \hookrightarrow S_X \hookrightarrow L_{26}$ and an induced chamber $D_0 \subset N_Y$.

Output: A list \mathcal{R} of representatives of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalence classes of induced chambers contained in N_Y and a generating set \mathcal{G} of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$.

1: Initialize $\mathcal{R} := [D_0], \mathcal{G} := \{\}$ and i := 0.

- 2: while $i \leq |\mathcal{R}|$ do
- 3: Let D_i be the (i+1)st element of \mathcal{R} .
- 4: Replace \mathcal{G} by $\mathcal{G} \cup \operatorname{aut}_s(Y, D_i)$.

5: Let \mathcal{W} be the set of walls of D_i .

- 6: Compute orbit representatives of \mathcal{W} under the action of $\operatorname{aut}_{s}(Y, D_{i})$.
- 7: for each representative wall w of $\mathcal{W}/\operatorname{aut}_s(Y, D_i)$ do
- 8: Let r be the (-2)-vector of S_Y defining the wall $w = D \cap (r)^{\perp}$.
- 9: Let s_r be the reflection $x \mapsto x + \langle x, r \rangle r$.

10: Let $D_w = D_i^{s_r}$ be the induced chamber adjacent to D_i across w.

11: Set $\tau_{D_w} := \tau_{D_i} s_r$.

12: **if** $D_w \not\subset N_Y$ **then**

continue with the next representative wall.

14: Set f := true.

13:

15: for each $D \in \mathcal{R}$ do

- 16: **if** D is $\operatorname{aut}_{s}(Y)$ -equivalent to D_{w} **then**
- 17: Let $\gamma \in \operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ be an element such that $D_w = D^{\gamma}$.
- 18: Add γ to \mathcal{G} .

19: Replace f by false.

20: Break the for loop.

21: **if**
$$f = \text{true then}$$

22: Add
$$D_w$$
 to \mathcal{R} .

23: Increment i.

24: Return \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{G} .

Proof. This Algorithm is proved in the same way as the proof of Proposition 6.3 of [28]. \Box

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6.3. Examples. The details of the following computations are available at [31].

6.3.1. The Enriques surface in Proposition 5.3. The Picard number of the covering K3 surface is 16, and the orthogonal complement Q of $S_Y(2)$ in S_X is $A_6(-2)$. Therefore O(Q) is of order 10080. The ADE-type of (-2)-vectors in the orthogonal complement P of $S_Y(2)$ in L_{26} is $8A_1+2D_4$. Hence the embedding ι_Y is of type 40B in the notation of [4]. The number $|\mathcal{R}|$ of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalence classes of induced chambers in N_Y is 2. Let D_0 and D_1 be the representatives of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalence classes. For i = 0, 1, the group $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y, D_i)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and the 40 walls of D_i are decomposed into 10 orbits under the action of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y, D_i)$. Among the 40 walls, exactly $3 \times 4 = 12$ walls are outer walls. For each inner wall w, the two induced chambers containing w are not $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalent to D_1 .

6.3.2. The Enriques surface in Proposition 4.2. The Picard number of the covering K3 surface is 16, and the orthogonal complement Q of $S_Y(2)$ in S_X is $E_6(-2)$. Therefore O(Q) is of order 103680. The ADE-type of (-2)-vectors in the orthogonal complement P of $S_Y(2)$ in L_{26} is $D_4 + D_5$. Hence the embedding ι_Y is of type 20A, which means that D_0 is bounded by walls defined by (-2)-vectors that form the dual graph of Nikulin-Kondo's type V [13]. The number $|\mathcal{R}|$ of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalence classes of induced chambers in N_Y is 20. They are decomposed into the following three types.

Type	$ \operatorname{aut}_s(Y,D) $	outer walls	inner walls	number
a	1	1×7	1×13	2
b	1	1×5	1×15	6
с	2	$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2$	$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 6$	12.

For example, there exist twelve $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalence classes of type c. If D is an induced chamber of type c, then $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y,D)$ is $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, and D has 6 outer walls and 14 inner walls. Under the action of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y,D)$, the 6 outer walls are decomposed into 4 orbits of size 1, 1, 2, 2, and the 14 inner walls are decomposed into 8 orbits of size 1, 1, 2, ..., 2.

6.3.3. The Enriques surface in Proposition 4.7. The Picard number of the covering K3 surface is 18, and the orthogonal complement Q of $S_Y(2)$ in S_X is $A_8(-2)$. Therefore O(Q) is of order 725760. The ADE-type of (-2)-vectors in the orthogonal complement P of $S_Y(2)$ in L_{26} is $A_3 + A_4$. Hence the embedding ι_Y is of type 20D, which means that D_0 is bounded by walls defined by (-2)-vectors that form the dual graph of Nikulin-Kondo's type VII [13]. The number $|\mathcal{R}|$ of $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y)$ -equivalence classes of induced chambers in N_Y is 1. The group $\operatorname{aut}_s(Y, D_0)$ is isomorphic to \mathfrak{S}_3 , and the 20 walls of D_0 are decomposed into 6 orbits, each of which consists of

6 outer, 3 outer, 3 outer, 3 inner, 3 inner, 2 inner.

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