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# Weierstrass semigroups on double covers of plane curves of degree 7

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## Abstract

We investigate Weierstrass semigroups of ramification points on double covers of plane curves of degree 7. We treat the cases where the Weierstrass semigroups are generated by at most 5 elements and the ramification point is on a total flex.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{N}_0$  be the additive monoid of non-negative integers. A submonoid  $H$  of  $\mathbb{N}_0$  is called a *numerical semigroup* if the complement  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  is a finite set. The cardinality of  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  is said to be the *genus* of  $H$ , which is denoted by  $g(H)$ . Let  $C$  be a *curve*, which means a complete non-singular irreducible algebraic curve over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic 0 in this article. For a pointed curve  $(C, P)$  of genus  $g$  we set

$$H(P) = \{h \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \text{there is a rational function } f \text{ on } C \text{ such that } (f)_\infty = hP\}$$

where  $(f)_\infty$  is the polar divisor of the function  $f$ . Then  $H(P)$  becomes a numerical semigroup of genus  $g$ . We call  $H(P)$  the *Weierstrass semigroup* of  $P$ . A numerical semigroup  $H$  is said to be *Weierstrass* if there exists a pointed curve  $(C, P)$  such that  $H = H(P)$ . For any numerical semigroup  $H$  we define

$$d_2(H) = \{h \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid 2h \in H\},$$

that is to say,  $d_2(H)$  is the quotient of  $H$  by 2. Then  $d_2(H)$  is also a numerical semigroup. If  $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  is a double cover of a curve with a ramification point  $\tilde{P}$  over  $P$ , then we have  $d_2(H(\tilde{P})) = H(P)$ . Such a numerical semigroup  $H = H(\tilde{P})$  is said to be of *double covering type*.

Let  $C$  be a smooth plane curve of degree  $d \geq 4$  and  $P$  its total flex, i.e.,  $\text{ord}_P C.T_P = d$  where  $T_P$  is the tangent line at  $P$  on  $C$  and  $\text{ord}_P C.T_P$  is the multiplicity at  $P$  of the intersection divisor  $C.T_P$  of  $C$  with  $T_P$ . Then we have  $H(P) = \langle d-1, d \rangle$  where for any positive integers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  we denote by  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  the additive monoid generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . Conversely, if  $(C, P)$  is a pointed curve with  $H(P) = \langle d-1, d \rangle$ ,  $d \geq 3$ , then  $C$  is a plane curve with total flex  $P$ . In this article we are interested in the double covers  $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  of curves with ramification points on the points whose Weierstrass semigroups are  $\langle d-1, d \rangle$ . We pose the following problem:

**TF Hurwitz Problem.** Let  $d$  be a positive integer with  $d \geq 3$ . Let  $H$  be any numerical semigroup with  $d_2(H) = \langle d-1, d \rangle$  with  $g(H) \geq \frac{3(d-2)(d-1)}{2}$ . Then is  $H$  of double covering type?

In the above problem TF means total flexes. Under the assumption  $g(H) \geq \frac{3(d-2)(d-1)}{2}$  we can construct a double cover  $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  with a ramification point  $\tilde{P}$  over  $P$  for a pointed plane curve  $(C, P)$  with  $H(P) = \langle d-1, d \rangle$ . But

we cannot prove that  $H(\tilde{P}) = H$ . TF Hurwitz Problem was solved for  $d \leq 6$ . For  $d = 3$  the result is classical (for example, see Theorem 3.5 in 1)). If  $d = 4$ , this problem was solved<sup>2)</sup>. In the cases  $d = 5$  and  $6$  the problem are proved in 3) and 4) respectively. We treat the case  $d = 7$  in this article. Let  $n$  be the minimum odd integer in  $H$ . Then we have  $g(H) = (d-1)(d-2) + \frac{n-1}{2} - r$  with a non-negative integer  $r$ <sup>5)</sup>.

**Main Theorem.** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $d_2(H) = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$  and  $g(H) \geq 45$ .

i) If  $H$  is generated by 5 elements and  $r \leq 6$ , then it is of *double covering type*.

ii) If  $H$  is generated by 4 elements and  $H \neq 2\langle 6, 7 \rangle + \langle n, n+8 \rangle$ , then it is of *double covering type*.

## 2 The classification of $H$ with $r \leq 6$ generated by at most 5 elements

A numerical semigroup  $H$  is said to be an  $m$ -semigroup if  $m$  is the minimum positive integer in  $H$ . In this case  $m$  is called the *multiplicity* of  $H$ , which is denoted by  $m(H)$ . For an  $m$ -semigroup  $H$  we set

$$s_i = \min\{h \in H \mid h \equiv i \pmod{m}\}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, m-1$ . The set  $\{m, s_1, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$  is denoted by  $S(H)$ , which is called the *standard basis* for  $H$ .

From now on, let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $d_2(H) = H_7$  where we set  $H_7 = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$ . We set

$$n = \min\{h \in H \mid h \text{ is odd}\}.$$

We assume  $n \geq 35$ . Then we have  $2\langle 6, 7 \rangle + n\mathbb{N}_0 \subseteq H$ . We note that

$$S(2\langle 6, 7 \rangle + n\mathbb{N}_0) = \{12, 14, 28, 42, 56, 70\} \cup \{n, n+14, n+28, n+42, n+56, n+70\}.$$

We associate to  $H$  the diagram where  $\odot$ ,  $\circ$  and  $\times$  indicate an integer which is in  $M(H)$ ,  $H \setminus M(H)$  and  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  respectively. Here  $M(H)$  denotes the minimal set of generators for the monoid  $H$ . Let  $r = r(H)$  be the number of  $\odot$  and  $\circ$ . Then  $0 \leq r \leq 15$ . Moreover, we obtain  $g(H) = 30 + \frac{n-1}{2} - r$ . Let  $t(H)$  be the cardinality of the set

$$\{u \in M(H) \mid u \text{ is an odd integer distinct from } n\}.$$

For example, we associate the following diagram with the numerical semigroup  $H = 2\langle 6, 7 \rangle + \langle n, n+16, n+32 \rangle$ :

$\rightarrow +2$	$(n+2)$	$(n+4)$	$(n+6)$	$(n+8)$	$(n+10)$
$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$(n)$	$\bullet$	$\odot$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times \downarrow +12$
$\searrow +14$	$(n+14)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\odot$	$\times$
		$(n+28)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\circ$
			$(n+42)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$
				$(n+56)$	$\bullet$
					$(n+70)$

In this case we have  $r = r(H) = 6$ ,  $g(H) = 30 + \frac{n-1}{2} - 6$  and  $t(H) = 2$ .

From here we list numerical semigroups  $H$  with  $d_2(H) = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$ ,  $r = r(H) \leq 6$  and  $t(H) = 1$  or  $2$ . We consider the numerical semigroups with diagrams such that there are no  $\odot$ 's in a left column of the column with  $\odot$  in the diagram below.

(1) Consider

$\rightarrow +2$	$(n+2)$	$(n+4)$	$(n+6)$	$(n+8)$	$(n+10)$
$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\odot$
$(n)$	$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\circ \downarrow +12$
$\searrow +14$	$(n+14)$	$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\circ$
		$(n+28)$	$\bullet$	$\times$	$\circ$
			$(n+42)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$
				$(n+56)$	$\bullet$
					$(n+70)$

Then we have  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2t_1 \rangle$  with  $t_1 = 35 - 6l$  where  $l$  is a positive integer with  $l \leq 5$ .

(2) Consider

$\rightarrow +2$	$(n+2)$	$(n+4)$	$(n+6)$	$(n+8)$	$(n+10)$
$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$(n)$	$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\odot$	$\times \downarrow +12$
$\searrow +14$	$(n+14)$	$\bullet$	$\times$	$\circ$	$\circ$
		$(n+28)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\circ$
			$(n+42)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$
				$(n+56)$	$\bullet$
					$(n+70)$

Then we have  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2t_1 \rangle$  with  $t_1 = 28 - 6l$  where  $l$  is a positive integer with  $l \leq 3$ ,  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(28 - 12), n + 2t_2 \rangle$  where  $t_2 = 35 - 6l$  with  $l = 3, 4$  and  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(28 - 6), n + 2t_2 \rangle$  where  $t_2 = 35 - 6l$  with  $2 \leq l \leq 5$ .

(3) Consider

$\rightarrow +2$	$(n+2)$	$(n+4)$	$(n+6)$	$(n+8)$	$(n+10)$
$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$(n)$	$\bullet$	$\times$	$\odot$	$\times$	$\times \downarrow +12$
$\searrow +14$	$(n+14)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\times$
		$(n+28)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\circ$
			$(n+42)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$
				$(n+56)$	$\bullet$
					$(n+70)$

Then we have  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2t_1 \rangle$  with  $t_1 = 21 - 6l$  where  $l$  is a positive integer with  $l \leq 2$ ,  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(21 - 6), n + 2(28 - 12) \rangle$  and  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(21 - 6), n + 2t_2 \rangle$  where  $t_2 = 35 - 6l$  with  $l = 2, 3$ .

(4) Consider

$\rightarrow +2$	$(n+2)$	$(n+4)$	$(n+6)$	$(n+8)$	$(n+10)$
$\bullet$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$(n)$	$\bullet$	$\odot$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times \downarrow +12$
$\searrow +14$	$(n+14)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\times$	$\times$
		$(n+28)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\times$
			$(n+42)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$
				$(n+56)$	$\bullet$
					$(n+70)$

Then we have  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6) \rangle$ ,  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6), n + 2(28 - 12) \rangle$  and  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6), n + 2t_2 \rangle$  where  $t_2 = 35 - 6l$  with  $l = 2, 3$ .

(5) Consider

$\rightarrow +2$	$(n+2)$	$(n+4)$	$(n+6)$	$(n+8)$	$(n+10)$
$\bullet$	$\odot$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$(n)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times \downarrow +12$
$\searrow +14$	$(n+14)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\times$	$\times$
		$(n+28)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$	$\times$
			$(n+42)$	$\bullet$	$\circ$
				$(n+56)$	$\bullet$
					$(n+70)$

Then we have  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(7 - 6) \rangle$ , and  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(7 - 6), n + 2(35 - 12) \rangle$ .

### 3 The case where $H$ with $r \leq 6$ is generated by 5 elements

By Theorem 2.5 in 3) we know that the following numerical semigroups  $H$  with  $d_2(H) = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$  are of double covering type.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $n$  be an odd number with  $n \geq 35$ . Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $d_2(H) = H_7 = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$  which is one of the following type:

- (i)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(35 - 12), n + 2t_2 \rangle$  with  $t_2 = 7(7 - m) - 6$  where  $m$  is an integer with  $3 \leq m \leq 6$  and  $n \geq (7 - 1)(7 - 2) + 1 + 2m$ .
- (ii)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(35 - 6l), n + 2(28 - 6) \rangle$  where  $l$  is an integer with  $3 \leq l \leq 5$  and  $n \geq (7 - 1)(7 - 2) + 3 + 2l$ .
- (iii)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(21 - 6), n + 2(35 - 18) \rangle$  with  $n \geq (7 - 1)(7 - 2) + 11$ .
- (iv)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(28 - 12), n + 2(35 - 18) \rangle$  with  $n \geq (7 - 1)(7 - 2) + 11$ .
- (v)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(21 - 6), n + 2(28 - 12) \rangle$  with  $n \geq (7 - 1)(7 - 2) + 11$ .

Then  $H$  is of double covering type.

In this section we consider the case where  $t(H) = 2$ , i.e.,  $H$  is generated by 5 elements.

The case (2) in section 2. By Theorem 3.1 (i), (ii) and (iv), any  $H$  with  $t(H) = 2$  except

$$H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(28 - 12), n + 2(35 - 24) \rangle$$

is of double covering type.

The case (3) in section 2. By Theorem 3.1 (i), (iii) and (v), any  $H$  with  $t(H) = 2$  except

$$H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(21 - 6), n + 2(35 - 24) \rangle$$

is of double covering type.

The case (4) in section 2. By Theorem 3.1,  $H$  with  $t(H) = 2$  which is neither

$$2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6), n + 2(28 - 12) \rangle \text{ nor } 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6), n + 2(35 - 18) \rangle$$

is of double covering type.

The case (5) in section 2. By Theorem 3.1 (i),  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(7 - 6), n + 2(35 - 12) \rangle$  is of double covering type

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $C$  be a non-singular plane curve of degree  $d \geq 4$ . Let  $E$  be an effective divisor of degree  $d - 1$  on  $C$ . We set  $E = Q_1 + \cdots + Q_{d-1}$  where  $Q_i$ 's are points of  $C$ . Then we have  $h^0(E) = 2$  if and only if  $Q_1, \dots, Q_{d-1}$  lie on a line <sup>6)</sup>.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $(C, P)$  be a pointed non-singular plane curve of degree 7 and  $H$  a numerical semigroup with  $d_2(H) = H(P)$  and  $g(H) \geq 45$ . Set

$$n = \min\{h \in H \mid h \text{ is odd}\}.$$

We note that

$$g(H) = 30 + \frac{n-1}{2} - r$$

with some non-negative integer  $r$ . Let  $Q_1, \dots, Q_r$  be points of  $C$  different from  $P$  with  $h^0(Q_1 + \cdots + Q_r) = 1$ . Moreover, assume that  $H$  has an expression

$$H = 2d_2(H) + \langle n, n + 2l_1, \dots, n + 2l_s \rangle$$

with positive integers  $l_1, \dots, l_s$  such that for any curve  $C_4$  of degree 4 the inequality  $C_4 \cdot C \geq (l_i - 1)P + Q_1 + \cdots + Q_r$  implies that  $C_4 \cdot C \geq l_i P + Q_1 + \cdots + Q_r$ , i.e.,

$$h^0(K - (l_i - 1)P - Q_1 - \cdots - Q_r) = h^0(K - l_i P - Q_1 - \cdots - Q_r)$$

where  $K$  is a canonical divisor on  $C$ . Then there is a double cover  $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  with a ramification point  $\tilde{P}$  over  $P$  satisfying  $H(\tilde{P}) = H$ , i.e.,  $H$  is of double covering type.

**Proof.** We consider the divisor

$$D = \frac{n+1}{2}P - (Q_1 + \cdots + Q_r).$$

By the assumption  $g(H) \geq 45$  we have

$$\deg(2D - P) = n - 2r = 2g - 59 \geq 90 - 59 = 31 = 2g(C) + 1$$

where  $g(C)$  is the genus of the plane curve  $C$  of degree 7. Hence, the complete linear system  $|2D - P|$  is base-point free. By Theorem 2.2 in 5) we can construct a double cover

$$\pi : \tilde{C} = \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{O}(-D)) \longrightarrow C$$

with a ramification point  $\tilde{P}$  over  $P$  with  $H(\tilde{P}) = H$ . □

Hereafter, let  $C$  be a non-singular plane curve of degree 7 with a total flex  $P$  and  $Q_1, \dots, Q_r$  be points of  $C$  distinct from  $P$ . We set  $E_r = Q_1 + \cdots + Q_r$ .

**Theorem 3.4**  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(28 - 12), n + 2(35 - 24) \rangle$  is of double covering type.

**Proof.** In this case  $r = 6$ . Let us take  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  such that the four points lie on the line  $L_1$  with  $Q_5 \notin L_1$  and  $Q_6 \notin L_1$ . By Theorem 3.2 we obtain  $h^0(Q_1 + \cdots + Q_6) = 1$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq 10P + E_6$ . Since  $C.T_P^2 L_1 \geq 14P + Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + Q_4$ , by Bézout's Theorem (see Theorem p.172 in 7)) we must have  $C_4 = T_P^2 L_1 L_2$  with a line  $L_2$ , which implies that  $C_4.C \geq 14P + E_6$ . Thus, we get  $h^0(K - 10P - E_6) = h^0(K - 11P - E_6) = h^0(K - 14P - E_6) = 1$ . Moreover, we have  $h^0(K - 15P - E_6) = 0$ . By Theorem 3.3  $H$  is of double covering type. □

**Theorem 3.5**  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(21 - 6), n + 2(35 - 24) \rangle$  is of double covering type.

**Proof.** In this case  $r = 6$ . Let us take  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  such that the four points lie on the line  $L_1$  with  $Q_5 \notin L_1$  and  $Q_6 \notin L_1$ . Let us take a line  $L_P$  which is distinct from  $T_P$ . Let  $Q_5$  and  $Q_6$  be on the line  $L_P$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq 10P + E_6$ . We obtain  $C_4 = T_P^2 L_1 L_P$ . Hence, we have

$$h^0(K - 10P - E_6) = h^0(K - 11P - E_6) = h^0(K - 14P - E_6) = h^0(K - 15P - E_6) = 1.$$

By Theorem 3.3  $H$  is of double covering type.

**Theorem 3.6**  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6), n + 2(35 - 18) \rangle$  is of double covering type.

**Proof.** In this case  $r = 6$ . Let  $L_P$  be a line through  $P$  which is distinct from  $T_P$ . Let us take  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  such that the four points lie on the line  $L_P$ . Let  $Q_5$  and  $Q_6$  be points such that the line  $L_0$  through the two points does not contain  $P$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq 7P + E_6$ . Then we have  $C_4 = T_P L_P C_2$  where  $C_2$  is a conic containing  $Q_5$  and  $Q_6$ . Hence we get  $h^0(K - 7P - E_6) = h^0(K - 8P - E_6)$ . Moreover, let  $C'_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C'_4.C \geq 16P + E_6$ . Then we should have  $C'_4 = T_P^2 L_P L_0$ , which implies that  $\text{ord}_P(C'_4.C) = 15$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, we get  $h^0(K - 16P - E_6) = 0$ . Thus,  $H$  is of double covering type. □

**Theorem 3.7**  $H = 2H_7 + \langle n, n + 2(14 - 6), n + 2(28 - 12) \rangle$  is of double covering type.

**Proof.** In this case  $r = 6$ . Let  $L_P$  and  $L'_P$  be distinct lines through  $P$  different from  $T_P$ . Let us take  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  such that the four points lie on the line  $L_P$ . Let us take  $Q_5$  and  $Q_6$  such that the two points lie on the line  $L'_P$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq 7P + E_6$ . Then we have  $C_4 = T_P L_P C_2$  where  $C_2$  is a conic containing  $Q_5$  and  $Q_6$ . Hence we get  $h^0(K - 7P - E_6) = h^0(K - 8P - E_6)$ . Moreover, let  $C'_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C'_4.C \geq 15P + E_6$ . Then we should have  $C'_4 = T_P^2 L_P L'_P$ , which implies that  $h^0(K - 15P - E_6) = h^0(K - 16P - E_6) = 1$ . Thus,  $H$  is of double covering type. □

#### 4 The case where $H$ is generated by 4 elements

In this section we treat the numerical semigroups  $H$  with  $d_2(H) = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$  and  $t(H) = 1$ . By Theorem 2.5 in 3) we know that the following numerical semigroups  $H$  with  $d_2(H) = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$  are of double covering type.

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $n$  be an odd number with  $n \geq 35$ . Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup which is one of the following:*

- (i)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+2t_1 \rangle$  with  $t_1 = 35 - l(7-1)$  where  $l$  is a positive integer with  $l \leq 5$  and  $n \geq (7-1)(7-2) + 1 + 2l$ .
- (ii)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+2t_1 \rangle$  with  $t_1 = s_{7-m} - (7-1)$  where  $m$  is an integer with  $3 \leq m \leq 6$  and  $n \geq (7-1)(7-2) - 1 + 2m$ .
- (iii)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+2t_1 \rangle$  with  $t_1 = s_{7-m} - 2(7-1)$  where  $m$  is an integer with  $3 \leq m \leq 5$  and  $n \geq (7-1)(7-2) - 3 + 4m$ .

Then  $H$  is of double covering type.

With Theorem 4.1, we cannot say that the following three semigroups  $H$  with  $d_2(H) = \langle 6, 7 \rangle$  and  $t(H) = 1$  are of double covering type or not.

- (1)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+20 \rangle$  (2)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+8 \rangle$  (3)  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+6 \rangle$ .

To prove that the numerical semigroups in (1) and (3) are of double covering type we need the following:

**Theorem 4.2** (Cayley-Bacharach) (For example, see p. 671 in 7)) *Let  $C$  be a non-singular plane curve. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two plane curves of degree  $d$  and  $e$  respectively, meeting in a collection  $\Gamma$  of  $de$  points of  $C$  with multiplicity. Let  $Y$  be a curve of degree  $d+e-3$  such that the intersection  $Y.C$  contains all but one point of  $\Gamma$ . Then  $Y.C$  contains that remaining point also.*

For the case (1) we use the following curve:

**Lemma 4.3** *The plane curve of degree 7 defined by the equation*

$$(yz^2 - x^3) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^4 + ax^4 \right) + (yz^2 + x^3 - 2y^3) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^4 + by^4 \right) = 0$$

is nonsingular for general  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$(yz^2 - x^3) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^4 + ax^4 \right) + (yz^2 + x^3 - 2y^3) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^4 + by^4 \right) = z^4(yz^2 - y^3) + ax^4(yz^2 - x^3) + by^4(yz^2 + x^3 - 2y^3) = F.$$

We will calculate the base locus, i.e., the intersection of the three curves

$$z^4(yz^2 - y^3) = 0, x^4(yz^2 - x^3) = 0 \text{ and } y^4(yz^2 + x^3 - 2y^3) = 0.$$

If  $z = 0$ , then we have  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, we may set  $z = 1$ . Thus, we consider the intersection of the following three curves

$$y - y^3 = 0, x^4(y - x^3) = 0 \text{ and } y^4(y + x^3 - 2y^3) = 0.$$

Hence, we have  $y = 0, 1$  or  $-1$ . Let  $y = 0$ . Then we have  $x = 0$ . Hence, we obtain the point  $(0 : 0 : 1)$ . Let  $y = 1$ . Then  $x = 1, \omega$  or  $\omega^2$  where  $\omega$  is a primitive cubic root of unity. Hence, we get the three points  $(1 : 1 : 1)$ ,  $(\omega : 1 : 1)$  and  $(\omega^2 : 1 : 1)$ . Let  $y = -1$ . Then  $x = -1, -\omega$  or  $-\omega^2$ . Thus, we get the three points  $(-1 : -1 : 1)$ ,  $(-\omega : -1 : 1)$  and  $(-\omega^2 : -1 : 1)$ . Therefore, the base locus consists of the seven points. The partial differentials of  $F$  are the following:

$$F_x = 4ax^3(yz^2 - x^3) - 3ax^6 + 3bx^2y^4 = ax^3(4yz^2 - 7x^3) + 3bx^2y^4$$

$$F_y = z^6 - 3y^2z^4 + ax^4z^2 + 4by^3(yz^2 + x^3 - 2y^3) + by^4(z^2 - 6y^2) = z^6 - 3y^2z^4 + ax^4z^2 + by^3(5yz^2 + 4x^3 - 14y^2)$$

$$\text{and } F_z = 4z^3(yz^2 - y^3) + 2ax^4yz + 2by^5z.$$

For general  $a$  and  $b$  we have

$$F_x(0, 0, 1) = 1 \neq 0, F_x(1, 1, 1) = -3a + 3b \neq 0, F_x(\omega, 1 : 1) = -3a + 3b\omega^2 \neq 0, F_x(\omega^2, 1 : 1) = -3a + 3b\omega \neq 0,$$

$$F_x(-1, -1, 1) = 3a + 3b \neq 0, F_x(-\omega, -1, 1) = -3a + 3b\omega^2 \neq 0 \text{ and } F_x(-\omega^2, -1, 1) = -3a + 3b\omega \neq 0.$$

Hence, the plane curve defined by  $F = 0$  is non-singular for general  $a$  and  $b$  by Bertini's theorem (for example, see p.137 in 7)).  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4** *Let  $n$  be an odd number with  $n \geq 43$ . Then  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 20 \rangle$  is of double covering type.*

**Proof.** In this case  $r = 6$ . Let  $C$  be the non-singular plane curve of degree 7 in Lemma 4.3. We set  $P = (0 : 0 : 1)$ . Then we have  $C.T_P = 7P$ , in this case  $T_P$  is the line defined by  $y = 0$ . Let  $C_{31}$  and  $C_{32}$  be the cubics defined by the equations  $yz^2 - x^3 = 0$  and  $yz^2 + x^3 - 2y^3 = 0$ , respectively. Then the intersection  $C_{31}.C_{32}$  of  $C_{31}$  and  $C_{32}$  is  $3P + \sum_{i=1}^6 Q_i$  where  $Q_1 = (1 : 1 : 1)$ ,  $Q_2 = (1 : 1 : \omega)$ ,  $Q_3 = (1 : 1 : \omega^2)$ ,  $Q_4 = (1 : -1 : -1)$ ,  $Q_5 = (1 : -1 : -\omega)$  and  $Q_6 = (1 : -1 : -\omega^2)$ . Since the six points  $Q_1, \dots, Q_6$  are not on a line. Hence by Theorem 3.2 we get  $h^0(Q_1, \dots, Q_6) = 1$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq 9P + E_6$ . Then we obtain  $C_4 = T_P C_3$  where  $C_3$  is a cubic. Since  $C_3.C \geq 2P + \sum_{i=1}^6 Q_i$  and  $C_{31}.C_{32} = 3P + \sum_{i=1}^6 Q_i$ , by Theorem 4.2 we obtain  $C_3.C \geq 3P + \sum_{i=1}^6 Q_i$ . Hence we get  $C_4.C \geq 10P + E_6$ . By Theorem 3.3 the numerical semigroup  $2H_7 + \langle n, n + 20 \rangle$  is of double covering type.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5** *The plane curve of degree 7 defined by the equation*

$$(yz^2 - x^3) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^4 + ax^4 \right) + (yz^3 + x^3z - 2y^4) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^3 + by^3 \right) = 0$$

*is nonsingular for general  $a$  and  $b$ .*

**Proof.** We have

$$(yz^2 - x^3) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^4 + ax^4 \right) + (yz^3 + x^3z - 2y^4) \left( \frac{1}{2}z^3 + by^3 \right) = yz^6 - y^4z^3 + ax^4(yz^2 - x^3) + by^3(yz^3 + x^3z - 2y^4) = F.$$

The base locus is the intersection of

$$z^3(yz^3 - y^4) = 0, x^4(yz^2 - x^3) = 0 \text{ and } y^3(yz^3 + x^3z - 2y^4) = 0.$$

If  $z = 0$ , then we have  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, we may set  $z = 1$ . Thus, we consider the intersection of the following three curves

$$y - y^4 = 0, x^4(y - x^3) = 0 \text{ and } y^3(y + x^3 - 2y^4) = 0.$$

Since we have  $y - y^4 = y(1 - y^3) = 0$ , we obtain  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $y = \omega$  or  $y = \omega^2$ . If  $y = 0$ , then  $x = 0$ . Hence, we get the point  $(0 : 0 : 1)$ . If  $y = 1$ , then  $x^3 - 1 = 0$ . Thus, we have the three points  $(1 : 1 : 1)$ ,  $(\omega : 1 : 1)$  and  $(\omega^2 : 1 : 1)$ . If  $y = \omega$ , then we obtain the three points  $(\zeta : \omega : 1)$ ,  $(\zeta^4 : \omega, 1)$  and  $(\zeta^7 : \omega : 1)$  where  $\zeta$  is a primitive 9-th root of unity. If  $y = \omega^2$ , then we obtain the three points  $(\zeta^2 : \omega^2 : 1)$ ,  $(\zeta^5 : \omega^2 : 1)$  and  $(\zeta^8 : \omega^2 : 1)$ . The partial differentials of  $F$  are the following:

$$F_x = ax^3(4yz^2 - 7x^3) + 3bx^2y^3z, F_y = z^6 - 4y^3z^3 + ax^4z^2 + by^2(3x^3z + 4yz^3 - 14y^4)$$

$$\text{and } F_z = 6yz^5 - 3y^4z^2 + 2ax^4yz + by^3(3yz^2 + x^3).$$

Hence, we have

$$F_y(0, 0, 1) = 1 \neq 0, F_x(1, 1, 1) = -3a + 3b \neq 0$$

for general  $a$  and  $b$ . For the remaining eight points the values of the function  $F_x$  are not zero for general  $a$  and  $b$ . Hence the plane curve of degree 7 is non-singular.  $\square$



**Theorem 4.6** *Let  $n$  be an odd number with  $n \geq 49$ . Then  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+6 \rangle$  is of double covering type.*

**Proof.** In this case we have  $r = 9$ . Let  $C$  be the non-singular plane curve of degree 7 in Lemma 4.5. We set  $P = (0 : 0 : 1)$ . Then we have  $C.T_P = 7P$ , in this case  $T_P$  is the line defined by  $y = 0$ . Let  $C_{31}$  be the cubic defined by the equation  $yz^2 - x^3 = 0$  and  $C_{41}$  be the quartic defined by the equation  $yz^3 + x^3z - 2y^4 = 0$ . We may assume that  $z = 1$ . Hence we consider the equations  $y - x^3 = 0$  and  $y + x^3 - 2y^4 = 0$ , which imply that  $x^3(x^9 - 1) = 0$ . Let  $\eta$  be a primitive 9-th root of unity. We set  $Q_l = (\eta^l : \eta^{3l} : 1)$  for  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 8$ . Then the intersection divisor  $C_{31}.C_{41}$  is  $3P + \sum_{l=0}^8 Q_l$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq 2P + E_9$ . Then by Theorem 4.2 we get  $C_3.C \geq 3P + \sum_{i=0}^8 Q_i$ . We want to show that  $h^0(K - E_9) = 6$ . Let  $C_4$  be a curve of degree 4 with  $C_4.C \geq E_9$ , i.e., it is defined by the equation

$$F_4(x, y, z) = c_{400}x^4 + c_{310}x^3y + c_{301}x^3z + c_{220}x^2y^2 + c_{211}x^2yz + c_{202}x^2z^2 + c_{130}xy^3 + c_{121}xy^2z + c_{112}xyz^2 + c_{103}xz^3 + c_{040}y^4 + c_{031}y^3z + c_{022}y^2z^2 + c_{013}yz^3 + c_{004}z^4 = 0$$

satisfying  $F_4(\eta^l, \eta^{3l}, 1) = 0$  for  $l = 0, 1, \dots, 8$ . The rank of the matrix of the coefficients of the system of linear equations  $F_4(\eta^l, \eta^{3l}, 1) = 0$  ( $l = 0, 1, \dots, 8$ ) with 15 variables  $c_{ijk}$ ,  $i + j + k = 4$  is 9, because some 9 by 9 minor of the matrix is Vandermonde's determinant. Hence, we get  $h^0(K - E_9) = 15 - 9 = 6$ , which implies that  $h^0(E_9) = 1$ . Thus,  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+6 \rangle$  is of double covering type.  $\square$

We do not know whether the remaining numerical semigroup  $2H_7 + \langle n, n+8 \rangle$  is of double covering type or not.

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