

# THE EXISTENCE OF SYMMETRIC RIEMANN SURFACES DETERMINED BY CYCLIC GROUPS

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**Abstract.** Let  $n > 1$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $g \geq 3$  and  $\gamma$  be given integers. The purpose of this paper is to determine the relations of  $n, m, g$  and  $\gamma$  for the existence of the symmetric Riemann surfaces  $S$  of type  $(n, m)$  with genus  $g$  and species  $\gamma$ . If  $n$  is an odd prime, the relations are known in [3]. In the case that  $n$  is odd, we shall show the analogous result when  $E(S)$  is isomorphic to a cyclic group  $\mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  and when the quotient space  $S/E(S)$  is orientable.

## §1. Introduction

Let  $S$  be a compact Riemann surface. We denote by  $E(S)$  the group of analytic homeomorphisms and anti-analytic homeomorphisms of  $S$  onto itself and by  $A(S)$  its subgroup of analytic homeomorphisms. If  $A(S)$  is isomorphic to a cyclic group  $\mathbf{Z}_n$  of order  $n$  and the quotient space  $S/A(S)$  is of genus  $m$ , then  $S$  is called a Riemann surface of type  $(n, m)$ . An element  $T$  in  $E(S) \setminus A(S)$  is called a symmetry on  $S$  if  $T^2(= T \circ T) = I_S$  (the identity map). A compact Riemann surface with symmetries is said to be symmetric. For a symmetry  $T$  on  $S$  the quotient space  $S/\langle T \rangle$  is a Klein surface. Let  $k$  be the number of boundary components of  $S/\langle T \rangle$ . Then we define the species  $\text{sp}(T)$  of  $T$  by

$$\text{sp}(T) = \begin{cases} k & (\text{if } S/\langle T \rangle \text{ is orientable}), \\ -k & (\text{if } S/\langle T \rangle \text{ is non-orientable}). \end{cases}$$

In this paper we suppose that  $E(S)$  is isomorphic to a cyclic group  $\mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  of order  $2n$ . Then for such a symmetric Riemann surface  $S$ , the symmetry  $T$  on  $S$  is uniquely determined. Hence we define the species of  $S$  by that of  $T$ .

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## §2. Non-Euclidean crystallographic groups

Let  $H = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid \Im z > 0\}$  be the upper half plane. With each matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}$  and with  $\det A = \pm 1$ , we associate the mapping

$$f_A : H \rightarrow H ; z \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{az + b}{cz + d} & \text{if } \det A = 1, \\ \frac{a\bar{z} + b}{c\bar{z} + d} & \text{if } \det A = -1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $E(H) = \{f_A \mid \det A = \pm 1\}$  and  $A(H) = \{f_A \mid \det A = 1\}$ . We regard  $E(H)$  as a topological space by means of the inclusion  $E(H) \hookrightarrow PGL(2, \mathbf{R})$ . A discrete subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $E(H)$  is called a non-Euclidean crystallographic group (shortly an NEC group) if the quotient  $H/\Gamma$  is compact. An NEC group  $\Gamma$  is called a Fuchsian group if  $\Gamma \subset A(H)$ , and a proper NEC group otherwise. For a proper NEC group  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma^+ = \Gamma \cap A(H)$  is called the canonical Fuchsian group of  $\Gamma$ .

In general, each NEC group  $\Gamma$  is formed by the generators

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_i & \in \Gamma^+ & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, r, \\ e_i & \in \Gamma^+ & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \\ c_{ij} & \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma^+ & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad j = 0, \dots, s_i, \\ a_i, b_i & \in \Gamma^+ & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, g \text{ if } H/\Gamma \text{ is orientable,} \\ d_i & \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma^+ & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, g \text{ if } H/\Gamma \text{ is non-orientable,} \end{array}$$

satisfying the relations

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_i^{m_i} = I_H & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, r, \\ e_i^{-1} c_{i0} e_i c_{is_i} = I_H & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \\ c_{i,j-1}^2 = c_{ij}^2 = (c_{i,j-1} c_{ij})^{n_{ij}} = I_H & ; \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad j = 1, \dots, s_i, \\ x_1 \cdots x_r e_1 \cdots e_k [a_1, b_1] \cdots [a_g, b_g] = I_H & \text{if } H/\Gamma \text{ is orientable,} \\ x_1 \cdots x_r e_1 \cdots e_k d_1^2 \cdots d_g^2 = I_H & \text{if } H/\Gamma \text{ is non-orientable,} \end{array}$$

where  $[a_i, b_i] = a_i b_i a_i^{-1} b_i^{-1}$ . We call  $x_i$  an elliptic element,  $c_{ij}$  a reflection of  $\Gamma$ . Then the signature  $\sigma(\Gamma)$  of  $\Gamma$  is written by

$$(1) \quad \sigma(\Gamma) = (g; \pm; [m_1, \dots, m_r]; \{(n_{11}, \dots, n_{1s_1}), \dots, (n_{k1}, \dots, n_{ks_k})\}),$$

where “+” means that  $H/\Gamma$  is orientable, and “−” means that  $H/\Gamma$  is non-orientable. This “+” or “−” is called the sign of  $\sigma(\Gamma)$  and denoted by  $\text{sign}(\sigma(\Gamma))$ . We call  $g$  the genus,  $m_i$  the proper periods,  $n_{ij}$  the periods, and  $(n_{i1}, \dots, n_{is_i})$  the period-cycles of  $\sigma(\Gamma)$ . If there are no proper periods, we write  $[-]$  in place of  $[m_1, \dots, m_r]$ . If there are no periods in the period-cycle, we write  $(-)$  in place of  $(n_{i1}, n_{i2}, \dots, n_{is_i})$ . If there are no period-cycles, we write  $\{-\}$  in place of  $\{(n_{11}, \dots, n_{1s_1}), \dots, (n_{k1}, \dots, n_{ks_k})\}$ .

For an NEC group  $\Gamma$  with signature (1), the Gauss-Bonnet theorem shows that the non-Euclidean area  $\mu(F)$  of a fundamental region  $F$  of  $\Gamma$  is given by

$$\mu(F) = 2\pi \left( \alpha g + k - 2 + \sum_{i=1}^r \left( 1 - \frac{1}{m_i} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{s_i} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n_{ij}} \right) \right),$$

where  $\alpha = 2$  if  $\text{sign}(\sigma(\Gamma)) = “+”$ ,  $\alpha = 1$  if  $\text{sign}(\sigma(\Gamma)) = “−”$ . This does not depend on the choice of fundamental regions. We define the area of  $\sigma(\Gamma)$  by  $\mu(F)/2\pi$  and denote it by  $\mu(\Gamma)$ .

Let  $\Gamma'$  be an NEC group and  $\Gamma$  a subgroup of  $\Gamma'$  with finite index. Then  $\Gamma$  is an NEC group, and the following formula (called the Riemann-Hurwitz relation) is fulfilled:

$$\frac{\mu(\Gamma)}{\mu(\Gamma')} = [\Gamma' : \Gamma].$$

### §3. The main result

Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be integers. We denote the least common multiple of  $\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k\}$  by  $\text{l.c.m.}\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k\}$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $n > 1$  be an odd integer and  $m \geq 1$ ,  $g \geq 3$  and  $\gamma$  integers. Then there exists a symmetric Riemann surface  $S$  of type  $(n, m)$  with genus  $g(S) = g$ ,  $sp(S) = \gamma$ ,  $E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  and with the orientable quotient  $S/E(S)$  if and only if:*

*There exist non-negative integers  $r, t$  and divisors  $d_1, \dots, d_{r+t} (\neq 1)$  of  $n$  and an integer  $k \geq 1$  such that:*

(a) *If  $m = 1$ , then  $r \geq 2$ . If  $m = 2$ , then  $r \geq 1$ .*

(b)  $g = n \left( m - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r \left( 1 - \frac{1}{d_i} \right) \right) + 1.$

- (c)  $m + 1 - k$  is even and non-negative.
- (d)  $0 \leq t \leq k$ .
- (e)  $\gamma = n \left( k - \sum_{i=1}^t \left( 1 - \frac{1}{d_{r+i}} \right) \right) (\geq 0)$ .
- (f) If  $r + t > 0$ , then  $\text{l.c.m.}\{d_1, \dots, d_{r+t}\} = \text{l.c.m.}\{d_1, \dots, d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}, \dots, d_{r+t}\}$  for every  $i$ .
- (g) If  $k = m + 1$ , then  $\text{l.c.m.}\{d_1, \dots, d_{r+t}\} = n$ .

We note that the divisors  $d_1, \dots, d_{r+t}$  are not necessarily distinct.

If  $n$  is an odd prime  $p$ , our theorem is reduced to the following

**COROLLARY 1.** [3; Theorem 2.1] *There exists a symmetric Riemann surface  $S$  of type  $(p, m)$  with  $g(S) = g$ ,  $sp(S) = \gamma$ ,  $E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{2p}$  and with the orientable quotient  $S/E(S)$  if and only if:*

*There exist non-negative integers  $r, t$  and an integer  $k \geq 1$  such that:*

- (a) *If  $m = 1$ , then  $r \geq 2$ . If  $m = 2$ , then  $r \geq 1$ .*
- (b)  $g = p(r + m - 1) - r + 1$ .
- (c)  $m + 1 - k$  is even and non-negative.
- (d)  $0 \leq t \leq k$ .
- (e)  $\gamma = p(k - t) + t$ .
- (f) *If  $r + t > 0$ , then  $r + t \geq 2$ .*
- (g) *If  $k = m + 1$ , then  $r + t \neq 0$ .*

#### §4. The proof of our theorem

We shall use the following lemma (see [4; Lemma 3.1.1]).

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k > 0$  be odd integers and  $N$  a (positive) multiple of  $M = \text{l.c.m.}\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k\}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent to each other.*

- (1) *There exist  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_N$  such that  $o(\xi_i) = m_i$  and  $\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k = 0$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_N$ .*

(2) For every  $i$ ,  $\text{l.c.m.}\{m_1, \dots, m_{i-1}, m_{i+1}, \dots, m_k\} = M$ .

*Proof of our theorem.* First we shall show the “only if” part. By our assumption  $g \geq 3$ ,  $H$  is the universal covering surface for  $S$ , so that there exists a torsion-free Fuchsian group  $\Gamma_S$  satisfying  $S \cong H/\Gamma_S$ . Then the signature of  $\Gamma_S$  is  $\sigma(\Gamma_S) = (g; +; [-]; \{-\})$ . We denote by  $N_S$  the normalizer of  $\Gamma_S$  in  $E(H)$ . We shall show that the signatures of  $N_S$  and  $N_S^+ (= N_S \cap A(H))$  have the following forms with some non-negative integers  $r, k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq m+1$ ) and divisors  $d_1, \dots, d_r$  of  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(N_S) &= \left( \frac{m+1-k}{2}; +; [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r]; \overbrace{\{(-), \dots, (-)\}}^k \right), \\ \sigma(N_S^+) &= \left( m; +; [d_1, d_1, d_2, d_2, \dots, d_r, d_r]; \{-\} \right).\end{aligned}$$

We note that  $d_1, \dots, d_r$  are not necessarily distinct. Since  $S/E(S) \cong (H/\Gamma_S)/(N_S/\Gamma_S) \cong H/N_S$  is orientable, we get  $\text{sign}(\sigma(N_S)) = “+”$ . Let  $r$  be the number of elliptic elements in canonical generators of  $N_S$ . The orders of elliptic elements are divisors ( $\neq 1$ ) of  $n$ . We write them  $d_1, \dots, d_r$ . Let  $k$  be the number of period-cycles of  $N_S$ . Since there exists a symmetry on  $S$ ,  $N_S$  contains reflections. Hence it follows that  $k \geq 1$ . Since  $N_S/\Gamma_S \cong E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$ , there exists an epimorphism

$$\eta : N_S \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$$

with  $\ker(\eta) = \Gamma_S$ . For every element  $u$  of order 2 in  $N_S$ , we get  $\eta(u) = n$ . Thus, for  $u, v$  in  $N_S$  of order 2,  $\ker(\eta)$  contains  $uv$ . Since  $\Gamma_S$  is a torsion-free group,  $uv$  is not an element of finite order  $> 1$ . Hence there are no periods in any period-cycles of  $\sigma(N_S)$ . Since  $S/A(S) \cong H/N_S^+$  and  $S/A(S)$  has genus  $m$ , the genus of  $\sigma(N_S^+)$  is equal to  $m$ . By Corollary 2.2.5 in [4], we get the required forms of  $\sigma(N_S)$  and  $\sigma(N_S^+)$ .

We shall show the assertion (a). First we assume  $m = 1$ . The signature of  $N_S^+$  is of form

$$\sigma(N_S^+) = (1; +; [d_1, d_1, \dots, d_r, d_r]; \{-\}).$$

The area of  $\sigma(N_S^+)$  is given by

$$\mu(N_S^+) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^r \left( 1 - \frac{1}{d_i} \right).$$

From  $\mu(N_S^+) > 0$  it follows that  $r \geq 1$ . All signatures with respect to maximal Fuchsian groups are known in Theorems 1, 2 and 3 in [8]. From these known results it follows that in the case of  $r = 1$ ,  $N_S^+$  is not maximal, because  $\sigma(N_S^+) = (1; +; [d, d]; \{-\})$  for some divisor  $d (\neq 1)$  of  $n$ . Hence, by Theorem 1 in [8], there exists a Fuchsian group  $\Gamma' \supset N_S^+$  satisfying

$$[\Gamma' : N_S^+] = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(\Gamma') = (0; +; [2, 2, 2, 2, d]; \{-\}),$$

so that the generators of  $\Gamma'$  is represented by  $y_1, \dots, y_5$  with the relations

$$y_i^2 = I_H (1 \leq i \leq 4), \quad y_5^d = I_H \quad \text{and} \quad y_1 \cdots y_5 = I_H.$$

We see that  $\Gamma'$  includes  $\Gamma_S$  as a normal subgroup by the following way.

Let  $D_n$  be the dihedral group of order  $2n$ , namely,

$$D_n = \langle a, b \mid a^n = b^2 = (ab)^2 = e \text{ (unit element)} \rangle.$$

Since  $N_S^+/\Gamma_S \cong A(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_n \cong \langle a \rangle$ , there exists an epimorphism  $\theta : N_S^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_n$  with  $\ker(\theta) = \Gamma_S$ . By  $[\Gamma' : N_S^+] = 2$ , we can write  $\Gamma' = N_S^+ \cup N_S^+ \gamma_1$  for some  $\gamma_1$  in  $\Gamma'$ . Therefore for each  $y_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) there exists  $y'_i$  in  $N_S^+$  satisfying  $y_i = y'_i \gamma_1$ . We note that  $y_5 \in N_S^+$ . Then We can define an epimorphism  $\varphi_1 : \Gamma' \rightarrow D_n$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(y_i) &= \theta(y'_i)b \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 4, \\ \varphi_1(y_5) &= \theta(y_5). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\ker(\varphi_1) = \Gamma_S$ ,  $\Gamma_S$  is a normal subgroup of  $\Gamma'$ . Hence  $r \geq 2$  must hold because  $N_S^+$  is the normalizer of  $\Gamma_S$  in  $A(H)$ .

Next we assume  $m=2$ . The signature of  $N_S^+$  is of form

$$\sigma(N_S^+) = (2; +; [d_1, d_1, \dots, d_r, d_r]; \{-\}).$$

By Theorems 1 and 2 in [8],  $N_S^+$  is not maximal in the case of  $r = 0$ , because  $\sigma(N_S^+) = (2; +; [-]; \{-\})$ . Then, by Theorem 1 in [8], there exists a Fuchsian group  $\Gamma'' \supset N_S^+$  satisfying

$$[\Gamma'' : N_S^+] = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(\Gamma'') = (0; +; [2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]; \{-\}),$$

so that the generators of  $\Gamma''$  is represented by  $z_1, \dots, z_6$  with the relations  $z_i^2 = z_1 \cdots z_6 = I_H$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 6$ ). Since  $[\Gamma'' : N_S^+] = 2$ , we can write  $\Gamma'' = N_S^+ \cup N_S^+ \gamma_2$  for some  $\gamma_2$  in  $\Gamma''$ . Therefore for each  $z_i$  there exists  $z'_i$

in  $N_S^+$  satisfying  $z_i = z'_i \gamma_2$ . We can define an epimorphism  $\varphi_2 : \Gamma'' \rightarrow D_n$  satisfying

$$\varphi_2(z_i) = \theta(z'_i)b \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 6.$$

Since  $\ker(\varphi_2) = \Gamma_S$ ,  $\Gamma_S$  is a normal subgroup of  $\Gamma''$ . Hence  $r \geq 1$  must hold because  $N_S^+$  is the normalizer of  $\Gamma_S$  in  $A(H)$ . Thus the assertion (a) holds.

We put  $g' = (m+1-k)/2$ . Then the set of canonical generators of  $N_S$  is represented by

$$\{a_i, b_i (1 \leq i \leq g'), x_j (1 \leq j \leq r), e_l, c_l = c_{l0} (1 \leq l \leq k)\},$$

with the relations

$$x_j^{d_j} = I_H \ (1 \leq j \leq r), \ e_l^{-1} c_l e_l c_l = c_l^2 = I_H \ (1 \leq l \leq k)$$

and

$$\prod_{j=1}^r x_j \prod_{l=1}^k e_l \prod_{i=1}^{g'} [a_i, b_i] = I_H.$$

We put

$$F = \{1 \leq l \leq k ; e_l \notin \Gamma_S\} \text{ and } t = \#F.$$

For each  $l$  in  $F$  we denote by  $f_l$  the order of  $\eta(e_l)$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{2n}$ , which is a divisor ( $\neq 1$ ) of  $n$ . Then  $d_1, \dots, d_r, f_l$  ( $l \in F$ ) are required divisors. The equality (b) is shown by the Riemann-Hurwitz relation  $\mu(\Gamma_S) = [N_S : \Gamma_S] \mu(N_S)$ , namely,

$$2g - 2 = 2n \left( m - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r \left( 1 - \frac{1}{d_i} \right) \right)$$

The assertion (c) follows from the genus of  $\sigma(N_S)$ . The assertion (d) follows from  $t = \#F$ .

We shall show the assertion (e). Let  $T$  be a symmetry on  $S$ . Since  $\{I_S, T\}$  is a subgroup of  $E(S) \cong N_S/\Gamma_S$ , there exists a subgroup  $\Gamma_1$  of  $N_S$  satisfying  $\Gamma_1/\Gamma_S \cong \{I_S, T\}$ . Then  $\Gamma_1 = \eta^{-1}(\{0, n\})$ . Since  $H/\Gamma_1 \cong (H/\Gamma_S)/(\Gamma_1/\Gamma_S) \cong S/\langle T \rangle$ ,  $|\text{sp}(S)|$  is the number of period-cycles of  $\sigma(\Gamma_1)$ . Consequently we shall determine the signature of  $\Gamma_1$ . Since  $[N_S : \Gamma_1]$  is odd, we get  $\text{sign}(\sigma(\Gamma_1)) = \text{sign}(\sigma(N_S)) = "+"$  ([4; Theorem 2.1.2]). The order of  $\Gamma_1 x_j$  in  $N_S/\Gamma_1$  is equal to that of  $x_j$  in  $N_S$ . Hence there are no proper periods of  $\sigma(\Gamma_1)$  ([4; Theorem 2.2.3]). Since  $\sigma(N_S)$  does not have any period in all period-cycles, neither does  $\sigma(\Gamma_1)$ . For each  $l$  in  $F$ , the order of  $\Gamma_1 e_l$

in  $N_S/\Gamma_1$  is equal to  $f_l$ , so that by using Theorem 2.4.2 in [4] the number  $k_1$  of period-cycles of  $\sigma(\Gamma_1)$  is given by

$$k_1 = n(k - t) + \sum_{l \in F} \frac{n}{f_l} = n \left( k - \sum_{l \in F} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{f_l} \right) \right).$$

Hence the signature of  $\Gamma_1$  is given by

$$\sigma(\Gamma_1) = (g_1; +; [-]; \{\overbrace{(-), \dots, (-)}^{k_1}\}),$$

where  $g_1 = (g - k_1 + 1)/2$ . Since  $\text{sign}(\sigma(\Gamma_1)) = "+"$ ,  $S/\langle T \rangle$  is orientable, so that  $\gamma = k_1$ . Hence the assertion (e) holds.

If  $r + t > 0$ , we put  $M = \text{l.c.m.}\{d_1, \dots, d_r, f_l \ (l \in F)\}$ . Then

$$\langle \eta(x_j) (1 \leq j \leq r), \eta(e_l) (l \in F) \rangle \cong \mathbf{Z}_M.$$

The canonical relation  $\prod_{j=1}^r x_j \prod_{l=1}^k e_l \prod_{i=1}^{g'} [a_i, b_i] = I_H$  implies  $\sum_{j=1}^r \eta(x_j) + \sum_{l \in F} \eta(e_l) = 0$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{2n}$ , so that we can take elements  $\xi_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq r$ ),  $\varepsilon_l$  ( $l \in F$ ) in  $\mathbf{Z}_M$  satisfying  $o(\xi_j) = d_j$ ,  $o(\varepsilon_l) = f_l$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^r \xi_j + \sum_{l \in F} \varepsilon_l = 0$ . Therefore the assertion (f) follows from Lemma 1.

We shall show the assertion (g). If  $k = m + 1$  then the set of canonical generators of  $N_S$  is represented by

$$\{x_j \ (1 \leq j \leq r), \ e_l, \ c_l = c_{l0} \ (1 \leq l \leq k)\}$$

with the relations

$$x_j^{d_j} = I_H \ (1 \leq j \leq r), \ e_l^{-1} c_l e_l c_l = c_l^2 = I_H \ (1 \leq l \leq k)$$

and

$$\prod_{j=1}^r x_j \prod_{l=1}^k e_l = I_H.$$

Since  $\eta : N_S \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  is surjective, the image of  $\eta$ ,

$$\text{Im}(\eta) = \langle \eta(x_j) \ (1 \leq j \leq r), \ \eta(e_l), \ \eta(c_l) \ (1 \leq l \leq k) \rangle,$$

contains elements of order  $2n$ . Since  $\eta(c_l)$  ( $1 \leq l \leq k$ ) are elements of order 2, it follows that  $\text{l.c.m.}\{d_1, \dots, d_r, f_l \ (l \in F)\} = n$ . Thus the assertion (g) holds. Hence the proof of "only if" part is completely achieved.



Conversely we shall show the “if” part. Let  $n, m, g, \gamma, r, t, d_1, \dots, d_{r+t}$  and  $k$  be given numbers satisfying conditions (a) to (g). We put

$$\sigma = (g'; +; [d_1, \dots, d_r]; \overbrace{\{(-), \dots, (-)\}}^k),$$

where  $g' = (m + 1 - k)/2$ . By (c),  $g'$  is a non-negative integer. Since the area  $\mu(\sigma) = m - 1 + \sum_{j=1}^r (1 - 1/d_j)$  is positive by (b), there exist NEC groups with signature  $\sigma$ . By Corollary 2.2.5 in [4] the canonical Fuchsian groups of such NEC groups have the signature

$$\sigma^+ = (m; +; [d_1, d_1, \dots, d_r, d_r]; \{-\}).$$

From (a) it follows that

$$\sigma^+ \neq (1; +; [d_i, d_i]; \{-\}) \text{ and } \sigma^+ \neq (2; +; [-]; \{-\}).$$

Therefore, by Theorems 1 and 2 in [8], there exists a maximal Fuchsian group with signature  $\sigma^+$ , so that we have a maximal NEC group with signature  $\sigma$ . We denote it by  $N$ .

Let  $\{a_i, b_i (1 \leq i \leq g'), x_j (1 \leq j \leq r), e_l, c_l = c_{l0} (1 \leq l \leq k)\}$  be the set of canonical generators of  $N$  satisfying

$$x_j^{d_j} = I_H \quad (1 \leq j \leq r), \quad e_l^{-1} c_l e_l c_l = c_l^2 = I_H \quad (1 \leq l \leq k)$$

and

$$\prod_{j=1}^r x_j \prod_{l=1}^k e_l \prod_{i=1}^{g'} [a_i, b_i] = I_H.$$

Assume  $r + t > 0$ . By the condition (f) and Lemma 1 there exist  $\xi_j$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  of order  $d_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq r + t$ ) such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{r+t} \xi_j = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{Z}_{2n}.$$

We can define an epimorphism  $\eta : N \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(a_1) &= \eta(b_1) = 2 \quad (\text{if } g' \geq 1), \quad \eta(a_i) = \eta(b_i) = 0 \quad (2 \leq i \leq g'), \\ \eta(x_j) &= \xi_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq r, \text{ if } r \neq 0), \\ \eta(c_l) &= n \quad (1 \leq l \leq k), \\ \eta(e_l) &= \begin{cases} \xi_{r+l} & (1 \leq l \leq t, \text{ if } t \neq 0), \\ 0 & (t+1 \leq l \leq k). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\eta$  is compatible with the relations in  $N$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
x_j^{d_j} &= I_H & \Rightarrow & \eta(x_j^{d_j}) = d_j \xi_j = 0 \quad (1 \leq j \leq r), \\
c_l^2 &= I_H & \Rightarrow & \eta(c_l^2) = 2n \quad (1 \leq l \leq k), \\
e_l^{-1} c_l e_l c_l &= I_H & \Rightarrow & \eta(e_l^{-1} c_l e_l c_l) = 0 \quad (1 \leq l \leq k), \\
\prod_{j=1}^r x_j \prod_{l=1}^k e_l \prod_{i=1}^{g'} [a_i, b_i] &= I_H & \Rightarrow & \eta(\prod_{j=1}^r x_j \prod_{l=1}^k e_l \prod_{i=1}^{g'} [a_i, b_i]) \\
& & & = \sum_{j=1}^{r+t} \xi_j = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

We shall show that  $\eta$  is surjective. Since  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\text{Im}(\eta)$  contains  $\eta(c_1)$  of order 2. Therefore it is sufficient to show that  $\text{Im}(\eta)$  contains an element of order  $n$ . If  $g' \geq 1$ , then  $\eta(a_1)$  and  $\eta(b_1)$  are of order  $n$  by the definition. If  $g' = 0$ , that is,  $k = m + 1$ , then by (g) there exist elements of order  $n$  in  $\text{Im}(\eta)$ . Thus  $\text{Im}(\eta) = \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$ .

We put

$$\Gamma = \ker(\eta) \text{ and } S = H/\Gamma.$$

Then  $\Gamma$  is an NEC group.

We shall show that  $S$  is a required Riemann surface. By the definition of  $\eta$ , there exist no elliptic elements and orientation-reversing ones in  $\Gamma$ , so that the genus of  $\sigma(\Gamma)$  is equal to  $g$  by the Riemann-Hurwitz relation  $\mu(\Gamma) = 2n\mu(N)$ . Therefore  $\Gamma$  is a Fuchsian group of signature  $\sigma(\Gamma) = (g; +; [-]; \{-\})$ . Hence  $S$  is a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g$ . Since  $N$  is maximal and includes  $\Gamma$  as a normal subgroup,  $N$  is the normalizer of  $\Gamma$  in  $E(H)$ . Therefore  $E(S) \cong N/\Gamma \cong \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$ . We put  $\Gamma_2 = \eta^{-1}(\{0, n\})$ . Since  $\Gamma_2/\Gamma$  is a subgroup of order 2 in  $N/\Gamma$ , there exists a symmetry  $T$  on  $S$  such that

$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma \cong \{I_S, T\} \subset E(S).$$

Thus  $S$  is symmetric. From  $[E(S) : A(S)] = 2$  it follows that  $A(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_n$ . The genus of  $\sigma(N^+)$  is equal to  $2g' + k - 1 = m$ , so that the genus of  $S/A(S) \cong H/N^+$  is equal to  $m$ . Thus  $S$  is of type  $(n, m)$ . The orientability of  $S/E(S)$  is derived from  $S/E(S) \cong H/N$  and  $\text{sign}(\sigma(N)) = "+"$ .

We shall show  $\text{sp}(S) = \gamma$ . Note the form of  $\sigma(\Gamma_1)$  given in the "only if" part. Similarly we obtain

$$\sigma(\Gamma_2) = (g_2; +; [-]; \overbrace{\{(-), \dots, (-)\}}^{k_2})$$

and

$$k_2 = n(k - t) + \sum_{l=1}^t \frac{n}{d_{r+l}} = n \left( k - \sum_{l=1}^t \left( 1 - \frac{1}{d_{r+l}} \right) \right).$$

Since  $S/\langle T \rangle \cong (H/\Gamma)/(\Gamma_2/\Gamma) \cong H/\Gamma_2$ , we have  $\text{sp}(S) = k_2 = \gamma$ . Hence  $S$  is a symmetric Riemann surface of type  $(n, m)$  with  $g(S) = g$ ,  $\text{sp}(S) = \gamma$ ,  $E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{2n}$  and with the orientable quotient  $S/E(S)$ . The proof of “if” part is completely achieved.

**COROLLARY 2.** *If  $\sum_{i=1}^r (1 - 1/d_i) = \sum_{i=1}^t (1 - 1/d_{r+i})$  in the above theorem, then*

$$g(S) + k(S/\langle T \rangle) - 1 = \#A(S) (g(S/A(S)) + k(S/E(S)) - 1),$$

where  $k(X)$  denotes the number of boundary components of  $X$ .

*Proof.* By (b) and (e), we get  $g + \gamma - 1 = n(m + k - 1)$ .

## §5. Examples

We shall show the simplest examples on our theorem.

**EXAMPLE 1.** In the case of  $n = 9$  and  $m = 1$ , our theorem is reduced to the following:

There exists a symmetric Riemann surface  $S$  of type  $(9, 1)$  with  $g(S) = g$ ,  $\text{sp}(S) = \gamma$ ,  $E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{18}$  and with the orientable quotient  $S/E(S)$  if and only if there exist non-negative integers  $r_1, r_2, t_1, t_2$ ,  $\overbrace{3, \dots, 3}^{r_1+t_1}$  and  $\overbrace{9, \dots, 9}^{r_2+t_2}$  such that :

- (1)  $r_1 + r_2 \geq 2$ .
- (2)  $g = 6r_1 + 8r_2 + 1$ .
- (3)  $0 \leq t_1 + t_2 \leq 2$ .
- (4)  $\gamma = 2(9 - 3t_1 - 4t_2)$ .
- (5) We put  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2)$  and  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2)$ , then

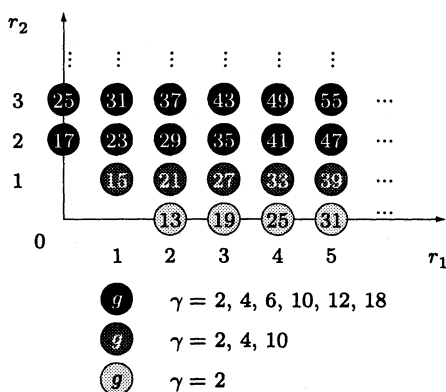
$$(5.1) \quad \mathbf{r} = (s, 0), \quad s \geq 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = (0, 2),$$

$$(5.2) \quad \mathbf{r} = (s, 1), \quad s \geq 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = (0, 1), (1, 1), (0, 2).$$

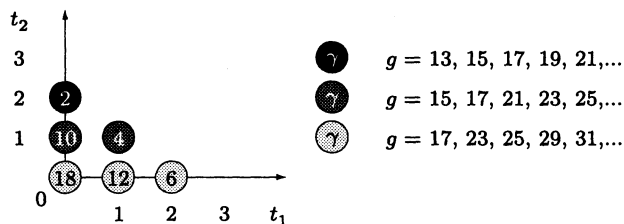
Then the possible genera  $g$  and species  $\gamma$  are listed as follows:

$g$	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	...
$\gamma$	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
		4	4		4	4	4	4	4	4	
			6			6	6		6	6	...
		10	10		10	10	10	10	10	10	
			12			12	12		12	12	
			18			18	18		18	18	

The following figure illustrates the relation of  $g$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $r$ .



The following figure illustrates the relation of  $g$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $t$ .



The possible  $g$  and  $\gamma$  satisfying the equality in Corollary 2 are the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 g = 15 \quad \gamma = 4 \quad (r = t = (1, 1)), \\
 g = 17 \quad \gamma = 2 \quad (r = t = (0, 2)).
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2. In the case of  $n = 15$  and  $m = 1$ , our theorem is reduced to the following:

There exists a symmetric Riemann surface  $S$  of type  $(15, 1)$  with  $g(S) = g$ ,  $\text{sp}(S) = \gamma$ ,  $E(S) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{30}$  and with the orientable quotient  $S/E(S)$  if and

only if there exist non-negative integers  $r_1, r_2, r_3, t_1, t_2, t_3, \overbrace{3, \dots, 3}^{r_1+t_1}, \overbrace{5, \dots, 5}^{r_2+t_2}$  and  $\overbrace{15, \dots, 15}^{r_3+t_3}$  such that:

- (1)  $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 \geq 2$ .
- (2)  $g = 10r_1 + 12r_2 + 14r_3 + 1$ .
- (3)  $0 \leq t_1 + t_2 + t_3 \leq 2$ .
- (4)  $\gamma = 2(15 - 5t_1 - 6t_2 - 7t_3)$ .
- (5) We put  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, r_3)$  and  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$ , then

$$(5.1) \mathbf{r} = (s, 0, 0), s \geq 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = (0, 2, 0), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 2),$$

$$(5.2) \mathbf{r} = (0, s, 0), s \geq 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = (2, 0, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 2),$$

$$(5.3) \mathbf{r} = (1, 1, 0) \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), \\ (0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 2),$$

$$(5.4) \mathbf{r} = (1, s, 0), s \geq 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} \neq (0, u, 0), u \geq 0,$$

$$(5.5) \mathbf{r} = (s, 1, 0), s \geq 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} \neq (u, 0, 0), u \geq 0,$$

$$(5.6) \mathbf{r} = (s, 0, 1), s \geq 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} \neq (u, 0, 0), u \geq 0,$$

$$(5.7) \mathbf{r} = (0, s, 1), s \geq 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} \neq (0, u, 0), u \geq 0.$$

Then the possible genera  $g$  and species  $\gamma$  are listed as follows:

$g$	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	...
$\gamma$	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	...
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
		8	8	8	8		8	8	8	8	
			10	10	10			10	10	10	
		16	16	16	16		16	16	16	16	
			18		18		18	18	18	18	
				20	20			20	20	20	
					30				30	30	

The following figure illustrates the relation of  $g$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\mathbf{r}$ .



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