

## On the Topology of Fermat Type Surface of Degree 5 and the Numerical Analysis of Algebraic Curves

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $V_n$  be a Fermat type algebraic surface of degree  $n$ , that is,

$$V_n = \{[z_0 : z_1 : z_2 : z_3] \in \mathbf{CP}^3 \mid z_0^n - z_1^n - z_2^n + z_3^n = 0\}.$$

We consider a fibration  $f: V_n \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$  given by

$$f: [z_0 : z_1 : z_2 : z_3] \mapsto \begin{cases} [z_2^{n-1} : z_0^{n-1}] & \text{if } z_0 = z_1 \text{ and } z_2 = z_3 \\ [z_0 - z_1 : z_2 - z_3] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

A general fiber of  $f$  is a Riemannian surface of genus  $(n-2)(n-3)/2$ . If  $n \leq 4$ , a general fiber is a sphere or a torus and the singular fibers and their monodromies are known. (See [K].). In the case  $n=5$  the genus of a general fiber is 3. Matsumoto calculates in his notes [M] the positions and homeomorphism-types of all singular fibers appearing in the fibration  $f: V_n \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$  for general  $n$ . From his results we know the conjugate class of the local monodromy for each singular fiber.

In this paper we suppose  $n=5$  and we give an algorithm to calculate the global monodromy map

$$[\tilde{\rho}_*]: \pi_1(\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF, \sigma_0) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_3 = \text{Aut} \pi_1 \Sigma_3 / \text{Inn} \pi_1 \Sigma_3$$

using numerical analysis of algebraic curves in  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ . Here

$$SF = \{\sigma \mid F_\sigma = f^{-1}(\sigma) \text{ is a singular fiber}\}.$$

First we define a branched covering map

$$h_\sigma: F_\sigma \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$$

for each general fiber  $F_\sigma = f^{-1}(\sigma)$ . Its branch loci are obtained as solutions of certain

equations  $l_j(x)=0$ . (Lemma 2.5.)

Let  $c: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1 - SF$  be a continuous path. We define a homeomorphism between fibers on the ends of this path as follows. Let  $h_c$  be a map defined by

$$h_c: \bigsqcup_t F_{c(t)} \rightarrow [0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1$$

$$F_{c(t)} \ni x \mapsto (t, h_{c(t)}(x)).$$

Let  $\rho(c): [0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$  be a homeotopy of the base space of  $h_{c(t)}$  preserving its branch loci, that is,  $\rho(c)$  is continuous,  $\rho(c)(t, \cdot)$  is a homeomorphism,  $\rho(c)(0, \cdot) = \text{id}$ , and  $\rho(c)(t, D_{c(0)}) = D_{c(t)}$ , where  $D_{c(t)}$  is a set of branch loci of  $h_{c(t)}$ . For any  $y$  in  $\mathbf{CP}^1$  we consider a path  $\gamma_y$  on  $[0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1$  defined by

$$\gamma_y: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1: \quad t \mapsto (t, \rho(c)(t, y)).$$

We define a map  $\tilde{\rho}(c): F_{c(0)} \rightarrow F_{c(1)}$  by  $x \mapsto \tilde{\gamma}_x(1)$ , where  $y = h_{c(0)}(x)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}_x$  is a lifting of  $\gamma_y$  with its starting point  $x$ .  $\tilde{\rho}(c)$  is a homeomorphism.

Secondly we show that there exists an injection  $p_*$  from  $\pi_1(\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF, \sigma_0)$  to a free group denoted by  $\pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  which is generated by four elements  $[\gamma_0], [\gamma_1], [\gamma_2], [\gamma_3]$ , where  $T = (\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF)/\langle \omega \rangle$ , and  $\omega = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/5)$ . (Lemma 5.2.) For any  $[\gamma]$  in  $\pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$ ,  $[\gamma]$  is represented by a path  $\gamma$  connecting  $\sigma_0$  and  $\sigma_j = \omega^j \sigma_0$ , and  $j$  is a length of  $\gamma$ , which is defined in 5.2. Fix  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$ , and  $\gamma_3$  as in section 5, and let  $\pi T$  be a free group of loops on  $T$  generated by  $\gamma_j$ 's. For any  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  we take a realization  $\gamma$  of  $[\gamma]$  in  $\pi T$ .

Finally we calculate  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  for  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  in the following way.

(1) Notice that  $D_{\sigma_0} = D_{\sigma_j}$ . (See 2.5.)  $\rho(\gamma)$  determines a braid on  $\mathbf{C}^\times = \mathbf{CP}^1 - \{\infty, 0\}$ , where we may perturb  $\gamma_j$ 's such that any branch loci of  $h_{\gamma(t)}$  are not 0 nor  $\infty$ . Now we define a homomorphism  $\rho_T: \pi T \rightarrow B_8(\mathbf{C}^\times)$ , where  $B_8(\mathbf{C}^\times)$  is a braid group of degree 8 on  $\mathbf{C}^\times$ . (Proposition 5.3.) Remark that  $\infty$  is a branch locus if and only if 0 is also a branch locus. (See Lemma 2.5.)

(2) For a braid  $\beta$  of degree 8 on  $\mathbf{C}^\times$ , it induces a homeomorphism on  $\mathbf{C}^\times$ . Suppose  $\beta$  is represented by a map

$$\beta: \{8 \text{ points}\} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\times: \quad (x, t) \mapsto \beta(x, t).$$

Let  $\rho_\beta: \mathbf{C} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be an extension of  $\beta$ , that is,  $\rho_\beta$  is continuous,  $\rho_\beta(\cdot, t)$  is a homeomorphism,  $\rho_\beta(0, t) = 0$ , and  $\rho_\beta(x, t) = \beta(x, t)$  for  $x \in \{8 \text{ points}\}$ . The homotopy type of  $\rho_\beta$  depends only on a braid class of  $\beta$ . This extension induces an automorphism of  $\pi_1(\mathbf{C} - \{8 \text{ points}\}, 0)$ . This automorphism only depends on a braid  $\beta$  and we define a homomorphism

$$\rho_B: B_8 \rightarrow \text{Aut} \pi_1(\mathbf{C} - \{8 \text{ pts}\}, 0).$$

If we take  $\{8 \text{ pts}\} = D_{\sigma_0}$  then we have  $\rho(\gamma)_* = \rho_B \circ \rho_T(\gamma)$ . (Proposition 5.5.)

(3) We calculate  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma): h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0) \rightarrow h_{\sigma_j}^{-1}(0)$ . (Proposition 5.6.)

(4) For  $*$  in  $h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0)$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0} - h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_{\sigma_0}), *) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_*} & \pi_1(F_{\sigma_j} - h_{\sigma_j}^{-1}(D_{\sigma_j}), \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)(*)) \\ \downarrow h_{\sigma_0*} & & \downarrow h_{\sigma_j*} \\ \pi_1(\mathbf{CP}^1 - D_{\sigma_0}, 0) & \xrightarrow{\rho(\gamma)_*} & \pi_1(\mathbf{CP}^1 - D_{\sigma_j}, 0) \end{array}$$

commutes, where  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  is a monodromy homeomorphism which will be given in section 2. And  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_* = h_{\sigma_j*}^{-1} \circ \rho_B \circ \rho_T \circ h_{\sigma_0*}$  induces a homomorphism

$$\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_* : \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *) \rightarrow \pi_1(F_{\sigma_j}, \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)(*)),$$

where  $h_{\sigma_j*}^{-1}$  is a lifting with its starting point  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)(*)$ . Because this diagram commutes,  $\rho_B \circ \rho_T \circ h_{\sigma_0*}(x)$  has a lifting for any  $x \in \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *)$ . In section 4, we have an algorithm to get this lifting.

This algorithm gives a monodromy map of a fibration  $f$ . We have some remarks.

(Remark 1)  $\gamma \mapsto \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  is not a homomorphism because  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  is not an automorphism on  $\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *)$ .  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  only gives an element  $[\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)]$  in  $\text{Aut}\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0})/\text{Inn}\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0})$ .

(Remark 2)  $\rho_T(\gamma)$ ,  $\rho(\gamma)$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  depend on a choice of  $\gamma_j$ 's. Hence for any  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)$  depends on a choice of the realization  $\gamma$ . But on the other hand  $[\gamma] \mapsto [\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)]$  is well-defined and it is sufficient to calculate  $\tilde{\rho}$  for one realization  $\gamma$ .

(Remark 3) This algorithm does not depend on the degree  $n$  of the surface  $V_n$ . Generally for any fibration from a smooth surface to a smooth line we can determine its singular fibers and its global monodromy map using a similar algorithm.

(Remark 4) It is known that  $\mathfrak{M}_g$  is generated by Dehn twists along simple closed curves on  $\Sigma_g$ . In our cases, for some loops on  $\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF$  we easily give monodromy map using a product of Dehn twists. See Proposition 5.8.

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## 2. Singular fibers and branched covering of general fibers.

In this section we quote some results from Matsumoto's notes [M] and prepare some fundamental properties.

In the sequel we regard  $\mathbf{CP}^1$  as  $C \cup \infty$ . For  $\sigma \in \mathbf{CP}^1$ , let  $F_\sigma = f^{-1}(\sigma)$  be a fiber. In this section we suppose  $n \geq 4$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.**  $F_\sigma$  is a singular fiber if and only if  $\sigma = 0$  or  $\sigma = \infty$  or for some  $j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$ ,

$$\sigma^n = \frac{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^k)^{n-1}}{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^j)^{n-1}},$$

where  $\omega_{n-1} = \exp(2\pi i/(n-1))$ .

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *If  $n=5$  and  $F_\sigma$  is a singular fiber then  $\sigma=0$  or  $\sigma=\infty$  or  $\sigma^5 = -1/4$  or  $1$  or  $-4$ .*

The proof is given by Matsumoto ([M]). Matsumoto determines the homeomorphism-type of all of singular fibers. In case  $n=5$  we have

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** *Let  $\alpha = \sqrt[5]{-4}$ .*

- (1)  $F_0 \approx F_\infty \approx$  Bouquet of 4  $S^2$ 's.
- (2) For  $j=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $F_{\omega_j^5}$  is homeomorphic to the singular fiber shown in Figure 2.1.
- (3) For  $j=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $F_{\alpha\omega_j^5} \approx F_{\alpha^{-1}\omega_j^5}$  is homeomorphic to the singular fiber shown in Figure 2.2.
- (4) If  $F_\sigma$  is a general fiber then  $F_\sigma \approx \Sigma_3$  and  $F_\sigma$  is smooth.

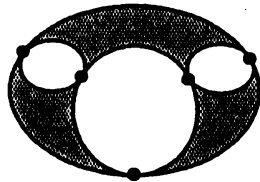


FIGURE 2.1

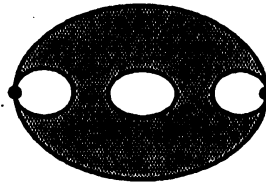


FIGURE 2.2

For  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma \neq 0$  nor  $\sigma \neq \infty$  we define a branched covering map

$$h_\sigma: F_\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1: [z_0:z_1:z_2:z_3] \mapsto [z_0:z_1].$$

**LEMMA 2.4.** (1) *Suppose  $\sigma \neq 0$  and  $\sigma \neq \infty$ .*

$$F_\sigma \cap \{z_0 \neq 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid g_\sigma(x, y) = 0, x \neq 1\} \cup \{(1, y) \mid y^{n-1} = \sigma\},$$

where  $g_\sigma(x, y) = 1 - x^n - y^n + (y + (x-1)/\sigma)^n$ . And  $h_\sigma$  is given by

$$h_\sigma: (x, y) \in F_\sigma \cap \{z_0 \neq 0\} \mapsto x = z_1/z_0 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

- (2)  $F_\sigma \cap \{z_0 = 0\} = h_\sigma^{-1}(\infty)$ .
- (3) *If  $F_\sigma$  is a general fiber then  $h_\sigma$  is a branched covering map.*

We leave the proof of this lemma to the readers.

**LEMMA 2.5.** (1) *If  $F_\sigma$  is a general fiber then the branch loci  $x = z_1/z_0$  of  $h_\sigma$  is given by the solutions of  $l_j(x) = 0$ , ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$ ), where*

$$l_j(x) = \frac{(x-1)^{n-1}}{(1-\omega_{n-1}^{-j})^{n-1}\sigma^n} + (-1)^n(x^{n-1} + \dots + x + 1),$$

$$\omega_{n-1} = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{n-1}\right).$$

(2) If the degree of  $l_j(x)$  is less than  $n-1$  for some  $j$  then  $x = \infty$  is one of the branch loci.

(3) For any branch locus, its monodromy group is  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ .

PROOF. (1) If  $x$  is a branch locus of  $h_\sigma$  and  $x \neq 1$  and  $x \neq \infty$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g_\sigma(x, y) &= 0, \\ -ny^{n-1} + n\left(y + \frac{x-1}{\sigma}\right)^{n-1} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore for some  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-2\}$  we obtain

$$y = \omega_{n-1}^j \left(y + \frac{x-1}{\sigma}\right).$$

From the assumption  $x \neq 1$ , we have  $j \neq 0$  and

$$y = \frac{x-1}{(\omega_{n-1}^{-j} - 1)\sigma}.$$

Substituting this for  $g_\sigma(x, y) = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - x^n - \left(\frac{x-1}{(\omega_{n-1}^{-j} - 1)\sigma}\right)^n (1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j}) &= 0, \\ (-1)^{n-1}(x-1) \left\{ \frac{(x-1)^{n-1}}{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j})^{n-1}\sigma^n} + (-1)^n(x^{n-1} + \dots + x + 1) \right\} &= 0, \\ l_j(x) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The condition  $\sigma \neq 0$  implies that  $h_\sigma([z_0 : z_1 : z_2 : z_3]) = 1$  if and only if  $x = 1, y^{n-1} = \sigma$ , and hence  $x = 1$  is not a branch locus. It is easy to check that  $l_j(1) \neq 0$ .

(2) Since  $\sigma \neq 0$  and  $\sigma \neq \infty$ ,

$$h_\sigma^{-1}(\infty) = \{(x, y) \mid y = x + 1/\sigma, -1 - x^n + (x + 1/\sigma)^n = 0\}$$

and it is easy to show that the degree of  $l_j(x)$  is less than  $n-1$  for some  $j$  if and only if  $-1 - x^n + (x + 1/\sigma)^n = 0$  has multiple solutions.

(3) It is sufficient to show that for any given  $x$  such that  $x \neq 1$  the equation  $g_\sigma(x, y) = 0$  for  $y$  does not have any triple solutions. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g_\sigma(x, y) = 0 &\Rightarrow y = \omega_{n-1}^j \left(y + \frac{x-1}{\sigma}\right), \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} g_\sigma(x, y) = 0 &\Rightarrow y = \omega_{n-2}^{j'} \left(y + \frac{x-1}{\sigma}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The condition  $n \geq 4$  and  $x \neq 1$  implies that they have no common solutions for  $x, y$ .

LEMMA 2.6. (1)  $F_\sigma$  ( $\sigma \neq 0, \sigma \neq \infty$ ) is a singular fiber if and only if  $l_j(x) = 0$  has multiple solutions for some  $j$ .

(2) If  $n$  is odd,  $l_j(x) = l_{n-j-1}(x)$ . If  $l_j(x) = 0$  and  $l_{j'}(x) = 0$  have a common solution then (i)  $j = j'$  or (ii)  $j' = n - j - 1$  with odd  $n$ .

PROOF. Let  $y_j(x)$  be defined by

$$y_j(x) = \frac{x-1}{(\omega_n^{-j} - 1)\sigma}.$$

From Lemma 2.5,  $(-1)^{n-1}(x-1)l_j(x) = g_\sigma(x, y_j(x))$  holds. If  $F_\sigma$  has a singular point  $(x_0, y_0) \in F_\sigma \cap \{z_0 \neq 0\}$ , then  $g_\sigma = \partial g_\sigma / \partial x = \partial g_\sigma / \partial y = 0$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$ . It follows that  $y_0 = y_j(x_0)$  for some  $j$  and

$$g_\sigma(x, y) = \alpha(x - x_0)^2 + \beta(x - x_0)(y - y_0) + \gamma(y - y_0)^2 + (\text{higher terms})$$

holds for some constant  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . Hence

$$g_\sigma(x, y_j(x)) = \alpha(x - x_0)^2 + \beta(x - x_0)(y_j(x) - y_j(x_0)) + \gamma(y_j(x) - y_j(x_0))^2 + (\text{higher terms})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dx} g_\sigma(x, y_j(x)) \right|_{x=x_0} &= \left\{ 2\alpha(x - x_0) + \beta\{(y_j(x) - y_j(x_0)) + (x - x_0)y_j'(x)\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \gamma(y_j(x) - y_j(x_0))y_j'(x) \right\} \Big|_{x=x_0} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} l_j(x) \right|_{x=x_0} = 0$$

and  $x_0$  is a multiple solution of  $l_j(x) = 0$ .

Suppose  $x_0$  is a multiple solution of  $l_j(x_0) = 0$ , then  $l_j(x_0) = l_j'(x_0) = 0$  holds. If  $L_j(x) = (x-1)l_j(x)$  then  $L_j(x_0) = L_j'(x_0) = 0$ .

$$L_j(x_0) = \frac{(x_0 - 1)^n}{(1 - \omega_n^{-j})^{n-1} \sigma^n} + (-1)^n (x_0^n - 1) = 0,$$

$$L_j'(x_0) = \frac{n(x_0 - 1)^{n-1}}{(1 - \omega_n^{-j})^{n-1} \sigma^n} + (-1)^n n x_0^{n-1} = 0,$$

$$x_0 - 1 = \frac{x_0 - 1}{x_0^{n-1}},$$

$$x_0^n - x_0^{n-1} = x_0^n - 1,$$

$$x_0^{n-1} = 1,$$

$$x_0 = \omega_{n-1}^k$$

for some  $k$ .  $L'_j(x_0) = 0$  implies that

$$\frac{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^k)^{n-1}}{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j})^{n-1}} = \sigma^n$$

and hence  $F_\sigma$  is a singular fiber.

(2) If  $n$  is odd then  $(1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j})^{n-1} = (1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-(n-j-1)})^{n-1}$  and  $l_{n-j-1}(x) = l_j(x)$ .

Assume that  $x$  is a common solution of  $l_j(x) = 0$  and  $l_{j'}(x) = 0$  and  $j \neq j'$ . Easily we have

$$\frac{(x-1)^{n-1}}{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j})^{n-1} \sigma^n} = \frac{(x-1)^{n-1}}{(1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j'})^{n-1} \sigma^n}.$$

Remark that since  $l_j(1) \neq 0$ ,  $x \neq 1$  and we have

$$(1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j})^{n-1} = (1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j'})^{n-1},$$

$$1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j} = \omega_{n-1}^k (1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j'})$$

for some  $k$ . Now it is easy to show that

$$1 - \omega_{n-1}^{-j} = 2 \sin \frac{\pi j}{n-1} \exp \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{j}{n-1} \right) \pi i \right\}.$$

And we have

$$\begin{cases} \sin \frac{\pi j}{n-1} = \sin \frac{\pi j'}{n-1} \\ \exp \frac{-j\pi i}{n-1} = \exp \frac{(-j' + 2k)\pi i}{n-1} \end{cases}.$$

From the assumption  $j \neq j'$ ,

$$\begin{cases} j + j' = n - 1 \\ -j \equiv -j' + 2k \pmod{n-1} \end{cases}.$$

We conclude that  $j + j' = n - 1$  and  $n$  is odd. □

We characterize the monodromy map as follows. Let  $c: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1 - SF$  be a continuous path. We define a homeomorphism between  $F_{c(0)}$  and  $F_{c(1)}$ . Let  $\rho(c): [0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$  be a homotopy of the base space of  $h_{c(t)}$  preserving its branch loci, that is,  $\rho(c)$  is continuous,  $\rho(c)(t, \cdot): \mathbf{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$  is a homeomorphism,  $\rho(c)(0, \cdot) = \text{id}$ ,

and  $\rho(c)(t, D_{c(0)}) = D_{c(t)}$ , where  $D_{c(t)}$  is a set of branch loci of  $h_{c(t)}$ . Remark that the homotopy type of  $\rho(c)$  is uniquely determined. In fact,

**PROPOSITION 2.7.** (1) *If  $\rho_0(c)$  and  $\rho_1(c)$  are homeotopy of the base space of  $h_{c(t)}$  preserving their branch loci, then there exists a homotopy  $r_s: \mathbf{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  such that  $r_0 = \rho_0(c)(1, \cdot)$  and  $r_1 = \rho_1(c)(1, \cdot)$ .*

(2) *Let  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  be mutually homotopic paths on  $\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF$ . Then there exists a homotopy  $r_s: \mathbf{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  such that  $r_0 = \rho_0(c_0)(1, \cdot)$  and  $r_1 = \rho_1(c_1)(1, \cdot)$  for homeotopies  $\rho_0(c_0)$ ,  $\rho_1(c_1)$ .*

**PROOF.** (1)  $r_s = \rho_0(c)(1, \cdot) \circ \rho_0(c)(s, \cdot)^{-1} \circ \rho_1(c)(s, \cdot)$ .

(2) Let  $c_s$  be a homotopy between  $c_0$  and  $c_1$ . It is easy to construct a family of homeotopies  $\rho'_s(c_s)$  along  $c_s$ . From (1),  $\rho'_s(c_s)(1, \cdot)$  and  $\rho_s(c_s)(1, \cdot)$ , are homotopic for  $s=0, 1$ . This completes the proof.

For any  $y \in \mathbf{CP}^1$ , let a path  $\gamma_y$  on  $[0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1$  be given by

$$\gamma_y: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1: \quad t \mapsto (t, \rho(c)(t, y)).$$

Let  $h_c$  be a branched covering on  $[0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1$  defined by

$$h_c: \bigsqcup_t F_{c(t)} \rightarrow [0, 1] \times \mathbf{CP}^1: \quad x \in F_{c(t)} \mapsto (t, h_{c(t)}(x)),$$

and  $\tilde{\gamma}_x: [0, 1] \rightarrow \bigsqcup_t F_{c(t)}$  be a lifting of  $\gamma_y$  with its starting point  $x \in h_{c(0)}^{-1}(y)$ . We define  $\tilde{\rho}(c)$  by

$$\tilde{\rho}(c): F_{c(0)} \rightarrow F_{c(1)}: \quad x \mapsto \tilde{\gamma}_x(1).$$

Clearly the following proposition holds.

**PROPOSITION 2.8.** (1)  *$\tilde{\rho}(c)$  is a homeomorphism.*

(2) *If  $c(0) = c(1)$  then  $\tilde{\rho}(c)$  gives a monodromy of  $F_{c(0)}$  along a loop  $c$ .*

### 3. Numerical analysis of 1-parameter equation.

Let  $f_t(x)$  be a continuous family of polynomials of  $x$  with one parameter  $t$ . Assume that for any  $t$  the degree of  $f_t(x)$  is  $n$ . We define  $D_f$  by

$$D_f = \{t \mid f_t(x) = 0 \text{ has a multiple root}\}$$

and let  $C_f = \mathbf{CP}^1 - D_f$ .

Fix  $t_0 \in C_f$  as a base point. Let  $\gamma$  be a loop in  $C_f$  with a base point  $t_0$  and  $[\gamma]$  be a homotopy class of  $\gamma$  in  $\pi_1(C_f, t_0)$ . Let  $\{x_1(c), \dots, x_n(c)\}$ , ( $c \in [0, 1]$ ) be a set of continuous functions such that  $x_1(c), \dots, x_n(c)$  are the solutions of  $f_{\gamma(c)}(x) = 0$ . (See (3.2).) Because  $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1) = t_0$ ,  $\{x_1(1), \dots, x_n(1)\}$  is a permutation  $\rho_f(\gamma)$  of  $\{x_1(0), \dots, x_n(0)\}$ , where  $\rho_f$  is a monodromy map  $\rho_f: \pi_1(C_f, t_0) \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_n$ . The problem we want to solve in a special case is as follows.



PROBLEM 3.1. For a given  $f_i(x)$ , calculate the monodromy map  $\rho_f$ .

In this section we will give a partial answer using Newton approximation. The following lemma is well-known.

LEMMA 3.2. If  $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow C_f$  is continuous then the solutions of  $f_{\gamma(t)}(x) = 0$  move continuously.

For a polynomial  $f(x)$ , let  $E_f: CP^1 \rightarrow CP^1$  be a Newton approximation, that is,

$$E_f(x) = \begin{cases} x - \frac{f(x)}{df(x)/dx} & \text{if } x \neq \infty \text{ and } df(x)/dx \neq 0 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For a map  $E: CP^1 \rightarrow CP^1$  we define attracting points in  $CP^1$  with respect to  $E$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. (1)  $p \in CP^1$  ( $p \neq \infty$ ) is an attracting point with respect to  $E$  if and only if there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \kappa < 1$  such that

$$\frac{|E(x) - p|}{|x - p|} < \kappa$$

if  $x$  satisfies  $|x - p| < \varepsilon$ .

(2)  $\infty \in CP^1$  is an attracting point with respect to  $E$  if and only if there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $1 < \kappa$  such that

$$\frac{|E(x)|}{|x|} > \kappa$$

for any  $x$  satisfying  $|x| > 1/\varepsilon$ .

From Definition 3.3 it is easy to show the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.4. Suppose that  $p \in CP^1$  ( $p \neq \infty$ ) is an attracting point (if it exists). For  $x$  such that  $|x - p| < \varepsilon$ , we define a sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i=0,1,2,\dots}$  by  $x_0 = x$  and  $x_{i+1} = E(x_i)$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_i\}$  converges to  $p$ .

LEMMA 3.5. Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  and  $p$  is one of solutions of  $f(x) = 0$ . Then  $p$  is an attracting point of  $E_f$ .

PROOF. Replace  $x$  with  $x - p$ . If

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x,$$

then

$$E_f(x) = x - \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x}{na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + 2a_2 x + a_1},$$

$$\left| \frac{E_f(x)}{x} \right| = \left| \frac{(n-1)a_n x^{n-1} + (n-2)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \cdots + a_2 x}{na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \cdots + 2a_2 x + a_1} \right|.$$

The condition  $a_n \neq 0$  implies that for  $x$  such that  $|x|$  is small

$$\left| \frac{E_f(x)}{x} \right| < 1 - \frac{1}{2n} < 1.$$

Hence 0 is an attracting point with respect to  $E_f$  and we complete the proof.

From Lemma 3.2, Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5 we have

**PROPOSITION 3.6.** *For a given loop  $\gamma$  in  $C_f$  there exists a partition of the interval*

$$0 = c_0 < c_1 < \cdots < c_{k-1} < c_k = 1$$

*such that for any  $0 \leq l < k$  if we define a sequence  $\{y_i\}_{i=0,1,2,\dots}$  by  $y_0 = x_j(\gamma(c_l))$  and  $y_{i+1} = E_{f_{\gamma(c_{l+1})}}(y_i)$  for  $i=0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then the sequence  $\{y_i\}$  converges to  $x_j(\gamma(c_{l+1}))$ .*

Using this proposition for given  $\gamma$  we make a partition of  $[0, 1]$  and we calculate  $x_j(\gamma(c_i))$  and the monodromy map  $\rho_f$ .

**4. General fiber  $F_{\sigma_0}$ .**

Let  $\sigma_0 = 1.1 = 11/10$ . In this section we consider a branched covering  $h_{\sigma_0} : F_{\sigma_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$ , which is given in Lemma 2.5, and characterize  $F_{\sigma_0} \approx \Sigma_3$ .

The branch loci of  $h_{\sigma_0}$  are given by solutions of

$$\left\{ \frac{(x-1)^4}{16\sigma_0^5} - (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) \right\} \left\{ \frac{(x-1)^4}{4\sigma_0^5} - (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) \right\} = 0.$$

In fact the solutions are  $\{A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B}, C, \bar{C}, D, \bar{D}\}$ , where  $A \doteq -0.9256 + 0.3786i$ ,  $B \doteq -0.3800 + 0.9250i$ ,  $C \doteq 0.2159 + 0.9764i$ ,  $D \doteq 0.3246 + 0.9458i$ .

If  $G_t(x) = g_{\sigma_0}(t, x)$  then we have  $C_G = \mathbb{C}P^1 - \{A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B}, C, \bar{C}, D, \bar{D}\}$ . Let  $a, b, c, d, \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c},$  and  $\bar{d}$  in Figure 4.1 be generators of  $\pi_1(C_G, 0)$ . We number the solutions of  $G_0(x) = 0$  as in Figure 4.2. Using Proposition 3.6, we calculate numerically movement

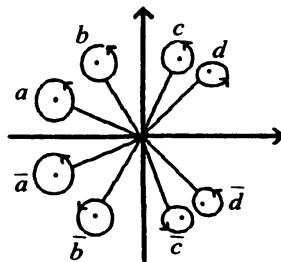


FIGURE 4.1

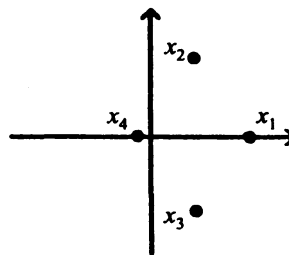


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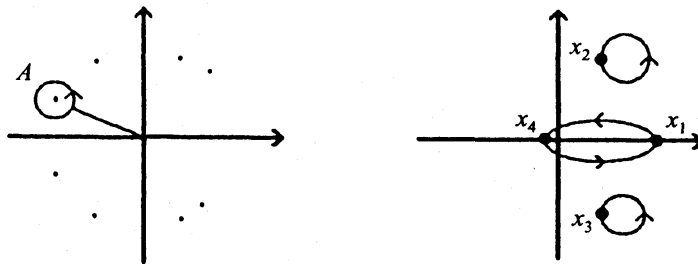


FIGURE 4.3.1

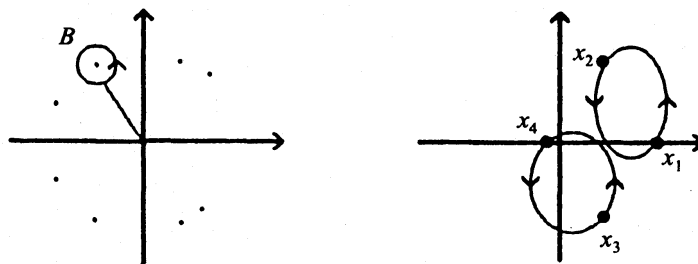


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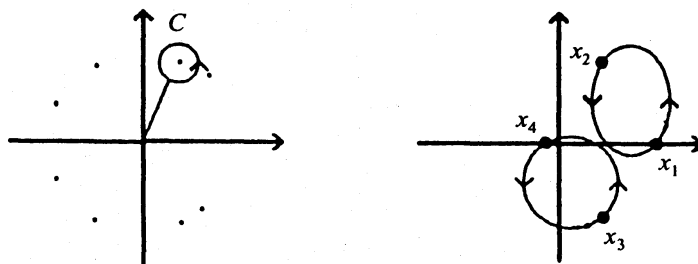


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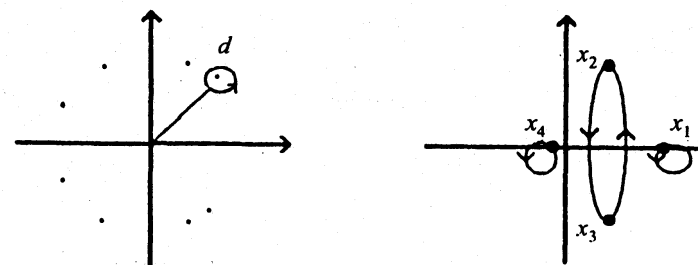


FIGURE 4.3.4

of solutions of  $G_t(x)=0$  when  $t$  runs along  $a, b, \dots$ , and so on. Figures 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, and 4.3.4 give some examples of movement of solutions of  $G_t(x)=0$ .

REMARK. Since  $g_{\sigma_0}(\bar{t}, x) = \overline{g_{\sigma_0}(t, \bar{x})} = \overline{g_{\sigma_0}(t, \bar{x})}$ ,  $G_t(x)=0$  if and only if  $G_{\bar{t}}(\bar{x})=0$ . Hence the movements of solutions for  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \bar{d}$  are conjugations of those of  $a, b, c, d$

respectively.

And we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_G: \pi_1(C_G, 0) &\rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_4 \\ a &\mapsto (14)(2)(3) & \bar{a} &\mapsto (14)(2)(3) \\ b &\mapsto (12)(34) & \bar{b} &\mapsto (13)(24) \\ c &\mapsto (12)(34) & \bar{c} &\mapsto (13)(24) \\ d &\mapsto (1)(23)(4) & \bar{d} &\mapsto (1)(23)(4). \end{aligned}$$

Here for example  $(1)(23)(4)$  is an element of  $\mathfrak{S}_4$  given by  $x_1 \mapsto x_1, x_2 \mapsto x_3, x_3 \mapsto x_2, x_4 \mapsto x_4$ .

Let  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  be mutually disjoint simple closed curves on  $C_G$  such that they are homotopic to  $a\bar{a}, bc, \bar{c}\bar{b}, \bar{d}d$ , respectively in  $G_G$ . (Figure 4.4.) Let  $D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4$

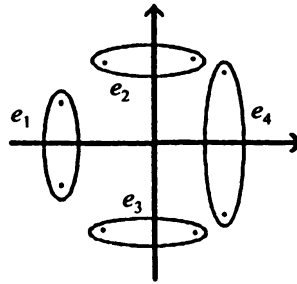


FIGURE 4.4

be mutually disjoint open disks in  $CP^1$  such that they bound  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  respectively and let  $\tilde{D}_i := h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Suppose  $CP^1 - \bigcup_i D_i$  contains 0. Observing the monodromy map  $\rho_G$  we have the following proposition.

- PROPOSITION 4.1.** (1)  $\rho_G(a\bar{a}) = \rho_G(bc) = \rho_G(\bar{c}\bar{b}) = \rho_G(\bar{d}d) = (1)(2)(3)(4)$ .  
 (2)  $h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(CP^1 - \bigcup_i D_i) \approx (CP^1 - \bigcup_i D_i) \times \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ .  
 (3) Let  $\partial\tilde{D}_i^j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) be components of  $\partial(h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_i))$  defined by

$$\partial\tilde{D}_i^j = \partial(h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_i)) \cap ((CP^1 - \bigcup_i D_i) \times \{x_j\}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}_1 &:= h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_1) = D_1^2 \amalg N_1^{14} \amalg D_1^3 \\ \tilde{D}_2 &:= h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_2) = N_2^{12} \amalg N_2^{34} \\ \tilde{D}_3 &:= h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_3) = N_3^{13} \amalg N_3^{24} \\ \tilde{D}_4 &:= h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_4) = N_4^{23} \amalg D_4^1 \amalg D_4^4, \end{aligned}$$

where (a)  $D_i^j$  is a disk such that  $h_{\sigma_0}(D_i^j) = D_i$  and  $\partial D_i^j = \partial\tilde{D}_i^j$ , (b)  $N_i^{jk}$  is an annulus

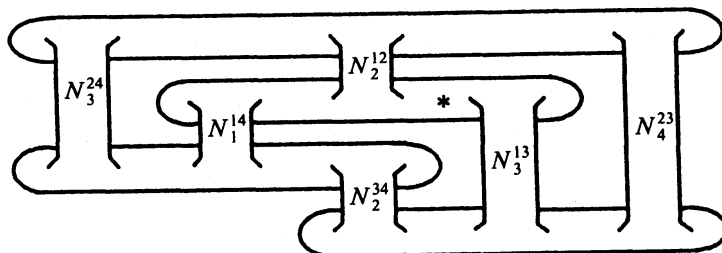


FIGURE 4.5

such that  $h_{\sigma_0}(N_i^{jk}) = D_i$  and  $\partial N_i^{jk} = \partial \tilde{D}_i^j \amalg \partial \tilde{D}_i^k$ .

$$(4) F_{\sigma_0} \approx (\mathbb{C}P^1 - \bigcup_i D_i) \times \{4 \text{ pts}\} \amalg (\amalg_i \tilde{D}_i) \approx \Sigma_3. \text{ (See Figure 4.5.)}$$

Next we fix generators of  $\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *_1)$ , where  $*_j$  is given by  $*_j = 0 \times x_j \in (\mathbb{C}P^1 - \bigcup_i D_i) \times \{x_j\}$  ( $j=1, 2, 3, 4$ ). We define  $\pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_j$  by

$$\pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_j = \{\gamma \in \pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0) \mid \rho_G(\gamma)(x_j) = x_j\}.$$

$\gamma \in \pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_j$  if and only if  $\gamma$  can be lifted to  $\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *_j)$ . We denote the lifting map by

$$h_{\sigma_0*}^{-1}: \pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_j \rightarrow \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *_j).$$

**PROPOSITION 4.2.** *If  $l_1 = b\bar{c}a$ ,  $l_2 = ab\bar{b}$ ,  $l_3 = \bar{c}dc$ ,  $m_1 = a\bar{c}\bar{b}a$ ,  $m_2 = \bar{b}bc\bar{b}$ ,  $m_3 = c\bar{d}\bar{d}c$  then*

- (1)  $l_1, l_2, l_3, m_1, m_2, m_3$  are contained in  $\pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_1$ .
- (2) Their liftings to  $\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *_1)$  are generators of  $\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *_1)$ .

**PROOF.** (1) For example,  $\rho_G(l_1) = \rho_G(b\bar{c}a) = (12)(34)(13)(24)(14) = (1)(23)(4)$  hence  $l_1 \in \pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_1$ . We can prove the proposition similarly in the other cases.

(2) To prove 4.2(2) we prepare some notations and Lemma 4.3.

For  $\gamma \in \pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)$  and for  $j=1, 2, 3, 4$  we denote a lifting of  $\gamma$  with its starting point  $0 \times x_j \in (\mathbb{C}P^1 - \bigcup_i D_i) \times \{x_j\}$  and with its end point  $0 \times x_j$  by  $(\gamma)_j^j$ . (We may denote  $(\gamma)_j^j$  by  $(\gamma)_j$ .) Then we have following lemma.

- LEMMA 4.3.**
- (1)  $(a)_2 = (0)_2, (a)_3 = (0)_3, (\bar{a})_2 = (0)_2, (\bar{a})_3 = (0)_3$ .
  - (2)  $(d)_1 = (0)_1, (d)_4 = (0)_4, (\bar{d})_1 = (0)_1, (\bar{d})_4 = (0)_4$ .
  - (3)  $(a^2)_j = (b^2)_j = (c^2)_j = (d^2)_j = (\bar{a}^2)_j = (\bar{b}^2)_j = (\bar{c}^2)_j = (\bar{d}^2)_j = (0)_j$ , for  $j=1, 2, 3, 4$ .
  - (4)  $(dcba\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d})_j = (0)_j$  for  $j=1, 2, 3, 4$ .

**PROOF.** (1) (2) For instance,  $(a)_2$  and  $(\bar{a})_2$  are homotopic to zero because they are represented by loops contained in  $D_1^2$ . (3) Since any monodromy of  $a, \dots, \bar{d}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , any lifting of  $a^2, \dots, \bar{d}^2$  bounds a disk. (4)  $dcba\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$  bounds a neighborhood of  $\infty$  in  $\mathbf{C}_G$  then its lifting is also zero.

To show Proposition 4.2(2) it is sufficient to show that for any  $\gamma \in \pi_1(\mathbf{C}_G, 0)_1$ ,  $(\gamma)_1$  can be written as a product of  $(l_k)_1, (m_k)_1$  ( $k=1, 2, 3$ ). We leave the proof to the readers.

- PROPOSITION 4.4. (1)  $(bc)_1 = (l_1 m_1^{-1} l_1^{-1} m_3)_1$ .  
 (2)  $(\bar{a}a)_1 = (l_2 m_2^{-1} l_2^{-1} m_1)_1$ .  
 (3)  $(\bar{c}b)_1 = (l_3 m_3^{-1} l_3^{-1} m_2)_1$ .  
 (4) If  $n_1 = bc$ ,  $n_2 = \bar{a}a$ ,  $n_3 = \bar{c}b$  then  $(n_3 n_2 n_1)_1 = (0)_1$ .

PROOF. We only prove (1) and leave (2) (3) (4) to the readers.

$$\begin{aligned} (l_1 m_1^{-1} l_1^{-1} m_3)_1 (cb)_1 &= ((b\bar{c}a)(a\bar{b}\bar{c}a)(a\bar{c}b)(c\bar{d}\bar{d}c)(cb))_1 \\ &= (b\bar{c}\bar{b}bc\bar{d}\bar{d}b)_1 \\ &= (b)_1^2 (\bar{c}\bar{b})_2^2 (bc\bar{d}\bar{d})_2^2 (b)_2^1 \\ &= (b)_1^2 (\bar{c}\bar{b}\bar{a}abc\bar{d}\bar{d})_2^2 (b)_2^1 \\ &= (b)_1^2 (0)_2^2 (b)_2^1 = (0)_1. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 5. Monodromy action on $\mathfrak{M}_3$ .

In this section we calculate monodromy of  $f: V_5 \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$ . Let  $SF$  be

$$SF = \{\sigma \in \mathbf{CP}^1 \mid F_\sigma \text{ is a singular fiber}\}.$$

We denote a monodromy map by

$$[\tilde{\rho}_*]: \pi_1(\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF, \sigma_0) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_3,$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}_3$  is a mapping class group of  $\Sigma_3 \approx F_{\sigma_0}$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{M}_3 &= \text{Homeo}_+ \Sigma_3 / \text{Isotopy} \\ &\simeq \text{Aut}(\pi_1 \Sigma_3) / \text{Inn}(\pi_1 \Sigma_3). \end{aligned}$$

The latter equivalent is proved by Nielsen [N].

We calculate the monodromy map in the following 5 steps.

- Step 1: We fix generators  $[\gamma_j]$  of  $\pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$ .  
 Step 2: We calculate  $\rho_T: \pi_T \rightarrow B_8(\mathbf{C}^\times)$ .  
 Step 3: We calculate  $\rho_B: B_8(\mathbf{C}^\times) \rightarrow \text{Aut} \pi_1(\mathbf{C} - D_{\sigma_0}, 0)$  and show  $\rho(\gamma)_* = \rho_B \circ \rho_T(\gamma)$ .  
 Step 4: We calculate  $\rho_S: \pi_T \rightarrow \tilde{\rho}(\gamma) \in \mathfrak{S}_4(h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0))$ .  
 Step 5: We calculate  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_*: \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *) \rightarrow \pi_1(F_{\sigma_j}, \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)(*))$ .

Step 1: We determine  $\pi_1(\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF, \sigma_0)$ . If  $\omega = \exp(2\pi i/5)$  then  $\langle \omega \rangle = \mathbf{Z}/5\mathbf{Z}$  acts on  $\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF$  freely. Let  $T = (\mathbf{CP}^1 - SF) / \langle \omega \rangle$ . We define four loops  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  on  $T$ .

$$\gamma_0: t \in [0, 5] \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 + (1/10) \exp(t\pi i) & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ (9/10)(2-t) + (1/\alpha - 1/10)(t-1) & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ (1/\alpha - 1/10) \exp(2(t-2)\pi i/5) & 2 \leq t \leq 3 \\ (1/\alpha - 1/10)\omega(4-t) + (9/10)\omega(t-3) & 3 \leq t \leq 4 \\ \omega + (1/10) \exp((7/5 - (t-4))\pi i) & 4 \leq t \leq 5. \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_1: t \in [0, 3] \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 + (1/10) \exp(t\pi i) & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ (9/10) \exp(2(t-1)\pi i/5) & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ \omega + (1/10) \exp((7/5 - (t-2))\pi i) & 2 \leq t \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_2: t \in [0, 1] \mapsto (11/10) \exp(2t\pi i/5).$$

$$\gamma_3: t \in [0, 3] \mapsto \begin{cases} (11/10)(1-t) + (\alpha + 1/10)t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ (\alpha + 1/10) \exp(2(t-1)\pi i/5) & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ (\alpha + 1/10)\omega(3-t) + (11/10)\omega(t-2) & 2 \leq t \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

Here  $\alpha = \sqrt[5]{4}$ .

LEMMA 5.1.  $\pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  is a free group generated by  $[\gamma_0], [\gamma_1], [\gamma_2], [\gamma_3]$ .

PROOF.  $T$  is homeomorphic to  $C - \{0, 1, -1/4, -4\}$  by  $z \mapsto z^5: T \rightarrow C - \{0, 1, -1/4, -4\}$ .  $T$  is homotopic to a bouquet of four  $S^1$ 's and hence  $\pi_1(T)$  is a free group.

Let  $p: CP^1 - SF \rightarrow T$  be a projection. Since  $p$  is a covering map, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 5.2. (1)  $p_*: \pi_1(CP^1 - SF, \sigma_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  is injective.

(2) Let  $len: \pi_1(T, \sigma_0) \rightarrow Z/5Z: [\prod_i \gamma_i^{\epsilon_i}] \mapsto \sum_i \epsilon_i \pmod 5$  be a length map. Then the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_1(CP^1 - SF, \sigma_0) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_1(T, \sigma_0) \xrightarrow{len} Z/5Z \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact.

Let  $\pi T$  be a free group of loops on  $T$  generated by  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2,$  and  $\gamma_3$ . For any  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  we take realization  $\gamma$  of  $[\gamma]$  in  $\pi T$ .

Step 2: Consider the following equation.

$$H_t(x) = \left\{ \frac{(x-1)^4}{16t^5} - (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) \right\} \left\{ \frac{(x-1)^4}{4t^5} - (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) \right\}.$$

From Lemma 2.5, the solutions of  $H_\sigma(x) = 0$  give all of branch loci of  $h_\sigma: F_\sigma \rightarrow CP^1$ . From Lemma 2.6,  $H_\sigma(x)$  has multiple solutions only if  $F_\sigma$  is a singular fiber. Hence

$$C_H = \{\sigma \mid F_\sigma \text{ is a general fiber}\} = CP^1 - SF.$$

For  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(C_H, \sigma_0)$  we denote  $\{x_j(t)\}_{j=1,2,\dots,8}$  by the solutions of  $H_{\gamma(t)}(x) = 0$ , where  $\{x_j(0)\} = \{\bar{D}, \bar{C}, \bar{B}, \bar{A}, A, B, C, D\}$ .

We regard  $\{x_j(c)\}$  as a braid in  $C^\times = CP^1 - \{0, \infty\}$ . Notice that for any  $[\gamma]$  we take a representation  $\gamma$  from  $\pi T$  such that neither 0 nor  $\infty$  are solutions of  $H_{\gamma(t)}(x) = 0$ . Thus we define  $\rho_T: \pi T \rightarrow B_8(C^\times)$ , where  $B_8(C^\times)$  is a braid group of degree 8 on  $C^\times$ .

We illustrate it in the following way. For example if  $\gamma = \gamma_1^{-1}\gamma_2$  then  $\{x_j(c)\}$  is given by Figure 5.1.1 and we illustrate the braid by Figure 5.1.2. Let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_8$  be braids on  $C^\times$  given by Figure 5.2.

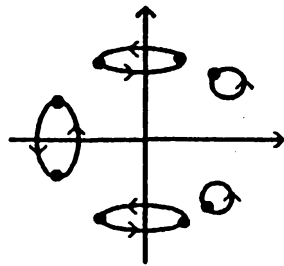


FIGURE 5.1.1

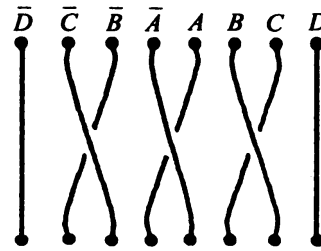


FIGURE 5.1.2

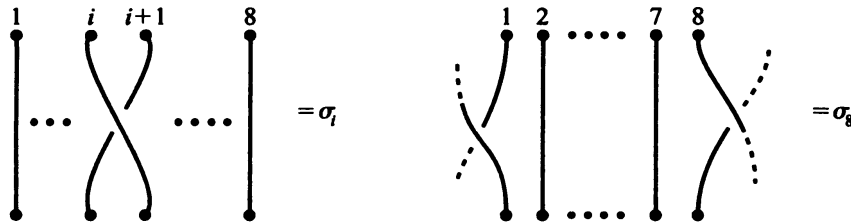


FIGURE 5.2

We have numerical solutions of  $H_t(x)$  when  $t$  runs along  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  and we obtain the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 5.3.** *If  $\rho_T: \pi_1(T, \sigma_0) \rightarrow B_8$  is a braid representation then  $\rho_T$  is a homomorphism and*

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_T: \gamma_0 &\mapsto \beta_1^{-1}\beta_2\beta_1\beta_3^{-1}\beta_2^{-1}\beta_7^{-1}\beta_6\beta_7\beta_5^{-1}\beta_6^{-1}\beta_8\beta_4^{-1}\beta_1\beta_7 \\ \gamma_1 &\mapsto \beta_1^{-2}\beta_3^{-1}\beta_5^{-1}\beta_4^{-1}\beta_3^{-1}\beta_5^{-1}\beta_7^{-2}\beta_2^{-1}\beta_4^{-1}\beta_6^{-1} \\ \gamma_2 &\mapsto \beta_1^{-2}\beta_3^{-1}\beta_5^{-1}\beta_4^{-1}\beta_3^{-1}\beta_5^{-1}\beta_7^{-2} \\ \gamma_3 &\mapsto (\beta_1^{-1}\beta_3^{-1}\beta_5^{-1}\beta_7^{-1})^2. \end{aligned}$$

For example, see Figure 5.3.

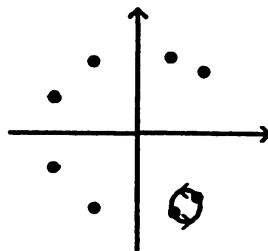


FIGURE 5.3



Step 3: We define a homomorphism  $\rho_B: B_8(C^\times) \rightarrow \text{Aut} \pi_1(C - D_{\sigma_0}, 0)$ . Suppose a braid  $\beta \in B_8$  is represented by a map  $\beta: \{8 \text{ points}\} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow C^\times$ . Let  $\rho_\beta: C \times [0, 1] \rightarrow C$  be an extension of  $\beta$ , that is,  $\rho_\beta$  is continuous,  $\rho_\beta(\cdot, t)$  is a homeomorphism,  $\rho_\beta(0, t) = 0$ , and  $\rho_\beta(\beta(x, 0), t) = \beta(x, t)$  for  $x \in \{8 \text{ points}\}$ .  $\rho_\beta$  gives a map  $C \rightarrow C: y \mapsto \rho_\beta(y, 1)$ .  $\rho_B(\beta) \in \text{Aut}(C - \{8 \text{ points}\}, 0)$  denotes an induced map of this map. Similarly in Proposition 2.7, it is shown that this induced map  $\rho_B(\beta)$  is well-defined and depends only on a braid class of  $\beta$ .

In our case it is sufficient to calculate  $\rho_B$  for  $\beta_i \in B_8$ . (Notice that  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_8$  do not generate  $B_8$ .)

PROPOSITION 5.4.  $\rho_B$  is a homomorphism and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_B(\beta_1): & a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto b, \quad c \mapsto c, \quad d \mapsto d, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{c}^{-1}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{c}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_2): & a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto b, \quad c \mapsto c, \quad d \mapsto d, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{b}^{-1}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_3): & a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto b, \quad c \mapsto c, \quad d \mapsto d, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{a}^{-1}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_4): & a \mapsto a\bar{a}a^{-1}, \quad b \mapsto b, \quad c \mapsto c, \quad d \mapsto d, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto a, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_5): & a \mapsto b, \quad b \mapsto bab^{-1}, \quad c \mapsto c, \quad d \mapsto d, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_6): & a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto c, \quad c \mapsto cbc^{-1}, \quad d \mapsto d, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_7): & a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto b, \quad c \mapsto d, \quad d \mapsto dcd^{-1}, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ \rho_B(\beta_8): & a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto b, \quad c \mapsto c, \quad d \mapsto \bar{d}, \\ & \bar{a} \mapsto \bar{a}, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}\bar{d}\bar{d}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. The action of  $\beta_1$  on  $CP^1$  is given by Figure 5.3, so  $a, b, c, d, \bar{a}, \bar{b}$  do not move.  $\bar{d}$  becomes  $\bar{c}$ .  $\bar{c}$  becomes  $\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{c}^{-1}$ . See Figure 5.4. □

From the definition of  $\rho_T$  and  $\rho_B$ , we have

LEMMA 5.5. For  $\gamma \in \pi T$ ,  $\rho(\gamma)_* = \rho_B \circ \rho_T(\gamma)$ .

Step 4: We calculate a monodromy map  $\rho_S$  of  $h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0) = \{*_1, *_2, *_3, *_4\}$ . (See Figure 4.2.)

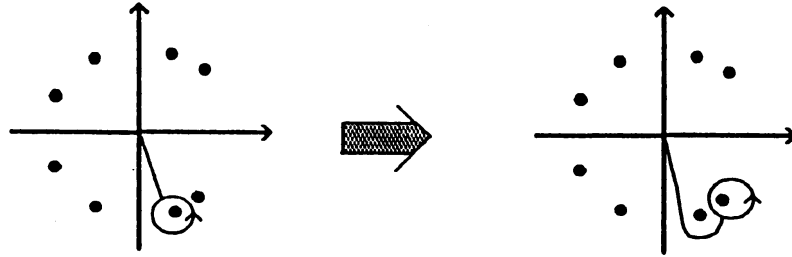


FIGURE 5.4

PROPOSITION 5.6. Let  $\rho_S: \pi_1(T, \sigma_0) \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_4(h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0))$  be a monodromy map of  $h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0)$ , that is,  $\rho_S$  is a monodromy map of

$$f^o: V_5^o \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}P^1 - SF)/(Z/5Z),$$

where  $V_5^o = \{x \mid \sigma \in \mathbb{C}P^1 - SF, x \in F_\sigma, h_\sigma(x) = [1:0]\} / \sim$ ,  $[z_0:z_1:z_2:z_3] \sim [\omega z_0:\omega z_1:z_2:z_3]$ , and  $f^o([x]) = [f(x)]$ . Then  $\rho_S(\gamma_0) = (14)(2)(3)$ ,  $\rho_S(\gamma_1) = \rho_S(\gamma_2) = \rho_S(\gamma_3) = (1243)$ .

PROOF. We prove this proposition by the numerical analysis. Let  $I_t(x) = g_t(0, x)$ . If  $t$  runs along  $\gamma_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3$ ) then the permutations of the solutions of  $I_t(x) = 0$  are given by (1243) in  $C/\langle \omega \rangle$ , where the numbers of the solutions are given in Figure 4.2. In case of  $\rho_S(\gamma_0)$  we can show this lemma similarly.  $\square$

Step 5: For  $*$  in  $h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(0)$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0} - h_{\sigma_0}^{-1}(D_{\sigma_0}), *) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_*} & \pi_1(F_{\sigma_j} - h_{\sigma_j}^{-1}(D_{\sigma_j}), \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)(*)) \\ \downarrow h_{\sigma_0*} & & \downarrow h_{\sigma_j*} \\ \pi_1(\mathbb{C}P^1 - D_{\sigma_0}, 0) & \xrightarrow{\rho(\gamma)_*} & \pi_1(\mathbb{C}P^1 - D_{\sigma_j}, 0) \end{array}$$

commutes. And  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_* = h_{\sigma_j}^{-1} \circ \rho_B \circ \rho_T \circ h_{\sigma_0*}$  induces a homomorphism

$$\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_*: \pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *) \rightarrow \pi_1(F_{\sigma_j}, \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)(*)).$$

Immediately we have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 5.7. For  $\gamma \in \pi T$ ,  $\rho_B \circ \rho_T(\gamma)(l_k) \in \pi_1(\mathbb{C}_G, 0)_{\rho_S(\gamma)(1)}$ ,  $\rho_B \circ \rho_T(\gamma)(m_k) \in \pi_1(\mathbb{C}_G, 0)_{\rho_S(\gamma)(1)}$ .

EXAMPLE. We calculate  $\tilde{\rho}(\gamma_0)_*(l_1)$  in the following way. From Propositions 5.3, 5.4,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_B \rho_T(\gamma_0): \quad a &\mapsto \bar{a}^{-1} b^{-1} d b \bar{a}, & \bar{a} &\mapsto \bar{c} \bar{d} \bar{c}^{-1} \\ b &\mapsto \bar{c}, & \bar{b} &\mapsto \bar{c} \bar{d}^{-1} \bar{c}^{-1} \bar{a}^{-1} b^{-1} c b \bar{a} \bar{c} \bar{d} \bar{c}^{-1} \\ c &\mapsto \bar{c} \bar{a}^{-1} b \bar{a} \bar{c}^{-1}, & \bar{c} &\mapsto \bar{c} \bar{d}^{-1} \bar{c}^{-1} \bar{b} \bar{c} \bar{d} \bar{c}^{-1} \\ d &\mapsto \bar{c} \bar{a} \bar{c}^{-1}, & \bar{d} &\mapsto \bar{c} d c b a b^{-1} c^{-1} d^{-1} \bar{c}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\rho_S(\gamma_0)(*_1) = (*_4)$ . Then, for  $\beta = \rho_T(\gamma_0)$ ,  $l_1 = b\bar{c}a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_B(\beta)(l_1) &= \bar{c}(\bar{c}\bar{d}^{-1}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{c}^{-1})(\bar{a}^{-1}b^{-1}db\bar{a}), \\ \rho_G(\rho_B(\beta)(l_1))(*_4) &= *_4. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\rho_B(\beta)(l_1)$  can be lifted to  $\pi_1(F_{\sigma_0}, *_4)$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}(\gamma_0)_*(l_1) &= (\bar{c}\bar{c}\bar{d}^{-1}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1}b^{-1}db\bar{a})_4^4 \\ &\sim (a)_1^4(\bar{d}^{-1}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1}b^{-1}db\bar{a})_4^4(a^{-1})_4^1 \\ &\sim (m_1l_1^{-1}n_1m_3^{-1}l_3^{-1}n_2l_2n_3^{-1}l_3n_1^{-1})_1. \end{aligned}$$

As mentioned in Lemma 5.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(C_H, \sigma_0) &\cong \ker(\text{len}: \pi_1(T, \sigma_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/5\mathbf{Z}) \\ &\subset \pi_1(T, \sigma_0) \cong \pi T. \end{aligned}$$

Then we determine the monodromy map

$$[\tilde{\rho}_*]: \pi_1(C_H, \sigma_0) \rightarrow \text{Aut} \pi_1 F_{\sigma_0} / \text{Inn} \pi_1 F_{\sigma_0} \cong \mathfrak{M}_3.$$

EXAMPLE. Let  $\gamma = \gamma_1^{-1}\gamma_2$ , then  $\rho_T(\gamma) = \beta_2\beta_4\beta_6$  and  $\rho_S(\gamma) = (1)(2)(3)(4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_B\rho_T(\gamma): \quad a &\mapsto a\bar{a}a^{-1}, \quad \bar{a} \mapsto a \\ b &\mapsto c, \quad \bar{b} \mapsto \bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{b}^{-1} \\ c &\mapsto cbc^{-1}, \quad \bar{c} \mapsto \bar{b} \\ d &\mapsto d, \quad \bar{d} \mapsto \bar{d}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_*: \quad (l_1)_1 = (b\bar{c}a)_1 &\mapsto (c\bar{b}a\bar{a}a^{-1})_1 \\ &= (c\bar{b}a\bar{a}a)_1 \\ &= (cb)_1(b\bar{c}a)_1(a\bar{c}\bar{b}a)_1(\bar{a}a)_1 \\ &= (n_1^{-1}l_1m_1n_2)_1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}(\gamma)_*: \quad (l_2)_1 &\mapsto (n_2^{-1}l_2m_2n_3)_1 \\ (l_3)_1 &\mapsto (n_3^{-1}l_3n_1)_1 \\ (m_1)_1 &\mapsto (n_2^{-1}m_1n_2)_1 \\ (m_2)_1 &\mapsto (n_3^{-1}m_2n_3)_1 \\ (m_3)_1 &\mapsto (n_1^{-1}m_3n_1)_1. \end{aligned}$$

REMARK. It is known that  $\mathfrak{M}_g$  is generated by Dehn twists along simple closed

curves on  $\Sigma_g$ . In our cases for some loops in  $\pi_1(T, \sigma_0)$  we easily give their monodromy maps as products of Dehn twists. It is easy to check the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 5.8.** *Let  $N$  be an annulus,  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 3\}$  be a disk. Let  $h: N \rightarrow D$  be a branched double covering map with two branch points  $\pm 1$ . If  $\varphi_t: D \rightarrow D$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a homeotopy on  $D$  such that*

- (0)  $\varphi_0 = \text{id}$ ,
- (1)  $\varphi_t|_{\partial D} = \text{id}$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,
- (2)  $\varphi_t|_{\{|z| < 2\}}(z) = \exp(t\pi\sqrt{-1})z$ ,

*then there exists a lifting  $\tilde{\varphi}_1$  of  $\varphi_1$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}_1$  coincides with Dehn twist  $\tau_\delta$  along  $\delta$ , where  $\delta$  is a simple closed curve on  $N$  which is parallel to a boundary  $\partial N$  of  $N$ .*

**EXAMPLE.** If  $\gamma = \gamma_1^{-1}\gamma_2$  then  $\rho_T(\gamma) = \beta_2\beta_4\beta_6$ . We apply 5.8 to  $D_i$ 's in 4.1, (see Figures 4.4 and 5.1.1), and we conclude that

$$[\tilde{\rho}(\gamma)] = \tau_{m_1}\tau_{m_2}\tau_{n_1}\tau_{n_2}\tau_{n_3}.$$

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