

REMARKS ON d -GONAL CURVES

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§ 0. Introduction.

Let M be a compact Riemann surface and f be a meromorphic function on M . We denote the principal divisor associated to f by (f) and the polar divisor of f by $(f)_\infty$. If $d = \text{degree}$ of the divisor $(f)_\infty$, we call f a meromorphic function of degree d . If d is the minimal integer in which a non-trivial meromorphic function f of degree d exists on M , then we call M a d -gonal curve. In this case the complete linear system $| (f)_\infty |$ has projective dimension one. Moreover if f defines a cyclic covering $M \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_1$ over a Riemann sphere \mathbf{P}_1 , then we call M a cyclic d -gonal curve.

Now we assume that M is a p -gonal curve of genus g with a prime number p . Then Namba has shown that M has a unique linear system g_p^1 of projective dimension one and degree p provided $g > (p-1)^2$ ([6]). For example if M is defined by an equation $y^p - (x-a_1)^{r_1} \cdots (x-a_s)^{r_s} = 0$ with $(p, r_i) = 1$, $\sum r_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $s \geq 2p+1$, then M is p -gonal and having a unique g_p^1 ([7]).

In this paper we treat a compact Riemann surface M defined by an equation ;

$$y^d - (x-a_1)^{r_1} \cdots (x-a_s)^{r_s} = 0 \quad *)$$

$$\text{with } \sum r_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d} \text{ and } 1 \leq r_i < d,$$

where d is not necessarily a prime number.

In § 2, we will show that M is d -gonal with the function x of degree d if there are enough r_i 's relatively prime to p for each prime number p dividing d . In this case we call M a cyclic d -gonal curve. We will also show that M has a unique g_d^1 if there are more sufficient such r_i 's as above (§ 2).

In § 3, let M be a cyclic d -gonal curve defined by $*)$ having a unique g_d^1 and M' be a compact Riemann surface defined by $y^d - (x-b_1)^{t_1} \cdots (x-b_s)^{t_s} = 0$. We will study the relations among a_i , b_i , r_i and t_i ($1 \leq i \leq s$) in the case M and M' are conformally equivalent. Namba [7] and Kato [5] have already studied this problem in the case d is a prime number. We will give similar results for an arbitrary d (§ 3).

In §4, we consider a covering map $\pi': M' \rightarrow M$, where M is a cyclic d -gonal curve with a unique g_d^1 and M' is a d' -gonal curve. In the case $d=d'$, we can apply the same methods in [3], and we will see that M' is also cyclic d -gonal. Moreover if π' is normal and $d=d'$, then the covering group of π' is isomorphic to *cyclic, dihedral, tetrahedral, octahedral* or *icosahedral*. For a general case $d \leq d'$, we will show some relations between d and d' (§4).

In §5, we will give some remarks about coverings $M \rightarrow N$ with a cyclic d -gonal curve M having a unique g_d^1 .

Finally we determine the equation $*$), which defines the curve M (with a unique g_d^1) having an automorphism V ($\notin \langle T \rangle$) of order N , where T is the automorphism defined by $T^*x=x$ and $T^*y=e^{2\pi i/a}y$ (§6).

§1. Preliminaries

At first we give several results on the existence of meromorphic functions on a compact Riemann surface M of genus g following Accola and Namba.

LEMMA 1.1. (Accola [1]) *Let M be a compact Riemann surface of genus g . Let f_1 and f_2 be two meromorphic functions on M of degree n_1 and n_2 respectively. If f_1 and f_2 generate the full field $C(M)$ of meromorphic functions on M , then $g \leq (n_1-1)(n_2-1)$.*

The following lemma by Namba is easily obtained from Lemma 1.1.

LEMMA 1.2 (Namba [6]) *Let M be a compact Riemann surface of genus g and f be a meromorphic function of degree p on M with a prime number p .*

(1) *If h is a meromorphic function of degree n on M satisfying $(p-1)(n-1) \leq g-1$, then p divides n and $h=r(f)$, where $r(x)$ is a rational function of degree n/p .*

(2) *If $(p-1)^2 \leq g-1$, then M is p -gonal and having a unique linear system g_p^1 of degree p and dimension 1.*

PROOF. (1) By lemma 1.1, the subfield $C(f, g)$ of $C(M)$ generated by f and h is not equal to $C(M)$. As $p=[C(M):C(f)]$ is a prime number, $C(f)=C(f, g)$. (2) If h is any meromorphic function of degree p , then $C(h)=C(f)$ by (1). \square

Next we give some results concerning covering maps. Let $\pi: M' \rightarrow M$ be an arbitrary covering with compact Riemann surfaces M and M' . For a divisor $D=\sum n_i Q_i$ ($n_i \in \mathbf{Z}$, $Q_i \in M'$) we define a divisor $Nm_\pi D=NmD$ by $\sum n_i \pi(Q_i)$. On

the other hand, for a meromorphic function f on M' we denote by $Nm[f]$ the meromorphic function on M obtained by the norm map $Nm: C(M') \rightarrow C(M)$. It is well known that the equation of principal divisors $Nm_\pi(f) = (Nm[f])$ holds ([2]). When the divisor $Nm(f)$ is trivial, we can choose a constant c such that the divisor $Nm(f+c)$ is non trivial. This means that $d' \geq d$ if M' and M are d' -gonal and d -gonal respectively.

When M and M' are both d -gonal, we have the following lemma :

LEMMA 1.3 (Ishii [3]) *Let $\pi': M' \rightarrow M$ be a covering map that both M and M' are d -gonal. Then ;*

(1) *there exists a covering map $\pi: P'_1 \rightarrow P_1$ with Riemann spheres P'_1 and P_1 satisfying the following diagram ;*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M' & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & P'_1 \\
 \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
 M & \xrightarrow{Nm[\phi']} & P_1
 \end{array}
 \quad , \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 C(M') = C(M) \otimes C(P'_1), \\
 C(M) \cap C(P'_1) = C(P_1)
 \end{array}$$

where ϕ' is a morphism of degree d ,

(2) *if M' has a unique g^1_d and π' is normal, then π is also normal and $Gal(M'/M) \cong Gal(P'_1/P_1)$ (i.e., cyclic, dihedral, tetrahedral, octahedral, or icosahedral).*

§ 2.

Let M be a compact Riemann surface of genus g that has two meromorphic functions h and h' of degree d and d' respectively. Let $C(h, h')$ be a subfield of $C(M)$ generated by h and h' , and \tilde{M} be the compact Riemann surface of genus \tilde{g} whose function field is isomorphic to $C(h, h')$. Put $[C(M): C(h, h')] = t$. Then \tilde{M} has meromorphic functions of degree d/t and d'/t induced by h and h' respectively. By Lemma 1.1 we have ;

LEMMA 2.1. $\tilde{g} \leq (d/t - 1)(d'/t - 1)$.

From now on we assume ;

M is defined by the equation $*$), T is the automorphism of M defined by $(x, y) \mapsto (x, \zeta_d y)$, where $\zeta_d = \exp(2\pi i/d)$, and h is the canonical map $M \rightarrow M/\langle T \rangle = P_1$.

We denote by g_k the genus of the quotient compact Riemann surface $M/\langle T^k \rangle$ for a positive integer k dividing d and $k \neq d$. Moreover if $k = q$ is a prime

number, we denote by s_q the number of branch points of the canonical map $M/\langle T^q \rangle \rightarrow M/\langle T \rangle \cong P_1$. s_q is equal to the number of r_i 's prime to q and we have $g_q = (q-1)(s_q-2)/2$ ($\because \sum r_i \equiv 0 \pmod d$).

LEMMA 2.2. Assume that M has a meromorphic function h' of degree d' . Let q_0 be the smallest prime number dividing G.C.D. $(d, d') = (d, d')$. If d' satisfies the inequalities:

$$g_q > (d/q_0 - 1)(d'/q_0 - 1) \dots \dots \dots **$$

for any prime q dividing G.C.D. (d, d') ,

then $t = d$ or 1 . Especially when $(r_i, d) = 1$ for all $1 \leq i \leq s$, $t = d$ or 1 provided $g_{q_0} > (d/q_0 - 1)(d'/q_0 - 1)$.

PROOF. Assume $t \neq d, 1$. As $\langle T^{d/t} \rangle$ is a unique subgroup of order t in $\langle T \rangle$, \tilde{M} should be isomorphic to $M/\langle T^{d/t} \rangle$ and $\tilde{g} = g_{d/t}$. For any prime number q dividing d/t ($\neq 1$), we have $\langle T^q \rangle \supset \langle T^{d/t} \rangle$ and $\tilde{g} - 1 \geq g_q - 1 \geq (d/q_0 - 1)(d'/q_0 - 1) \geq (d/t - 1)(d'/t - 1)$. This contradicts to Lemma 2.1. If $(r_i, d) = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, s$, then $s = s_q = s_{q_0}$ and $g_q \geq g_{q_0}$ for any prime number q dividing (d, d') . Thus the latter part of this lemma is reduced to the first part. \square

PROPOSITION 2.3. Assume M is a compact Riemann surface of genus g defined by the equation $*$). Let d' be a positive integer satisfying the inequalities $**$) in lemma 2.2 and $(d-1)(d'-1) \leq g-1$. Then;

- (1) If d does not divide d' , then there is no meromorphic function of degree d' .
- (2) If d divides d' , then every meromorphic function h' of degree d' is obtained by $r(h)$, where r is some rational function of degree d'/d and h is the canonical map $M \rightarrow M/\langle T \rangle$.

PROOF. Let h' be a meromorphic function of degree d' . $(d-1)(d'-1) \leq g-1$ means $t \neq 1$ by lemma 1.1. Thus $C(h, h') = C(h)$ by lemma 2.2 and $h' = r(h)$ for some rational function r . \square

REMARK. If $d = p$ is a prime number, this proposition is exactly same as Lemma 1.2(1).

THEOREM 2.4. Let M be a compact Riemann surface of genus g defined by $*$) and q_0 be the smallest prime number dividing d .

- (1) Assume $(d-1)(d-2) \leq g-1$ and $(d/q_0 - 1)(d/q_0 - 2) \leq g_q - 1$ for any prime q dividing d . Then M is d -gonal.

(2) Assume $(d-1)^2 \leq g-1$ and $(d/q_0-1)^2 \leq g_q-1$ for any prime q dividing d . Then M is d -gonal and having a unique g_a^1 .

PROOF. (1) Assume that there is a meromorphic function h' of degree d' with $d' \leq d-1$. By $(d-1)(d-2) \leq g-1$ and lemma 1.1, $t=[C(M):C(h, h')] \neq 1$. As $t|(d, d')$ and $d' < d$, we have $d' \leq d-t$. Thus $d'/q_0 \leq d/q_0-1$ and $(d/q_0-1)(d'/q_0-1) \leq (d/q_0-1)(d/q_0-2) \leq g_q-1$ for any prime number q dividing d . Hence the assumptions in Proposition 2.3 are satisfied. This is a contradiction. (2) Let h' be a meromorphic function of degree d . By the same way as in (1) and Proposition 2.3(2), we have $C(h, h')=C(h)$. Thus M has a unique g_a^1 . \square

When $(r_i, d)=1$ for all $i=1, \dots, s$, we can restate Theorem 2.4 as follows;

THEOREM 2.4'. (1) If $(d-1)(d-2) \leq g-1$ and $(d/q_0-1)(d/q_0-2) \leq g_{q_0}-1$, then M is d -gonal.

(2) If $(d-1)^2 \leq g-1$ and $(d/q_0-1)^2 \leq g_{q_0}-1$, then M is d -gonal and having a unique g_a^1 .

PROOF. Use the latter part of Lemma 2.2. \square

EXAMPLE 2.5. Let M be a compact Riemann surface defined by $y^4-x(x-a_1)(x-a_2)(x-a_3)\{(x-a_4)(x-a_5)(x-a_6)(x-a_7)\}^2=0$, where a_i ($1 \leq i \leq 7$) are distinct non-zero numbers, then $g=7$. Put $N=M/\langle T^2 \rangle$. N is defined by $y^2-x(x-a_1)(x-a_2)(x-a_3)=0$, i.e., $g_2=1$. M satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.4(1), and then M is 4-gonal. On the other hand M has infinitely many g_a^1 . In fact if g_2^1 and $g_2^{1'}$ are two distinct linear systems on N , then $\pi^*g_2^1$ and $\pi^*g_2^{1'}$ are distinct linear systems of degree 4 and dimension 1 on M , where $\pi: M \rightarrow N$ is a canonical map. Thus M has infinitely many g_a^1 .

EXAMPLE 2.6. For prime numbers p and q with $p \geq q$, let M be defined by $y^{pq}-(x-a_1)^{r_1}(x-a_2)^{r_2} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_s}=0$ with $\sum r_i \equiv 0 \pmod{pq}$ and $(r_i, pq)=1$, $1 \leq i \leq s$. If s satisfies $s \geq 2pq-1$ and $(p-1)(p-2) < (q-1)(s-2)/2$, then M is pq -gonal. If s satisfies $s \geq 2pq+1$ and $(p-1)^2 < (q-1)(s-2)/2$, then M is pq -gonal and having a unique g_{pq}^1 .

PROOF. These results are easily from $g=(pq-1)(s-2)/2$, $g_p=(p-1)(s-2)/2$, $g_q=(q-1)(s-2)/2$, and Theorem 2.4'. \square

EXAMPLE 2.7. Let M be defined by $y^4-x^2(x-a_1)(x-a_2)(x-a_3)=0$, where a_1, a_2, a_3 are distinct non-zero numbers. The covering map $x: M \rightarrow P_1$ is

completely ramified at A_1, A_2, A_3 and Q with $x(A_i)=a_i$ ($i=1, 2, 3$) and $x(Q)=\infty$ respectively. Also x is ramified at two points P_1 and P_2 with ramification index 2 and $x(P_1)=x(P_2)=0$. Thus $g=4(\leq(4-1)(4-2))$ and $g_2=1$. Then this M does not satisfy the conditions in Theorem 2.4(1). In fact M is trigonal with a principal divisor $(x/y)=P_1+P_2+Q-A_1-A_2-A_3$, and not a hyperelliptic curve by Lemma 1.2(1).

REMARK. M in Example 2.7 does not satisfy the condition of Lemma 1.2(2) for $p=3$. But M has unique g_3^1 , because M has a canonical divisor $(dx/y)=2A_1+2A_2+2A_3$ and by [4] (III.8.7).

§ 3.

In the following sections we give some applications of our results in § 2. At first we will prove the following Theorem, which have been obtained by Namba [7] and improved by Kato [5] in the case $d=p$ a prime number.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let M and M' be defined by the following equations;*

$$y^d - (x - a_1)^{r_1} \cdots (x - a_s)^{r_s} = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{i)}$$

and

$$\tilde{y}^d - (\tilde{x} - b_1)^{t_1} \cdots (\tilde{x} - b_s)^{t_s} = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{ii)}$$

respectively, where $1 \leq r_i \leq d-1, 1 \leq t_i \leq d-1, \sum r_i \equiv \sum t_i \equiv 0 \pmod d$. Assume M satisfies the conditions in Theorem 2.4(2), and M and M' are birationally equivalent. Then, by changing the indices suitably, we have;

- (1) *there exists $A \in \text{Aut}(P_1)$ satisfying $b_i = Aa_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$), and*

$$\#) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ord}_p t_i = \text{ord}_p r_i \text{ if } \text{ord}_p r_i < \text{ord}_p d \quad \text{or} \\ \text{ord}_p t_i \geq \text{ord}_p d \text{ if } \text{ord}_p r_i \geq \text{ord}_p d \quad (1 \leq i \leq s) \end{array} \right.$$

for each prime number p dividing d .

- (2) *if $(r_1, d)=1$, then $r_1/t_1 \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^\times$ and $(r_1/t_1)t_i \equiv r_i \pmod d$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$).*
- (3) *if d is square free, then $r_1 t_i \equiv t_1 r_i \pmod d$ ($2 \leq i \leq s$).*

PROOF. (1) The proof owes to the uniqueness of g_d^1 (Theorem 2.4(2)), and goes almost same way as in the proof of Theorem 1.1 in [6]. Let $\varphi: M \rightarrow M'$ be the birational map. As M has unique g_d^1 , there exists $A \in \text{Aut } P_1$ satisfying a commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & M' \\
 x \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{x} \\
 P_1 & \xrightarrow{A} & P_1.
 \end{array}$$

Thus we may assume $Aa_i=b_i$ for $i=1, \dots, s$. Let M'' be a curve defined by $z^d-(u-A^{-1}b_1)^{t_1} \dots (u-A^{-1}b_s)^{t_s}=0$ and $\phi_A=\phi$ be a birational map from M' to M'' defined by $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \rightarrow (u, z)=(A^{-1}\tilde{x}, c\tilde{y}/(\tilde{x}-\gamma)^{k'})$, where c is a suitable constant, $\gamma=A(\infty)$ and $k'=(\sum t_i)/d$ ([6]). Put $w=z \cdot \phi \cdot \varphi$, which is a meromorphic function on M . Then M is also defined by

$$w^d-(x-a_1)^{t_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{t_s}=0 \dots \dots \dots i').$$

As both i) and i') define the ramification type of the same cyclic covering $x: M \rightarrow P_1$, we can see #) by considering a covering map $M/\langle T^{p^{or} d p^d} \rangle \rightarrow P_1$ induced by x .

(2), (3) Put $v=w^{r_1}/y^{t_1}$, then we have;

$$v^d-(x-a_2)^{r_1 t_2 - r_2 t_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_1 t_s - r_s t_1}=0 \dots \dots \dots iii).$$

Put $[C(M):C(x, v)]=t$. As $C(M) \supset C(x, v) \supset C(x)$ are cyclic extensions, $v^{d/t}$ is in $C(x)$ and $r_1 t_i - t_1 r_i \equiv 0 \pmod t$ ($2 \leq i \leq s$) by iii). Moreover we can see that s numbers $(r_1 t_i - t_1 r_i)/t$ ($2 \leq i \leq s$) and d/t have no common divisor and $G.C.D.(r_1, t_1, d)=(r_1, t_1, d)$ divides t . On the other hand $C(x, v)$ is the function field of the curve $M/\langle T^{d/t} \rangle$. Assume $d \neq t$, and take a prime number q dividing d/t . Then the curve $M/\langle T^q \rangle$ is defined by the following two equations simultaneously;

$$y^q-(x-a_1)^{r_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_s}=0 \dots \dots \dots A)$$

and

$$v^q-(x-a_2)^{(r_1 t_2 - r_2 t_1)/t} \dots (x-a_s)^{(r_1 t_s - r_s t_1)/t}=0 \dots \dots B).$$

Now we will show $r_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod q$. In fact this is obvious when $(r_1, d)=1$. Next we consider the case d is square free. From #) we have $(r_1, t_1, d)=(r_1, d)$. As d is square free and $(r_1, t_1, d)|t$, $(d/t, r_1, d)=(d/t, r_1)=1$ and $(r_1, q)=1$. Thus a_1 is a branch point of the covering $x: M/\langle T^q \rangle \rightarrow P_1$ by A). But this contradicts to B). So we have $t=d$ and

$$r_1 t_i - t_1 r_i \equiv 0 \pmod d \quad (2 \leq i \leq s).$$

When $(r_1, d)=1$, then $(t_1, d)=1$ by #, and we get (2). \square

REMARK. Conversely if there exists $A \in Aut(P_1)$ as in (1) and we have $(r_1/t_1)t_i \equiv r_i \pmod d$ ($2 \leq i \leq s$), then M and M' are birationally equivalent ([6]).

§ 4.

Next we consider a covering map $\pi': M' \rightarrow M$ with a cyclic d -gonal curve M defined by $*$) of genus g and a d' -gonal curve M' of genus g' .

THEOREM 4.1. *Assume $d=d'$. Then;*

(1) *M' is also a cyclic d -gonal curve.*

(2) *If M satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.4(2) and π' is normal, then the Galois group of π' is cyclic, dihedral, tetrahedral, octahedral or isosahedral.*

PROOF. (1) Easily from Lemma 1.3(1). (2) Let T (resp. T') be the automorphism of order d on M (resp. M') as in § 2. By the commutative diagram in Lemma 1.3 and the uniqueness of g_a^1 on M we may assume that T' induces T . For each prime number q dividing d , we have a commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M' & \longrightarrow & M'/\langle T'^q \rangle \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \longrightarrow & M/\langle T^q \rangle. \end{array}$$

Let g'_q be genus of $M'/\langle T'^q \rangle$. As $g \leq g'$ and $g_q \leq g'_q$, M' is also satisfying the conditions in Theorem 2.4(2). Then M' has a unique g_a^1 . By Lemma 1.3(2) we have our results. \square

THEOREM 4.2. *Assume $d \leq d'$. If d and d' satisfy the conditions of Proposition 2.3. on M , then d divides d' .*

PROOF. Let D' be a positive divisor of degree d' on M' such that $|D'|$ has projective dimension 1. Assume $Nm_{\pi}D'$ has some common point with $Nm_{\pi}E$ for each $E \in |D'|$. Then each $E \in |D'|$ has some common point with π^*NmD' . On the other hand if E and E' in $|D'|$ have common points, then $E=E'$ by the minimality of d' . Hence $|D'|$ should be a finite set. This is a contradiction. Thus there is a meromorphic function h of degree d' on M' and $Nm[h]$ is also of degree d' on M . By Proposition 2.3 we have $d|d'$. \square

COROLLARY 4.3. *Let $\pi': M' \rightarrow M$ be an unramified covering of degree q with a cyclic p -gonal curve M of genus g , where p and q are distinct prime numbers. Assume $g > p^2q - 2p + 1$. Then;*

(a) *M' is a pq -gonal curve with a unique g_{pq}^1 .*

(b) *Let $\phi: M' \rightarrow P'_1$ be the covering map defined by g_{pq}^1 in a), then;*

(b-i) *ϕ is not cyclic (i.e., M' is not a cyclic pq -gonal curve).*

(b-ii) *if $p \nmid q-1$, then ϕ is not normal.*

PROOF. (a) Let $h: M \rightarrow P_1$ be the covering map of degree p , then $h \circ \pi'$ is a meromorphic function of degree pq on M' . For $g > p^2q - 2p + 1 > (pq - 1)(p - 1)$, M' is pm -gonal ($1 \leq m \leq q - 1$) or pq -gonal by Theorem 4.2. (see the remark of Proposition 2.3). Now we assume that M' is pq -gonal. Let ψ be a meromorphic function of degree pq on M' . Put $K = C(\psi, h \circ \pi')$ and $[C(M'): K] = t$. As the genus g' of M' is $q(g - 1) + 1$, we have $g' > (pq - 1)^2$ and $t \neq 1$. Consider the following diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C(M') \supset K \supset C(\psi) & & \\ \cup & & \cup \\ C(M) \supset C(h \circ \pi') & & \end{array}$$

If $t = q$, then $[K: C(h \circ \pi')] = p$ and genus of $K = g$ ($\because \pi'$ is unramified and $(p, q) = 1$). For $g > (p - 1)^2$, $K = C(h \circ \pi')$. This is a contradiction. If $t = p$, then $K \supset C(h \circ \pi')$ is an unramified extension. As $C(h \circ \pi')$ is of genus 0, this is a contradiction. Thus we have $t = pq$ and M' has a unique g_{pq}^1 . If M' is pm -gonal ($1 \leq m \leq q - 1$) and ψ is a meromorphic function of degree pm on M' , then $[C(M'): C(\psi, h \circ \pi')] = p$ by $(p, q) = 1$ and $g' > (pm - 1)(pq - 1)$. This is a contradiction.

(b-i) We may assume $h \circ \pi' = \psi$ by (a). If ψ is cyclic, then there exists an automorphism T' on M' of order p , and we have a commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M' & \longrightarrow & M'/\langle T' \rangle \\ \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xrightarrow{h} & M/\langle T \rangle = P_1, \text{ where } \pi' \text{ is unramified.} \end{array}$$

For $(p, q) = 1$, π is unramified. This is a contradiction. (b-ii) Assume ψ is normal with galois group G . If $p < q$ and $p \nmid q - 1$, it is well known that G is cyclic. But this can not be happened by (a). If $p > q$, then G has a unique normal subgroup $\langle T' \rangle$ of index q generated by T' . Thus we have a same commutative diagram as in the proof of (b-i). This is also a contradiction. \square

§ 5.

We consider a covering $\pi': M \rightarrow N$, where M is cyclic d -gonal and N is e -gonal. Put $\deg \pi = n$ and $d' = ne$.

THEOREM 5.1. Assume d and d' satisfy the conditions of Proposition 2.3. Then e divides d . Moreover if $u: M \rightarrow M/\langle T^{d/e} \rangle$ is the canonical map, then there exists a covering map $v: M/\langle T^{d/e} \rangle \rightarrow N$ satisfying $\pi' = v \circ u$. Especially when $d = d' = ne$, N is isomorphic to $M/\langle T^{d/e} \rangle$.

PROOF. Let $\phi_N: N \rightarrow \tilde{P}_1$ be the covering over Riemann sphere \tilde{P}_1 of degree e . Then $\phi_N \circ \pi'$ is a meromorphic function on M of degree $d' = ne$. By Proposition 2.3, d divides $ne = d'$, and we have a commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M' & \xrightarrow{h} & P_1 = M/\langle T \rangle \\ \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ N & \xrightarrow{\phi_N} & \tilde{P}_1 \end{array},$$

with a rational function $\tilde{\pi}$ of degree d'/d and the canonical map h . The function fields $C(N)$ and $C(P_1)$ are linearly independent over $C(\tilde{P}_1)$ for the minimality of e . Then there exists a e -gonal curve \tilde{M} with a function field $C(\tilde{M})$ isomorphic to $C(P_1) \otimes_{C(\tilde{P}_1)} C(N)$. By the universal property of $C(\tilde{M})$ we have the following commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M & & h & & \\ & \searrow & & \searrow & \\ & & \tilde{M} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}} & P_1 = M/\langle T \rangle \\ & \searrow \pi & \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ & & N & \xrightarrow{\phi_N} & \tilde{P}_1 \end{array}$$

where $\deg \tilde{\phi} = e$ and $\deg \tilde{\pi} = ne/d$. We can see that e divides d . As h is a cyclic extension, $\tilde{M} \cong M/\langle T^{d/e} \rangle$. \square

EXAMPLE 5.2. Let M be the cyclic pq -gonal curve defined in Example 2.6 with $p \geq q$, $s \geq 2pq + 1$ and $(p-1)^2 < (q-1)(s-2)/2$. Then any covering $\pi: M \rightarrow N$ of degree p (resp. q) with a q (resp. p)-gonal curve N is birational to the cyclic q (resp. p)-gonal curve defined by $y^q - (x-a_1)^{r_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_s} = 0$ (resp. $y^p - (x-a_1)^{r_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_s} = 0$).

§ 6.

Let M be a cyclic d -gonal curve with a unique g_d^1 defined by

$$y^d - (x-a_1)^{r_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_s} = 0, \quad \sum r_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d}, \dots \dots *$$

$(r_i, d) = 1$ for all i , here we can take ∞ as one of a_i 's.

Let T be the automorphism of order d as in § 2, and $\phi: M \rightarrow M/\langle T \rangle$ be the canonical map. We will determine the equation $*$, which defines M having an automorphism $V (\notin \langle T \rangle)$ of order N .

For the uniqueness of g_a^1 , we have $V\langle T\rangle V^{-1}=\langle T\rangle$ and V induces an automorphism \check{V} on $M/\langle T\rangle=\mathbf{P}_1(x)$. Let $\mathbf{C}(x)$ and $\mathbf{C}(u)$ be the function fields of $M/\langle T\rangle$ and $M/\langle V, T\rangle$ respectively. Then $\pi': M/\langle T\rangle\rightarrow M/\langle T, V\rangle$ is a cyclic covering of order N' ($N'|N$) and we may assume $\pi'^*u=x^{N'}$.

Before considering generally, we study the following two cases;

$$\text{Case 1) } \langle T\rangle\cap\langle V\rangle=\langle T\rangle, \quad \text{Case 2) } \langle T\rangle\cap\langle V\rangle=\{1\}.$$

Case 1) $\langle T\rangle\cap\langle V\rangle=\langle T\rangle$

We can see that $d|N$ and $N'=N/d$. We may assume $V^{N/d}=T$ and $\check{V}^*x=\zeta'x$ with a primitive N' -th root ζ' of 1. We denote the set {fixed point of \check{V} } by $F(\check{V})$. Then $\#F(\check{V})=2$.

Case 1-a) $\#F(\check{V})\cap\{a_1, \dots, a_s\}=2$

We may assume that two elements of the above set are $a_{s-1}=0$ and $a_s=\infty$. As \check{V} acts on $\{a_1, \dots, a_{s-2}\}$ faithfully, M can be defined by;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A) } \quad y^d &= x \left\{ \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^{N/d} (x - \zeta'^{j-1}c_t)^{m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j}} \right\}, \\ &1 + \sum_{t=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{N/d} m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{d}, \end{aligned}$$

where $(m_*, d)=1$, and c_t ($\neq 0$) are distinct complex numbers satisfying

$$\{\zeta'^{j-1}c_t \mid 1 \leq j \leq N/d\} \cap \{\zeta'^{j-1}c_s \mid 1 \leq j \leq N/d\} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } t \neq s.$$

By acting V^* on both sides of A), we have;

$$\text{B) } \quad (T^*y)^d = \zeta'^M \left\{ \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^{N/d} (x - \zeta'^{j-2}c_t)^{m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j}} \right\} x,$$

$$\text{where } M = 1 + \sum_{t=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{N/d} m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j}.$$

By the proof of Theorem 3.1 and comparing A) with B), there exists a positive integer v ($1 \leq v < d$, $(v, d)=1$) satisfying $v \cdot m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j} \equiv m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j+1} \pmod{d}$ ($1 \leq j \leq N/d-1$), and $vm_{N/d \cdot t} \equiv m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + 1} \pmod{d}$. But in this case, $v \cdot 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{d}$.

Thus we have $v=1$ and $m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + 1} = \dots = m_{N/d \cdot t} \stackrel{put}{=} r_t$ ($t=1 \leq t \leq k$). The equation A) is;

$$\text{I) } \quad y^d = x \left\{ \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^{N/d} (x - \zeta'^{j-1}c_t)^{r_t} \right\} = x \cdot \prod_{t=1}^k (x^{N/d} - b_t)^{r_t},$$

As $V^*y^d = \zeta'y^d$ and V is of order N , we have $V^*y = \eta y$, where η satisfies $\eta^d = \zeta'$ and $\eta^{N'}$ is a primitive N/N' ($=d$)-th root of 1.

PROPOSITION 6.1a). Case 1-a happens if and only if M is defined by I) with $d|N$, $(r_t, d)=1$ ($t=1, \dots, k$) and $N/d \sum_{t=1}^k r_t + 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod d$. V is defined by

$$V^*x = \zeta'x \text{ and } V^*y = \eta y, \dots\dots\dots 1)$$

where ζ' is a primitive N' -th root of 1, η satisfies $\eta^d = \zeta'$ and $\eta^{N'}$ is a primitive d -th root of 1 (for example, $\eta = e^{2\pi i/N}$ and $\zeta' = e^{2\pi i/N'}$ satisfy these conditions).

Case 1-b) $\#F(\hat{V}) \cap \{a_1, \dots, a_s\} = 1$

We may assume that the element of the above set is a_s . There exists a point $P \in M$ such that $\phi(P) \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_s\}$ and $V(P) \in \langle T \rangle P = \langle V^{N/d} \rangle P$. Then $V^d(P) = P$. If $(d, N/d) = r \neq 1$, then $T^{d/r}P = V^{N/d \cdot d/r}P = P$. This contradicts to $\phi(P) \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_s\}$. Thus $(d, N/d) = 1$ and $\langle V^d \rangle \cap \langle V^{N/d} \rangle = \{1\}$. We have $C(M) = C(M/\langle V^{N/d} \rangle) \otimes_{C(M/\langle V \rangle)} C(M/V^d)$, Assume $\phi(P) = \infty$, $a_s = 0$ and $\pi'^*u = x^{N/d}$.

As $M/\langle V^d \rangle \rightarrow M/\langle V \rangle = P_1(u)$ is cyclic of degree d , $C(M/\langle V^d \rangle)$ is defined by $y^d = u \prod_{t=1}^k (u - b_t)^{n_t}$, with $(n_t, d) = 1$ ($t=1, \dots, e$) and $1 + n_1 + \dots + n_k \not\equiv 0 \pmod d$. Then M is defined by $y^d = x^{N/d} (x^{N/d} - b_1)^{n_1} \dots (x^{N/d} - b_k)^{n_k}$. For $(d, N/d) = 1$, M can be defined by the following equation ;

$$\text{II) } y^d = x \cdot (x^{N/d} - b_1)^{r_1} \dots (x^{N/d} - b_k)^{r_k}, \text{ with } 1 + \sum r_t \not\equiv 0 \pmod d.$$

After all, we have ;

PROPOSITION 6.1b). Case 1-b) happens if and only if $(N/d, d) = 1$ and M is defined by II) with $(r_t, d) = 1$ and $1 + \sum_{t=1}^k r_t \not\equiv 0 \pmod d$. V is defined by ;

$$V^*x = \zeta'x \text{ and } V^*y = \eta y, \dots\dots\dots 2)$$

where ζ' is a primitive N' -th root of 1, η satisfies $\eta^d = \zeta'$ and $\eta^{N'}$ is a primitive d -th root of 1.

Case 1-c) $\#F(\hat{V}) \cap \{a_1, \dots, a_s\} = \emptyset$

By the same way as in Case 1-b), we have ;

PROPOSITION 6.1c). Case 1-c) happens if and only if $(N/d, d) = 1$ and M is defined by ;

$$\text{III) } y^d = (x^{N/d} - b_1)^{r_1} \dots (x^{N/d} - b_k)^{r_k}$$

with $(r_t, d) = 1$ and $\sum_{t=1}^k r_t \equiv 0 \pmod d$. V is defined by ;

$$V^*x = \zeta'x \quad \text{and} \quad V^*y = \zeta''y, \quad \dots\dots\dots 3)$$

where ζ' (resp. ζ'') is a primitive N' (resp. d)-th root of 1.

Case 2) $\langle T \rangle \cap \langle V \rangle = \{1\}$

The automorphism \hat{V} on $M/\langle T \rangle$ induced by V is of order N , and we may assume that $\hat{V}^*x = \zeta x$ with a primitive N -th root ζ of 1.

Case 2-a) $\#\{a_1, \dots, a_s\} \cap F(\hat{V}) = 2$ and

Case 2-b) $\#\{a_1, \dots, a_s\} \cap F(\hat{V}) = 1$

By the same way as in Case 1-a), M can be defined by

$$\text{IV) } \quad y^d = x \prod_{t=1}^k (x^N - b_t)^{r_t}, \quad \text{with } (r_t, N) = 1.$$

In Case 2-a) (resp. 2-b), $N \sum_{t=1}^k r_t + 1 \not\equiv 0$ (resp. $\equiv 0$) mod d . As V satisfies $V^*y^d = \zeta \cdot y^d$ and V is of order N , V is defined by;

$$V^*x = \zeta x \quad \text{and} \quad V^*y = \xi \cdot y, \quad \dots\dots\dots 4)$$

where ξ is a N -th root of 1 satisfying $\xi^d = \zeta$. $\therefore (d, N) = 1$ and ξ is also a primitive N -th root of 1. After all we have;

PROPOSITION 6.2. Case 2-a) (resp. 2-b)) happens if and only if $(N, d) = 1$ and M is birational to the curve defined by IV) with $(r_t, N) = 1$ and $N \sum_{t=1}^k r_t + 1 \not\equiv 0$ (resp. $\equiv 0$) mod d . V is defined by 4) with a primitive N -th root ξ of 1 and $\zeta = \xi^d$.

Case 2-c) $\#\{a_1, \dots, a_s\} \cap F(\hat{V}) = 0$

By the same way as in Case 1-a), M is birational to the curve defined by

$$y^d = \left\{ \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^N (x - \zeta^{j-1} b_t)^{m_{N(\ell-1)+j}} \right\} \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{t=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^N m_{N/d \cdot (\ell-1)+j} \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$$

and $(m_*, d) = 1$. Moreover there exists a positive integer v ($1 \leq v \leq d-1$, $(v, d) = 1$) satisfying $vm_{N(\ell-1)+j} \equiv m_{N(\ell-1)+j+1} \pmod{d}$ ($1 \leq j \leq N-1$), and $vm_{N \cdot \ell} \equiv m_{N(\ell-1)+1} \pmod{d}$. We see $v^N \equiv 1 \pmod{d}$. Thus M is defined by

$$\text{V) } \quad y^d = \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^N (x - \zeta^{j-1} b_t)^{n_t v^{j-1}}$$

with positive integers n_t satisfying $\sum_{t=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^N n_t v^{j-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$ and $(n_*, d) = 1$. Put $R = \sum n_t$ and $S = \sum v^{j-1}$. Then $RS \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$. By acting V^* on the both sides of V again, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (V^*y)^d &= \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^N (\zeta x - \zeta^{j-1} b_t)^{n_t v^{j-1}} \\
 &= \zeta^{RS} \prod_{t=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^N (x - \zeta^{j-2} b_t)^{n_t v^{j-1}} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \zeta^{RS} y^{vd} / \prod_{t=1}^k (x - \zeta^{N-1} b_t)^{n_t (v^{N-1})}, \zeta^{RS} \neq 1 & (\text{if } RS \not\equiv 0 \pmod N). \\ \text{or} \\ y^{vd} / \prod_{t=1}^k (x - \zeta^{N-1} b_t)^{n_t (v^{N-1})} & (\text{if } RS \equiv 0 \pmod N). \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have;

$$V^*y = \begin{cases} \eta \zeta^{RS/d} y^v / \prod_{t=1}^k (x - \zeta^{N-1} b_t)^{n_t (v^{N-1})/d}, & (\text{if } RS \not\equiv 0 \pmod N) \cdots \text{V-i)} \\ \text{or} \\ \eta y^v / \prod_{t=1}^k (x - \zeta^{N-1} b_t)^{n_t (v^{N-1})/d}, & (\text{if } RS \equiv 0 \pmod N) \cdots \text{V-ii)}. \end{cases}$$

where η is some d -th root (not necessarily primitive) of 1.

Assume $RS \not\equiv 0 \pmod N$. Using V-i) repeatedly, we have;

$$\begin{aligned}
 V^{*N}y &= \eta^S \zeta^{(RS/d)S} y^{v^N} / \left[\left\{ \prod_{l=0}^{N-1} \prod_{t=1}^k (\zeta^l x - \zeta^{N-1} b_t)^{n_t} \right\}^{v^{N-1-l}} \right]^{(v^{N-1})/d} \\
 &= \eta^S \zeta^{(RS/d)S} y^{v^N} / \zeta^{R(v^{N-2} + 2v^{N-3} + \cdots + (N-1)v^0)} \left[\left\{ \prod_{l=0}^{N-1} \prod_{t=1}^k (x - \zeta^{N-l-1} b_t)^{n_t} \right\}^{v^{N-1-l}} \right]^{(v^{N-1})/d} \\
 &= \eta^S \zeta^{(RS/d)S - R(S^2 - NS)/d} y^{v^N} / (y^d)^{(v^{N-1})/d} = \eta^S \zeta^{RS^2/d} y = \eta^S y \quad (\because RS \equiv 0 \pmod d).
 \end{aligned}$$

For $V^{*N}y = y$, $\eta^S = 1$ should be held.

When $RS \equiv 0 \pmod N$, by the same way as above, we have;

$$V^{*N}y = \eta^S \zeta^{-R(S^2 - NS)/d} y^{v^N} (y^d)^{(v^{N-1})/d} = \eta^S \zeta^{-RS^2/d} y.$$

Thus η should satisfy $\eta^S = \zeta^{RS^2/d}$.

PROPOSITION 6.3. *Case 2-c) happens if and only if M is birational to the curve defined by V with $v^N \equiv 1 \pmod d$ and $RS \equiv 0 \pmod d$. If $RS \not\equiv 0$ (resp. $RS \equiv 0$) $\pmod N$, V is defined by $V^*x = \zeta x$ and V-i) (resp. V-ii) with d -th root η of 1 satisfying $\eta^S = 1$ (resp. $\eta^S = \zeta^{RS^2/d}$), here η is not necessarily primitive (for example, $\eta = 1$ (resp. $\eta = \zeta^{RS/d}$) satisfies $\eta^S = 1$ (resp. $\eta^S = \zeta^{RS^2/d}$)).*

General case $\langle T \rangle \cap \langle V' \rangle = \langle V^{N'} \rangle = \langle T^{d'} \rangle$.

We can obtain the equations of M and V as follows. We may assume that $N' | N$ and $d' | d$, then $d/d' = N/N'$. The case $d' = 1$ is exactly same as the case 1) (Propositions 6-1a~c)).

When $d' > 1$, put $M' = M / \langle T \rangle \cap \langle V \rangle$. Then M' is d' -gonal with a unique $g_{d'}^1$ having an automorphism $V' (= V \text{ mod } \langle V^{d'} \rangle)$ of order d' . We can apply Proposition 6.2 or 6.3, and M' is defined by an equation of type IV) or V).

For example, assume M' is defined by;

$$y'^{d'} = \prod_{i=1}^{k'} \prod_{j=1}^{N'} (x - \zeta'^{j-1} b'_i)^{n'_i v'^{j-1}} \quad (\text{cf. V})$$

with $(n'_*, d') = (v', d') = 1$, $1 \leq v' \leq d' - 1$, and $R'S' \equiv 0 \pmod{d'}$, where $R' = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} n'_i$, $S' = \sum_{j=1}^{N'} v'^{j-1}$ and a primitive N' -th root ζ' of 1. Moreover, assume $R'S' \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N'}$. Then V' is defined by;

$$\begin{cases} V'^* x = \zeta' x \\ V'^* y' = \eta' \zeta'^{R'S'/d'} y^{v'} / \prod_{i=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b'_i)^{n'_i (v'^{N'} - 1)/d'} \end{cases} \quad (\text{cf. V-i}),$$

with d' -th root η' (not necessarily primitive) of 1 satisfying $\eta'^{S'} = 1$. Put $y' = y^{d/d'}$, we can have the equation of M ;

$$y^d = \prod_{i=1}^{k'} \prod_{j=1}^{N'} (x - \zeta'^{j-1} b'_i)^{n'_i v'^{j-1}}. \dots\dots\dots \text{VI}$$

As M is defined by $*$), we have $R'S' \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$, $(n'_*, d) = (v', d) = 1$ and $v'^N \equiv 1 \pmod{d}$. Thus V on M is defined by;

$$\begin{cases} V^* x = \zeta' x \\ V^* y = \eta \zeta'^{R'S'/d} y^{v'} / \prod_{i=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b'_i)^{n'_i (v'^{N'} - 1)/d}, \end{cases}$$

where η satisfies $\eta^{d/d'} = \eta'$. We can see $V^{*N'} y = \eta^{S'} y$. As V is of order N , $\eta^{S'}$ should be a primitive N/N' ($= d/d'$) root of 1. When $(S', d/d') = 1$, $\eta' = 1$, and $\eta = \exp(2\pi i d'/d)$ satisfies these conditions,

Considering the other cases, we finally have;

THEOREM 6.4. *Let M be a cyclic d -gonal curve with a unique g_d^1 defined by $*$) with an automorphism V ($\notin \langle T \rangle$) of order N . Then M and V are determined as the following types;*

I) *Let d' (> 1) and N' (> 1) be two integers satisfying $d' | d$, $N' | N$ and $d/d' = N/N' \neq 1$.*

I-i) *M is a curve defined by the equation*

$$y^d = \prod_{i=1}^{k'} \prod_{j=1}^{N'} (x - \zeta'^{j-1} b'_i)^{n'_i v'^{j-1}} \dots\dots\dots \text{VI}$$

with $1 \leq v' \leq d' - 1$, $(n'_, d) = (v', d) = 1$ and $S'R' \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$.*

If $S'R' \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N'}$, then V is defined by

$$\begin{cases} V^*x = \zeta'x \\ V^*y = \eta \zeta'^{R'S'/d} y^{v'} / \prod_{i=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b'_i)^{n_i (v'^{N'-1})/d}, \end{cases}$$

where η is a d -th root (not necessarily primitive) of 1 such that $\eta^{S'}$ is a primitive d/d' -th root of 1. (for example, when $(S', d/d')=1$, $e^{2\pi i d'/d}$ can be taken as η).

If $S'R' \equiv 0 \pmod{N'}$, V is defined by

$$\begin{cases} V^*x = \zeta'x \\ V^*y = \eta y^{v'} / \prod_{i=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b'_i)^{n_i (v'^{N'-1})/d}, \end{cases}$$

where η is a d -th root (not necessarily primitive) of 1 such that $\eta \zeta'^{-R'S'^2/d}$ is a primitive d/d' -th root of 1. (for example, when $(S', d/d')=1$, we can take $\zeta'^{R'S'/d} \zeta_{d/d'}$ as η , where $\zeta_{d/d'}$ is a primitive d/d' -th root of 1). (cf. Prop. 6.3)

I-ii) If $(d', N')=1$, we have an additional type;

$$y^d = x \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{N'} - b_i)^{r_i}$$

with $(r_i, N)=1$. In this case V is defined by;

$$V^*y = \xi y \quad \text{and} \quad V^*x = \xi^d x,$$

where ξ is a primitive N -th root of 1. (cf. Prop. 6.2)

II) In case of $d|N$, in addition to 1), we have other types of M and V as follows;

II-i) M and V in Proposition 6.1a).

II-ii) In addition to II-i), M and V in Proposition 6.1b) and 6.1c), provided $((d, N/d)=1$.

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