

SURJECTIVITY OF THE BERS MAP

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Preliminaries. Let G be a non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian group with the region of discontinuity Ω and let $B_q(\Omega, G)$ be the space of bounded holomorphic automorphic forms of weight $-2q$ for G operating on Ω , where $q(\geq 2)$ is an integer. We denote by Π_{2q-2} the vector space of complex polynomials in one variable of degree at most $2q-2$. Clearly Π_{2q-2} is a G -module with $(v \cdot \gamma)(z) = v(\gamma(z))\gamma'(z)^{1-q}$ for $v \in \Pi_{2q-2}$ and $\gamma \in G$.

A mapping $p: G \rightarrow \Pi_{2q-2}$ is a cocycle if

$$p(\gamma_1 \circ \gamma_2) = p(\gamma_1) \cdot \gamma_2 + p(\gamma_2)$$

for any $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in G$. This mapping is a coboundary if

$$p(\gamma) = v \cdot \gamma - v$$

for some polynomial $v \in \Pi_{2q-2}$.

We denote by $H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ the first cohomology space of G with coefficients in Π_{2q-2} , that is, $H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ is the cocycles factored by the coboundaries. An element of $H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ with a representative p will be denoted by $\{p\}$.

Let Δ be any G -invariant union of components of Ω . We denote by $B_q(\Delta, G)$ the space of all elements in $B_q(\Omega, G)$ which vanish in $\Omega - \Delta$. Clearly we see that $B_q(\Delta, G)$ is the space of bounded holomorphic automorphic forms of weight $-2q$ for G operating on Δ .

The Δ -parabolic cohomology space $PH^1_\Delta(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ is the subspace of $H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ such that each element $\{p\} \in PH^1_\Delta(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ satisfies the condition that at every parabolic cusp in Δ , there exists a polynomial $v \in \Pi_{2q-2}$ with the property

$$p(\gamma) = v \cdot \gamma - v$$

for some (and hence for every) cocycle $p \in \{p\}$ and for any γ in the parabolic cyclic subgroup G_0 of G corresponding to the cusp. In particular, if the above condition is satisfied for every parabolic cyclic subgroup G_0 of G , then we say that $\{p\}$ belongs to $PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$, the space of parabolic cohomology.

As is well known, Bers [1] introduced the anti-linear map $\beta^*: B_q(\Omega, G)$

$\rightarrow H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ and proved that this mapping is injective. The map β^* is called the Bers map and the image $\beta^*(\psi)$ of $\psi \in B_q(\Omega, G)$ under β^* is called a Bers cohomology class of ψ . In [2], Kra proved the inclusion relation $\beta^*(B_q(\Omega, G)) \subset PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$.

A holomorphic function F on Δ is called an Eichler integral (of order $1 - q$) on Δ , if

$$F \cdot \gamma - F \in \Pi_{2q-2}$$

for any $\gamma \in G$, where $F \cdot \gamma = F(\gamma(z))\gamma'(z)^{1-q}$. We denote by $E_{1-q}(\Delta, G)$ the space of Eichler integrals (of order $1 - q$) on Δ modulo Π_{2q-2} .

For a holomorphic function F on Δ , we define an operator D^{2q-1} by the equality

$$(D^{2q-1}F)(z) = \frac{d^{2q-1}}{dz^{2q-1}} F(z).$$

Bol's identity shows that, for an Eichler integral F on Δ , $D^{2q-1}F$ is a holomorphic automorphic form of weight $-2q$ for G operating on Δ .

We denote by $E_{1-q}^b(\Delta, G)$ the subspace of $E_{1-q}(\Delta, G)$ whose element f satisfies $D^{2q-1}f \in B_q(\Delta, G)$. We note that if G has no parabolic elements, then $PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = PH^1_d(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ and $E_{1-q}^b(\Delta, G) = E_{1-q}(\Delta, G)$. An Eichler integral F on Δ is called trivial if $D^{2q-1}F = 0$. The space of all images of trivial Eichler integrals on Δ in $E_{1-q}(\Delta, G)$ is denoted by $E_{1-q}^0(\Delta, G)$.

In his paper [2], Kra proved that the mapping

$$\alpha: E_{1-q}^b(\Delta, G) \rightarrow PH^1_d(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$$

defined by $\alpha(f) = \{p\}$, where $p(\gamma) = F \cdot \gamma - F$ for a representative p of $\{p\}$ and a representative F of f , is injective. The image $\alpha(f)$ of $f \in E_{1-q}^b(\Delta, G)$ is called an Eichler cohomology class of f . Kra also proved the following

THEOREM (Kra [2]). *Let G be a non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian group with an invariant component Δ_0 such that $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$. Then every cohomology class $\{p\} \in PH^1_{\Omega-\Delta_0}(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ can be written as a sum of a Bers cohomology class of some $\psi \in B_q(\Omega, G)$ and an Eichler cohomology class of some $f \in E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)$.*

From this Theorem, we can easily obtain the following Proposition.

PROPOSITION. *If $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$ and if $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$, then $\beta^*(B_q(\Omega, G)) = PH^1_{\Omega-\Delta_0}(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$, so $\beta^*: B_q(\Omega, G) \rightarrow PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ is surjective.*

This can be considered as a proposition which gives a sufficient condition for surjectivity of the Bers map. In this article we shall give another sufficient condition. We shall also treat a converse problem "Does surjectivity of the Bers map imply $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$?" and give a negative answer.

1. First we shall prove two lemmas.

LEMMA 1. *Let G be a non-elementary Kleinian group with N generators $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_N$. If one of generators, γ_i , is elliptic of order ν_i , then*

$$\dim H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)(N - 1) - \left\{ 2 \left[\frac{q - 1}{\nu_i} \right] + 1 \right\},$$

where $[x]$ is the integral part of x .

PROOF. We denote by $Z^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ the space of cocycles. Since a cocycle is uniquely determined by its values on generators of G , we have $\dim Z^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)N$ (see Bers [1]).

From the fact that the dimension of $Z^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ is invariant under conjugation by a linear transformation, we may assume that $\gamma_i(z) = \lambda z$, $\lambda^{\nu_i} = 1$, $\lambda \neq 1$. For simplicity we set $\gamma_i(z) = \gamma(z)$ and $\nu_i = \nu$.

Let p be a cocycle and set $p(\gamma) = \sum_{k=0}^{2q-2} a_k z^k$. Since $\gamma^\nu = id$, we have

$$0 = p(\gamma^\nu) = \sum_{k=0}^{2q-2} a_k (1 + \lambda^{k+1-q} + \dots + \lambda^{(\nu-1)(k+1-q)}) z^k.$$

If $\lambda^{k+1-q} \neq 1$, then $1 + \lambda^{k+1-q} + \dots + \lambda^{(\nu-1)(k+1-q)} = 0$. Hence, for k satisfying $\lambda^{k+1-q} = 1$, we have $a_k = 0$. Therefore, it is clear that

$$\dim Z^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)N - t,$$

where t is the number of integers k for which $\lambda^{k+1-q} = 1$.

Since $\lambda^\nu = 1$, we see that, t equals the number of integers j such that $k + 1 - q = \nu j$ for k , $0 \leq k \leq 2q - 2$. Such an integer j satisfies $0 \leq \nu j + q - 1 \leq 2q - 2$, so

$$-\frac{q - 1}{\nu} \leq j \leq \frac{q - 1}{\nu},$$

from which we have $t = 2[(q - 1)/\nu] + 1$.

On the other hand, it is well known that the dimension of the space of coboundaries is $2q - 1$. Therefore we have our lemma.

REMARK. Under the assumption of Lemma 1, if generators γ_i ($i = 1, \dots, m \leq N$) are elliptic of order ν_i , then

$$\dim H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)(N - 1) - \left\{ 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\frac{q-1}{\nu_i} \right] + m \right\}.$$

LEMMA 2. Under the same assumption as in Lemma 1, if one of generators, γ_i , is parabolic, then

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)(N - 1) - 1.$$

PROOF. Let p be an element of $PZ^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$, the space of parabolic cocycles for G . By conjugation by a linear transformation, we may assume that $\gamma_i(z) = z + 1$. For simplicity we set $\gamma_i(z) = \gamma(z)$. By definition, $p(\gamma) = v \cdot \gamma - v$ for some polynomial $v \in \Pi_{2q-2}$. If $p(\gamma) = \sum_{k=0}^{2q-2} a_k z^k$, then $\sum_{k=0}^{2q-2} a_k z^k = v \cdot \gamma - v = v(z + 1) - v(z)$. Since $v(z + 1) - v(z) \in \Pi_{2q-3}$, we have $a_{2q-2} = 0$, that is

$$\dim PZ^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)N - 1.$$

By the same reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 1, we have our lemma.

REMARK. Under the assumption of Lemma 2, if generators γ_i ($i = 1, \dots, n \leq N$) are parabolic, then

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)(N - 1) - n.$$

Now we can prove following for a quasi-Fuchsian group which is a quasi-conformal deformation of a Fuchsian group.

THEOREM 1. For any non-elementary finitely generated quasi-Fuchsian group G , the Bers map $\beta^*: B_i(\Omega, G) \rightarrow PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ is surjective.

PROOF. For a quasi-Fuchsian group G with two invariant components Kra [2] proved surjectivity of the Bers map β^* . (See also Remark of Theorem 2 stated later.) So it is sufficient to prove Theorem for a quasi-Fuchsian group G with the connected region of discontinuity, that is, for a quasi-Fuchsian group G of the second kind.

There exist a Fuchsian group Γ of the second kind and a quasi-conformal mapping $w: \hat{C} \rightarrow \hat{C}$ such that $G = w \circ \Gamma \circ w^{-1}$. Let $\alpha_i, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_k$ be standard generators of Γ with the defining relations

$$[\alpha_1, \beta_1] \circ \dots \circ [\alpha_g, \beta_g] \circ \gamma_1 \circ \dots \circ \gamma_m \circ \delta_1 \circ \dots \circ \delta_n \circ \eta_1 \circ \dots \circ \eta_k = id$$

and

$$\gamma_i^{\nu_i} = id \quad (i = 1, \dots, m),$$

where $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \eta_i$ are hyperbolic, γ_i are elliptic of order ν_i , δ_i are parabolic

and $[\alpha_i, \beta_i]$ means a commutator $\alpha_i \circ \beta_i \circ \alpha_i^{-1} \circ \beta_i^{-1}$.

Since Γ is generated by $(2g + m + n + k - 1)$ elements $\alpha_1, \dots, \eta_{k-1}$ with relations $\gamma_i^{\nu_i} = id$, the quasi-Fuchsian group G is generated by $(2g + m + n + k - 1)$ elements $w \circ \alpha_i \circ w^{-1}, w \circ \beta_i \circ w^{-1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq g$), $w \circ \gamma_i \circ w^{-1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$), $w \circ \delta_i \circ w^{-1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$), $w \circ \eta_i \circ w^{-1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq k - 1$) with relations $(w \circ \gamma_i \circ w^{-1})^{\nu_i} = id$, where $w \circ \delta_i \circ w^{-1}$ are parabolic. Hence, from Remarks of Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, we have

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq (2q - 1)(2g + m + n + k - 1 - 1) - \left\{ 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\frac{q-1}{\nu_i} \right] + m \right\} - n.$$

We denote by $\Omega(G)$ and $\Omega(\Gamma)$ the regions of discontinuity of G and Γ , respectively. Since $G = w \circ \Gamma \circ w^{-1}$, we have

$$\dim B_q(\Omega(G), G) = \dim B_q(\Omega(\Gamma), \Gamma),$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \dim B_q(\Omega(G), G) &= (2q - 1)(2g + k - 1 - 1) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left[q - \frac{q}{\nu_i} \right] + 2n(q - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \dim B_q(\Omega(G), G) - \dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \\ \geq 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left\{ \left[q - \frac{q}{\nu_i} \right] + \left[\frac{q-1}{\nu_i} \right] - (q-1) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen that $[q - q/\nu_i] + [(q-1)/\nu_i] = q - 1$. Therefore we obtain

$$(1) \quad \dim B_q(\Omega(G), G) \geq \dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}).$$

Since $\beta^*(B_q(\Omega(G), G)) \subset PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ and since β^* is injective, we have the converse inequality for (1). Hence

$$\dim B_q(\Omega(G), G) = \dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}),$$

which shows

$$\beta^*(B_q(\Omega(G), G)) = PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

COROLLARY. *For any non-elementary finitely generated quasi-Fuchsian group G , it holds that $E_{1-q}^b(\Omega, G) = 0$.*

PROOF. This is an immediate consequence of Kra's unique decom-

position (Corollary 1 to Theorem 4 in [2]) and Theorem 1.

2. Now we consider the problem whether surjectivity of the Bers map imply $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$ or not.

For the purpose we shall first treat a non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian group G with an invariant component Δ_0 such that $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$ and such that $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$.

We can prove the following lemma.

LEMMA 3. *Let G be a non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian group with an invariant component Δ_0 such that $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$ and let $q (\geq 2)$ be an integer. If $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$, then*

$$\dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) = \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G).$$

PROOF. Since $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$, Kra's theorem stated in the above preliminaries and the injectivity of the Bers map $\beta^*: B_q(\Omega, G) \rightarrow H^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ imply

$$(2) \quad \dim PH_{\Omega-\Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = \dim B_q(\Omega, G).$$

On the other hand, Kra's unique decomposition (Corollary 1 to Theorem 4 in [2]) implies

$$PH_{\Omega-\Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = \beta^*(B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)) \oplus \alpha(E_{1-q}^b(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)),$$

where α and β^* are injective and the notation \oplus means the direct sum. Therefore

$$(3) \quad \dim PH_{\Omega-\Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) + \dim E_{1-q}^b(\Omega - \Delta_0, G).$$

Since $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)$ is the kernel of the operator D^{2q-1} , we have

$$D^{2q-1}: E_{1-q}^b(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) \rightarrow B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)$$

is injective and hence we see

$$(4) \quad \dim E_{1-q}^b(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) \leq \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G).$$

From (2), (3) and (4) we have

$$\dim B_q(\Omega, G) \leq 2 \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G),$$

which yields

$$\dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) \leq \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G).$$

Further, from the assumption we have $\dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) \geq \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)$ (see [1]). Therefore

$$\dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) = \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G),$$

which proves our lemma.

As an application of Lemma 3, we have the following characterization of a quasi-Fuchsian group.

THEOREM 2. *Let G be a non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian group with an invariant component Δ_0 such that $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$. Then $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) = 0$ for an even integer q if and only if G is a quasi-Fuchsian group.*

PROOF. The proof of the if part of our Theorem is easily obtained by noting that $\Omega - \Delta_0$ is connected. On the other hand, under the same assumption on G in our Theorem, Maskit [3] proved that $\dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) = \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G)$ for some even integer q if and only if G is a quasi-Fuchsian. Thus Lemma 3 gives a proof of the only if part of our Theorem.

REMARK. Proposition stated in preliminaries and Theorem 2 imply surjectivity of the Bers map for a quasi-Fuchsian group G under the assumption $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$.

Next we prove the following lemma.

LEMMA 4. *Let G_1 and G_2 be non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian groups and let $G = \langle G_1, G_2 \rangle$ be the Kleinian group generated by G_1 and G_2 . Then*

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq \dim PH^1(G_1, \Pi_{2q-2}) + \dim PH^1(G_2, \Pi_{2q-2}) + (2q - 1),$$

where equality holds whenever $\langle G_1, G_2 \rangle$ is the free product of G_1 and G_2 .

PROOF. We denote by $PZ^1(\Gamma, \Pi_{2q-2})$ the space of parabolic cocycles for a Kleinian group Γ and by $B^1(\Gamma, \Pi_{2q-2})$ the space of coboundaries for Γ .

Consider the linear map Φ

$$\Phi: PZ^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \rightarrow PZ^1(G_1, \Pi_{2q-2}) \times PZ^1(G_2, \Pi_{2q-2})$$

defined by $\Phi(p) = (p_1, p_2)$, where p_i is the restriction of p to G_i for $i = 1, 2$.

Since G is generated by G_1 and G_2 , we see that the map Φ is injective. Therefore we have

$$(5) \quad \dim PZ^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq \dim PZ^1(G_1, \Pi_{2q-2}) + \dim PZ^1(G_2, \Pi_{2q-2}).$$

From the assumption that G_1 and G_2 are non-elementary, we see that G is non-elementary. Hence, by Bers [1],

$$(6) \quad \dim B^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = \dim B^1(G_1, \Pi_{2q-2}) = \dim B^1(G_2, \Pi_{2q-2}) = 2q - 1.$$

Combining (5) and (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) &\leq \dim PH^1(G_1, \Pi_{2q-2}) \\ &\quad + \dim PH^1(G_2, \Pi_{2q-2}) + 2q - 1 . \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if $\langle G_1, G_2 \rangle$ is the free product of G_1 and G_2 , then Φ is surjective. Therefore, in this case, we have the equality in (5) and hence the equality holds in our lemma. This completes the proof of Lemma 4.

We shall prove the following

THEOREM 3. *There exists a non-elementary finitely generated Kleinian group G with an invariant component Δ_0 such that $\Omega - \Delta_0 \neq \emptyset$ and $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) \neq 0$ and such that $\beta^*(B_q(\Omega, G)) = PH_{\Omega - \Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ for any integer q .*

PROOF. Let S_0 be a Riemann surface of type $(g_0, m + n)$, where g_0 is the genus of S_0 and $m + n$ is the number of punctures of S_0 . We assume that $3g_0 - 3 + (m + n) > 0$. Now, associate with an integer $\nu_i (\nu_i \geq 2, i = 1, \dots, m)$ m punctures and associate with ∞ the remainder n punctures. Let C be a simple loop on S_0 which bounds neither a disk nor a punctured disk on S_0 and which separates S_0 into two pieces, which we denote by S'_1 and S'_2 . We attach a disk along C to S'_i for $i = 1, 2$ and we denote the resulting surfaces by S_1 and S_2 . We give a conformal structure to S_i so as to be a finite Riemann surface and we denote by S_i^+ this Riemann surface for $i = 1, 2$. Let (g_i, t_i) be type of S_i^+ ($i = 1, 2$). If g_0 is sufficiently large, we may choose C such that $g_1 \geq 2$ and $g_2 \geq 2$. Here we note that $g_0 = g_1 + g_2$ and $m + n = t_1 + t_2$.

As Maskit [3] has stated, we can construct a Kleinian group G with an invariant component Δ_0 such that $\Delta'_0/G = S_0$ and $(\Omega - \Delta'_0)/G = S_1^+ + S_2^+$, where Ω is the region of discontinuity of G and $\Delta'_0 = \Delta_0 - \{\text{all elliptic fixed points of } G\}$, $(\Omega - \Delta'_0)' = (\Omega - \Delta_0) - \{\text{all elliptic fixed points of } G\}$. For a component Δ_i of $\Omega - \Delta_0$, we have $S_i^+ = \Delta'_i/G_i$, where $G_i = \{\gamma \in G; \gamma(\Delta_i) = \Delta_i\}$, $\Delta'_i = \Delta_i - \{\text{all elliptic fixed points of } G\}$ for $i = 1, 2$ and G is generated by G_1 and G_2 .

From Lemma 4 we have

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq \dim PH^1(G_1, \Pi_{2q-2}) + \dim PH^1(G_2, \Pi_{2q-2}) + (2q - 1) .$$

Since G is a finitely generated Kleinian group with an invariant component Δ_0 , we see that G_1 and G_2 are finitely generated quasi-Fuchsian groups with an invariant component Δ_1 and Δ_2 , respectively. Therefore

$$\dim PH^1(G_i, \Pi_{2q-2}) = 2 \dim B_q(\Delta_i, G_i)$$

for $i = 1, 2$. Since $\Delta'_i/G_i = S_i^+$, we have

$$\dim B_q(\Delta_i, G_i) = (2q - 1)(g_i - 1) + \sum_{x \in \bar{S}_i^+ - S_i^+} \left[q - \frac{q}{\nu(x)} \right],$$

where $\nu(x)$ equals ν_i or ∞ and $[q - q/\nu(x)] = q - 1$ when $\nu(x) = \infty$. Hence we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) &\leq 2 \{ \dim B_q(\Delta_1, G_1) + \dim B_q(\Delta_2, G_2) \} + (2q - 1) \\ &= 2 \left\{ (2q - 1)(g_1 + g_2 - 2) + \sum_{x \in \bar{S}_0 - S_0} \left[q - \frac{q}{\nu(x)} \right] \right\} \\ &\quad + (2q - 1) \\ &= (2q - 1)(2g_0 - 3) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left[q - \frac{q}{\nu_i} \right] + 2n(q - 1). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim B_q(\Omega, G) &= \dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) + \dim B_q(\Delta_1, G_1) + \dim B_q(\Delta_2, G_2) \\ &= (2q - 1)(2g_0 - 3) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left[q - \frac{q}{\nu_i} \right] + 2n(q - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \leq \dim B_q(\Omega, G).$$

Since $\beta^*(B_q(\Omega, G)) \subset PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$ and since β^* is injective, we have the converse inequality. Hence

$$\dim PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = \dim B_q(\Omega, G), \text{ or, } \beta^*(B_q(\Omega, G)) = PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}).$$

Since $\Omega'/G = S_0 + S_1^+ + S_2^+$, we see that G is not a quasi-Fuchsian group, where $\Omega' = \Omega - \{\text{all elliptic fixed points of } G\}$.

Let $\{p\}$ be an element of $PH_{\Omega - \Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$. Then, for any parabolic element γ_0 belonging to G_1 or G_2 , $p(\gamma_0) = v \cdot \gamma_0 - v$ for some $v \in \Pi_{2q-2}$. Take an arbitrary parabolic $\gamma \in G$. Then $\gamma = \alpha \circ \gamma_0 \circ \alpha^{-1}$ for some γ_0 and some $\alpha \in G$. (See Maskit [3].) Hence we have $p(\gamma) = p(\alpha \circ \gamma_0 \circ \alpha^{-1}) = V \cdot \gamma - V$ for $V = v \cdot \alpha^{-1} - p(\alpha^{-1}) \in \Pi_{2q-2}$. Hence $\{p\} \in PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$, that is, $PH_{\Omega - \Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \subset PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$. On the other hand, obviously $PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) \subset PH_{\Omega - \Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$. Therefore we have $PH^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2}) = PH_{\Omega - \Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$, which shows $\beta^*(B_q(\Omega, G)) = PH_{\Omega - \Delta_0}^1(G, \Pi_{2q-2})$.

Now we have only to show $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) \neq 0$. For our group G , we see that

$$\dim B_q(\Delta_0, G) > \dim B_q(\Delta_1, G_1) + \dim B_q(\Delta_2, G_2) = \dim B_q(\Omega - \Delta_0, G).$$

Hence, by Lemma 3 we have $E_{1-q}^0(\Omega - \Delta_0, G) \neq 0$. Thus the proof of our Theorem is complete.

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