

Classification of Periodic Maps on Compact Surfaces: I

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Introduction.

A homeomorphism $f: M \rightarrow M$ of a space M onto itself is called a periodic map on M with period n if $f^n = \text{identity}$ and $f^k \neq \text{identity}$ ($1 \leq k < n$). We say that a periodic map f on M is *equivalent* to a periodic map f' on M' if there exists a homeomorphism $h: M \rightarrow M'$ such that $fh = hf'$. In this paper, we will obtain classification of orientation-preserving periodic maps on compact orientable surfaces. Classification of orientation-reversing periodic maps on compact orientable surfaces and periodic maps on compact non-orientable surfaces will be given in the forthcoming paper [5].

We will consider a pair (f, M) where M is a compact connected surface and f is a periodic map on M with period n . Let $\mathcal{S}_k = \mathcal{S}_k(f) = \{x \in M; f^k(x) = x, f^i(x) \neq x \ (1 \leq i < k)\}$ and $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(f) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} \mathcal{S}_k(f) = \{x \in M; 1 \leq \exists k < n, f^k(x) = x\}$, say a *singular set* of f . Let P_n be a set of (f, M) satisfying the condition that $\mathcal{S}(f)$ consists of finite points in M (may be empty). For an element (f, M) , we obtain its orbit space M/f from M by the identification of x with $f(x)$ for $x \in M$.

PROPOSITION 1 (Whyburn [4]). *The orbit space M/f is a compact surface.*

Let $p: M \rightarrow M/f$ be a canonical map. Then p is an n -fold cyclic branched covering map of M/f with a branched set $p(\mathcal{S}(f))$. For a compact connected surface X and a set S of finite points in X , we denote by $P_n(X, S)$ a set of elements (f, M) of P_n satisfying the following conditions;

- (1) the orbit space M/f is homeomorphic to X ,
- (2) the canonical map $p: M \rightarrow X$ is an n -fold cyclic branched covering map with a branched set S .

Suppose that (f, M) is equivalent to (f', M') . Clearly there exists a

homeomorphism $g: M/f \rightarrow M'/f'$ such that $g(p(\mathcal{S}(f))) = p'(\mathcal{S}(f'))$ and $gp = ph$ where $p': M' \rightarrow M'/f'$ is a canonical map and $h: M \rightarrow M'$ is a homeomorphism satisfying $fh = hf'$. Let $X = M/f$ and $S = p(\mathcal{S}(f))$. Then $(f, M) \in P_n(X, S)$ and $(f', M') \in P_n(X, S)$. We denote by $\mathcal{P}_n(X, S)$ a set of equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$. Then for classification of P_n , we will determine a complete set of equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$ (see Theorem 1), and prove that:

THEOREM 2. *Assume that X is a compact orientable surface of genus g and that the boundary ∂X consists of l components, and furthermore that a set S consists of m points in \dot{X} . Let $n = p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} \cdots p_s^{i_s}$ be the prime decomposition of n . Then the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n(X, S)$ is given by;*

- (I) $C_0^*(n; l, m) = C_0(n; l, m)/2 + Q_0(n; l, m)/2$ if $g \geq 1$,
 (II) $C_0^*(n; l, m) = \sum_{i=1}^s C_0^*(n/p_i; l, m) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq s} C_0^*(n/p_i p_j; l, m) + \cdots + (-1)^j \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_j \leq s} C_0^*(n/(p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \cdots p_{i_j}); l, m) + \cdots + (-1)^s C_0^*(n/(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s); l, m)$ ($= \sum_{q|n} \mu(q) C_0^*(n/q; l, m)$), if $g = 0$, where $\mu(q)$ is the Möbius function. ($C_0(n; l, m)$ and $Q_0(n; l, m)$ are given in § 3 in detail.)

Let P_n^+ be a subset of P_n such that M is an orientable surface and f is an orientation-preserving periodic map. Then, we will obtain, as a consequence, classification of P_n^+ (see Theorem 5 and Theorem 6). Especially, assume that n is a prime number, and let $P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ be a set of elements (f, M) of P_n^+ satisfying the following conditions;

- (1) M is a compact orientable surface of genus g and the boundary ∂M consists of l components,
 (2) f is an orientation preserving periodic map on M such that its singular set $\mathcal{S}(f)$ consists of m points in \dot{M} ,
 (3) the number of setwise fixed boundary components of M by f is l_1 .

Denote by $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ a set of equivalence classes of $P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$. Then we will prove that:

THEOREM 3. *Suppose that n is an odd prime number. Then $P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if g, l, l_1 and m satisfy the following conditions (I), (II) and (III):*

- (I) $l - l_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$,
 (II) $l_1 + m \neq 1$,
 (III) $g + n \times \min\{l_1 + m, 1\} - ((n-1)/2)(l_1 + m) - 1$ is a non-negative integer and a multiple of n .

Furthermore, the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to $C(n; l, m)/2 + Q(n; l, m)/2$. ($C(n; l, m)$ and $Q(n; l, m)$ are given in § 4 in

detail.)

THEOREM 4. *Suppose that $n=2$. Then $P_2^+(g, l, l_1, m) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if g, l, l_1 and m satisfy the following conditions (I), (II'), and (III);*

(I) $l - l_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$,

(II') $l_1 + m$ is even,

(III) $g + 2 \times \min\{l_1 + m, 1\} - (l_1 + m)/2 \geq 1$; odd.

Furthermore, the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_2^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to 1, that is, an involution $(f, M) \in P_2^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is unique up to equivalence.

In case of $m=0$, Theorem 4 is given by Asoh [1].

In § 1, we will give a model of (X, S) and reduce an equivalence relation of $P_n(X, S)$. In § 2, using the homeotopy group of (X, S) , we will determine the equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$ (see Theorem 1) and in § 3, we will prove Theorem 2. In § 4, we will have classification of orientation-preserving periodic maps.

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§ 1. A model for \dot{X} and the reductions of equivalence relation for $P_n(X, S)$.

Let X be a compact connected orientable surface of genus g and let the boundary ∂X consist of l components $\tilde{d}_1, \tilde{d}_2, \dots, \tilde{d}_l$. For the sake of convenience, we first take a model for X in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space R^3 as shown in Fig. 1, and simple oriented loops a_1, a_2, \dots, a_g ,

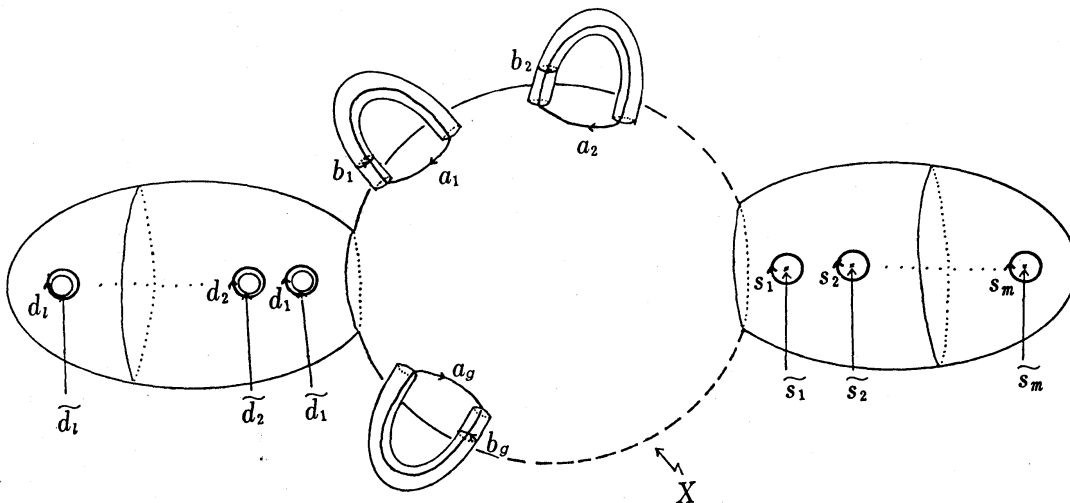


FIGURE 1

$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_g, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_l$ on X as shown in Fig. 1. Let S be finite points $\tilde{s}_1, \tilde{s}_2, \dots, \tilde{s}_m$ in \dot{X} , and take simple oriented loops s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m on X as shown in Fig. 1.

To avoid a multiplicity of brackets, we refer to loops rather than to homology classes. Then the first integral homology group of $X-S$ is given by;

$$(1.1) \quad H_1(X-S) = \left| \begin{array}{c} a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_g, b_g, \\ d_1, d_2, \dots, d_l, \\ s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m \end{array} \right. ; \begin{array}{c} d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_l \\ + s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_m = 0 \end{array} \left. \right|.$$

To determine equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$, the following is useful;

DEFINITION 1. Let $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$ be a set of homomorphisms ω of the first integral homology group $H_1(X-S)$ onto the cyclic group Z_n of order n such that $\omega(s_i) \neq 0$ for every $s_i \in H_1(X-S)$. We say that two elements ω_1 and ω_2 of $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$ are \mathcal{A} -equivalent, denoted by $\omega_1 \sim \omega_2$, if there exists a homeomorphism h of (X, S) onto (X, S) such that $\omega_1 h_* = \omega_2$, where h_* is the automorphism of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by $h|_{X-S}$.

To avoid a multiplicity of $*$, we also use h as h_* , if there is no confusion.

Using a branched covering theory, we obtain the following, in a similar way to P. A. Smith [2]:

PROPOSITION 2. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$ and the set of \mathcal{A} -equivalence classes of $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$.*

Let $Z_n(g; l, m)$ be a set of systems of integers $(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta) = (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)$ satisfying the following conditions;

(0) $0 \leq \alpha_i < n, 0 \leq \beta_i < n, 0 \leq \delta_j < n$, and $1 \leq \theta_k < n$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, g; j=1, 2, \dots, l; k=1, 2, \dots, m$),

(1) $\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_l + \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$,

(2) $\text{g.c.d.} \{ \alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m \} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, where g.c.d. means the greatest common divisor.

REMARK. In case where an element of systems of integers $(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta)$ is not an integer satisfying the condition (0), we regard it as a representative of Z_n .

Now ω is an element of $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$. If $\omega(a_i) = \alpha_i, \omega(b_i) = \beta_i, \omega(d_j) = \delta_j$, and $\omega(s_k) = \theta_k$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, g; j=1, 2, \dots, l; k=1, 2, \dots, m$), then

ω is represented by an element $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$, say $\Sigma(\omega)$. Conversely, for an element $(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta)$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$, there exist uniquely an element ω of $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$ such that $\Sigma(\omega) = (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta)$. So Σ is a one-to-one correspondence between $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$ and $Z_n(g; l, m)$. We will define the equivalence relation on $Z_n(g; l, m)$ by the equivalence relation \approx on $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$, as follows:

DEFINITION 2. We say that two elements $(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta)$ and $(\alpha', \beta', \delta', \theta')$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$ are *equivalent*, denoted by $(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta) \sim (\alpha', \beta', \delta', \theta')$, if $\Sigma^{-1}((\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta))$ is \mathcal{A} -equivalent to $\Sigma^{-1}((\alpha', \beta', \delta', \theta'))$.

We have clearly that Σ is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of \mathcal{A} -equivalence classes of $[H_1(X-S); Z_n]^*$ and the set of equivalence classes of $Z_n(g; l, m)$.

§ 2. Determination of the equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$.

To determine the equivalence classes of $P_n(X, S)$, we use the following result of S. Suzuki [3]:

PROPOSITION 3. *There exist homeomorphisms $\rho, \rho_{1i}, \tau_1, \mu_1, \theta_{12}$ of (X, S) onto itself such that automorphisms of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by them are given by:*

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(a_i) &= a_{i+1}, & \rho(b_i) &= b_{i+1}, & (i=1, 2, \dots, g); \\ \rho_{1i}(a_1) &= a_i, & \rho_{1i}(b_1) &= b_i, & \rho_{1i}(a_i) &= a_1, & \rho_{1i}(b_i) &= b_1; \\ \tau_1(a_1) &= a_1 - b_1, & \tau_1(b_1) &= b_1; \\ \mu_1(a_1) &= b_1, & \mu_1(b_1) &= -a_1; \\ \theta_{12}(a_1) &= a_1 - a_2, & \theta_{12}(b_1) &= b_1, & \theta_{12}(a_2) &= a_2, & \theta_{12}(b_2) &= b_1 + b_2; \end{aligned}$$

where the remaining generators of (1.1) are unchanged.

LEMMA 1. *For an element $\Sigma(\omega) = (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta) \in Z_n(g; l, m)$, we have the followings:*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(\omega\rho) &= (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \alpha_3, \beta_3, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \delta, \theta), \\ \Sigma(\omega\rho_{1i}) &= (\alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \beta_{i-1}, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_{i+1}, \beta_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta), \\ \Sigma(\omega\tau_1) &= (\alpha_1 - \beta_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta), \\ \Sigma(\omega\mu_1) &= (\beta_1, -\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta), \\ \Sigma(\omega\theta_{12}) &= (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2 + \beta_1, \alpha_3, \beta_3, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta). \end{aligned}$$

By these results, we have the following lemma:

LEMMA 2. $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta) \sim (0, \gamma, 0, \dots, 0, \delta, \theta)$, where $\gamma = \text{g.c.d.} \{\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g\}$.

PROOF. (I) We will prove that $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta) \sim (0, \gamma_1, 0, \gamma_2, \dots, 0, \gamma_g, \delta, \theta)$, where $\gamma_i = \text{g.c.d.} \{\alpha_i, \beta_i\}$. First it will be shown that $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta) \sim (0, \gamma_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta)$. If $\alpha_1 = 0$, there is nothing to do. If $\beta_1 = 0$, we have merely to apply μ_1^{-1} . So we may assume that $\alpha_1 \beta_1 \neq 0$. Then we have the following;

$$\exists q_1, r_1 \in N \text{ such that } \alpha_1 = q_1 \beta_1 + r_1, \quad 0 < r_1 < \beta_1,$$

$$\exists q_2, r_2 \in N \text{ such that } \beta_1 = q_2 r_1 + r_2, \quad 0 < r_2 < r_1,$$

$$\exists q_3, r_3 \in N \text{ such that } r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3, \quad 0 < r_3 < r_2,$$

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$$\exists q_{t-2}, r_{t-2} \in N \text{ such that } r_{t-4} = q_{t-2} r_{t-3} + r_{t-2}, \quad 0 < r_{t-2} < r_{t-3},$$

$$\exists q_{t-1}, r_{t-1} \in N \text{ such that } r_{t-3} = q_{t-1} r_{t-2} + r_{t-1}, \quad 0 < r_{t-1} < r_{t-2},$$

$$\exists q_t, r_t \in N \text{ such that } r_{t-2} = q_t r_{t-1} + r_t, \quad r_t = 0.$$

Let $h_1 = \tau_1^{q_1} \mu_1^{-1} \tau_1^{-q_2} \mu_1 \tau_1^{q_3} \dots \mu_1^{(-1)^{i+1}} \tau_1^{(-1)^{i+1} q_i} \dots \mu_1^{(-1)^{t+1}} \tau_1^{(-1)^{t+1} q_t}$. Then, $\omega \simeq \omega h_1$. $\Sigma(\omega h_1) = (0, \gamma_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$. By the same way, we have an automorphism h_2 of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by the composition of homeomorphisms τ_1 and μ_1 such that $\Sigma(\omega h_1 \rho_{12} h_2) = (0, \gamma_2, 0, \gamma_1, \alpha_3, \beta_3, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$. Repeating the same procedures, we have an automorphism h of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by the composition of homeomorphisms τ_1, μ_1 and ρ_{1i} such that $\Sigma(\omega h) = (0, \gamma_1, 0, \gamma_2, \dots, 0, \gamma_g, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$.

(II) If $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_g = 0$, there is nothing to do. So we may assume that $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_g \neq 0$. Applying ρ_{1i} , if necessary, we may assume that γ_1 is the smallest positive integer in $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_g\}$. Then there are non-negative integers q_i and r_i such that $\gamma_i = q_i \gamma_1 + r_i$ ($2 \leq i \leq g$) and $0 \leq r_i < \gamma_1$. Let $h'_1 = \theta_{12}^{-q_2} (\rho_{12} \rho_{13} \rho_{12} \theta_{12}^{-q_3} \rho_{12} \rho_{13} \rho_{12}) \dots (\rho_{12} \rho_{1g} \rho_{12} \theta_{12}^{-q_g} \rho_{12} \rho_{1g} \rho_{12})$. Then, we have $\omega \simeq \omega h'_1$. $\Sigma(\omega h'_1) = (0, \gamma_1, 0, r_2, 0, r_3, \dots, 0, r_g, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$. If r_i is the smallest positive integer in $\{\gamma_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_g\}$, then we apply ρ_{1i} ; and by the same way, we have an automorphism h'_2 of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by the composition of homeomorphisms ρ_{1i} and θ_{12} such that $\Sigma(\omega h'_1 \rho_{1i} h'_2) = (0, r_i, 0, r'_2, 0, r'_3, \dots, 0, r'_g, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$. Repeating the same procedures, we have an automorphism h' of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by the composition of homeomorphisms ρ_{1i} and θ_{12} such that $\Sigma(\omega h') = (0, \gamma, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$, where $\gamma = \text{g.c.d.} \{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_g\}$, completing the proof.

We use some more typical homeomorphisms of surfaces.

DEFINITION 3. Let $A' = \{(r, \theta); r \leq 6\}$, $A = \{(r, \theta); r \leq 5\}$, $A_1 = \{(r, \theta); r \leq 1\}$, $B_+ = \{(r, \theta); (r \cos \theta - 3)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \leq 1\}$, $B_- = \{(r, \theta); (r \cos \theta + 3)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \leq 1\}$ be subsets in R^2 as shown in Fig. 2. We define a homeomorphism $\varphi: A' \rightarrow A'$ by putting

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((r, \theta)) &= (r, \theta + \pi) \quad \text{if } r \leq 5, \\ \varphi((r, \theta)) &= (r, \theta + (6-r)\pi) \quad \text{if } 5 \leq r \leq 6, \end{aligned}$$

and define a homeomorphism $\psi: A - A_1 \rightarrow A - A_1$ by putting

$$\psi((r, \theta)) = (r, \theta + 2(r-1)\pi) \quad \text{if } 1 \leq r \leq 2,$$

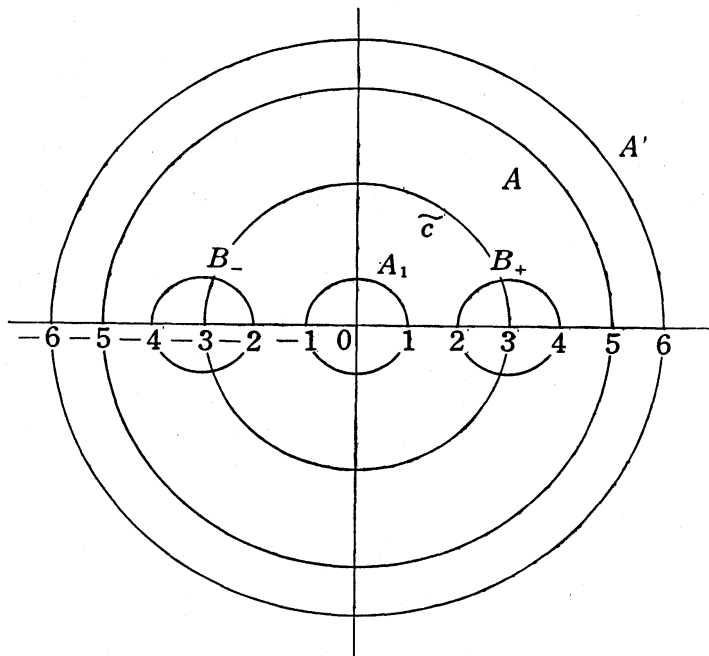


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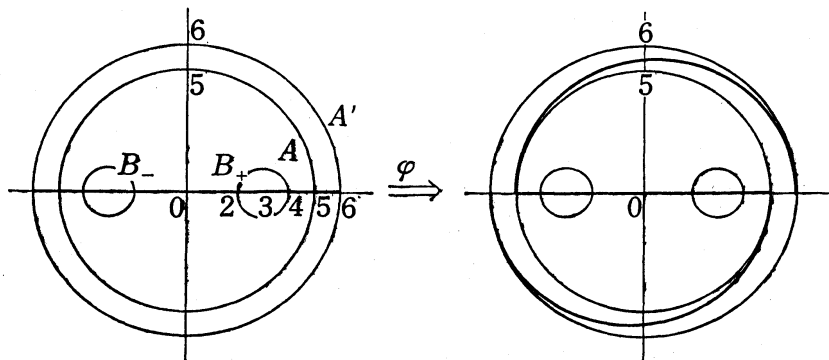


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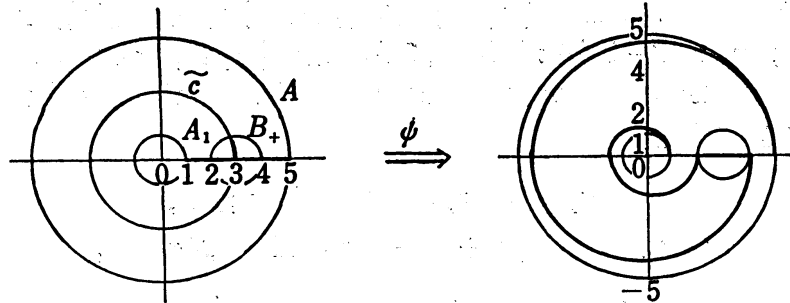


FIGURE 4

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(r, \theta) &= (r, \theta + 2(5-r)\pi) & \text{if } 4 \leq r \leq 5, \\ \psi(r, \theta) &= (r, \theta) & \text{if } 2 \leq r \leq 4, \end{aligned}$$

which are the same maps as ρ'_{12} and $\sigma_{\infty,1}$ in S. Suzuki [3], as shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4.

(1) ∂_i ($2 \leq i \leq l$): Let h be an embedding of $A' - (\dot{B}_+ \cup \dot{B}_-)$ in $X - S$ such that $h(A' - (\dot{B}_+ \cup \dot{B}_-)) \cap \partial X = h(\partial B_+) \cup h(\partial B_-) = \tilde{d}_1 \cup \tilde{d}_i$ and $h(A' - (\dot{B}_+ \cup \dot{B}_-)) \cap \{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_l\} = \{d_1, d_i\}$. Then we have a homeomorphism ∂_i of (X, S) onto itself defined by $\partial_i = h\phi h^{-1}$ on $h(A' - (\dot{B}_+ \cup \dot{B}_-))$ and by $\partial_i =$ the identity on $X - h(A' - (\dot{B}_+ \cup \dot{B}_-))$; see Fig. 5.

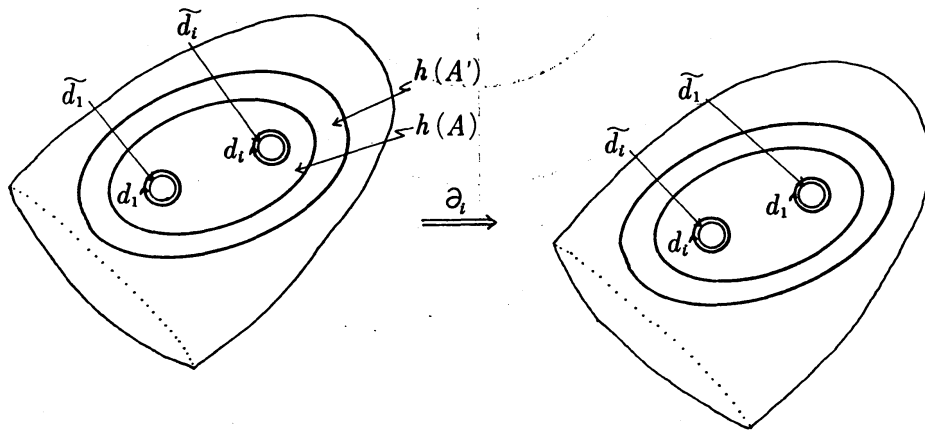


FIGURE 5

(2) σ_j ($2 \leq j \leq m$): Let h be an embedding of A' in X such that $h(A') \cap S = h((3, 0)) \cup h((-3, 0)) = \tilde{s}_1 \cup \tilde{s}_j$ and $h(A') \cap \{a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_g, b_g, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\} = \{s_1, s_j\}$. Then we have a homeomorphism σ_j of (X, S) onto itself defined by $\sigma_j = h\psi h^{-1}$ on $h(A')$ and by $\sigma_j =$ the identity on $X - h(A')$; see Fig. 6.

(3) ∂_a : We take a 2-cell Δ and identify $\partial\Delta$ with a component \tilde{d}_1 of ∂X . We obtain the surface $X \cup \Delta$ of genus g with $l-1$ boundary

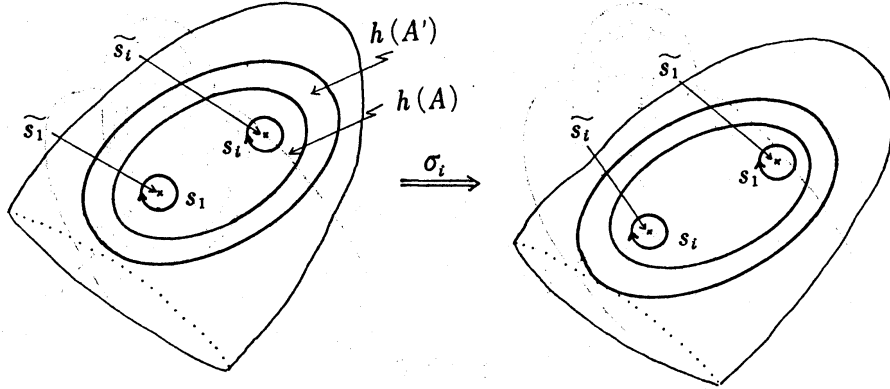


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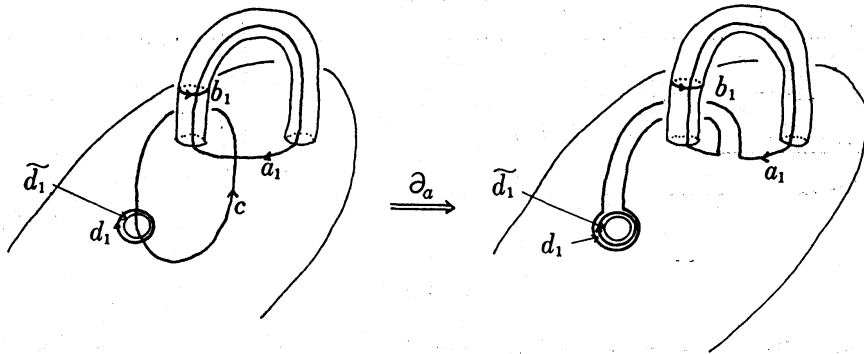


FIGURE 7

components. Let c be a simple loop on $X \cup \Delta$ passing through the center of Δ such that $c \cap \{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_l, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\} = c \cap \{a_1, d_1\}$ and c intersects transversally at one point with a_1 ; see Fig. 7. Let h be an embedding of $A - A_1$ in $X \cup \Delta - S$ satisfying the following conditions; (1) $h(\tilde{c}) = c$, (2) $h(A - A_1)$ is a regular neighborhood of c , (3) $h(A - A_1) \cap \{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_l\} = h(A - A_1) \cap \{a_1, d_1\}$ and (4) $h(B_+) = \Delta$, where $\tilde{c} = \{(r, \theta); r=3\}$. Then, we have a homeomorphism ∂_a of (X, S) onto itself defined by $\partial_a = h \psi h^{-1}$ on $h(A - A_1)$ and by $\partial_a =$ the identity on $X - h(A - A_1)$; see Fig. 7.

(4) $\underline{\sigma}_a$: We take a 2-cell Δ in \hat{X} such that $\hat{\Delta} \supset s_1$, $\Delta \cap \{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\} = \{s_1\}$ and $\Delta \cap S = \{\tilde{s}_1\}$. Let c be a simple loop on X passing through \tilde{s}_1 such that $c \cap \{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_l, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\} = c \cap \{a_1, s_1\}$ and that c intersects transversally at one point with a_1 (see Fig. 8). Let h be an embedding of $A - A_1$ into \hat{X} satisfying the conditions; (1) $h(\tilde{c}) = c$, (2) $h(A - A_1)$ is a regular neighborhood of c , (3) $h(A - A_1) \cap \{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\} = h(A - A_1) \cap \{a_1, s_1\}$ and (4) $h(B_+) = \Delta$. Then, we have a homeomorphism σ_a of (X, S) onto itself defined by $\sigma_a = h \psi h^{-1}$ on $h(A - A_1)$ and by $\sigma_a =$ the identity on $X - h(A - A_1)$; see Fig. 8.

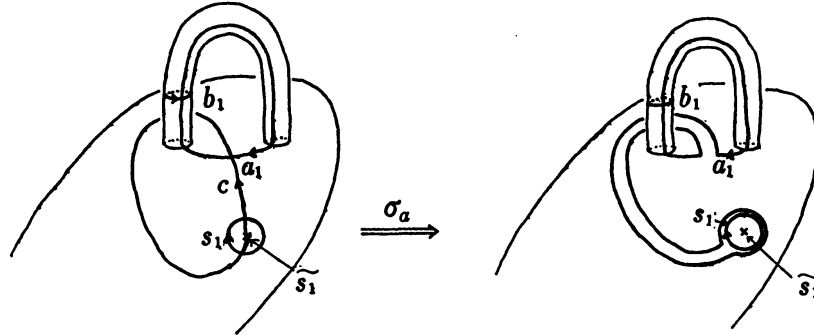


FIGURE 8

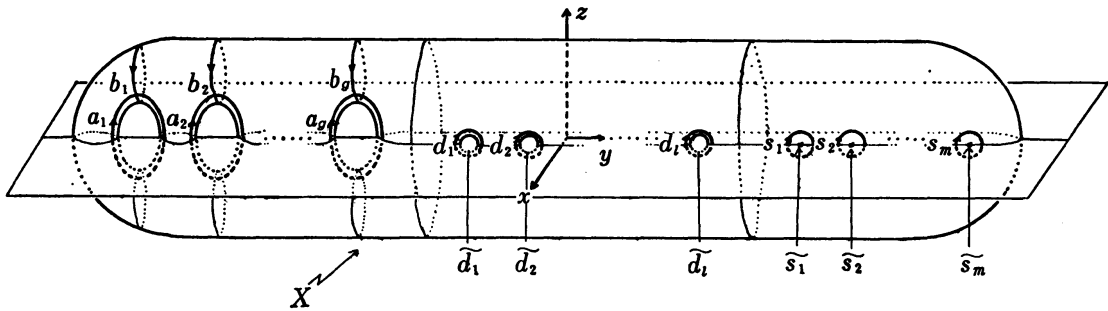


FIGURE 9

(5) η : For the sake of convenience, we take a model for X in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space R^3 as shown in Fig. 9. Let η be a homeomorphism of (X, S) defined by $\eta(x, y, z) = (x, y, -z)$.

Then, by S. Suzuki [3] and in an elementary way, we have the followings:

PROPOSITION 4. *The homeotopy group of (X, S) is generated by ρ , ρ_{i_1} ($2 \leq i \leq g$), τ_{i_1} , μ_{i_1} , θ_{i_2} , ∂_j ($2 \leq j \leq l$), σ_k ($2 \leq k \leq m$), ∂_a , σ_a and η .*

LEMMA 3. (1) *The automorphisms of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by them are given by;*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i(d_1) &= d_i, & \partial_i(d_i) &= d_1; \\ \sigma_i(s_1) &= s_i, & \sigma_i(s_i) &= s_1; \\ \partial_a(a_1) &= a_1 - d_1; \\ \sigma_a(a_1) &= a_1 - s_1; \\ \eta(a_i) &= -a_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq g), & \eta(d_j) &= -d_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq l), \\ \eta(s_k) &= -s_k \quad (1 \leq k \leq m). \end{aligned}$$

(2) *For an element $\Sigma(\omega) = (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta)$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(\omega\delta_i) &= (\alpha, \beta, \delta_i, \delta_2, \delta_3, \dots, \delta_{i-1}, \delta_1, \delta_{i+1}, \dots, \delta_i, \theta) \\ \Sigma(\omega\sigma_i) &= (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta_i, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots, \theta_{i-1}, \theta_1, \theta_{i+1}, \dots, \theta_m) \\ \Sigma(\omega\delta_a) &= (\alpha_1 - \delta_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta) \\ \Sigma(\omega\sigma_a) &= (\alpha_1 - \theta_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_g, \delta, \theta) \\ \Sigma(\omega\eta) &= (-\alpha_1, \beta_1, -\alpha_2, \beta_2, \dots, -\alpha_g, \beta_g, -\delta_1, -\delta_2, \dots, -\delta_l, \\ &\quad -\theta_1, -\theta_2, \dots, -\theta_m). \end{aligned}$$

By using the Lemmas 1 and 3, we have the following lemma:

LEMMA 4. $(0, \gamma, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) \sim (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)$.

PROOF. Since $\text{g.c.d.}\{\gamma, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m\} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, there exist integers $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_l, z'_1, z'_2, \dots, z'_m$ such that $z_0\gamma + z_1\delta_1 + z_2\delta_2 + \dots + z_l\delta_l + z'_1\theta_1 + z'_2\theta_2 + \dots + z'_m\theta_m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Let $h = \tau_1^{-z_0} \partial_a^{-z_1} (\partial_2 \partial_a^{-z_2} \partial_2) \dots (\partial_l \partial_a^{-z_l} \partial_l) \sigma_a^{-z'_1} (\sigma_2 \sigma_a^{-z'_2} \sigma_2) \dots (\sigma_m \sigma_a^{-z'_m} \sigma_m)$, then $\omega \sim_\omega \omega h$. Hence $\Sigma(\omega h) = (1, \gamma, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$. $\Sigma(\omega h \mu_1 \tau_1^{-r} \mu_1^2) = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta, \theta)$ is equivalent to $\Sigma(\omega)$.

Since the symmetric group \mathfrak{S}_u ($u=l$ or m) is generated by the set of transpositions $\{(1, i)\}_{i=2}^u$, we have the following:

LEMMA 5. For any permutation λ of $\{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ and λ' of $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, we have $(\alpha, \beta, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta) \sim (\alpha, \beta, \delta_{\lambda(1)}, \delta_{\lambda(2)}, \dots, \delta_{\lambda(l)}, \theta)$, and $(\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) \sim (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta_{\lambda'(1)}, \theta_{\lambda'(2)}, \dots, \theta_{\lambda'(m)})$.

To determine a complete set of equivalence classes of $Z_n(g; l, m)$, we will define an equivalence relation \sim as follows:

DEFINITION 4. (I) An element $(\delta, \theta) = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)$ of $Z_n(0; l, m)$ is η -equivalent to an element $(\delta', \theta') = (\delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots, \delta'_l, \theta'_1, \theta'_2, \dots, \theta'_m)$ of $Z_n(0; l, m)$, denoted by $(\delta, \theta) \sim_\eta (\delta', \theta')$, if (i) $(\delta, \theta) = (\delta', \theta')$ or (ii) (a) if $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_j = 0 < \delta_{j+1}$ and $\delta'_1 = \delta'_2 = \dots = \delta'_{j'} = 0 < \delta'_{j'+1}$, then $j = j'$, (b) $n - \delta_l = \delta'_{j+1}$, $n - \delta_{l-1} = \delta'_{j+2}$, \dots , $n - \delta_{l-i+1} = \delta'_{j+i}$, \dots , $n - \delta_{j+1} = \delta'_l$, and (c) $n - \theta_m = \theta'_1$, $n - \theta_{m-1} = \theta'_2$, \dots , $n - \theta_{m-i+1} = \theta'_i$, \dots , $n - \theta_1 = \theta'_m$.

(II) An element $(0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta, \theta)$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$ is η -equivalent to an element $(0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta', \theta')$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$, denoted by $(0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta, \theta) \sim_\eta (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta', \theta')$, if $(\delta, \theta) \sim_\eta (\delta', \theta')$.

THEOREM 1. A complete set of equivalence classes on $Z_n(g; l, m)$ is represented by

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{X}_n(g; l, m) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m); \\ 0 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_2 \leq \dots \leq \delta_l < n, \\ 1 \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m < n, \\ \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_l + \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_m \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \end{array} \right\} \Bigg| \eta$$

if $g \geq 1$.

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{X}_n(0; l, m) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m); \\ \text{g.c.d. } \{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m\} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}, \\ 0 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_2 \leq \dots \leq \delta_l < n, \\ 1 \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m < n, \\ \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_l + \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_m \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \end{array} \right\} \Bigg| \eta$$

PROOF. By Lemmas 4 and 5, any element $\Sigma(\omega) = (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \theta)$ of $Z_n(g; l, m)$ is equivalent to an element of a set $\mathcal{X}_n(g; l, m)$. Hence it is sufficient to prove that two distinct elements of the set $\mathcal{X}_n(g; l, m)$ are not equivalent.

Let $\Sigma(\omega) = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)$ and $\Sigma(\omega') = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots, \delta'_l, \theta'_1, \theta'_2, \dots, \theta'_m)$ be equivalent elements of $Z_n(g; l, m)$. Then, by Proposition 4, there exists a homeomorphism h of (X, S) onto itself which is a composition of elements in $\{\rho, \rho_{1i}, \tau_1, \mu_1, \theta_{12}, \partial_j, \sigma_k, \partial_a, \sigma_a, \eta\}$ such that $\omega' = \omega h_*$, where h_* is the automorphism of $H_1(X-S)$ induced by $h|_{X-S}$. By Lemmas 1 and 3, we note (i) $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l\} = \{\delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots, \delta'_l\}$ and $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m\} = \{\theta'_1, \theta'_2, \dots, \theta'_m\}$ or (ii) $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l\} \equiv \{-\delta'_1, -\delta'_2, \dots, -\delta'_l\}$ and $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m\} \equiv \{-\theta'_1, -\theta'_2, \dots, -\theta'_m\}$. Hence we have $(\delta, \theta) \sim_{\eta} (\delta', \theta')$, since $0 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_2 \leq \dots \leq \delta_l < n$, $0 \leq \delta'_1 \leq \delta'_2 \leq \dots \leq \delta'_l < n$, $1 \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m < n$, and $1 \leq \theta'_1 \leq \theta'_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta'_m < n$.

Let $\Sigma(\omega) = (\delta, \theta)$ and $\Sigma(\omega') = (\delta', \theta')$ be equivalent elements of $Z_n(0; l, m)$. By the same way, we have $(\delta, \theta) \sim_{\eta} (\delta', \theta')$.

§ 3. Proof of Theorem 2.

To determine the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n(X, S)$, we will first take the set $D_0(n; l, m) = \{(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m); \delta_i, \theta_j \in N, 0 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_2 \leq \dots \leq \delta_l < n, 1 \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m < n, \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_l + \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$ and compute the number $C_0(n; l, m)$ of elements of $D_0(n; l, m)$.

Let $f_j(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} y^i x^{ij}$ be a formal power series, and $F_f(x, y) = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} f_j(x, y)$, $F_s(x, z) = \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} f_j(x, z)$ and $F(x, y, z) = F_f(x, y)F_s(x, z)$. Then, we have $F(x, y, z)$ as a generating function. Hence $C_0(n; l, m)$ is equal to the sum $\sum_{i=0}^{l+m-1} K(i)$ of the coefficients $K(i)$ of the terms $x^i y^l z^m$ in $F(x, y, z)$. Therefore, $C_0(n; l, m)$ is equal to the coefficient of the term

$y^l z^m$ in $(\sum_{i=1}^n F(\zeta_i, y, z))/n$, where $\zeta_1 = \cos 2\pi/n + i \sin 2\pi/n$ and $\zeta_i = \zeta_1^i$. If d is a divisor of n , and if ζ is a primitive d -th root of unity ($\zeta = \zeta_i$ for some i), then $F(\zeta, y, z) = (1 - y^d)^{-d'}(1 - z)(1 - z^d)^{-d'}$, where d' is the natural number n/d . Hence the coefficient of the term $y^l z^m$ in $F(\zeta, y, z)$ is equal to

$$\begin{cases} \binom{\frac{l}{d} + d' - 1}{d' - 1} \binom{\frac{m}{d} + d' - 1}{d' - 1} & \text{if } l \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \text{ and } m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \\ \binom{\frac{l}{d} + d' - 1}{d' - 1} \binom{\frac{m-1}{d} + d' - 1}{d' - 1} & \text{if } l \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \text{ and } m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $\binom{a}{b} = a! / ((a-b)! b!)$.

Therefore, $C_0(n; l, m)$ is given as follows:

Let d_1, d_2, \dots, d_s be all common divisors of l, m and n except 1 and $d'_i = n/d_i$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, s$). Also c_1, c_2, \dots, c_t be every common divisor of $l, m-1$ and n except 1 and $c'_j = n/c_j$ ($j=1, 2, \dots, t$). Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_0(n; l, m) = \frac{1}{n} & \left\{ \binom{l+n-1}{n-1} \binom{m+n-2}{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^s \varphi(d_i) \binom{\frac{l}{d_i} + d'_i - 1}{d'_i - 1} \binom{\frac{m}{d_i} + d'_i - 1}{d'_i - 1} \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{j=1}^t \varphi(c_j) \binom{\frac{l}{c_j} + c'_j - 1}{c'_j - 1} \binom{\frac{m-1}{c_j} + c'_j - 1}{c'_j - 1} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi(d)$ is the Euler function.

Let $Q_0(n; l, m)$ be the number of elements (δ, θ) of $D_0(n; l, m)$ satisfying that $\{(\delta', \theta') \in D_0(n; l, m); (\delta', \theta') \sim (\delta, \theta)\} = \{(\delta, \theta)\}$. Then, $Q_0(n; l, m)$ is equal to

$$\begin{cases} \binom{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - 1}{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{l}{2} \rfloor}{\lfloor \frac{l}{2} \rfloor} & \text{if (1) } m \text{ is even or (2) } n \text{ is even,} \\ & m \text{ is odd and } l \geq 1; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

where $\lfloor c/2 \rfloor$ is the largest integer not greater than $c/2$.

THEOREM 2. (1) *The number $C_0^*(n; l, m)$ of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n(X, S)$*

is given by

$$C_0^*(n; l, m) = \frac{1}{2}C_0(n; l, m) + \frac{1}{2}Q_0(n; l, m) \quad \text{if } g \geq 1.$$

(2) Suppose $g=0$. Let $n=p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_s^{e_s}$, where p_i is a prime number and e_i is a positive integer ($i=1, 2, \dots, s$). Then, the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n(X, S)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_0^*(n; l, m) &= \sum_{i=1}^s C_0^*\left(\frac{n}{p_i}; l, m\right) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq s} C_0^*\left(\frac{n}{p_i p_j}; l, m\right) + \cdots \\ &+ (-1)^j \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_j \leq s} C_0^*\left(\frac{n}{p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \cdots p_{i_j}}; l, m\right) + \cdots \\ &+ (-1)^s C_0^*\left(\frac{n}{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}; l, m\right) \quad \left(= \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) C_0^*\left(\frac{n}{d}; l, m\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. (1) By Theorem 1, $C_0^*(n; l, m)$ is equal to the number of elements of $D_0(n; l, m)/\eta$. Hence $C_0^*(n; l, m) = \{C_0(n; l, m) - Q_0(n; l, m)\}/2 + Q_0(n; l, m) = C_0(n; l, m)/2 + Q_0(n; l, m)/2$.

(2) We take an integer $q = p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \cdots p_{i_j}$, where $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_j \leq s$. Then we consider the subset $D_0(n, q; l, m)$ of $D_0(n; l, m)$ satisfying that q is a divisor of g.c.d. $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m, n\}$. The correspondence $(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_l, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) \rightarrow (\delta_1/q, \delta_2/q, \dots, \delta_l/q, \theta_1/q, \theta_2/q, \dots, \theta_m/q)$ defines a bijection from $D_0(n, q; l, m)$ to $D_0(n/q; l, m)$. Hence $C_0^*(n/q; l, m)$ is equal to the number of elements of $D_0(n, q; l, m)$. We have Theorem 2(2).

§ 4. Classification of orientation-preserving periodic maps on compact orientable surfaces.

For a compact orientable surface M , we will determine the number of equivalence classes of periodic maps with period n on M .

For brevity, we first assume that n is a prime number. Let $P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ be a set defined in Introduction. For $(f, M) \in P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ its orbit space M/f is a compact orientable surface of genus $\{2g - 2 - (n-1)(l_1 + m) + 2n\}/2n$ with $(l-l_1)/n + l_1$ boundary components, and a canonical map $p: M \rightarrow M/f$ is a branched covering of M/f with branched set $p(\mathcal{S})$ consisting of m points. Hence we have $(f, M) \in P_n(X, S)$, where the genus of X is $\{2g - 2 - (n-1)(l_1 + m) + 2n\}/2n$, the boundary ∂X consists of $(l-l_1)/n + l_1$ components, and S consists of m points in \dot{X} .

It is necessary for $P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m) \neq \emptyset$ that

- (a) $l-l_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$,
- (b) $g-1-((n-1)/2)(l_1+m) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$,
- and (c) $g-1-((n-1)/2)(l_1+m) \geq 0$, if $n \neq 2$;
- (a), (b') $2g-2-(l_1+m) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$,
- and (c') $2g-2-(l_1+m)+4 \geq 0$, if $n=2$.

To determine the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$, we will take the subset $D(n; l_1, m)$ of $D_0(n; l_1, m)$ satisfying that $1 \leq \delta_1$. In the same way as in § 3, the number $C(n; l_1, m)$ of elements of $D(n; l_1, m)$ is given by;

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \binom{l_1+n-2}{n-2} \binom{m+n-2}{n-2} + n-1 \right\} & \text{if } l_1 \equiv 0, m \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \text{ or} \\ & l_1 \equiv 1, m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}, \\ \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \binom{l_1+n-2}{n-2} \binom{m+n-2}{n-2} - n+1 \right\} & \text{if } l_1 \equiv 0, m \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \text{ or} \\ & l_1 \equiv 1, m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \\ \frac{1}{n} \binom{l_1+n-2}{n-2} \binom{m+n-2}{n-2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $Q(n; l_1, m)$ be the number of elements of $D(n; l_1, m)$ satisfying that $(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{l_1}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) = (n-\delta_{l_1}, n-\delta_{l_1-1}, \dots, n-\delta_2, n-\delta_1, n-\theta_m, n-\theta_{m-1}, \dots, n-\theta_2, n-\theta_1)$. Clearly, $Q(n; l_1, m)$ is equal to;

$$\begin{cases} \binom{\left[\frac{n-1}{2} \right] + \frac{l_1}{2} - 1}{\frac{l_1}{2}} \binom{\left[\frac{n-1}{2} \right] + \frac{m}{2} - 1}{\frac{m}{2}} & \text{if } l_1 \text{ and } m \text{ is even,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 3. *Suppose that n is an odd prime number. Then we have $P_n^+(g, l, l_1, m) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if we have the following conditions (1), (2) and (3);*

- (1) $l-l_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$,
- (2) $l_1+m \neq 1$,
- (3) $g+n \times \min\{l_1+m, 1\} - ((n-1)/2)(l_1+m) - 1$ is a non-negative integer and is a multiple of n .

Furthermore, the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to $C(n; l_1, m)/2 + Q(n; l_1, m)/2$.

PROOF. (Necessity) (I) The case $l_1+m \geq 2$. By (1) and (3), we have $(f, M) \in P_n(X, S)$, where X is a compact surface of genus $g(X) = \{2g-2-(n-1)+2n\}/2n$ with $(l-l_1)/n+l_1$ boundary components and S is m points

in \dot{X} . If $g(X) > 0$, then $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is a one-to-one correspondence to the subset of $\mathcal{X}_n(g(X), (l-l_1)/n+l_1, m)$ satisfying that $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_{(l-l_1)/n} = 0 < \delta_{(l-l_1)/n+1} \leq \dots \leq \delta_{(l-l_1)/n+l_1} < n$. If $g(X) = 0$, then $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is a one-to-one correspondence to the subset of $\mathcal{X}_n(0, (l-l_1)/n+l_1, m)$ satisfying that (i) $\text{g.c.d.}\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{(l-l_1)/n+l_1}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m\} \equiv 1$, and (ii) $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_{(l-l_1)/n} = 0 < \delta_{(l-l_1)/n+1} \leq \dots \leq \delta_{(l-l_1)/n+l_1} < n$. But the condition (i) is always satisfied, since $l_1 + m \geq 2$ and n is prime. Hence $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is a one-to-one correspondence to $D(n; l_1, m)/\eta$. Therefore the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to $C(n; l_1, m)/2 + Q(n; l_1, m)/2$. Clearly, we have $C(n; l_1, m)/2 + Q(n; l_1, m)/2 > 0$, since $l_1 + m \geq 2$.

(II) The case $l_1 + m = 0$. By (3), we see $g(X) = \{2g - 2 - (n-1) + 2n\}/2n = (2g + n - 1)/2n > 0$. In the same way as in case (I), the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to $C(n; 0, 0)/2 + Q(n; 0, 0)/2 = (n-1+1)/2n + 1/2 = 1$.

(Sufficiency) The condition (1) is clearly the same as (a). Suppose that $l_1 + m = 1$. By (b) and (c), we have $(f, M) \in P_n(X, S)$, where $g(X) = \{2g - 2 - (n-1) + 2n\}/2n = (2g + n - 1)/2n > 0$. In the same way, the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to $C(n; l_1, m)/2 + Q(n; l_1, m)/2 = \{(n-1) - (n-1)\}/n = 0$. Hence, we have $l_1 + m \neq 1$. So we will prove the condition (3). If $l_1 + m \geq 2$, then we get $g + n \times \min\{l_1 + m, 1\} - ((n-1)/2)(l_1 + m) - 1 = g + n - ((n-1)/2)(l_1 + m) - 1$, which follows (3) from (b) and (c). If $l_1 + m = 0$, then $g + n \times \min\{l_1 + m, 1\} - ((n-1)/2)(l_1 + m) - 1 = g - 1$ is a multiple of n , by (b). Hence $g - 1 \geq 0$ since $g \geq 0$. Hence the condition (3) is obtained.

THEOREM 4. *Suppose that $n=2$. Then, we have $P_2^+(g, l, l_1, m) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if we have the following conditions;*

- (1) $l - l_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$,
- (2) $l_1 + m$ is even,
- (3) $g + 2 \times \min\{l_1 + m, 1\} - (l_1 + m)/2 \geq 1$; odd.

Furthermore, the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_2^+(g, l, l_1, m)$ is equal to 1.

PROOF. By (b'), $l_1 + m$ is even. Hence, in a similar way as in the proof of Theorem 3, we have Theorem 4.

In general, let n be a positive integer. We denote by $P_n^+(\tilde{g}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m})$ a set of elements of $(f, M) \in P_n$ satisfying the following conditions;

- (1) M is a compact orientable surface of genus \tilde{g} with \tilde{l} boundary components D_1, D_2, \dots, D_i ,
- (2) f is an orientation-preserving periodic map on M such that its singular set $\mathcal{S}(f)$ consists of \tilde{m} points $\tilde{S}_1, \tilde{S}_2, \dots, \tilde{S}_{\tilde{m}}$ in M ,

(3) $\tilde{l} = (\tilde{l}_a)_{a|n}$ is a vector of non-negative integers \tilde{l}_a , where \tilde{l}_a is the number of elements of the set $D(a) = \{D_i; f^a(D_i) = D_i \text{ and } f^b(D_i) \neq D_i \text{ for } 1 \leq b < a\}$ for each divisor a of n ,

(4) $\tilde{m} = (\tilde{m}_a)_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}}$ is a vector of non-negative integers \tilde{m}_a , where \tilde{m}_a is the number of elements of the set $S(a) = \{\tilde{S}_j; f^a(\tilde{S}_j) = \tilde{S}_j \text{ and } f^b(\tilde{S}_j) \neq \tilde{S}_j \text{ for } 1 \leq b < a\}$ for each divisor a of n except n . We denote by $\mathcal{P}_n^+(\tilde{g}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m})$ a set of equivalence classes of $P_n^+(\tilde{g}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m})$.

Using the orbit space M/f and the branched cover $p: M \rightarrow M/f$, we have the following:

PROPOSITION 5. *If $P_n^+(\tilde{g}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}) \neq \emptyset$, then we have*

- (1) $\tilde{l} = \sum_{a|n} \tilde{l}_a$ and $\tilde{m} = \sum_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}} \tilde{m}_a$,
- (2) $\tilde{l}_a \equiv 0 \pmod{a}$ for each divisor a of n , and $\tilde{m}_a \equiv 0 \pmod{a}$ for each divisor a of n except n ,
- (3) $\sum_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}} (1 - n/a)(\tilde{l}_a + \tilde{m}_a)$ is even,
- (4) $\tilde{g} - 1 + (1/2) \sum_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}} (1 - n/a)(\tilde{l}_a + \tilde{m}_a) + n$ is a non-negative integer and is a multiple of n .

Under the conditions (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Proposition 5, we will determine the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(\tilde{g}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m})$. We take vectors $l = (l_a)_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}}$ of non-negative integers and $m = (m_a)_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}}$ of non-negative integers, where $l_a = \tilde{l}_a/a$ and $m_a = \tilde{m}_a/a$ for each divisor a of n except n . For n, l and m , we take the set

$$D(n; l, m) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{l^*}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m); \\ (0) \quad \delta_i, \theta_j \in N, \\ (1) \quad 1 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_2 \leq \dots \leq \delta_{l^*} < n, \\ (2) \quad 1 \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m < n, \\ (3) \quad \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_{l^*} + \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \\ (4) \quad l_a \text{ is the number of elements of the set} \\ \quad \quad \quad \{\delta_i; \text{g.c.d. } \{\delta_i, n\} = a\}, \\ (5) \quad m_a \text{ is the number of elements of the set} \\ \quad \quad \quad \{\theta_j; \text{g.c.d. } \{\theta_j, n\} = a\}, \end{array} \right.$$

where $l^* = \sum_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}} l_a$ and $m = \sum_{\substack{a|n \\ a \neq n}} m_a$. Then the number $C(n; l, m)$ of elements of $D(n; l, m)$ is given as follows:

Let $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_s^{e_s}$ be the prime decomposition of n , where p_i is a prime number and e_i is a positive integer, and put $a = p_1^{f_1} p_2^{f_2} \dots p_s^{f_s}$, where $0 \leq f_i \leq e_i$. Without loss of generality, we assume that $0 \leq f_1 < e_1$, $0 \leq f_2 < e_2$, \dots , $0 \leq f_v < e_v$, $f_{v+1} = e_{v+1}$, $f_{v+2} = e_{v+2}$, \dots , $f_s = e_s$ for some v ($0 \leq$

$v \leq s$). Let $g_a(x, y_a, z_a) = g_a(x, y, z) = \prod_{j=1}^{n/a-1} (1 + yx^{ja} + y^2x^{2ja} + \dots)(1 + zx^{ja} + z^2x^{2ja} + \dots)$ be a formal power series, and $f_a(x, y_a, z_a) = f_a(x, y, z) = g_a(x, y, z) (\prod_{i=1}^v g_{p_i a}^{-1}(x, y, z)) (\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq v} g_{p_i p_j a}(x, y, z)) \dots (\prod_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_t \leq v} g_{p_{j_1} p_{j_2} \dots p_{j_t} a}^{(-1)^t}(x, y, z)) \dots (g_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_s a}^{(-1)^v}(x, y, z))$. Let $y = (y_a)_{a \neq n}^{a|n}$, $z = (z_a)_{a \neq n}^{a|n}$ be vectors of variables y_a, z_a , respectively, for each divisor a of n except n , and put $F(x, y, z) = \prod_{a \neq n}^{a|n} f_a(x, y_a, z_a)$. Then we have $F(x, y, z)$ as a generating function. Let d be a divisor of n , and ζ be a primitive d th root of unity. Then, $C(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}) = (1/n) \sum_{a|n} \varphi(d) C_d(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$, where $C_d(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ is the coefficient of the term $\prod_{a \neq n}^{a|n} y_a^{\mathfrak{l}_a} z_a^{\mathfrak{m}_a}$ of $F(\zeta, y, z)$.

Let $Q(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ be the number of (δ, θ) of the subset of $D(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ satisfying that $(\delta, \theta) = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{i^*}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) = (n - \delta_{i^*}, n - \delta_{i^*-1}, \dots, n - \delta_2, n - \delta_1, n - \theta_m, n - \theta_{m-1}, \dots, n - \theta_2, n - \theta_1)$. Clearly, $Q(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ is equal to

$$\begin{cases} \prod_{\substack{a|n \\ 0 < a < n/2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\varphi(n/a) + \mathfrak{l}_a}{2} - 1 \\ \frac{\mathfrak{l}_a}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\varphi(n/a) + \mathfrak{m}_a}{2} - 1 \\ \frac{\mathfrak{m}_a}{2} \end{pmatrix}, & \text{if } \mathfrak{l}_a \text{ is even and } \mathfrak{m}_a \text{ is even} \\ & \text{for each divisor } a \text{ of } n \\ & \text{such that } 0 < a < n/2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We take an integer $q = p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \dots p_{i_t}$, where $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \leq s$. Then we consider the subset $D(n, q; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ of $D(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ satisfying that q is a divisor of g.c.d. $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{i^*}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m, n\}$. If a divisor a of n is not a multiple of q , then we have $\mathfrak{l}_a = 0$ and $\mathfrak{m}_a = 0$ in $D(n, q; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$. Let a is a multiple of q . We take $\mathfrak{l}_a^{(q)} = \mathfrak{l}_a$ and $\mathfrak{m}_a^{(q)} = \mathfrak{m}_a$; and let us consider a vector $\mathfrak{l}^{(q)} = (\mathfrak{l}_a^{(q)})_{a \neq n}^{a'|n'}$, and $\mathfrak{m}^{(q)} = (\mathfrak{m}_a^{(q)})_{a \neq n}^{a'|n'}$, where $a' = a/q$ and $n' = n/q$. Then, the one-to-one correspondence from $D(n, q; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ to $D(n'; \mathfrak{l}^{(q)}, \mathfrak{m}^{(q)})$ is given by; $(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{i^*}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) \rightarrow (\delta_1/q, \delta_2/q, \dots, \delta_{i^*}/q, \theta_1/q, \theta_2/q, \dots, \theta_m/q)$. Hence the number of elements of $D(n, q; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ is equal to $C(n/q; \mathfrak{l}^{(q)}, \mathfrak{m}^{(q)})$. Therefore, we have;

THEOREM 5. (I) If $\mathfrak{g} - 1 + (1/2) \sum_{a \neq n}^{a|n} (1 - n/a)(\mathfrak{l}_a + \mathfrak{m}_a) \geq 0$ is valid, then the number $C^*(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ is equal to $C(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})/2 + Q(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})/2$, where $\mathfrak{l} = (\mathfrak{l}_a)_{a \neq n}^{a|n}$ is a vector of non-negative integers $\mathfrak{l}_a = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_a/a$ and $\mathfrak{m} = (\mathfrak{m}_a)_{a \neq n}^{a|n}$ is a vector of non-negative integers $\mathfrak{m}_a = \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_a/a$.

(II) If $\mathfrak{g} - 1 + (1/2) \sum_{a \neq n}^{a|n} (1 - n/a)(\mathfrak{l}_a + \mathfrak{m}_a) + n = 0$ is valid, then the number of elements of $\mathcal{P}_n^+(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m})$ is given by;

$$\begin{aligned} C^*(n; \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}) &= \sum_{i=1}^s C^*\left(\frac{n}{p_i}; \mathfrak{l}^{(p_i)}, \mathfrak{m}^{(p_i)}\right) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq s} C^*\left(\frac{n}{p_i p_j}; \mathfrak{l}^{(p_i p_j)}, \mathfrak{m}^{(p_i p_j)}\right) + \dots \\ &+ (-1)^t \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_t \leq s} C^*\left(\frac{n}{p_{j_1} p_{j_2} \dots p_{j_t}}; \mathfrak{l}^{(p_{j_1} p_{j_2} \dots p_{j_t})}, \mathfrak{m}^{(p_{j_1} p_{j_2} \dots p_{j_t})}\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$+(-1)^s C^* \left(\frac{n}{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}; \mathfrak{L}^{(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s)}, \mathfrak{M}^{(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s)} \right) \\ \left(= \sum_{q|n} \mu(q) C^* \left(\frac{n}{q}; \mathfrak{L}^{(q)}, \mathfrak{M}^{(q)} \right) \right).$$

Finally we will obtain the following:

THEOREM 6. *There exists an algorithm for determining whether two elements of P_n^+ are equivalent or not.*

Let $(f, M) \in P_n^+(\tilde{g}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{m})$, that is, M is a compact orientable surface of genus \tilde{g} with \tilde{l} boundary components $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{\tilde{l}}$, and $\mathcal{S}(f)$ consists of \tilde{m} points $\tilde{S}_1, \tilde{S}_2, \dots, \tilde{S}_{\tilde{m}}$. Let $U(\tilde{S}_j)$ be a sufficiently small neighborhood in M homeomorphic to a disk, and let S_j be the boundary $\partial U(\tilde{S}_j)$. Then S_j is a simple loop in $M - \mathcal{S}$. We give orientations to $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{\tilde{l}}, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{\tilde{m}}$ such that $D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_{\tilde{l}} + S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_{\tilde{m}} = 0$ in $H_1(M - \mathcal{S})$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that (a) $f^b(D_i) \neq D_j$ if $1 \leq b < n$ and $1 \leq i < j \leq \tilde{l}$, (b) for each k ($\tilde{l} + 1 \leq k \leq \tilde{l}$), there exist positive integers i and b ($1 \leq i \leq \tilde{l}$, $1 \leq b < n$) such that $f^b(D_i) = D_k$, (c) $f^b(\tilde{S}_i) \neq \tilde{S}_j$ if $1 \leq b < n$ and $1 \leq i < j \leq \tilde{m}$, (d) for each k ($\tilde{m} + 1 \leq k \leq \tilde{m}$), there exist positive integers i and b ($1 \leq i \leq \tilde{m}$, $1 \leq b < n$) such that $f^b(\tilde{S}_i) = \tilde{S}_k$. Then, we will define an integer δ_i for each D_i ($1 \leq i \leq \tilde{l}$) and an integer θ_j for each S_j ($1 \leq j \leq \tilde{m}$) as follows:

If $D_i \in D(n)$, then we define $\delta_i = 0$. If $D_i \in D(a)$ ($a \neq n$), then we take a point x_i on D_i . Then, a set $A = \{x_i, f^a(x_i), f^{2a}(x_i), \dots, f^{(n/a-1)a}(x_i)\}$ consists of distinct n/a points on D_i . Starting at x_i and proceeding along D_i in the direction of the orientation of D_i , let $f^{\delta_i}(x_i)$ be the point which first encounters A , after leaving x_i . Then, we set $\delta_i = \delta a$. For S_j , we take a point y_j on S_j and in the same way, we define θ_j . Then we have a system of integers $(\delta, \theta) = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{\tilde{l}}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{\tilde{m}}) \in Z_n(0; \tilde{l}, \tilde{m})$. Also, for $(f', M') \in P_n^+(\tilde{g}', \tilde{l}', \tilde{m}', \tilde{l}', \tilde{m}')$ we have a system of integers $(\delta', \theta') = (\delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots, \delta'_{\tilde{l}'}, \theta'_1, \theta'_2, \dots, \theta'_{\tilde{m}'}) \in Z_n(0; \tilde{l}', \tilde{m}')$. Hence, by Theorem 1, we determine whether (f, M) and (f', M') are equivalent or not. Hence we have Theorem 6.

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