

RIEMANN SURFACE WITH CYCLIC AUTOMORPHISMS GROUP *

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Abstract

In this paper, we present the uniformization of $y^2 = x^p - 1$, with $p > 5$ and prime, i. e., the only hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus $g = \frac{p-1}{2}$, which admit $Z/2pZ$ as automorphism group. This uniformization is found by using a fuchsian group which reflects the action of $Z/2pZ$ and is constructed starting of a triangle group of type $(0; p, p, p)$.

Moreover, we describe completely the action of the automorphism group in homology, so that we can describe the invariant subvariety for $Z/2pZ$ in \mathcal{A}_g (principally polarized abelian varieties of dimension g), which is determined by the real Abel application from \mathcal{M}_g in \mathcal{A}_g .

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1 Introduction

From [1] and [2], for to describe the compacts singular locus of M_g (moduli space for compact Riemann surface of genus g), are important the Riemann surfaces which admit conformal automorphism groups isomorphic to Z/pZ , with p prime.

By [2], it is possible to calculate the number of different classes for g and p fixes, but it is not known an explicit description and hyperbolic uniformization for these classes.

In this context, we present the uniformization of the only hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus $g = \frac{p-1}{2}$, which admit $Z/2pZ$ as a automorphism group. Moreover, we describe completely the action of the automorphism group in homology, so that we can describe the invariant subvariety for $Z/2pZ$ in \mathcal{A}_g .

2 Riemann Surfaces which Admit $Z/2pZ$

Let S be the Riemann surface associated to the algebraic curve $C \subset P_2(C)$ given by

$$C : z^{p-2}y^2 - x^p + z^p = 0, \quad p \text{ prime, } p > 3.$$

Then:

- (1) S is a compact Riemann surface which is a covering of the Riemann sphere C with $p+1$ branch points.

In fact, consider the affine curve $C_a : y^2 = x^p - 1$, and put $x_1 = 1, x_2, \dots, x_p$ the p^{th} -roots of 1. Then $x_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ are branch points for $\pi : C_a \rightarrow C$. This may be obtained, writing $y^2 = \prod_{i=1}^p (x - x_i)$ and using the local parameters $w = x - x_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ around x_i . Thus, $y = \sqrt{w}h(w)$, where $h(0) \neq 0$ and h is analytic about $w = 0$. Hence, y has two values near $w = 0$, therefore $x_i = 1, \dots, p$ are branch points with branching order $b_\pi(x_i) = 1$.

Now, if we intersect C with $P_1^\infty = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in C\}$, we obtain that $x^p = 0$, which implies $x = 0$.

Thus, $C \cap P_1^\infty = \{\overline{(x, y, 0)} = w_{p+1}\}$ and w_{p+1} is singular, since

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x}(w_{p+1}) = \frac{\partial C}{\partial y}(w_{p+1}) = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z}(w_{p+1}) = 0$$

and $b_\pi(\pi(w_{p+1})) = 1$.

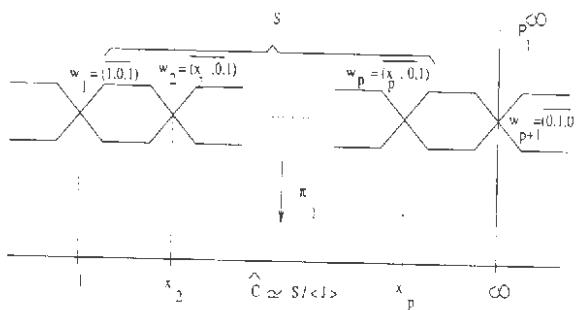


Figure 1:

- (2) The genus of S is $g = \frac{p-1}{2}$.

In fact, by the Riemann-Hurwitz relation: $g = n(\gamma - 1) + 1 + \frac{B}{2}$ and for $n = 2$; $\gamma = 0$; $B = p + 1$ we have that $g = \frac{p-1}{2}$.

- (3) S admit the hyperelliptic involution $J : S \rightarrow S$ defined by $J(\overline{(x, y, z)}) = \overline{(x, -y, z)}$ which fixes the $p + 1$ points $w_i = \overline{(x_i, 0, 1)}$, $i = 1, \dots, p$, $w_{p+1} = \overline{(0, 1, 0)}$, and therefore S is a hyperelliptic Riemann surface.

- (4) Now we consider the canonical projection $\pi_1 : S \rightarrow S / \langle J \rangle$.

Since $| \langle J \rangle | = 2$, then π_1 is a branched analytic covering of degree two and branched only at the fixed points of J . The stability group of each point is $\langle J \rangle$ and these points are inequivalent under $\langle J \rangle$.

Thus, the total branch number of π_1 is

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} \frac{N}{\nu_i} (\nu_i - 1) = p+1 \quad (N = 2, \nu_i = |\langle J \rangle| = 2, i = 1, \dots, p+1)$$

and by the Riemann-Hurwitz relation, the genus γ of $S/\langle J \rangle$ is zero.

Therefore, the symbol associated to $\pi_1 : S \rightarrow S/\langle J \rangle$ is

$$\left\langle \left(\frac{p-1}{2}, 0\right); \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{p+1} \right\rangle.$$

- (5) Moreover S admit the automorphism of order p , $\varphi : S \rightarrow S$ given by $\varphi(\overline{x, y, z}) = \overline{(\xi x, y, z)}$ where $\xi^p = 1$ and $\xi \neq 1$.

The canonical projection $\pi_2 : S \rightarrow S/\langle \varphi \rangle$ is a branched analytic covering of degree $|\langle \varphi \rangle| = p$ and branched only at the fixes points of φ . they are $v_1 = \overline{(0, 1, i)}$, $v_2 = \overline{(0, -i, 1)}$, $w_{p+1} = \overline{(0, 1, 0)}$.

The stability group of each point is $\langle \varphi \rangle$, and theses points are inequivalent under $\langle \varphi \rangle$. Thus, the total branch number of π_2 is given by

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{N}{\nu_i} (\nu_i - 1) = 3(p-1) \quad (N = p, \nu_i = |\langle \varphi \rangle| = p, i = 1, 2, 3)$$

and by the Riemann-Hurwitz relation, the genus γ of $S/\langle J \rangle$ is zero and therefore the symbol associated to π_2 is $\left\langle \left(\frac{p-1}{2}, 0\right); p, p, p \right\rangle$.

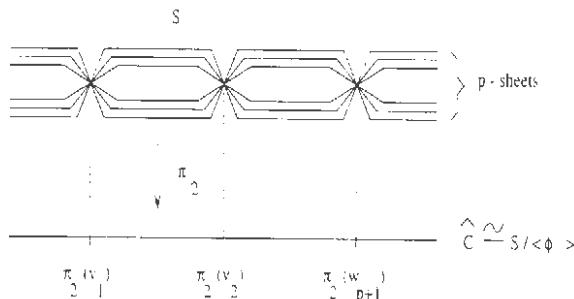


Figure 2:

- (6) Moreover, S admit the automorphism of order $2p$, $\psi = \varphi \circ J : S \rightarrow S$ defined by $\psi(x, y, z) = (\xi x, -y, z)$ where $\xi^p = 1$ and $\xi \neq 1$.

The canonical projection $\pi_3 : S \rightarrow S/\langle \psi \rangle$ is a branched analytic covering of degree $|\langle \psi \rangle| = 2p$, and branched only at the fixes points of $\langle \psi \rangle$. they are:

- (a) $v_1 = \overline{(0, i, 1)}$, $v_2 = \overline{(0, -i, 1)}$ with stability group $\langle \varphi \rangle$ and equivalent under J in $S/\langle \psi \rangle$. Therefore, $\nu_1 = |\langle \varphi \rangle| = p$.
- (b) w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p with stability group $\langle J \rangle$ and equivalent under φ in $S/\langle \psi \rangle$. Therefore, $\nu_2 = |\langle J \rangle| = 2$.
- (c) w_{p+1} with stability group $\langle \psi \rangle$, therefore $\nu_3 = 2p$. Thus, in $S/\langle \psi \rangle$, $P = \pi_3(v_1)$, $Q = \pi_3(w_1)$ and $O = \pi_3(w_{p+1})$ are the branched points of π_3 . The total branch number of π_3 is $B + 5p - 3$ and by the Riemann-Hurwitz relation, the genus γ of $S/\langle \psi \rangle$ is zero, and therefore the symbol associated to π_3 is $\langle (\frac{p-1}{2}, 0); 2p, p, 2 \rangle$.

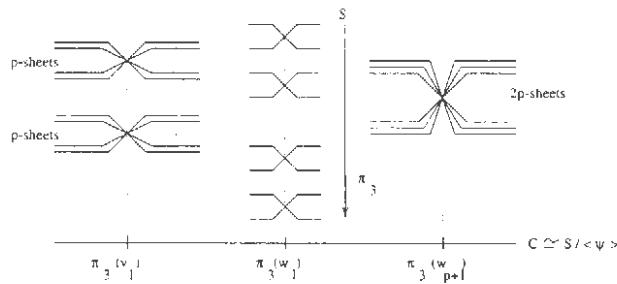


Figure 3:

Therefore, we have the following covering:

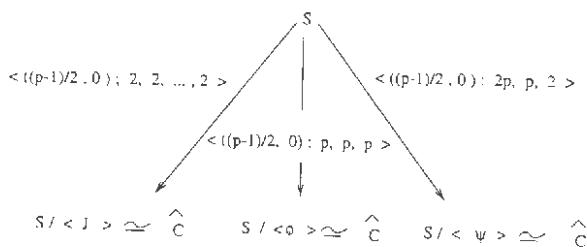


Figure 4:

3 Uniformization of S

By [3], if Δ denotes the disc in C , then there exists a Fuchsian group T uniformizing the Riemann sphere \hat{C} with signature $(0; p, p, p)$ and T has a presentation $T = \langle a, b; a^p = b^p = (ab)^p = 1 \rangle$.

Moreover, if $\phi : T \rightarrow Z/pZ$ is an epimorphism such that $\Gamma = \text{Ker}(\phi)$ is a torsion-free Fuchsian group, then $S = \Delta/\Gamma$ is a compact Riemann surface of genus $\frac{p-1}{2}$ and the natural projection $S = \Delta/\Gamma \cong \hat{C}$ is a covering with associated signature $(0; p, p, p)$ and covering group $T/\Gamma \cong Z/pZ$.

Thus, we have the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow T \xrightarrow{\phi} Z/pZ \longrightarrow 0$$

and the coverings following:

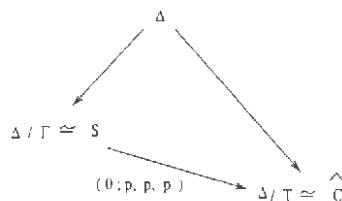


Figure 5:

Put $\Phi(\Gamma, T, Z/pZ) = \{\phi : T \rightarrow Z/pZ | \phi \text{ epimorphism, } \text{Ker}\phi \cong \Gamma\}$ where $T = \langle a, b; a^p = b^p = (ab)^p = 1 \rangle$ and Γ is a torsion-free group.

For $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in \Phi(\Gamma, T, Z/pZ)$ we define:

$$\phi_1 \sim \phi_2 \quad \text{if and only if there exists automorphisms} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha : & T \rightarrow T \\ \beta : & Z/pZ \rightarrow Z/pZ \end{cases}$$

such that the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & Z/pZ \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ T & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & Z/pZ \end{array}$$

We have that \sim is an equivalence relation and if $\phi_1 \sim \phi_2$ then by [5], $\triangle/\text{Ker}(\phi_1) = S_1$ and $\triangle/\text{Ker}(\phi_2) = S_2$ are equivalent conformal.

Proposition 1. Let p be a number prime, $p \geq 5$. Then

$$N(3, p) = \text{Card}(\Phi(\Gamma, T, Z/pZ)/\sim) = \begin{cases} \frac{p+1}{6} & \text{if } 3 \nmid (p-1) \\ \frac{p+5}{6} & \text{if } 3 \mid (p-1) \end{cases}$$

Thus, there exists $N(3, p)$ Riemann surface S of genus $\frac{p-1}{2}$ which are conformally non-equivalent and such that the covering $S \rightarrow \hat{C}$ has signature $(0; p, p, p)$.

Proof By [2] and [4], $N(3, p)$ is the fourth coefficient of the Taylor series $G_p(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} N(j, p)z^j$, where

$$G_p(z) = \frac{1}{p-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p} [(1-z)^{-p+1} + (p-1)(1-z)(1-z)^{-1}] + \sum_l \phi(l)(1-z^l)^{-\frac{p-1}{l}} \right\}$$

and the summation being over l such that $l \neq 1$, $l|(p-1)$ and $\phi(l)$ is the Euler function.

Therefore $N(3, p) = \frac{G_p'''(0)}{6}$. We have two cases:

(a) If $3 \nmid (p-1)$, put $G_p(z) = P_1(z) + R_1(z)$ where

$$P_1(z) = \frac{1}{(p-1)p}(1-z)^{-p+1} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_1(z) = \frac{1}{p-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p} (p-1)(1-z)(1-z^p)^{-1} + \sum_l \phi(l)(1-z^l)^{-\frac{p-1}{l}} \right\},$$

then we obtain $P_1'''(0) = p+1$, $R_1'''(0) = 0$ and therefore $G_p'''(0) = p+1$.

(b) If $3 \nmid (p-1)$, put $G_p(z) = P_2(z) + R_2(z)$ where

$$P_2(z) = \frac{1}{p-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p}(1-z)^{-p+1} + \phi(3)(1-z^3)^{-\frac{p-1}{3}} \right\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_2(z) = \frac{1}{p-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p}(p-1)(1-z)(1-z^p)^{-1} + \sum_{l,l \leq 3} \phi(l)(1-z^l)^{-\frac{p-1}{l}} \right\},$$

then we obtain that $P_2'''(0) = p+5$, $R'''(0) = 0$ and therefore $G_p'''(0) = p+5$.

4. Fundamental Polygon.

Now we will construct a fundamental polygon F for T using [1], where T is the same group considered previously.

We have that T is a triangle group of type (p,p,p) which is presented by $T = \langle a, b; a^p = b^p = (ab)^p = 1 \rangle$.

Let q_1, q_2, q_3 be fixed points of a, b and ab respectively. If we put q_1 in the center of the disc Δ , q_2 on the positive real axis and q_3 such that $\Im q_3 < 0$, we obtain a fundamental polygon F for T as shown in Figure 6.

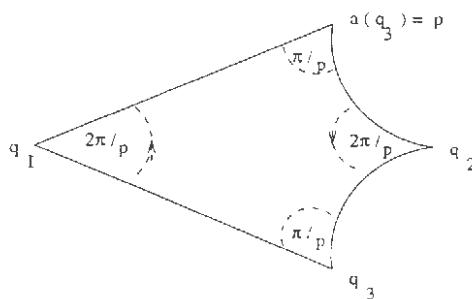


Figure 6:

Starting from F we build a fundamental region R for S , where S has genus $\frac{p-1}{2}$. The action of a on F with center in q_1 repeated p -times gives a closed polygon of $2p$ -sides as shown in Figure 7.

Enumerating the sides of this polygon in the positive sense, the identifications of these sides are given by the kernel of the epimorphism $\phi \in \Phi(\Gamma, T, Z/pZ)$.

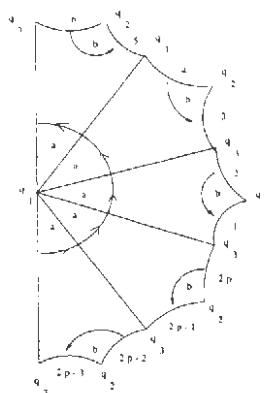


Figure 7:

For example, the epimorphism defined by $\phi(a) = 1$, $\phi(b) = \frac{p-1}{2}$, has $\text{Ker}\phi = \langle a^{\frac{p+1}{2}} b^{-1} \rangle$ which is torsion-free.

We look now at the identifications given by $\text{Ker}\phi$.

If z is a point which belong to side 1, then $b^{-1}(z)$ belong to the side 2 and $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}b^{-1}(z)$ belong to the side $2(\frac{p-1}{2}) + 2 = p + 1$.

If z is a point belonging to side 2, then using $(a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}b^{-1})^{-1} = ba^{-\frac{p-1}{2}} = ba^{\frac{p+1}{2}}$ instead of $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}b^{-1}$, we obtain that $a^{\frac{p+1}{2}}(z)$ belongs to the side $2(\frac{p-1}{2}) + 2 = p + 3$ and $ba^{\frac{p+1}{2}}(z)$ belongs to the side $(p + 3) - 1 = p + 2$.

Repeating the same argument, we obtain the identifications:

$$1 \leftrightarrow (p+1); \quad 2 \leftrightarrow (p+2); \dots; \quad p \leftrightarrow 2p.$$

Hence, R is a fundamental region for S_ϕ and with the identification given above, we obtain that $R/\sim = S_\phi$.

We note that S_ϕ is hyperelliptic, since S_ϕ admit the hyperelliptic involution J given by a rotation of angle π around q_1 in R , which fixes the p mid-points of the sides of the polygon and also q_1 .

Therefore, the Riemann surface S_ϕ is associated with the algebraic curve $z^{p-2}y^2 - x^p + z^p = 0$.

Moreover, S_ϕ admit an automorphism φ of order p given by a rotation of angle $\frac{2\pi}{p}$ around q_1 in R and admit another automorphism of order $2p$, $\psi = \varphi \circ J$ given by a rotation of angle $\frac{(p+2)\pi}{p}$ around q_1 .

On the other hand, if we build another polygon R' of $2p$ -sides centered in q_3 from R with the identifications given by $\text{Ker}\phi$, then the automorphism of order $2p$ is a rotation of angle $\frac{\pi}{p}$ around q_3 of R' .

5 Homology Basis of S_ϕ

Let R be the polygon of $2p$ -sides with the identifications given by $\text{Ker}\phi$, i. e., $j \leftrightarrow (j+p)$, $j = 1, \dots, p$, which uniformizes the hyperelliptic Riemann surface $S = S_\phi$ of genus $\frac{p-1}{2}$.

For will obtain an homology basis of S_ϕ , we consider $U = \{q_2, q_3\}$ and the short exact sequence in homology:

$$0 \longrightarrow H_1(S) \longrightarrow H_1(S, U) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(U) \longrightarrow H_0(S) \longrightarrow 0$$

where $H_1(S)$ is the first homology group of S , $H_1(S, U)$ is the first relative homology group and δ is defined by $\delta(\gamma) = \gamma(1) - \gamma(0)$.

Therefore, the sequence in homology is

$$0 \longrightarrow H_1(S) \longrightarrow H_1(S, U) \longrightarrow Z \oplus Z \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0,$$

and the homology basis for S is given by $\text{Ker}\delta$.

If we identify the sides $1, 2, \dots, p$ by the polygon R with the paths $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p$ with the positive orientation, then $1+p, 2+p, \dots, 2p$ correspond respectively to $\beta_1^{-1}, \beta_2^{-1}, \dots, \beta_p^{-1}$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p$ are generators for $H_1(S, U)$.

Let $\gamma \in \text{Ker}\delta$ be, then $\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^p m_i \beta_i$, with $m_i \in Z$ and

$$\delta(\gamma) = q_3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^j m_j \right) + q_2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{j+1} m_j \right) = 0,$$

hence, $m_1 = \sum_{j=2}^p (-1)^j m_j$ and we obtain an homology basis for S , $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{p-1}$ where $\alpha_i := \beta_i + \beta_{i+1}$, with $i = 1, \dots, p-1$ as shown in Figure 8.

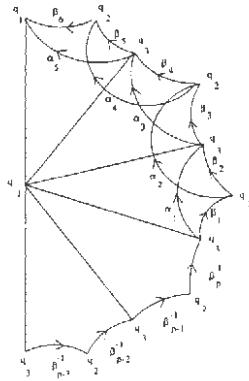


Figure 8:

Let $\psi = \varphi \circ J : S \longrightarrow S$ be the automorphism of order $2p$, then $\psi : H_1(S) \longrightarrow H_1(S)$ in term of the basis $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{p-1}$ is given by

$$\begin{cases} \psi(\alpha_i) = -\alpha_{i+2}, & i = 1, \dots, p-3 \\ \psi(\alpha_{p-2}) = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{j+1} \alpha_j \\ \psi(\alpha_{p-1}) = \alpha_1 \end{cases}$$

and therefore is represented for the matrix

$$A_{2p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix A_{2p} satisfies: $A_{2p}^p = -I$ and $A_{2p}^{2p} = I$.

6. Example

Let S be the Riemann surface associated to the algebraic curve

$$C : z^{11}y^2 - x^{13} + z^{13} = 0.$$

Then, S is a Riemann surface of genus six and S admit the hyperelliptic involution J , hence is a hyperelliptic Riemann surface.

Moreover, S admit another automorphism φ of order thirteen and the canonical projection $\pi : S \rightarrow S/ < \varphi >$ is a covering with signature $< (6, 0); 13, 13, 13 >$.

Also, S admit another automorphism $\psi = \varphi \circ J$ of order twenty-six and the canonical projection $\pi : S \rightarrow S/ < \psi >$ is a covering with signature $< (6, 0); 26, 13, 2 >$.

Let T be a triangle group of type $(13, 13, 13)$ presented by

$$T = < a, b; a^{13} = b^{13} = (ab)^{13} = 1 >.$$

Then, given an epimorphism $\phi : T \rightarrow Z/13Z$ such that $\Gamma = \text{Ker } \phi$ is torsion-free, $S = \Delta/\Gamma$ is a Riemann surface of genus six and the canonical projection $S \rightarrow \Delta/T$ is a covering with signature $(0; 13, 13, 13)$ and covering group $T/\Gamma \simeq Z/13Z$.

Then, by lemma previous, there exists three Riemann surfaces S of genus six which signature $(0, 13, 13, 13)$, one of these is the hyperelliptic Riemann surface associated to algebraic curve $z^{11}y^2 - x^{13} + z^{13} = 0$.

These surfaces are given by the three different classes of epimorphisms $\phi : T \rightarrow Z/13Z$ with $\text{Ker}\phi$ torsion-free and $S = \Delta/\text{Ker}\phi$.

Now, the fundamental polygon F for T is shown in the following Figure, where q_1 is the fixed point of a , q_2 is the fixed point of b and q_3 is the fixed point of ab .

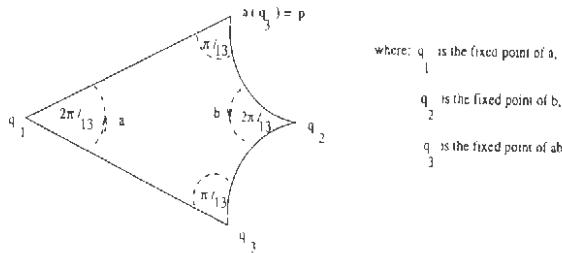


Figure 9:

Starting with F , we build a fundamental region R for S as shown in Figure 10.

The three different classes of epimorphisms are given by:

- (i) $\phi_1(a) = 1$, $\phi_1(b) = 6$, $\text{Ker}\phi_1 = \langle a^6b^{-1} \rangle$ that gives the identifications

$$1 \leftrightarrow 14; \quad 2 \leftrightarrow 15; \quad 3 \leftrightarrow -16; \quad \dots; \quad 13 \leftrightarrow 26.$$

Therefore, $S_1 = \Delta/\text{Ker}\phi_1$ is the hyperelliptic Riemann surface.

- (ii) $\phi_2(a) = 1$, $\phi_2(b) = 2$, $\text{Ker}\phi_2 = \langle a^2b^{-1} \rangle$ that gives the identifications

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leftrightarrow 6; & 2 &\leftrightarrow 23; & 3 &\leftrightarrow 8; & 4 &\leftrightarrow 25; & 5 &\leftrightarrow 10; & 7 &\leftrightarrow 12; & 9 &\leftrightarrow 14; \\ 11 &\leftrightarrow 16; & 13 &\leftrightarrow 18; & 15 &\leftrightarrow 20; & 17 &\leftrightarrow 22; & 19 &\leftrightarrow 24; & 21 &\leftrightarrow 26. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) $\phi_3(a) = 1, \phi_3(b) = 3, \text{Ker}\phi_3 = \langle a^3b^{-1} \rangle$ that gives the identifications

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leftrightarrow 8; & 2 &\leftrightarrow 21; & 3 &\leftrightarrow 10; & 4 &\leftrightarrow 23; & 5 &\leftrightarrow 12; & 6 &\leftrightarrow 25; & 7 &\leftrightarrow 14; \\ 9 &\leftrightarrow 16; & 11 &\leftrightarrow 18; & 13 &\leftrightarrow 20; & 15 &\leftrightarrow 22; & 17 &\leftrightarrow 24; & 19 &\leftrightarrow 26. \end{aligned}$$

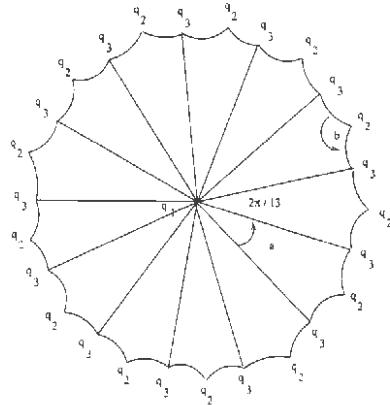


Figure 10:

An homology basis for the hyperelliptic Riemann surface is given by the paths $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{12}$, as shown in Figure 11.

The hyperelliptic involution J is given by a rotation of angle π around q_1 , the automorphism φ of order thirteen is given by a rotation of angle $\frac{2\pi}{13}$ around q_1 and the automorphism $\psi = \varphi \circ J$ of order twenty-six is given by a rotation of angle $\frac{15\pi}{13}$ around q_1 .

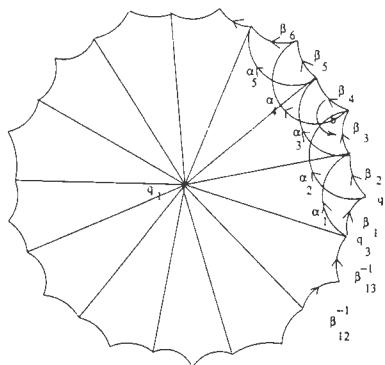


Figure 11:

The automorphism ψ in homology in the basis $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{12}$ is given by

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