

ON AUGMENTED SCHOTTKY SPACES AND INTERCHANGE OPERATORS

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§0. Introduction.

Problem 1. Let  $S$  be a compact Riemann surface with nodes. Does there exist a point in an augmented Schottky space representing the surface  $S$  ?

Problem 2. We give a point  $\tau$  in an augmented Schottky space  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}_g^*(\widetilde{\Sigma}_0)$  associated with a basic system of Jordan curves  $\widetilde{\Sigma}_0$ , which represents a compact Riemann surface  $S$  with nodes. Then for any sequence of points  $\{\tau_n\}$  in the Schottky space  $\mathcal{G}_g(\widetilde{\Sigma}_0)$  tending to the point  $\tau$ , does the Riemann surface  $S(\tau_n)$  represented by  $\tau_n$  converge to  $S$  as marked surfaces as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ?

The answer to Problem 1 is affirmative:

THEOREM 1. There exists a point in an augmented Schottky space which represents a given Riemann surface with nodes.

The answer to Problem 2 is negative in the general case, namely in the case where  $\widetilde{\Sigma}_0$  is a basic system of Jordan curves. However the answer is affirmative in a special case, namely in the case where  $\widetilde{\Sigma}_0$  is a standard system of Jordan curves. Now the following question arises: To what Riemann surface does the

sequence of Riemann surfaces  $\{S(\tau_n)\}$  converge as marked surface as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the general case ?

THEOREM 2. Given a point  $\tau \in \widehat{\mathcal{G}}_g^*(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$ . Then there exists a sequence of points  $\{\tau_n\} \subset \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  tending to  $\tau$  such that  $S(\tau_n)$  converges to  $S(\tau)$  as marked surfaces.

THEOREM 3. Let  $\langle G_0 \rangle$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$  be a fixed marked Schottky group and a fixed basic system of Jordan curves for  $\langle G_0 \rangle$ , respectively. Given a point  $\tau \in \delta^{I,J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$ , where  $I \supset I(J) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0^*$ ,  $I^*$ , and  $J^*$  be a basic system of loops, a subset of  $I$ , and a subset of  $J$ , respectively, obtained from  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$ ,  $I$  and  $J$  by applying certain interchange operators. Let  $\tau^* \in \delta^{I^*,J^*} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0^*)$  be a point representing a compact Riemann surface with  $|I^*| + |J^*|$  nodes. Then there exists the following sequence of points  $\{\tau_n\} \subset \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  :

$$\tau_n \rightarrow \tau \quad \text{and} \quad S(\tau_n) \rightarrow S(\tau^*) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

as marked surfaces.

### § 1. Definitions.

DEFINITION 1. Let  $C_1, C_{g+1}; C_2, C_{g+2}; \dots; C_g, C_{2g}$  be a set of  $2g$  mutually disjoint Jordan curves on the Riemann sphere  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  which comprize the boundary of a  $2g$ -ply connected region  $\omega$ . Suppose there are  $g$  Möbius transformations  $A_1, \dots, A_g$  which have the property that  $A_j$  maps  $C_j$  onto  $C_{g+j}$  and  $A_j(\omega) \cap \omega = \emptyset$  ( $1 \leq j \leq g$ ). Then  $A_j$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, g$ ) generates a marked Schottky

group  $\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_g \rangle$ .  $C_1, \dots, C_{2g}$  are called defining curves of  $\langle G \rangle$ .

We say two marked Schottky groups  $\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, \dots, A_g \rangle$  and  $\langle \hat{G} \rangle = \langle \hat{A}_1, \dots, \hat{A}_g \rangle$  being equivalent if there exists a Möbius transformation  $T$  such that  $\hat{A}_j = TA_jT^{-1}$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, g$ ), and we denote it by  $\langle G \rangle \sim \langle \hat{G} \rangle$ .

DEFINITION 2. The Schottky space of genus  $g$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{C}_g$ , is the set of all equivalent classes of Schottky groups of genus  $g \geq 1$ .

DEFINITION 3. Let  $C_1, \dots, C_{2g}$  be defining curves of  $\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, \dots, A_g \rangle$ . If mutually disjoint Jordan curves  $C_1, \dots, C_{2g}; C_{2g+1}, \dots, C_{4g-3}$  on  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$  have the following properties (i) and (ii), then we call  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \{C_1, \dots, C_{2g}; C_{2g+1}, \dots, C_{4g-3}\}$  a basic system of Jordan curves (B.S.J.C.) for  $\langle G \rangle$ : (i)  $C_{2g+j}$  ( $j=1, \dots, 2g-3$ ) lie in  $\omega$ . (ii) Each component of  $\hat{\mathcal{C}} \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{2g-3} C_{2g+j}$  is a triply connected domain. In particular, if a B.S.J.C.  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  has the following property (iii), we call  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  a standard system of Jordan curves (S.S.J.C.) for  $\langle G \rangle$ : (iii) For each  $i=1, 2, \dots, g$  and  $j=1, 2, \dots, 2g-3$ ,  $C_i$  and  $C_{g+i}$  lie on the same side of  $C_{2g+j}$ . See Examples 1 and 2 on p.13.

DEFINITION 4. Let  $S$  be a compact Riemann surface. We call the set  $\Sigma = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g-3}\}$  of loops on  $S$  having the following property a basic system of loops (B.S.L.): Each component of  $S \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^g \alpha_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{2g-3} \gamma_j$  is a planar and triply connected region. If, in particular, the number of nondividing loops is equal

to  $g$ , we call a B.S.L.  $\Sigma$  a standard system of loops (S.S.L.).

Let  $\Omega(G)$  be the region of discontinuity of  $\langle G \rangle$ . Let  $\Pi: \Omega(G) \rightarrow \Omega(G)/\langle G \rangle = S$  be the natural projection. If  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \{C_1, \dots, C_{2g}; C_{2g+1}, \dots, C_{4g-3}\}$  is a B.S.J.C. (resp. S.S.J.C.), then the projection  $\Sigma = \Pi(\tilde{\Sigma}) = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g-3}\}$ ,  $\alpha_i = \Pi(C_i)$  and  $\gamma_j = \Pi(C_{2g+j})$ , is a B.S.L. (resp. S.S.L.). We call  $\Sigma$  the projection of  $\tilde{\Sigma}$ . See Examples 1 and 2 on p.13.

## §2. Introduction of new coordinates to $\mathcal{G}_g$ .

We fix a marked Schottky group  $\langle G_0 \rangle = \langle A_{1,0}, \dots, A_{g,0} \rangle$ . Let  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0 = \{C_{1,0}, \dots, C_{2g,0}; C_{2g+1,0}, \dots, C_{4g-3,0}\}$  be a fixed B.S.J.C. for  $\langle G_0 \rangle$ . Let  $\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, \dots, A_g \rangle$  be a marked Schottky group. Let  $\lambda_j$  ( $|\lambda_j| > 1$ ),  $p_j$  and  $p_{g+j}$  be the multiplier, the repelling and the attracting fixed points of  $A_j$ , respectively. We normalize  $\langle G \rangle$  by setting  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $p_{g+1} = \infty$  and  $p_2 = 1$ . Then a point in the Schottky space  $\mathcal{G}_g$  is identified with

$$\tilde{\tau} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_g, p_{g+2}, p_3, p_{g+3}, \dots, p_g, p_{2g}) \in \mathbb{C}^{3g-3}.$$

Now we will introduce new coordinates with respect to  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$ :

$$\tau = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_g, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_{2g-3}) \in \mathbb{C}^{3g-3}.$$

First define  $t_i$  by setting  $t_i = 1/\lambda_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, g$ ). Thus  $t_i \in D^* = \{z | 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . Next in order to define  $\rho_j$  associated with  $C_{2g+j} = C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_u) \in \tilde{\Sigma}_0$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, 2g-3$ ), we determine integers  $k(j)$ ,  $\ell(j)$ ,  $m(j)$  and  $n(j)$  which are  $\geq 1$  and  $\leq 2g$  as

follows, where  $C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_\mu)$  is the multi-suffix of  $C_{2g+j}$  (see [4] for the definition):  $k(j) = 1$ ,  $C_\ell(j) = C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_{\mu-1}, 1-i_\mu, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $C_m(j) = C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_\mu, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $C_n(j) = C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_\mu, 0, \dots, 0)$ . The coordinate  $\rho_j$  is now defined as follows:

$$(P_k(j), P_\ell(j), P_m(j), P_n(j)) = (0, 1, \infty, \rho_j),$$

where  $(a, b, c, d)$  means the cross ratio of  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ .

We define a mapping  $\phi$  by  $\phi(\langle G \rangle) = \tau$ . We note that if  $\langle G \rangle \sim \langle \hat{G} \rangle$ , then  $\phi(\langle G \rangle) = \phi(\langle \hat{G} \rangle)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  the set

$$\mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) = \{\tau = \phi(\langle G \rangle) \mid \langle G \rangle \in \mathcal{G}_g\}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) \cong \mathcal{G}_g$  and  $\mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) \subset D^{*g} \times (C \setminus \{0, 1\})^{2g-3}$ . We call  $\mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  the Schottky space associated with  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$ .

### §3. Augmented Schottky spaces.

Let  $\langle G_0 \rangle$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$  be a fixed Schottky group and a fixed B.S.J.C. as in §2.

DEFINITION 5. We say  $C_{2g+j} = C(i_1, \dots, i_\mu)$  (resp.  $C_i = C(j_1, \dots, j_\sigma)$ ) is behind  $C_{2g+l} = C(i'_1, \dots, i'_\nu)$  if  $\nu < \mu$  and  $i_k = i'_k$  ( $k=1, 2, \dots, \nu$ ) (resp.  $\nu < \sigma$  and  $j_k = i'_k$  ( $k=1, 2, \dots, \nu$ )), and denote the fact  $C_{2g+l} < C_{2g+j}$  (resp.  $C_{2g+l} < C_i$ ). Otherwise, we say that  $C_{2g+j}$  (resp.  $C_i$ ) is not behind  $C_{2g+l}$  and we denote the fact by  $C_{2g+l} \nless C_{2g+j}$  (resp.  $C_{2g+l} \nless C_i$ ).

We define the ordered cycle corresponding to  $\alpha_i$  as follows.

We denote the shortest path from  $C_i$  to  $C_{g+i}$  on the tree of  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$  by

$$(1) \quad C_i, C_{2g+1}^{\delta(1)}(1), C_{2g+1}^{\delta(2)}(2), \dots, C_{2g+1}^{\delta(k)}(k), C_{g+i}$$

(see [4] and Fig. 1 on p.13 in this paper for trees.) Here  $\delta(l)$  ( $l=1,2,\dots,k$ ) are determined by  $\delta(l) = +1$  or  $\delta(l) = -1$  according as  $C_{2g+l} < C_{g+i}$  or  $C_{2g+l} < C_i$ .

DEFINITION 6. The projection

$$(\alpha_i ; \gamma_i^{\delta(1)} \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}, \dots, \gamma_i^{\delta(k)} \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} k \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right\} )$$

of (1) onto  $S_0 = \Omega(G_0)/\langle G_0 \rangle$  is called the ordered cycle corresponding to  $\alpha_i$ , and is denoted by  $L_{0,i}$ .

Let  $I$  be a subset of  $\{1,2,\dots,g\}$  and  $J$  a subset of  $\{1,2,\dots,2g-3\}$ . We denote by  $|I|$  and  $|J|$  the cardinality of  $I$  and  $J$ , respectively. Let  $L_{0,j(1)}, L_{0,j(2)}, \dots, L_{0,j(t)}$  be the complete list of cycles containing  $\gamma_j^{\delta}$ , and let  $\alpha_{0,k}$  be the "α-loops" contained in  $L_{0,k}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq t$ ), where  $t = t(j)$  depends on  $j$ . We define the subset  $I(J)$  of  $\{1,2,\dots,g\}$  by

$$I(J) = \{i \in \{1,2,\dots,g\} \mid \alpha_{0,i} \text{ is contained in } L_{0,j(k)} \text{ for some } k (1 \leq k \leq t(j)) \text{ and for some } j \in J\}.$$

Remark. If  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$  is a S.S.J.C., then  $I(J) = \emptyset$ .

We define the following sets  $X = \delta^{I,J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  with  $I \supset I(J)$ :

(i) When  $I = J = \emptyset$ , we define  $X$  as  $\mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$ , the Schottky space associated with  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$ .

(ii) When  $I \neq \emptyset, j = \emptyset$ , we define  $X$  as follows:

$$\delta^{I, \emptyset} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) = \{ \tau = (t_1, \dots, t_g, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_{2g-3}) \mid t_i = 0 \ (i \in I), t_i \neq 0 \ (i \notin I), \rho_j \neq 1 \ (j=1, \dots, 2g-3), \text{ and } \tau \text{ represents a Riemann surface with nodes such that only } \alpha_i \ (i \in I) \text{ are nodes} \}.$$

(iii) When  $I = \emptyset, J \neq \emptyset$ , we define  $X$  as follows:

$$\delta^{\emptyset, J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) = \{ \tau = (t_1, \dots, t_g, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_{2g-3}) \mid t_i \neq 0 \ (i=1, \dots, g), \rho_j = 1 \ (j \in J), \rho_j \neq 1 \ (j \notin J) \text{ and } \tau \text{ represents a Riemann surface with nodes such that only } \gamma_j \text{ are nodes} \}.$$

(iv) When  $I \supset I(J) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $X$  is defined as follows:

$$\delta^{I, J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) = \{ \tau = (t_1, \dots, t_g, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_{2g-3}) \mid t_i = 0 \ (i \in I), t_i \neq 0 \ (i \notin I), \rho_j = 1 \ (j \in J), \rho_j \neq 1 \ (j \notin J) \text{ and } \rho \text{ represents a compact Riemann surface such that only } \alpha_i \ (i \in I) \text{ and } \gamma_j \ (j \in J) \text{ are nodes} \}.$$

DEFINITION 7.

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_g^*(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) = \bigcup \{ \delta^{I, J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0) \mid I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, g\}, J \subset \{1, 2, \dots, 2g-3\} \text{ with } I \supset I(J) \}$$

is called the augmented Schottky space associated with  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$ .

Remark. Let  $S(\tau)$  be the Riemann surface represented by  $\tau$ .  $\{S(\tau) \mid \tau \in \hat{\mathcal{G}}_g^*(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)\}$  is the sets of all Riemann surfaces in Fig.2 and Fig.3 in the cases of Example 1 and Example 2, respectively.

§ 4. Interchange operators.

For simplicity, we will only consider interchange operators in the case of Example 1 (see Fig.4). For detail, see Sato [5]. Choose  $j$  with  $I(\{j\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $i \in I(\{j\})$ . For these  $i$  and  $j$ , we introduce the interchange operators  $I_g(i, j)$ .

Remark. Since  $I(J)$  is always empty in the case where  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  is a S.S.J.C., we can not define an interchange operator in this case.

For simplicity, we only consider  $I_g(1, 2)$ , which is defined as follows (see Fig.4 on p.15): For a B.S.J.C.  $\tilde{\Sigma}$ ,

$$I_g(1, 2)(\tilde{\Sigma}) = \tilde{\Sigma}^* = \{c_1^*, c_2^*, \dots, c_6^*; c_7^*, c_8^*, c_9^*\},$$

where  $c_1^* = A_1^{-1}(c_8)$ ,  $c_2^* = A_1^{-1}(c_2)$ ,  $c_3^* = c_3$ ,  $c_4^* = c_8$ ,  $c_5^* = c_5$ ,  $c_6^* = c_6$ ,  $c_7^* = c_7$ ,  $c_8^* = c_1$ , and  $c_9^* = c_9$ .

For a B.S.L.  $\Sigma = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$ ,  $I_g(1, 2)(\Sigma) = \{\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*, \alpha_3^*; \gamma_1^*, \gamma_2^*, \gamma_3^*\}$ , where  $\alpha_1^* = \gamma_2$ ,  $\alpha_2^* = \alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_3^* = \alpha_3$ ,  $\gamma_1^* = \gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2^* = \alpha_1$ ,  $\gamma_3^* = \gamma_3$ .

For ordered cycles  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$ ,  $L_1^* = I_g(1, 2)(L_1) = (\alpha_1^*; \gamma_2^*, \gamma_1^*)$ ,  $L_2^* = I_g(1, 2)(L_2) = (\alpha_2^*; \gamma_2^*, \gamma_1^*, \gamma_3^*)$  and  $L_3^* = I_g(1, 2)(L_3) = (\alpha_3^*; \gamma_3^*{}^{-1}, \gamma_1^*{}^{-1})$ , where we write  $\gamma_j^*$  for  $\gamma_j^*{}^{+1}$  for simplicity.

For a marked Schottky group  $\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, A_2, A_3 \rangle$ ,  $\langle G^* \rangle = I_g(1, 2)(\langle G \rangle) = \langle A_1^*, A_2^*, A_3^* \rangle$ , where  $A_1^* = A_1$ ,  $A_2^* = A_2 A_1$ ,  $A_3^* = A_3$ .

We obtain Theorem 1 by using interchange operators. See Sato [5] for details.



§ 5. Relations between limits of Schottky groups and limits of Riemann surfaces.

Here we will consider Problem 2. Let  $S$  be a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g$  with or without nodes. We denote by  $N(S)$  the set of all nodes on  $S$ . We assume that each component of  $S \setminus N(S)$  has the Poincaré metric. The Poincaré metric  $\lambda(z)|dz|$  on  $S$  is defined as the Poincaré metric on each component of  $S \setminus N(S)$ .

**DEFINITION 8.** If the following conditions are satisfied, a sequence of Riemann surfaces  $\{S_n\}$  converges to a surface  $S$  as marked surfaces: There exists a locally quasiconformal mapping  $\phi_n : S \setminus N(S) \rightarrow S_n \setminus P(S_n)$  such that (i)  $\lambda_n(\phi_n(z))|d\phi_n(z)|$  uniformly converges to  $\lambda(z)|dz|$  on every compact subset of  $S \setminus N(S)$ , where  $\lambda_n(z)|dz|$  and  $\lambda(z)|dz|$  are the Poincaré metrics on  $S_n$  and  $S$ , respectively, (ii)  $\phi_n$  maps a deleted neighborhood  $N(\alpha_i) \setminus \{\alpha_i\}$  (resp.  $N(\gamma_j) \setminus \{\gamma_j\}$ ) of  $\alpha_i$  (resp.  $\gamma_j$ ) to a deleted neighborhood  $N(\alpha_{i,n}) \setminus \{\alpha_{i,n}\}$  (resp.  $N(\gamma_{j,n}) \setminus \{\gamma_{j,n}\}$ ) of  $\alpha_{i,n}$  (resp.  $\gamma_{j,n}$ ) if  $\alpha_i \in N(S)$  (resp.  $\gamma_j \in N(S)$ ), and (iii)  $\phi_n$  maps a neighborhood  $N(\alpha_i)$  (resp.  $N(\gamma_j)$ ) of  $\alpha_i$  (resp.  $\gamma_j$ ) to a neighborhood  $N(\alpha_{i,n})$  (resp.  $N(\gamma_{j,n})$ ) of  $\alpha_{i,n}$  (resp.  $\gamma_{j,n}$ ) if  $\alpha_i \notin N(S)$  (resp.  $\gamma_j \notin N(S)$ ), where  $P(S_n) = f_n^{-1}(N(S))$  and  $f_n : S_n \rightarrow S$  is a deformation.

By constructing locally quasiconformal mappings, we have Theorem 2. See Sato [6] for details.

Let  $\langle G_0 \rangle$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$  be a fixed marked Schottky group and a fixed B.S.J.C. for  $\langle G_0 \rangle$ , respectively. Set  $S_0 = \Omega(G_0)/\langle G_0 \rangle$ . Given a point  $\tau \in \delta^{I,J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$ , where  $I \supset I(J) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $S(\tau)$  is a compact Riemann surface with  $|I| + |J|$  nodes of genus  $g$ . We define the following sets:  $J_1 = \{j \in J \mid \gamma_j \text{ is a dividing loop on } S_0\}$ ,  $J_2 = \text{any subset of } J \setminus J_1$ ,  $\tilde{\Sigma}_1 = I_g(i_{k(1)}, j_{\ell(1)})(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  with  $i_{k(1)} \in I(\{j_{\ell(1)}\})$ ,  $j_{\ell(1)} \in J_2$  and  $J_{21} = J_2 \setminus \{j_{\ell(1)}\}$ . Choose  $j_{\ell(2)} \in J_{21}$  such that  $I_1(\{j_{\ell(2)}\}) \cap (I(J_2) \setminus \{i_{k(1)}\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Set  $\tilde{\Sigma}_2 = I_g(i_{k(2)}, j_{\ell(2)})(\tilde{\Sigma}_1)$  with  $i_{k(2)} \in I_1(\{j_{\ell(2)}\})$ ,  $i_{k(2)} \neq i_{k(1)}$ . We set  $J_{22} = J_{21} \setminus \{j_{\ell(2)}\} = J_2 \setminus \{j_{\ell(1)}, j_{\ell(2)}\}$ . By the same way, we determined the following:  $j_{\ell(3)}, i_{k(3)}, J_{23}, \tilde{\Sigma}_3, I_3(J_{23}); \dots$   
 $\dots; j_{\ell(s)}, i_{k(s)}, J_{2,s}, \tilde{\Sigma}_s$ : Here  $s$  is the integer satisfying the following (i) and (ii): (i)  $I_{s-1}(\{j_{\ell(s)}\}) \cap I(J_2) \setminus \{i_{k(1)}, i_{k(2)}, \dots, i_{k(s-1)}\} \neq \emptyset$ , (ii)  $I_s(\{j\}) \subseteq \{i_{k(1)}, \dots, i_{k(s)}\}$  for any  $j \in J_2 \setminus \{j_{\ell(1)}, j_{\ell(2)}, \dots, j_{\ell(s)}\}$ .

We set  $J_3 = J \setminus (J_1 \cup J_2)$ ,  $J_4 = \{j_{\ell(1)}, j_{\ell(2)}, \dots, j_{\ell(s)}\}$ ,  $J_5 = J_2 \setminus J_4$ ,  $I_1 = I \setminus I(J)$ ,  $I_4 = \{i_{k(1)}, i_{k(2)}, \dots, i_{k(s)}\}$ ,  $I_3 = I_s(J_3)$ ,  $I_5 = I \setminus (I_1 \cup I_3 \cup I_4)$ ,  $I_6 = \text{a subset of } I_5$ ,  $I_7 = I_5 \setminus I_6$ ,  $I^* = I \setminus I_7$  and  $J^* = J \setminus J_4$ . Then we have Theorem 3. See Sato [6] for the proof.

COROLLARY. Given  $\tau \in \delta^{I,J} \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$ , where  $I \supset I(J) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists a sequence of points  $\{\tau_n\} \subset \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  such that (i)  $\tau_n \rightarrow \tau$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and (ii)  $S(\tau_n)$  does not converge to  $S(\tau)$  as marked surfaces.

Remark. By a similar method to the proof of Theorem 2, we

have the following. If  $\tilde{\Sigma}_0$  is a S.S.J.C., then  $S(\tau_n)$  converges to  $S(\tau)$  as marked surfaces for any point  $\tau \in \hat{\mathcal{G}}_g^*(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  and for any sequence of points  $\{\tau_n\} \subset \mathcal{G}_g(\tilde{\Sigma}_0)$  with  $\tau_n \rightarrow \tau$ .

## §6. Appendices.

We will consider the following in the forthcoming papers [7,8].

1. Properties of interchange operators. There are five kind of interchange operators as follows: (1)  $I_g(\alpha_i, \alpha_i^{-1}) = I_g(C_i, C_{g+i})$ , (2)  $I_g(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) = I_g(C_i, C_j)$ , (3)  $I_g(\gamma_j, \gamma_j^{-1}) = I_g(C_{2g+j}^+, C_{2g+j}^-)$ , (4)  $I_g(\gamma_i, \gamma_j) = I_g(C_{2g+i}, C_{2g+j})$  and (5)  $I_g(\alpha_i, \gamma_j) = I_g(C_i, C_{2g+j})$ . Here we only considered and used interchanged operators in case (5).

2. Relations between Nielsen isomorphisms and interchange operators. Here Nielsen isomorphisms are

$$N_1(A_1, A_i) : \langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_g \rangle \rightarrow \langle A_i, A_2, \dots, A_1, \dots, A_g \rangle .$$

$$N_2(A_1, A_1^{-1}) : \langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_g \rangle \rightarrow \langle A_1^{-1}, A_2, \dots, A_g \rangle .$$

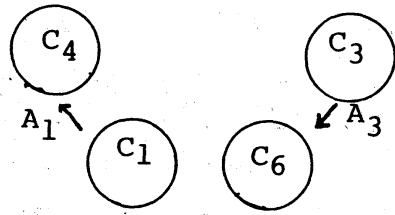
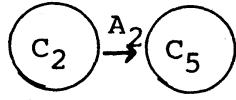
$$N_3(A_1, A_2) : \langle A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_g \rangle \rightarrow \langle A_1, A_1 A_2, A_3, \dots, A_g \rangle .$$

3. Boundary behavior of the space of marked Schottky groups of real type of genus 2. We say  $\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, A_2 \rangle$  a schottky group of real type if  $A_1, A_2 \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

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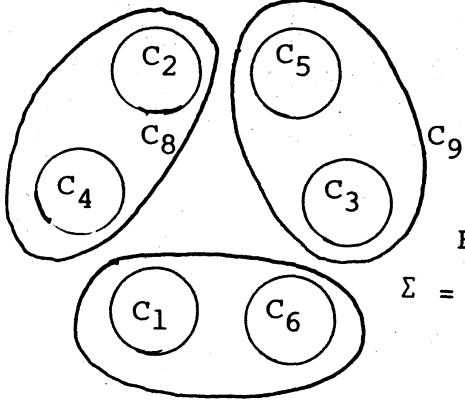
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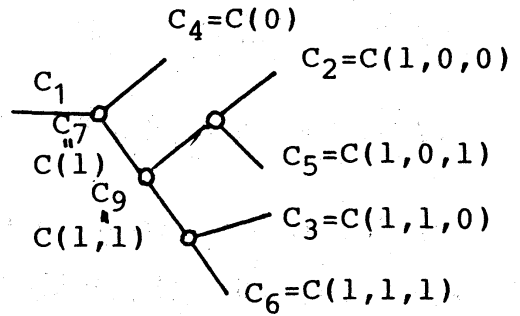
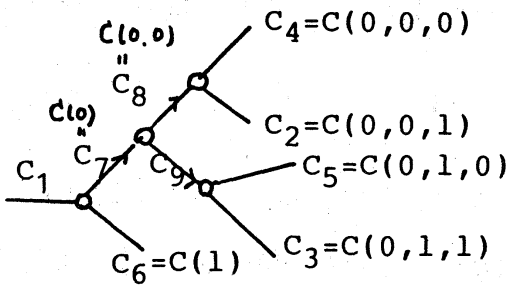
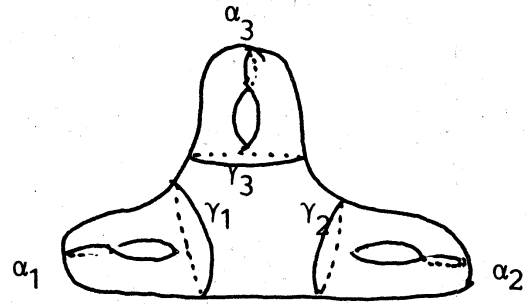
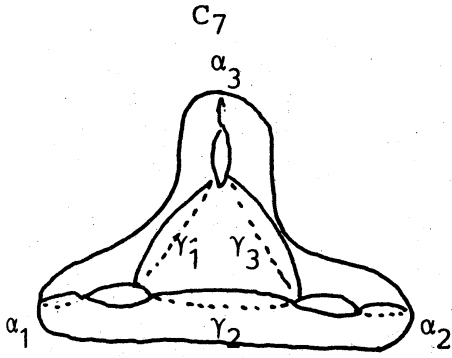
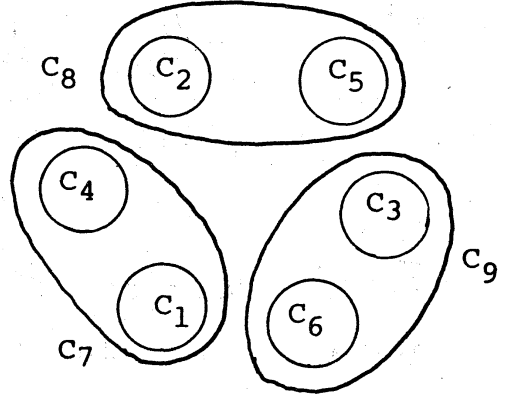
$\langle G \rangle = \langle A_1, A_2, A_3 \rangle$

Example 1.



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 $\Sigma = C_1, \dots, C_6; C_7, C_8, C_9$

Example 2.



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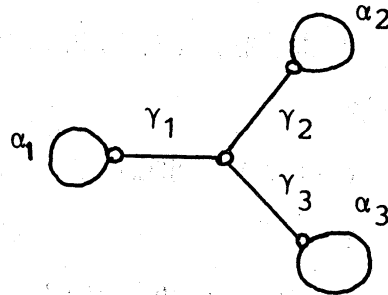
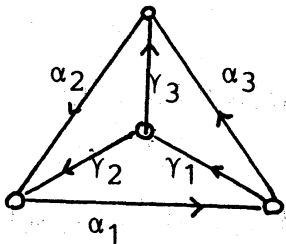


Fig.1

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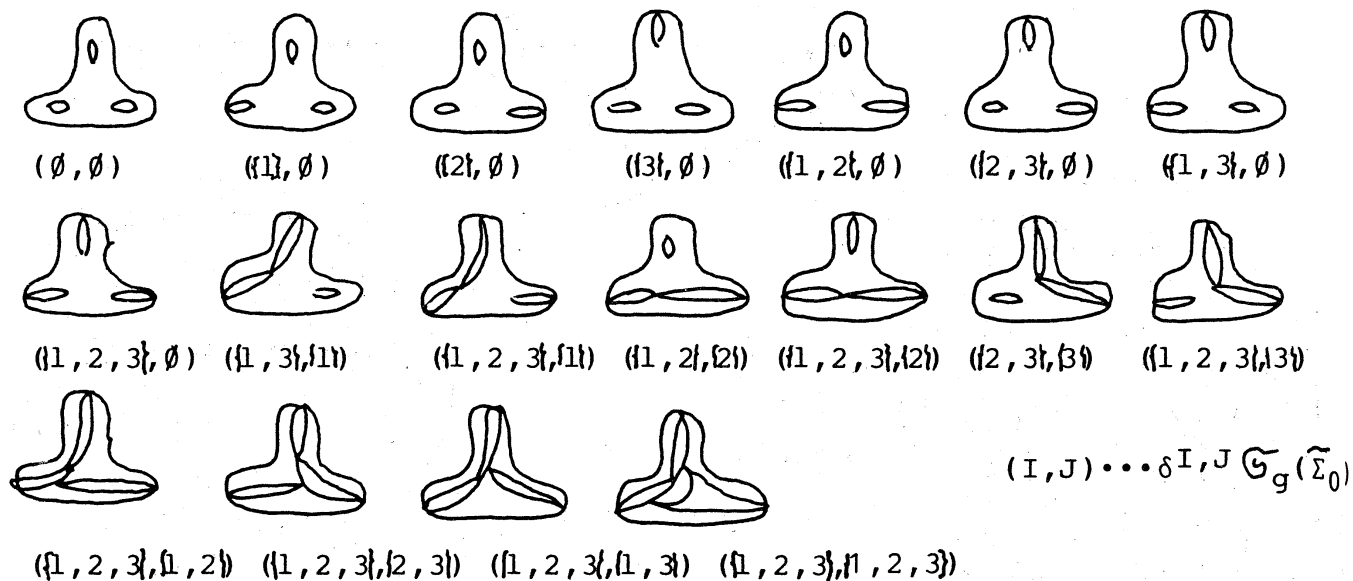


Fig. 2.

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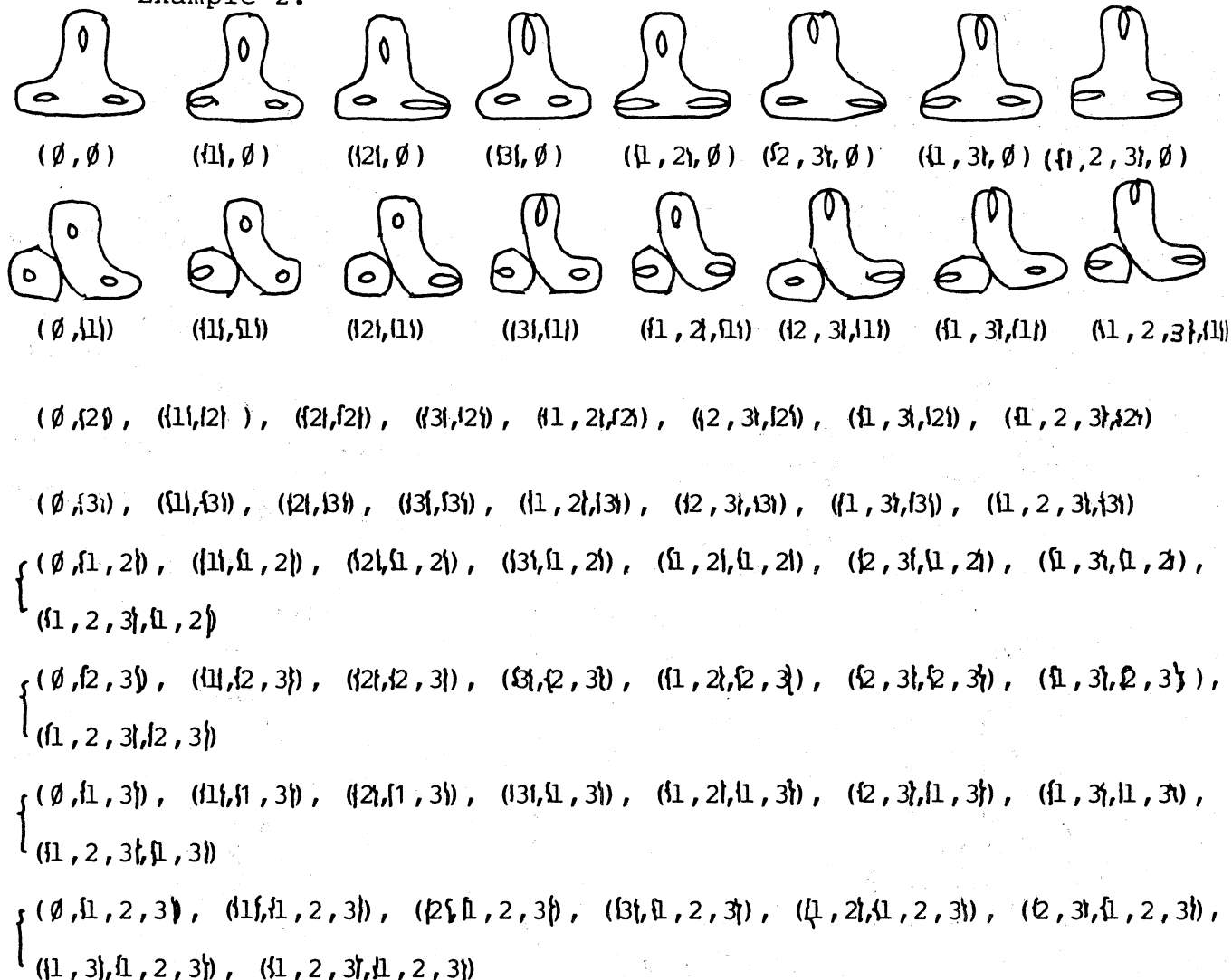
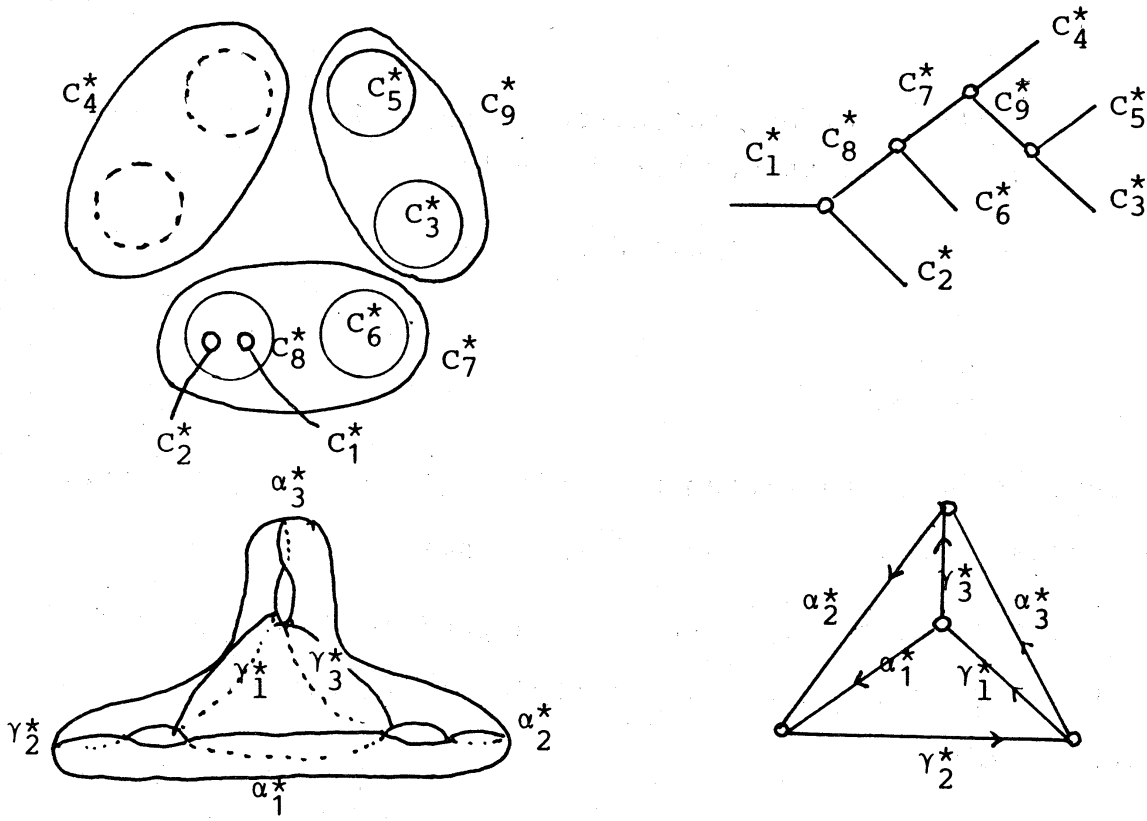


Fig. 3.



$$\tilde{\Sigma}^* = I_g(1,2)(\tilde{\Sigma}) = \{C_1^*, \dots, C_6^*; C_7^*, C_8^*, C_9^*\}$$

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Fig,4.