

## REMARKS ON $d$ -GONAL CURVES

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### § 0. Introduction.

Let  $M$  be a compact Riemann surface and  $f$  be a meromorphic function on  $M$ . We denote the principal divisor associated to  $f$  by  $(f)$  and the polar divisor of  $f$  by  $(f)_\infty$ . If  $d = \text{degree of the divisor } (f)_\infty$ , we call  $f$  a meromorphic function of degree  $d$ . If  $d$  is the minimal integer in which a non-trivial meromorphic function  $f$  of degree  $d$  exists on  $M$ , then we call  $M$  a  $d$ -gonal curve. In this case the complete linear system  $|(f)_\infty|$  has projective dimension one. Moreover if  $f$  defines a cyclic covering  $M \rightarrow P_1$  over a Riemann sphere  $P_1$ , then we call  $M$  a cyclic  $d$ -gonal curve.

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

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

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

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

where  $d$  is not necessarily a prime number.

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

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

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

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

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

### §1. Preliminaries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where  $\phi'$  is a morphism of degree  $d$ ,

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

§ 2.

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

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

From now on we assume;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE 2.5. Let  $M$  be a compact Riemann surface defined by  $y^4-x(x-a_1)(x-a_2)(x-a_3)\{(x-a_4)(x-a_5)(x-a_6)(x-a_7)\}^2=0$ , where  $a_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 7$ ) are distinct non-zero numbers, then  $g=7$ . Put  $N=M/\langle T^2 \rangle$ .  $N$  is defined by  $y^2-x(x-a_1)(x-a_2)(x-a_3)=0$ , i.e.,  $g_2=1$ .  $M$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.4(1), and then  $M$  is 4-gonal. On the other hand  $M$  has infinitely many  $g^1$ . In fact if  $g^1_2$  and  $g^{1'}_2$  are two distinct linear systems on  $N$ , then  $\pi^*g^1_2$  and  $\pi^*g^{1'}_2$  are distinct linear systems of degree 4 and dimension 1 on  $M$ , where  $\pi: M \rightarrow N$  is a canonical map. Thus  $M$  has infinitely many  $g^1$ .

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

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

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

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

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

§ 3.

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

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

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

and

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

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

(1) *there exists  $A \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{P}_1)$  satisfying  $b_i = Aa_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ), and*

$$\#) \begin{cases} \text{ord}_p t_i = \text{ord}_p r_i & \text{if } \text{ord}_p r_i < \text{ord}_p d & \text{or} \\ \text{ord}_p t_i \geq \text{ord}_p d & \text{if } \text{ord}_p r_i \geq \text{ord}_p d & (1 \leq i \leq s) \end{cases}$$

for each prime number  $p$  dividing  $d$ .

(2) *if  $(r_1, d)=1$ , then  $r_1/t_1 \in (Z/dZ)^\times$  and  $(r_1/t_1)t_i \equiv r_i \pmod d$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ).*

(3) *if  $d$  is square free, then  $r_1 t_i \equiv t_1 r_i \pmod d$  ( $2 \leq i \leq s$ ).*

PROOF. (1) The proof owes to the uniqueness of  $g_d^1$  (Theorem 2.4(2)), and goes almost same way as in the proof of Theorem 1.1 in [6]. Let  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M'$  be the birational map. As  $M$  has unique  $g_d^1$ , there exists  $A \in \text{Aut } \mathbf{P}_1$  satisfying a commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & M' \\ x \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{x} \\ \mathbf{P}_1 & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbf{P}_1 \end{array}$$

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

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

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

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

$$v^d-(x-a_2)^{r_1t_2-r_2t_1} \dots (x-a_s)^{r_1t_s-r_st_1}=0 \dots \dots iii).$$

Put  $[C(M):C(x, v)]=t$ . As  $C(M) \supset C(x, v) \supset C(x)$  are cyclic extensions,  $v^{d/t}$  is in  $C(x)$  and  $r_1t_i-t_1r_i \equiv 0 \pmod t$  ( $2 \leq i \leq s$ ) by iii). Moreover we can see that  $s$  numbers  $(r_1t_i-t_1r_i)/t$  ( $2 \leq i \leq s$ ) and  $d/t$  have no common divisor and  $G.C.D.(r_1, t_1, d)=(r_1, t_1, d)$  divides  $t$ . On the other hand  $C(x, v)$  is the function field of the curve  $M/\langle T^{d/t} \rangle$ . Assume  $d \neq t$ , and take a prime number  $q$  dividing  $d/t$ . Then the curve  $M/\langle T^q \rangle$  is defined by the following two equations simultaneously;

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

and

$$v^q-(x-a_2)^{(r_1t_2-r_2t_1)/t} \dots (x-a_s)^{(r_1t_s-r_st_1)/t}=0 \dots \dots B).$$

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

$$r_1t_i-t_1r_i \equiv 0 \pmod d \quad (2 \leq i \leq s).$$

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

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

§ 4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Let  $\phi : M' \rightarrow P_1^1$  be the covering map defined by  $g_{pq}^1$  in a), then ;

(b-i)  $\phi$  is not cyclic (i.e.,  $M'$  is not a cyclic  $pq$ -gonal curve).

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§6.

Let  $M$  be a cyclic  $d$ -gonal curve with a unique  $g_{\frac{1}{2}}$  defined by

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

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

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

For the uniqueness of  $g_a^1$ , we have  $V\langle T \rangle V^{-1} = \langle T \rangle$  and  $V$  induces an automorphism  $\tilde{V}$  on  $M/\langle T \rangle = P_1(x)$ . Let  $C(x)$  and  $C(u)$  be the function fields of  $M/\langle T \rangle$  and  $M/\langle V, T \rangle$  respectively. Then  $\pi': M/\langle T \rangle \rightarrow M/\langle T, V \rangle$  is a cyclic covering of order  $N'$  ( $N' | N$ ) and we may assume  $\pi'^*u = x^{N'}$ .

Before considering generally, we study the following two cases;

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$1 + \sum_{t=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{N/d} m_{N/d \cdot (t-1) + j} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{d},$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After all, we have ;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Then we have ;

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

where  $\eta$  is some  $d$ -th root (not necessarily primitive) of 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For example, assume  $M'$  is defined by;

$$y'^{d'} = \prod_{t=1}^{k'} \prod_{j=1}^{N'} (x - \zeta'^{j-1} b_t')^{n_t' v'^{j-1}} \quad (\text{cf. V})$$

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

$$\begin{cases} V'^* x = \zeta' x \\ V'^* y' = \eta' \zeta'^{R'S'/d'} y^{v'} / \prod_{t=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b_t')^{n_t' (v'^{N'-1})/d'} \end{cases} \quad (\text{cf. V-i}),$$

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

$$y^d = \prod_{t=1}^{k'} \prod_{j=1}^{N'} (x - \zeta'^{j-1} b_t')^{n_t' v'^{j-1}}. \dots\dots\dots \text{VI}$$

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

$$\begin{cases} V^* x = \zeta' x \\ V^* y = \eta \zeta'^{R'S'/d} y^{v'} / \prod_{t=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b_t')^{n_t' (v'^{N'-1})/d}, \end{cases}$$

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

Considering the other cases, we finally have;

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

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

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

$$y^d = \prod_{t=1}^{k'} \prod_{j=1}^{N'} (x - \zeta'^{j-1} b_t')^{n_t' v'^{j-1}} \dots\dots\dots \text{VI}$$

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

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

$$\begin{cases} V^*x = \zeta'x \\ V^*y = \eta \zeta'^{R'S'/d} y^{v'} / \prod_{t=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b_t)^{n_t^{(v'^{N'-1})/d}}, \end{cases}$$

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

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

$$\begin{cases} V^*x = \zeta'x \\ V^*y = \eta y^{v'} / \prod_{t=1}^{k'} (x - \zeta'^{N'-1} b_t)^{n_t^{(v'^{N'-1})/d}}, \end{cases}$$

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

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

$$y^d = x \prod_{t=1}^k (x^{N'} - b_t)^{r_t}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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