

Ewa Tyszkowska

TOPOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION  
OF CONFORMAL ACTIONS  
ON  $p$ -HYPERELLIPTIC  
AND  $(q, n)$ -GONAL RIEMANN SURFACES

**Abstract.** A compact Riemann surface  $X$  of genus  $g > 1$  is said to be  $p$ -hyperelliptic if  $X$  admits a conformal involution  $\rho$  for which  $X/\rho$  has genus  $p$ . A conformal automorphism  $\delta$  of prime order  $n$  such that  $X/\delta$  has genus  $q$  is called a  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism. Here we study conformal actions on  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface with  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism.

**Keywords:**  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface, automorphism of a Riemann surface.

**Mathematics Subject Classification:** Primary: 30F20, 30F50; Secondary: 14H37, 20H30, 20H10.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A compact Riemann surface  $X$  of genus  $g \geq 2$  is said to be  $p$ -hyperelliptic if  $X$  admits a conformal involution  $\rho$ , called a  $p$ -hyperelliptic involution, such that  $X/\rho$  is an orbifold of genus  $p$ . This notion has been introduced by H. Farkas and I. Kra in [17] where they also proved that for  $g > 4p + 1$ ,  $p$ -hyperelliptic involution is unique and central in the group of all automorphisms of  $X$ . In [22] it has been proved that every two  $p$ -hyperelliptic involutions commute for  $3p + 2 \leq g \leq 4p + 1$  and  $X$  admits at most two such involutions if  $g > 3p + 1$ .

In the particular cases  $p = 0, 1$ ,  $X$  are called *hyperelliptic* and *elliptic-hyperelliptic* Riemann surfaces respectively. Hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces and their automorphisms have received a good deal of attention in the literature. In [2] and [12] the authors determined the full groups of conformal automorphisms of such surfaces which made it possible to classify symmetry types of such actions in [5]. The  $p$ -hyperelliptic ( $p \geq 1$ ) surfaces at large have been studied in [7–11, 13–15] and [23], where the most attention has been paid to a study of groups of automorphisms of such surfaces and their symmetries.

We say that a finite group  $G$  acts on a topological surface  $X$  if there exists a monomorphism  $\varepsilon : G \rightarrow \text{Hom}^+(X)$ , where  $\text{Hom}^+(X)$  is the group of orientation-preserving homeomorphisms of  $X$ . Two actions of finite groups  $G$  and  $G'$  on  $X$  are topological equivalent if the images of  $G$  and  $G'$  are conjugate in  $\text{Hom}^+(X)$ . There are two reasons for the topological classification of finite actions rather than just the groups of homeomorphisms. First, the equivalence classes of group actions are in 1 – 1 correspondence to conjugacy classes of finite subgroups of the mapping class group and so such a classification gives some information on the structure of this group. Second, the enumeration of finite group actions is a principal component of the analysis of singularities of the moduli space of conformal equivalence classes of Riemann surfaces of a given genus since such space is an orbit space of Teichmüller space by a natural action of the mapping class group, see [4].

The classification of conformal actions up to topological conjugacy is a classical problem, which has been considered for surfaces of genera  $g = 2, 3$  in [3] and  $g = 4$  in [1]. In the case  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces it has been studied in [24, 20] and [21] for  $p = 0, 1$  and 2, respectively.

Here we study conformal actions on  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface  $X$  which admits a conformal automorphism  $\delta$  of prime order  $n > 2$  such that  $X/\delta$  has genus  $q$  [18]. The automorphism  $\delta$  is called the  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism and in the case  $q = 0$ ,  $n$ -gonality automorphism.  $(q, n)$ -gonal Klein surfaces have been considered in [16].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

We shall approach the problem using Riemann uniformization theorem by which each compact Riemann surface  $X$  of genus  $g \geq 2$  can be represented as the orbit space of the hyperbolic plane  $\mathcal{H}$  under the action of some Fuchsian surface group  $\Gamma$ . Furthermore, a group  $G$  of automorphisms of a surface  $X = \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$  can be represented as  $G = \Lambda/\Gamma$  for another Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$ . Each Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$  is given a signature  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (g; m_1, \dots, m_r)$ , where  $g, m_i$  are integers verifying  $g \geq 0, m_i \geq 2$ . The  $g = 0$  in signature will be omitted and  $m_i = m$  repeated  $r$ -times will be written  $m^r$ . The signature determines the presentation of  $\Lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{generators: } & x_1, \dots, x_r, a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g, \\ \text{relations: } & x_1^{m_1} = \dots = x_r^{m_r} = x_1 \dots x_r [a_1, b_1] \dots [a_g, b_g] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Such set of generators is called the *canonical set of generators* and often, by abuse of language, the set of *canonical generators*. Geometrically  $x_i$  are elliptic elements which correspond to hyperbolic rotations and the remaining generators are hyperbolic translations. The integers  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$  are called the *periods* of  $\Lambda$  and  $g$  is the genus of the orbit space  $\mathcal{H}/\Lambda$ . Fuchsian groups with signatures  $(g; -)$  are called *surface groups* and they are characterized among Fuchsian groups as these ones which are torsion free.

The group  $\Lambda$  has associated to it a fundamental region whose area  $\mu(\Lambda)$ , called the *area of the group*, is:

$$\mu(\Lambda) = 2\pi \left( 2g - 2 + \sum_{i=1}^r (1 - 1/m_i) \right). \quad (2.1)$$

If  $\Gamma$  is a subgroup of finite index in  $\Lambda$ , then we have the *Riemann-Hurwitz formula* which says that

$$[\Lambda : \Gamma] = \frac{\mu(\Gamma)}{\mu(\Lambda)}. \tag{2.2}$$

The number of fixed points of an automorphism of  $X$  can be calculated by the following theorem of Macbeath [19].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X = H/\Gamma$  be a Riemann surface with the automorphism group  $G = \Lambda/\Gamma$  and let  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  be elliptic canonical generators of  $\Lambda$  with periods  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  respectively. Let  $\theta : \Lambda \rightarrow G$  be the canonical epimorphism and for  $1 \neq g \in G$  let  $\varepsilon_i(g)$  be 1 or 0 according whether  $g$  is or is not conjugate to a power of  $\theta(x_i)$ . Then the number  $F(g)$  of points of  $X$  fixed by  $g$  is given by the formula*

$$F(g) = |N_G(\langle g \rangle)| \sum_{i=1}^r \varepsilon_i(g)/m_i. \tag{2.3}$$

Let  $G$  be a finite group acting on a surface  $X$  of genus  $g > 1$  such that the canonical projection  $X \rightarrow X/G$  is ramified at  $r$  points with multiplicities  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  and  $s$  is the genus of  $X/G$ . Then a  $(2s + r)$ -tuple  $(\tilde{a}_1, \dots, \tilde{a}_s, \tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_s, \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_r)$  of generators of  $G$  such that  $\tilde{x}_i$  has order  $m_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ ,  $\tilde{x}_1 \dots \tilde{x}_r \prod_{i=1}^s [\tilde{a}_i, \tilde{b}_i] = 1$  and  $2g - 2 = |G|(2s - 2 + \sum_{i=1}^r (1 - 1/m_i))$  is called a *generating  $(s; m_1, \dots, m_r)$ -vector*.

For every generating  $(s; m_1, \dots, m_r)$ -vector of  $G$ , there exists a Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$  with the signature  $(s; m_1, \dots, m_r)$  and an epimorphism  $\theta : \Lambda \rightarrow G$  defined by the assignment  $\theta(a_i) = \tilde{a}_i, \theta(b_i) = \tilde{b}_i$  and  $\theta(x_j) = \tilde{x}_j$ . The kernel  $\Gamma$  of  $\theta$  is a surface Fuchsian group of orbit genus  $g$  and  $G$  acts as an automorphism group on a Riemann surface  $X = \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$ . If an involution  $\rho$  appears in generating vector as an image of  $k$  consecutive elliptic generators of  $\Lambda$ , then we shall write  $\rho^{[k]}$  instead of  $\rho, \dots, \rho$ . There is a 1 - 1 correspondence between the set of generating vectors of  $G$  and the set of epimorphisms  $\theta : \Lambda \rightarrow G$  with torsion free kernels. Two epimorphisms  $\theta : \Lambda \rightarrow G$  and  $\theta' : \Lambda' \rightarrow G'$  define topologically equivalent actions if  $\varphi\theta = \theta'\psi$  for some isomorphisms  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$  and  $\psi : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda'$  [3].

### 3. $p$ -HYPERELLIPTIC RIEMANN SURFACE WITH $(q, n)$ -GONAL AUTOMORPHISM

In this section we study Riemann surfaces of genera  $g > 1$  which are  $p$ -hyperelliptic and cyclic  $(q, n)$ -gonal simultaneously for a prime  $n > 2$  and a natural  $q$ . If  $g > 4p + 1$ , then its  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism and  $p$ -hyperelliptic involution commute. The first theorem gives necessary and sufficient conditions on  $p$  and  $g$  for the existence of such surface.

**Theorem 3.1.** *There exists a  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 2$  admitting  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism commuting with a  $p$ -hyperelliptic involution if and only if  $p = n\gamma + b(n - 1)/2$  and  $g = nq + a(n - 1)/2$  for some integers  $\gamma, b, a$  such that*

$$b = -2 \text{ or } b \geq 0, \quad b \leq a \leq 2(b + 1), \quad 0 \leq \gamma \leq (q + 1)/2. \tag{3.1}$$

Furthermore, the  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism admits  $a + 2$  fixed points.

*Proof.* Assume that a Riemann surface  $X = \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$  admits  $p$ -hyperelliptic involution  $\rho$  and  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism  $\delta$ . The groups  $\langle \delta \rangle$  and  $\langle \rho \rangle$  can be identified with  $\Gamma_\delta/\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_\rho/\Gamma$ , where  $\Gamma_\delta$  and  $\Gamma_\rho$  are Fuchsian groups containing  $\Gamma$  as a normal subgroup of index  $n$  and  $2$ , respectively. By the Riemann-Hurwitz formula they have signatures

$$\sigma(\Gamma_\delta) = (q; n, \dots, n) \text{ and } \sigma(\Gamma_\rho) = (p; 2, \dots, 2), \tag{3.2}$$

where  $s = 2g + 2 - 4p$  and  $r = 2 + (2g - 2nq)/(n - 1)$ . Thus  $g = nq + a(n - 1)/2$  for  $a = r - 2$ . If  $\rho$  and  $\delta$  commute then they generate the group  $Z_{2n}$  which can be represented by  $\Lambda/\Gamma$  for a Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$  with the signature

$$(\gamma; 2, \dots, 2, n, \dots, n, 2n, \dots, 2n). \tag{3.3}$$

By the Riemann-Hurwitz formula

$$2g - 2 = 4n\gamma - 4n + nk_1 + 2k_2(n - 1) + k_3(2n - 1) \tag{3.4}$$

and according to Theorem 2.1

$$nk_1 = s - k_3, \quad 2k_2 = r - k_3. \tag{3.5}$$

By substituting the last equalities to (3.4), we obtain  $p = n\gamma + b(n - 1)/2$ , for an integer  $b$  such that  $a = 2b + 2 - k_3$ . Thus

$$k_1 = 2q + a - 4\gamma - 2b, \quad k_2 = a - b, \quad k_3 = 2 + 2b - a \tag{3.6}$$

are nonnegative integers if and only if the inequalities (3.1) are satisfied.

Conversely, assume that  $g = nq + a(n - 1)/2$  and  $p = n\gamma + b(n - 1)/2$  for some integers  $a, b$  and  $\gamma$  satisfying the inequalities (3.1). Then there exists a Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$  with the signature (3.3). Let  $\theta : \Lambda \rightarrow \langle \rho \rangle \oplus \langle \delta \rangle$  be an epimorphism which maps all hyperbolic generators of  $\Lambda$  onto  $\rho\delta$ , the first  $k_1$  of elliptic generators onto  $\rho$  and the remaining in the following way :

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\delta \dots \delta}_{(k_2+1)/2} \underbrace{\delta^{-1} \dots \delta^{-1}}_{(k_2-3)/2} \delta^{-2} \underbrace{\rho\delta \dots \rho\delta}_{(k_3+1)/2} \underbrace{\rho\delta^{-1} \dots \rho\delta^{-1}}_{(k_3-3)/2} \rho\delta^{-2} \text{ if } k_2 \equiv 1 (2) \text{ and } k_3 \equiv 1 (2), \\ & \underbrace{\delta \dots \delta}_{(k_2+1)/2} \underbrace{\delta^{-1} \dots \delta^{-1}}_{(k_2-3)/2} \delta^{-2} \underbrace{\rho\delta \dots \rho\delta}_{k_3/2} \underbrace{\rho\delta^{-1} \dots \rho\delta^{-1}}_{k_3/2} \text{ if } k_2 \equiv 1 (2) \text{ and } k_3 \equiv 0 (2), \\ & \underbrace{\delta \dots \delta}_{k_2/2} \underbrace{\delta^{-1} \dots \delta^{-1}}_{k_2/2} \underbrace{\rho\delta \dots \rho\delta}_{(k_3+1)/2} \underbrace{\rho\delta^{-1} \dots \rho\delta^{-1}}_{(k_3-3)/2} \rho\delta^{-2} \text{ if } k_2 \equiv 0 (2) \text{ and } k_3 \equiv 1 (2), \\ & \underbrace{\delta \dots \delta}_{k_2/2} \underbrace{\delta^{-1} \dots \delta^{-1}}_{k_2/2} \underbrace{\rho\delta \dots \rho\delta}_{k_3/2} \underbrace{\rho\delta^{-1} \dots \rho\delta^{-1}}_{k_3/2} \text{ if } k_2 \equiv 0 (2) \text{ and } k_3 \equiv 0 (2). \end{aligned}$$

Then the kernel of  $\theta$  is a surface Fuchsian group  $\Gamma$  of genus  $g$  while  $\theta^{-1}(\rho)$  and  $\theta^{-1}(\delta)$  are Fuchsian groups with the signatures (3.2). Thus  $\mathcal{H}/\Gamma$  is a  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface admitting  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism. It is easy to notice that for  $k_2 < 3$  or  $k_3 < 3$ , such an epimorphism does not exist if and only if  $k_2 + k_3 + \gamma = 0$  or  $k_2 + k_3 = 1$ . The first equality is never satisfied since if  $k_2 + k_3 = 0$  then  $b = -2$  and  $p = n(\gamma - 1) + 1$  what requires  $\gamma \geq 1$ . The second one occurs for  $b = -1$  and therefore this value of  $b$  is rejected.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g > 4p + 1$ . Then for any prime  $n \geq 3$ ,*

- (i)  *$X$  can be realized as  $n$ -sheeted covering of the Riemann sphere if and only if  $p = 0$  and  $g = n - 1$  or  $g = (n - 1)/2$  and its  $n$ -gonality automorphism admits 4 or 3 fixed points, respectively.*
- (ii)  *$X$  can be realized as  $n$ -sheeted covering of an elliptic curve if and only if  $p = 0$  and  $g \in \{2n - 1, (3n - 1)/2, n\}$  or  $p = (n - 1)/2$  and  $g \in \{3n - 2, (5n - 3)/2\}$  and its  $(1, n)$ -gonal automorphism admits 4, 3, 2 or 6, 5 fixed points, respectively.*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $X = \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$  be a Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 2$  which admits  $p$ -hyperelliptic involution  $\rho$  and  $(q, n)$ -gonal automorphism  $\delta$  for  $p < n$ . If  $\delta$  and  $\rho$  commute then  $p = b(n - 1)/2$ ,  $g = nq + a(n - 1)/2$  for integers  $a, b$  in range  $0 \leq b \leq 2$  and  $b \leq a \leq 2b + 2$  and a Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$  such that  $\langle \delta, \rho \rangle = \Lambda/\Gamma$  has a signature  $(0; 2, 2q+a-2b, 2, n, a-b, n, 2n, 2b+2-a, 2n)$ . Furthermore,  $\delta$  admits  $a + 2 \leq 8$  fixed points.*

**Theorem 3.4.** *All group actions on a  $p$ -hyperelliptic and cyclic  $n$ -gonal Riemann surface are given in Table 1, up to topological conjugacy; four of them correspond to the full automorphism groups: 2.b, 3.a, 3.b and 5.c.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$  be a  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 2$  admitting a  $n$ -gonality automorphism  $\delta$ . Then by Corollary 3.2,  $X$  is hyperelliptic,  $\delta$  admits 4 or 3 fixed points and its order is one of two possible prime orders greater than  $g$ , namely  $n = g + 1$  or  $n = 2g + 1$ , respectively. The automorphism groups of hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces are given in [12] and we need to chose those which admit an automorphism satisfying the above conditions. The action of finite group  $G$  on  $X$  is determined by the signature of a Fuchsian group  $\Lambda$  and an epimorphism  $\theta : \Lambda \rightarrow G$  with kernel  $\Gamma$ . Let  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  be all elliptic generators of  $\Lambda$ . An element of  $\Lambda$  has a fixed point in  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if it has a finite order and it is conjugate to some power of precisely one of elliptic generators  $x_i$ . Consequently an element of  $G$  has a fixed point in  $X$  if and only if it is conjugate to some power of the image of  $x_i$  via homomorphism  $\theta$ . Since  $\theta$  preserves orders, it follows that the order  $n$  of the  $n$ -gonality automorphism divides one of periods  $m_i$  in the signature of  $\Lambda$ . First we chose all signatures corresponding to group actions on a hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g$  for which  $g + 1$  or  $2g + 1$  divides one of its periods. The authors of [12] denoted by  $t$  the number of periods 2 in the signature of  $\Lambda$  which correspond to elliptic generators mapped by  $\theta$  on the hyperelliptic involution and expressed  $t$  in terms of the genus  $g$  and the the number  $N = |G|/2$ . Let us consider for example  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, 2, 3, 3)$  with  $t = (g + 1)/6$ . The number 3 is the only prime integer greater than 2 which divides a period of  $\Lambda$ . Thus  $\delta$  has order 3 and so  $g = 2$ . However  $t$  is not integer for  $t = 2$  and therefore this signature is not suitable. In the similar way we reject the remaining signatures except:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2.a : \quad & \sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, N, N), \quad t = (2g + 2)/N, \\
 2.b : \quad & \sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, N, 2N), \quad t = (2g + 1)/N,
 \end{aligned}$$

- 3.a :  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, 2, 2, N/2), \quad t = (2g + 2)/N,$
- 3.b :  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, 2, 4, N/2), \quad t = (2g + 2)/N - 1/2,$
- 3.c :  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, 4, 4, N/2), \quad t = (2g + 2)/N - 1,$
- 4.d :  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, 4, 3, 3), \quad t = (g - 2)/6, g = 2,$
- 5.c :  $\sigma(\Lambda) = (2, \dots, 2, 2, 3, 8), \quad t = (g - 2)/12, g = 2.$

In the case 2.a,  $G = \langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^N \rangle$  and  $z$  is the hyperelliptic involution. The order  $n$  of  $\delta$  divides a period of  $\Lambda$  if and only if  $n = g + 1$  and  $N$  has one of values  $2g + 2$  or  $g + 1$ . Thus  $\langle \delta \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle$  or  $\langle x \rangle$ , respectively and we shall denote these two possibilities by 2.a and 2.a' in Table 1. With the help of Macbeath's theorem we check that in both cases  $\delta$  has 4 fixed points as required. Using the pair of automorphisms  $(\text{id}_\Lambda, \varphi)$ , where  $\varphi(x) = xz$  and  $\varphi(z) = z$  if necessary, we can show that any generating vector is equivalent to  $v = (z, \dots, z, xz^t, x^{-1})$ . A similar consideration of the all signatures listed above provides the remaining results in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Actions on a  $p$ -hyperelliptic cyclic  $n$ -gonal Riemann surface

	$\sigma(\Lambda)$	$G = \Lambda/\Gamma$ of order $2N$	$N$	gen. vector	$\delta$
2.a	$[2, N, N]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^N \rangle$	$2g + 2$	$(z, zx, x^{-1})$	$x^2$
2.a'	$[2, 2, N, N]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^N \rangle$	$g + 1$	$(z, z, x, x^{-1})$	$x$
2.b	$[2, N, 2N]$	$\langle x : x^{2N} \rangle$	$2g + 1$	$(x^N, x^2, x^{N-2})$	$x^2$
3.a	$[2, 2, 2, N]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^N \rangle$	$g + 1$	$(z, zx, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$xy$
3.b	$[2, 4, N/2]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, y^{N/2}, (xy)^2, (x^{-1}y)^2 \rangle$	$4g + 4$	$((xy)^{-1}, x, y)$	$y^2$
3.c	$[4, 4, N]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, x^2y^2, (xy)^N \rangle$	$g + 1$	$(x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$xy$
4.d	$[4, 3, 3]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, y^3, (xy)^3, yx^2y^{-1}x^2 \rangle$	12	$(x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$y$
5.c	$[2, 3, 8]$	$\langle x, y : x^2, y^3, (xy)^4(yx)^4, (xy)^8 \rangle$	24	$(x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$xyx$

If the signature of  $\Lambda$  does not appear in the first column of the Tables 1.5.1 or 1.5.2 in [25] then  $\Lambda$  can be chosen to be maximal [25] and so  $G$  can be assumed to be the full group of automorphisms of  $X$ . In the other case  $\Lambda$  is always contained in a Fuchsian group  $\Lambda'$  and the signature of of such a group is given in the second column of the corresponding row, what we shall denote by  $\sigma(\Lambda) \subset \sigma(\Lambda')$ . By inspecting the signatures from Table 1 we obtain:  $[2, 2g + 2, 2g + 2] \subset [2, 4, 2g + 2]$ ,  $[2, 2, g + 1, g + 1] \subset [2, 2, 2, g + 1]$ ,  $[4, 4, g + 1] \subset [2, 4, 2g + 2]$ ,  $[4, 3, 3] \subset [2, 3, 8]$  and  $[2, N, 2N] \subset [2, 3, 2N]$ . In each of these cases except the last one, there exists a group  $G'$  acting on a hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g$ , group embeddings  $i : \Lambda \hookrightarrow \Lambda'$ ,  $j : G \hookrightarrow G'$  and an epimorphism  $\theta' : \Lambda' \rightarrow G'$  such that  $[\Lambda' : \Lambda] = [G' : G]$  and  $\theta' i = j \theta$ . In the last case the genus of a surface on which  $G'$  acts is different from  $g$ . Consequently  $G$  is the full automorphism group of a hyperelliptic Riemann surface only in cases 2.b, 3.a, 3.b and 5.c. □

Using Corollary 3.2, Macbeath's theorem and group actions on hyperelliptic, elliptic-hyperelliptic and 2-hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces given, up to topological conjugacy, in [12, 20] and [21], we obtain the next theorems. Their proofs are similar to the previous one and so we omit them.

**Theorem 3.5.** *A  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g > 4p + 1$  can be realized as cyclic 3-sheeted covering of an elliptic curve if and only if  $p = 0$  and  $g = 3, 4, 5$  or  $p = 1$  and  $g = 6, 7$  while the topologically non-equivalent group actions on such surfaces are listed in Table 2.*

**Theorem 3.6.** *A  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surface of genus  $g > 4p + 1$  can be realized as cyclic 5-sheeted covering of an elliptic curve if and only if  $p = 0$  and  $g = 5, 7, 9$  or  $p = 2$  and  $g = 11, 13$  while the topologically non-equivalent group actions on such surfaces are listed in Table 3.*

**Theorem 3.7.** *For any prime  $n > 5$ , a hyperelliptic  $(1, n)$ -gonal Riemann surface has genus  $2n - 1, (3n - 1)/2$  or  $n$  and the finite group actions on such surfaces are given in Table 4.*

**Table 2.** Actions on a  $p$ -hyperelliptic cyclic  $(1, 3)$ -gonal Riemann surface

$g$	$\sigma(\Lambda)$	$\bar{G} = \Lambda/\Gamma$	gen. vector	$\rho$	$\delta$
3	$[2^2, 6^2]$	$\langle x : x^6 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, x^{-1})$	$x^3$	$x^2$
	$[2, 6^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^3, (xy)^3 \rangle$	$(x, \delta\rho, (x\delta)^{-1}\rho)$	$z$	$y$
	$[2, 6, 4]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^3, (xy)^4 \rangle$	$(x, \delta\rho, (x\delta)^{-1}\rho)$	$z$	$y$
	$[2, 12^2]$	$\langle x : x^{12} \rangle$	$(\rho, x^7, x^{-1})$	$x^6$	$x^4$
	$[2^3, 6]$	$\langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^6 \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, y, \rho\delta)$	$(xy)^3$	$(xy)^2$
	$[4^2, 6]$	$\langle x, y : x^2y^3, y^6, x^{-1}yxy \rangle$	$(x, (yx)^{-1}, y)$	$x^2$	$y^2$
4	$[4, 3, 6]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, y^3, (xy)^3, yx^2y^{-1}x^2 \rangle$	$(x, \delta, (x\delta)^{-1})$	$x^2$	$y$
	$[2^3, 3, 6]$	$\langle x : x^6 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[3]}, \delta, x)$	$x^3$	$x^2$
	$[2, 9, 18]$	$\langle x : x^{18} \rangle$	$(\rho, x^2, x^7)$	$x^9$	$x^6$
5	$[2^2, 3^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^3, (xy)^3 \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, \delta, (x\delta)^{-1})$	$z$	$y$
	$[4, 3, 4]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, y^3, yx^2y^{-1}x^2, (xy)^4 \rangle$	$(x, \delta, (x\delta)^{-1})$	$x^2$	$y$
	$[2^4, 3^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^3 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[4]}, \delta, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$x$
	$[2^2, 6^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^6 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, x^{-1})$	$z$	$x^2$
	$[2, 12^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^{12} \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x^{-1}, x)$	$z$	$x^4$
	$[2^4, 3]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^3 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, y, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$xy$
	$[2, 4^2, 3]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, x^2y^2, (xy)^3 \rangle$	$(\rho, x^3, y, \delta^{-1})$	$x^2$	$xy$
	$[4^2, 6]$	$\langle x, x : x^4, x^2y^2, (xy)^6 \rangle$	$(x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$x^2$	$(xy)^2$
6	$[2^3, 3^2, 6]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle c : c^3 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[3]}, \delta, \delta^{-2}, \rho\delta)$	$z$	$c$
	$[2, 4, 3, 12]$	$\langle c : c^{12} \rangle$	$(\rho, c^3, \delta, \rho\delta)$	$c^6$	$c^4$
7	$[4, 3, 6]$	$\langle x, y, c, z : z^2, c^6, y^2z, x^2z, [x, y]z, cyx^{-1}y^{-1}x, cxc^{-1}y^{-1}z, [z, c] \rangle$	$(c^3x, c^2y, c)$	$z$	$c^4$
	$[2^3, 3, 6]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle c : c^6 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, c^3, \delta, c)$	$z$	$c^2$
	$[2^4, 3^3]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle c : c^3 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[4]}, \delta, \delta^{-2}, \delta)$	$z$	$c$
	$[2, 3^2, 6]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle y : y^3 \rangle \oplus \langle c : c^3 \rangle$	$(\rho\delta, \delta y^2, y\delta\rho)$	$z$	$c$
	$[2, 3, 12]$	$\langle x, y, c : c^{12}, c^6y^{-6}, x^2y^2, xyx^{-1}y^5, cxc^{-1}y^{-1}, cyx^{-1}y^{-1}x \rangle$	$(c^3x, c^2y, c)$	$c^6$	$c^4$
	$[3^2, 6]$	$\langle x, y, c, z : z^2, c^3, y^6z, [x, y]z, x^2y^2, cxc^{-1}y^{-1}x, cyx^{-1}x, [c, z], [x, z] \rangle$	$(\delta, \delta x, x^{-1}\delta)$	$z$	$c$

**Table 3.** Actions on  $p$ -hyperelliptic cyclic  $(1, 5)$ -gonal Riemann surfaces

$g$	$\sigma(\Lambda)$	$G = \Lambda/\Gamma$	gen. vector	$\rho$	$\delta$
5	$[2^2, 10^2]$	$\langle x : x^{10} \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, x^{-1})$	$x^5$	$x^2$
	$[2, 20^2]$	$\langle x : x^{20} \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, x^{-1})$	$x^{10}$	$x^4$
	$[2^3, 10]$	$\langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^{10} \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$(xy)^5$	$(xy)^2$
	$[4^2, 10]$	$\langle x, y : x^2 y^5, y^{10}, x^{-1} y x y \rangle$	$(x, (yx)^{-1}, y)$	$x^2$	$y^2$
	$[2, 3, 10]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^3, (xy)^5 \rangle$	$(\rho x, y, \delta^2 \rho)$	$z$	$(xy)^2$
7	$[2^3, 5, 10]$	$\langle x : x^{10} \rangle,$	$(\rho^{[3]}, \delta, (\rho \delta)^{-1})$	$x^5$	$x^2$
	$[2, 15, 30]$	$\langle x : x^{30} \rangle,$	$(\rho, x^2, x \delta^2)$	$x^{15}$	$x^6$
9	$[2^4, 5^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^5 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[4]}, \delta, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$x$
	$[2^2, 10^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^{10} \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, x^{-1})$	$z$	$x^2$
	$[2, 20^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^{20} \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x^{-1}, x)$	$z$	$x^4$
	$[2^4, 5]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^5 \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, y, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$xy$
	$[2, 4^2, 5]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, x^2 y^2, (xy)^5 \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, y, \delta^{-1})$	$x^2$	$xy$
	$[4^2, 10]$	$\langle x, x : x^4, x^2 y^2, (xy)^{10} \rangle$	$(x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$x^2$	$(xy)^2$
11	$[2, 6, 5]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^3, (xy)^5 \rangle$	$(\rho x, y \rho, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$xy$
	$[10, 5^2, 2^3]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^5 \rangle$	$(\delta \rho, \delta, \delta^3, \rho^{[3]})$	$z$	$x$
13	$[4, 5, 20, 2]$	$\langle x : x^{20} \rangle$	$(\delta x, \delta, x, \rho)$	$x^{10}$	$x^4$
	$[5^3, 2^4]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^5 \rangle$	$(\delta, \delta, \delta^3, \rho^{[4]})$	$z$	$x$
	$[2, 5, 10, 2^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^{10} \rangle$	$(\delta^2 x, \delta^2, x, \rho^{[2]})$	$z$	$x^2$

**Table 4.** Actions on a hyperelliptic cyclic  $(1, n)$ -gonal Riemann surface for  $n > 5$

$g$	$\sigma(\Lambda)$	$G = \Lambda/\Gamma$	gen. vector	$\rho$	$\delta$
$2n - 1$	$[2^4, n^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^n \rangle$	$(\rho^{[4]}, \delta, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$x$
	$[2^2, (2n)^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^{2n} \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, x^{-1})$	$z$	$x^2$
	$[2, (4n)^2]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x : x^{4n} \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x^{-1}, x)$	$z$	$x^4$
	$[2^4, n]$	$\langle z : z^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^n \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, y, \delta^{-1})$	$z$	$xy$
	$[2, 4^2, n]$	$\langle x, y : x^4, x^2 y^2, (xy)^n \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, y, \delta^{-1})$	$x^2$	$xy$
	$[4^2, 2n]$	$\langle x, x : x^4, x^2 y^2, (xy)^{2n} \rangle$	$(x, y, (xy)^{-1})$	$x^2$	$(xy)^2$
$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$[2^3, n, 2n]$	$\langle x : x^{2n} \rangle$	$(\rho^{[3]}, \delta, x^n \delta^{-1})$	$x^n$	$x^2$
	$[2, 3n, 6n]$	$\langle x : x^{6n} \rangle$	$(\rho, x^2, \rho x^{-2})$	$x^{3n}$	$x^6$
$n$	$[2^2, (2n)^2]$	$\langle x : x^{2n} \rangle$	$(\rho^{[2]}, x, x^{-1})$	$x^n$	$x^2$
	$[2, (4n)^2]$	$\langle x : x^{4n} \rangle$	$(\rho, \rho x, x^{-1})$	$x^{2n}$	$x^4$
	$[2^3, 2n]$	$\langle x, y : x^2, y^2, (xy)^{2n} \rangle$	$(\rho, x, y, (xy)^{n-1})$	$(xy)^n$	$(xy)^2$
	$[4^2, 2n]$	$\langle x, y : x^2 y^n, y^{2n}, x^{-1} y x y \rangle$	$(x, (yx)^{-1}, y)$	$x^2$	$y^2$

**Acknowledgments**

The author supported by the Research Grant N N201 366436 of the Polish Ministry of Sciences and Higher Education.



## REFERENCES

- [1] O.V. Bogopolski, *Classifying the actions of finite groups on orientable surfaces of genus 4*, Siberian Adv. Math. **7** (1997) 4, 9–38.
- [2] R. Brandt, H. Stichtenoth, *Die Automorphismengruppen hyperelliptischer Kurven*, Manuscripta Math. **55** (1986) 1, 83–92.
- [3] S.A. Broughton, *Classifying finite groups actions on surfaces of low genus*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra **69** (1991) 3, 233–270.
- [4] S.A. Broughton, *The equisymmetric stratification of the moduli space and the Krull dimension of the mapping class group*, Topology and Its Applications **37** (1990), 101–113.
- [5] E. Bujalance, F.J. Cirre, J.M. Gamboa, G. Gromadzki, *Symmetry types of hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces*, Mm. Soc. Math. Fr. (N.S.) **86** (2001).
- [6] E. Bujalance, A.F. Costa, *On symmetries of  $p$ -hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces*, Math. Ann. **308** (1997) 1, 31–45.
- [7] E. Bujalance, J.J. Etayo, J.M. Gamboa, *Surfaces elliptiques-hyperelliptiques avec beaucoup d'automorphismes*, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris Sr. I. Math. **302** (1986) 10, 391–394.
- [8] E. Bujalance, J.J. Etayo, J.M. Gamboa, *Topological types of  $p$ -hyperelliptic real algebraic curves*, Math. Z. **194** (1987) 2, 275–283.
- [9] E. Bujalance, J.J. Etayo, *Large automorphism groups of hyperelliptic Klein surfaces*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **103** (1988) 3, 679–686.
- [10] E. Bujalance, J.J. Etayo, *A characterization of  $q$ -hyperelliptic compact planar Klein surfaces*, Abh. Math. Sem. Univ. Hamburg **58** (1988), 95–102.
- [11] E. Bujalance, J. Etayo, J. Gamboa, G. Gromadzki, *Automorphisms Groups of Compact Bordered Klein Surfaces. A Combinatorial Approach*, Lecture Notes in Math. **1439**, Springer Verlag (1990).
- [12] E. Bujalance, J. M. Gamboa, G. Gromadzki, *The full automorphisms group of hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces*, Manuscripta Math **79** (1993), 267–282.
- [13] B. Estrada, *Automorphism groups of orientable elliptic-hyperelliptic Klein surfaces*, Ann. Acad. Sci. Fenn. Math. **25** (2000), 439–456.
- [14] B. Estrada, E. Martinez, *On  $q$ -hyperelliptic  $k$ -bordered tori*, Glasg. Math. J. **43** (2001) 3, 343–357.
- [15] B. Estrada, *Geometrical characterization of  $p$ -hyperelliptic planar Klein surfaces*, Comput. Methods Funct. Theory **2** (2002), no. 1, 267–279.
- [16] B. Estrada, R. Hidalgo, E. Martinez, *On  $q$ - $n$ -gonal Klein surfaces*, Acta Math. Sinica **23** (2007) 10, 1833–1844.
- [17] H.M. Farkas, I. Kra, *Riemann Surfaces*, Graduate Text in Mathematics, Springer-Verlag, 1980.
- [18] G. Gromadzki, A. Weaver, A. Wootton, *On gonality of Riemann surfaces*, to appear.

- [19] A.M. Macbeath, *Action of automorphisms of a compact Riemann surface on the first homology group*, Bull. London Math. Soc. **5** (1973), 103–108.
- [20] E. Tyszkowska, *Topological classification of conformal actions on elliptic-hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces*, Journal of Algebra **288** (2005), 345–363.
- [21] E. Tyszkowska, *Topological classification of conformal actions on 2-hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces*, Bull. Inst. Math. Acad. Sinica **33** (2005) 4, 345–368.
- [22] E. Tyszkowska, *On  $p$ -hyperelliptic involutions of Riemann surfaces*, Beiträge zur Algebra und Geometrie Contributions to Algebra and Geometry **46** (2005) 2, 581–586.
- [23] E. Tyszkowska, A. Weaver, *Exceptional points in the elliptic-hyperelliptic locus*, Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra **212** (2008), 1415–1426.
- [24] A. Weaver, *Hyperelliptic surfaces and their moduli*, Geom. Dedicata **103** (2004), 69–87.
- [25] D. Singerman, *Finitely generated maximal Fuchsian groups*, J. London Math. Soc. **6** (1972) 2, 29–38.

Ewa Tyszkowska  
ewa.tyszkowska@math.univ.gda.pl

University of Gdańsk  
Institute of Mathematics  
ul. Wita Stwosza 57, 80-952 Gdańsk, Poland

*Received: May 8, 2009.*  
*Revised: July 21, 2009.*  
*Accepted: July 27, 2009.*