

A brief review:  $\pi_1$  genus zero,  $b=|S|$ .

Fix  $f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}(S))$ . Fix  $\alpha, \beta$  dual pants curves.

(1)  $\exists f_\alpha \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}(S))$  s.t.  $f_\alpha \circ f|_{\{\alpha\}} = \text{Id}$ .

(2)  $\exists f_\beta \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}(S))$  s.t.  $f_\beta \circ f|_{\{\beta\}} = \text{Id}$ .

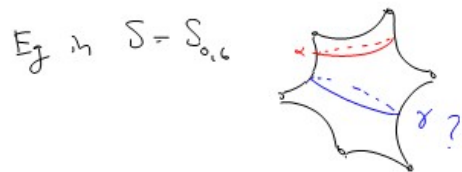
(3)  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $T_\alpha^{n/2} \circ f_\beta \circ f_\alpha \circ f|_{\{\alpha, \beta\}} = \text{Id}$ .

So: Define  $\phi = T_\alpha^{n/2} \circ f_\beta \circ f_\alpha \circ f$ .

Crawl in dual( $\alpha$ ):  $\phi|_{\text{dual}(\alpha)} = \text{Id}$

Crawl in  $\mathbb{C}(S)$ :  $\phi = \text{Id}$ .  $\therefore f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}(S))$  was the image of  $(T_\alpha^{n/2} \circ f_\beta \circ f_\alpha)^{-1}$  and we are done. //

Detail regarding (1): We must show that  $\alpha, f(\alpha)$  have the same topological type! (I.e. why is  $f(\alpha)$  a pants curve?)



However:

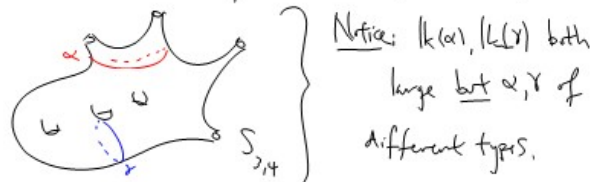
Claim: If  $S = S_{g,b}$  ( $b \geq 6$ ) then

$\alpha$  is a pants curve iff  $lk(\alpha)$  is large.

Thus:  $\alpha$  pants  $\Rightarrow lk(\alpha)$  large  $\Rightarrow lk(f(\alpha))$  large  $\Rightarrow f(\alpha)$  is pants.

This means that  $f_\alpha$  exists in step (1) above

Life is more complicated in the presence of genus.

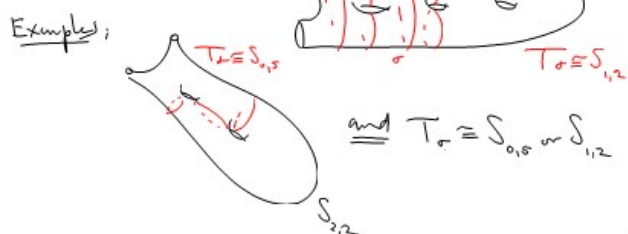


We need a combinatorial device to distinguish non-sep loops from pants curves.

Suppose  $\xi(S) \geq 3$ . Let  $\sigma \in \xi(S)$  be a simplex with  $|\sigma| = \xi(S) - 2$ .

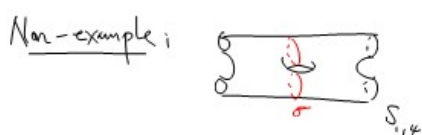
(\*)  $lk(\sigma)$  is large.

Then:  $S_\sigma = S - N(\sigma)$  has exactly one non-pants component,  $T_\sigma$ .

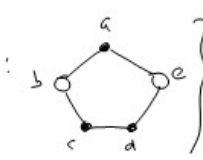


Pf:  $3g - 3 + b = 2$  iff  $\begin{cases} g=1, b=0 \\ g=0, b=5 \end{cases}$  or  $\begin{cases} b/c \geq 0 \\ b > 0 \end{cases}$

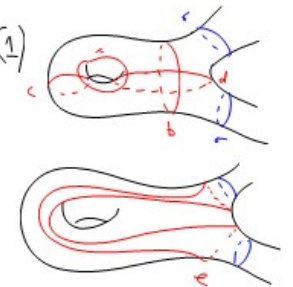
Also:  $T_\sigma$  is connected: If not  $lk(\sigma)$  is small. //

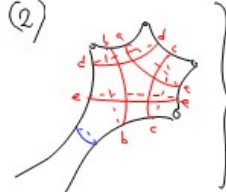


Suppose that  $\{a,b,c,d,e\} = P$  is a pentagon in  $lk(\sigma)$  where  $|\sigma| = \xi(S) - 2$  and  $lk(\sigma)$  large

And:  }  $a, c, d$  have large link  
 $b, e$  have small link

Lemma: Then either (1)  $a, c, d$  are nonsep  
 a dual to  $c, d$   
 or (2)  $a, c, d$  are points across  
 a dual to  $c, d$ .

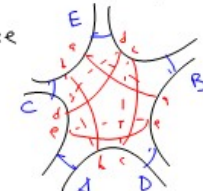
Pictures: (1)  and } the pentagon  
 $P$  in  
 $\mathcal{C}(S_{1,2})$ .

Picture (2)  }  $P \in \mathcal{C}(S_{1,4})$   
 Also, we learn that  
 $|\partial S| \geq 4$ .

Def: If  $P$  is a closed polygon and  $a, c$   
 are non-adjacent as above say  $a, c$  are  
combinatorially dual [ $\Rightarrow$  dual + more]

Pf of Lemma:  $\{a, b, c, d, e\} = P \subseteq \text{lk}(S)$  all  
 as above,  $\mathcal{C}(S) \geq 3$ .  $T_\sigma \cong S_{1,5}$  or  $S_{1,2}$ .

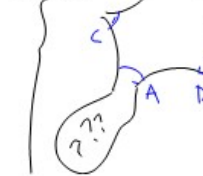
If  $T_\sigma \cong S_{1,2}$  then Exercise (Hints: 2 possible  
 pf techniques (1) Copy pf of pentagon lemma  
 (2) Use pentagon lemma in  $\mathcal{C}(S_{1,2})$  and the exercise  
 that  $\mathcal{C}(S_{1,5}) \cong \mathcal{C}(S_{1,2})$ : Think about hyperelliptic.)

If  $T_\sigma \cong S_{1,5}$ : we see 

Let  $T_A, T_B, \dots, T_E$  be  
 the component of  $S - T_\sigma$  meeting  $A, B, \dots, E$   
 respectively.

Case: If  $T_A = T_D$  then  $b$  is nonsep so  
 has large link  $\neq$   
 So  $T_A \neq T_D$ . Similarly  $T_A \neq T_B, T_A \neq T_E$

Similarly:  $T_A \neq T_c$  (using  $e$ ) So  
 deduce that  $A$  is separating.

We see:   
Will finish next time

