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## 1 Introduction

Let  $C$  be a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 1$ . We embed  $C$  into a projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g}$  by a very ample line bundle  $L$  of degree  $n \geq 2g + 1$ :

$$\Phi_{|L|} : C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-g}.$$

We denote by  $C_L$  the image of  $\Phi_{|L|}$ . Let  $(\mathbb{P}^{n-g})^\vee$  be the dual projective space of  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g}$ , and let  $\check{C}_L \subset (\mathbb{P}^{n-g})^\vee$  be the dual hypersurface of  $C_L$ ; that is,

$$\check{C}_L := \{H \in (\mathbb{P}^{n-g})^\vee; H \text{ does not intersect } C_L \text{ transversely}\}.$$

The purpose of this paper is to calculate the fundamental group of the complement to this dual hypersurface. The idea of the calculation stems from [Z], where the fundamental group of such complements was calculated in the case  $g = 1$ .

Let  $\text{Pic}^n(C)$  be the Picard variety of line bundles of degree  $n$  on  $C$ , and let  $S^n(C)$  be the symmetric product of  $n$ -copies of  $C$ , which parameterizes all effective divisors on  $C$  of degree  $n$ . Then there exists a natural homomorphism

$$\phi : S^n(C) \longrightarrow \text{Pic}^n(C)$$

which maps a divisor  $D$  to the associated line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_C(D)$ . Let  $V \subset S^n(C)$  be the image of the big diagonal;

$$V := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in S^n(C); x_i = x_j \text{ for some } i \neq j\}.$$

The fundamental group of the complement  $S^n(C) \setminus V$  is, by definition, the braid group  $B(g, n) \cong \pi_1 B_{0,n}C$  (in the notation of [B]) of  $C$  with  $n$  strings.

**Theorem 1** *For a general line bundle  $L \in \text{Pic}^n(C)$  of degree  $n$ , the fundamental group  $\pi_1((\mathbb{P}^{n-g})^\vee \setminus \check{C}_L)$  is isomorphic to the kernel of the natural homomorphism*

$$\phi'_* : \pi_1(S^n(C) \setminus V) \longrightarrow \pi_1(\text{Pic}^n(C)) \cong H_1(C; \mathbf{Z})$$

induced by the restriction  $\phi'$  of  $\phi$  to the complement  $S^n(C) \setminus V$ .

We denote the kernel of  $\phi'_*$  by  $G_{g,n}$ .

**Theorem 2** *The group  $G_{g,n}$ ,  $n \geq 2g + 1$ , is generated by  $n + 3g - 1$  generators. Denote these generators by*

$$\begin{aligned} c_2, c_4, \dots, c_{2g-4}, c_{2g-2}; \\ g_{2g}, g_{2g+1}, \dots, g_{n-2}, g_{n-1}; \\ g_{1,i,j}, g_{3,i,j}, \dots, g_{2g-3,i,j}, g_{2g-1,i,j}, \quad i, j = 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

The set of defining relations consists of

$$\begin{aligned}
& [c_{2k}, c_{2l}] = 1, & & |k-l| \neq 1; \\
& [c_{2k}, g_{l,i,j}] = 1, & i, j = 0, 1, & 2k \neq l \pm 1; \\
& [c_{2k}, g_l] = 1, & & (2k, l) \neq (2g-2, 2g); \\
& [(c_{2k-2}c_{2k}c_{2k-2}^{-1}), g_{2k-1,i,j}] = 1, & i, j = 0, 1, & 2 \leq k \leq g-1; \\
& [(c_{2g-2}g_{2g}c_{2g-2}^{-1}), g_{2g-1,i,j}] = 1, & & i, j = 0, 1; \\
& [g_{2k-1,i,j}, g_{2l-1,i,j}] = 1, & i, j = 0, 1, & k \neq l; \\
& [g_{2k-1,i,j}, g_l] = 1, & i, j = 0, 1, & l \geq 2k+1; \\
& [g_k, g_l] = 1, & & |k-l| \neq 1; \\
& c_{2i}c_{2i+2}c_{2i} = c_{2i+2}c_{2i}c_{2i+2}, & & 1 \leq i \leq g-2; \\
& c_{2k}g_{2k \pm 1,i,j}c_{2k} = g_{2k \pm 1,i,j}c_{2k}g_{2k \pm 1,i,j}, & i, j = 0, 1, & 1 \leq k \leq g-1; \\
& c_{2g-2}g_{2g}c_{2g-2} = g_{2g}c_{2g-2}g_{2g}; & & \\
& g_{2g}g_{2g-1,i,j}g_{2g} = g_{2g-1,i,j}g_{2g}g_{2g-1,i,j}, & & i, j = 0, 1; \\
& g_i g_{i+1} g_i = g_{i+1} g_i g_{i+1}, & & 2g \leq i \leq n-2; \\
& (g_{2j \pm 1,1,0} g_{2j \pm 1,0,0} c_{2j})^2 = (c_{2j} g_{2j \pm 1,1,0} g_{2j \pm 1,0,0})^2, & & 1 \leq j \leq g-1; \\
& (g_{2j \pm 1,0,1} g_{2j \pm 1,1,1} c_{2j})^2 = (c_{2j} g_{2j \pm 1,0,1} g_{2j \pm 1,1,1})^2, & & 1 \leq j \leq g-1; \\
& (g_{2j \pm 1,0,1} g_{2j \pm 1,0,0} c_{2j})^2 = (c_{2j} g_{2j \pm 1,0,1} g_{2j \pm 1,0,0})^2, & & 1 \leq j \leq g-1; \\
& (g_{2g-1,1,0} g_{2g-1,0,0} g_{2g})^2 = (g_{2g} g_{2g-1,1,0} g_{2g-1,0,0})^2; \\
& (g_{2g-1,0,1} g_{2g-1,1,1} g_{2g})^2 = (g_{2g} g_{2g-1,0,1} g_{2g-1,1,1})^2; \\
& (g_{2g-1,0,1} g_{2g-1,0,0} g_{2g})^2 = (g_{2g} g_{2g-1,0,1} g_{2g-1,0,0})^2; \\
& c_2 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-1} g_{n-1} \cdots g_{2g} (g_{2g-1,0,1} g_{2g-1,1,1} g_{2g-1,1,0} g_{2g-1,0,0}) c_{2g-2} \cdots \\
& \cdots (g_{3,0,1} g_{3,1,1} g_{3,1,0} g_{3,0,0}) c_2 (g_{1,0,1} g_{1,1,1} g_{1,1,0} g_{1,0,0}) = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 2 is based essentially on the ideas contained in section 2 of [Z]. By this reason, we advise to look through section 2 in [Z] before reading the proof of this Theorem.

Let  $pr : C_L \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be a general projection, and denote by  $C'_L$  its image. Then the dual curve  $(C'_L)^\vee \subset (\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  of  $C'_L$  is nothing but a general plane section of  $\check{C}_L$ . Therefore, we have the following theorem as an easy consequence:

**Theorem 3** *For a general line bundle  $L \in \text{Pic}^n(C)$  of degree  $n$ , the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus (C'_L)^\vee)$  has the same presentation as that of  $G_{g,n}$  in Theorem 2.*

The contents of this paper are as follows. In section 1, we prove Theorem 1. The main idea is to apply an analogue of [Sh, Theorem 1] to the pull-back of  $\phi'$  by the universal covering of  $\text{Pic}^n(C)$ . In section 2, we recall some properties of the presentations of the braid group  $B(g, n)$ . In section 3, we prove Theorem 2 by applying Reidemeister-Schreier method and by reducing general case to the case considered in [Z].

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## 2 Proof of Theorem 1

Since  $n \geq 2g+1$ , the morphism  $\phi$  is a fiber bundle with fibers isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g}$ . For  $L \in \text{Pic}^n(C)$ , we denote by  $\mathbb{P}(L)$  the fiber  $\phi^{-1}(L)$ , which is canonically isomorphic to the projective space  $\mathbb{P}_*(H^0(C, L))$  of all lines in  $H^0(C, L)$  passing through the origin. The embedding morphism  $\Phi_{|L|}$  is, by definition, a morphism into the dual projective space  $\mathbb{P}(L)^\vee = \mathbb{P}_*(H^0(C, L)^\vee)$ . Therefore, we can consider the dual hypersurface  $\check{C}_L$  to be a hypersurface in the projective space  $\mathbb{P}(L)$  in a natural way. It is obvious that

$$\check{C}_L = \mathbb{P}(L) \cap V. \quad (2.1)$$

By Nori's Lemma [N, Lemma 1.5 (C)], we have an exact sequence

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{P}(L) \setminus \check{C}_L) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^n(C) \setminus V) \longrightarrow \pi_1(\text{Pic}^n(C)) \longrightarrow \{1\}$$

for a general  $L \in \text{Pic}^n(C)$ . Therefore, the point of the proof is to show the injectivity of the homomorphism  $\pi_1(\mathbb{P}(L) \setminus \check{C}_L) \rightarrow \pi_1(S^n(C) \setminus V)$  induced by the inclusion of a general fiber of  $\phi'$ . Let  $u : \mathbb{C}^g \rightarrow \text{Pic}^n(C)$  be the universal covering of  $\text{Pic}^n(C)$ . We define  $\Sigma^n(C)$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  by the following fiber products:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^n(C) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}} & \mathbb{C}^g \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow u \\ S^n(C) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \text{Pic}^n(C) \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{V} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C}^g \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow u \\ V & \xrightarrow{\phi|_{\mathcal{V}}} & \text{Pic}^n(C). \end{array}$$

This  $\mathcal{V}$  is an analytic divisor of  $\Sigma^n(C)$ . Then we have

$$\pi_1(\Sigma^n(C) \setminus \mathcal{V}) \cong \text{Ker}(\phi'_* : \pi_1(S^n(C) \setminus V) \rightarrow \pi_1(\text{Pic}^n(C))). \quad (2.2)$$

**Claim 1** For all  $L \in \text{Pic}^n(C)$ , the hypersurface  $\check{C}_L$  is reduced of constant degree  $2(n+g-1)$ .

To prove this claim, we choose a linear subspace  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g-3}$  in  $(\mathbb{P}(L))$  of codimension 3 which is in general position with respect to  $C_L$ . Consider the projection  $pr$  of  $C_L$  to  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with the center being this  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g-3}$ . We fix a general point on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and take the pencil  $\mathcal{P}$  of lines passing through this point. This pencil  $\mathcal{P}$  yields a line in  $\mathbb{P}(L)$  whose point corresponds to a hyperplane of  $(\mathbb{P}(L))$  spanned by the  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g-3}$  and a member of  $\mathcal{P}$ . The intersection points of this line with  $\check{C}_L$  correspond to the lines in  $\mathcal{P}$  which are tangent to the image  $pr(C_L)$  of  $C_L$  by the projection. Therefore the degree of  $\check{C}_L$  is equal with the degree of the dual curve of  $pr(C_L)$ . Since  $n \geq 2g+1$ ,  $C_L$  is non-singular. Since  $pr$  is a general projection,  $pr(C_L)$  is a curve of degree  $n$  with nodes as its only singularities. The number of nodes is  $(n-1)(n-2)/2 - g$ . Thus, by Plücker formula, its dual is of degree  $2(n+g-1)$ .

Now the holomorphic map  $\tilde{\phi} : \Sigma^n(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^g$  is a fiber bundle with fibers isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g}$ . Therefore, there exists a global trivialization

$$\Sigma^n(C) \cong \mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times \mathbb{C}^g \quad (2.3)$$

over  $\mathbb{C}^g$ . We fix this analytic isomorphism once and for all. Let  $\mathcal{W}$  be the analytic divisor of  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times \mathbb{C}^g$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{V}$  via this isomorphism. For a point  $\lambda$  of  $\mathbb{C}^g$ , we denote by  $W(\lambda)$  the intersection of  $\mathcal{W}$  with  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times \{\lambda\}$ , and consider it as a hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g}$ . It is obvious that  $W(\lambda)$  is projectively isomorphic to  $\check{C}_{u(\lambda)}$ .

Now we shall prove that, for a general  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^g$ , the inclusion induces an isomorphism

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \setminus W(\lambda)) \cong \pi_1((\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times \mathbb{C}^g) \setminus \mathcal{W}). \quad (2.4)$$

This isomorphism, combined with (2.2), gives us the hoped-for isomorphism.

The proof of the isomorphism (2.4) is quite similar to the proof of [Sh, Theorem 1]. The reason why we cannot apply [Sh, Theorem 1] to our situation is that the divisor  $\mathcal{W}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times \mathbb{C}^g$  is not algebraic but only analytic. Hence we need to modify some parts of the proof in [Sh].

To be compatible with the notation of [Sh], we denote by  $A$  the affine space  $\mathbb{C}^g$ , and by  $p$  the projection from  $(\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times A) \setminus \mathcal{W}$  to  $A$ . As in [Sh, p.518], we construct the following data;

- a closed real semi-analytic subset  $\Omega \subset A$  of real codimension  $\geq 3$ ,
- a sequence of classically open subsets  $U_1 \subset U_2 \subset \dots$  such that  $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i = A \setminus \Omega$ , and
- sections  $s_i : U_i \rightarrow p^{-1}(U_i)$  of  $p$  over  $U_i$ .

For a point  $a \in A$  and a closed subset  $\Gamma \subset A$ , we use the symbols  $R_a(\Gamma) \subset A$  and  $\tilde{R}_a(\Gamma) \subset S_a$  in the same meaning as in [Sh, p.519]. Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a closed analytic subset of complex codimension  $\geq c$  in  $A$ . Then  $R_a(\Gamma)$  is a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 2c - 1$  in  $A$ , while  $\tilde{R}_a(\Gamma)$  may fail even to be closed in the  $(2g - 1)$ -sphere  $S_a$ , and this latter is the main reason why we have to rewrite the proof in [Sh, §2].

For a positive real number  $r$  and a point  $b \in A$ , we denote by  $\Gamma\langle b, r \rangle$  the intersection of  $\Gamma$  with the closed ball of radius  $r$  with the center  $b$ . Then  $\tilde{R}_a(\Gamma\langle b, r \rangle)$  is a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 2c - 1$  in  $S_a$  for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  and  $b \in A$ .

Since the projection  $S^n(C) \setminus V \rightarrow \text{Pic}^n(C)$  is algebraic, there exists a Zariski closed subset  $\Delta \subset \text{Pic}^n(C)$  of codimension 1 such that  $S^n(C) \setminus V \rightarrow \text{Pic}^n(C)$  is locally trivial (in the category of differentiable manifolds) over  $\text{Pic}^n(C) \setminus \Delta$ . Let  $D \subset A$  be the pull-back of  $\Delta$  by the universal covering  $u : A \rightarrow \text{Pic}^n(C)$ . For a line  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{P}^{n-g}$  and a point  $x \in \Lambda$ , we put

$$\begin{aligned} D_\Lambda &:= \{\lambda \in A; \Lambda \text{ does not intersect } W(\lambda) \text{ transversely}\}, \\ D_x &:= \{\lambda \in A; x \in W(\lambda)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then both of  $D_\Lambda$  and  $D_x$  are closed analytic subsets of  $A$  of codimension 1 or possibly 0. We shall prove the following:

**Claim 2** *If  $x, \Lambda$  and a point  $o \in A$  are chosen appropriately, then  $R_o(D) \cap R_o(D_\Lambda) \cap R_o(D_x)$  is a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 3$  in  $A$ .*

After proving this claim, we can construct the hoped-for data by applying the argument in [Sh, p.521-522] verbatim.

*Proof of Claim 2.* It is enough to prove that, if  $x, \Lambda$  and  $o$  are chosen appropriately, then  $\tilde{R}_o(D\langle o, r \rangle) \cap \tilde{R}_o(D_\Lambda\langle o, r \rangle) \cap \tilde{R}_o(D_x\langle o, r \rangle)$  is a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 3$  in  $S_o$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .

The number of the irreducible components of  $D$  is at most countable. Let  $D_1, D_2, \dots$  be the irreducible components of  $D$ , and let  $\lambda_i$  be a point on  $D_i$ . By Baire's category theorem,  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \setminus (\cup_i W(\lambda_i))$  is non-empty. Let  $y$  be a point of  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \setminus (\cup_i W(\lambda_i))$ , and put

$$G_y := \{\Lambda \in \text{Grass}(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{P}^{n-g}); y \in \Lambda\}.$$

Since  $\lambda_i \notin D_y$ ,  $D_y$  is a closed analytic subset of codimension 1 in  $A$ .

The number of the irreducible components of  $D_y$  is at most countable. Let  $D_{y,1}, D_{y,2}, \dots$  be the irreducible components of  $D_y$ , and let  $\lambda_{y,j}$  be a point of  $D_{y,j}$ . We put

$$\Gamma_{y,j} := \{\Lambda \in G_y; \Lambda \subset W(\lambda_{y,j})\}.$$

Then  $\Gamma_{y,j}$  is a Zariski closed subset of codimension  $\geq 1$  in  $G_y$ . We also put

$$\Gamma_i := \{\Lambda \in G_y; \Lambda \text{ does not intersect } W(\lambda_i) \text{ transversely}\}.$$

Since  $y \notin W(\lambda_i)$  and  $W(\lambda_i)$  is reduced by Claim 1,  $\Gamma_i$  is a Zariski closed subset of codimension  $\geq 1$  in  $G_y$ . Hence, by Baire's theorem again, the set

$$G_y \setminus \left( \bigcup_i \Gamma_i \cup \bigcup_j \Gamma_{y,j} \right)$$

is non-empty. We choose a line  $\Lambda$  from this set. By the definition of  $\Gamma_i$ ,  $D_\Lambda$  does not contain  $\lambda_i$  for any  $i$ . Hence  $D_\Lambda \cap D$  is of codimension  $\geq 2$  in  $A$ . By the definition of  $\Gamma_{y,j}$ ,  $\Lambda \cap W(\lambda_{y,j})$  consists of finite number of points for all  $j$ . Hence there exists a point  $z$  on  $\Lambda \setminus (\cup_j W(\lambda_{y,j}))$ . Then  $D_z$  does not contain  $\lambda_{y,j}$  for any  $j$ . Hence  $D_z \cap D_y$  is a closed analytic subset of codimension  $\geq 2$  in  $A$ . This implies that

$$\Xi_\Lambda := \{\lambda \in A; \Lambda \subset W(\lambda)\}$$

is contained in a closed analytic subset of codimension  $\geq 2$  in  $A$ .

Since  $D_\Lambda \cap D$  is of codimension  $\geq 1$  in  $D$ , there exists a set  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$  of countably many points on  $D \setminus D_\Lambda$  which is dense in  $D$ . Let  $E_\nu(\tau)$  be the union of all affine lines in  $A$  passing through  $a_\nu$  and intersecting  $D_\Lambda(a_\nu, \tau)$ . Let  $E_\nu$  be the union  $\cup_{r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}} E_\nu(\tau)$ . Each  $E_\nu(\tau)$  is a closed subset of  $A$  which is real semi-analytic of real codimension  $\geq 1$ . Hence, by Baire's theorem again, we have

$$A \setminus \cup_\nu E_\nu = A \setminus \cup_\nu (\cup_{n=1}^\infty E_\nu(n)) \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $o$  be a point of  $A \setminus \cup_\nu E_\nu$ . Then  $\tilde{R}_o(D(o, \tau)) \cap \tilde{R}_o(D_\Lambda(o, \tau))$  is a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 2$  in  $S_o$  for all  $\tau$ , because  $\tilde{R}_o(D_\Lambda(o, \tau))$  does not contain the image of  $a_\nu$  by the projection  $\omega : A \setminus \{o\} \rightarrow S_o$ , and the set  $\{\omega(a_\nu); a_\nu \in D(o, \tau)\}$  is dense in  $\tilde{R}_o(D(o, \tau))$ .

Let  $\tilde{R}_o(D, D_\Lambda, \tau)$  be the union of the irreducible components of  $\tilde{R}_o(D, D_\Lambda, \tau)$  which are of real codimension 2 in  $S_o$ . Recall that  $\Xi_\Lambda$  is contained in a closed analytic subset of codimension  $\geq 2$  in  $A$ . Hence  $\tilde{R}_o(\Xi_\Lambda(o, \tau))$  is contained in a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 3$  in  $S_o$ . Thus there exists a set  $\{b_1, b_2, \dots\}$  of countably many points of  $\tilde{R}_o(D, D_\Lambda, \tau) \setminus \tilde{R}_o(\Xi(o, \tau))$  which is dense in  $\tilde{R}_o(D, D_\Lambda, \tau)$ . Let  $\sigma_\mu$  be the real semi-line in  $A$  passing through  $o$  and  $b_\mu$  with the end-point  $o$ . Then the intersection

$$\Lambda \cap (\cup_{\lambda \in \sigma_\mu(o, t)} W(\lambda))$$

is a closed real semi-analytic subset of  $\Lambda$  of real codimension  $\geq 1$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Hence  $\Lambda \setminus \cup_\mu (\cup_{\lambda \in \sigma_\mu} W(\lambda))$  is a non-empty set, from which we choose a point  $x$ . Then  $\tilde{R}_o(D_x)$  contains none of  $b_\mu$ . This implies that  $\tilde{R}_o(D(o, \tau)) \cap \tilde{R}_o(D_\Lambda(o, \tau)) \cap \tilde{R}_o(D_x(o, \tau))$  is a closed real semi-analytic subset of real codimension  $\geq 3$ .  $\square$

Thus the construction of the hoped-for data is completed.

The projection  $(\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times A) \setminus \mathcal{W} \rightarrow A$  is locally trivial (in the category of differentiable manifolds) over  $A \setminus D$ . Moreover, when we are given a continuous map  $f_0 : I^2 \rightarrow A$  such that  $f_0(\partial I^2) \cap D = \emptyset$ , then we can perturb  $f_0$  to  $f_\epsilon : I^2 \rightarrow A$  homotopically relative to  $\partial I^2$  so that  $f_\epsilon^{-1}(f_\epsilon(I^2) \cap D)$  consists of finitely many points in  $I^2$ .

Now we can apply the argument in the first paragraph of [Sh, p.519], and follow the proof of [Sh, Corollary] to obtain the isomorphism (2.4). The assumption (C.1) in [Sh, Corollary] follows from Claim 1. The assumption (S) in [Sh, p.511] follows from the above construction. The assumptions (2.1), (2.2) and (3.1) in [Sh, Theorems 2 and 3] hold obviously. The assumption (3.2) in [Sh, Theorem 3] does not hold in our case, at least literally, because we have left the category of algebraic varieties when we take the universal covering of  $\text{Pic}^n(C)$ . This assumption, however, is used only in [Sh, §1.3]. All we have to do is to replace  $\mathbb{P}^M$  in [Sh, p.517] by the first factor  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g}$  of the product  $\mathbb{P}^{n-g} \times \mathbb{C}^g$ , and to replace Zariski open subsets of  $B$  by classically open subsets of  $B$ .  $\square$

### 3 The braid groups $B(g, n)$

Consider the braid group  $B(g, n)$  of  $n$  strings on a surface  $S_g$  of genus  $g$ . We shall assume that  $n \geq 2g + 1$ . The presentation of  $B(g, n)$  was obtained in [Sc]. The sets of generators and defining relations of the presentation in [Sc] (after correction misprints) can be reduced to the following presentation of  $B(g, n)$ . The generators of  $B(g, n)$  are

$$\rho_{i,j}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq 2g; \\ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}.$$

The set of defining relations consists of

$$[\rho_{i,j}, \rho_{k,l}] = 1, \quad i < k, j < l, (j, l) \neq (2t-1, 2t); \quad (1)$$

$$[\rho_{i,j}, \sigma_k] = 1, \quad i \neq k \text{ nor } k-1; \quad (2)$$

$$\rho_{k,j} = \sigma_k \rho_{k+1,j} \sigma_k^{-1}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1; \quad (3)$$

$$(\rho_{i,j} \sigma_i^{-1})^2 = (\sigma_i^{-1} \rho_{i,j})^2, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq 2g; \quad (4)$$

$$[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 1, \quad |i-j| \neq 1; \quad (5)$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-2; \quad (6)$$

$$[(\sigma_i \rho_{j,2i} \sigma_i^{-1}), \rho_{j,2i-1}^{-1}] = \sigma_i^2, \quad j = i, \text{ or } i+1; \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_{n-2} \sigma_{n-1}^2 \sigma_{n-2} \cdots \sigma_1 = [\rho_{1,1}, \rho_{1,2}^{-1}] [\rho_{1,3}, \rho_{1,4}^{-1}] \cdots [\rho_{1,2g-1}, \rho_{1,2g}^{-1}]. \quad (8)$$

Note that we read all words contained in the presentation given in [Sc] from right to left and write down them from left to right.

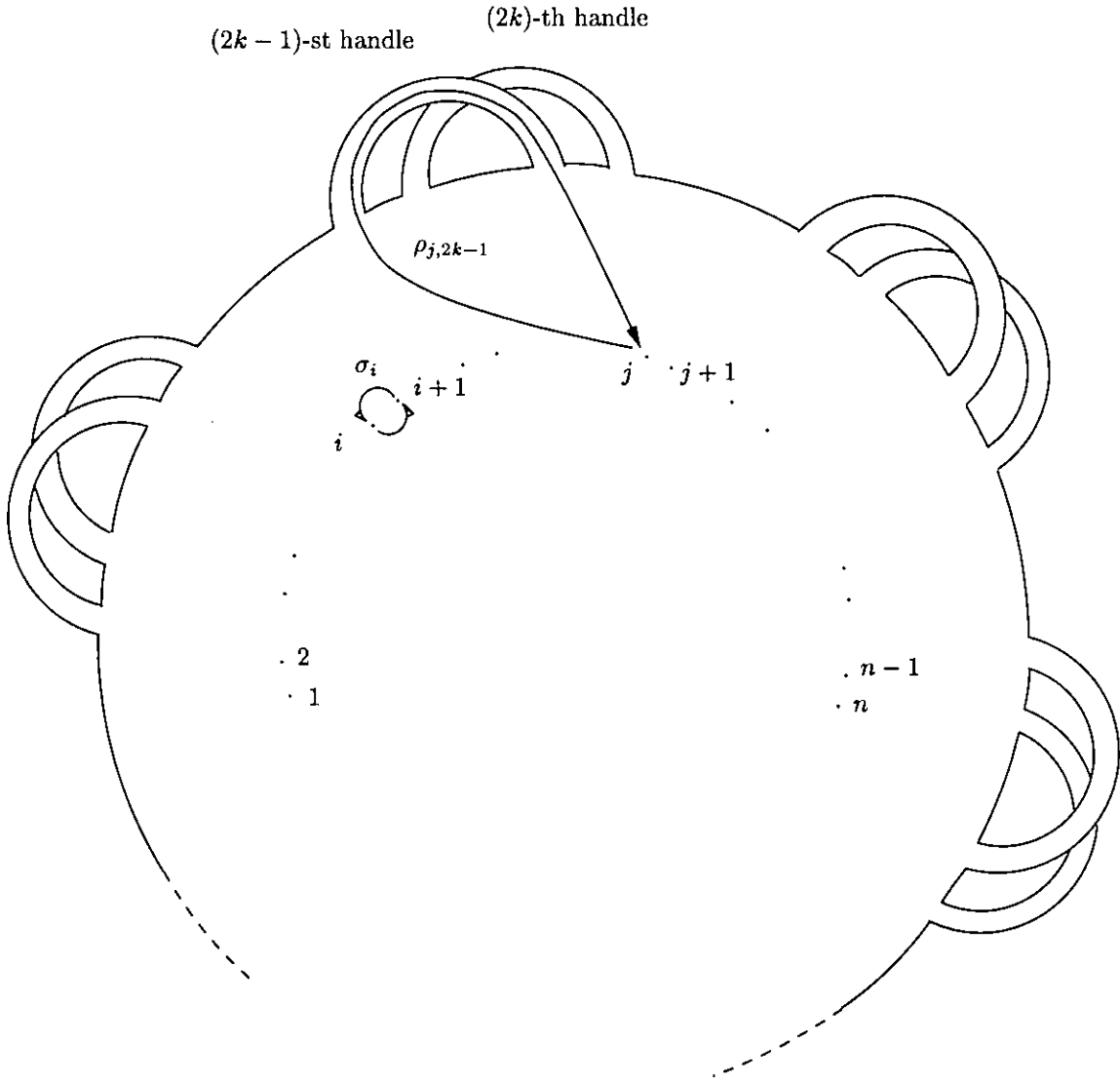


Figure 1

The generators  $\rho_{i,j}$  and  $\sigma_k$  have the following geometrical meaning:  $S_g$  minus a 2-disc can be thought as a 2-disc  $\Delta$  union  $2g$  untwisted 1-handles. For each  $r$  the  $(2r-1)$ st and  $(2r)$ th handles are linked and no other pair of handles is linked. We number the handles reading from left to right. We shall assume that  $n$  fixed points



lie on a circle which is the boundary of a smaller disc in  $\Delta$ . We choose one of these points, say  $x$ , and number them (starting from  $x$ ) consecutively moving along the circle in clockwise direction. The elements  $\rho_{j,k}$  and  $\sigma_i$  are drawn in Figure 1.

**Lemma 1** Put

$$\sigma_n = \sigma_0 = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{n-2} \sigma_{n-1} \sigma_{n-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_1^{-1}. \quad (9)$$

and define  $\sigma_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  assuming  $\sigma_k = \sigma_{n+k}$ . Let

$$A_k = \sigma_k \sigma_{k+1} \cdots \sigma_{k+n-3} \sigma_{k+n-2}^2 \sigma_{k+n-3} \cdots \sigma_k. \quad (10)$$

Then the following relations

$$\sigma_n \sigma_1 \sigma_n = \sigma_1 \sigma_n \sigma_1; \quad (11)$$

$$\sigma_{n-1} \sigma_n \sigma_{n-1} = \sigma_n \sigma_{n-1} \sigma_n; \quad (12)$$

$$\sigma_n \sigma_k = \sigma_k \sigma_n, \quad 2 \leq k \leq n-2; \quad (13)$$

$$A_{k+1} = \sigma_k A_k \sigma_k^{-1}, \quad k \in \mathbf{Z}; \quad (14)$$

$$A_k \sigma_l = \sigma_l A_k, \quad l \neq k \text{ nor } k-1 \pmod{n} \quad (15)$$

are consequences of (5) and (6).

*Proof* follows from the same assertion for the braid group of  $n$  strings on a disc.  $\square$

**Lemma 2** The presentation (1) - (8) of  $B(g, n)$  is equivalent to the following presentation. The generators of  $B(g, n)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_{1,1}, \rho_{1,2}, \rho_{3,3}, \rho_{3,4}, \dots, \rho_{2g-1,2g-1}, \rho_{2g-1,2g}, \\ & \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The set of defining relations consists of

$$[\rho_{i,*}, \rho_{j,*}] = 1, \quad i \neq j; \quad (16)$$

$$[\rho_{i,*}, \sigma_j] = 1, \quad j \neq i \text{ nor } i-1; \quad (17)$$

$$[(\sigma_{i-1} \rho_{i,*} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1}), \sigma_i] = 1, \quad i = 1, 3, \dots, 2g-1; \quad (18)$$

$$(\rho_{2i-1,j} \sigma_{2i-1}^{-1})^2 (\sigma_{2i-1}^{-1} \rho_{2i-1,j})^{-2} = 1, \quad j = 2i-1 \text{ or } 2i; \quad (19)$$

$$[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 1, \quad |i-j| \neq 1; \quad (20)$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-2; \quad (21)$$

$$[(\sigma_j \rho_{2i+1,2i} \sigma_j^{-1}), \rho_{2i+1,2i-1}^{-1}] \sigma_j^{-2} = 1, \quad j = 2i \text{ or } 2i+1; \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_{n-2} \sigma_{n-1}^2 \sigma_{n-2} \cdots \sigma_{2g-1} [\rho_{2g-1,2g-1}, \rho_{2g-1,2g}^{-1}]^{-1} \sigma_{2g-2} \sigma_{2g-3} \cdots \\ & \cdot [\rho_{2g-3,2g-3}, \rho_{2g-3,2g-2}^{-1}]^{-1} \cdots \sigma_4 \sigma_3 [\rho_{3,3}, \rho_{3,4}^{-1}]^{-1} \sigma_2 \sigma_1 [\rho_{1,1}, \rho_{1,2}^{-1}]^{-1} = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

*Proof.* To obtain relations (1) - (8), we define  $\rho_{i,l}$  by induction using (3). After that, to verify relations (2), we need to show by induction that if relations (17), (18) hold for  $\rho_{i,l}$ , then the similar relations also hold for  $\rho_{i\pm 1,l}$ . The checking is the following.

$$[\rho_{i-1,l}, \sigma_j] = [\sigma_{i-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1}, \sigma_j] = 1$$

for  $j \neq i-2$  nor  $i-1$  by assumption of induction and by (20).

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\sigma_{i-2} \rho_{i-1,l} \sigma_{i-2}^{-1}), \sigma_{i-1}] = [(\sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-2}^{-1}), \sigma_{i-1}] = \\ & \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-2}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-2}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1} = \\ & \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-2}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-2}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1} = \\ & \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-2} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} = \\ & \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_{i-2} \rho_{i,l} \rho_{i,l} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} = \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

The detailed check of the remaining relations is left to the reader.  $\square$

Denote  $c_{2i} = \sigma_{2i+1}^{-1} \sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq g-1$ .

**Lemma 3** *The group  $B(g, n)$  is generated by*

$$\rho_{1,1}, \rho_{1,2}, \rho_{3,3}, \rho_{3,4}, \dots, \rho_{2g-1,2g-1}, \rho_{2g-1,2g}, \quad (24)$$

$$\sigma_1, c_2, \sigma_3, c_4 \dots, \sigma_{2g-3}, c_{2g-2}, \sigma_{2g-1}, \sigma_{2g}, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}. \quad (25)$$

*The set of defining relations consists of*

$$R_{1,i,j} := [\rho_{i,*}, \rho_{j,*}] = 1, \quad i \neq j; \quad (26)$$

$$R_{2,i,j} := [\rho_{i,*}, \sigma_j] = 1, \quad i \neq j; \quad (27)$$

$$R_{3,i,j} := [\rho_{2i+1,*}, c_{2j}] = 1, \quad 0 \leq i \leq g-1, 1 \leq j \leq g-1; \quad (28)$$

$$R_{4,i,i} := (\rho_{2i-1,*} \sigma_{2i-1}^{-1})^2 (\sigma_{2i-1}^{-1} \rho_{2i-1,*})^{-2} = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq g; \quad (29)$$

$$R_{5,i,j} := [\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 1, \quad |i-j| \neq 1; \quad (30)$$

$$R_{5,2j,2j-2} := [c_{2j}, (c_{2j-2}^{-1} \sigma_{2j-1} c_{2j-2})] = 1; \quad (31)$$

$$R_{6,i,j} := [\sigma_i, c_j] = 1, \quad i \neq j \pm 1; \quad (32)$$

$$R_{7,2g,2g-2} := [\sigma_{2g}, (c_{2g-2}^{-1} \sigma_{2g-1} c_{2g-2})] = 1; \quad (33)$$

$$R_{8,i,j} := [c_{2i}, c_{2j}] = 1, \quad |i-j| \neq 1; \quad (34)$$

$$R_{9,i,i} := \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-2; \quad (35)$$

$$R_{10,i,i} := c_{2i} c_{2i+2} c_{2i} c_{2i+2}^{-1} c_{2i}^{-1} c_{2i+2}^{-1} = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq g-2; \quad (36)$$

$$R_{11,i,i} := c_{2i} \sigma_{2i \pm 1} c_{2i} \sigma_{2i \pm 1}^{-1} c_{2i}^{-1} \sigma_{2i \pm 1}^{-1} = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq g-1; \quad (37)$$

$$R_{12,i,j} := [(\sigma_{2i-1} \rho_{2i-1,2i} \sigma_{2i-1}^{-1}), \rho_{2i-1,2i-1}^{-1}] \sigma_{2i-1}^{-2} = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq g; \quad (38)$$

$$R_{13} := c_2 c_4 \dots c_{2g-2} \sigma_{2g} \sigma_{2g+1} \dots \sigma_{n-2} \sigma_{n-1}^2 \sigma_{n-2} \dots \sigma_{2g} \cdot (\sigma_{2g-1} [\cdot]_{2g-1}^{-1} \sigma_{2g-1}) c_{2g-2} \dots (\sigma_3 [\cdot]_3^{-1} \sigma_3) c_2 (\sigma_1 [\cdot]_1^{-1} \sigma_1) = 1, \quad (39)$$

where  $[\cdot]_{2i-1} = [\rho_{2i-1,2i-1}, \rho_{2i-1,2i}^{-1}]$ .

*Proof.* The elements  $\sigma_{2i}$  can be expressed through  $\sigma_{2i+1}$  and  $c_{2i}$ :

$$\sigma_{2i} = \sigma_{2i+1} c_{2i} \sigma_{2i+1}^{-1}.$$

Since  $\sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i+1} \sigma_{2i} = \sigma_{2i+1} \sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i+1}$ , it is easy to check that

$$c_{2i} \sigma_{2i+1} c_{2i} = \sigma_{2i+1} c_{2i} \sigma_{2i+1} \quad (40)$$

and

$$\sigma_{2i} = c_{2j} \sigma_{2i+1} c_{2i}^{-1}. \quad (41)$$

If we substitute these expressions into (16) - (23), then we obtain relations (26) - (39). For example, relations (18) (applying (21) and (17)) gives rise to (28). In fact, for  $j = i$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j} \rho_{2j+1,*} \sigma_{2j}^{-1} &= \sigma_{2j} \rho_{2j+1,*} \sigma_{2j}^{-1} \sigma_{2j+1} \Rightarrow \\ \sigma_{2j}^{-1} \sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j} \rho_{2j+1,*} &= \rho_{2j+1,*} \sigma_{2j}^{-1} \sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j} \Rightarrow \\ \sigma_{2j}^{-1} (\sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j} \sigma_{2j+1}) \sigma_{2j+1}^{-1} \rho_{2j+1,*} &= \rho_{2j+1,*} \sigma_{2j}^{-1} (\sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j} \sigma_{2j+1}) \sigma_{2j+1}^{-1} \Rightarrow \text{(by (21))} \\ \sigma_{2j}^{-1} (\sigma_{2j} \sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j}) \sigma_{2j+1}^{-1} \rho_{2j+1,*} &= \rho_{2j+1,*} \sigma_{2j}^{-1} (\sigma_{2j} \sigma_{2j+1} \sigma_{2j}) \sigma_{2j+1}^{-1} \Rightarrow \\ c_{2j} \rho_{2j+1,*} &= \rho_{2j+1,*} c_{2j}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $j \neq i$ , then (28) is a consequence of (18), since  $\sigma_{2j}$  and  $\sigma_{2j+1}$  are commutative with  $\rho_{2i+1,*}$ .

Conversely, if we substitute  $\sigma_{2i-1}^{-1} \sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i-1}$  in (26) - (39) instead of  $c_{2i}$  we obtain relations (16) - (23). The details are left to the reader.  $\square$

For the presentation of  $B(g, n)$  given in Lemma 3, the following elements will be called the additional generators:  $\sigma_{2i}$  defined by (41),  $1 \leq i \leq g-1$ ;  $\sigma_n$  defined by (9);  $A_k$  defined by (10);  $\rho_{i,j}$  recurrently defined

by (3),  $(i, j) \neq (2t-1, 2t-1)$  nor  $(2t-1, 2t)$ ;  $B_{i,j} = [\rho_{i,2j-1}, \rho_{i,2j}]$ ; and  $c_0 = \sigma_1^{-1} \sigma_n \sigma_1$ . It is easy to check that the following relations hold.

$$\sigma_n = c_0 \sigma_1 c_0^{-1}; \quad (42)$$

$$c_0 \sigma_1 c_0 = \sigma_1 c_0 \sigma_1; \quad (43)$$

$$c_0 \sigma_n c_0 = \sigma_n c_0 \sigma_n; \quad (44)$$

$$[\sigma_j, c_0] = 1, \quad 2 \leq j \leq n-1; \quad (45)$$

$$[\rho_{2j-1,*}, c_0] = 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g; \quad (46)$$

$$[B_{2i-1,j}, c_{2k}] = 1, \quad \text{for all } i, j, k; \quad (47)$$

$$[B_{i,j}, \sigma_k] = 1, \quad i \neq k \text{ nor } k-1; \quad (48)$$

$$B_{k,j} = \sigma_k B_{k+1,j} \sigma_k^{-1}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1; \quad (49)$$

The following lemma is a corollary from Lemmas 1 - 3.

**Lemma 4** *Relations (2), (11) - (15), (42) - (49) are consequences of (27), (28), (30) - (37), (39).*

Denote relations (2), (11) - (15), (42) - (49), respectively, by  $\tilde{R}_1, \dots, \tilde{R}_{15}$ .

## 4 Proof of Theorem 2

In the sequel we use presentation (24) - (39) of  $B(g, n)$ . Consider the homomorphism

$$\alpha: B(g, n) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^{2g}$$

sending  $\rho_{2i-1,j}$  to  $\bar{1}_j = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , where 1 is in  $j$ th place, and sending all  $\sigma_i$  and  $c_{2j}$  to zero. Obviously,  $\alpha \simeq \phi'_*$ . Denote by  $G = G_{g,n}$  the kernel of  $\alpha$ . Put  $\rho_j = \rho_{2i-1,j}$ , where  $\rho_{2i-1,j}$  are the generators of  $B(g, n)$  from presentation (24) - (39).

By Reidemeister - Schreier Theorem [R], [Sch], the following elements are generators of  $G$  :

$$a_{k,I} = (\rho^I) \rho_k (\rho^{I+1_k})^{-1}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq 2g; \quad (50)$$

$$c_{2j,\bar{I}} = (\rho^I) c_{2j} (\rho^I)^{-1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g-1; \quad (51)$$

$$g_{l,I} = (\rho^I) \sigma_l (\rho^I)^{-1}, \quad l = 1, 3, \dots, 2g-1, 2g, \dots, n-1, \quad (52)$$

where  $\bar{I} = (i_1, \dots, i_{2g})$  and

$$\rho^{\bar{I}} = \rho_1^{i_1} \dots \rho_{2g}^{i_{2g}}.$$

The defining relations of  $G$  are

$$R_{k,i,j}^{\bar{I}} = (\rho^{\bar{I}}) R_{k,i,j} (\rho^{\bar{I}})^{-1}, \quad k = 1, \dots, 13, \quad (53)$$

where each  $R_{k,i,j}^{\bar{I}}$  is written as a word in the generators  $a_*$ ,  $c_*$  and  $g_*$ .

**Remark 1** *If a relation  $R$  is a consequence of relations  $R_1 \dots, R_k$ , then for fixed  $\bar{I}$  the relation  $R^{\bar{I}}$  is a consequence of the relations  $R_1^{\bar{I}} \dots, R_k^{\bar{I}}$ .*

Decrease the number of generators of  $G$ . It follows from (26) that

$$a_{2j,I} = 1 \quad (54)$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq g$  and all  $\bar{I}$ . Similarly,

$$a_{2j-1, i_1, \dots, i_{2j-1}, 0, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g}} = 1 \quad (55)$$

for all sets of integers  $(i_1, \dots, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g})$ .

Relations (26) give rise to

$$a_{2j-1, I} a_{2l, I+\bar{1}_{2j-1}} a_{2j-1, \bar{I}+\bar{1}_{2l}}^{-1} a_{2l, I}^{-1} = 1, \quad j \neq l, \quad (56)$$

and

$$a_{2l-1, \bar{I}} a_{2j-1, \bar{I}+\bar{1}_{2l-1}} a_{2l-1, I+\bar{1}_{2j-1}}^{-1} a_{2j-1, I}^{-1} = 1, \quad j \neq l. \quad (57)$$

It follows from (54) - (57) that

$$a_{2j-1, i_1, \dots, i_{2j-2}, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g}} = a_{2j-1, 0, \dots, 0, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}, 0, \dots, 0} = a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}, \quad (58)$$

that is,  $a_{2j-1, i_1, \dots, i_{2j-2}, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g}}$  does not depend on  $i_1, \dots, i_{2j-2}, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g}$ . In particular, by (55),

$$a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 0} = 1. \quad (59)$$

Similarly, it follows from (27) and (28) that

$$g_{2j-1, i_1, \dots, i_{2j-2}, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g}} = g_{2j-1, 0, \dots, 0, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}, 0, \dots, 0} = g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}, \quad j \leq g; \quad (60)$$

$$g_{j, i_1, \dots, i_{2g}} = g_{j, 0, \dots, 0} = g_j, \quad j \geq 2g; \quad (61)$$

$$c_{2j, i_1, \dots, i_{2g}} = c_{2j, 0, \dots, 0} = c_{2j}, \quad (62)$$

that is,  $g_j, i_1, \dots, i_{2g}$ ,  $j \geq 2g$ , and  $c_{2j, i_1, \dots, i_{2g}}$  do not depend on  $i_1, \dots, i_{2g}$ .

Similarly, it follows from (46) that the generators  $c_{0, I}$  corresponding to the additional generator  $c_0$  do not depend on  $\bar{I}$ , that is,  $c_{0, I} = c_0$ . By (41), the generators  $g_{2j, I}$  corresponding to the additional generator  $\sigma_{2j}$ :

$$g_{2j, I} = c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j}^{-1} \quad (63)$$

do not depend on  $i_1, \dots, i_{2j-2}, i_{2j+1}, \dots, i_{2g}$ , and it follows from (42) that the generators  $g_{n, I}$  corresponding to the additional generator  $\sigma_n$ :

$$g_{n, I} = c_0 g_{i_1, i_2} c_0^{-1} \quad (64)$$

do not depend on  $i_3, \dots, i_{2g}$ .

Denote by  $A_{k, I}$ ,  $\rho_{j, k, I}$ , and  $B_{j, k, I}$  the generators corresponding respectively to the additional generators  $A_k$ ,  $\rho_{j, k}$ , and  $B_{j, k}$ . The relations defining  $B_{j, k}$  give rise to the relations

$$B_{j, k, I} = \rho_{j, 2k-1, \bar{I}} \rho_{j, 2k, I+\bar{1}_{2k-1}}^{-1} \rho_{j, 2k-1, I+\bar{1}_{2k}}^{-1} \rho_{j, 2k, I}^{-1}$$

in particular,

$$B_{2k-1, k, I} = a_{2k-1, i_{2k-1}, i_{2k}} a_{2k-1, i_{2k-1}, i_{2k-1}}^{-1}, \quad (65)$$

and relations (47) and (48) yield the following relations

$$[B_{l, j, I}, c_{k, I}] = 1, \quad \text{for all } l, j, k; \quad (66)$$

$$[B_{l, j, I}, \sigma_{k, I}] = 1, \quad l \neq k \text{ nor } k-1. \quad (67)$$

Let us write down relations (53).

$$R_{1, j, l}^I := [a_{2j-1, *}, a_{2l-1, *}] = 1, \quad j \neq l; \quad (68)$$

$$R_{2, j, l}^I := [a_{2j-1, *}, g_{2l-1, *}] = 1, \quad j \neq l; \quad (69)$$

$$R_{2, j, l}^I := [a_{2j-1, *}, g_l] = 1, \quad l \geq 2g; \quad (70)$$

$$R_{3, j, l}^I := [a_{2j-1, *}, c_{2l}] = 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g, \quad 1 \leq l \leq g-1; \quad (71)$$

$$R_{4, 2j-1, 2j-1}^I := a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, i_{2j}}^{-1} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, i_{2j}} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+2, i_{2j}}^{-1} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, i_{2j}}^{-1} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} = 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g; \quad (72)$$

$$R_{4,2j-1,2j}^I := g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1}^{-1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+2}^{-1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}} = 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g; \quad (73)$$

$$R_{5,i,j}^I := [g_i, g_j] = 1, \quad |i-j| \neq 1, i, j \geq 2g; \quad (74)$$

$$R_{5,j,l}^I := [g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}, g_{2l-1,i_{2l-1},i_{2l}}] = 1, \quad l \neq j; \quad (75)$$

$$R_{5,2g-1,j}^I := [g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}}, g_j] = 1, \quad j > 2g; \quad (76)$$

$$R_{5,2j,2j-2}^I := [c_{2j}, (c_{2j-2}^{-1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}} c_{2j-2})] = 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g-1; \quad (77)$$

$$R_{6,j,l}^I := [g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}, c_{2l}] = 1, \quad j \neq l \text{ and } j \neq l+1; \quad (78)$$

$$R_{7,2g,2g-2}^I := [g_{2g}, (c_{2g-2}^{-1} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}} c_{2g-2})] = 1; \quad (79)$$

$$R_{8,i,j}^I := [c_{2i}, c_{2j}] = 1, \quad |i-j| \neq 1; \quad (80)$$

$$R_{9,j,j}^I := g_j g_{j+1} g_j = g_{j+1} g_j g_{j+1}, \quad 2g \leq j \leq n-2; \quad (81)$$

$$R_{9,2g-1,2g}^I := g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}} g_{2g} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}} = g_{2g} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}} g_{2g}; \quad (82)$$

$$R_{10,i,i}^I := c_{2i} c_{2i+2} c_{2i} = c_{2i+2} c_{2i} c_{2i+2}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq g-2; \quad (83)$$

$$R_{11,j,j}^I := c_{2j} g_{2j \pm 1, i_{2j \pm 1}, i_{2j \pm 1} + 1} c_{2j} = g_{2j \pm 1, i_{2j \pm 1}, i_{2j \pm 1} + 1} c_{2j} g_{2j \pm 1, i_{2j \pm 1}, i_{2j \pm 1} + 1}, \quad j \leq g-1; \quad (84)$$

$$R_{11,g,g}^I := c_{2g-2} g_{2g} c_{2g-2} = g_{2g} c_{2g-2} g_{2g}; \quad (85)$$

$$R_{12,j,1}^I := a_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1} = g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}^{-1} a_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1}^{-1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}^{-1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}^{-1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1}; \quad (86)$$

$$R_{13}^I := c_2 c_4 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} g_{2g+1} \cdots g_{n-2} g_{n-1}^{-1} g_{n-2} \cdots g_{2g} \cdot (g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}} (a_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}} a_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}}^{-1})^{-1} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},i_{2g}}) c_{2g-2} \cdots \cdots (g_3, i_3, i_4 (a_3, i_3, i_4 a_3^{-1}, i_4 - 1)^{-1} g_3, i_3, i_4) c_2 (g_1, i_1, i_2 (a_1, i_1, i_2 a_1^{-1}, i_2 - 1)^{-1} g_1, i_1, i_2) = 1. \quad (87)$$

Each relation depends on at most two parameters and the set of relations is similar to the relations in [Z] in the case  $g = 1$ . Now we shall show how to obtain a finite presentation of  $G$  using the arguments of [Z].

Relations (73) imply that  $g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}$  is independent of  $i_{2j}$ . Let for brevity,

$$g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}+1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}} = s_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}}. \quad (88)$$

The recurrence relations (86) allow us to express all  $a_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}$ 's in terms of the  $g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}$ 's, since  $a_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},0} = 0$  by (55). We obtain

$$a_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}} = g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},0} s_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}}^{-i_{2j}}. \quad (89)$$

Substituting these expressions of  $a_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},i_{2j}}$ 's into relation (87) and taking into account (88) we find in a straightforward manner that relations (87) can be replaced by the following relations:

$$c_2 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-1} g_{n-1} \cdots g_{2g} (g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},1} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1}+1,1} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1}+1,0} g_{2g-1,i_{2g-1},0}) c_{2g-2} \cdots \cdots (g_3, i_3, 1 g_3, i_3+1, 1 g_3, i_3+1, 0 g_3, i_3, 0) c_2 (g_1, i_1, 1 g_1, i_1+1, 1 g_1, i_1+1, 0 g_1, i_1, 0) = 1. \quad (90)$$

By (55), relation (72) for  $i_{2j} = 0$  yields the following relation

$$g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}+2,0} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}+1,0} = g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}+1,0} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},0}. \quad (91)$$

Since, by (90), the product

$$g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}+1,1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}+1,0} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},0}$$

is independent of  $i_1, \dots, i_{2g-1}$ , we deduce, as a cosequence of (91), the following relation

$$g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}+1,1} = g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1}-1,1} g_{2j-1,i_{2j-1},1}. \quad (92)$$

**Lemma 5** The defining relations (72) are consequences of the set of relations (68) - (71), (73) - (87), (91), (92), where the elements  $a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  are defined by (88) and (89).

*Proof.* Denote by

$$\tau_{2j-1} = (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, 1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, 0} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 0})^{-1}. \quad (93)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\tau_{2j-1} = g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}^{-1} (a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}-1}^{-1}) g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} \quad (94)$$

By (90), we have

$$\tau_{2j-1} = c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-2} g_{n-1}^2 g_{n-2} \cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} \quad (95)$$

By (69) - (71) and due to (93) and the previous equation, each element  $a_{2l-1, i_{2l-1}, i_{2l}}$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq g$ , and  $\tau_{2j-1}$  commute, hence  $\tau_{2j-1}$  and  $a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}-1}^{-1}$  commute, i.e. in view of (94),  $\tau_{2j-1}$  and  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} \tau_{2j-1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  commute:

$$(\tau_{2j-1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}})^2 = (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} \tau_{2j-1})^2.$$

The rest of the proof of Lemma coincides with the proof of the same assertion in the case  $g = 1$  and is contained in [Z] pp. 347 - 349 (starting from equation (14) in [Z]).  $\square$

**Lemma 6** The set of relations (68) - (71), (73) - (87), (91), (92) is equivalent to the set (73) - (85), (90), (91), (92), where the elements  $a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  are defined by (88) and (89).

*Proof.* Relations (68) and (69) are cosequences of (75) due to (89).

Relations (71),  $l \neq j$  and  $l \neq j+1$ , are cosequences of (78) in view of (89). Deduce (71) from (73) - (84), (90), (91), (92) in the case  $l = j$ . By (87) (which is cosequence of (90), (88) and (89)),

$$a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}-1}^{-1} = g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}.$$

Since  $a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 0} = 1$ , it is sufficient to deduce that  $c_{2j}$  and  $a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}-1}^{-1}$  commute. Note that relations (77) and (79), in view of (82) and (84), are equivalent respectively to

$$\left[ c_{2j}, (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}^{-1}) \right] = 1 \quad (96)$$

and

$$\left[ g_{2g}, (g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, i_{2g}} c_{2g-2} g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, i_{2g}}^{-1}) \right] = 1. \quad (97)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & c_{2j} (a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}-1}^{-1}) = \\ & \frac{c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots}{\cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}} = \text{(by (96))} \\ & \frac{g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}})^{\tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots}}{\cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}} = \text{(by (74) - (80))} \\ & \frac{g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}})^{c_{2j-2} c_{2j} \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots}}{\cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}} = \text{(by (96))} \\ & \frac{g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2j-2} c_{2j} (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}})^{\cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots}}{\cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}} = \text{(by (74) - (80))} \\ & \frac{g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2j-2} c_{2j} \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots}{\cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}})^{c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}} = \text{(by (84))} \\ & \frac{g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2} \tau_{2j-3}^{-1} \cdots c_2 \tau_1^{-1} c_2 \cdots c_{2j-2} c_{2j} \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-1}^2 \cdots}{\cdots g_{2g} \tau_{2g-1}^{-1} c_{2g-2} \cdots \tau_{2j+1}^{-1} c_{2j} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j}} = \\ & (a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}-1}^{-1}) c_{2j}. \end{aligned}$$

The deducting of (70) and (71) (in the case  $l = j + 1$ ) from (73) - (84), (90), (91), (92) is the same as the previous one and will be omitted.  $\square$

The relations (73):

$$g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}+2} = g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}+1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}+1}^{-1}, \quad (98)$$

for a fixed value of  $i_{2j-1}$ , can be considered as recurrence relations defining the elements  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  in terms of the two free elements  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 0}$  and  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 1}$ . Then the relations (91) and (92) can be used in order to express all the elements  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 0}$  and  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 1}$  in terms of  $g_{2j-1, 0, 0}$ ,  $g_{2j-1, 1, 0}$  and  $g_{2j-1, 0, 1}$ ,  $g_{2j-1, 1, 1}$  respectively. Consequently, our group  $G_{g, n}$  is generated by  $3g + n - 1$  elements:

$$g_{2j-1, 0, 0}, g_{2j-1, 1, 0}, g_{2j-1, 0, 1}, g_{2j-1, 1, 1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq g; \quad (99)$$

$$c_2, c_4, \dots, c_{2g-2}; \quad (100)$$

$$g_{2g}, g_{2g+1}, \dots, g_{n-1}. \quad (101)$$

Relations (75) - (79) follow from the same relations for  $g_{2j-1, 0, 0}$ ,  $g_{2j-1, 1, 0}$ ,  $g_{2j-1, 0, 1}$ ,  $g_{2j-1, 1, 1}$  (respectively,  $g_{2g-1, 0, 0}$ ,  $g_{2g-1, 1, 0}$ ,  $g_{2g-1, 0, 1}$ ,  $g_{2g-1, 1, 1}$ ), since all  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  (respectively,  $g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, i_{2g}}$ ) belong to a subgroup generated by these elements, and since relations (77) (respectively, (79)) can be written as

$$[(c_{2j-2} c_{2j} c_{2j-2}^{-1}), g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}] = 1; \quad (102)$$

$$[(c_{2g-2} g_{2g} c_{2g-2}^{-1}), g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, i_{2g}}] = 1. \quad (103)$$

Applying Zariski's Lemma ([Z], p.350), we obtain that relations (84) (for (82) the arguments are the same) are consequences of any three of them relative to three consecutive indices  $i_{2j}$ , say  $i_{2j} = 0, 1, 2$ . By (91) and (92), we conclude, on the basis of Zariski's Lemma, that for  $i_{2j} = 0, 1$  relations (84) are consequences of three of these relations relative to three consecutive values of  $i_{2j-1}$ , say  $i_{2j-1} = 0, 1, 2$ . To decrease the number of relations (84) for  $i_{2j} = 2$ , we change, as in [Z], these relations to equivalent relations

$$(g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 0} c_{2j})^2 = (c_{2j} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 0})^2. \quad (104)$$

To show that these relations are equivalent to one of them, say

$$(g_{2j\pm 1, 0, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, 0, 0} c_{2j})^2 = (c_{2j} g_{2j\pm 1, 0, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, 0, 0})^2, \quad (105)$$

it is sufficient to show that the expressions

$$s_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}} = (g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 0} c_{2j})^2 (c_{2j} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 0})^{-2}$$

are all transforms of each other, for  $i_{2j\pm 1} = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ , as a consequence of relations (74) - (84) ( $i_{2j} = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq g - 1$ ), (73), (87), (91), (92) (where the elements  $a_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  are defined by (88) and (89)), and additional relations defining additional generators. Hence, we shall be able to take the relations corresponding to  $i_{2j-1} = 0$ . For this we need, in order to apply Zariski's arguments (see the computation on p. 351 in [Z]), to show that

$$\delta_{j, \pm} = \delta_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}} = c_{2j} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}+1, 1} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}+1, 0} g_{2j\pm 1, i_{2j\pm 1}, 0} c_{2j}$$

are commutative respectively with  $g_{2j+1, i_{2j+1}, i_{2j}+2}$  and  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  in the case  $i_{2j}+2$  and  $i_{2j} = 0$  or  $1$ . Let us check that  $\delta_{j-1, +}$  and  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  commute. For this, denote by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (g_{2j-3, i_{2j-3}, 1} g_{2j-3, i_{2j-3}+1, 1} g_{2j-3, i_{2j-3}+1, 0} g_{2j-3, i_{2j-3}, 0}) c_{2j-4} \cdots c_2 (g_{1, i_1, 1} g_{1, i_1+1, 1} g_{1, i_1+1, 0} \\ &\quad \cdot g_{1, i_1+1, 0} g_{1, i_1, 0}) c_2 \cdots c_{2j-4}; \\ B &= c_{2j+2} \cdots c_{2g-2} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n-1} g_{n-1} \cdots g_{2g} (g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, 1} g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}+1, 1} g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}+1, 0} g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, 0}) \\ &\quad \cdot c_{2g-2} \cdots (g_{2j+1, i_{2j+1}, 1} g_{2j+1, i_{2j+1}+1, 1} g_{2j+1, i_{2j+1}+1, 0} g_{2j+1, i_{2j+1}, 0}). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} \delta_{j-1, +}^{-1} = && \text{(by (90))} \\
& (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}) A c_{2j-2} c_{2j} B c_{2j} c_{2j-2}^{-1} = && \text{(by (74) - (76))} \\
& A (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}) c_{2j-2} c_{2j} B c_{2j} c_{2j-2}^{-1} = && \text{(by (77), (83), (84))} \\
& \frac{A c_{2j-2} c_{2j} (c_{2j-2}^{-1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2}) B c_{2j} c_{2j-2}^{-1}}{A c_{2j-2} c_{2j} B (c_{2j-2}^{-1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} c_{2j-2}) c_{2j} c_{2j-2}^{-1}} = && \text{(by (74) - (76), (78), (80))} \\
& A c_{2j-2} c_{2j} B c_{2j} c_{2j-2}^{-1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}} = && \text{(by (77), (83), (84))} \\
& \delta_{j-1, +}^{-1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}.
\end{aligned}$$

To prove that  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  and  $\delta_{j,-}^{-1}$  commute in the case  $i_{2j} = 0$  or  $1$ , we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 7** For fixed  $\bar{I} = (i_1, \dots, i_{2g})$ , where  $i_{2j} = 0$  or  $1$ , the following relation

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{2j-1, I} = & B_{2j-1, j, I} g_{2j-1, I}^{-1} g_{2j, I}^{-1} B_{2j+1, j+1, I} g_{2j+1, I}^{-1} g_{2j+2, I}^{-1} \cdots g_{2g-3, I}^{-1} g_{2g-2, I}^{-1} B_{2g-1, g, I} \\
& \cdot g_{2g-1, I}^{-1} g_{2g, I}^{-1} A_{2g+1, I}^{-1} B_{2g+1, 1, I} \cdots B_{2g+1, j-1, I} A_{2g+1, I} g_{2g, I} \cdots g_{2j-1, I}
\end{aligned} \tag{106}$$

is a consequence of relations (68) - (71), (73) - (85), (87) with the same set  $\bar{I}$ .

*Proof.* By (8),

$$A_1 = B_{1,1} \cdots B_{1,g}.$$

Hence,

$$A_1 = B_{1,j} \cdots B_{1,g} A_1^{-1} B_{1,1} \cdots B_{1,j-1} A_1.$$

By (14) and (49), this relation can be written in the form

$$A_{2j-1} = B_{2j-1, j} \cdots B_{2j-1, g} A_{2j-1}^{-1} B_{2j-1, 1} \cdots B_{2j-1, j-1} A_{2j-1}.$$

If we substitute in the last relation  $\sigma_{2j-1}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{2k-2}^{-1} B_{2k-1, k} \sigma_{2k-2} \cdots \sigma_{2j-1}$  instead of  $B_{2j-1, k}$  for  $k > j$ ;  $\sigma_{2j-1}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{2g}^{-1} A_{2g+1} \sigma_{2g} \cdots \sigma_{2j-1}$  instead of  $A_{2j-1}$ ; and for  $k < j$ , substitute  $\sigma_{2j-1}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{2g}^{-1} B_{2g+1, k} \sigma_{2g} \cdots \sigma_{2j-1}$  instead of  $B_{2j-1, k}$ , we obtain the following relation

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{2j-1} = & B_{2j-1, j} \sigma_{2j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{2j}^{-1} B_{2j+1, j+1} \sigma_{2j+1}^{-1} \sigma_{2j+2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{2g-3}^{-1} \sigma_{2g-2}^{-1} B_{2g-1, g} \\
& \cdot \sigma_{2g-1}^{-1} \sigma_{2g}^{-1} A_{2g+1}^{-1} B_{2g+1, 1} \cdots B_{2g+1, j-1} A_{2g+1} \sigma_{2g} \cdots \sigma_{2j-1}
\end{aligned} \tag{107}$$

Now Lemma follows from Lemma 4 and Remark 1.  $\square$

Since, by (65),  $B_{2k-1, k, I} = a_{2k-1, i_{2k-1}, i_{2k}} a_{2k-1, i_{2k-1}, i_{2k-1}}^{-1}$ , therefore, by (89), (91), (92), and (63), relation (107) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{j,-}^{-1} = & c_{2j}^{-1} (g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, 1} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}+1, 0} g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, 0})^{-1} c_{2j}^{-1} = \\
& g_{2j+2, I} \cdots g_{2g-1, I} g_{2g} \cdots g_{n+2j-3, I} g_{n+2j-3, I} \cdots g_{2g+1, I} A_{2g+1, I}^{-1} B_{2g+1, j-1, I}^{-1} \cdots B_{2g+1, 1, I}^{-1} A_{2g+1, I} \\
& \cdot g_{2g} g_{2g-1, i_{2g-1}, i_{2g}} B_{2g-1, g, I}^{-1} g_{2g-2, i_{2g-3}, i_{2g-2}} \cdots g_{2j+2, i_{2j+1}, i_{2j+2}} B_{2j+1, j+1, I}^{-1} g_{2j+1, i_{2j+1}, i_{2j+2}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{108}$$

Now, by Lemma 4, Remark 1, and by (13) - (15), (30), (45) - (48), it is obvious that  $g_{2j-1, i_{2j-1}, i_{2j}}$  and  $\delta_{j,-}^{-1}$  commute.

Finally, by (91) and (92), we observe that the infinite set of relations (87) reduces to one relation, say  $i_{2j-1} = 0$  for all  $j$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.



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