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We study trigonal minimal surfaces in flat tori, showing first a topological obstruction similar to that of hyperelliptic minimal surfaces: the genus of a trigonal minimal surface in a 3-dimensional flat torus must be  $1 \pmod{3}$ . Next we construct an explicit example of a trigonal minimal surface in a 4-dimensional flat torus. This surface satisfies good properties and is theoretically distinct from earlier examples.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $f : M_g \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda$  be a minimal immersion of a compact surface of genus  $g$  into an  $n$ -dimensional flat torus, and suppose that  $f$  does not lie in any subtorus of  $\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda$ . (Clearly,  $f$  can be replaced by an  $n$ -periodic minimal immersion from some covering space of  $M_g$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .) The conformal structure induced by the isothermal coordinates makes  $M_g$  a Riemann surface and  $f$  is called a conformal minimal immersion.

**Theorem 1.1** (Generalized Weierstrass Representation [Meeks 1990, p. 884]). *Let  $f : M_g \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda$  be a conformal minimal immersion. After a translation,  $f$  can be represented by*

$$f(p) = \operatorname{Re} \int_{p_0}^p (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)^T \pmod{\Lambda},$$

where  $p_0$  is a fixed point in  $M_g$ , superscript  $T$  means transpose, and  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  are holomorphic differentials on  $M_g$  such that

- (1)  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  have no common zeros,
- (2)  $\sum_{k=1}^n \omega_k^2 = 0$ , and
- (3)  $\{\operatorname{Re} \int_\gamma (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)^T \mid \gamma \in H_1(M_g, \mathbb{Z})\}$  is a sublattice of  $\Lambda$ .

Conversely, if  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  are holomorphic differentials satisfying (1), (2), and (3), then  $f$ , defined as above, is a conformal minimal immersion.

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Condition (3) is called the period condition and guarantees the well-definedness of the path integral.

Using these notations, we define the associate surface  $f_\theta$ :

$$f_\theta(p) := \operatorname{Re} \int_{p_0}^p e^{i\theta} (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)^T.$$

The associate surface  $f_{\pi/2}$  is called the conjugate surface. We note that  $f_\theta$  may not be well defined for any torus, even though  $f = f_0$  is well defined on  $M_g$ .

Recall that the Gauss map  $G$  is the holomorphic map from  $M_g$  to the quadric  $Q_{n-2} := \{[w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n] \in \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \mid \sum_{k=1}^n (w_k)^2 = 0\}$  given by

$$G : M_g \rightarrow Q_{n-2} \subset \mathbb{C}P^{n-1},$$

$$p \longmapsto [\omega_1(p), \omega_2(p), \dots, \omega_n(p)].$$

One of the beautiful classical theorems on compact Riemann surfaces states that every compact Riemann surface of positive genus is holomorphically embedded in the Jacobian by the Abel–Jacobi map: take a basis  $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_g\}$  of the space of holomorphic differentials of  $M_g$ , and consider

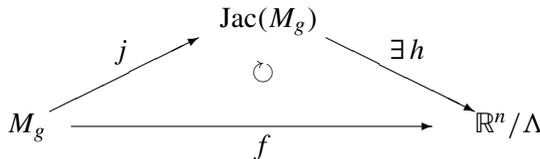
$$\Lambda_\eta = \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \int_\gamma (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_g, -i\eta_1, \dots, -i\eta_g)^T \mid \gamma \in H_1(M_g, \mathbb{Z}) \right\}.$$

The Jacobian  $\operatorname{Jac}(M_g)$  is the complex torus represented by  $\mathbb{C}^g / \Lambda_\eta$  and the holomorphic embedding  $j : M_g \rightarrow \operatorname{Jac}(M_g)$  defined by

$$j(p) = \operatorname{Re} \int_{p_0}^p (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_g, -i\eta_1, \dots, -i\eta_g)^T$$

is the Abel–Jacobi map. The Jacobian satisfies the following universal property:

**Theorem 1.2** [Nagano and Smyth 1980, p. 5]. *Given a conformal minimal immersion  $f : M_g \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n / \Lambda$ , and assuming without loss of generality that  $f(p_0) = 0$ , there exists a real homomorphism  $h$  from  $\operatorname{Jac}(M_g)$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n / \Lambda$  so that  $f = h \circ j$ :*



The Abel–Jacobi map plays an important role in the theory of algebraic curves (Torelli’s Theorem, the Schottky problem, etc.) and so, by [Theorem 1.2](#), it is useful to study minimal surfaces from the point of view of the theory of algebraic curves. In fact, Ejiri [2002] translated the Schottky problem into a differential geometric situation and studied the moduli space of compact minimal surfaces in flat tori.

Algebraic curves can be divided into hyperelliptic and nonhyperelliptic curves, and there is a topological obstruction to hyperelliptic minimal surfaces in 3-dimensional flat tori. Actually, a hyperelliptic minimal surface of even genus cannot be minimally immersed into any 3-dimensional flat torus [Meeks 1990, Theorem 3.3].

Every compact Riemann surface can be represented as a branched  $d$ -cover of the sphere for some  $d \geq 1$ , and it is reasonable to ask whether there is a topological obstruction or not for  $d > 2$  (a Riemann surface with  $d = 2$  is a hyperelliptic curve, and hence we omit the case  $d = 2$ ). Now we consider this problem for  $d = 3$ . Recall that a nonhyperelliptic curve with  $d = 3$  is called a trigonal curve.

Our first result is a topological obstruction:

**Main Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $f : M_g \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3/\Lambda$  be a conformal minimal immersion of a trigonal Riemann surface  $M_g$  with genus  $g$ . Then  $g = 3r + 1$  for some  $r \geq 1$ . Therefore, a trigonal Riemann surface of genus 0 or 2 mod 3 cannot be minimally immersed into any 3-dimensional flat torus.*

**Remark 1.4.** Among previous examples of trigonal minimal surfaces in 3-dimensional flat tori, we mention the example with  $r = 1$  from [Shoda 2004] and Schoen's I-WP surface, with  $r = 3$  [Karcher 1989; Schoen 1970]. Here  $r$  is as in Main Theorem 1.3.

Next we consider the higher-codimensional case. Nagano and Smyth [1976] constructed compact minimal surfaces in  $n$ -dimensional flat tori abstractly, but only few explicit examples are known. We will construct an explicit example of a trigonal minimal surface in the simplest case ( $n = 4$ ), with genus 10 (Section 3). In general, the most difficult part in constructing examples comes from the period condition. It is not always possible to solve the period condition, or even calculate the periods. We overcome this problem through the following process: (i) taking a suitable Riemann surface and considering its symmetries (Construction 3.1), (ii) calculating the periods using functional-theoretic techniques (Lemma 3.4), and (iii) finding a relation between one period and another (Lemma 3.5).

Our example satisfies the following properties:

- (a) The conjugate surface  $f_{\pi/2} : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda_{\pi/2}$  is well defined.
- (b) The associate surfaces  $f_{\theta} : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda_{\theta}$  are well defined for a countable dense set of angles  $e^{i\theta} \subset S^1$ .
- (c) The surface is homologous to 0 in the 4-torus. (Arezzo and Pirola [1999, §6] have shown the existence of minimal surfaces that are not homologous to 0 in the tori.)

Consider these properties in light of the discussion in [Nagano and Smyth 1980]. Let  $S_f(M_g)$  be a subgroup of the automorphism group of  $M_g$ . We say  $f$  has symmetry  $S_f(M_g)$  if and only if  $S_f(M_g)$  extends under  $f$  to a group of affine

transformations of  $\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda$ . When the corresponding linear representation of  $S_f(M_g)$  is irreducible, we say that  $f$  has irreducible symmetry  $S_f(M_g)$ . If the complexification of this representation is also irreducible, we say that  $f$  has absolutely irreducible symmetry  $S_f(M_g)$ . Nagano and Smyth [Nagano and Smyth 1980, Theorem 2] showed that if  $f$  has absolutely irreducible symmetry, then  $f$  satisfies (c); they also showed [Nagano and Smyth 1980, Theorem 5] that if we assume the irreducible conditions above on the part of the Weyl group, together with certain additional conditions, then  $f$  satisfies (a) and (b). Our example satisfies (a), (b), (c), but has only reducible symmetry (see Lemma 4.2). Therefore, Nagano and Smyth’s irreducibility assumption is sufficient but not necessary.

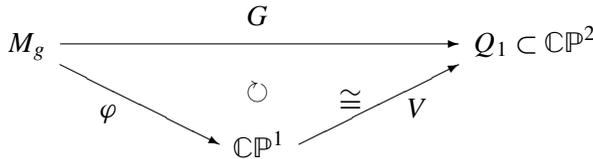
We summarize our results as follows:

**Main Theorem 1.5.** *There exists a trigonal minimal surface of genus 10 in a 4-dimensional flat torus satisfying the following properties:*

- (i) *The conjugate surface  $f_{\pi/2} : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda_{\pi/2}$  is well defined.*
- (ii) *The associate surfaces  $f_{\theta} : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda_{\theta}$  are well defined for a countable dense set of angles  $e^{i\theta} \subset S^1$ .*
- (iii) *The surface is homologous to 0 in the torus and has only reducible symmetry.*

## 2. A topological obstruction to trigonal minimal surfaces in three-dimensional flat tori

In this section we prove Main Theorem 1.3. First, we review the spinor representation of minimal surfaces [Kusner and Schmitt 1995]. Let  $f : M_g \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3/\Lambda$  be a conformal minimal immersion defined by  $f(p) = \int_{p_0}^p (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)^T$ . The Gauss map  $G$  makes the diagram



commute, where  $V$  is the Veronese embedding, given by

$$V(s_1, s_2) = (s_1^2 - s_2^2, i(s_1^2 + s_2^2), 2s_1s_2)^T.$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$  be the hyperplane bundle on  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$  and  $L = \varphi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$  its pullback to  $M_g$ . Then  $L^2 = G^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$  is the canonical bundle  $K$  of  $M_g$ , so  $L$  defines a spin structure on  $M_g$ . Again by pullback, we find two holomorphic sections  $t_1, t_2$  of  $L$  having no common zeros and such that

$$(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)^T = (t_1^2 - t_2^2, i(t_1^2 + t_2^2), 2t_1t_2)^T.$$

The meromorphic function  $t_2/t_1$  can be identified with the usual Gauss map  $M_g \rightarrow S^2 \cong \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  (see [Hoffman and Osserman 1980]).

Next, we give some notations for a linear series (or system). The standard terminology is as in [Arbarello et al. 1985]. Given a divisor  $D$  on  $M_g$ , the complete linear series  $|D|$  is the set of effective divisors linearly equivalent to  $D$ . We have an identification between  $|D|$  and projectivization of the space of holomorphic sections of the line bundle defined by  $D$ : namely,  $|D| \cong PH^0(M_g, \mathcal{O}(D))$ . Thus a complete linear series is a projective space. More generally, every linear subspace of a complete linear series is called a linear series. A linear series  $PW$ , where  $W$  is a vector subspace of  $|D|$ , is said to be a  $g_d^r$  if  $\deg D = d$  and  $\dim W = r + 1$ . A  $g_d^1$  is called a pencil, a  $g_d^2$  a net, and a  $g_d^3$  a web. We write  $t g_d^r$  for the complete linear series  $|tE|$ , and  $|K - g_d^r|$  for the complete linear series  $|K - E|$ , where  $E \in g_d^r$ . By a basepoint of a linear series  $PW$  we mean a point common to all divisors of  $PW$ . If there are none, we say that the linear series is basepoint-free.

*Proof of Main Theorem 1.3.* We first observe that the degree of the Gauss map is  $g - 1$  [Meeks 1990, Theorem 3.1]. Hence  $M_g$  is not trigonal if  $g = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , and we conclude that  $g \geq 4$ .

We can omit the case  $g = 4$  because it corresponds to  $r = 1$ . Note that  $M_g$  is trigonal if and only if there is a basepoint-free pencil  $g_3^1$  on  $M_g$ . If  $g > 4$ , the  $g_3^1$  on  $M_g$  is a unique complete linear series [Shokurov and Danilov 1994, p. 124].

Let  $L$  be the spin bundle given by the spinor representation of  $f$  and  $D_L$  the divisor defined by  $L$ . Note that Theorem 1.1(1) implies that  $|D_L|$  is basepoint-free complete linear series. It is known that every basepoint-free complete linear series  $g_d^r$  is represented by

$$g_d^r = r g_3^1 \quad \text{or} \quad |K - g_d^r| = r' g_3^1 + F \quad (r' := g - d + r - 1),$$

where  $F$  is an effective divisor and consists of the basepoints of  $|K - g_d^r|$ ; see [Coppens and Martens 2000, Remark 1.2, Coppens et al. 1992, (1.2.7)]. Applying these facts to  $|D_L| = |K - D_L|$ , we obtain  $|D_L| = r g_3^1$  for some  $r > 1$ . In particular,  $\deg D_L = g - 1 = 3r = \deg(r g_3^1)$ . □

### 3. A trigonal minimal surface in a 4-dimensional flat torus

We now present the example promised in Main Theorem 1.5 and prove its validity, according to the outline given on page 403.

**Construction 3.1.** In [Shoda 2004] we constructed a trigonal minimal surface defined by  $w^3 = z^6 - 1$ . We now consider the higher-genus version of it. Let  $M_g$  be the cyclic covering of a line [Miranda 1995, p. 73] given by

$$w^3 = z^{g+2} - 1 \quad (g = 3r + 1, r = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

We can find an explicit basis for the space of holomorphic differentials  $H^0(M_g, K)$ :

$$H^0(M_g, K) = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{dz}{w^2}, z \frac{dz}{w^2}, \dots, z^{2r} \frac{dz}{w^2}, \frac{dz}{w}, z \frac{dz}{w}, \dots, z^{r-1} \frac{dz}{w} \right\}.$$

Note that  $M_g$  is not well defined if  $g = 3r + 2$ , because Riemann–Hurwitz’s formula does not hold, and  $M_g$  has a cusp singularity at  $z = \infty$  if  $g = 3r$ . We select the simplest case, that is, the case  $g = 3r + 1$  as above.

Now we consider the following conformal minimal immersion  $f$  from  $M_g$  into a  $\mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda$  (we will define  $\Lambda$  later):

$$f(p) = \text{Re} \int_{p_0}^p \underbrace{\left( \frac{1 - z^{2r}}{w^2}, \frac{i(1 + z^{2r})}{w^2}, \frac{z^{2r-1} + z}{w^2}, i \frac{z^{2r-1} - z}{w^2} \right)^T}_{\Psi} dz.$$

**Remark 3.2.** In [Shoda 2004] we found a component of the moduli space that correspondes to trigonal minimal surfaces in 4-tori. The minimal immersion  $f$  defined as above is an element of the component of the moduli space.

To find the symmetries of  $f$ , we consider the automorphism  $\varphi$  defined by

$$\varphi(z, w) = (e^{2\pi i/(3(r+1))} z, w).$$

Then

$$\varphi^* \Psi = e^{2\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} R \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3(r+1)} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & R \left( \frac{4\pi}{3(r+1)} - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi,$$

where

$$R(\theta) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Remark 3.3.** For  $r = 1, 3, 7, 9$ , the value of

$$\sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3(r+1)} \right)$$

is respectively

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad 1, \quad \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \quad \sqrt{\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{8}}.$$

Since we use  $\varphi^*$  to calculate periods, we cannot solve the period condition if this sine expression is too complicated. Hence  $r = 1, 3$  may be the best cases for explicit constructions.

We now consider the case  $g = 10$ , that is,  $r = 3$ . Then  $M_{10}$  is defined by  $w^3 = z^{12} - 1$  and  $f$  reduces to

$$f(p) = \operatorname{Re} \int_{p_0}^p \underbrace{\left( \frac{1-z^6}{w^2}, \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2}, \frac{z^5+z}{w^2}, \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} \right)^T}_{\Psi} dz.$$

The map  $\varphi$  is given by  $\varphi(z, w) = (e^{\pi i/6}z, w)$  and

$$\varphi^* \Psi = e^{2\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & R\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi = e^{2\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \Psi.$$

We next prove the well-definedness of the following conformal minimal immersion of  $M_{10}$  into  $\mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda$ :

(4)  $f : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda$

$$p \mapsto \operatorname{Re} \int_{p_0}^p \left( \frac{1-z^6}{w^2}, \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2}, \frac{z^5+z}{w^2}, \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} \right)^T dz$$

$(w^3 = z^{12} - 1),$

where  $\Lambda$  is given by the beta function  $B(a, b)$ :

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 3\alpha & \frac{3}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\gamma & \frac{3}{2}\gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} B(2/3, 1/6), \\ \gamma &= \frac{1}{12} B(1/3, 1/6). \end{aligned}$$

**Periods.** We now calculate the periods of  $f$  defined by (4), and consider the conjugate surface and associate surfaces. The 1-cycles  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{10}, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{10}$  are established by defining

$$A_1 = \left\{ (z, w) = (e^{it}, w(t)) \mid t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right], w\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = -\sqrt[3]{2} \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ (z, w) = (e^{-it}, w(t)) \mid t \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{6}, 0\right], w\left(-\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = -\sqrt[3]{2} e^{2\pi i/3} \right\},$$

$$A_2 = \left\{ (z, w) = (e^{it}, w(t)) \mid t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right], w\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = -\sqrt[3]{2} \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ (z, w) = (e^{-it}, w(t)) \mid t \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{6}, 0\right], w\left(-\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = -\sqrt[3]{2} e^{4\pi i/3} \right\},$$

and then taking successive images under  $\varphi$ :

$$A_{k+2} = \varphi^2(A_k) \quad (1 \leq k \leq 8), \quad B_k = \varphi(A_k) \quad (1 \leq k \leq 10).$$

**Lemma 3.4.** *The periods along  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are given by*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int_{A_1} \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_1} \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_1} \frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_1} \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6) \\ -\frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6) \\ \frac{i(1+e^{\pi i/3})}{4\sqrt{3}} B(1/3, 1/6) \\ -i(1+e^{\pi i/3}) \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-t^2)(4t^2-1)^2}} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int_{A_2} \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_2} \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_2} \frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_2} \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{2\pi i/3}+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6) \\ -\frac{e^{2\pi i/3}+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6) \\ \frac{i(e^{\pi i/3}+e^{2\pi i/3})}{4\sqrt{3}} B(1/3, 1/6) \\ -i(e^{\pi i/3}+e^{2\pi i/3}) \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-t^2)(4t^2-1)^2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.*  $A_1$ -period, integrand  $(1 - z^6)/w^2$ . For  $t \in [0, \pi/6]$  we set

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \left( z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{3it} + e^{-3it}) = \cos 3t.$$

Then  $d\eta = 3 \frac{z^6 - 1}{2z^4} dz$ , so

$$\frac{1 - z^6}{w^2} dz = \frac{1 - z^6}{w^2} \frac{2z^4}{3(z^6 - 1)} d\eta = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{z^4}{w^2} d\eta.$$

To calculate  $z^4/w^2$ , we consider

$$\left( \frac{z^4}{w^2} \right)^3 = \frac{z^{12}}{(z^{12} - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{z^{12} + z^{-12} - 2}.$$

Note that  $z^6 + \frac{1}{z^6} = 4\eta^2 - 2$  and thus

$$z^{12} + \frac{1}{z^{12}} = (4\eta^2 - 2)^2 - 2 = 16\eta^4 - 16\eta^2 + 2.$$

Hence

$$\left(\frac{z^4}{w^2}\right)^3 = -\frac{1}{16\eta^2(1-\eta^2)} < 0,$$

and we can take a suitable branch for  $z^4/w^2$ :

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2}\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{(-\sqrt[3]{2})^2} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}}.$$

Choosing the branch  $\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)} > 0$ , we get

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{2\sqrt[3]{2}\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta.$$

For  $t \in [-\pi/6, 0]$  we obtain, through similar arguments,

$$\frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_1} \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz &= \int_1^0 -\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta \\ &= \frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} \stackrel{t=\eta^2}{=} \frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} \int_0^1 t^{-5/6}(1-t)^{-1/3} dt \\ &= \frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6). \end{aligned}$$

$A_2$ -period, integrand  $(1-z^6)/w^2$ . This is calculated similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_2} \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz &= \int_1^0 -\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta \\ &= \frac{e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} = \frac{e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6). \end{aligned}$$

$A_1$ -period, integrand  $i(1+z^6)/w^2$ . For  $t \in [0, \pi/6]$  we set

$$\eta = -\frac{i}{2} \left( z^3 - \frac{1}{z^3} \right) = -\frac{i}{2} (e^{3it} - e^{-3it}) = \sin 3t.$$

Then  $d\eta = -3i \frac{z^6 + 1}{2z^4} dz$ , so

$$\frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz = \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} \frac{2z^4}{-3i(z^6+1)} d\eta = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{z^4}{w^2} d\eta.$$

To calculate  $z^4/w^2$ , we consider

$$\left(\frac{z^4}{w^2}\right)^3 = \frac{z^{12}}{(z^{12}-1)^2} = \frac{1}{z^{12} + z^{-12} - 2}.$$

Note that  $z^6 + \frac{1}{z^6} = -4\eta^2 + 2$  and thus

$$z^{12} + \frac{1}{z^{12}} = (-4\eta^2 + 2)^2 - 2 = 16\eta^4 - 16\eta^2 + 2.$$

Hence

$$\left(\frac{z^4}{w^2}\right)^3 = -\frac{1}{16\eta^2(1-\eta^2)} < 0,$$

and we take the branch

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} \left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{(-\sqrt[3]{2})^2} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}}.$$

Choosing the branch  $\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)} > 0$ , we get

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{2\sqrt[3]{2} \sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta.$$

For  $t \in [-\pi/6, 0]$  we obtain

$$\frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_1} \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz &= \int_0^1 -\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta + \int_1^0 \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta \\ &= -\frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} = -\frac{1+e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6). \end{aligned}$$

$A_2$ -period, integrand  $i(1+z^6)/w^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_2} \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz &= \int_0^1 -\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta + \int_1^0 \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \frac{e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} d\eta \\ &= -\frac{e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt[3]{\eta^2(1-\eta^2)}} = -\frac{e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6). \end{aligned}$$

$A_1$ -period, integrand  $(z^5+z)/w^2$ . For  $t \in [0, \pi/6]$  we set

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2i} \left( z^2 - \frac{1}{z^2} \right) = \sin 2t.$$

Then  $d\eta = \frac{1+z^4}{iz^3} dz$ , so

$$\frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz = \frac{z(1+z^4)}{w^2} \frac{iz^3}{1+z^4} d\eta = i \frac{z^4}{w^2} d\eta.$$

To calculate  $z^4/w^2$ , we consider

$$\left( \frac{z^4}{w^2} \right)^3 = \frac{z^{12}}{(z^{12}-1)^2} = \frac{1}{z^{12} + z^{-12} - 2}.$$

Note that  $z^2 - z^{-2} = 2i\eta$  and  $z^4 + z^{-4} = 2 - 4\eta^2$ , hence  $z^8 + z^{-8} = (2 - 4\eta^2)^2 - 2 = 2 - 16\eta^2 + 16\eta^4$ , and finally

$$z^{12} + \frac{1}{z^{12}} - 2 = -4\eta^2(3 - 4\eta^2)^2.$$

Therefore

$$\left( \frac{z^4}{w^2} \right)^3 = -\frac{1}{4\eta^2(3 - 4\eta^2)^2} < 0,$$

and we take the branch

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} \left( \frac{\pi}{12} \right) = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}}.$$

Choosing the branch  $\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3 - 4\eta^2)^2} > 0$ , we get

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3 - 4\eta^2)^2}}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz = i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3 - 4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta.$$

For  $t \in [-\pi/6, 0]$  we obtain

$$\frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz = i \frac{-1}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3 - 4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta,$$

SO

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{A_1} \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz &= \int_0^{\sqrt{3}/2} i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta + \int_{\sqrt{3}/2}^0 i \frac{-1}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta \\
 &= i(1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \int_0^{\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})}{2\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt[3]{t^2(1-t^2)^2}} \quad \left(\eta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \\
 &= \frac{i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})}{4\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 s^{-5/6}(1-s)^{-2/3} ds \quad (s = t^2) \\
 &= \frac{i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})}{4\sqrt{3}} B(1/3, 1/6).
 \end{aligned}$$

$A_2$ -period, integrand  $(z^5 + z)/w^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{A_2} \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz &= \int_0^{\sqrt{3}/2} i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta + \int_{\sqrt{3}/2}^0 i \frac{-e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta \\
 &= i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3}) \int_0^{\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} = \frac{i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3})}{4\sqrt{3}} B(1/3, 1/6).
 \end{aligned}$$

$A_1$ -period, integrand  $i(z^5 - z)/w^2$ . For  $t \in [0, \pi/6]$  we set

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \left( z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} \right) = \cos 2t.$$

Then  $d\eta = -\frac{1-z^4}{z^3} dz$ , so

$$\frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz = \frac{-iz(1-z^4)}{w^2} \frac{-z^3}{1-z^4} d\eta = i \frac{z^4}{w^2} d\eta.$$

To calculate  $z^4/w^2$ , we consider

$$\left( \frac{z^4}{w^2} \right)^3 = \frac{z^{12}}{(z^{12} - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{z^{12} + z^{-12} - 2}.$$

Now  $z^2 + z^{-2} = 2\eta$ ,  $z^4 + z^{-4} = 4\eta^2 - 2$ , hence  $z^6 + z^{-6} = (z^2 + z^{-2})(z^4 - 1 + z^{-4}) = 2\eta(4\eta^2 - 3)$ , and finally

$$z^{12} + \frac{1}{z^{12}} - 2 = (2\eta(4\eta^2 - 3))^2 - 4 = -4(1 - \eta^2)(4\eta^2 - 1)^2.$$

Therefore

$$\left( \frac{z^4}{w^2} \right)^3 = -\frac{1}{4(1 - \eta^2)(4\eta^2 - 1)^2} < 0,$$

and we take the branch

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} \left( \frac{\pi}{12} \right) = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}}.$$

Choosing the branch  $\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2} > 0$ , we get

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz = i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}} d\eta.$$

For  $t \in [-\pi/6, 0]$  we obtain

$$\frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz = i \frac{-1}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}} d\eta,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_1} \frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz &= \int_1^{1/2} i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}} d\eta + \int_{1/2}^1 i \frac{-1}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}} d\eta \\ &= -i(1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-t^2)(4t^2-1)^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

$A_2$ -period, integrand  $i(z^5 - z)/w^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_2} \frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz &= \int_1^{1/2} i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}} d\eta + \int_{1/2}^1 i \frac{-e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-\eta^2)(4\eta^2-1)^2}} d\eta \\ &= -i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3}) \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-t^2)(4t^2-1)^2}}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.5.** *Set*

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} B(2/3, 1/6), \quad \beta = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} B(1/3, 1/6), \quad \gamma = \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-t^2)(4t^2-1)^2}}.$$

Then

$$\beta = \sqrt{3} \gamma.$$

*Proof.* We consider the period of  $(z^5 + z)/w^2 dz$  along  $B_5 = \varphi^5(A_1)$ . The arguments below are similar to those used to prove [Lemma 3.4](#). For  $t \in [5\pi/6, \pi]$  we set  $\eta = \sin 2t$ . Now

$$\frac{z^4}{w^2} \left( \frac{11}{12} \pi \right) = \frac{e^{11\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} = -\frac{e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}},$$

so choosing a branch  $\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2} > 0$ , we get

$$\frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz = i \frac{-e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta.$$

Similarly, for  $t \in [-\pi, -5\pi/6]$ , we obtain

$$\frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz = i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta.$$

It follows that

(5)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_5} \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz &= \int_{-\sqrt{3}/2}^0 i \frac{-e^{2\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta + \int_0^{-\sqrt{3}/2} i \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{\sqrt[3]{4\eta^2(3-4\eta^2)^2}} d\eta \\ &= -i(e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3})\beta. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using the action of  $\varphi$ , we obtain

$$(\varphi^*)^5 = e^{10\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & R\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \end{pmatrix}^5 = -e^{\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad \int_{B_5} \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz &= \int_{\varphi^5(A_1)} \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz = \int_{A_1} (\varphi^*)^5 \left( \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz \right) \\ &= -e^{\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \int_{A_1} \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz \\ \int_{A_1} \frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -e^{\pi i/3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\beta \\ -i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\gamma \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -e^{\pi i/3} \left( \frac{i}{2}(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\beta + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\gamma \right) \\ &= -i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3}) \left( \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\gamma \right). \end{aligned}$$

The equality of (5) and (6) implies the claim of the lemma. □

Using the equality  $\beta = \sqrt{3} \gamma$ , Lemma 3.4, and the action of  $\varphi$ , we can write the period matrix  $\text{Re } \Omega$  of  $f$  in terms of the quantities  $\alpha, \gamma$  introduced in Lemma 3.5:

$$\text{Re } \Omega = \text{Re} (\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \Omega_4, \Omega_5, \Omega_6, \Omega_7),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= \left( (1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ -i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ -i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (-1 + e^{2\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ -2 i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right), \\ \Omega_2 &= \left( -(1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ -2 i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (-1 + e^{2\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right), \\ \Omega_3 &= \left( -(1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ -i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, -(e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ -i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (-1 + e^{2\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ 0 \\ 2 i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right), \\ \Omega_4 &= \left( -(1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ 0 \\ 2 i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, -(e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (1 - e^{2\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right), \\ \Omega_5 &= \left( -(1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ -\sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, -(e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ -\sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (1 - e^{2\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ 2 i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right), \\ \Omega_6 &= \left( (1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ 2 i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, -(e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ -\sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ -i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (1 - e^{2\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \\ -\sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ -i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right), \\ \Omega_7 &= \left( (1 + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ -\sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix}, (e^{2\pi i/3} + e^{\pi i/3}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ -\sqrt{3} i \gamma \\ i \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**The lattices  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda_{\pi/2}$ .** To complete the construction of our minimal surface, we still need to show that the periods form a lattice; in the same step we will also show the well-definedness of the conjugate, claimed by the [Main Theorem 1.5\(i\)](#). Recall that a *lattice* in a real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a discrete subgroup of maximal rank in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; a set of *lattice vectors* is any set that generates the lattice as an abelian group. Given a spanning set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (so  $m \geq n$ ), it is easy to see that  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  is a set of lattice vectors if and only if there exists a set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of lattice vectors and integer matrices  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  (respectively  $m \times n$  and  $n \times m$  in shape) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} &= \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} G_1, \\ \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} &= \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} G_2. \end{aligned}$$

To determine the lattice  $\Lambda$  of our example, we first define the four matrices

$$\Omega_8 = \begin{pmatrix} -2(e^{2\pi i/3} - 1)\alpha & 2(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\alpha & (e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3})\alpha & -(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & -(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3})\alpha & (1 + e^{\pi i/3})\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Omega_9 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2\sqrt{3}i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3})\gamma & 0 & \sqrt{3}i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\gamma & \sqrt{3}i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3})\gamma \\ 0 & 2i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\gamma & i(1 + e^{\pi i/3})\gamma & -i(e^{\pi i/3} + e^{2\pi i/3})\gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

$$G_1^\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (G_2^\Omega)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have arranged these matrices so that

$$\Omega G_1^\Omega = (\Omega_8, \Omega_9) \quad \text{and} \quad (\Omega_8, \Omega_9) G_2^\Omega = \Omega.$$

Taking the real and imaginary parts, we get  $(\Omega_8, \Omega_9) = \Omega_{\text{Re}} + i \Omega_{\text{Im}}$ , with

$$\Omega_{\text{Re}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3\alpha & 3\alpha & 0 & -\frac{3}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & +\frac{3}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6\gamma & 0 & -\frac{3}{2}\gamma & -3\gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{3}\gamma & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\gamma & \sqrt{3}\gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Omega_{\text{Im}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3}\alpha & \sqrt{3}\alpha & \sqrt{3}\alpha & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{3}\alpha & +\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\gamma & \frac{3}{2}\gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\Lambda := \begin{pmatrix} 3\alpha & \frac{3}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\gamma & \frac{3}{2}\gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_{\pi/2} := \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3}\alpha & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\sqrt{3}\gamma & \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2}\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

are related to  $\Omega_{\text{Re}}$  and  $\Omega_{\text{Im}}$  via integer matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{\text{Re}} G_1^R &= \Lambda, & \Lambda G_2^R &= \Omega_{\text{Re}}, \\ \Omega_{\text{Im}} G_1^I &= \Lambda_{\pi/2}, & \Lambda_{\pi/2} G_2^I &= \Omega_{\text{Im}}, \end{aligned}$$

showing that  $\Omega_{\text{Re}}$  spans the lattice defined by  $\Lambda$  and  $\Omega_{\text{Im}}$  the lattice defined by  $\Lambda_{\pi/2}$ . This concludes the proof that the minimal surface  $f : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda$  and its conjugate  $f_{\pi/2} : M_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda_{\pi/2}$  are well defined.

**The associate surfaces.** To prove the well-definedness of the associate surfaces  $f_\theta$  of  $f$ , we take the period matrix of  $f_\theta$ :

$$\text{Re}\{e^{i\theta} \Omega\} = \cos \theta (\Omega_{10} \ \Omega_{11}),$$

where

$$\Omega_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} (3 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) \alpha & (3 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) \alpha & -\sqrt{3} \alpha \tan \theta & -\frac{\alpha}{2} (3 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \alpha \tan \theta & \frac{\alpha}{2} (3 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Omega_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6\gamma & 0 & -\frac{3\gamma}{2} (1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) & -3\gamma \\ 0 & -\sqrt{3} \gamma (1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) & -\frac{\sqrt{3}\gamma}{2} (1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta) & \sqrt{3} \gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $\sqrt{3} \tan \theta = m/n \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we can show that  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{Re}\{e^{i\theta} \Omega\} = 4$ . This implies the condition [Theorem 1.1\(3\)](#), so each  $f_\theta$  is well defined. Thus the associate surfaces are defined for a countable dense set of angles  $e^{i\theta} \in S^1$  because  $\theta$  is parametrized by the rationals.

### 4. Homological triviality and reducible symmetry

Finally, the proof of [Main Theorem 1.5\(iii\)](#) is given in the next two lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.**  *$f(M_{10})$  is homologous to 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda$ .*

*Proof.* Setting

$$(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) = \text{Re} \int_{p_0}^p \left( \frac{1 - z^6}{w^2}, \frac{i(1 + z^6)}{w^2}, \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2}, \frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} \right)^T dz,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} dx^1 \\ dx^2 \\ dx^3 \\ dx^4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 - z^6}{w^2} dz + \frac{1 - \bar{z}^6}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \\ \frac{i(1 + z^6)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(1 + \bar{z}^6)}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \\ \frac{z^5 + z}{w^2} dz + \frac{\bar{z}^5 + \bar{z}}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \\ \frac{i(z^5 - z)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(\bar{z}^5 - \bar{z})}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} dx^1 \wedge dx^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz + \frac{1-\bar{z}^6}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge \left( \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(1+\bar{z}^6)}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \frac{1-|z|^{12}}{|w|^4} dz \wedge d\bar{z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx^1 \wedge dx^3 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz + \frac{1-\bar{z}^6}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge \left( \frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz + \frac{\bar{z}^5+\bar{z}}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{-(z-\bar{z})(1+|z|^{10}) - (z^5-\bar{z}^5)(1+|z|^2)}{|w|^4} dz \wedge d\bar{z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx^1 \wedge dx^4 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1-z^6}{w^2} dz + \frac{1-\bar{z}^6}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge \left( \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(\bar{z}^5-\bar{z})}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \\ &= -\frac{i}{4} \frac{-(z+\bar{z})(1+|z|^{10}) + (z^5+\bar{z}^5)(1+|z|^2)}{|w|^4} dz \wedge d\bar{z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx^2 \wedge dx^3 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(1+\bar{z}^6)}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge \left( \frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz + \frac{\bar{z}^5+\bar{z}}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \\ &= \frac{i}{4} \frac{(z+\bar{z})(1+|z|^{10}) + (z^5+\bar{z}^5)(1+|z|^2)}{|w|^4} dz \wedge d\bar{z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx^2 \wedge dx^4 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{i(1+z^6)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(1+\bar{z}^6)}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge \left( \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(\bar{z}^5-\bar{z})}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{(z-\bar{z})(1+|z|^{10}) - (z^5-\bar{z}^5)(1+|z|^2)}{|w|^4} dz \wedge d\bar{z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx^3 \wedge dx^4 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{z^5+z}{w^2} dz + \frac{\bar{z}^5+\bar{z}}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge \left( \frac{i(z^5-z)}{w^2} dz - \frac{i(\bar{z}^5-\bar{z})}{\bar{w}^2} d\bar{z} \right) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \frac{-|z|^2 + |z|^{10}}{|w|^4} dz \wedge d\bar{z}. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $z = re^{i\theta}$  ( $0 \leq r \leq \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ), we get  $dz \wedge d\bar{z} = -2ir dr \wedge d\theta$ . First,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M_{10}} dx^1 \wedge dx^2 &= 3 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{i}{2} \frac{1-r^{12}}{\sqrt[3]{(r^{24}-2r^{12}\cos(12\theta)+1)^2}} 2ir dr d\theta \\ &= -3 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \left( \int_{r=0}^1 + \int_{r=1}^{\infty} \right) \\ &= -3 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \left( \int_{r=0}^1 - \int_{r'=0}^1 \right) \quad (r' = 1/r) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can see that  $\int_{M_{10}} dx^3 \wedge dx^4 = 0$ . Next, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M_{10}} dx^1 \wedge dx^3 &= -3 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{r \sin \theta (1+r^{10}) + r^5 \sin(5\theta)(1+r^2)}{\sqrt[3]{(r^{24} - 2r^{12} \cos(12\theta) + 1)^2}} r dr d\theta \\ &= -3 \left( \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} + \int_{\theta=\pi}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \right) \\ &= -3 \left( \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} - \int_{\theta'=0}^{\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \right) \quad (\theta' = \theta - \pi) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\int_{M_{10}} dx^1 \wedge dx^4 = \int_{M_{10}} dx^2 \wedge dx^3 = \int_{M_{10}} dx^2 \wedge dx^4 = 0$  follows. Therefore  $[f(M_{10})] = 0$ . □

**Lemma 4.2.** *The map  $f$  has only reducible symmetry. The maximal symmetry of  $f$  is the dihedral group  $D_{12}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S_f(M_{10})$  be an arbitrary symmetry. For every  $\phi \in S_f(M_{10})$ , we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{10} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda \\ \phi \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \begin{array}{l} \exists \text{ affine transformation} \\ A \in O(4, \mathbb{R}), \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \end{array} \\ M_{10} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{R}^4/\Lambda \end{array}$$

where we define the automorphism  $j$  by  $j(z, w) = (z, e^{2\pi/3i} w)$ . Because the Gauss map  $G$  is  $j$ -invariant,  $\phi$  induces an automorphism  $\phi'$  of  $S^2$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M_{10} & \xrightarrow{G} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Q_2 \subset \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3 \\ & \searrow /j & M_{10}/j \cong S^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{embedding}} & \downarrow \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \exists \phi' & \circlearrowleft & A \\ & \searrow /j & M_{10}/j \cong S^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{embedding}} & \downarrow \\ M_{10} & \xrightarrow{G} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Q_2 \subset \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3 \end{array}$$

Let  $S'_f(M_{10})$  be a subgroup of automorphisms of  $M_{10}$  which induce automorphisms of  $M_{10}/j \cong S^2 \cong \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Then, we obtain  $S_f(M_{10}) \subset S'_f(M_{10})$ . Now let

$p_\alpha = (e^{(\pi/6)\alpha i}, 0)$  ( $1 \leq \alpha \leq 12$ ) be branch points of  $/j$ . Every element of  $S'_f(M_{10})$  induces an automorphism of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  that preserves  $\{e^{(\pi/6)\alpha i}\}_{\alpha=1}^{12}$ . It is easy to verify that a subgroup of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  with the above property is generated by  $z \mapsto e^{(\pi/6)i} z$  and  $z \mapsto 1/z$ . To lift these automorphisms, we consider the automorphism  $\varphi'$  of  $M_{10}$  given by  $\varphi'(z, w) = (1/z, e^{\pi i/3} w/z^4)$ . Thus  $S'_f(M_{10})$  is generated by  $j$ ,  $\varphi$ , and  $\varphi'$ . Setting  $\phi_1 = \varphi \circ j^2$  and  $\phi_2(z, w) = \varphi' \circ j$ , we obtain

$$\phi_1^* f = \begin{pmatrix} R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & R\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) & \\ & 0 & & \end{pmatrix} f, \quad \phi_2^* f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} f.$$

Obviously,  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are reducible actions respectively and generate the dihedral group  $D_{12}$ . Note that  $j$  does not induce any affine transformation of the torus. Hence,  $S_f(M_{10})$  is a subgroup of  $D_{12}$  generated by  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ . Therefore,  $S_f(M_{10})$  has only reducible symmetry and its maximal symmetry is  $D_{12}$ , generated by  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .  $\square$

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