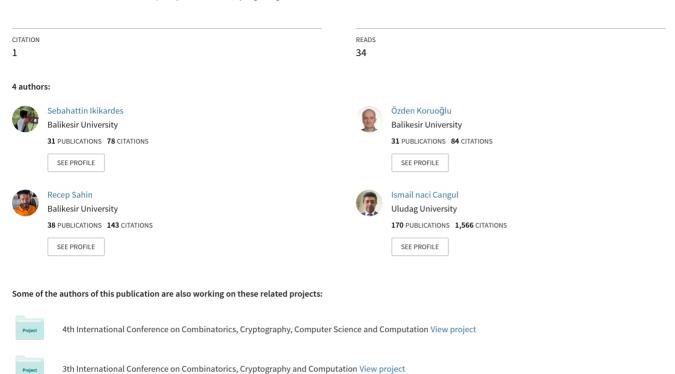
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ONE RELATOR QUOTIENTS OF THE EXTENDED MODULAR GROUP¹

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Abstract

In this paper, we obtain one relator quotients of the extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ by adding an extra relation to the existing two relations. Then, we show that some of one-relator quotients of $\overline{\Gamma}$ are M^* -groups.

1. Introduction

The modular group $\Gamma = PSL(2,\mathbb{Z})$ is the discrete subgroup of $PSL(2,\mathbb{R})$ generated by two linear fractional transformations

$$t(z) = -\frac{1}{z}$$
 and $s(z) = -\frac{1}{z+1}$,

and it has a presentation

$$\Gamma = \langle t, s \mid t^2 = s^3 = I \rangle \cong C_2 * C_3.$$

The extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma} = PGL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ is defined by adding the reflection $r(z) = 1/\overline{z}$ to the generators of the modular group Γ and it has a presentation

$$\overline{\Gamma} = \langle t, s, r \mid t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = I, rt = tr, rs = s^{-1}r \rangle,$$

or equivalently,

$$\overline{\Gamma} = \langle t, s, r \mid t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = I \rangle \cong D_2 *_{C_2} D_3.$$

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The modular group Γ is a subgroup of index 2 in $\overline{\Gamma}$, (see, [1] and [7]).

In [5], [6] and [20], the authors studied one relator quotients of the modular group Γ by adding extra relations to the existing two relations. In the relevant literature, there is a huge number of papers on one-relator quotients of free products and free products with amalgamation. For examples of these studies, see [9] and [11]. Also, the book [10] provides an excellent reference for the work on one-relator products.

In this paper, we obtain one relator quotients of the extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ by adding an extra relation to the existing relations. We came across an interesting case when we were obtaining one relator quotients. Some of one-relator quotients of the extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ are the M^* -groups. M^* -groups were studied by May [15] first. Then these groups were investigated intensively [3, 4, 8, 12, 14–19]. The article in [2] contains a nice survey of known results about M^* -groups. Now, we briefly mention about the M^* -groups.

Let X be a compact bordered Klein Surface of algebraic genus $g \geq 2$. May proved in [14] that the automorphism group G of X is finite, and the order of G is at most 12(g-1). Groups isomorphic to the automorphism group of such a compact bordered Klein surface with this maximal number of automorphisms are called M^* -groups. Thus a finite group G is called an M^* -group if it is generated by three distinct non-trivial elements α, β, γ which satisfy the relations

$$\alpha^2 = \beta^2 = \gamma^2 = (\alpha\beta)^2 = (\alpha\gamma)^3 = I$$

and other relations which make the group finite [15]. In [12, p.277], Greenleaf and May proved that there is a relationship between the extended modular group and M^* -groups which says a finite group of order at least twelve is an M^* -group if and only if it is the homomorphic image of the extended modular group. In fact, by using known results about normal subgroups of the extended modular group, they found an infinite family of M^* -groups. Thus, if the order of one relator quotient group of the extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ is greater than 6, then the homomorphic image of it is an M^* -group [12, p.277]. From [15, p.7], we give a table of M^* -groups of low order,

$C_2 imes S_3$	A_5	
S_4	$C_2 imes A_5$	
$S_3 \times S_3$	$S_3 \times S_4$	
$C_2 imes S_4$	$C_2 \times C_2 \times A_5$	

Table I

where, S_n denotes the symmetric group on n letters, A_n is the alternating group on n letters, and C_n stands for the cyclic group of order n. Therefore, one relator quotients of the extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ are M^* -groups if they obey the group structures given in the Table I. Such results are important in the study of bordered Klein surfaces.

In this paper, we deal with the general problem: What are the possible homomorphic images of $\overline{\Gamma}$, the kernels of which are normally generated by a single non-trivial element

R? Since the modular group Γ is a subgroup of index 2 in $\overline{\Gamma}$, every element R in $\overline{\Gamma} \setminus \Gamma$ can be uniquely written as R = ur, where $u \in \Gamma$ and r is an element of order 2 outside Γ such that $\overline{\Gamma}$ is the semidirect product of Γ and r < r >.

The first main statement of the work is that if R = sr then $\overline{\Gamma}$ has only one homomorphic image, (up to isomorphism) which is C_2 , the cycle group of order 2.

The second main statement is that (as a corollary of the first statement) if $R \in \Gamma$ then the corresponding images are the semidirect products of $\Gamma/\langle R \rangle$ and C_2 , where $\langle R \rangle$ is the normal closure of R in Γ .

2. One Relator Quotients of $\overline{\Gamma}$

The extended Modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ has a presentation

$$\overline{\Gamma} = \langle t, s, r : t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (sr)^2 = I \rangle$$
.

We now add an extra relation

$$w = R(t, s, r) = I$$

where R(s,t,r) is a cyclically reduced word of the form

$$R_1(t, s, r) = t s^{\varepsilon_1} r t s^{\varepsilon_2} r \dots t s^{\varepsilon_n} r \tag{2.1}$$

or

$$R_2(t, s, r) = trs^{\epsilon_1} trs^{\epsilon_2} ... trs^{\epsilon_n}$$
(2.2)

with $1 \le \varepsilon_i \le 2$. Here, the two expressions for R(t, s, r) represent the same relation. Since $I = (tr)^2 = trtr = trt^{-1}r^{-1}$, we have tr = rt. Therefore, $r(R_1)r^{-1} = R_2$, where R_1 and R_2 are the expressions given in (2.1) and (2.2), respectively. Therefore, it is enough to consider R_1 .

Also, since $\Gamma = \Gamma \cdot < r >$ with $\Gamma \lhd \overline{\Gamma}$ and |r| = 2, every element of $\overline{\Gamma}$ is either in Γ or has form gr, for a uniquely defined element $g \in \Gamma$. In this work the case when w = gr, $g \in \Gamma$ is considered. Since Γ is a free product,

$$w=R(t,s,r)=gr=(ts^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n})r.$$

We denote the number of t's, r's and s's in w by $e_t(w)$, $e_r(w)$ and $e_s(w)$, respectively. Here note that $e_s(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i$. It is clear that $e_r(w) = 1$ or $e_r(w) = 0$. If $e_t(w) = 0$, then $1 \le e_s(w) \le 2$ and if $e_t(w) = n$, then $n \le e_s(w) \le 2n$.

We define $M_{k,l,m}$ as the total number of words w with $e_t(w) = k$, $e_s(w) = l$ and $e_r(w) = m = 0$. Then it follows that the number of normal forms is

$$\alpha_{k,l,m} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ l-k \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.3}$$

The following formula for the number of all normal forms having $e_t(w) = k$, $e_s(w) = l$ and $e_r(w) = m = 0$ is given in [20] as follows:

$$M_{k,l,0} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{d \mid (k,l-k)} \left[\varphi(d) \left(\frac{k/d}{(l-k)/d} \right) \right]. \tag{2.4}$$

By mean the formula (2.4), we obtain $M_{n,n,0} = M_{n,n+1,0} = M_{n,2n,0} = M_{n,2n-1,0} = 1$. Also, it is clear that if n is odd, then $M_{n,n+1,0} = M_{n,2n-1,0}$, $M_{n,n+2,0} = M_{n,2n-2,0}$, \cdots , $M_{n,\frac{3n-1}{2},0} = M_{n,\frac{3n+1}{2},0}$ and if n is even, then $M_{n,n+1,0} = M_{n,2n-1,0}$, $M_{n,n+2,0} = M_{n,2n-2,0}$, \cdots , $M_{n,\frac{3n}{2}-1,0} = M_{n,\frac{3n}{2}+1,0}$. Thus, we only investigate the following two cases. The first case is k = n odd and $l = \frac{3n-1}{2}$ and the second case is k = n even and $l = \frac{3n}{2} - 1$. Once having this formula, we can check whether we have all words of the required property or not.

Example 2.1. Let k = 5, l = 7 and m = 0. Then by the formula (2.3), the number of normal forms $\alpha_{5,7,0}$ is 10. By formula (2.4), there are only 2 non-equivalent cyclically reduced ones. These are

$$tstststs^2ts^2$$

and

$$tsts^2tststs^2$$
.

We don't consider the words such as $ts^2ts^2tststs$ or $tsts^2ts^2tsts$ as both are equivelent to the first word.

Let us add the first relation

$$tstststs^2ts^2 = I$$

to
$$t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = I$$
. Then as

$$tst = ststs^2 ts^2$$

we have

$$(tst)^2 = ts^2t = I,$$

and equivalently $s^2 = I$. Then $t^2 = s^3 = s^2 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = I$ gives $t^2 = s = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = I$. Also if we put s = I in the first relation $tststs^2ts^2ts^2 = I$, we get t = I. This means that the quotient group is C_2 , the cyclic group of order two.

Notice that if k = 5, l = 8 and m = 0, then by the formula (2.3), the number of normal forms $\alpha_{5,8,0}$ is 10. Also, by formula (2.4), there are only 2 non-equivalent cyclically reduced ones. These are ts^2ts^2tsts and $ts^2ts^2tststs^2$. In fact these words are inverses of non-equivalent cyclically reduced words in the case k = 5, l = 7 and m = 0, since the words $(tstststs^2ts^2)^{-1} = stst^2ts^2ts^2t$ and $(tsts^2tststs^2)^{-1} = sts^2ts^2tsts^2$ are equivalent to the words ts^2ts^2tsts and $ts^2ts^2tststs^2$, respectively.

Now we give the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. If $1 \le k \le 7$ and $1 \le l \le 10$ and m = 1, then the quotient group $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t, s, r)$ is isomorphic to C_2 , i.e. $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t, s, r) \cong C_2$.

Proof. Firstly, we find a presentation for the quotient $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r)$ by adding the relation $ts^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n}r=I$ with $1\leq \varepsilon_i\leq 2$ to the presentation of $\overline{\Gamma}$. We have

$$\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r)\cong \left\langle t,s,r;t^2=s^3=r^2=(tr)^2=(rs)^2=ts^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n}r=I\right. \rangle.$$

Then we obtain the relations

$$t^2=s^3=(ts^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n})^2=(s^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n})^2=(ts^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n+1})^2=I$$

as $r = ts^{\varepsilon_1}ts^{\varepsilon_2}...ts^{\varepsilon_n}$. Using the these relations, we find s = I. If k is even, we have r = I, since $t^2 = I$. If k is odd, we obtain the relation t = r. Thus, the quotient group is isomorphic to C_2 , i.e.,

$$\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r)\cong\langle t;t^2=I\rangle$$
.

Example 2.2. Let $R(t, s, r) = tststs^2tsts^2r$. Here k = 6, l = 9 and m = 1. Then we get a presentation for the quotient group

$$\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r) \cong \langle t,s,r;t^2=s^3=r^2=(tr)^2=(rs)^2=tststs^2tsts^2tsts^2r=I \rangle$$
.

Thus we find the relations

$$t^2 = s^3 = (tststs^2tsts^2ts^2)^2 = (ststs^2tsts^2ts^2)^2 = (tststs^2tsts^2t)^2 = I$$

as $r = tststs^2tst^2ts^2$. Using $(tstst^2tst^2t)^2 = I$, we obtain $tstst^2tsts^2t$. $tststs^2tst^2t$ = $tstst^2ts^2ts^2ts^2t$ = I. Then we have $sts^2ts^2ts^2t$ = I and sts^2ts^2t = s^2ts^2 . If we put the last relation to $(tstst^2tst^2ts^2)^2 = tstst^2ts^2ts^2ts^2ts^2ts^2ts^2t$ = I, we find $tstst^2ts^2ts^2ts^2ts^2t$ = I. Using $tstst^2ts^2ts^2ts^2t$ = I and $tstst^2ts^2ts^2t$ = I, we obtain $sts^2ts^2 = I$. Furthermore, we get $s^2 = I$ and so s = I. If we write s = I in R(t,s,r), we have r = I, since k is even and $t^2 = I$. Finally, we find a presentation for the quotient group $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r) \cong \langle t; t^2 = I \rangle \cong C_2$.

Now we can give the following result.

Corollary 2.2. If $1 \le k \le 7$ and $1 \le l \le 10$ and m = 0, then the quotient group $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r)$ is isomorphic to $C_2 \rtimes \Gamma/R(t,s)$.

Proof. Since m=0, there is no r in the word R(t,s,r). Thus R(t,s,r)=R(t,s). Also the extended modular $\overline{\Gamma}$ is the semidirect product of Γ and C_2 (see, [1]), i.e. $\overline{\Gamma} \cong C_2 \rtimes \Gamma$. Since $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r) \cong \overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s)$, we have $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r) \cong C_2 \rtimes \Gamma/R(t,s)$.

Here, we consider all possibilities for $k \le 7$, $l \le 14$ and m = 0. Also, for m = 1, we consider the cases k = 0 and $l \le 2$ or k = 1 and l = 0, separately. Thus we identify the quotient as being either finite (give its structure) or infinite.

One-relator quotients of the modular group have been studied by Conder in [5] for $2 \le k \le 12$ and $2 \le l \le 24$ and by Ulutas and Cangul in [20] for $1 \le k \le 7$ and $1 \le l \le 10$. Thus, if $k \ge 1$, $l \ge 1$ and m = 0, then the quotient group $\overline{\Gamma}/R(t,s,r)$ can be easily found using the their results.

Notation for the groups themselves is standard, except that we let $X \sim Y$ denote an extension of the group X by the group Y, that is, a group Z with a normal subgroup X

such that $Z/X \cong Y$. Such an extension is not necessarily a split extension, nor do we claim it to be unique.

Note that one relator quotients of the extended modular group $\overline{\Gamma}$ in the Table II are M^* -groups if they obey the given in the Table I group structures. Also in [8], it was shown that A_n is an M^* -group, for all but finitely many values of n. It was also shown in [4] that $C_2 \times A_n$ is an M^* -group. Thus the ones in these forms are M^* -groups.

			Possible		Abstract Structure
k	$\mid l \mid$	m	Cyclically	Presentation of Quotient Group	
			Reduced		of Quotient
	_	_	Words	/4	Group
0	0	1	r	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = r = I \rangle$	C_2
0	1	0	8	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = s = I \rangle$	$\frac{D_2}{G}$
0	1	1	sr	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = sr = I \rangle$	C_2
0	2	0	s^2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = s^2 = I \rangle$	D_2
0	2	1	s^2r	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = s^2r = I \rangle$	C_2
1	0	0	t	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t = I \rangle$	S_3
1	0	1	tr	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tr = I \rangle$	S_3
1	1	0	ts	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = ts = I \rangle$	C_2
1	2	0	ts^2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = ts^2 = I \rangle$	C_2
2	2	0	tsts	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tsts = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes S_3$
2	3	0	$tsts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tsts^2 = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes C_6$
3	3	0	tststs	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststs = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes A_4$
3	4	0	$tststs^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststs^2 = I \rangle$	C_2
4	4	0	tstststs	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststs = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes S_4$
4	5	0	$tstststs^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststs^2 = I \rangle$	D_2
4	6	0	$tststs^2ts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststs^2ts^2 = I \rangle$	$S_3 \times S_3$
4	6	0	$tsts^2tsts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tsts^2 tsts^2 = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes (C_2 \times A_4)$
4	7	0	$tsts^2ts^2ts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tsts^2 ts^2 ts^2 = I \rangle$	D_2
4	8	0	$ts^2ts^2ts^2ts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = ts^2 ts^2 ts^2 ts^2 = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes S_4$
5	5	0	tststststs	$(t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststststs = I)$	$C_2 \rtimes A_5$
5	6	0	$tststststs^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststststs^2 = I \rangle$	S_3
5	7	0	$tstststs^2ts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststs^2ts^2 = I \rangle$	C_2
5	7	0	$tststs^2tsts^2$	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststs^2 tsts^2 = I \rangle$	C_2
6	6	0	tststststs	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststststs = I \rangle$	Infinite
6	7	0	tstststststs2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststststs^2 = I \rangle$	D_2
6	8	0	tststststs2ts2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststststs^2 ts^2 = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes S_3$
6	8	0	tstststs2tsts2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststs^2 tsts^2 = I \rangle$	D_2
6	8	0	tststs2tststs2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststs^2 tststs^2 = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes (C_2 \times S_4)$
6	9	0	tstststs2ts2ts2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tstststs^2 ts^2 ts^2 = I \rangle$	$C_2 \rtimes (C_4 \sim A_4)$
6	9	0	tststs2tsts2ts2	$\langle t, s, r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = tststs^2 tsts^2 ts^2 = I \rangle$	Infinite
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6	9	0	$tststs^2ts^2tsts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		$C_2 \rtimes (C_7 \sim C_6)$
6	9	0	$tsts^2tsts^2tsts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		Infinite
7	7	0	tstststststs	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		Infinite
7	8	0	$tststststststs^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		C_2
7	9	0	$tstststststs^2ts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		S_3
7	9	0	$tststststs^2tsts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		$C_2 \rtimes A_4$
7	9	0	$tstststs^2tststs^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		S_3
7	10	0	$tststststs^2ts^2ts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		C_2
7	10	0	$tstststs^2tsts^2ts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		C_2
7	10	0	$tststs^2ts^2tststs^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		C_2
7	10	0	$tstststs^2ts^2tsts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$		C_2
7	10	0	$tststs^2tsts^2tsts^2$	$r; t^2 = s^3 = r^2 = (tr)^2 = (rs)^2 = t$	$tststs^2tsts^2tsts^2 = I$	$\mid C_2 \mid$

Table II

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