

ON HYPERBOLIC 3-MANIFOLDS WITH SYMMETRIC HEEGAARD SPLITTINGS

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ABSTRACT. We construct a family of hyperbolic 3-manifolds by pairwise identifications of faces in the boundary of certain polyhedral 3-balls and prove that all these manifolds are cyclic branched coverings of the 3-sphere over certain family of links with two components. These extend some results from [5] and [10] concerning with the branched coverings of the whitehead link.

1. Introduction

There are two well known results about the realization of closed 3-manifolds. One is that any closed orientable 3-manifold can be obtained by Dehn surgeries on the components of an oriented link in the 3-sphere. The other one says that any closed 3-manifold can be represented as a branched covering of some link in the 3-sphere. So if we consider a link in the 3-sphere, we can construct many classes of closed orientable 3-manifolds by considering its branched coverings or Dehn surgeries along it. The description of closed 3-manifolds as polyhedral 3-balls, whose finitely many boundary faces are glued together in pairs, is a further standard way to construct 3-manifolds (see [3], [4], [10], [11], and [12]). If the polyhedral 3-ball admits a geometric structure and the face identification is performed by means of geometric isometries, then the same geometric structure is inherited by the quotient manifold (see [10], [12], and [15]). Many authors have studied the connections between the face identification procedure and the representation of closed 3-manifolds as branched coverings of the 3-sphere. In [10] Helling, Kim and Menicke considered a family of polyhedral 3-balls \mathcal{P}_n depending on a positive integer n , and for any coprime positive integers n and k , they defined a pairwise gluing of faces in the boundary of \mathcal{P}_n yielding a closed orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}_{n,k}$. In the sequel, they proved that $\mathcal{M}_{n,k}$ is an n -fold strongly cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over the Whitehead link and classified, up to isometry, those coverings. More general

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cases (that is the branched coverings of the Whitehead link which are not necessarily strongly cyclic) were handled by A. Cavicchioli and L. Paoluzzi [5], when $\gcd(n, k) = d > 1$.

In this paper we consider the following classes of links \mathcal{W}_m and $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ for positive integers m and d as shown in Figure 1, where the index $m - 1$ in Figure 1a denotes the number of half twists and each L_i in box denotes the $(\frac{1}{m})$ -rational tangle. We note that \mathcal{W}_m is a link of two components which is the rational $(\frac{4m}{2m-1})$ -tangle. Moreover \mathcal{W}_m and $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ extend the Whitehead link \mathcal{W}_2 and $\mathcal{L}_{(2,1)}$. We construct an infinite family of 3-manifolds $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ by the identification of oppositely oriented boundary faces of a polyhedral 3-cell $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$ for positive integers m, n, k . Then we shall deal with the combinatorial representation of $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ by a special class of edge-colored graphs, called crystallizations (see for example [2], [8], [6], and [14]).

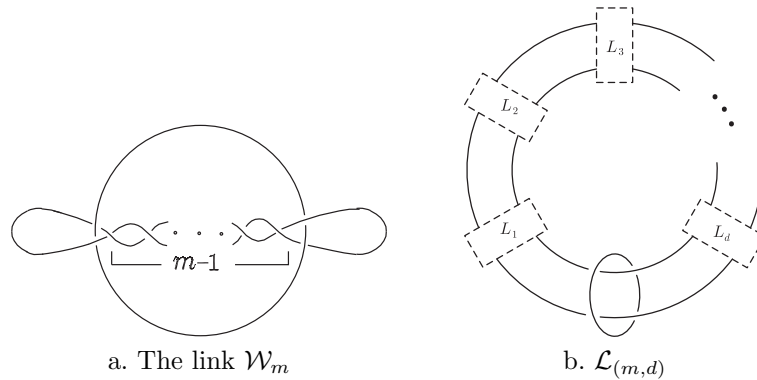


FIGURE 1

By applying *LCG* moves on crystallizations ([13] and [16]), we prove that $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is a 2-fold strongly cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$. In the sense of Birman and Hilden [1], we obtain the result that the symmetric extension of a Heegaard splitting for $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ represents $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ as (n/d) -fold strongly cyclic coverings of the 3-sphere branched over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$, where $\gcd(n, k) = d$. Moreover $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ is an n -fold cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over \mathcal{W}_m , where the branched indices of its components are n and n/d , respectively. We note that $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ is hyperbolic for $m > 1$ and so does $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ for $m > 1$. The results extend the corresponding ones of Helling-Kim-Mennicke [10] and Cavicchioli-Paoluzzi [5], where $m = 2$ and $\gcd(n, k) = 1$, and $m = 2$, $\gcd(n, k) = d > 2$, respectively.

2. Construction of the manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$

In this section we construct an infinite family of 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ by considering a combinatorial polyhedron together with an identification of

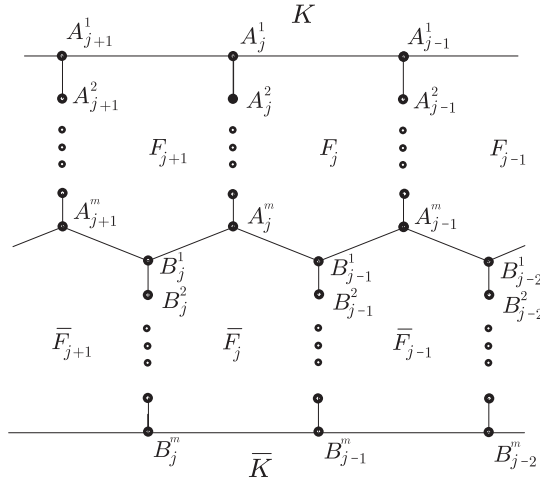


FIGURE 2. $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$

pairs of faces on its boundary. For positive integers m, n and k , let $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$ be a polyhedron whose boundary, which can be regarded as the 2-sphere, consists of two n -gons in the northern and southern hemispheres, and $2n$ $(2m + 1)$ -gons in the equatorial zone as shown in Figure 2. Then $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$ has $2n + 2$ faces, $2nm + 2n$ edges and $2nm$ vertices.

We define the boundary cycles of two n -gons and $2n$ $(2m + 1)$ -gons as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} K & : A_1^1 A_2^1 \cdots A_n^1 \\ \bar{K} & : B_1^m B_2^m \cdots B_n^m \\ F_j & : A_j^m A_j^{m-1} \cdots A_j^1 A_{j-1}^1 A_{j-1}^2 \cdots A_{j-1}^m B_{j-1}^1 \\ \bar{F}_j & : A_j^m B_j^1 B_j^2 \cdots B_j^m B_{j-1}^m B_{j-1}^{m-1} \cdots B_{j-1}^2 B_{j-1}^1 \end{aligned}$$

for $j = 1, \dots, n$ (see Figure 2).

We now define the face identification of $2n$ $(2m + 1)$ -gons as follows: for each $j = 1, \dots, n$,

$$T_j : \begin{cases} F_j \rightarrow \bar{F}_{j+k} \\ A_j^m \rightarrow A_{j+k}^m, \\ A_j^l \rightarrow B_{j+k}^{m-l} \text{ for } 1 \leq l \leq m-1, \\ A_{j-1}^1 \rightarrow B_{j+k}^m, \\ A_{j-1}^l \rightarrow B_{j+k-1}^{m-l+2} \text{ for } 2 \leq l \leq m, \\ B_{j-1}^1 \rightarrow B_{j+k-1}^1, \end{cases}$$

where the indices are taken mod n .

Consider the oriented edges:

$$x_j = (A_j^1, A_{j+1}^1) \text{ and } u_j = (B_{j-1}^1, A_j^m).$$

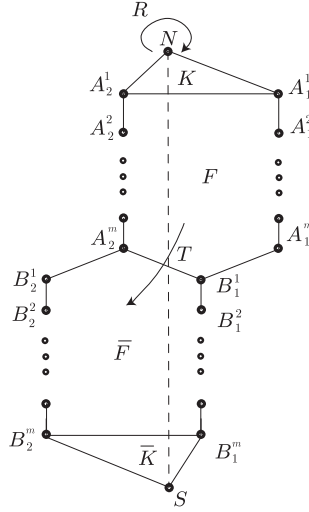


FIGURE 3. The quotient space $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)/ \sim$

Then the identifications T_j naturally induce the face identification of two n -gons. Moreover each oriented edge u_j has $\frac{n}{2}$ equivalent edges for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Now we calculate the Euler characteristic of the cellular complex $\mathcal{K}(2m+1, n, k)$ induced by the face identifications of the polyhedron $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$. We note that there is a rotational symmetry \sim by

$$A_j^i \rightarrow A_{j-1}^i \text{ and } B_j^i \rightarrow B_{j-1}^i \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

of $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$. Thus it suffices to consider our case in the quotient space $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)/ \sim$ with $\gcd(n, k) = 1$ described in Figure 3, where N and S are the centers of two n -gons in $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, n)$.

Indeed, it is easy to see that all edges of two $(2m + 1)$ -gons except (B_1^1, A_2^m) are equivalent under the repeated applications of composition actions of Q, R and T ;

$$Q : \begin{cases} A_2^1 \rightarrow B_2^m \\ A_1^1 \rightarrow B_1^m \\ N \rightarrow S \end{cases} \text{ and } R : \begin{cases} N \rightarrow N \\ S \rightarrow S \\ A_2^i \rightarrow A_1^i \\ B_2^i \rightarrow B_1^i \end{cases}$$

for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and

$$T : \begin{cases} A_1^1 \rightarrow B_2^m \\ A_1^l \rightarrow B_1^{m-l+2} \text{ for } 2 \leq l \leq m \\ B_1^1 \rightarrow B_1^1 \\ A_2^m \rightarrow A_2^m \\ A_2^l \rightarrow B_2^{m-l} \text{ for } 1 \leq l \leq m - 1. \end{cases}$$

This means that the complex $\mathcal{K}(2m + 1, n, k)$ has d vertices, $n + d$ edges, $n + 1$ two-cells and 1 three-cell. So it follows that the resulting complex $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ is a closed oriented 3-manifold by the theorem of Seifert and Threlfall: *a complex formed by identifying the faces of a polyhedron will be a closed manifold if and only if its Euler characteristic equals zero.*

3. Crystallizations and LCG moves

We introduce crystallizations and *LCG* moves (for detail, see [13] and [16]). For a given multigraph Γ , $V(\Gamma)$ and $E(\Gamma)$ denote the sets of vertices and edges of Γ (both finite) respectively. An edge-coloration on a graph $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$ is a map $\gamma : E(\Gamma) \rightarrow \Delta = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ such that $\gamma(e) \neq \gamma(f)$ for any two adjacent edges e, f . A pair (Γ, γ) is called a 4-colored graph if Γ is regular of valency 4. For a subset Δ' of Δ , we set $\Gamma_{\Delta'} = (V(\Gamma), \gamma^{-1}(\Delta'))$. Each connected component of $\Gamma_{\Delta'}$ is called a Δ' -residue of degree k , where k is the order of the component. The number of $\{ij\}$ -residues of (Γ, γ) is denoted by $g_{ij}(\Gamma, \gamma)$. A 4-colored graph (Γ, γ) is said to be contracted if $\Gamma_{\Delta \setminus \{i\}}$ is connected for each $i \in \Delta$. If (Γ, γ) is a 4-colored graph, then the associated pseudocomplex $K(\Gamma)$ is defined as follows:

- (1) take a 3-simplex $\sigma^3(v)$ for each $v \in V(\Gamma)$ and label its vertices by different elements of Δ ;
- (2) if $v, w \in V(\Gamma)$ are joined by an i -colored edge, then identify the 2-faces of $\sigma^3(v)$ and $\sigma^3(w)$ opposite to the vertices labelled by i , so that equally labelled vertices are identified together.

In this case (Γ, γ) is said to represent $K(\Gamma)$ and every space homeomorphic to it. A contracted 4-colored graph representing a closed connected 3-manifold M is said to be a *crystallization* of M .

For the drawing of a crystallization we first fix two arbitrary colors, for example, 0 and 1. Then we draw all $\{01\}$ -residues as circles, and draw all the third colored edges, say 2-colored edges, by connecting $\{01\}$ -residues. Finally we express each 3-colored edge by denoting the initial and terminal vertices by a, a^* or simply a, a if there is no confusion. This expression is called a crystallization based on $(01; 2)$. In (Γ, γ) an $\{ij\}$ -residue $\{a, b, c, d\}$ of degree 4 is called *standard* if four vertices a, b, c and d in Γ have the following two properties:

- (1) a, b, c and d are vertices of a $\{ij\}$ -residue of degree 4;
- (2) a, b, c and d are vertices of mutually distinct $\Delta \setminus \{ij\}$ -residues.

In particular, when $\{a, b, c, d\} = \{a, a^*, b, b^*\}$, we simply write a standard $\{ij\}$ -residue $\{a, b\}$ or a standard 2-residue $\{a, b\}$ for a standard $\{ij\}$ -residue $\{a, a^*, b, b^*\}$ of degree 4. We note that every closed connected 3-manifold admits a crystallization, and that a manifold can have non-isomorphic crystallizations. However there is a set of moves, called moves I, II, and A, which connects any two crystallizations of a manifold (see [7]). We now introduce a *LCG* move which is equivalent to moves I, II, and A.

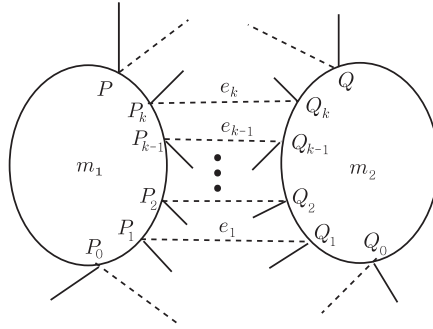


FIGURE 4. An extended 1-dipole

Let m_1 and m_2 be two distinct $\{01\}$ -residues in Γ with $\Delta = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. We say that m_1 and m_2 are joined by consecutive 3-colored edges e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k if there exists a partial ordering of vertices $P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{k-1}, P_k, P$ of m_1 and $Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_{k-1}, Q_k, Q$ of m_2 such that

- (1) P_i is joined to Q_i by a 3-colored edge e_i for $1 \leq i \leq k$;
- (2) $\overline{P_0P_1}$ and $\overline{Q_0Q_1}$ belong to a $\{03\}$ or $\{13\}$ -residue of degree greater than 4;
- (3) $\overline{P_kP}$ and $\overline{Q_kQ}$ belong to a $\{03\}$ or $\{13\}$ -residue of degree greater than 4.

Let m_1 and m_2 be two distinct $\{01\}$ -residues in Γ which are joined by consecutive 3-colored edges e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k . Then a partial subgraph of Γ formed by vertices P_1, \dots, P_k of m_1 and Q_1, \dots, Q_k of m_2 , joined by consecutive 3-colored edges is said to be an *extended 1-dipole* if m_1 and m_2 belong to different $\{012\}$ -residues (see Figure 4). In this case, we simply say that Γ has an extended 1-dipole generated by $(P_1, \dots, P_k; Q_1, \dots, Q_k)$. We recall that a subgraph of Γ formed by two vertices X, Y joined by 2 edges with colors i, j will be called a dipole $\{X, Y\}$ of type 2 if and only if X and Y belong to distinct components of $\Gamma_{\Delta \setminus \{i, j\}}$.

Let Γ have an extended 1-dipole consisting of two $\{01\}$ -residues m_1, m_2 and consecutive 3-edges e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k . Then we construct a 4-colored graph Γ' from Γ as follows:

- (1) Remove all 0, 1 and 3-colored edges ending at P_i or Q_i , and all P_i or Q_i for $1 \leq i \leq k$ from Γ .
- (2) Connect 2-colored edges ending at Q_i and P_i for $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (3) Connect 0 or 1-colored edges ending at Q and P , and Q_0 and P_0

In this case we say that Γ' is obtained from Γ by *eliminating an extended 1-dipole* or Γ is obtained from Γ' by *adding an extended 1-dipole*.

We say that Γ' is obtained from Γ by a *linear cut-and-glue move* (or a *LCG-move*) if there exists a non-contracted 4-colored graph $\bar{\Gamma}$ such that $\bar{\Gamma}$ is obtained

from Γ by adding an extended 1-dipole and Γ' is obtained from $\bar{\Gamma}$ by eliminating an extended 1-dipole. Two crystallizations are said to be *LCG-equivalent* if they can be joined by a finite sequence of *LCG* moves.

Theorem 1 ([7] and [13]). *Let M and M' be closed 3-manifolds, and (Γ, γ) and (Γ', γ') be two crystallizations of M and M' respectively. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) M is homeomorphic with M' ,
- (2) (Γ, γ) and (Γ', γ') are (I, II)-equivalent,
- (3) (Γ, γ) and (Γ', γ') are A-equivalent,
- (4) (Γ, γ) and (Γ', γ') are LCG-equivalent.

Theorem 2. *Let M be a closed 3-manifold and (Γ, γ) be a crystallization of M . If (Γ, γ) has a standard {23}-residue, then there is a crystallization (Γ', γ') of M such that $g_{01}(\Gamma', \gamma') = g_{01}(\Gamma, \gamma) - 1$.*

Proof. Let (Γ, γ) have a standard {23}-residue $\{a, b\}$. Then we assume, without loss of generality, that (Γ, γ) contains a part shown in Figure 5a, where the circles denote {01}-residues and the dashed lines denote 2-colored edges.

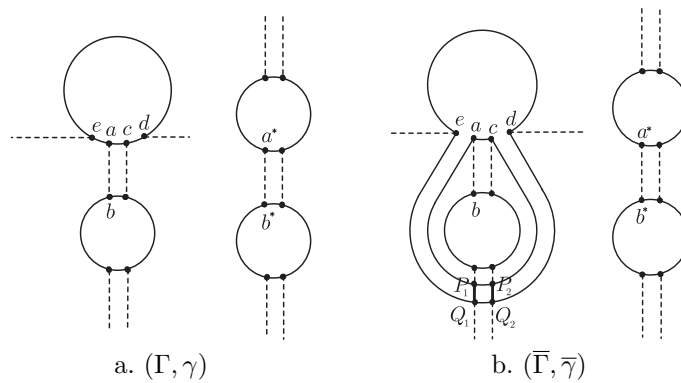


FIGURE 5

We now change this part and keep the other part unchanged to get a 4-colored graph $(\bar{\Gamma}, \bar{\gamma})$. First we draw two parallel lines which

- (1) have starting points a, e and ending points c, d , respectively and
- (2) circumscribe only one {01}-residue which contains b .

Then we remove lines $\bar{a}e, \bar{b}d$ and replace lines $\bar{P}_1\bar{Q}_1$ and $\bar{P}_2\bar{Q}_2$ by thick lines which denote 3-colored edges as shown in Figure 5b. We have a 4-colored graph $(\bar{\Gamma}, \bar{\gamma})$ which contains an extended 1-dipole generated by $(P_1, P_2; Q_1, Q_2)$ as shown in Figure 5b or Figure 6a. From the construction, it is clear that (Γ, γ) is obtained from $(\bar{\Gamma}, \bar{\gamma})$ by eliminating an extended 1-dipole generated by $(P_1, P_2; Q_1, Q_2)$.

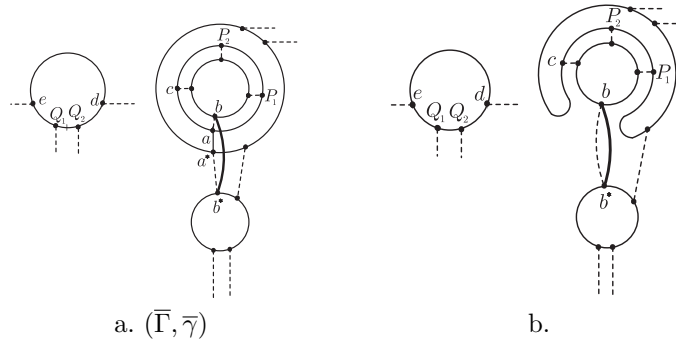


FIGURE 6

We note that $(\bar{\Gamma}, \bar{\gamma})$ has a standard $\{23\}$ -residue $\{a, b\}$. Moreover $(a; a)$ generates an extended 1-dipole. By eliminating it, we have a 4-colored graph with a dipole $\{b, b^*\}$ of type 2 (see Figure 6b). Indeed a crystallization in Figure 6b is obtained from (Γ, γ) by a *LCG*-move. Finally, by cancelling the dipole $\{b, b^*\}$ of type 2, we have a crystallization (Γ', γ') of M such that $g_{01}(\Gamma', \gamma') = g_{01}(\Gamma, \gamma) - 1$. \square

Let (Γ, γ) be a crystallization of a closed 3-manifold M with a standard 2-residue $\{a, b\}$. Then a crystallization (Γ', γ') of M constructed by using the method in the proof of Theorem 2 is said to be *generated from* (Γ, γ) *by LCG-moves*.

4. The manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ as a branched covering

There are two presentations corresponding to a spine of $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k)$. One is the description of polyhedral 3-balls, whose finitely many boundary faces are glued together in pairs, and the other one is a (n/d) -symmetric Heegaard splitting (or (n/d) -symmetric crystallization). The latter is easily obtained from a combinatorial complex triangulating $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ by pairwise identification of boundary 2-cells. By [1], $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ is an (n/d) -fold cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over a link of bridge number $\leq \frac{p-1+g}{p-1}$, where g is the genus of $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, n, k)$ and $p = \frac{n}{d}$. By the rotational symmetry, it suffices to prove the result in case $n = 2d$. We now consider the polyhedral schemata $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 2d)$, which defines the closed orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ as a quotient of a triangulated 3-ball B^3 by pairwise identification of its boundary 2-cells (see Figure 2). Triangulate $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 2d)$ into a simplicial complex $K(2m + 1, 2d)$ by using stellar subdivisions (for example see a triangulation of $K(7, 4)$ in Figure 7). We note that outside of the exterior circle we have a vertex and the corresponding stellar subdivision. The configuration is a simplicial tessellation of the 2-sphere ∂B^3 consisting of $2(2m + 1)d + 2$ vertices, $6(2m + 1)d$ edges, and $4(2m + 1)d$ triangles. Let w be a point in the interior

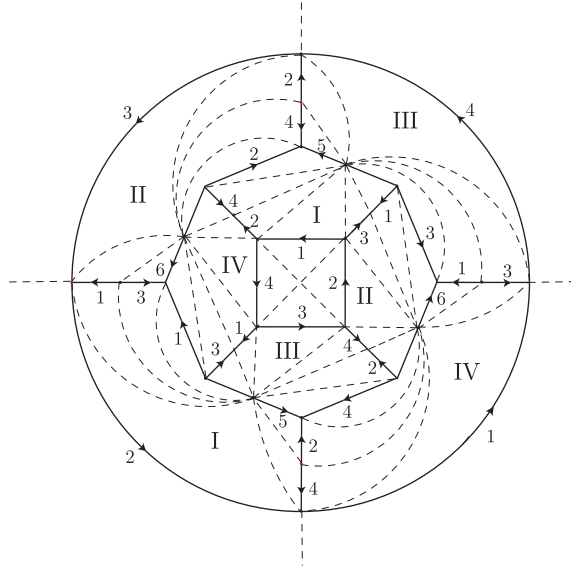


FIGURE 7. $K(7, 4)$

of B^3 . Now $K(2m + 1, 2d)$ is just the simplicial join from w on the above tessellation. Identify the two copies of each triangle in $\partial K(2m + 1, 2d)$ so that the corresponding oriented edges carrying the same label are glued together. The identification produces a pseudocomplex $\tilde{K}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ which triangulates $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ consisting of $2d + 2$ vertices, $2d + 2 + 4(2m + 1)d$ edges, $8(2m + 1)d$ triangles, and $4(2m + 1)d$ tetrahedra. Indeed $\tilde{K}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is a colored complex. We now construct the 4-colored graph $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ associated to $\tilde{K}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ as follows. The vertices of $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ are the elements of

$$\tilde{V}(2m + 1, 2d, d) = (\{0, 2d + 1\} \times \mathbb{Z}_{2d}) \cup (\{1, 2, \dots, 2d\} \times \mathbb{Z}_{4m}).$$

For coloring edges of $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ we consider the following four fixed-point-free involutions on $\tilde{V}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$:

$$\begin{aligned} v_0(i, j) &= (i, j + (-1)^j), \\ v_1(i, j) &= (i, j - (-1)^j), \\ v_2(i, j) &= \begin{cases} (2d + 1, i - 1) & \text{if } j = 0, \\ (0, 1 - i) & \text{if } j = 2m, \\ (i + (-1)^{i+1}\mu(j), j) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ v_3(i, j) &= \begin{cases} (i + d, 2m + 1 - j) & \text{if } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}, i \text{ odd,} \\ (i + d, 2m - 1 - j) & \text{if } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}, i \text{ even,} \\ (2d + 1, 1 - j) & \text{if } i = 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu : \mathbb{Z}_{4m} \setminus \{0, 2m\} \rightarrow \{+1, -1\}$ is the function defined by

$$\mu(j) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq 2m - 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } 2m + 1 \leq j \leq 4m - 1 \end{cases}$$

and the arithmetic is either mod $2d$ or mod $4m$. We now define the 4-colored graph $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ as follows: for each $i \in \Delta$ two vertices x and y in $\tilde{V}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ are joined by an i -colored edge if and only if $y = v_i(x)$. The geometrical shape of $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ consists of $2d$ circles C_i which are $\{01\}$ -residues of length $4m$ cyclically set on the plane following the natural order of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 2d\}$, and of two circles C_0, C_{2d+1} of length $2d$ which are $\{01\}$ -residues of length $2d$. For each $i \in \{0, \dots, 2d\}$, the vertex set of C_i consists of pairs (i, j) for any $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{4m}$. The vertex sets of C_0 and C_{2d+1} consist of pairs (i, j) for any $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{2d}$. We cyclically order the vertices (i, j) of each C_i following the natural order of j in \mathbb{Z}_{4m} (or \mathbb{Z}_{2d}) so that all these orderings induce the clockwise (resp. anti-clockwise) orientation of the plane when i is odd (resp. even). There are exactly $2m - 1$ 2-colored edges between C_i and C_{i+1} (resp. C_i and C_{i-1}) for any $i = 1, \dots, 2d$ (here $0 \equiv 2d$). There is exactly one 2-colored edge between C_i and C_{2d+1} (resp. C_i and C_0) for any $i = 1, \dots, 2d$. Furthermore there are exactly $4m$ 3-colored edges between C_i and C_{i+d} for any $i = 1, \dots, d$, and $2d$ 3-colored edges between C_0 and C_{2d+1} . For the simple notation of vertices, we order vertices linearly by the lexicographic ordering:

$$(i, j) < (k, l) \text{ if } i < k, \text{ or } i = k \text{ and } j < l.$$

First we do numbering for the vertices of C_1 to C_d by the lexicographic ordering. That is, we use numbers 1 to $4md$ for the numbering of the vertices of C_1 to C_d , for example 1 for $(1, 0)$, 2 for $(1, 1)$ and so on. We then order the vertices of C_0 by using numbers $4md + 1$ to $4md + 2d$. For the rest of vertices in C_{d+1}, \dots, C_{2d+1} we do as follows; if the vertex is connected to a vertex numbered k by a 3-colored edge, then we number the vertex by k . (For example see Figure 8 for the crystallization of $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ with numbered vertices.) Summarizing the above argument we have:

Lemma 1. *The closed orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is represented by a 4-colored graph $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$.*

We also note that in the above method of stellar subdivision which triangulates $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 2d)$ into a simplicial complex $K(2m + 1, 2d)$ is independent of d . Thus we can prove the following theorems by using the special numbers d without loss of generality. Indeed we use the same method as one in [5].

Theorem 3. *The closed orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is a 2-fold strongly cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$, where d is even. Furthermore, $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is a $2d$ -fold cyclic branched covering of \mathcal{W}_m in the 3-sphere, where the branched indices of its components are $2d$ and 2 , respectively.*

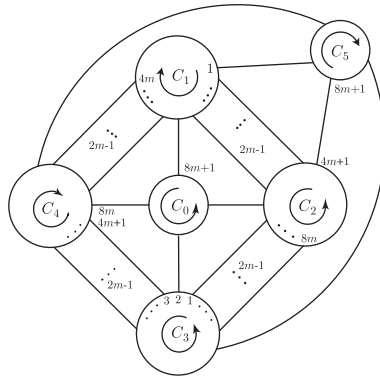


FIGURE 8. The 4-colored graph $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 4, 2)$

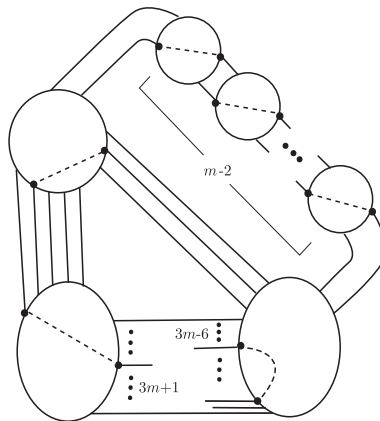


FIGURE 9. A 2-symmetric crystallization $\Gamma(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ inducing an link

Proof. We note that $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ can be represented by a 4-colored graph $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ by Lemma 1. Thus it suffices to prove that a 2-symmetric crystallization $\Gamma(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is obtained from $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ by a finite sequence of *LCG*-moves. For simplicity we now restrict our case to $d = 2$. One can immediately extend the construction for the general cases by a simple iteration. We let a subgraph $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ be regularly embedded in the plane. To see standard 2-residues specifically, we consider a crystallization based on $(02; 1)$. Then it consists of $(4m - 4)$ $\{02\}$ -colored cycles of length 4 and four $\{02\}$ -colored cycles of length 6. Now the crystallization $\Gamma(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ contains $(4m + 2)$ standard $\{02\}$ -residues. By applying a *LCG* move for a standard $\{02\}$ -residue, we have a 4-colored graph $\Gamma'(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ such

that $g_{02}(\Gamma'(2m + 1, 4, 2)) = g_{02}(\Gamma(2m + 1, 4, 2)) - 1$. Note that $g_{02}(\Gamma(2m + 1, 4, 2)) = 4m$ and $g_{02}(\Gamma'(2m + 1, 4, 2)) = 4m - 1$. Repeating this procedure for $(3m - 1)$ standard $\{02\}$ -residues, we obtain a crystallization $\bar{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ with $g_{02}(\bar{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 4, 2)) = 4m - (3m - 1) = m + 1$, which yields a 2-symmetric crystallization as shown in Figure 9, where dashed lines denote the axis of a 2-symmetric Heegaard splitting induced by a 2-symmetric crystallization. Thus $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 4, 2)$ is the 2-fold covering of the 3-sphere branched over a link. Using Reidemeister moves, it is immediate to verify that this link is equivalent to a 3-bridge link $\mathcal{L}_{(m,2)}$.

For the second statement, we simply note that $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ has a component which can be regarded as the axis of symmetry of order d . This symmetry produces a d -fold cyclic branched covering of \mathcal{W}_m in the 3-sphere, where the branched indices of its components are $2d$ and 2 , respectively. \square

We now explicitly describe the procedures described in Theorem 3 for $\mathcal{M}(7, 4, 2)$ which is the case $m = 3$ and $d = 2$. On the basis of the triangulation in Figure 7 we have a crystallization $\tilde{\Gamma}(7, 4, 2)$ based on $(01; 2)$ as shown in Figure 10a. We now change the crystallization based on $(01; 2)$ to one based on $(12; 0)$ to see standard $\{03\}$ -residues (see Figure 10b). We note that there

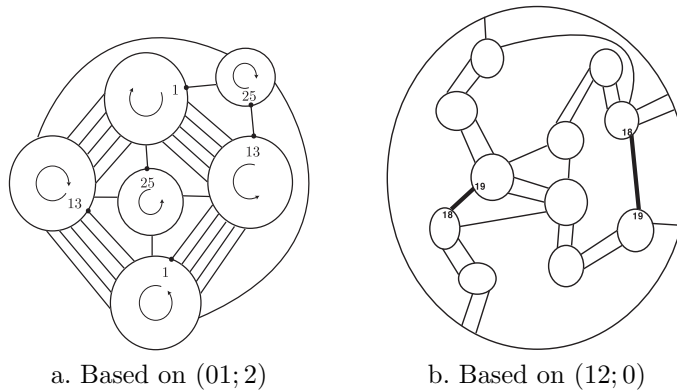


FIGURE 10

is a standard $\{03\}$ -residue $\{18, 19\}$. Applying a *LCG* move for $\{18, 19\}$, we have a 4-colored graph as shown in Figure 11a. We can do the same job for a standard $\{03\}$ -residue $\{13, 24\}$ in a 4-colored graph. One application of a *LCG* move reduces the number of $\{03\}$ -residues by one. We can continue this procedure 8 times to get a crystallization shown in Figure 11b which is a 2-symmetric crystallization of $\mathcal{M}(7, 4, 2)$. Thus $\mathcal{M}(7, 4, 2)$ is the 2-fold covering of the 3-sphere branched over a 4-bridge link. Using Reidemeister moves, it is immediate to verify that this link is equivalent to $\mathcal{L}_{(3,2)}$.

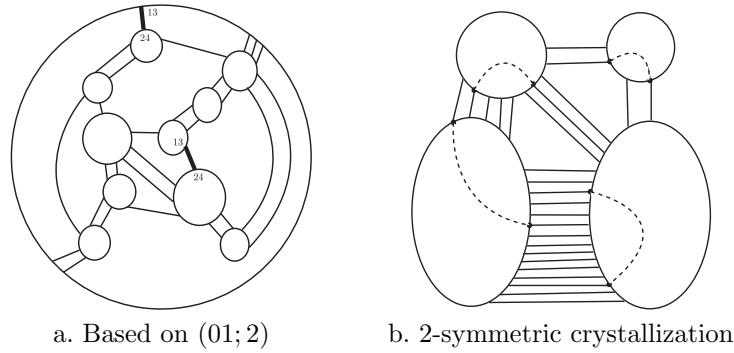


FIGURE 11

Theorem 4. *The closed orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is a 2-fold strongly cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$, where d is odd. Furthermore, $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 2d, d)$ is $2d$ -fold cyclic branched covering of \mathcal{W}_m in the 3-sphere, where the branched indices of its components are $2d$ and 2 , respectively.*

Proof. We consider the case $d = 3$ that can be immediately extended to the construction for the general cases by a simple iteration as in Theorem 3. That is, we claim that $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 6)$ can be represented by a 2-symmetric crystallization $\Gamma(2m + 1, 6, 3)$. Let $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 6)$ be the polyhedral schemata which defines the closed orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$ as a quotient of a triangulated 3-ball B^3 by pairwise identification of its boundary 2-cells. Triangulate $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 6)$ into a simplicial complex $\tilde{K}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$. There are two distinct ways to triangulate $\mathcal{P}(2m + 1, 6)$ depending on the parity of m . For example, we see two triangulations for $\mathcal{P}(7, 6)$ and $\mathcal{P}(9, 6)$, where $m = 3$ and 4 , respectively in Figure 12. We can handle the general cases by a natural extension.

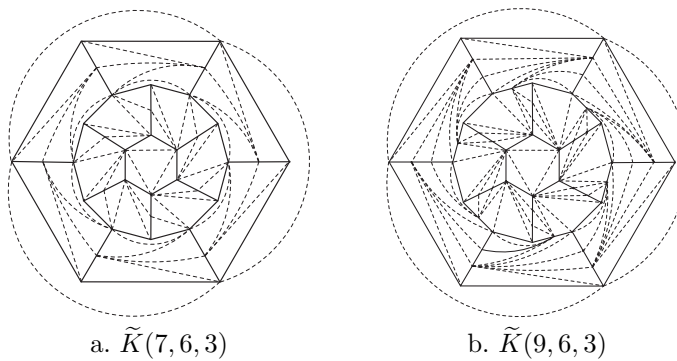


FIGURE 12

By the same way in the proof of Theorem 3, we can construct a crystallization $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$ associated to $\tilde{K}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$ as follows.

Case i) $m = 2t + 1$ and $t \geq 0$.

The vertices of $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$ are the elements of

$$\tilde{V}(2m + 1, 6, 3) = \{(i, j(i)) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 18\} \cup \{O, O'\},$$

where

$$\begin{cases} 1 \leq j(i) \leq m + 3 & \text{if } i = 1, 2, 3, \\ 1 \leq j(i) \leq 2m + 2 & \text{if } i = 4, 5, 6, \\ 1 \leq j(i) \leq m + 3 & \text{if } i = 7, 8, 9, \\ 1 \leq j(i) \leq 2 & \text{if } i = 10, 11, 12, \\ 1 \leq j(i) \leq 2m - 4 & \text{if } i = 13, 14, 15, \\ 1 \leq j(i) \leq 2m - 8 & \text{if } i = 16, 17, 18. \end{cases}$$

For colored edges, we consider a permutation η which is of order 3:

$$\eta = (1, 2, 3)(4, 5, 6)(7, 8, 9)(10, 11, 12)(13, 14, 15)(16, 17, 18)$$

on $X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 18\}$ and a subset V_1 of $\tilde{V}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$;

$$V_1 = \{(i, j(i)) \mid i = 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16\} \cup \{O, O'\}$$

with the following edge-colorations;

$$\begin{aligned} v_0(O') &= O, \\ v_0(1, 1) &= (11, 2), v_0(1, 2) = (12, 1), v_0(1, 3) = (9, m + 2), \\ v_0(1, 4) &= (9, m + 3), v_0(1, j) = (18, m + 1 - j), 5 \leq j \leq m, \\ v_0(1, m + 1) &= (6, 4), v_0(1, m + 2) = (6, 5), \\ v_0(4, 1) &= (1, 2), v_0(4, 2) = (5, m + 4), v_0(4, 3) = (5, m + 5), \\ v_0(4, 4) &= (2, m + 1), v_0(4, 5) = (2, m + 2), \\ v_0(4, j) &= (16, 2m + 2), 6 \leq j \leq m + 3, v_0(4, m + 4) = (6, 2), \\ v_0(4, m + 5) &= (6, 3), v_0(4, j) = (18, 3m - 2 - j), m + 6 \leq j \leq 2m + 1, \\ v_0(4, 2m + 2) &= (9, 1), \\ v_0(7, 1) &= (5, 2m + 2), v_0(7, 2) = (5, 1), v_0(7, j) = (14, m - 1 - j), 3 \leq j \leq m, \\ v_0(7, m + 1) &= (1, m + 3), v_0(7, m + 2) = (2, 3), v_0(7, m + 3) = (2, 4), \\ v_0(10, 2) &= (3, 1), v_0(10, 1) = (2, 2), \\ v_0(14, j) &= \begin{cases} (9, m + 1 - j), & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq m - 2, \\ (5, 2m + 2 - j), & \text{if } m - 1 \leq j \leq 2m - 4, \end{cases} \\ v_0(16, j) &= \begin{cases} (2, m + 1 - j), & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq m - 4, \\ (5, 3m - 2 - j), & \text{if } m - 3 \leq j \leq 2m - 8, \end{cases} \\ v_1(1, j) &= (1, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+3}, \\ v_1(4, j) &= (4, j + (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{2m+2}, \\ v_1(13, j) &= (13, j + 1), 1 < j < 2m - 2, j \text{ even}, \\ v_1(13, 1) &= (3, m + 3), \text{ and } v_1(13, 2m - 4) = (3, m + 2), \\ v_1(16, 2j) &= (16, 2j - 1), 1 < 2j \leq 2m - 8, j \text{ even}, j \neq m - 3, \\ v_1(10, 1) &= (7, m + 2), \text{ and } v_1(10, 2) = O', \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_2(1, 1) &= O, \\
 v_2(4, 1) &= (13, m - 2) \text{ and } v_0(4, 2) = (13, m - 1), \\
 v_2(4, 3) &= (16, 2m - 8), \text{ and } v_0(4, 4) = (17, 1), \\
 v_2(4, j) &= (8, m + 4 - j), 5 \leq j \leq m + 2, \\
 v_2(4, j) &= (1, 2m + 4 - j), m + 3 \leq j \leq 2m + 2, \\
 v_2(7, j) &= (7, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+3}, \\
 v_2(10, 1) &= (8, m), \text{ and } v_2(10, 2) = (8, m + 1), \\
 v_2(13, j) &= (13, j - 1), 1 < 2j < 2m - 4, j \text{ even, } j \neq m - 1, \\
 v_2(16, j) &= (16, j + 1), 1 < j < 2m - 8, j \text{ even,} \\
 \\
 v_3(1, j) &= (1, j + (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+3}, \\
 v_3(4, j) &= (4, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{2m+2}, \\
 v_3(7, j) &= (7, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+3}, \\
 v_3(10, 1) &= (10, 2), \\
 v_3(13, j) &= (13, 2m - 3 - i), \\
 v_3(16, j) &= (16, 2m - 7 - i).
 \end{aligned}$$

We define an action of η on V by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta(v, w) &= (\eta(v), w) \text{ for } (v, w) \in V \setminus \{O, O'\}, \text{ and} \\
 &\eta \text{ fixes } O \text{ and } O'.
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore for edge-colorations,

$$\text{if } y = v_i(x) \text{ for } x, y \text{ in } V, \text{ then we define } \eta(y) = v_{\eta(i)}(\eta(x)).$$

Since $V_1 \cup \eta(V_1) \cup \eta^2(V_1) = V$, a function η and an edge-coloration of V_1 produce a crystallization $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$ associated to $\tilde{K}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$.

For example, we consider the case $\tilde{\Gamma}(7, 6, 3)$. One can easily extend to the general case $\tilde{\Gamma}(2m + 1, 6, 3)$ by a simple extension. We have an crystallization based on $(01; 2)$ associated to $\tilde{K}(7, 6, 3)$ in Figure 13a. There exist 10 standard $\{01\}$ -residues. By the same method in Theorem 3 and example following, we reduce the number of $\{01\}$ -residues.

Note that the result does not depend on the choice of a standard 2-residue. First we remove a standard 2-residue $\{20, 28\}$ as shown in Figure 13a. We apply a *LCG* move for $\{20, 28\}$ to get Figure 13b which has a standard 2-residue $\{9, 10\}$. We apply a *LCG* move for $\{9, 10\}$. We can continue the same procedure until we remove all standard 2-residues. Note that each time we can reduce the genus by one. Finally we obtain the 2-symmetric crystallization $\Gamma(7, 6, 3)$ as shown in Figure 14a, where dashed lines denote the axis of a 2-symmetric Heegaard splitting induced by a 2-symmetric crystallization.

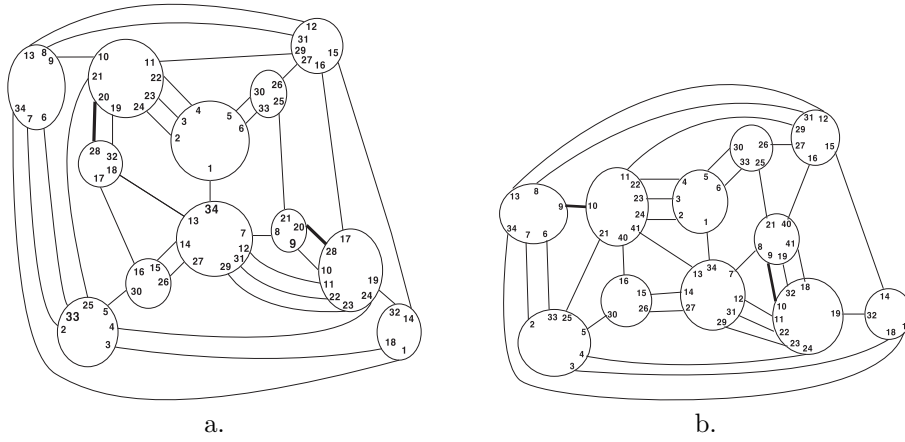


FIGURE 13

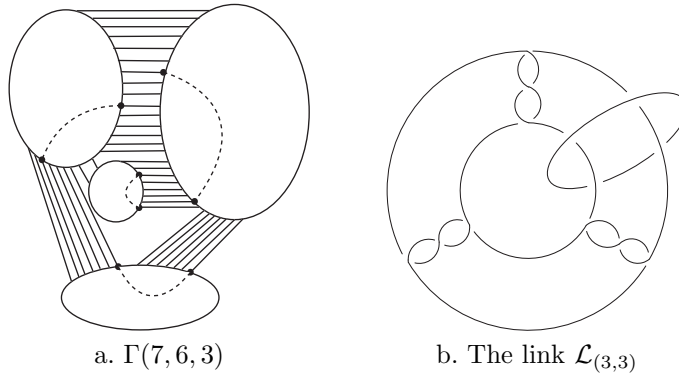


FIGURE 14

By applying Reidemeister moves on a 4-bridge link induced by a 2-symmetric crystallization $\Gamma(7, 6, 3)$, we can easily verify that the link is equivalent to the link $\mathcal{L}_{(3,3)}$ as shown in Figure 14b.

Case ii) $m = 2t$

We can apply the same argument for case i) with the following edge-colorations of V_1 ;

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_0(O) &= O', \\
 v_0(1, 1) &= (11, 2), \quad v_0(1, 2) = (12, 1), \quad v_0(1, j) = (18, m+2-j), \quad 3 \leq j \leq m+1, \\
 v_0(1, m+2) &= (6, 2), \\
 v_0(1, m+3) &= (6, 3), \\
 v_0(1, m+4) &= (7, m+2), \\
 v_0(4, 1) &= (9, 2), \quad v_0(4, 2) = (2, m+2),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_0(4, j) &= \begin{cases} (15, 2m + 2 - j), & \text{if } 3 \leq j \leq m + 2, \\ (18, 3m - 3 - j), & \text{if } m + 3 \leq j \leq 2m - 1, \end{cases} \\
 v_0(4, 2m) &= (9, 1), \\
 v_0(7, 1) &= (5, 2m), v_0(7, 2) = (5, 1), v_0(7, j) = (18, m + 2 - j), 3 \leq j \leq m + 1, \\
 v_0(7, m + 2) &= (1, m + 4), v_0(7, m + 3) = (2, 3), v_0(7, m + 4) = (2, 4), \\
 v_0(10, 2) &= (3, 1), v_0(10, 1) = (2, 2), \\
 v_0(13, j) &= \begin{cases} (9, m + 2 - j), & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq m - 1, \\ (5, 2m - 2 - j), & \text{if } m \leq j \leq 2m - 2, \end{cases} \\
 v_0(16, j) &= \begin{cases} (2, m + 2 - j), & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq m - 3, \\ (5, 3m - 3 - j), & \text{if } m - 2 \leq j \leq 2m - 6, \end{cases} \\
 v_1(1, j) &= (1, j + (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+3}, \\
 v_1(4, j) &= (4, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{2m+2}, \\
 v_1(7, j) &= (7, j + (-1)^j), \\
 v_1(13, j) &= (13, 2m - 3 - j), 1 \leq j \leq 2m - 4, \\
 v_1(16, j) &= (16, 2m - 5 - j), 1 \leq j \leq 2m - 6, \\
 v_1(10, 1) &= (10, 2),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_2(1, 1) &= O, \\
 v_2(1, j) &= (4, 2m + 2 - j), 2 \leq j \leq m + 1, \\
 v_2(1, m + 2) &= (8, 2), \\
 v_2(1, m + 3) &= (14, 2m - 2), v_2(1, m + 4) = (14, 1), \\
 v_2(4, 1) &= (13, m - 1), v_2(4, 2) = (16, 1), \\
 v_2(4, j) &= (8, m + 3 - j), 3 \leq j \leq m, \\
 v_2(7, j) &= (7, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+4}, \\
 v_2(10, 1) &= (8, m + 1), v_2(10, 2) = (8, m + 2), \\
 v_2(13, j) &= (13, j - 1), 1 < j < 2m - 2, j \text{ even}, j \neq m, \\
 v_2(16, j) &= (16, j + 1), 1 < j < 2m - 6 \text{ and } j \text{ even}, \\
 v_2(16, 2m - 6) &= (13, m),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_3(1, j) &= (1, j - (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{m+3}, \\
 v_3(4, j) &= (4, j + (-1)^j), \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{2m+2}, \\
 v_3(7, m + 3) &= (10, 1), v_3(7, m + 4) = (16, m - 3), \\
 v_3(7, 1) &= (16, m - 2), \\
 v_3(10, 2) &= O', \\
 v_3(13, 1) &= (3, m + 4), v_3(13, 2m - 4) = (3, m + 3), \\
 v_3(13, j) &= (13, j + 1), j \text{ even}, 1 < j < 2m - 4, \\
 v_3(16, j) &= (16, j - 1), j \text{ even}, 1 \leq j \leq 2m - 6, j \neq m - 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

The same argument for Theorem 3 can be applied for the second statement. \square

We denote by $\mathcal{O}_{n/d}(\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)})$ an orbifold whose underlying space is the 3-sphere and whose singular set is $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ with branched index n/d . Similarly by $\mathcal{O}_{n,n/d}(\mathcal{W}_m)$ we denote an orbifold whose underlying space is the 3-sphere and whose singular set is \mathcal{W}_m with the branched indices of its components are n and n/d , respectively. Then we obtain the following result.

Theorem 5. *The closed connected orientable 3-manifold $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k)$ is an (n/d) -fold strongly cyclic covering of the 3-sphere branched over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$, where $d = (n, k)$. Furthermore, $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k)$ is an n -fold cyclic branched covering of \mathcal{W}_m in the 3-sphere, where the branched indices of its components are n and n/d , respectively.*

Proof. We note that $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, 2d, d)$ is a 2-fold strongly cyclic branched covering of the 3-sphere over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ by Theorems 3 and 4. Hence $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, 2d, d)$ admits a 2-symmetric Heegaard splitting. As a sense of [1] $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k)$ admits an (n/d) -symmetric Heegaard splitting by the rotational symmetry, where $d = (n, k)$. By [1], $\mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k)$ is an (n/d) -fold strongly cyclic branched covering of the 3-sphere over $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$. We note that $\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}$ has an unknotted component which is the axis of d -symmetry of the chain (see Figure 1). Hence $\mathcal{O}_{n,n/d}(\mathcal{W}_m)$ is the 3-sphere branched over \mathcal{W}_m whose branched indices of its components are n and n/d , respectively. That is, we have the following commutative diagram of branched coverings:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k) & \xrightarrow{n/d} & \mathcal{O}_{n/d}(\mathcal{L}_{(m,d)}) \\ \parallel & & d\downarrow \\ \mathcal{M}(2m+1, n, k) & \xrightarrow{n} & \mathcal{O}_{n,n/d}(\mathcal{W}_m) \end{array}$$

where the labels of the maps indicate the degree of the covering. \square

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