AN INFINITE PRESENTATION FOR THE MAPPING CLASS GROUP OF A NON-ORIENTABLE SURFACE

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Abstract. We give an infinite presentation for the mapping class group of a non-orientable surface. The generating set consists of all Dehn twists and all crosscap pushing maps along simple loops.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\Sigma_{g,n}$ be a compact connected orientable surface of genus $g \geq 0$ with $n \geq 0$ boundary components. The mapping class group $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{g,n})$ of $\Sigma_{g,n}$ is the group of isotopy classes of orientation preserving self-diffeomorphisms on $\Sigma_{g,n}$ fixing the boundary pointwise. A finite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{q,n})$ was given by Hatcher-Thurston [\[5\]](#page-14-0), Wajnryb [\[15\]](#page-14-1) and Harer [\[4\]](#page-14-2). Gervais [\[3\]](#page-14-3) obtained an infinite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{q,n})$ by using the finite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{q,n})$, and Luo [\[10\]](#page-14-4) rewrote Gervais's presentation into a simpler infinite presentation (See Theorem [2.5\)](#page-2-0).

Let $N_{g,n}$ be a compact connected non-orientable surface of genus $g \geq 1$ with $n \geq 0$ boundary components. The surface $N_q = N_{q,0}$ is a connected sum of g real projective planes. The mapping class group $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $N_{g,n}$ is the group of isotopy classes of self-diffeomorphisms on $N_{g,n}$ fixing the boundary pointwise. For $g \geq 2$ and $n \in \{0,1\}$, a finite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ was given by Lickorish [\[8\]](#page-14-5), Birman-Chillingworth [\[1\]](#page-14-6), Stukow [\[12\]](#page-14-7) and Paris-Szepietowski [\[11\]](#page-14-8). Note that $\mathcal{M}(N_1)$ and $\mathcal{M}(N_{1,1})$ are trivial (See [\[2,](#page-14-9) Theorem 3.4]) and $\mathcal{M}(N_2)$ is finite (See [\[8,](#page-14-5) Lemma 5]). Stukow [\[13\]](#page-14-10) rewrote Paris-Szepietowski's presentation into a finite presentation with Dehn twists and a "Y-homeomorphism" as generators (See Theorem [2.11\)](#page-5-0).

In this paper, we give a simple infinite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(N_{q,n})$ (Theorem [3.1\)](#page-6-0) when $g \geq 3$ and $n \in \{0,1\}$, or $(g, n) = (2, 1)$. The generating set consists of all Dehn twits and all "crosscap pushing maps" along simple loops. We review the crosscap pushing map in Section [2.](#page-0-0) We prove Theorem [3.1](#page-6-0) by applying Gervais's argument to Stukow's finite presentation.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Relations among Dehn twists and Gervais's presentation. Let S be either $N_{g,n}$ or $\Sigma_{g,n}$. We denote by $\mathcal{N}_S(A)$ a regular neighborhood of a subset A in S . For every simple closed curve c on S , we choose an orientation of c and fix it throughout this paper. However, for simple closed curves c_1, c_2 on S and $f \in \mathcal{M}(S)$, $f(c_1) = c_2$ means $f(c_1)$ is isotopic to c_2 or the inverse curve of c_2 . If S is a non-orientable surface, we also fix an orientation of $\mathcal{N}_S(c)$ for each two-sided simple closed curve c. For a two-sided simple closed curve c on S , denote by t_c the right-handed Dehn twist along c on S . In particular, for a given explicit two-sided

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simple closed curve, an arrow on a side of the simple closed curve indicates the direction of the Dehn twist (See Figure [1\)](#page-1-0).

FIGURE 1. The right-handed Dehn twist t_c along a two-sided simple closed curve c on S.

Recall the following relations on $\mathcal{M}(S)$ among Dehn twists along two-sided simple closed curves on S.

Lemma 2.1. For a two-sided simple closed curve c on S which bounds a disk or a Möbius band in S, we have $t_c = 1$ on $\mathcal{M}(S)$.

Lemma 2.2 (The braid relation (i)). For a two-sided simple closed curve c on S and $f \in \mathcal{M}(S)$, we have

$$
t_{f(c)}^{\varepsilon_{f(c)}} = ft_c f^{-1},
$$

where $\varepsilon_{f(c)} = 1$ if the restriction $f|_{\mathcal{N}_S(c)} : \mathcal{N}_S(c) \to \mathcal{N}_S(f(c))$ is orientation preserving and $\varepsilon_{f(c)} = -1$ if the restriction $f|_{\mathcal{N}_S(c)} : \mathcal{N}_S(c) \to \mathcal{N}_S(f(c))$ is orientation reversing.

When f in Lemma [2.2](#page-1-1) is a Dehn twist t_d along a two-sided simple closed curve d and the geometric intersection number $|c \cap d|$ of c and d is m, we denote by T_m the braid relation.

Let c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k be two-sided simple closed curves on S. The sequence c_1, c_2, \ldots \ldots, c_k of simple closed curves on S is the k-chain on S if c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k satisfy $|c_i \cap c_{i+1}| = 1$ for each $i = 1, 2, ..., k-1$ and $|c_i \cap c_j| = 0$ for $|j - i| > 1$.

Lemma 2.3 (The k-chain relation). Let c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k be a k-chain on S and let δ_1 , δ_2 (resp. δ) be distinct boundary components (resp. the boundary component) of $\mathcal{N}_S(c_1 \cup c_2 \cup \cdots \cup c_k)$ when k is odd (resp. even). Then we have

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n(t_{c_1}^{\varepsilon_{c_1}}t_{c_2}^{\varepsilon_{c_2}}\cdots t_{c_k}^{\varepsilon_{c_k}})^{k+1} & = & t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_1}}t_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_2}} & \text{when k is odd,} \\
(t_{c_1}^{\varepsilon_{c_1}}t_{c_2}^{\varepsilon_{c_2}}\cdots t_{c_k}^{\varepsilon_{c_k}})^{2k+2} & = & t_{\delta}^{\varepsilon_{\delta}} & \text{when k is even,}\n\end{array}
$$

where $\varepsilon_{c_1}, \varepsilon_{c_2}, \ldots, \varepsilon_{c_k}, \varepsilon_{\delta_1}, \varepsilon_{\delta_2}$ and ε are 1 or -1 , and $t_{c_1}^{\varepsilon_{c_1}}, t_{c_2}^{\varepsilon_{c_2}}, \ldots, t_{c_k}^{\varepsilon_{c_k}}, t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_1}}$ and $t_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_2}}$ (resp. $t_{\delta}^{\varepsilon_{\delta}}$) are right-handed Dehn twists for some orientation of $\mathcal{N}_S(c_1 \cup$ $c_2 \cup \cdots \cup c_k$.

Lemma 2.4 (The lantern relation). Let Σ be a subsurface of S which is diffeomorphic to $\Sigma_{0,4}$ and let δ_{12} , δ_{23} , δ_{13} , δ_1 , δ_2 , δ_3 and δ_4 be simple closed curves on Σ as in Figure [2.](#page-2-1) Then we have

$$
t_{\delta_{12}}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_{12}}}t_{\delta_{23}}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_{23}}}t_{\delta_{13}}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_{13}}}=t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_1}}t_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_2}}t_{\delta_3}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_3}}t_{\delta_4}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_4}},
$$

where $\varepsilon_{\delta_{12}}, \varepsilon_{\delta_{23}}, \varepsilon_{\delta_{13}}, \varepsilon_{\delta_1}, \varepsilon_{\delta_2}, \varepsilon_{\delta_3}$ and ε_{δ_4} are 1 or -1, and $t_{\delta_{12}}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_{12}}}, t_{\delta_{23}}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_{23}}}, t_{\delta_{13}}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_{13}}}, t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_1}},$ $t^{\varepsilon_{\delta_2}}_{\delta_2}$, $t^{\varepsilon_{\delta_3}}_{\delta_3}$ and $t^{\varepsilon_{\delta_4}}_{\delta_4}$ are right-handed Dehn twists for some orientation of Σ .

Luo's presentation for $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{q,n})$, which is an improvement of Gervais's one, is as follows.

FIGURE 2. Simple closed curves δ_{12} , δ_{23} , δ_{13} , δ_1 , δ_2 , δ_3 and δ_4 on Σ .

Theorem 2.5 ([\[3\]](#page-14-3), [\[10\]](#page-14-4)). For $g \ge 0$ and $n \ge 0$, $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{g,n})$ has the following presentation:

generators: $\{t_c \mid c : s.c.c. \text{ on } \Sigma_{g,n}\}.$ relations:

(0') $t_c = 1$ when c bounds a disk in $\Sigma_{g,n}$,

 (I') All the braid relations T_0 and T_1 ,

 (\mathbb{I}) All the 2-chain relations,

 (\mathbb{I}) All the lantern relations.

2.2. Relations among the crosscap pushing maps and Dehn twists. Let μ be a one-sided simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ and let α be a simple closed curve on $N_{q,n}$ such that μ and α intersect transversely at one point. Recall that α is oriented. For these simple closed curves μ and α , we denote by $Y_{\mu,\alpha}$ a self-diffeomorphism on $N_{g,n}$ which is described as the result of pushing the Möbius band $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\mu)$ once along α . We call $Y_{\mu,\alpha}$ a *crosscap pushing map*. In particular, if α is two-sided, we call $Y_{\mu,\alpha}$ a Y-homeomorphism (or crosscap slide), where a crosscap means a Möbius band in the interior of a surface. We have the following fundamental relation on $\mathcal{M}(N_{q,n})$ and we also call the relation the braid relation.

Lemma 2.6 (The braid relation (ii)). Let μ be a one-sided simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ and let α be a simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ such that μ and α intersect transversely at one point. For $f \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$, we have

$$
Y_{f(\mu),f(\alpha)}^{\varepsilon_{f(\alpha)}} = fY_{\mu,\alpha}f^{-1},
$$

where $\varepsilon_{f(\alpha)} = 1$ if the given orientation of $f(\alpha)$ coincides with that of $f(\alpha)$ induced by the orientation of α , and $\varepsilon_{f(\alpha)} = -1$ if the given orientation of $f(\alpha)$ does not coincide with that of $f(\alpha)$ induced by the orientation of α .

We describe crosscap pushing maps as a different view. Let $e: D' \hookrightarrow \text{int}S$ be a smooth embedding of the unit disk $D' \subset \mathbb{C}$. Put $D := e(D')$. Let S' be the surface obtained from $S - \text{int}D$ by the identification of antipodal points of ∂D . We call the manipulation that gives S' from S the blowup of S on D. Note that the image $M \subset S'$ of $\mathcal{N}_{S-\text{int}D}(\partial D) \subset S-\text{int}D$ with respect to the blowup of S on D is a crosscap. Conversely, the *blowdown of* S' on M is the following manipulation that gives S from S' . We paste a disk on the boundary obtained by cutting S along the center line μ of M. The blowdown of S' on M is the inverse manipulation of the blowup of S on D .

Let μ be a one-sided simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$. Note that we obtain $N_{g-1,n}$ from $N_{g,n}$ by the blowdown of $N_{g,n}$ on $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\mu)$. Denote by x_{μ} the center point of a disk D_{μ} that is pasted on the boundary obtained by cutting S along μ . Let

 $e: D' \hookrightarrow D_{\mu} \subset N_{g-1,n}$ be a smooth embedding of the unit disk $D' \subset \mathbb{C}$ to $N_{g-1,n}$ such that $D_{\mu} = e(D')$ and $e(0) = x_{\mu}$. Let $\mathcal{M}(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu})$ be the group of isotopy classes of self-diffeomorphisms on $N_{g-1,n}$ fixing the boundary $\partial N_{g-1,n}$ and the point x_{μ} , where isotopies also fix the boundary $\partial N_{g-1,n}$ and x_{μ} . Then we have the blowup homomorphism

$$
\varphi_{\mu}: \mathcal{M}(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu}) \to \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})
$$

that is defined as follows. For $h \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu})$, we take a representative h' of h which satisfies either of the following conditions: (a) $h'|_{D_\mu}$ is the identity map on D_{μ} , (b) $h'(x) = e\overline{(e^{-1}(x))}$ for $x \in D_{\mu}$. Such h' is compatible with the blowup of $N_{g-1,n}$ on D_μ , thus $\varphi_\mu(h) \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ is induced and well defined (c.f. [\[14,](#page-14-11) Subsection 2.3]).

The point pushing map

$$
j_{x_{\mu}} : \pi_1(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu}) \to \mathcal{M}(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu})
$$

is a homomorphism that is defined as follows. For $\gamma \in \pi_1(N_{g-1,n}, x_\mu)$, $j_{x_\mu}(\gamma) \in$ $\mathcal{M}(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu})$ is described as the result of pushing the point x_{μ} once along γ . Note that for $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \pi_1(N_{g-1,n}), \gamma_1 \gamma_2$ means $\gamma_1 \gamma_2(t) = \gamma_2(2t)$ for $0 \le t \le \frac{1}{2}$ and $\gamma_1 \gamma_2(t) = \gamma_1(2t - 1)$ for $\frac{1}{2} \le t \le 1$.

We define the composition of the homomorphisms:

$$
\psi_{x_{\mu}} := \varphi_{\mu} \circ j_{x_{\mu}} : \pi_1(N_{g-1,n}, x_{\mu}) \to \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n}).
$$

For each closed curve α on $N_{g,n}$ which transversely intersects with μ at one point, we take a loop $\overline{\alpha}$ on $N_{g-1,n}$ based at x_{μ} such that $\overline{\alpha}$ has no self-intersection points on D_μ and α is the image of $\overline{\alpha}$ with respect to the blowup of $N_{g-1,n}$ on D_μ . If α is simple, we take $\overline{\alpha}$ as a simple loop. The next two lemmas follow from the description of the point pushing map (See [\[7,](#page-14-12) Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3]).

Lemma 2.7. For a simple closed curve α on $N_{q,n}$ which transversely intersects with a one-sided simple closed curve μ on $N_{g,n}$ at one point, we have

$$
\psi_{x_{\mu}}(\overline{\alpha}) = Y_{\mu,\alpha}.
$$

Lemma 2.8. For a one-sided simple closed curve α on $N_{g,n}$ which transversely intersects with a one-sided simple closed curve μ on $N_{g,n}$ at one point, we take $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g-1,n}}(\overline{\alpha})$ such that the interior of $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g-1,n}}(\overline{\alpha})$ contains D_μ . Suppose that $\overline{\delta_1}$ and $\overline{\delta_2}$ are distinct boundary components of $\mathcal{N}_{N_{q-1,n}}(\overline{\alpha})$, and δ_1 and δ_2 are two-sided simple closed curves on $N_{g,n}$ which are image of $\overline{\delta_1}$, $\overline{\delta_2}$ with respect to the blowup of $N_{g-1,n}$ on D_{μ} , respectively. Then we have

$$
Y_{\mu,\alpha} = t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_1}} t_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_2}},
$$

where ε_{δ_1} and ε_{δ_2} are 1 or -1, and ε_{δ_1} and ε_{δ_2} depend on the orientations of α , $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\delta_1)$ and $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\delta_2)$ (See Figure [3\)](#page-4-0).

By the definition of the homomorphism ψ_{x_n} and Lemma [2.7,](#page-3-0) we have the following lemma.

Lemma 2.9. Let α and β be simple closed curves on $N_{g,n}$ which transversely intersect with a one-sided simple closed curve μ on $N_{q,n}$ at one point. Suppose the product $\overline{\alpha\beta}$ of $\overline{\alpha}$ and $\overline{\beta}$ in $\pi_1(N_{q-1,n}, x_\mu)$ is represented by a simple loop on $N_{q-1,n}$,

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FIGURE 3. If the orientations of α , $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\delta_1)$ and $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\delta_2)$ are as above, then we have $Y_{\mu,\alpha} = t_{\delta_1} t_{\delta_2}^{-1}$. The x-mark as in the figure means the boundary of D_{μ} identified the antipodal points of ∂D_{μ} .

and $\alpha\beta$ is a simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ which is the image of the representative of $\overline{\alpha\beta}$ with respect to the blowup of $N_{g-1,n}$ on D_μ . Then we have

$$
Y_{\mu,\alpha\beta} = Y_{\mu,\alpha} Y_{\mu,\beta}.
$$

Finally, we recall the following relation between a Dehn twist and a Yhomeomorphism.

Lemma 2.10. Let α be a two-sided simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ which transversely intersect with a one-sided simple closed curve μ on $N_{g,n}$ at one point and let δ be the boundary of $\mathcal{N}_{N_{q,n}}(\alpha \cup \mu)$. Then we have

$$
Y_{\mu,\alpha}^2 = t_{\delta}^{\varepsilon}
$$

,

where ε is 1 or -1, and ε depends on the orientations of α and $\mathcal{N}_{N_{q,n}}(\delta)$ (See Figure λ).

Lemma [2.10](#page-4-2) follows from relations in Lemma [2.1,](#page-1-2) Lemma [2.8](#page-3-1) and Lemma [2.9.](#page-3-2)

FIGURE 4. If the orientations of α and $\mathcal{N}_{N_{q,n}}(\delta)$ are as above, then we have $Y_{\mu,\alpha}^2 = t_{\delta_1}$.

2.3. Stukow's finite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$. Let $e_i : D'_i \hookrightarrow \Sigma_0$ for $i = 1$, 2, ..., $g + 1$ be smooth embeddings of the unit disk $D' \subset \mathbb{C}$ to a 2-sphere Σ_0 such that $D_i := e_i(D')$ and D_j are disjoint for distinct $1 \leq i, j \leq g+1$. Then we take a model of N_g (resp. $N_{g,1}$) as the surface obtained from Σ_0 (resp. $\Sigma_0 - \text{int}D_{g+1}$) by the blowups on D_1, \ldots, D_g and we describe the identification of ∂D_i by the x-mark as in Figure [5,](#page-5-1) [6.](#page-5-2) When $n \in \{0, 1\}$, for $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k \le g$, let $\gamma_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k}$ be

the simple closed curve on $N_{q,n}$ as in Figure [5.](#page-5-1) Then we define the simple closed curves $\alpha_i := \gamma_{i,i+1}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, g-1, \beta := \gamma_{1,2,3,4}$ and $\mu_1 := \gamma_1$ (See Figur [6\)](#page-5-2), and the mapping classes $a_i := t_{\alpha_i}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, g-1, b := t_{\beta}$ and $y := Y_{\mu_1, \alpha_1}$. Then the following finite presentation for $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ is obtained by Lickorish [\[8\]](#page-14-5) for $(g, n) = (2, 0)$, Stukow [\[12\]](#page-14-7) for $(g, n) = (2, 1)$, Birman-Chillingworth [\[1\]](#page-14-6) for $(g, n) = (3, 0)$ and Stukow [\[13\]](#page-14-10) for the other (g, n) such that $g \geq 3$ and $n \in \{0, 1\}$.

FIGURE 5. Simple closed curve $\gamma_{i_1,i_2,\dots,i_k}$ on $N_{g,n}$.

FIGURE 6. Simple closed curves $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_{g-1}, \beta$ and μ_1 on $N_{g,n}$.

Theorem 2.11 ([\[8\]](#page-14-5), [\[1\]](#page-14-6), [\[12\]](#page-14-7), [\[13\]](#page-14-10)). For $(g, n) = (2, 0), (2, 1)$ and $(3, 0),$ we have the following presentation for $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$:

$$
\mathcal{M}(N_2) = \langle a_1, y | a_1^2 = y^2 = (a_1y)^2 = 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2,
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}(N_{2,1}) = \langle a_1, y | ya_1y^{-1} = a_1^{-1} \rangle,
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}(N_3) = \langle a_1, a_2, y | a_1a_2a_1 = a_2a_1a_2, y^2 = (a_1y)^2 = (a_2y)^2 = (a_1a_2)^6 = 1 \rangle.
$$

\nIf $a > 4$ and $n \in \{0, 1\}$ or $(a, n) = (3, 1)$, then $\mathcal{M}(N_1)$ admits a presentation.

If $g \geq 4$ and $n \in \{0,1\}$ or $(g,n) = (3,1)$, then $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ admits a presentation with generators a_1, \ldots, a_{g-1}, y , and b for $g \geq 4$. The defining relations are

 $(A1)$ $[a_i, a_j] = 1$ $for g \ge 4, |i - j| > 1,$
 $for i = 1, ..., g - 2,$ $(A2)$ $a_i a_{i+1} a_i = a_{i+1} a_i a_{i+1}$ (A3) $[a_i, b] = 1$ for $g \geq 4$, $i \neq 4$, (A4) $a_4ba_4 = ba_4b$ for $g \ge 5$, (A5) $(a_2a_3a_4b)^{10} = (a_1a_2a_3a_4b)^6$ for $g \ge 5$, (A6) $(a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6b)^{12} = (a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6b)^9$ for $g \ge 7$, (A9a) $[b_2, b] = 1$ for $g = 6$, (A9b) $[a_{g-5}, b_{g-2}] = 1$ where $b_0 = a_1, b_1 = b$ and for $g \geq 8$ even, $b_{i+1} = (b_{i-1}a_{2i}a_{2i+1}a_{2i+2}a_{2i+3}b_i)^5(b_{i-1}a_{2i}a_{2i+1}a_{2i+2}a_{2i+3})^{-6}$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{g-4}{2}$,

(B1)
$$
y(a_2a_3a_1a_2ya_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}) = (a_2a_3a_1a_2ya_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})y
$$
 for $g \ge 4$,
\n(B2) $y(a_2a_1y^{-1}a_2^{-1}ya_1a_2)y = a_1(a_2a_1y^{-1}a_2^{-1}ya_1a_2)a_1$,
\n(B3) $[a_i, y] = 1$ for $g \ge 4$, $i = 3, ..., g - 1$,
\n(B4) $a_2(ya_2y^{-1}) = (ya_2y^{-1})a_2$,
\n(B5) $ya_1 = a_1^{-1}y$,
\n(B6) $byby^{-1} = \{a_1a_2a_3(y^{-1}a_2y)a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}\}\{a_2^{-1}a_3^{-1}(ya_2y^{-1})a_3a_2\}$ for $g \ge 4$,
\n(B7) $[(a_4a_5a_3a_4a_2a_3a_1a_2ya_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_4^{-1})$, $b] = 1$ for $g \ge 6$,
\n(B8) $\{(ya_1^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_4^{-1})b(a_4a_3a_2a_1y^{-1})\}\{(a_1^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_4^{-1})b^{-1}(a_4a_3a_2a_1)\}$
\n $= \{(a_1^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})y(a_2a_3a_4)\}\{a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}y^{-1}a_2a_3\}\{a_2^{-1}ya_2\}y^{-1}$ for $g \ge 5$,
\n(C1b) $(a_1a_2 \cdots a_{g-1})^g = 1$ for $g \ge 4$ even and $n = 0$,
\n $\text{where } \rho = (a_1a_2 \cdots a_{g-1})^g$ for g odd and
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3. PRESENTATION FOR $\mathcal{M}(N_{q,n})$

The main theorem in this paper is as follows:

Theorem 3.1. For $g \ge 3$ and $n \in \{0,1\}$ or $(g,n) = (2,1)$, $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ has the following presentation:

generators: $\{t_c | c : two-sided s.c.c.$ on $N_{g,n}\}$

 $\bigcup \{Y_{\mu,\alpha} \mid \mu : \text{ one-sided s.c.c. on } N_{g,n}, \alpha : s.c.c. \text{ on } N_{g,n}, \ |\mu \cap \alpha| = 1 \}.$ Set the generating set by X.

relations:

- (0) $t_c = 1$ when c bounds a disk or a Möbius band in $N_{g,n}$,
- (I) All the braid relations

$$
\label{eq:2} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (i) \quad ft_cf^{-1} = t_{f(c)}^{\varepsilon_{f(c)}} & \textit{for } f \in X, \\ (ii) \quad fY_{\mu,\alpha}f^{-1} = Y_{f(\mu),f(\alpha)}^{\varepsilon_{f(\alpha)}} & \textit{for } f \in X, \end{array} \right.
$$

- (\mathbb{I}) *All the 2-chain relations,*
- (\mathbb{I}) All the lantern relations,
- (IV) All the relations in Lemma [2.9,](#page-3-2) i.e. $Y_{\mu,\alpha\beta} = Y_{\mu,\alpha} Y_{\mu,\beta}$,
- (V) All the relations in Lemma [2.8,](#page-3-1) i.e. $Y_{\mu,\alpha}^{\mu,\nu} = t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_1} \varepsilon_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon}}}$.

Remark that Relations (V) are superfluous by rewriting Relations (I)(ii) and (I V) as words of Dehn twists and Y-homeomorphisms.

We set $\overline{X} := \{ \overline{f} \mid f \in X \}$, where \overline{f} is an abstract symbol for $f \in X$. Let G be the group whose presentation has the generating set \overline{X} and relations which are obtained from the relations of the presentation in Theorem [3.1](#page-6-0) by replacing $f^{\pm 1}$ for $f \in X$ in the relations with $\overline{f}^{\pm 1}$. Denote by $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{I\!\!I}), (\overline{I\!\!I\!\!I}), (\overline{IV})$ and (\overline{V}) the relations which are obtained from Relation (0) , (1) , (II) , (III) , (IV) and (V) by replacing $f^{\pm 1}$ for $f \in X$ in the relations with $\overline{f}^{\pm 1}$, respectively.

Let $\iota : \Sigma_{h,m} \hookrightarrow N_{g,n}$ be a smooth embedding and let G' be the group whose presentation has all Dehn twists along simple closed curves on $\Sigma_{h,m}$ as generators and Relations $(0')$, (I') , (II) and (III) in Theorem [2.5.](#page-2-0) By Theorem [2.5,](#page-2-0) $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{h,m})$ is isomorphic to G', and we have the homomorphism $G' \rightarrow G$ defined by the correspondence of t_c to $t_{\iota(c)}^{\varepsilon_{\iota(c)}}$ $\epsilon_{\iota(c)}^{(c)}$, where $\epsilon_{\iota(c)} = 1$ if the restriction $\iota|_{\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma_{h,m}}(c)} : \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma_{h,m}}(c) \to \mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\iota(c))$ is orientation preserving, and $\varepsilon_{\iota(c)} = -1$ if the restriction $\iota|_{\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma_{h,m}}(c)} : \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma_{h,m}}(c) \to \mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\iota(c))$ is orientation reversing. Then we remark as follows.

Remark 3.2. The composition $\iota_* : \mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{h,m}) \to G$ of the homomorphisms is a homomorphism.

Remark [3.2](#page-7-0) means that if a product $t_{c_1}^{\varepsilon_1} t_{c_2}^{\varepsilon_2} \cdots t_{c_k}^{\varepsilon_k}$ of Dehn twists along simple closed curves c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k on a connected compact orientable subsurface of $N_{a,n}$ is a product of relators on the mapping class group of the orientable subsurface of $N_{g,n}$, then $\overline{t_{c_1}}^{\varepsilon_1} \overline{t_{c_2}}^{\varepsilon_2} \cdots \overline{t_{c_k}}^{\varepsilon_k}$ is a product of relators obtained by Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}),$ $(\overline{I\!I}), (\overline{I\!I\!I}).$

Set $X^{\pm} := X \cup \{x^{-1} | x \in X\}$. By Relation (\overline{I}) , we have the following lemma.

Lemma 3.3. For $f \in G$, suppose that $f = \overline{f_1} \ \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k}$, where $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k \in X^{\pm}$. Then we have

$$
\begin{cases}\n(i) \quad f\overline{t_c}f^{-1} = \overline{t_{f_1f_2\cdots f_k(c)}}^{\varepsilon_{f_1f_2\cdots f_k(c)}}, \\
(ii) \quad f\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}f^{-1} = \overline{Y_{f_1f_2\cdots f_k(\mu), f_1f_2\cdots f_k(\alpha)}}^{\varepsilon_{f_1f_2\cdots f_k(c)}}, \\
\overline{t_c} = \overline{t_c}.\n\end{cases}
$$

where for $f_i \in \{x^{-1} \mid x \in \overline{X}\}, \ \overline{f_i} := \overline{f_i^{-1}}$

The next lemma follows from a argument of the combinatorial group theory (for instance, see [\[6,](#page-14-13) Lemma 4.2.1, p42]).

Lemma 3.4. For groups Γ , Γ' and F, a surjective homomorphism $\pi : F \to \Gamma$ and a homomorphism $\nu : F \to \Gamma'$, we define a map $\nu' : \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ by $\nu'(x) := \nu(\tilde{x})$ for $x \in \Gamma$, where $\widetilde{x} \in F$ is a lift of x with respect to π (See the diagram below).

Then if $\ker \pi \subset \ker \nu$, ν' is well-defined and a homomorphism.

Proof of Theorem [3.1.](#page-6-0) Assume $g \geq 3$ and $n \in \{0,1\}$ or $(g,n) = (2,1)$. Then we obtain Theorem [3.1](#page-6-0) if $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ is isomorphic to G. Let $\varphi: G \to \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ be the surjective homomorphism defined by $\varphi(\overline{t_c}) := t_c$ and $\varphi(\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}) := Y_{\mu,\alpha}$.

Set $X_0 := \{a_1, \ldots, a_{g-1}, b, y\} \subset \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ for $g \geq 4$ and $X_0 :=$ ${a_1, \ldots, a_{g-1}, y} \subset \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ for $g = 2, 3$. Let $F(X_0)$ be the free group which is freely generated by X_0 and let $\pi : F(X_0) \to \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ be the natural projection (by Theorem [2.11\)](#page-5-0). We define the homomorphism $\nu : F(X_0) \to G$ by $\nu(a_i) := \overline{a_i}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, g-1$, $\nu(b) := \overline{b}$ and $\nu(y) := \overline{y}$, and a map $\psi = \nu' : \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n}) \to G$ by $\psi(a_i^{\pm 1}) := \overline{a_i}^{\pm 1}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, g-1$, $\psi(b^{\pm 1}) := \overline{b}^{\pm 1}$, $\psi(y^{\pm 1}) := \overline{y}^{\pm 1}$ and $\psi(f) := \nu(\widetilde{f})$ for the other $f \in \mathcal{M}(N_{q,n})$, where $\widetilde{f} \in F(X_0)$ is a lift of f with respect to π (See the diagram below).

If ψ is a homomorphism, $\varphi \circ \psi = id_{\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})}$ by the definition of φ and ψ . Thus it is sufficient for proving that ψ is isomorphism to show that ψ is a homomorphism and surjective.

3.1. **Proof that** ψ is a homomorphism. When (g, n) is either $(2, 1)$ or $(3, 0)$, relations of the presentation in Theorem [2.11](#page-5-0) are obtained from Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}),$ $(\overline{\mathbf{I}}), (\overline{\mathbf{I}V})$ and $(\overline{\mathbf{V}})$, clearly. Thus by Lemma [3.4,](#page-7-1) ψ is a homomorphism.

Assume $q \ge 4$ or $(q, n) = (3, 1)$. By Lemma [3.4,](#page-7-1) if the relations of the presenta-tion in Theorem [2.11](#page-5-0) are obtained from Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{I\!\overline{I}), (\overline{I\!I\hspace{-1.25pt}I}), (\overline{IV})$ and $(\overline{V}),$ then ψ is a homomorphism.

The group generated by a_1, \ldots, a_{g-1} and b with Relations (A1)-(A9b) as defining relations is isomorphic to $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{h,1})$ (resp. $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma_{h,2})$) for $g = 2h+1$ (resp. $g = 2h+2$) by Theorem 3.1 in [\[11\]](#page-14-8), and Relations (A1)-(A9b) are relations on the mapping class group of the orientable subsurface $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\alpha_1 \cup \cdots \cup \alpha_{g-1})$ of $N_{g,n}$. Hence Relations (A1)-(A9b) are obtained from Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{II}), (\overline{III})$ by Remark [3.2.](#page-7-0)

Stukow [\[13\]](#page-14-10) gave geometric interpretations for Relations (B1)-(B8) in Section 4 in [\[13\]](#page-14-10). By the interpretation, Relations $(B1)$, $(B2)$, $(B3)$, $(B4)$, $(B5)$, $(B7)$ are obtained from Relations (\overline{I}) (Use Lemma [3.3\)](#page-7-2), Relation (B6) is obtained from Relations $(\overline{0})$, (\overline{I}) , $(\overline{I}\overline{I})$, (\overline{IV}) and (\overline{V}) (Use Lemma [2.10](#page-4-2) and Lemma [3.3\)](#page-7-2), and Relation (B8) is obtained from Relations (\overline{I}) , (\overline{IV}) and (\overline{V}) (Use Lemma [3.3\)](#page-7-2). Thus ψ is a homomorphism when $n = 1$.

We assume $n = 0$. By Remark [3.2,](#page-7-0) k-chain relations are obtained from Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{I})$ and $(\overline{I\!I})$ for each k. Relation (C1b) is interpreted in G as follows.

$$
(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{g-1})^{g} \stackrel{\text{(b), (T), (\overline{I})}, (\overline{I})}{=} t_{\gamma_{1,2,\ldots,g}} t_{\gamma_{1,2,\ldots,g}}^{-1} = 1.
$$

Thus Relation (C1b) is obtained from Relations $(\overline{0})$, (\overline{I}) , (\overline{I}) and $(\overline{I\!I})$.

Relation (C2) is obtained from Relations (\overline{I}) by Lemma [3.3,](#page-7-2) clearly.

When g is odd, by using the $(g - 1)$ -chain relation, Relation (C3) is interpreted in G as follows.

$$
\rho^2 = (a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{g-1})^{2g} \stackrel{(\overline{0}),(\overline{I}),(\overline{I\hspace{-0.1cm}I\hspace{-0.1cm}I}),(\overline{I\hspace{-0.1cm}I\hspace{-0.1cm}I})} {\underset{=\}{\xrightarrow{t}} t^{\varepsilon} _{\partial \mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\gamma_{1,2,...,g})} \stackrel{(\overline{0})}{=} 1,
$$

where ε is 1 or -1. Note that $\mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\gamma_{1,2,...,g})$ is a Möbius band in N_g . Thus Relation (C3) is obtained from Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{I})$ and $(\overline{I\!I})$ when g is odd.

When g is even, we rewrite the left-hand side ρ^2 of Relation (C3) by braid relations. Set $A := a_2 a_3 \cdots a_{g-1}$. Note that

$$
Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}(a_2\cdots a_{2i}a_2\cdots a_{2i-1}Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,\dots,2i-1}}a_{2i-1}^{-1}\cdots a_2^{-1}a_{2i}^{-1}\cdots a_2^{-1})=Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,\dots,2i+1}}
$$

for $i = 2, \ldots, \frac{g-2}{2}$ by Relation $(\overline{I}), (\overline{IV})$, and then we have

$$
= \qquad \begin{array}{c} \rho \\ y^{-1}A(yAy^{-1}A)^{\frac{g-2}{2}} \end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{lll}\n\begin{array}{ll}\n\frac{(\overline{1})}{2} & y^{-1}A(ya_2y^{-1}a_3\cdots a_{g-1}A)^{\frac{g-2}{2}} \\
& = & y^{-1}A(y(a_2y^{-1}a_2^{-1})A^2)^{\frac{g-2}{2}} \\
\frac{(\overline{1})\cdot(\overline{N})}{2} & y^{-1}A(Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}Aa_2a_3Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}a_4\cdots a_{g-1}A^2 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A(a_2a_3Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})A^3 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}a_2a_3a_4(a_2a_3Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})a_5\cdots a_{g-1}A^3 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}a_2a_3a_4(a_2a_3Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})a_5\cdots a_{g-1}A^3 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2Y_{\mu,\gamma_{1,2,3,4,5}}A^4 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2Y_{\mu,\gamma_{1,2,3,4,5}}A^4 \\
& = & y^{-1}AY_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3}}A^2\cdots Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,3,4,5}}
$$

Since $Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}}$ commutes with a_i for $i=2,\dots,g-1$, and $\partial \mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\mu_1 \cup \gamma_{1,2,\dots,g})=$ $\partial \mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\alpha_2 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_{g-1})$ (See Figure [7\)](#page-10-0), we have

$$
\rho^2 = Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}} A^{g-1} Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}} A^{g-1}
$$

\n
$$
\stackrel{(\overline{I})}{=} Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}}^2 A^{2g-2}
$$

\n
$$
\stackrel{(\overline{I})}{=} Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}}^2 t_{\partial N_{N_g}(\alpha_2 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_{g-1})}
$$

\n
$$
\stackrel{\text{Lem. 2.10}}{=} t_{\partial N_{N_g}(\alpha_2 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_{g-1})} t_{\partial N_{N_g}(\alpha_2 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_{g-1})}
$$

\n
$$
= 1.
$$

Thus Relation (C3) is obtained from Relations $(\overline{0}), (\overline{I}), (\overline{I\!T}), (\overline{IV})$ and (\overline{V}) when g is even.

Finally, we also rewrite the left-hand side $(y^{-1}a_2a_3\cdots a_{g-1}ya_2a_3\cdots a_{g-1})^{\frac{g-1}{2}}$ of Relation (C4a) by braid relations. Remark that g is odd. For $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots <$ $i_k \leq g$, we denote by $\gamma'_{i_1, i_2, ..., i_k}$ the simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ as in Figure [8.](#page-11-0) Note that

$$
Y_{\mu_1,\gamma'_{1,2,\dots,2i+1}} = Y_{\mu_1,\gamma'_{1,2,3}}(a_2\cdots a_{2i}a_2\cdots a_{2i-1}Y_{\mu_1,\gamma'_{1,2,\dots,2i-1}}a_{2i-1}^{-1}\cdots a_2^{-1}a_{2i}^{-1}\cdots a_2^{-1})
$$

FIGURE 7. Simple closed curve $\partial \mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\alpha_2 \cup \cdots \cup \alpha_{g-1})$ on N_g .

for $i = 2, \ldots, \frac{g-1}{2}$ and $\partial \mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\mu_1 \cup \gamma_{1,2,\ldots,g}) = d_1 \sqcup d_2$, and by a similar argument for Relation $(C3)$ when g is even, we have

$$
(y^{-1}a_2a_3 \cdots a_{g-1}ya_2a_3 \cdots a_{g-1})^{\frac{g-1}{2}}
$$
\n
$$
= (y^{-1}A_{\frac{y}{\mu}}A)^{\frac{g-1}{2}}
$$
\n
$$
(\overline{Q}) \frac{1}{\underline{w}} \left(\frac{y^{-1}(a_2ya_2^{-1})A^2}{a_2^2} \right)^{\frac{g-1}{2}}
$$
\n
$$
= Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}}A^2 \cdots Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}}A^2 Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}}A^2
$$
\n
$$
\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}} A^2 \cdots Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}}A^2
$$
\n
$$
\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}} (a_2a_3a_4a_2a_3Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})A^4
$$
\n
$$
(\overline{Q}) \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}} (a_2a_3a_4a_2a_3Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})A^4
$$
\n
$$
\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}} (a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6a_2a_3a_4a_5Y_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3,4,5}}a_4^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_6^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})A^6
$$
\n
$$
\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{\mu_1, \gamma'_{1,2,3}} (a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6a_2a_3a_4a_5Y_{\mu, \gamma'_{1,2,3,4,5}}a_5^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}a_6^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1})A^6
$$
\n $$

where simple closed curves d_1 and d_2 are boundary components of $\mathcal{N}_{N_g}(\alpha_2 \cup \cdots \cup$ α_{g-1}) as in Figure [9.](#page-11-1) Therefore Relation (C4a) is obtained from Relations (\overline{I}) , (\overline{I}) , (\overline{IV}) and (\overline{V}) , and $\psi : \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n}) \to G$ is a homomorphism.

3.2. Surjectivity of ψ . We show that there exist lifts of $\overline{t_c}$'s and $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$'s with respect to ψ for cases below, to prove the surjectivity of $\psi.$

(1) $\overline{t_c}$; c is non-separating and $N_{g,n} - c$ is non-orientable,

FIGURE 8. Simple closed curve $\gamma'_{i_1,i_2,\dots,i_k}$ on $N_{g,n}$.

FIGURE 9. Simple closed curve d_1 and d_2 on $N_{g,n}$.

- (2) $\overline{t_c}$; c is non-separating and $N_{g,n} c$ is orientable,
- (3) $\overline{t_c}$; c is separating,
- (4) $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$; α is two-sided and $N_{g,n} \alpha$ is non-orientable,
- (5) $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$; α is two-sided and $N_{g,n} \alpha$ is orientable,
- (6) $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$; α is one-sided.

Set X_0^{\pm} $\frac{1}{0}$:= $X_0 \cup \{x^{-1} \mid x \in X_0\}$, and for a simple closed curve c on $N_{g,n}$, we denote by $(N_{g,n})_c$ the surface obtained from $N_{g,n}$ by cutting $N_{g,n}$ along c.

Case (1). Since $(N_{g,n})_c$ is diffeomorphic to $N_{g-2,n+2}$ and $g \geq 3$, there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ j_0^{\pm} such that $f(\alpha_1) = c$. Note that $\psi(f_i) = \overline{f_i} \in \overline{X}^{\pm} = \overline{X} \cup \{x^{-1} \mid x \in \overline{X}\}$ for $i = 1, 2, ..., k$. Thus we have

$$
\psi(fa_1f^{-1}) = \psi(f)\psi(a_1)\psi(f)^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
= \overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \overline{a_1} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
= \overline{f_c}^{\epsilon},
$$
\n
$$
= \overline{f_c}^{\epsilon},
$$

where ε is 1 or -1. Thus $fa_1^{\varepsilon}f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ for some $\varepsilon \in \{-1,1\}$.

Case (2). We remark that g is even in this case. When $g = 2$, such a simple closed curve c is unique and $c = \alpha_1$. Thus a_1 is the lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ . When $g = 4$, since $(N_{g,n})_c$ is diffeomorphic to $\Sigma_{1,n+2}$, there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ j_0^{\pm} such that $f(\beta) = c$. By a similar argument in Case (1), $fb^{\varepsilon}f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ for some $\varepsilon \in \{-1,1\}$.

Assume $g \geq 6$ even. Then there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ σ_0^{\pm} such that $f(\gamma_{1,2,...,g}) = c$. Since $\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_3 \cup \gamma_{5,6,...,g} \cup \gamma_{1,2,...,g}$ bounds a subsurface of $N_{g,n}$ which is diffeomorphic to $\Sigma_{0,4}$ (See Figure [10\)](#page-12-0), we have $bt_{\gamma_{3,4,\dots,g}}t_{\gamma_{1,2,5,\dots,g}}=t_{\gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}}a_1a_3t_{\gamma_{5,6,\dots,g}}$ by a lantern relation. Note that b, $t_{\gamma_{3,4,...,g}}$, $t_{\gamma_{1,2,5,...,g}}$, a_1 , a_3 , $t_{\gamma_{5,6,...,g}}$ are Dehn twists of type (1), and $\overline{t_{\gamma_{3,4,...,g}}}$,

 $t_{\gamma_{1,2,5,\dots,g}},$ $\overline{t_{\gamma_{5,6,\dots,g}}}$ have lifts $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ with respect to ψ , respectively. Thus we have

$$
\psi(fbh_1h_2a_1^{-1}a_3^{-1}h_3^{-1}f^{-1})
$$
\n
$$
= \overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \overline{bt}_{\gamma_{3,4,\dots,g}} \overline{t_{\gamma_{1,2,5,\dots,g}}} \overline{a_1}^{-1} \overline{a_3}^{-1} \overline{t_{\gamma_{5,6,\dots,g}}}^{-1} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \overline{t_{\gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}}} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\text{Lem}_2 3.3 \overline{t_c}^{\epsilon},
$$

where ε is 1 or -1. Thus $f(bh_1h_2a_1^{-1}a_3^{-1}h_3^{-1})^{\varepsilon}f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ for some $\{-1,1\}$.

FIGURE 10. $\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_3 \cup \gamma_{5,6,...,g} \cup \gamma_{1,2,...,g}$ bound a subsurface of $N_{g,n}$ which is diffeomorphic to $\Sigma_{0,4}$.

Case (3). Let Σ be the component of $(N_{g,n})_c$ which has one boundary component. When Σ is orientable, there exists a k-chain c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k on $N_{g,n}$ such that $\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(c_1 \cup c_2 \cup \cdots \cup c_k) = \Sigma$. By the chain relation, $(t_{c_1}^{\varepsilon_1} t_{c_2}^{\varepsilon_2} \cdots t_{c_k}^{\varepsilon_k})^{2k+2} = t_c$ for some $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \ldots, \varepsilon_k \in \{-1, 1\}$. Note that $t_{c_1}, t_{c_2}, \ldots, t_{c_k}$ are Dehn twists of type (1) and $\overline{t_{c_1}}, \overline{t_{c_2}}, \ldots, \overline{t_{c_k}}$ have lifts $h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_k \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ with respect to ψ , respectively. Thus we have

$$
\psi((h_1^{\varepsilon_1} h_2^{\varepsilon_2} \dots h_k^{\varepsilon_k})^{2k+2}) = \frac{(\overline{t_{c_1}}^{\varepsilon_1} \overline{t_{c_2}}^{\varepsilon_2} \cdots \overline{t_{c_k}}^{\varepsilon_k})^{2k+2}}{\overline{(\overline{0},\overline{(\overline{I})},\overline{\overline{\mathbb{I}}})},\overline{\mathbb{I}}},
$$

Thus $(h_1^{\varepsilon_1} h_2^{\varepsilon_2} \dots h_k^{\varepsilon_k})^{2k+2}$ is a lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ .

When Σ is non-orientable, we proceed by induction on the genus g' of Σ . For $g' = 1, \overline{t_c} = 1$ by Relation $(\overline{0})$. When $g' = 2$, there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in$ $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ \int_0^{\pm} such that $f(\partial \mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\mu_1 \cup \alpha_1)) = c$. Hence $fy^2f^{-1} = t_c^{\varepsilon}$ for some $\varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}$. Then we have

$$
\psi(fy^2 f^{-1}) = \overline{f_1} \ \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \ \overline{y}^2 \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\text{Lem. 2.10} \quad \overline{f_1} \ \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \ \overline{t_{\partial N_{N_{g,n}}(\mu_1 \cup \alpha_1)}}^{\epsilon} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\text{Lem. 3.3} \quad \overline{t_c}^{\epsilon'},
$$

where ε' is 1 or -1. Thus $fy^{2\varepsilon'}f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ for some $\varepsilon' \in \{-1, 1\}.$

Suppose that $g' \geq 3$ and c' is the separating simple closed curve on $N_{g,n}$ as in Figure [11.](#page-13-0) Then there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of f_1, f_2, \cdots , $f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ $_0^{\pm}$ such that $f(c') = c$. Denote by c_i for $i = 1, 2, ..., 6$ the separating simple closed curves on $f(\Sigma)$ as in Figure [11.](#page-13-0) Note that $c' \cup c_4 \cup c_5 \cup c_6$ bounds a subsurface of $f(\Sigma)$ which is diffeomorphic to $\Sigma_{0,4}$, and each c_i for $i = 1, 2, \ldots$,

6 bounds a subsurface of $f(\Sigma)$ which is diffeomorphic to a non-orientable surface of genus $g_i < g'$ with one boundary component. By the inductive assumption, $\overline{t_{c_1}}$, $\overline{t_{c_2}}, \overline{t_{c_3}}, \overline{t_{c_4}}$ have lifts h_1, h_2, h_3 and $h_4 \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ with respect to ψ , respectively. Thus we have

$$
\psi(fh_1h_2h_3h_4^{-1}f^{-1}) = \overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k}\overline{t_{c_1}} \overline{t_{c_2}} \overline{t_{c_3}} \overline{t_{c_4}}^{-1} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$

\n
$$
\overline{(0)} \underline{\overline{F}}) \overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k}\overline{t_{c'}}\overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$

\n
$$
\text{Lem. 3.3} \quad \overline{t_c}^{\varepsilon},
$$

where ε is 1 or -1. Thus $f(h_1h_2h_3h_4^{-1})^{\varepsilon}f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{t_c}$ with respect to ψ for some $\varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}.$

FIGURE 11. Simple closed curves c' and c_i for $i = 1, 2, ..., 6$ on $f(\Sigma)$.

Case (4). Since $N_{g,n}-\text{int}\mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\mu\cup\alpha)$ is diffeomorphic to $N_{g-2,n+1}$ and the twosided simple closed curve on $N_{2,1}$ is unique, there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in$ $\mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ $_0^{\pm}$ such that $f(\alpha_1) = \alpha$ and $f(\mu_1) = \mu$. Thus we have

$$
\psi(fyf^{-1}) = \overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \overline{y} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$

Lemma 3.3 $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}},$

where ε is 1 or -1. Thus $fy^{\varepsilon}f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$ with respect to ψ for some $\varepsilon \in \{-1,1\}.$

Case (5). We remark that g is even in this case. Since $N_{g,n} - \text{int}N_{N_{g,n}}(\mu \cup \alpha)$ is diffeomorphic to $\Sigma_{\frac{g-2}{2},n+1}$ and the two-sided simple closed curve on $N_{2,1}$ is unique, there exists a product $f = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_k \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ of $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k \in X_0^{\pm}$ $_{0}^{\pm}$ such that $f(\gamma_{1,2,...,g}) = \alpha$ and $f(\mu_1) = \mu$. Note that $Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,2}}, Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,3}}, \ldots, Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_{1,g}}$ are Y-homeomorphisms of type (4), and $Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_1,3}$, $Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_1,4}$, ..., $Y_{\mu_1,\gamma_1,g}$ have lifts h_3 , h_4 , $\ldots, h_g \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ with respect to ψ , respectively. Thus we have

$$
\psi(fh_g \dots h_4h_3yf^{-1})
$$
\n
$$
= \overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \overline{Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,g}}} \cdots \overline{Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,4}}} \overline{Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,3}}} \overline{y} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\overline{f_1} \overline{f_2} \cdots \overline{f_k} \overline{Y_{\mu_1, \gamma_{1,2,\dots,g}}} \overline{f_k}^{-1} \cdots \overline{f_2}^{-1} \overline{f_1}^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\text{Lem}_3.3 \quad \overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}^{\epsilon}
$$

where ε is 1 or -1. Thus $f(h_g \dots h_4 h_3 y) \in f^{-1}$ is a lift of $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$ with respect to ψ for some $\varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}.$

Case (6). Let δ_1 , δ_2 be two-sided simple closed curves on $N_{g,n}$ such that $\delta_1 \sqcup \delta_2 = \partial \mathcal{N}_{N_{g,n}}(\mu \cap \alpha)$. By Lemma [2.8,](#page-3-1) we have $Y_{\mu,\alpha} = t_{\delta_1}^{\varepsilon_1} t_{\delta_2}^{\varepsilon_2}$ for some ε_1 and

 $\varepsilon_2 \in \{-1, 1\}$, and by above arguments, $\overline{t_{c_1}}$, $\overline{t_{c_2}}$ have lifts h_1 and $h_2 \in \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n})$ with respect to ψ , respectively. Thus we have

$$
\psi(h_1^{\varepsilon_1} h_2^{\varepsilon_2}) = \overline{t_{c_1}}^{\varepsilon_1} \overline{t_{c_2}}^{\varepsilon_2}
$$

$$
\stackrel{(\overline{V})}{=} \overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}.
$$

Thus $h_1^{\varepsilon_1} h_2^{\varepsilon_2}$ is a lift of $\overline{Y_{\mu,\alpha}}$ with respect to ψ and $\psi : \mathcal{M}(N_{g,n}) \to G$ is surjective. We have completed the proof of Theorem [3.1.](#page-6-0)

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