

# ORIENTABLE 3-MANIFOLDS AS SINGULAR BLOCK BUNDLES

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## 1. Introduction

We introduced the concept of singular block bundles over fake manifolds in [2]. And the following theorem is already proved there.

**Theorem.** *Let  $V$  be a 3-manifold with non-empty boundary and  $P$  a closed fake surface which is a spine of  $V$ . Then,  $V$  is a singular block bundle over  $P$  with fiber-set  $\Phi^1$ , that is,  $V$  belongs to  $B_{\frac{1}{2}}(P)$ .*

Throughout this paper, we use the definitions and notations in [1] and [2]. And, let  $B(P)$  and  $+B(P)$  denote the set  $B_{\frac{1}{2}}(P)$  and the subset of  $B(P)$  consisting of orientable 3-manifolds, respectively, for a fake surface  $P$  with  $\mathfrak{S}_7(P) = \emptyset$  (for the numbering of the singularities of  $P$ , we use the definition made in [2]).

The main purpose of this paper is to count the number of the elements of the set  $+B(P)$  for a given closed fake surface  $P$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface and put  $\lambda = \#U(P) - \#M(P)$ . Then, we obtain*

$$\#(+B(P)) \leq 2^\lambda.$$

Especially, we obtain the following.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface with  $H_1(P) = 0$  and  $+B(P) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, we obtain*

$$\#(+B(P)) = 2^{\#U(P)-1}.$$

In §2, we study about  $B(U(P))$  for a closed fake surface  $P$ . That is, we show that  $B(U(P))$  consists of exactly one element for any closed fake surface  $P$ . Furthermore, it is shown that any equivalence of the element of  $B(U(P))$  is isotopic to the identity keeping  $U(P)$  fixed.

In §3, first, we show that, for 2-manifold  $M$ ,  $+B(M)$  consists of exactly one element. Next, we show that  $B(P)$  consists of exactly one element if  $P$  is a closed fake surface such that  $M(P)$  consists of 2-balls and  $+B(P) \neq \emptyset$ . Finally, it is

known that  $+B(P)$  consists of at most one element if  $U(P)$  is connected.

In § 4, we prove Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

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## 2. Propositions about $B(U(P))$

First of all, we prove the following.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface. Then,  $B(U(P))$  consists of exactly one element.*

**Proof.** We may assume that  $U(P)$  is connected.

*Step 1.* We show the existence of an element of  $B(U(P))$ .

*Case 1.* Suppose that  $\mathfrak{S}_s(P)$  is empty. Then,  $U(P)$  is either  $S \times T$  or  $S \times_\sigma T$  or  $S \times_\tau T$ , by Lemma 5 [1]. Let us consider the pair  $(D, T) \times I$ , where  $D$  is a 2-ball which contains a  $T$ -shaped 1-polyhedron  $T$  properly and  $I$  denotes the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . It is not hard to see that  $D \times I$  is a singular block bundle over  $T \times I$  with  $(D \times I | T \times 0) = D \times 0$  and  $(D \times I | T \times 1) = D \times 1$ . Let  $h$  denote the homeomorphism from  $T \times 0$  onto  $T \times 1$  such that  $(T \times I)/h$  is the given  $U(P)$ . Then,  $h$  can be extended to a homeomorphism  $H$  from  $D \times 0$  onto  $D \times 1$  so that  $\eta = (D \times I)/H$  is a singular block bundle over  $U(P)$  which is clearly a required element of  $B(U(P))$ .

*Case 2.* Suppose that  $\mathfrak{S}_s(P)$  is non-empty. Then, we can write

$$U(P) = \bigcup_x N_x \cup \bigcup_j (T \times I)_j,$$

where  $N_x = \text{st}(x, U(P))$  with  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{S}_s(P)$  and  $(T \times I)_j$  denotes a closure of a connected component of  $U(P) - \bigcup N_x$ , let us consider the standard pairs  $(B_x, N_x)$  and  $(D_j, T_j) \times I$  where  $T_j \times I = (T \times I)_j$ , (for the standard pairs, see [2]). Suppose that  $N_x \cap (T \times I)_j = (T \times 0)_j$  and  $h_{j,x}$  denotes the identification map from  $(T \times I)_j$  to  $N_x$ . Note that  $B_x$  and  $D_j \times I$  are singular block bundles over  $N_x$  and  $T_j \times I$ , respectively. It is not hard to obtain a homeomorphism  $H_{j,x}$  from  $D_j \times 0$  onto  $(B_x | (T \times 0)_j)$  extending  $h_{j,x}$  so that  $(D_j \times I \cup B_x)/H_{j,x}$  is a singular block bundle over  $(T_j \times I \cup N_x)/h_{j,x}$ . Continuing the above process, we obtain an element  $\eta$  of  $B(U(P))$ .

*Step 2.* Here, we have to prove the uniqueness of the element  $\eta$  of  $B(U(P))$ . We prove just the case that  $\mathfrak{S}_s(P)$  is non-empty, because we can prove the case that  $\mathfrak{S}_s(P)$  is empty by a similar argument. We use the representation of  $U(P)$  written in Step 1. Put  $B_x = (\eta | N_x)$ . Then,  $(\eta | (T \times I)_j)$  can be considered as a 1-handle  $W_j$  attached to the disjoint union  $\bigcup B_x$  of 3-balls by the homeomorphism

$H_{jz}$  from  $(W_j|(T \times \dot{I})_j)$  onto  $(\cup B_x|(T \times \dot{I})_j)$ . Note that  $H_{jz}$  is determined only by  $H_{jz}|(T \times \dot{I})_j$ , up to isotopy. Thus, it is easy to see that  $\eta$  is unique. This completes the proof of Proposition 1.

**Corollary to Proposition 1.** (1)  $B(U(P))$  consists of a solid torus with genus 1, if  $U(P)$  is either  $S \times_\sigma T$  or  $S \times T$ .

(2)  $B(U(P))$  consists of a solid Klein bottle with genus 1, if  $U(P)$  is  $S \times_\tau T$ .

Next, we state a proposition about equivalences of the unique element  $\eta$  of  $B(U(P))$  for a closed fake surface  $P$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface, and  $\eta$  the element of  $B(U(P))$ . Suppose that  $h$  is an equivalence of  $\eta$  onto itself. Then,  $h$  is isotopic to the identity keeping  $U(P)$  fixed.

In order to prove the above proposition, we need some lemmas about equivalences of the standard pairs.

Suppose that  $\eta$  is an element of  $B_p^n(P)$  and  $H$  an isotopy of  $\eta$ , that is,  $H$  is a level-preserving homeomorphism from  $\eta \times I$  onto  $\eta \times I$ . Note that  $\eta \times I$  can be regarded as an element of  $B_p^{n+1}(P)$  by the natural way. Then, we say that  $H$  is a block-preserving isotopy of  $\eta$ , if  $H$  is an equivalence of  $\eta \times I$  as a singular block bundle.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(D, T) \times I$  denote the standard pair. Suppose that  $h$  is an equivalence of  $D \times I$  onto itself. Then, there exists a block-preserving isotopy of  $D \times I$  sending  $h$  to the identity.

**Proof.** Step 1. Here, we consider  $h_0 = h|D \times 0$ . It is clear that  $D \times 0 = (D \times I|T \times 0)$  is a singular block bundle over  $T \times 0$  and  $h_0$  is an equivalence of  $D \times 0$ . We write  $D = D \times 0$  and  $T = T \times 0$ . Let  $D_1, \dots, D_s$  denote the closures of the connected components of  $D - (T \cup F_{o(T)})$ , where  $F_{o(T)}$  means the block of  $D \times I$  over  $o(T)$ . Since  $h_0|T$  is the identity, so is with  $h_0|(F_{o(T)})'$ . Thus,  $h_0|F_{o(T)}$  is isotopic to the identity keeping  $o(T)$  fixed by an isotopy  $G_1$  of  $F_{o(T)}$ . Hence, we can extend  $G_1$  to an isotopy  $G_{1i}$  of  $D_i$  so that  $G_{1i}$  sends  $h_0|D_i$  to the identity and keeps  $D_i \cap T$  fixed, because  $h_0$  keeps  $D_i$  set-wise fixed. Combining  $G_{1i}$ , we obtain a block-preserving isotopy  $G_2$  of  $D$  sending  $h_0$  to the identity. Then, it is not hard to extend  $G_2$  to a block preserving isotopy  $H_0$  of  $D \times I$  sending  $h_0$  to the identity.

Step 2. By Step 1, we can assume that  $h|D \times \dot{I}$  is the identity. Let us consider, first the closures of the connected components of  $(T \times I) - o((T) \times I)$  and second, the ones of  $D \times I - (D \times I|o(T) \times I)$ . Then, by the same way as Step 1, we obtain a required block-preserving isotopy of  $D \times I$ , because  $h$  keeps each of the

above closures set-wise fixed.

By a similar argument to Lemma 1, we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $(B, St_s)$  denote a standard pair. Suppose that  $h$  is an equivalence of  $B$  onto itself. Then, there exists a block-preserving isotopy of  $B$  sending  $h$  to the identity.*

Now, we prove Proposition 2.

**Proof of Proposition 2.** We can write

$$U(P) = \bigcup_x \text{st}(x, U(P)) \cup \bigcup_j (T \times I)_j,$$

as in [1], where  $x$  ranges over  $\mathfrak{S}_s(P)$ . Then, it is easy to see that  $(\eta|_{\text{st}(x, U(P))})$  and  $(\eta|_{(T \times I)_j})$  are standard pairs  $(B, St_s)$  and  $(D, T) \times I$ , respectively. Since  $h|_{(\eta|_{\text{st}(x, U(P))})}$  and  $h|_{(\eta|_{(T \times I)_j})}$  satisfy the conditions of Lemma 2 and Lemma 1. Thus, we obtain a required isotopy of  $\eta$  sending  $h$  to the identity keeping  $U(P)$  fixed. This completes the proof of Proposition 2.

**Remark.** As is seen in the proof, the isotopy required in Proposition 2 can be chosen to be block-preserving.

### 3. Orientable 3-manifolds as singular block bundles

First of all, we prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $M$  be a 2-manifold. Then,  $+B(M)$  consists of exactly one element.*

**Proof.** *Step 1.* We construct an element  $\eta$  in  $+B(M)$  which is an orientable 3-manifold.

*Case 1.* Suppose that  $M$  is non-empty. Then, we can regard  $M$  as a 2-ball  $B$  with bands  $B_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$ , such that, putting  $B_i = C_i \times J$  with  $C_i$  a 1-ball and  $J$  the closed interval  $[-1, 1]$ , we have the following conditions.

$$(1) \quad B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset, \quad \text{if } i \neq j.$$

$$(2) \quad B_i \cap B = \dot{B}_i \cap \dot{B} = \dot{C}_i \times J.$$

Now, let us consider the 3-balls  $\tilde{B} = B \times J$  and  $\tilde{B}_i = B_i \times J$ . Then, it is not hard to see that there exists an identification map  $h_i$  from  $\dot{C}_i \times J \times J$  onto itself so that the block bundle  $(\tilde{B} \cup \tilde{B}_i)/h_i$  over  $B \cup B_i$  is a solid torus with genus 1 for any  $i$ . Thus, we obtain an element

$$\eta = \bigcup_i (\tilde{B} \cup \tilde{B}_i)/h_i,$$

in  $+B(M)$ .

*Case 2.* Suppose that  $M$  is a closed 2-manifold. Let  $A$  be a 2-simplex of  $M$  and  $M_1 = M - \overset{\circ}{A}$ . Then, by Case 1, we have an element  $\eta_1$  in  $+B(M_1)$ . Put  $\eta_2 = A \times J$  with  $A = A \times 0$ . Note that both  $(\eta_1|\overset{\circ}{A})$  and  $(\eta_2|\overset{\circ}{A})$  are bands because  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  by identifying  $(\eta_1|\overset{\circ}{A})$  and  $(\eta_2|\overset{\circ}{A})$  by a suitable homeomorphism.

*Step 2.* Here, we show the uniqueness of  $\eta$  of  $+B(M)$ . We prove just the case when  $\overset{\circ}{M}$  is non-empty, because it is not hard to prove the case when  $M$  is closed. Suppose that  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are elements of  $+B(M)$ . Put  $(\eta_j|B) = \tilde{B}^j$  and  $(\eta_j|B_i) = \tilde{B}_i^j$ , where  $B$  and  $B_i$  denote the 2-ball and the bands described in Step 1. Since both  $B$  and  $B_i$  are 2-balls, we can write  $\tilde{B}^j = B \times J$  and  $\tilde{B}_i^j = B_i \times J$ . And, furthermore, we see  $\tilde{B}^j \cap \tilde{B}_i^j = (\eta_j|\overset{\circ}{C}_i \times J)$  where  $B_i = \overset{\circ}{C}_i \times J$  as in Step 1. Then, by checking the identification maps from  $\tilde{B}_i^j$  to  $\tilde{B}^j$ , it is known that  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are equivalent, by making use of the fact that  $\tilde{B}^j \cup \tilde{B}_i^j$  is a solid torus with genus 1. Thus, Proposition 3 is established.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface such that  $M(P)$  consists of 2-balls. Then,  $B(P)$  consists of at most one element.*

**Proof.** Suppose that there exist two elements  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  in  $B(P)$ . We have to show that  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are equivalent. By Proposition 1, there exists an equivalence  $h_U$  from  $(\eta_1|U(P))$  to  $(\eta_2|U(P))$ . Now,  $(\eta_i|M)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , is equivalent to  $M \times J$  ( $J = [-1, 1]$ ), because  $M$  is a 2-ball for any  $M$  of  $M(P)$ . Then, we can extend  $h_U|(\eta_1|\overset{\circ}{M})$  to an equivalence  $h_M$  from  $(\eta_1|M)$  to  $(\eta_2|M)$ . Thus, it is easy to obtain a required equivalence from  $\eta_1$  to  $\eta_2$  defined by  $h_U$  and  $h_M$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $P$  be closed fake surface with  $\#\mathfrak{S}_2(P) = 1$  ( $\#$  means the number of the connected components). Then,  $+B(P)$  consists of at most one element.*

**Proof.** Let  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are elements of  $+B(P)$  and  $h_U$  an equivalence from  $(\eta_1|U(P))$  to  $(\eta_2|U(P))$ . Let  $M$  be an element of  $M(P)$ . If  $M$  is a 2-ball, we can extend  $h_U|(\eta_1|\overset{\circ}{M})$  to an equivalence  $h_M$  from  $(\eta_1|M)$  to  $(\eta_2|M)$  as in Lemma 3. Thus, we assume that  $M$  has non-empty boundary and is not a 2-ball. Then, there exist disjoint proper 1-balls  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  in  $M$  such that the closure  $B$  of  $M - \bigcup_{i=1}^m N_i$  is a 2-ball, where  $N_i$  means the 2-nd derived neighborhood of  $A_i$  in  $M$ . Since both  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are orientable, it is not hard to see that  $h_U$  can be extended to an equivalence from  $(\eta_1|U(P) \cup \bigcup N_i)$  to  $(\eta_2|U(P) \cup \bigcup N_i)$  which is denoted by  $h_A$ . Then, by the same reason as in the proof of Lemma 3,  $h_A|\overset{\circ}{B}$  can be extended to equivalence  $h_B$  from  $(\eta_1|B)$  to  $(\eta_2|B)$ . Thus, we obtain a required equivalence from  $\eta_1$  to  $\eta_2$  by  $h_A$  and  $h_B$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  be elements of  $+B(P)$  for a closed fake surface  $P$ . Then,  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are equivalent if and only if there exist orientations of  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  such that an equivalence from  $(\eta_1|U(P))$  to  $(\eta_2|U(P))$  is orientation preserving.*

**Proof.** The necessity is trivial. So, we prove just the sufficiency. Let the equivalence from  $(\eta_1|U(P))$  to  $(\eta_2|U(P))$  given in the hypothesis be  $h_\nu$ . The proof goes by induction on  $u=\#U(P)$ . When  $u=1$ , Lemma 4 gives the answer. Suppose  $u \geq 2$ .

*Step 1.* Let  $\alpha$  denote a 1-ball in  $P$  satisfying the following three conditions.

- (1)  $\alpha \cap \mathfrak{S}_2(P) = \dot{\alpha}$ .
- (2)  $\alpha \cap \mathfrak{S}_3(P) = \emptyset$ .
- (3) There exist two (distinct) connected components of  $\mathfrak{S}_2(P)$  which intersect with  $\alpha$ .

Then, it is not hard to see that  $h_\nu$  can be extended to an equivalence from  $(\eta_1|U(P) \cup N)$  to  $(\eta_2|U(P) \cup N)$  where  $N$  means the 3-rd derived neighborhood of  $\alpha$  in  $P$ .

*Step 2.* Let us consider a fake surface  $N_0$  defined as follows. In  $R^3$ , put

$$A_1 = \{(1, y, z) \mid |y|, |z| \leq 1\},$$

$$A_2 = \{(-1, y, z) \mid |y|, |z| \leq 1 \text{ and either } |y| \geq 1/2 \text{ or } |z| \geq 1/2\}.$$

$$A_3 = \{(x, 0, z) \mid |x|, |z| \leq 1 \text{ and } |z| \geq 1/2\}.$$

$$A_4 = \{(x, y, z) \mid |x| \leq 1, \text{ and either } |y| \leq 1/2, |z| = 1/2 \text{ or } |y| = 1/2, |z| \leq 1/2\}.$$

Define  $N_0$  to be the union of  $A_1, \dots, A_4$ . Then, it is not hard to see that  $+B(N_0)$  consists of exactly one element  $\eta_0$ . Now, we define a closed fake surface  $P'$  to be the union of  $P - \overset{\circ}{N}$  and  $N_0$  such that the natural union  $\eta'_1$  of  $\eta_i|(P - \overset{\circ}{N})$  and  $\eta_0$  is an element of  $+B(P')$ . It is known easily that  $\#U(P') \leq u-1$  and there exists an orientation preserving equivalence from  $(\eta'_1|U(P'))$  to  $(\eta'_2|U(P'))$ . Then, by the inductive hypothesis, there exists an equivalence  $h'$  from  $\eta'_1$  to  $\eta'_2$ .

*Step 3.* The result in Step 2 implies that  $(\eta_1|P - \overset{\circ}{N})$  and  $(\eta_2|P - \overset{\circ}{N})$  are equivalent by the restriction  $h|(\eta'_1|P - \overset{\circ}{N})$ . The rest of the proof is easy, because we can extend  $h|(\eta_1|\overset{\circ}{N})$  to an equivalence from  $(\eta_1|N)$  to  $(\eta_2|N)$ .

#### 4. Theorems

In this section, we prove the theorems stated in the introduction.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface with  $\mathfrak{S}_2(P) \neq \emptyset$  and put  $\lambda = \#U(P) - \#M(P)$ . Then, we obtain*

$$\#(+B(P)) \leq 2^{\lambda}.$$

**Proof.** Put  $u = \#U(P)$ . When  $u=1$ , we see the conclusion by Lemma 4. On the other hand, suppose  $\lambda=0$ . Then,  $M(P)$  consists of 2-balls. Thus, Theorem 1 holds for  $\lambda=0$  by Lemma 3. Here, let us define the order of the pair  $(u, \lambda)$  by  $(u, \lambda) > (u', \lambda')$  if and only if either  $u > u'$  or  $u = u'$  and  $\lambda > \lambda'$ . It is sufficient to prove Theorem 1 for  $(u, \lambda)$  assuming Theorem 1 for  $(u', \lambda')$  with  $(u, \lambda) > (u', \lambda')$ . We deal with the case  $u \geq 2$  and  $\lambda \geq 1$ . Then, there exists an element  $M$  of  $M(P)$  with  $\#M \geq 2$ . Let  $b$  denote a boundary component of  $M$ . Then, the derived neighborhood of  $b$  in  $P$  is a band. And, for any element  $\eta$  of  $+B(P)$ ,  $(\eta|b)$  is also a band. Thus,  $b$  disconnects  $P$  if and only if  $(\eta|b)$  disconnects  $\eta$ .

*Case 1.* Suppose that  $b$  does not disconnect  $P$ . Let  $P_1$  and  $\eta_1$  denote the fake surface and singular block bundle obtained from  $P$  and  $\eta$  by cutting them along  $b$  and  $(\eta|b)$ , respectively. Let  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  denote the two copies of  $b$  which are the boundary components of  $P_1$ . We can construct a closed fake surface  $\tilde{P}$  from  $P_1$  by attaching two 2-balls to  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ . Similarly, we have a natural singular block bundle  $\tilde{\eta}$  over  $P$  from  $\eta_1$  by attaching 2-handles to  $(\eta_1|b_1)$  and  $(\eta_1|b_2)$ . Of course,  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an element of  $+B(\tilde{P})$ . On the other hand, we obtain an element of  $+B(P)$  from  $\eta_1$  by identifying  $(\eta_1|b_1)$  and  $(\eta_1|b_2)$  by an equivalence uniquely, for  $\eta_1$  is connected. Thus, we have  $\#(+B(P)) \leq \#(+B(\tilde{P}))$ . And, it is not hard to see

$$\lambda = \#\dot{U}(P) - \#M(P) > \#\dot{U}(\tilde{P}) - \#M(\tilde{P}) = \lambda'.$$

Hence, by the inductive hypothesis, we obtain

$$\#(+B(P)) \leq \#(+B(P)) \leq 2^{\lambda'} < 2^{\lambda}.$$

*Case 2.* Suppose that  $b$  disconnects  $P$  into two fake surfaces  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Consequently,  $(\eta|b)$  disconnects  $\eta$  into  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  which are singular block bundles over  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. Then, by the same reason as above, we can regard  $\eta_i$  to be the singular block bundle obtained by restricting some element of  $+B(\tilde{P}_i)$ , where  $\tilde{P}_i$  is the closed fake surface obtained from  $P_i$  as in Case 1,  $i=1, 2$ . Now, in this case, there exist two isotopy classes of equivalences  $h$  from  $(\eta_1|b_1)$  to  $(\eta_2|b_2)$  such that  $(\eta_1 \cup \eta_2)/h$  is an element of  $+B(P)$ . Thus, we obtain

$$\#(+B(P)) \leq 2 \times \#(+B(\tilde{P}_1)) \times \#(+B(\tilde{P}_2)).$$

Since  $\#M \geq 2$ , it is clear that  $\#U(P_i) \leq u-1$ . Then, by the inductive hypothesis, we have  $\#(+B(P_i)) \leq 2^{\lambda_i}$ , where  $\lambda_i = \#\dot{U}(\tilde{P}_i) - \#M(\tilde{P}_i)$ . Thus,  $\#(+B(P)) = 2^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 1}$  follows directly. On the other hand, we see

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda &= \# \dot{U}(P) - \# M(P) \\
&= (\# \dot{U}(\tilde{P}_1) + \# \dot{U}(\tilde{P}_2)) - (\# M(\tilde{P}_1) + \# M(\tilde{P}_2) - 1) \\
&= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain the required result  $\#(+B(P)) \leq 2^\lambda$ .

In the following, we consider about  $+B(P)$  for a closed fake surface  $P$  with  $H_1(P)=0$ .

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface with  $H_1(P)=0$ . Then, we obtain*

$$\# \dot{U}(P) - \# M(P) = \# U(P) - 1.$$

**Proof.** When  $U(P)$  is empty, the result is trivial, because  $P$  must be a 2-sphere. And if  $u = \# U(P) = 1$ , there is nothing to do, for  $M(P)$  consists of 2-balls by [1]. So, we assume  $u \geq 2$ . Then, take an element  $M$  of  $M(P)$  with  $\# M \geq 2$  and let  $b$  denote a boundary component of  $M$ . Since  $H_1(P)=0$ ,  $b$  disconnects  $P$  into two fake surfaces  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Let  $\tilde{P}_i$  denote the closed fake surfaces obtained from  $P_i$  by attaching 2-balls to their boundary,  $i=1, 2$ . It is not hard to see  $H_1(\tilde{P}_i)=0$  and  $\# U(P_i) \leq u-1$  for both  $i=1, 2$ . Thus, by the inductive hypothesis, we obtain

$$(1) \quad \# \dot{U}(\tilde{P}_i) - \# M(\tilde{P}_i) = \# U(\tilde{P}_i) - 1.$$

On the other hand, we see the following.

$$(2) \quad \# \dot{U}(P) - \# M(P) = (\# \dot{U}(\tilde{P}_1) + \# \dot{U}(\tilde{P}_2)) - (\# M(\tilde{P}_1) + \# M(\tilde{P}_2) - 1).$$

Combining (1) and (2), we have the required result immediately.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $P$  be a closed fake surface with  $H_1(P)=0$ . Suppose  $u = \# U(P) \neq 0$  and  $+B(P) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, we obtain*

$$\#(+B(P)) = 2^{u-1}.$$

**Proof.** We can prove Theorem 2 by induction on  $u$  again. When  $u=1$ , we see the conclusion by Lemma 4. And, hence, we may assume  $u \geq 2$ . In this case, remember Case 2 of the proof of Theorem 1. We use the same notations and it is sufficient to show that we obtain exactly two elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of  $+B(P)$  from  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$ . Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be obtained by identifying  $(\eta_1|b)$  and  $(\eta_2|b)$  by an orientation preserving equivalence  $f$  and an orientation reversing one  $g$ , respectively. Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are equivalent by an equivalence  $h$ . Then, by Lemma 5, it may be assumed that  $h|(\alpha|U(P))$  is orientation preserving. However, if  $h|(\alpha|U(P_1))$  is orientation preserving, then,  $h|(\alpha|U(P_2))$  has to be orientation



reversing, because  $f$  is orientation preserving but  $g$  is not. This gives a contradiction. Thus,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not equivalent. Hence, we obtain  $\#(+B(P))=2^{u-1}$ .

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## Errata

### A CORRECTION TO A THEOREM OF MINE

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The Theorem 12 of the paper entitled "On Conharmonically Recurrent Spaces of Second Order" published in the Yokohama Mathematical Journal, Vol. XXI, No. 2, 1973, will read

'If a  ${}^2L_{2n}$  ( $n > 1$ ) be a product space  $V_n \times V_n$ , then each of the decomposition spaces is an Einstein Space.'