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Classical theorems of Gel'fand et al. and recent results of Beukers show that nonconfluent Cohen–Macaulay A -hypergeometric systems have reducible monodromy representation if and only if the continuous parameter is A -resonant.

We remove both the confluence and Cohen–Macaulayness conditions while simplifying the proof.

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1. Introduction

In a series of seminal papers of the 1980s, Gel'fand, Graev, Kapranov and Zelevinskiĭ introduced A -hypergeometric systems $H_A(\beta)$, a class of maximally overdetermined systems of linear PDEs. These systems, today also known as GKZ -systems, are induced by an integer $d \times n$ -matrix A and a parameter vector $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^d$.

A -hypergeometric structures are nearly ubiquitous, generalizing most classical differential equations. Indeed, toric residues, generating functions for intersection numbers on moduli spaces, and special functions (Gauß, Bessel, Airy, etc.) may all be viewed as solutions to GKZ -systems, and the same is true for varying Hodge structures on families of Calabi–Yau toric hypersurfaces as well as the space of roots of univariate polynomials with undetermined coefficients.

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We shall identify A with its set of columns $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$. A parameter β is *nonresonant* if it is not contained in the locally finite subspace arrangement of *resonant* parameters

$$\text{Res}(A) := \bigcup_{\tau} (\mathbb{Z}A + \mathbb{C}\tau), \quad (1-1)$$

the union being taken over all linear subspaces $\tau \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^n$ that form a boundary component of the rational polyhedral cone \mathbb{Q}_+A .

Assuming that the toric ring $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A] = \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n]$ is Cohen–Macaulay and standard graded (the latter is equivalent to the classical notion of nonconfluence; see [Schulze and Walther 2008]), Gel’fand et al. [1989; 1990] proved the following fundamental theorems:

- (I) $H_A(\beta)$ is holonomic.
- (II) The rank (dimension of the solution space) of $H_A(\beta)$ equals the degree of $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A]$ for generic β .
- (III) If β is nonresonant, the monodromy representation of the solutions of $H_A(\beta)$ in a generic point is irreducible.

More recent research has shown that statements (I) and (II) hold true irrespective of whether $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A]$ is Cohen–Macaulay or standard graded, [Adolphson 1994; Saito et al. 2000; Matusевич et al. 2005]. In Theorems 4.1 and 5.1, we prove the same of statement (III) while providing a converse inspired by [Beukers 2011].

The crucial tool for the proof of (III) in [Gel’fand et al. 1990, Theorem 2.11] is the Riemann–Hilbert correspondence of Kashiwara and Mebkhout, relating regular holonomic D -modules to perverse sheaves. Confluence (i.e., irregularity) of $M_A(\beta)$ rules out the use of the Riemann–Hilbert correspondence in the general case.

A powerful way of studying $H_A(\beta)$ is to consider the corresponding D -module $M_A(\beta)$ on \mathbb{C}^n as a 0-th homology of the *Euler–Koszul complex* $K_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A], \beta)$. This idea can be traced back to [Gel’fand et al. 1989] and was developed into a functor in [Matusевич et al. 2005]. Results from [Matusевич et al. 2005] show that $K_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A], \beta)$ is a resolution of $M_A(\beta)$ if and only if β is not in the *A-exceptional arrangement* \mathcal{E}_A (see Remark 2.2), a well-understood (finite) subspace arrangement of \mathbb{C}^n comprised of the parameters β for which the solution space of $H_A(\beta)$ is unusually large.

Surprisingly, the Euler–Koszul technique combined with the D -module/representation-theoretic description of GKZ-systems from [Schulze and Walther 2009] serves as a replacement for the Riemann–Hilbert correspondence in the proof of (III). This provides an approach that is simultaneously conceptually simpler and more widely applicable.

2. Hypergeometric system and Euler–Koszul homology

Hypergeometric D -module. Let $A = (a_{i,j}) : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$ be an integer $d \times n$ -matrix, which we view both as a map, and as the finite subset $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ of columns. We assume that the additive group $\mathbb{Z}A$ generated by the columns of A is the free Abelian group \mathbb{Z}^d , but we do not assume that A is positive, i.e., we do allow nontrivial units in the semigroup $\mathbb{N}A$ (see Remarks 2.1 and 2.4).

Let $x_A = x_1, \dots, x_n$ be coordinates on $X := \mathbb{C}^n$, and let $\partial_A = \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$ be the corresponding partial derivative operators on $\mathbb{C}[x_A]$. Then the *Weyl algebra*

$$D_A = \mathbb{C}\langle x_A, \partial_A \mid [x_i, \partial_j] = \delta_{i,j}, [x_i, x_j] = 0 = [\partial_i, \partial_j] \rangle$$

is the ring of algebraic differential operators on \mathbb{C}^n . With $\mathbf{u}_+ = (\max(0, u_j))_j$ and $\mathbf{u}_- = \mathbf{u}_+ - \mathbf{u}$, write $\square_{\mathbf{u}}$ for $\partial^{\mathbf{u}_+} - \partial^{\mathbf{u}_-}$, where here and elsewhere we freely use multiindex notation. The *toric relations of A* are then

$$\square_A := \{\square_{\mathbf{u}} \mid A\mathbf{u} = 0\} \subseteq R_A := \mathbb{C}[\partial_A],$$

and generate the *toric ideal* $I_A = R_A \cdot \square_A$, whose residue ring is the *toric ring*

$$S_A := R_A/I_A \cong \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A] = \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n].$$

The *Euler vector fields* $E = E_1, \dots, E_d$ induced by A are defined as

$$E_i := \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j} x_j \partial_j.$$

Then, for $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^d$, the *A -hypergeometric ideal and D -module* are, by [Gel’fand et al. 1987; 1989], the left D_A -ideal and D_A -module

$$H_A(\beta) = D_A \cdot \{E - \beta\} + D_A \cdot \square_A \quad \text{and} \quad M_A(\beta) = D_A/H_A(\beta).$$

The structure of the solutions to $H_A(\beta)$ is tightly interwoven with the combinatorics of the pair $(A, \beta) \in (\mathbb{Z}A)^n \times \mathbb{C}A$ [Sturmfels and Takayama 1998; Cattani et al. 1999; Matusевич and Miller 2006; Okuyama 2006; Berkesch 2011].

Remark 2.1. Suppose we were to weaken the condition $\mathbb{Z}A = \mathbb{Z}^d$ to “the rank of $\mathbb{Z}A$ is d ”. Pick a basis B for $\mathbb{Z}A$, interpreted as elements of \mathbb{Z}^d . In terms of B , A takes the form of the $d \times n$ matrix A' (say) which satisfies $A = BA'$ and $\mathbb{Z}A' = \mathbb{Z}^d$. Choose $\beta \in \mathbb{C}A = \mathbb{C}A'$. The hypergeometric systems $H_A(\beta)$ and $H_{A'}(B^{-1}\beta)$ are equivalent since $\ker_{\mathbb{Z}^n}(A) = \ker_{\mathbb{Z}^n}(A')$.

Torus action. Consider the algebraic d -torus $T := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}A]) \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^d$ with coordinate functions $t = t_1, \dots, t_d$. The columns $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ of A can be viewed as characters $\mathbf{a}_i(t) = t^{\mathbf{a}_i}$ on T , and the parameter vector $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^d$ as a character on its Lie algebra via $\beta(t_i \partial_{t_i}) = -\beta_i + 1$. These characters define an action of T on

$X^* := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}^n])$, interpreted as the cotangent space T_0^*X of X at 0, by

$$t \cdot \partial_A = (t^{a_1} \partial_1, \dots, t^{a_n} \partial_n).$$

The toric ideal I_A is the ideal of the closure of the orbit $T \cdot \mathbf{1}_A$ of $\mathbf{1}_A = (1, \dots, 1)$ in X^* , whose coordinate ring is S_A .

The contragredient action of T on the coordinate ring R_A of X^* is given by

$$(t \cdot P)(\partial_A) = P(t^{-a_1} \partial_1, \dots, t^{-a_n} \partial_n)$$

for $P \in R_A$. It yields a $\mathbb{Z}A$ -grading on R_A on the coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[x_A, \partial_A]$ of T^*X :

$$-\deg \partial_j = \mathbf{a}_j = \deg x_j. \quad (2-1)$$

In particular, $\deg \partial^u = A\mathbf{u}$, and $E - \beta$ and \square_A are homogeneous.

The following description of $M_A(\beta)$ was given in [Schulze and Walther 2009]. Consider the algebraic \mathcal{D}_T -module

$$\mathcal{M}(\beta) := \mathcal{D}_T / \mathcal{D}_T \cdot \langle \partial_i t + \beta \rangle,$$

where $\partial_i t := \partial_1 t_1, \dots, \partial_d t_d$. It is \mathbb{C}_T -isomorphic to \mathbb{C}_T but equipped with a twisted \mathcal{D}_T -module structure expressed symbolically as

$$\mathcal{M}(\beta) = \mathbb{C}_T \cdot t^{-\beta-1}$$

on which \mathcal{D}_T acts via the product rule. The orbit inclusion

$$\phi: T \rightarrow T \cdot \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow X$$

gives rise to a (derived) direct image functor $\phi_+ : \mathcal{D}_T\text{-mods} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X\text{-mods}$. On X one has access to the *Fourier transform*: $\mathcal{F}(x_i) = \partial_i$, $\mathcal{F}(\partial_i) = -x_i$. By [Schulze and Walther 2009, Proposition 2.1], $\mathcal{F} \circ \phi_+ \mathcal{M}(\beta)$ is represented by the Euler–Koszul complex $K_*(S_A[\partial_A^{-1}], \beta)$. Thus, the latter is quasiisomorphic to $K_*(S_A, \beta)$ if $\beta \notin \text{Res}(A)$ by [Schulze and Walther 2009, Theorem 3.6], and hence Corollary 3.8 of [Schulze and Walther 2009] yields

$$M_A(\beta) = \mathcal{F} \circ \phi_+ \mathcal{M}(\beta) \quad \text{if } \beta \notin \text{Res}(A). \quad (2-2)$$

Euler–Koszul functor. We say that $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}A$ is a *true degree* of the graded R_A -module M if β is the degree of a nonzero homogeneous element of M . The *quasidegrees* of M are the points $\text{qdeg } M$ in the Zariski closure of $\text{tdeg } M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}A \subseteq \mathbb{C}A$.

A graded R_A -module M is called a *toric module* if it has a finite filtration by graded R_A -modules such that each filtration quotient is a finitely generated S_A -module. The toric modules with $\mathbb{Z}A$ -homogeneous maps of degree zero form a category that is closed under subquotients and extensions. For every toric module the

quasidegrees form a finite subspace arrangement where each participating subspace is a shift of a complexified face of $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ by a lattice element.

For all $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^d$ and for any toric R_A -module M one can define a collection of d commuting D_A -linear endomorphisms denoted $E_i - \beta_i$, $1 \leq i \leq d$, on the D_A -module $D_A \otimes_{R_A} M$ which operate on a homogeneous element $m \in D_A \otimes_{R_A} M$ by $m \mapsto (E_i - \beta_i) \circ m$, where

$$(E_i - \beta_i) \circ m = (E_i - \beta_i - \deg_i m) \cdot m.$$

There is an exact functor $K_\bullet(-, \beta) = K_\bullet(-, E - \beta)$ from the category of graded R_A -modules to the category of complexes of graded D_A -modules; it sends M to the Koszul complex defined by all morphisms $E_i - \beta_i$. On toric modules, the functor returns complexes with holonomic homology. A short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$$

of graded R_A -modules with homogeneous maps of degree zero induces a long exact sequence of *Euler–Koszul homology*

$$\dots \rightarrow H_i(M'', \beta) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(M', \beta) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(M, \beta) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(M'', \beta) \rightarrow \dots$$

where $H_i(-, \beta) = H_i(K_\bullet(-, \beta))$. If $M = S_A$ then $H_0(M, \beta) = M_A(\beta)$.

We refer to [Matusевич et al. 2005; Schulze and Walther 2009] for more details.

Rank (jumps) and monodromy reducibility. We shall write $D_A(x_A)$ for the ring of \mathbb{C} -linear differential operators on $\mathbb{C}(x_A)$; note that $D_A(x_A) = \mathbb{C}(x_A) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[x_A]} D_A$ as left D_A -module. We further set $M(x_A) := \mathbb{C}(x_A) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[x_A]} M$ for any D_A -module M .

The *rank* $\text{rk}(M)$ of a D_A -module M is the $\mathbb{C}(x_A)$ -dimension of $M(x_A)$. By Kashiwara’s Cauchy–Kovalevskaya theorem [Saito et al. 2000, Theorem 1.4.19], it equals the \mathbb{C} -dimension of the *solution space* $\text{Sol}(M) = \text{Hom}_{D_A}(M, \mathbb{C}\{x_A - \varepsilon\})$ of M with coefficients in the convergent power series near the generic point $x_A = \varepsilon$ in (the analytic space associated to) X .

Remark 2.2. By [Adolphson 1994, Theorem 5.15] and [Matusевич et al. 2005, Theorems 2.9, 7.5],

$$\text{rk } M_A(\beta) \geq \text{vol}_A(A)$$

with equality for generic $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Here $\text{vol}_A(G)$ denotes, for any $G \subseteq \mathbb{Z}A$, the simplicial volume of the convex hull of G taken in the lattice $\mathbb{Z}A$. More precisely, equality is equivalent to $\beta \notin \mathcal{E}_A$, where

$$\mathcal{E}_A := \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{a}_j - \bigcup_{i=0}^{d-1} \text{qdeg Ext}_{R_A}^{n-i}(S_A, R_A)$$

is the *exceptional arrangement*.

Definition 2.3. We say that a D_A -module M has *irreducible monodromy* if $M(x_A)$ is an irreducible $D_A(x_A)$ -module (i.e., it has no nontrivial $D_A(x_A)$ -quotients).

By [Walther 2007, Theorem 3.15], monodromy irreducibility of $M(\beta)$ is a property of the equivalence class $\beta \in \mathbb{C}A/\mathbb{Z}A$.

The nomenclature is based on the Riemann–Hilbert correspondence: $D_A(x_A)$ -quotients of $M(x_A)$ correspond to monodromy-invariant subspaces of $\text{Sol}(M)$ in nonsingular points of M . (Analytic continuations of an analytic germ satisfy the same differential equations as the germ itself).

Remark 2.4. Careful reading of [Matusevich et al. 2005] reveals that all fundamental results obtained through Euler–Koszul technology do not require $\mathbb{N}A$ to be a positive semigroup. As a matter of fact, \mathcal{E}_A was defined in [Matusevich et al. 2005] in terms of local cohomology with supports at the origin of X^* ; the translation between this definition and ours here can only be done if A is pointed. On the other hand, it is the Ext-based definition that is (implicitly) used in all proofs in loc. cit.

In consequence, the main theorems in [Walther 2007] and [Schulze and Walther 2009] remain true in the absence of positivity since the only ingredients in their proofs that are specific to the hypergeometric situation are those of [Matusevich et al. 2005].

3. Pyramids and resonance centers

Definition 3.1. For any subset F of the columns of A we write \bar{F} for the complement $A \setminus F$.

A *face* of A is any subset $F \subseteq A$ subject to the condition that there be a linear functional $\phi_F: \mathbb{Z}A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ that vanishes on F but is positive on \bar{F} . This includes $F = A$ as possibility. Every face contains all units of $\mathbb{N}A$, and A is positive if and only if the empty set is a face of A .

For a given face F , we set

$$I_A^F := I_A + R_A \cdot \partial_{\bar{F}}$$

and note that $R_A/I_A^F = S_F$ as R_A -module.

Definition 3.2. Let F be a face of A . The parameter $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^d$ is *F-resonant* if $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}A + \mathbb{C}G$ for a proper subface G of F .

If β is G -resonant for all faces G properly containing F , but not for F itself, we call F a *resonance center* for β .

A resonance center is a minimal face F for which $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}A + \mathbb{C}F$. Every parameter β has a resonance center; A is a (and then the only) center of resonance for β if and only if β is nonresonant in the usual sense (i.e., $\beta \notin \text{Res}(A)$, defined in (1-1)).

On the other hand, for positive A , the empty face is a resonance center for β if and only if $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}A$.

Example 3.3. It is easy to have several resonance centers for β . For example, consider $\beta = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ on the quadric cone $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$; β has both extremal rays as resonance centers.

Definition 3.4. We say that A is a(n iterated) *pyramid over the face F* if $d = \dim_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}A)$ equals $|\bar{F}| + \dim_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}F)$.

The following equivalences are trivial or follow from [Walther 2007, Lemma 3.13].

Lemma 3.5. *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) F is a face and A is a pyramid over F .
- (2) $\mathbf{a}_j \notin \mathbb{Q}(A \setminus \{\mathbf{a}_j\})$ for any $j \notin F$.
- (3) $\mathbb{Z}A = \mathbb{Z}\mathbf{a}_j \oplus \mathbb{Z}(A \setminus \{\mathbf{a}_j\})$ for any $j \notin F$.
- (4) $\text{vol}_F(F) = \text{vol}_A(A)$.
- (5) For every $\beta \in \mathbb{C}A$, the coefficients c_j in the sum $\beta = \sum_A c_j \mathbf{a}_j$ are uniquely determined by β for $j \notin F$.
- (6) The generators \square_A of I_A do not involve ∂_j for any $j \notin F$.
- (7) $S_F \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}[\partial_{\bar{F}}] = S_A$ as R_A -modules.

Notation 3.6. Suppose F is any nonempty face of A , and let X_F, X_F^*, T_F, H_F^* , etc. be defined as in Section 2 with A replaced by F (cf. Remark 2.1 for the case where $\mathbb{Z}A/\mathbb{Z}F$ has torsion). Write $E^F = E_1^F, \dots, E_d^F$ where $E_i^F := \sum_{j \in F} a_{i,j} x_j \partial_j$ is the part of E_i supported in F . Then, in particular,

$$M_F(\beta) = D_F / (D_F \cdot \langle E^F - \beta \rangle + D_F \cdot I_F) \quad \text{for } \beta \in \mathbb{C}F.$$

Suppose now that A is a pyramid over the face F , and let $\beta \in \mathbb{C}A$. The splitting in Lemma 3.5(3) corresponds to a splitting of tori $T_A = T_F \times \prod_{\mathbf{a}_j \in \bar{F}} T_{\mathbf{a}_j}$ which in turn gives a splitting of the spaces of Lie algebra characters $\mathbb{C}A = \mathbb{C}F \oplus \bigoplus_{\mathbf{a}_j \in \bar{F}} \mathbb{C}\mathbf{a}_j$. Then β decomposes correspondingly as

$$\beta = \beta^F + \sum_{j \in \bar{F}} \beta_j^{\bar{F}}.$$

Let $\iota_F: X_F^* \hookrightarrow X_A^*$ be the inclusion. By [Matusevich et al. 2005, Lemma 4.8], for $\beta \in \mathbb{C}F$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{F} \circ \iota_{F,+} \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1})M_F(\beta) &= \mathbb{C}[x_{\bar{F}}] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M_F(\beta) \\ &\cong H_0(S_F, \beta) = D_A / (D_A \cdot \langle E^F - \beta \rangle + D_A \cdot I_A^F) \end{aligned} \quad (3-1)$$

as D_A -modules. In the following lemma, (9) follows from (8) and (3-1) above.

Lemma 3.7. *If A is a pyramid over F then the following conditions hold:*

- (8) *The ideal $H_A(\beta)$ contains $x_j \partial_j - \beta_j^{\bar{F}}$ for $j \notin F$.*
- (9) *$M_A(\beta)(x_A) = \mathbb{C}(x_A) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[x_F]} M_F(\beta)$ for $\beta \in \mathbb{C}F$.*
- (10) *The solutions of $M_A(\beta)$ are the solutions of $M_F(\beta^F)$, multiplied with the unique solution to the system*

$$\{x_j \partial_j \cdot f = \beta_j^{\bar{F}} \cdot f\}_{j \in \bar{F}}.$$

In particular, $\beta \in \mathcal{E}_A$ if and only if $\beta^F \in \mathcal{E}_F$.

Proposition 3.8. *If $\beta \in \mathbb{C}A$ has a resonance center F over which A is a pyramid, then F is the only resonance center for β .*

Proof. Let G be a second resonance center for β and suppose G meets the complement of F ; pick $\mathbf{a}_k \in G \cap \bar{F}$. Since $\mathbb{Z}\mathbf{a}_k$ is a direct summand of $\mathbb{Z}A$, it is also a direct summand of $\mathbb{Z}G$. It follows that $G \setminus \{\mathbf{a}_k\}$ is a face G' of A .

As F and G are resonance centers,

$$\beta = z_k \mathbf{a}_k + \sum_{j \in \bar{F} \setminus \{k\}} z_j \mathbf{a}_j + \sum_{j \in F} c_j \mathbf{a}_j, \quad \beta = c'_k \mathbf{a}_k + \sum_{j \in \bar{G}' \setminus \{k\}} z'_j \mathbf{a}_j + \sum_{j \in G'} c'_j \mathbf{a}_j$$

where $z_k, z_j, z'_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $c'_k, c_j, c'_j \in \mathbb{C}$. By Lemma 3.5(5), the coefficients for \mathbf{a}_k in these sums are identical, $c'_k = z_k \in \mathbb{Z}$. It follows that

$$\beta = \left(z_k \mathbf{a}_k + \sum_{j \in \bar{G}' \setminus \{k\}} z'_j \mathbf{a}_j \right) + \sum_{G'} c'_j \mathbf{a}_j \in \mathbb{Z}A + \mathbb{C}G'.$$

This contradicts G being a resonance center. Thus $G \cap \bar{F} = \emptyset$ and so $G \subseteq F$. But then F can only be a resonance center if $F = G$. □

4. Resonance implies reducibility

The following result generalizes Theorem 3.4 in [Walther 2007] and Theorem 1.3 in [Beukers 2011].

Theorem 4.1. *Let F be a resonance center for $\beta \in \mathbb{C}A$. If A is not a pyramid over F then $M_A(\beta)$ has reducible monodromy.*

Proof. By hypothesis, we have $\beta - \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}A$ for some $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}F$. We first dispose of the case $F = \emptyset$. In that case, A is positive, $\gamma = 0$, $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}A$ and, by [Walther 2007, Theorem 3.15], we may assume $\beta = 0$. Then $\mathbb{C}(x_A)$ is a rank-1 quotient of $M_A(\beta)(x_A)$. But A is not a pyramid over F , so

$$\text{rk}(M_A(\beta)) \geq \text{vol}_A(A) > \text{vol}_F(F) = 1 = \text{rk}(\mathbb{C}(x_A))$$

by Remark 2.2 and Lemma 3.5. So $\mathbb{C}(x_A)$ is a proper quotient of $M_A(\beta)(x_A)$, and hence $M_A(\beta)$ has reducible monodromy. We can hence assume that F is not empty, and by [Walther 2007, Theorem 3.15], we need to show the reducibility of $M_A(\gamma)$.

Consider the surjection

$$M_A(\gamma) = H_0(S_A, \gamma) \twoheadrightarrow H_0(S_F, \gamma)$$

induced by the surjection $S_A \twoheadrightarrow S_F$. Therefore, it suffices to show that $0 < \text{rk}(H_0(S_F, \gamma)) < \text{vol}_A(A)$ by Remark 2.2. Since F is a resonance center for β , and hence for γ as well, γ is a nonresonant parameter for the GKZ-system

$$M_F(\gamma) = D_F / (D_F \cdot \langle E^F - \gamma \rangle + D_A \cdot I_F).$$

Then, by Remark 2.2, $\text{rk}(M_F(\gamma)) = \text{vol}_F(F) > 0$ and $\text{rk}(M_A(\gamma)) \geq \text{vol}_A(A)$. As A is not a pyramid over F , $\text{vol}_F(F) < \text{vol}_A(A)$ by Lemma 3.5. Finally, $\text{rk}(M_F(\gamma)) = \text{rk}(H_0(S_F, \gamma))$ by (3-1). Combining the above (in)equalities yields the claim. \square

5. Resonance follows from reducibility

We now generalize Theorem 2.11 in [Gel'fand et al. 1990].

Theorem 5.1. *Let F be a resonance center for β . If A is a pyramid over F then $M_A(\beta)$ has irreducible monodromy.*

Proof.

First consider the case $F = A$. Then $\beta \notin \text{Res}(A)$ and hence $M_A(\beta) = \mathcal{F} \circ \phi_+(\mathcal{M}_\beta)$ by (2-2). As in the proof of [Schulze and Walther 2009, Proposition 2.1], factor $\phi = \varpi \circ \iota$ into the closed embedding of tori

$$\iota : T \hookrightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}^n]) = Y^* \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \tag{5-1}$$

induced by $\mathbb{Z}A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$, followed by the open embedding

$$\varpi : Y^* = X^* \setminus \text{Var}(\partial_1 \cdots \partial_n) \hookrightarrow X^*. \tag{5-2}$$

By Kashiwara equivalence, ι preserves irreducibility. The same holds for ϖ , because D -affinity of both the target and the source of the inclusion map allows to detect submodules on global sections. But global sections on Y^* and X^* agree because we are looking at an open embedding. Since $\mathcal{M}(\beta)$ is clearly irreducible, $\phi_+\mathcal{M}(\beta)$ is as well. As Fourier transforms preserve composition chains, $M_A(\beta)$ is irreducible. It follows that $M_A(\beta)$ has irreducible monodromy.

Suppose now that F is a proper face. Choose $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}F$ with $\beta - \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}A$. Then $M_F(\gamma)$ is irreducible by the first part of the proof, and the claim follows from Lemma 3.7(9) and [Walther 2007, Theorem 3.15]. Finally, if $F = \emptyset$ then A is positive and Lemma 3.7(8) shows that $M_A(\beta)(x_A) = \mathbb{C}(x_A)$ which has clearly irreducible monodromy. \square

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