

Introduction to middle convolution for differential equations with irregular singularities

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Middle convolution for systems of linear differential equations with irregular singularities, in preparation.

We study middle convolution for systems of linear differential equations with irregular singular points;

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(- \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} A_j^{(0)} z^{j-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{m_i} \frac{A_j^{(i)}}{(z - t_i)^{j+1}} \right) Y, \quad Y \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

Middle convolution =

Euler's integral transformation $\int_C f(w)(z - w)^\mu dw$
 + transformation of vector spaces and matrices.

First we consider systems of Fuchsian differential equations;

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_1}{z - t_1} + \frac{A_2}{z - t_2} + \dots + \frac{A_r}{z - t_r} \right) Y.$$

1 Deligne-Simpson problem (DSP)

C_0, \dots, C_r : conjugacy classes of $n \times n$ matrix.

$C_i = \{P_i^{-1}D_iP_i \mid P_i \in GL(n)\}$, D_i : Jordan normal forms

Additive Deligne-Simpson problem (aDSP):

Find a condition for existence of (or solution for) A_0, \dots, A_r
s.t. irreducible and

$$A_0 + A_1 + \dots + A_r = 0, \quad A_i \in C_i.$$

System of Fuchsian differential equations

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_1}{z - t_1} + \frac{A_2}{z - t_2} + \dots + \frac{A_r}{z - t_r} \right) Y. \quad (1)$$

The residue matrix about $z = t_i$: A_i .

The residue matrix about $z = \infty$: $A_0 = -(A_1 + \dots + A_r)$.

Symbol $(\mathbf{m}, \underline{\lambda})$

$(\mathbf{m}_i, \underline{\lambda}_i) \Leftrightarrow$ **Conjugacy class** C_i (Jordan normal form)

$\underline{\lambda}_i = (\lambda_{i,1}, \dots, \lambda_{i,n_i}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n_i}$: eigenvalues

$\mathbf{m}_i = (m_{i,1}, \dots, m_{i,n_i}) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1})^{n_i}$: multiplicities

$(m_{i,1} + \dots + m_{i,n_i} = n, m_{i,1} \geq \dots \geq m_{i,n_i}),$

If $\lambda_{i,1}, \dots, \lambda_{i,n_i}$ are mutually distinct, then

$$C_i = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{i,1} I_{m_{i,1}} & & & \\ & \lambda_{i,2} I_{m_{i,2}} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_{i,n_i} I_{m_{i,n_i}} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{m}_i, \underline{\lambda}_i),$$

Conjugacy classe $(C_1, \dots, C_r, C_0) \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{m}, \underline{\lambda})$

$\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_r, \mathbf{m}_0), \underline{\lambda} = (\underline{\lambda}_1, \dots, \underline{\lambda}_r, \underline{\lambda}_0).$

Index of rigidity

$\mathbf{A} = (A_0, A_1, \dots, A_r)$: $n \times n$ matrices.

Define

$$\text{idx}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=0}^r \dim Z(A_i) - (r-1)n^2,$$

$$Z(A_i) = \{X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid A_i X = X A_i\},$$

$$\dim Z(A_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (m_{i,j})^2, \quad (A_i \sim (\mathbf{m}_i, \underline{\lambda}_i)).$$

\mathbf{A} : irred. $\Rightarrow \text{idx}(\mathbf{A}) \leq 2$, even.

• $\text{idx}(\mathbf{m})$ is defined by $\text{idx}(\mathbf{A})$.

If aDSP has a solution, then

the number of accessory parameters = $2 - (\text{index of rigidity})$.

Addition

Addition w.r.t. the parameter $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r) \in \mathbb{C}^r$:

$$(A_1, \dots, A_r) \Rightarrow (A_1 + \mu_1 I_n, \dots, A_r + \mu_r I_n)$$

$$A_0 \Rightarrow A_0 - (\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_r) I_n.$$

On Fuchsian system (1), it corresponds to

$$Y \mapsto (z - t_1)^{\mu_1} \dots (z - t_r)^{\mu_r} Y.$$

Index of rigidity is preserved by addition.

2 Middle convolution

Middle convolution was introduced by Katz (1996) in "Rigid local systems".

We explain the version for Fuchsian differential systems given by Dettweiler and Reiter (2000,2007).

Given data: $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r : $n \times n$ matrices.

Fuchsian differential system

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_1}{z - t_1} + \frac{A_2}{z - t_2} + \dots + \frac{A_r}{z - t_r} \right) Y.$$

$\nu \in \mathbb{C}$, convolution matrices $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_r \in \mathbb{C}^{nr \times nr}$

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 + \nu I_n & A_2 & \dots & A_r \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ A_1 & A_2 + \nu I_n & \dots & A_r \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\dots\dots\dots, \quad B_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_1 & A_2 & \dots & A_r + \nu I_n \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\frac{dU}{dz} = \left(\frac{B_1}{z - t_1} + \frac{B_2}{z - t_2} + \dots + \frac{B_r}{z - t_r} \right) U.$$

Proposition 1. [*Dettweiler & Reiter*]

Let Y be a solution of

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_1}{z - t_1} + \frac{A_2}{z - t_2} + \cdots + \frac{A_r}{z - t_r} \right) Y \quad (Y : \text{size } n).$$

Then the function U of size nr defined by

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_1(w) \\ \vdots \\ U_r(w) \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_j(w) = \int_C \frac{Y(w)}{(w - t_j)^\nu} (z - w)^\nu dw$$

is a solution of $\frac{dU}{dz} = \left(\frac{B_1}{z - t_1} + \frac{B_2}{z - t_2} + \cdots + \frac{B_r}{z - t_r} \right) U$.

C : an appropriate contour

(e.g. Pochhammer contour $[\alpha_z, \alpha_{t_i}]$ around z and t_i in w -plane).

We are going to pick up an irreducible part by a quotient.

$$\mathcal{K}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Ker}(A_1) \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \mathcal{K}_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \text{Ker}(A_r) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{K}_r, \quad \mathcal{L}(\nu) = \text{Ker}(B_1) \cap \dots \cap \text{Ker}(B_r).$$

We denote matrices B_k on $\mathbb{C}^{nr}/(\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}(\nu)) \simeq \mathbb{C}^m$ by \tilde{B}_k .

Middle convolution

$$mc_\nu(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r) = (\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2, \dots, \tilde{B}_r)$$

Proposition 2. [DR] Assume that $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_r)$ is irred.

(i) $mc_\nu(\mathbf{A})$: irred. and $\text{idx}(mc_\nu(\mathbf{A})) = \text{idx}(\mathbf{A})$, i.e.

the index of rigidity is preserved by middle convolution.

(ii) $mc_{\nu+\mu}(\mathbf{A}) = mc_\nu(mc_\mu(\mathbf{A}))$ and $mc_0(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}$.

In particular $mc_{-\nu} \circ mc_\nu = \text{id}$.

3 Fuchsian differential system of size 2×2

Three singularities $\{0, 1, \infty\}$

We use A_∞, A_0, A_1 : 2×2 matrices instead of A_0, A_1, A_2 .

Assumption

The eigenvalues of A_0 : $0, \theta_0$

The eigenvalues of A_1 : $0, \theta_1$

$$A_\infty = -(A_0 + A_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- aDSP for $\mathbf{m} = (1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1)$, $\underline{\lambda} = (0, \theta_0; 0, \theta_1; \kappa_1, \kappa_2)$

Set

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 + \theta_0 & -w_0 \\ u_0(u_0 + \theta_0)/w_0 & -u_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + \theta_1 & -w_1 \\ u_1(u_1 + \theta_1)/w_1 & -u_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

If $\theta_0 + \theta_1 + \kappa_1 + \kappa_2 = 0 (\Leftrightarrow \sum \text{tr} A_i = 0)$, then we have solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} w_0 &= k \\ w_1 &= -k \end{aligned}, \quad u_0 = \frac{\kappa_2(\kappa_2 + \theta_1)}{2\kappa_2 + \theta_0 + \theta_1} = \frac{\kappa_2(\kappa_2 + \theta_1)}{\kappa_2 - \kappa_1}, \quad u_1 = \frac{\kappa_2(\kappa_2 + \theta_0)}{\kappa_2 - \kappa_1},$$

k is absorbed by diagonal conjugation.

Hence aDSP has a unique solution. **(Rigid)**

On this case,

$$\text{idx}(\mathbf{A}) = \dim Z(A_\infty) + \dim Z(A_0) + \dim Z(A_1) - (2-1)2^2 = 2.$$

2×2 Fuchsian system with singularities $\{0, 1, \infty\}$

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{z-1} \right) Y, \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(z) \\ y_2(z) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

$y = y_1(z)$ satisfies Gauss hypergeometric differential equation

$$z(1-z)y'' + (\gamma - (\alpha + \beta + 1)z)y' - \alpha\beta y = 0,$$

$$\gamma = 1 - \theta_0, \quad \{\alpha, \beta\} = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2 + 1\}.$$

• **aDSP** for $A_0, A_1, A_\infty \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$

\Leftrightarrow **Gauss hypergeometric differential equation; rigid**

Other examples of rigid differential equations (idx= 2)

Jordan-Pochhammer differential equation,

Generalized hypergeometric differential equation.

Middle convolution for 2×2 Fuchsian system with three singularities

The convolution matrices are 4×4

$$B_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 + \nu I_2 & A_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A_0 & A_1 + \nu I_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since A_0 and A_1 have 0-eigenvalues,

$$\dim \mathcal{K}_0 = \dim \mathcal{K}_1 = 1.$$

$$\nu \neq 0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\nu) = \{0\},$$

$$\nu = \kappa_1, \kappa_2 \Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{L}(\nu) = 1.$$

We only consider the case $\nu = \kappa_1$.

The size of $mc_{\kappa_1}(\mathbf{A})$ is 1.

The differential equation after applying mc_{κ_1} is

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}(z)}{dz} = \left(\frac{\theta_0 + \kappa_1}{z} + \frac{\theta_1 + \kappa_1}{z - 1} \right) \tilde{y}(z), \quad (3)$$

Solutions are written as

$$\tilde{y}(z) = C z^{\theta_0 + \kappa_1} (z - 1)^{\theta_1 + \kappa_1}$$

Thinking of $mc_{-\kappa_1} mc_{\kappa_1} = \text{id}$, we apply $mc_{-\kappa_1}$ to Eq.(3).

$$\frac{dW}{dz} = \left(\frac{1}{z} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 & \theta_1 + \kappa_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{z - 1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \theta_0 + \kappa_1 & \theta_1 \end{pmatrix} \right) W,$$

The integral representation of solution given by Proposition 1 is

$$W = \left(\int_C \frac{1}{w} w^{\theta_0 + \kappa_1} (w - 1)^{\theta_1 + \kappa_1} (z - w)^{-\kappa_1} dw \right. \\ \left. \int_C \frac{1}{w-1} w^{\theta_0 + \kappa_1} (w - 1)^{\theta_1 + \kappa_1} (z - w)^{-\kappa_1} dw \right).$$

By diagonalizing the matrix about $z = \infty$, we have

$$\tilde{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\kappa_2 + \theta_0}{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2} & -\frac{k}{\kappa_2} \\ -\frac{\kappa_2 + \theta_1}{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2} & -\frac{k}{\kappa_2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} W, \quad \frac{d\tilde{W}}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{z-1} \right) \tilde{W}$$

and we recover Eq.(2).

It follows from taking the first component of the integral representation of \tilde{W} that the functions

$$y(z) = \int_C w^{\alpha-\gamma} (w-1)^{\gamma-\beta-1} (z-w)^{-\alpha} dw$$

are solutions of Gauss hypergeometric differential equation.

$$2 \times 2 \xrightarrow{mc} \begin{matrix} 1 \times 1 \\ \text{solution} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{mc^{-1}} 2 \times 2, \quad \text{integral representation}$$

2×2 system with four singularities $\{0, 1, t, \infty\}$

Assumption

The eigenvalues of A_0 : $0, \theta_0$

The eigenvalues of A_1 : $0, \theta_1$

The eigenvalues of A_t : $0, \theta_t$

$$A_\infty = -(A_0 + A_1 + A_t) = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \kappa_1 - \kappa_2 = \theta_\infty,$$

- aDSP for $\mathbf{m} = (1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1)$, $\underline{\lambda} = (0, \theta_0; 0, \theta_1; 0, \theta_t; \kappa_1, \kappa_2)$.

$\text{idx}(\mathbf{m}) = 0 \Rightarrow \#$ of accessory parameters = 2.

Accessory parameters λ, μ .

The elements of A_0, A_1 and A_t are determined uniquely by fixing $\lambda (\notin \{0, 1, t, \infty\})$, μ, k .

We denote Fuchsian differential system

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{z-1} + \frac{A_t}{z-t} \right) Y$$

by $D_Y(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_t, \theta_\infty; \lambda, \mu; k)$.

Painlevé VI is obtained by monodromy preserving deformation.

By eliminating $y_2(z)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^2 y_1(z)}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{1-\theta_0}{z} + \frac{1-\theta_1}{z-1} + \frac{1-\theta_t}{z-t} - \frac{1}{z-\lambda} \right) \frac{dy_1(z)}{dz} \\ & + \left(\frac{\kappa_1(\kappa_2+1)}{z(z-1)} + \frac{\lambda(\lambda-1)\mu}{z(z-1)(z-\lambda)} - \frac{t(t-1)H}{z(z-1)(z-t)} \right) y_1(z) = 0, \\ & H = \frac{1}{t(t-1)} [\lambda(\lambda-1)(\lambda-t)\mu^2 - \{\theta_0(\lambda-1)(\lambda-t) + \theta_1\lambda(\lambda-t) \\ & \quad + (\theta_t-1)\lambda(\lambda-1)\}\mu + \kappa_1(\kappa_2+1)(\lambda-t)], \end{aligned}$$

which we denote by $D_{y_1}(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_t, \theta_\infty; \lambda, \mu)$.

$z = \lambda$: apparent singularity with exponents 0, 2.

By suitable limits $\lambda \rightarrow 0, 1, t, \infty$ from

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y_1(z)}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{1 - \theta_0}{z} + \frac{1 - \theta_1}{z - 1} + \frac{1 - \theta_t}{z - t} - \frac{1}{z - \lambda} \right) \frac{dy_1(z)}{dz} \\ + \left(\frac{\kappa_1(\kappa_2 + 1)}{z(z - 1)} + \frac{\lambda(\lambda - 1)\mu}{z(z - 1)(z - \lambda)} - \frac{t(t - 1)H}{z(z - 1)(z - t)} \right) y_1(z) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain **Heun's differential equation**:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{z} + \frac{\delta}{z - 1} + \frac{\epsilon}{z - t} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{\alpha\beta z - q}{z(z - 1)(z - t)} y = 0,$$

$$(\gamma + \delta + \epsilon = \alpha + \beta + 1).$$

To obtain precise statement, the space of initial conditions for Painlevé VI appears naturally (T. *SIGMA* 2009).

Middle convolution for 2×2 Fuchsian system with four singularities

We consider middle convolution for $D_Y(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_t, \theta_\infty; \lambda, \mu; k)$

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{z-1} + \frac{A_t}{z-t} \right) Y, \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(z) \\ y_2(z) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The convolution matrices are 6×6 .

The rank of Fuchsian differential system of $mc_\nu(\mathbf{A})$:

$$\nu \neq 0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2 \Rightarrow \text{rank} = 3, \quad \nu = 0 \Rightarrow mc_0 = id.$$

$$\nu = 0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2 \Rightarrow \text{rank} = 2,$$

If $\nu = \kappa_1$, then $mc_{\kappa_1}(\mathbf{A})$ was calculated by Filipuk (*Kumamoto J. Math.* 2006) and a relationship to Bäcklund transformation of Painlevé VI was studied.

We can also calculate the integral transformation explicitly (c.f. T. *JMAA* 2008)).

For the case $\nu = \kappa_2$, we have

Theorem 3. [T. SIGMA 2009] Set

$$\tilde{\lambda} = \lambda - \frac{\kappa_2}{\mu - \frac{\theta_0}{\lambda} - \frac{\theta_1}{\lambda-1} - \frac{\theta_t}{\lambda-t}}, \quad \tilde{\mu} = \frac{\kappa_2 + \theta_0}{\tilde{\lambda}} + \frac{\kappa_2 + \theta_1}{\tilde{\lambda} - 1} + \frac{\kappa_2 + \theta_t}{\tilde{\lambda} - t} + \frac{\kappa_2}{\lambda - \tilde{\lambda}}.$$

If $Y = {}^t(y_1(z), y_2(z))$ satisfies $D_Y(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_t, \theta_\infty; \lambda, \mu; k)$, then the function $\tilde{Y} = {}^t(\tilde{y}_1(z), \tilde{y}_2(z))$ defined by

$$\tilde{y}_1(z) = \int_C \frac{dy_1(w)}{dw} (z - w)^{\kappa_2} dw,$$

$$\tilde{y}_2(z) = \frac{\kappa_2 \lambda (\lambda - 1) (\lambda - t)}{k (\lambda - \tilde{\lambda})} \int_C \left\{ \frac{\frac{dy_1(w)}{dw} - \mu y_1(w)}{\lambda - w} + \frac{\mu}{\kappa_1} \frac{dy_1(w)}{dw} \right\} (z - w)^{\kappa_2} dw.$$

satisfy $D_Y(\kappa_2 + \theta_0, \kappa_2 + \theta_1, \kappa_2 + \theta_t, \kappa_2 + \theta_\infty; \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}; k)$.

Corollary 4. [Novikov 2007] If $y_1(z)$ satisfies $D_{y_1}(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_t, \theta_\infty; \lambda, \mu)$, then

$$\tilde{y}(z) = \int_C y_1(w) (z - w)^{\kappa_2 - 1} dw,$$

satisfies $D_{y_1}(\kappa_2 + \theta_0, \kappa_2 + \theta_1, \kappa_2 + \theta_t, \kappa_2 + \theta_\infty; \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu})$.

By taking a suitable limit of λ and μ , we have integral transformation of Heun's equation, which was essentially obtained by Kazakov and Slavyanov (1996) by another method.

Theorem 5. *Set*

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \alpha, \quad \gamma' = \gamma + 1 - \alpha, \quad \delta' = \delta + 1 - \alpha, \quad \epsilon' = \epsilon + 1 - \alpha, \\ \alpha' &= 2 - \alpha, \quad \beta' = -\alpha + \beta + 1, \quad q' = q + (1 - \alpha)(\epsilon + \delta t + (\gamma - \alpha)(t + 1)).\end{aligned}$$

Let $v(w)$ be a solution of Heun's differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 v}{dw^2} + \left(\frac{\gamma'}{w} + \frac{\delta'}{w-1} + \frac{\epsilon'}{w-t} \right) \frac{dv}{dw} + \frac{\alpha' \beta' w - q'}{w(w-1)(w-t)} v = 0.$$

Then the function $y(z) = \int_C v(w)(z-w)^{-\mu} dw$ satisfies

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{z} + \frac{\delta}{z-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{z-t} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{\alpha \beta z - q}{z(z-1)(z-t)} y = 0.$$

Integral transformation: $\alpha', \beta', \gamma', \delta', \epsilon', q' \Rightarrow \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon, q$.

We can obtain new solutions by using known solutions of different parameters.

- Finite-gap solutions ($\gamma', \delta', \epsilon', \beta' - \alpha' \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$, q' : general)
 \Rightarrow The case $\gamma, \delta, \epsilon, \alpha + 1/2, \beta + 1/2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, q : general.

- Polynomial-type solutions \Rightarrow
The case that one of the singularities $\{0, 1, t, \infty\}$ is apparent (non-logarithmic). (T., arXiv:1008.4007)

4 Simplification by middle convolution

(A_0, A_1, \dots, A_r) : given.

To simplify the system of diff'l equations, we want to decrease the size of matrices by addition and middle convolution.

By addition, we adjust the dimensions of $\mathcal{K}_i (\simeq \text{Ker} A_i)$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$) to be maximum. We choose ν s.t. the rank of $A_0 - \nu I$ is minimum, and we apply middle convolution mc_ν .

In some cases we cannot decrease the size. (terminal cases)

Theorem 6. [*Oshima (c.f. Kostov)*]

Assume (A_0, A_1, \dots, A_r) is irreducible.

By applying addition and middle convolution repeatedly, we can reduce to the terminal pattern \mathbf{m} described as follows:

(1) $idx = 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{m} = (1)$.

(2) $idx = 0 \Rightarrow \exists d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{cases} (d, d; d, d; d, d; d, d) & D_4^{(1)} \text{ case, } (r = 3) \\ (d, d, d; d, d, d; d, d, d) & E_6^{(1)} \text{ case, } (r = 2) \\ (2d, 2d; d, d, d, d; d, d, d, d) & E_7^{(1)} \text{ case, } (r = 2) \\ (3d, 3d; 2d, 2d, 2d; d, d, d, d, d, d) & E_8^{(1)} \text{ case, } (r = 2) \end{cases}$$

(3) *If $idx < 0$, then the number of the terminal patterns \mathbf{m} is finite for each idx . If $idx = -2$, then we have 13 patterns.*

Note that Theorem 6 does not assert solvability of DSP.

Crawley-Boevey solved aDSP by using data of a root system determined by $(\mathbf{m}, \underline{\lambda})$.

$idx = 0 \Rightarrow d = 1$ is the condition for solvability (irreducibility) of aDSP.

$$D_4^{(1)}: 2 \times 2, \text{ sing. } \{0, 1, t, \infty\}, E_6^{(1)}: 3 \times 3, \text{ sing. } \{0, 1, \infty\}$$

5 Middle convolution for linear differential system with irregular singularities

We consider middle convolution for

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(- \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} A_j^{(0)} z^{j-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{m_i} \frac{A_j^{(i)}}{(z - t_i)^{j+1}} \right) Y, \quad Y \in V = \mathbb{C}^n$$

$m_i = 0 \Rightarrow z = t_i$ is regular singularity.

Kawakami (*IMRN* 2010) considered it for the case m_1, \dots, m_r : arbitrary, $m_0 = 0$ by using (generalized) Okubo normal form.

Yamakawa (*Math. Ann.* 2011) studied it for the case $m_0 \leq 1$ by applying symplectic geometry (Harnad duality).

Boalch, Hiroe, Oshima ...

In this talk, we introduce middle convolution including the case $m_0 \geq 2$ directly. (T. arXiv:1002.2535)

Convolution

Write $\mathbf{A} = (A_{m_0}^{(0)}, \dots, A_1^{(0)}, A_{m_1}^{(1)}, \dots, A_0^{(r)})$, $(A_j^{(i)} \in \text{End}(V))$.

Set $V' = V^{\oplus M} = \mathbb{C}^{nM}$, $M = r + \sum_{i=0}^r m_i$.

We define $c_\mu(\mathbf{A}) = \tilde{\mathbf{A}} = (\tilde{A}_{m_0}^{(0)}, \dots, \tilde{A}_1^{(0)}, \tilde{A}_{m_1}^{(1)}, \dots, \tilde{A}_0^{(r)})$,
 $(\mu \in \mathbb{C}, \tilde{A}_j^{(i)} \in \text{End}(V') = \mathbb{C}^{nM \times nM})$ as follows:

$$\tilde{A}_{m_0}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{m_0}^{(0)} & \cdots & A_2^{(0)} & A_1^{(0)} & A_{m_1}^{(1)} & \cdots & A_0^{(1)} & A_{m_2}^{(2)} & \cdots \cdots & A_0^{(r)} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{A}_j^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \left. \begin{matrix} \mu I & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \mu I & \\ & & & \end{matrix} \right\} m_0 - j \\ A_{m_0}^{(0)} \quad \cdots \quad A_2^{(0)} \quad A_1^{(0)} \quad A_{m_1}^{(1)} \quad \cdots \quad A_0^{(1)} \quad A_{m_2}^{(2)} \quad \cdots \cdots \quad A_0^{(r)} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{(i)} = \left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & \left. \vphantom{A_0^{(i)}} \right\} m_0 + (m_1 + 1) + \dots + (m_{i-1} + 1) & \\ & & & & & A_0^{(i)} + \mu I & \\ A_{m_0}^{(0)} & \dots & A_{m_i}^{(i)} & \dots & A_1^{(i)} & A_{m_{i+1}}^{(i+1)} & \dots & A_0^{(r)} \end{array} \right),$$

$$\tilde{A}_j^{(i)} = \left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & \left. \vphantom{A_0^{(i)}} \right\} m_0 + (m_1 + 1) + \dots + (m_{i-1} + 1) & \\ & & & & & \left. \vphantom{A_0^{(i)}} \right\} m_i - j & \\ & & \mu I & & & A_0^{(i)} + \mu I & \\ & & & \ddots & & A_{m_{i+1}}^{(i+1)} & \\ & & & & \mu I & \dots & \\ A_{m_0}^{(0)} & \dots & A_{m_i}^{(i)} & \dots & A_1^{(i)} & \dots & A_0^{(r)} \end{array} \right).$$

Euler's integral transformation

Convolution of matrices corresponds to Euler's integral transformation for solutions of linear differential system.

Proposition 7. Assume that $Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(z) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(z) \end{pmatrix}$ satisfies

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(- \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} A_j^{(0)} z^{j-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{m_i} \frac{A_j^{(i)}}{(z - t_i)^{j+1}} \right) Y.$$

The function U defined by

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{m_0}^{(0)}(z) \\ \vdots \\ U_1^{(0)}(z) \\ U_{m_1}^{(1)}(z) \\ \vdots \\ U_0^{(r)}(z) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} U_j^{(0)}(z) = - \left(\int_{\gamma} w^{j-1} y_1(w) (z-w)^{\mu} dw \right. \\ (j=1, \dots, m_0) \\ \left. \int_{\gamma} w^{j-1} y_n(w) (z-w)^{\mu} dw \right) \\ U_j^{(i)}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{\gamma} \frac{y_1(w)}{(w-t_i)^{j+1}} (z-w)^{\mu} dw \\ \vdots \\ \int_{\gamma} \frac{y_n(w)}{(w-t_i)^{j+1}} (z-w)^{\mu} dw \end{pmatrix} \\ (i \neq 0) \end{matrix}$$

satisfies

$$\frac{dU}{dz} = \left(- \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} \tilde{A}_j^{(0)} x^{j-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{m_i} \frac{\tilde{A}_j^{(i)}}{(x-t_i)^{j+1}} \right) U.$$

for appropriate contours γ .

Subspaces on convolution

We define subspaces of $V' = V^{\oplus M} = \mathbb{C}^{nM}$ as follows:

$$\mathcal{K}^{(i)} = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ 0 \\ v_{m_i}^{(i)} \\ v_{m_i-1}^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ v_0^{(i)} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \mid \left(\begin{array}{cccc} A_{m_i}^{(i)} & A_{m_i-1}^{(i)} & \cdots & A_0^{(i)} \\ 0 & A_{m_i}^{(i)} & \cdots & A_1^{(i)} \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & A_{m_i}^{(i)} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} v_{m_i}^{(i)} \\ v_{m_i-1}^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ v_0^{(i)} \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{K}^{(i)}, \quad \mathcal{L}(0) = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{c} v_{m_0}^{(0)} \\ \vdots \\ v_1^{(0)} \\ v_{m_1}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ v_0^{(r)} \end{array} \right) \mid \sum_{i=0}^r \sum_{j=\delta_{i,0}}^{m_i} A_j^{(i)} v_j^{(i)} = 0 \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu) = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{c} v_{m_0}^{(0)} \\ \vdots \\ v_1^{(0)} \\ v_{m_1}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ v_0^{(r)} \end{array} \right) \mid \begin{array}{l} v_j^{(i)} = 0 \quad (i \neq 0, j \neq 0), \\ v_0^{(1)} = \dots = v_0^{(r)} = -\ell, \\ \begin{pmatrix} A_{m_0}^{(0)} & \dots & A_1^{(0)} & A_0^{(0)} - \mu \\ 0 & A_{m_0}^{(0)} & \dots & A_1^{(0)} \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & A_{m_0}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{m_0}^{(0)} \\ \vdots \\ v_1^{(0)} \\ \ell \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Proposition 8. \mathcal{K} and $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$ are $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ -invariant.

Namely $\tilde{A}_j^{(i)} \mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{K}$ and $\tilde{A}_j^{(i)} \mathcal{L}(\mu) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mu)$ for all i, j .

Middle convolution

Convolution $c_\mu(\mathbf{A}) = \tilde{\mathbf{A}} = (\tilde{A}_{m_0}^{(0)}, \dots, \tilde{A}_1^{(0)}, \tilde{A}_{m_1}^{(1)}, \dots, \tilde{A}_0^{(r)})$ is well-defined on $V'/(\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}(\mu))$.

$mc_\mu(\mathbf{A})$: middle convolution $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$
on the space $mc_\mu(V) = V'/(\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}(\mu))$.

Proposition 9. $V: \text{irred.} \Rightarrow mc_\mu(V): \text{irred.},$
 $V \simeq mc_0(V) \simeq mc_{-\mu}(mc_\mu(V)).$

Conjecture 1. $V: \text{irred.} \Rightarrow mc_{\mu_1+\mu_2}(V) \simeq mc_{\mu_2}(mc_{\mu_1}(V)).$

Addition

$$\bar{\mu} = (\mu_{m_0}^{(0)}, \dots, \mu_1^{(0)}, \mu_{m_1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mu_0^{(r)}) \in \mathbb{C}^M,$$

$$M_{\bar{\mu}}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A} + \bar{\mu}I_n = (A_{m_0}^{(0)} + \mu_{m_0}^{(0)}I_n, \dots, A_0^{(r)} + \mu_0^{(r)}I_n)$$

On solutions of linear differential system,
addition corresponds to multiplying the function;

$$Y \mapsto \exp \left(- \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_j^{(0)}}{j} z^j - \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{\mu_j^{(i)}}{j(z-t_i)^{j+1}} \right) \prod_{i=1}^r (z-t_i)^{\mu_0^{(i)}} Y.$$

Index of rigidity

$\mathbf{A} = (A_{m_0}^{(0)}, \dots, A_1^{(0)}, A_{m_1}^{(1)}, \dots, A_0^{(r)}), (A_j^{(i)} \in \text{End}(V)).$ Set

$$A^{(i)} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{m_i}^{(i)} & A_{m_i-1}^{(i)} & \dots & A_0^{(i)} \\ 0 & A_{m_i}^{(i)} & \dots & A_1^{(i)} \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & A_{m_i}^{(i)} \end{pmatrix} \in \text{End}(V^{\oplus(m_i+1)})$$

$(i = 0, \dots, r)$,

$$A_0^{(0)} = -(A_0^{(1)} + \dots + A_0^{(r)})$$

$$C^{(i)} = \left\{ C^{(i)} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{m_i}^{(i)} & C_{m_i-1}^{(i)} & \dots & C_0^{(i)} \\ 0 & C_{m_i}^{(i)} & \dots & C_1^{(i)} \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & C_{m_i}^{(i)} \end{pmatrix} \left| A^{(i)} C^{(i)} = C^{(i)} A^{(i)} \right. \right\}.$$

Define the index of rigidity by

$$\text{idx}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=0}^r \dim(\mathcal{C}^{(i)}) - \left(\left(\sum_{i=0}^r m_i \right) + r - 1 \right) (\dim(V))^2.$$

The condition $A^{(i)}C^{(i)} = C^{(i)}A^{(i)}$ is equivalent to

$$\sum_{l=0}^k \left(A_{m_i-l}^{(i)} C_{m_i-(k-l)}^{(i)} - C_{m_i-(k-l)}^{(i)} A_{m_i-l}^{(i)} \right) = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, m_i.$$

Proposition 10. *Index of rigidity is preserved by addition, i.e. $\text{idx}(M_{\bar{\mu}}(\mathbf{A})) = \text{idx}(\mathbf{A})$.*

Conjecture 2. *If V is irred., then the index of rigidity is preserved by middle convolution, i.e. $\text{idx}(mc_{\mu}(\mathbf{A})) = \text{idx}(\mathbf{A})$.*

The case $m_i = 1$

The condition $A^{(i)}C^{(i)} = C^{(i)}A^{(i)}$ for $m_i = 1$ is equivalent to

$$A_1C_1 = C_1A_1, \quad A_1C_0 - C_0A_1 + A_0C_1 - C_1A_0 = 0.$$

Here we ignore the superscript (i) .

Assume that A_1 is semisimple. Then $\exists P \in GL(n)$,

$$P^{-1}A_1P = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 I_{n_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 I_{n_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_k I_{n_k} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k : \text{distinct}).$$

It follows from $A_1 C_1 = C_1 A_1$ that C_1 is written as

$$P^{-1} C_1 P = \begin{pmatrix} C_1^{[1]} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & C_1^{[2]} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & C_1^{[k]} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Write

$$P^{-1} A_0 P = \begin{pmatrix} A_0^{[1,1]} & \dots & A_0^{[1,k]} \\ A_0^{[2,1]} & \dots & A_0^{[2,k]} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_0^{[k,1]} & \dots & A_0^{[k,k]} \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} C_0 P = \begin{pmatrix} C_0^{[1,1]} & \dots & C_0^{[1,k]} \\ C_0^{[2,1]} & \dots & C_0^{[2,k]} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_0^{[k,1]} & \dots & C_0^{[k,k]} \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows from $A_1 C_0 - C_0 A_1 + A_0 C_1 - C_1 A_0 = 0$ that

$$C_0^{[i,j]} = -\frac{A_0^{[i,j]} C_1^{[j]} - C_1^{[i]} A_0^{[i,j]}}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \quad (i \neq j), \quad A_0^{[i,i]} C_1^{[i]} = C_1^{[i]} A_0^{[i,i]}.$$

Elements of $C_0^{[i,i]}$ are not restricted by relations.

If

$$A_0^{[l,l]} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{l,1} I_{n_{l,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{l,2} I_{n_{l,2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_{l,p_l} I_{n_{l,p_l}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_{l,i} \neq \lambda_{l,j} \ (i \neq j),$$

then the dimension of solutions of $A_1 C_1 = C_1 A_1$ and $A_1 C_0 - C_0 A_1 + A_0 C_1 - C_1 A_0 = 0$ is

$$\sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{p_l} (n_{l,j})^2 + \sum_{l=1}^k (n_l)^2.$$

We denote the type of multiplicities of the matrices (A_1, A_0) by

$$(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) - \\ ((n_{1,1}, \dots, n_{1,p_1}), (n_{2,1}, \dots, n_{2,p_2}), \dots, (n_{k,1}, \dots, n_{k,p_k})).$$

Unramified tuple $\langle A_m, A_{m-1}, \dots, A_0 \rangle$

$\langle A_m, A_{m-1}, \dots, A_0 \rangle$ is unramified \Leftrightarrow_{def}

$$\exists P = \begin{pmatrix} P_m & P_{m-1} & \dots & P_0 \\ 0 & P_m & \dots & P_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & P_m \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} A_m & A_{m-1} & \dots & A_0 \\ 0 & A_m & \dots & A_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & A_m \end{pmatrix} P = \begin{pmatrix} D_m & D_{m-1} & \dots & D_0 \\ 0 & D_m & \dots & D_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & D_m \end{pmatrix},$$

D_m, \dots, D_1, D_0 : mutually commuting, D_m, \dots, D_1 : diagonal.

Type of multiplicity for $\langle A_2, A_1, A_0 \rangle$

$$D_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 I_{n_1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_p I_{n_p} \end{pmatrix}, \quad D_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{1,1} I_{n_{1,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{1,p_1} I_{n_{1,p_1}} & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix},$$

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{1,1,1} I_{n_{1,1,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{1,1,p_{1,1}} I_{n_{1,1,p_{1,1}}} & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix},$$

$(n_1 + \cdots + n_p = n, n_{k,1} + \cdots + n_{k,p_k} = n_k, n_{k,l,1} + \cdots + n_{k,l,p_{k,l}} = n_{k,l})$, then we write the type of multiplicity as

$$\begin{aligned} & (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_p) \\ & - ((n_{1,1}, \dots, n_{1,p_1}), (n_{2,1}, \dots, n_{2,p_2}), \dots) \\ & - (((n_{1,1,1}, \dots, n_{1,1,p_{1,1}}), (n_{1,2,1}, \dots, n_{1,2,p_{1,2}}), \dots), \dots). \end{aligned}$$

We can define the type of multiplicity for $\langle A_m, \dots, A_0 \rangle$ similarly.

On the case $m = 1$, this definition coincides to the previous one.

Proposition 11. *We assume that $\langle A_{m_i}^{(i)}, \dots, A_0^{(i)} \rangle$ is unramified for $i = 0, \dots, r$ and $\langle \mathbf{A} \rangle$ is irreducible.*

(i) The index of rigidity can be written by using the type of multiplicities.

(ii) $mc_\mu(\mathbf{A})$ is also irreducible, unramified and the index of rigidity is preserved by application of middle convolution, i.e. $\text{idx}(mc_\mu(\mathbf{A})) = \text{idx}(\mathbf{A})$ for all $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proposition 12. *We assume that $\langle A_{m_i}^{(i)}, \dots, A_0^{(i)} \rangle$ is unramified for $i = 0, \dots, r$ and $\langle \mathbf{A} \rangle$ is irreducible.*

(i) If $\text{idx}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$, then \mathbf{A} is transformed to the rank one matrices by applying addition and middle convolution repeatedly.

(ii) If $\text{idx}(\mathbf{A}) = 0$, then \mathbf{A} is transformed to one of the following cases by applying middle convolution and addition repeatedly, where $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$.

Four singularities : $\{(d, d), (d, d), (d, d), (d, d)\},$

Three singularities : $\{(d, d, d), (d, d, d), (d, d, d)\},$

$\{(2d, 2d), (d, d, d, d), (d, d, d, d)\},$

$\{(3d, 3d), (2d, 2d, 2d), (d, d, d, d, d, d)\},$

$\{(d, d) - ((d), (d)), (d, d), (d, d)\},$

Two singularities : $\{(d, d) - ((d), (d)), (d, d) - ((d), (d))\}$,
 $\{(d, d) - ((d), (d)) - (((d)), ((d))), (d, d)\}$,
 $\{(d, d, d) - ((d), (d), (d)), (d, d, d)\}$,
 $\{(d, d, d, d) - ((d), (d), (d), (d)), (2d, 2d)\}$,
 $\{(2d, 2d) - ((d, d), (d, d)), (d, d, d, d)\}$,
 $\{(3d, 2d) - ((d, d, d), (2d)), (d, d, d, d, d)\}$,
 $\{(2d, 2d, 2d) - ((d, d), (d, d), (d, d)), (3d, 3d)\}$,
 $\{(3d, 3d, 2d) - ((d, d, d), (d, d, d), (2d)), (4d, 4d)\}$,
 $\{(5d, 4d, 3d) - ((d, d, d, d, d), (2d, 2d), (3d)), (6d, 6d)\}$,
 $\{(5d, 4d) - ((d, d, d, d, d), (2d, 2d)), (3d, 3d, 3d)\}$,
 $\{(3d, 3d) - ((d, d, d), (d, d, d)), (2d, 2d, 2d)\}$,
 $\{(5d, 3d) - ((d, d, d, d, d), (3d)), (2d, 2d, 2d, 2d)\}$,
 $\{(4d, 3d) - ((2d, 2d), (3d)), (d, d, d, d, d, d)\}$,

One singularity : $\{(d, d) - ((d), (d)) - (((d)), ((d))) - (((((d))), (((d)))))\},$
 $\{(d, d, d) - ((d), (d), (d)) - (((d)), ((d)), ((d)))\},$
 $\{(2d, 2d) - ((d, d), (d, d)) - (((d), (d)), ((d), (d)))\},$
 $\{(3d, 2d) - ((d, d, d), (2d)) - (((d), (d), (d)), ((d, d)))\},$
 $\{(4d, 3d) - ((2d, 2d), (3d)) - (((d, d), (d, d)), ((d, d, d)))\},$
 $\{(5d, 4d) - ((3d, 2d), (4d)) - (((d, d, d), (2d)), ((d, d, d, d)))\},$
 $\{(6d, 4d) - ((3d, 3d), (4d)) - (((d, d, d), (d, d, d)), ((d, d, d, d)))\},$
 $\{(7d, 6d) - ((4d, 3d), (6d)) - (((2d, 2d), (3d)), ((d, d, d, d, d, d)))\},$
 $\{(8d, 6d) - ((5d, 3d), (6d)) - (((d, d, d, d, d), (3d)), ((2d, 2d, 2d)))\},$
 $\{(9d, 6d) - ((5d, 4d), (6d)) - (((d, d, d, d, d), (2d, 2d)), ((3d, 3d)))\}.$

We conjecture that $d = 1$ follows from irreducibility.

Deligne-Arinkin Theorem

Theorem 13. *[Arinkin, Compos. Math. 2010]*

If a system of differential equation is irreducible and rigid (i.e. $idx = 2$), then it is transformed to the rank one system by applying addition and Fourier-Laplace transformation repeatedly.

We do not need the assumption of unramification.

Euler transformation $\sim \mathcal{L}^{-1}x^\mu\mathcal{L}$,
(\mathcal{L} : Fourier-Laplace transformation)

**Examples for the case $r = 1$, $m_0 = 0$, $m_1 = 1$,
 $z = 0$: irreg., $z = \infty$: reg., size: 2×2**

(i) The eigenvalues of $A_1^{(1)}$ are distinct

Index of rigidity = 2.

By diagonalizing $A_1^{(1)}$ and applying additions, we may set

$$A_1^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_0^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\frac{dY}{dz} = \left(\frac{A_1^{(1)}}{z^2} + \frac{A_0^{(1)}}{z} \right) Y \quad \begin{matrix} \Rightarrow & \text{Kummer's confluent hypergeometric} \\ z = \frac{1}{x} & \text{differential equation} \end{matrix}$$

$$A^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{(1)} & A_0^{(1)} \\ 0 & A_1^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{1,2} \\ 0 & \beta & a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{K}) = \dim(\text{Ker}(A^{(1)})) = 2.$$

If $\mu (\neq 0)$ is an eigenvalue of $-A_0^{(1)}$, then $\dim(\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}(\mu)) = 3$ and we have a differential equation of rank 1 by middle convolution mc_μ .

By applying $mc_{-\mu}$ to the differential equation of rank 1, we obtain an integral representation of solutions to the differential system of rank 2.

(ii) $A_1^{(1)}$ is nilpotent

Index of rigidity = 2.

Set

$$A_1^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_0^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1^{(1)} + \beta I_2 & A_0^{(1)} + \alpha I_2 \\ 0 & A_1^{(1)} + \beta I_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 1 & a_{1,1} + \alpha & a_{1,2} \\ 0 & \beta & a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} + \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & \beta & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{K}) \leq 1$ ($a_{2,1} \neq 0$) for any choice of addition.

Hence $\dim(\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}(\mu)) \leq 2$ and the rank of differential equation cannot be deduced to one.

$a_{2,1} = 0 \Rightarrow$ reducible.

This case is not covered by Proposition 12.

Summary

- DSP, Fuchsian differential system, middle convolution.
- Index of rigidity is preserved.
- Examples: Gauss hypergeometric equation, Heun's equation.
- Simplification by addition and middle convolution.
- Middle convolution for linear differential system with irregular singularities.

Problems for linear differential system with irregular singularities

- Validity of definition the index of rigidity.

(Compatibility with the definition by Bloch-Esnault, Invariance of the index of rigidity by middle convolution)

- More examples. (confluent Heun equations ...)

- Laplace transformation.

(we may treat the case that $A_1^{(1)}$ is nilpotent).

- Crawley-Boevey type theorem for linear differential system with irregular singularities.

We hope that middle convolution is also applied for several topics in mathematics and physics.

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