

# Monodromy map under the confluence $\text{PIII}(D_6) \rightarrow \text{PIII}(D_8)$ .

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- $r_\nu$  is called Poincaré rank at the point  $a_\nu$ .

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- For start** we shall also assume that all highest order matrix coefficients  $A_{\nu} \equiv A_{\nu, -r_{\nu}}$  are diagonalizable

$$A_{\nu, -r_{\nu}} = G_{\nu} \Theta_{\nu, -r_{\nu}} G_{\nu}^{-1}; \quad \Theta_{\nu, -r_{\nu}} = \mathrm{diag} \{ \theta_{\nu, 1}, \dots, \theta_{\nu, N} \},$$

and that their eigenvalues are distinct and non-resonant:

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{\nu, \alpha} \neq \theta_{\nu, \beta} & \text{if } r_{\nu} \geq 1, \quad \alpha \neq \beta, \\ \theta_{\nu, \alpha} \neq \theta_{\nu, \beta} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}} & \text{if } r_{\nu} = 0, \quad \alpha \neq \beta. \end{cases}$$

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- If  $r_\infty = 0$ , then we define

$$A_{\infty, 0} = - \sum_{\nu=1}^n A_{\nu, 0}.$$

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$$\dim \mathcal{A} = n + (N^2 - 1) \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^n r_\nu + r_\infty - 1 \right) + (N - 1)(n + 1) \\ + n(N^2 - 1) - 2$$

# Formal solutions

- The differential equation has formal solutions with the asymptotic

$$\Phi_{\text{form}}^{(\nu)}(z) \simeq G_{\nu} \hat{\Phi}^{(\nu)}(z) e^{\Theta_{\nu}(z)} \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow a_{\nu},$$

where

$$\hat{\Phi}^{(\nu)}(z) = \begin{cases} I + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_{\nu,k} (z - a_{\nu})^k, & \nu = 1, \dots, n, \\ I + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_{\infty,k} z^{-k}, & \nu = \infty, \end{cases}$$

and  $\Theta_{\nu}(z)$  are diagonal matrix-valued functions,

$$\Theta_{\nu}(z) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=-r_{\nu}}^{-1} \frac{\Theta_{\nu,k}}{k} (z - a_{\nu})^k + \Theta_{\nu,0} \ln(z - a_{\nu}), & \nu = 1, \dots, n \\ \sum_{k=1}^{r_{\infty}} \frac{\Theta_{\infty,-k}}{k} z^k + \Theta_{\infty,0} \ln z, & \nu = \infty. \end{cases}$$

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$$\arg(z - a_\nu) = \frac{1}{r_\nu} \arg((\Theta_{\nu,-r_\nu})_{ii} - (\Theta_{\nu,-r_\nu})_{kk}) - \frac{\pi}{2r_\nu} + \frac{\pi}{r_\nu} j \}$$

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$$\Phi_{j+1}^{(\nu)} = \Phi_j^{(\nu)} S_j^{(\nu)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, 2r_\nu, \quad \Phi_1^{(\nu)} = \Phi_1^{(\infty)} C_\nu, \quad \nu = 1, \dots, n.$$

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- That means that we can take limit  $z \rightarrow a_\nu$  for  $\frac{N(N-1)}{2}$  entries of  $S_j^{(\nu)}$  and obtain zero.

# Properties of solution

- Plugging the asymptotic formula in the differential equation we get (exercise)

$$A(z) = G_\nu \hat{\Phi}^{(\nu)}(z) \frac{d\Theta_\nu(z)}{dz} \left( \hat{\Phi}^{(\nu)}(z) \right)^{-1} G_\nu^{-1} \\ + \begin{cases} O(1), & \nu = 1, \dots, n, \\ O(z^{-2}), & \nu = \infty. \end{cases}$$

- The property  $\text{Tr}(A(z)) = 0$ , implies that  $\text{Tr}(\Theta_\nu(z)) = 0$ .

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- Using the Liouville's formula

$$\det(\Phi(z)) = \det(\Phi(z_0)) \exp \left( \int_{z_0}^z \text{Tr}(A(s)) ds \right)$$

and identities

$$\det(G_\nu) = 1, \quad \text{Tr}(A(z)) = 0$$

we deduce that  $\det(\Phi(z)) = 1$ .

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- After removing argument around each of the finite point we get the identity called cyclic relation.

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- We compute its dimension (**exercise**)

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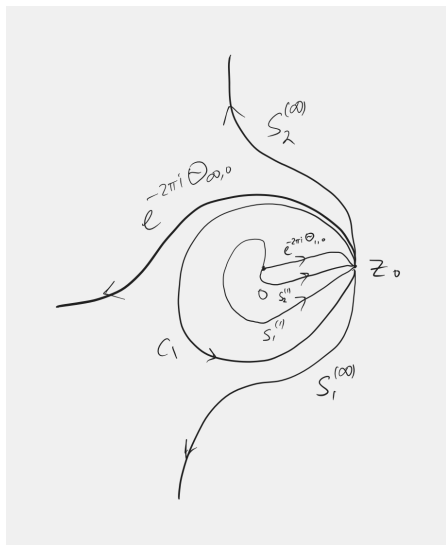
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  - $\Phi(z) \simeq \Phi_{\text{form}}^{(\nu)}(z)$ ,  $z \rightarrow a_\nu$ .
- Solution of Riemann-Hilbert problem is unique. Actually, given two different solutions  $\Phi(z)$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}(z)$  we can notice that  $\Phi(z)\tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(z)$  is analytic on the whole plane, and equal to identity by Liouville's theorem. (exercise)



## Example



$$\Phi(z) \simeq G_0 \hat{\Phi}^{(0)}(z) e^{-ixz^{-1}\sigma_3/2} z^{\Theta_0\sigma_3/2},$$

$$z \rightarrow 0.$$

$$r_0 = 1$$

$$\Phi(z) \simeq \hat{\Phi}^{(\infty)}(z) e^{ixz\sigma_3/2} z^{(-\Theta_\infty-1)\sigma_3/2},$$

$$z \rightarrow \infty$$

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$$\sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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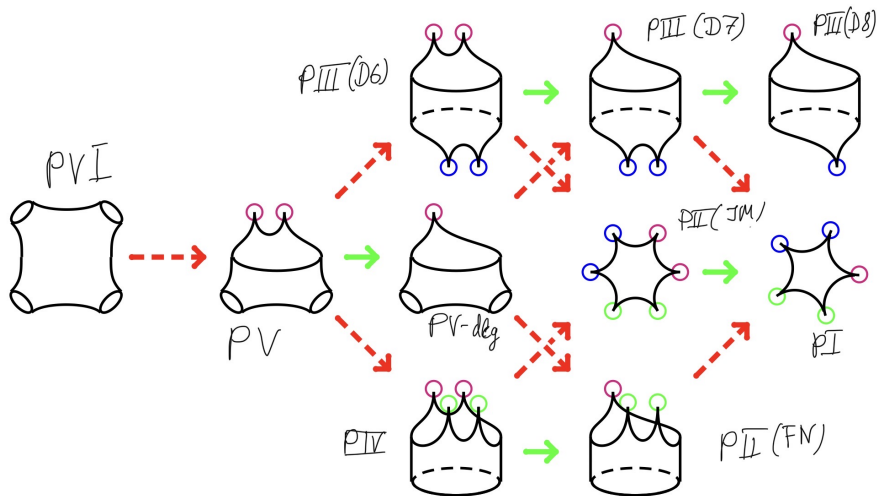
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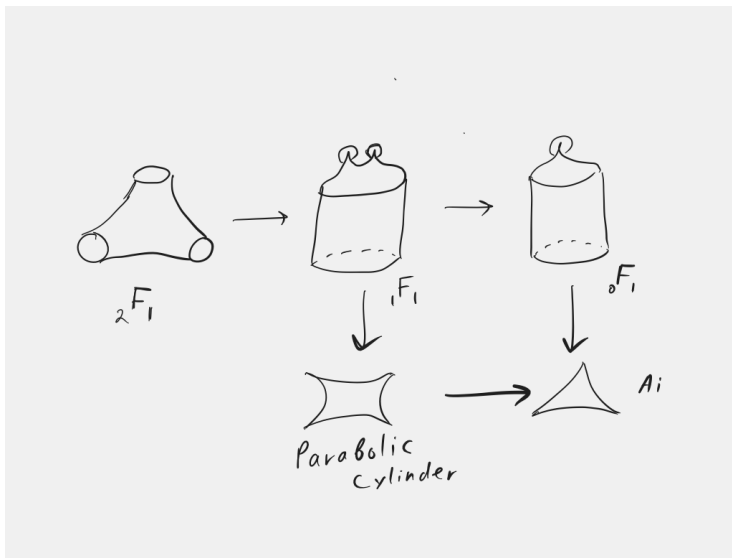
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Drawing from the paper by Chekhov, Mazzocco, Rubtsov (2016).



## Confluence diagram for classical special functions



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# Main results

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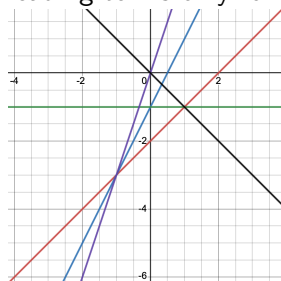
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