

Hypergeometric systems II: GKZ systems

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The hypergeometric differential equation

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Our example: $(\partial_t^2 + \frac{c-(a+b+1)t}{t(1-t)}\partial_t - \frac{ab}{t(1-t)})z = 0$.

- multiply with $t^2(1-t)$, write $\theta = t\partial_t$, to get (standard) form

$$(\theta - 1 + 1)(\theta - 1 + c)z = t \cdot (\theta + a)(\theta + b)z.$$

- General hypergeometric differential equation:

$$\prod_{v_j > 0} \prod_{l=0}^{v_j-1} (v_j\theta + c_j - l)z = t \cdot \prod_{v_j < 0} \prod_{l=0}^{|v_j|-1} (v_j\theta + c_j - l)z$$

- Power series ansatz: $z = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_k t^k$ shows

$$a_k \prod_{v_j > 0} \prod_{l=0}^{v_j-1} (v_j \cdot k + c_j - l) = a_{k-1} \cdot \prod_{v_j < 0} \prod_{l=0}^{|v_j|-1} (v_j \cdot (k-1) + c_j - l)$$

since $\theta(t^i) = it^i$. So

$$a_i/a_{i-1} \in \mathbb{Q}[k].$$

The multivariate case

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Given

$$\prod_{v_j > 0} \prod_{l=0}^{v_j-1} (v_j \theta + c_j - l) z = t \cdot \prod_{v_j < 0} \prod_{l=0}^{|v_j|-1} (v_j \theta + c_j - l) z \quad (1)$$

let $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$, find $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1, n}$ with $A \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, $\beta := A \cdot \mathbf{c}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\prod_{v_j > 0} \partial_j^{v_j} - \prod_{v_j < 0} \partial_j^{|v_j|} \right) \bullet \phi &= 0; \\ \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{1,j} x_j \partial_j \right) \bullet \phi &= \beta_1 \phi; \\ &\dots \\ \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{n-1,j} x_j \partial_j \right) \bullet \phi &= \beta_{n-1} \phi. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The multivariate case II

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- For our case, $n = 4$, $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, -1, -1)$ and $\mathbf{c} = (1, c, -a, -b)$.

- Pick $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, then

$\beta = (1 - a - b + c, c - b, c - a)$, and so

$$(\partial_1 \partial_2 - \partial_3 \partial_4) \bullet \phi = 0,$$

$$(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4) \bullet \phi = (1 - a - b + c)\phi,$$

$$(\theta_2 + \theta_4) \bullet \phi = (-b + c)\phi,$$

$$(\theta_3 + \theta_4) \bullet \phi = (-a + c)\phi.$$

- Elementary but painful check:

$$[x^\beta \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} c_i (x^\mathbf{v})^i \in \text{Sol}(\text{System 2})] \Leftrightarrow [\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} c_i t^i \in \text{Sol}(\text{Equation 1})].$$

The multivariate case III: GKZ systems

$$A \in \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n}, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

- assume $\mathbb{N}A$ pointed, and $\mathbb{Z}A = \mathbb{Z}^d$;
 - $\mathcal{O}_A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$,
 - $D_A = \text{WeylAlgebra}(\mathcal{O}_A) = \mathcal{O}_A \langle \partial \rangle$,
 - $R_A = \mathbb{C} \langle \partial \rangle$.
- toric ideal: $I_A = \langle \partial^{\mathbf{u}^+} - \partial^{\mathbf{u}^-} \mid A \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \rangle \subseteq R_A$
- Euler operators:

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

- GKZ system $H_A(\beta)$:

$$\begin{aligned} P \bullet \phi &= 0 & \forall P \in I_A; \\ (E_i - \beta_i) \bullet \phi &= 0 & \forall i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

If $d + 1 = n$, $\text{Sol}(H_A(\beta)) \leftrightarrow \text{Sol}(\text{Equation 1})$.

Toric variety/polyhedral structure

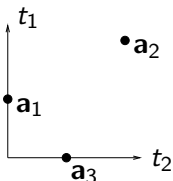
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- $A = ((a_{i,j})) = (\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n}$ integer matrix.
- induces $R_A \xrightarrow{\pi_A} \mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_d^{\pm 1}]$ with $\partial_j \mapsto t^{\mathbf{a}_j}$.
- $\ker(\pi_A) = I_A = \langle \partial^{\mathbf{u}^+} - \partial^{\mathbf{u}^-} \mid A \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \rangle \subseteq R_A$
- $S_A := \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A] = \mathbb{C}[t^{\mathbf{a}_1}, \dots, t^{\mathbf{a}_n}] \subseteq \mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_d^{\pm 1}]$.
- π_A gives presentation, $S_A = R/I_A$.
- $V_A = \text{Var}(I_A) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$
- $\mathbb{R}_+ A$ cvx plhdrl rtl cone, with faces $\{\tau\}$
- $\tau \leftrightarrow R_A(I_A, \{\partial_j\}_{j \notin \tau}), \mathbb{Z}^d$ -graded primes $\supseteq I_A$.

Examples

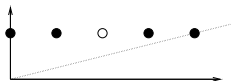
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Ex. I: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$



- $R_A = \mathbb{C}[\partial_1, \partial_2, \partial_3] \supseteq I_A = \langle \partial_1^2 \partial_3^2 - \partial_2 \rangle,$
- $A \leftrightarrow I_A, \{1\} \leftrightarrow (\partial_2, \partial_3), \{3\} \leftrightarrow (\partial_1, \partial_2), \emptyset \leftrightarrow (\partial).$

Ex. II: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$



- $R_A = \mathbb{C}[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_4],$
 $I_A = \langle \partial_1 \partial_4 - \partial_2 \partial_3, \partial_2^3 - \partial_1^2 \partial_3, \partial_3^3 - \partial_2 \partial_4^2, \partial_2^2 \partial_4 - \partial_1 \partial_3^2 \rangle.$
- $A \leftrightarrow I_A, \{1\} \leftrightarrow (\partial_2, \partial_3, \partial_4), \{4\} \leftrightarrow (\partial_1, \partial_2, \partial_3), \emptyset \leftrightarrow (\partial).$

Torus action

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- Let $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^d$; make map $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ via

$$(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \times (y_1, \dots, y_d) \mapsto (y^{\mathbf{a}_1} \xi_1, \dots, y^{\mathbf{a}_n} \xi_n),$$

- $(\mathbf{1}_\tau)_j = 1$ if $j \in \tau$, and $= 0$ else.
- $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{1}_\tau) :=$ image of $\mathbf{1}_\tau \times \mathbb{T}$, a torus of dimension $\dim(\tau)$.
- $V_A = \overline{\text{Orb}(\mathbf{1}_A)}^{\text{Zar}} = \overline{\text{Orb}(\mathbf{1}_A)}^{\text{cplx}} = \bigsqcup_{\tau \text{ face of } \mathbb{R}_+ A} \text{Orb}(\mathbf{1}_\tau)$.
- Invariant tangent vectors on \mathbb{T} : $\{t_i \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}\}$.
- Under $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \text{Orb}(\mathbf{1}_A)$, $t_i \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \rightsquigarrow \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j} x_j \partial_j =: E_i$ (mostly).
- Define:

$$H_A(\beta) = D_A(I_A, \{E_i - \beta_i\}_{i=1}^d)$$

$$M_A(\beta) = D_A/H_A(\beta).$$

Holonomic $\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Sol}(H_A(\beta))) < \infty$.

Solving polynomials

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- Example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\beta = (0, -1)$ give

$$H_A(\beta) = D_A(\partial_2^2 - \partial_1 \partial_3, x_1 \partial_1 + x_2 \partial_2 + x_3 \partial_3 - 0, 2x_1 \partial_1 + x_2 \partial_2 + 1).$$

Then the solutions to $x_1 T^2 + x_2 T^1 + x_3 T^0 = 0$,

$$\rho_{1,2} = \frac{-x_2 \pm \sqrt{x_2^2 - 4x_1 x_3}}{2x_1}$$

span $\text{Sol}(H_A(\beta))$. (True more generally.)

Singular locus of $H_A(\beta)$

Rank:

- $\text{rk} := \dim(\text{Sol})$ in generic pt = $\dim_{\mathbb{C}(x)}(M \otimes \mathbb{C}(x))$.
- A -discriminant (for A with top row $(1, \dots, 1)$): consider

$$\begin{aligned} x_{2,1} T^{a_{2,1}} + \dots + x_{2,n} T^{a_{2,n}} &= 0, \\ &\vdots \\ x_{d,1} T^{a_{d,1}} + \dots + x_{d,n} T^{a_{d,n}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thm: $\exists \Delta_A(\{x_{i,j}\})$ with $\Delta_A(x) = 0$ iff system has unusual number of torus solutions.

- $\text{rk}(H_A(\beta)) = \text{const}$ away from $\Delta_A(x) = 0$, sol's form bundle.
- If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ then $\Delta_A(x) = x_1 * x_3 * (4x_1x_3 - x_2^2)$.

Nice hypergeometric series, I

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Basic idea:

- Assume: I_A homogeneous, $\beta = A \cdot \mathbf{v}$, $v_j \notin \{-1, -2, \dots\}$, $\Lambda = \ker_{\mathbb{Z}}(A)$.
- Consider

$$\phi_{\mathbf{v}} = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \in \Lambda} \frac{[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathbf{u}_-}}{[\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}]_{\mathbf{u}_+}} \cdot x^{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$$

where

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathbf{u}} = \prod_j (v_j(v_j - 1) \cdots (v_j - u_j + 1)).$$

- Why factorials? Look at the exponential function and $f' = f$.
- Easy check: killed by $H_A(\beta)$.
- Problem: not always a function.

Nice hypergeometric series, II

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A homog., β generic, L a generic weight on R_A , $\theta_A = \{x_j \partial_j\}_{j=1}^n$.

- $J_A^L = (D_A \cdot \text{gr}^L(I_A)) \cap \mathbb{C}[\theta_A] + (A \cdot \theta_A - \beta)$, a radical ideal.
- $\text{Var}(J_A^L) = \{\mathbf{v}^1, \dots, \mathbf{v}^{\text{vol}(A)}\}$.

Theorem The following are a basis for $\text{Sol}(H_A(\beta))$:

$$\left\{ \phi_{\mathbf{v}} = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \in \Lambda} \frac{[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathbf{u}_-}}{[\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}]_{\mathbf{u}_+}} \cdot x^{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}} \mid J_A^L(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \right\}$$

Remark L gives *regular triangulation* \mathcal{T} of A ;
to each simplex I “belong” $\text{vol}(I)$ many of the $\phi_{\mathbf{v}}$.

- In general: $\text{rk}(H_A(\beta)) \geq \text{vol}(A)$.
(homog: wiggle β , and then specialize.
else: ideas from next part.)
- sometimes, $J_A^L \neq \text{gr}^L(H_A(\beta)) \cap \mathbb{C}[\theta_A]$
• (sometimes)², more than $\text{vol}(A)$ solutions: coming soon.