

# The space of connection data of $q$ -linear equations and $q$ -Painlevé equations

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**Abstract :** A  $q$ -analogue of the Painlevé equation can be obtained by connection preserving deformations. Jimbo and Sakai found a  $q$ -analogue of the sixth Painlevé equations by connection preserving deformations of a  $q$ -difference equations. We study the space of connection data of  $q$ -linear equations, which is a  $q$ -analogue of the Fricke cubic. We give a connection between connection data and a solution of  $q$ -Painlevé equations.

Y Ohyama, J.-P. Ramis, J. Sauloy, [arXiv:2005.10122](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.10122)

The space of monodromy data for the Jimbo-Sakai family of  $q$ -difference equations.

# 1. Painlevé equations, isomonodromy, asymptotics

The Painlevé equations are obtained by isomonodromic deformations

- **The ‘moduli’ space of connections** gives an initial values spaces
- **The space of monodromy/Stokes data** becomes a cubic surface  
(Fricke, ..., Saito-van der Put)
- **The Riemann-Hilbert correspondence**
- **Asymptotic expansion of Painlevé transcendents** gives a monodromy Stokes parameters (Jimbo, Kapaev, ... )

## The sixth Painlevé equation $P_{VI}$

$$y'' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{y-1} + \frac{1}{y-t} \right) y'^2 - \left( \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{y-t} \right) y' + \frac{y(y-1)(y-t)}{t^2(t-1)^2} \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{t}{y^2} + \gamma \frac{t-1}{(y-1)^2} + \delta \frac{t(t-1)}{(y-t)^2} \right]$$

is given by **isomonodromy deformation** of a  $2 \times 2$  system.

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} = \left( \frac{A_0(t)}{x} + \frac{A_t(t)}{x-t} + \frac{A_1(t)}{x-1} \right) Y \equiv A(x,t)Y$$

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = -\frac{A_t(t)}{x-t} Y$$

**Theorem** We set  $A_{12} = k(x - y(t))$ .  $y(t)$  satisfies  $P_{VI}$  for

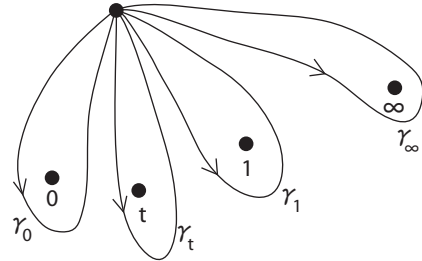
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(\theta_\infty - 1)^2, \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{2}(\theta_0 - 1)^2, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2}(\theta_1 - 1)^2, \quad \delta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \theta_t^2).$$

$A_j \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ , the eigenvalues of  $A_j$  :  $\pm \frac{1}{2}\theta_j$ .

$$A_0(t) + A_t(t) + A_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_\infty & \\ & -\theta_\infty \end{pmatrix}$$

The monodromy matrices  $M_0, M_t, M_1, M_\infty$  satisfy

$$M_\infty M_1 M_t M_0 = 1.$$



## 1.2 Jimbo's P6 asymptotics

Known asymptotics of equations are related to the linear monodromy data:

Example: **Jimbo's sol** for **P6** [Publ. RIMS, **18** (1982).]

$$y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^n \sum_{m=-n}^n c_{nm} t^{m\sigma}$$

Here  $c_{nm}$  is written by the Gamma function on  $p_{jk}$  and

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \left( \frac{p_{0t}}{2} \right), \quad p_{jk} = \operatorname{tr} M_j M_k \quad (j, k = 0, 1, t)$$

### Monodromy invariants

$$p_\nu := \operatorname{tr} M_\nu = 2 \cos 2\theta_\nu, \quad p_{\mu\nu} := \operatorname{tr} M_\mu M_\nu.$$

### The Fricke relation:

$$p_{01}p_{1t}p_{t0} + p_{01}^2 + p_{1t}^2 + p_{t0}^2 - a_{01}p_{01} - a_{1t}p_{1t} - a_{t0}p_{t0} + a_\infty = 0.$$

$$a_{ij} = p_i p_j + p_k p_l \quad (\{i, j, k, l\} = \{0, t, 1, \infty\}),$$
$$a_\infty = p_0^2 + p_1^2 + p_t^2 + p_\infty^2 + p_0 p_1 p_t p_\infty - 4.$$

## 1.3 Other Painlevé equations

All linear equations are **2x2 systems**

$$\text{P1, P2} \quad \frac{dY}{dx} = (A + Bx + Cx^2) Y(x)$$

♣  $C$  is nilpotent for P1

$$\text{P4} \quad \frac{dY}{dx} = \left( \frac{A}{x} + B + Cx \right) Y(x)$$

♣ when  $C$  is nilpotent, P34

$$\text{P3} \quad \frac{dY}{dx} = \left( \frac{A}{x^2} + \frac{B}{x} + Cx \right) Y(x)$$

♣  $A, C$  may nilpotent for  $D_7, D_8$

$$\text{P5} \quad \frac{dY}{dx} = \left( \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + C \right) Y(x)$$

♣ when  $C$  is nilpotent, deg-P5  $\sim$  P3

$$\text{P6} \quad \frac{dY}{dx} = \left( \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x-t} \right) Y(x)$$

**Isomonodromy deformation**  $\frac{dY}{dz} = A(z, t)Y$

$$A(z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 4z^4 + t + 2y^2 & 4yz^2 + t + 2y^2 \\ -(4yz^2 + t + 2y^2) & -(4z^4 + t + 2y^2) \end{pmatrix} - (2y'z + \frac{1}{2z}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y(z) \sim \exp \left[ \left( \frac{4}{5}z^5 + tz \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\arg z \in (\frac{\pi}{5}(k - \frac{3}{2}), \frac{\pi}{5}(k + \frac{1}{2}))$ .

**Stokes data**

$$S_k = Y_k^{-1}(z)Y_{k+1}(z)$$

The cyclic relation:  $S_1S_2S_3S_4S_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $1 + s_2s_3 \neq 0$ ,

$$s_1 = \frac{i - s_3}{1 + s_2s_3}, \quad s_4 = \frac{i - s_2}{1 + s_2s_3}, \quad s_5 = i(1 + s_2s_3)$$

- If  $1 + s_2s_3 = 0$ ,  $s_2 = s_3 = i$ ,  $s_5 = 0$ ,  $s_1 + s_4 = i$ .
- For real solution ( $y, z$  are real when  $t$  is real)  $s_2 = -\bar{s}_3$ .

### 1.4.1 Boutroux transformation of P1: $y'' = 6y^2 + t$ -6/33-

$$y = (e^{-\pi i t})^{1/2} v, \quad x = \frac{4}{5} (e^{-\pi i t})^{5/4}$$

P1 is written in ‘**almost elliptic**’ form

$$v'' = 6v^2 + 1 + \frac{4v}{25x^2} - \frac{v'}{x},$$

$$v \sim -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}x} [a \exp(-ih) + b \exp(ih)],$$

$$a = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{1/8} \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{s_2 \Gamma(-i\rho)} \exp \frac{\pi\rho}{2}, \quad b = -\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{1/8} \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{s_3 \Gamma(i\rho)} \exp \frac{\pi\rho}{2}.$$

$$h = 2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{1/4} x + \rho \log 5x + \frac{11}{4} \rho \log 2 + \frac{5}{4} \rho \log 3 + \frac{3\pi}{4},$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log(1 + s_2 s_3),$$

*Remark* By the Boutroux transformation,  $v$  is **irregular singular of the Poincaré rank 1** at  $x = \infty$

## The Riemann-Hilbert correspondence

{ The space of connections }  $\implies$  { The space of monodromy data }

is highly transcendental.

- 1) We know the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence is **one-to-one**, if we set the both spaces suitably.
- 2) When the linear equation is **rigid**, we can determine monodromy/Stokes data algebraically.
- 3) When the linear equation with **necessary parameters** has isomonodromy deformations, we can calculate monodromy/Stokes data by **asymptotic analysis**.

*Remark.* additive  $E_6, E_7, E_8$  Painlevé equations do not have continuous deformations.

**Problem :** How about  $q$ -analogue ?



### A $q$ -analogue of the sixth Painlevé equation

$$\frac{y\bar{y}}{a_3a_4} = \frac{(\bar{z} - b_1t)(\bar{z} - b_2t)}{(\bar{z} - b_3)(\bar{z} - b_4)}, \quad \frac{z\bar{z}}{b_3b_4} = \frac{(y - a_1t)(y - a_2t)}{(y - a_3)(y - a_4)},$$

$$\frac{b_1b_2}{b_3b_4} = q \frac{a_1a_2}{a_3a_4}.$$

### Connection Preserving Deformation (CPD)

$2 \times 2$  system of  $q$ -difference equation ( $0 < |q| < 1$ )

$$Y(qx, t) = A(x, t)Y(x, t) = [A_0 + xA_1 + A_2x^2]Y(x, t),$$

$$Y(x, qt) = B(x, t)Y(x, t).$$

$$B(x, t) = \frac{x}{(x - a_1qt)(x - a_2qt)}(xI + B_0(t)).$$

The compatibility:  $A(x, qt)B(x, t) = B(qx, t)A(x, t).$

- The **eigenvalues** of  $A_0$  is  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$ .
- $A_2 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$
- $\det A(x, t) = \kappa_1\kappa_2(x - a_1t)(x - a_2t)(x - a_3)(x - a_4).$

## 2.1 Connection data

The **connection matrix**  $P(x)$  is

$$Y_\infty(x, t) = Y_0(x, t)P(x, t)$$

and  $P(x, t)$  is a  **$q$ -constant**

$$P(xq, t) = P(x, t), \quad P(x, tq) = P(x, t).$$

Although  $P(x)$  is not a constant matrix,  $P$  contains a finite number of parameters.

**G. D. Birkhoff** studied a  $q$ -analogue of Riemann-Hilbert problem ( **Riemann-Hilbert-Birkhoff correspondence** )

Consider **the space of connection matrices**

Study **asymptotic expansion of  $q$ - $\mathbf{P}_{\text{VI}}$**

*Remark.* The asymptotic expansion is studied by Mano.

## 2.2. Basic notations

0)  **$q$ -shifted factorial:**

$$(a_1, \dots, a_r; q)_n = \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i; q)_n, \quad (a; q)_n = (1-a)(1-qa) \cdots (1-q^{n-1}a).$$

1) **Theta function:**

$$\theta_q(x) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n(n-1)/2} x^n = (q, -x, -q/x; q)_{\infty}.$$

$$e_c(x) := \frac{\theta(x)}{\theta(cx)}, \quad \text{for } c \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$$

First order difference equation:

$$x\theta_q(xq) = \theta_q(x), \quad e_c(xq) = ce_c(x), \quad (1-ax)(axq; q)_{\infty} = (ax; q)_{\infty}$$

2) **generalized  $q$ -hypergeometric series:**

$$\begin{aligned} {}_r\varphi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r; b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_r; q)_n}{(b_1, \dots, b_s; q)_n (q; q)_n} \left[ (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} \right]^{1+s-r} z^n. \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2. Birkhoff's Riemann-Hilbert correspondence

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We start from a  **$q$ -difference equation** of size  $r$ :

$$Y(qx) = A(x)Y(x),$$

$$A(x) = A_0 + xA_1 + \cdots + x^N A_N$$

We assume that the **eigenvalues** of  $A_0$  is  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_r (\neq 0)$  [**regular singular**] and **non-resonance condition**

$$\rho_j / \rho_k \notin q^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

if  $j \neq k$ . We also assume that

$$A_N = \begin{bmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa_r \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_r (\neq 0)$  and  $\kappa_j / \kappa_k \notin q^{\mathbb{Z}}$  ( $j \neq k$ ).

We assume that  $\det A(x)$  has simple zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_{rN}$  s.t.  $a_j \neq a_k$  ( $j \neq k$ ):

$$\det A(x) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \cdots \kappa_r (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \cdots (x - a_{rN})$$

$$Y_0(x) = L(x) \begin{bmatrix} e_{\rho_1}(x) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{\rho_r}(x) \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$Y_\infty(x) = \theta(x)^{-N} R(x) \begin{bmatrix} e_{\kappa_1}(x) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{\kappa_r}(x) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here

$$L(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} L_j x^j, \quad R(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} R_j x^{-j}.$$

$$\text{diag}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_r) = L_0^{-1} A_0 L_0.$$

In general, we assume that  $R_0 = I_r$  and  $\det L_0 = 1$ .

**Definition 1.** We define the **connection matrix**  $P(x)$  as

$$Y_\infty(x) = Y_0(x)P(x).$$

★ In the  $q$ -difference case,  $P(x)$  is an elliptic function, not constants.

We obtain

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$$P(x) = \theta(x)^{-N} \begin{bmatrix} e_{\rho_1}(x) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{\rho_r}(x) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} L(x)^{-1} R(x) \begin{bmatrix} e_{\kappa_1}(x) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{\kappa_r}(x) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$L(x)^{-1}$  and  $R(x)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  and all of matrix elements of  $P(x)$  are elliptic:

$$P(xq) = P(x), \quad P(xe^{2\pi i}) = P(x).$$

Therefore  $L(x)^{-1}R(x)$  are **holomorphic of degree  $N$** .

We set  $[p_{ij}(x)] = L(x)^{-1}R(x)$ . Then we have

$$p_{ij}(xe^{2\pi i}) = p_{ij}(x), \quad p_{ij}(xq) = x^N \frac{\kappa_j}{\rho_i} p_{ij}(x).$$

**Lemma 2.**

$$p_{ij}(x) = p_{ij}^\circ \prod_{k=1}^N \theta(x/c_{ij}^{(k)}),$$

where

$$\prod_{k=1}^N c_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{\kappa_j}{\rho_i} = 1.$$

**The set of Birkhoff's parameters** is

$$\{p_{ij}^{\circ}; c_{ij}^{(k)}\}.$$

The order of the set is  $r^2 + (N - 1)r^2$ .

$Y_0$  and  $Y_{\infty}$  have **ambiguity of the right action of diagonal matrices**.

**Theorem 3. (Birkhoff, 1914)** *The number of essential parameters of the connecton matrix  $P(x)$  is*

$$[r^2 + (N - 1)r^2] - (2r - 1) = Nr^2 - 2r + 1.$$

The number of parameters of the equation  $A(x)$  is

$$Nr^2 - r.$$

But  $A(x)$  also admits adjoint action by a diagonal matrix, **The number of essential parameters of the equation  $A(x)$  is**

$$[Nr^2 - r] - (r - 1) = Nr^2 - 2r + 1.$$

## 2.3. Examples

1) When  $r = 1$ ,  $Nr^2 - 2r + 1 = N - 1$ . (**1st order difference equation**).

This parameter corresponds to  $a_1 \cdots a_{N-1} a_N = \rho_1 \kappa_1^{-1}$ .

2) When  $r = 2$ ,  $N = 1$ ,  $Nr^2 - 2r + 1 = 1$  (**basic hypergeometric function**).

$$Y(qx) = (A_0 + A_1 x)Y(x)$$

$$A_1 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2), \det(A_0 + A_1 x) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 (x - a_1)(x - a_2).$$

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -\kappa_1 \alpha & \kappa_2 w \\ \kappa_1 w^{-1} & \gamma - \kappa_2 \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

In above two cases, the connection matrix is completely determined by exponents. In this sense, they are **rigid** systems.

3) When  $r = 2$ ,  $N = 2$ ,  $Nr^2 - 2r + 1 = 5$  ( **$q$ -P<sub>VI</sub>**).

This parameter corresponds to  $a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 = \rho_1 \rho_2 (\kappa_1 \kappa_2)^{-1}$  plus two more parameters (**accessary parameters**).



## 2.4. Basic hypergeometric series

**Basic hypergeometric series**  ${}_2\varphi_1(a, b; c; x)$ :

$$(c - abqx)u(xq^2) - [c + q - (a + b)qx]u(qx) + q(1 - x)u(x) = 0.$$

**Local solutions** around  $x = 0$ :

$$u_1 = {}_2\varphi_1(a, b; c; x), \quad u_2 = e_{q/c}(x) {}_2\varphi_1(qa/c, qb/c; q^2/c; x).$$

**Local solutions** around  $x = \infty$ :

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{e_a(-x)} {}_2\varphi_1(a, aq/c; aq/b; cq/abx), \quad v_2 = (a \leftrightarrow b).$$

**Theorem (Thomae) Connection formula** for  ${}_2\varphi_1$ :

$$u_1 = \frac{(b, c/a; q)_\infty}{(c, b/a; q)_\infty} v_1 + \frac{(a, c/b; q)_\infty}{(c, a/b; q)_\infty} v_2,$$
$$u_2 = \frac{(qb/c, q/a; q)_\infty}{(q^2/c, b/a; q)_\infty} \frac{e_a(-x)e_{q/c}(x)}{e_{qa/c}(-x)} v_1 + \frac{(qa/c, q/b; q)_\infty}{(q^2/c, a/b; q)_\infty} \frac{e_b(-x)e_{q/c}(x)}{e_{qb/c}(-x)} v_2.$$

## 2.4.1. Another method

We set  $A_1 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$ ,  $\det(A_0 + A_1x) = \kappa_1\kappa_2(x - a_1)(x - a_2)$ .

$$Y(qx) = (A_0 + A_1x)Y(x)$$

The **connection matrix** is given by

$$P(x) = \theta(x)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} e_{\rho_1}(x) & 0 \\ 0 & e_{\rho_2}(x) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} p_{11}^\circ \theta(\kappa_1 x / \rho_1) & p_{12}^\circ \theta(\kappa_2 x / \rho_1) \\ p_{21}^\circ \theta(\kappa_1 x / \rho_2) & p_{22}^\circ \theta(\kappa_2 x / \rho_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{\kappa_1}(x) & 0 \\ 0 & e_{\kappa_2}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$\det P(x) = \frac{e_{\kappa_1}(x)e_{\kappa_2}(x)}{\theta(x)^2 e_{\rho_1}(x)e_{\rho_2}(x)e_{-1/a_1}(x)e_{-1/a_2}(x)},$$

$$p_{11}^\circ p_{22}^\circ \theta\left(\frac{\kappa_1 x}{\rho_1}\right) \theta\left(\frac{\kappa_2 x}{\rho_2}\right) - p_{12}^\circ p_{21}^\circ \theta\left(\frac{\kappa_2 x}{\rho_1}\right) \theta\left(\frac{\kappa_1 x}{\rho_2}\right) = \frac{1}{e_{-1/a_1}(x)e_{-1/a_2}(x)}.$$

Since  $e_{-1/a_1}(a_1) = \infty$  and the inversion formula  $x\theta(1/x) = \theta(x)$ ,

$$\frac{p_{11}^\circ p_{22}^\circ}{p_{12}^\circ p_{21}^\circ} = \frac{\theta(\kappa_2 a_1 / \rho_1) \theta(\kappa_1 a_1 / \rho_2)}{\theta(\kappa_1 a_1 / \rho_1) \theta(\kappa_2 a_1 / \rho_2)} = \frac{\theta(\kappa_2 a_2 / \rho_1) \theta(\kappa_1 a_2 / \rho_2)}{\theta(\kappa_1 a_2 / \rho_1) \theta(\kappa_2 a_2 / \rho_2)}.$$

Constants  $p_{ij}^\circ$  **are determined**, up to diagonal actions from the both side.

### 3.1 Double asymptotic solutions of $q$ -Painlevé

This type of expansions are studied by **R. Fuchs** at first.

**Jimbo** also gives the same type of asymptotic solutions for  $P_{\text{III}}$ ,  $P_{\text{V}}$  and  $P_{\text{VI}}$ . He also showed that the double asymptotic series **converges in a small angle domain**.

**Mano** studied the case of  $P(A_3)$  ( $q$ - $P_{\text{VI}}$ ).

#### Connection formula of $q$ - $P_{\text{VI}}$

$$Y(qx, t) = A(x, t)Y(x, t) = [A_0 + xA_1 + A_2x^2]Y(x, t),$$

##### 1. The first limit

We take a limit  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $A(x, t)$  goes to  $x\Lambda + x^2A_2$

##### 2. The second limit

We set  $x = \xi t$ . We take a new connection:

$$\tilde{A}(\xi, t) = t^{-1}t^{-\log_q \Lambda} A(t\xi, t)t^{\log_q \Lambda}$$

We take a limit  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $\tilde{A}(\xi, t)$  goes to  $M + \xi\Lambda$ .  $M \sim A_0/t$

## The limit equations

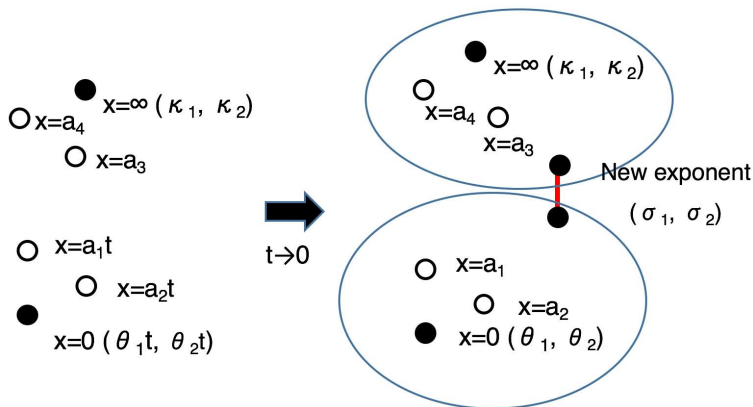
$$Y_1(xq) = [x(\Lambda + xA_2)]Y_1(x), \quad Y_2(\xi q) = (M + \xi\Lambda)Y_2(\xi)$$

are reduced to hypergeometric.

We set eigenvalues of  $\Lambda$  as  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ . (assume that  $\sigma_1\sigma_2 \neq 0$ )

$$C^{-1}\Lambda C = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2).$$

We write  $D = \text{diag}(\log_q \sigma_1, \log_q \sigma_2)$ . Then  $t^{\log_q \Lambda} = C^{-1}t^D C$ .



**Theorem** (Mano)  $P(x) = P_2(x/t)P_1(x)$

### 3.2 How to calculate connection matrix

1) **The original equation:**

$$Y^{(\infty)}(xq, t) = A(x, t)Y^{(\infty)}(x, t)$$

$$Y^{(\infty)}(x, t) = q^{u(u-1)}\hat{Y}^{(\infty)}(x, t)x^K, \quad (u = \log x, \hat{Y}^{(\infty)}(0) = I)$$

2) **The first limit of solution:** From  $Y^{(\infty)}(x, t)$  to  $Y_1(x)$ :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} Y^{(\infty)}(x, t) =: Y_1^{(\infty)}(x).$$

$$Y_1^{(\infty)}(xq) = [x(\Lambda + xA_2)]Y_1^{(\infty)}(x)$$

3) **Connection formula** for  $Y_1(x)$ :

$$Y_1^{(\infty)}(x) = Y_1^{(0)}(x)P_1(x),$$

$$Y_1^{(0)}(x) = q^{u(u-1)/2}\mathbf{C}\hat{Y}^{(0)}(x)x^D, \quad (\hat{Y}_0(0) = I)$$

where  $C^{-1}\Lambda C = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , and  $D = \text{diag}(\log_q \sigma_1, \log_q \sigma_2)$ .  
 $C$  has an **ambiguity**  $C \rightarrow CG$ ,  $G$  is a diagonal matrix.

### 3.2 How to calculate connection matrix (Suite)

4) **The second limit** : Set  $\xi = x/t$ .

$$Y_2^{(\infty)}(\xi q) = (M + \xi \Lambda) Y_2^{(\infty)}(\xi)$$

$$Y_2^{(\infty)}(\xi) = q^{v(v-1)/2} \mathbf{C} \hat{Y}_2^{(\infty)}(x) x^D.$$

5) **Connection formula** for  $Y_1(x)$

$$Y_2^{(\infty)}(\xi) = Y_2^{(0)}(\xi) P_2(\xi)$$

6) We can reconstruct  $Y(x, t)$  from  $Y_1$  by an **iteration operator**

$$U(x, t) = I + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t d_q t_1 \int_0^{t_1} d_q t_2 \cdots \int_0^{t_{k-1}} d_q t_k F(x, t_1) F(x, t_2) \cdots F(x, t_k).$$

Here

$$F(x, t) = \frac{1}{t(q-1)} (B(x, t) - I),$$

$$B(x, t) = I + \frac{1}{x} \left( 1 - \frac{qta_1}{x} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{qta_2}{x} \right) [B_0(t) + qt(a_1 + a_2)I - x^{-1}q^2t^2a_1a_2I]$$

$$Y^{(\infty)}(x, t) = U(x, t)Y_1^{(\infty)}(x),$$

$$Y^{(0)}(x, t)P_2(x/t) = U(x, t)Y_1^{(0)}(x).$$

Proof is the standard way to solve an **integral equation** starting from the initial value  $Y_1^{(\infty)}(x)$ .

### Proof of Theorem:

By the Lemma above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Y^{(0)}(x, t)P_2(x/t)P_1(x) &= U(x, t)\underline{Y_1^{(0)}(x)P_1(x)} \\ &= U(x, t)\underline{Y_1^{(\infty)}(x)} \\ &= Y^{(\infty)}(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$Y_1^{(\infty)}(x) = Y^{(0)}(x, t)P_2(x/t)P_1(x) = Y^{(0)}(x, t)P(x).$$

## 4. The space of connection matrices

We start

$$Y(qx) = [A_0 + xA_1 + \cdots + x^N A_N]Y(x),$$

$$\det A(x) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \cdots \kappa_r (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \cdots (x - a_{rN})$$

Set  $y(x) = \det Y(x)$ . Then  $y(x)$  is represented by theta functions:

$$y(xq) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \cdots \kappa_r (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \cdots (x - a_{rN})y(x).$$

Local solutions:

$$Y_0(x) = L(x) \operatorname{diag}\{e_{\rho_1}(x), \dots, e_{\rho_r}(x)\},$$

$$Y_\infty(x) = \theta(x)^{-N} R(x) \operatorname{diag}\{e_{\kappa_1}(x), \dots, e_{\kappa_r}(x)\}.$$

**Proposition (Birkhoff factorisation)**

(1)  $L(x)^{-1}$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^\times$ .  $L(x)$  has simple poles over  $q^{-\mathbb{N}}a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ).

(2)  $R(x)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^\times$ .  $R(x)^{-1}$  has simple poles over  $q^{\mathbb{Z}^+}a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ).



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Therefore

$$M = M(x) = L(x)^{-1}R(x)$$

is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^\times$ . and  $M^{-1}$  has simple poles over  $q^{\mathbb{Z}}a_j$

**Proposition**

$$\sigma_q M = x^{-N} R M S^{-1}$$

Here

$$R = \text{diag}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_r), \quad S = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_r).$$

$$F_{R,S,\underline{a}} = \{M \mid \sigma_q M = x^{-N} R M S^{-1}, \det M(a_j) = 0 \text{ (simple)}\}$$

Since  $Y_0(x)$  and  $Y_\infty(x)$  has a **gauge freedom**

$$Y_0(x) \sim Y_0(x)\Gamma, \quad Y_\infty(x) \sim Y_\infty(x)\Delta,$$

where  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are constant diagonal matrices. Therefore

$$M' \sim \Gamma^{-1} M \Delta$$

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**Definition** The **space of connection matrices**

$$\mathcal{F}_{R,S,\underline{a}} = \{M \mid \sigma_q M = x^{-N} R M S^{-1}, \det M(a_j) = 0 \text{ (simple)}\} / \sim$$

We consider a  $q$ -difference equation

$$Y(xq) = A(x)Y(x)$$

here  $A(x) = A_0 + xA_1 + \cdots + x^N A_N$  with non-resonance condition.

**Definition**  $A \sim B$  if and only if there exists  $F \in GL_r(\mathbb{C}(x))$  such that

$$B = (\sigma_q F) A F^{-1}$$

**Definition** The **space of  $q$ -difference equations**

$$\mathcal{E}_{R,S,\underline{a}} = \{A(x) \mid A(x) = A_0 + xA_1 + \cdots + x^N A_N\} / \sim$$

**Theorem** (?) The map

$$\mathcal{E}_{R,S,\underline{a}} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{R,S,\underline{a}}$$

is onto and one-to one.

### 1. Injectivity

Let  $A \in E_{R,S,\underline{a}}$ , resp.  $B \in E_{R,S,\underline{a}}$ ,

$$M_A = L_A^{-1}R_A, \quad M_B = L_B^{-1}R_B$$

Since  $M_A = \Gamma^{-1}M_B\Delta$ ,

$$L_A^{-1}R_A = \Gamma^{-1}L_B^{-1}R_B\Delta \implies L_B\Gamma L_A^{-1} = R_B\Delta R_A^{-1}$$

If we set  $F = L_B\Gamma L_A^{-1} = R_B\Delta R_A^{-1}$ . Then

$$B = (\sigma_q F)AF^{-1}.$$

### 2. Surjectivity

Based on **Birkhoff's factorization theorem**:

Let  $C$  a simple closed analytic curve on the Riemann sphere  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ , separating 0 from  $\infty$  and  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus C = D_0 \cup D_\infty$ .

Let  $M(x)$  a given analytic invertible matrix on  $C$ .

Then there exist analytic matrices  $M_0$  on  $\overline{D_0}$  and  $M_\infty$  on  $\overline{D_\infty}$  such that

$M_0 = M_\infty M$  on  $C$ .

## Jimbo-Sakai's $q$ - $P_{\text{VI}}$

$$Y(qx) = A(x)Y(x) = [A_0 + xA_1 + A_2x^2]Y(x),$$

$$R = \text{diag}(\rho_1, \rho_2), \quad S = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2), \quad A_0 = \Gamma R \Gamma^{-1}, \quad A_2 = \Delta S \Delta^{-1}$$

$$\det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 (x - a_1)(x - a_2)(x - a_3)(x - a_4).$$

$$L(xq) = A(x)L(x)R^{-1}, \quad L(x) = \Gamma + \cdots \in GL_2(\mathbb{C}\{x\}),$$

$$R(xq) = x^{-2}A(x)R(x)S^{-1}, \quad R(x) = \Delta + \cdots \in GL_2(\mathbb{C}\{x^{-1}\})$$

We set

$$M = M(x) = L(x)^{-1}R(x)$$

$M$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  and  $M$  has simple zeros at  $q^{\mathbb{Z}}a_j$ .

$$\sigma_q M = x^{-2} R M S^{-1}$$

For any diagonal matrices  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$ ,

$$M \sim M' \iff M' = \Gamma^{-1} M \Delta$$

## 5.1 Precise description of $\mathcal{F}$

We take matrix elements  $(m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{21}, m_{22}) \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^\times)$  of  $M$ .

$$m_{11}m_{22} - m_{12}m_{21} \neq 0.$$

$$(m_{11}m_{22} - m_{12}m_{21})(a_j) = 0.$$

For any  $c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ,

$$(m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{21}, m_{22}) \sim (m'_{11}, m'_{12}, m'_{21}, m'_{22})$$

if and only if

$$m'_{jk} = \frac{d_j}{c_i} m_{jk}, \quad j, k = 1, 2.$$

*Remark.* A  **$q$ -analogue of Fuchs' relation**

$$\rho_1 \rho_2 a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 = \kappa_1 \kappa_2.$$

## 5.2 Elementary space $V_{k,a}$

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,

$$V_{k,a} := \{f \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^\times) \mid \sigma_q f = ax^{-k}f\}.$$

If  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,  $\dim V_{k,a} = k$  and

$$V_{k,a} = \langle \theta_q(-x/\alpha) \mid \alpha^k = a \rangle$$

A **natural map**

$$V_{k,a} \times V_{j,b} \rightarrow V_{k+j,ab}; \quad (f, g) \mapsto fg$$

**Proposition** The image of  $V_{2,a} \times V_{2,b}$  in  $V_{4,ab}$  is a **quadric hypersurface** of equation  $XT - YZ = 0$

*Proof*

Take basis  $u, v \in V_{2,a}$ ,  $u', v' \in V_{2,a'}$ . Then  $(X, Y, Z, T) = (uu', uv', u'v, vv')$  is a basis of  $V_{4,ab}$ .

We consider

$$m_{ij} \in V_{2,\rho_i/\kappa_j}.$$

Then

$$m_{11}m_{22} \in X_1, \quad m_{12}m_{21} \in X_2,$$

where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are quadric hypersurfaces in

$$V := V_{4,\rho_1\rho_2/\kappa_1\kappa_2}$$

Since  $\det M \neq 0$ ,

$$(M_1, M_2) = (m_{11}m_{22}, m_{12}m_{21}) \in X_1 \times X_2 \setminus V \times V.$$

The action of diagonal matrices  $\Gamma, \Delta$  induces a **scalar action**  $d_1d_2/c_1c_2$ .

In the case  $x = a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$(m_{11}m_{22} - m_{12}m_{21})(a_j) = 0.$$

**Theorem** From  $\mathcal{F}_{R,S,\underline{a}}$  to

$$\mathcal{G} = \{(f, g) \in X_1 \times X_2 \mid (m_{11}m_{22} - m_{12}m_{21})(a_j) = 0 \quad j = 1, 2, 3\} / \mathbb{C}^\times$$

is bijective.

## 10. Other cases

by Jimbo-Sakai,  $P(A_3)$ , by M. Murata (other)

$$Y(qx, t) = A(x, t)Y(x, t),$$

$$Y(x, qt) = B(x, t)Y(x, t).$$

$$A(x, t) = A_0(t) + xA_1(t) + x^2A_2,$$

$$B(x, t) = f(x, t)(xI + B_0(t)),$$

$$f(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{(x - a_1qt)(x - a_2qt)} & P(A_3), P(A_4) \\ \frac{1}{x - a_1qt} & P(A_5)^\# \\ \frac{1}{x} & P(A_6)^\# \end{cases}$$

The **compatibility condition** leads to  $q$ -Painlevé equations

$$A(x, qt)B(x, t) = B(qx, t)A(x, t).$$



## 10.1. The linearized equation

$P(A_3)$ :

**Eigenvalues:**  $A_0(t) \sim \text{diag}(\theta_1 t, \theta_2 t)$ ,  $A_2 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$

$$\det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 (x - a_1 t)(x - a_2 t)(x - a_3)(x - a_4).$$

$P(A_4)$ :

**Eigenvalues:**  $A_0(t) \sim \text{diag}(\theta_1 t, \theta_2 t)$ ,  $A_2 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \mathbf{0})$

$$\det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 (x - a_1 t)(x - a_2 t)(x - a_3).$$

$P(A_5)^\sharp$ :

**Eigenvalues:**  $A_0(t) \sim \text{diag}(\theta_1 t, \mathbf{0})$ ,  $A_2 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \mathbf{0})$

$$\det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x(x - a_1 t)(x - a_3).$$

$P(A_6)^\sharp$ :

**Eigenvalues:**  $A_0(t) \sim \text{diag}(\theta_1 t, \mathbf{0})$ ,  $A_2 = \text{diag}(\kappa_1, \mathbf{0})$

$$\det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x^2(x - a_3).$$

by M. Murata

## 10.2 Limit from Painlevé to hypergeometric

$$P(A_3): \det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 (x - a_1 t)(x - a_2 t)(x - a_3)(x - a_4).$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_1(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x^2 (x - a_3)(x - a_4) \quad \text{Heine}$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_2(x, t) = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \quad \text{Heine}$$

$$P(A_4): \det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 (x - a_1 t)(x - a_2 t)(x - a_3).$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_1(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x^2 (x - a_3) \quad q\text{-Kummer}$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_2(x, t) = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \quad \text{Heine}$$

$$P(A_5)^\sharp: \det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x (x - a_1 t)(x - a_3).$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_1(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x^2 (x - a_3) \quad q\text{-Kummer}$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_2(x, t) = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (x - a_1) \quad q\text{-Kummer}$$

$$P(A_6)^\sharp: \det A(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x^2 (x - a_3).$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_1(x, t) = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 x^2 (x - a_3) \quad q\text{-Kummer}$$

$$\rightarrow \det A_2(x, t) = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 x^2 \quad \text{Hahn-Exton}$$

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