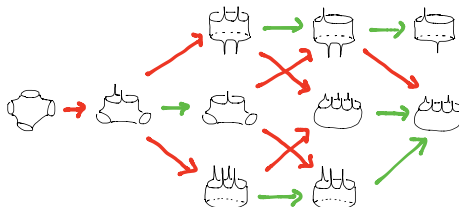
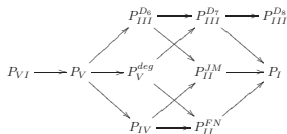


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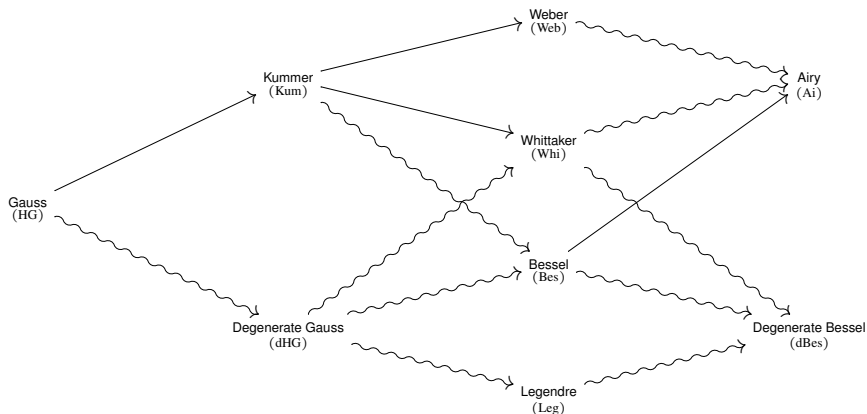
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First diagram - H. Sakai, Second diagram- after L. Chekhov, M. Mazzocco and V.R



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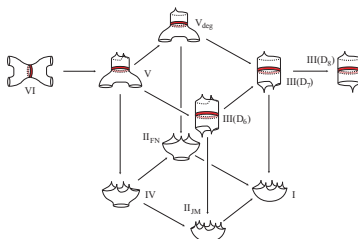


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Mirror of $\mathbb{P}^1$

The integral

$$I = \int_{\gamma \subset \{y_1 y_2 = q\}} \exp \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{\hbar} \frac{dy_1 dy_2}{dq}$$

satisfies the Bessel differential equation

$$[\hbar \theta_q]^2 I = qI$$

and therefore (Y_q, f_q, ω_q) where Y_q is given by the equation $y_1 y_2 = q$ in $Y = \mathbb{C}^2$, the function f_q is the restriction to Y_q of $f = y_1 + y_2$, and ω_q is the relative “volume” form $\frac{(dy_1 dy_2)}{d(y_1 y_2)}$ on Y_q can be taken on the role of the mirror partner of $X = \mathbb{P}^1$.

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$$\phi_\lambda(x)\phi_\lambda(y) = \int \frac{\phi_\lambda(z)}{\sqrt{P(x, y, z)}} dz, \quad P(x, y, z) = \Delta_t[f(t) - (t-x)(t-y)(t-z)]$$

An appearance of **Kontsevich polynomials**

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N-Bessel

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and its analytic solution (N - Bessel function)

$$\Psi(x, \lambda) = J^{(N)}(\lambda; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{(k!)^N} x^k$$

Set $\lambda = 1$.

The Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}(J^{(N)})(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(Nk)!}{k!^N} z^k$$

$$J^{(N)}(x)J^{(N)}(y) = \sum_{n,m} \left(\frac{1}{n!m!}\right)^N x^n y^m = \sum_{n,m} \binom{n+m}{n}^N x^n y^m \left(\frac{1}{(n+m)!}\right)^N$$

N-Bessel-2

When we multiply this by $z^{-(m+n)}$, multiply with $J^{(N)}(z)$, expand in powers of z we find:

$$J^{(N)}(x)J^{(N)}(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint K(x, y, z) J^{(N)}(z) \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint H\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{y}{z}\right) J^{(N)}(z) \frac{dz}{z},$$

where

$$H(X, Y) = \sum_{n, m} \binom{n+m}{n}^N X^n Y^m.$$

Try to understand the singular locus of the D -module generated by H . For $N = 2$ we have the algebraic kernel $H(X, Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta_2(X, Y, 1)}}$ and

$\Delta_2(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2xz - 2yz$. This defines a circle, tangent the coordinate lines $xyz = 0$ at the mid-points $(0 : 1 : 1)$, $(1 : 0 : 1)$, $(1 : 1 : 0)$ in $\mathbb{P}^2$.

$$\Delta_2(u^2, v^2, w^2) = (u + v + w)(-u + v + w)(u - v + w)(u + v - w) = 16S_{\Delta}^2 -$$

("Heron configuration")

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which leads to

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- $N = 2$ - Clausen duplication for Bessel

$$K_2(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4t}}$$

- $N = 3$ - Apéry like sequence of type A (D. Zagier). [Heun function](#)

$$t(t+1)(8t-1)K'' + (24t^2 + 14t - 1)K' + (8t+2)K = 0$$

- [Generic \$N > 1\$](#) : period from Landau-Ginzburg model

$$V_N = \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} (1 + Y_i) + \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} (1 + Y_i^{-1})$$

- Corresponding family and its period

$$V_N = 1/t, \quad K_N(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{N-1}} \oint_{T^{N-1}} \frac{1}{1 - tV_N} \frac{dY_1}{Y_1} \frac{dY_2}{Y_2} \cdots \frac{dY_{N-1}}{Y_{N-1}}$$

Picard-Fuchs operators

$$N = 2 \quad (4t - 1) \theta_t + 2t,$$

$$N = 3 \quad (t + 1) (8t - 1) \theta_t^2 + t (16t + 7) \theta_t + 2t(4t + 1),$$

$$N = 4 \quad (16t - 1)(4t + 1) \theta_t^3 + 6t(32t + 3) \theta_t^2 + 2t(94t + 5) \theta_t + 2t(30t + 1),$$

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$$N = 6 \quad (t - 1)(27t + 1)(64t - 1)(75t^3 + 1420t^2 + 561t + 9) \theta_t^6 + \\ + (842400t^6 + 18022725t^5 - 1363487t^4 - 4622791t^3 - 127551t^2 - 1977t - 9) \theta_t^5 + \\ + 5t(452880t^5 + 10962507t^4 + 2491544t^3 - 1779376t^2 - 46584t - 168) \theta_t^4 + \\ + 5t(644760t^5 + 17135271t^4 + 6994741t^3 - 1716533t^2 - 56024t - 96) \theta_t^3 + \\ + 2t(1282500t^5 + 36696915t^4 + 19164721t^3 - 2088858t^2 - 100236t - 72) \theta_t^2 + \\ + 2t(540900t^5 + 16436910t^4 + 9826066t^3 - 428487t^2 - 38811t - 9) \theta_t + \\ + 12t^2(15750t^4 + 503175t^3 + 327205t^2 - 1845t - 1044).$$

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Appeared families have a precise geometry of singularity loci

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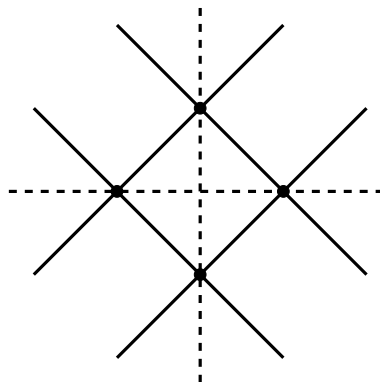
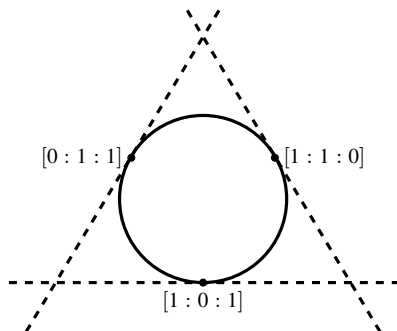
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Links and perspectives

Hecke operators and Kontsevich polynomial

Kontsevich (2007-2009): To make explicite Langlands correspondence for SL_2 – local systems L on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^1 \setminus \text{four points}$ with unipotent local monodromies, which correspond to a special Heun equation

$$L := \partial f \partial + t + \lambda, \quad f = t^3 + at^2 + bt + c$$

- a cubic polynomial (See also [Teruji Thomas, 2006](#) (MSci at U Chicago with V. Drinfeld and [Niels uit de Bos, 2019](#) (PhD U Essen with J. Heinloth.)

Define

$$P(x, y, z) = \text{disc}_t(f(t) - (t-x)(t-y)(t-z))$$

Let $\mathbb{F}_p$ – a finite field with a prime characteristic $p \neq 2$. $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$, $H_x \in \text{Mat}_{(p+1) \times (p+1)}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ such that

$$(Hx)_{yz} := 2 + \sharp\{w | w^2 = P(x, y, z) + \text{correction term}\}$$

A miracle: $[H_x, H_y] = 0!$ Operators $H_x, x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$ generate a Hecke algebra $\mathcal{H}$.

$$\mathcal{H} \curvearrowright \text{Fun}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)) : (H_x(\bar{v}))_y = \sum_z (H_x)_{yz}(v_z), \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p), (\bar{v}) = (v_x) \in \text{Fun}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)).$$

Drinfeld: when $PGL_2(\mathbb{F}_p(t))$ – automorphic representations correspond to normalized common Hecke eigenvectors:

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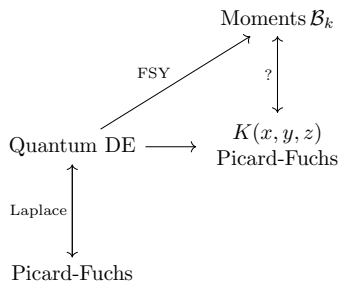
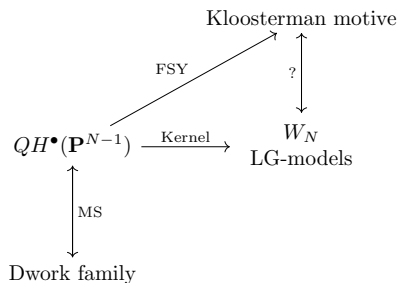
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