



## Isomorphism Classes of $A$ -Hypergeometric Systems

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**Abstract.** Given a finite set  $A$  of integral vectors and a parameter vector, Gel'fand, Kapranov, and Zelevinskii defined a system of differential equations, called an  $A$ -hypergeometric (or a GKZ hypergeometric) system. Classifying the parameters according to the  $D$ -isomorphism classes of their corresponding  $A$ -hypergeometric systems is one of the most fundamental problems in the theory. In this paper we give a combinatorial answer for the problem under the assumption that the finite set  $A$  lies in a hyperplane off the origin, and illustrate it in two particularly simple cases: the normal case and the monomial curve case.

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### 1. Introduction

Given a finite set  $A$  of integral vectors and a parameter vector, Gel'fand, Kapranov, and Zelevinskii defined a system of differential equations, called an  $A$ -hypergeometric (or a GKZ hypergeometric) system ([5]). Many authors studied  $D$ -invariants of the  $A$ -hypergeometric systems: In the Cohen–Macaulay case, Gel'fand, Kapranov, and Zelevinskii determined the characteristic cycles ([6]) and proved the irreducibility of the monodromy representations for nonresonant parameters ([4]); Adolphson proved the rank of an  $A$ -hypergeometric system equals the volume of the convex hull of  $A$  in the semi-nonresonant case ([1]); the author, Sturmfels, and Takayama scrutinized the ranks in [13]; Cattani, D'Andrea, and Dickenstein determined rational solutions and algebraic solutions in the monomial curve case ([2]), and recently Cattani, Dickenstein, and Sturmfels in [3] considered when an  $A$ -hypergeometric system has a rational solution other than Laurent polynomial solutions.

The purpose of this paper is to classify  $A$ -hypergeometric systems with respect to  $D$ -isomorphisms. This is one of the most fundamental problems in the theory. Under the assumption that the finite set  $A$  lies in a hyperplane off the origin, we shall give a combinatorial answer for this problem, and illustrate it in two particularly simple cases: the normal case and the monomial curve case.

Throughout the paper, we consider the finite set  $A$  fixed. In Section 2, we define a finite set  $E_\tau(\beta)$  associated to a parameter  $\beta$  and a face  $\tau$  of the cone generated

by  $A$ . Then our main theorem (Theorem 2.1) states that two  $A$ -hypergeometric systems corresponding to parameters  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  are  $D$ -isomorphic if and only if  $E_\tau(\beta)$  equals  $E_\tau(\beta')$  for all faces  $\tau$ . In Section 2, we prove the only-if-part of the theorem and state some basic properties of the set  $E_\tau(\beta)$ .

Sections 3 and 4 are devoted to the study of the algebra of contiguity operators, called the *symmetry algebra*. In Section 3, we summarize some known facts about the symmetry algebra. We introduce the *b-ideals* in Section 4 and prove their elements correspond to contiguity operators. Furthermore we describe each *b-ideal* in terms of the standard pairs of a certain monomial ideal. Using this description, we give the proof of the if-part of our main theorem at the end of Section 4.

In Sections 5 and 6, we illustrate our main theorem in the normal case and the monomial curve case respectively, since the theorem reduces to relatively simple forms in both cases.

## 2. Main Theorem

We work over a field  $\mathbf{k}$  of characteristic zero. Let  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n) = (a_{ij})$  be a  $d \times n$ -matrix of rank  $d$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}$ . We assume that all  $a_j$  belong to one hyperplane off the origin in  $\mathbf{Q}^d$ . We denote by  $I_A$  the toric ideal in  $\mathbf{k}[\partial] = \mathbf{k}[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n]$ , that is

$$I_A = \langle \partial^u - \partial^v \mid Au = Av, u, v \in \mathbf{N}^n \rangle \subset \mathbf{k}[\partial].$$

For a column vector  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d) \in \mathbf{k}^d$ , let  $H_A(\beta)$  denote the left ideal of the Weyl algebra

$$D = \mathbf{k}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n \rangle$$

generated by  $I_A$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}\theta_j - \beta_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, d$ ) where  $\theta_j = x_j\partial_j$ . The quotient  $M_A(\beta) = D/H_A(\beta)$  is called the *A-hypergeometric system with parameter  $\beta$* .

We denote the set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  by  $A$  as well. Let  $\tau$  be a face of the cone

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n c_j a_j \mid c_j \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0} \right\}. \quad (2.1)$$

We denote by  $\mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)$  the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -submodule of  $\mathbf{Z}^d$  generated by  $A \cap \tau$ , and by  $\mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau)$  the  $\mathbf{k}$ -subspace of  $\mathbf{k}^d$  generated by  $A \cap \tau$ . We agree that  $\mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau) = \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau) = \{0\}$  when  $\tau = \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , and let  $\mathbf{N}A$  denote the monoid generated by  $A$ . For a parameter  $\beta \in \mathbf{k}^d$ , we consider the following set:

$$E_\tau(\beta) := \{ \lambda \in \mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau) / \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau) \mid \beta - \lambda \in \mathbf{N}A + \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau) \}. \quad (2.2)$$

The following is the main theorem in this paper.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *The A-hypergeometric systems  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta')$  are isomorphic as D-modules if and only if  $E_\tau(\beta) = E_\tau(\beta')$  for all faces  $\tau$  of the cone  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ .*

Before the proof, we recall the formal series solutions  $\phi_v$  defined in [13]. For  $v \in \mathbf{k}^n$ , its *negative support*  $\text{nsupp}(v)$  is the set of indices  $i$  with  $v_i \in \mathbf{Z}_{<0}$ . When  $\text{nsupp}(v)$  is minimal with respect to inclusions among  $\text{nsupp}(v + u)$  with  $u \in \mathbf{Z}^n$  and  $Au = 0$ ,  $v$  is said to have *minimal negative support*. For  $v$  with minimal negative support, we define a formal series

$$\phi_v = \sum_{u \in N_v} \frac{[v]_{u_-}}{[v + u]_{u_+}} x^{v+u}. \tag{2.3}$$

Here

$$N_v = \{ u \in \mathbf{Z}^n \mid Au = 0, \text{nsupp}(v) = \text{nsupp}(v + u) \},$$

and  $u_+, u_- \in \mathbf{N}^n$  satisfy  $u = u_+ - u_-$  with disjoint supports, and  $[v]_w = \prod_{j=1}^n v_j(v_j - 1) \cdots (v_j - w_j + 1)$  for  $w \in \mathbf{N}^n$ . Proposition 3.4.13 of [13] states that the series  $\phi_v$  is a formal solution of  $M_A(Av)$ .

*Proof.* Here we prove the only-if-part of the theorem. The proof of the if-part will be given at the end of Section 4.

We suppose that  $\lambda \in E_\tau(\beta) \setminus E_\tau(\beta')$  for some face  $\tau$ , and we shall prove  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta')$  are not isomorphic.

Represent  $\lambda$  as  $\sum_{a_j \in \tau} l_j a_j$ . Consider the direct product

$$R_{\tau,\lambda} := \prod_{u \in \mathbf{Z}^n, u_j \in \mathbf{N} (a_j \notin \tau)} \mathbf{k} x^{l+u}.$$

Here we put  $l_j = 0$  for  $a_j \notin \tau$ . Note that  $R_{\tau,\lambda}$  has a natural  $D$ -module structure. There exists  $u \in \mathbf{Z}^n$  with  $u_j \in \mathbf{N} (a_j \notin \tau)$  such that  $\beta = A(l + u)$  and  $l + u$  has minimal negative support. Then the series  $\phi_{l+u} \in R_{\tau,\lambda}$  is a formal solution of  $M_A(\beta)$ , and hence  $\text{Hom}_D(M_A(\beta), R_{\tau,\lambda}) \neq 0$ . On the other hand,  $\text{Hom}_D(M_A(\beta'), R_{\tau,\lambda}) = 0$  since  $A(l + u) \neq \beta'$  for any  $u \in \mathbf{Z}^n$  with  $u_j \in \mathbf{N} (a_j \notin \tau)$ . Therefore  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta')$  are not isomorphic. □

In the remainder of this section, we collect some properties of the sets  $E_\tau(\beta)$ . We call a face of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$  of dimension  $d - 1$ , a facet. Recall that for a facet  $\sigma$  the linear form  $F_\sigma$  satisfying the following conditions is unique and called the *primitive integral support function*:

- (1)  $F_\sigma(\mathbf{Z}A) = \mathbf{Z}$ ,
- (2)  $F_\sigma(a_j) \geq 0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,
- (3)  $F_\sigma(a_j) = 0$  for all  $a_j \in \sigma$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.2**

- (1) Each  $E_{\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A}(\beta)$  consists of one element. The equality  $E_{\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A}(\beta) = E_{\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A}(\beta')$  means  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{Z}A$ .
- (2)  $E_{\{0\}}(\beta) = \{0\}$  or  $\emptyset$ .  $E_{\{0\}}(\beta) = \{0\}$  if and only if  $\beta \in \mathbf{N}A$ .
- (3) For a facet  $\sigma$ ,  $E_\sigma(\beta) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $F_\sigma(\beta) \in F_\sigma(\mathbf{N}A)$ .

- (4) For faces  $\tau \subset \sigma$ , there exists a natural map from  $E_\tau(\beta)$  to  $E_\sigma(\beta)$ . In particular, if  $E_\tau(\beta) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $E_\sigma(\beta) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (5) For any  $\chi \in \mathbf{NA}$ , there exists a natural inclusion from  $E_\tau(\beta)$  to  $E_\tau(\beta + \chi)$ .

*Proof.* All statements follow directly from the definition of  $E_\tau(\beta)$ . □

**PROPOSITION 2.3.**

- (1) For all  $\beta \in \mathbf{k}A = \mathbf{k}^d$ ,

$$|E_\tau(\beta)| \leq [(\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA} : \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)], \tag{2.4}$$

where the right hand side is the index of  $\mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)$  in  $(\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA}$ .

- (2) Assume  $(\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA} = \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)$ . If  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{ZA}$ , and if neither  $E_\tau(\beta)$  nor  $E_\tau(\beta')$  is empty, then  $E_\tau(\beta) = E_\tau(\beta')$ .

*Proof.*

- (1) Let  $\lambda, \lambda' \in E_\tau(\beta)$ . Then  $\lambda - \lambda' \in (\mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA}$ . By Cramer's formula,  $(\mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA} = (\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA}$ .
- (2) Let  $E_\tau(\beta) = \{\lambda\}$ ,  $E_\tau(\beta') = \{\lambda'\}$ . Since  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{ZA}$ , there exist  $\chi, \chi' \in \mathbf{NA}$  such that  $\beta + \chi = \beta' + \chi'$ . Then  $\{\lambda\} = E_\tau(\beta + \chi) = E_\tau(\beta' + \chi') = \{\lambda'\}$  by Proposition 2.2 (5). □

**EXAMPLE 2.4.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

There are four facets:

$$\sigma_{12} := \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_1 + \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_2, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\sigma_{23} := \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_2 + \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_3, \tag{2.6}$$

$$\sigma_{34} := \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_3 + \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_4, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\sigma_{14} := \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_1 + \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_4, \tag{2.8}$$

and four one-dimensional faces:  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_1, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}a_4$ . For all faces  $\tau$  but  $\sigma_{14}$ , the indices  $[(\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{ZA} : \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)]$  are one. Hence for  $\beta \in \mathbf{NA}$ ,  $E_\tau(\beta) = \{0\}$  for all faces  $\tau \neq \sigma_{14}$ . The quotient  $(\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \sigma_{14})) \cap \mathbf{ZA} / \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \sigma_{14})$  has two elements and can be represented by  $0$  and  ${}^t(1, 1, 0)$ . Since  $a_2 - {}^t(1, 1, 0) = a_3 - a_4$ , and  $a_3 - {}^t(1, 1, 0) = a_2 - a_1$ , we obtain  $E_{\sigma_{14}}(a_2) = E_{\sigma_{14}}(a_3) = \{0, {}^t(1, 1, 0)\}$ . Proposition 2.2 (5) implies that for  $\beta \in \mathbf{NA}$ ,  $E_{\sigma_{14}}(\beta) = \{0\}$  if and only if  $\beta \in \mathbf{Na}_1 + \mathbf{Na}_4$ , otherwise  $E_{\sigma_{14}}(\beta) = \{0, {}^t(1, 1, 0)\}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{NA}$  splits into two isomorphism classes in this case.

Recall that a parameter  $\beta$  is said to be *nonresonant* (respectively *semi-nonresonant*) if  $\beta \notin \mathbf{Z}A + \mathbf{k}(A \cap \sigma)$  (respectively  $\beta \notin (\mathbf{Z}A \cap \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A) + \mathbf{k}(A \cap \sigma)$ ) for any facet  $\sigma$ , or equivalently, if  $F_\sigma(\beta) \notin \mathbf{Z}$  (respectively  $F_\sigma(\beta) \notin \mathbf{N}$ ) for any facet  $\sigma$ . Hence nonresonance implies semi-nonresonance.

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *If  $\beta$  is semi-nonresonant, then  $E_\tau(\beta) = \emptyset$  for all proper faces  $\tau$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ .*

*Proof.* Semi-nonresonance clearly implies  $E_\sigma(\beta) = \emptyset$  for all facets  $\sigma$ . Proposition 2.2 (4) finishes the proof.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.6** *Let  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  be semi-nonresonant. Then  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta')$  are isomorphic if and only if  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{Z}A$ .*

Recall that all elements of  $A$  lie on one hyperplane  $H$  off the origin. We normalize the volume of a polytope on  $H$  so that a simplex whose vertices affinely span the lattice  $H \cap \mathbf{Z}A$  has volume one.

**PROPOSITION 2.7.** *If a parameter  $\beta$  satisfies*

$$E_\tau(\beta) = \emptyset \quad \text{for all proper faces } \tau, \quad (2.9)$$

*then*

- (1) *for any  $\chi \in \mathbf{N}A$ ,  $M_A(\beta - \chi)$  is isomorphic to  $M_A(\beta)$ ,*
- (2) *the rank of  $M_A(\beta)$  equals the volume of the convex hull of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* (1) By Proposition 2.2 (5),  $E_\tau(\beta - \chi) = \emptyset$  for all proper faces  $\tau$ . Hence by Proposition 2.2 (1), we deduce the statement from Theorem 2.1.

The proof of (2) is the same as that of Theorem 4.5.2 of [13] (p. 185).  $\square$

### 3. Symmetry Algebra

We consider the algebra of contiguity operators, called the symmetry algebra. It controls isomorphisms among  $A$ -hypergeometric systems with different parameters. We have investigated the symmetry algebra of normal  $A$ -hypergeometric systems in [11]. The proofs of some results in [11] remain valid without the normality condition. In this section, we summarize such results.

Let

$$\tilde{S} := \{P \in D \mid I_A P \subset DI_A\}.$$

Then  $\tilde{S}$  is an associative algebra and  $\tilde{S} \cap DI_A = DI_A$  is a two-sided ideal. We call  $S := \tilde{S}/DI_A$  the *symmetry algebra* of  $A$ -hypergeometric systems. The symmetry algebra  $S$  is nothing but the associative algebra  $\text{End}_D(D/DI_A)$ .

In what follows, we denote simply by  $P$ , the element of  $D/DI_A$  represented by  $P \in D$ . For  $\chi \in \mathbf{N}A$ , all  $\partial^u$  with  $Au = \chi$  represent the same element in  $D/DI_A$ . Hence we sometimes denote it by  $\partial^\chi$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.1.**

- (1)  $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n \in S$ .
- (2)  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}\theta_j \in S$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .
- (3) The morphism from the polynomial ring  $\mathbf{k}[s] = \mathbf{k}[s_1, \dots, s_d]$  to  $S$  mapping  $s_i$  to  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}\theta_j$  ( $i = 1, \dots, d$ ) is injective.

*Proof.* See Lemma 1.1 in [11] for (1) and (2), and Corollary 1.3 in [11] for (3).  $\square$

We consider that  $\mathbf{Z}^d$ , to which the vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  belong, is the character group of the algebraic torus  $T = \{(t_1, \dots, t_d) \mid t_1, \dots, t_d \in \mathbf{k}^\times\}$ . Let  $N$  be the dual group of  $\mathbf{Z}^d$ , and  $s_1, \dots, s_d$  the basis of  $\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} N$  dual to the standard basis of  $\mathbf{k}^d = \mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}^d$ . Under the identification of  $\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} N$  with the Lie algebra of  $T$  ([8]), each  $s_i$  equals  $t_i\partial/\partial t_i$ . Let  $H$  denote another algebraic torus

$$\left\{ (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in (\mathbf{k}^\times)^n \mid \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{u_j} = 1 \text{ for all } u \in \mathbf{Z}^n \text{ with } Au = 0 \right\}.$$

Then the character group and the Lie algebra of  $H$  coincide with  $\mathbf{Z}A$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{k}(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}\theta_j)$  respectively. The injective morphism in Proposition 3.1 (3) is induced from the differential of the morphism:

$$T \ni t \mapsto (t^{a_1}, \dots, t^{a_n}) \in H. \tag{3.10}$$

We thus consider  $\mathbf{k}[s]$  as a subspace of  $S$  and, accordingly, as a subspace of  $D/DI_A$ . For each  $\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A$ , we define the weight space  $S_\chi$  with weight  $\chi$  by

$$S_\chi := \{ P \in S \mid [s, P] = \chi(s)P \quad (\forall s \in N) \}.$$

Here the bracket  $[P, Q]$  means  $PQ - QP$ .

*Remark 3.2.* Note that the multiplication by  $P \in S_\chi$  from the right defines a  $D$ -homomorphism from  $M_A(\beta + \chi)$  to  $M_A(\beta)$ . Hence  $P(\psi_\beta)$  is a solution of  $M_A(\beta + \chi)$  for any solution  $\psi_\beta$  of  $M_A(\beta)$ . In this sense, the operator  $P$  is a contiguity operator shifting parameters by  $\chi$ .

**THEOREM 3.2**

- (1) The symmetry algebra  $S$  has no zero-divisors.
- (2) The symmetry algebra  $S$  has the following weight space decomposition:

$$S = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A} S_\chi. \tag{3.11}$$

- (3) The weight space  $S_0$  equals the polynomial ring  $\mathbf{k}[s]$ .

(4) For each  $\chi \in \mathbf{NA}$ , the weight space  $S_{-\chi}$  equals  $\mathbf{k}[s]^{\partial^\chi}$ .

*Proof.* See Lemma 1.4, and Propositions 2.3, 2.4, 2.9 in [11]. □

The following proposition will be used in the next section.

**PROPOSITION 3.4** (Proposition 2.6 in [11]). *The natural morphism*

$$D/DI_A \longrightarrow \mathbf{k}\langle x, \partial^\pm \rangle / \mathbf{k}\langle x, \partial^\pm \rangle I_A$$

is injective where  $\mathbf{k}\langle x, \partial^\pm \rangle$  is the algebra generated by  $D$  and elements  $\partial_1^{-1}, \dots, \partial_n^{-1}$  with relations  $[x_i, \partial_j^{-1}] = \delta_{ij} \partial_j^{-2}$  ( $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ).

#### 4. $b$ -Ideals

We have seen in Theorem 3.3 that the symmetry algebra  $S$  has a weight decomposition with respect to  $\mathbf{ZA}$ , and that each  $S_\chi$  for  $-\chi \in \mathbf{NA}$  is a free  $\mathbf{k}[s]$ -module of rank one with basis  $\partial^{-\chi}$ . Next we wish to compute the weight space  $S_\chi$  for arbitrary  $\chi$ . Suppose that  $E \in S_\chi$  and  $\chi = \chi_+ - \chi_-$  with  $\chi_+, \chi_- \in \mathbf{NA}$ . Then the operator  $E\partial^{\chi_+}$  belongs to  $S_{-\chi_-}$ . Hence by Theorem 3.3 (4), there exists a polynomial  $b \in \mathbf{k}[s]$  such that  $E\partial^{\chi_+} = b\partial^{\chi_-}$ . Such polynomials  $b$  form an ideal of  $\mathbf{k}[s]$  as we vary  $E \in S_\chi$ . We shall define the  $b$ -ideal  $B_\chi$  below to be such an ideal.

Fix any  $\chi \in \mathbf{ZA}$ , and define an ideal  $I_\chi$  of  $\mathbf{k}[\partial]$  by

$$I_\chi := I_A + M_\chi \tag{4.12}$$

where

$$M_\chi := \langle \partial^\mu \mid Au \in \chi + \mathbf{NA} \rangle. \tag{4.13}$$

Define the ideal  $B_\chi$  of  $b$ -polynomials by

$$B_\chi := \mathbf{k}[s] \cap DI_\chi. \tag{4.14}$$

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $\chi = \chi_+ - \chi_-$  with  $\chi_+, \chi_- \in \mathbf{NA}$ . Given  $b \in B_\chi$ , there exists a unique operator  $E \in S_\chi$  such that  $b\partial^{\chi_-} = E\partial^{\chi_+}$ . The operator  $E$  is independent of the expression  $\chi = \chi_+ - \chi_-$ .*

*Moreover any operator in  $S_\chi$  can be obtained in this way.*

*Proof.* Since  $b\partial^{\chi_-} \in DI_\chi \subset DI_A + D\partial^{\chi_+}$ , there exists an operator  $E \in D$  such that  $b\partial^{\chi_-} = E\partial^{\chi_+}$ . The uniqueness, the independence, and the fact that  $E \in S_\chi$  follow from the equality  $E = b\partial^\chi$  in  $\mathbf{k}\langle x, \partial^\pm \rangle$  and Proposition 3.4.

Let  $E \in S_\chi$  and  $\chi = \chi_+ - \chi_-$  with  $\chi_+, \chi_- \in \mathbf{NA}$ . Then  $E\partial^{\chi_+} \in S_{-\chi_-}$ . By Theorem 3.3 (4), there exists a polynomial  $b \in \mathbf{k}[s]$  such that  $E\partial^{\chi_+} = b\partial^{\chi_-}$ . Then  $b \in DI_\chi$  and thus  $b \in B_\chi$ . □

We have the following algorithm for the operator  $E \in S_\chi$  corresponding to  $b \in B_\chi$ , which generalizes Algorithm 3.4 in [12].

**ALGORITHM 4.2.** *Let  $\chi = Au - Av$  and  $u, v \in \mathbf{N}^n$ .*

*Input: a polynomial  $b \in B_\chi$ .*

*Output: an operator  $E \in S_\chi$  with  $E\partial^u = b\partial^v$ .*

- (1) *For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , compute a Gröbner basis  $\mathcal{G}_i$  of  $I_A$  with respect to any reverse lexicographic term order with lowest variable  $\partial_i$ .*
- (2) *Expand  $b(\sum_j a_{1j}\theta_j, \dots, \sum_j a_{nj}\theta_j)\partial^v$  in  $\mathbf{Q}\langle x, \partial \rangle$  into a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -linear combination of monomials  $x^i\partial^m$ .*
- (3)  *$i := 1$ ,  $E :=$  the output of Step 2.*

*While  $i \leq n$ , do*

- (a) *Reduce  $E$  modulo  $\mathcal{G}_i$  in  $\mathbf{Q}\langle x, \partial \rangle$ .*
- (b) *The output of Step 3-(a) has  $\partial_i^{u_i}$  as a right factor. Divide it by  $\partial_i^{u_i}$ .*
- (c)  *$i := i + 1$ ,  $E :=$  the output of Step 3 – (b).*

The proof of the correctness is completely analogous to that of Algorithm 3.4 in [12].

We thus reduce the study of  $S_\chi$  to that of  $B_\chi$ , and for the study of  $B_\chi = \mathbf{k}[s] \cap DI_\chi$ , we study  $\mathbf{k}[\theta] \cap DI_\chi$  first. Since  $M_\chi$  is the largest monomial ideal in  $I_\chi$ , we have by Lemma 4.4.4 in [13],

**PROPOSITION 4.3.**

$$\mathbf{k}[\theta] \cap DI_\chi = \widetilde{M}_\chi \tag{4.15}$$

where  $\widetilde{M}_\chi$  is the distraction of  $M_\chi$ , i.e.,  $\widetilde{M}_\chi = \mathbf{k}[\theta] \cap DM_\chi$ .

For the study of  $\widetilde{M}_\chi$ , we recall the standard pairs of a monomial ideal. Let  $M$  be a monomial ideal of  $\mathbf{k}[\partial]$ . Then a pair  $(u, \tau)$  with  $u \in \mathbf{N}^n$  and  $\tau \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  is called a *standard pair* of  $M$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $u_j = 0$  for all  $j \in \tau$ . (We abbreviate this to  $u \in \mathbf{N}^{\tau^c}$ , where  $^c$  stands for the operation of taking the complement.)
- (2) There exists no  $v \in \mathbf{N}^\tau$  such that  $\partial^{u+v} \in M$ .
- (3) For each  $j \notin \tau$ , there exists  $v \in \mathbf{N}^{\tau \cup \{j\}}$  such that  $\partial^{u+v} \in M$ .

For algorithms of obtaining the set of standard pairs, see [7] and Algorithm 3.2.5 in [13]. Let  $\mathcal{S}(M_\chi)$  denote the set of standard pairs of  $M_\chi$ . By Corollary 3.2.3 in [13], the distraction  $\widetilde{M}_\chi$  is described as follows:

$$\widetilde{M}_\chi = \bigcap_{(u, \tau) \in \mathcal{S}(M_\chi)} \langle \theta_i - u_i \mid i \notin \tau \rangle. \tag{4.16}$$



LEMMA 4.4. Fix any  $\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A$ . Let  $(u, \tau)$  be a standard pair of  $M_\chi$ . Then  $A\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}^\tau := \sum_{j \in \tau} \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0} a_j$  is a proper face of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ , and moreover  $\tau = \{i \mid a_i \in A\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}^\tau\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}^\tau$  is not contained in any facet of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ . Then there exists  $\gamma \in A\mathbf{N}^\tau := \sum_{j \in \tau} \mathbf{N}a_j$  such that  $F_\sigma(\gamma) > 0$  for all facets  $\sigma$ . Then  $F_\sigma(Au + m\gamma) \gg 0$  for  $m \gg 0$  and all facets  $\sigma$ . By Lemma 1 in the appendix of [14],  $Au + m\gamma \in \chi + \mathbf{N}A$  for  $m \gg 0$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $(u, \tau)$  is a standard pair of  $M_\chi$ .

Next we claim  $(A\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}^\tau) \cap (A\mathbf{Q}^\tau) = \{0\}$ , which implies the lemma. Suppose  $(A\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}^\tau) \cap (A\mathbf{Q}^\tau) \neq \{0\}$ . Let  $v \in \mathbf{N}^\tau$  be a nonzero element satisfying  $Av \in A\mathbf{Z}^\tau$ . Then there exists  $w \in \mathbf{N}^\tau$  such that  $Aw \in Av + A\mathbf{N}^\tau$ . Since  $A(u + mw) \notin \chi + \mathbf{N}A$  for any  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $(Au + A\mathbf{N}^{\tau \cup \tau'}) \cap (\chi + \mathbf{N}A) = \emptyset$  for  $\tau' = \{i \mid v_i \neq 0\}$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $(u, \tau)$  is a standard pair of  $M_\chi$  again.  $\square$

Thanks to Lemma 4.4, we regard the set  $\tau$  of a standard pair  $(u, \tau)$  as a proper face  $A\mathbf{Q}^\tau$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ .

For an ideal  $I$  of  $\mathbf{k}[s]$ , we denote by  $V(I)$  the zero set of  $I$ . Proposition 4.3 and equation (4.16) give the following prime decomposition of  $B_\chi$  and irreducible decomposition of the zero set  $V(B_\chi)$ .

THEOREM 4.5.

(1)

$$B_\chi = \bigcap_{(u, \tau) \in \mathcal{S}(M_\chi)} \langle F_\sigma - F_\sigma(Au) \mid \sigma \text{ facet } \supset \tau \rangle. \tag{4.17}$$

(2)

$$V(B_\chi) = \bigcup_{(u, \tau) \in \mathcal{S}(M_\chi)} (Au + \mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau)). \tag{4.18}$$

*Proof.* Using (4.16), we only need to show

$$\mathbf{k}[s] \cap \langle \theta_i - u_i \mid i \notin \tau \rangle = \langle F_\sigma - F_\sigma(Au) \mid \sigma \supset \tau \rangle. \tag{4.19}$$

First we have

$$V(\mathbf{k}[s] \cap \langle \theta_i - u_i \mid i \notin \tau \rangle) = Au + \mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau) = V(\langle F_\sigma - F_\sigma(Au) \mid \sigma \supset \tau \rangle). \tag{4.20}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}[s] \cap \langle \theta_i - u_i \mid i \notin \tau \rangle &\supset \langle F_\sigma - F_\sigma(Au) \mid \sigma \supset \tau \rangle \\ &= I(V(\langle F_\sigma - F_\sigma(Au) \mid \sigma \supset \tau \rangle)) \\ &= I(V(\mathbf{k}[s] \cap \langle \theta_i - u_i \mid i \notin \tau \rangle)), \end{aligned} \tag{4.21}$$

where  $I$  stands for the operation of taking the defining ideal. On the other hand,  $J \subset I(V(J))$  is automatic for any ideal  $J$ . We therefore obtain (4.19).  $\square$

PROPOSITION 4.6.

(1)

$$V(B_{\chi+\chi'}) \subset V(B_\chi) \cup (V(B_{\chi'}) + \chi) \quad \text{for } \chi, \chi' \in \mathbf{ZA}. \tag{4.22}$$

(2)

$$V(B_{\chi+\chi'}) = V(B_\chi) \cup (V(B_{\chi'}) + \chi) \quad \text{for } \chi, \chi' \in \mathbf{NA}. \tag{4.23}$$

*Proof.*

(1) Given  $p_\chi \in B_\chi$  and  $p_{\chi'} \in B_{\chi'}$ , let  $P_\chi \in S_\chi$  and  $P_{\chi'} \in S_{\chi'}$  be the corresponding operators as in Proposition 4.1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_\chi P_{\chi'} \partial^{\chi'+} \partial^{\chi+} &= P_\chi p_{\chi'}(s) \partial^{\chi'-} \partial^{\chi+} \\ &= p_{\chi'}(s - \chi) P_\chi \partial^{\chi'+} \partial^{\chi-} \\ &= p_{\chi'}(s - \chi) p_\chi(s) \partial^{\chi'-} \partial^{\chi-}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.24}$$

Hence  $p_{\chi'}(s - \chi) p_\chi(s) \in B_{\chi+\chi'}$ .

(2) Given  $p_{\chi+\chi'} \in B_{\chi+\chi'}$ , let  $P_{\chi+\chi'} \in S_{\chi+\chi'}$  be the corresponding operator as in Proposition 4.1. Then

$$p_{\chi+\chi'} = P_{\chi+\chi'} \partial^{\chi'} \cdot \partial^\chi.$$

Hence  $p_{\chi+\chi'}(s) \in B_\chi$ .

Furthermore

$$p_{\chi+\chi'}(s + \chi) \partial^\chi = \partial^\chi p_{\chi+\chi'}(s) = \partial^\chi P_{\chi+\chi'} \partial^{\chi'} \partial^\chi.$$

Hence  $p_{\chi+\chi'}(s + \chi) = \partial^\chi P_{\chi+\chi'} \partial^{\chi'}$ , which implies  $p_{\chi+\chi'}(s + \chi) \in B_{\chi'}$ . □

PROPOSITION 4.7. Let  $\chi \in \mathbf{ZA}$ . Given  $p_\chi \in B_\chi$  and  $p_{-\chi} \in B_{-\chi}$ , let  $P_\chi \in S_\chi$  and  $P_{-\chi} \in S_{-\chi}$  be the corresponding operators as in Proposition 4.1. Then

$$P_{-\chi} P_\chi = p_\chi(s + \chi) p_{-\chi}(s). \tag{4.25}$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} P_{-\chi} P_\chi \partial^{\chi+} &= P_{-\chi} p_\chi(s) \partial^{\chi-} \\ &= p_\chi(s + \chi) P_{-\chi} \partial^{\chi-} \\ &= p_\chi(s + \chi) p_{-\chi}(s) \partial^{\chi+}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.26}$$

Recall that the symmetry algebra  $S$  has no zero-divisors (Theorem 3.3). Divide equation (4.26) by  $\partial^{\chi+}$  to obtain the conclusion. □

For  $\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A$ , define an ideal  $B_{-\chi, \chi}$  by

$$B_{-\chi, \chi} := \langle p_\chi(s + \chi)p_{-\chi}(s) \mid p_\chi \in B_\chi, p_{-\chi} \in B_{-\chi} \rangle. \quad (4.27)$$

Then the following proposition is immediate from the definition of  $B_{-\chi, \chi}$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.8.**

(1)

$$V(B_{-\chi, \chi}) = (V(B_\chi) - \chi) \cup V(B_{-\chi}). \quad (4.28)$$

(2)

$$V(B_{-\chi, \chi}) = V(B_{\chi, -\chi}) - \chi. \quad (4.29)$$

**THEOREM 4.9.** *Let  $\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A$ . Assume  $\beta \notin V(B_{-\chi, \chi})$ . Then two  $A$ -hypergeometric systems  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta + \chi)$  are isomorphic.*

*Proof.* First note that  $\beta \notin V(B_{-\chi, \chi})$  is equivalent to  $\beta + \chi \notin V(B_{\chi, -\chi})$  by Proposition 4.8. Take polynomials  $p_\chi \in B_\chi$  and  $p_{-\chi} \in B_{-\chi}$  such that  $p_\chi(\beta + \chi)p_{-\chi}(\beta) \neq 0$ . Let  $P_\chi \in S_\chi$  and  $P_{-\chi} \in S_{-\chi}$  be the corresponding operators to  $p_\chi$  and  $p_{-\chi}$  as in Proposition 4.1. Then by Proposition 4.7, we have the following equalities:

$$P_{-\chi}P_\chi = p_\chi(s + \chi)p_{-\chi}(s), \quad (4.30)$$

$$P_\chi P_{-\chi} = p_{-\chi}(s - \chi)p_\chi(s). \quad (4.31)$$

The multiplications by  $P_{-\chi}, P_\chi$  respectively induce homomorphisms:

$$f : M_A(\beta) \longrightarrow M_A(\beta + \chi), \quad (4.32)$$

$$g : M_A(\beta + \chi) \longrightarrow M_A(\beta). \quad (4.33)$$

Then

$$g \circ f = p_\chi(\beta + \chi)p_{-\chi}(\beta)id_{M_A(\beta)} \quad (4.34)$$

and

$$f \circ g = p_{-\chi}((\beta + \chi) - \chi)p_\chi(\beta + \chi)id_{M_A(\beta + \chi)} \quad (4.35)$$

$$= p_{-\chi}(\beta)p_\chi(\beta + \chi)id_{M_A(\beta + \chi)}. \quad (4.36)$$

Hence  $f$  and  $g$  are isomorphisms.  $\square$

Now we are ready to prove the if-part of our main theorem.

*Proof of the if-part of Theorem 2.1.*

We suppose that  $E_\tau(\beta) = E_\tau(\beta')$  for all faces. Let  $\chi := \beta' - \beta$ . We claim  $\beta \notin V(B_{-\chi})$ . Assume the contrary. Then by Theorem 4.5, there exists a standard pair  $(u, \tau) \in \mathcal{S}(M_{-\chi})$  such that  $\beta - Au \in \mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau)$ . The equality  $E_\tau(\beta) = E_\tau(\beta')$  implies that there exists  $v \in \mathbf{N}^n$  such that  $\beta - \beta' = A(u - v) + \mathbf{N}(A \cap \tau)$ . Hence the intersection of

$Au + \mathbf{N}(A \cap \tau)$  with  $(\beta - \beta') + \mathbf{N}A$  is not empty. This contradicts the fact that  $(u, \tau)$  is standard. We have thus proved  $\beta \notin V(B_{-\chi})$ . By symmetry we have  $\beta' \notin V(B_{\chi})$ , which is equivalent to  $\beta \notin V(B_{\chi}) - \chi$ . Hence  $\beta \notin V(B_{-\chi, \chi})$  by Proposition 4.8. From Theorem 4.9 we conclude  $M_A(\beta)$  is isomorphic to  $M_A(\beta')$ .  $\square$

As a corollary of the proof of the if-part of Theorem 2.1, we obtain the following.

**COROLLARY 4.10.** *If  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta')$  are isomorphic, then there exists an operator  $P \in S_{\beta' - \beta}$  such that the multiplication by  $P$  from the right induces an isomorphism from  $M_A(\beta)$  to  $M_A(\beta')$ .*

### 5. Normal Case

In this section, we consider the normal case:

$$\mathbf{N}A = \mathbf{Z}A \cap \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A. \tag{5.37}$$

Many important examples are known to be normal, such as the Aomoto-Gel'fand systems, the  $A$ -hypergeometric systems corresponding to the univariate hypergeometric functions  ${}_{p+1}F_p$ , to Lauricella functions, etc. (see [9], [10]). It will turn out below that the parameter space can be classified in terms of the primitive integral support functions  $F_{\sigma}$  in the normal case.

**LEMMA 5.1.** *Assume  $A$  to be normal. Then we have the following.*

- (1)  $(\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{Z}A$  equals  $\mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)$  for all faces  $\tau$ .
- (2)  $F_{\sigma}(\mathbf{N}A) = \mathbf{N}$  for all facets  $\sigma$ .
- (3) For a face  $\tau$ ,

$$\mathbf{N}A + \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau) = \mathbf{Z}A \cap \bigcap_{\sigma \text{ facet } \supset \tau} (\mathbf{N}A + \mathbf{k}(A \cap \sigma)). \tag{5.38}$$

*Proof.*

- (1) Let  $\chi \in (\mathbf{Q}(A \cap \tau)) \cap \mathbf{Z}A$ . Add a vector  $\chi' \in \mathbf{N}(A \cap \tau)$  to  $\chi$  so that  $\chi + \chi' \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}(A \cap \tau)$ . By normality, we see that  $\chi + \chi' \in \mathbf{N}(A \cap \tau)$ . Hence  $\chi$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)$ .
- (2) Let  $\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A$  satisfy  $F_{\sigma}(\chi) = 1$ . For any facet  $\sigma' \neq \sigma$ , there exists  $a_j \in \sigma \setminus \sigma'$ . Hence there exists  $\chi' \in \mathbf{N}(A \cap \sigma)$  such that  $F_{\sigma'}(\chi + \chi') \geq 0$  for all facets  $\sigma'$ . By normality,  $\chi + \chi' \in \mathbf{N}A$ . Since  $F_{\sigma}(\chi + \chi') = 1$ , we obtain  $F_{\sigma}(\mathbf{N}A) = \mathbf{N}$ .
- (3) Let  $\chi \in \mathbf{Z}A$  satisfy  $F_{\sigma}(\chi) \geq 0$  for all facets containing  $\tau$ . For a facet  $\sigma$  not containing the face  $\tau$ , there exists  $a_j \in \tau \setminus \sigma$ . Hence there exists a vector  $\chi' \in \mathbf{N}(A \cap \tau)$  such that  $F_{\sigma}(\chi + \chi') \geq 0$  for all facets  $\sigma$  of the cone  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$ . By normality,  $\chi + \chi' \in \mathbf{N}A$ , and thus  $\chi \in \mathbf{N}(A \setminus A \cap \tau) + \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.2.** *Assume  $A$  to be normal. Let  $\beta, \beta' \in \mathbf{k}^d$ . Then  $M_A(\beta)$  is isomorphic to  $M_A(\beta')$  if and only if  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{ZA}$  and*

$$\{\sigma \text{ facet} \mid F_\sigma(\beta) \in \mathbf{N}\} = \{\sigma \text{ facet} \mid F_\sigma(\beta') \in \mathbf{N}\}. \tag{5.39}$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2 (3), the only-if-part follows from Theorem 2.1.

Next we prove the if-part. Suppose  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{ZA}$  and (5.39). By Lemma 5.1 (1), (2), and Propositions 2.2, 2.3, we obtain  $E_\sigma(\beta) = E_\sigma(\beta')$  for all facets. By Lemma 5.1 (3), the if-part follows from Theorem 2.1  $\square$

**EXAMPLE 5.3.** Let

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

Let  $\beta \in \mathbf{ZA} = \mathbf{Z}^d$ . Then by Theorem 5.2, the  $A$ -hypergeometric system  $M_A(\beta)$  is isomorphic to

- $M_A{}^t(0, 0, 0)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-1, 0, 1)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(0, -1, 1)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(0, 1, -1)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(1, 0, -1)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-1, -1, 1)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-1, 0, 0)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(0, -1, 0)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(0, 0, -1)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-2, -1, 1)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-1, -2, 1)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 \geq 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-1, 0, -1)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 \geq 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(0, -1, -1)$  if  $\beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0,$
- $M_A{}^t(-1, -1, 0)$  if  $\beta_1 < 0, \beta_2 < 0, \beta_1 + \beta_3 < 0, \beta_2 + \beta_3 < 0.$

### 6. Monomial Curve Case

In this section, we consider the case  $d = 2$ , called the monomial curve case. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & i_2 & i_3 & \cdots & i_{n-1} & i_n \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $0 < i_2 < i_3 < \cdots < i_n$ , relatively prime integers. In this case, there are only two facets:  $\sigma_1 = \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}{}^t(1, 0)$  and  $\sigma_2 = \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}{}^t(1, i_n)$ . Their primitive integral support functions are  $F_{\sigma_1}(s) = s_2$  and  $F_{\sigma_2}(s) = i_n s_1 - s_2$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{E}(A)$  the set of holes, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{E}(A) := ((\mathbf{N}A + \mathbf{Z}a_1) \cap (\mathbf{N}A + \mathbf{Z}a_n)) \setminus \mathbf{N}A \tag{6.40}$$

$$= \{ \beta \mid E_{\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A}(\beta) = \{0\}, E_{\sigma_1}(\beta) = \{0\}, \\ E_{\sigma_2}(\beta) = \{0\}, E_{\{0\}}(\beta) = \emptyset \}. \tag{6.41}$$

The rank of  $M_A(\beta)$  is  $d$  or  $d + 1$ , and it equals  $d + 1$  if and only if  $\beta \in \mathcal{E}(A)$  (see [2], [13]).

In the monomial curve case, the assumption of Proposition 2.3 (2) is clearly satisfied:

LEMMA 6.1. *For any face  $\tau$ ,*

$$\mathbf{Z}A \cap (\mathbf{k}(A \cap \tau)) = \mathbf{Z}(A \cap \tau). \tag{6.42}$$

COROLLARY 6.2.

$$\mathcal{E}(A) = \{ \beta \in \mathbf{Z}A \mid F_{\sigma_1}(\beta) \in F_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{N}A), F_{\sigma_2}(\beta) \in F_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{N}A) \} \setminus \mathbf{N}A. \tag{6.43}$$

*Proof.* This is immediate from Lemma 6.1 □

Theorem 2.1 reads as follows in the monomial curve case.

THEOREM 6.3. *Let  $\beta, \beta' \in \mathbf{k}^d$ .*

- (1) *Suppose  $\beta \notin \mathcal{E}(A)$ . Then  $M_A(\beta')$  is isomorphic to  $M_A(\beta)$  if and only if  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{Z}A$ ,  $\beta' \notin \mathcal{E}(A)$ , and  $\{ \sigma_i \mid F_{\sigma_i}(\beta) \in F_{\sigma_i}(\mathbf{N}A) \} = \{ \sigma_i \mid F_{\sigma_i}(\beta') \in F_{\sigma_i}(\mathbf{N}A) \}$ .*
- (2) *Suppose  $\beta \in \mathcal{E}(A)$ . Then  $M_A(\beta')$  is isomorphic to  $M_A(\beta)$  if and only if  $\beta' \in \mathcal{E}(A)$ .*

*Proof.* (2) directly follows from Theorem 2.1.

The only-if-part of (1) follows from Theorem 2.1 by Proposition 2.2 (3). Next suppose that  $\beta - \beta' \in \mathbf{Z}A$ ,  $\beta, \beta' \notin \mathcal{E}(A)$ , and that  $\{ \sigma_i \mid F_{\sigma_i}(\beta) \in F_{\sigma_i}(\mathbf{N}A) \} = \{ \sigma_i \mid F_{\sigma_i}(\beta') \in F_{\sigma_i}(\mathbf{N}A) \}$ . Then by Lemma 6.1, Proposition 2.2 (3), and Proposition 2.3 (2), we have  $E_{\sigma_i}(\beta) = E_{\sigma_i}(\beta')$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Moreover we know  $E_{\{0\}}(\beta), E_{\{0\}}(\beta') = \emptyset$  from Proposition 2.2 (2). Hence  $M_A(\beta)$  and  $M_A(\beta')$  are isomorphic by Theorem 2.1. □

EXAMPLE 6.4. Example 4.2.2 in [13]) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$F_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{N}A) = \{ 0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots \}, \tag{6.44}$$

and

$$F_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{N}A) = \{ 0, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots \}, \tag{6.45}$$

Parameters in  $\mathbf{Z}A = \mathbf{Z}^2$  are decomposed into five parts according to the isomorphism classes of their corresponding  $A$ -hypergeometric systems:

- (1)  $\mathbf{N}A$ ,
- (2)  $\{ {}^t(\beta_1, \beta_2) \mid \beta_2 \in F_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{N}A), 9\beta_1 - \beta_2 \notin F_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{N}A) \}$ ,
- (3)  $\{ {}^t(\beta_1, \beta_2) \mid \beta_2 \notin F_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{N}A), 9\beta_1 - \beta_2 \in F_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{N}A) \}$ ,
- (4)  $\{ {}^t(\beta_1, \beta_2) \mid \beta_2 \notin F_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{N}A), 9\beta_1 - \beta_2 \notin F_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{N}A) \}$ ,
- (5)  $\mathcal{E}(A) = \{ {}^t(2, 10), {}^t(2, 12), {}^t(3, 19) \}$  : the set of holes.

## 7. Final Remark

Thanks to Theorem 2.1, all  $D$ -invariants of  $A$ -hypergeometric systems can be described in terms of  $E_\tau(\beta)$ ; the characteristic cycles (in particular, the rank), the monodromy representations, etc. One of the most recent results is given by Tsushima ([15]) on Laurent polynomial solutions. He has proved that the vector space of Laurent polynomial solutions of  $M_A(\beta)$  has a basis consisting of canonical series whose negative supports correspond to faces  $\tau$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}A$  such that  $\dim \tau = |\{ a_j \mid a_j \in \tau \}|$ , and that  $0 \in E_\tau(\beta)$  but  $0 \notin E_{\tau'}(\beta)$  for any proper face  $\tau'$  of  $\tau$ . In particular, the dimension of the vector space of Laurent polynomial solutions equals the cardinality of the set of such faces. This is a generalization of the corresponding result by Cattani, D'Andrea and Dickenstein ([2]) in the monomial curve case.

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