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## Abstract

In this note we will show that the Appell's system of partial differential equations ( $F_4$ ) is equivalent to a Pfaffian system. By this Pfaffian system, we obtain an example of reducible cases of ( $F_4$ ) which is equivalent to a "symmetric" ( $F_1$ ) (see 4. 2).

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## 1. Notations.

$z$  is an unknown function.

$$(F) (\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x)$$

$$x(1-x)z_{xx} + (\gamma - (\alpha + \beta + 1)x)z_x - \alpha\beta z = 0$$

$$(F_1) (\alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma; x, y)$$

$$\begin{cases} x(1-x)z_{xx} + y(1-x)z_{xy} + (\gamma - (\alpha + \beta + 1)x)z_x - \beta y z_y - \alpha\beta z = 0 \\ y(1-y)z_{yy} + x(1-y)z_{xy} + (\gamma - (\alpha + \beta' + 1)y)z_y - \beta' x z_x - \alpha\beta' z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(F_4) (a, b, c, c'; X, Y)$$

$$\begin{cases} X(1-X)z_{XX} - Y^2 z_{YY} - 2XYz_{XY} + (c - (a+b+1)X)z_X - (a+b+1)Yz_Y - abz = 0 \\ Y(1-Y)z_{YY} - X^2 z_{XX} - 2XYz_{XY} + (c' - (a+b+1)Y)z_Y - (a+b+1)Xz_X - abz = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(F'_i) (a, b, c, c'; X, Y) \quad a = c + c' - 1$$

$$(F_i) \text{ and } Xz_{XX} + Yz_{YY} + (X+Y-1)z_{XY} + (b+1)(z_X + z_Y) = 0$$

For generic  $a, \beta, \beta', \gamma$ ,

$$F(a, \beta, \gamma; x) := \sum \frac{(a, n)(\beta, n)}{(\gamma, n)(1, n)} x^n$$

is a solution of (F), and

$$F_1(a, \beta, \beta', \gamma; x, y) := \sum \frac{(a, m+n)(\beta, m)(\beta', n)}{(\gamma, m+n)(1, m)(1, n)} x^m y^n$$

is a solution of ( $F_1$ ). (Kimura [1])

For generic  $a, b, c, c'$ ; ( $F_4$ ) has the following 4 solutions

(Kimura[1]):

$$(1) F_4(a, b, c, c'; X, Y) = \sum \frac{(a, m+n)(b, m+n)}{(c, m)(c', n)(1, m)(1, n)} X^m Y^n$$

$$(2) X^{1-c} F_4(a-c+1, b-c+1, 2-c, c'; X, Y)$$

$$(3) Y^{1-c'} F_4(a-c'+1, b-c'+1, c, 2-c'; X, Y)$$

$$(4) X^{1-c} Y^{1-c'} F_4(a-c-c'+2, b-c-c'+2, 2-c, 2-c'; X, Y)$$

If  $a = c + c' - 1$  then (1), (2) and (3) satisfy ( $F'_i$ ).

Let  $\phi: C^2(x, y) \rightarrow C^2(X, Y)$   $X = xy, Y = (x-1)(y-1)$

be a 2:1 mapping. The singularity of  $\phi$  is  $\{x=y\}$ , and  $\phi(\{x=y\}) = \{D=0\}$ , where  $D = (X-Y)^2 - 2(X+Y) + 1$ . Then the pull back of ( $F_4$ ) is

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$$\phi^*(F_4) \begin{cases} (x-y)(x(1-x)z_{xx}+(c-(a+b+1)x)z_x-abz)+\epsilon(y-1)(xz_x-yz_y)=0 \\ (y-x)(y(1-y)z_{yy}+(c-(a+b+1)y)z_y-abz)+\epsilon(x-1)(yz_y-xz_x)=0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\epsilon=c+c'-a-b-1$ .

2. A Pfaffian systems of  $\phi^*(F_4)$

Let  $v_0=z, v_1=xz_x, v_2=yz_y, v_3=xy(z_{xy}+\epsilon\frac{z_x-z_y}{x-y})$

Then  $\phi^*(F_4)$  is equivalent to the Pfaffian system

$$dv=Pv$$

where  $P=P_{01}\frac{dx}{x}+P_{02}\frac{dy}{y}+P_{13}\frac{dx}{x-1}+P_{23}\frac{dy}{y-1}+P_{12}\frac{d(x-y)}{x-y}$

$P_{ij}$  are the following constant (4, 4) matrices.

$$P_{01}=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-c \end{pmatrix} \quad P_{02}=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{13}=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -ab & -(a+b+1-c+\epsilon) & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(a+\epsilon)(b+\epsilon) & -(a+b+1-c+\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{23}=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -ab & \epsilon & -(a+b+1-c+\epsilon) & 0 \\ 0 & -(a+\epsilon)(b+\epsilon) & 0 & -(a+b+1-c+\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{12}=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & -\epsilon & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. A Pfaffian System of (F<sub>4</sub>)

Put  $u_0=v_0, u_1=v_1+v_2, u_2=-v_1+v_2, u_3=v_3$ . Then, since  $x=(I+X-Y+\sqrt{D})/2$ ,

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$y=(1+X-Y-\sqrt{D})/2$ , we have  $u_1=2Xz_x+(X+Y-1)z_y$ ,  $u_2=\sqrt{D} Z_y$ ,

$u_3=X(Xz_{xx}+Yz_{yy}+(X+Y-1)z_{xy}+(2+a+b-c-c')(z_x+z_y))$ , and  $(F_4)$  is equivalent

to the Pfaffian system

$$du = \Omega u$$

where  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \frac{dx}{x} + \Omega_2 \frac{dy}{y} + \Omega_3 \frac{dD}{D} - \Omega_4 \left( \frac{d(1+X-Y+\sqrt{D})}{1+X-Y+\sqrt{D}} - \frac{d(1+X-Y-\sqrt{D})}{1+X-Y-\sqrt{D}} \right)$

$$- \Omega_5 \left( \frac{d(-1+X-Y+\sqrt{D})}{-1+X-Y+\sqrt{D}} - \frac{d(-1+X-Y-\sqrt{D})}{-1+X-Y-\sqrt{D}} \right).$$

$\Omega_i$  are the following constant (4, 4) matrices.

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(a+b-c') & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & a+b-2c-c'+2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1-c) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2ab & a+b-c+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(a+b-c-2c'+1) & 0 \\ 0 & (a-c-c'+1)(b-c-c'+1) & 0 & 2c' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_3 = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a+b-c-c'+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_4 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(a+b-c') & 0 \\ 0 & a+b-2c-c'+2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_5 = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(a+b-c-2c'+1) & 0 \\ 2ab & a+b-c+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(a-c-c'+1)(b-c-c'+1) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Reducible Cases.

4. 1  $a+b-c-c'+1=0$

This means that  $\varepsilon=0$  in the equation  $\phi^*(F_4)$  in the section 1. Hence  $\phi^*(F_4)$  is a "tensor product" of  $(F)(a, b, c; x)$  and  $(F)(a, b, c; y)$  (T. Sasaki, M. Yoshida [2] § § 6. 5, 6. 6).

4. 2  $a-c-c'+1=0$

In this case  $u_3 = X(Xz_{xx} + Yz_{yy} + (X+Y-1)z_{xy} + (1+b)(z_x + z_y))$ , and from the Pfaffian system in the previous section, we have

$$du_3 = ((1-c)\frac{dx}{X} - c'\frac{dy}{Y})u_3$$

Hence for any solution  $z$  of  $(F_4)$ ,

$$L(z) := X^c Y^{c'} (Xz_{xx} + Yz_{yy} + (X+Y-1)z_{xy} + (1+b)(z_x + z_y))$$

is constant. If  $z$  is the solution (1) or (2) or (3) in the section 1, then  $L(z)=0$ .

If  $z$  is the solution (4), then  $L(z) = -(1-c)(1-c')$ .

The kernel of  $L(z)$  is the solution space of  $(F_4)$  in  $(X, Y)$ , and the solution space of  $(F_1)(a, b, b, c+b)$  in  $(x, y)$ .

Hence we have proved the following proposition.

PROPOSITION. Let  $\phi : (x, y) \longrightarrow (X, Y)$  be the 2:1 mapping defined by  $X=xy$ ,  $Y=(x-1)(y-1)$ . Assume that  $a=c+c'-1$ . Then pull back  $\phi^*(F_4)$  of  $(F_4)(a, b, c, c'; X, Y)$  is  $(F_1)(a, b, b, b+c; x, y)$ .

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