

# Lecture 12

0. Recall the set up from Lecture 11, §0, page 1.

$D =$  (Dynkin) diagram of the root system  $R \subset E^* \setminus \{0\}$ .

$(\mathfrak{h} = E \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} ; H_{\alpha} = \text{Ker}(\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{h} \quad \forall \alpha \in R).$

For every connected subdiagram  $B \subseteq D ; x_B = \sum_{i \in B} \alpha_i$  (choice of adapted family)

$Mns(D) =$  maximal nested sets on  $D$ .

(1) For any  $S \in Mns(D)$  and  $B \in S ; \{x_{B'} : B' \in S, B' \subseteq B\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{h}_B^*$ . (Recall:  $\mathfrak{h}_B^* = \text{Span}\{\alpha_i : i \in B\} \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^*$ ).

(2) For any  $S \in Mns(D)$ , we defined

$$P_S : \begin{matrix} \mathbb{C}^S & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{h} \\ \cup & & \\ (u_B : B \in S) & \longmapsto & \left\{ x_B = \prod_{\substack{G \in S \\ B \subseteq G}} u_G \quad ; \quad \forall B \in S \right\} \end{matrix}$$

and proved that, for every  $\alpha \in R_+$ , there exists a polynomial

$P_{\alpha}(u)$  in variables  $\{u_{B'} : B' \in S, B' \not\subseteq B_{\alpha}\}$ ; where

$B_{\alpha} \in S$  is minimal so that  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}_{B_{\alpha}}^*$ .

- $P_{\alpha}(0) = 1$
- $\alpha \sim \prod_{\substack{G \in S \\ B_{\alpha} \subseteq G}} u_G \cdot P_{\alpha}(u)$  (i.e. they are non-zero scalar multiple of each other).

1. Corollary of the computation above :

$$(a) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Ker}(\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{h} \\ \parallel \\ H_\alpha \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \rho_S^{-1}(H_\alpha) = \left\{ u_G = 0 \right\}_{\substack{G \in \mathfrak{S} \\ B_\alpha \subseteq G}} \cup \{ P_\alpha = 0 \}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} = \sum_{\substack{C \in \mathfrak{S} \\ B_\alpha \subseteq C}} \frac{du_C}{u_C} + \frac{dP_\alpha}{P_\alpha}$$

2. Returning back to our connection  $\nabla = d - \sum_{\alpha \in R_+} \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} t_\alpha$ , and

substituting (b); we get

$$\nabla = d - \sum_{B \in \mathfrak{S}} \frac{du_B}{u_B} \cdot \left( \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in R_+ \\ \text{s.t. } B_\alpha \subseteq B}} t_\alpha \right) - \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha \in R_+} \frac{dP_\alpha}{P_\alpha} t_\alpha}_{\text{regular near } \underline{u} = \underline{0}}$$

Set  $t_B = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in R_+ \\ B_\alpha \subseteq B}} t_\alpha = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}_B^* \cap R_+} t_\alpha$ , so that

$$\nabla = d - \sum_{B \in \mathfrak{S}} \frac{du_B}{u_B} \cdot t_B - \sum_{\alpha \in R_+} \frac{dP_\alpha}{P_\alpha} t_\alpha$$

Easy exercise: holonomy relations for  $\{t_\alpha\}$  imply that

$$[t_{B_1}, t_{B_2}] = 0 \quad \forall B_1, B_2 \in \mathfrak{S}.$$

Hence, we return to the "normal crossing" example from Lecture 10, §8, page 5. That is, we have a unique solution

of  $\nabla \psi = 0$  of the form

$$\psi_S = H_S(\underline{u}) \cdot \prod_{B \in S} u_B^{t_B},$$

where  $H_S(\underline{u})$  is holomorphic near  $\underline{u} = \underline{0}$  and  $H_S(\underline{0}) = 1$ .

Remark. Using  $x_B = \prod_{\substack{G \in S \\ B \subseteq G}} u_G \iff u_B = \begin{cases} x_B & \text{if } B = D \\ \frac{x_B}{x_{c(B)}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

( $c(B) \in S$  is the unique minimal element properly containing  $B$ ).

we get:  $\prod_{B \in S} u_B^{t_B} = \prod_{B \in S} x_B^{r_B}$  where  $r_B = t_B - \sum_{i=1}^k t_{B_i}$ ;

and  $\{B_1, \dots, B_k\} = \text{maximal elements of } S|_B = \{B' \in S \mid B' \not\subseteq B\}$

(see Lemma 2 of Lecture 11, page 3).

### 3. De Concini-Procesi associators.

Note that, by our choice of  $\{x_B\}_{B \in D}$ , these linear forms are connected

real and positive on  $\mathcal{C}^0 = \{h \in \mathfrak{h} : \alpha_i(h) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}\}$ .

Assuming the standard branch of  $\log$  is taken in the definition of the multivalued function  $\prod_{B \in S} u_B^{t_B} = \prod_{B \in S} x_B^{r_B}$  above,

we obtain, for any maximal nested set  $S$ , a solution  $\psi_S$  of  $\nabla \psi = 0$ , valid on  $\mathcal{C}^\circ$ .

DCP associator is defined as  $\Phi_{gF} = \psi_g(y)^{-1} \psi_F(y)$   
(for any  $y \in \mathcal{C}^\circ$ )

for all  $g, F \in \text{Mns}(D)$ .

Remarks and references. The change of coordinates described here has been used by: Drinfeld (Quasi-Hopf algebras - Leningrad 1990) in the context of KZ equations - which involve type A hyperplane arrangement.

- Cherednik (Monodromy reps for generalised KZ eq<sup>n</sup>s and Hecke algebras - Publ. RIMS 1990) - arbitrary root system.

We have followed De Concini - Procesi:

- Wonderful models of subspace arrangements (Selecta Math. 1995)
- Hyperplane arrangements and holonomy eq<sup>n</sup>s (" " " ")

DCP theory is adapted to more general situations of any hyperplane arrangement not necessarily coming from a root system.

4. Now we will state the geometric side of this story, as appeared in [DCP - Wonderful].

(5)

• Let  $\text{Irr}(R) =$  Set of irreducible root-sub-systems of  $R$ .

(Remark - up to  $W$ -action - an irreducible root-sub-system of  $R$  is of the form  $R_B = \mathfrak{h}_B^* \cap R$ , where  $B \subseteq D$  is a connected subdiagram).

• For any  $A \in \text{Irr}(R)$ , let  $A^\perp = \{ \mathfrak{h} \in \mathfrak{h} \mid \alpha(\mathfrak{h}) = 0 \forall \alpha \in A \}$ .

Then we have a canonical map

$$\mathfrak{h} \setminus A^\perp \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_A = \mathbb{P}(\mathfrak{h}/A^\perp)$$

(projective space of lines in  $\mathfrak{h}/A^\perp$ )

Note that  $\mathfrak{h}^{\text{reg}} \subset \mathfrak{h} \setminus A^\perp$  for any  $A \in R$ .

• Thus we obtain  $\eta: \mathfrak{h}^{\text{reg}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h} \times \prod_{A \in \text{Irr}(R)} \mathbb{P}_A$ .

Define  $Y_R :=$  Closure of  $\eta(\mathfrak{h}^{\text{reg}}) \subset \mathfrak{h} \times \prod_{A \in \text{Irr}(R)} \mathbb{P}_A$ .

Set  $\pi: Y_R \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$  to be the composition

$$Y_R \subset \mathfrak{h} \times \prod_{A \in \text{Irr}(R)} \mathbb{P}_A \xrightarrow[\text{pr}_1]{\text{projection}} \mathfrak{h}$$

Theorem. - (i)  $Y_R$  is smooth irreducible algebraic variety. (6)

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in R} H_\alpha \subset \mathfrak{h}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \tilde{\pi}^{-1}(\mathcal{D}) \subset Y_R$ . Then

$\pi$  induces an isomorphism  $Y_R \setminus \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h} \setminus \mathcal{D} = \mathfrak{h}^{\text{reg}}$ .

(iii)  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$  is a normal crossing divisor. Its irreducible

components are:  $\{ \mathcal{D}_B = \tilde{\pi}^{-1}(B^\perp) \mid B \in \text{Irr}(R) \}$ .

(iv) A subset of components of  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ , say  $\{ \mathcal{D}_B \mid B \in \mathcal{T} \subset \text{Irr}(R) \}$ , intersect non-trivially  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T}$  is a nested set.

5. The choices of adapted family and a maximal nested set are needed to describe open charts of  $Y_R$ .

Given a maximal nested set  $\mathcal{S}$ , we have a monomial map

$$\rho_{\mathcal{S}}: \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{S}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h} \quad \left( x_B = \prod_{\substack{C \in \mathcal{S} \\ B \subseteq C}} u_C \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{S} \right)$$

Let  $P_\alpha(\underline{u})$  be the polynomials introduced in Prop. 5, page 8 of

Lecture 11.

$$U_{\mathcal{S}} := \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{S}} \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in R} \{ P_\alpha = 0 \}$$

Theorem. (i)  $\{ U_{\mathcal{S}} \}$  is an open cover of  $Y_R$ .

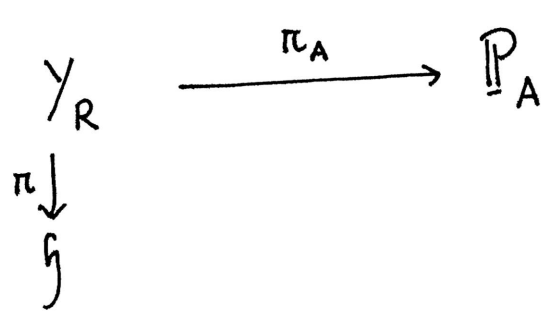
$\mathcal{S}$ : max'l nested set

(ii) Let  $B \in \text{Irr}(R)$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}_B \cap \mathcal{U}_S \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $B \in \mathcal{S}$  in which case  $\mathcal{D}_B \cap \mathcal{U}_S = \{u_B = 0\}$  (coordinate hyperplane)

In particular, maximal intersections of divisors  $\{\mathcal{D}_B\}_{B \in \text{Irr}(R)}$  are

given by  $\bigcap_{B \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{D}_B \cap \mathcal{U}_S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
 point in  $\mathcal{U}_S$  with all coordinates  $u_A = 0$  ( $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ).

6. How does  $\mathcal{U}_S \stackrel{i}{\subset} \mathcal{Y}_R$ ? Since  $\mathcal{Y}_R$  admits projections



$\forall A \in \text{Irr}(R)$ ; it is enough to see how the compositions  $\pi \circ i$  work.  $\pi_A \circ i$

$\pi \circ i = \rho_S|_{\mathcal{U}_S} : \mathcal{U}_S (\subset \mathbb{C}^S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ .

If  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ , we can take  $\{x_B : B \in \mathcal{S}, B \subseteq A\}$  as homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}_A$ ; in which

$$\pi_A \circ i(\underline{u}) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \prod_{\substack{B \subseteq G \\ G \subseteq A \\ \uparrow \\ x_B^{\text{th}} \text{ term}}} u_G : 1 \\ \uparrow \\ x_A^{\text{th}} \text{ term} \end{array} \right]$$

• In general we need to first prove a small lemma.

Defn. For any subset  $A \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$ , let  $p_S(A) =$  smallest  $B \in \mathcal{S}$  s.t.  $A \subseteq B$ .

Lemma. For any  $A \in \text{Irr}(R)$ , there exists  $\alpha \in A$  s.t.  $p_S(\alpha) = p_S(A)$ .

[Proof is left as an exercise.] Note that for any  $\beta \in A$ ,

$$p_S(\beta) \subset p_S(A).$$

Now we can describe  $\pi_A \circ i(\underline{u}) \in \mathbb{P}_A$  in terms of homogeneous coordinates corresponding to a basis  $\{\alpha^{(j)}\}_{1 \leq j \leq \dim \mathfrak{h}_A^*}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}_A^*$ ;

where  $\alpha^{(1)} = \alpha$ .

$$\pi_A \circ i(\underline{u}) = \left[ p_\alpha(u) ; \prod_{G \in \mathcal{S}} u_G \cdot p_{\alpha^{(j)}}(\underline{u}) \right]$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\alpha^{(1)}$ -st coord  $\neq 0$   
 $\forall \underline{u} \in \mathcal{U}_S$

$p_S(\alpha^{(j)}) \subseteq G \neq p_S(A)$