

57. Riemann-Hilbert-Birkhoff Problem for Integrable Connections with Irregular Singular Points

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Let M be a complex manifold and let H be a divisor on M . Denote by $\Omega^p(*H)$ the sheaf over M of germs of meromorphic p -forms which are holomorphic in $M-H$ and have poles on H for $p=0, \dots, n$. In case $p=0$, we use frequently $\mathcal{O}(*H)$ instead of $\Omega^0(*H)$.

We suppose throughout this paper that the divisor H has at most normal crossings.

Let \mathcal{S} be a locally free sheaf of $\mathcal{O}(*H)$ -modules of rank m and let ∇ be an integrable connection on \mathcal{S} . For any point $p \in H$, there exists an open set U in M containing p and a free basis $e_U = (e_{1U}, \dots, e_{mU})$ of \mathcal{S} over U . With respect to the free basis e_U , the connection ∇ is represented by $(d + \Omega_{eU})$, i.e.

$$\nabla(\langle e_{1U}, \dots, e_{mU} \rangle u) = \langle e_{1U}, \dots, e_{mU} \rangle (du + \Omega_{eU} u),$$

where Ω_{eU} is an m -by- m matrix of meromorphic 1-forms with poles at most on H and u is any m -vector of functions in $\mathcal{O}(*H)(U)$. If $f_U = \langle f_{1U}, \dots, f_{mU} \rangle$ is another free basis of \mathcal{S} over U , then there exists an m -by- m invertible matrix G of functions in $\mathcal{O}(*H)(U)$ such that

$$\langle f_{1U}, \dots, f_{mU} \rangle = \langle e_{1U}, \dots, e_{mU} \rangle G,$$

$$\nabla(\langle f_{1U}, \dots, f_{mU} \rangle u) = \langle f_{1U}, \dots, f_{mU} \rangle (du + (G^{-1}\{\Omega_{eU}G + dG\})u).$$

Let x_1, \dots, x_m be holomorphic local coordinates at p on U with $U \cap H = \{x_1 \cdots x_{n'} = 0\}$, then Ω_{eU} is written of the form

$$\Omega_{eU} = \sum_{i=1}^{n'} x^{-p_i} x_i^{-1} A_i(x) dx_i + \sum_{i=n'+1}^n x^{-p_i} A_i(x) dx_i,$$

where $p_i = (p_{i1}, \dots, p_{in''}, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and $A_i(x)$ is an m -by- m matrix of holomorphic functions in U for $i=1, \dots, n$, and Ω_{eU} satisfies, by the integrability condition, $d\Omega_{eU} + \Omega_{eU} \wedge \Omega_{eU} = 0$.

Suppose that for any point p on H

(H#) *there exists an open set U containing p with holomorphic coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n and a free basis $\langle e_{1U}, \dots, e_{mU} \rangle$ of \mathcal{S} such that Ω_{eU} is written of the above form satisfying*

(H#1) *$p_i = 0$ or, $p_i > 0$ and $A_i(0)$ has m distinct eigenvalues for all $i=1, \dots, n''$.*

Let M^- be the real blow-up along H of M with the natural projection $pr: M^- \rightarrow M$. Denote by \mathcal{A}^- the sheaf over M^- of germs of functions strongly asymptotically developable and write $\mathcal{A}^-(*H)$ for $\mathcal{A}^- \otimes_{pr^*\mathcal{O}} pr^*\mathcal{O}(*H)$. Denote by $GL(m, \mathcal{A}^-)$ and $GL(m, \mathcal{A}^-(*H))$ the