

**RELATIVE INVARIANTS AND b -FUNCTIONS OF
 PREHOMOGENEOUS VECTOR SPACES**

$$(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$$

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Introduction

Let G be a connected linear algebraic group, ρ a rational representation of G on a finite-dimensional vector space V , all defined over C .

A polynomial $f(x)$ on V is called a relative invariant, if there exists a rational character $\chi : G \rightarrow C^\times$ satisfying

$$f(\rho(g) \cdot x) = \chi(g)f(x), \quad \text{for any } g \in G \text{ and } x \in V.$$

The triplet (G, ρ, V) is called a prehomogeneous vector space (abbrev. P.V.), if there exists a proper algebraic subset S of V such that $V - S$ is a single G -orbit. The algebraic set S is called the singular set of (G, ρ, V) and any point in $V - S$ is called a generic point of (G, ρ, V) .

Let $GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ be a parabolic subgroup of the general linear group $GL(n, C)$ defined by (1.1) in Section 1, $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(n, C)$ be an n -dimensional representation of G . In this paper, we shall be concerned with the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$, where $\tilde{\rho}_1$ is defined by

$$\rho_1(g, a)x = \rho(g)xa^{-1} \quad ((g, a) \in G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), x \in M(n, C)).$$

Assume that $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is a P.V. We shall introduce the b -function of $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$, after M. Sato, in Section 3. Theorem 3.1 gives an explicit form of the b -function. In Section 4, we shall be concerned with triplets $\{(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))\}$ where G is a semi-simple connected linear algebraic group, B_n is the upper triangular group and ρ is an irreducible representation on an n -dimensional vector space V . We shall determine all prehomogeneous vector space $\{(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))\}$, and construct their relative invariants.

NOTATIONS. C , C^\times and Z_+ are the complex number field, the group of non-zero complex numbers and the set of non-negative integers, respectively. $GL(n, C)$, B_n and B_n^- are the complex general linear group, the complex upper triangular group and the complex lower triangular group.

§ 1. A generalization of castling transform

Let G be a connected linear algebraic group, V an m -dimensional vector space, and ρ a rational representation of G on V , all defined over the complex number field C . By choosing a basis of V , we may identify V with C^m . Let d_1, \dots, d_r be positive integers and set

$$n = d_1 + \dots + d_r \text{ and } d^{(i)} = d_1 + \dots + d_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq r).$$

We denote by $GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ the parabolic subgroup of the general linear group $GL(n, C)$ consists of all matrices of the form

$$(1.1) \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \cdots g_{1r} \\ 0 & g_{22} \cdots g_{2r} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \cdots g_{rr} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $g_{ii} \in GL(d_i, C)$ ($1 \leq i \leq r$).

We may identify the vector space $\bigoplus^n V$ with the vector space $M(m, n, C)$ consists of all m by n matrices and identify the vector space $M(m, n, C)$ with it's dual vector space by the inner product

$$(x, y) = \text{Tr } {}^t y \cdot x \quad (x, y \in M(m, n, C)).$$

Let $\tilde{\rho}_1, \tilde{\rho}_2, \tilde{\rho}_1^*$ and $\tilde{\rho}_2^*$ denote representations [of $G \times {}_k^t GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ on $M(m, n, C)$ defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}_1(g, a)x &= \rho(g)xa^{-1} \\ \tilde{\rho}_2(g, a)x &= \rho(g)x^t a \\ \tilde{\rho}_1^*(g, a)x &= {}^t \rho(g)^{-1}x^t a \\ \tilde{\rho}_2^*(g, a)x &= {}^t \rho(g)^{-1}xa^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where $g \in G$ and $a \in GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$.

LEMMA 1.1. *The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i) *The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.*
- (ii) *The triplet $(G \times GL(d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.*

Proof. Put $A = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & \cdot & \\ & & \cdot & \\ & & \cdot & \\ 1 & & & \end{bmatrix} \in GL(n, C)$, then it is easy to check that $x_0 \in M(m, n, C)$ is a generic point of the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ if and only if $x_0 \cdot A$ is a generic point of $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(m, n, C))$. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 1.2. *There exists a one-to-one correspondence between relative invariants of $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ and $(G \times GL(d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(m, n, C))$.*

Proof. For a polynomial $f(x)$ on $M(m, n, C)$, define the polynomial $\Phi(f)$ by

$$(1.2) \quad \Phi(f)(x) = f(x \cdot A).$$

Then the mapping $f \mapsto \Phi(f)$ gives a one-to-one correspondence between relative invariants. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 1.3. *When $m > n$, the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i) *The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.*
- (ii) *The triplet $(G \times GL(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2), \tilde{\rho}_2^*, M(m, m - d_1, C))$ is a P.V.*

Proof. For a matrix x in $M(m, n, C)$, denote by x^i the i -th column vector of x ($1 \leq i \leq n$). Let W denote an algebraic variety whose points are matrices x in $M(m, n, C)$ such that column vectors x^1, x^2, \dots and x^n are linearly independent. Then the group $G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ acts on W , and $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), W)$ has an open orbit if and only if the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V., since the Zariski closure of W is $M(m, n, C)$. Let $\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ be the flag variety defined by

$$\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r) = \left\{ (V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r); \begin{array}{l} V_i \in \text{Grass}_{d_1 + \dots + d_i}(C^m) \text{ and} \\ V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \dots \subset V_r \end{array} \right\}$$

where $\text{Grass}_d(C^m)$ is the Grassmann variety consists of all d -dimensional subspaces of C^m .

For a matrix x in the variety W , let $\mu(x)$ denote the flag (V_1, \dots, V_n) in $\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ such that V_i is the subspace of C^m spanned by the first $d_1 + \dots + d_r$ column vectors of the matrix x ($1 \leq i \leq r$). Then the mapping $\mu: W \mapsto \text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ is surjective, $G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ equivalent

morphism. Since $GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ acts on $\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ trivially and it acts on each fibre homogeneously, the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V. if and only if $\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ is G -prehomogeneous.

For a flag (V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r) in $\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$, let $(\tilde{V}_1, \tilde{V}_2, \dots, \tilde{V}_r)$ be the flag in $\text{Flag}(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2)$ defined by

$$\tilde{V}_i = \{y \in M(m, n, C) \mid (y, x) = 0 \text{ for any } x \text{ in } V_{r-i+1}\}.$$

Then G acts on the flag variety $\text{Flag}(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2)$ contragrediently and $\text{Flag}(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2)$ is G -prehomogeneous if and only if $\text{Flag}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ is G -prehomogeneous.

Since the triplet $(G \times GL(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2), \tilde{\rho}_2^*, M(m, m - d_1, C))$ is a P.V. if and only if the flag variety $\text{Flag}(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2)$ is G -prehomogeneous, we obtain our assertion. Q.E.D.

Remark. This construction is a natural generalization of the castling transform in the theory of prehomogeneous vector space [2].

LEMMA 1.4. *When $m > n$, there is a one-to-one correspondence between relative invariants of the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ and relative invariants of the triplet $(G \times GL(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(m, m - d_1, C))$.*

Proof. Let $f(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ be a relative invariant of the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$, where x^i is the i -th column vector of an $m \times n$ matrix x ($1 \leq i \leq n$). For $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in M(m, n, C)$, put

$$X_{i_1 \dots i_k} = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_{i_1}^1 \cdots x_{i_1}^k \\ \vdots \\ x_{i_k}^1 \cdots x_{i_k}^k \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \leq k \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq m).$$

Then by the first main theorem for the group $GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$, there exists a polynomial F satisfying

$$f(x^1, \dots, x^n) = F(X_{i_1 \dots i_{d_1}}, X_{j_1 \dots j_{d_1+d_2}}, \dots, X_{k_1 \dots k_{d_1+\dots+d_r}}) \\ (1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_{d_1}, j_1, \dots, j_{d_1+d_2}, k_1, \dots, k_{d_1+\dots+d_r} \leq m),$$

since $f(x)$ is a relative invariant of the group $GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)$.

For $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$ in $M(m, n, C)$, let $\omega_k = x^1 \wedge \dots \wedge x^k$ and, for $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}^1, \dots, \tilde{x}^{m-d_1})$ in $M(m, m - d_1, C)$, let $\tilde{\omega}_k = \tilde{x}^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{m-k}$ where $k \in \{d_1, d_1 + d_2, \dots, d_1 + \dots + d_r\}$.

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_k &= \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_k} X_{i_1 \dots i_k} e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_k}, \\ \tilde{\omega}_k &= \sum_{j_1 < \dots < j_{m-k}} \tilde{X}_{j_1 \dots j_{m-k}} e_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{j_{m-k}} \quad (e_i = {}^i(0 \dots \overset{i}{1} \dots 0), 1 \leq i \leq m), \end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_k} \operatorname{sgn} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \dots k, k+1 \dots m \\ i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_{m-k} \end{pmatrix} X_{i_1 \dots i_k} \tilde{X}_{j_1 \dots j_{m-k}} = \det(x^1, \dots, x^k, \tilde{x}^1, \dots, \tilde{x}^{m-k})$$

where

$$\operatorname{sgn} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \dots k, k+1 \dots m \\ i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_{m-k} \end{pmatrix}$$

denotes the signature of the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \dots k, k+1 \dots m \\ i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_{m-k} \end{pmatrix}$ if

$$\{i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_{m-k}\} = \{1, 2 \dots m\}$$

and zero, if otherwise.

Thus if we put

$$X'_{i_1 \dots i_k} = \operatorname{sgn} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \dots k, k+1 \dots m \\ i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_{m-k} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{X}_{j_1 \dots j_{m-k}},$$

we have

$$\sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_k} X_{i_1 \dots i_k} X'_{i_1 \dots i_k} = \det(x^1, \dots, x^k, \tilde{x}^1, \dots, \tilde{x}^{m-k}).$$

We define a polynomial $\tilde{f}(\tilde{x})$ on $M(m, m - d_1, C)$ by

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{x}) = F(X'_{i_1 \dots i_{d_1}} X'_{j_1 \dots j_{d_1+d_2}} \dots X'_{k_1 \dots k_{d_1+\dots+d_r}}).$$

Then \tilde{f} is a relative invariant of the triplet $(G \times GL(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2), \tilde{\rho}_2^*, M(m, m - d_1, C))$, and the mapping $f \mapsto \tilde{f}$ gives a one-to-one correspondence between relative invariants of them. Q.E.D.

Remark. From the construction, f is irreducible if and only if \tilde{f} is irreducible.

By Lemma 1.1~1.4, we have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 1.1. *When $m > n$, the following 4 conditions are equivalent and there are one-to-one correspondences among relative invariants of them.*

- (1) *The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.*
- (2) *The triplet $(G \times GL(d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.*

- (3) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_2, \dots, d_r, m - n), \tilde{\rho}_1^*, M(m, m - d_1, C))$ is a P.V.
- (4) The triplet $(G \times GL(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_2), \tilde{\rho}_2^*, M(m, m - d_1, C))$ is a P.V.

The following two propositions are shown in a similar manner.

PROPOSITION 1.2. *Let G be a connected linear algebraic group and ρ a linear representation of G on an n -dimensional vector space. Then the following 4 conditions are equivalent and there are one-to-one correspondences among their relative invariants*

- (1) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is a P.V.
- (2) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(n, C))$ is a P.V.
- (3) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1^*, M(n, C))$ is a P.V.
- (4) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2^*, M(n, C))$ is a P.V.

PROPOSITION 1.3. *When $m > n$, the following 4 conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.
- (2) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.
- (3) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r, m - n), \tilde{\rho}_1^*, M(m, C))$ is a P.V.
- (4) The triplet $(G \times GL(m - n, d_r, \dots, d_1), \tilde{\rho}_2^*, M(m, C))$ is a P.V.

COROLLARY. *When $m > n$, the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, n, C))$ is a P.V.
- (2) The triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r, m - n), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(m, C))$ is a P.V.

Let G be a connected linear algebraic group, ρ a representation on an n -dimensional vector space V . Then, by Proposition 1.1, triplet $(G \times GL(1), \rho \otimes \square, V)$ is a P.V. if and only if $(G \times GL(1, n - 1), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is a P.V. We shall devote ourselves to investigate triples $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$.

§2. Relative invariants

A sequence $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ of non-negative integers in decreasing order;

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$$

is called a partition, and the sum $|\lambda| = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$ is called the weight of λ .

For a partition λ , we denote by V_λ the vector space consists of all polynomials $f(x)$ on the vector space $M(n, C)$ such that $f(x)$ satisfies; for any matrix t in the group B_n ,

$$f(x \cdot t) = t_1^{\lambda_1} t_2^{\lambda_2} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} f(x)$$

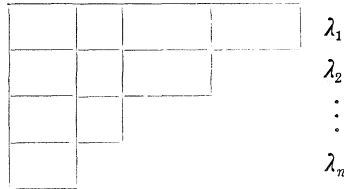
where

$$t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 & & & * \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & t_n \end{pmatrix} \in B_n.$$

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial on $M(n, C)$, and for any element g in $GL(n, C)$, set;

$$g \cdot f(x) = f(g^{-1}x).$$

Then by the mapping $f \mapsto g \cdot f$, the vector space V_λ can be considered as a $GL(n, C)$ -module. As is well known, V_λ is a irreducible $GL(n, C)$ -module corresponding to the Young diagram $Y(\lambda)$:



We set:

$$X'_{i_1 \dots i_d} = \text{sgn} \begin{pmatrix} 1, \dots, d, d+1, \dots, n \\ i_1, \dots, i_d, j_1, \dots, j_{n-d} \end{pmatrix} \det \begin{pmatrix} X_{j_1}^{d+1} & \cdots & X_{j_1}^n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ X_{j_{n-d}}^{d+1} & \cdots & X_{j_{n-d}}^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $f(x)$ be a relative invariant of the triplet $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), M(n, C))$. Then $f(x)$ has the form

$$f(x) = F(\dots, X_{i_1 \dots i_d(\nu)}, \dots) (\det x)^{m_r},$$

where F is a homogeneous polynomial in $X_{i_1 \dots i_d(\nu)}$ ($1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_d(\nu) \leq n$, $1 \leq \nu < r$) and m_r is a non-negative integer.

Denoting by m_ν the homogeneous degree of F with respect to $X_{i_1 \dots i_d(\nu)}$, for each ν , define a partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \cdots = \lambda_{d(1)} = m_1 + \cdots + m_r, \\ \lambda_{d(1)+1} &= \cdots = \lambda_{d(2)} = m_2 + \cdots + m_r, \\ &\dots\dots\dots, \\ \lambda_{d(r-1)+1} &= \cdots = \lambda_n = m_r. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.3) \quad \delta(\chi)_0 = \delta^*(\chi)_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^{(i)} \delta^*(\chi)_i$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \delta(\chi)_i = -\delta^*(\chi)_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq k).$$

§ 3. The b -functions

For a rational character χ in $X_\rho(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r))$, set

$$P(x)^\chi = \prod_{i=0}^k P_i(x)^{\delta(\chi)_i} \quad \text{and} \quad P^*(x)^\chi = \prod_{i=0}^k P_i^*(x)^{\delta^*(\chi)_i}.$$

If $\delta^*(\chi)_i \geq 0$ for all i (i.e., $P^*(x)^\chi$ is a polynomial), we can introduce a partial differential operator $P^*(\text{grad})^\chi$ in $C[\partial/\partial x_{ij}]$ such that

$$P^*(\text{grad})^\chi \exp(x, x^*) = P^*(x)^\chi \exp(x, x^*).$$

Similarly, if $P(x)^\chi$ is a polynomial, we can introduce $P(\text{grad})^\chi$ in $C[\partial/\partial x_{ij}^*]$ such that

$$P(\text{grad})^\chi \exp(x, x^*) = P(x)^\chi \exp(x, x^*).$$

For $s = (s_0, \dots, s_k) \in C^{k+1}$, set

$$P^s = \prod_{i=0}^k P_i^{s_i} \quad \text{and} \quad P^{*s} = \prod_{i=0}^k P_i^{*s_i}.$$

We consider P^s (resp. P^{*s}) as a function on the universal covering space of $M(n, C) - S$ (resp. $M(n, C) - S^*$).

LEMMA 3.1. (i) *If $\delta^*(\chi)_i \geq 0$ for all i , there exists a polynomial $b_\chi(s)$ in $s = (s_0, \dots, s_k)$ which satisfies, for all $s \in C^{k+1}$,*

$$(2.5) \quad P^*(\text{grad})^\chi \cdot P^s(x) = b_\chi(s) P^{s-\delta(\chi)}.$$

(ii) *If $\delta(\chi)_i \geq 0$ for all i , there exists a polynomial $b_\chi^*(s)$ in $s = (s_0, \dots, s_k)$ which satisfies, for all $s \in C^{k+1}$,*

$$P(\text{grad})^\chi \cdot P^{*s}(x) = b_\chi^*(s) P^{*s-\delta^*(\chi)}.$$

Proof. Denoting by $F(x)$ the left hand side of (2.5), we have:

$$F(\tilde{\rho}_1(g) \cdot x) = \chi^{-1}(g) \chi(g)^s F(x)$$

and

$$P(\tilde{\rho}_1(g) \cdot x)^{s-\delta(\chi)} = \chi^{-1}(g) \chi(g)^s P(x)^{s-\delta(\chi)} \quad (g \in G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r)).$$

This shows that $P^{-s+\delta(\chi)}F(x)$ is an absolute invariant, and hence must be a constant $b_\chi(s)$ depending only upon s and χ . It is clear that $b_\chi(s)$ is a polynomial in s . The proof of the part (ii) is similar. Q.E.D.

From the definitions of $b_\chi(s)$ and $b_\chi^*(s)$, it follows that:

(i) If χ and ψ are characters in $X_\rho(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r))$ such that $\delta^*(\chi)_i \geq 0$ and $\delta^*(\psi)_i \geq 0$ ($0 \leq i \leq k$), then

$$b_{\chi\psi}(s) = b_\chi(s)b_\psi(s + \delta(\chi)).$$

(ii) If χ and ψ are characters in $X_\rho(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r))$ such that $\delta(\chi)_i \geq 0$ and $\delta(\psi)_i \geq 0$ ($0 \leq i \leq k$), then

$$b_{\chi\psi}^*(s) = b_\chi^*(s)b_\psi^*(s + \delta^*(\chi)).$$

By the co-cycle properties of $b_\chi(s)$ and $b_\chi^*(s)$, $b_\chi(s)$ and $b_\chi^*(s)$ can be defined for arbitrary character χ in $X_\rho(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r))$.

Let $\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(k)}$ be the partitions corresponding to P_1, \dots, P_k , respectively. For $s = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_k) \in C^{k+1}$, put

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(s) &= \Gamma(s_0 + s_1\lambda_1^{(1)} + \dots + s_k\lambda_1^{(k)} + n) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1\lambda_2^{(1)} + \dots + s_k\lambda_2^{(k)} + n - 1) \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1\lambda_{n-1}^{(1)} + \dots + s_k\lambda_{n-1}^{(k)} + 2) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 1), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^*(s) &= \Gamma(s_0 + s_1\lambda_1^{(1)} + \dots + s_k\lambda_1^{(k)} + n) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1(\lambda_1^{(1)} - \lambda_{n-1}^{(1)}) + \dots + s_k(\lambda_1^{(k)} - \lambda_{n-1}^{(k)}) + n - 1) \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1(\lambda_1^{(1)} - \lambda_2^{(1)}) + \dots + s_k(\lambda_1^{(k)} - \lambda_2^{(k)}) + 2) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Now we can state the main theorem of the present paper.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ be a P.V., $\{P_0, \dots, P_k\}$ a complete system of relative invariants and $\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r)}$ the partitions corresponding to P_1, \dots, P_r . Then the b-functions $b_\chi(s)$ and $b_\chi^*(s)$ are given by*

$$(3.1) \quad b_\chi(s) = \frac{\gamma(s)}{\gamma(s - \delta(\chi))}$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad b_{\lambda}^*(s) = \frac{\gamma^*(s)}{\gamma^*(s - \delta^*(\lambda))}.$$

Proof. Let B_n^- denote the group consisting of lower triangular n by n matrices, and ρ the representation on the vector space C^n defined by

$$\rho(g)v = g \cdot v \quad (g \in B_n^-, v = {}^t(v_1, \dots, v_n) \in C^n).$$

Then the triplet $(B_n^- \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is a P.V., and relative invariants and the b -function are known ([2], p. 150). In this case, Theorem 3.1 is true and we shall reduce the problem to this case.

For a polynomial $f(x)$ in V , we denote by $f^*(x)$ the polynomial defined in (2.2).

For any partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, denoting by π_{λ} the projection

$$V_{\lambda_1} \otimes \dots \otimes V_{\lambda_n} \longrightarrow V_{\lambda},$$

we shall introduce two $GL(n, C)$ -homomorphisms θ_1 and θ_2

$$\theta_i; V_{\lambda} \otimes V_{\lambda'} \longrightarrow V_{\lambda + \lambda'} \quad (i = 1, 2),$$

where $\lambda + \lambda'$ denotes the partition $(\lambda_1 + \lambda'_1, \lambda_2 + \lambda'_2, \dots, \lambda_n + \lambda'_n)$.

For any f in V_{λ} and f' in $V_{\lambda'}$, $\theta_i(f \otimes f')$ are defined as follows;

$$\theta_1(f(x) \otimes f'(x)) = f(x) \cdot f'(x)$$

and

$$\theta_2(f(x) \otimes f'(x)) = \pi_{\lambda_1 + \lambda_n} ((\det x)^{\lambda_1} f^*(\text{grad}) f'(x)).$$

The decomposition of the $SL(n, C)$ -module $V_{\lambda} \otimes V_{\lambda'}$ into irreducible components contains $V_{\lambda + \lambda'}$ with multiplicity one. The Schur's lemma says that θ_1 and θ_2 must be agree up to a constant.

On the other hand, a complete system of relative invariants of $(B_n^- \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is given by $\{A_1(x), \dots, A_n(x)\}$ where

$$A_i = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^i \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_i^1 & \dots & x_i^i \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

For relative invariant polynomials f and f' of the P.V. $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$, let λ and λ' denote the corresponding partitions, respectively.

Put, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$m_i = \lambda_i - \lambda_{i+1} \quad (\text{with } \lambda_{n+1} = 0)$$

and

$$m'_i = \lambda'_i - \lambda'_{i+1} \quad (\text{with } \lambda'_{n+1} = 0).$$

Then $\prod_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^{m_i}(x)$ and $\prod_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^{m'_i}(x)$ are contained in V_λ and $V_{\lambda'}$, respectively. Therefore we have

$$\frac{f^*(\text{grad}) \cdot f'(x)}{f(x) \cdot f'(x)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^*(\text{grad})^{m_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \Delta_i(x)^{m'_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n \Delta_i(x)^{m_i + m'_i}}$$

Thus we can reduce the proof to the case of the P.V. $(B_n^- \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$, and we obtain (3.1). (3.2) is shown in a similar manner. Q.E.D.

COROLLARY. *Let (G, ρ, V) be a P.V., $\{P_1, \dots, P_k\}$ a complete system of relative invariants of (G, ρ, V) , and d_1, \dots, d_k degrees of P_1, \dots, P_k , respectively. Then $(G \times GL(1, n-1), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$, $n = \dim V$, is a P.V., and the b -functions $b_\lambda(s)$ and $b_{\lambda'}(s)$ of $(G \times GL(1, n-1), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ are given by*

$$b_\lambda(s) = \frac{\gamma(s)}{\gamma(s - \delta(\lambda))} \quad \text{and} \quad b_{\lambda'}(s) = \frac{\gamma^*(s)}{\gamma^*(s - \delta^*(\lambda))}$$

where

$$\gamma(s) = \Gamma(s_0 + d_1 s_1 + \dots + d_k s_k + n) \Gamma(s_0 + n - 1) \dots \Gamma(s_0 + 1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^*(s) = & \Gamma(s_0 + d_1 s_1 + \dots + d_k s_k + n) \Gamma(s_0 + d_1 s_1 + \dots + d_k s_k + n - 1) \\ & \dots \Gamma(s_0 + d_1 s_1 + \dots + d_k s_k + 2) \Gamma(s_0 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

§ 4. Prehomogeneous vector spaces $(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$

Let G be a connected linear semi-simple algebraic group ($G \neq \{e\}$), $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ an n -dimensional irreducible representation, all defined over C . Let $(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ be a P.V. Then, $\dim(G \times B_n) \geq \dim M(n, C)$, and hence we have:

$$\dim G \geq \frac{1}{2} n(n - 1).$$

Since G is semi-simple, we may assume that a triplet (G, ρ, V) is of the form:

$$G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_k,$$

$$\rho = \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_k,$$

and

$$V = V(d_1) \otimes V(d_2) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(d_k) \quad \text{with} \quad d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \cdots \geq d_k \geq 2,$$

where each G_i is a connected simple algebraic group, ρ_i is an irreducible representations of G_i on the d_i -dimensional C -vector space $V(d_i)$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$). Therefore if $(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is a P.V. we have

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \dim G_i \geq \frac{1}{2} d_1 \cdots d_k (d_1 \cdots d_k - 1).$$

LEMMA 4.1. *Assume that a triplet $(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ is a P.V. Then we have $k = 1$ or $(G, \rho, V) = (SL(2) \times SL(2), \square \otimes \square, V(4))$.*

Proof. The image $\rho_i(G_i)$ of the simple algebraic group G_i is contained in $SL(d_i)$. By (4.1), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (d_i^2 - 1) \geq \frac{1}{2} d_1 \cdots d_k (d_1 \cdots d_k - 1).$$

If $k \geq 3$, this inequality implies that

$$1 > d_1^2(2^{2k-3} - 2^{k-2} - k) + k.$$

It is easy to show that $2^{2k-3} > 2^{k-2} + k$ for $k \geq 3$. This is impossible and hence we have $k \leq 2$. When $k = 2$, we have $d_1^2 + d_2^2 > \frac{1}{2} d_1 d_2 (d_1 d_2 - 1)$. This inequality implies that $d_1 = d_2 = 2$.

The following lemma can be easily proved.

LEMMA 4.2. *Let G be a semi-simple linear algebraic group and $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ be an irreducible representation on an n -dimensional vector space $V(n)$ satisfying*

$$\dim G \geq \frac{1}{2} n(n - 1).$$

Then $(G, \rho, V(n))$ is one of:

- (1) $(SL(n), \square, V(n))$
- (2) $(SL(2), \square \square, V(3))$
- (3) $(SL(4), \square, V(6))$
- (4) $(SL(2) \times SL(2), \square \otimes \square, V(4))$

- (5) $(Sp(m), \square, V(n)) (n = 2m)$
- (6) $(SO(n), \square, V(n)) (n \geq 3)$
- (7) $(Sp(2), \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}, V(5))$

(for classical group, we write the Young diagram corresponding to ρ).

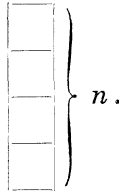
The image of the representation $\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}$ of $Sp(2)$ is $SO(5)$ and the kernel is $\{\pm 1\}$. Therefore we may identify the triplet $(Sp(2), \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}, V(5))$ with the triplet $(SO(5), \square, V(5))$. Similarly, we identify the triplets (2)~(4) with the triplet (6), $n = 3, 6, 4$, respectively.

Case 1. $(G, \rho, V) = (SL(n), \square, V(n))$.

The triplet $(SL(n), \tilde{\square}, M(n, C))$ is a trivial P.V. (See [2], and the singular set S is given by

$$S = \{X \in M(n, C); \det X = 0\}.$$

The Young diagram corresponding to the relative invariant $\det X$ is



By Theorem 1, the b -function is given by

$$b(s) = s(s + 1) \cdots (s + n - 1).$$

Remark. The b -function of $\det X$ is well known (See [2])

Case 2. $(G, \rho, V) = (SO(n), \square, V(n))$.

The triplet $(SO(n), \tilde{\square}, M(n, C))$ is a P.V., and the b -function of it is known (See [2]).

We shall determine the b -function by Theorem 3.1.

For a $x = [x^1, \dots, x^n] \in M(n, C)$, put

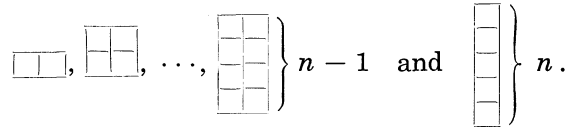
$$P_i(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} (x^1, x^1), \dots, (x^1, x^n) \\ \vdots \\ (x^n, x^1), \dots, (x^n, x^n) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n - 1)$$

where $(x^k, x^l) = {}^t x^k \cdot x^l$, and $P_0(x) = \det x$.

Then the singular set S is $S_0 \cup \dots \cup S_{n-1}$ with

$$S_i = \{x \in M(n, C); P_i(x) = 0\} \quad (0 \leq i \leq n - 1).$$

Thus the Young diagrams corresponding to relative invariants P_1, \dots, P_{n-1} and P_0 are, respectively,



By Theorem 1, we have:

$$b_x(s) = \gamma(s)/\gamma(s - \delta x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(s) &= \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + \dots + 2s_{n-1} + n) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_2 + \dots + 2s_{n-1} + n - 1) \dots \Gamma(s_0 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Case 3. $(G, \rho, V) = (Sp(m), \square V(n)) \quad (n = 2m)$

Denote by $[x, y]$ the skew symmetric bilinear form on $V(n) \times V(n)$ defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} [x, y] &= x_1 y'_1 - x'_1 y_1 + \dots + x_m y'_m - x'_m y_m \\ &\quad \text{with } x = {}^t(x_1, x'_1, \dots, x_m, x'_m) \quad \text{and} \quad y = {}^t(y_1, y'_1, \dots, y_m, y'_m). \end{aligned}$$

For $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in M(n, C)$. Put

$$P_k(x) = \text{Pff}([x^i, x^j])_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq 2k \\ 1 \leq j \leq 2k}} \quad (1 \leq k \leq m - 1),$$

and

$$P_0(x) = \det(x)$$

where Pff denotes the Pfaffian.

It is easy to show that, if a point x_0 of $M(n, C)$ satisfies $\prod_{i=0}^{m-1} P_i(x) \neq 0$, there exists a $(g, T) \in Sp(m) \times B_n$ such that $g x_0 T^{-1} = 1_n$. Therefore the triplet $(Sp(m), \square, M(n, C))$ is a P.V., and the singular set S is

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S_0 \cup S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_m \\ &\quad \text{with } S_i = \{X \in M(n, C) | P_i(x) = 0\} \quad (0 \leq i \leq m). \end{aligned}$$

The Young diagrams corresponding to relative invariants P_1, \dots, P_{m-1} and P_0 are, respectively,

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \right\}, \left. \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \right\}, \dots, \left. \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \right\} 2m - 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \right\} 2m .$$

Put

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(s) &= \Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n)\Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n - 1) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + s_2 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n - 2)\Gamma(s_0 + s_2 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n - 3) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + s_{m-1} + 4)\Gamma(s_0 + s_{m-1} + 3) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2) \cdot \Gamma(s_0 + 1) . \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Theorem 1, the b -function $b_\chi(s)$ is given by

$$b_\chi(s) = \gamma(s)/\gamma(s - \delta(\chi)) .$$

Now we obtain the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.1. *Let $(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$ be a P.V., where G is a semi-simple connected linear algebraic group, B_n the group consists of all $n \times n$ complex triangular matrix, $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ an irreducible representation on an n -dimensional vector space, all defined over C . Let $\{P_0, \dots, P_k\}$ be a complete set of irreducible relative invariants of $(G \times B_n, \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, C))$. Then (G, ρ, V) is one of the following P.V.'s,*

- (1) $(SL(n), \square, V(n))$.
 - (i) $k = 0$
 - (ii) $\gamma(s) = \Gamma(s_0 + n) \dots \Gamma(s_0 + 1)$
 - (iii) $\gamma^*(s) = \Gamma(s_0 + n) \dots \Gamma(s_0 + 1)$.
- (2) $(Sp(m), \square, V(n))$ ($n = 2m$).
 - (i) $k = m - 1$
 - (ii) $\gamma(s) = \Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-1} - n)\Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n - 1)$

$$\times \Gamma(s_0 + s_2 + \dots + s_{m-2} + n - 2)$$

$$\times \Gamma(s_0 + s_2 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n - 3)$$

$$\dots$$

$$\times \Gamma(s_0 + s_{m-1} + 4)\Gamma(s_0 + s_{m-1} + 3)\Gamma(s_0 + 2)\Gamma(s_0 + 1) .$$
 - (iii) $\gamma^*(s) = \Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n)\Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-1} + n - 1)$

$$\times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-2} + n - 3)$$

$$\times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{m-2} + n - 4)$$

$$\dots$$

$$\times \Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + 4)\Gamma(s_0 + s_1 + 3)\Gamma(s_0 + 2)\Gamma(s_0 + 1) .$$

(3) $(SO(n), \square, V(n))$.

(i) $k = n - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \gamma(s) &= \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + \cdots + 2s_{n-1} + n) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_2 + \cdots + 2s_{n-1} + n - 1) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_3 + \cdots + 2s_{n-1} + n - 2) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_4 + \cdots + 2s_{n-1} + n - 3) \\ &\quad \cdots \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_{n-1} + 2)\Gamma(s_0 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \gamma^*(s) &= \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + \cdots + 2s_{n-1} + n) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + \cdots + 2s_{n-2} + n - 1) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + \cdots + 2s_{n-3} + n - 2) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + \cdots + 2s_{n-4} + n - 3) \\ &\quad \cdots \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(s_0 + 2s_1 + 2)\Gamma(s_0 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

In the next article, we shall be concerned with zeta-functions associated with prehomogeneous vector spaces $(G \times GL(d_1, \dots, d_r), \tilde{\rho}_1, M(n, \mathbf{C}))$.

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