

Hilbert schemes and cyclic quotient surface singularities

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Abstract. Let G be a finite cyclic subgroup of $GL(2, \mathbf{C})$ of order n which contains no reflections. Let \mathbf{A}^2 be the complex affine plane. We consider a certain subscheme $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ of $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ consisting of G -invariant zero-dimensional subschemes of length n . We describe the structure of $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ and prove this is the minimal resolution of the quotient surface singularity \mathbf{A}^2/G .

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Introduction

Let \mathbf{A}^2 be the complex affine plane. Let $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ be the n th symmetric product of \mathbf{A}^2 , and $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ the Hilbert scheme parametrizing all zero-dimensional subschemes of \mathbf{A}^2 of length n . By the natural morphism $\pi : \text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2) \rightarrow S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ called Hilbert-Chow morphism $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is a crepant resolution of $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$.

Let G be a small finite subgroup of $GL(2, \mathbf{C})$, that is, G is a finite subgroup of $GL(2, \mathbf{C})$ which contains no reflections. Then G acts on \mathbf{A}^2 , hence it acts both $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ and $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ so that the Hilbert-Chow morphism is G -equivariant. Assume that n equals the order of G . Then the G -fixed point set of $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is isomorphic to the quotient space \mathbf{A}^2/G . Hence we see readily that there is a unique irreducible component of G -fixed point set in $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ dominating \mathbf{A}^2/G , which we denote by $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. For finite subgroups G of $SL(2, \mathbf{C})$, Ito and Nakamura proved in [IN96] [IN98] that $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is the minimal resolution of the simple singularity \mathbf{A}^2/G . Using this realization of the minimal resolution of \mathbf{A}^2/G , they also gave an explanation to the so-called McKay observation, though in part. Nakamura conjectured that $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^3)$ is a crepant resolution of \mathbf{A}^3/G for any finite subgroup G of $SL(3, \mathbf{C})$ and proved it for an Abelian group in [N]. Recently the conjecture proved by Bridgeland, King and Reid in [BKR].

When G is a small finite cyclic subgroup of $GL(2, \mathbf{C})$ we call the germ

of the quotient singularity \mathbf{A}^2/G at the origin a cyclic quotient surface singularity. In the present article we prove that $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is the minimal resolution of the cyclic quotient surface singularity \mathbf{A}^2/G and describe the structure of $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ in detail.

In Section 1 we give some preparatory lemmas on continued fractions. In Section 2 we recall toric resolutions of cyclic quotient surface singularities. We recall some basic facts on $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ in Section 3. We present our main theorem in Section 4 and 5.

1. Continued Fractions

Let n and ℓ are positive integers such that $1 \leq \ell < n$ and $\gcd(n, \ell) = 1$. In this section we consider the modified continued fractions of $\frac{n}{\ell}$ and $\frac{n}{n-\ell}$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{\ell} &= [[b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_r]] := b_1 - \frac{1}{|b_2|} - \frac{1}{|b_3|} - \dots - \frac{1}{|b_r|} \quad (b_\mu \geq 2) \\ \frac{n}{n-\ell} &= [[a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_e]] \quad (a_\nu \geq 2) \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

be the Hirzebruch-Jung continued fractions. Then we define triples (i_μ, j_μ, k_μ) ($\mu = 0, 1, \dots, r+1$) and $(\alpha_\nu, \beta_\nu, \gamma_\nu)$ ($\nu = 0, 1, \dots, e+1$) of nonnegative integers as follows:

$$\begin{cases} (i_0, j_0, k_0) := (n, 0, 1), & (i_1, j_1, k_1) := (\ell, 1, 1), \\ (i_{\mu+1}, j_{\mu+1}, k_{\mu+1}) := b_\mu(i_\mu, j_\mu, k_\mu) - (i_{\mu-1}, j_{\mu-1}, k_{\mu-1}), \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha_0, \beta_0, \gamma_0) := (n, 0, 1), & (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) := (n-\ell, 1, 1), \\ (\alpha_{\nu+1}, \beta_{\nu+1}, \gamma_{\nu+1}) := a_\nu(\alpha_\nu, \beta_\nu, \gamma_\nu) - (\alpha_{\nu-1}, \beta_{\nu-1}, \gamma_{\nu-1}). \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to see by $a_\nu, b_\mu \geq 2$ that

$$\begin{cases} i_0 > i_1 > \dots > i_{r+1} = 0, \\ j_0 < j_1 < \dots < j_{r+1} = n, \\ k_0 \leq k_1 \leq \dots \leq k_{r+1} = n - \ell, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_0 > \alpha_1 > \dots > \alpha_{e+1} = 0, \\ \beta_0 < \beta_1 < \dots < \beta_{e+1} = n, \\ \gamma_0 \leq \gamma_1 \leq \dots \leq \gamma_{e+1} = \ell. \end{cases}$$

By induction on μ and ν we get

$$\begin{cases} i_\mu + (n - \ell)j_\mu = nk_\mu, \\ i_{\mu-1}j_\mu - i_\mu j_{\mu-1} = n, \\ k_{\mu-1}j_\mu - k_\mu j_{\mu-1} = 1, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_\nu + \ell\beta_\nu = n\gamma_\nu, \\ \alpha_{\nu-1}\beta_\nu - \alpha_\nu\beta_{\nu-1} = n, \\ \gamma_{\nu-1}\beta_\nu - \gamma_\nu\beta_{\nu-1} = 1. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

Next we investigate the relations between (i_μ, j_μ, k_μ) and $(\alpha_\nu, \beta_\nu, \gamma_\nu)$. First we review a lemma from Riemenschneider [R74, Lemma 3].

Lemma 1.1 *Let $\frac{n}{\ell} = [[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r]]$ and $\frac{n_1}{\ell_1} := [[b_2, b_3, \dots, b_r]]$. Suppose $\frac{n_1}{n_1 - \ell_1} = [[a_2, a_3, \dots, a_e]]$. Then we have*

$$\frac{n}{n - \ell} = [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{b_1 - 2}, a_2 + 1, a_3, \dots, a_e]].$$

Proof. We prove this by induction on the first term b_1 of n/ℓ . Assume $b_1 = 2$. Then we have $\frac{n}{\ell} = 2 - \frac{\ell_1}{n_1} = \frac{2n_1 - \ell_1}{n_1}$. On the other hand, $\frac{n}{n - \ell} - 1 = \frac{n_1}{n_1 - \ell_1}$. It follows that $\frac{n}{n - \ell} = [[a_2 + 1, a_3, \dots, a_e]]$. This prove the lemma in this case.

Next we consider the case $b_1 \geq 3$. Let $\frac{n}{\ell} = [[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r]]$ and $n_1/\ell_1 = [[b_2, b_3, \dots, b_r]]$. Let $\frac{n'}{\ell'} := \frac{n - \ell}{\ell}$. Then we have $\frac{n'}{\ell'} = [[b_1 - 1, b_2, \dots, b_r]]$. We put $\frac{n'_1}{\ell'_1} := [[b_2, b_3, \dots, b_r]]$ and suppose $\frac{n'_1}{n'_1 - \ell'_1} = [[a_2, a_3, \dots, a_e]]$. Then by the induction hypothesis we have

$$\frac{n'}{n' - \ell'} = [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{b_1 - 3}, a_2 + 1, a_3, \dots, a_e]].$$

It follows from $\frac{n}{n - \ell} = \frac{n' + \ell'}{n'} = 2 - \frac{n' - \ell'}{n'}$ that

$$\frac{n}{n - \ell} = [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{b_1 - 2}, a_2 + 1, a_3, \dots, a_e]]$$

where a_i 's are the terms of $\frac{n'_1}{n'_1 - \ell'_1}$. Since $\frac{n'_1}{\ell'_1} = \frac{n}{\ell}$ and $\frac{n'_1}{n'_1 - \ell'_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_1 - \ell_1}$, the lemma holds for $\frac{n}{\ell}$ and $\frac{n_1}{n_1 - \ell_1}$. \square

Proposition 1.2 *There is a duality between the continued fraction expansions of $\frac{n}{\ell}$ and $\frac{n}{n - \ell}$. To be more precise there are positive integers c_i and*

d_i such that

$$\frac{n}{\ell} = [[d_1 + 1, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_1-1}, d_2 + 2, \dots, d_{m-1} + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_{m-1}-1}, d_m + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_m-1}],$$

$$\frac{n}{n-\ell} = [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_1-1}, c_1 + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_2-1}, c_2 + 2, \dots, c_{m-1} + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_m-1}, c_m + 1]].$$

Proof. We prove the lemma by induction on the length of the continued fraction $\frac{n}{\ell}$. If the length of the continued fraction equals one, we see $m = 1$, $c_1 = 1$ and $\frac{n}{\ell} = d_1 + 1$. Then $\frac{n}{n-\ell} = \frac{d_1+1}{d_1} = [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_1}]]$.

Now we consider the general case. For $\frac{n}{\ell}$ as in proposition we define

$$\frac{n_1}{\ell_1} := [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_1-1}, d_2 + 2, \dots, d_{m-1} + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_{m-1}-1}, d_m + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_m-1}]].$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\frac{n_1}{n_1 - \ell_1} = [[c_1 + 1, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_2-1}, c_2 + 2, \dots, c_{m-1} + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_m-1}, c_m + 1]].$$

Then by Lemma 1.1

$$\frac{n}{n-\ell} = [[\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_1-1}, c_1 + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_2-1}, c_2 + 2, \dots, c_{m-1} + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{d_m-1}, c_m + 1]].$$

□

Notation Let the modified continued fraction of $\frac{n}{\ell}$ be

$$\frac{n}{\ell} = [[d_1 + 1, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_1-1}, d_2 + 2, \dots, d_{m-1} + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_{m-1}-1}, d_m + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{c_m-1}]].$$

We define

$$\mu(\lambda) := 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda} c_j, \quad \nu(\lambda) := \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda} d_j, \quad (\lambda = 0, 1, \dots, m),$$

where $c_0 := 0$, $d_0 := 0$. And we define positive integers by

$$\begin{aligned} i(\mu) &:= i_{\mu-1} - i_{\mu}, & j(\mu) &:= j_{\mu} - j_{\mu-1}, & (1 \leq \mu \leq \mu(m)), \\ \alpha(\nu) &:= \alpha_{\nu-1} - \alpha_{\nu}, & \beta(\nu) &:= \beta_{\nu} - \beta_{\nu-1}, & (1 \leq \nu \leq \nu(m) + 1). \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

Proposition 1.3

- (i) $i(1) = \alpha_1, j(1) = \beta_1,$
- (ii) $i(\mu) = \alpha_{\nu(\lambda+1)}, j(\mu) = \beta_{\nu(\lambda+1)}$ for $0 \leq \lambda \leq m-1$ and $\mu(\lambda) + 1 \leq \mu \leq \mu(\lambda + 1),$
- (iii) $\alpha(\nu(m) + 1) = i_{\mu(m)-1}, \beta(\nu(m) + 1) = j_{\mu(m)-1},$
- (iv) $\alpha(\nu) = i_{\mu(\lambda)}, \beta(\nu) = j_{\mu(\lambda)}$ for $0 \leq \lambda \leq m-1$ and $\nu(\lambda) + 1 \leq \nu \leq \nu(\lambda + 1).$

Proof. We put $r := \mu(m), e := \nu(m) + 1.$ We write $\frac{n}{\ell} = [[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r]]$ and $\frac{n}{n-\ell} = [[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_e]]$ for simplicity. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 i(1) &= i_0 - i_1 = n - \ell = \alpha_1, \\
 i(\mu + 1) &= i_\mu - (b_\mu i_\mu - i_{\mu-1}) \\
 &= i_{\mu-1} - i_\mu - (b_\mu - 2)i_\mu \\
 &= i(\mu) - (b_\mu - 2)i_\mu \quad \text{for } \mu \geq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

In the same way we see $\alpha(1) = i_1$ and $\alpha(\nu + 1) = \alpha(\nu) - (a_\nu - 2)\alpha_\nu$ ($\nu \geq 1$).

Similarly we have $j(1) = 1 = \beta_1, j(\mu + 1) = j(\mu) + (b_\mu - 2)j_\mu, \beta(1) = j_1$ and $\beta(\nu + 1) = \beta(\nu) + (a_\nu - 2)\beta_\nu.$ Therefore by Proposition 1.2

$$\begin{aligned}
 i(\mu) &= i(\mu(\lambda) + 1), & j(\mu) &= j(\mu(\lambda) + 1) \\
 & & & \text{for } \mu(\lambda) + 1 \leq \mu \leq \mu(\lambda + 1), \\
 \alpha(\nu) &= \alpha(\nu(\lambda) + 1), & \beta(\nu) &= \beta(\nu(\lambda) + 1) \\
 & & & \text{for } \nu(\lambda) + 1 \leq \nu \leq \nu(\lambda + 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

By definition $\alpha(\nu(0) + 1) = \alpha(1) = i_1, \beta(\nu(0) + 1) = \beta(1) = j_1.$ Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 i(\mu(0) + 1) &= i(2) = i(1) - (d_1 - 1)i_1 \\
 &= \alpha_1 - \{\alpha(2) + \alpha(3) + \dots + \alpha(\nu(1))\} = \alpha_{\nu(1)}, \\
 j(\mu(0) + 1) &= j(2) = j(1) + (d_1 - 1)j_1 \\
 &= \beta_1 + \{\beta(2) + \beta(3) + \dots + \beta(\nu(1))\} = \beta_{\nu(1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We suppose that (i)–(iv) hold for $\mu \leq \mu(\lambda)$ and $\nu \leq \nu(\lambda).$ Assume first $\lambda < m.$ Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha(\nu(\lambda) + 1) &= \alpha(\nu(\lambda)) - c_\lambda \alpha_{\nu(\lambda)} \\
 &= i_{\mu(\lambda-1)} - \{i(\mu(\lambda-1) + 1) + \dots + i(\mu(\lambda) - 1) + i(\mu(\lambda))\} \\
 &= i_{\mu(\lambda)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume next $\lambda = m$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\nu(m) + 1) &= \alpha(\nu(m)) - (c_m - 1)\alpha_{\nu(m)} \\ &= i_{\mu(m-1)} - \{i(\mu(m-1) + 1) + \cdots + i(\mu(m) - 1)\} \\ &= i_{\mu(m)-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we see

$$\begin{aligned}i(\mu(\lambda) + 1) &= i(\mu(\lambda)) - d_{\lambda+1}i_{\mu(\lambda)} \\ &= \alpha_{\nu(\lambda)} - \{\alpha(\nu(\lambda) + 1) + \alpha(\nu(\lambda) + 2) + \cdots + \alpha(\nu(\lambda + 1))\} \\ &= \alpha_{\nu(\lambda+1)}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can also prove the assertions for $\beta(\nu)$ and $j(\mu)$. \square

2. Cyclic Quotient Singularities

The isomorphism classes of cyclic quotient surface singularities are in one-to-one correspondence to the conjugacy classes of small finite cyclic subgroups of $GL(2, \mathbf{C})$. Up to conjugacy we may assume that any small abelian subgroup of $GL(2, \mathbf{C})$ is generated by $\sigma := \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^\ell \end{pmatrix}$ where ζ is a primitive n -th root of unity and ℓ is a positive integer such that $1 \leq \ell < n$ and $\gcd(n, \ell) = 1$. We denote the group by $C_{n, \ell}$. Let (x, y) be a coordinate system of the complex affine space \mathbf{A}^2 . Then $C_{n, \ell}$ operates upon \mathbf{A}^2 from the right by $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y)g$ ($g \in C_{n, \ell}$). We denote the quotient space $\mathbf{A}^2/C_{n, \ell}$ by $A_{n, \ell}$. We remark that two germs $(A_{n, \ell}, 0)$ and $(A_{n', \ell'}, 0)$ are equivalent if and only if $n = n'$ and $\ell = \ell'$ or $\ell\ell' \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ ([B]), if and only if $A_{n, \ell} \simeq A_{n', \ell'}$.

In what follows we put $G := C_{n, \ell}$ for simplicity. The quotient space $A_{n, \ell}$ and its minimal resolution are in fact torus embeddings as we see below.

Proposition 2.1 *Let $N \simeq \mathbf{Z}^2$ be a free abelian group of rank 2 with a basis e_1 and e_2 and $M := \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Z}}(N, \mathbf{Z})$. Let $\tau := \langle ne_1 + (n - \ell)e_2, e_2 \rangle \subset N \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{R}$ be the cone in $N \otimes \mathbf{R}$ generated by $ne_1 + (n - \ell)e_2$ and e_2 . Then*

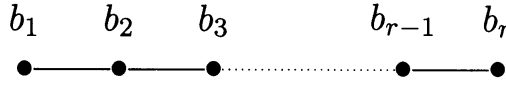
$$A_{n, \ell} \simeq X_\tau := \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\check{\tau} \cap M] = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[x, y]^G.$$

Proof. Let $\{f_1, f_2\}$ be the dual basis of M such that $\langle e_i, f_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$. We put $N^* := (n\mathbf{Z})e_1 \oplus \mathbf{Z}e_2$, $M^* := (\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{Z})f_1 \oplus \mathbf{Z}f_2 = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Z}}(N^*, \mathbf{Z})$. Since $\check{\tau} = \langle f_1, f_2 - \frac{n-\ell}{n}f_1 \rangle$, $\text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\check{\tau} \cap M^*] = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[x, y] \simeq \mathbf{A}^2$ where $x := \mathbf{e}(\frac{1}{n}f_1)$

$y := \mathbf{e}(f_2 - \frac{n-\ell}{n}f_1)$ and $\mathbf{e}(\ast) := \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\ast)$. We define a symmetric pairing $f : M^*/M \times N/N^* \rightarrow \mu_n$ by $f(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) := \zeta^{n\langle a, b \rangle}$ where μ_n is a cyclic group generated by ζ and \bar{a} (resp. \bar{b}) is represented by $a \in M^*$ (resp. $b \in N$). The action of $N/N^* \simeq \mu_n$ on $\text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\tilde{\tau} \cap M^*]$ is defined by $\bar{b} \cdot \mathbf{e}(a) := f(\bar{a}, \bar{b})\mathbf{e}(a)$ ($a \in \tilde{\tau} \cap M^*, b \in N$). Then $\bar{e}_1 \cdot x = \zeta x$ and $\bar{e}_1 \cdot y = \zeta^\ell y$. Because f is non-singular we see $\text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\tilde{\tau} \cap M] \simeq \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[x, y]^{N/N^*} \simeq \mathbf{A}^2/C_{n, \ell}$. \square

The minimal resolution S of X_τ is constructed by using the continued fraction $\frac{n}{\ell} = [[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r]]$ as follows.

Let $v_\mu := j_\mu e_1 + k_\mu e_2$ and we subdivide τ into $\tau_\mu := \langle v_{\mu-1}, v_\mu \rangle$ ($\mu = 1, \dots, r+1$). Let Δ be the fan consisting of all of τ_μ and its faces. (1.3) shows that affine charts $U_\mu := \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\tilde{\tau}_\mu \cup M]$ ($\mu = 1, 2, \dots, r+1$) are smooth. Since $v_{\mu+1} + v_{\mu-1} = b_\mu v_\mu$ and $b_\mu \geq 2$, $\tilde{S} := T_{N\text{emb}}(\Delta)$ is the minimal resolution of X_τ . And the dual graph of the exceptional set of this minimal resolution is:



By the proof of Proposition 2.1 we see $\mathbf{A}^2 \simeq \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[x, y]$ and $\mathbf{A}^2/G \simeq X_\tau$ where $x = \mathbf{e}(\frac{1}{n}f_1)$, $y = \mathbf{e}(f_2 - \frac{n-\ell}{n}f_1)$. By definition

$$U_\mu = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\mathbf{e}(k_{\mu-1}f_1 - j_{\mu-1}f_2), \mathbf{e}(-k_\mu f_1 + j_\mu f_2)].$$

Hence by (1.3) we see

$$\begin{aligned}
 -k_\mu f_1 + j_\mu f_2 &= -i_\mu \left(\frac{1}{n}f_1 \right) + j_\mu \left(f_2 - \frac{n-\ell}{n}f_1 \right), \\
 U_\mu &= \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[s_\mu, t_\mu], \quad s_\mu = x^{i_\mu-1}/y^{j_\mu-1}, \quad t_\mu = y^{j_\mu}/x^{i_\mu}. \quad (2.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Hilbert Schemes and Symmetric Products

Let $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ be the n th symmetric product of \mathbf{A}^2 . This is by definition the quotient of the product of n copies of \mathbf{A}^2 by the natural permutation action of the symmetry group of n letters.

Lemma 3.1 *Let $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ be the subset of $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ consisting of all the points of $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ fixed by any element of G . Then $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ has a unique natural normal surface structure isomorphic to \mathbf{A}^2/G .*

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{q} (\neq 0) \in \mathbf{A}^2$. The point \mathfrak{q} is fixed by no element of G except

the identity. Therefore the set $G \cdot \mathfrak{q} := \{g(\mathfrak{q}); g \in G\}$ determines a point in $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$. Conversely any point of $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ is an unordered set Σ of n points in \mathbf{A}^2 . If Σ contains a point \mathfrak{q} different from the origin, the above argument shows that Σ contains the set $G \cdot \mathfrak{q}$. Since $|\Sigma| = |n| = |G|$, we have $\Sigma = G \cdot \mathfrak{q}$.

We see that $G \cdot \mathfrak{q} = G \cdot \mathfrak{q}'$ for a pair of points $\mathfrak{q}(\neq 0)$ and $\mathfrak{q}'(\neq 0)$ if and only if $\mathfrak{q}' \in G \cdot \mathfrak{q}$. Therefore we have the isomorphism $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2 \setminus \{0\})^G \simeq (\mathbf{A}^2 \setminus \{0\})/G$, which extends to a natural bijection j between $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ and \mathbf{A}^2/G . Since \mathbf{A}^2/G is normal, $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ has a unique structure of normal complex space via the bijection j . Hence j gives the isomorphism $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G \simeq \mathbf{A}^2/G$. \square

Definition 3.2 Let $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ be the *Hilbert scheme of n points* on \mathbf{A}^2 . By definition any $Z \in \text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is a zero dimensional subscheme with $h^0(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z) = \dim(\mathcal{O}_Z) = n$.

Remark We identify a subscheme Z and the defining ideal I_Z of Z , so that we consider $I_Z \in \text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ since no confusion is possible.

The group G acts on \mathbf{A}^2 so that it acts on $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ canonically. Let $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ be the subset of $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ consisting of all the points fixed by any element of G . The Hilbert scheme $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is nonsingular ([F]) and the action of G on $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ at any point of $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ is linearized, therefore $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ is also nonsingular ([IN98, Lemma 9.1]).

Definition 3.3 Let $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ be a unique irreducible component of $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ dominating $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$.

We have a natural morphism $\pi : \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2) \rightarrow S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$ defined by $\pi(Z) = \sum_{p \in \mathbf{A}^2} (\dim \mathcal{O}_{Z,p})p$ for $Z \in \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. Any point of $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G \setminus \{0\}$ is a G -orbit of a point $\mathfrak{q}(\neq (0, 0)) \in \mathbf{A}^2$. It determines a G -invariant reduced zero dimensional subscheme. This gives the inverse map of π over $(\mathbf{A}^2 \setminus \{0\})/G$. It follows that $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is birationally equivalent to $S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G$. In fact, we prove that $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is the minimal resolution of \mathbf{A}^2/G in Section 5.

Lemma 3.4 Let I_Z be the defining ideal of $Z \in \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. Any G -invariant function vanishing on $\text{supp}(Z)$ is contained in I_Z .

Especially if $\text{supp}(Z) = \{0\}$ then I_Z contains all of $x^{\alpha\nu}y^{\beta\nu}$ and $x^{i(\mu)}y^{j(\mu)}$.

Proof. First we check $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_Z \simeq \mathbf{C}[G]$ as G -modules. Let $H := \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ and $G := \{g_1 = \text{id}, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$. If Z is a G -orbit of a point $p \neq (0, 0)$ then $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_Z = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbf{C}\delta_{g_i}$ where $\delta_{g_i}(g_j p) := \delta_{ij}$. G acts on $\bigoplus \mathbf{C}\delta_{g_i}$ by $(g_j \circ \delta_{g_i})(p) := \delta_{g_i}(g_j^{-1} p) = \delta_{g_j g_i}(p)$ and it gives $\mathbf{C}[G] \simeq \bigoplus \mathbf{C}\delta_{g_i}$ ($g_i \mapsto \delta_{g_i}$) as G -modules.

Because $\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_Z = n$ for any $Z \in H$, $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2 \times H}$ is a locally free \mathcal{O} -module of rank n . G operates upon the vector space $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2 \times \{Z\}}/I_Z$ and the coefficients of the action of g_i are regular functions on H . By $g_i^n = 1$ ($\forall i$) we see that all the eigenvalues are roots of unity. In particular its trace is independent of $Z \in H$. Since any representation of a finite group is uniquely determined by its character, the representation of G in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2 \times \{Z\}}/I_Z$ is independent of $Z \in H$. Therefore $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_Z \simeq \mathbf{C}[G]$ for any $Z \in H$.

$\mathbf{C}[G]$ has a unique trivial G -submodule $\mathbf{C}(\sum_{g \in G} g)$ by the complete reducibility of G -module. Therefore a G -submodule spanned by G -invariant functions in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_Z$ is isomorphic to \mathbf{C} as G -modules. It follows that any G -invariant function vanishing on Z is contained in I_Z .

By (1.4) $x^{\alpha_\nu} y^{\beta_\nu}$ are G -invariant functions. Combining with Proposition 1.3 if $\text{supp}(Z) = \{0\}$ then $x^{\alpha_\nu} y^{\beta_\nu}, x^{i(\mu)} y^{j(\mu)} \in I_Z$. \square

4. $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$

Theorem 4.1 *Let $G = C_{n,\ell}$. Then $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ set-theoretically consists of the following G -invariant ideals of colength $n = |G|$:*

$$I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) := (x^{i_\mu-1} - p_\mu y^{j_\mu-1}, y^{j_\mu} - q_\mu x^{i_\mu}, x^{i(\mu)} y^{j(\mu)} - p_\mu q_\mu)$$

where $1 \leq \mu \leq r+1$ and $(p_\mu, q_\mu) \in \mathbf{A}^2$.

Remark

- (i) $r, i_\mu, j_\mu, i(\mu)$ and $j(\mu)$ are nonnegative integers defined in (1.1), (1.2) and (1.4).
- (ii) $I_{r+1}(p_{r+1}, 0) = (x, y^n)$ because $i_r = 1, i_{r+1} = 0$.
- (iii) $\{x^{i_\mu}; 1 \leq \mu \leq r\}$ is a set of *special* representations which are associated to the irreducible components of the exceptional set in the minimal resolution of \mathbf{A}^2/G by the work of Riemenschneider [R98] and Wunram [W].

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{m}_\mathfrak{p}$ (resp. $\mathfrak{m}_{A_{n,\ell}}$) be the maximal ideal of $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbf{A}^2$ (resp. of the origin of $A_{n,\ell}$) and $\mathfrak{n} = \mathfrak{m}_{A_{n,\ell}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}$. We put $\mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{m}_{(0,0)}$.

We note $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu)$ is a G -invariant ideal. In fact, $i_\mu \equiv \ell j_\mu \pmod{n}$ by (1.3) and $x^{i(\mu)}y^{j(\mu)}$ is a G -invariant function by Proposition 1.3 and (1.3).

First we consider the case where $\text{supp}(Z) \neq \{0\}$. We recall that the subset $\{Z \in \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2); \text{supp}(Z) \neq \{0\}\}$ is bijective to $(\mathbf{A}^2 \setminus \{0\})/G$. Hence for any $Z \in \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ with $\text{supp}(Z) \neq \{0\}$, there exists a point $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp}(Z)$ such that $I_Z = \prod_{\mathfrak{q} \in G\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{q}}$. Next we prove that I_Z coincides with one of the I_μ for a suitable pair (p_μ, q_μ) . If $\mathfrak{p} = (u, v) \in \mathbf{A}^2$ with $uv \neq 0$, we put $p_\mu := u^{i_\mu-1}/v^{j_\mu-1}$ and $q_\mu := v^{j_\mu}/u^{i_\mu}$ for any $1 \leq \mu \leq r$. Then $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) \subset \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}$. If $v = 0$ and $u \neq 0$ (resp. if $u = 0$ and $v \neq 0$), then we see $I_1(u^n, 0) \subset \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ (resp. $I_{r+1}(0, v^n) \subset \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}$).

Since $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu)$ is G -invariant, we infer $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) \subset \prod_{\mathfrak{q} \in G\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{q}}$. On the other hand $\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) \leq n$. In fact $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu)$ is spanned by monomials $x^{\lambda_1}y^{\lambda_2}$ where

$$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \Lambda := \{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2); 0 \leq \lambda_1 < i_{\mu-1} \text{ and } 0 \leq \lambda_2 < j_\mu - j_{\mu-1}, \\ \text{or } 0 \leq \lambda_1 < i_{\mu-1} - i_\mu \text{ and } j_\mu - j_{\mu-1} \leq \lambda_2 < j_\mu\}.$$

And by (1.3) $i_{\mu-1}(j_\mu - j_{\mu-1}) + \{j_\mu - (j_\mu - j_{\mu-1})\}(i_{\mu-1} - i_\mu) = n$. It follows that $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) = \prod_{\mathfrak{q} \in G\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{q}}$.

As we remarked after Definition 3.3, $\pi : \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2) \rightarrow S^n(\mathbf{A}^2)^G \simeq \mathbf{A}^2/G$ is a resolution, which is an isomorphism over $(\mathbf{A}^2 \setminus \{0\})/G$. Now we study the exceptional set $\pi^{-1}(0) = \{Z \in \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2); \text{supp}(Z) = \{0\}\}$. We prove that it is the union of $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu)$ with $p_\mu q_\mu = 0$ ($1 \leq \mu \leq r-1$) and $I_1(0, q_1)$, $I_{r+1}(p_{r+1}, 0)$. In fact, since \mathbf{A}^2/G is a normal surface, it follows from Zariski's connectedness theorem ([EGA], III 4.3) that $\pi^{-1}(0)$ is connected. Hence we can determine $\pi^{-1}(0)$ by using deformations.

We remark first that by definition of I_μ , $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) \subset \mathfrak{m}$ if and only if $p_\mu q_\mu = 0$ for $2 \leq \mu \leq r$ or $p_1 = 0$ or $q_{r+1} = 0$. Moreover we check that these ideals belong to $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. In fact, if $p_\mu q_\mu = 0$ the monomials $\{x^{\lambda_1}y^{\lambda_2}; (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \Lambda\}$ is a basis of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu)$. Therefore $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu) \in \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$.

Now let Z be the subscheme defined by one of the ideals $I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu)$. We consider G -equivariant versal deformations of Z . The tangent space of $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ at a point I_Z is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}}(I_Z, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_Z)^G$. Now we prove a lemma to determine deformations of Z inside $\pi^{-1}(0)$.

Lemma 4.2 *There is a basis $\{\phi_-, \phi_+\}$ of $T := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}}(I_\mu(0, 0), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_\mu(0, 0))$*

$I_\mu(0,0))^G$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_-(x^{i_\mu-1}) &= y^{j_\mu-1}, & \phi_-(y^{j_\mu}) &= 0, \\ \phi_+(x^{i_\mu-1}) &= 0, & \phi_+(y^{j_\mu}) &= x^{i_\mu}.\end{aligned}$$

Proof. We put $I := I_\mu(0,0) = (x^{i_\mu-1}, y^{j_\mu}, x^{i(\mu)}y^{j(\mu)})$. It follows from $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I \simeq \mathbf{C}[G]$ that G -invariant $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}$ -homomorphism $\phi \in T$ does not change the characters of elements of I . Since $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I$ has a basis $\{x^{\lambda_1}y^{\lambda_2}; (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \Lambda\}$ and $i_\mu \equiv \ell j_\mu \pmod{n}$, ϕ is defined by

$$\phi(x^{i_\mu-1}) = c_1 y^{j_\mu-1}, \quad \phi(y^{j_\mu}) = c_2 x^{i_\mu}, \quad \phi(x^{i(\mu)}y^{j(\mu)}) = c_3 \quad (c_i \in \mathbf{C}).$$

Applying ϕ to $x^{i_\mu-1}y^{j(\mu)} \in I$, we see

$$\phi(x^{i_\mu-1}y^{j(\mu)}) = y^{j(\mu)}\phi(x^{i_\mu-1}) = c_1 y^{j_\mu} = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I.$$

Since $\phi(x^{i_\mu-1}y^{j(\mu)}) = \phi(x^{i_\mu}x^{i(\mu)}y^{j(\mu)}) = c_3 x^{i_\mu}$ and $x^{i_\mu} \neq 0$ in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}$, we infer $c_3 = 0$. Thus the lemma follows from $\dim T = \dim \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2) = 2$. \square

By Lemma 4.2 $\{I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu); (p_\mu, q_\mu) \in \mathbf{A}^2\}$ is a G -equivariant versal deformation of $I_\mu(0,0)$. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}x^{i_\mu-1}y^{j_\mu} &= x^{i_\mu}y^{j_\mu-1}x^{i(\mu)}y^{j(\mu)}, \\ y^{j_\mu+1} &= (y^{j_\mu} - q_\mu x^{i_\mu})y^{j(\mu+1)} + q_\mu x^{i_\mu+1}x^{i(\mu+1)}y^{j(\mu+1)} \in I_\mu(0, q_\mu).\end{aligned}$$

because $x^{i(\mu+1)}y^{j(\mu+1)} \in I_\mu(0, q_\mu)$ by Lemma 3.4. We see $I_\mu(0, q_\mu) = I_{\mu+1}(q_\mu^{-1}, 0)$ for $q_\mu \neq 0$. Hence $\lim_{q_\mu \rightarrow \infty} I_\mu(0, q_\mu) = I_{\mu+1}(0,0)$ for $\mu \leq r$. To be more precise in $\text{Grass}(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{m}^n, n-1)$ we get $\lim_{q_\mu \rightarrow \infty} I_\mu(0, q_\mu)/\mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{m}^n = I_{\mu+1}(0,0)/\mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{m}^n$. Similarly we infer $\lim_{p_\mu \rightarrow \infty} I_\mu(p_\mu, 0) = I_{\mu-1}(0,0)$ for $\mu \geq 2$.

Since $\pi^{-1}(0)$ is connected. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^{-1}(0) &= \{I_1(0, q_1)\} \cup \{I_{r+1}(p_{r+1}, 0)\} \\ &\quad \cup \{I_\mu(p_\mu, q_\mu); p_\mu q_\mu = 0, 2 \leq \mu \leq r\}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus Theorem 4.1 is proved. \square

5. The isomorphism $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2) \simeq S$

Theorem 5.1 *Let S be the toric minimal resolution of the cyclic singularity $A_{n,\ell} = \mathbf{A}^2/G$. Then $S \simeq \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. In fact, let $U_\mu = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[s_\mu, t_\mu]$*

the affine charts of S ($1 \leq \mu \leq r+1$) given in Section 2. Then the isomorphism of S with $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is given by the morphism defined by the universal property of $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ from the S -flat family of zero dimensional subschemes defined by the G -invariant ideals of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}$;

$$I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu) := (x^{i_\mu-1} - s_\mu y^{j_\mu-1}, y^{j_\mu} - t_\mu x^{i_\mu}, x^{i(\mu)} y^{j(\mu)} - s_\mu t_\mu).$$

Proof. First we check that $I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu) = I_{\mu+1}(s_{\mu+1}, t_{\mu+1})$ if two points $(s_\mu, t_\mu) \in U_\mu$ and $(s_{\mu+1}, t_{\mu+1}) \in U_{\mu+1}$ are coincident in S . In fact, if both the points represent the same point in S , then it follows from (2.1) that $s_{\mu+1}t_\mu = 1$ and $t_{\mu+1} = t_\mu^{b_\mu} s_\mu$. Then $x^{i_\mu} - s_{\mu+1}y^{j_\mu} = s_{\mu+1}(t_\mu x^{i_\mu} - y^{j_\mu}) \in I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$. We check

$$\begin{aligned} h(b_\mu) &:= x^{i(\mu+1)} y^{j(\mu+1)} - s_{\mu+1} t_{\mu+1} \\ &= x^{i(\mu)-(b_\mu-2)i_\mu} y^{j(\mu)+(b_\mu-2)j_\mu} - t_\mu^{b_\mu-1} s_\mu \end{aligned}$$

is contained in $I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$ by induction on b_μ . If $b_\mu = 2$ then $h(b_\mu) = x^{i(\mu)} y^{j(\mu)} - s_\mu t_\mu \in I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$. If $b_\mu > 2$ then $j(\mu+1) > j_\mu$ and

$$h(b_\mu) = x^{i(\mu+1)} y^{j(\mu+1)-j_\mu} (y^{j_\mu} - t_\mu x^{i_\mu}) + t_\mu h(b_\mu - 1).$$

By the induction hypothesis $h(b_\mu - 1) \in I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$ and we get $h(b_\mu) \in I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$. Since $y^{j_{\mu+1}} - t_{\mu+1} x^{i_{\mu+1}} = y^{j(\mu+1)} (y^{j_\mu} - t_\mu x^{i_\mu}) + t_\mu x^{i_{\mu+1}} h(b_\mu) \in I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$ we see $I_{\mu+1}(s_{\mu+1}, t_{\mu+1}) \subset I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$. Both the ideals have the same colength n . Hence $I_{\mu+1}(s_{\mu+1}, t_{\mu+1}) = I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$.

Therefore the family of the zero dimensional subschemes defined by I_μ is well-defined on S . Since $\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{A}^2}/I_\mu(s_\mu, t_\mu)$ is constant, this family is S -flat. By the universality of $\text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$ we have a natural morphism $f : S \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{A}^2)$, which factors through $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ by the G -invariance of the ideals I_μ . By the proof of Theorem 4.1, in fact because no irreducible component of $\pi^{-1}(0)$ is contracted by f by Lemma 4.2, we have a finite birational morphism of S onto $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. Since $\text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$ is nonsingular and S is minimal we infer $S \simeq \text{Hilb}^G(\mathbf{A}^2)$. \square

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