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*F-manifolds, multi-flat structures and Painlevé
transcendents*

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Plan of the talk

First part: bi-flat F -manifolds.

1. Bi-flat F -manifolds as generalization of Frobenius manifolds.
2. Bi-flat F -manifolds and integrable systems.
3. Bi-flat F -manifolds and Painlevé transcendents

Second part: multi-flat F -manifolds.

1. Multi-flat F -manifolds in the semisimple case: necessary conditions for the existence.
2. Multi-flat F -manifolds in the regular non semisimple case.

Frobenius manifolds (Dubrovin)

Definition

A (non conformal) Frobenius manifold (M, \circ, η, e) is a manifold endowed with an associative commutative product \circ with unity e , a flat pseudo-metric η :

- the pseudo-metric η is invariant w.r.t the product:
 $\langle X, Y \circ Z \rangle = \langle Z, X \circ Y \rangle, \forall X, Y, Z.$
- the Levi-Civita connection ∇ is compatible with the product:

$$\nabla_X \circ (Y, Z) = \nabla_Y \circ (X, Z), \forall X, Y, Z.$$

- the unity e is flat.

Applications

- **Topological field theory:** from the previous axioms it follows that in flat coordinates

$$c_{jk}^i = \eta^{il} \partial_l \partial_j \partial_k F$$

The Frobenius potential satisfies the WDVV equations.

- **Integrable Hamiltonian hierarchies:** The metric η define a local Hamiltonian operator of Dubrovin-Novikov type

$$P^{ij} = \eta^{ij} \partial_x - \eta^{il} \Gamma_{lk}^j U_x^k.$$

The flows of the hierarchy are

$$U_{t_{(p,\alpha)}}^i = P^{ij} \partial_j h_{(p,\alpha)}, \quad p = 1, \dots, n, \quad \alpha = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where $h_{(p,0)}$ are flat coordinates and $h_{(p,\alpha)}$ are defined by

$$\nabla_i \nabla_j h_{(p,\alpha+1)} = c_{ij}^k \nabla_k h_{(p,\alpha)}.$$

This hierarchy is called the *principal hierarchy*.

Euler vector field

In the case of conformal Frobenius manifolds there exists a second distinguished (invertible) vector field, called the *Euler vector field* satisfying the following conditions

$$\nabla\nabla E = 0, [e, E] = e, \text{Lie}_E \circ = \circ, \text{Lie}_E \eta = D\eta$$

Consequences

- dual product:

$$X * Y := E^{-1} \circ X \circ Y \quad (1)$$

- a second contravariant flat metric g called the intersection form and defined as $g^{ij} = \eta^{il} c_{lk}^j E^k$.
- Bi-Hamiltonian structure:

$$P_{(1)}^{ij} = \eta^{ij} \partial_x - \eta^{il} \Gamma_{lk}^j u_x^k, \quad P_{(2)}^{ij} = g^{ij} \partial_x - g^{il} b_{lk}^j u_x^k.$$

Classical Lenard-Magri chain:

$$P_{(1)} dh_{(p,0)} = 0, \quad P_{(1)} dh_{(p,l+1)} = P_{(2)} dh_{(p,l)}.$$

Two remarks

1. The flows of the principal hierarchy are

$$u_{t_{(p,\alpha)}}^i = (X_{(p,\alpha)} \circ u_X)^i = c_{jk}^i X_{(p,\alpha)}^j u_X^k, \quad p = 1, \dots, n, \quad \alpha = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where

$$\nabla X_{(p,0)} = 0, \quad \nabla X_{(p,\alpha+1)} = X_{(p,\alpha)} \circ .$$

It is Hamiltonian (w.r.t. a local Hamiltonian operator of Dubrovin-Novikov type) iff there exists a (pseudo)-metric η satisfying

- $\nabla \eta = 0$.
- $\langle X, Y \circ Z \rangle = \langle Z, X \circ Y \rangle, \quad \forall X, Y, Z$.

2. Classical Lenard-Magri recursion relations can be written as

$$\nabla^{(1)} X_{(p,0)} = 0, \quad \nabla^{(1)} X_{(p,l+1)} = \nabla^{(2)} (E \circ X_{(p,l)}).$$

Flat F -manifolds (Manin)

Definition

A flat F -manifold (M, \circ, ∇, e) is a manifold M equipped with the following data:

1. a commutative associate product $\circ : TM \times TM \rightarrow TM$ with flat unit e .
2. a flat torsionless affine connection ∇ , such that $\nabla_X \circ (Y, Z) = \nabla_Y \circ (X, Z)$ for all vector fields X, Y , and Z .

In flat coordinates $c_{jk}^i = \partial_j \partial_k A^i$. The principal hierarchy is still well defined but it is not Hamiltonian. In flat coordinates the flows of the hierarchy are systems of conservation laws.

Bi-flat F -manifolds (Arsie, L.)

Definition

A bi-flat F -manifold $(M, \nabla^{(1)}, \nabla^{(2)}, \circ_{(1)}, \circ_{(2)}, E_{(1)} = e, E_{(2)} = E)$ is a manifold M endowed with a pair of flat connections $\nabla^{(1)}$ and $\nabla^{(2)}$, a pair of products $\circ_{(1)}$ and $\circ_{(2)}$ on the tangent spaces $T_u M$ and a pair of vector fields e and E s.t.:

- E is an Euler vector field: $[e, E] = e, \text{Lie}_E \circ_{(1)} = \circ_{(1)}$.
- the product $\circ_{(1)}$ is commutative, associative and with unity e .
- the product $\circ_{(2)}$ is commutative, associative and with unity E . It is defined as: $X \circ_{(2)} Y = E^{-1} \circ_{(1)} X \circ_{(1)} Y, \forall X, Y$.
- $\nabla^{(1)}$ is compatible with $\circ_{(1)}$ and $\nabla^{(2)}$ is compatible with $\circ_{(2)}$:

$$\nabla_X^{(l)} \circ_{(l)}(Y, Z) = \nabla_Y^{(l)} \circ_{(l)}(X, Z), \quad l = 1, 2, \quad \forall X, Y, Z$$

- $\nabla^{(1)} e = 0$ and $\nabla^{(2)} E = 0$,
- $(d_{\nabla^{(1)}} - d_{\nabla^{(2)}})(X \circ) = 0, \quad \forall X$, where d_{∇} is the exterior covariant derivative: $(d_{\nabla} \omega)_{i_0 \dots i_k}^l = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \nabla_{i_j} \omega_{i_0 \dots \hat{i}_j \dots i_k}^l$.

Painlevé equations

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} = 6w^2 + z$$

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} = 2w^3 + zw + \alpha$$

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} = \frac{1}{w} \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right) + \frac{\alpha w^2 + \beta}{z} + \gamma w^3 + \frac{\delta}{w}$$

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} = \frac{1}{2w} \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} w^3 + 4zw^2 + 2(z^2 - \alpha)w + \frac{\beta}{w}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} = & \left(\frac{1}{2w} + \frac{1}{w-1} \right) \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right) + \frac{(w-1)^2}{z^2} \left(\alpha w + \frac{\beta}{w} \right) + \\ & + \frac{\gamma w}{z} + \frac{\delta w(w+1)}{w-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} = & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{w} + \frac{1}{w-1} + \frac{1}{w-z} \right) \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{w-z} \right) \left(\frac{dw}{dz} \right) + \\ & + \frac{w(w-1)(w-z)}{z^2(z-1)^2} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta z}{w^2} + \frac{\gamma(z-1)}{(w-1)^2} + \frac{\delta z(z-1)}{(w-z)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

σ -form of Painlevé equations

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dz^2}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\right)^3 + 2z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} - 2\sigma = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dz^2}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\right)^3 + 2\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\left(z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} - \sigma\right) = \frac{1}{4}\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dz^2}\right)^2 + \left[4\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\right)^2 - 1\right]\left(z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} - \sigma\right) + \lambda_0\lambda_1\frac{d\sigma}{dz} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\lambda_0^2 + \lambda_1^2\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dz^2}\right)^2 - 4\left(z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} - \sigma\right)^2 + 4\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\left(z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} + 2\theta_0\right)\left(z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} + 2\theta_\infty\right) = 0$$

$$\left(z\frac{d^2\sigma}{dz^2}\right)^2 - 2\left[2\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\right)^2 - z\frac{d\sigma}{dz} + \sigma\right]^2 + 4\prod_{j=1}^4\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dz} + \kappa_j\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\left(z(z-1)\frac{d^2\sigma}{dz^2}\right)^2 + \left[\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\left(2\sigma - (2z-1)\frac{d\sigma}{dz}\right) + \beta_1\beta_2\beta_3\beta_4\right]^2 = \prod_{j=1}^4\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dz} + \beta_j\right)$$

Classification: the semisimple case

In canonical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}c_{jk}^i &= \delta_j^i \delta_k^i, & c_{jk}^{*i} &= \frac{1}{u^i} \delta_j^i \delta_k^i, \\e &= \sum_k \partial_k, & E &= \sum_k u^k \partial_k \\ \Gamma_{ij}^{(1)i} &= \Gamma_{ij}^{(2)i} = \Gamma_{ij}^i, & i &\neq j\end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{jk}^{(1)i} &:= 0 & \Gamma_{jk}^{(2)i} &:= 0 & \forall i \neq j \neq k \neq i \\ \Gamma_{jj}^{(1)i} &:= -\Gamma_{ij}^{(1)i}, & \Gamma_{jj}^{(2)i} &:= -\frac{u^j}{u^i} \Gamma_{ij}^{(2)i} & i \neq j \\ \Gamma_{ii}^{(1)i} &:= -\sum_{l \neq i} \Gamma_{il}^{(1)i}, & \Gamma_{ii}^{(2)i} &:= -\sum_{l \neq i} \frac{u^l}{u^i} \Gamma_{il}^{(2)i} - \frac{1}{u^i},\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Flatness conditions

Let $R_{(l)}$ be the Riemann tensor of the connection $\nabla_{(l)}$, $E_{(1)} = e$ and $E_{(2)} = E$, then the condition $R_{(l)} = 0$ splits in two parts:

1. $[\text{Lie}_{E_{(l)}}, \nabla_{(l)}](T) = 0$, for any tensor field T .
2. geometric version of Tsarev's conditions of integrability:
 $Z_{\circ(l)} R_{(l)}(W, Y)(X) + W_{\circ(l)} R_{(l)}(Y, Z)(X) + Y_{\circ(l)} R_{(l)}(Z, W)(X) = 0$,
for any vector fields X, Y, Z, W .

In canonical coordinates for \circ the first condition reads

$$E_{(l)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = -(\partial_j E_{(l)}^j) \Gamma_{ij}^i, \quad i \neq j$$

and the second condition coincides with

$$\partial_j \Gamma_{ik}^i + \Gamma_{ij}^i \Gamma_{ik}^i - \Gamma_{ik}^i \Gamma_{kj}^k - \Gamma_{ij}^i \Gamma_{jk}^j = 0, \quad \text{if } i \neq k \neq j \neq i.$$

As a first step we have to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned}E_{(0)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) &= [\partial_1 + \partial_2 + \partial_3]\Gamma_{ij}^i = 0, \\E_{(1)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) &= [u^1\partial_1 + u^2\partial_2 + u^3\partial_3]\Gamma_{ij}^i = -\Gamma_{ij}^i,\end{aligned}$$

the solutions of which are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{12}^1 &= \frac{F_{12} \left(\frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2} \right)}{u^1 - u^2}, & \Gamma_{13}^1 &= \frac{F_{13} \left(\frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2} \right)}{u^1 - u^3}, & \Gamma_{21}^2 &= \frac{F_{21} \left(\frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2} \right)}{u^2 - u^1}, \\ \Gamma_{23}^2 &= \frac{F_{23} \left(\frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2} \right)}{u^2 - u^3}, & \Gamma_{31}^3 &= \frac{F_{31} \left(\frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2} \right)}{u^3 - u^1}, & \Gamma_{32}^3 &= \frac{F_{32} \left(\frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2} \right)}{u^3 - u^2}.\end{aligned}$$

where F_{ij} , $i \neq j$ are arbitrary smooth functions.

Imposing Tsarev's conditions and introducing the auxiliary variable $z = \frac{u^2 - u^3}{u^1 - u^2}$, we obtain the system

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dF_{12}}{dz} &= - \frac{(F_{12}(z)F_{23}(z) - F_{12}(z)F_{13}(z))z - F_{12}(z)F_{23}(z) + F_{32}(z)F_{13}(z)}{z(z-1)}, \\
 \frac{dF_{21}}{dz} &= \frac{(F_{21}(z)F_{23}(z) - F_{21}(z)F_{13}(z))z + F_{23}(z)F_{31}(z) - F_{23}(z)F_{21}(z)}{z(z-1)}, \\
 \frac{dF_{13}}{dz} &= \frac{(F_{12}(z)F_{23}(z) - F_{12}(z)F_{13}(z))z - F_{12}(z)F_{23}(z) + F_{32}(z)F_{13}(z)}{z(z-1)}, \\
 \frac{dF_{31}}{dz} &= - \frac{(-F_{31}(z)F_{12}(z) + F_{21}(z)F_{32}(z))z + F_{31}(z)F_{32}(z) - F_{21}(z)F_{32}(z)}{z(z-1)}, \\
 \frac{dF_{23}}{dz} &= - \frac{(F_{21}(z)F_{23}(z) - F_{21}(z)F_{13}(z))z + F_{23}(z)F_{31}(z) - F_{23}(z)F_{21}(z)}{z(z-1)}, \\
 \frac{dF_{32}}{dz} &= \frac{(-F_{31}(z)F_{12}(z) + F_{21}(z)F_{32}(z))z + F_{31}(z)F_{32}(z) - F_{21}(z)F_{32}(z)}{z(z-1)},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

It is straightforward to check that the above system admits three linear first integrals

$$I_1 = F_{12} + F_{13}, \quad (4)$$

$$I_2 = F_{23} + F_{21}, \quad (5)$$

$$I_3 = F_{31} + F_{32}, \quad (6)$$

one quadratic first integral

$$I_4 = F_{31}F_{13} + F_{12}F_{21} + F_{23}F_{32}, \quad (7)$$

and one cubic first integral

$$I_5 = F_{21}F_{13}F_{32} + F_{12}F_{23}F_{31} + (I_2 - I_3)F_{13}F_{31} + (I_1 - I_3)F_{23}F_{32}, \quad (8)$$

where I_1, I_2, I_3 are given by (4), (5) and (6) respectively.

Theorem

Let $(F_{12}(z), F_{21}(z), F_{13}(z), F_{31}(z), F_{23}(z), F_{32}(z))$ be a solution of the system (3), then the function

$$f = F_{23}F_{32} + zF_{12}F_{21} - \frac{l_4}{2}$$

is a solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} [z(z-1)f'']^2 &= [F_{23}F_{31}F_{12} - F_{13}F_{32}F_{21}]^2 = \\ &= [l_5 - (l_2 - l_3)F_{13}F_{31} - (l_1 - l_3)F_{23}F_{32}]^2 - 4F_{23}F_{31}F_{12}F_{13}F_{32}F_{21} = \\ &= [l_5 - (l_2 - l_3)g_1 - (l_1 - l_3)g_2]^2 - 4f'g_1g_2. \end{aligned}$$

where $g_1 = f - zf' + \frac{l_4}{2}$, $g_2 = (z-1)f' - f + \frac{l_4}{2}$.

The above equation can be reduced to the sigma form of the generic Painlevé VI equation. Conversely it is possible to construct a bi-flat F -manifold starting from any solution of the generic Painlevé VI equation.

Regular non-semisimple case

The manifold M is assumed to be *regular*, which means that for each $p \in M$ the endomorphism $L_p := E_p \circ : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$ has exactly one Jordan block for each distinct eigenvalue.

For three-dimensional manifolds, this gives rise to three cases, corresponding to L_1, L_2 and L_3 given by:

$$L_1 := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_2 := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_3 := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

(here λ_j with different indices are assumed to be distinct)

Theorem

Regular bi-flat F -manifolds in dimension three such that L_p has three equal eigenvalues and one Jordan block are locally parameterized by solutions of the full Painlevé IV equation.

Regular bi-flat F -manifolds in dimension three such that L_p has two distinct eigenvalues and two Jordan blocks are locally parameterized by solutions of the full Painlevé V equation.

Summarizing

$$L_1 := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ corresponds to PVI}$$

$$L_2 := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ corresponds to PV}$$

$$L_3 := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ corresponds to PIV}$$

Multiflat structures

Vector field	Associated product	Associated connection
e	\circ	∇
E	$\circ^{(1)}$	$\nabla^{(1)}$
$E \circ E$	$\circ^{(2)}$	$\nabla^{(2)}$
$E \circ E \circ E$	$\circ^{(3)}$	$\nabla^{(3)}$
...

Definition

A multi-flat F -manifold $(M, \nabla^{(l)}, \circ, e, E, l = 0 \dots N - 1)$ is a manifold M endowed with N flat torsionless affine connections

$\nabla^{(0)} := \nabla, \nabla^{(1)}, \dots, \nabla^{(N-1)}$, a commutative associative product \circ on TM with unity e , an Euler vector field E satisfying the following conditions:

1. Given $E_{(l)} := E^{\circ l} = E \circ E \circ \dots \circ E$ l -times, $l = 0, \dots, N - 1$, (by definition, $E_{(0)} = e, E_{(1)} = E$), then we require $\nabla^{(l)} E_{(l)} = 0$.
2. Given $E_{(l)}$ and the related commutative, associative product $\circ_{(l)}$ defined as $X \circ_{(l)} Y := X \circ Y \circ E_{(l)}^{-1}$, we require that

$$\nabla_X^{(l)} \circ_{(l)} (Y, Z) = \nabla_Y^{(l)} \circ_{(l)} (X, Z), \quad (9)$$

for all vector fields X, Y , and Z for all $l = 0, \dots, N - 1$.

3. The connections $\nabla^{(l)}, l = 0, \dots, N - 1$ satisfy the condition.

$$(d_{\nabla} - d_{\nabla^{(l)}})(X \circ) = 0 \quad \forall X. \quad (10)$$

Existence of multifold structure in the semisimple case

$$\Gamma_{ij}^{(l)i} = \Gamma_{ij}^i, \quad i \neq j, \quad \forall l.$$

Flatness conditions

$$E_{(l)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) + (\partial_j E_{(l)}^j) \Gamma_{ij}^i = 0, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1 \quad (11)$$

can be written as

$$\hat{E}_{(l)}(\phi_{ij}) := E_{(l)}(\phi_{ij}) - (\partial_j E_{(l)}^j) u^{n+1} \partial_{n+1} \phi_{ij} = 0, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1. \quad (12)$$

where $\phi_{ij}(u^1, \dots, u^n, u^{n+1})$ is the function defining implicitly Γ_{ij}^i :

$$\phi_{ij}(u^1, \dots, u^n, \Gamma_{ij}^i(u^1, \dots, u^n)) = \text{constant}$$

In this way, determining ϕ_{ij} can be interpreted as the problem of finding invariant functions for the distribution Δ generated by the vector fields $\{\hat{E}_{(l)}\}_{l=0, \dots, N-1}$.

Theorem

Let $\Delta_{(0,\dots,k)}$ be the distribution spanned by the vector fields $\hat{e}, \hat{E}, \dots, \hat{E}_{(k)}$ in the $n + 1$ -dimensional space with coordinates $(u^1, \dots, u^n, u^{n+1})$. Then:

1. The distributions $\Delta_{(0,1)}$ and $\Delta_{(0,1,2)}$ are integrable.
2. $\Delta_{(0,1,2,3)}$ is not integrable. Furthermore, at the points where $u^i \neq u^k$ ($i \neq k, i, k = 1, \dots, n$) and $u^{n+1} \neq 0$ it is totally non-holonomic, that is the minimal integrable distribution $\bar{\Delta}$ containing $\Delta_{(0,1,2,3)}$ has dimension $n + 1$.

Notice that the extended vector fields $Z_{(l)} := \hat{E}_{(l+1)}$ satisfy the commutation relation

$$[Z_{(l)}, Z_{(m)}] = [\hat{E}_{(l+1)}, \hat{E}_{(m+1)}] = (m - l)\hat{E}_{(m+l+1)} = (m - l)Z_{(m+l)},$$

of the centerless Virasoro algebra.

Three-dimensional tri-flat F -manifolds

First of all we have to solve the systems (for $j = 1, 2, 3$)

$$E_{(0)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = [\partial_1 + \partial_2 + \partial_3]\Gamma_{ij}^i = 0,$$

$$E_{(1)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = [u^1\partial_1 + u^2\partial_2 + u^3\partial_3]\Gamma_{ij}^i = -\Gamma_{ij}^i,$$

$$E_{(2)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = [(u^1)^2\partial_1 + (u^2)^2\partial_2 + (u^3)^2\partial_3]\Gamma_{ij}^i = -2u^j\Gamma_{ij}^i.$$

The general solution is given by

$$\Gamma_{12}^1 = \frac{C_{12}(u^3 - u^1)}{(u^2 - u^1)(u^2 - u^3)}, \quad \Gamma_{13}^1 = \frac{C_{13}(u^1 - u^2)}{(u^3 - u^1)(u^3 - u^2)}, \quad \Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{C_{21}(u^2 - u^3)}{(u^1 - u^3)(u^1 - u^2)},$$
$$\Gamma_{23}^2 = \frac{C_{23}(u^1 - u^2)}{(u^3 - u^1)(u^3 - u^2)}, \quad \Gamma_{31}^3 = \frac{C_{31}(u^2 - u^3)}{(u^1 - u^3)(u^1 - u^2)}, \quad \Gamma_{32}^3 = \frac{C_{32}(u^3 - u^1)}{(u^2 - u^1)(u^2 - u^3)},$$

where $C_{12}, C_{21}, C_{13}, C_{31}, C_{23}, C_{32}$ are arbitrary constants. Imposing Tsarev's condition we obtain immediately the following constraints

$$C_{13} = -C_{12}, \quad C_{21} = -C_{23}, \quad C_{32} = -C_{31}, \quad C_{12} + C_{23} + C_{31} = 1.$$

Four-dimensional tri-flat F -manifolds

First step: we have to solve the system the system (with $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$)

$$E_{(0)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = [\partial_1 + \partial_2 + \partial_3 + \partial_4]\Gamma_{ij}^i = 0,$$

$$E_{(1)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = [u^1\partial_1 + u^2\partial_2 + u^3\partial_3 + u^4\partial_4]\Gamma_{ij}^i = -\Gamma_{ij}^i,$$

$$E_{(2)}(\Gamma_{ij}^i) = [(u^1)^2\partial_1 + (u^2)^2\partial_2 + (u^3)^2\partial_3 + (u^4)^2\partial_4]\Gamma_{ij}^i = -2u^j\Gamma_{ij}^i.$$

We obtain

$$\Gamma_{i1}^i = F_{i1} \left(\frac{(u^1 - u^2)(u^3 - u^4)}{(u^2 - u^3)(u^1 - u^4)} \right) \frac{u^3 - u^2}{(u^1 - u^3)(u^1 - u^2)}, \quad i = 2, 3, 4,$$

$$\Gamma_{i2}^i = F_{i2} \left(\frac{(u^1 - u^2)(u^3 - u^4)}{(u^2 - u^3)(u^1 - u^4)} \right) \frac{u^3 - u^1}{(u^2 - u^3)(u^2 - u^1)}, \quad i = 1, 3, 4,$$

$$\Gamma_{i3}^i = F_{i3} \left(\frac{(u^1 - u^2)(u^3 - u^4)}{(u^2 - u^3)(u^1 - u^4)} \right) \frac{u^2 - u^1}{(u^3 - u^1)(u^3 - u^2)}, \quad i = 1, 2, 4,$$

$$\Gamma_{i4}^i = F_{i4} \left(\frac{(u^1 - u^2)(u^3 - u^4)}{(u^2 - u^3)(u^1 - u^4)} \right) \frac{u^1 - u^3}{(u^4 - u^1)(u^4 - u^3)}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

The second step seems very difficult. We have to solve a system of 24 equations (Tsarev's conditions) for the 12 unknown functions F_{ij} . This system can be written as a system of ODEs (*two for each unknown function*) in the variable $z = \frac{(u^1 - u^2)(u^3 - u^4)}{(u^2 - u^3)(u^1 - u^4)}$ for the unknown functions $F_{ij}(z)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF_{12}}{dz} &= -\frac{-F_{12}F_{13} + F_{12}F_{23} + F_{32}F_{13} + F_{12}}{z-1} = -\frac{-F_{42}F_{14} + F_{12}F_{14} - F_{12}F_{24}}{z}, \\ \frac{dF_{13}}{dz} &= \frac{F_{12}F_{23} - F_{12}F_{13} + F_{32}F_{13} - F_{13}}{z} = \frac{-F_{14}F_{13} + F_{14}F_{43} + F_{34}F_{13}}{z}, \\ \frac{dF_{14}}{dz} &= -\frac{-F_{42}F_{14} + F_{12}F_{14} - F_{12}F_{24}}{z} = -\frac{(F_{34}F_{13} + F_{14}F_{43} - F_{14}F_{13})z + F_{14}}{z(z-1)}, \\ \frac{dF_{21}}{dz} &= -\frac{F_{23}F_{21} - F_{13}F_{21} - F_{23}F_{31} + F_{21}}{z-1} = -\frac{-F_{24}F_{21} + F_{24}F_{41} + F_{14}F_{21}}{z}, \\ \frac{dF_{23}}{dz} &= -\frac{-F_{13}F_{21} + F_{23}F_{21} - F_{23}F_{31} - F_{23}}{(z-1)z} = \frac{F_{23}F_{34} - F_{23}F_{24} + F_{43}F_{24}}{z}, \\ \frac{dF_{24}}{dz} &= \frac{F_{14}F_{21} - F_{24}F_{21} + F_{24}F_{41} - F_{24}z}{(z-1)z} = -\frac{z(F_{34}F_{23} - F_{24}F_{23} + F_{24}F_{43}) + F_{24}}{(z-1)z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dF_{31}}{dz} = -\frac{-F_{31}F_{14} + F_{31}F_{34} - F_{41}F_{34}}{z} = \frac{F_{31}F_{12} + F_{21}F_{32} - F_{31}F_{32} + F_{31}}{z},$$

$$\frac{dF_{32}}{dz} = \frac{F_{31}F_{12} + F_{21}F_{32} - F_{31}F_{32} - F_{32}}{(z-1)z} = \frac{F_{34}F_{42} - F_{34}F_{32} + F_{24}F_{32}}{z},$$

$$\frac{dF_{34}}{dz} = -\frac{F_{31}F_{34} - F_{41}F_{34} - F_{31}F_{14} + F_{34}z}{(z-1)z} = \frac{F_{34}F_{42} - F_{34}F_{32} + F_{24}F_{32}}{z},$$

$$\frac{dF_{41}}{dz} = \frac{F_{41}F_{12} + F_{21}F_{42} - F_{41}F_{42} + F_{41}}{z} = -\frac{F_{31}F_{43} + F_{41}F_{13} - F_{41}F_{43} - F_{41}}{z-1},$$

$$\frac{dF_{42}}{dz} = \frac{F_{41}F_{12} + F_{21}F_{42} - F_{41}F_{42} - F_{42}}{(z-1)z} = -\frac{F_{42}F_{23} - F_{42}F_{43} + F_{32}F_{43} + F_{42}}{z-1},$$

$$\frac{dF_{43}}{dz} = \frac{F_{31}F_{43} - F_{41}F_{43} + F_{41}F_{13} + F_{43}}{(z-1)z} = \frac{F_{42}F_{23} - F_{42}F_{43} + F_{32}F_{43} - F_{43}}{z}.$$

Comparing the right and sides of the above equations we obtain some constraints on the functions F_{ij} . We have the following relations

$$\begin{aligned}F_{14}(z) - F_{12}(z) &= C_1, \\zF_{13}(z) + (z - 1)F_{12}(z) &= C_1, \\F_{32}(z) - F_{34}(z) &= C_2, \\(z - 1)F_{34}(z) - F_{31}(z) &= C_2, \\-zF_{43}(z) - (z - 1)F_{42}(z) &= C_3, \\\frac{F_{41}(z)}{z} - \frac{(z - 1)}{z}F_{42}(z) &= C_3, \\\frac{zF_{23}(z)}{z - 1} + \frac{F_{21}(z)}{z - 1} &= C_7, \\(z - 1)F_{24}(z) - F_{21}(z) &= C_7.\end{aligned}$$

Since for each unknown we have two equations, we have still to impose that such equations coincide. In general this seems a very complicate task. However, assuming $C_1 = 0$ we obtain the following additional constraints

$$\begin{aligned} C_7 &= C_2 + C_3 - 2, \\ F_{42}(z) &= \frac{(1 - C_3)z + F_{34}(z)(z - 1) - C_2}{z - 1}, \\ F_{21}(z) &= F_{34}(z)(z - 1) + 1 - C_2, \\ F_{34}(z) &= C_3 + F_{12}(z) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

After this, all the equations of the original system reduce to the first order equation

$$\frac{dF_{12}(z)}{dz} = -\frac{F_{12}(z)[(F_{12}(z) + C_3 - 1)(1 - z) + C_2]}{z(z - 1)} \quad (13)$$

whose general solution is given by

$$F_{12}(z) = \frac{C_9 z^{C_2} (z - 1)^{-C_2}}{C_8 C_9 z^{C_9} + \text{hypergeom}([C_2, C_9], [1 + C_9], \frac{1}{z})} \quad (14)$$

where $C_9 = 1 - C_3$ and C_8 is an additional integration constant.

Multiflat structures in the non semisimple regular case

$$c_{ij}^k = \delta_{i+j-1}^k,$$

$$E_{(0)} = \mathbf{e} = \partial_{u^1},$$

$$E_{(l+1)} = E^l = (u^1)^l \partial_{u^1} + lu^2 (u^1)^{l-1} \partial_{u^2} + \left(lu^3 (u^1)^{l-1} + \frac{1}{2}(l^2 - l)(u^2)^2 (u^1)^{l-2} \right) \partial_{u^3},$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^{(l+1)1} = -\frac{l}{u^1}, \quad \Gamma_{11}^{(l+1)2} = \frac{lu^2(la^2 + la + a + 2)}{(a+2)(u^1)^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^{(l+1)3} = \frac{l((2la^2 + 2la + a + 2)u^1 u^3 - (la^2 + 2la + a + 2)(u^2)^2 + (lab + 2lb)u^1 u^2)}{(a+2)(u^1)^3}$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^{(l+1)1} = \Gamma_{21}^{(l+1)1} = 0, \quad \Gamma_{12}^{(l+1)2} = \Gamma_{21}^{(l+1)2} = -\frac{l(a^2 + 2a + 2)}{(u^1)(a+2)}, \quad \Gamma_{23}^{(l+1)3} = \Gamma_{32}^{(l+1)3} = \frac{a}{u^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^{(l+1)3} = \Gamma_{21}^{(l+1)3} = \frac{l((la^2 + a^2 + 2la + 4a + 4)(u^2)^2 - 2a^2 u^1 u^3 - (2ab + 4b)u^1 u^2)}{2u^2(a+2)(u^1)^2},$$

$$\Gamma_{13}^{(l+1)1} = \Gamma_{31}^{(l+1)1} = \Gamma_{13}^{(l+1)2} = \Gamma_{31}^{(l+1)2} = \Gamma_{22}^{(l+1)1} = 0, \quad \Gamma_{13}^{(l+1)3} = \Gamma_{31}^{(l+1)3} = -\frac{l(a+1)}{u^1},$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^{(l+1)3} = -\frac{((la^2 + 3la + 2l)(u^2)^2 - (ab - 2b)u^1 u^2 + 2au^1 u^3)}{(a+2)u^1 (u^2)^2}, \quad \Gamma_{22}^{(l+1)2} = \frac{a(a+1)}{u^2(a+2)}$$

$$\Gamma_{23}^{(l+1)1} = \Gamma_{32}^{(l+1)1} = \Gamma_{23}^{(l+1)2} = \Gamma_{32}^{(l+1)2} = \Gamma_{33}^{(l+1)1} = \Gamma_{33}^{(l+1)2} = \Gamma_{33}^{(l+1)3} = 0,$$

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