

Hecke algebras and hypergeometric functions

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§1. Introduction

In the theory of special functions a frequently occurring theme is that of deformation of parameters. For example, the Jacobi polynomial $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}$ of degree n with parameters (α, β) occurs as a zonal spherical harmonic on the projective spaces $\mathbf{P}^k(\mathbf{R})$, $\mathbf{P}^k(\mathbf{C})$, $\mathbf{P}^k(\mathbf{H})$ and $\mathbf{P}^2(\mathbf{O})$ for $(\alpha, \beta) = (\frac{1}{2}m_1 + \frac{1}{2}m_2 - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}m_2 - \frac{1}{2})$ with $(m_1, m_2) = (k - 1, 0)$, $(2k - 2, 1)$, $(4k - 4, 3)$ and $(8, 7)$ respectively. The restriction on the degree n to be a nonnegative integer can be removed by going to the dual (in the sense of É. Cartan) hyperbolic space, and the discrete parameter n gets replaced by a continuous spectral parameter. However the restriction on the parameters (α, β) as above is somewhat peculiar. Although slight extensions are possible one does get the feeling that Jacobi functions appear “in nature” only for a restricted set of rational parameters (α, β) . Nevertheless general properties such as special values, growth behaviour and the differential equation go through for complex parameters (α, β) . Moreover the harmonic analysis of the Jacobi functions as motivated by their interpretation of spherical harmonics goes through for real parameters (α, β) with $\alpha, \beta > -1$.

A similar phenomenon is going on for higher rank symmetric spaces. A large part of spherical function theory on a Riemannian symmetric space can be generalized, after restriction to a maximal split torus, to the case where the root multiplicities are allowed to be arbitrary real or complex parameters [H0, H1, O1,

O2, O3]. We refer to these more general functions as hypergeometric functions associated with a root system. Having no longer the structure theory of symmetric spaces as a powerful tool available one has to look for more elementary methods, mainly from topology, algebraic geometry and complex analysis in several variables.

In [H1] a construction of these hypergeometric functions was given (at least for generic parameters) based on Deligne's solution of the Riemann monodromy problem in several variables [D]. This construction reduces to the construction of certain representations of the fundamental group of the complement of the global discriminant. This fundamental group has a presentation, due to van der Lek-Looijenga [vdL1, vdL2], which is called the extended Artin group. However it turns out that the monodromy representations of this extended Artin group all come from representations of the associated affine Hecke algebra. In Section 2 we explain this connection, and point out the analogy between the van der Lek-Looijenga presentation of the extended Artin group and the Bernstein-Zelevinskii basis for the affine Hecke algebra. In Section 3 we develop some (elementary) representation theory of affine Hecke algebras from which the required monodromy representations of the extended Artin group (for generic parameters) are obtained. Originally the existence of the monodromy representations of the extended Artin group was a consequence of rank two reduction and case by case differential algebraic calculations partly done on a computer [O1]. As an application of the results of Section 3 we give in Section 4 a solution to the Schwarz problem for which parameters the hypergeometric function is an algebraic function of its variables. For root systems of type ADE we work out the explicit parameter values in Section 5.

After this paper was written I received the preprint "Affine Hecke algebras and their graded version" by G. Lusztig, which has some overlap with Sections 2 and 3 of this paper.

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§2. The Bernstein-Zelevinskii basis for the affine Hecke algebra versus the van der Lek-Looijenga presentation of the extended Artin group

Let $R \subset \mathfrak{a}^*$ be a reduced irreducible root system of rank n with $\mathfrak{a}^* = \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{a}, \mathbf{R})$ the real dual of a Euclidean vector space \mathfrak{a} of dimension n . Let $\alpha^\vee \in \mathfrak{a}$ be the coroot of $\alpha \in R$ characterized by $\lambda(\alpha^\vee) = 2(\lambda, \alpha) \cdot (\alpha, \alpha)^{-1} \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*$, and $R^\vee = \{\alpha^\vee; \alpha \in R\}$ the dual root system in \mathfrak{a} . Let $W \subset GL(\mathfrak{a})$ be the Weyl group generated by the reflections $r_\alpha(x) = x - \alpha(x)\alpha^\vee$, $\alpha \in R$. Fix a basis of simple roots $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ for R , and let R_+ be the corresponding set of positive roots. Now W has a presentation with generators the simple reflections r_1, \dots, r_n (we write r_i for r_{α_i}) and relations $(r_i r_j)^{m_{ij}} = 1$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Here $m_{ij} \in \mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ are the Coxeter integers defined by $4\cos^2(\pi m_{ij}^{-1}) = \alpha_i(\alpha_j^\vee)\alpha_j(\alpha_i^\vee)$.

Let $\mathcal{Q}^\vee = \mathbf{Z} \cdot R^\vee \subset \mathfrak{a}$ be the root lattice of R^\vee . The affine Weyl group \tilde{W} is the group generated by W and the translations t_x over $x \in \mathcal{Q}^\vee$. It has a presentation with generators $r_1, \dots, r_n, t_1, \dots, t_n$ (we write t_i for $t_{\alpha_i^\vee}$) and relations $(r_i r_j)^{m_{ij}} = 1$,

$t_i t_j = t_j t_i$, $r_i t_j = t_j t_i^{-n_{ij}} r_i$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Here $n_{ij} \in \mathbf{Z}$ are the Cartan integers defined by $n_{ij} = \alpha_i(\alpha_j^\vee)$.

The affine Weyl group \tilde{W} has also a presentation as a Coxeter group with $(n + 1)$ generators (with Coxeter diagram derived from the extended Dynkin diagram of R): Let α_0 be the lowest root in R (with respect to the partial ordering $\mu \leq \lambda \Leftrightarrow \lambda - \mu = \sum_1^n k_i \alpha_i$, $k_i \in \mathbf{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ on \mathfrak{a}^*), and put $r_0 = r_{\alpha_0} t_{\alpha_0}$ for the affine reflection in the hyperplane $\alpha_0(x) + 1 = 0$. Then \tilde{W} has a presentation with generators r_0, r_1, \dots, r_n and relations $(r_i r_j)^{m_{ij}}$, $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ (the numbers $m_{0i} = m_{i0}$ are defined by the same formula as before). Let $l(w)$ denote the length of $w \in \tilde{W}$ relative to this presentation. For the definition of the Hecke algebra of a Coxeter group the standard reference is the exercises of Bourbaki [B, p. 55].

Definition 2.1. Let $c_i \in \mathbf{C}^*$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ be non zero complex parameters with $c_i = c_j$ if r_i and r_j are conjugated inside \tilde{W} (if and only if the i^{th} and j^{th} node of the Coxeter diagram are connected by a chain of branches with odd marks). The affine Hecke algebra $\tilde{H}(c)$ of \tilde{W} is a \mathbf{C} -vector space with basis T_w , $w \in \tilde{W}$ and multiplication rule

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r_j} T_w &= T_{r_j w} && \text{if } l(r_j w) = l(w) + 1, \\ T_r T_w &= (1 + c_j) T_w - c_j T_{r_j w} && \text{if } l(r_j w) = l(w) - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

One can show that $\tilde{H}(c)$ as an algebra has a presentation with generators T_{r_j} , $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and relations

$$(T_{r_j} - 1)(T_{r_j} - c_j) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r_i} T_{r_j} T_{r_i} \dots &= T_{r_j} T_{r_i} T_{r_j} \dots, && 0 \leq i \neq j \leq n, \\ &&& \text{and } m_{ij} \text{ factors on both sides.} \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

The Hecke algebra $\tilde{H}(c)$ is a deformation of the group algebra $\mathbf{C}\tilde{W}$ of \tilde{W} corresponding to the case $c_j = -1$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. It is false that $l(t_x t_y) = l(t_x) + l(t_y)$ for all $x, y \in Q^\vee$. However $l(t_x t_y) = l(t_x) + l(t_y)$ does hold for all $x, y \in P_+^\vee \cap Q^\vee$ where $P_+^\vee = \{x \in \mathfrak{a} : \alpha_j(x) \in \mathbf{Z}_+, j = 1, \dots, n\}$ is the set of dominant coweights. Indeed this is clear from the relation

$$l(t_x) = 2ht(x), \quad x \in P_+^\vee \cap Q^\vee. \tag{2.4}$$

Here $ht: Q^\vee \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ is the homomorphism defined by $ht(\alpha_j^\vee) = 1$, $j = 1, \dots, n$ (or equivalently $ht(x) = \rho(x)$, $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha > 0} \alpha$). Hence $T_{t_x} T_{t_y} = T_{t_y} T_{t_x}$ for all $x, y \in P_+^\vee \cap Q^\vee$. Now any $x \in Q^\vee$ can be written in the form $x = y - z$ with $y, z \in P_+^\vee \cap Q^\vee$, and the element

$$T_x = T_y T_z^{-1} \in \tilde{H}(c) \tag{2.5}$$

is well defined independently of the choice of $y, z \in P_+^\vee \cap Q^\vee$.

From the above it is clear that

$$T_x T_y = T_y T_x = T_{x+y} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in Q^\vee. \tag{2.6}$$

We use the notation $\mathbf{C}Q^\vee$ for the subalgebra of $\tilde{H}(c)$ generated by $T_x, x \in Q^\vee$. Indeed $\mathbf{C}Q^\vee$ is just the group algebra of Q^\vee . The following result goes back to Bernstein and Zelevinskii.

Theorem 2.2. Besides (2.6) the relations

$$T_{r_j} T_x = T_x T_{r_j} \quad \text{if } \alpha_j(x) = 0, \tag{2.7}$$

$$T_{r_j} T_{r_j(x)} = T_x T_{r_j}^{-1} \quad \text{if } \alpha_j(x) = 1 \tag{2.8}$$

hold in the affine Hecke algebra $\tilde{H}(c)$.

For a proof of this theorem (in case all c_j are the same, but this is not a serious restriction) we refer to [L1, p. 643] and [KL, p. 169].

Remark 2.3. We write $H(c) = H(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ for the subalgebra of $\tilde{H}(c) = \tilde{H}(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n)$ generated by $T_{r_j}, j = 1, \dots, n$. Clearly $H(c)$ is the Hecke algebra of $(W, \{r_1, \dots, r_n\})$. We have

$$\tilde{H}(c) \cong H(c) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}Q^\vee \tag{2.9}$$

as vector spaces, and the algebra structure on $\tilde{H}(c)$ can be recovered from the algebra structures on $H(c)$ and $\mathbb{C}Q^\vee$ using (2.7), (2.8) and

$$(T_{r_0} - 1)(T_{r_0} - c_0) = 0, \tag{2.10}$$

where $T_{-\alpha_0} = T_{r_0} T_{r_{\alpha_0}}$ with $T_{-\alpha_0} = T_{\alpha_1}^{m_1} \dots T_{\alpha_n}^{m_n}$ if $\alpha_0^\vee + m_1 \alpha_1^\vee + \dots + m_n \alpha_n^\vee = 0$ and $T_{r_{\alpha_0}} = T_{r_{i_1}} \dots T_{r_{i_p}}$ if $r_{\alpha_0} = r_{i_1} r_{i_2} \dots r_{i_p}$ is a reduced expression.

Let $P = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*; \lambda(\alpha^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z} \forall \alpha^\vee \in R^\vee\}$ be the weight lattice of R , and write H for the complex torus with (rational) character lattice P . If $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{a}$ denotes the complexification of \mathfrak{a} then we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow 2\pi i Q^\vee \rightarrow \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\exp} H \rightarrow 1 \tag{2.11}$$

For $\lambda \in P$ we write h^λ for the corresponding character on H (observe that $h^\lambda = e^{\lambda(\log h)}$). We denote by $\mathbb{Z}[H]$ the ring of Fourier polynomials on H with integral coefficients. There is a natural action of W on $\mathbb{Z}[H]$ and the invariants $\mathbb{Z}[H]^W$ are isomorphic to a polynomial algebra $\mathbb{Z}[z_1, \dots, z_n]$ where

$$z_j = \sum_{\mu \in W \lambda_j} h^\mu, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \tag{2.12}$$

Here $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ are the fundamental weights in P_+ . Hence the quotient space $\tilde{W} \backslash \mathfrak{h} = W \backslash H = \mathbb{C}^n$. The Weyl denominator

$$\Delta = h^{-\rho} \prod_{\alpha > 0} (1 - h^\alpha) \tag{2.13}$$

transforms under W according to the sign character. Hence $\Delta^2 = D(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ for some $D \in \mathbb{Z}[z_1, \dots, z_n]$ which is called the (global) discriminant of R . The complement in \mathbb{C}^n of the discriminant locus $D = 0$ is the regular orbit space for W on H , or equivalently for \tilde{W} on \mathfrak{h} .

Definition 2.4. The Artin group \tilde{G} belonging to $(\tilde{W}, \{r_0, \dots, r_n\})$ is a group with generators g_0, g_1, \dots, g_n and relations

$$g_i g_j g_i \dots = g_j g_i g_j \dots \quad 0 \leq i \neq j \leq n, m_{ij} \text{ factors on both sides} \tag{2.14}$$

Theorem 2.5. *The fundamental group of the complement in \mathbf{C}^n of the discriminant locus $D = 0$ has a presentation as the Artin group \tilde{G} belonging to \tilde{W} .*

This result is due to Nguyễn Việt Dũng [N]. The corresponding result with \tilde{W} replaced by W was proved by Brieskorn [B], and the generalization to arbitrary Coxeter groups was given by van der Lek [vdL1, vdL2]. The following result was conjectured by Looijenga for type ADE, and proved by van der Lek in full generality.

Theorem 2.6. *The Artin group \tilde{G} belonging to \tilde{W} has another presentation with generators $g_1, \dots, g_n, l_1, \dots, l_n$ and relations*

$$g_i g_j g_i \dots = g_j g_i g_j \dots \quad 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n, m_{ij} \text{ factors on both sides}, \quad (2.15)$$

$$l_i l_j = l_j l_i \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad (2.16)$$

$$g_i l_j = l_j l_i^k g_i l_i^{-k} \quad 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n, n_{ij} = -2k \text{ even}, \quad (2.17)$$

$$g_i l_j = l_j l_i^{k+1} g_i^{-1} l_i^{-k} \quad 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n, n_{ij} = -(2k + 1) \text{ odd}, \quad (2.18)$$

and the element g_0 is given by $l_1^{m_1} l_2^{m_2} \dots l_n^{m_n} = g_0 g_{i_1} \dots g_{i_p}$ with the same notation as in Remark 2.3. This presentation of \tilde{G} is called the extended Artin group.

For an explicit description of the loops corresponding to the above generators we refer to [vdL1, vdL2]. We just remark that for the description given in Definition 2.4 one should take the base point in a fundamental alcove (for \tilde{W}) in $2\pi i a$. For the description given in Theorem 2.6 one should take the base point in a fundamental chamber (for W) in a . The loops l_1, \dots, l_n generate the fundamental group of the torus H .

Remark 2.7. For $x \in Q^\vee$ of the form $x = k_1 \alpha_1^\vee + \dots + k_n \alpha_n^\vee$ we write $l_x = l_1^{k_1} \dots l_n^{k_n} \in \tilde{G}$. Then it is easy to see that

$$l_x l_y = l_y l_x = l_{x+y} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in Q^\vee, \quad (2.19)$$

$$g_j l_x = l_x g_j \quad \text{if } \alpha_j(x) = 0, \quad (2.20)$$

$$g_j l_{r_j(x)} = l_x g_j^{-1} \quad \text{for } \alpha_j(x) = 1. \quad (2.21)$$

Observe that these relations are the analogues of the relations (2.6), (2.7), (2.8) in the affine Hecke algebra $\tilde{H}(c)$.

Proposition 2.8. *If $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$ then $l_j g_j^{-1}$ and g_j are conjugate inside \tilde{G} . If α_j is a long simple root then $l_j g_j^{-1}$ and g_0 are conjugate inside \tilde{G} .*

Proof. Suppose $\alpha_j(x) = 1$ for some $x \in Q^\vee$. Using (2.21) we get $l_x g_j l_{-x} = l_x l_{-r_j(x)} g_j^{-1} = l_j g_j^{-1}$ and the first statement follows. For the second statement observe that we can choose a sequence $j_1 = j, j_2, \dots, j_p \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with

$$\beta_k^\vee = \alpha_{j_1}^\vee + \dots + \alpha_{j_k}^\vee,$$

$$\alpha_{j_{k+1}}(\beta_k^\vee) = -1 \quad (\Leftrightarrow r_{j_{k+1}}(\beta_k^\vee) = \beta_{k+1}^\vee),$$

$$\beta_p^\vee = -\alpha_0^\vee.$$

Now $r_{\beta_{k+1}} = r_{j_{k+1}} r_{\beta_k} r_{j_{k+1}}$ and $l(r_{\beta_{k+1}}) = l(r_{\beta_k}) + 2$. Hence a reduced expression for $r_{\alpha_0} = r_{j_p} r_{j_{p-1}} \dots r_{j_2} r_{j_1} r_{j_2} \dots r_{j_p}$ and using (2.21) it is easily seen that

$$g_0 = l_{\beta_j} g_{j_p}^{-1} \dots g_{j_1}^{-1} \dots g_{j_p}^{-1} = (g_{j_p} \dots g_{j_2}) l_j g_j^{-1} (g_{j_p} \dots g_{j_2})^{-1} . \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

Remark 2.9. We conclude that relation (2.10) is superfluous except for R of type C_n ($C_1 = A_1, C_2 = B_2$), $n \geq 1$.

Proof. Indeed, if R is not of type C_n then each long simple root α_j satisfies $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$. Hence using Proposition 2.8 relation (2.10) is a consequence of the relations (2.6), (2.7), (2.8) and the quadratic relation $(T_{r_j} - 1)(T_{r_j} - c_j) = 0$. Q.E.D.

The system of hypergeometric differential equations is a system of differential equations on C^n with regular singularities along the discriminant locus $D = 0$ and at infinity [H0, H1, O1, O2]. Using (2.20) the monodromy representation could be computed explicitly by a rank one reduction.

Corollary 2.10. *The monodromy representation of the hypergeometric differential equations, which is a priori a representation of the Artin group \tilde{G} , comes in fact from a representation of the affine Hecke algebra $\tilde{H}(c)$ for suitable $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n)$.*

Proof. By a rank one reduction it is clear that the generators g_1, \dots, g_n and $l_1 g_1^{-1}, \dots, l_n g_n^{-1}$ all satisfy quadratic relations in the monodromy representation. Hence the corollary follows from the second statement of Proposition 2.8. Q.E.D.

§3. Representation theory of affine Hecke algebras

Let $d_j \in C^*, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ be complex parameters with $d_i = d_j$ if r_i and r_j are conjugated inside \tilde{W} , and assume that

$$d_j^2 = -c_j \tag{3.1}$$

In this section we write $S\tilde{H}(d)$ for the affine Hecke algebra with generators $S_{r_j}, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and quadratic relations

$$(S_{r_j} - d_j)(S_{r_j} + d_j^{-1}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow S_{r_j} = S_{r_j}^{-1} + (d_j - d_j^{-1}) \tag{3.2}$$

together with the usual braid relations (2.3) with T replaced by S . Observe that the correspondence $S_{r_j} = -d_j^{-1} T_{r_j}$ defines an isomorphism $\tilde{H}(c) \xrightarrow{\cong} S\tilde{H}(d)$ of algebras.

For $x \in Q^\vee$ of the form $x = y - z$ with $y, z \in P_+^\vee \cap Q^\vee$ we keep the notation

$$S_x = S_{i_y} S_{i_z}^{-1} \in S\tilde{H}(d) \tag{3.3}$$

as in the previous section.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $x \in Q^\vee$. For $\alpha_j \in R_+$ a simple root with $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$ we have*

$$S_x S_{r_j} = S_{r_j} S_{r_j(x)} + (d_j - d_j^{-1}) \frac{S_x - S_{r_j(x)}}{1 - S_{-\alpha_j}} \tag{3.4}$$

and with $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$S_x S_{r_j} = S_{r_j} S_{r_j(x)} + \{(d_j - d_j^{-1})S_{\alpha_j} + (d_0 - d_0^{-1})\} \frac{S_x - S_{r_j(x)}}{S_{\alpha_j} - S_{-\alpha_j}} \tag{3.5}$$

Proof. Observe that the proof given by Lusztig of (2.7), (2.8) does not use the quadratic relations (2.2), and hence (2.7), (2.8) also hold in $S\tilde{H}(d)$. In case $\alpha_j(x) = -1, 0, 1$ relation (3.4) follows immediately from (2.7), (2.8), and (3.4) holds for all $\alpha_j(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$ by an easy induction on $|\alpha_j(x)|$.

Now suppose $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbb{Z}$. By Proposition 2.8 we know that $S_{\alpha_j} S_{r_j}^{-1}$ and S_{r_0} are conjugate inside $S\tilde{H}(d)$. Hence by (3.2)

$$S_{\alpha_j} S_{r_j} = S_{r_j} S_{-\alpha_j} + (d_j - d_j^{-1})S_{\alpha_j} + (d_0 - d_0^{-1}) ,$$

and for $x \in Q^\vee$ with $\alpha_j(x) = 2$ we get from (2.7)

$$S_x S_{r_j} = S_{r_j} S_{r_j(x)} + (d_j - d_j^{-1})S_x + (d_0 - d_0^{-1})S_{x - \alpha_j} .$$

Again (3.5) follows by induction on $|\alpha_j(x)|$. Q.E.D.

Remark 3.2. If $d_0 = d_j$ then (3.5) becomes (3.4). As before we write $SH(d) = SH(d_1, \dots, d_n)$ for the subalgebra of $S\tilde{H}(d)$ generated by $S_{r_j}, j = 1, \dots, n$ and CQ^\vee for the (abelian) subalgebra of $S\tilde{H}(d)$ generated by $S_x, x \in Q^\vee$. From Proposition 3.1 it is obvious that (cf. Remark 2.3) multiplication in $S\tilde{H}(d)$ gives

$$S\tilde{H}(d) \cong SH(d) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} CQ^\vee \tag{3.6}$$

as vector spaces, and the algebra structure on $S\tilde{H}(d)$ can be recovered from the algebra structures on $SH(d)$ and CQ^\vee using (3.4) and (3.5).

Corollary 3.3. For $w = r_{i_1} \dots r_{i_p} \in W$ a reduced expression we write $S_w = S_{r_{i_1}} \dots S_{r_{i_p}} \in SH(d)$. Then we have for $x \in Q^\vee$

$$S_x S_w - S_w S_{w^{-1}(x)} \in \sum_{u < w} S_u CQ^\vee , \tag{3.7}$$

where $<$ denotes the Bruhat ordering on W .

Suppose V is a finite dimensional \mathbb{C} -vector space equipped with the structure of a left $\tilde{H}(d)$ -module. By the Jordan decomposition we can write

$$V = \bigoplus_{s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbb{C}^*)} V_s \tag{3.8}$$

with

$$V_s = \{v \in V; (S_x - s(x))^p v = 0 \text{ for } p \gg 0\} \tag{3.9}$$

the generalized eigenspace. The set of all $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbb{C}^*)$ with $V_s \neq 0$ are called the weights of V .

Definition 3.4. The left $S\tilde{H}(d)$ -module $V(s, d)$ defined by

$$V(s, d) = S\tilde{H}(d) / \sum_{z \in Q^\vee} S\tilde{H}(d)(S_x - s(x)) \tag{3.10}$$

is called the induced $S\tilde{H}(d)$ -module with cyclic weight $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbb{C}^*)$.

Remark 3.5. Clearly $V(s, d)$ is the universal left $S\tilde{H}(d)$ -module generated by a vector of weight s . Using the isomorphism (3.6) it is clear that $V(s, d)$ as a vector space can be identified with $SH(d)$. In particular $\dim V(s, d) = |W|$ and the vectors $E_w = S_w \text{ mod } (\sum_x S\tilde{H}(d)(S_x - s(x)) \in V(s, d)$, $w \in W$ are a basis for $V(s, d)$. By Corollary 3.3 it is clear that the weights of $V(s, d)$ are of the form $w(s)$, $w \in W$. Indeed relative to the basis E_w , $w \in W$ of $V(s, d)$, partially ordered by the Bruhat ordering, the matrices of S_x , $x \in Q^\vee$ are upper triangular with $w(s)(x)$ on the diagonal.

The following result of Bernstein is now easily obtained (see [KL, p. 170]).

Proposition 3.6. *The center $\tilde{Z}(d)$ of the generic (i.e. view d_j as indeterminates rather than complex numbers) affine Hecke algebra $S\tilde{H}(d)$ is equal to the algebra $(CQ^\vee)^W$.*

Proof. Write $z \in \tilde{Z}(d)$ in the form $z = \sum z'_j z''_j$ with $z'_j \in SH(d)$ and $z''_j \in CQ^\vee$. Applying z to the cyclic vector $E_1 \in V(s, d)$ and varying $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, C^*)$ shows that z'_j is a scalar. Hence $z \in CQ^\vee$ and by Proposition 3.1 it is clear that $\{z \in CQ^\vee; S_{r_j} z = z S_{r_j}, j = 1, \dots, n\} = (CQ^\vee)^W$ for generic d_j . Q.E.D.

Proposition 3.7. *For $j = 1, \dots, n$ with $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$ the 2-dimensional representation generated by the matrix*

$$S_{r_j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & (d_j - d_j^{-1}) \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.11}$$

and the matrices

$$S_x = \begin{pmatrix} s(x) & (d_j - d_j^{-1}) \cdot \frac{s(x) - r_j s(x)}{1 - s(-\alpha'_j)} \\ 0 & r_j s(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x \in Q^\vee \tag{3.12}$$

is irreducible if and only if

$$(s(\alpha'_j) - d_j^2)(s(-\alpha'_j) - d_j^2) \neq 0. \tag{3.13}$$

For $j = 1, \dots, n$ with $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbf{Z}$ the 2-dimensional representation generated by the matrix (3.11) and the matrices

$$S_x = \begin{pmatrix} s(x) & \{(d_j - d_j^{-1})s(\alpha'_j) + (d_0 - d_0^{-1})\} \cdot \frac{s(x) - r_j s(x)}{s(\alpha'_j) - s(-\alpha'_j)} \\ 0 & r_j s(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x \in Q^\vee \tag{3.14}$$

is irreducible if and only if

$$(s(\alpha'_j) - d_0 d_j)(s(-\alpha'_j) - d_0 d_j)(s(\alpha'_j) + d_0 d_j^{-1})(s(-\alpha'_j) + d_0 d_j^{-1}) \neq 0. \tag{3.15}$$

Proof. If we write $E_+ = E_1 + d_j E_{r_j}$ and $E_- = E_1 - d_j^{-1} E_{r_j}$ then E_+ and E_- are the up to a constant unique eigenvectors of S_{r_j} with eigenvalues d_j and $-d_j^{-1}$ respectively. By a straightforward calculation we have for $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$

$$S_x E_+ = r_j s(x) E_+ + \frac{s(x) - r_j s(x)}{1 - s(-\alpha'_j)} (d_j^2 - s(-\alpha'_j)) E_1$$

$$S_x E_- = r_j s(x) E_- + \frac{s(x) - r_j s(x)}{1 - s(-\alpha'_j)} (d_j^{-2} - s(-\alpha'_j)) E_1$$

and for $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbf{Z}$ we have

$$S_x E_+ = r_j s(x) E_+ + \frac{s(x) - r_j s(x)}{s(\alpha_j^\vee) - s(-\alpha_j^\vee)} \cdot \{d_j^2 s(\alpha_j^\vee) - s(-\alpha_j^\vee) + d_0 d_j - d_0^{-1} d_j\} E_1$$

$$S_x E_- = r_j s(x) E_- + \frac{s(x) - r_j s(x)}{s(\alpha_j^\vee) - s(-\alpha_j^\vee)} \cdot \{d_j^{-2} s(\alpha_j^\vee) - s(-\alpha_j^\vee) + d_0 d_j^{-1} - d_0^{-1} d_j^{-1}\} E_1$$

from which the proposition easily follows. Q.E.D.

Corollary 3.8. *Let $R_{nr} = \{\lambda \in P; \lambda \in R \text{ or } 2\lambda \in R\}$ be the possibly non reduced root system associated with R (clearly $R_{nr} = R$ for R of type A ($n \geq 2$), B ($n \geq 3$), D ($n \geq 4$), E, F, G and R_{nr} is of type BC_n if R is of type C_n ($n \geq 1$)). For $\alpha \in R$ with r_α conjugate in W to r_j we write $d_\alpha = d_j$ if $\alpha \in R$, $\alpha(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$, and $d_\alpha = (d_0 d_j)^\pm$ if $\alpha \in R$, $\alpha(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbf{Z}$, and $d_{\frac{1}{2}\alpha} = (-d_0^{-1} d_j)^\pm$ if $\frac{1}{2}\alpha \in R_{nr} \setminus R$. If $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbf{C}^*)$ is regular (i.e. $w_1(s) \neq w_2(s)$ for all $w_1, w_2 \in W$ with $w_1 \neq w_2$) and*

$$\prod_{\alpha \in R_{nr}} (s(\alpha^\vee) - d_\alpha^2) \neq 0, \tag{3.16}$$

then $V(s, d)$ is an irreducible left $S\tilde{H}(d)$ -module.

Proof. The fact that $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbf{C}^*)$ is regular together with Remark 3.5 implies the existence of a basis of simultaneous eigenvectors $F_w, w \in W$ in $V(s, d)$ for the operators $S_x, x \in Q^\vee$ such that the change of basis from E_w to F_w is given by a unipotent matrix (relative to the Bruhat ordering). Suppose $w \in W$ with $l(r_j w) = l(w) + 1$. By Proposition 3.1 it follows that $\text{span}_{\mathbf{C}} \langle F_w, F_{r_j w} \rangle$ is invariant under S_{r_j} and $S_x, x \in Q^\vee$. The corollary now follows from the previous proposition. Q.E.D.

Theorem 3.9. *Suppose the system of hypergeometric partial differential equations (cf. [HO, Definition 2.13] and [O2, Theorem 3.6]) is put in standard Schrödinger form by conjugation with the weight function $\delta(k; a)^\pm$ (cf. [HO, Proposition 2.2]). Then the corresponding monodromy representation of the Artin group \tilde{G} coincides for generic parameters with the induced $S\tilde{H}(d)$ -module $V(s, d)$ with cyclic weight $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbf{C}^*)$. The explicit correspondence between the parameters (λ, k) and (s, d) is given by*

$$s = e^{2\pi i \lambda} \tag{3.17}$$

and

$$d_\alpha = e^{\pi i(k_{\frac{1}{2}\alpha} + k_\alpha)}, \quad \alpha \in R_{nr} \tag{3.18}$$

with the convention that $k_{\frac{1}{2}\alpha} = 0$ if $\frac{1}{2}\alpha \notin R_{nr}$.

Proof. This is clear from Corollary 2.10, Remark 3.5, Corollary 3.8 and the formulas in Section 6 of [HO]. More precisely we find $d_0 = e^{\pi i k_{a_0}}$ and $d_j = e^{\pi i(k_{\frac{1}{2}a_j} + k_{a_j})}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$ and with the convention of Corollary 3.8 this yields (3.18). Q.E.D.

Remark 3.10. Observe that for the application of the existence of hypergeometric functions and their shift operators the restriction in the above theorem to the case

of generic parameters is irrelevant. Indeed, as shown by Opdam using a variation of Hartog’s extension theorem the hypergeometric function $F(\lambda, k; a)$ has an analytic continuation in the parameters $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ and $k \in K$ with $\text{Re}(k_\alpha) \geq 0 \forall \alpha \in R_{nr}$. In turn this fact yields a proof of the existence of the commuting algebra of hypergeometric differential operators and their shift operators (see [O2, Section 2 and Section 3]). The essential point of the above theorem (although its proof is trivial) is therefore that it replaces the rather laborous calculations (partly done on a computer) in rank 2 as done in [O1].

§4. The Schwarz problem

In the notation of the previous section let

$$\pi(s, d): \tilde{G} \rightarrow GL(V(s, d)) \tag{4.1}$$

be the representation of the Artin group \tilde{G} associated with the left $S\tilde{H}(d)$ -module structure on $V(s, d)$. The Schwarz problem is the determination of those parameters (λ, k) for which the hypergeometric function $F(\lambda, k; z)$ is an algebraic function of its variables $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$. Under the assumption that the monodromy representation is irreducible this problem is equivalent with the determination of those parameters (s, d) for which the image of \tilde{G} under the representation (4.1) is a finite group.

The method of solution of this question presented here is essentially the same as given in [BH] for the higher hypergeometric function ${}_nF_{n-1}$.

Proposition 4.1. *Relative to the basis $E_w, w \in W$ for $V(s, d)$ the representation (4.1) is defined over the ring*

$$\mathbf{Z}[d_\alpha, d_\alpha^{-1}, s(\alpha^\vee); \alpha \in R_{nr}] \tag{4.2}$$

Proof. This is immediate from Proposition 3.1. Q.E.D.

Theorem 4.2. *If the parameters (s, d) satisfy (3.16) and the “hermitian condition”*

$$s = \bar{s}^{-1}, d_\alpha = \bar{d}_\alpha^{-1} \quad \forall \alpha \in R_{nr} \tag{4.3}$$

(or equivalently (λ, k) are real parameters), then there exists a non degenerate hermitian form $F = F(s, d)$ on $V(s, d)$ such that

$$F(\pi(s, d)(g)v_1, \pi(s, d)(g)v_2) = F(v_1, v_2) \tag{4.4}$$

for all $g \in \tilde{G}$, and all $v_1, v_2 \in V(s, d)$.

Remark 4.3. Suppose V is a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbf{C} , and $\pi: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ a representation of a group G . The existence of a bijective intertwining operator between (π, V) and $(\bar{\pi}^*, \bar{V}^*)$ is equivalent with the existence of a G -invariant non degenerate sesquilinear pairing $S: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$. Here $(\bar{\pi}^*, \bar{V}^*)$ is the anti dual representation defined by $\bar{\pi}^*(g) = \overline{\pi(g^{-1})}^*$. Clearly

$$F'(v, w) = \frac{1}{2}(S(v, w) + \overline{S(w, v)}) \quad \text{and} \quad F''(w, v) = \frac{1}{2i}(S(v, w) - \overline{S(w, v)})$$

are both G -invariant hermitian forms with $\text{Ker}(F') \cap \text{Ker}(F'') = 0$. Hence for $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbf{R}$ generic the hermitian form $F = \lambda F' + \mu F''$ is G -invariant and non degenerate.

Proposition 4.4. *We have the equivalence of representations*

$$\overline{\pi(s, d)^*} \cong \overline{\pi(w_0 s^{-1}, \bar{d}^{-1})} . \tag{4.5}$$

In particular, if s and d are unitary then

$$\overline{\pi(s, d)^*} \cong \pi(w_0 s, d) . \tag{4.6}$$

Here $w_0 \in W$ is the longest element.

Proof. If we write $E_w = E_w(s, d)$, $w \in W$ for the basis of $V(s, d)$ as described in Remark 3.5 then it is easy to check using Proposition 3.7 that the equivalence (4.5) comes from

$$E_w \overline{(w_0 s^{-1}, \bar{d}^{-1})} = \overline{E_{w w_0}(s, d)^*} ,$$

where \bar{E}_w^* , $w \in W$ is the basis of $\overline{V(s, d)^*}$ dual to E_w , $w \in W$. Q.E.D.

Definition 4.5. Using Proposition 3.7 it is easy to check that the vector

$$-(d_j - d_j^{-1})E_1(r_j s, d) + (1 - r_j s(-\alpha'_j))E_r(r_j s, d) \tag{4.7}$$

in case $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}$, and the vector

$$-\{(d_j - d_j^{-1})r_j s(\alpha'_j) + (d_0 - d_0^{-1})\}E_1(r_j s, d) + \{r_j s(\alpha'_j) - r_j s(-\alpha'_j)\}E_r(r_j s, d) \tag{4.8}$$

in case $\alpha_j(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbf{Z}$ is a simultaneous eigenvector in $V(r_j s, d)$ of weight s for the operators S_x , $x \in Q^\vee$.

Hence there exists a unique intertwining operator of left $\tilde{H}(d)$ -modules

$$I_j: V(s, d) \rightarrow V(r_j s, d) \tag{4.9}$$

sending the cyclic vector $E_1(s, d)$ to the vector (4.7) and (4.8) respectively.

Proposition 4.6. *The composition*

$$V(s, d) \xrightarrow{I_j} V(r_j s, d) \xrightarrow{I_1} V(s, d)$$

is given by multiplication with a scalar which is non zero if and only if the conditions (3.13) and (3.15) respectively are satisfied. In particular under conditions (3.13) and (3.15) respectively the operator $I_j: V(s, d) \rightarrow V(r_j s, d)$ is a bijection.

Proof. A straightforward computation. Q.E.D.

Proposition 4.7. *For $w \in W$ with $w = r_{j_1} \dots r_{j_p}$ a reduced expression the intertwining operator*

$$I_w = I_{j_1} \dots I_{j_p}: V(s, d) \rightarrow V(ws, d) \tag{4.10}$$

is well defined independently of the choice of the reduced expression.

Proof. It is easily seen that with respect to the basis $E_v(ws, d)$, $v \in W$ of $V(ws, d)$ the coefficient of $E_w(ws, d)$ in the vector $I_w(E_1(s, d))$ is given by

$$\prod_{\substack{\beta \in R_+ \cap w^{-1}R_- \\ \beta(Q^\vee) = \mathbf{Z}}} (1 - s(\beta^\vee)) \cdot \prod_{\substack{\beta \in R_+ \cap w^{-1}R_- \\ \beta(Q^\vee) = 2\mathbf{Z}}} (s(-\beta^\vee) - s(\beta^\vee)) .$$

Hence for regular $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbf{C}^*)$ the intertwining operator I_w depends only on w , and not on the choice of the reduced expression. The proposition now follows because I_w depends polynomially on s . Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.8. *For (s, d) parameters satisfying (3.16) the intertwining operator*

$$I_{w_0} : V(s, d) \rightarrow V(w_0s, d) \tag{4.11}$$

is a bijection.

The proof of Theorem 4.2 now follows from Remark 4.3, Proposition 4.4 and Corollary 4.8.

Theorem 4.9. *Suppose the parameters (s, d) satisfy (3.16). Then the image under the representation (4.1) of the Artin group \tilde{G} is a finite group if the parameters (s, d) satisfy the condition*

$$s^N = 1, d_\alpha^N = 1 \quad \forall \alpha \in R_{nr}, \quad \text{some } N \in \mathbf{N} \tag{4.12}$$

(or equivalently (λ, k) are rational parameters), and for each $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K(s, d) : \mathbf{Q})$ where

$$K(s, d) = \mathbf{Q}(s(\alpha^\vee), d_\alpha; \quad \alpha \in R_{nr}) \tag{4.13}$$

the hermitian form $F(s^\sigma, d^\sigma)$ on $V(s^\sigma, d^\sigma)$ is definite.

Proof. By Proposition 4.1 the representation (4.1) is defined over the ring of integers (4.2) in the cyclotomic field $K(s, d)$. Now the diagonal embedding

$$\pi(s, d)(\tilde{G}) \rightarrow \prod_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K(s, d) : \mathbf{Q})} \pi(s^\sigma, d^\sigma)(\tilde{G})$$

is defined over \mathbf{Z} , and leaves invariant a positive definite hermitian form. Hence the image is a finite group. Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.10. *The function $F(\lambda, k; z)$ is an algebraic function of its variables $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ if the parameters $(\lambda, k) \in \mathfrak{h}^* \times K$ are rational and all rank one reductions of $F(\lambda, k; z)$ (which are Gaussian hypergeometric functions) appear in the list of H.A. Schwarz.*

Proof. In case the representation (4.1) is irreducible the invariant hermitian form on $V(s, d)$ is definite if and only if all rank one reductions of the hermitian form are definite. Indeed, for $s \in \text{Hom}(Q^\vee, \mathbf{C}^*)$ regular for W this is immediate, and the statement depends continuously on s as long as (4.1) remains irreducible. The corollary now follows because the criterium of Theorem 4.9 holds as soon as it holds for all rank one reductions. Q.E.D.

§5. The classification of algebraic hypergeometric functions for root systems of type ADE

Definition 5.1. Two triples (λ, μ, ν) and (λ', μ', ν') in \mathbf{R}^3 are called contiguous if one is obtained from the other by applying finitely many operations of the form

$$(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \mapsto (-\lambda, \mu, \nu) \text{ or } (\lambda, -\mu, \nu) \text{ or } (\lambda, \mu, -\nu), \tag{5.1}$$

$$(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \mapsto (\lambda + 2, \mu, \nu) \text{ or } (\lambda, \mu + 2, \nu) \text{ or } (\lambda, \mu, \nu + 2), \tag{5.2}$$

$$(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \mapsto (\lambda, 1 - \mu, 1 - \nu) \text{ or } (1 - \lambda, \mu, 1 - \nu) \text{ or } (1 - \lambda, 1 - \mu, \nu) \tag{5.3}$$

Definition 5.2. A triple $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \mathbf{R}^3$ is called reduced if and only if $0 \leq \lambda, \mu, \nu$ and $\lambda + \mu, \lambda + \nu, \mu + \nu \leq 1$.

Proposition 5.3. Any class of contiguous triples in \mathbf{R}^3 contains a unique reduced triple.

Proof. If we enlarge the group generated by the transformations (5.1), (5.2), (5.3) with the symmetric group S_3 of permutations of λ, μ, ν then the statement is that the fundamental alcove $\{0 \leq \lambda \leq \mu \leq \nu, \mu + \nu \leq 1\}$ is a fundamental domain for the action of the affine Weyl group of type B_3 . Q.E.D.

The Gaussian hypergeometric function $F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; z)$ has exponent differences $\lambda = 1 - \gamma, \mu = \gamma - \alpha - \beta, \nu = \alpha - \beta$ around $z = 0, 1, \infty$ respectively. The following result is due to H.A. Schwarz [S].

Theorem 5.4. (H.A. Schwarz). *The hypergeometric function $F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; z)$ has an irreducible monodromy group and is an algebraic function of its variable z if and only if the contiguity class of exponent differences*

$$\lambda = 1 - \gamma, \quad \mu = \gamma - \alpha - \beta, \quad \nu = \alpha - \beta \tag{5.4}$$

contains as reduced triple and up to permutation one of the following 15 triples:

No	λ	μ	ν	
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$p \cdot q^{-1}$	$(1 \leq p \leq \frac{1}{2}q)$
2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
3	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
4	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	
5	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	
6	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	
7	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
8	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	
9	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	
10	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	
11	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	
12	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	
13	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	
14	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
15	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	

Theorem 5.5. *Suppose R is an irreducible reduced root system with corresponding possibly non reduced root system*

$$R_{nr} = \{\alpha \in P; \alpha \in R \text{ or } 2\alpha \in R\}. \quad (5.5)$$

For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^$ and $k \in K$ a multiplicity function on R_{nr} the hypergeometric function $F(\lambda, k; z)$ associated with R_{nr} is an algebraic function of its variables $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ if the reduced triples in the contiguity classes of*

$$\lambda_\alpha = 2(\lambda, \alpha^\vee), \mu_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} - k_{\frac{1}{2}\alpha} - k_\alpha, \nu_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + k_{\frac{1}{2}\alpha} + k_\alpha - 2(\rho, \alpha^\vee) \quad (5.6)$$

appear in the Schwarz list for all $\alpha \in R_+$.

Proof. This is just a reformulation of Corollary 4.10 taking into account Theorem 5.4 and formulas (4.5) of [HO]. Q.E.D.

Remark 5.6. For any root system R we get algebraic hypergeometric function by taking $k_\alpha = 0 \forall \alpha \in R_{nr}$ and $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ rational with respect to the weight lattice P . The corresponding monodromy group is a semidirect product of W and a finite factor group of Q^\vee (namely Q^\vee modulo $\{z \in Q^\vee; w\lambda(x) \in \mathbb{Z} \forall w \in W\}$). This case is the higher dimensional analogue of No 1 in the Schwarz list.

Example 5.7. Suppose R is of type A_2 . We write $k_\alpha = k \forall \alpha \in R$, and $\lambda = n_1\lambda_1 + n_2\lambda_2$. Then the condition of Theorem 5.5 implies that the three triples

$$\{2n_1, \frac{1}{2} - k, \frac{1}{2} - k\} \quad (5.7)$$

$$\{2n_2, \frac{1}{2} - k, \frac{1}{2} - k\} \quad (5.8)$$

$$\{2n_1 + 2n_2, \frac{1}{2} - k, \frac{1}{2} - 3k\} \quad (5.9)$$

up to contiguity and order should appear in the Schwarz list. An easy verification using Theorem 5.4 yields the following possibilities besides the ones mentioned in Remark 5.6: $\{2n_1 = 2n_2 = \frac{2}{3}, k = \pm \frac{1}{4}\}$, $\{2n_1 = 2n_2 = \frac{2}{3}, k = \pm \frac{3}{10}\}$.

Corollary 5.8. *For R an irreducible root system of type ADE and rank $n \geq 3$ there are no other algebraic hypergeometric functions than the ones described in Remark 5.6.*

Proof. By rank reduction it is sufficient to verify this statement for type A_3 , and the easy verification is left to the reader. Q.E.D.

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