

Studies on the Painlevé Equations IV. Third Painlevé Equation P_{III}

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The present article deals with the third Painlevé equation P_{III} ; we consider instead the equation P_{III}' , equivalent to the former. By defining the Painlevé system \mathscr{R} , we consider the group G_* of birational canonical transformations of \mathscr{R} ; G_* is isomorphic to the affine Weyl group of the root system of the type B_2 . A sequence of solutions of \mathscr{R} is obtained from that of τ -functions, satisfying the Toda equation and vice versa. We consider also particular solutions of \mathscr{R} written in terms of the cylinder function.

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Introduction

The present article concerns the third Painlevé equation:

$$\mathbf{P}_{III} \quad \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{t} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{t} (\alpha q^2 + \beta) + \gamma q^3 + \frac{\delta}{q},$$

for which we make the assumption, $\gamma\delta \neq 0$, throughout this paper. This equation is well-known and investigated by many authors (for example, [3], [5], [6], [7]), while we consider in the following mainly the equation:

$$\mathbf{P}_{III'} \quad \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{t} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q^2}{4t^2} (\gamma q + \alpha) + \frac{\beta}{4t} + \frac{\delta}{4q},$$

instead. These two equations are equivalent each other. In fact, by replacing in $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$, t by t^2 and q by tq , we obtain \mathbf{P}_{III} . Therefore a result on $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ can be translated immediately to that of \mathbf{P}_{III} . We do not repeat results one by one. We sum up in §1.1 known facts about the equation $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ or \mathbf{P}_{III} . As for the origin of the equation $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$, refer to [8], [10].

The Hamiltonian associated with \mathbf{P}_{III} is:

$$\mathbf{H}_{III} \quad \frac{1}{t} [2q^2 p^2 - \{2\eta_\infty t q^2 + (2\theta_0 + 1)q - 2\eta_0 t\} p + \eta_\infty (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) t q],$$

where the constants η_A, θ_A ($A=0, \infty$) are connected to $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ of the equation as follows:

$$(0.1) \quad \alpha = -4\eta_\infty \theta_\infty, \quad \beta = 4\eta_0 (\theta_0 + 1), \quad \gamma = 4\eta_\infty^2, \quad \delta = -4\eta_0^2.$$

By the assumption, we have $\eta_A \neq 0$; moreover we set $\eta_A = 1$ without loss of generality. On the other hand, the Hamiltonian associated with $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ is:

$$\mathbf{H}_{III'} \quad \frac{1}{t} \left[q^2 p^2 - \{\eta_\infty q^2 + \theta_0 q - \eta_0 t\} p + \frac{1}{2} \eta_\infty (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) q \right].$$

These two Hamiltonians are connected mutually through the canonical transformation ϕ :

$$(0.2) \quad q \longrightarrow tq, \quad p \longrightarrow t^{-1}p, \quad t \longrightarrow t^2,$$

$$H_{III'} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2t} \left(H_{III} + \frac{1}{t} qp \right).$$

The Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$ (resp. \mathcal{H}_{III}) associated with the equation $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ (resp. \mathbf{P}_{III}) is by definition the quartet:

$$(q, p, H, t)$$

such that $H = H_{III'}(t; q, p)$ (resp. $H = H_{III}(t; q, p)$). We consider in this paper mainly the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$. All of results obtained for $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$ can be translated to what concerns the other \mathcal{H}_{III} through the canonical transformation:

$$\phi; \mathcal{H}_{III'} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{III}$$

given by (0.2).

Let \mathcal{H} be the Painlevé system associated with $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$. A solution (q, p) of the system of differential equations:

$$(0.3) \quad \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, \quad \frac{dp}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q},$$

with $H = H_{III'}(t; q, p)$ is called simply a *solution of \mathcal{H}* . The τ -function related to (q, p) is defined by:

$$(0.4) \quad H = \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau,$$

where H is the Hamiltonian function:

$$H = H(t) = H(t; q(t), p(t)).$$

In a similar manner to [9], we have the

Proposition 0.1. *The τ -function of \mathcal{H} is holomorphic on the universal covering surface \mathfrak{B} of $\mathbf{C} - \{0\}$. All of zeros of $\tau(t)$ is simple.*

The proof of this proposition is given in §3.2.

Let \mathbf{V} be the two dimensional complex vector space. We regard \mathbf{V} as the space of parameters of the Painlevé system through

$$(0.5) \quad v_1 = \theta_0, \quad v_2 = \theta_\infty.$$

The Painlevé system at $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ is written as $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$. The Painlevé system \mathcal{H} is provided with the structure of a fiber space over the base space \mathbf{V} such that the fiber on a point \mathbf{v} of \mathbf{V} is the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$ at \mathbf{V} . Let σ be a canonical transformation of \mathcal{H} . The restriction $\sigma_{\mathbf{v}}$ of σ to $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$ is denoted also by σ in the following of this paper. If there exists a transformation g of \mathbf{V} such that

$$\sigma: \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(g(\mathbf{v}))$$

for any \mathbf{v} , then we write $\sigma = g_*$. We say g_* is associated with g . In Section 2, we will consider the group \mathbf{G} , isomorphic to the affine Weyl group of the root system of the type B_2 and show that there exists for any g of \mathbf{G} the canonical

transformation g^* associated with g . The homomorphism:

$$\rho: \mathbf{G} \longrightarrow \mathbf{G}_*,$$

thus obtained is called, for short, the *nonlinear representation of \mathbf{G} on the Painlevé system*, where \mathbf{G}_* is the group generated by g^* 's.

Let $H(\mathbf{v})=H(t; \mathbf{v})$ be a Hamiltonian function related to a solution $(q, p)=(q(\mathbf{v}), p(\mathbf{v}))$ of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$. We will define the auxiliary Hamiltonian functions:

$$(0.6) \quad h = tH + \frac{1}{4}v_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}t$$

and show it satisfies the differential equation:

$$(0.7) \quad \left(t \frac{d^2h}{dt^2}\right)^2 + v_1v_2 \frac{dh}{dt} - \left\{4\left(\frac{dh}{dt}\right)^2 - 1\right\} \left(h - t \frac{dh}{dt}\right) - \frac{1}{4}(v_1^2 + v_2^2) = 0.$$

There is the one-to-one correspondence Γ from a particular solution $h=h(\mathbf{v})$ of (0.7) to a solution (q, p) of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$: see Proposition 1.8. In particular, we have

$$(0.8)_1 \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = p - 1,$$

$$(0.8)_2 \quad t \frac{d^2h}{dt^2} = -2qp(p-1) + v_1p - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2).$$

We can compute the explicit forms of various birational canonical transformations by means of the correspondence Γ .

The differential equation (0.7) admits of a singular solution, which is characterized by:

$$\frac{d^2h}{dt^2} = \frac{dp}{dt} = 0.$$

It follows from (0.8)₂ that

$$p \equiv 0 \quad \text{or} \quad p \equiv 1,$$

corresponding to respectively

$$v_1 + v_2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v_1 - v_2 = 0.$$

These two lines of \mathbf{V} are walls of the Weyl chamber of the Weyl group \mathbf{W} of the type B_2 , and connected each other through the transformation:

$$(0.9) \quad s_2(\mathbf{v}) = (v_1, -v_2).$$

We will see in Proposition 1.6 the canonical transformation $(s_2)_*$ associated with

(0.9) is given by the replacement:

$$\begin{aligned} q &\longrightarrow -q, & p &\longrightarrow 1 - p, \\ H &\longrightarrow 1 - H, & t &\longrightarrow -t. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we consider only the case $v_1 + v_2 = 0$. By means of the Hamiltonian system (0.3), q satisfies the Riccati equation:

$$(0.10) \quad t \frac{dq}{dt} = -q^2 - \theta_0 q + t \quad (\theta_0 = v_1),$$

which can be linearized by:

$$(0.11) \quad q = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_0 + t \frac{d\mathfrak{z}}{dt}.$$

We obtain in fact:

$$(0.12) \quad \frac{d^2\mathfrak{z}}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{t} \frac{d\mathfrak{z}}{dt} - \left[\frac{1}{t} + \left(\frac{\theta_0}{2t} \right)^2 \right] \mathfrak{z} = 0,$$

hence

$$\mathfrak{z} = Z_\nu(2\sqrt{-t}), \quad \nu = \theta_0.$$

Here $Z_\nu(r)$ is the cylinder function, that is, a solution of the linear equation:

$$(0.13) \quad \frac{q^2\mathfrak{z}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\mathfrak{z}}{dr} + \left(1 - \frac{\nu^2}{r^2} \right) \mathfrak{z} = 0:$$

the Bessel function $J_\nu(r)$, the Hankel functions $H_\nu^{(i)}(r)$ and so on.

A solution of the Painlevé system \mathcal{H} , of the form (0.11)-(0.12), is called a *classical solution* of \mathcal{H} . A birational canonical transformation of \mathcal{H} can be extended even in the case when the auxiliary function is reduced to a linear function of t , namely, a singular solution of (0.7). We will show in Section 4 that the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$ has a classical solution if

$$v_1 \pm v_2 = 2m,$$

m being integers. Consider the contiguity relations of the cylinder function:

$$(0.14)_1 \quad Z_{\nu+1}(r) = -\frac{dZ_\nu}{dr} + \nu r^{-1} Z_\nu,$$

$$(0.14)_2 \quad Z_{\nu-1}(r) = \frac{dZ_\nu}{dr} + \nu r^{-1} Z_\nu.$$

It is known ([12]) that the functions:

$$\tilde{Z}_v(r) = r^{v^2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4} r^2\right) Z_v(r) \quad (v \in \mathbf{C}),$$

satisfy the equation

$$(0.15) \quad \left(r \frac{d}{dr}\right)^2 \log \tilde{Z}_v(r) = \frac{\tilde{Z}_{v-1}(r) \tilde{Z}_{v+1}(r)}{\tilde{Z}_v(r)^2}.$$

We gain thus the sequence of solutions of \mathcal{H} , of the form (0.10), connected to the Toda equation (0.15).

A canonical transformation g_* , associated with g of the group \mathbf{G} , yields in a natural manner the correspondence between the two τ -functions, $\tau(\mathbf{v})$ and $\tau(g(\mathbf{v}))$. We will write it also as $\tau(g(\mathbf{v})) = g_* \tau(\mathbf{v})$. Given a τ -function τ , we say that a function τ_1 is equivalent to τ , if

$$\frac{d}{dt} \log \tau_1 - \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau$$

is a rational function of t ; τ_1 is called also a τ -function. Let $\tau = \tau(\mathbf{v})$ be a τ -function of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$. Starting from τ , we obtain the sequence of τ -functions:

$$(0.16) \quad \mathfrak{T}(g) = \{\tau_m; m \in \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

such that:

$$\tau_0 = \tau, \quad \tau_{m+1} = g_* \tau_m.$$

Note (0.16) is determined uniquely by τ_0 , up to multiplicative constants of τ_m . We call (0.16) the τ -sequence with respect to g . By replacing τ_m by the equivalent one, τ_m^0 , in the suitable manner, we will show, for the certain parallel transformation ℓ of \mathbf{V} , the τ -sequence

$$\mathfrak{T}^0(\ell) = \{\tau_m^0; m \in \mathbf{Z}\}$$

is subject to the Toda equation:

$$(0.17) \quad \delta^2 \log \tau_m^0 = \frac{\tau_{m-1}^0 \tau_{m+1}^0}{(\tau_m^0)^2},$$

where $\delta = t \frac{d}{dt}$.

In Section 1 we define at first the Painlevé system \mathcal{H}_{III} associated with the differential equation \mathbf{P}_{III} . We show that the auxiliary Hamiltonian function (0.6) satisfies the nonlinear differential equation (0.7) and that there exists the one-to-one correspondence from a particular solution of (0.7) to a solution of \mathcal{H}_{III} . Moreover some birational canonical transformations are derived from the symmetry of the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_{III} .

The transformation group of \mathcal{H}_{III} is the subject of the second section. We construct the nonlinear representation of the affine Weyl group of the type B_2 on \mathcal{H}_{III} , as birational canonical transformations (Theorem 1). We give the explicit forms of the various canonical transformations.

In Section 3 we study the τ -function of \mathcal{H}_{III} . We show firstly the τ -function of \mathcal{H}_{III} is holomorphic on the universal covering surface of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ (see Proposition 0.1). The Painlevé transcendental function q , that is, a solution of the equation P_{III} , is written as the logarithmic derivative of the quotient of τ -functions (Proposition 3.2). Moreover we obtain the Toda equation (0.17) for the τ -sequence with respect to the parallel transformation: $\ell(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} + (1, 1)$ (Theorem 2).

The final section is devoted to the studies on classical solutions. We consider the canonical transformations also in the degenerate case.

§1. Painlevé system

1.1. Painlevé equation P_{III}

In this paragraph we give a summary of results on the differential equation P_{III} or P_{III} , which we need later. First of all, it is easy to see:

Proposition 1.1. *A transformation of the form:*

- (i) $t \mapsto -t$,
- (ii) $q \mapsto -q$,
- (iii) $q \mapsto tq$

yields in P_{III} only the change of constants:

- (i) $\beta \rightarrow -\beta$,
- (ii) $\alpha \rightarrow -\alpha, \beta \rightarrow -\beta$,
- (iii) $\alpha \rightarrow -\beta, \beta \rightarrow -\alpha, \gamma \rightarrow -\delta, \delta \rightarrow -\gamma$,

respectively.

Here we mean by $z \mapsto \phi(z)$ that one puts $z = \phi(z')$ and then rewrites z' as z . Moreover we have the

Proposition 1.2. *P_{III} remains invariant under the replacement:*

$$q \mapsto \lambda q, \quad t \mapsto \mu t,$$

except for the change of the parameters:

$$\alpha \longrightarrow \lambda\alpha, \quad \beta \longrightarrow \mu\lambda^{-1}\beta, \quad \gamma \longrightarrow \lambda^2\gamma, \quad \delta \longrightarrow \mu^2\lambda^{-2}\delta,$$

λ, μ being constants.

Therefore, assuming $\gamma\delta \neq 0$, we can put, for example,

$$(1.1) \quad \gamma = 4, \quad \delta = -4,$$

without loss of generality. The Painlevé equations $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ and \mathbf{P}_{III} depend essentially on the two parameters α, β . As we have mentioned in the second part of this series of papers, it is known that

Proposition 1.3 ([4], [10]). *In the case $\gamma\delta \neq 0$, $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ is equivalent to the fifth equation \mathbf{P}_V with $\delta=0$.*

When $\gamma\delta=0$, we have:

Proposition 1.4 ([10]). *The equation $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ with $\gamma=\delta=0$ is transformed into the equation with $\alpha=\beta=0$, $\gamma\delta \neq 0$.*

Proposition 1.5. *If $\beta=\delta=0$, then $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ can be solved by quadratures.*

Therefore, $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ is soluble also in the case $\alpha=\gamma=0$, by means of the transformation (iii) of Proposition 1.1. We give below a sketch of a proof of Proposition 1.5. In fact, the equation $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ with $\beta=\delta=0$:

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{t} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q^2}{4t^2} (\alpha + \gamma q)$$

possesses the integral:

$$(1.3) \quad \left(t \frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{\gamma}{4} q^4 - \frac{\alpha}{2} q^3 = \lambda^2 q^2$$

λ denoting an integration constant. It follows that, if $\lambda \neq 0$, then

$$(1.4) \quad q = \frac{2\lambda^2 F}{(F-1) \left(\left(\frac{1}{4} \alpha - \varepsilon \right) F - \left(\frac{1}{4} \alpha + \varepsilon \right) \right)},$$

$$F = \mu t^\lambda, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\gamma} \lambda,$$

and if $\lambda=0$, then

$$(1.4)' \quad q = \frac{2\alpha}{\frac{1}{4} \alpha F^2 - \gamma},$$

$$F = \log t + \mu,$$

where μ is an arbitrary constant.

1.2. Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$

Let $\mathcal{H}=(q, p, H, t)$ be the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$ associated with the

equation $\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{P}_{III}$. Consider the canonical transformation of \mathcal{H} :

$$(1.5) \quad \psi(\lambda, \mu): (q, p, H, t) \longrightarrow (\lambda^{-1}q, \lambda p, \mu H, \mu^{-1}t),$$

λ, μ being non zero constants. Remark that, if $\lambda = -1$ (resp. $\lambda\mu = -1$), then $\psi(\lambda, \mu)$ yields the alternation of the sign of η_∞ (resp. η_0). In the following of this paper, we normalize as

$$\eta_0 = \eta_\infty = 1,$$

since by the assumption $\eta_0\eta_\infty \neq 0$. Namely the Hamiltonian of \mathcal{H} is:

$$(1.6) \quad H(t; q, p) = \frac{1}{t} \left[q^2 p^2 - \{q^2 + \theta_0 q - t\} p + \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) q \right].$$

The Hamiltonian system of the differential equation:

$$(1.7)_1 \quad t \frac{dq}{dt} = 2q^2 p - q^2 - \theta_0 q + t,$$

$$(1.7)_2 \quad t \frac{dp}{dt} = -2qp^2 + (2q + \theta_0)p - \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty)$$

is equivalent to \mathbf{P}_{III} with

$$(1.8) \quad \alpha = -4\theta_\infty, \quad \beta = 4(\theta_0 + 1), \quad \gamma = 4, \quad \delta = -4.$$

Example 1.1. The Hamiltonian of (1.2) is written as:

$$H''(t; q, p) = \frac{1}{t} \left[q^2 p^2 - q^2 p + \frac{1}{2} \theta_\infty q \right].$$

For the solution (1.4), we have

$$p = \frac{1}{4\lambda} \left[(\lambda + \theta_\infty) F + \frac{\lambda - \theta_\infty}{F} \right] + \frac{1}{2}, \quad F = \mu t^\lambda,$$

and for (1.4)'

$$p = -\frac{1}{8} F + \frac{1}{2}, \quad F = \log t + \mu.$$

In any case, the Hamiltonian system has the first integral:

$$tH''(t; q, p) = \frac{1}{4} \lambda^2.$$

1.3. Symmetry of the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_{III}

The transformations (i), (ii), (iii) of Proposition 1.1 are extended to the

canonical transformations of the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{III}$. To verify this fact, consider the following change of constants of the Hamiltonian:

- (i) $s_2: \theta_\infty \rightarrow -\theta_\infty$,
- (ii) $s: \theta_0 \rightarrow -\theta_0 - 2$,
- (iii) $x: \theta_0 \rightarrow \theta_\infty - 1, \theta_\infty \rightarrow \theta_0 + 1$.

We prove:

Proposition 1.6. *There exists the canonical transformation of \mathcal{H} , representing each transformation of (i), (ii), (iii).*

In fact, consider the canonical transformation

$$(1.9) \quad \pi': \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}' = (q, \bar{p}', \bar{H}', t)$$

such that

$$(1.10) \quad \bar{p}' = p - 1, \quad \bar{H}' = H - 1.$$

Also the system $\bar{\mathcal{H}}'$ is associated with **P** and we have:

$$\bar{H}' = \frac{1}{t} \left[q^2 (\bar{p}')^2 - \{-q^2 + \theta_0 q - t\} \bar{p}' + \frac{1}{2} (-\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) q \right].$$

Then the canonical transformation $\psi(-1, -1) \cdot \pi'$ keeps H invariant except for the change s_2 of constants; we denote it by $(s_2)_*$:

$$(i) \quad (s_2)_* = \psi(-1, -1) \cdot \pi'$$

Set in the Hamiltonian (1.6):

$$(1.11) \quad p = \bar{p} + \frac{\theta_0 + 1}{q} - \frac{t}{q^2}, \quad H = \bar{H} - \frac{1}{q} + \frac{\theta_0 + 1}{t} + 1;$$

we obtain:

$$(1.12) \quad \bar{H} = \frac{1}{t} \left[q^2 \bar{p}^2 - \{q^2 - (\theta_0 + 2)q + t\} \bar{p} + \frac{1}{2} (-\theta_0 - 2 + \theta_\infty) q \right].$$

It is easy to verify the transformation:

$$\pi: \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \bar{\mathcal{H}} = (q, \bar{p}, \bar{H}, t)$$

is canonical and H remains invariant under the transformation $\psi(1, -1) \cdot \pi$ except for the change s . Consequently we have:

$$(ii) \quad s_* = \psi(1, -1) \cdot \pi.$$

The transformation associated with x is given by:

$$(1.13) \quad q = \frac{t}{q_1}, \quad p = \frac{1}{t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\theta_\infty) q_1 - q_1^2 p_1 \right\},$$

$$H = H_1 - \frac{1}{t} q_1 p_1 + \frac{1}{4t} (\theta_\infty^2 - \theta_0^2).$$

We obtain in fact,

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{t} \left[q_1^2 p_1^2 - \{q_1^2 + (\theta_\infty - 1)q_1 - t\} p_1 + \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) q_1 \right].$$

We write (1.13) also in the form:

$$(iii) \quad x_*: (q, p, H, t) \rightarrow (q_1, p_1, H_1, t),$$

$$q_1 = \frac{t}{q}, \quad p_1 = \frac{1}{t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) q - q^2 p \right\},$$

$$H_1 = H - \frac{1}{t} \left\{ q p - \frac{1}{4} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) (\theta_0 + 2 - \theta_\infty) \right\}.$$

Remark 1.1. We have for (i), (ii), (iii) the relation:

$$x \cdot s_2 = s \cdot x,$$

and then the relation of the canonical transformations:

$$x_*(s_2)_* = s_* x_*.$$

1.4. Auxiliary Hamiltonian function

Let $H = H(t)$ be a Hamiltonian function related to a solution $(q, p) = (q(t), p(t))$ of $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{III}$. We define by:

$$(1.14) \quad h = tH + \frac{1}{4} \theta_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} t,$$

the auxiliary Hamiltonian function $h = h(t)$ of H . Since

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = p - \frac{1}{2},$$

by virtue of (1.6), we obtain from (1.7),

$$2(-p^2 + p)q + \theta_0 p - \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) - t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} = 0.$$

Hence, we have

$$(1.15)_1 \quad q = - \frac{t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} - \theta_0 \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \theta_\infty}{2 \left(\frac{dh}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

$$(1.15)_2 \quad p = \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

On the other hand, from (1.6) and (1.15)₂, it results that:

$$h - t \frac{dh}{dt} = \left(qp - \frac{1}{2} \theta_0 \right)^2 - q \left(qp - \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 + \theta_\infty) \right).$$

Therefore we arrive at the proposition:

Proposition 1.7. *h satisfies the differential equation:*

$$\mathbf{E}_{III'} \quad \left(t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} \right)^2 + \theta_0 \theta_\infty \frac{dh}{dt} - \left\{ 4 \left(\frac{dh}{dt} \right)^2 - 1 \right\} \left(h - t \frac{dh}{dt} \right) - \frac{1}{4} (\theta_0^2 + \theta_\infty^2) = 0.$$

Inversely, for a solution $h = h(t)$ of $\mathbf{E}_{III'}$, we define a pair (q, p) of functions by (1.15). Then (q, p) is actually a solution of the system (1.7), provided that

$$(1.16) \quad \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} \equiv 0.$$

Consequently, we obtain the

Proposition 1.8. *There exists the one-to-one correspondence:*

$$(1.17) \quad \Gamma(h) = (q, p)$$

from a particular solution of $\mathbf{E}_{III'}$ to a solution of \mathcal{H} .

The equation $\mathbf{E}_{III'}$ admits of a singular solution of the form:

$$(1.18) \quad h = \lambda t + \mu,$$

$$\theta_0 \theta_\infty \lambda - (4\lambda^2 - 1)\mu - \frac{1}{4} (\theta_0^2 + \theta_\infty^2) = 0.$$

1.5. Painlevé system \mathcal{H}_{III}

In this paragraph we state the results on the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$ derived immediately from Propositions 1.7 and 1.8 by the canonical transformation ϕ of the form (0.2). Let $H = H(t)$ be a Hamiltonian function of \mathcal{H}_{III} related to a solution $(q, p) = (q(t), p(t))$ of $\mathcal{H}_{III'}$. We have:

Proposition 1.9. *The auxiliary Hamiltonian function:*

$$h = tH + \frac{1}{4} (2\theta_0 + 1)^2$$

satisfies the equation:

$$\mathbf{E}_{III} \quad \left[\left(t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} \right)^2 - 4 \left(h - t \frac{dh}{dt} \right) f \right]^2 - 096 (\theta_0 - \theta_\infty + 1)^2 \left(h - t \frac{dh}{dt} \right)^3 = 0,$$

$$f = \left(\frac{dh}{dt} \right)^2 + 16 \left(h - t \frac{dh}{dt} \right) - 16 \left(\theta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\theta_\infty - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

A particular solution of E_{III} is connected to a solution (q, p) as follows:

$$q = 4 \frac{A + \left(\theta_0 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \sqrt{A}}{B},$$

$$p = \frac{B}{8\sqrt{A}},$$

$$A = h - t \frac{dh}{dt},$$

$$B = -t \frac{d^2h}{dt^2} + \frac{dh}{dt} \sqrt{A}.$$

Moreover we can verify:

Proposition 1.10. The function \bar{h} defined by:

$$\bar{h} = tH + qp,$$

is a solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \left(t \frac{d^2\bar{h}}{dt^2} - \frac{d\bar{h}}{dt}\right)^2 - 4 \left\{ \theta_0 \frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} - 2(\theta_0 + \theta_\infty)t \right\}^2 \\ + \frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} \left(\frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} - 8t \right) \left(2t \frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} - 4\bar{h} \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Inversely (q, p) is given by

$$q = -2 \cdot \frac{t \frac{d^2\bar{h}}{dt^2} - (2\theta_0 + 1) \frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} + 8(\theta_0 + \theta_\infty)t}{\frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} - 8},$$

$$p = \frac{1}{4} \frac{d\bar{h}}{dt}.$$

We do not enter into details of verification of these propositions.

§2. Transformation group of \mathcal{H}_{III}

2.1. Root system

Let e_1, e_2 be the canonical basis of the two dimensional complex vector space V ; we write a vector of V as $v = v_1 e_1 + v_2 e_2 = (v_1, v_2)$. Recall $v = (v_1, v_2)$ is regarded as parameters of the Painlevé system by means of

$$\theta_0 = v_1, \quad \theta_\infty = v_2.$$

Consider in \mathbf{V} the vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_1 &= \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2, & \mathbf{a}_2 &= \mathbf{e}_2, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}} &= \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{III}$ be the root system of the type B_2 . Then \mathbf{a}_i ($i=1, 2$) are the fundamental roots of \mathbf{R} and $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}$ is the highest root ([1]). Denote by s_i the reflection of \mathbf{V} with respect to the line:

$$(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{v}) = 0,$$

and by s_0 the reflection with respect to

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{a}} | \mathbf{v}) = -1,$$

where $(\mathbf{v} | \mathbf{v}')$ is the symmetric bilinear form in \mathbf{V} such that $(\mathbf{e}_i | \mathbf{e}_j) = (\mathbf{e}_j | \mathbf{e}_i) = \delta_{ij}$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 : \mathbf{v} &\longmapsto (v_2, v_1), \\ s_2 : \mathbf{v} &\longmapsto (v_1, -v_2), \\ s_0 : \mathbf{v} &\longmapsto (-1 - v_2, -1 - v_1). \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathbf{G} be the group generated by s_1, s_2 and s_0 and W the group generated by s_1 and s_2 . Then \mathbf{G} is isomorphic to the affine Weyl group $W_a(\mathbf{R})$ and \mathbf{W} is the Weyl group $W(\mathbf{R})$. Now we state the theorem:

Theorem 1. *There exists the nonlinear representation of \mathbf{G} on the Painlevé system \mathcal{H} , as the group \mathbf{G}_* of birational canonical transformations.*

To establish this theorem, it suffices to determine the birational canonical transformations $(s_i)_*$, $(s_0)_*$. We will do this in the rest of this section.

2.2. Weyl group \mathbf{W}

We construct $(s_i)_*$ ($i=1, 2$). The differential equation \mathbf{E}_{III} :

$$\left(t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2}\right)^2 + v_1 v_2 \frac{dh}{dt} - \frac{1}{4} (v_1^2 + v_2^2) - \left\{4 \left(\frac{dh}{dt}\right)^2 - 1\right\} \left(h - t \frac{dh}{dt}\right) = 0$$

is invariant under the change s_1 of parameters. Hence we obtain $(s_1)_*$ from the schema:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{E}(s_1(\mathbf{v})) & \\ \swarrow r & & \searrow r \\ (q(\mathbf{v}), p(\mathbf{v})) & \cdots \cdots \cdots & (q(s_1(\mathbf{v})), p(s_1(\mathbf{v}))), \end{array}$$

where $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{v})$ denotes the equation $\mathbf{E}_{III'}$ with the parameters \mathbf{v} . In fact, if h_1 is a solution of $\mathbf{E}(s_t(\mathbf{v}))$, then (q_1, p_1) given by:

$$(2.1)_1 \quad q_1 = -\frac{t \frac{d^2 h_1}{dt^2} - v_2 \frac{dh_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} v_1}{2 \left(\frac{dh_1}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{dh_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

$$(2.1)_2 \quad p_1 = \frac{dh_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}$$

is a solution of the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}(s_1(\mathbf{v})) = (q_1, p_1, H_1, t)$ at $s_1(\mathbf{v})$ (see (1.15)). By putting

$$h = h_1,$$

we obtain from (1.15) and (2.1)

$$(2.2)_1 \quad q_1 = q + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(v_2 - v_1)}{p - 1}, \quad p_1 = p,$$

$$(2.2)_2 \quad H_1 = H - \frac{1}{4t}(v_2^2 - v_1^2).$$

It is clear (2.2)₁, (2.2)₂ define a canonical transformation of the Painlevé system. We have thus $(s_1)_*$, while the transformation $(s_2)_*$ has been constructed already in Proposition 1.6 (the case (i)).

Remark 2.1. It is not difficult to realize the transformation s_0 as the transformation of the Painlevé equation $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$. In fact, the change of the variable:

$$(2.3) \quad q \longrightarrow -\frac{t}{q},$$

keeps $\mathbf{P}_{III'}$ invariant except for the change of constants:

$$s_0: \theta_0 \longrightarrow -\theta_\infty - 1, \quad \theta_\infty \longrightarrow -\theta_0 - 1.$$

Therefore we will have $(s_0)_*$ by extending (2.3) to a canonical transformation of \mathcal{H} .

2.3. Involution of \mathbf{E}

The differential equation $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_{III'}$ is invariant under the involution of \mathbf{V} :

$$y: \mathbf{v} \longrightarrow -\mathbf{v}.$$

By using this fact, we obtain the transformation:

$$y_*: \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{v}).$$

In fact, since, by (1.15),

$$\begin{aligned} h &= tH + \frac{1}{4}v_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}t \\ &= tH_- + \frac{1}{4}(-v_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}t = h_-, \\ q_- &= -\frac{t \frac{d^2h}{dt^2} + v_1 \frac{dh}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}v_2}{2\left(\frac{dh}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}\right)}, \\ p_- &= \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} q_- &= q - \frac{v_1 p - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2)}{p(p-1)}, \\ p_- &= p, \\ H_- &= H. \end{aligned}$$

Here we write $\mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{v}) = (q_-, p_-, H_-, t)$.

2.4. Auxiliary functions

Let $h = h(\mathbf{v})$ be a solution of the equation $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{v})$. We define the auxiliary function $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}(t; \mathbf{v})$ by

$$(2.4) \quad \mathbf{g} = h + \frac{1}{4}(2v_1 + 1) - X,$$

$$(2.5) \quad X = q(p-1).$$

We prove the proposition:

Proposition 2.1. *The function \mathbf{g} satisfies the equation:*

$$(2.6) \quad \left(t \frac{d^2\mathbf{g}}{dt^2}\right)^2 + (v_1 + 1)(v_2 + 1) \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} - \frac{1}{4}(v_1 + 1)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(v_2 + 1)^2 \\ - \left\{4\left(\frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt}\right)^2 - 1\right\} \left(\mathbf{g} - t \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt}\right) = 0.$$

Inversely, for a particular solution \mathbf{g} of (2.6), the solution $(q, p) = (q(\mathbf{v}), p(\mathbf{v}))$ of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$ is given as follows:

$$(2.7)_1 \quad X = \frac{t \frac{d^2 \mathbf{g}}{dt^2} + (v_1 + 1) \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}(v_2 + 1)}{2\left(\frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}\right)},$$

$$(2.7)_2 \quad q = \frac{t\left(\frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}\right)}{X - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 - v_2)}.$$

Proof. We obtain from (1.7):

$$t \frac{dX}{dt} = -qX + \frac{1}{2}(v_1 - v_2)q + t(p-1),$$

and then

$$(2.8) \quad t \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} = qX - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 - v_2)q + \frac{1}{2}t.$$

On the other hand, since, by (2.4)

$$(2.9) \quad \mathbf{g} - t \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} = \left(X - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + 1)\right)^2 + t(p-1),$$

we have

$$(2.10) \quad t \frac{d^2 \mathbf{g}}{dt^2} = 2X\left(\frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - (v_1 + 1) \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}(v_2 + 1),$$

by differentiating (2.9) with respect to t . From (2.10) and (2.8) it results (2.7)₁ and (2.7)₂. The differential equation (2.6) follows immediately from (2.7), (2.8).

Remark 2.2. The function X defined by (2.5) is written also in the following form:

$$(2.11) \quad X = -\frac{t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} - v_1 \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}v_2}{2\left(\frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}\right)},$$

where h is the auxiliary Hamiltonian function (1.14).

Besides the function \mathbf{g} , we define by:

$$(2.12) \quad \bar{\mathbf{g}} = h + \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{4} - Y,$$

$$(2.13) \quad Y = qp$$

the other auxiliary function $\bar{\mathbf{g}} = \bar{\mathbf{g}}(t; \mathbf{v})$. Then we can verify in a manner similar to Proposition 2.1 the

Proposition 2.2. $\bar{\mathbf{g}}$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$(2.14) \quad \left(t \frac{d^2 \bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt^2}\right)^2 + (v_1 + 1)(v_2 - 1) \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt} - \frac{1}{4}((v_1 + 1)^2 + (v_2 - 1)^2) \\ - \left\{4\left(\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt}\right)^2 - 1\right\} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}} - t \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt}\right) = 0,$$

and is connected to a solution of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$ as follows:

$$(2.15)_1 \quad Y = \frac{t \frac{d^2 \bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt^2} + (v_1 + 1) \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}(v_2 - 1)}{2\left(\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}\right)},$$

$$(2.15)_2 \quad q = -\frac{t\left(\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{g}}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{Y - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2)}.$$

We omit the proof.

Remark 2.3. We obtain from (1.15):

$$(2.16) \quad Y = -\frac{t \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} - v_1 \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} v_2}{2\left(\frac{dh}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}\right)};$$

compare it with (2.11) and (2.15).

2.5. Parallel transformation ℓ

Set:

$$(2.17) \quad \ell = y \cdot s_0 \cdot s_1 : \mathbf{v} \longrightarrow (v_1 + 1, v_2 + 1).$$

If we denote by $h(\mathbf{v})$ a particular solution of the differential equation $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{v})$, the auxiliary function \mathbf{g} , defined by (2.4), is a solution of $\mathbf{E}(\ell(\mathbf{v}))$:

$$(2.18) \quad \mathbf{g} = h(\ell(\mathbf{v})).$$

Therefore we obtain the birational canonical transformation ℓ_* associated with ℓ by the use of the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{v}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{E}(\ell(\mathbf{v})) \\ r \downarrow & & \downarrow r \\ \ell_* : \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}(\ell(\mathbf{v})). \end{array}$$

In fact, we have from (2.11) and (2.18)

$$X_+ = - \frac{t \frac{d^2 \mathbf{g}}{dt^2} - (v_1 + 1) \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} (v_2 + 1)}{2 \left(\frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

where we write $\mathcal{H}(\ell(\mathbf{v})) = (q_+, p_+, H_+, t)$, $X_+ + q_+(p_+ - 1)$. It follows from (2.7)₁ that:

$$(2.19)_1 \quad X_+ + X = v_1 + 1 - \frac{v_1 + v_2 + 2}{2 \left(\frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

while we obtain:

$$(2.19)_2 \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} &= p_+ \\ &= \frac{q}{t} \left[X - \frac{1}{2} (v_1 - v_2) \right] + 1, \end{aligned}$$

by means of (1.15)₂ and (2.8). The explicit forms of ℓ_* and ℓ_*^{-1} are given by (2.19)_{1,2}. In particular, (2.18) implies the relation:

$$(2.20) \quad H_+ = H - \frac{1}{t} X.$$

Remark 2.4. We have, besides (2.17), the relations:

$$\ell = s_2 \cdot s_1 \cdot x \cdot s_2 = s_2 \cdot s_1 \cdot s \cdot x,$$

with respect to the transformations s, x , considered in §1.3. (2.19)_{1,2} follow also from the expressions:

$$\ell_* = (s_2)_*(s_1)_* x_*(s_2)_* = (s_2)_*(s_1)_* s_* x_*.$$

Consider the parallel transformation:

$$\tilde{\ell} = s_1 \cdot x : \mathbf{v} \longrightarrow \mathbf{v} + (1, -1).$$

The canonical transformation $\tilde{\ell}_*$ associated with $\tilde{\ell}$ is given by $\tilde{\ell}_* = (s_1)_* \cdot x_*$ or by Proposition 2.2. In fact, by setting $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{\ell}(\mathbf{v})) = \tilde{\ell}_* \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) = (\tilde{q}, \tilde{p}, \tilde{H}, t)$ and $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{q} \tilde{p}$, we obtain from Proposition 2.2:

$$(2.21) \quad \bar{\mathbf{g}} = h(\tilde{\ell}(\mathbf{v})),$$

and then, by (2.15)_{1,2} and (2.16),

$$Y + \tilde{Y} = v_1 + 1 - \frac{v_1 - v_2 + 2}{\frac{d\bar{g}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\bar{g}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} &= \tilde{p} - 1 \\ &= -\frac{q}{t} \left[Y - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2) \right] - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover we have

$$(2.22) \quad H_+ = H - \frac{1}{t} Y$$

by means of (2.21) and (2.12).

2.6. Realization of s_0 as the canonical transformation

We compute the birational canonical transformation $(s_0)_*$ by using the relation

$$s_0 = x \cdot s \cdot s_2.$$

In fact, for $\mathcal{H}(s_0(\mathbf{v})) = (q_0, p_0, H_0, t)$, we have

$$(2.23)_1 \quad q_0 = -\frac{t}{q},$$

$$(2.23)_2 \quad p_0 = \frac{q}{t} \left[X - \frac{1}{2}(v_1 - v_2 + 2) \right] + 1,$$

and moreover

$$X_0 + X = \frac{1}{2}(v_1 - v_2 + 2),$$

where $X = q(p-1)$, $X_0 = q_0(p_0-1)$; refer to (2.3). $(s_0)_*$ is given by (2.23) together with:

$$H_0 = H - \frac{X}{t} + \frac{1}{4t}(v_1 - v_2)(v_1 + v_2 + 2).$$

The proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

§3. Toda equation and τ -functions

3.1. τ -function

Let $H(\mathbf{v})$ be a Hamiltonian function of the Painlevé system $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$ at \mathbf{v} . The

τ -function $\tau = \tau(\mathbf{v})$ related to $H(\mathbf{v})$ is by definition:

$$(3.1) \quad H = \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau.$$

The canonical transformation

$$g_*: \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(g(\mathbf{v}))$$

extends to the mapping from the τ -functions $\tau(\mathbf{v})$ to $\tau(g(\mathbf{v}))$, uniquely up to multiplicative constants. We will write it also as:

$$g_*\tau(\mathbf{v}) = \tau(g(\mathbf{v})).$$

For example, the auxiliary function $h(\mathbf{v})$ is invariant with respect to s_1 , so that we have

$$\tau(s_1(\mathbf{v})) = (s_1)_*\tau(\mathbf{v}) = t^a \cdot \tau(\mathbf{v}),$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}(v_1^2 - v_2^2);$$

see §2.2.

Example 3.1. Consider the Hamiltonian $H''(t; q, p)$ given in Example 1.1. Since a Hamiltonian function is written in the form:

$$H = \frac{\lambda^2}{4t},$$

the τ -function related to it is:

$$\tau = \text{const. } t^{1/4\lambda^2}.$$

3.2. Proof of Proposition 0.1

We verify now the result stated in Proposition 0.1; we obtain the

Proposition 3.1. *If a Hamiltonian function $H(t)$ has a pole at $t=t_0$ ($t_0 \neq 0, \infty$), it can be written as*

$$(3.2) \quad H(t) = \frac{1}{T} [1 + O(T)],$$

in a neighbourhood of $t=t_0$, where T is the local parameter, $T=t-t_0$, the Landau notation $O(T^k)$ denoting a convergent series in T of powers higher than k .

In fact, we gain the following table of local expansions of $(q(t), p(t))$:

$$(i) \quad q(t) = T \left(1 - \frac{\theta_0}{2t_0} T + O(T^2) \right).$$

- $p(t)$: holomorphic,
 $H(t)$: holomorphic,
 (ii) $q(t) = -T\left(1 + \frac{\theta_0 + 2}{2t_0} T + O(T^2)\right)$,
 $p(t) = -t_0 T^{-2}(1 + O(T^2))$,
 $H(t)$: of the form (3.2),
 (iii) $q(t) = t_0 T^{-1}\left(1 + \frac{\theta_\infty + 1}{2t_0} T + O(T^2)\right)$,
 $p(t) = \frac{\theta_0 + \theta_\infty}{2t_0} T(1 + O(T))$,
 $H(t)$: holomorphic,
 (iv) $q(t) = -t_0 T^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\theta_\infty - 1}{2t_0} T + O(T^2)\right)$,
 $p(t) = 1 - \frac{\theta_0 - \theta_\infty}{2t_0} T + O(T^2)$,
 $H(t)$: holomorphic.

We do not enter into details of computation.

3.3. Painlevé transcendental function and τ -function

Consider the parallel transformations of \mathbf{V} :

$$\begin{aligned}\ell: \mathbf{v} &\longrightarrow \mathbf{v} + (1, 1), \\ \tilde{\ell}: \mathbf{v} &\longrightarrow \mathbf{v} + (1, -1).\end{aligned}$$

Let $\tau(\mathbf{v})$ be the τ -function related to a solution $(q, p) = (q(\mathbf{v}), p(\mathbf{v}))$ of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v})$. We obtain from (2.20) and (3.1):

$$(3.3) \quad X = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tau(\mathbf{v})}{\tau(\ell(\mathbf{v}))} \quad X = q(p-1),$$

while from (2.22)

$$(3.4) \quad Y = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tau(\mathbf{v})}{\tau(\tilde{\ell}(\mathbf{v}))}, \quad Y = qp.$$

From (3.3) and (3.4) it results that:

Proposition 3.2. *The Painlevé transcendental function $q(\mathbf{v})$ is written as*

$$(3.5) \quad q(\mathbf{v}) = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tau(\ell(\mathbf{v}))}{\tau(\tilde{\ell}(\mathbf{v}))} = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tau(t; v_1 + 1, v_2 + 1)}{\tau(t; v_1 + 1, v_2 - 1)}.$$

3.4. Toda equation

For an arbitrary fixed \mathbf{v} of \mathbf{V} and for $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, set:

$$\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{v}_m = \ell^m(\mathbf{v}),$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_0 = \mathbf{v}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_m = \tilde{\ell}^m(\mathbf{v}),$$

that is,

$$\mathbf{v}_m = (v_1 + m, v_2 + m), \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_m = (v_1 + m, v_2 - m).$$

Moreover we write as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_0 &= \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0 = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) \\ \mathcal{H}_m &= \ell_*^m \mathcal{H}_0 = (q_m, p_m, H_m, t), \\ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_m &= \tilde{\ell}_*^m \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0 = (\tilde{q}_m, \tilde{p}_m, \tilde{H}_m, t). \end{aligned}$$

Let τ_m (resp. $\tilde{\tau}_m$) be the τ -function of \mathcal{H}_m (resp. $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_m$) such that $\ell_* \tau_m = \tau_{m+1}$ (resp. $\tilde{\ell}_* \tilde{\tau}_m = \tilde{\tau}_{m+1}$) and define the τ -sequence

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathfrak{T}^0(\ell) &= \{\tau_m^0; m \in \mathbf{Z}\}, \\ &(\text{resp. } \mathfrak{T}^0(\tilde{\ell}) = \{\tilde{\tau}_m^0; m \in \mathbf{Z}\}), \end{aligned}$$

by

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau_m^0 &= t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau_m + \frac{1}{2} m^2, \\ &(\text{resp. } t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tilde{\tau}_m^0 = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tilde{\tau}_m + \frac{1}{2} m^2 - t). \end{aligned}$$

We prove:

Theorem 2. $\mathfrak{T}^0(\ell)$ and $\mathfrak{T}^0(\tilde{\ell})$ satisfy the Toda equation

$$(3.8) \quad \delta^2 \log \tau_m^0 = \frac{\tau_{m-1}^0 \tau_{m+1}^0}{(\tau_m^0)^2},$$

where $\delta = t \frac{d}{dt}$.

3.5. Proof of Theorem 2

Setting:

$$X_m = q_m(p_m - 1), \quad Y_m = q_m p_m,$$

we obtain from (3.3), (3.4):

$$(3.9) \quad X_m = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tau_m}{\tau_{m+1}}, \quad Y_m = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tilde{\tau}_m}{\tilde{\tau}_{m+1}}.$$

On the other hand, if we define the auxiliary functions by:

$$h_m = tH_m + \frac{1}{4}(v_1 + m + 1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}t,$$

$$\tilde{h}_m = t\tilde{H}_m + \frac{1}{4}(v_1 + m + 1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}t,$$

it follows from (2.7)₁, (2.11) that

$$(3.10)_1 \quad X_m = - \frac{t \frac{d^2 h_m}{dt^2} - (v_1 + m) \frac{dh_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}(v_2 + m)}{2 \left(\frac{dh_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

$$(3.10)_2 \quad X_{m-1} = \frac{t \frac{d^2 h_m}{dt^2} + (v_1 + m) \frac{dh_m}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}(v_2 + m)}{2 \left(\frac{dh_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

and from (2.15)₁, (2.16)

$$(3.11)_1 \quad Y_m = - \frac{t \frac{d^2 \tilde{h}_m}{dt^2} - (v_1 + m) \frac{d\tilde{h}_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}(v_2 - m)}{2 \left(\frac{d\tilde{h}_m}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \right)},$$

$$(3.11)_2 \quad X_{m-1} = \frac{t \frac{d^2 \tilde{h}_m}{dt^2} + (v_1 + m) \frac{d\tilde{h}_m}{dt} - \frac{1}{2}(v_2 - m)}{2 \left(\frac{d\tilde{h}_m}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \right)}.$$

Therefore, since by (3.10)

$$X_{m-1} - X_m = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \left(\frac{dh_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \right),$$

we obtain from (3.9)

$$\frac{dh_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} = c(m) \frac{\tau_{m-1} \tau_{m+1}}{\tau_m^2},$$

and then by the definition of the τ -function,

$$(3.12) \quad \frac{d}{dt} t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau_m = c(m) \frac{\tau_{m-1} \tau_{m+1}}{\tau_m^2}.$$

Moreover since by (3.11)

$$\frac{d\tilde{h}_m}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} = \tilde{c}(M) \frac{\tilde{\tau}_{m-1} \tilde{\tau}_{m+1}}{\tilde{\tau}_m^2},$$

it follows from the definition that

$$(3.13) \quad \frac{d}{dt} t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tilde{\tau}_m - 1 = \tilde{c}(m) \frac{\tilde{\tau}_{m-1} \tilde{\tau}_{m+1}}{\tilde{\tau}_m^2}.$$

Here $c(m)$ and $\tilde{c}(m)$ denote nonzero constants. Theorem 2 is an immediate consequence of (3.12) and (3.13).

§ 4. Cylinder function and Painlevé transcendental function

4.1. Classical solution

A solution of the Painlevé system is said *classical* if it is written in terms of the classical transcendental functions. As we have mentioned in Introduction, \mathcal{H}_{III} has a solution written by the use of the cylinder function:

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{d^2 \mathfrak{z}}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d \mathfrak{z}}{dt} + \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{r^2}\right) \mathfrak{z} = 0.$$

In fact, if $v_1 + v_2 = 0$, then $\mathcal{H}(v)$ possesses a solution of the form

$$(4.2) \quad t \frac{dq}{dt} = -q^2 - \theta_0 q + t, \quad p \equiv 0,$$

for which we have:

$$\tau(v) = 1.$$

It follows from (3.3) that

$$q = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau_1,$$

$$\tau_1 = \tau(\ell(v)),$$

and τ_1 is a solution of the equation:

$$(4.3) \quad t \frac{d^2 \tau_1}{dt^2} + (1 + \theta_0) \frac{d \tau_1}{dt} - \tau_1 = 0.$$

Since the auxiliary function $h(\ell(v))$ is not a singular solution of $\mathbf{E}(\ell(v))$, we can apply the birational canonical transformation ℓ_* successively to (4.2) and then obtain the semi-sequence of τ -functions:

$$\mathfrak{T}_+(\ell) = \{\tau_m; m \geq 0\}.$$

If we determine τ_m^0 by (3.7), then $\tau_0^0 = 1$, $\tau_1^0 = \sqrt{t} \tau_1$ and

$$(4.4) \quad \tau_m^0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} \tau, & \delta\tau, \dots, & \delta^{m-1}\tau \\ \delta\tau, & \delta^2\tau, \dots, & \delta^m\tau \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \delta^{m-1}\tau, & \delta^m\tau, \dots, & \delta^{2m-2}\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\delta = t \frac{d}{dt}$, $\tau = \tau_1^0$ (Darboux's formula: see [2], [11]).

4.2. Transformation ℓ_*^{-1} in the degenerate case

First we compute transformation ℓ_*^{-1} on the solution (4.2); note the auxiliary function h related to it is linear in t . By setting $\mathcal{H}(\ell^{-1}(\mathbf{v})) = (q_-, p_-, H_-, t)$, we obtain from (2.19):

$$\begin{aligned} X + X_- &= v_1, \\ q_-(X_- - v_1) &= t(p_- - 1), \end{aligned}$$

where $X = q(p-1)$, $X_- = q_-(p_- - 1)$. Taking the limit: $p \rightarrow 0$ we arrive at the expression:

$$(4.5) \quad q_- = -\frac{t}{q}, \quad X_- = q + v_1.$$

It coincides exactly with the canonical transformation $(s_0)_*$ (see (2.23)). In fact, in the case $v_1 + v_2 = 0$, we have

$$s_0(\mathbf{v}) = \ell^{-1}(\mathbf{v}).$$

The pair of functions (q_-, p_-) defined by (4.5) is actually a solution of $\mathcal{H}(\ell^{-1}(\mathbf{v}))$. The τ -function τ -related to it is given by:

$$q + v_1 = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tau_- ,$$

by means of (3.3) and (4.5). Thus we obtain the

Proposition 4.1. *There exists the semi-sequence*

$$\mathfrak{T}^0(\ell) = \{\tau_m^0; m \leq 0\}$$

such that $\tau_0^0 = 1$, $\tau^0 = \sqrt{t} \tau_-$ and τ_m^0 ($m \geq 2$) are given by the Darboux's formula (4.4).

4.3. Sequence of the cylinder functions

Consider the transformation $\tilde{\ell}$ (see §3.3). If \mathbf{v} is on the line:

$$(4.6) \quad v_1 + v_2 = 0,$$

then so is the point $\tilde{\ell}(\mathbf{v})$. Therefore the Painlevé system $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_m = \tilde{\ell}^* \mathcal{H}_0 = (\tilde{q}_m, \tilde{p}_m, \tilde{H}_m, t)$ has a solution of the form:

$$(4.7) \quad t \frac{d\tilde{q}}{dt} = -\tilde{q}^2 - (v_1 + m)\tilde{q} + t, \quad \tilde{p} = 0.$$

For a solution q of the Riccati equation (4.7), set:

$$(4.8) \quad \tilde{q}' = \frac{t}{q + v + m}, \quad \tilde{p}' = 0.$$

It is easy to verify (\tilde{q}', \tilde{p}') defines a solution of $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{m-1}$. Hence the restriction of the canonical transformation $\tilde{\ell}_*$ to (4.7) is given by (4.8).

The τ -function of $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_m$ related to $(\tilde{q}_m, \tilde{p}_m)$ of the form (4.7) is:

$$\tilde{\tau}_m = 1.$$

If we write as

$$\tilde{f}_m = \tau(\ell(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_m)) = \tau(\ell \cdot \tilde{\ell}^m(\mathbf{v})),$$

then it follows from (3.5) that \tilde{f}_m satisfies

$$(4.9) \quad t \frac{d^2 \tilde{f}}{dt^2} + (1 + v_1 + m) \frac{d\tilde{f}}{dt} - \tilde{f} = 0.$$

On the other hand, we can verify the

Proposition 4.2. *For the set of solutions of (4.9): $\{\tilde{f}_m; m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, we have the contiguity relations:*

$$(4.10)_1 \quad \tilde{f}_{m+1} = \frac{d\tilde{f}_m}{dt},$$

$$(4.10)_2 \quad \tilde{f}_{m-1} = t \frac{d\tilde{f}_m}{dt} + (1 + v_1 + m)\tilde{f}_m.$$

The relations (4.10)_{1,2} imply the birational canonical transformation $\tilde{\ell}_*$ of the Painlevé system. In fact, substituting

$$\tilde{q} = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tilde{f}_m, \quad \tilde{q}' = t \frac{d}{dt} \log \tilde{f}_{m-1},$$

into (4.8), we have the relation:

$$\left(t \frac{d\tilde{f}_m}{dt} + (v_1 + m)\tilde{f}_m \right) \frac{d\tilde{f}_{m-1}}{dt} = \tilde{f}_m \tilde{f}_{m-1}.$$

Moreover if we define \tilde{f}_m by:

$$\tilde{f}_m = (-t)^{e(m)} e^{-t} \tilde{f}_m,$$

$$e(m) = \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + m)^2,$$

then $\{\tilde{f}_m; m \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ satisfies the Toda equation:

$$(4.11) \quad \delta^2 \log \tilde{f}_m = \frac{\tilde{f}_{m-1} \tilde{f}_{m+1}}{\tilde{f}_m^2}.$$

Comparing this with (0.15), we have

$$\tilde{f}_m(t) = t^{-e'(m)} Z_{v+m}(2\sqrt{-t}) 4^{-e(m)},$$

$$\tilde{f}_m(t) = \tilde{Z}_{v+m}(2\sqrt{-t}) 4^{-e(m)},$$

where $e'(m) = \frac{1}{2}(v+m)$.

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