

# On a class of local systems associated to plane curves

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## Abstract

We study a class of local systems on the complement of a germ of irreducible plane curve. We exhibit local systems which by [8] give rise to regular holonomic  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules with characteristic variety the union of the zero section with the conormal of the curve. *To cite this article: P.C. Silva, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 335 (2002) 421–426.*

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## Sur une classe de systèmes locaux associés aux courbes planes

## Résumé

On étudie une classe de systèmes locaux sur le complément d'un germe de courbe irréductible plane. On présente des systèmes locaux qui par [8] correspondent à des  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules holonomes réguliers dont la variété caractéristique est l'union de la section nulle avec le conormal de la courbe. *Pour citer cet article : P.C. Silva, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 335 (2002) 421–426.*

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Soit  $D$  un disque centré à l'origine de  $\mathbb{C}$  de rayon suffisamment petit. Soit  $(Y, 0)$ ,  $Y \subset X = D \times \mathbb{C}$ , un germe de courbe irréductible plane, de cône tangent  $y = 0$ . Soient  $a \in D \setminus \{0\}$  et  $b \in \mathbb{C}$  tel que  $|b| \gg 1$ . On définit  $L_a = \{a\} \times \mathbb{C}$ . On définit  $\Omega = L_a \cap Y$ . Soit  $(g(\omega))$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , un système de générateurs de  $\pi_1(L_a \setminus Y, (a, b))$  tels que chaque  $g(\omega)$  est librement homotope à un petit lacet positif encerclant  $\omega$ . Soient  $\mathcal{L}$  un système local sur  $X \setminus Y$ ,  $V$  sa fibre en  $(a, b)$  et  $\rho : \pi_1(X \setminus Y, (a, b)) \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}(V)$  la représentation correspondante. On pose  $V^g = \ker(\rho(g) - \mathbf{1}_V)$  pour tous  $g$ . D'après [8], on dit que  $\mathcal{L}$  (ou  $\rho$ ) est *hypergéométrique* (HG) si les conditions équivalentes (i), (ii) et (iii) sont vérifiées. La codimension de  $V^{g(\omega)}$  dans  $V$  est appelée *la multiplicité de  $\mathcal{L}$  (le long de  $Y$ )*. Si  $\text{codim}_V V^{g(\omega)} = 1$ ,  $\rho(g(\omega))$  est une pseudo-réflexion et le  $\det(\rho(g(\omega)))$  est désigné *la valeur propre spéciale de  $\mathcal{L}$* .

Supposons que  $Y = \{y^n = x^m\}$ ,  $m > n$ . Soient  $a_0, a_1 \in \pi_1(L_a \setminus \Omega, (a, b))$  convenables, tels que  $a_0$  est librement homotope à un lacet positif autour de l'enveloppe convexe de  $\Omega$  et  $a_1$  est librement homotope à un petit lacet positif autour de  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Le groupe fondamental  $\pi_1(X \setminus Y, (a, b))$  admet la présentation (1), où  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  tels que  $\alpha m = \beta n + 1$ . Étant donnés  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$  et  $E$  un ensemble de racines  $m$ -ièmes de l'unité, avec  $n$  éléments et produit 1, on définit  $A, C \in \mathbf{GL}(n)$  par (2) et  $\sum_{i=0}^n z_i \xi^{n-i}$  par  $\lambda \prod_{\varepsilon \in E} (\xi - (-1)^{\beta(n+1)\lambda^\beta} \varepsilon^\beta)$ .

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**THÉORÈME 1.** – *La correspondance que associe aux  $\lambda$  et  $E$  comme ci-dessus les représentations linéaires  $\rho_{\lambda,E} : G \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}(n)$ ,  $\rho_{\lambda,E}(a_0) = -z_n(AC^{-1})^n$ ,  $\rho_{\lambda,E}(a_1) = A$ , met en bijection les paires  $(\lambda, E)$  et les classes d'isomorphisme de représentations HG de multiplicité un.*

Supposons que  $Y$  a pour paires de Puiseux  $(\tilde{m}_i, n_i)_{i=1,\dots,p}$ ,  $\tilde{m}_1 > n_1$ . Pour  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq k \leq p$ , on définit  $v_{l,k} = n_{l+1} \cdots n_k$ . La courbe  $Y$  admet un développement de Puiseux  $y = \sum_{j \geq \tilde{m}_1 v_{1,p}} a_j x^{j/v_{0,p}}$ , par exemple (3). Soient  $Y_k, k = 0, \dots, p$ , les courbes définies par les troncations  $y = \sum_{j=\tilde{m}_1 v_{1,p}}^{\tilde{m}_k v_{k,p}} a_j x^{j/v_{0,p}}$ . On définit  $\tilde{m}_0 = 1$ . On choisit  $\varepsilon$  suffisamment petit et on définit  $Y_{k,\varepsilon}, k = 0, \dots, p$ , par (4). L'inclusion  $X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon} \subset X \setminus Y_k$  est une équivalence d'homotopie. De plus,  $Y_{k,\varepsilon} \subset Y_{k-1,\varepsilon}$ .

Soit  $\omega_1 \in \Omega$  fixé. Pour  $i = 0, \dots, p$ , soit  $\Omega_i$  l'ensemble des points de  $\Omega$  qui appartient à la composante connexe de  $L_a \cap Y_{i,\varepsilon}$  contenant  $\omega_1$ . Soit  $<$  une relation d'ordre total sur  $\Omega$  telle que  $\omega < \omega'$  si  $\omega \in \Omega_i$  et  $\omega' \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_i$ . Soient  $\omega_1 < \dots < \omega_{v_{0,p}}$  les éléments de  $\Omega$ . Soit  $g(\omega) \in \pi_1(L_a \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}, (a, b))$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , représenté par un lacet librement homotope, dans  $L_a \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}$ , à un petit lacet positif autour de  $\omega$ . On définit  $a_i = g(\omega_1) \cdots g(\omega_{v_{i,p}})$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, p$ . Supposons que  $a_i$  est représenté par un lacet librement homotope, dans  $L_a \setminus Y_{i,\varepsilon}$ , à un lacet positif autour de  $\Omega_i$ . Soit  $b_{-1} = 1$ . Pour  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , on définit  $b_{i-1} = b_{i-2}^{n_i} a_{i-1}^{m_i}$  et  $c_i = b_{i-2}^{\alpha_i} a_{i-1}^{\beta_i} a_i$ , où  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  vérifient  $\alpha_i m_i = \beta_i n_i + 1$ . D'après [10], p. 460, on peut supposer que  $\pi_1(X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon}, (a, b))$  admet la présentation (5). De plus, le morphisme évident  $G_{k-1} \rightarrow G_k$  est injectif.

On définit  $a_{p+1} = 1$  et  $\Omega_{p+1} = \emptyset$ . Soit  $\mathcal{L}$  un système local sur  $X \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}$  de rang  $\mu v_{0,p}$  et multiplicité  $\mu$  et soit  $\rho : G_p \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  la représentation correspondante, où  $V = \mathcal{L}_{(a,b)}$ . Supposons que  $V^{a_0} = (0)$ . Alors  $\mathcal{L}$  est HG. De plus, on obtient des filtrations  $p$ -opposées sur  $V, F^\cdot$  et  $\overline{F}^\cdot$ , telles que  $F^i = V a_i^{-1} a_0$  et  $\overline{F}^{p+1-i} = V a_i$  pour  $i = 0, \dots, p+1$ . En particulier  $\rho$  est déterminée par le triple  $(\rho(a_0), F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$ .

On s'intéresse au problème inverse. Soit  $\mu$  un entier positif. Soit  $V$  un espace vectoriel complexe de dimension  $\mu v_{0,p}$ . On considère un triple  $(A, F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  tel que  $A \in \text{Aut}(V)$  et  $F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot$  sont des filtrations  $p$ -opposées sur  $V$  vérifiant  $\dim F^i = \mu v_{i,p}$  pour  $i = 0, \dots, p$  et  $\dim F^{p+i} = 0, \dim F^{-i} = \mu v_{0,p}$  pour  $i \geq 1$ . On définit  $A_i \in \text{Aut}(V)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, p$ , par  $A_i|_{F^i} = A|_{F^i}$  et  $A_i|_{\overline{F}^{p+1-i}} = \mathbf{1}_{\overline{F}^{p+1-i}}$ . Pour  $j \geq i$ ,  $A_j(\overline{F}^{p+1-i}) \subset \overline{F}^{p+1-i}$ . Soient  ${}^i A_j \in \text{Aut}(F^i)$  les morphismes induits. On définit  $B_{-1} = \mathbf{1}_V$ ,  $B_{i-1} = B_{i-2}^{n_i} A_{i-1}^{m_i}$  et  $C_i = B_{i-2}^{\alpha_i} A_{i-1}^{\beta_i} A_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

**LEMME 2.** – *Supposons que  ${}^i A_i - \mathbf{1}_{F^i}$  est inversible pour tous  $i$ . Si les images de  $[B_{i-1}, A_i]$  et  $B_{i-1}^{\alpha_i} - C_i^{n_i}$  sont contenues dans  $\overline{F}^{p+2-i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , il y a une représentation de multiplicité  $\mu$ ,  $\rho : G_p \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$ , telle que  $\rho(a_i) = A_i$  pour  $i = 0, \dots, p$ .*

Les représentations données par le Lemme 2 seront appelées *non résonantes* (NR). Par (ii), les correspondants systèmes locaux NR sur  $X \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}$  sont HG.

Soit  $\mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{0,\varepsilon})$  la classe des systèmes locaux NR sur  $X \setminus Y_{0,\varepsilon}$  de rang un et monodromie  $\lambda \neq 1$ . Soient  $\mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{k,\varepsilon}), k = 1, \dots, p$ , les classes des systèmes locaux NR  $\mathcal{L}$  sur  $X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon}$  de multiplicité un et valeur propre spéciale  $\lambda \neq 1$ , tels que  $\mathcal{L}|_{X \setminus Y_{k-1,\varepsilon}} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n_k-1} \mathcal{L}_i$ , où  $\mathcal{L}_i \in \mathcal{F}^{\lambda_i}(Y_{k-1,\varepsilon})$  pour quelque  $\lambda_i$ .

**THÉORÈME 3.** – *Étant donnés des systèmes locaux  $\mathcal{L}_i \in \mathcal{F}^{\lambda_i}(Y_{k-1,\varepsilon}), i = 0, \dots, n_k - 1, \bigoplus_i \mathcal{L}_i$  admet une extension  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{k,\varepsilon})$  si et seulement si  $\lambda_i = (-1)^{n_k+1} \lambda \varepsilon_i$ , où  $\lambda \neq 1$  et les  $\varepsilon_i$  constituent un ensemble de racines  $\tilde{m}_k$ -ièmes de l'unité avec  $n_k$  éléments et produit un.*

**COROLLAIRE 4.** – *Soit  $X$  un ouvert connexe et simplement connexe de  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Soit  $(Y, q), q \in X$ , un germe de courbe irréductible plane. Alors il y a un germe de  $\mathcal{D}$ -module holonome régulier de variété caractéristique  $T_Y^* X \cup T_X^* X$ .*

Dans le cas où  $Y$  est un cusp on peut trouver dans [9], Théorème 7, la classification des  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules holonomes réguliers  $\mathcal{M}$ , de variété caractéristique  $T_Y^* X \cup T_X^* X$  et multiplicité un le long de  $T_Y^* X$ , tels que  $\text{DR}(\mathcal{M})|_{X \setminus Y}$  soit un système local hypergéométrique.

Let  $D$  be a small disc centered at the origin. Let  $(Y, 0)$ ,  $Y \subset X = D \times \mathbb{C}$ , be a germ of irreducible plane curve with tangent cone  $y = 0$ . Take  $a \in D \setminus \{0\}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $|b| \gg 1$ . Set  $L_a = \{a\} \times \mathbb{C}$ . Set  $\Omega = L_a \cap Y$ . Let  $(g(\omega))$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , be a system of generators of  $\pi_1(L_a \setminus Y, (a, b))$  s.t. each  $g(\omega)$  is freely homotopic to a small positive loop around  $\omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a local system on  $X \setminus Y$ . Set  $V = \mathcal{L}_{(a,b)}$ . Let  $\rho : \pi_1(X \setminus Y, (a, b)) \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}(V)$  be the monodromy of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Set  $V^g = \ker(\rho(g) - \mathbf{1}_V)$  for all  $g$ . Following Neto, [8], we call  $\mathcal{L}$  (or  $\rho$ ) *hypergeometric* (HG) if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- (i) There is a (unique) decomposition  $V = \bigoplus_{\omega \in \Omega} U_\omega$  s.t.  $V^{g(\omega)} = \bigoplus_{\sigma \neq \omega} U_\sigma$ ,
- (ii)  $\dim V = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \text{codim}_V V^{g(\omega)}$  and  $\bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega} V^{g(\omega)} = (0)$ ,
- (iii)  $H^*(L_a, j_* (\mathcal{L}|_{L_a \setminus Y})) = 0$ , where  $j : L_a \setminus Y \hookrightarrow L_a$  is the inclusion map.

These representations arise in several different situations (cf. [1,2,5]).

By (ii) we can replace the system  $(g(\omega))$  by a system of generators of  $\pi_1(X \setminus Y, (a, b))$ ,  $(g'(\omega))$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , s.t.  $g'(\omega) = h_\omega^{-1} g(\omega) h_\omega$  for some  $h_\omega \in \pi_1(X \setminus Y, (a, b))$ . If  $\text{codim}_V V^{g(\omega)} = 1$ ,  $\rho(g(\omega))$  is a pseudo-reflection and  $\det(\rho(g(\omega)))$  is called the *special eigenvalue* of  $\mathcal{L}$ . If  $Y$  is smooth,  $\Omega = \{\omega\}$  and the HG condition reduces to  $V^{g(\omega)} = (0)$ .

Let  $i : X \setminus Y \hookrightarrow X$  be the inclusion map. Given a local system  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $X \setminus Y$  we call *multiplicity of  $\mathcal{L}$  (along  $Y$ )* the integer  $\text{mult}(\mathcal{L}) := \text{rank}(\mathcal{L}) - \dim(i_* \mathcal{L})_z$ , where  $z$  is a regular point of  $Y$ . The local system  $\mathcal{L}$  is HG iff  $(i_* \mathcal{L})_0 = 0$  and  $\text{rank}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{mult}_0(Y) \text{mult}(\mathcal{L})$ .

Assume that  $Y = \{y^n = x^m\}$ ,  $m > n$ . Let  $a_0, a_1 \in \pi_1(L_a \setminus Y, (a, b))$  s.t.  $a_0$  is freely homotopic to a positive loop around the convex envelop of  $\Omega$  and  $a_1$  is freely homotopic to a small positive loop around some  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Take  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $m\alpha = n\beta + 1$ . For a suitable choice of the  $a_i$ 's, the local fundamental group of  $Y$  has the presentation (5) for  $k = 1$ ,  $m_1 = m$ ,  $n_1 = n$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta$ , i.e.,

$$G = \langle a_0, a_1 \mid [a_0^m, a_1] = 1, a_0^{m\alpha} = (a_0^\beta a_1)^n \rangle \tag{1}$$

(where the composition of paths  $\gamma\delta$  denotes  $\delta$  followed by  $\gamma$ ). Given  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$  and  $E$  a set of  $m$ -roots of the unity, with  $n$  elements and product 1, define  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z_i \xi^{n-i} = \lambda \prod_{\varepsilon \in E} (\xi - (-1)^{\beta(n+1)} \lambda^\beta \varepsilon^\beta)$  and set

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} z_0 & & & \\ z_1 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ z_{n-1} & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 1 \\ -z_n & & & \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2}$$

**THEOREM 1.** – *The correspondence that associates to  $\lambda$  and  $E$  as above the linear representation  $\rho_{\lambda,E} : G \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}(n)$ ,  $\rho_{\lambda,E}(a_0) = -z_n (AC^{-1})^n$ ,  $\rho_{\lambda,E}(a_1) = A$ , induces a bijection between the pairs  $(\lambda, E)$  and the isomorphism classes of HG representations of multiplicity one.*

*Proof.* – Set  $b_0 = a_0^m$  and  $c_1 = a_0^\beta a_1$ . Since  $CA^{-1}$  is the companion matrix of  $\prod_{\varepsilon \in E} (\xi - (-1)^{\beta(n+1)} \lambda^\beta \varepsilon^\beta)$ ,  $\rho(a_0)$  is semi-simple with eigenvalues  $(-1)^{n+1} \lambda \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \in E$ . In particular  $\rho(b_0) = (-1)^{(n+1)m} \lambda^m$ . Since  $(AC^{-1})^{n\beta} A = (AC^{-1})^{m\alpha} C$ ,  $\rho(c_1) = C$ . Hence  $\rho(b_0^g) = \rho(c_1^n)$ . Therefore  $\rho_{\lambda,E}$  is a linear representation. For  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ , set  $g_i = c_1^{-i} a_1 c_1^i$ . Then  $a_0 = (a_1 c_1^{-1})^n c_1^n = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i$ . Since  $(m, n) = 1$ ,  $\text{codim } V^{a_1} = 1$  and  $\bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} V^{g_i} = (0)$ . Hence  $\rho_{\lambda,E}$  is HG of multiplicity one.

Assume that  $\rho : G \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}(V)$  is HG of multiplicity one. By (i) there is a system of generators of  $V$ ,  $u_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.  $u_{i+n} = u_i$ ,  $(u_0, \dots, u_{n-1})$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $V^{g_i} = \text{span}\langle u_j : j \not\equiv i \pmod{n} \rangle$ . Since  $\rho(b_0)(V^{g_i}) \subset V^{g_i}$  for all  $i$ ,  $\rho(b_0)(\mathbb{C}u_i) \subset \mathbb{C}u_i$ . Since  $\rho(c_1)(V^{g_{i+1}}) \subset V^{g_i}$  for all  $i$ , we can assume that the matrices of  $\rho(a_1)$  and  $\rho(c_1)$  w.r.t.  $(u_0, \dots, u_{n-1})$ , equal the matrices  $A$  and  $C$  respectively, with  $z_0 z_n \neq 0$ . Hence  $\rho(b_0) = k$  and  $z_n = -k^\alpha$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . There are  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ , s.t.  $\varepsilon_i^m = 1$  and  $\rho(a_0)$  is semi-simple with eigenvalues  $k^{1/m} \varepsilon_i$ . We can assume that  $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \varepsilon_i = 1$  which determines  $k^{1/m}$ . Since  $\rho(a_0^\beta) = \rho(c_1 a_1^{-1})$  is a diagonalizable companion matrix, the  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are pairwise distinct. Set  $\lambda = (-1)^{n+1} k^{1/m}$ . Since  $\rho(a_1) = \rho(a_0^{-\beta} c_1)$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z_i \xi^{n-i} = \lambda \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (\xi - (-1)^{\beta(n+1)} \lambda^\beta \varepsilon_i^\beta)$ .  $\square$

Assume that  $Y$  has Puiseux pairs  $(\tilde{m}_i, n_i)_{i=1, \dots, p}$ ,  $\tilde{m}_1 > n_1$ . For  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq k \leq p$ , set  $v_{l,k} = n_{l+1} \cdots n_k$ . Then  $Y$  has a Puiseux expansion of the form  $y = \sum_{j \geq \tilde{m}_1 v_{1,p}} a_j x^{j/v_{0,p}}$ . For instance

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^{\tilde{m}_1/n_1} + x^{\tilde{m}_2/n_1 n_2} + \dots + x^{\tilde{m}_p/n_1 \cdots n_p} \\ &= x^{m_1/n_1} + x^{m_1/n_1 + m_2/n_1 n_2} + \dots + x^{m_1/n_1 + m_2/n_1 n_2 + \dots + m_p/n_1 \cdots n_p}. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Let  $Y_k$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, p$ , be the plane curve defined by the truncation  $y = \sum_{j=\tilde{m}_1 v_{1,p}}^{\tilde{m}_k v_{k,p}} a_j x^{j/v_{0,p}}$ . Set  $\tilde{m}_0 = 1$ . Fix  $\varepsilon$  small enough and define  $Y_{k,\varepsilon}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, p$ , by

$$\left| y - \sum_{j=\tilde{m}_1 v_{1,p}}^{\tilde{m}_k v_{k,p}} a_j x^{j/v_{0,p}} \right| \leq \varepsilon \left| x^{\tilde{m}_k/v_{0,k}} \right|. \tag{4}$$

The inclusion  $X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon} \subset X \setminus Y_k$  is an homotopy equivalence. Moreover,  $Y_{k,\varepsilon} \subset Y_{k-1,\varepsilon}$ .

Fix some  $\omega_1 \in \Omega$ . For  $i = 0, \dots, p$ , let  $\Omega_i$  be the set of points of  $\Omega$  lying inside the connected component of  $L_a \cap Y_{i,\varepsilon}$  that contains  $\omega_1$ . Let  $<$  be a total ordering on  $\Omega$  s.t.  $\omega < \omega'$  if  $\omega \in \Omega_i$  and  $\omega' \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_i$ . Let  $\omega_1 < \dots < \omega_{v_{0,p}}$  be the elements of  $\Omega$ . Let  $g(\omega) \in \pi_1(L_a \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}, (a, b))$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , be represented by a loop freely homotopic, in  $L_a \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}$ , to a small positive loop around  $\omega$ . Set  $a_i = g(\omega_1) \cdots g(\omega_{v_i,p})$  for  $i = 0, \dots, p$ . Assume that  $a_i$  is represented by a loop freely homotopic, in  $L_a \setminus Y_{i,\varepsilon}$ , to a positive loop around  $\Omega_i$ . Set  $b_{-1} = 1$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , set  $b_{i-1} = b_{i-2}^{n_i} a_{i-1}^{m_i}$ ,  $c_i = b_{i-2}^{\alpha_i} a_{i-1}^{\beta_i} a_i$ , where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\alpha_i m_i = \beta_i n_i + 1$ . From [10], p. 460, we can assume that  $\pi_1(X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon}, (a, b))$  has the presentation

$$G_k = \langle a_0, \dots, a_k \mid [b_{i-1}, a_i] = 1, c_i^{n_i} = b_{i-1}^{\alpha_i}, i = 1, \dots, k \rangle, \quad k = 0, \dots, p. \tag{5}$$

Since  $[b_{i-1}, c_i] = 1$  and  $b_{i-2}^{\alpha_i + n_i} a_{i-1}^{\beta_i + m_i} a_i = b_{i-1} c_i$ ,  $G_k$  does not depend on the  $(\alpha_i, \beta_i)$ 's. Moreover, the obvious morphism  $G_{k-1} \rightarrow G_k$  is injective and induces an isomorphism between  $G_k$  and the free product with amalgamated subgroup of  $G_{k-1}$  by an infinite cyclic group.

Set  $a_{p+1} = 1$  and set  $\Omega_{p+1} = \emptyset$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a local system on  $X \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}$  of rank  $\mu v_{0,p}$  and multiplicity  $\mu$ . Set  $V = \mathcal{L}_{(a,b)}$ . Let  $\rho : G_p \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be the monodromy representation of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Assume that  $V^{a_0} = (0)$ . By (ii)  $\mathcal{L}$  is HG. Since  $a_i = \prod_{\omega \in \Omega_i} g(\omega)$  and  $a_i^{-1} a_0 = \prod_{\omega \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_i} g(\omega)$ ,  $\bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega_i} V^{g(\omega)} \subset V^{a_i}$  and  $\bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_i} V^{g(\omega)} \subset V^{a_i^{-1} a_0}$ . Since  $\text{codim} \bigcap_j V_j \leq \sum_j \text{codim} V_j$  for any family of linear subspaces  $V_j$  of  $V$ ,  $\dim \bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega_i} V^{g(\omega)} \geq \mu |\Omega \setminus \Omega_i|$  and  $\dim \bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_i} V^{g(\omega)} \geq \mu |\Omega_i|$ . Since  $V^{a_i} \cap V^{a_i^{-1} a_0} = (0)$  for  $i = 0, \dots, p+1$ , we have  $p$ -opposed filtrations on  $V$ ,  $F^\cdot$  and  $\overline{F}^\cdot$ , s.t.  $F^i = V^{a_i^{-1} a_0}$  and  $\overline{F}^{p+1-i} = V^{a_i}$ . The triple  $(\rho(a_0), F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  determines  $\rho$ . Moreover, the isomorphism class of  $(F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  only depends on the topology of  $Y$  and on the multiplicity of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

We shall consider now the inverse problem. Let  $\mu$  be a positive integer. Let  $V$  be a complex vector space of dimension  $\mu v_{0,p}$ . Consider a triple  $(A, F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  s.t.  $A \in \text{Aut}(V)$  and  $F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot$  are  $p$ -opposed filtrations on  $V$  verifying  $\dim F^i = \mu v_{i,p}$  for  $i = 0, \dots, p$  and  $\dim F^{p+i} = 0$ ,  $\dim F^{-i} = \mu v_{0,p}$  for  $i \geq 1$ . Define  $A_i \in \text{Aut}(V)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, p$ , by  $A_i|_{F^i} = A|_{F^i}$  and  $A_i|_{\overline{F}^{p+1-i}} = \mathbf{1}_{\overline{F}^{p+1-i}}$ . For  $j \geq i$ ,  $A_j(\overline{F}^{p+1-i}) \subset \overline{F}^{p+1-i}$ . Let  ${}^i A_j \in \text{Aut}(F^i)$ ,  $j \geq i$ , be the induced morphisms. Set  $B_{-1} = \mathbf{1}_V$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, p$  set  $B_{i-1} = B_{i-2}^{n_i} A_{i-1}^{m_i}$  and  $C_i = B_{i-2}^{\alpha_i} A_{i-1}^{\beta_i} A_i$ .

LEMMA 2. – Assume that  ${}^i A_i - \mathbf{1}_{F^i}$  is invertible for all  $i$ . If the images of the maps  $[B_{i-1}, A_i]$  and  $B_{i-1}^{\alpha_i} - C_i^{n_i}$  are contained in  $\overline{F}^{p+2-i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , there is a representation of multiplicity  $\mu$ ,  $\rho : G_p \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$ , s.t.  $\rho(a_i) = A_i$  for all  $i$ .

Proof. – We prove the result for  $p = 2$ . Let  $p_1 : F^1 \oplus \overline{F}^2 \rightarrow F^1$  and  $q_2 : \overline{F}^2 \rightarrow F^1 \oplus \overline{F}^2$  be, respectively, the canonical projection and the canonical injection. There are  $\vartheta_i \in \text{Hom}(F^1, \overline{F}^2)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , s.t.  $A_i = \mathbf{1}_{A_i} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\overline{F}^2} + q_2 \vartheta_i p_1$ . Moreover,  $\vartheta_i = \vartheta_1 (\mathbf{1}_{A_1} - \mathbf{1}_{F^1})^{-1} (\mathbf{1}_{A_i} - \mathbf{1}_{F^1})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $A_0 - \mathbf{1}_{F^0}$  is invertible,  $\overline{F}^2 = \ker(A_1 - \mathbf{1}_{F^0})$  and  $F^1 = \ker(A_1^{-1} A_0 - \mathbf{1}_{F^0})$ . By the hypothesis  $[B_0, A_1] = 0$ ,  $C_1^{n_1} = B_0^{\alpha_1}$  and the images of  $[B_1, A_2]$ ,  $B_1^{\alpha_2} - C_2^{n_2}$  are contained in  $\overline{F}^2$ . In particular,  $B_0 = \omega \oplus \varpi$ , where  $\omega \in \text{Aut}(F^1)$ ,  $\varpi \in \text{Aut}(\overline{F}^2)$ .

Moreover,  $[\omega, {}^1A_1] = 0$  and  $\vartheta_1\omega = \varpi\vartheta_1$ . Given  $M \in \text{Aut}(F^1)$ ,  $N \in \text{Aut}(\overline{F}^2)$  and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(F^1, \overline{F}^2)$  set  $M \oplus_\varphi N = M \oplus N + q_2(\varphi M - N\varphi)p_1$ . We have  $B_0 = \omega \oplus_\varphi \varpi$  and  $A_i = {}^1A_i \oplus_\varphi \mathbf{1}_{\overline{F}^2}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $\varphi = \vartheta_1({}^1A_1 - \mathbf{1}_{F^1})^{-1}$ . Since  $(M \oplus_\varphi N)(M' \oplus_\varphi N') = MM' \oplus_\varphi NN'$  for all  $M, M' \in \text{Aut}(F^1)$  and  $N, N' \in \text{Aut}(\overline{F}^2)$ , the relations  $[B_1, A_2] = 0$ ,  $B_1^{\alpha_2} = C_2^{n_2}$  hold.  $\square$

The representations constructed in Lemma 2 shall be called *nonresonant* (NR). They are characterized by the fact that  $\dim V = \mu\nu_{0,p}$  and  $\text{codimker}(\rho(a_i) - \mathbf{1}_V)^m = \mu\nu_{i,p}$  for  $i = 0, \dots, p$  and  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ . By (ii) the corresponding NR local systems on  $X \setminus Y_{p,\varepsilon}$  are HG. The restrictions of these NR local systems to  $X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, p$ , are NR of multiplicity  $\mu\nu_{k,p}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{0,\varepsilon})$  be the class of (nonresonant) rank one local systems on  $X \setminus Y_{0,\varepsilon}$  with monodromy  $\lambda \neq 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{k,\varepsilon})$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$ , be the class of (nonresonant) local systems  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $X \setminus Y_{k,\varepsilon}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{L}$  has multiplicity one,  $\mathcal{L}$  has special eigenvalue  $\lambda \neq 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}|_{X \setminus Y_{k-1,\varepsilon}} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n_k-1} \mathcal{L}_i$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_i \in \mathcal{F}^{\lambda_i}(Y_{k-1,\varepsilon})$  for some  $\lambda_i$ .

**THEOREM 3.** – Given  $\mathcal{L}_i \in \mathcal{F}^{\lambda_i}(Y_{k-1,\varepsilon})$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n_k - 1$ ,  $\bigoplus_i \mathcal{L}_i$  has an extension  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{k,\varepsilon})$  iff  $\lambda_i = (-1)^{n_k+1} \lambda \varepsilon_i$ , where  $\lambda \neq 1$  and the  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are pairwise distinct  $m_k$ -roots of the unity with product one.

*Proof.* – For  $k = 1$  the result follows from Theorem 1. Assume that  $k \geq 2$ .

Let  $\rho_i : G_{k-1} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_i)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n_k - 1$ , be the monodromy of  $\mathcal{L}_i$  where  $V_i = \mathcal{L}_{i,(a,b)}$ . Let  $(\rho_i(a_0), F_i, \overline{F}_i)$  be the corresponding triple defined by  $F_i^j = V_i^{a_j^{-1}a_0}$  and  $\overline{F}_i^{k-j} = V_i^{a_j}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k - 1$ . Given a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear decomposition  $\bigoplus_i F_i^{k-1} = F \oplus \overline{F}$  with  $\dim F = 1$ , we define  $k$ -opposed filtrations on  $\bigoplus_i V_i$ ,  $F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot$  setting  $F^j = \bigoplus_i F_i^j$  and  $\overline{F}^{k-j+1} = \bigoplus_i \overline{F}_i^{k-j}$  if  $j \neq k$ ,  $F^k = F$  and  $\overline{F}^1 = \overline{F} \oplus \bigoplus_i \overline{F}_i^1$ . The representation  $\bigoplus_i \rho_i$  extends to a NR representation  $\rho : G_k \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\bigoplus_i V_i)$  iff there is a decomposition  $F^{k-1} = F \oplus \overline{F}$  as above s.t.  $(\bigoplus_i \rho_i(a_0), F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  determines a NR representation of  $G_k$ . Let  $F^{k-1} = F \oplus \overline{F}$  be such decomposition. Define  $A_j \in \text{Aut}(\bigoplus_i V_i)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k$ , by  $A_j = \bigoplus_i \rho_i(a_j)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k - 1$ ,  $A_k|_{F^k} = A_{k-1}|_{F^k}$  and  $A_k|_{\overline{F}^1} = \mathbf{1}_{\overline{F}^1}$ . By Lemma 2 the triple  $(A_0, F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  determines a NR representation of  $G_k$  iff the images of the morphisms  $[B_{k-1}, A_k]$  and  $B_{k-1}^{\alpha_k} - C_k^{n_k}$  are contained in  $\overline{F}^2$ . The morphisms  $B_{k-2}, A_{k-1}, A_k$  leave invariant  $\overline{F}^2$  inducing morphisms of  $F^{k-1}, \tilde{B}_{k-2}, \tilde{A}_{k-1}$  and  $\tilde{A}_k$  respectively. Moreover,  $\tilde{A}_{k-1} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n_k-1} \lambda_i$ . Hence the triple  $(A_0, F^\cdot, \overline{F}^\cdot)$  determines a NR representation of  $G_k$  iff

$$[\tilde{B}_{k-2}^{\alpha_k} \tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\alpha_k}, \tilde{A}_k] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\tilde{B}_{k-2}^{\alpha_k} \tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\alpha_k})^{\alpha_k} = (\tilde{B}_{k-2}^{\alpha_k} \tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\alpha_k} \tilde{A}_k)^{n_k}. \quad (6)$$

Assume that  $\tilde{B}_{k-2} = \theta_{k-1} \tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\tilde{m}_{k-1}}$  for some  $\theta_{k-1} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . By the proof of Theorem 1 this condition holds for  $k = 2$  with  $\theta_1 = (-1)^{(n_1+1)\tilde{m}_1}$ . Set  $\tilde{\beta}_k = \alpha_k \tilde{m}_{k-1} + \beta_k$ . Since  $\tilde{m}_k = n_k \tilde{m}_{k-1} + m_k$  and since  $\alpha_k \tilde{m}_k = \tilde{\beta}_k n_k + 1$ , relations of (6) hold iff the relations  $[\tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\tilde{m}_k}, \tilde{A}_k] = 0$  and  $(\tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\tilde{\beta}_k} \tilde{A}_k)^{n_k} = \tilde{A}_{k-1}^{\alpha_k \tilde{m}_k}$  hold. These last relations are equivalent to say that  $\tilde{A}_{k-1}$  and  $\tilde{A}_k$  determine a NR representation of multiplicity one of the local fundamental group of a curve with one Puiseux pair  $(\tilde{m}_k, n_k)$ . The theorem now follows from Theorem 1 by induction procedure with  $\theta_{k-1} = (-1)^{(n_{k-1}+1)\tilde{m}_{k-1}} \theta_{k-2}^{n_{k-1}}$ ,  $k = 3, \dots, p$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.** – Let  $X$  be a connected and simply connected open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Let  $(Y, q)$  be a germ of an irreducible plane curve at some point  $q \in X$ . Then there is a germ of a regular holonomic  $\mathcal{D}$ -module with characteristic variety  $T_Y^*X \cup T_X^*X$ .

*Proof.* – Let  $j : X \setminus Y \hookrightarrow X \setminus \{q\}$  and  $i : X \setminus \{q\} \hookrightarrow X$  be the inclusion morphisms. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a local system on  $X \setminus Y$ . The constructible sheaf  $i_* j_* \mathcal{L}$  verifies the co-support conditions relatively to the stratification  $(X \setminus Y, Y \setminus \{q\}, \{q\})$  henceforth is perverse (see, for instance, [3], p. 7). Assume that  $\mathcal{L}$  is hypergeometric. By (ii)  $i_* j_* \mathcal{L} = i_! j_* \mathcal{L}$ . Applying the arguments of [8], pp. 238 and 239, we conclude that  $\text{SS}(i_! j_* \mathcal{L}) \subset T_X^*X \cup T_Y^*X$ . If  $\mathcal{L} \neq 0$ , the previous inclusion is an equality. By Theorem 3 and the Riemann–Hilbert correspondence (see, for instance, [4,6,7]) there is a regular holonomic  $\mathcal{D}$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $\text{DR}(\mathcal{M}) = i_! j_* \mathcal{L}$ . Moreover,  $\text{Char}(\mathcal{M}) = T_X^*X \cup T_Y^*X$ .  $\square$

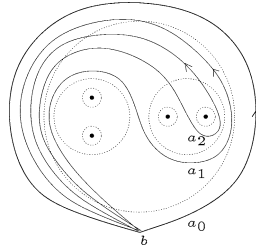


Figure 1. – Classes of loops for example 1.

Figure 1. – Classes des boucles.

In the case that  $Y$  is a cusp we can find in [9], Theorem 8, the classification of the regular holonomic  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules  $\mathcal{M}$ , with characteristic variety  $T_Y^*X \cup T_X^*X$  and multiplicity one along  $T_Y^*X$ , s.t.  $\text{DR}(\mathcal{M})|_{X \setminus Y}$  is an hypergeometric local system.

*Example 1.* – Let  $Y_2$  be the irreducible plane curve with Puiseux expansion  $y = x^{5/2} + (1/2)x^{11/4}$ . Assume that  $a_i \in \pi_1((1 \times \mathbb{C}) \setminus Y_{2,\varepsilon}, (1, b))$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , are the classes of the loops described in Fig. 1. Let  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{F}^\lambda(Y_{2,\varepsilon})$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_i \in \mathcal{F}^{\lambda_i}(Y_{1,\varepsilon})$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{i,j} \in \mathcal{F}^{\lambda_{i,j}}(Y_{0,\varepsilon})$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1$ , s.t.  $\mathcal{L}|_{\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus Y_{1,\varepsilon}} = \mathcal{L}_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_i|_{\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus Y_{0,\varepsilon}} = \mathcal{L}_{i,0} \oplus \mathcal{L}_{i,1}$ . There are  $\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_{i,j}$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1$ , s.t.  $\varepsilon_i^{11} = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{i,j}^5 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_1^{-1} \neq 1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{i,0} = \varepsilon_{i,1}^{-1} \neq 1$ ,  $\lambda_i = -\lambda \varepsilon_i$  and  $\lambda_{i,j} = -\lambda_i \varepsilon_{i,j}$ . Set  $\zeta = \varepsilon_0$  and set  $\vartheta_i = 1 + \varepsilon_{i,0} + \varepsilon_{i,1}$ . Let  $\rho : G_2 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be the monodromy of  $\mathcal{L}$  and let  $(\rho(a_0), F, \overline{F})$  be the corresponding triple. Let  $f \in F^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $w \in F^1$  be the unique vector s.t.  $w - \rho(c_2^{-1})(f) \in \overline{F}^2$ . Then  $(\rho(c_1^{-1})(f), \rho(c_1^{-1})(w))$  is a basis of  $\overline{F}^2$  and the matrix of  $\rho(a_0)$ , w.r.t. the basis  $(f, w, \rho(c_1^{-1})(f), \rho(c_1^{-1})(w))$ , equals the matrix

$$\frac{1}{1 - \zeta} \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \zeta)\lambda & (\zeta^7 - \zeta^5)\lambda^{-15} & (\vartheta_0\zeta^{10} - \vartheta_1\zeta^2)\lambda^{-1} & (\vartheta_1\zeta^7 - \vartheta_0\zeta^5)\lambda^{-17} \\ (\zeta^5 - \zeta^7)\lambda^{17} & (\zeta^2 - \zeta^{10})\lambda & (\vartheta_0\zeta^5 - \vartheta_1\zeta^7)\lambda^{15} & (\vartheta_1\zeta - \vartheta_0)\lambda^{-1} \\ (\vartheta_1\zeta^9 - \vartheta_0\zeta^3)\lambda^3 & (\vartheta_0\zeta^9 - \vartheta_1\zeta^3)\lambda^{-13} & (\vartheta_0\zeta - \vartheta_1)\lambda & (\vartheta_1\zeta^5 - \vartheta_0\zeta^7)\lambda^{-15} \\ (\vartheta_1\zeta^3 - \vartheta_0\zeta^9)\lambda^{19} & (\vartheta_0\zeta^4 - \vartheta_1\zeta^8)\lambda^3 & (\vartheta_0\zeta^7 - \vartheta_1\zeta^5)\lambda^{17} & (\vartheta_1\zeta^{10} - \vartheta_0\zeta^2)\lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

The upper left  $2 \times 2$ -block of  $\rho(a_0)$  determines the monodromy of a NR local system on the complement of an irreducible plane curve with one Puiseux pair (11, 2) (see the proof of Theorem 3).

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