# FOURIER TRANSFORM OF INDICES AND INTERVALS AUGSBURG, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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### 1. Introduction

We consider the formal Fourier transformation

 $F^{\infty,\infty}: \mathsf{Mod}(\mathbb{C}((z)),\partial_z) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Mod}(\mathbb{C}((u)),\partial_u)$ 

with kernel  $E^{1/zu}$ . The aim of the workshop is to understand the description by Mochizuki of the extension of this functor to Stokes-filtered local system around  $\infty$ , so that the transformation of graded Stokes-filtered local system corresponds to  $F^{\infty,\infty}$ via the Deligne-Malgrange RH correspondence. In this lecture, we focus on the behavior of the exponential factors  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$  and the corresponding set of intervals  $T(\overline{[\mathcal{I}]})$  by this transformation.

Let  $n > p \ge 1$  be positive integers. We consider a set  $\widetilde{\mathcal{I}}$  of *p*-ramified exponential factors with maximal order of the pole equal to *n*. We assume that  $\mathcal{I}$  contains at least two elements, one of them being 0, so that *n* is also the maximal level of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{I}}$ , that is, the maximal order of the poles of the differences of elements of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{I}}$ .

We fix a *p*-th root  $\zeta = z_p$  of *z*, so that we regard  $\widetilde{\mathcal{I}}$  as a subset of  $\zeta^{-1}\mathbb{C}[\zeta^{-1}]$ . By the local stationary phase formula recalled below, we have to consider (n-p)-ramified exponential factors in the Fourier variable *u*, so we fix an (n-p)-th root  $v = u_{n-p}$  of *u*.

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## 2. Reminder of the formal Fourier transformation $F^{\infty,\infty}$

Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}(n,p)^* \subset \zeta^{-1}\mathbb{C}[\zeta^{-1}] \setminus \{0\}$  be the subset of polar parts having a pole of order equal to n, and set  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}(n,p) = \widetilde{\mathcal{U}}(n,p)^* \cup \{0\}$ . We call a *ramification of order* p any  $\rho \in \zeta^p \mathbb{C}(\zeta) \setminus \zeta^{p+1} \mathbb{C}(\zeta)$ .

Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} \in \widetilde{\mathfrak{U}}(n,p)^*$  and let  $\rho$  be a ramification of order p. The  $(\pm)$  local formal Fourier transformation  $F_{\pm}^{\infty,\infty}$  from  $\infty$  to  $\infty$  transforms an elementary connection  $\operatorname{El}(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}},\rho,R) := \rho_*(E^{\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}} \otimes R)$  (where R is finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}((\zeta))$ -vector space with a regular connection) to an elementary connection  $\operatorname{El}(\hat{\mathfrak{a}},\hat{\rho},R(n/2))$ , with  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \in \widetilde{\mathfrak{U}}(n,n-p)$ ,  $\hat{\rho}$  is a ramification of order n-p and (n/2) is the twist by the rank-one local system with monodromy  $(-1)^n$ , defined by the formulas, in the  $\zeta$  variable (with  $\rho(\zeta) = z^p$ ):

$$u = \widehat{\rho}(\zeta) = \pm \frac{\rho'(\zeta)}{\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}'(\zeta)\rho(\zeta)^2}, \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) = \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) + \frac{\rho(\zeta)}{\rho'(\zeta)} \,\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}'(\zeta) = \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) \pm \frac{1}{\rho(\zeta)\widehat{\rho}(\zeta)}.$$

**Remark.** These formulas make clear the  $\pm$ -involutiveness of  $F_{\pm}^{\infty,\infty}$ , namely  $F_{-}^{\infty,\infty} = (F_{+}^{\infty,\infty})^{-1}$ . Indeed, we can write  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} = \hat{\mathfrak{a}} - 1/\hat{\rho}\rho$ , and if we write the definition of  $\hat{\rho}$  as  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}'\hat{\rho} = -(1/\rho)'$ , then we find the converse definition for  $\rho$ :

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}'\rho = \rho \Big[ \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}' + \frac{1}{\widehat{\rho}} \Big( \frac{1}{\rho} \Big)' + \frac{1}{\rho} \Big( \frac{1}{\widehat{\rho}} \Big)' \Big] = \Big( \frac{1}{\widehat{\rho}} \Big)'.$$

In the following, we focus on  $F_{+}^{\infty,\infty}$ , simply denoted by  $F^{\infty,\infty}/$ 

**Expression in the variable** v. Fixing the variable  $\zeta$  as above allows for an explicit expression of the action of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  on the connection  $\rho^* \operatorname{El}(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \rho, R)$ , which is simple to compute if  $\rho(\zeta)$  has the simple form  $\rho(\zeta) = \zeta^p = z$ :

$$\rho^* \operatorname{El}(\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \rho, R) \simeq \bigoplus_{k=1}^p (E^{\sigma_k^* \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}} \otimes R),$$

with  $(\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}})(\zeta) = \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\exp(2\pi i k/p)\zeta)$ , and the action of  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is given by the natural isomorphisms

$$\tau_{\ell}: \sigma_{\ell}^*(E^{\sigma_k^*\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}} \otimes R) \simeq (E^{\sigma_{k+\ell}^*\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}} \otimes R),$$

due to the natural isomorphism  $\sigma_{\ell}^* R \simeq R$ . We set

$$\omega = n/p > 1$$
 and  $\widehat{\omega} = \omega/(\omega - 1) = n/(n - p)$ , so  $\frac{1}{\omega} + \frac{1}{\widehat{\omega}} = 1$ ,

and we write  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) = a_n \zeta^{-n} (1 + \zeta O(\zeta))$ . We have the following estimate:

$$(\sigma_k^*\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})(\zeta) \equiv e^{-2\pi i k\omega} \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) \mod \zeta^{-n+1} \mathbb{C}[\![\zeta]\!].$$

Similarly, the choice of the variable v is done in order to make explicit the action of  $\mathbb{Z}/(n-p)\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\hat{\rho}^* \operatorname{El}(\hat{\mathfrak{a}}, \hat{\rho}, R(n/2))$ : we have

$$\widehat{\rho}^* \mathrm{El}(\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}, \widehat{\rho}, R(n/2)) \simeq \bigoplus_{j=1}^{n-p} E^{\widehat{\sigma}_j^* \widehat{\mathfrak{a}}} \otimes R(n/2),$$

so that we first have to compute the change of variable  $\zeta = \varphi(v)$  so that  $\hat{\rho}(\zeta) = v^{n-p}$ . We have

$$\operatorname{El}(\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}, \widehat{\rho}, R(n/2)) \simeq \operatorname{El}(\widehat{\mathfrak{a}} \circ \varphi, \widehat{\rho} \circ \varphi, R(n/2)),$$

and

$$\sigma_j^*(\widehat{\mathfrak{a}} \circ \varphi)(v) = (\widehat{\mathfrak{a}} \circ \varphi)(e^{2\pi j i/(n-p)}v) \quad \text{for } j \in \mathbb{Z}/(n-p)\mathbb{Z}$$

We set  $A = -\omega a_n$ , and we choose an (n-p)-th root  $A^{1/n-p}$  of A. We have

$$\widehat{\rho}(\zeta) = \frac{p\zeta^{p-1}}{[-na_n\zeta^{-n-1}(1+\zeta O(\zeta))\cdot \zeta^{2p}]} = A^{-1}\zeta^{n-p}(1+\zeta O(\zeta))$$

There exists a solution for  $\varphi$  of the form

$$\varphi(v) = A^{1/(n-p)}v(1+vO(v)).$$

Equivalently, if we consider the two-variable function  $G(\zeta, v) = \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) + 1/v^{n-p}\zeta^p$ , then  $\varphi(v)$  is a solution of

$$(\partial_{\zeta} G)(\varphi(v), v) \equiv 0,$$

as follows from the definition of  $\widehat{\rho}(\zeta) = (1/\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}'(\zeta)) \cdot (-1/\rho(\zeta))'$ .

We first notice that

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) \equiv (1-\omega)a_n \zeta^{-n} \mod \zeta^{-n+1} \mathbb{C}[\![\zeta]\!],$$

and thus in the variable v (we now write  $\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}(v)$  instead of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{a}} \circ \varphi(v)$ ):

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}(v) \equiv (1-\omega)a_n\varphi(v)^{-n} \mod v^{-n+1}\mathbb{C}\llbracket v \rrbracket$$
$$\equiv \frac{\omega-1}{\omega}A \cdot A^{-n/(n-p)}v^{-n} \mod v^{-n+1}\mathbb{C}\llbracket v \rrbracket$$
$$\equiv \frac{1}{\widehat{\omega}}A^{-\widehat{\omega}/\omega}v^{-n} \mod v^{-n+1}\mathbb{C}\llbracket v \rrbracket,$$

so that we can write

$$\widehat{a}_n = \star (-a_n)^{-\widehat{\omega}/\omega},$$

where  $\star$  is the positive constant  $\omega^{-\widehat{\omega}}(\omega - 1)$ . On the other hand, the action of  $\mathbb{Z}/(n-p)\mathbb{Z}$  has the estimate

$$(\widehat{\sigma}_{j}^{*}\widehat{\mathfrak{a}})(v) \equiv e^{-2\pi i j\widehat{\omega}}\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}(v) \mod v^{-n+1}\mathbb{C}\llbracket v \rrbracket.$$

We can also regard  $\hat{\sigma}_{i}^{*}\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  as the effect of changing the choice of the (n-p)-th root of A.

# 3. Transformation of intervals

The aim of this section is to describe the correspondence  $T(\hat{\mathfrak{a}}) \mapsto T(\hat{\mathfrak{a}})$  induced by  $F^{\infty,\infty}$ , and the inverse correspondence.

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**3.a. The simplest example.** We consider the simplest case (Gauss type) where n = 2 and p = n - p = 1, so that  $\omega = 2$ . We have  $\zeta = z$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) = a_2 \zeta^{-2} (1 + \zeta O(\zeta))$  and we set  $a_2 = |a_2|e^{i\vartheta_2}$ . Let  $J_{\zeta} = I(\vartheta_0; \pi/4)$  be an interval centered at  $\vartheta_0$  and of radius  $\pi/4$ . We have

 $\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta) <_{J_{\zeta}} 0 \text{ (resp. } 0 <_{J_{\zeta}} \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta)) \iff \vartheta_2 = 2\vartheta_0 + \pi \bmod 2\pi \text{ (resp. } \vartheta_2 = 2\vartheta_0 \bmod 2\pi).$ 

In other words,  $T(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}})$  consists of two intervals  $J_{\zeta} \pmod{2\pi}$  of length  $\pi/2$  on which  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} <_{J_{\zeta}} 0$ , that we denote  $J_{\zeta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{<0}$ , and two intervals  $J_{\zeta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{>0}$  on which  $0 <_{J_{\zeta}} \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}$ . These intervals are respectively

$$I(\vartheta_2/2 + \pi/2 \mod \pi; \pi/4)$$
 and  $I(\vartheta_2/2 \mod \pi; \pi/4)$ .

On the other hand, we have  $v = (-1/2a_2)\zeta$  and  $\hat{a}_2 = \star (-a_2)^{-1}$  with  $\star = 1/4$ . Therefore,

$$\widehat{\vartheta}_2 = -(\vartheta_2 + \pi) \mod 2\pi$$

and the transformation of the arguments is

 $\theta_v = \theta_{\zeta} - (\vartheta_2 + \pi) \mod 2\pi.$ 

By this transformation, the interval

 $I(\vartheta_2/2 + \pi/2 \mod \pi; \pi/4)$ , resp.  $I(\vartheta_2/2 \mod \pi; \pi/4)$ ,

is mapped to

$$I(\widehat{\vartheta}_2/2 \mod \pi; \pi/4)$$
, resp.  $I(\widehat{\vartheta}_2/2 + \pi/2 \mod \pi; \pi/4)$ .

In other words,  $T(\hat{\mathfrak{a}})_{\leq 0}$ , resp.  $T(\hat{\mathfrak{a}})_{\geq 0}$ , is mapped to  $T(\hat{\mathfrak{a}})_{\geq 0}$ , resp.  $T(\hat{\mathfrak{a}})_{\leq 0}$ .

**3.b.** The *p*-ramified case. We consider a pair  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(\zeta), \rho)$ , with  $\rho(\zeta) = \zeta^p = z$  and we set  $z = |z|e^{i\theta}$  and  $\zeta = |\zeta|e^{i\theta_p}$ . The intervals J are considered either in  $\mathbb{R}_{\theta}$ , in which case they are denoted by  $J_z$ , or in  $\mathbb{R}_{\theta_p}$ , in which case they are denoted by  $J_{\zeta}$ . The bijection  $\theta_p \mapsto \theta = p\theta_p$  induces a one-to-one correspondence  $J_{\zeta} \mapsto J_z = pJ_{\zeta}$ . As we do not consider intervals in  $S^1$ , this is indeed one-to-one.

The sets  $T(\sigma_k^* \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})$ . Assume that  $J_{\zeta} \in T(\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{\zeta}$  and that  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}} <_{J_{\zeta}} 0$ . Then  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}} <_{J_{\zeta}+m\pi/n} 0$  for any even  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and the converse inequality for any odd m. If  $a_n = |a_n|e^{i\vartheta_n}$ , then  $T(\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{\zeta,<0}$  consists of the intervals  $I_{\zeta}((\vartheta_n + \pi)/n; \pi/2n) + 2\ell\pi/n$  and  $T(\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{\zeta,>0}$  consists of the intervals  $I_{\zeta}(\vartheta_n/n; \pi/2n) + 2\ell\pi/n$  ( $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

On the other hand, for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , let us consider the intervals for  $\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}$  with  $(\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}})(\zeta) = \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(e^{2\pi i k/p} \zeta)$ . We have  $\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}} < 0$  on  $J_{\zeta} - 2k\pi/p + m\pi/n$  for any even m, and the converse inequality for any odd m. Then  $T(\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{\zeta,<0}$  consists of the intervals  $I_{\zeta}((\vartheta_n + \pi)/n; \pi/2n) + 2\ell\pi/n - 2k\pi/p$  and  $T(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{\zeta,<0}$  consists of the intervals  $I_{\zeta}(\vartheta_n/n; \pi/2n) + 2\ell\pi/n - 2k\pi/p$  ( $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

We write these properties in terms of intervals  $J_z$ . Then  $T(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{z,>0}$ , resp.  $T(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{z,<0}$ , consists of the intervals  $(\ell \in \mathbb{Z})$ 

$$J_z(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \ell, <0) = I_z((\vartheta_n + \pi)/\omega; \pi/2\omega) + 2\ell\pi/\omega,$$

resp.

Similarly,  $T(\sigma_k^* \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{z,<0}$ , resp.  $T(\sigma_k^* \widetilde{\mathfrak{a}})_{z,>0}$ , consists of the intervals  $(\ell \in \mathbb{Z})$ 

 $J_z(\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \ell, > 0) = I_z(\vartheta_n/\omega; \pi/2\omega) + 2\ell\pi/\omega.$ 

 $J_z(\sigma_k^*\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \ell, > 0) = I_z(\vartheta_n/\omega; \pi/2\omega) + 2\ell\pi/\omega - 2k\pi.$ 

$$J_z(\sigma_k^*\widetilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \ell, <0) = I_z((\vartheta_n + \pi)/\omega; \pi/2\omega) + 2\ell\pi/\omega - 2k\pi,$$

resp.

**The sets**  $T(\sigma_i^* \widehat{\mathfrak{a}})$ . By the formula for  $\widehat{a}_n$  in terms of  $a_n$ , we have

$$\widehat{\vartheta}_n = -\frac{\widehat{\omega}}{\omega} \left(\vartheta_n + \pi\right).$$

We have  $v \equiv (-\omega a_n)^{-1/(n-p)} \zeta$ , which leads to the correspondence of the arguments  $\theta_v = \theta_{\zeta} - (\vartheta_n + \pi)/(n-p), \quad i.e., \ \theta_u = (\omega - 1)\theta_z - (\vartheta_n + \pi), \quad i.e., \ \widehat{\omega}\theta_u = \omega(\theta_z + \widehat{\vartheta}_n).$ Similarly,  $T(\sigma_i^* \widehat{\mathfrak{a}})_{u,<0}$ , resp.  $T(\sigma_i^* \widehat{\mathfrak{a}})_{u,>0}$ , consists of the intervals  $(\widehat{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z})$ 

$$J_u(\sigma_j^*\widehat{\mathfrak{a}},\widehat{\ell},<0) = I_u((\widehat{\vartheta}_n \pm \pi)/\widehat{\omega};\pi/2\widehat{\omega}) + 2\widehat{\ell}\pi/\widehat{\omega} - 2j\pi,$$

resp.

$$J_u(\sigma_j^*\widehat{\mathfrak{a}},\widehat{\ell},>0) = I_u(\widehat{\vartheta}_n/\widehat{\omega};\pi/2\widehat{\omega}) + 2\widehat{\ell}\pi/\widehat{\omega} - 2j\pi.$$

Fourier transformation of intervals. Let us consider  $J_z(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, < 0)$ . The notation of Mochizuki is then  $\vartheta_o = (\vartheta_n + \pi)/\omega$ . Therefore,  $\hat{\vartheta}_n/\hat{\omega} = -\vartheta_o$ . We have found

$$J_z(\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, <0) = I_z(\vartheta_o, \pi/2\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad J_u(\sigma_j^* \widehat{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, >0) = I_z(-\vartheta_o, \pi/2\widehat{\omega}) - 2j\pi$$

The map  $\theta_z \mapsto \theta_u = (\omega/\hat{\omega})\theta_z - \vartheta_n$  induces a diffeomorphism between the interval  $J_z(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, < 0)$  and the interval  $J_u(\hat{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, > 0)$ . By affine transformations, we obtain a diffeomorphism from  $J_z(\sigma_k^*\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \ell, < 0)$  to  $J_u(\sigma_j^*\hat{\mathfrak{a}}, \hat{\ell}, > 0)$ .

On the other hand, by inverse Fourier transformation, we relate  $J_u(\hat{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, < 0)$  with  $J_z(\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, 0, > 0)$ , and then  $J_u(\sigma_i^* \hat{\mathfrak{a}}, \hat{\ell}, < 0)$  to  $J_z(\sigma_k^* \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}, \ell, > 0)$ .

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