

# Geometry of elliptic Painlevé equation and its Lax formalism

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## **Abstract.**

A geometric formulation of Lax pairs for the elliptic Painlevé equation is presented.

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## **Aim.**

The Lax formulation of the Painlevé equation is important problem. For discrete cases, it has been studied by Jimbo-Sakai, Boalch, Arinkin-Borodin, Rains  $\dots$ . Explicit construction of the Lax pair is, however, a very difficult problem in particular for the elliptic case. We will develop [a geometric method to construct the Lax equations explicitly](#).

## **Plan.**

1. Differential Painlevé equations
2. Discrete Painlevé equations
3. Examples of the Lax equations
4. Lax formalism of elliptic Painlevé equations (**New**)

## 1. Differential Painlevé equations

We will review the geometric aspects of the classical Painlevé equation  $P_{VI}$ .

The sixth Painlevé equation  $P_{VI}$ :

$$\frac{d^2q}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q-1} + \frac{1}{q-t} \right) \left( \frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{q-t} \right) \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q(q-1)(q-t)}{t^2(t-1)^2} \left\{ \alpha - \beta \frac{t}{q^2} + \gamma \frac{t-1}{(q-1)^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \delta \right) \frac{t(t-1)}{(q-t)^2} \right\}.$$

Hamiltonian form:

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

$$H = \frac{1}{t(t-1)} \left[ q(q-1)(q-t)p^2 + \{ (a_1 + 2a_2)(q-1)q + a_3(t-1)q + a_4t(q-1) \} p + a_2(a_1 + a_2)(q-1) \right],$$

$$\alpha = \frac{a_1^2}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{a_4^2}{2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{a_3^2}{2}, \quad \delta = \frac{a_0^2}{2}.$$

Homogeneous coordinates  $(x : y : z)$ :

$$q = \frac{z}{z-x}, \quad p = \frac{y(z-x)}{xz}$$

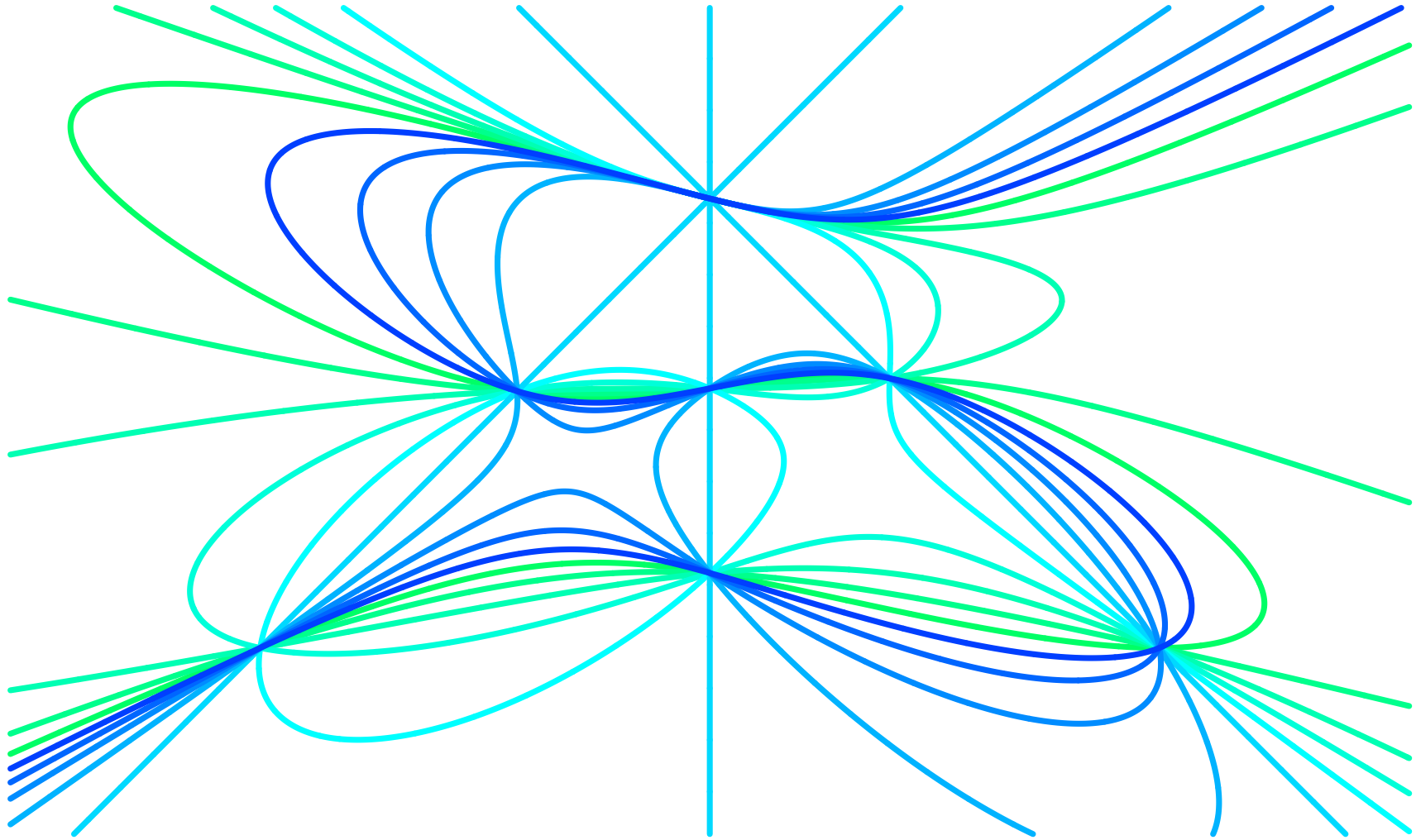
The curve  $H = \mu$  becomes the *cubic pencil*:

$$F(x, y, z) + \mu G(x, y, z) = 0,$$

$$F = -(t-1)y^2z + a_3(t-1)yz^2 - a_4tx^2y + a_2(a_1 + a_2)x^2z \\ + txy^2 + (a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3 - a_3t + a_4t)xyz,$$

$$G = t(t-1)xz(z-x).$$

$H = \mu$  curves:



Intersections of  $F = 0$  and  $G = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & (0 : 0 : 1), \quad (1, -a_2, 1), \quad (1, 0, 0), \\ & (0, a_3, 1), \quad (1, -a_1 - a_2, 1), \quad (1, a_4, 0), \end{aligned}$$

and

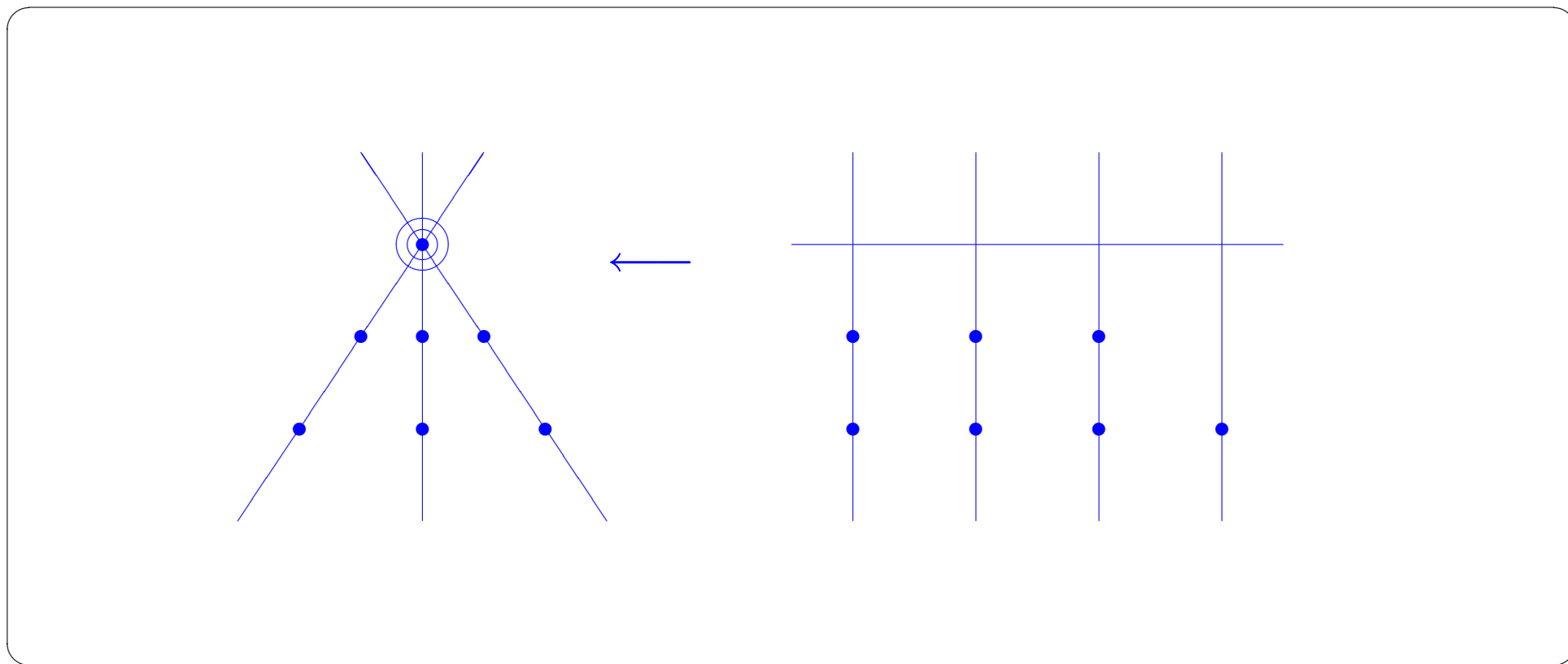
$$((t - 1)\varepsilon : 1 : t\varepsilon - a_0 t\varepsilon^2), \quad (1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^2)$$

Vanishing condition at these 9 points  $\Rightarrow H = \mu$  curves.  
(autonomous case)

This gives a geometric characterization of  $H$ .

[Kajiwara-Masuda-Noumi-Ohta-Y, FE **48** (2005) 147-160]

Space of initial conditions [Okamoto]:  
9 points blown-up of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus \{\text{divisors } D_4^{(1)}\}$ .





## 2. Discrete Painlevé equations

We will recall the discrete Painlevé equations and their geometric formulation.

The second order discrete Painlevé equations [H.Sakai].

Ell.  $E_8^{(1)}$

Mul.  $E_8^{(1)} \rightarrow E_7^{(1)} \rightarrow E_6^{(1)} \rightarrow D_5^{(1)} \rightarrow A_4^{(1)} \rightarrow A_{2+1}^{(1)} \rightarrow A_{1+1}^{(1)} \rightarrow A_1^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_6$

$\mathbb{Z}$

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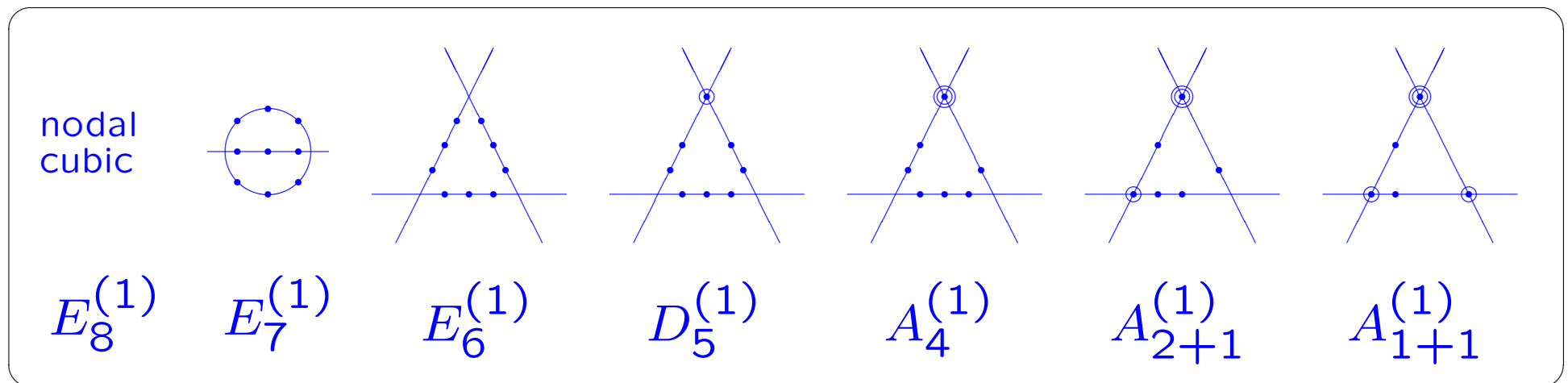
Add.  $E_8^{(1)} \rightarrow E_7^{(1)} \rightarrow E_6^{(1)} \rightarrow D_4^{(1)} \rightarrow A_3^{(1)} \rightarrow A_{1+1}^{(1)} \rightarrow A_1^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$

$\downarrow$

$A_2^{(1)} \rightarrow A_1^{(1)} \rightarrow 1$

↘ ↘

(Mul.)  $q$ -Painlevé equations:



(Ell.) Elliptic Painlevé equation:

Cubic curve passing through 9 points on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

Curve of degree (2,2) passing through 8 points on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

$q$ - $P_{VI}$  equation: [Jimbo-Sakai(96)]

$$T : (f, g, a_i, b_i) \mapsto (\dot{f}, \dot{g}, \dot{a}_i, \dot{b}_i),$$

$$\dot{f}f = \frac{(\dot{g} - b_1)(\dot{g} - b_2)}{(\dot{g} - b_3)(\dot{g} - b_4)} a_3 a_4,$$

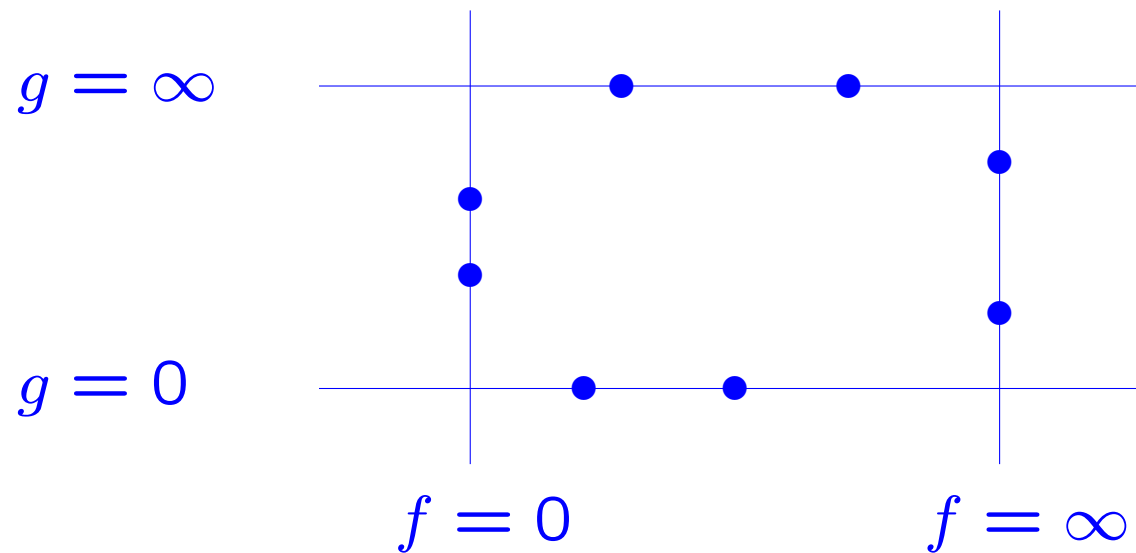
$$\dot{g}g = \frac{(f - a_1)(f - a_2)}{(f - a_3)(f - a_4)} b_3 b_4,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{a}_1 & \dot{a}_2 & \dot{a}_3 & \dot{a}_4 \\ \dot{b}_1 & \dot{b}_2 & \dot{b}_3 & \dot{b}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} qa_1 & qa_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ qb_1 & qb_2 & b_3 & b_4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$q = \frac{a_3 a_4 b_1 b_2}{a_1 a_2 b_3 b_4}.$$

$D_5^{(1)}$ -symmetry,  $A_3^{(1)}$ -configuration.

$$(f, g) = (0, b_1/q), (0, b_2/q), (\infty, b_3), (\infty, b_4), \\ (a_1, 0), (a_2, 0), (a_3, \infty), (a_4, \infty).$$



Elliptic Painlevé equation ( $E_8^{(1)}$ -symmetry) on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

**Example.**  $\dot{P} = T_{12}(P)$

Parameters  $P_1, \dots, P_8$ : On the **fixed** curve  $C_0$  of degree (2,2) passing through  $P_1, \dots, P_8$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_8 &= 0, & \dot{P}_1 + \dot{P}_2 &= P_1 + P_2, \\ \dot{P}_i &= P_i, & (i \neq 1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

Dependent variable  $P$ : On the **moving** curve  $C$  of degree (2,2) passing through  $P_2, \dots, P_8, P$ ,

$$\dot{P}_1 + \dot{P} = P_2 + P.$$

Explicit form of the equation :

$$\dot{f} = \frac{F_1(f, g)}{F_0(f, g)}, \quad \dot{g} = \frac{G_1(f, g)}{G_0(f, g)},$$

where  $\lambda F_0 + \mu F_1 = 0$  [or  $\lambda G_0 + \mu G_1 = 0$ ] is the pencil of rational curves of degree (5,4) [or (4,5)] with base points at  $(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_8)$  of multiplicity  $(0, 4, 2, 2, \dots, 2)$ .

### 3. Examples of the Lax equations

Examples of Lax equations for  $P_{VI}$ ,  $q$ - $P_{VI}$ ,  $q$ - $E_6^{(1)}$  and their geometry are discussed.



Lax pair for  $P_{VI}$ : [R.Fuchs(1907)]

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial z^2} + \left( \frac{1 - a_4}{z} + \frac{1 - a_3}{z - 1} + \frac{1 - a_0}{z - t} - \frac{1}{z - q} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + \left\{ \frac{a_2(a_1 + a_2)}{z(z - 1)} - \frac{t(t - 1)H}{z(z - 1)(z - t)} + \frac{q(q - 1)p}{z(z - 1)(z - q)} \right\} y = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{z(z - 1)(q - t)}{t(t - 1)(q - z)} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + \frac{zp(q - 1)(q - t)}{t(t - 1)(z - q)} y = 0.$$

Monodromy preserving deformation on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, t, \infty\}$ .

The Lax pair for  $q$ - $P_{VI}$  [Jimbo-Sakai(96)]

$$\left\{ \frac{(a_1 - z)(a_2 - z)}{a_1 a_2 (z - f)} T_z - \left( c_0 + c_1 z + \frac{c_2 z}{z - f} + \frac{c_3 z}{z - qf} \right) + \frac{a_1 a_2 (z - qa_3)(z - qa_4)}{b_3 b_4 q^2 (z - qf)} T_z^{-1} \right\} y = 0,$$

$$\left\{ qg T_z - a_1 a_2 + z(z - f) T^{-1} \right\} y = 0.$$

Where  $y = y(z)$ ,  $T_z y = y(qz)$ ,  $T y = \dot{y}(z)$  and

$$c_0 = -\frac{a_1 a_2}{f} \left( \frac{1}{b_1} + \frac{1}{b_2} \right), \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{1}{b_3} + \frac{1}{b_4} \right),$$

$$c_2 = \frac{(f - a_1)(f - a_2)}{qfg}, \quad c_3 = \frac{(f - a_3)(f - a_4)g}{b_3 b_4 f}.$$

Other cases? Experiments using Padé approach.

$f(z) \rightarrow \frac{N(z)}{D(z)} \rightarrow$  differential (or difference) equations whose fundamental solution is  $\{N(z), f(z)D(z)\}$ .

Appropriate input function  $f(z)$  gives Lax equations.

$$\frac{(1/c_1, c_2/a_2)_j}{(1/a_2, a_1/c_1)_j} = \frac{P_m(q^{-j})}{Q_n(q^{-j})}, \quad (j = 0, 1, \dots, m+n)$$

$$P_m(z) = \sum_{i=0}^m A_i \frac{(z)_i}{(qa_2z)_i}, \quad Q_n(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i \frac{(z)_i}{(qc_1z)_i}.$$

A version of Padé interpolation with prescribed poles and zeros [Zhedanov-Spridonov].

→ Lax pair for  $q$ - $E_6^{(1)}$ -Painlevé equation:

$$\begin{cases} \{K_1(T_z - 1) + K_2 + K_3(T_z^{-1} - 1)\}y = 0, \\ \{C_1 T_{a_2} + C_2 + C_3(T_z^{-1} - 1)\}y = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$K_1 = (1 - z)(c_2 - a_2 q z)(1 - c_1 q^{n+1} z)(1 - a_2 q^{m+1} z)(z - f),$$

$$K_2 = z(1 - q^m)(1 - a_2 q)(\bigcirc + \bigcirc z + \bigcirc z^2),$$

$$K_3 = (1 - a_2 z)(a_1 - c_1 z)(1 - a_2 q z)(1 - q^{m+n} z)(q z - f),$$

$$C_1 = \bigcirc(a_1 - c_2)(1 - a_2 q)(c_2 - a_2 q z)(1 - a_2 q^{m+1} z)(z - f),$$

$$C_2 = (1 - a_2 q z)(\bigcirc + \bigcirc z + \bigcirc z^2),$$

$$C_3 = a_2 q(1 - c_2 q^n)(1 - a_2 z)(a_1 - c_1 z)(1 - q^{m+n} z)(1 - a_2 q z).$$

Where  $\bigcirc$  are some rational functions in  $f, g$  variables.

The coefficients  $\circ$  are complicated functions of  $f, g$   
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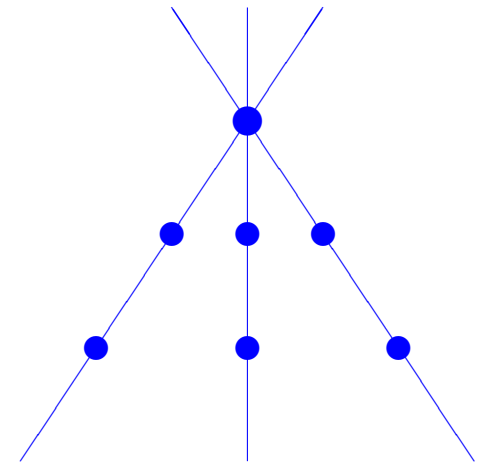
Yes!

$P_{VI}$  case: The Lax equation

$$\circlearrowleft y'' + \circlearrowleft y' + \circlearrowleft y = 0$$

is characterized as the nodal curve of degree 4 in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  passing through the 9+3+2 points:

$$\begin{aligned} &(0 : 0 : 1), \quad (1 : -a_2 : 1), \quad (1 : 0 : 0), \\ &(0 : a_3 : 1), \quad (1 : -a_1 - a_2 : 1), \quad (1 : a_4 : 0), \\ &\quad \left( (t-1)\varepsilon : 1 : t\varepsilon - a_0 t \varepsilon^2 \right)_{(\varepsilon^3=0)}, \\ &\quad \left( (z-1)\varepsilon : 1 : z\varepsilon + z\varepsilon^2 \right)_{(\varepsilon^3=0)}, \\ &\quad \left( \frac{1}{z+\varepsilon} : \frac{y'(z+\varepsilon)}{y(z+\varepsilon)} : \frac{1}{z+\varepsilon-1} \right)_{(\varepsilon^2=0)}. \end{aligned}$$



$q$ - $P_{VI}$  case: The Lax equation

$$\left\{ \circ T_z + \circ + \circ T_z^{-1} \right\} y = 0$$

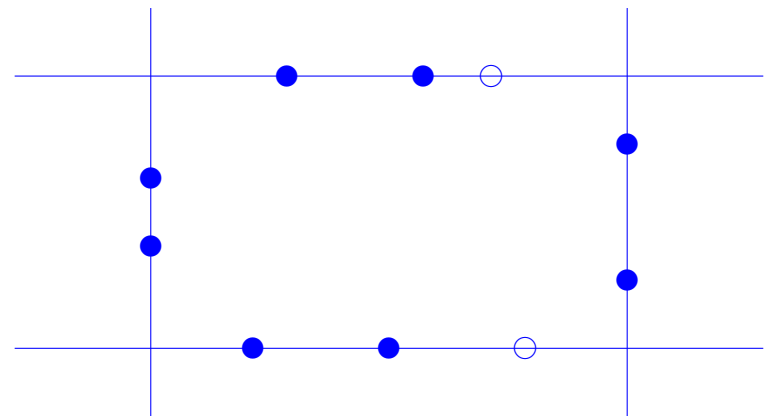
is characterized as the degree (3,2) curve in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  passing through the 8+2+2 points:

$$(0, b_1/q), (0, b_2/q), (\infty, b_3), (\infty, b_4),$$

$$(a_1, 0), (a_2, 0), (a_3, \infty), (a_4, \infty),$$

$$(z, \infty), (z/q, 0),$$

$$\left( z, \frac{a_1 a_2 y(z)}{q y(qz)} \right), \left( \frac{z}{q}, \frac{a_1 a_2 y(z/q)}{q y(z)} \right),$$





$q$ - $E_6^{(1)}$  case: The Lax equation

$$\left\{ \circ T_z + \circ + \circ T_z^{-1} \right\} y = 0$$

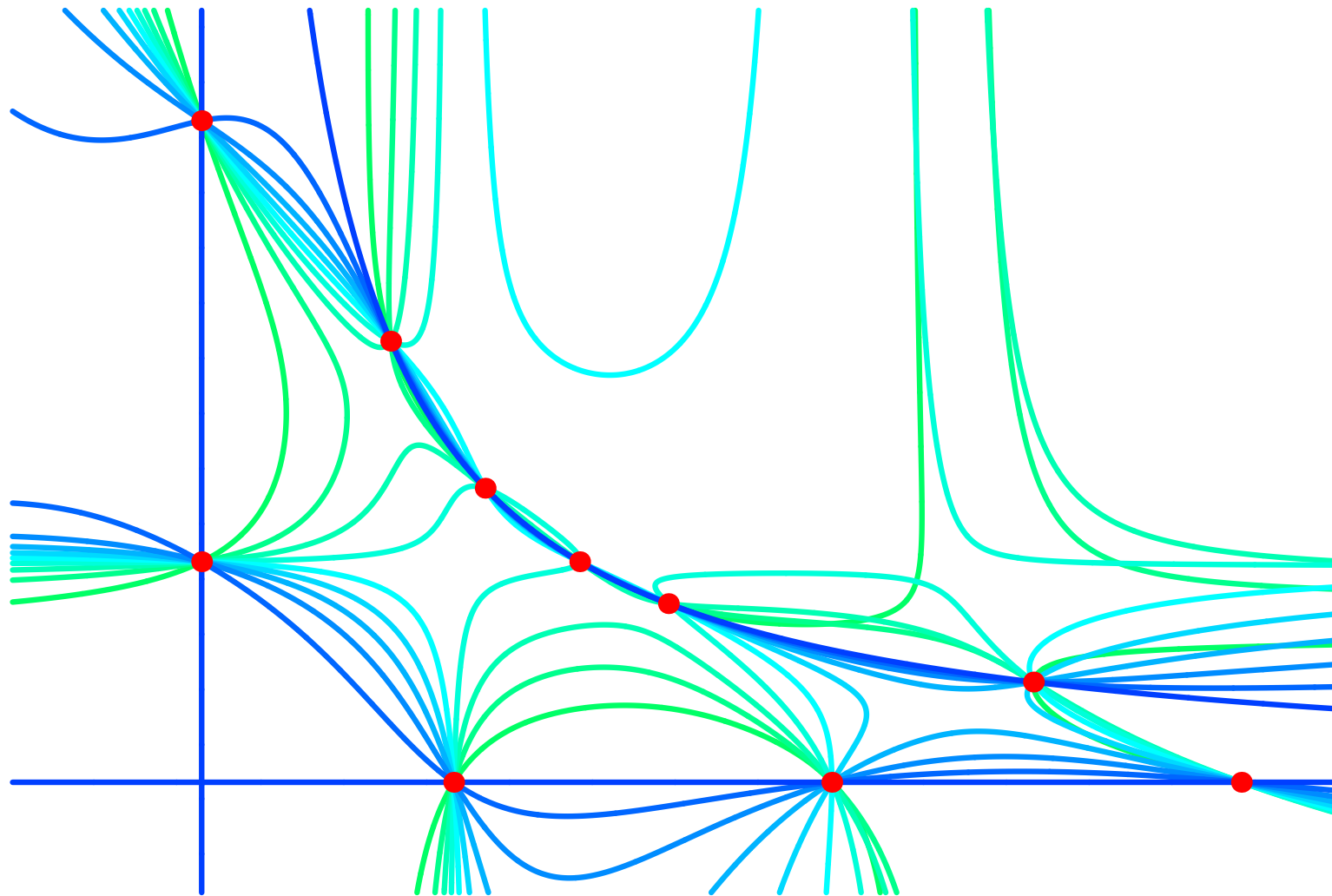
is characterized as the degree (3, 2) curve passing through 8+2+2 points on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & (q^{-m-n}, 0), \quad \left(\frac{a_1}{c_1}, 0\right), \quad (0, a_2), \quad \left(0, \frac{a_1 a_2}{c_2}\right), \\ & \left(u, \frac{1}{u}\right), \quad u = q^{-1}, \quad a_2 q^m \quad c_1 q^n, \quad \frac{a_2}{c_2}, \\ & (qz, 0), \quad \left(\frac{1}{z}, z\right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(u, G_u), \quad \frac{y(u, t)}{y(u/q, t)} = \frac{(1 - a_2 u) G_u}{a_2 (1 - u G_u)}, \quad u = z, \quad qz.$$

$q-E_6^{(1)}$  Lax curves:



Experiments using the Padé approach,

→ similar structure for  $q-E_7^{(1)}$ ,  $q-E_8^{(1)}$ .

Taking a hint from these, one can formulate the [general Lax equations](#) including the elliptic case.

## 4. Lax formalism of elliptic Painlevé equation

Lax equations for the elliptic Painlevé equation are described explicitly in terms of the point configurations.

- $C_0 : \varphi_{2,2}(f, g) = 0$ : Elliptic curve on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .
- $P_z = (f_z, g_z)$ : Parametrization of  $C_0$ .  $z \in \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$  is the Jacobian parameter which plays the role of the independent variable of the Lax equation.
- $P_i = (f_i, g_i) = P_{u_i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 8$ ): 8 points on  $C_0$ .

$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^8 u_i \quad (\neq 0).$$

- Involution:  $P = (f, g) \leftrightarrow P^* = (f, g^*)$  on  $C_0$ .
- We will consider the time evolution  $T = T_{12}$  such that

$$T(u_1) = u_1 - \delta, \quad T(u_2) = u_2 + \delta, \quad T(u_i) = u_i \quad (i \neq 1, 2).$$

**Definition.** The Lax equations

$$L_1 = \{\circ T_z + \circ + \circ T_z^{-1}\}y = 0,$$

$$L_2 = \{\circ T + \circ + \circ T_z^{-1}\}y = 0,$$

are defined as the curves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree (3,2) and passing through the following 11(+1) points:

$$L_1 : P_1, \dots, P_8, P_z, (P_{z-\delta}^*), \quad Q_z, Q_{z-\delta},$$

$$L_2 : P_2, \dots, P_8, P_{z+u_1-u_2}, P_{z-\delta}^*, (P_2), \quad Q_2, Q_{z-\delta},$$

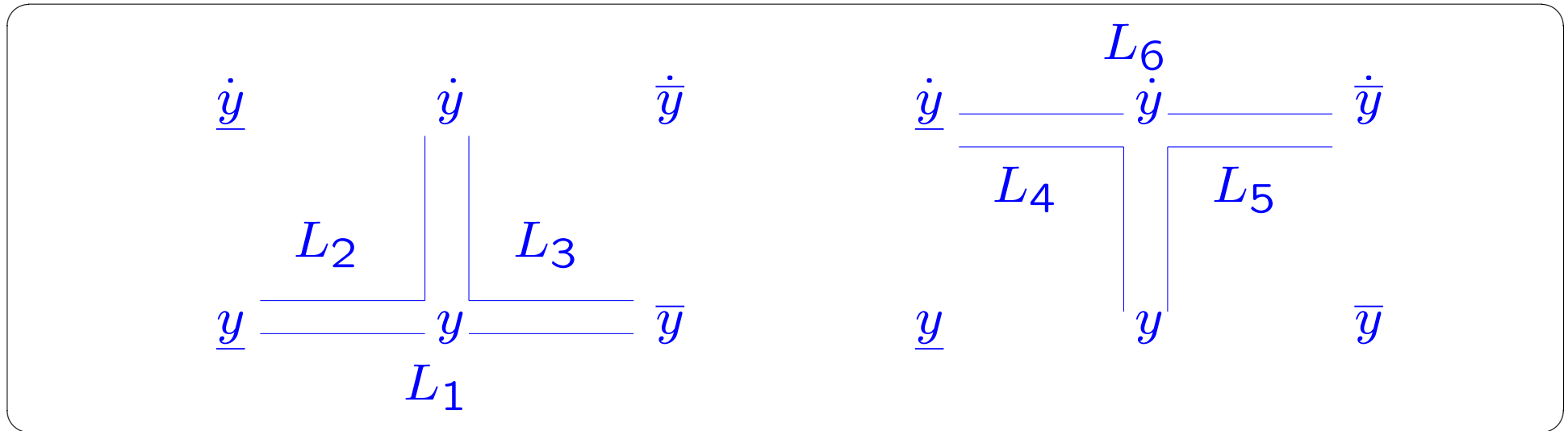
where

$$Q_z : f = f_z, \quad (g - g_z)y(z) = (g - g_z^*)y(z + \delta),$$

$$Q_{z-\delta} : f = f_{z-\delta}, \quad (g - g_{z-\delta})y(z - \delta) = (g - g_{z-\delta}^*)y(z),$$

$$Q_2 : f = f_2, \quad (g - g_2)y(z) = (g - g_2^*)Ty(z).$$

From equations  $L_1 = 0$ ,  $L_2 = 0$ , one can derive other 3-term equations  $L_3 = 0, \dots, L_6 = 0$ :



The last one  $L_6$  is the 3 term equation for  $\dot{y} = T y$ :

$$L_6 = \left\{ \circ T_z + \circ + \circ T_z^{-1} \right\} \dot{y} = 0,$$

which should be compared with  $L_1 = 0$ .

The equation  $L_6$  is too huge (of degree (7,6)). However, by analysing its geometric characterization, we can prove

**Theorem(Compatibility).** The equation  $L_6 = 0$  is equivalent to the time evolution  $T(L_1) = 0$ .

This means that the huge equation  $L_6 = 0$  shrinks down to  $L_1 = 0$ , when it is written in terms of  $\dot{f}, \dot{g}$ .

The proof of the Theorem is based on some classical (antique) algebraic geometry of plane curves. (arXiv:0811.1796)



## Concluding Remark.

- It is known that the geometry (the Okamoto space) determines the Painlevé equation itself (Takano's theory). Sakai showed that this is also true for discrete cases. Now, we can say that **the geometry knows also the Lax equations**.
- The Lax equation has been a source of various non-trivial results for the Painlevé equations. Since our result is concrete enough, it may serve for further study. It will be interesting if we can say anything about **the solutions  $y$  or  $(f, g)$**  from the geometry.

Thank you.