Heun equation, Teukolsky equation, and type-D metrics

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Abstract

Starting with the whole class of type-D vacuum backgrounds with cosmological constant we show that the separated Teukolsky equation for zero rest-mass fields with spin $s = \pm 2$ (gravitational waves), $s = \pm 1$ (electromagnetic waves) and $s = \pm 1/2$ (neutrinos) is an Heun equation in disguise.

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I. INTRODUCTION

According to Ronveaux (1995) the Heun equation (HE) is the most general second order linear ODE of the form

\[
\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + \left( \frac{1 + 2\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_2}{z - 1} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3}{z - z_s} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{\alpha_1 \beta - q_A}{z(z - 1)(z - z_s)} y = 0
\] (1)

where \( \hat{a} \in \mathbb{C} \backslash \{0, 1\} \), \( \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha, \beta, q_A \) are complex arbitrary parameters, and 0, 1, \( \hat{a} \), and \( \infty \) are regular singularities with exponents \( \{0, -2\alpha_1\}, \{0, -2\alpha_2\}, \{0, -2\alpha_3\}, \) and \( \{\alpha, \beta\} \), respectively. Equation (1) has been originally constructed by the German mathematician Karl Heun (1889) as a generalization of the hypergeometric equation (HYE). In order to see how HE degenerates to the HYE we can first multiply (1) by \( z(z - 1)(z - \hat{a}) \), then we set \( \hat{a} = 1 \), and \( q_A = \alpha \beta \), and finally we take out a factor \( (z - 1) \), leaving the HYE in its standard form. Hence, we can always think to a HYE as a degenerated equation of Heun’s type. To underline the importance of (1) we recall that it contains the generalized spheroidal equation (GSWE), the Coulomb spheroidal equation, Lamé, Mathieu, and Ince equations as special cases. The fields of applications of the HE in physics are so large that it is not possible to describe them here in detail. However, a review of many general situations relevant to physics, chemistry, and engineering where the HE occurs can be found in Ronveaux (1995) (pp 341). Here, we will show which role plays the HE in quantum field theory in curved spacetimes.

To understand the motivation underlying the present work we give a short review on studies concerning exact solutions of the Teukolsky equation in some black hole geometries. In the 70’s, and 80’s we find a large number of publications regarding the angular equation obtained after separation of variables from the Teukolsky wave equation on Kerr manifolds. See, for instance, Press, and Teukolsky (1973), Breuer et al. (1977), Fackerell, and Crossman (1977), Leahy, and Unruh (1979), Chakrabarti (1984), and Seidel (1989). According to these references we will also name the solution of the angular equation as spin-weighted spheroidal function (SWSF). The radial equation has been investigated by Bardeen, and Press (1973), Page (1973), Lee (1976), Arenstorf et al. (1978). The common picture emerging from all previous studies is that the radial equation cannot be in general related to any known differential equation of mathematical physics. This view changed with the work of Blandin et al. (1983). They showed that the SWSF’s may be obtained by means of an elementary transformation from Heun confluent functions. Three years later Leaver (1983) proved that
the radial, and angular parts of the Teukolsky master equation (TME) in the Kerr geometry are generalized spheroidal wave equations. Finally, Suzuki et al. (1998) showed that the radial, and angular part equations arising from the TME in the Kerr-Newman-deSitter metric (KNdS) after separation of variables are Heun equations. It is interesting to observe that if we let the cosmological constant go to zero (i.e. the KNdS geometry goes over to the Kerr-Newman metric) their HEs become a confluent HE which, in turn, coincides with the GSWE given by Leaver in 1983. Hence, the following question arises quite naturally, namely: is it possible to reduce the TME in any physical relevant type D metric to a HE? To conclude this short review we cite what Wu, and Cai wrote in 2003: ”it is not clear until now whether the generalized Teukolsky equation in the general type D vacuum backgrounds with cosmological constant can be transformed into a Heun equation.”

Our paper is organized as follows: in Sec. III we shortly present some results due to Kamran, and McLenaghan (1987) concerning the separation of the TME in any type-D background. In Sec. IIII-VII we show that the TME can be transformed in any physical relevant type D metric into a HE.

II. BACKGROUND

Let \( \mathcal{D}_0 \) denote the class of algebraically special Petrov type D vacuum metrics with cosmological constant. According to Thm. 2.1 in Kamran, and McLenaghan (1987) there exists a system of local coordinates \((u, v, w, x)\) in which such metrics can be written as

\[
ds^2 = 2 \left( \theta^1 \theta^2 - \theta^3 \theta^4 \right)
\]

with a symmetric null tetrad \((\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \theta^4)\) given by

\[
\begin{align*}
\theta^1 &= \sqrt{\frac{Z(w, x)}{2T(w, x)}} \left[ \frac{fW(w)}{Z(w, x)} (\epsilon_1 \, du + m(x) \, dv) + \frac{dw}{g^2 W(w)} \right], \\
\theta^2 &= \sqrt{\frac{Z(w, x)}{2T(w, x)}} \left[ \frac{W(w)}{Z(w, x)} (\epsilon_1 \, du + m(x) \, dv) - \frac{f dw}{g^2 W(w)} \right], \\
\theta^3 &= \sqrt{\frac{Z(w, x)}{2T(w, x)}} \left[ \frac{X(x)}{Z(w, x)} (\epsilon_2 \, du + p(w) \, dv) + i \frac{dx}{X(x)} \right] = \overline{\theta^4},
\end{align*}
\]

where all functions are real-valued and \( \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \) and \( f \) are constants such that \( \epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2 \neq 0 \). Depending on whether \( fW^2(w) \) is positive, negative or zero the metric (2) possesses a two-
over, the cosmological constant $\Lambda$ is expressed in terms of the above parameters by

$$\Lambda = -\left[2a^2c^2f_0\cos^2 \gamma - a^2ckf_1\cos \gamma + a^2k^2f_2 - a^3k^3f_3 + (1 + a^2b^4k^4)g_4\right].$$

Let $\mathcal{A}$ denote the subclass of solutions in $\mathcal{A}^*$ obtained by setting $b = 1, c = \sqrt{2}, k = \ell = 0$ and $\gamma = \pi/4$. If in addition $a = f = 1$, such solutions recover the vacuum case with cosmological constant of the seven-parameter family of Plebanski and Demianski (1976) containing the Kerr-Newman-de Sitter metric as a special case.

Let $\mathcal{B}$ be the subclass of solutions in $\mathcal{A}^*$ such that $a = 0, b = c = 1, \ell = 0$ and $\gamma = \pi/2$. If in addition $f = 1$, $\mathcal{B}^0$ reduces to the vacuum case with cosmological constant of Carter's $\mathcal{B}^*$ (1968). By $\mathcal{B}^0_+$ we will denote the subclass of solutions in $\mathcal{A}^*$ obtained by setting $a = 0,$
\( b = c = 1, \) and \( k = \gamma = 0. \) If we let \( f = 1, \) such a solution becomes the vacuum case with cosmological constant of Carter’s \( \tilde{B}_\pm. \) The Carter’s \( \tilde{B}_\pm \) describe all non-accelerating type D metrics in a coordinate system in which the components of the metric and the Maxwell field are rational functions.

Let \( \mathcal{C}^* \) denote the subclass of solutions in \( \mathcal{A}_\ast \) obtained by setting \( a = 1, \) \( b = 0, \) \( c = \sqrt{2}, \) \( k = \ell = 0 \) and \( \gamma = \pi / 4. \) If in addition \( f = 1, \) \( \mathcal{C}^* \) reduces to the accelerating \( \mathcal{C}^{-}\)-metric of Levi-Civita (1918).

Finally, let \( \mathcal{C}^{00} \) denote the subclass of solutions in \( \mathcal{A}_\ast \) obtained by setting \( a = 0, \) \( b = 1, \) \( c = 0, \) \( k = 0, \) \( \ell = 1 \) and \( \gamma = 0. \) If in addition \( f = 1, \) \( \mathcal{C}^{00} \) becomes the Robinson-Bertotti solution (1959).

Following Kamran, and McLenaghan (1987) the Teukolsky equation can be written in a compact form by introducing a spin parameter \( s \) which can assume the values \( \pm 2, \pm 1, \) and \( \pm 1/2. \) For \( s = 2, 1 \) and \( 1/2 \) we have

\[
[(D - (2s - 1)\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon} - 2s\rho - \bar{\rho}) \Delta - 2s\gamma + \mu - (\delta + \bar{\delta} - 2s\beta - 2s\tau)(\delta + \pi - 2s\alpha)] - 2(s - \frac{1}{2})(s - 1)\Psi_2]\Phi_s = 0, \quad (6)
\]

and for \( s = -2, -1 \) and \( -1/2 \)

\[
[(\Delta - (2s + 1)\gamma - \bar{\gamma} - 2s\mu + \bar{\mu})(D - 2s\epsilon - \rho) - (\delta - \bar{\delta} + \beta - 2s\alpha - 2s\pi)(\delta - \tau - 2s\beta)] - 2(s + \frac{1}{2})(s + 1)\Psi_2]\Phi_s = 0 \quad (7)
\]

where \( \Psi_2 \) is the non-zero Newman-Penrose component of the Weyl tensor and the \( \Phi_s \)‘s are defined in terms of the field components as given in Table 1 (pp 286 ibid.). According to Thm. 3.1 (ibid.) for all solutions in the class \( \mathcal{D}_0, \) and for all \( s = \pm 2, \pm 1, \pm 1/2 \) equations \( (6), \) and \( (7) \) possess a separable solution of the form

\[
\Phi_s = e^{i(qu + qw)} \frac{T_{|s|+1}}{Z_{|s|/2}} e^{i|s|B/2} \Theta_s(w, x)
\]

where \( r, q \) are arbitrary real constants, \( dB = Z^{-1}(\epsilon_1 m' dw + \epsilon_2 p' dx), \) and \( \Theta_s(w, x) = G_s(w)H_s(x). \) Moreover, \( (6), \) and \( (7) \) separate into the pair of decoupled ODE’s

\[
D_{ws}L_{ws}G_s(w) + f_s(w)G_s(w) = \lambda_s G_s(w), \quad (8)
\]

\[
D_{xs}L_{xs}H_s(x) - g_s(x)H_s(x) = \lambda_s H_s(x) \quad (9)
\]
where \( \lambda_s \) is a separation constant, the functions \( f_s \), and \( g_s \) are given in Table 1 (pp 290-291 ibid.), and

\[
D_{ws} = W \frac{d}{dw} + \frac{i}{1 + f^2} \left[ f (1 + \epsilon(s)) - \frac{1}{f} (1 - \epsilon(s)) \right] \frac{pr - \epsilon q}{W} + (1 - |s|) \frac{dW}{dw},
\]

\[
D_{xs} = -iX \frac{d}{dx} + i\epsilon(s) \frac{\epsilon_1 q - mr}{X} + i(|s| - 1) \frac{dX}{dx},
\]

\[
L_{ws} = -fW \frac{d}{dw} + \frac{i}{1 + f^2} \left[ (1 + \epsilon(s)) - f^2 (1 - \epsilon(s)) \right] \frac{pr - \epsilon q}{W} - |s| \frac{dW}{dw},
\]

\[
L_{xs} = iX \frac{d}{dx} + i\epsilon(s) \frac{\epsilon_1 q - mr}{X} + i|s| \frac{dX}{dx},
\]

where \( \epsilon(s) \) is a sign function such that \( \epsilon(s) = +1 \) for \( s > 0 \), and \( \epsilon(s) = -1 \) for \( s < 0 \).

### III. THE METRIC \( \mathcal{L}^* : b = 1, c = \sqrt{2}, k = \ell = 0 \), \( \gamma = \pi/4 \)

In this case we have

\[
\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad m(x) = -\sqrt{2} x^2, \quad p(w) = \sqrt{2} w^2, \quad T(w, x) = awx + 1,
\]

\[
fW^2(w) = g_4 w^4 + \sum_{n=0}^{3} f_n w^n = g_4 \prod_{i=1}^{4} (w - w_i),
\]

\[
X^2(x) = g_4 x^4 + af_1 x^3 - f_2 x^2 + g_1 x + g_0 = g_4 \prod_{i=1}^{4} (x - x_i).
\]

Moreover, for \( i, j = 1, \cdots, 4 \) let \( w_i \) and \( x_i \) denote the i-th root of the polynomial equations \( fW^2(w) = 0 \), and \( X^2(x) = 0 \), respectively. Throughout this section we shall assume that \( w_i \neq w_j \), and \( x_i \neq x_j \) for every \( i \neq j \). Furthermore, in the present case \[5\] reads

\[
g_4 = -\left( a^2 f_0 + \frac{\Lambda}{3} \right).
\]

Making use of the expression for \( \Psi_2 \) given by (2.7g) in Kamran, and McLenaghan (1984), the functions \( f_s(w) \), and \( g_s(x) \) entering, respectively in \[8\], and \[9\] are computed to be

\[
f_s(w) = -(1 - 2|s|) \left[ 2g_4 (1 - |s|) w^2 + \left( 2i \sqrt{2} r \epsilon(s) + ag_1 (1 - |s|) \right) w \right],
\]

\[
g_s(x) = -(1 - 2|s|) \left[ 2g_4 (1 - |s|) x^2 - \left( 2 \sqrt{2} r \epsilon(s) - af_1 (1 - |s|) \right) x \right].
\]

Hence, the equation for \( G_s(w) \) becomes

\[
\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{dG_s}{dw} \right) + \Gamma(w) \frac{dG_s}{dw} + Q_s(w) G_s = 0 \tag{10}
\]
with
\[ \Gamma(w) := i\sqrt{2} \frac{f^2 - 1}{f^2 + 1} (2rw^2 - q), \]
\[ Q_s(w) := \lambda_s + 2g_4(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w^2 + \left[ 2i\sqrt{2}r \left( -2s + \frac{f^2 - 1}{f^2 + 1} \right) + ag_1(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \right] w + \]
\[ f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)(W')^2 \right) + i\sqrt{2}s(2rw^2 - q) \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{2f}{(1 + f^2)^2} \frac{(2rw^2 - q)^2}{W^2}. \]

Equation (10) can be further simplified. To this aim let us make the substitution
\[ G_s(w) = e^{h(w)} \varphi_s(w). \]

If we require that \( h' = -\Gamma/(2fW^2) \) we obtain the following equation for \( \varphi_s(w) \)
\[ \frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{d\varphi_s}{dw} \right) + R_s(w) \varphi_s = 0 \quad (11) \]
where
\[ R_s(w) := \lambda_s + 2g_4(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w^2 - C_s w + \]
\[ f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)(W')^2 \right) + i\sqrt{2}s(2rw^2 - q) \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{2f}{(1 + f^2)^2} \frac{(2rw^2 - q)^2}{2fW^2} \]

with
\[ C_s := 4i\sqrt{2}sr - ag_1(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|). \]

Let us introduce the following functions
\[ \sigma_{\pm q}(w) := 2rw \pm q, \quad f_s(w) := 2g_4(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w^2 - C_s w + \lambda_s, \]
and let us define constants
\[ c_i^{-1} := g_4 \prod_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} (w_i - w_j), \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \]

By means of the homographic substitution
\[ z = \frac{w - w_1}{w - w_4} \frac{w_2 - w_4}{w_2 - w_1} \quad (12) \]
mapping the points \( w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, \infty \) to 0, 1, \( z_S, \infty, z_\infty \) with
\[ z_\infty := \frac{w_2 - w_4}{w_2 - w_1}, \quad z_S := \frac{w_3 - w_1}{w_3 - w_4} z_\infty \quad (13) \]
equation (11) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \varphi_s}{dz^2} + P(z) \frac{d\varphi_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z)\varphi_s = 0 \]  

(14)

with

\[ P(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{z-z_s} - \frac{2}{z-z_\infty}, \]

\[ \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{B_1}{z^2} + \frac{B_2}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{B_3}{(z-z_s)^2} + \frac{2}{(z-z_\infty)^2} + \frac{A_1}{z} + \frac{A_2}{z-1} + \frac{A_3}{z-z_s} + \frac{A_\infty}{z-z_\infty}, \]

where for \( i = 1, 2, 3 \)

\[ A_\infty = \frac{1}{z_\infty(w_4-w_1)} \left( (2|s|^2 - 3|s| + 2) \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_i + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \frac{3ag_1}{g_4} - (2 - |s|)(1 + 2|s|)w_4 \right), \]

\[ B_i = -\left( \frac{s}{2} - \frac{c_i\sigma_q(w_i^2)}{\sqrt{2}(w_i-w_4)} \right)^2, \]

\[ A_1 = -\frac{c_1}{z_\infty} g_s(w_1), \quad A_2 = \frac{c_2}{z_\infty} \frac{w_2-w_1}{w_4-w_1} g_s(w_2), \quad A_3 = \frac{c_3}{z_\infty} \frac{w_3-w_1}{w_4-w_1} g_s(w_3), \]

and

\[ g_s(w_i) = \frac{g_4}{2} |s|p(w_i) - f_s(w_i) + i \frac{\sqrt{2}s}{w_i-w_4} \sigma_q(w_i(w_4-2w_i)) + \frac{g_4c_i^2}{w_i-w_4} \sigma_q(w_i^2) \left[ \sigma_q(w_i^2) \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} w_j - 2w_i \sigma_q \left( \prod_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} w_j \right) \right], \]

\[ p(w_i) := 2(2|s| - 3)w_i^2 + (4 - 3|s|)w_3 \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} w_j + (|s| - 2)w_4 \left( \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} w_j - 2w_i \right) + 2(|s| - 1) \prod_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} w_j. \]  

(15)

If we make the F-homotopic transformation

\[ \varphi_s(z) = z^{\alpha_1}(z-1)^{\alpha_2}(z-z_s)^{\alpha_3}(z-z_\infty)\tilde{\varphi}_s(z) \]

and require that \( \alpha_i^2 = -B_i \), then (14) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_s}{dz^2} + \tilde{P}_s(z) \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z)\tilde{\varphi}_s = 0 \]  

(16)

with

\[ \tilde{P}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_2}{z-1} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3}{z-z_s}, \quad \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{\tilde{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{z-1} + \frac{\tilde{A}_3}{z-z_s} + \frac{\tilde{A}_\infty}{z-z_\infty}. \]
Now, a direct computation gives
\[
\hat{A}_\infty = \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)}{z_\infty(w_4 - w_1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{4} w_i + \frac{ag_1}{g_4} \right),
\]
(17)
\[
\sum_{i=1}^{3} \hat{A}_i = -(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)}{z_\infty(w_4 - w_1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{4} w_i + \frac{ag_1}{g_4} \right).
\]
(18)

Taking into account that for the metric $\mathscr{A}^*$ equation (3) reduces to $ag_1 - f_3 = 0$, and replacing $f_3$ by $ag_1$ in the equation $fW^2 = 0$ it can be checked that the following relation holds
\[
\sum_{i=1}^{4} w_i = -\frac{ag_1}{g_4}.
\]

Hence, the coefficients (17), and (18) are zero, and (16) reduces to an Heun equation with terms $\alpha\beta$ and accessory parameter $q_A$ (according to the notation in (1)) given by
\[
\alpha\beta = -(z_S + 1)\hat{A}_1 - z_S\hat{A}_2 - \hat{A}_3 = z_S\hat{A}_3 + \hat{A}_2, \quad q_A = -z_S\hat{A}_1
\]
(19)

where
\[
\hat{A}_1 = A_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2(1 + 2\alpha_1) - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_1)}{z_S} - \frac{1}{z_\infty},
\]
(20)
\[
\hat{A}_2 = A_2 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(1 + 2\alpha_1) - \frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_2)}{z_S - 1} - \frac{1}{z_\infty - 1},
\]
(21)
\[
\hat{A}_3 = A_3 + \frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_2)}{z_S - 1} + \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_1)}{z_S} - \frac{1}{z_\infty - z_s}.
\]
(22)

Concerning (9) we find the following equation for $H_s(x)$, namely
\[
\frac{d}{dx} \left( X^2 \frac{dH_s}{dx} \right) + \left[ -\lambda_s + 2g_4(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)x^2 + \hat{C}_s x + |s| \left( X X'' - (|s| - 1)X' \right)^2 \right] H_s = 0
\]
(23)

with
\[
\hat{C}_s := 4\sqrt{2}rs + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)af_1.
\]

Let us introduce the following notation
\[
\hat{f}_s(x) = 2g_4(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)x^2 + \hat{C}_s x - \lambda_s,
\]
\[
\hat{c}_i^{-1} = g_4 \prod_{j=1}^{3} (x_i - x_j), \quad i = 1, 2, 3.
\]
By means of the homographic substitution

\[ z = \frac{x - x_1}{x - x_4} \frac{x_2 - x_4}{x_2 - x_1} \]  

(24)

mapping the points \( x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \infty \) to 0, 1, \( x_S, \infty, x_\infty \) with

\[ x_\infty = \frac{x_2 - x_4}{x_2 - x_1}, \quad x_S = \frac{x_3 - x_1}{x_3 - x_4} \]  

(25)

our equation (23) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 H_s}{dz^2} + \Psi_s(z) \frac{dH_s}{dz} + \Omega_s(z) H_s = 0 \]  

(26)

with

\[ \Psi_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{1}{z - x_S} - \frac{2}{z - x_\infty}, \]

\[ \Omega_s(z) = \frac{\widetilde{B}_1}{z^2} + \frac{\widetilde{B}_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{\widetilde{B}_3}{(z - x_S)^2} + \frac{2}{(z - x_\infty)^2} + \frac{\widetilde{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\widetilde{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\widetilde{A}_3}{z - x_S} + \frac{\widetilde{A}_\infty}{z - x_\infty} \]

where for \( i = 1, 2, 3 \)

\[ \widetilde{A}_\infty = \frac{1}{x_\infty(x_4 - x_1)} \left( (2|s|^2 - 3|s| + 2) \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \frac{3ag_1}{g_4} - (2 - |s|)(1 + 2|s|)x_4 \right), \]

\[ \widetilde{B}_i = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + \frac{\tilde{c}_i \, \sigma_q(x_i^2)}{\sqrt{2(x_i - x_4)}} \right)^2, \]

\[ \widetilde{A}_1 = -\frac{\tilde{c}_1}{x_\infty} \tilde{g}_s(x_1), \quad \widetilde{A}_2 = \frac{\tilde{c}_2}{x_4 - x_1} \tilde{g}_s(x_2), \quad \widetilde{A}_3 = \frac{\tilde{c}_3}{x_S(x_4 - x_1)} \tilde{g}_s(x_3), \]

and

\[ \tilde{g}_s(x_i) = \frac{g_4}{2} |s| \tilde{p}(x_i) - \tilde{f}_s(x_i) - \frac{\sqrt{2}s}{x_i - x_4} \sigma_{-q} \left( x_i(x_4 - 2x_i) \right) - \frac{g_4 x_i^2}{x_i - x_4} \sigma_{+q} (x_i^2) \left[ \frac{\sigma_{-q}(x_i^2)}{\prod_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} x_j} \sum_{j=1}^{3} x_j - 2x_i \sigma_{-q} \left( \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} x_j \right) \right], \]

\[ \tilde{p}(x_i) := 2(2|s| - 3)x_i^2 + (4 - 3|s|)x_i \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} x_j + (|s| - 2)x_4 \left( \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} x_j - 2x_i \right) + 2(|s| - 1) \prod_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^{3} x_j. \]  

(27)

If we make the F-homotopic transformation

\[ H_s(z) = z^{\tilde{a}_1}(z - 1)^{\tilde{a}_2}(z - x_S)^{\tilde{a}_3}(z - x_\infty) \tilde{H}_s(z) \]
together with the requirement that $\hat{\alpha}_i^2 = -\tilde{B}_i$, then (56) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 \tilde{H}_s}{dz^2} + \tilde{\Psi}_s(z) \frac{d \tilde{H}_s}{dz} + \tilde{\Omega}_s(z) \tilde{H}_s = 0$$

(28)

with

$$\tilde{\Psi}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_3}{z - x_S}, \quad \tilde{\Omega}_s(z) = \frac{\mathcal{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_3}{z - x_S} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_\infty}{z - x_\infty}.$$

Now, a direct computation gives

$$\mathcal{A}_\infty = \frac{(1 - |s|(1 - 2|s|)}{x_\infty(x_4 - x_1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{4} x_i + \frac{af_1}{g_4} \right),$$

(29)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{3} \mathcal{A}_i = -\frac{(1 - |s|(1 - 2|s|)}{x_\infty(x_4 - x_1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{4} x_i + \frac{af_1}{g_4} \right).$$

(30)

Going back to the polynomial equation $X^2(x) = 0$ it can be verified that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} x_i = -\frac{af_1}{g_4}.$$  

This implies that (29), and (30) are zero, and (28) becomes an Heun equation with

$$\alpha \beta = x_S \mathcal{A}_3 + \mathcal{A}_2, \quad q_A = -x_S \mathcal{A}_1$$

(31)

where the $\mathcal{A}_i$’s can be directly obtained from the formulae (20)-(22) for the coefficients $\hat{A}_i$ by means of the formal substitutions $\hat{A}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i$, $A_i \rightarrow \tilde{A}_i$, $\alpha_i \rightarrow \hat{\alpha}_i$, $z_S \rightarrow x_S$ and $z_\infty \rightarrow x_\infty$.

IV. THE METRIC $\mathcal{B}_0 : b = c = 1, a = \ell = 0 , \gamma = \pi/2$

In the present case we have

$$\epsilon_1 = 0, \quad \epsilon_2 = 1, \quad m(x) = -(x^2 + k^2), \quad p(w) = 2kw, \quad T(w, x) = 1,$$

$$fw^2(w) = f_2w^2 + f_1w + f_0 = f_2(w - w_1)(w - w_2),$$

$$X^2(x) = g_4x^4 + \kappa_2x^2 + g_1x + g_0 = g_4 \prod_{i=1}^{4} (x - x_i), \quad \kappa_2 = -f_2 + 3kf_3 - 6k^2g_4.$$

Moreover, for $i, j = 1, \cdots, 4$ let $w_1, w_2$, and $x_i$ denote the roots of the polynomial equations $fw^2(w) = 0$, and $X^2(x) = 0$, respectively. Throughout this section we shall assume that
$w_1 \neq w_2$, and $x_i \neq x_j$ for every $i \neq j$. Finally, let us recall that in the present situation \[3\), \[4\) and \[5\) read, respectively
\[
4kg_4 - f_3 = 0, \quad g_0 - k^2(k^2g_4 - kf_3 + f_2) = 0, \quad \Lambda = -3g_4. \tag{32}\]
Since the term $x^3$ is not present in the expression for $X^2$ it can be easily checked that the roots of the polynomial equation $X^2(x) = 0$ satisfy the condition $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$. Taking into account the expression for $\Psi_2$ given by (2.8g) in Kamran, and McLenaghan (1984), the functions $f_s(w)$ and $g_s(x)$ entering, respectively in \[8\), and \[9\) are computed to be
\[
f_s(w) = 0, \quad g_s(x) = -2i\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)(k + ix) + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left[ i\frac{(X^2(x))'}{k - ix} - \frac{6X^2(x) + C_A(k + ix)}{3(k - ix)^2} \right]
\]
with $C_A := -2k(3f_2 + 4\Lambda k^2) + 3ig_1$. The equation for $G_s(w)$ becomes
\[
\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{dG_s}{dw} \right) + \hat{\Gamma}(w) \frac{dG_s}{dw} + Q_s(w)G_s = 0 \tag{33}\]
with
\[
\hat{\Gamma}(w) := 2if^2 - 1 \frac{2rk w - q}{f^2 + 1},
\]
\[
Q_s(w) := \lambda_s - \frac{2i\epsilon(s)}{1 + f^2} \left[ 1 + \epsilon(s) - f^2(1 - \epsilon(s)) \right] + f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)W'^2 \right) + 2is(2rk w - q) \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{4f}{(1 + f^2)^2} \frac{(2rk w - q)^2}{W^2}.
\]
In order to simplify \[33\) we make the transformation
\[
G_s(w) = e^{\hat{h}(w)\varphi_s(w)}
\]
requiring that $\hat{h}' = -\hat{\Gamma}/(2fW^2)$. Hence, we end up with the following equation for $\varphi_s(w)$
\[
\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{d\varphi_s}{dw} \right) + R_s(w)\varphi_s = 0 \tag{34}\]
where
\[
R_s(w) := \lambda_s - 2i\epsilon(s) + f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)W'^2 \right) + 2is(2rk w - q) \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{(2rk w - q)^2}{fW^2}.
\]
By means of the transformation
\[
z = \frac{w - w_1}{w_2 - w_1} \tag{35}\]
mapping the points \( w_1, w_2, \infty \) to 0, 1, \( \infty \) our equation \((34)\) becomes
\[
\frac{d^2 \varphi_s}{dz^2} + P_s(z) \frac{d \varphi_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z) \varphi_s = 0 \tag{36}
\]
with
\[
P_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z-1}, \quad \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{B_1}{z^2} + \frac{B_2}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{A_1}{z} + \frac{A_2}{z-1}
\]
where
\[
B_1 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + i \frac{2rkw_1 - q}{f_2(w_2 - w_1)} \right)^2, \quad B_2 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} - i \frac{2rkw_2 - q}{f_2(w_2 - w_1)} \right)^2,
\]
\[
A_1 = -\lambda_s + 2irk(\epsilon(s) - s) f_2^2 + \frac{|s|(|s| - 2)}{2} + \frac{2}{f_2^2(w_2 - w_1)^2} \prod_{i=1}^{2} (2rkw_i - q), \quad A_2 = -A_1.
\]
If we make the F-homotopic transformation
\[
\varphi_s(z) = z^{\alpha_1} (z - 1)^{\alpha_2} \tilde{\varphi}_s(z)
\]
with the requirement that \( \alpha_i^2 = -B_i \) then \((36)\) reads
\[
\tilde{\varphi}''_s(z) + \tilde{P}_s(z) \tilde{\varphi}'_s(z) + \tilde{Q}_s(z) \tilde{\varphi}_s(z) = 0 \tag{37}
\]
with
\[
\tilde{P}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_2}{z-1}, \quad \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{(A_1 + A_2)z + \alpha_2 + \alpha_1(1 + 2\alpha_2) - A_1}{z(z-1)}.
\]
Since \( A_2 = -A_1 \) it follows that \((37)\) is an HYE. Notice that an HYE can be always thought as a degenerate Heun equation since it can be recovered from \((11)\) by setting for instance \( z_S = 1 \) and \( q_A = \alpha \beta \) or \( z_S = q = 0 \) or \( 1 + 2\alpha_3 = 0 \) and \( q = z_S \alpha \beta \). Concerning the ODE \((9)\) for \( H_s(x) \) we find
\[
\frac{d}{dx} \left( X^2 \frac{dH_s}{dx} \right) + \left[ -\lambda_s - 2irk(\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)) + 4rsx + |s| \left( XX'' + (1 - |s|)X^2 \right) - 2rs(x^2 + k^2) \frac{X'}{X} - r^2(x^2 + k^2)^2 + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left( \frac{(X^2)'}{x + ik} - \frac{6X^2 + iC_A(x - ik)}{3(x + ik)^2} \right) \right] H_s = 0. \tag{38}
\]
Let us introduce the following function
\[
\sigma_\pm(x) := x \pm k^2.
\]
Moreover, let $\hat{c}_i$ be defined as in the previous section. By means of the homographic substitution (24) equation (38) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 H_s}{dz^2} + \mathcal{P}_s(z) \frac{dH_s}{dz} + \Omega_s(z) H_s = 0$$

(39)

with

$$\mathcal{P}_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{1}{z - x_S} - \frac{2}{z - x_\infty},$$

$$\Omega_s(z) = \frac{\bar{B}_1}{z^2} + \frac{\bar{B}_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{\bar{B}_3}{(z - x_S)^2} + \frac{2}{(z - x_\infty)^2} + \frac{\bar{B}_k}{(z - x_k)^2} +$$

$$+ \frac{\bar{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\bar{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\bar{A}_3}{z - x_S} + \frac{\bar{A}_\infty}{z - x_\infty} + \frac{\bar{A}_k}{z - x_k}, \quad x_k := x_\infty \frac{x_1 + ik}{x_4 + ik}$$

where for $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$\bar{A}_\infty = \frac{1}{x_\infty (x_4 - x_1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i - 3x_4 \right),$$

$$\bar{B}_i = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + \frac{r \hat{c}_i \sigma_k^+(x_i^2)}{x_i - x_4} \right)^2, \quad \bar{B}_k = -2(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left( 1 + \frac{k C_A}{3g_4} \prod_{j=1}^{4} (x_j + ik)^{-1} \right),$$

$$\bar{A}_1 = -\frac{\bar{c}_1}{x_\infty} \bar{g}_s(x_1), \quad \bar{A}_2 = \frac{\bar{c}_2 x_2 - x_1}{x_4 - x_1} \bar{g}_s(x_2), \quad \bar{A}_3 = \frac{\bar{c}_3 (x_3 - x_1)}{x_S (x_4 - x_1)} \bar{g}_s(x_3),$$

$$\bar{A}_k = \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)(x_4 + ik)}{x_\infty (x_1 - x_4)} \left( \tau(k) + i \frac{C_A}{3g_4} \prod_{j=1}^{4} (x_j + ik)^{-1} \right) \sum_{i=1}^{3} (x_i + ik)^{-1},$$

with

$$\bar{g}_s(x_i) = \lambda_s - 2i r k e(s) (1 - 2|s|) + \frac{g_4}{2} |s| \bar{p}(x_i) + \frac{2rs}{x_i - x_4} \sigma_+(x_i x_4) - \frac{2g_4 \bar{c}_i^2 r^2}{x_i - x_4} \sigma_+(x_i^2),$$

$$\cdot \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{3} x_j - 2x_i \sigma_+ \left( \prod_{j=1}^{3} x_j \right) \right] - \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)}{x_i + ik} \left( \frac{x_i - x_4}{\bar{c}_i} - \frac{i}{3} \frac{C_A}{x_i + ik} \right),$$

$$\tau(k) := \left( 3x_4 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \right) k^2 + 2i(x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 - x_2 x_4 - x_3 x_4 - x_1 x_4 + x_2 x_3) k +$$

$$3x_1 x_2 x_3 - x_2 x_3 x_4 - x_1 x_2 x_4 - x_1 x_3 x_4,$$

$$p(k) := 3k^4 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i + 5x_4 \right) k^3 + \left( x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_3 - 3x_4 \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \right) k^2 +$$

$$i(x_1 x_2 x_4 + x_1 x_3 x_4 + x_2 x_3 x_4 - 3x_1 x_2 x_3) k - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4,$$
and \( \tilde{p}(x_i) \) given by (27). Inserting the roots of the polynomial equation \( X^2(x) = 0 \) into the expressions for \( \tilde{B}_k \), and \( \tilde{A}_k \) we checked with the help of Maple 9.5 that \( \tilde{B}_k = \tilde{A}_k = 0 \). Let us work with the F-homotopic transformation

\[
H_s(z) = z^{\tilde{\alpha}_1} (z - 1)^{\tilde{\alpha}_2} (z - x_S)^{\tilde{\alpha}_3} (z - x_\infty) \tilde{H}_s(z).
\]

Moreover, we require that \( \tilde{\alpha}_i^2 = -\tilde{B}_i \). Then (39) becomes

\[
\tilde{H}_s''(z) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_s(z) \tilde{H}_s'(z) + \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_s(z) \tilde{H}_s(z) = 0
\]

with

\[
\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2 \tilde{\alpha}_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2 \tilde{\alpha}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{1 + 2 \tilde{\alpha}_3}{z - x_s}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_s(z) = \frac{\mathcal{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_3}{z - x_s}.
\]

Taking into account that the \( \mathcal{A}_i \)'s can be directly obtained from the formulae (20)-(22) for the coefficients \( \hat{A}_i \) by means of the formal substitutions \( \hat{A}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i, A_i \rightarrow \tilde{A}_i, \alpha_i \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}_i \), \( z_S \rightarrow x_S \) and \( z_\infty \rightarrow x_\infty \), and that \( \tilde{A}_k = 0 \) implies that

\[
\tau(k) + i \frac{C_A}{3g_4} p(k) \prod_{j=1}^{4} (x_j + ik)^{-1} = 0,
\]

we obtain

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{3} \mathcal{A}_i = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \tilde{A}_i - \left( \frac{1}{x_\infty} + \frac{1}{x_\infty - x_S} + \frac{1}{x_\infty - 1} \right)
= \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_4 - x_2)(x_1 - x_4)} \left[ 3x_4 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i + \prod_{i=1}^{3} (x_i + ik)^{-1} \left( T(k) - i \frac{C_A}{3g_4} p(k)(x_4 + ik) \prod_{j=1}^{4} (x_j + ik)^{-1} \right) \right]
= \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_4 - x_2)(x_1 - x_4)} M(k)
\]

with

\[
M(k) := 3x_4 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i + (T(k) + (x_4 + ik) \tau(k)) \prod_{i=1}^{3} (x_i + ik)^{-1},
\]

\[
T(k) := \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i (2x_4 - x_i) - 3x_4^2 \right) k^2 + i \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \left( 2x_4^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{3} x_j^2 \right) - 4x_4 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i + \prod_{i=1}^{3} x_i \right) \right] k + \frac{x_4^2}{x_4} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i + \prod_{i=1}^{3} x_i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i - 6x_4 \right).
\]
Inserting the roots of $X^2 = 0$ into (41) it can be verified that $M(k) = 0$ for all real $k$. Hence, we have reduced (40) to an Heun equation with terms $\alpha \beta$, and $q_A$ given by (31).

V. THE METRIC $B^0_\gamma$ : $b = c = 1$, $a = k = \gamma = 0$

In the present case we have

$$\epsilon_1 = 1, \quad \epsilon_2 = 0, \quad m(x) = -2\ell x, \quad p(w) = w^2 + \ell^2, \quad T(w, x) = 1,$$

$$fW^2(w) = g_1w^4 + f_2w^2 + f_1w + f_0 = g_4 \prod_{i=1}^{4}(w - w_i),$$

$$X^2(x) = \kappa_2 x^2 + g_1x + g_0 = \kappa_2(x - x_1)(x - x_2), \quad \kappa_2 = -(f_2 + 2\ell^2 \Lambda)$$

where for $i = 1, \ldots, 4 w_i$, and $x_1, x_2$ denote the roots of the polynomial equations $fW^2(w) = 0$, and $X^2(x) = 0$, respectively. Throughout this section we shall assume that $w_i \neq w_j$ for every $i \neq j$, and $x_1 \neq x_2$. Finally, since the term $w^3$ is not present in the expression for $fW^2$, it can be easily verified that the roots of the equation $fW^2(w) = 0$ satisfy the condition $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 = 0$. Taking into account the expression for $\Psi_2$ given by (2.9g) in Kamran, and McLenaghan (1984), the functions $f_s(x)$ and $g_s(x)$ entering, respectively in (8), and (9) are computed to be

$$f_s(w) = -2ir\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)(w + i\ell) - (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left[ \frac{fW^2}{w - i\ell} - \frac{6fW^2 - \tilde{C}_\Lambda(w + i\ell)}{3(w - i\ell)^2} \right]$$

$$g_s(x) = 0$$

with $\tilde{C}_\Lambda := -2i\ell(3g_2 + 4\Lambda \ell^2) + 3f_1$. Concerning the ODE (8) for $G_s(w)$ we find

$$\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{dG_s}{dw} \right) + \Gamma_\epsilon(w) \frac{dG_s}{dw} + Q_s(w)G_s = 0 \quad (42)$$

with

$$\Gamma_\epsilon(w) = 2ir \frac{f^2 - 1}{f^2 + 1} (w^2 + \ell^2),$$

$$Q_s(w) = \lambda_s - 2\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)r\ell + 2ir\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)w - \frac{2ir}{1 + f^2} \left[ 1 + \epsilon(s) - f^2(1 - \epsilon(s)) \right] w +$$

$$f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)W'^2 \right) + 2irs(w^2 + \ell^2) \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{4f^2}{(1 + f^2)^2} \frac{(w^2 + \ell^2)^2}{W^2} +$$

$$\frac{w + i\ell}{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)} \left[ \frac{fW^2}{w - i\ell} - \frac{6fW^2 - \tilde{C}_\Lambda(w + i\ell)}{3(w - i\ell)^2} \right] \right].$$
By means of the transformation \( G_s(w) = e^{i(w)} \varphi_s(w) \) with the requirement that \( h' = -\Gamma / (2fW^2) \) equation (42) simplifies to

\[
\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{d\varphi_s}{dw} \right) + R_s(w)\varphi_s = 0
\] (43)

where

\[
R_s(w) = \tilde{\lambda}_s - 4irsw + f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)W'^2 \right) + 2irs(w^2 + \ell^2) \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{r^2(w^2 + \ell^2)^2}{fW^2} + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left[ \frac{fW'^2}{w - i\ell} - \frac{6fW^2 - \tilde{C}_\Lambda(w + i\ell)}{3(w - i\ell)^2} \right]
\]

with

\[
\tilde{\lambda}_s := \lambda_s - 2\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)r\ell.
\]

For notational purposes let us introduce the function \( \sigma_\pm(w) := w \pm \ell^2 \). By means of the homographic substitution (12) equation (43) becomes

\[
\frac{d^2\varphi_s}{dz^2} + P_s(z) \frac{d\varphi_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z)\varphi_s = 0
\] (44)

with

\[
P_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{1}{z - z_S} - \frac{2}{z - z_\infty},
\]

\[
\tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{B_1}{z^2} + \frac{B_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{B_3}{(z - z_S)^2} + \frac{2}{(z - z_\infty)^2} + \frac{B_\ell}{(z - z_\ell)^2} + \frac{A_1}{z} + \frac{A_2}{z - 1} + \frac{A_3}{z - z_S} + \frac{A_\infty}{z - z_\infty} + \frac{A_\ell}{z - z_\ell}, \quad z_\ell := z_\infty \frac{w_1 - i\ell}{w_4 - i\ell}
\]

where for \( i = 1, 2, 3 \)

\[
A_\infty = \frac{1}{z_\infty(w_4 - w_1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i - 3w_4 \right),
\]

\[
B_i = -\left( \frac{s}{2} - ir_c \underline{\sigma}_+(w_i^2) \right)^2, \quad B_\ell = -2(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left( 1 - i\frac{\ell \tilde{C}_\Lambda}{3g_4} \prod_{j=1}^4 (w_j - i\ell)^{-1} \right),
\]

\[
A_1 = -\frac{c_1}{z_\infty} \varphi_s(w_1), \quad A_2 = c_2 \frac{w_2 - w_1}{w_4 - w_1} \varphi_s(w_2), \quad A_3 = \frac{c_3(w_3 - w_1)}{z_\infty(w_4 - w_1)} \varphi_s(w_3),
\]

\[
A_\ell = \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)(w_4 - i\ell)}{z_\infty(w_1 - w_4)} \left( \tilde{\tau}(\ell) - i\frac{\tilde{C}_\Lambda}{3g_4} \tilde{p}(\ell) \prod_{j=1}^4 (w_j - i\ell)^{-1} \right) \prod_{i=1}^3 (w_i - i\ell)^{-1},
\]
with

\[ g_s(w_i) = -\tilde{\lambda}_s + \frac{g_4}{2}|s|p(w_i) - \frac{2ir_s}{w_i - w_4}\sigma_+(w_iw_4) - \frac{2g_4c^2r^2}{w_i - w_4}\sigma_+(w_i^2). \]

\[ \cdot \sigma_-(w_i^2) \sum_{j=1, j\neq i}^{3} w_j - 2w_i\sigma_- \left( \prod_{j=1, j\neq i}^{3} w_j \right) - \left( 1 - |s| \right) (1 - 2|s|) \left( \frac{w_i - w_4}{c_i} - \frac{i}{3} \tilde{\Omega}_\Lambda w_i + i\ell \right), \]

\[ \tilde{\varphi}(\ell) := \left( 3w_i - \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_i \right) \ell^2 - 2i(w_1w_2 + w_1w_3 - w_2w_4 - w_3w_4 - w_1w_4 + w_2w_3)\ell + \]

\[ 3w_1w_2w_3 - w_2w_3w_4 - w_1w_2w_4 - w_1w_3w_4, \]

\[ \tilde{p}(\ell) := 3\ell^4 + i \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_i + 5w_4 \right) \ell^3 + \left( w_1w_2 + w_2w_3 + w_1w_3 - 3w_4 \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_i \right) \ell^2 - \]

\[ i(w_1w_2w_4 + w_1w_3w_4 + w_2w_3w_4 - 3w_1w_2w_3)\ell - w_1w_2w_3w_4, \]

constants \( c_i \) defined as in Section III and \( p(w_i) \) given by (15). Inserting the roots of the polynomial equation \( fW^2(w) = 0 \) into the expressions for \( B_\ell \), and \( A_\ell \) we checked with the help of Maple 9.5 that \( B_\ell = A_\ell = 0 \). In order to reduce (44) to a Heun equation we just need to introduce the F-homotopic transformation

\[ \varphi_s(z) = z^{\alpha_1} (z - 1)^{\alpha_2} (z - z_5)\alpha_3 (z - z_\infty) \tilde{\varphi}_s(z). \]

with exponents \( \alpha_i \) such that \( \alpha_i^2 = -B_i \), and to proceed as we did for the equation (40) in Section IV. Concerning the equation for \( H_s(x) \) we find

\[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( X^2 \frac{dH_s}{dx} \right) + \left[ -\lambda_s + 2\epsilon(s)\ell r - 2s(2\ell rx + q) \frac{X'}{X} + \right. \]

\[ \left. |s| \left( XX'' + (1 - |s|)X'^2 \right) - \frac{(2\ell rx + q)^2}{X^2} \right] H_s = 0. \tag{45} \]

By means of the transformation \( z = (x - x_1)/(x_2 - x_1) \) mapping the points \( x_1, x_2, \infty \) to \( 0, 1, \infty \) our equation (45) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2H_s}{dz^2} + \varPsi_s(z) \frac{dH_s}{dz} + \varOmega_s(z) H_s = 0 \tag{46} \]

with

\[ \varPsi_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1}, \quad \varOmega_s(z) = \frac{\tilde{B}_1}{z^2} + \frac{\tilde{B}_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{\tilde{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{z - 1}. \]
where

\[
\tilde{B}_1 = -\left(\frac{s}{2} - \frac{2r\ell x_1 + q}{\kappa_2(x_2 - x_1)}\right)^2, \quad \tilde{B}_2 = -\left(\frac{s}{2} + \frac{2r\ell x_2 + q}{\kappa_2(x_2 - x_1)}\right)^2, \\
\tilde{A}_1 = -\lambda s - 2r\ell(\epsilon(s) - s) + \frac{|s||s| - 2}{2\kappa_2(x_2 - x_1)^2} \prod_{i=1}^{2}(2r\ell x_i + q), \quad \tilde{A}_2 = -\tilde{A}_1.
\]

If we make the F-homotopic transformation

\[
H_s(z) = z^{\hat{\alpha}_1}(z - 1)^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \tilde{H}_s(z)
\]

with the requirement that \(\hat{\alpha}_2 = -\tilde{B}_i\) then (46) reads

\[
\tilde{H}_s''(z) + \hat{\Psi}_s(z)\tilde{H}_s'(z) + \hat{\Omega}_s(z)\tilde{H}_s(z) = 0 \quad (47)
\]

with

\[
\hat{\Psi}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_2}{z - 1}, \quad \hat{\Omega}_s(z) = \frac{(\tilde{A}_1 + \tilde{A}_2)z + \hat{\alpha}_2 + \hat{\alpha}_1(1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_2) - \tilde{A}_1}{z(z - 1)}.
\]

Since \(\tilde{A}_2 = -\tilde{A}_1\) it follows that (47) is an HYE.

VI. THE METRIC \(\mathcal{C}^*\) : \(a = 1, c = \sqrt{2}, b = k = \ell = 0, \gamma = \pi/4\)

In this case we have

\[
\epsilon_1 = 0, \quad \epsilon_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad m(x) = -\sqrt{2} x^2, \quad p(w) = 0, \quad T(w, x) = wx + 1,
\]

\[
fW^2(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{3} f_n w^n = f_3 \prod_{i=1}^{3}(w - w_i), \quad X^2(x) = g_4 x^4 + f_1 x^3 - f_2 x^2 + g_1 x + g_0.
\]

Taking into account that (3), and (4) imply in the present framework that

\[
g_1 = f_3, \quad g_0 = 0,
\]

the function \(X^2(x)\) can be written as follows

\[
X^2(x) = x \left(g_4 x^3 + f_1 x^2 - f_2 x + f_3\right) = g_4 x \prod_{i=1}^{3}(x - x_i).
\]

Moreover, for \(i, j = 1, \cdots, 3\) let \(w_i\) and \(x_i\) denote the i-th root of the polynomial equations \(fW^2(w) = 0\), and \(X^2(x) = 0\), respectively. Throughout this section we shall assume that \(w_i \neq w_j\), and \(x_i \neq x_j\) for every \(i \neq j\). Furthermore, in the present case (5) reads

\[
g_4 = -\left(\frac{\Lambda}{3} + f_0\right).
\]
Finally, the roots of \(X^2(x) = 0\) satisfy the following useful relations

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i = -\frac{f_1}{g_4}, \quad \prod_{i=1}^{3} x_i = -\frac{f_3}{g_4}
\]

Making use of the expression for \(\Psi_2\) given by (2.10g) in Kamran, and McLenaghan (1984), the functions \(f_s(w)\), and \(g_s(x)\) entering, respectively in (8), and (9) are computed to be

\[
f_s(w) = -f_3(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w,
\]

\[
g_s(x) = 2\sqrt{2}r\epsilon(s)(1 - 2|s|)x - \frac{(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)}{x} \left[ \frac{dX^2}{dx} - \frac{2}{x}X^2 + f_3 \right].
\]

Hence, the equation for \(G_s(w)\) becomes

\[
\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{dG_s}{dw} \right) + \Gamma_q \frac{dG_s}{dw} + Q_s(w)G_s = 0 \tag{48}
\]

with

\[
\Gamma_q := i\sqrt{2q} \frac{1 - f^2}{1 + f^2},
\]

\[
Q_s(w) := \lambda_s + f_3(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w + f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)W'^2 \right) - \frac{i\sqrt{2}q^2}{W} \left( \frac{W'}{W} + \frac{1}{(1 + f^2)^2 \frac{1}{W^2}} \right).
\]

Equation (48) can be further simplified. To this aim let us transform \(G_s(w)\) according to

\[
G_s(w) = e^{h(w)} \varphi_s(w).
\]

If we require that \(h' = -\Gamma_q / (2fW^2)\) we obtain the following equation for \(\varphi_s(w)\)

\[
\frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{d\varphi_s}{dw} \right) + R_s(w) \varphi_s = 0 \tag{49}
\]

where

\[
R_s(w) := \lambda_s + f_3(1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w + f|s| \left( WW'' + (1 - |s|)W'^2 \right) - \frac{i\sqrt{2}q^2}{W} + \frac{q^2}{2fW^2}.
\]

For notational purposes let us define constants

\[
c_i^{-1} := f_3 \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^{3} (w_i - w_j), \quad i = 1, 2, 3.
\]
By means of the homographic substitution

\[ z = \frac{w - w_1}{w_2 - w_1} \]  

(50)
mapping the points \( w_1, w_2, w_3, \infty \) to \( 0, 1, z_s, \infty \) with \( z_s := (w_3 - w_1)/(w_2 - w_1) \), equation (49) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \varphi_s}{dz^2} + P(z) \frac{d\varphi_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z)\varphi_s = 0 \]  

(51)

with

\[ P(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{1}{z - z_s}, \]
\[ \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{B_1}{z^2} + \frac{B_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{B_3}{(z - z_s)^2} + \frac{A_1}{z} + \frac{A_2}{z - 1} + \frac{A_3}{z - z_s}, \]

where for \( i = 1, 2, 3 \)

\[ B_i = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + i \frac{g c_i}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2, \quad A_i = -(w_1 - w_2)c_i g_s(w_i), \]
\[ g_s(w_i) = \lambda_s + f_3 \left[ (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)w_i - \left( \frac{|s|}{2} (2 - |s|) - q^2 c_i^2 \right) \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{3} w_j - 2w_i \right]. \]

If we make the F-homotopic transformation

\[ \varphi_s(z) = z^{\alpha_1}(z - 1)^{\alpha_2}(z - z_s)^{\alpha_3} \tilde{\varphi}_s(z) \]

and require that \( \alpha_i^2 = -B_i \), then (51) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_s}{dz^2} + \tilde{P}_s(z) \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z)\tilde{\varphi}_s = 0 \]  

(52)

with

\[ \tilde{P}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_2}{z - 1} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3}{z - z_s}, \]
\[ \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{\tilde{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\tilde{A}_3}{z - z_s}. \]

Finally, it can be checked that \( \tilde{A}_1 + \tilde{A}_2 + \tilde{A}_3 = 0 \) with

\[ \tilde{A}_1 = \frac{A_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2(1 + 2\alpha_1)}{z_s} - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_1)}{z_s}, \]
\[ \tilde{A}_2 = \frac{A_2 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(1 + 2\alpha_1)}{z_s} - \frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_2)}{z_s - 1}, \]
\[ \tilde{A}_3 = \frac{A_3 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_2)}{z_s - 1} + \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3(1 + 2\alpha_1)}{z_s}. \]
Hence, (52) reduces to an Heun equation with terms $\alpha\beta$ and accessory parameter $q_A$ given by (19). Concerning (9) we find the following equation for $H$s, namely

$$
\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( X^2 \frac{dH_s}{dx} \right) + \left[ -\lambda_s + 4\sqrt{2r}sx + |s| \left( XX'' - (|s| - 1)X' \right) - 2\sqrt{2r}sxe^2 \frac{X'}{X} - 2r^2 x^4 + (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left( \frac{X'}{x} - 2\frac{X^2}{x^2} + \frac{f_3}{x} \right) \right] H_s = 0. \quad (53)
$$

Let us introduce the following notation

$$
\hat{c}_1^{-1} = g_4x_1x_2, \quad \hat{c}_2^{-1} = g_4x_1(x_1 - x_2), \quad \hat{c}_3^{-1} = g_4x_2(x_2 - x_1).
$$

By means of the homographic transformation

$$
z = \frac{x}{x - x_3} \frac{x_1 - x_3}{x_1} \quad (54)
$$

mapping the points $0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \infty$ to $0, 1, x_S, \infty, x_\infty$ with

$$
x_\infty = \frac{x_1 - x_3}{x_1}, \quad x_S = \frac{x_2x_\infty}{x_2 - x_3} \quad (55)
$$

our equation (53) becomes

$$
\frac{d^2H_s}{dz^2} + \mathcal{P}_s(z) \frac{dH_s}{dz} + \mathcal{Q}_s(z) H_s = 0 \quad (56)
$$

with

$$
\mathcal{P}_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{1}{z - x_S} - \frac{2}{z - x_\infty},
$$

$$
\mathcal{Q}_s(z) = \frac{\tilde{B}_1}{z^2} + \frac{\tilde{B}_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{\tilde{B}_3}{(z - x_S)^2} + \frac{2}{(z - x_\infty)^2} + \frac{\tilde{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\tilde{A}_3}{z - x_S} + \frac{\tilde{A}_\infty}{z - x_\infty}
$$

where

$$
\tilde{A}_\infty = \frac{x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3}{x_3 x_\infty}, \quad \tilde{B}_1 = -\frac{s^2}{4}, \quad \tilde{B}_2 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + \sqrt{2r} \frac{\hat{c}_2x_1^2}{x_1 - x_3} \right)^2, \quad \tilde{B}_3 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + \sqrt{2r} \frac{\hat{c}_3x_2^2}{x_2 - x_3} \right)^2
$$

$$
\tilde{A}_1 = -\frac{\hat{c}_1}{x_\infty} \hat{g}_s, \quad \tilde{A}_2 = \frac{\hat{c}_2x_1}{x_3 \hat{g}_s}, \quad \tilde{A}_3 = \frac{\hat{c}_3x_2}{x_3 x_S \hat{g}_s}, \quad \hat{g}_s = \lambda_s + \frac{g_4}{2} |s| \lambda_A
$$

$$
\hat{g}_s = \lambda_s + \frac{g_4}{2} |s| B + 2\sqrt{2r}s \frac{x_1x_3}{x_1 - x_3} - (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left[ g_4(x_1 - x_3)(x_1 - x_2) + f_3x_1 \right] - 4r^2 \frac{\mathcal{C}_4g_4}{x_1 - x_3} x_1^2 x_2,
$$

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\[ \hat{g}_{s}^{III} = \lambda_s + \frac{g_4}{2} |s| C + 2\sqrt{2} r_s \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_2 - x_3} - (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) \left[ g_4(x_2 - x_3)(x_2 - x_1) - \frac{f_3}{x_2} \right] - 4r^2 c^2 g_4 \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_2 - x_3}, \]

\[ A := (|s| - 2)x_3(x_1 + x_2) + 2(|s| - 1)x_1 x_2, \]

\[ B := 2(2|s| - 3)x_3^2 + (4 - 3|s|)x_1 x_2 + (|s| - 2)x_3(x_2 - 2x_1), \]

\[ C := 2(2|s| - 3)x_2^2 + (4 - 3|s|)x_1 x_2 + (|s| - 2)x_3(x_1 - 2x_2). \]

If we make the F-homotopic transformation

\[ H_s(z) = z^{\hat{\alpha}_1}(z - 1)^{\hat{\alpha}_2}(z - x_S)^{\hat{\alpha}_3}(z - x_\infty) \tilde{H}_s(z) \]

together with the requirement that \( \hat{\alpha}_i^2 = -\tilde{B}_i \), then (56) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \tilde{H}_s}{dz^2} + \hat{\Psi}_s(z) \frac{d \tilde{H}_s}{dz} + \hat{\Omega}_s(z) \tilde{H}_s = 0 \quad (57) \]

with

\[ \hat{\Psi}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_3}{z - x_S}, \quad \hat{\Omega}_s(z) = \frac{\mathfrak{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\mathfrak{A}_2}{z - 1} + \frac{\mathfrak{A}_3}{z - x_S}. \]

Now, employing the expressions for the coefficients \( \widetilde{A}_i \) with \( i = 1, 2, 3 \) it can be checked that

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{3} \mathfrak{A}_i = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \widetilde{A}_i - \left( \frac{1}{x_\infty} + \frac{1}{x_\infty - x_S} + \frac{1}{x_\infty - 1} \right) = 0. \]

Hence, (57) becomes an Heun equation with

\[ \alpha \beta = x_S \mathfrak{A}_3 + \mathfrak{A}_2, \quad q_A = -x_S \mathfrak{A}_1 \]

where again the \( \mathfrak{A}_i \)'s can be directly obtained from the formulae (20)-(22) for the coefficients \( \widehat{A}_i \) by means of the formal substitutions \( \hat{A}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_i, \quad A_i \rightarrow \widetilde{A}_i, \quad \alpha_i \rightarrow \widetilde{\alpha}_i, \quad z_S \rightarrow x_S \) and \( z_\infty \rightarrow x_\infty \).

**VII. THE METRIC** \( g^{00} : b = \ell = 1, \ a = c = k = \gamma = 0 \)

In this case we have

\[ \epsilon_1 = 1 = p(w) = T(w, x), \quad \epsilon_2 = 0 = m(x), \]

\[ fW^2(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{2} f_n w^n = f_2(w - w_1)(w - w_2), \]

\[ X^2(x) = -\Lambda x^2 + g_1 x + g_0 = -\Lambda(x - x_1)(x - x_2). \]
Throughout this section we shall assume that \( w_1 \neq w_2 \), and \( x_1 \neq x_2 \). Making use of the expression for \( \Psi_2 \) given by (2.11g) in Kamran, and McLenaghan (1984), the functions \( f_s(w) \), and \( g_s(x) \) entering, respectively in (8), and (9) are computed to be

\[
 f_s(w) = \frac{2}{3} \Lambda (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|), \quad g_s(x) = 0.
\]

The equation for \( G_s(w) \) becomes

\[
 \frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{dG_s}{dw} \right) + \tilde{\Gamma} \frac{dG_s}{dw} + Q_s(w) G_s = 0 \quad (58)
\]

with \( \tilde{\Gamma} := 2i r(f^2 - 1)/(f^2 + 1) \), and

\[
 Q_s(w) := \lambda_s - \frac{2}{3} \Lambda (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) + 2i r s \frac{W'}{W} + f |s| \left( W W'' + (1 - |s|)(W')^2 \right) + \frac{4r^2 f}{(1 + f^2)^2} \frac{1}{W^2}.
\]

By means of the transformation \( G_s(w) = e^{h(w)} \varphi_s(w) \) with the requirement that \( h' = -\Gamma/(2fW^2) \) we obtain the following equation for \( \varphi_s(w) \)

\[
 \frac{d}{dw} \left( fW^2 \frac{d\varphi_s}{dw} \right) + \tilde{Q}_s(w) \varphi_s = 0 \quad (59)
\]

where

\[
 \tilde{Q}_s(w) := \lambda_s - \frac{2}{3} \Lambda (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|) + 2i r s \frac{W'}{W} + f |s| \left( W W'' + (1 - |s|)(W')^2 \right) + \frac{r^2 f}{fW^2}.
\]

By means of the variable transformation \( z = (w - w_1)/(w_2 - w_1) \) mapping the points \( w_1, w_2, \infty \) to \( 0, 1, \infty \) equation (59) becomes

\[
 \frac{d^2 \varphi_s}{dz^2} + P(z) \frac{d\varphi_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z) \varphi_s = 0 \quad (60)
\]

with

\[
 P(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1}, \quad \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{B_1}{z^2} + \frac{B_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{A_1}{z} + \frac{A_2}{z - 1}
\]

where

\[
 B_1 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + i \frac{r}{f_2(w_2 - w_1)} \right)^2, \quad B_2 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} - i \frac{r}{f_2(w_2 - w_1)} \right)^2, \quad A_1 = -\frac{\lambda_s - (2/3) \Lambda (1 - |s|)(1 - 2|s|)}{f_2} + \frac{|s|(|s| - 2)}{2} + \frac{2r^2}{f_2^2(w_2 - w_1)^2}, \quad A_2 = -A_1.
\]
If we make the F-homotopic transformation

\[ \varphi_s(z) = z^{\alpha_1}(z - 1)^{\alpha_2} \bar{\varphi}_s(z) \]

and require that \( \alpha_i^2 = -B_i \) for \( i = 1, 2 \), then (60) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \bar{\varphi}_s}{dz^2} + \tilde{P}_s(z) \frac{d \bar{\varphi}_s}{dz} + \tilde{Q}_s(z) \varphi_s = 0 \tag{61} \]

with

\[ \tilde{P}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha_2}{z - 1}, \quad \tilde{Q}_s(z) = \frac{(A_1 + A_2)z + \alpha_2 + \alpha_1(1 + 2\alpha_2) - A_1}{z(z - 1)}. \]

Since \( A_2 = -A_1 \) it follows that (61) is an HYE. Concerning (9) we find the following equation for \( H_s(x) \), namely

\[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( x^2 \frac{dH_s}{dx} \right) + \left[ -\lambda_s + |s| \left( XX'' + (1 - |s|)X' \right) - 2sq \frac{X'}{X} - \frac{q^2}{X^2} \right] H_s = 0. \tag{62} \]

By means of the transformation \( z = (x - x_1)(x_2 - x_1) \) mapping the points \( x_1, x_2, \infty \) to 0, 1, \( \infty \) our equation (62) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 H_s}{dz^2} + \Psi_s(z) \frac{dH_s}{dz} + \Omega_s(z) H_s = 0 \tag{63} \]

with

\[ \Psi_s(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z - 1}, \quad \Omega_s(z) = \frac{\bar{B}_1}{z^2} + \frac{\bar{B}_2}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{\bar{A}_1}{z} + \frac{\bar{A}_2}{z - 1} \]

where

\[ \bar{B}_1 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} + \frac{q}{\Lambda(x_2 - x_1)} \right)^2, \quad \bar{B}_2 = -\left( \frac{s}{2} - \frac{q}{\Lambda(x_2 - x_1)} \right)^2, \]

\[ \bar{A}_1 = \frac{\lambda_s}{\Lambda} + \frac{|s|(s - 2)}{2} - \frac{2q^2}{\Lambda^2(x_2 - x_1)^2}, \quad \bar{A}_2 = -\bar{A}_1. \]

Finally, with the F-homotopic transformation

\[ H_s(z) = z^{\tilde{\alpha}_1}(z - 1)^{\tilde{\alpha}_2} \tilde{H}_s(z), \]

and the requirement that \( \tilde{\alpha}_i^2 = -\tilde{B}_i \) for \( i = 1, 2 \) (63) becomes

\[ \frac{d^2 \tilde{H}_s}{dz^2} + \tilde{\Psi}_s(z) \frac{d\tilde{H}_s}{dz} + \tilde{\Omega}_s(z) \tilde{H}_s = 0 \tag{64} \]

with

\[ \tilde{\Psi}_s(z) = \frac{1 + 2\tilde{\alpha}_1}{z} + \frac{1 + 2\tilde{\alpha}_2}{z - 1}, \quad \tilde{\Omega}_s(z) = \frac{(\tilde{A}_1 + \tilde{A}_2)z + \tilde{\alpha}_2 + \tilde{\alpha}_1(1 + 2\tilde{\alpha}_2) - \tilde{A}_1}{z(z - 1)} \]

Taking into account that \( \tilde{A}_2 = -\tilde{A}_1 \) it results that (64) is an HYE.
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