

FIFTH PAINLEVÉ EQUATION AND KRAWTCHOUK POLYNOMIALS

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Motivation

It is known that a sequence of monic orthogonal polynomials $(P_n)_{n \geq 0}$ satisfies a three-term recurrence relation [1, p. 18]

$$xP_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x) + b_n P_n(x) + a_n^2 P_{n-1}(x). \quad (1)$$

Our main objective is to study how we can connect the recurrence coefficients a_n^2 and b_n with the fifth Painlevé equation, which is given by

$$y'' = \left(\frac{1}{2y} + \frac{1}{y-1} \right) (y')^2 - \frac{y'}{t} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{t^2} \left(\alpha_5 y + \frac{\beta_5}{y} \right) + \gamma_5 \frac{y}{t} + \delta_5 \frac{y(y+1)}{y-1}, \quad (2)$$

where $\alpha_5, \beta_5, \gamma_5, \delta_5$ are complex parameters. We will consider the generalised monic Krawtchouk polynomials $P_n(x; t, \alpha, N)$, orthogonal with respect to the weight

$$\omega(x) = \binom{N}{x} \frac{t^x}{(1-\alpha)^x}, \quad t > 0, \alpha < 1, x \in \{0, \dots, N\},$$

and define

$$q := \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{a_n^2}{t} + n \right), \quad p := -\frac{b_n + N + 1 + t - n - \alpha}{N}, \quad (3)$$

where a_n^2, b_n are the recurrence coefficients in (1).

The differential system

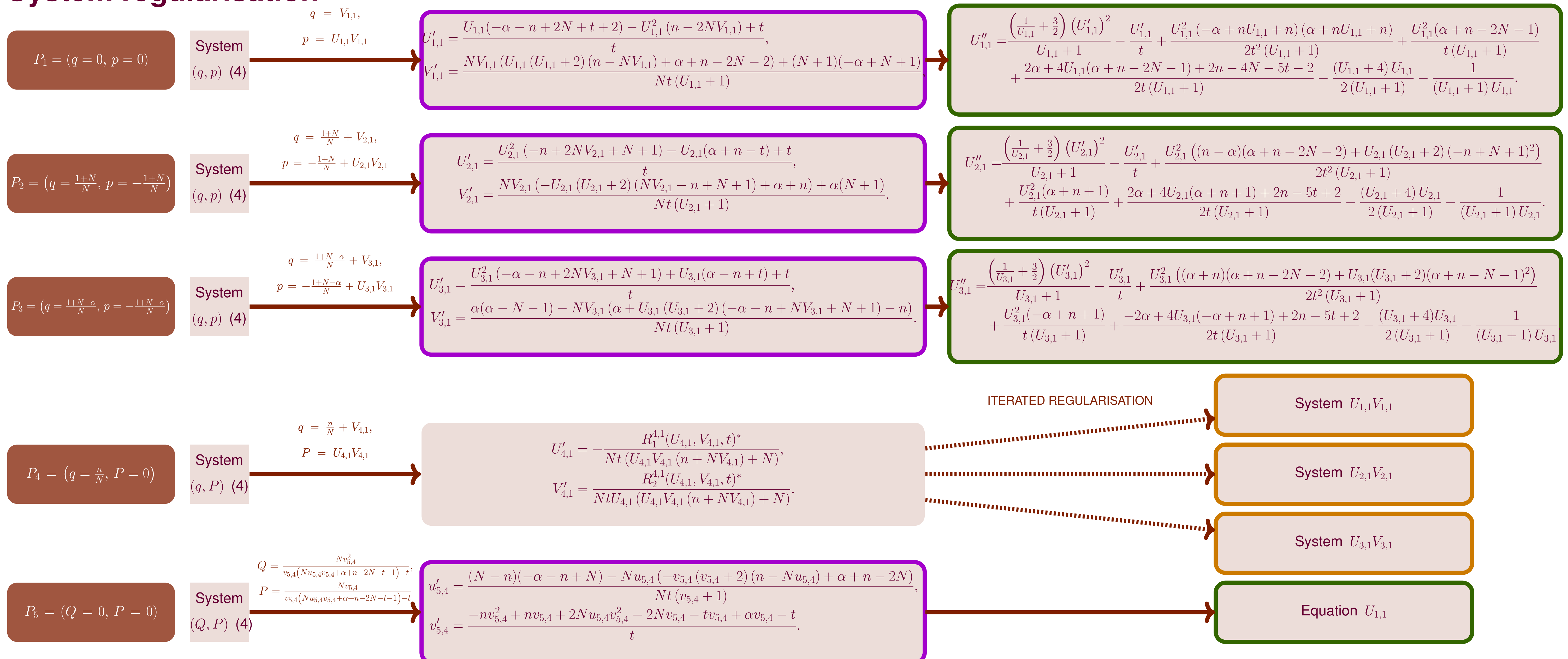
In [2] the authors prove that the auxiliary functions defined by (3) satisfy the following differential system

$$\begin{aligned} q' &= \frac{Np^2(n-Nq) + 2Npq(n-Nq) + q(Nq(\alpha+n-2N-2) + (N+1)(-\alpha+N+1))}{Nt(p+q)}, \\ p' &= \frac{2Npqt + p((N+1)(-\alpha+N+1) + Np(-\alpha+Np+2N+t+2)) + Nq^2t}{Nt(p+q)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The regularisation procedure

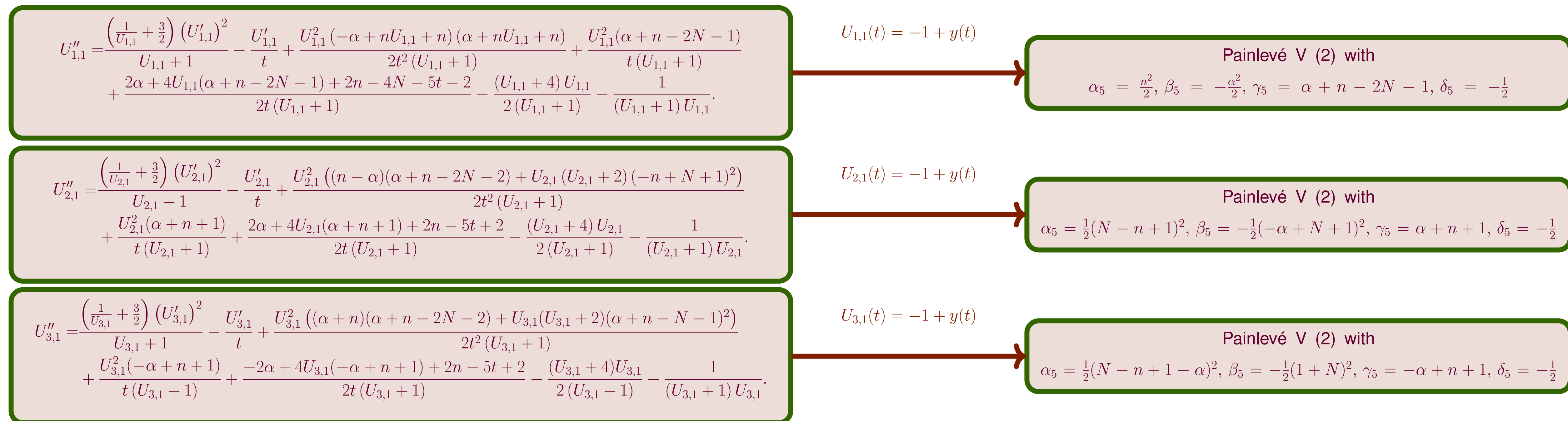
- In order to take into account that Painlevé equations admit poles, we consider the differential system (4) in the complex projective space $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. Thus, we work in coordinates $(q, p), (Q, p), (q, P), (Q, P)$, where $Q = 1/q, P = 1/p$.
- We look for the points of indeterminacy (points which make both the numerator and denominator of the right hand side equal to zero in at least one equation).
- We blow up points of indeterminacy. To blow up a point of indeterminacy $P_i = (a, b)$ we apply the following changes of variable $x = a + u_i v_i = a + V_i, y = b + v_i = b + U_i V_i$.
- We repeat the process up to obtain regular systems in $v_i = 0, V_i = 0$.

System regularisation



where $R_1^{4,1}(U_{4,1}, V_{4,1}, t), R_2^{4,1}(U_{4,1}, V_{4,1}, t)$ are some known polynomials of their variables.

Painlevé connection



Portrait of Painlevé (1863–1933), by Auguste Léon, 1918.

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