## CHAPTER 5

## **Reduction of Fuchsian differential equations**

Additions and middle convolutions introduced in Chapter 1 are transformations within Fuchsian differential operators and in this chapter we examine how their Riemann schemes change under the transformations.

PROPOSITION 5.1. i) Let Pu = 0 be a Fuchsian differential equation. Suppose there exists  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $P \in (\partial - c)W[x]$ . Then c = 0. ii) For  $\phi(x) \in \mathbb{C}(x)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $P \in W[x]$ , we have

(5.1) 
$$P \in \mathbb{C}[x] \operatorname{RAdei}(-\phi(x)) \circ \operatorname{RAdei}(\phi(x)) P,$$

(5.2) 
$$P \in \mathbb{C}[\partial] \operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{-\mu}) \circ \operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{\mu}) P.$$

In particular, if the equation Pu = 0 is irreducible and  $\operatorname{ord} P > 1$ ,  $\operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{-\mu}) \circ \operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{\mu})P = cP$  with  $c \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ .

PROOF. i) Put  $P = (\partial - c)Q$ . Then there is a function u(x) satisfying  $Qu(x) = e^{cx}$ . Since Pu = 0 has at most a regular singularity at  $x = \infty$ , there exist C > 0 and N > 0 such that  $|u(x)| < C|x|^N$  for  $|x| \gg 1$  and  $0 \le \arg x \le 2\pi$ , which implies c = 0.

ii) This follows from the fact

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Adei}(-\phi(x)) \circ \operatorname{Adei}(\phi(x)) = \operatorname{id}, \\ &\operatorname{Adei}(\phi(x))f(x)P = f(x)\operatorname{Adei}(\phi(x))P \quad (f(x) \in \mathbb{C}(x)) \end{aligned}$$

and the definition of RAdei $(\phi(x))$  and RAd $(\partial^{\mu})$ .

The addition and the middle convolution transform the Riemann scheme of the Fuchsian differential equation as follows.

THEOREM 5.2. Let Pu = 0 be a Fuchsian differential equation with the Riemann scheme (4.15). We assume that P has the normal form (4.43).

i) (addition) The operator  $\operatorname{Ad}((x-c_j)^{\tau})P$  has the Riemann scheme

ii) (middle convolution) Fix  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ . By allowing the condition  $m_{j,1} = 0$ , we may assume

(5.3) 
$$\mu = \lambda_{0,1} - 1 \text{ and } \lambda_{j,1} = 0 \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, p$$

and  $\#\{j ; m_{j,1} < n\} \ge 2$  and P is of the normal form (4.43). Putting

(5.4) 
$$d := \sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,1} - (p-1)n,$$

we suppose

Then  $S := \partial^{-d} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu}) \prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_j)^{-m_{j,1}} P \in W[x]$  and the Riemann scheme of S equals

(5.8) 
$$\begin{cases} x = c_0 = \infty & c_1 & \cdots & c_p \\ [1 - \mu]_{(m_{0,1} - d)} & [0]_{(m_{1,1} - d)} & \cdots & [0]_{(m_{p,1} - d)} \\ [\lambda_{0,2} - \mu]_{(m_{0,2})} & [\lambda_{1,2} + \mu]_{(m_{1,2})} & \cdots & [\lambda_{p,2} + \mu]_{(m_{p,2})} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ [\lambda_{0,n_0} - \mu]_{(m_{0,n_0})} & [\lambda_{1,n_1} + \mu]_{(m_{1,n_1})} & \cdots & [\lambda_{p,n_p} + \mu]_{(m_{p,n_p})} \end{cases} \end{cases}.$$

More precisely, the condition (5.5) and the condition (5.6) for  $\nu = 1$  assure  $S \in W[x]$ . In this case the condition (5.6) (resp. (5.7) for a fixed j) assures that the sets of characteristic exponents of P at  $x = \infty$  (resp.  $c_j$ ) are equal to the sets given in (5.8), respectively.

Here we have  $\operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{-\mu})\operatorname{R} P = S$ , if

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(5.9) 
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_{j,1} + m_{j,1} & \text{are not characteristic exponents of } P \\ at \ x = c_j \ for \ j = 0, \dots, p, \ respectively, \end{cases}$$

and moreover

(5.10) 
$$m_{0,1} = d \text{ or } \lambda_{0,1} \notin \{-d, -d-1, \dots, 1-m_{0,1}\}.$$

Using the notation in Definition 1.3, we have

(5.11)  

$$S = \operatorname{Ad}((x-c_1)^{\lambda_{0,1}-2})(x-c_1)^d T^*_{\frac{1}{x-c_1}}(-\partial)^{-d} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu}) T^*_{\frac{1}{x}+c_1}$$

$$\cdot (x-c_1)^d \prod_{j=1}^p (x-c_j)^{-m_{j,1}} \operatorname{Ad}((x-c_1)^{\lambda_{0,1}}) P$$

under the conditions (5.5) and

(5.12) 
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_{0,\nu} \notin \{0, -1, -2, \dots, m_{0,1} - m_{0,\nu} - d + 2\} \\ \text{if } m_{0,\nu} + m_{1,1} + \dots + m_{p,1} - (p-1)n \ge 2, \ m_{1,1} \neq 0 \quad and \quad \nu \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

iii) Suppose ord P > 1 and P is irreducible in ii). Then the conditions (5.5), (5.6), (5.7) are valid. The condition (5.10) is also valid if  $d \ge 1$ .

All these conditions in ii) are valid if  $\#\{j; m_{j,1} < n\} \ge 2$  and **m** is realizable and moreover  $\lambda_{j,\nu}$  are generic under the Fuchs relation with  $\lambda_{j,1} = 0$  for  $j = 1, \ldots, p$ .

iv) Let  $\mathbf{m} = (m_{j,\nu})_{\substack{j=0,\ldots,p\\\nu=1,\ldots,n_j}} \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}^{(n)}$ . Define d by (5.4). Suppose  $\lambda_{j,\nu}$  are complex numbers satisfying (5.3). Suppose moreover  $m_{j,1} \geq d$  for  $j = 1,\ldots,p$ .

Defining  $\mathbf{m}' \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}^{(n)}$  and  $\lambda'_{j,\nu}$  by  $m'_{j,\nu} = m_{j,\nu} - \delta_{\nu,1} d$   $(j = 0, \dots, p, \nu = 1, \dots, n_j),$ (5.13) $\lambda_{j,\nu}' = \begin{cases} 2 - \lambda_{0,1} & (j = 0, \ \nu = 1), \\ \lambda_{j,\nu} - \lambda_{0,1} + 1 & (j = 0, \ \nu > 1), \\ 0 & (j > 0, \ \nu = 1), \\ \lambda_{j,\nu} + \lambda_{0,1} - 1 & (j > 0, \ \nu > 1), \end{cases}$ (5.14)

we have

(5.15) 
$$\operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m} = \operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m}', \quad |\{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\}| = |\{\lambda'_{\mathbf{m}'}\}|.$$

PROOF. The claim i) is clear from the definition of the Riemann scheme. ii) Suppose (5.5), (5.6) and (5.7). Then

(5.16) 
$$P' := \left(\prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_j)^{-m_{j,1}}\right) P \in W[x].$$

Note that  $\mathbb{R} P = P'$  under the condition (5.9). Put  $Q := \partial^{(p-1)n - \sum_{j=1}^{p} m_{j,1}} P'$ . Here we note that (5.5) assures  $(p-1)n - \sum_{j=1}^{p} m_{j,1} \ge 0$ . Fix a positive integer j with  $j \le p$ . For simplicity suppose j = 1 and  $c_j = 0$ . Since  $P' = \sum_{j=0}^{n} a_j(x) \partial^j$  with deg  $a_j(x) \le (p-1)n + j - \sum_{j=1}^{p} m_{j,1}$ , we have

$$x^{m_{1,1}}P' = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} x^{N-\ell} r_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{1 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu} - \ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i)$$

and

$$N := (p-1)n - \sum_{j=2}^{p} m_{j,1} = m_{0,1} + m_{1,1} - d$$

with suitable polynomials  $r_{\ell}$  such that  $r_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ . Suppose

(5.17) 
$$\prod_{\substack{1 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu} - \ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i) \notin xW[x] \text{ if } N - m_{1,1} + 1 \le \ell \le N.$$

Since  $P' \in W[x]$ , we have

$$x^{N-\ell} r_{\ell}(\vartheta) = x^{N-\ell} x^{\ell-N+m_{1,1}} \partial^{\ell-N+m_{1,1}} s_{\ell}(\vartheta) \text{ if } N-m_{1,1}+1 \le \ell \le N$$

for suitable polynomials  $s_{\ell}$ . Putting  $s_{\ell} = r_{\ell}$  for  $0 \leq \ell \leq N - m_{1,1}$ , we have

(5.18)  
$$P' = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-m_{1,1}} x^{N-m_{1,1}-\ell} s_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{1 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i) + \sum_{\ell=N-m_{1,1}+1}^{N} \partial^{\ell-N+m_{1,1}} s_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{1 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i).$$

Note that  $s_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$  and the condition (5.17) is equivalent to the condition  $\lambda_{0,\nu} + i \neq 0$ for any  $\nu$  and i such that there exists an integer  $\ell$  with  $0 \leq i \leq m_{0,\nu} - \ell - 1$  and  $N - m_{1,1} + 1 \leq \ell \leq N$ . This condition is valid if (5.6) is valid, namely,  $m_{1,1} = 0$  or

$$\lambda_{0,\nu} \notin \{0, -1, \dots, m_{0,1} - m_{0,\nu} - d + 2\}$$

for  $\nu$  satisfying  $m_{0,\nu} \ge m_{0,1} - d + 2$ . Under this condition we have

$$Q = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} \partial^{\ell} s_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{1 \le i \le N - m_{1,1} - \ell}} (\vartheta + i) \cdot \prod_{\substack{1 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu} - \ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i),$$
  
$$\operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})Q = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} \partial^{\ell} s_{\ell}(\vartheta - \mu) \prod_{\substack{1 \le i \le N - m_{1,1} - \ell \\ 0 \le i \le m_{0,\nu} - \ell}} (\vartheta - \mu + i) (\vartheta - \mu + i) (\vartheta - \mu + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i)$$

since  $\mu = \lambda_{0,1} - 1$ . Hence  $\partial^{-m_{0,1}} \mathrm{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})Q$  equals

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^{m_{0,1}-1} x^{m_{0,1}-\ell} s_{\ell}(\vartheta-\mu) \prod_{1 \le i \le N-m_{1,1}-\ell} (\vartheta-\mu+i) \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_{0} \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta-\mu+\lambda_{0,\nu}+i)$$
$$+ \sum_{\ell=m_{0,1}}^{N} \partial^{\ell-m_{0,1}} s_{\ell}(\vartheta-\mu) \prod_{1 \le i \le N-m_{1,1}-\ell} (\vartheta-\mu+i) \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_{0} \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta-\mu+\lambda_{0,\nu}+i)$$

and then the set of characteristic exponents of this operator at  $\infty$  is

$$\{[1-\mu]_{(m_{0,1}-d)}, [\lambda_{0,2}-\mu]_{(m_{0,2})}, \dots, [\lambda_{0,n_0}-\mu]_{(m_{0,n_0})}\}.$$

Moreover  $\partial^{-m_{0,1}-1} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})Q \notin W[x]$  if  $\lambda_{0,1} + m_{0,1}$  is not a characteristic exponent of P at  $\infty$  and  $-\lambda_{0,1} + 1 + i \neq m_{0,1} + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N - m_{1,1} = m_{0,1} - d$ , which assures  $x^{m_{0,1}}s_0 \prod_{1 \leq i \leq N-m_{1,1}} (\vartheta - \mu + i) \prod_{\substack{2 \leq \nu \leq m_0 \\ 0 \leq i < m_{0,\nu}}} (\vartheta - \mu + \lambda_{1,\nu} + i) \notin \partial W[x].$ 

Similarly we have

$$\begin{split} P' &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{m_{1,1}} \partial^{m_{1,1}-\ell} q_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{2 \leq \nu \leq n_{1} \\ 0 \leq i < m_{1,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta - \lambda_{1,\nu} - i) \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=m_{1,1}+1}^{N} x^{\ell-m_{1,1}} q_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{2 \leq \nu \leq n_{1} \\ 0 \leq i < m_{1,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta - \lambda_{1,\nu} - i), \\ Q &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{m_{1,1}} \partial^{N-\ell} q_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{2 \leq \nu \leq n_{1} \\ 0 \leq i < m_{1,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{1,\nu} - i) \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=m_{1,1}+1}^{N} \partial^{N-\ell} q_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{\substack{1 \leq 1 \leq \ell-m_{1,1} \\ 1 \leq i \leq \ell-m_{1,1}}} (\vartheta + i) \prod_{\substack{2 \leq \nu \leq n_{1} \\ 0 \leq i < m_{1,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta - \lambda_{1,\nu} - i). \\ \\ \mathrm{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})Q &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} \partial^{N-\ell} q_{\ell}(\vartheta - \mu) \prod_{1 \leq i \leq \ell-m_{1,1}} (\vartheta - \mu + i) \\ &\cdot \prod_{\substack{2 \leq \nu \leq n_{1} \\ 0 \leq i < m_{1,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta - \mu - \lambda_{1,\nu} - i) \end{split}$$

with  $q_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ . Then the set of characteristic exponents of  $\partial^{-m_{0,1}} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})Q$  equals  $\{[0]_{(m_{1,1}-d)}, [\lambda_{1,2} + \mu]_{(m_{1,2})}, \dots, [\lambda_{1,n_1} + \mu]_{(m_{1,n_1})}\}$  if

$$\prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_1 \\ 0 \le i < m_{1,\nu} - \ell}} (\vartheta - \mu - \lambda_{1,\nu} - i) \notin \partial W[x]$$

for any integers  $\ell$  satisfying  $0 \le \ell \le N$  and  $N - \ell < m_{0,1}$ . This condition is satisfied if (5.7) is valid, namely,  $m_{0,1} = 0$  or

$$\lambda_{0,1} + \lambda_{1,\nu} \notin \{0, -1, \dots, m_{1,1} - m_{1,\nu} - d + 2\}$$
  
for  $\nu \ge 2$  satisfying  $m_{1,\nu} \ge m_{1,1} - d + 2$ 

because  $m_{1,\nu} - \ell - 1 \leq m_{1,\nu} + m_{0,1} - N - 2 = m_{1,\nu} - m_{1,1} + d - 2$  and the condition  $\vartheta - \mu - \lambda_{1,\nu} - i \in \partial W[x]$  means  $-1 = \mu + \lambda_{1,\nu} + i = \lambda_{0,1} - 1 + \lambda_{1,\nu} + i$ . Now we will prove (5.11). Under the conditions, it follows from (5.18) that

$$\begin{split} \tilde{P} &:= x^{m_{0,1}-N} \operatorname{Ad}(x^{\lambda_{0,1}}) \prod_{j=2}^{p} (x-c_{j})^{-m_{j,1}} P \\ &= x^{m_{0,1}+m_{1,1}-N} \operatorname{Ad}(x^{\lambda_{0,1}}) P' \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} x^{m_{0,1}-\ell} \operatorname{Ad}(x^{\lambda_{0,1}}) s_{\ell}(\vartheta) \prod_{0 \le \nu < \ell-N+m_{1,1}} (\vartheta - \nu) \prod_{\substack{1 \le \nu \le n_{0} \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} + i), \\ \tilde{Q} &:= (-\partial)^{N-m_{0,1}} T_{\frac{1}{x}}^{*} \tilde{P} \\ &= (-\partial)^{N-m_{0,1}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} x^{\ell-m_{0,1}} s_{\ell} (-\vartheta - \lambda_{0,1}) \prod_{\substack{0 \le \nu < \ell-N+m_{1,1}}} (-\vartheta - \lambda_{0,1} - \nu) \\ &\cdot \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_{0} \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (-\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} - \lambda_{0,1} + i) \prod_{\substack{0 \le i \le m_{0,1}-\ell}} (-\vartheta + i) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} (-\partial)^{N-\ell} s_{\ell} (-\vartheta - \lambda_{0,1}) \prod_{\substack{1 \le i \le \ell-m_{0,1}}} (-\vartheta - i) \\ &\cdot \prod_{\substack{0 \le \nu < \ell-N+m_{1,1}}} (-\vartheta - \lambda_{0,1} - \nu) \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_{0} \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (-\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} - \lambda_{0,1} + i) \end{split}$$

and therefore

$$\operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})\tilde{Q} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} (-\partial)^{N-\ell} s_{\ell}(-\vartheta - 1) \prod_{\substack{1 \le i \le \ell - m_{0,1}}} (-\vartheta + \lambda_{0,1} - 1 - i) \\ \cdot \prod_{\substack{0 \le \nu < \ell - N + m_{1,1}}} (-\vartheta - 1 - \nu) \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu} - \ell}} (-\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} - 1 + i).$$

Since

$$(-\partial)^{N-\ell-m_{1,1}} \prod_{0 \le \nu < \ell-N+m_{1,1}} (-\vartheta - 1 - \nu) = \begin{cases} x^{\ell-N+m_{1,1}} & (N-\ell < m_{1,1}) \\ (-\partial)^{N-\ell-m_{1,1}} & (N-\ell \ge m_{1,1}) \end{cases}$$
$$= x^{\ell-N+m_{1,1}} \prod_{0 \le \nu < N-\ell-m_{1,1}} (-\vartheta + \nu),$$

we have

$$\tilde{Q}' := (-\partial)^{-m_{1,1}} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu}) \tilde{Q} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} x^{\ell-N+m_{1,1}} \prod_{0 \le \nu < N-\ell-m_{1,1}} (-\vartheta + \nu) \cdot s_{\ell}(-\vartheta - 1) \prod_{0 \le \nu < \ell-m_{0,1}} (-\vartheta + \lambda_{0,1} - 2 - \nu) \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_0 \\ 0 \le i < m_{0,\nu} - \ell}} (-\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} - 1 + i)$$

and

$$x^{m_{0,1}+m_{1,1}-N} \operatorname{Ad}(x^{\lambda_{0,1}-2}) T_{\frac{1}{x}}^* \tilde{Q}' = \sum_{\ell=0}^N x^{m_{0,1}-\ell} \prod_{0 \le \nu < \ell-m_{0,1}} (\vartheta - \nu) \cdot s_\ell (\vartheta - \lambda_{0,1} + 1)$$
$$\cdot \prod_{0 \le \nu < N-m_{1,1}-\ell} (\vartheta - \lambda_{0,1} + 2 + \nu) \prod_{\substack{2 \le \nu \le n_0\\0 \le i < m_{0,\nu}-\ell}} (\vartheta + \lambda_{0,\nu} - \lambda_{0,1} + 1 + i),$$

which equals  $\partial^{-m_{0,1}} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})Q$  because  $\prod_{0 \leq \nu < k} (\vartheta - \nu) = x^k \partial^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . iv) (Cf. Remark 7.4 ii) for another proof.) Since

$$\operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m} - \operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m}' = \sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,1}^{2} - (p-1)n^{2} - \sum_{j=0}^{p} (m_{j,1} - d)^{2} + (p-1)(n-d)^{2}$$
$$= 2d \sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,1} - (p+1)d^{2} - 2(p-1)nd + (p-1)d^{2}$$
$$= d\left(2\sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,1} - 2d - 2(p-1)n\right) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=0}^{p} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n_{j}} m_{j,\nu} \lambda_{j,\nu} &- \sum_{j=0}^{p} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n_{j}} m_{j,\nu}' \lambda_{j,\nu}' \\ &= m_{0,1}(\mu+1) - (m_{0,1}-d)(1-\mu) + \mu(n-m_{0,1} - \sum_{j=1}^{p} (n-m_{j,1})) \\ &= \Big(\sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,1} - d - (p-1)n\Big) \mu - m_{0,1}d - (m_{0,1}-d) = d, \end{split}$$

we have the claim.

The claim iii) follows from the following lemma when P is irreducible.

Suppose  $\lambda_{j,\nu}$  are generic in the sense of the claim iii). Put  $\mathbf{m} = \gcd(\mathbf{m})\overline{\mathbf{m}}$ . Then an irreducible subspace of the solutions of Pu = 0 has the spectral type  $\ell'\overline{\mathbf{m}}$  with  $1 \leq \ell' \leq \gcd(\mathbf{m})$  and the same argument as in the proof of the following lemma shows iii).

The following lemma is known which follows from Scott's lemma (cf. §9.2).

LEMMA 5.3. Let P be a Fuchsian differential operator with the Riemann scheme (4.15). Suppose P is irreducible. Then

$$(5.19) idx \mathbf{m} \le 2.$$

Fix  $\ell = (\ell_0, \dots, \ell_p) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^{p+1}$  and suppose ord P > 1. Then

(5.20) 
$$m_{0,\ell_0} + m_{1,\ell_1} + \dots + m_{p,\ell_p} - (p-1) \text{ ord } \mathbf{m} \le m_{k,\ell_k} \text{ for } k = 0,\dots,p.$$

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Moreover the condition

(5.21) 
$$\lambda_{0,\ell_0} + \lambda_{1,\ell_1} + \dots + \lambda_{p,\ell_p} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

implies

(5.22) 
$$m_{0,\ell_0} + m_{1,\ell_1} + \dots + m_{p,\ell_p} \le (p-1) \text{ ord } \mathbf{m}.$$

PROOF. Let  $M_j$  be the monodromy generators of the solutions of Pu = 0 at  $c_j$ , respectively. Then dim  $Z(M_j) \ge \sum_{\nu=1}^{n_j} m_{j,\nu}^2$  and therefore  $\sum_{j=0}^p \operatorname{codim} Z(M_j) \le (p+1)n^2 - (\operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m} + (p-1)n^2) = 2n^2 - \operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m}$ . Hence Corollary 9.12 (cf. (9.47)) proves (5.19).

We may assume  $\ell_j = 1$  for  $j = 0, \ldots, p$  and k = 0 to prove the lemma. By the map  $u(x) \mapsto \prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_j)^{-\lambda_{j,1}} u(x)$  we may moreover assume  $\lambda_{j,\ell_j} = 0$  for  $j = 1, \ldots, p$ . Suppose  $\lambda_{0,1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We may assume  $M_p \cdots M_1 M_0 = I_n$ . Since dim ker  $M_j \ge m_{j,1}$ , Scott's lemma (Lemma 9.11) assures (5.22).

The condition (5.20) is reduced to (5.22) by putting  $m_{0,\ell_0} = 0$  and  $\lambda_{0,\ell_0} = -\lambda_{1,\ell_1} - \cdots - \lambda_{p,\ell_p}$  because we may assume k = 0 and  $\ell_0 = n_0 + 1$ .

REMARK 5.4. i) Retain the notation in Theorem 5.2. The operation in Theorem 5.2 i) corresponds to the *addition* and the operation in Theorem 5.2 ii) corresponds to Katz's *middle convolution* (cf. [Kz]), which are studied by [DR] for the systems of Schlesinger canonical form.

The operation  $c(P) := \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})\partial^{(p-1)n}P$  is always well-defined for the Fuchsian differential operator of the normal form which has p+1 singular points including  $\infty$ . This corresponds to the *convolution* defined by Katz. Note that the equation Sv = 0 is a quotient of the equation  $c(P)\tilde{u} = 0$ .

ii) Retain the notation in the previous theorem. Suppose the equation Pu = 0is irreducible and  $\lambda_{j,\nu}$  are generic complex numbers satisfying the assumption in Theorem 5.2. Let u(x) be a local solution of the equation Pu = 0 corresponding to the characteristic exponent  $\lambda_{i,\nu}$  at  $x = c_i$ . Assume  $0 \le i \le p$  and  $1 < \nu \le n_i$ . Then the irreducible equations  $(\operatorname{Ad}((x - c_j)^r)P)u_1 = 0$  and  $(\operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{-\mu}) \circ \operatorname{R} P)u_2 = 0$ are characterized by the equations satisfied by  $u_1(x) = (x - c_j)^r u(x)$  and  $u_2(x) =$  $I_{c_i}^{\mu}(u(x))$ , respectively.

Moreover for any integers  $k_0, k_1, \ldots, k_p$  the irreducible equation  $Qu_3 = 0$ satisfied by  $u_3(x) = I_{c_i}^{\mu+k_0} \left( \prod_{j=1}^p (x-c_j)^{k_j} u(x) \right)$  is isomorphic to the equation  $(\operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{-\mu}) \circ \operatorname{R} P)u_2 = 0$  as W(x)-modules (cf. §1.4 and §3.2).

EXAMPLE 5.5 (Okubo type). Suppose  $\bar{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda) \in W[x]$  is of the form (11.35). Moreover suppose  $\bar{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)$  has the the Riemann scheme (11.34) satisfying (11.33) and  $\lambda_{j,\nu} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . Then for any  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ , the Riemann scheme of  $\operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{-\mu})\bar{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)$  equals

(5.23) 
$$\begin{cases} x = c_0 = \infty & c_1 & \cdots & c_p \\ [\lambda_{0,1} - \mu]_{(m_{0,1})} & [0]_{(m_{1,1})} & \cdots & [0]_{(m_{p,1})} \\ [\lambda_{0,2} - \mu]_{(m_{0,2})} & [\lambda_{1,2} + \mu]_{(m_{1,2})} & \cdots & [\lambda_{p,2} + \mu]_{(m_{p,2})} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ [\lambda_{0,n_0} - \mu]_{(m_{0,n_0})} & [\lambda_{1,n_1} + \mu]_{(m_{1,n_1})} & \cdots & [\lambda_{p,n_p} + \mu]_{(m_{p,n_p})} \end{cases} \right\}.$$

In particular we have  $\operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{1-\lambda_{0,1}})\bar{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda) \in \partial^{m_{0,1}}W[x].$ 

EXAMPLE 5.6 (exceptional parameters). The Fuchsian differential equation with the Riemann scheme

$$\begin{cases} x = \infty & 0 & 1 & c \\ [\delta]_{(2)} & [0]_{(2)} & [0]_{(2)} & [0]_{(2)} \\ 2 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma - 2\delta & \alpha & \beta & \gamma \end{cases}$$

is a Jordan-Pochhammer equation (cf. Example 1.8 ii)) if  $\delta \neq 0$ , which is proved by the reduction using the operation  $\operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{1-\delta}) \operatorname{R}$  given in Theorem 5.2 ii).

The Riemann scheme of the operator

$$P_r = x(x-1)(x-c)\partial^3$$
  
-  $((\alpha+\beta+\gamma-6)x^2 - ((\alpha+\beta-4)c + \alpha + \gamma - 4)x + (\alpha-2)c)\partial^2$   
-  $(2(\alpha+\beta+\gamma-3)x - (\alpha+\beta-2)c - (\alpha+\gamma-2) - r)\partial$ 

equals

$$\begin{cases} x = \infty & 0 & 1 & c \\ [0]_{(2)} & [0]_{(2)} & [0]_{(2)} & [0]_{(2)} \\ 2 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma & \alpha & \beta & \gamma \end{cases} \},$$

which corresponds to a Jordan-Pochhammer operator when r = 0. If the parameters are generic,  $RAd(\partial)P_r$  is Heun's operator (6.19) with the Riemann scheme

$$\begin{cases} x = \infty & 0 & 1 & c \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma & \alpha - 1 & \beta - 1 & \gamma - 1 \end{cases},$$

which contains the accessory parameter r. This transformation doesn't satisfy (5.6) for  $\nu = 1$ .

The operator  $\operatorname{RAd}(\partial^{1-\alpha-\beta-\gamma})P_r$  has the Riemann scheme

$$\begin{cases} x = \infty & 0 & 1 & c \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma - 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma & 1 - \beta - \gamma & 1 - \gamma - \alpha & 1 - \alpha - \beta \end{cases}$$

and the monodromy generator at  $\infty$  is semisimple if and only if r = 0. This transformation doesn't satisfy (5.6) for  $\nu = 2$ .

Definition 5.7. Let

$$P = a_n(x)\partial^n + a_{n-1}(x)\partial^{n-1} + \dots + a_0(x)$$

be a Fuchsian differential operator with the Riemann scheme (4.15). Here some  $m_{j,\nu}$  may be 0. Fix  $\ell = (\ell_0, \ldots, \ell_p) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^{p+1}$  with  $1 \leq \ell_j \leq n_j$ . Suppose

(5.24) 
$$\#\{j : m_{j,\ell_j} \neq n \text{ and } 0 \le j \le p\} \ge 2.$$

Put

(5.25) 
$$d_{\ell}(\mathbf{m}) := m_{0,\ell_0} + \dots + m_{p,\ell_p} - (p-1) \operatorname{ord} \mathbf{m}$$

and

(5.26)

$$\partial_{\ell}P := \operatorname{Ad}(\prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_{j})^{\lambda_{j,\ell_{j}}}) \prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_{j})^{m_{j,\ell_{j}} - d_{\ell}(\mathbf{m})} \partial^{-m_{0,\ell_{0}}} \operatorname{Ad}(\partial^{1 - \lambda_{0,\ell_{0}} - \dots - \lambda_{p,\ell_{p}}}) \\ \cdot \partial^{(p-1)n - m_{1,\ell_{1}} - \dots - m_{p,\ell_{p}}} a_{n}^{-1}(x) \prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_{j})^{n - m_{j,\ell_{j}}} \operatorname{Ad}(\prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_{j})^{-\lambda_{j,\ell_{j}}}) P_{\ell_{j}}$$

If  $\lambda_{j,\nu}$  are generic under the Fuchs relation or P is irreducible,  $\partial_{\ell} P$  is well-defined as an element of W[x] and

(5.27) 
$$\partial_{\ell}^{2} P = P \text{ with } P \text{ of the form (4.43),}$$

$$\partial_{\ell} P \in W(x) \operatorname{RAd}\left(\prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_{j})^{\lambda_{j,\ell_{j}}}\right) \operatorname{RAd}\left(\partial^{1-\lambda_{0,\ell_{0}}-\dots-\lambda_{p,\ell_{p}}}\right)$$

$$(5.28) \cdot \operatorname{RAd}\left(\prod_{j=1}^{p} (x - c_{j})^{-\lambda_{j,\ell_{j}}}\right) P$$

and  $\partial_{\ell}$  gives a correspondence between differential operators of normal form (4.43). Here the spectral type  $\partial_{\ell} \mathbf{m}$  of  $\partial_{\ell} P$  is given by

(5.29) 
$$\partial_{\ell} \mathbf{m} := \left(m'_{j,\nu}\right)_{\substack{0 \le j \le p\\ 1 \le \nu \le n_j}} \text{ and } m'_{j,\nu} = m_{j,\nu} - \delta_{\ell_j,\nu} \cdot d_{\ell}(\mathbf{m})$$

and the Riemann scheme of  $\partial_{\ell} P$  equals

(5.30) 
$$\partial_{\ell} \{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\} := \{\lambda'_{\mathbf{m}'}\} \text{ with } \lambda'_{j,\nu} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{0,\nu} - 2\mu_{\ell} & (j = 0, \nu = \ell_0) \\ \lambda_{0,\nu} - \mu_{\ell} & (j = 0, \nu \neq \ell_0) \\ \lambda_{j,\nu} & (1 \le j \le p, \nu = \ell_j) \\ \lambda_{0,\nu} + \mu_{\ell} & (1 \le j \le p, \nu \neq \ell_j) \end{cases}$$

by putting

(5.31) 
$$\mu_{\ell} := \sum_{j=0}^{p} \lambda_{j,\ell_j} - 1.$$

It follows from Theorem 5.2 that the above assumption is satisfied if

(5.32) 
$$m_{j,\ell_j} \ge d_\ell(\mathbf{m}) \qquad (j = 0, \dots, p)$$

and

(5.33) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{p} \lambda_{j,\ell_{j}+(\nu-\ell_{j})\delta_{j,k}} \notin \left\{ i \in \mathbb{Z}; (p-1)n - \sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,\ell_{j}+(\nu-\ell_{j})\delta_{j,k}} + 2 \le i \le 0 \right\}$$
for  $k = 0, \dots, p$  and  $\nu = 1, \dots, n_{k}$ .

Note that  $\partial_{\ell} \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}$  is well-defined for a given  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}$  if (5.32) is valid. Moreover we define

(5.34) 
$$\partial \mathbf{m} := \partial_{(1,1,\ldots)} \mathbf{m},$$

(5.35) 
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{max} \mathbf{m} &:= \partial_{\ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})} \mathbf{m} \quad \text{with} \\ \ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})_j &:= \min \left\{ \nu \,; \, m_{j,\nu} = \max \{ m_{j,1}, m_{j,2}, \ldots \} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

(5.36) 
$$d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) := \sum_{j=0}^{p} \max\{m_{j,1}, m_{j,2}, \dots, m_{j,n_j}\} - (p-1) \operatorname{ord} \mathbf{m}.$$

For a Fuchsian differential operator P with the Riemann scheme (4.15) we define (5.37)  $\partial_{max}P := \partial_{\ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})}P$  and  $\partial_{max}\{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\} = \partial_{\ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})}\{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\}.$ A tuple  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{P}$  is called *basic* if  $\mathbf{m}$  is indivisible and  $d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) \leq 0$ .

PROPOSITION 5.8 (linear fractional transformation). Let  $\phi$  be a linear fractional transformation of  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ , namely there exists  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2,\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\phi(x) = \frac{\alpha x + \beta}{\gamma x + \delta}$ . Let P be a Fuchsian differential operator with the Riemann scheme (4.15). We may assume  $-\frac{\delta}{\gamma} = c_j$  with a suitable j by putting  $c_{p+1} = -\frac{\delta}{\gamma}$ ,  $\lambda_{p+1,1} = 0$  and

 $m_{p+1,1} = n$  if necessary. Fix  $\ell = (\ell_0, \dots, \ell_p) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^{p+1}$ . If (5.32) and (5.33) are valid, we have

(5.38) 
$$\partial_{\ell} P \in W(x) \operatorname{Ad}((\gamma x + \delta)^{2\mu}) T^{*}_{\phi^{-1}} \partial_{\ell} T^{*}_{\phi} P \\ \mu = \lambda_{0,\ell_0} + \dots + \lambda_{p,\ell_p} - 1.$$

**PROOF.** The claim is clear if  $\gamma = 0$ . Hence we may assume  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and the claim follows from (5.11).

REMARK 5.9. i) Fix  $\lambda_{j,\nu} \in \mathbb{C}$ . If P has the Riemann scheme  $\{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\}$  with  $d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) = 1, \ \partial_{\ell} P$  is well-defined and  $\partial_{max} P$  has the Riemann scheme  $\partial_{max} \{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\}$ . This follows from the fact that the conditions (5.5), (5.6) and (5.7) are valid when we apply Theorem 5.2 to the operation  $\partial_{max} : P \mapsto \partial_{max} P$ .

ii) We remark that

(5.39) $\operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m} = \operatorname{idx} \partial_{\ell} \mathbf{m},$ ord  $\partial_{max}\mathbf{m} = \operatorname{ord} \mathbf{m} - d_{max}(\mathbf{m}).$ (5.40)

Moreover if  $idx \mathbf{m} > 0$ , we have

$$(5.41) d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) > 0$$

because of the identity

(5.42) 
$$\left(\sum_{j=0}^{p} m_{j,\ell_j} - (p-1) \operatorname{ord} \mathbf{m}\right) \cdot \operatorname{ord} \mathbf{m} = \operatorname{idx} \mathbf{m} + \sum_{j=0}^{p} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n_j} (m_{j,\ell_j} - m_{j,\nu}) \cdot m_{j,\nu}.$$

If idx  $\mathbf{m} = 0$ , then  $d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) \ge 0$  and the condition  $d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) = 0$  implies  $m_{j,\nu} = m_{j,1}$ for  $\nu = 2, ..., n_j$  and j = 0, 1, ..., p (cf. Corollary 6.3).

iii) The set of indices  $\ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})$  is defined in (5.35) so that it is uniquely determined. It is sufficient to impose only the condition

(5.43) 
$$m_{j,\ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})_j} = \max\{m_{j,1}, m_{j,2}, \ldots\} \quad (j = 0, \ldots, p)$$

on  $\ell_{max}(\mathbf{m})$  for the arguments in this paper.

Thus we have the following result.

THEOREM 5.10. A tuple  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{P}$  is realizable if and only if  $s\mathbf{m}$  is trivial (cf. Definitions 4.10 and 4.11) or  $\partial_{max}\mathbf{m}$  is well-defined and realizable.

PROOF. We may assume  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}^{(n)}$  is monotone. Suppose  $\#\{j; m_{j,1} < n\} < 2$ . Then  $\partial_{max}\mathbf{m}$  is not well-defined. We may assume p = 0 and the corresponding equation Pu = 0 has no singularities in  $\mathbb{C}$  by applying a suitable addition to the equation and then  $P \in W(x)\partial^n$ . Hence **m** is realizable if and only if  $\#\{j; m_{j,1} < n\} = 0$ , namely, **m** is trivial.

Suppose  $\#\{j; m_{j,1} < n\} \ge 2$ . Then Theorem 5.2 assures that  $\partial_{max}\mathbf{m}$  is realizable if and only if  $\partial_{max} \mathbf{m}$  is realizable.

In the next chapter we will prove that **m** is realizable if  $d_{max}(\mathbf{m}) \leq 0$ . Thus we will have a criterion whether a given  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{P}$  is realizable or not by successive applications of  $\partial_{max}$ .

EXAMPLE 5.11. There are examples of successive applications of  $s \circ \partial$  to monotone elements of  $\mathcal{P}$ : <u>411,411,42,33</u>  $\xrightarrow{15-2\cdot6=3}$  <u>111,111,21</u>  $\xrightarrow{4-3=1}$  <u>11,11,11</u>  $\xrightarrow{3-2=1}$  1,1,1 (rigid) <u>211,211,111</u>  $\xrightarrow{5-4=1}$  <u>111,111,111</u>  $\xrightarrow{3-3=0}$  111,111,111 (realizable, not rigid) <u>211,211,211,31</u>  $\xrightarrow{9-8=1}$  <u>111,111,111,111,21</u>  $\xrightarrow{5-6=-1}$  (realizable, not rigid)

 $\underline{22}, \underline{22}, \underline{1111} \xrightarrow{5-4=1} \underline{21}, \underline{21}, \underline{111} \xrightarrow{5-3=2} \times \text{(not realizable)}$ 

The numbers on the above arrows are  $d_{(1,1,\dots)}(\mathbf{m})$ . We sometimes delete the trivial partition as above.

The transformation of the generalized Riemann scheme of the application of  $\partial_{max}^k$  is described in the following definition.

DEFINITION 5.12 (Reduction of Riemann schemes). Let  $\mathbf{m} = (m_{j,\nu})_{\substack{j=0,\dots,p\\\nu=1,\dots,n_j}} \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}$  and  $\lambda_{j,\nu} \in \mathbb{C}$  for  $j = 0,\dots,p$  and  $\nu = 1,\dots,n_j$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{m}$  is realizable. Then there exists a positive integer K such that

(5.44) 
$$\operatorname{ord} \mathbf{m} > \operatorname{ord} \partial_{max} \mathbf{m} > \operatorname{ord} \partial_{max}^{2} \mathbf{m} > \cdots > \operatorname{ord} \partial_{max}^{K} \mathbf{m}$$
$$\operatorname{and} s \partial_{\max}^{K} \mathbf{m} \text{ is trivial or } d_{max} (\partial_{max}^{K} \mathbf{m}) \leq 0.$$

Define  $\mathbf{m}(k) \in \mathcal{P}_{p+1}, \ \ell(k) \in \mathbb{Z}, \ \mu(k) \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \lambda(k)_{j,\nu\in\mathbb{C}} \text{ for } k = 0, \dots, K \text{ by}$ 

(5.45) 
$$\mathbf{m}(0) = \mathbf{m} \text{ and } \mathbf{m}(k) = \partial_{max}\mathbf{m}(k-1) \quad (k = 1, \dots, K),$$

(5.46)  $\ell(k) = \ell_{max} (\mathbf{m}(k)) \text{ and } d(k) = d_{max} (\mathbf{m}(k)),$ 

(5.47)  $\{\lambda(k)_{\mathbf{m}(k)}\} = \partial_{max}^k \{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\}$  and  $\mu(k) = \lambda(k+1)_{1,\nu} - \lambda(k)_{1,\nu}$   $(\nu \neq \ell(k)_1)$ . Namely, we have

(5.48) 
$$\lambda(0)_{j,\nu} = \lambda_{j,\nu} \quad (j = 0, \dots, p, \ \nu = 1, \dots, n_j),$$

(5.49) 
$$\mu(k) = \sum_{j=0}^{r} \lambda(k)_{j,\ell(k)_j} - 1,$$

(5.50) 
$$\lambda(k+1)_{j,\nu} = \begin{cases} \lambda(k)_{0,\nu} - 2\mu(k) & (j=0, \nu = \ell(k)_0), \\ \lambda(k)_{0,\nu} - \mu(k) & (j=0, 1 \le \nu \le n_0, \nu \ne \ell(k)_0), \\ \lambda(k)_{j,\nu} & (1 \le j \le p, \nu = \ell(k)_j), \\ \lambda(k)_{j,\nu} + \mu(k) & (1 \le j \le p, 1 \le \nu \le n_j, \nu \ne \ell(k)_j) \end{cases}$$
$$= \lambda(k)_{j,\nu} + \left((-1)^{\delta_{j,0}} - \delta_{\nu,\ell(k)_j}\right)\mu(k),$$
(5.51) 
$$\{\lambda_{\mathbf{m}}\} \xrightarrow{\partial_{\ell(0)}} \cdots \longrightarrow \{\lambda(k)_{\mathbf{m}(k)}\} \xrightarrow{\partial_{\ell(k)}} \{\lambda(k+1)_{\mathbf{m}(k+1)}\} \xrightarrow{\partial_{\ell(k+1)}} \cdots .$$