

# Algebraic independence of the values of a certain map defined on the set of orbits of the action of Klein four-group

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be a linear recurrence of positive integers satisfying

$$R_{k+n} = c_1 R_{k+n-1} + \cdots + c_n R_k \quad (k \geq 1), \quad (1)$$

where  $n \geq 2$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are nonnegative integers with  $c_n \neq 0$ . The author [9] studied the two-variable function  $E(x, q)$  defined by

$$E(x, q) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{xq^{R_l}}{1 - q^{R_l}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{R_1 + R_2 + \cdots + R_k}}{(1 - q^{R_1})(1 - q^{R_2}) \cdots (1 - q^{R_k})},$$

which may be regarded as an analogue of  $q$ -exponential function

$$E_q(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{1+2+\cdots+k}}{(1 - q)(1 - q^2) \cdots (1 - q^k)}$$

(cf. Gasper and Rahman [2]), if we replace  $k$  in the exponent of  $q$  in  $E_q(x)$  with  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  defined above.

Let

$$\Phi(X) = X^n - c_1 X^{n-1} - \cdots - c_n \quad (2)$$

and let  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  be the set of nonzero algebraic numbers. The author proved the following

**Theorem 0** (Corollary 4 of [9]). *Let  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be a linear recurrence satisfying (1). Suppose that  $\Phi(\pm 1) \neq 0$  and the ratio of any pair of distinct roots of  $\Phi(X)$  is not a root of unity. Assume that  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is not a geometric progression. Then the values*

$$E(x, q) \quad (x, q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times, |q| < 1)$$

*are algebraically dependent if and only if there exist some distinct pairs  $(x_1, q_1)$  and  $(x_2, q_2)$  of nonzero algebraic numbers  $x_1, x_2, q_1$ , and  $q_2$  with  $|q_1|, |q_2| < 1$  such that  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $q_1^{N_k} = q_2^{N_k}$  for some  $k \geq 1$ , where  $N_k = \text{g.c.d.}(R_k, R_{k+1}, \dots, R_{k+n-1})$ .*

*In particular, if  $N_k = 1$  for any  $k \geq 1$ , then the values  $E(x, q)$  are algebraically independent for any distinct pairs  $(x, q)$  of nonzero algebraic numbers  $x$  and  $q$  with  $|q| < 1$ .*

**Example 0.** Let  $\{F_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be the sequence of Fibonacci numbers defined by  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 1$ , and  $F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). Since  $\{F_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  satisfies the conditions in Theorem 0, the infinite set of the values

$$\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{F_1+F_2+\dots+F_k}}{(1-q^{F_1})(1-q^{F_2})\dots(1-q^{F_k})} \mid x, q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times, |q| < 1 \right\}$$

is algebraically independent.

The two-variable function  $E(x, q)$  converges on the domain

$$(\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| < 1\}) \cup (\{|x| < 1\} \times \{|q| > 1\}) := \{(x, q) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |q| < 1 \vee (|x| < 1 \wedge |q| > 1)\},$$

whereas a ‘balanced’ analogue

$$\Theta(x, q) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{x q^{R_l}}{1 - q^{2R_l}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{R_1+R_2+\dots+R_k}}{(1 - q^{2R_1})(1 - q^{2R_2})\dots(1 - q^{2R_k})}$$

converges on the wider domain

$$\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 1\} := \{(x, q) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |q| \neq 1\}.$$

Indeed, if  $q \neq 0$ ,  $\Theta(x, q)$  is invariant under the map

$$\sigma_1 : (x, q) \mapsto (-x, q^{-1}),$$

namely

$$\Theta(\sigma_1(x, q)) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^k q^{-R_1-R_2-\dots-R_k}}{(1 - q^{-2R_1})(1 - q^{-2R_2})\dots(1 - q^{-2R_k})} = \Theta(x, q)$$

and so  $\Theta(x, q)$  converges on  $\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 1\}$  by the similar reason to the convergence of  $E(x, q)$ .

Moreover, if  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is a sequence of odd integers, then  $\Theta(x, q)$  is invariant also under the maps

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_2 &: (x, q) \mapsto (-x, -q), \\ \sigma_3 &: (x, q) \mapsto (x, -q^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_2 = \text{id}$  and  $\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 = \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1 = \sigma_3$ , we see that  $G_4 = \{\text{id}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3\}$  is Klein four-group. Therefore,  $\Theta(x, q)$  can be regarded as a map defined on the set of orbits  $(\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\})/G_4$ , where  $\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\} = \{(x, q) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |q| \neq 0, 1\}$ , namely the map

$$\tilde{\Theta} : (\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\})/G_4 \longrightarrow \Theta(\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\})$$

given by

$$\text{the orbit of } (x, q) \mapsto \Theta(x, q)$$

is well-defined. Hence the restriction to algebraic points

$$\tilde{\Theta} : \left( (\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\}) \cap (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times)^2 \right) / G_4 \longrightarrow \Theta \left( (\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\}) \cap (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times)^2 \right),$$

or equivalently

$$\tilde{\Theta} : \left( \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \times (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \setminus \{|q| = 1\}) \right) / G_4 \longrightarrow \Theta \left( \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \times (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \setminus \{|q| = 1\}) \right)$$

is also well-defined, where the second  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  denotes the multiplicative group of nonzero algebraic numbers while the first  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  simply denotes the set of nonzero algebraic numbers. In this paper we prove the following

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be a linear recurrence satisfying (1). Suppose that  $\Phi(\pm 1) \neq 0$  and the ratio of any pair of distinct roots of  $\Phi(X)$  is not a root of unity. Assume that  $\text{g.c.d.}(R_k, R_{k+1}, \dots, R_{k+n-1}) = 1$  for any  $k \geq 1$ . Assume further that  $\Phi(2) < 0$  and that  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is a sequence of odd integers. Then the infinite set of the values*

$$\tilde{\Theta} \left( \left( \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \times (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \setminus \{|q| = 1\}) \right) / G_4 \right)$$

*is algebraically independent.*

**Remark 1.** The condition that  $\text{g.c.d.}(R_k, R_{k+1}, \dots, R_{k+n-1}) = 1$  for any  $k \geq 1$  implies that the sequence  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is not a geometric progression.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be as in Theorem 1. Then the infinite set consisting of the distinct values of*

$$\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{R_1+R_2+\dots+R_k}}{(1-q^{2R_1})(1-q^{2R_2})\dots(1-q^{2R_k})} \mid x, q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times, |q| \neq 1 \right\}$$

*is algebraically independent.*

**Example 1.** Let  $\{P_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be the sequence defined either by  $P_1 = P_2 = 1$  and  $P_{k+2} = 2P_{k+1} + P_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) or by  $P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = 1$  and  $P_{k+3} = P_{k+2} + P_{k+1} + 3P_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). Since  $\{P_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 1, the infinite set consisting of the distinct values of

$$\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{P_1+P_2+\dots+P_k}}{(1-q^{2P_1})(1-q^{2P_2})\dots(1-q^{2P_k})} \mid x, q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times, |q| \neq 1 \right\}$$

*is algebraically independent.*

If  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is a sequence of odd integers, then

$$\Theta_+(x, q) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{xq^{R_l}}{1+q^{2R_l}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{R_1+R_2+\dots+R_k}}{(1+q^{2R_1})(1+q^{2R_2})\dots(1+q^{2R_k})}$$

is invariant under the maps

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 &: (x, q) \longmapsto (x, q^{-1}), \\ \tau_2 &: (x, q) \longmapsto (-x, -q), \\ \tau_3 &: (x, q) \longmapsto (-x, -q^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tau_1 \circ \tau_1 = \tau_2 \circ \tau_2 = \text{id}$  and  $\tau_1 \circ \tau_2 = \tau_2 \circ \tau_1 = \tau_3$ , we see that  $G'_4 = \{\text{id}, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3\}$  is also Klein four-group. Hence the map

$$\tilde{\Theta}_+ : (\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\})/G'_4 \longrightarrow \Theta_+(\mathbb{C} \times \{|q| \neq 0, 1\})$$

given by

$$\text{the orbit of } (x, q) \longmapsto \Theta_+(x, q)$$

is well-defined. We also have the following

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\{P_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be as in Theorem 1. Then the infinite set of the values*

$$\tilde{\Theta}_+ \left( \left( \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \times (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \setminus \{|q| = 1\}) \right) / G'_4 \right)$$

*is algebraically independent.*

**Example 2.** Let  $\{P_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be one of the linear recurrences defined in Example 1. Since  $\{P_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 1, the infinite set consisting of the distinct values of

$$\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k q^{P_1+P_2+\dots+P_k}}{(1+q^{2P_1})(1+q^{2P_2})\dots(1+q^{2P_k})} \mid x, q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times, |q| \neq 1 \right\}$$

is algebraically independent.

## 2 Lemmas

Let  $F(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  and  $F[[z_1, \dots, z_n]]$  denote the field of rational functions and the ring of formal power series in variables  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  with coefficients in a field  $F$ , respectively, and  $F^\times$  the multiplicative group of nonzero elements of  $F$ . Let  $\Omega = (\omega_{ij})$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with nonnegative integer entries. Then the maximum  $\rho$  of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of  $\Omega$  is itself an eigenvalue (cf. Gantmacher [1, p. 66, Theorem 3]). If  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  is a point of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , we define a transformation  $\Omega : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  by

$$\Omega \mathbf{z} = \left( \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\omega_{1j}}, \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\omega_{2j}}, \dots, \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\omega_{nj}} \right). \quad (3)$$

We suppose that  $\Omega$  and an algebraic point  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , where  $\alpha_i$  are nonzero algebraic numbers, have the following four properties:

- (I)  $\Omega$  is nonsingular and none of its eigenvalues is a root of unity, so that in particular  $\rho > 1$ .
- (II) Every entry of the matrix  $\Omega^k$  is  $O(\rho^k)$  as  $k$  tends to infinity.
- (III) If we put  $\Omega^k \boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1^{(k)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(k)})$ , then

$$\log |\alpha_i^{(k)}| \leq -c\rho^k \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

for all sufficiently large  $k$ , where  $c$  is a positive constant.

(IV) For any nonzero  $f(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{C}[[z_1, \dots, z_n]]$  which converges in some neighborhood of the origin, there are infinitely many positive integers  $k$  such that  $f(\Omega^k \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 1** (Lemma 4 and Proof of Theorem 2 in [6]). *Suppose that  $\Phi(\pm 1) \neq 0$  and the ratio of any pair of distinct roots of  $\Phi(X)$  is not a root of unity, where  $\Phi(X)$  is the polynomial defined by (2). Let*

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_2 & 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 1 \\ c_n & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

and let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s$  be multiplicatively independent algebraic numbers with  $0 < |\beta_j| < 1$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ). Let  $p$  be a positive integer and put  $\Omega' = \text{diag}(\underbrace{\Omega^p, \dots, \Omega^p}_s)$ . Then the matrix  $\Omega'$

and the point  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{n-1}, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{n-1})$  have the properties (I)–(IV).

**Lemma 2** (Kubota [3], see also Nishioka [5]). *Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field. Suppose that  $f_1(\mathbf{z}), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{z}) \in K[[z_1, \dots, z_n]]$  converge in an  $n$ -polydisc  $U$  around the origin and satisfy the functional equations*

$$f_i(\mathbf{z}) = a_i(\mathbf{z})f_i(\Omega\mathbf{z}) + b_i(\mathbf{z}) \quad (1 \leq i \leq m),$$

where  $a_i(\mathbf{z}), b_i(\mathbf{z}) \in K(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  and  $a_i(\mathbf{z})$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) are defined and nonzero at the origin. Assume that the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\Omega$  and a point  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in U$  whose components are nonzero algebraic numbers have the properties (I)–(IV) and that  $a_i(\mathbf{z})$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) are defined and nonzero at  $\Omega^k \boldsymbol{\alpha}$  for any  $k \geq 1$ . If  $f_1(\mathbf{z}), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{z})$  are algebraically independent over  $K(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ , then the values  $f_1(\boldsymbol{\alpha}), \dots, f_m(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$  are algebraically independent.

In what follows,  $C$  denotes a field of characteristic 0. Let  $L = C(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  and let  $M$  be the quotient field of  $C[[z_1, \dots, z_n]]$ . Let  $\Omega$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with nonnegative integer entries having the property (I). We define an endomorphism  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  by  $f^\tau(\mathbf{z}) = f(\Omega\mathbf{z})$  ( $f(\mathbf{z}) \in M$ ) and a subgroup  $H$  of  $L^\times$  by

$$H = \{g^\tau g^{-1} \mid g \in L^\times\}.$$

**Lemma 3** (Kubota [3], see also Nishioka [5]). *Let  $f_{ij} \in M$  ( $i = 1, \dots, h$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, m(i)$ ) satisfy*

$$f_{ij} = a_i f_{ij}^\tau + b_{ij},$$

where  $a_i \in L^\times$ ,  $b_{ij} \in L$  ( $1 \leq i \leq h$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m(i)$ ), and  $a_i a_{i'}^{-1} \notin H$  for any distinct  $i, i'$  ( $1 \leq i, i' \leq h$ ). Suppose for any  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq h$ ) there is no element  $g$  of  $L$  satisfying

$$g = a_i g^\tau + \sum_{j=1}^{m(i)} c_j b_{ij},$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_{m(i)} \in C$  are not all zero. Then the functions  $f_{ij}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, h$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, m(i)$ ) are algebraically independent over  $L$ .

Let  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be a linear recurrence satisfying (1) and define a monomial

$$M(\mathbf{z}) = z_1^{R_n} \cdots z_n^{R_1}, \quad (5)$$

which is denoted similarly to (3) by

$$M(\mathbf{z}) = (R_n, \dots, R_1)\mathbf{z}. \quad (6)$$

Let  $\Omega$  be the matrix defined by (4). It follows from (1), (3), and (6) that

$$M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z}) = z_1^{R_{k+n}} \cdots z_n^{R_{k+1}} \quad (k \geq 0). \quad (7)$$

**Lemma 4** (Theorem 2 of [7]). *Suppose that  $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is not a geometric progression. Assume that  $\Phi(\pm 1) \neq 0$  and the ratio of any pair of distinct roots of  $\Phi(X)$  is not a root of unity. Let  $\overline{C}$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Suppose that  $F(\mathbf{z})$  is an element of the quotient field of  $\overline{C}[[z_1, \dots, z_n]]$  satisfying the functional equation of the form*

$$F(\mathbf{z}) = \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} Q_k(M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})) \right) F(\Omega^p \mathbf{z}),$$

where  $\Omega$  is defined by (4),  $p > 0$ ,  $u \geq 0$  are integers, and  $Q_k(X) \in \overline{C}(X)$  ( $u \leq k \leq p+u-1$ ) are defined and nonzero at  $X = 0$ . If  $F(\mathbf{z}) \in \overline{C}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ , then  $F(\mathbf{z}) \in \overline{C}$  and  $Q_k(X) \in \overline{C}^\times$  ( $u \leq k \leq p+u-1$ ).

We adopt the usual vector notation, that is, if  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  the set of nonnegative integers, we write  $\mathbf{z}^I = z_1^{i_1} \cdots z_n^{i_n}$ . We denote by  $C[z_1, \dots, z_n]$  the ring of polynomials in variables  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  with coefficients in  $C$ .

**Lemma 5** (Lemma 3.2.3 in Nishioka [5]). *If  $A, B \in C[z_1, \dots, z_n]$  are coprime, then  $\text{g.c.d.}(A^\tau, B^\tau) = \mathbf{z}^I$ , where  $I \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ .*

**Lemma 6** (Lemma 12 of [7]). *Let  $\Omega$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with nonnegative integer entries which has the property (I). Let  $R(\mathbf{z})$  be a nonzero polynomial in  $C[z_1, \dots, z_n]$ . If  $R(\Omega \mathbf{z})$  divides  $R(\mathbf{z})\mathbf{z}^I$ , where  $I \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ , then  $R(\mathbf{z})$  is a monomial in  $z_1, \dots, z_n$ .*

**Lemma 7** (Lemma 6 of [8]). *Let  $P(\mathbf{z})$  be a nonconstant polynomial in  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  with  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $\Omega$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with positive integer entries which has the property (I). Then*

$$\deg_{\mathbf{z}} P(\Omega \mathbf{z}) > \deg_{\mathbf{z}} P(\mathbf{z}).$$

### 3 Proof of the main theorem

We prove only Theorem 1, since Theorem 2 is proved in the same way.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* A complete set of representatives of the orbits  $(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \times (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times \setminus \{|q| = 1\})) / G_4$  is given by

$$\left\{ (x, q) \in (\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times)^2 \mid |q| < 1, 0 \leq \text{Arg } q < \pi \right\} =: \Lambda$$

since, under the action of the Klein four-group  $G_4$ , the second component  $q$  is transformed either to  $q$ ,  $q^{-1}$ ,  $-q$ , or  $-q^{-1}$ . Hence it is enough to prove that the values

$$\eta_i := \Theta(x_i, q_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{x_i q_i^{R_l}}{1 - q_i^{2R_l}} \quad (i = 1, \dots, r)$$

are algebraically independent for any finite number of distinct pairs  $(x_1, q_1)$ ,  $(x_2, q_2), \dots, (x_r, q_r)$  belonging to  $\Lambda$ .

Assume that the values  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_r$  are algebraically dependent. There exist multiplicatively independent algebraic numbers  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s$  with  $0 < |\beta_j| < 1$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) and a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity  $\zeta$  such that

$$q_i = \zeta^{m_i} \prod_{j=1}^s \beta_j^{e_{ij}} \quad (1 \leq i \leq r), \quad (8)$$

where  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  are integers with  $0 \leq m_i \leq N-1$  and  $e_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) are nonnegative integers (cf. Loxton and van der Poorten [4], Nishioka [5]). We can choose a positive integer  $p$  and a sufficiently large integer  $u$ , which will be determined later, such that  $R_{k+p} \equiv R_k \pmod{N}$  for any  $k \geq u+1$ . Let  $y_{j\lambda}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ,  $1 \leq \lambda \leq n$ ) be variables and let  $\mathbf{y}_j = (y_{j1}, \dots, y_{jn})$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ),  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_s)$ . Define

$$f_i(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{k=u}^{\infty} \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}} \right)^2} \quad (1 \leq i \leq r),$$

where  $M(\mathbf{z})$  and  $\Omega$  are defined by (5) and (4), respectively. Letting

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{n-1}, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{n-1}),$$

we see by (7) and (8) that

$$f_i(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{k=u}^{\infty} \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{x_i q_i^{R_{l+1}}}{1 - q_i^{2R_{l+1}}} = \sum_{k=u+1}^{\infty} \prod_{l=u+1}^k \frac{x_i q_i^{R_l}}{1 - q_i^{2R_l}}$$

and so

$$\eta_i = \left( \prod_{k=1}^u \frac{x_i q_i^{R_k}}{1 - q_i^{2R_k}} \right) f_i(\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \sum_{k=1}^u \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{x_i q_i^{R_l}}{1 - q_i^{2R_l}}.$$

Since  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_r$  are algebraically dependent, so are  $f_i(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ). Let

$$\Omega' = \text{diag}(\underbrace{\Omega^p, \dots, \Omega^p}_s).$$

Then each  $f_i(\mathbf{y})$  satisfies the functional equation

$$f_i(\mathbf{y}) = \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}} \right)^2} \right) f_i(\Omega' \mathbf{y})$$

$$+ \sum_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}} \right)^2},$$

where  $\Omega' \mathbf{y} = (\Omega^p \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \Omega^p \mathbf{y}_s)$ . Let  $D = |\det(\Omega - E)| = |\Phi(1)|$ , where  $E$  is the identity matrix. Then  $D$  is a positive integer, since  $\Phi(1) \neq 0$ . Let  $y'_{j\lambda} = y_{j\lambda}^{1/D}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ,  $1 \leq \lambda \leq n$ ),  $\mathbf{y}'_j = (y'_{j1}, \dots, y'_{jn})$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ), and  $\mathbf{y}' = (\mathbf{y}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}'_s)$ . Noting that  $\prod_{j=1}^s M((\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}} = \prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_{ij}} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}')$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(\mathbf{y}') &= \left( \prod_{j=1}^s M((\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}_j)^{e_{ij}} \right) f_i(\mathbf{y}) - T_i(\mathbf{y}') \\ &= \left( \prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_{ij}} \right) f_i(\mathbf{y}') - T_i(\mathbf{y}') \quad (1 \leq i \leq r), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(\mathbf{y}') &= \sum_{k=u}^{\infty} \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}} \right)^2} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}[[\mathbf{y}']], \\ T_i(\mathbf{y}') &= \left( \prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_{ij}} \right) \sum_{k=u}^{k_1} \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}} \right)^2} \\ &\in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}'), \end{aligned}$$

and  $k_1$  is such a large integer that  $g_i(\mathbf{y}') \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}[[\mathbf{y}']]$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ). Since  $M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j) \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^D = M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^{u+p} \mathbf{y}'_j)$ , each  $g_i(\mathbf{y}')$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(\mathbf{y}') &= \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}} \right)^2} \right) g_i(\Omega' \mathbf{y}') \\ &+ \left( \prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_{ij}} \right) \sum_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}} \right)^2} \\ &+ \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{D e_{ij}} \right)^2} \right) T_i(\Omega' \mathbf{y}') - T_i(\mathbf{y}'), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega' \mathbf{y}' = (\Omega^p \mathbf{y}'_1, \dots, \Omega^p \mathbf{y}'_s)$ . Since  $f_i(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) are algebraically dependent, so are  $g_i(\boldsymbol{\beta}')$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ), where

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}' = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{n-1}, \beta_1^{1/D}, \dots, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{n-1}, \beta_s^{1/D}).$$

By Lemma 1, the matrix  $\Omega'$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}'$  have the properties (I)–(IV). By Lemma 2, the functions  $g_i(\mathbf{y}')$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) are algebraically dependent over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}')$ .



In order to apply Lemma 3, we assert that

$$Q_{ii'}(\mathbf{y}') = \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \left(1 - (\zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_{i'j}})^2\right)}{x_{i'} \zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} \left(1 - (\zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_{i'j}})^2\right)}$$

$$\in H = \left\{ \frac{h(\Omega' \mathbf{y}')}{h(\mathbf{y}')} \mid h(\mathbf{y}') \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}') \setminus \{0\} \right\}$$

if and only if  $m_i = m_{i'}$ ,  $(e_{i1}, \dots, e_{is}) = (e_{i'1}, \dots, e_{i's})$ , and  $x_i^p = x_{i'}^p$ . It is clear that, if  $m_i = m_{i'}$ ,  $(e_{i1}, \dots, e_{is}) = (e_{i'1}, \dots, e_{i's})$ , and  $x_i^p = x_{i'}^p$ , then  $Q_{ii'}(\mathbf{y}') = 1 \in H$ . Conversely, suppose that  $Q_{ii'}(\mathbf{y}') \in H$ . Then there exists an  $F(\mathbf{y}') \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}') \setminus \{0\}$  satisfying

$$F(\mathbf{y}') = \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{x_{i'} \zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} \left(1 - (\zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_{i'j}})^2\right)}{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \left(1 - (\zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_{i'j}})^2\right)} \right) F(\Omega' \mathbf{y}'). \quad (9)$$

Let  $P$  be a positive integer divisible by  $D$  and let

$$\mathbf{y}'_j = (y'_{j1}, \dots, y'_{jn}) = (z_1^{Pj/D}, \dots, z_n^{Pj/D}) \quad (1 \leq j \leq s).$$

We choose a sufficiently large  $P$  such that the following two properties are both satisfied:

- (a) If  $(e_{i1}, \dots, e_{is}) \neq (e_{i'1}, \dots, e_{i's})$ , then  $\sum_{j=1}^s e_{ij} P^j \neq \sum_{j=1}^s e_{i'j} P^j$ .
- (b)  $F^*(\mathbf{z}) = F(z_1^{P/D}, \dots, z_n^{P/D}, \dots, z_1^{P^s/D}, \dots, z_n^{P^s/D}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(z_1, \dots, z_n) \setminus \{0\}$ .

Then by (9),  $F^*(\mathbf{z})$  satisfies the functional equation

$$F^*(\mathbf{z}) = \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{x_{i'} \zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} \left(1 - (\zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{\ell_i})^2\right)}{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} \left(1 - (\zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{\ell_{i'}})^2\right)} \right) F^*(\Omega^p \mathbf{z}), \quad (10)$$

where  $\ell_i = \sum_{j=1}^s e_{ij} P^j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ). Therefore by Lemma 4 we see that

$$\frac{x_{i'} \zeta^{m_{i'} R_{k+1}} (1 - \zeta^{2m_{i'} R_{k+1}} X^{2\ell_{i'}})}{x_i \zeta^{m_i R_{k+1}} (1 - \zeta^{2m_i R_{k+1}} X^{2\ell_i})} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$$

for any  $k$  ( $u \leq k \leq p+u-1$ ), where  $X$  is a variable, and  $F^*(\mathbf{z}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$ . Hence  $\ell_i = \ell_{i'}$  and  $\zeta^{2m_i R_{k+1}} = \zeta^{2m_{i'} R_{k+1}}$  ( $u \leq k \leq p+u-1$ ). Thus  $(e_{i1}, \dots, e_{is}) = (e_{i'1}, \dots, e_{i's})$  by the property (a), and  $\zeta^{2m_i} = \zeta^{2m_{i'}}$  since  $\text{g.c.d.}(R_k, R_{k+1}, \dots, R_{k+n-1}) = 1$  for any  $k \geq 1$ . Hence  $q_i^2 = q_{i'}^2$  by (8) and so  $q_i = q_{i'}$  since  $0 \leq \text{Arg } q_i < \pi$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ). Then  $m_i = m_{i'}$ , and the functional equation (10) becomes  $x_i^p F^*(\mathbf{z}) = x_{i'}^p F^*(\Omega^p \mathbf{z})$ . Since  $F^*(\mathbf{z}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$ , we have  $x_i^p = x_{i'}^p$ , and the assertion is proved.

Now let  $S$  be a maximal subset of  $\{1, \dots, r\}$  such that  $(x_i^p, q_i) = (x_{i'}^p, q_{i'})$  for any  $i, i' \in S$ , which is equivalent to  $x_i^p = x_{i'}^p$ ,  $m_i = m_{i'}$ , and  $(e_{i1}, \dots, e_{is}) = (e_{i'1}, \dots, e_{i's})$ . Fix a  $\lambda \in S$  and let  $\xi = x_\lambda^p$ ,  $m = m_\lambda$ , and  $e_j = e_{\lambda j}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ). Then  $x_i^p = \xi$ ,  $m_i = m$ , and  $(e_{i1}, \dots, e_{is}) = (e_1, \dots, e_s)$  for any  $i \in S$  and by Lemma 3 there exists a  $G(\mathbf{y}') \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}')$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}
G(\mathbf{y}') &= \xi \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{\zeta^{mR_{k+1}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{mR_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j} \right)^2} \right) G(\Omega' \mathbf{y}') \\
&\quad + \left( \prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_j} \right) \\
&\quad \times \sum_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \left( \sum_{i \in S} c_i x_i^{k-u+1} \right) \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{\zeta^{mR_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{mR_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j} \right)^2} \\
&\quad + \xi \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{\zeta^{mR_{k+1}}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{mR_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j} \right)^2} \right) \sum_{i \in S} c_i T_i(\Omega' \mathbf{y}') - \sum_{i \in S} c_i T_i(\mathbf{y}'),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i \in S$ ) are algebraic numbers not all zero. Then

$$G^*(\mathbf{y}') = \left( \prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_j} \right)^{-2} \left( G(\mathbf{y}') + \sum_{i \in S} c_i T_i(\mathbf{y}') \right) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{y}')$$

satisfies the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned}
G^*(\mathbf{y}') &= \xi \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{\zeta^{mR_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{2De_j}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{mR_{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^k \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j} \right)^2} \right) G^*(\Omega' \mathbf{y}') \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^s M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{y}'_j)^{e_j}} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \left( \sum_{i \in S} c_i x_i^{k-u+1} \right) \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{\zeta^{mR_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j}}{1 - \left( \zeta^{mR_{l+1}} \prod_{j=1}^s M(\Omega^l \mathbf{y}'_j)^{De_j} \right)^2}. \quad (11)
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $P$  be a positive integer and let  $\mathbf{y}'_j = (y'_{j1}, \dots, y'_{jn}) = (z_1^{Pj}, \dots, z_n^{Pj})$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ). We choose a sufficiently large  $P$  such that

$$H(\mathbf{z}) = G^*(z_1^P, \dots, z_n^P, \dots, z_1^{Ps}, \dots, z_n^{Ps}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(z_1, \dots, z_n).$$

Then by (11),  $H(\mathbf{z})$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\mathbf{z}) &= \xi \left( \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \frac{\zeta^{mR_{k+1}} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{2D\ell}}{1 - (\zeta^{mR_{k+1}} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{D\ell})^2} \right) H(\Omega^p \mathbf{z}) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{z})^\ell} \sum_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \left( \sum_{i \in S} c_i x_i^{k-u+1} \right) \prod_{l=u}^k \frac{\zeta^{mR_{l+1}} M(\Omega^l \mathbf{z})^{D\ell}}{1 - (\zeta^{mR_{l+1}} M(\Omega^l \mathbf{z})^{D\ell})^2},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\ell = \sum_{j=1}^s e_j P^j$ . Letting  $H(\mathbf{z}) = A(\mathbf{z})/B(\mathbf{z})$ , where  $A(\mathbf{z})$  and  $B(\mathbf{z})$  are coprime polynomials in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}[z_1, \dots, z_n]$  with  $B \not\equiv 0$ , and letting  $M(D(\Omega - E)^{-1} \Omega^u \mathbf{z}) = M_1(\mathbf{z})/M_2(\mathbf{z})$ , where  $M_1(\mathbf{z})$  and  $M_2(\mathbf{z})$  are coprime monomials in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}[z_1, \dots, z_n]$ , we have

$$A(\mathbf{z})B(\Omega^p \mathbf{z})M_1(\mathbf{z})^\ell \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \left( 1 - (\zeta^{mR_{k+1}} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{D\ell})^2 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \xi A(\Omega^p \mathbf{z}) B(\mathbf{z}) M_1(\mathbf{z})^\ell \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \zeta^{m R_{k+1}} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{2D\ell} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=u}^{p+u-1} \left( \sum_{i \in S} c_i x_i^{k-u+1} \right) B(\mathbf{z}) B(\Omega^p \mathbf{z}) M_2(\mathbf{z})^\ell \prod_{l=u}^k \zeta^{m R_{l+1}} M(\Omega^l \mathbf{z})^{D\ell} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{l'=k+1}^{p+u-1} \left( 1 - (\zeta^{m R_{l'+1}} M(\Omega^{l'} \mathbf{z})^{D\ell})^2 \right). \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

In what follows, let  $u$  be sufficiently large. By the condition  $\Phi(2) < 0$ , the root  $\rho$  of  $\Phi(X)$  such that  $R_k = b\rho^k + o(\rho^k)$  with  $b > 0$  (cf. Remark 4 in [6]) satisfies  $\rho > 2$  and hence  $R_{k+1} > 2R_k$  for all sufficiently large  $k$ . Then the componentwise inequality  $(R_n, \dots, R_1)D(\Omega - E)^{-1}\Omega^u = (R_n, \dots, R_1)\Omega^u D(\Omega - E)^{-1} = (R_{u+n}, \dots, R_{u+1})D(\Omega - E)^{-1} < D(R_{u+n}, \dots, R_{u+1})$  holds and so  $z_1 \cdots z_n M_1(\mathbf{z})^\ell$  divides  $M(\Omega^u \mathbf{z})^{D\ell} = M(D\Omega^u \mathbf{z})^\ell$ . In what follows,  $p$  is replaced with its multiple if necessary. We can put the greatest common divisor of  $A(\Omega^p \mathbf{z})$  and  $B(\Omega^p \mathbf{z})$  as  $\mathbf{z}^{I(p)}$ , where  $I(p)$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector with nonnegative integer components, by Lemma 5. Then  $B(\Omega^p \mathbf{z})$  divides  $B(\mathbf{z})M_1(\mathbf{z})^\ell \mathbf{z}^{I(p)} \prod_{k=u}^{p+u-1} M(\Omega^k \mathbf{z})^{2D\ell}$  by (12). Therefore  $B(\mathbf{z})$  is a monomial in  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  by Lemmas 1 and 6. Since  $p$  and  $u$  are independent, the right-hand side of (12) is divisible by  $z_1 \cdots z_n M_1(\mathbf{z})^\ell B(\Omega^p \mathbf{z})$  and thus  $A(\mathbf{z})$  is divisible by  $z_1 \cdots z_n$ . Since  $A(\mathbf{z})$  and  $B(\mathbf{z})$  are coprime,  $B(\mathbf{z}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$ . If  $A(\mathbf{z}) \notin \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  and if  $p$  is sufficiently large, then by Lemma 7,  $\deg_{\mathbf{z}} A(\Omega^p \mathbf{z}) > \max\{\deg_{\mathbf{z}} A(\mathbf{z}), \deg_{\mathbf{z}} M_2(\mathbf{z})^\ell\}$ , which is a contradiction by comparing the total degrees of both sides of (12). Hence  $A(\mathbf{z}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Then by (12), we see that  $\sum_{i \in S} c_i x_i^{k-u+1} = 0$  ( $u \leq k \leq p+u-1$ ) and so  $\sum_{i \in S} c_i x_i^k = 0$  ( $1 \leq k \leq p$ ). Hence  $x_i = x_{i'}$  for some distinct  $i, i' \in S$  since  $c_i$  ( $i \in S$ ) are not all zero. Then  $(x_i, q_i) = (x_{i'}, q_{i'})$ , which is a contradiction, and the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$

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