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Cross Ratio Varieties for Root Systems of Type A and the Terada Model

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Abstract. The notion of cross ratio varieties for root systems is introduced in [7]. Among others, in the case of the root system of type A_{n+2}, it was conjectured (cf. Conjecture 2.2 in [7]) that the corresponding cross ratio variety is isomorphic to the n-dimensional Terada model which is a natural compactification of the complement in $\mathbf{P}^n$ of the singular locus of the holonomic system of differential equations for the Appell-Lauricella hypergeometric function F_D. The purpose of this article is to prove this conjecture.

1. Introduction

Let Δ be an irreducible root system on an Euclidean space E over $\mathbf{R}$ and let $\mathbf{P}(E_{\mathbf{C}})$ be the complex projective space associated to E. For each subroot system of type A_3 in Δ, it is possible to define an A_3-cross ratio map of $Z(\Delta)$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$, where $Z(\Delta)$ is a Zariski open subset of $\mathbf{P}(E_{\mathbf{C}})$ and $CR(\mathbf{P}) \simeq \mathbf{P}^1$ (for the precise definition of $Z(\Delta)$ and $CR(\mathbf{P})$, see [7], §1). By taking the product of the A_3-cross ratio maps for all subroot systems of type A_3 in Δ, we obtain a map cr_{Δ,A_3} of $Z(\Delta)$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})^m$, where m is the number of subroot systems of type A_3 in Δ. We put $\mathcal{C}'(\Delta, A_3) = cr_{\Delta,A_3}(Z(\Delta))$ and denote by $\mathcal{C}(\Delta, A_3)$ its Zariski closure in $CR(\mathbf{P})^m$ following the notation in [7].

We now assume that $\Delta = \Delta(A_{n+2})$ is of type A_{n+2}. In this case, it is easy to see that $\dim \mathcal{C}(\Delta, A_3) = n$ and that $\mathcal{C}(\Delta, A_3)$ is regarded as a compactification of the complement of the hypersurface $\mathcal{S}_n$ in $\mathbf{C}^n$ defined by

$$\prod_{j=1}^{n}\{z_j(1-z_j)\}\prod_{i<j}(z_i - z_j) = 0,$$

where $z = (z_1, \cdots, z_n)$ is a standard affine coordinate system of $\mathbf{C}^n$ (cf. [7]). On the other hand, there is a natural compactification of $\mathbf{C}^n \backslash \mathcal{S}_n$ constructed

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in [9] which is called the (n-dimensional) Terada model and denotes $\mathcal{T}_n$ in this article. Moreover, both $\mathcal{C}(\Delta, A_3)$ and $\mathcal{T}_n$ admit $W(A_{n+2})$-actions. Noting these, we are led to ask a question whether $\mathcal{C}(\Delta, A_3)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{T}_n$ or not (cf. [7], Conjecture 2.2 (i)).

The purpose of this article is to give an answer affirmative to the question above, namely, to prove that $\mathcal{C}(\Delta, A_3)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{T}_n$ for each n. Conjecture 2.2 in [7] is its easy consequence. The result of this article shows that the notion of cross ratio varieties introduced in [7] is regarded as a generalization of the Terada model to the case of root systems.

We are going to explain the contents of this article briefly. In §2, we introduce a projective space with displacements which is denoted by $\mathbf{P}^n_{dsp}$ to distinguish from the usual projective space and, by using it, we define the (n-dimensional) Terada model $\mathcal{T}_n$ following [9]. In §3, we define the cross ratio variety $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ (cf. [7]) and its variations $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$, $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$. Among these three varieties, there are isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), \{A_2, A_3\}) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), A_2),$$

which will be shown in §4. The Terada model is defined as a closed subvariety of the product of a large number of projective spaces. For our purpose, it is better to define it as a closed subvariety of the product of a smaller number of projective lines, which will be done in §5. We next show that the modification of the definition of the Terada model above is same as that of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), A_2)$. This implies the our main result of this article.

Theorem.
(1) $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+1}), A_2)$ *is non-singular.*
(2) There is a $W(A_{n+2})$*-equivariant isomorphism of* $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+1}), A_2)$ *to* $\mathcal{T}_n$.

In the last section, we give a remark on the relations among the Terada model, cross ratio varieties of type A and other compactifications of the configuration space of n points of the projective line.

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2. Projective spaces with displacements and the Terada model

We begin with introducing the notion of a projective space with displacement which was constructed in [9]. The argument below is based on [4].

For each $t = (t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n$ and $a \in \mathbf{C}\backslash\{0\}$, we put $a \cdot t = (at_1, \cdots, at_n)$. Let $[t]$ for $t \in \mathbf{C}^n$ be the set $\{a \cdot t;\ a \in \mathbf{C}\backslash\{0\}\}$. Then the $(n-1)$-dimensional projective space $\mathbf{P}^{n-1}$ is the totality of $[t]$, $t \in \mathbf{C}^n\backslash\{0\}$.

We define the diagonal map ι_n of $\mathbf{C}$ to $\mathbf{C}^n$ by $\iota_n(a) = (a, \cdots, a) \in \mathbf{C}^n$ for each $a \in \mathbf{C}\backslash\{0\}$. Moreover, we put $(t_1, \cdots, t_n) + \iota_n(a) = (t_1 + a, \cdots, t_n + a)$ for $(t_1, \cdots, t_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n$ and $a \in \mathbf{C}$. We denote by $[[t]]$ the set $[t + \iota_n(a)]$, $a \in \mathbf{C}$. The totality of $[[t]]$, $t \in \mathbf{C}^n\backslash\iota_n(\mathbf{C})$, is called the $(n-2)$-dimensional *projective space with displacement* (cf. [9], [4]) which is denoted by $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$ to distinguish it from the projective space in the usual sense.

There is a natural identification between $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$ and $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}$. In fact, for each $[[t]] = [[t_1, \cdots, t_n]] \in \mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$, we put $\sigma([[t]]) = [t_1 - t_n, \cdots, t_{n-1} - t_n]$. Then it is clear that σ induces a bijection between $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$ and $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}$.

For a finite set F, we put $\mathbf{C}^F = \{(t_f)_{f\in F};\ t_f \in \mathbf{C},\ f \in F\}$ stressing the affine coordinate system $t = (t_f)_{f\in F}$ parametrized by F. Using the coordinate $(t_f)_{f\in F}$ instead of $(t_1, \cdots, t_n)$, we introduce $\mathbf{P}^F$ and $\mathbf{P}^F_{dsp}$ by an argument similar to that defining $\mathbf{P}^{n-1}$ and $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$. We now take $x \in \mathbf{P}^F_{dsp}$. Then there is $t = (t_f)_{f\in F}$ such that $x = [[t]]$. In this case, we write $x_F(f) = t_f\,(\forall f \in F)$ for simplicity. In spite that $x_F(f)\,(f \in F)$ depends on the choice of $t \in \mathbf{C}^F$, the ratio of $x_F(i) - x_F(j)$ and $x_F(i) - x_F(k)$ $(i, j, k \in F)$ does only on x if one of $x_F(i) - x_F(j)$, $x_F(i) - x_F(k)$ is not zero. In the argument below, it is sufficient to treat the ratio $(x_F(i) - x_F(j))/(x_F(i) - x_F(k))$.

We are going to introduce the Terada model. For this purpose, we define a product of projective spaces with displacements:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp} = \prod_{I\subset F, \sharp I>2} \mathbf{P}^I_{dsp}. \tag{1}$$

Let $pr_{F,I}$ be the projection of $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}$ to $\mathbf{P}^I_{dsp}$. For each $x \in \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}$, we put $x_I = pr_{F,I}(x)$. Using the notation introduced above, we write $x_I = [[x_I(i)]]_{i\in I}$.

Definition 1. (cf. [9], [4].) Let $\mathcal{T}_F$ be the subvariety of $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}$ defined as follows. A point $x \in \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}$ is contained in $\mathcal{T}_F$ if and only if

$$MD(I,J) \qquad (x_I(i)-x_I(k))(x_J(j)-x_J(k)) = (x_I(j)-x_I(k))(x_J(i)-x_J(k)) \quad \forall i,j,k \in I,$$

where (I,J) runs through all the pairs of subsets of F such that $I \subset J$, $\sharp I > 2$.

Remark 1. Since $(x_I(i)-x_I(k))/(x_I(j)-x_I(k))$ depends only on $x_I = pr_{F,I}(x)$, the condition $MD(I,J)$ is well-defined.

If F and F' are finite sets such that $\sharp F = \sharp F'$, it is clear that $\mathcal{T}_F \simeq \mathcal{T}_{F'}$. Noting this, we frequently write $\mathcal{T}_n$ instead of $\mathcal{T}_F$ in the case where $n = \sharp F - 2$. In this note, $\mathcal{T}_n$ is called the (n-dimensional) *Terada model*. The Terada model has some nice properties. For example, $\mathcal{T}_n$ is non-singular and admits a biregular $W(A_{n+2})$-action, where $W(A_{n+2})$ is the Weyl group of type A_{n+2} which is isomorphic to the symmetric group on $n+3$ letters.

3. Cross ratio varieties for root systems of type A

In this section, we review the definition of cross ratio varieties for root systems of type A introduced in [7] and its variations.

We first recall the definition of root systems of type A (cf. [1]).

Let $\varepsilon_j\,(j = 1,\cdots,n,n+1)$ be a standard basis of the $(n+1)$-dimensional Euclidean space $\tilde{E}$ over $\mathbf{R}$. We identifiy $\tilde{E}$ with $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ by the correspondence

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} t_i\varepsilon_i \longrightarrow (t_1,\cdots,t_n,t_{n+1}).$$

Let E be a linear subspace of $\tilde{E}$ defined by $t_1+\cdots+t_n+t_{n+1} = 0$. The set $\Delta(A_n)$ consisting of

$$\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k \quad (j \neq k)$$

is a root system of type A_n on E (cf. [1]).

Let $\mathbf{P}(E_{\mathbf{C}})$ be the projective space associated to $E_{\mathbf{C}} = E\otimes_{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{C}$. Then $\mathbf{P}(E_{\mathbf{C}})$ consists of $[t]$, $t \in E_{\mathbf{C}}\backslash\{0\}$, $t_1+\cdots+t_n+t_{n+1} = 0$. It is clear that $\mathbf{P}(E_{\mathbf{C}})$ is identified with $\mathbf{P}^{n-1}_{dsp}$. Let $Z(\Delta(A_n))$ be the complement in $\mathbf{P}(E_{\mathbf{C}})$ of the union of hyperplanes $t_j = t_k$ $(j \neq k)$.

Subroot systems of type A_p in $\Delta(A_n)$ are parametrized by subsets of $\mathsf{N}_n = \{1, \cdots, n, n+1\}$ of cardinality $p+1$. In fact, if $I = \{i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_{p+1}\}$ is a subset of N_n such that $\sharp I = p+1$, then

$$\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k \quad (j, k \in I,\ j \neq k)$$

form a root system of type A_p. We denote by $\Delta(I)$ the subroot system thus defined in this note.

In the cases $p = 2, 3$, we are going to define a map of $Z(\Delta(A_n))$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$ corresponding to I, where $CR(\mathbf{P})$ is a linear subspace of $\mathbf{P}^2$ with homogeneous coordinate $[\xi_1 : \xi_2 : \xi_3]$ defined by $\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3 = 0$ (cf. [7], §1).

We first treat the case $p = 3$. Corresponding to I, we define a map $cr_{A_3,I}$ of $Z(\Delta(A_n))$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$ by

$$cr_{A_3,I}(t) = [(t_{i_1} - t_{i_2})(t_{i_3} - t_{i_4}) : -(t_{i_1} - t_{i_3})(t_{i_2} - t_{i_4}) : (t_{i_1} - t_{i_4})(t_{i_2} - t_{i_3})],$$

where $I = \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\}$. The definition of $cr_{A_3,I}$ depends on the ordering of i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4. But for our purpose, this dependence is not important. Therefore we may take one of such orderings. Taking the product of all the maps of the form $cr_{A_3,I}$, we define

$$cr_{\Delta(A_n),A_3} = \prod_{I \subset \mathsf{N}_n, \sharp I = 4} cr_{A_3,I}.$$

We next treat the case $p = 2$. Then, corresponding to I, we define a map $cr_{A_2,I}$ of $Z(\Delta(A_n))$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$ by

$$cr_{A_2,I}(t) = [t_{i_1} - t_{i_2} : t_{i_2} - t_{i_3} : t_{i_3} - t_{i_1}],$$

where $I = \{i_1, i_2, i_3\}$. As in the case $p = 4$, we may take one of the orderings on i_1, i_2, i_3 for the definition of $cr_{A_2,I}$. In this case, we define

$$cr_{\Delta(A_n),A_2} = \prod_{I \subset \mathsf{N}_n, \sharp I = 3} cr_{A_2,I}.$$

Definition 2. We put

$$\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_3) = cr_{\Delta(A_n),A_3}(Z(\Delta(A_n))),$$
$$\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3) = \overline{\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_3)},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_2) = cr_{\Delta(A_n),A_2}(Z(\Delta(A_n))),\\
&\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2) = \overline{\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_2)},\\
&\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\}) = (cr_{\Delta(A_n),A_2} \times cr_{\Delta(A_n),A_3})(Z(\Delta(A_n))),\\
&\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\}) = \overline{\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})},
\end{aligned}$$

and call $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ (resp. $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$, $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$) the *cross ratio variety* for the root system $\Delta(A_n)$ of type $(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ (resp. $(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$, $(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$).

REMARK 2. (i) The relation between the map $cr_{A_3,I}$ and the cross ratio in the usual sense was explained in [7], §1.

(ii) The cross ratio variety $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ was introduced and studied in [7], §2 and $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$ was referred to in [7], §6.

The set $\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ is identified with a Zariski open subset of $\mathbf{C}^{n-2}$, which we are going to explain. Let $z = (z_1, \cdots, z_{n-2})$ be a standard affine coordinate system of $\mathbf{C}^{n-2}$. As in the introduction, let $\mathcal{S}_{n-2}$ be the hypersurface of $\mathbf{C}^{n-2}$ defined by the equation

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n-2} \{z_i(1 - z_i)\} \prod_{i<j} (z_i - z_j) = 0. \tag{2}$$

We now state a lemma which is easy to prove (cf. [7], Lemma 2.1).

LEMMA 1. *We put*

$$z_j(t) = \frac{(t_j - t_{n+1})(t_{n-1} - t_n)}{(t_j - t_n)(t_{n-1} - t_{n+1})} \quad (j = 1, 2, \cdots, n-2) \tag{3}$$

for all $t = (t_1, \cdots, t_n, t_{n+1}) \in Z(\Delta(A_n))$ *and define the map* F *of* $Z(\Delta(A_n))$ *to* $\mathbf{C}^{n-2}$ *by*

$$t \longrightarrow (z_1(t), \cdots, z_{n-2}(t)).$$

Then $F(Z(\Delta(A_n))) = \mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}$.

We now show that $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ is a compactification of $\mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}$. This is a consequence of the lemma below.

LEMMA 2. *We have an isomorphism:*

$$\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_3) \simeq \mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}. \tag{4}$$

PROOF. For $t = (t_1, \cdots, t_n, t_{n+1}) \in Z(\Delta(A_n))$, it is easy to compute the following identities (in the below, $j, k, l, m (= 1, 2, \cdots, n-2)$ are mutually different):

$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{z_k(t)}{z_j(t)} & = & \dfrac{(t_k - t_{n+1})(t_j - t_n)}{(t_k - t_n)(t_j - t_{n+1})}, \\ \dfrac{1 - z_k(t)}{1 - z_j(t)} & = & \dfrac{(t_k - t_{n-1})(t_j - t_n)}{(t_k - t_n)(t_j - t_{n-1})}, \\ \dfrac{z_j(t)(1 - z_k(t))}{z_k(t)(1 - z_j(t))} & = & \dfrac{(t_j - t_{n+1})(t_k - t_{n-1})}{(t_j - t_{n-1})(t_k - t_{n+1})}, \\ \dfrac{z_j(t) - z_k(t)}{z_j(t) - z_l(t))} & = & \dfrac{(t_j - t_k)(t_l - t_n)}{(t_j - t_l)(t_k - t_n)}, \\ \dfrac{z_l(t)(z_j(t) - z_k(t))}{z_j(t)(z_l(t) - z_k(t))} & = & \dfrac{(t_j - t_k)(t_l - t_{n+1})}{(t_j - t_l)(t_j - t_{n+1})}, \\ \dfrac{(1 - z_l(t))(z_k(t) - z_j(t))}{(1 - z_j(t))(z_k(t) - z_l(t))} & = & \dfrac{(t_k - t_j)(t_l - t_{n-1})}{(t_k - t_l)(t_j - t_{n-1})}, \\ \dfrac{(z_j(t) - z_k(t))(z_l(t) - z_m(t))}{(z_l(t) - z_k(t))(z_j(t) - z_m(t))} & = & \dfrac{(t_j - t_k)(t_l - t_m)}{(t_k - t_l)(t_j - t_m)}. \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

In virtue of (3), (5), we find that for each subset I of N_n with $\sharp I = 4$, $cr_{A_3,I}(t)$ $(t \in Z(\Delta(A_n)))$ is expressed by $z_j(t), j = 1, 2, \cdots, n-2$. Therefore, noting the definition of $\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$, we easily show the isomorphism (4). □

On the other hand, $\mathcal{T}_{n-2}$ is also regarded as a compactification of $\mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}$ as we are going to explain below briefly. By the correspondence

$$(z_1, \cdots, z_{n-2}) \longrightarrow [z_1 : \cdots : z_{n-2} : 1],$$

$\mathbf{C}^{n-2}$ is embedded in $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}$. Under the identification σ between $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp} \simeq \mathbf{P}^{n-2}$ given in §2, $\mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}$ corresponds to the Zariski open subset $(\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp})'$ of $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$ defined by

$$(\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp})' = \{[[t_1, \cdots, t_n]] \, ; \, (t_1, \cdots, t_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n, \ t_i \neq t_j (i \neq j)\}. \tag{6}$$

Moreover we put

$$\mathcal{T}'_{n-2} = \{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n-2},\ pr_{F,F}(x) \in (\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp})'\}, \tag{7}$$

where $F = \mathsf{N}_{n-1}$ and $pr_{F,F}$ is the projection of $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^{n-2}_{dsp}$ to $\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp}$ defined in §2. Then clearly

$$\mathcal{T}'_{n-2} \simeq (\mathbf{P}^{n-2}_{dsp})' \simeq \mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}$$

and therefore $\mathcal{T}_{n-2}$ is a compactification of $\mathbf{C}^{n-2} \backslash \mathcal{S}_{n-2}$.

REMARK 3. The hypersurface $\mathcal{S}_{n-2}$ in $\mathbf{C}^{n-2}$ is nothing but the singular locus of the holonomic system of differential equations for the Appell-Lauricella hypergeometric function of $n-2$ variables F_D.

4. Isomorphisms among $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$, $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), \{A_2, A_3\})$ and $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), A_2)$

The main purpose of this section is to prove isomorphisms in Theorem 1 below.

THEOREM 1. *We have the isomorphism:*

$$\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), \{A_2, A_3\}) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), A_2). \tag{8}$$

This theorem is a consequence of the following two propositions.

PROPOSITION 1. $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), \{A_2, A_3\})$.

PROPOSITION 2. $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$.

This section is devoted to prove these two propositions.

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1. For $u = (u_1, u_2, \cdots, u_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n$ such that $u_i \neq u_j$ $(i \neq j)$ and that $\sum_{j=1}^n u_j = 0$, we put

$$w_j(u) = \frac{u_{n-1} - u_n}{u_j - u_n}, \quad j = 1, 2, \cdots, n-2. \tag{9}$$

Then

$$
(10)\quad \begin{cases} \dfrac{w_k(u)}{w_j(u)} & = \dfrac{u_j - u_n}{u_k - u_n}, \\ \dfrac{w_j(u)(1-w_k(u))}{w_k(u)(1-w_j(u))} & = \dfrac{u_k - u_{n-1}}{u_j - u_{n-1}}, \\ \dfrac{w_l(u)(w_j(u)-w_k(u))}{w_j(u)(w_l(u)-w_k(u))} & = \dfrac{u_j - u_k}{u_j - u_l}, \end{cases}
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(11)\quad \begin{cases} \dfrac{1-w_k(u)}{1-w_j(u)} & = \dfrac{(u_k-u_{n-1})(u_j-u_n)}{(u_k-u_n)(u_j-u_{n-1})}, \\ \dfrac{w_j(u)-w_k(u)}{w_j(u)-w_l(u)} & = \dfrac{(u_j-u_k)(u_l-u_n)}{(u_j-u_l)(u_k-u_n)}, \\ \dfrac{(1-w_l(u))(w_k(u)-w_j(u))}{(1-w_j(u))(w_k(u)-w_l(u))} & = \dfrac{(u_k-u_j)(u_l-u_{n-1})}{(u_k-u_l)(u_j-u_{n-1})}, \\ \dfrac{(w_j(u)-w_k(u))(w_l(u)-w_m(u))}{(w_l(u)-w_k(u))(w_j(u)-w_m(u))} & = \dfrac{(u_j-u_k)(u_l-u_m)}{(u_k-u_l)(u_j-u_m)}. \end{cases}
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(In the above, $j, k, l, m (= 1, 2, \cdots, n-2)$ are mutually different.) We note that the left-hand sides of equations in (5) coincide with those in (10) and (11) by replacing $z_j(t)$ with $w_j(u)$ $(j = 1, 2, \cdots, n-2)$. In virtue of (9), (10) (resp. (11)), we find that for each subset I of N_{n-1} such that $\sharp I = 3$ (resp. $\sharp I = 4$), $cr_{A_2,I}(u)$ (resp. $cr_{A_3,I}(u)$) is expressed in terms of $w_j(u), j = 1, 2, \cdots, n-2$. Recalling the definition of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), \{A_2, A_3\})$, we conclude from the arguments above that $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n-1}), \{A_2, A_3\})$ and the proposition follows. □

We are going to prove Proposition 2. For this purpose, we prepare the following lemma.

Lemma 3. $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), \{A_2, A_3\})$.

Proof. For $t = (t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) \in Z(\Delta(A_3))$, we put

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(12)\quad \begin{aligned} (\sigma_{1,4} : \sigma_{1,2} : \sigma_{1,3}) &= (t_2 - t_3 : t_3 - t_4 : t_4 - t_2), \\ (\sigma_{2,4} : \sigma_{2,1} : \sigma_{2,3}) &= (t_1 - t_3 : t_3 - t_4 : t_4 - t_1), \\ (\sigma_{3,4} : \sigma_{3,1} : \sigma_{3,2}) &= (t_1 - t_2 : t_2 - t_4 : t_4 - t_1), \\ (\sigma_{4,3} : \sigma_{4,1} : \sigma_{4,2}) &= (t_1 - t_2 : t_2 - t_3 : t_3 - t_1), \end{aligned}
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(13)\quad \begin{aligned} (\tau_1 : \tau_2 : \tau_3) \;=\; & ((t_1 - t_2)(t_3 - t_4) : \\ & -(t_1 - t_3)(t_2 - t_4) : (t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_3)). \end{aligned}
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The right-hand sides of these equations are images of cross ratio maps. It is easy to show the identity equations among $\sigma_{i,j}$ and τ_i given below:

$$
(14)\qquad \begin{aligned}
&\sigma_{1,2}\sigma_{2,3}\sigma_{3,1}+\sigma_{1,3}\sigma_{2,1}\sigma_{3,2}=0, \quad \sigma_{1,2}\sigma_{2,4}\sigma_{4,1}+\sigma_{1,4}\sigma_{2,1}\sigma_{4,2}=0,\\
&\sigma_{1,3}\sigma_{3,4}\sigma_{4,1}+\sigma_{1,4}\sigma_{3,1}\sigma_{4,3}=0, \quad \sigma_{2,3}\sigma_{3,4}\sigma_{4,2}+\sigma_{2,4}\sigma_{3,2}\sigma_{4,3}=0,
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
(15)\qquad \begin{aligned}
&\tau_1\sigma_{2,4}\sigma_{3,1}+\tau_2\sigma_{2,1}\sigma_{3,4}=0, \quad \tau_1\sigma_{4,2}\sigma_{1,3}+\tau_2\sigma_{4,3}\sigma_{1,2}=0,\\
&\tau_2\sigma_{3,2}\sigma_{4,1}+\tau_3\sigma_{3,1}\sigma_{4,2}=0, \quad \tau_2\sigma_{2,3}\sigma_{1,4}+\tau_3\sigma_{2,4}\sigma_{1,3}=0,\\
&\tau_3\sigma_{4,3}\sigma_{2,1}+\tau_1\sigma_{4,1}\sigma_{2,3}=0, \quad \tau_3\sigma_{3,4}\sigma_{1,2}+\tau_1\sigma_{3,2}\sigma_{1,4}=0.
\end{aligned}
$$

We denote by $\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\sigma_3,\sigma_4$ the left-hand sides of equations in (12) in order and by τ the left-hand side of (13). Let X be the subvariety of $CR(\mathbf{P})^4$ with coordinate $\sigma=(\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\sigma_3,\sigma_4)$ satisfying the relation (14) and $\tilde{Y}$ be the subvariety of $CR(\mathbf{P})^5$ with coordinate $(\sigma,\tau)=(\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\sigma_3,\sigma_4,\tau)$ satisfying the relations (14), (15). Then it follows from the definition that $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),A_2)$ (resp. $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),\{A_2,A_3\})$) is a closed subvariety of X (resp. $\tilde{Y}$). In particular, $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),A_2)$ is identified with the subvariety Y of $\tilde{Y}$ defined by

$$
Y=\{(\sigma,\tau)\in CR(\mathbf{P})^5;\ \sigma\in\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),A_2),\ (\sigma,\tau)\in\tilde{Y}\}.
$$

The correspondence $(\sigma,\tau)\to\sigma$ defines a natural projection π_Y of $Y\simeq\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),\{A_2,A_3\})$ to $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),A_2)$.

We are going to prove that π_Y is an isomorphism. To prove this, it suffices to show that for any $(\sigma,\tau)\in Y$ satisfying $\sigma\in\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3),A_2)$, $\tau\in CP(\mathbf{P})$ is uniquely determined by equation (15). If $\sigma\in\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_3),A_2)$, all of $\sigma_{i,j}$ do not vanish, so the claim is clear. Therefore we assume that $\sigma\notin\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_3),A_2)$. Then, since at least one of $\sigma_{i,j}$ is zero, we may assume that $\sigma_{4,3}=0$ without loss of generality. In this case, $\sigma_{4,1}=-\sigma_{4,2}\neq0$ and it follows from (14) that

$$
(16)\qquad \begin{aligned}
&\sigma_{1,2}\sigma_{2,3}\sigma_{3,1}+\sigma_{1,3}\sigma_{2,1}\sigma_{3,2}=0, \quad \sigma_{1,2}\sigma_{2,4}-\sigma_{1,4}\sigma_{2,1}=0,\\
&\sigma_{1,3}\sigma_{3,4}=0, \quad \sigma_{2,3}\sigma_{3,4}=0.
\end{aligned}
$$

In virtue of (16), there are two possibilities:

Case (I): $\sigma_{3,4}=0$.

Case (II): $\sigma_{3,4}\neq0$ and $\sigma_{1,3}=\sigma_{2,3}=0$.

In Case (I), it is easy to show that

$$
\sigma_1=\sigma_2=0, \quad \tau=(0:1:-1).
$$

On the other hand, in Case (II), we find that $\tau = \sigma_3$.

By the argument above, we find that $(\sigma, \tau) \in Y$ depends only on $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2)$ and the lemma follows. □

REMARK 4. Under the notation in Lemma 3, X actually coincides with $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2)$. In fact, it is provable that (14) is a defining equation of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2)$.

Still we treat the cross ratio variety $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2)$ for the root system $\Delta(A_3)$. We are going to define a map ϕ of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2)$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$. For each $x \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), A_2)$, it follows from Lemma 3 that there is a unique $\tau \in CR(\mathbf{R})$ such that $(x, \tau) \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_3), \{A_2, A_3\})$. Then $\phi(x) = \tau$.

We return to the general case, that is, the case where n is arbitrary and start to prove Propisition 2.

PROOF OF PROPISITION 2. We are going to define a map of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$ to $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$. If $I = \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\}$ is a subset of N_n such that $\sharp I = 4$, we put

$$\varpi_{A_n,I} = \prod_{k=1}^{4} \pi_{(A_n,A_2),I\setminus\{i_k\}}.$$

Then

$$\varpi_{A_n,I}(\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)) = \mathcal{C}(\Delta(I), A_2).$$

Since $\Delta(I)$ is a root system of type A_3, we can define a surjective map of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(I), A_2)$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$ by an argument similar to that constructing the map ϕ. We denote this map by $\phi_{\Delta(I)}$. Then $\phi_{\Delta(I)} \circ \varpi_{A_n,I}$ is a surjective map of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$ to $CR(\mathbf{P})$. Moreover we define

$$\tilde{\phi}_{\Delta(A_n)} = \prod_{I\subset \mathsf{N}_n, \sharp I=4} \phi_{\Delta(I)} \circ \varpi_{A_n,I}.$$

For each $x \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$, we put

$$\eta_{\Delta(A_n)}(x) = (x, \tilde{\phi}_{\Delta(A_n)}(x)).$$

Then $\eta_{\Delta(A_n)}$ defines a map of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$ to $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$.

To prove Proposition 2, it suffices to show that the map $\eta_{\Delta(A_n)}$ is an isomorphism of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$ to $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$. But this is clear from the definition of $\eta_{\Delta(A_n)}$. In fact, for each $x \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$, we find that both $\pi_{A_2,A_3} \circ \eta_{\Delta(A_n)}$ and $\eta_{\Delta(A_n)} \circ \pi_{A_2,A_3}$ are the identity maps, where π_{A_2,A_3} denotes the natural projection of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), \{A_2, A_3\})$ to $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_2)$.

We have thus proved Proposition 2. □

5. A simplification of the Terada model

For our purpose, it is better to simplify the definition of $\mathcal{T}_n$. This section is devoted to this subject. We begin with introducing a product space of projective spaces with displacements modifying the definition of $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}$ (cf. (1)):

$$\left(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}\right)_{rest} = \prod_{I \subset F, \sharp I = 3} \mathbf{P}^I_{dsp}$$

and a natural projection

$$TR : \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp} \longrightarrow \left(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}\right)_{rest}$$

defined by $TR((x_I)_{I \subset F, \sharp I > 2}) = (x_I)_{I \subset F, \sharp I = 3}$. Then

$$\mathcal{T}_{F,rest} = TR(\mathcal{T}_F)$$

is a closed subvariety of $\left(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}\right)_{rest}$.

LEMMA 4. *The restriction of TR to $\mathcal{T}_F$ gives an isomorphism between $\mathcal{T}_F$ and $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$.*

PROOF. For any $x \in \mathcal{T}_F$, we write $x = (x_I)_{I \subset F, \sharp I > 2}$. We are going to prove that for each subset J of F with $\sharp I > 3$, x_J is uniquely determined by $TR(x)$. From the definition, there are $i, j \in J$ such that $x_J(i) - x_J(j) \neq 0$. For any $k \in J$ with $k \neq i, j$, we put $I = \{i, j, k\}$. Then it follows from the condition $MD(I, J)$ of Definition 1 that

$$(x_I(i) - x_I(j))(x_J(k) - x_J(i)) = (x_I(k) - x_I(i))(x_J(i) - x_J(j)). \tag{17}$$

If $x_I(i) - x_I(j) = 0$, the assumption combined with (17) implies that $x_I(k) - x_I(j) = 0$, which contradicts the definition of $\mathbf{P}^I_{dsp}$. Therefore $x_I(i) - x_I(j) \neq 0$. Then (17) turns out to be

$$x_J(k) - x_J(i) = \frac{x_I(k) - x_I(i)}{x_I(i) - x_I(j)} \cdot (x_J(i) - x_J(j)). \tag{18}$$

Since, for any $k' \in J$ with $k' \neq i, j$, an equation for $x_J(k') - x_J(i)$ similar to (18) holds, we conclude that $x_J = [[x_J(j)]]_{j \in J}$ is uniquely determined by $TR(x)$.

As a consequence, $TR|\mathcal{T}_F$ is bijective. Moreover, in virtue of the equations of the form (18) and that $\mathcal{T}_F$ is non-singular, we find that $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$ is also non-singular and

$$TR : \mathcal{T}_F \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$$

is an isomorphism between algebraic varieties. □

At the first appearance, the conditions $MD(I, J)$ of Definition 1 for all pair (I, J) induce no relation for $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$ as a subvariety of $\left(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}\right)_{rest}$. We are going to mention equations defining $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$. Let $J = \{i, j, k, l\}$ be a subset of F with $\sharp J = 4$. We put $I_m = J \backslash \{m\}$ for each $m \in J$. Then we have the following.

Lemma 5. *Let* $x = (x_I)_{I \subset F, \sharp I = 3} \in \left(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^F_{dsp}\right)_{rest}$. *If* x *is contained in* $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$, *then*

$$(19) \qquad \begin{aligned} &(x_{I_i}(k) - x_{I_i}(l))(x_{I_j}(i) - x_{I_j}(l))(x_{I_k}(j) - x_{I_k}(l)) \\ &\quad = (x_{I_i}(j) - x_{I_i}(l))(x_{I_j}(k) - x_{I_j}(l))(x_{I_k}(i) - x_{I_k}(l)). \end{aligned}$$

This lemma is proved by an easy but a little lengthy argument, using $MD(I_m, J)$ $(m \in J)$.

Remark 5. The author does not know whether the equations of the form (19) for all $i, j, k, l \in F$ actually define the variety $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$ or not.

Last in this section, we give an identification between $\mathbf{P}^I_{dsp}$ and $CR(\mathbf{P})$ for each $I \subset F$, $\sharp I = 3$. This is eatablished by the correspondence

$$x_I \longrightarrow [x_I(j) - x_I(k) : x_I(k) - x_I(i) : x_I(i) - x_I(j)]$$

in the case where $I = \{i, j, k\}$.

6. The main theorem

In this section, we consider the case $\sharp F = \mathsf{N}_{n+2}$. Therefore $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest} \simeq \mathcal{T}_F \simeq \mathcal{T}_n$. In this case, it follows from the argument at the last part of the previous section that $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$ is regarded as a closed subvariety of $CR(\mathbf{P})^m$, where $m = \sharp\{I; I \subset \mathsf{N}_{n+2}, \sharp I = 3\}$. On the other hand, $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+1}), A_2)$ is also a closed subvariety of $CR(\mathbf{P})^m$.

We are going to show that the construction of $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$ is same as that of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+1}), A_2)$. In fact, we recall the definition of $\mathcal{T}_F$. We denote by $(\mathbf{P}^F_{dsp})'$ the totality of $x_F \in \mathbf{P}^F_{dsp}$ such that $x_F(i) - x_F(j) \neq 0$ for $i \neq j$ (cf. (6)). Moreover, we put (cf. (7))

$$\mathcal{T}'_F = \{x = (x_I)_{I \subset F, \sharp I > 2} \in \mathcal{T}_F; x_F \in (\mathbf{P}^F_{dsp})'\},$$
$$\mathcal{T}'_{F,rest} = TR(\mathcal{T}'_R).$$

Cleraly, $\mathcal{T}'_{F,rest}$ is Zariski open in $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}$. Taking a subset $I = \{i, j, k\}$ of F, we write down the relation $MD(I, F)$. Then

$$(x_I(i) - x_I(k))(x_F(j) - x_F(k)) = (x_I(j) - x_I(k))(x_F(i) - x_F(k)).$$

This implies that if $x = (x_I)_{I \subset F, \sharp I = 3}$ is contained in $(\mathcal{T}_{F,rest})'$, there is $x_F \in (\mathbf{P}^F_{dsp})'$ such that $x_I = [x_F(j) - x_F(k) : x_F(k) - x_F(i) : x_F(i) - x_F(j)]$ for all subset I of F with $\sharp I = 3$. Comparing the argument above with the definition of $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+1}), A_2)$, we have proved the following.

Theorem 2. *The varieties $\mathcal{T}_{F,rest}(\simeq \mathcal{T}_F)$ and $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+1}), A_2)$ are isomorphic.*

As an easy consequence of Theorem 2, we obtain the theorem below which is nothing but Conjecture 2.2 in [7].

Theorem 3. *(i) The variety $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ is non-singular.*

(ii) The complement of $\mathcal{C}'(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ in $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_n), A_3)$ is the union of hypersurfaces $Y_{\Delta(A_n), A_3}(\Delta(I))$, where I runs through all the subsets of N_n such that $1 < \sharp I < n$.

Proof. The claim (i) is a consequence of Theorem 2 and (8).

The claim (ii) follows from Theorem 2 and the arguments in [9], [4] and [7], §2. □

REMARK 6. It is known (cf. [9]) that the Weyl group $W(A_{n+2})$ acts on $\mathcal{T}_n$ biregularly. This coincides with the $W(A_{n+2})$-action on the cross ratio variety $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+2}), A_3)(\simeq \mathcal{T}_n)$.

We are going to explain a relation between this action and the $W(A_n)$-action on a Cartan subgroup H of $SL(n+1, \mathbf{C})$. We take $\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n \in \Delta(A_n)$ as a system of simple roots with Dynkin diagram:

$$\alpha_1 \text{———} \alpha_2 \text{———} \cdots\cdots \text{———} \alpha_n$$

We regard each $\alpha \in \Delta(A_n)$ as a character on H which we denote by χ_α. Putting $\beta_j = \sum_{i=1}^{j} \alpha_i \quad (j = 1, 2, \cdots, n)$, we define a map χ of H to $\mathbf{P}^n \simeq \mathbf{P}^n_{dsp}$ by $\chi(g) = [\chi_{\beta_1}(g) : \cdots : \chi_{\beta_n}(g) : 1]$ for each $g \in H$. If $H' = \{g \in H;\ \chi_\alpha(g) \neq 1\ (\forall \alpha \in \Delta(A_n))\}$, then H' coincides with $\mathbf{C}^n \backslash \mathcal{S}_n$ under the identification of $\mathbf{C}^n$ with a subset of $\mathbf{P}^n$ explained in §3. Therefore $\mathcal{T}_n \simeq \mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+2}), A_3)$ is regarded as a compactification of H'. The $W(A_n)$-action on H' induces the biregular $W(A_n)$-action on $\mathbf{P}^n$ which is identified with the group of permutations among homogeneous coordinates. This action on $\mathbf{P}^n$ is extended to a birational $W(A_{n+2})$-action which coincides with that induced from the $W(A_{n+2})$-action on $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+2}), A_3)$.

A Cartan subalgebra of the Lie algebra $\mathbf{sl}(n+3, \mathbf{R})$ is regarded as a standard representation space of $W(A_{n+2})$. Then, roughly speaking, there is a $W(A_{n+2})$-equivariant map of a Cartan subalgebra of $\mathbf{sl}(n+3, \mathbf{C})$ with a natural linear $W(A_{n+2})$-action to a Cartan subgroup of $SL(n+1, \mathbf{C})$ with the birational $W(A_{n+2})$-action explained before.

A similar situation occurs when we consider the $W(D_4)$-action on a Cartan subgroup H of the simple group $SO(8, \mathbf{C})/\{\pm 1\}$. In this case, the $W(D_4)$-action on H is biregular and is extended to a birational $W(E_6)$-action (cf. [3], [6]).

7. Concluding remarks

After the work was done, the author was informed by N. Takayama (Kobe Univ.) of the work of M. M. Kapranov(cf. [12]). It is stated in [11], [12] that there are several works on compactifications of the configuration space of n-points of the projective line and the subject goes back to A. Grothendieck (cf. [10]). We here list up such compactifications.

(C1) The Grothendieck-Knudsen moduli space $\overline{\mathcal{M}_{0,n}}$ (cf. [10], 1972, [13], 1983).

(C2) The n-dimensional Terada model $\mathcal{T}_n$ (cf. [9], 1983).

(C3) The Gerritzen-Herrlich-van der Put compactification of stable n-pointed trees of projective lines (cf. [2], 1988).

(C4) Kapranov's Chow quotient $G(2,n)//H$ (cf. [12]).

(C5) The cross ratio variety $\mathcal{C}(\Delta(A_{n+2}), A_3)$.

It seems to be true the equivalence of (C1) and (C3), because the definitions of them are quite similar. T. Oda ([4]) proved the isomorphism between $\mathcal{T}_n$ and the compactification (C3). On the other hand, M. M. Kapranov ([12] proved the isomorphism $\overline{\mathcal{M}_{0,n}} \simeq G(2,n)//H$. For these reasons, it is plausible that the compactifications (C1)-(C5) are mutually isomorphic.

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