

# Controlled Loewner–Kufarev Equation Embedded into the Universal Grassmannian

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**Abstract.** We introduce the class of controlled Loewner–Kufarev equations and consider aspects of their algebraic nature. We lift the solution of such a controlled equation to the (Sato)–Segal–Wilson Grassmannian, and discuss its relation with the tau-function. We briefly highlight relations of the Grunsky matrix with integrable systems and conformal field theory. Our main result is the explicit formula which expresses the solution of the controlled equation in terms of the signature of the driving function through the action of words in generators of the Witt algebra.

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## 1 Introduction

C. Loewner [21] and P.P. Kufarev [20] initiated a theory which was then further extended by C. Pommerenke [29], and which shows that given any continuously increasing family of simply connected domains containing the origin in the complex plane, the inverses of the Riemann mappings associated to the domains are described by a partial differential equation, the so-called *Loewner–(Kufarev) equation*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t(z) = z f'_t(z) p(t, z),$$

where the  $f_t$  are the inverses of the Riemann map and  $p(z, t)$  is a function with positive real part (see Section 2.2 for details). More recently, I. Markina and A. Vasil'ev [25, 27] considered the so-called *alternate Loewner–Kufarev equation*, which describes not necessarily increasing chains of domains.

We introduce a further generalisation, namely, the class of *controlled Loewner–Kufarev equations*

$$df_t(z) = z f'_t(z) \{dx_0(t) + d\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t\}, \quad f_0(z) \equiv z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where  $\mathbb{D}$  is the unit disc in the complex plane centred at zero,  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  are given functions which will be called the *driving functions*,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and  $\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t) z^n$ . The controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation can be transformed, after a calculation, into

$$df_t(z) = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (L_n f)(z) dx_n,$$

where the  $L_n := -z^{n+1}\partial/(\partial z)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , are the generators of the Witt algebra, i.e., the central charge zero Virasoro algebra, satisfying the commutation relations

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n}. \quad (1.1)$$

Therefore, we are going to consider an extension of [10], where the second author established and studied the role of Lie vector fields, boundary variations and the Witt algebra in connection with the Loewner–Kufarev equation.

Let us recall first some of the classical work of A.A. Kirillov and D.V. Yuriev [15] / G.B. Segal and G. Wilson [32] / N. Kawamoto, Y. Namikawa, A. Tsuchiya and Y. Yamada [14] which will be also fundamental in the present context, in particular in understanding the appearance of the Virasoro algebra with nontrivial central charge.

A.A. Kirillov and D.V. Yuriev [15], constructed a highest weight representation of the Virasoro algebra, where the representation space is given by the space of all holomorphic sections of an analytic line bundle over the orientation-preserving diffeomorphism group  $\text{Diff}_+S^1$  of the unit circle  $S^1$  (modulo rotations). They also gave an embedding of  $(\text{Diff}_+S^1)/S^1$  into the infinite dimensional Grassmannian. In fact, this embedding is an example of a construction of solutions to the KdV hierarchy found by I. Krichever [19], which we address in Section 3.2. If we embed a univalent function on the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$  into the infinite dimensional Grassmannian, by the methods of Kirillov–Yuriev [15], Krichever [19], or Segal–Wilson [32], then one needs to track the Faber polynomials and Grunsky coefficients associated to the univalent function. In general, it is not easy to calculate them from the definition. One of our main results is, however, the following.

**Theorem 1.1** (see Propositions 2.12 and 2.14). *The Faber polynomials and Grunsky coefficients associated to solutions of the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation satisfy linear differential equations, and the Grunsky coefficients can be explicitly calculated.*

In [10], the second author proposed to lift the embedded Loewner–Kufarev equation to the determinant line bundle over the Sato–Segal–Wilson Grassmannian  $\text{Gr}(H)$ , as a natural extension of the “Virasoro uniformisation” approach by M. Kontsevich [16] / R. Friedrich and J. Kalkkinen [11] to construct generalised stochastic / Schramm–Loewner evolutions [31] on arbitrary Riemann surfaces, which would also yield a connection with conformal field theory in the spirit of [14, 32]. Let us also mention the work of B. Doyon [6], who uses conformal loop ensembles (CLE), and which is related to the content of the present article.

In [27], I. Markina and A. Vasil’ev established basic parts of this program, by considering embedded solutions to the Loewner–Kufarev equation into the Segal–Wilson Grassmannian and related the dynamics therein with the representation of the Virasoro algebra, as discussed by Kirillov–Yuriev [15]. Further, they considered the tau-function associated to the embedded solution as a lift to the determinant line bundle. As observed and briefly discussed in [11, 16], the generator of the stochastic Loewner equation is *hypo-elliptic*.

I. Markina, I. Prokhorov and A. Vasil’ev [24] observed and discussed the sub-Riemannian nature of the coefficients of univalent functions. As the second author pointed out [10], this connects with the general theory of hypo-elliptic flows, as explained in the book by F. Baudoin [4], and led him to propose a connection of the (stochastic) Loewner–Kufarev equation with rough paths. Now, in the theory of rough paths (see, e.g., the introduction in [22]), one of the central objects of consideration is the following controlled differential equation:

$$dY_t = \varphi(Y_t)dX_t, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $X_t$  is a continuous path in a normed space  $V$ , called the *input* of (1.2). On the other hand, the path  $Y_t$  is called the *output* of (1.2). When we deal with this equation, an important

object is the *signature* of the input  $X_t$ , with values in the (extended) tensor algebra associated with  $V$  and which is written in the following form:

$$S(X)_{s,t} := (1, X_{s,t}^1, X_{s,t}^2, \dots, X_{s,t}^n, \dots), \quad s \leq t.$$

If  $X_t$  has finite variation with respect to  $t$ , then each  $X_{s,t}^n$  is the  $n$ th iterated integral of  $X_t$  over the interval  $[s, t]$ . With this object, a combination of the *Magnus expansion* and the *Chen–Strichartz expansion theorem* (see, e.g., [4, Section 1.3]) tells us that the output  $Y_t$  is given as the result of the action of  $S(X)_{0,t}$  applied to  $Y_0$ . Heuristically, we may say that a ‘group element’  $S(X)$  in some big ‘group’ acts on some element in the (extended) tensor algebra  $T((V))$  which gives the output  $Y_t$ , or it might be better to say that the vector field  $\varphi$  defines how the ‘group element’ acts on the algebra. In this spirit, we would like to describe such a picture in the context of controlled Loewner–Kufarev equations.

For this, we extract the algebraic structure of the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation. If we regard the driving functions  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  just as letters in an alphabet then it turns out that explicit expressions for the associated Grunsky coefficients are given by the algebra of formal power series, where the space of coefficients is given by words over this alphabet. It is worth mentioning that the action of the words over this alphabet will be actually given by the *negative* part of the Witt generators. Thus the action of the signature encodes many actions of such negative generators. This can be used to derive a formula for  $f_t(z)$  as the signature ‘applied’ to the initial data  $f_0(z) \equiv z$  (see Theorem 3.8).

Now, given a diffeomorphism of the unit circle  $S^1$ , the solution to the associated conformal welding problem is a solution to the dispersionless Toda lattice hierarchy [34, 36]. Also in this case, the corresponding tau-function is described by the (full) Grunsky coefficients and this generates the solution via an explicit formula. This gives us the possibility to explicitly describe the solution to the conformal welding problem associated to Malliavin’s canonic diffusion [23] by means of a controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation; a topic to which we intend to return elsewhere. Since the canonic diffusion is a natural object ‘on’ the diffeomorphism group of  $S^1$ , as well as the Brownian motion on a Euclidean space, it would describe a natural universal class in the infinite-dimensional situation.

However, the story so far lets us ask how the signature associated with the driving functions describes the corresponding tau-function rather than  $f_t$  itself.

**Theorem 1.2** (see Theorem 3.9). *Along the solution of the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation, the associated tau-function can be written as the determinant of a quadratic form of the signature.*

Let us now summarise the structure of the paper. In Section 2, we formulate solutions  $f_t(z)$  to controlled Loewner–Kufarev equations. We add also a brief review of the classical Loewner–Kufarev equation, and then explain how the classical one is recovered from the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation. We track the variation of the Taylor-coefficients of  $f_t$  and also the Faber polynomials and Grunsky coefficients. In Section 3, we first recall briefly basics of the Segal–Wilson Grassmannian and Krichever’s construction. After that, we describe how a univalent function on  $\mathbb{D}$  is embedded into the Grassmannian. We extract the algebraic structure of the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation in order to obtain Theorem 3.9. In Appendix A, we give the proofs of Theorems 2.10 and 3.9, respectively, and of Proposition 2.14.

## 2 The controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation

General assumption:  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all positive integers, i.e.,  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , (without zero).

## 2.1 Definition of solutions to controlled Loewner–Kufarev equations

Given functions  $x_1, x_2, \dots : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , we will write  $\mathbf{x} := (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and

$$\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t) z^n, \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C},$$

if it converges. If  $A : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is of bounded variation, we write  $dA$  or  $A(dt)$  (when emphasising the coordinate  $t$  on  $[0, T]$ ) for the associated complex-valued Lebesgue–Stieltjes measure on  $[0, T]$ , and the total variation measure will be denoted by  $|dA|$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T > 0$ . Suppose that  $x_0 : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , as well as  $x_1, x_2, \dots : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , are continuous and of bounded variation, and  $x_0(0) = 0$ . Let  $f_t : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be conformal mappings for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . We say  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a *solution* to

$$df_t(z) = z f'_t(z) \{dx_0(t) + d\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t\}, \quad f_0(z) \equiv z \in \mathbb{D} \quad (2.1)$$

if

- (1)  $f_0(z) \equiv z$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,
- (2)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \int_{[0, T]} |dx_n|(t) r^n$  converges for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,
- (3) for each compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{D}$ , the mapping  $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto f'_t|_K \in C(K)$  is continuous with respect to the uniform norm on  $K$ ,
- (4) it holds that

$$f_t(z) - z = \int_0^t z f'_s(z) \{dx_0(s) + d\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_s\}, \quad (t, z) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{D}.$$

In the sequel, we refer to equation (2.1) as a *controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation* (with driving paths  $x_0$  and  $\mathbf{x} := (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ).

In joint work with T. Murayama [3], we proved that a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation is unique if it exists [3, Theorem 3.1]. In the  $\omega$ -controlled case, for  $\omega(0, T) < 1/2$ , a solution exists (and hence uniquely exists), cf. [3, Theorem 3.2]. More specifically, we have

**Proposition 2.2** ([3, Lemma 2.1]). *Under the assumptions (1)–(3) above,*

- (i) *the series  $\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t$  in  $z$  has convergence radius one for each  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*
- (ii) *the family  $\{\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  is continuous in the topology of locally uniform convergence,*
- (iii) *the function  $t \mapsto \xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t$  is of bounded variation and satisfies*

$$d\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^k dx_k(t),$$

for each  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

Furthermore, in [3, equations (3.1) and (3.2)] we proved that  $f'_t(0) = e^{x_0(t)} > 0$ .

**Definition 2.3.** We say  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a *univalent solution* to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation if it is a solution to (2.1) and  $f_t$  is a univalent function on  $\mathbb{D}$  for each  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .

## 2.2 Loewner–Kufarev equation as a controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation

**Definition 2.4.** Suppose that  $\Omega(t) \subset \mathbb{C}$  is given for each  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .  $\{\Omega(t)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is called a *Loewner subordination chain* if

- (1)  $0 \in \Omega(s) \subsetneq \Omega(t)$  for each  $0 \leq s < t \leq T$ ,
- (2)  $\Omega(t)$  is a simply connected domain (i.e., open, connected and simply connected) for each  $t \in [0, T]$ ,
- (3) (Continuity in the sense of Carathéodory, under the conditions (1) and (2)): For each  $t \in [0, T]$  and any sequence  $0 \leq t_n \uparrow t$ ,  $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega(t_n) = \Omega(t)$ .

For the following Definition 2.5, cf. specifically [29, Chapter 6, Section 6.1, pp. 156–157; Chapter 2, Section 2.1, p. 35 and Lemma 2.1].

**Definition 2.5** ([29]). Let  $f_t: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Then  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is called a *Loewner chain* if

- (1)  $f_t$  is analytic and univalent on  $\mathbb{D}$ , for each  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,
- (2)  $f_t(z) = e^t z + a_2(t)z^2 + \dots$ , for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,
- (3)  $f_s(\mathbb{D}) \subset f_t(\mathbb{D})$ , for each  $0 \leq s < t \leq T$ .

The above chains  $\{\Omega(t)\}$  and  $\{f_t\}$  are known to be in one-to-one correspondence via the relation  $\Omega(\tau) = f_t(\mathbb{D})$ , where  $t = \log f'_\tau(0)$  is a time-reparametrisation to satisfy Definition 2.5(2) (see [29, Chapter 6, Section 6.1]).

**Theorem 2.6** ([29, Theorem 6.2]). *Let  $f_t: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Then  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a Loewner chain if and only if there exist constants  $r_0, K_0 > 0$ , and a function  $p(t, z)$ , analytic in  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , and measurable in  $t \in [0, T]$  such that*

- (i) *for each  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , the function  $f_t(z) = e^t z + \dots$  is analytic in  $|z| < r_0$ , the mapping  $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto f_t(z)$  is absolutely continuous for each  $|z| < r_0$ , and*

$$|f_t(z)| \leq K_0 e^t, \quad \text{for all } |z| < r_0 \text{ and } t \in [0, T].$$

- (ii)  *$\operatorname{Re}\{p(t, z)\} > 0$ , for all  $(t, z) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{D}$ , and*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t(z) = z f'_t(z) p(t, z), \tag{2.2}$$

*for all  $|z| < r_0$  and for almost all  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

According to the terminology in [5] we call the equation (2.2) the *Loewner–Kufarev equation* (if we regard  $p(t, z)$  as given and  $f_t(z)$  as unknown).

Because of equation (2.2), it holds that  $p(t, 0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t(z)) / (z f'_t(z)) = 1$ , and hence the ‘Herglotz representation theorem’ applies, which permits us to conclude that, for every  $t \in [0, T]$ , there exists a probability measure  $\nu_t$  on  $S^1 = \partial\mathbb{D}$  (which is naturally identified with  $[0, 2\pi]$  as measurable spaces, and then the induced probability measure is still denoted by  $\nu_t$ ) such that

$$p(t, z) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \nu_t(d\theta) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Substituting this into (2.2), the Loewner–Kufarev equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t}(z) = z f'_t(z) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \nu_t(d\theta). \tag{2.3}$$

Assuming that  $\nu_t(d\theta) =: \nu_t(\theta)d\theta$ , we write the Fourier series of  $\nu_t(\theta)$  as

$$\nu_t(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ a_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k(t) \cos(k\theta) + b_k(t) \sin(k\theta)) \right\}.$$

We temporarily introduce the notation  $x_0(t) := \int_0^t a_0(s)ds$  and

$$u_k(t) := \int_0^t a_k(s)ds, \quad v_k(t) := - \int_0^t b_k(s)ds,$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Because of the relations

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \cos(k\theta)d\theta = z^k, \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \sin(k\theta)d\theta = -iz^k,$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $|z| < 1$ , equation (2.3) assumes the following form:

$$\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t}(z) = z f_t'(z) \left\{ \dot{x}_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\dot{u}_k(t) + i\dot{v}_k(t)) z^k \right\}.$$

This can be rewritten as the following controlled differential equation

$$df_t(z) = z f_t'(z) \{ dx_0(t) + d\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t \},$$

where  $x_k(t) = u_k(t) + iv_k(t)$  for  $k \geq 1$ , and  $\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k(t) z^k$ .

If we omit the condition  $\operatorname{Re}\{p(t, z)\} > 0$ , that is, we allow the real part of  $p(t, z)$  to have an arbitrary sign, then equation (2.2) is called the *alternate Loewner–Kufarev equation*, as considered by I. Markina and A. Vasil'ev [25]. Intuitively, this describes evolutions of conformal mappings whose images of  $\mathbb{D}$  are not necessary increasing, i.e., not strict subordinations. It appears that the general theory with respect to the existence and uniqueness of solutions is not yet fully developed. However, our controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1) deals with this alternate case because we have not assumed that  $p(t, z) := \frac{d}{dt}(x_0(t) + \xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t)$  has a positive real part.

**Remark 2.7.** Readers focusing on radial Loewner equations might feel puzzled by the heuristic assumption that the Radon–Nikodym density  $\frac{\nu_t(d\theta)}{d\theta} = \nu_t(\theta)$  exists, because the radial Loewner equation describes the case  $\nu_t(d\theta) = \delta_{e^{iw(t)}}(d\theta)$  where  $w(t)$  is a continuous path in  $\mathbb{R}$ , so that there does not exist a Radon–Nikodym density. However, several explicit examples of Loewner–Kufarev equations within this setting, are presented with simulations in Sola [33].

### 2.3 Taylor coefficients along the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation

Suppose that  $x_0: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_1, x_2, \dots: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are continuous and of bounded variation. Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1). We parametrise  $f_t$  as

$$f_t(z) = C(t)(z + c_1(t)z^2 + c_2(t)z^3 + c_3(t)z^4 + \dots), \quad (2.4)$$

with the additional convention that  $c_0(t) \equiv 1$ .

The dynamics of the coefficients  $(c_1, c_2, \dots)$  has been previously studied by Vasil'ev and his co-authors [12, 24, 25, 26]. The (stochastic/Schramm)-Loewner (equation/evolution) (SLE) case is discussed by Friedrich [10]. A complementary, conformal field theoretic perspective of the Bieberbach–de Branges theorem is given by Duplantier et al. [7]. Within our framework, we get the following similarly:

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1) with the parametrisation (2.4). Then we have*

$$dC(t) = C(t)dx_0(t),$$

and

$$\begin{cases} dc_1(t) = dx_1(t) + c_1(t)dx_0(t), \\ dc_2(t) = dx_2(t) + 2c_1(t)dx_1(t) + 2c_2(t)dx_0(t), \\ \vdots \\ dc_n(t) = dx_n(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+1)c_k(t)dx_{n-k}(t) + nc_n(t)dx_0(t), \quad \text{for } n \geq 2, \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

with the initial conditions  $C(0) = 1$  and  $c_1(0) = c_2(0) = \dots = 0$ . In particular,  $C = \{C(t)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  takes its values in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

As  $f'_t(0) = C(t) = e^{x_0(t) - x_0(0)} \neq 0$ , we get

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1). Then  $f_t$  is univalent in a neighbourhood of 0, for each  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .*

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1). Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the coefficient  $c_n$  in (2.4) is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} c_n(t) &= \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = n}} \tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} e^{nx_0(t)} \\ &\quad \times \int_{0 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_p \leq t} e^{-i_1 x_0(s_1)} dx_{i_1}(s_1) e^{-i_2 x_0(s_2)} dx_{i_2}(s_2) \dots e^{-i_p x_0(s_p)} dx_{i_p}(s_p), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} := \{(n - i_1) + 1\} \{(n - (i_1 + i_2)) + 1\} \dots \{(n - (i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_{p-1})) + 1\},$$

and  $n = i_1 + \dots + i_p$ .

The proof can be found in Appendix A.1.

## 2.4 Variation of Grunsky coefficients induced by a Loewner–Kufarev equation

There are several different ways to introduce the *Faber polynomials*. Here we give a derivation by utilising Teo [35], and, an alternative one, in Section 3.3, which serves our purpose better. For a (formal) power series  $f(z) = a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots$ ,  $a_1 \neq 0$ , the (generalised) *Faber polynomials*  $Q_n(w)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , associated to  $f$ , are defined as

$$\log \frac{w - f(z)}{w} = \log \frac{f(z)}{a_1 z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{Q_n(w)}{n} z^n. \quad (2.6)$$

By differentiating equation (2.6), and reordering it, we obtain, via the Residue theorem, the Faber polynomials (cf. also expression (3.1)), as

$$Q_n(w) = \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} \left[ \frac{wz^{-n}}{w - f(z)} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right] dz \quad = \quad \operatorname{Res}_{\zeta=f(z)} \left[ \frac{(f^{-1}(\zeta))^{-n}}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \frac{1}{\zeta} \right] d\zeta.$$

The coefficients  $(b_{-m,-n})_{m,n=1}^{\infty}$  in the series expansion

$$\log \frac{f(z) - f(\zeta)}{z - \zeta} = - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{-m,-n} z^m \zeta^n, \quad (2.7)$$

at  $(z, \zeta) = (0, 0)$ , are called the (generalised) *Grunsky coefficients* of  $f$ . Equivalently, these are defined via the Laurent series at  $z = 0$ ,

$$Q_n(f(z)) = z^{-n} + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-n,-m} z^m.$$

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1). Then there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of the origin, such that*

- (i)  $\bar{U} \subset \mathbb{D}$ ,
- (ii)  $f_t|_U$  is univalent for each  $t \in [0, T]$ ,
- (iii)  $V := \bigcap_{0 \leq t \leq T} f_t(U)$  is an open neighbourhood of the origin,
- (iv) for each  $\zeta \in V$ ,  $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto f_t^{-1}(\zeta)$  is continuous and of bounded variation,
- (v) for each  $\zeta \in V$ , with  $f^{-1}(t, \zeta) := f_t^{-1}(\zeta)$  and  $df_t^{-1}(\zeta) := f^{-1}(dt, \zeta)$ , we have

$$df_t^{-1}(\zeta) = -f_t^{-1}(\zeta) \left\{ dx_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_t^{-1}(\zeta))^k dx_k(t) \right\},$$

as Lebesgue–Stieltjes measures on  $[0, T]$ .

Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a solution to the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1). Because of Corollary 2.9, associated to each  $f_t(z)$  are the corresponding Faber polynomials and Grunsky coefficients, which will be denoted by  $Q_n(t, w)$ , and  $b_{-n,-m}(t)$ , respectively.

**Proposition 2.12.**

- (i) (Variation of Faber polynomials): *We have for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$dQ_n(t, w) = n dx_n(t) + n \sum_{k=1}^n Q_k(t, w) dx_{n-k}(t).$$

- (ii) (Variation of Grunsky coefficients): *For each  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} db_{-n,-m}(t) &= -dx_{n+m}(t) + \sum_{\substack{k,l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}; \\ k+l=m-1}} (k+1) b_{-n,-(k+1)}(t) dx_l(t) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{k,l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}; \\ k+l=n-1}} (k+1) b_{-m,-(k+1)} dx_l(t), \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

with the initial condition  $b_{-n,-m}(0) = 0$ , for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $U$  and  $V$  be as in Proposition 2.11. Then  $f_t^{-1}(\zeta)$ ,  $\zeta \in V$ , satisfies the equation

$$df_t^{-1}(\zeta) = -f_t^{-1}(\zeta) \left\{ dx_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_t^{-1}(\zeta))^k dx_k(t) \right\}.$$



Let  $X_0 \subset V$  be an open disc centred at 0. By using Cauchy’s integral formula, we have for  $w \in X_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dQ_n(t, w) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial X_0} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \frac{d(f_t^{-1}(\zeta))^{-n}}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial X_0} (-n) \frac{(f_t^{-1}(\zeta))^{-n-1}}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} (-f_t^{-1}(\zeta)) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (f_t^{-1}(\zeta))^k dx_k(t) \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n}{2\pi i} \left( \int_{\partial X_0} \frac{(f_t^{-1}(\zeta))^{-n+k}}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \right) dx_k(t) \\ &= \frac{ndx_n(t)}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial X_0} \frac{1}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} + n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} Q_{n-k}(t, w) dx_k(t). \end{aligned}$$

By noting that the orientation of  $\partial X_0$  is anti-clockwise, we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial X_0} \frac{1}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} = 1,$$

and hence the result.

(ii) By putting  $p(dt, z) := dx_0(t) + d\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)_t$ , and since  $f_t(z)$  satisfies the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} dQ_n(t, f_t(z)) &= Q_n(dt, f_t(z)) + Q'_n(t, f_t(z)) df_t(z) \\ &= Q_n(dt, f_t(z)) + Q'_n(t, f_t(z)) \{z f'_t(z) p(dt, z)\} \\ &= Q_n(dt, f_t(z)) + z [\partial_z Q_n(t, f_t(z))] p(dt, z), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$dQ_n(t, f_t(z)) = Q_n(dt, f_t(z)) + z [\partial_z Q_n(t, f_t(z))] p(dt, z). \quad (2.9)$$

By recalling that  $Q_n(t, f_t(z)) = z^{-n} + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-n, -m}(t) z^m$ , we have, by substitution, the following sequence of identities

$$(\text{LHS of (2.9)})_{\geq 1} = (\text{LHS of (2.9)}) = n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^m db_{-n, -m}(t). \quad (2.10)$$

Here,  $(\dots)_{\geq 1}$  is the operator which forgets those terms in  $(\dots)$ , whose degree is less than one. On the other hand, by Proposition 2.12(i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} dQ_n(t, f_t(z)) &= ndx_n(t) + n \sum_{k=1}^n Q_k(t, f_t(z)) dx_{n-k}(t) \\ &= ndx_n(t) + n \sum_{k=1}^n \left( z^{-k} + k \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-k, -m}(t) z^m \right) dx_{n-k}(t) \\ &= ndx_n(t) + n \sum_{k=1}^n z^{-k} dx_{n-k}(t) + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n k b_{-k, -m}(t) dx_{n-k}(t) \right) z^m, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$(\text{d}Q_n(t, f_t(z)))_{\geq 1} = n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n k b_{-k, -m} dx_{n-k}(t) \right) z^m. \quad (2.11)$$

We further have

$$\begin{aligned}
z[\partial_z Q_n(t, f_t(z))]p(dt, z) &= z \left( -nz^{-n-1} + n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kb_{-n,-k}z^{k-1} \right) \left( dx_0(t) + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} dx_l(t)z^l \right) \\
&= n \left( -dx_0(t)z^{-n} - \sum_{m=1-n}^{\infty} dx_{m+n}(t)z^m \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} mb_{-n,-m}(t)dx_0(t)z^m + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{k,l \geq 1; \\ k+l=m}} kb_{-n,-k}(t)dx_l(t)z^m \right),
\end{aligned}$$

from which we conclude

$$(z[\partial_z Q_n(t, f_t(z))]p(dt, z))_{\geq 1} = n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( -dx_{n+m}(t) + \sum_{\substack{k \geq 1, l \geq 0; \\ k+l=m}} kb_{-n,-k}(t)dx_l(t) \right) z^m. \quad (2.12)$$

Combining (2.11) and (2.12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{RHS of (2.9)})_{\geq 1} &= n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( -dx_{n+m}(t) + \sum_{\substack{k,l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}; \\ k+l=m-1}} (k+1)b_{-n,-(k+1)}(t)dx_l(t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{k,l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}; \\ k+l=n-1}} (k+1)b_{-m,-(k+1)}dx_l(t) \right) z^m,
\end{aligned}$$

and then by comparing with (2.10), we get the result. Furthermore, the initial condition is derived from  $f_0(z) \equiv z$ .  $\blacksquare$

In order to derive an explicit formula for the Grunsky coefficients  $b_{-n,-m}(t)$ , cf. equation (2.7), we shall introduce some notation. In [2], we study analytic aspects of these coefficients.

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (1) A bijection  $\sigma: \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$  is called a  $(p, q)$ -*shuffle* if it holds that  $\sigma(1) < \sigma(2) < \dots < \sigma(p)$  and  $\sigma(p+1) < \sigma(p+2) < \dots < \sigma(p+q)$ .
- (2) Suppose that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{p+q}: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are continuous and of bounded variation. Then for each  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned}
&((x_1 \cdots x_p) \sqcup (x_{p+1} \cdots x_{p+q}))(t) \\
&:= \int_{0 \leq s_q \leq \dots \leq s_1 \leq t_p \leq \dots \leq t_1 \leq t} (dx_1(t_1) \cdots dx_p(t_p)) \sqcup (dx_{p+1}(s_1) \cdots dx_{p+q}(s_q)) \\
&:= \sum_{\sigma^{-1}: (p,q)\text{-shuffle}} \int_0^t dx_{\sigma(1)}(t_1) \int_0^{t_1} dx_{\sigma(2)}(t_2) \cdots \int_0^{t_{p-1}} dx_{\sigma(p)}(t_p) \\
&\quad \times \int_0^{t_p} dx_{\sigma(p+1)}(s_1) \int_0^{s_1} dx_{\sigma(p+2)}(s_2) \cdots \int_0^{s_{q-1}} dx_{\sigma(p+q)}(s_q).
\end{aligned}$$

The general formula for the Grunsky-coefficients along the controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation (2.1) is stated as next, and which is crucial for the embedding into the Grassmannian, cf. Section 3. The proof is given in Appendix A.2.

**Proposition 2.14.** *For  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \geq 0$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{-m, -n}(t) &= -e^{(n+m)x_0(t)} \int_0^t e^{-(n+m)x_0(s)} dx_{m+n}(s) \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=2}^{n+m-2} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i < m; \\ 1 \leq j < n; \\ i+j=k}} \sum_{p=1}^{m-i} \sum_{q=1}^{n-j} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m-i}} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n-j}} w(i, j)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} \\
&\quad \times e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} \int_{0 \leq u_q \leq \dots \leq u_1 \leq s_q \leq \dots \leq s_1 \leq t} (e^{-i_1 x_0(s_1)} dx_{i_1}(s_1) \cdots e^{-i_p x_0(s_p)} dx_{i_p}(s_p)) \\
&\quad \sqcup (e^{-j_1 x_0(u_1)} dx_{j_1}(u_1) \cdots e^{-j_q x_0(u_q)} dx_{j_q}(u_q)) \int_0^{u_q} e^{-k x_0(s)} dx_k(s) \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=m+1}^{n+m-1} \sum_{q=1}^{n+m-k} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n+m-k}} w(k-m)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q} \\
&\quad \times e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} \int_{0 \leq s_q \leq \dots \leq s_1 \leq t} (e^{-j_1 x_0(s_1)} dx_{j_1}(s_1) \cdots e^{-j_q x_0(s_q)} dx_{j_q}(s_q)) \\
&\quad \times \int_0^{s_q} e^{-k x_0(s)} dx_k(s) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+m-1} \sum_{p=1}^{m+n-k} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m+n-k}} w(k-n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} \\
&\quad \times e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} \int_{0 \leq u_p \leq \dots \leq u_1 \leq t} (e^{-i_1 x_0(u_1)} dx_{i_1}(u_1) \cdots e^{-i_p x_0(u_p)} dx_{i_p}(u_p)) \\
&\quad \times \int_0^{u_p} e^{-k x_0(u)} dx_k(u), \tag{2.13}
\end{aligned}$$

where, for  $m = i_1 + \dots + i_p + r$ , and  $n = j_1 + \dots + j_q + s$ , we have put

$$\begin{aligned}
w(r)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} &= (m - i_1)(m - (i_1 + i_2)) \cdots (m - (i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_p)), \\
w(s)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q} &= (n - j_1)(n - (j_1 + j_2)) \cdots (n - (j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_q)),
\end{aligned}$$

and  $w(r, s)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} := w(r)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} w(s)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q}$ .

### 3 The controlled Loewner–Kufarev equation embedded into the Segal–Wilson Grassmannian

#### 3.1 Segal–Wilson Grassmannian

Let  $H := L^2(S^1, \mathbb{C})$  be the Hilbert space which consists of all square-integrable complex functions on the unit circle  $S^1$ . It decomposes orthogonally into  $H = H_+ \oplus H_-$ , where  $H_+$  and  $H_-$  are the closure of span  $\{z^k : k \geq 0\}$  and span  $\{z^k : k < 0\}$ , respectively.

**Definition 3.1** (G. Segal and G. Wilson [32, Section 2]). The *Segal–Wilson Grassmannian*  $\text{Gr} := \text{Gr}(H)$  is the set of all closed subspaces  $W$  of  $H$  satisfying the following:

- (1) The orthogonal projection  $\text{pr}_+ : W \rightarrow H_+$  is Fredholm,
- (2) The orthogonal projection  $\text{pr}_- : W \rightarrow H_-$  is compact.

The Fredholm index of the orthogonal projection  $\text{pr}_+ : W \rightarrow H_+$  is called the *virtual dimension* of  $W$ . For  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we set

$$\text{Gr}\left(\frac{\infty}{2} + d, \infty\right) := \{W \in \text{Gr} : \text{the virtual dimension of } W \text{ is } d\},$$

and  $\text{Gr}\left(\frac{\infty}{2}, \infty\right) := \text{Gr}\left(\frac{\infty}{2} + 0, \infty\right)$ .

If we take  $W = H_+$ , then the corresponding projections are given by  $\text{pr}_+ = \text{id}_{H_+}$  and  $\text{pr}_- = 0$ , which are Fredholm and compact operators, respectively. Therefore we have  $H_+ \in \text{Gr}\left(\frac{\infty}{2}, \infty\right)$ .

**Definition 3.2** ([32, Section 5]). Let  $\Gamma_+$  denote the set of all continuous functions  $g : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ , such that  $g(z) = e^{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k z^k}$ ,  $z \in S^1$  for some  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots)$ .

The set  $\Gamma_+$  acts on  $H$  by pointwise multiplication. In particular,  $\Gamma_+$  forms a group. This action induces the action of  $\Gamma_+$  on  $\text{Gr} : \Gamma_+ \times \text{Gr} \ni (g, W) \mapsto gW \in \text{Gr}$  (see [32, Lemma 2.2 and Proposition 2.3]), where  $gW = \{gf : f \in W\}$ . For any  $g = e^{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k z^k} \in \Gamma_+$ , the action of  $g$  on  $H$  is of the form

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{along } H = H_+ \oplus H_-,$$

where  $a : H_+ \rightarrow H_+$  is invertible and  $b : H_- \rightarrow H_+$  is of trace class (see [32, Proposition 2.3]). Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the set of all  $W \in \text{Gr}\left(\frac{\infty}{2}, \infty\right)$  such that the orthogonal projection  $W \rightarrow H_+$  is an isomorphism. Then, associated to each  $W \in \mathcal{U}$  is the *tau-function*  $\tau_W(\mathbf{t})$  of  $W$ , a function of infinitely many ‘‘times’’  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots)$ . It is known that the following holds:

**Proposition 3.3** ([32, Proposition 3.3]). *Let  $W \in \mathcal{U}$ . For  $g = e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n z^n} \in \Gamma_+$ , we have*

$$\tau_W(\mathbf{t}) = \det(1 + a^{-1}bA),$$

where  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots)$ ,

$$g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{along } H = H_+ \oplus H_-,$$

and  $A : H_+ \rightarrow H_-$  is the linear operator such that  $\text{graph}(A) = W$ .

### 3.2 Krichever’s construction

In connection with algebraic geometry and infinite-dimensional integrable systems, a fundamental observation / construction of Krichever [17, 18, 19] states the following. A solution of the KdV equation is associated with each non-singular algebraic curve, equipped with some additional algebro-geometric data. Segal and Wilson [32] developed and formalised, after a remark by Mumford [28], this construction further.

The specific algebro-geometric datum is given by a quintuple  $(X, \mathcal{L}, x_\infty, z, \varphi)$ , consisting of the following parts.  $X$  is a complete, irreducible and complex algebraic curve with a rank-one, torsion-free coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$ . Additionally, a non-singular point  $x_\infty \in X$ , and a closed neighbourhood  $X_\infty$ , are chosen, such that there exists a local parameter  $1/z : X_\infty \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{D}} \subset \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , with  $x_\infty \mapsto 0$ , and a trivialisation  $\varphi : \mathcal{L}|_{X_\infty} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{D}} \times \mathbb{C}$ , of  $\mathcal{L}|_{X_\infty}$ . Each section of  $\mathcal{L}|_{X_\infty}$  is identified with a complex function on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  under  $\varphi$ . For  $X_0 := X \setminus X_\infty^\circ$ , with  $X_\infty^\circ$  the interior of  $X_\infty$ , the closed sets  $X_0$  and  $X_\infty$  cover  $X$ , and  $X_0 \cap X_\infty$  is identified with  $S^1$  under  $z$ .

Given this algebro-geometric datum, one can associate a closed subspace  $W \subset H$ , consisting of all analytic functions  $S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which, under the above identification, extend to a holomorphic section of  $\mathcal{L}$  on an open neighbourhood of  $X_0$ . More explicitly, one can write

$$W = \overline{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the second component } s \text{ is a holomorphic section} \\ \text{of } \varphi \circ s \circ (1/z)^{-1}|_{S^1} \text{ on a neighbourhood of } X_0 \end{array} \right\}}^H,$$

where  $(1/z)^{-1}: \overline{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow X_\infty$  is the inverse function of  $1/z$ . It is known that  $W \in \text{Gr}$  (see [32, Proposition 6.1]), and if  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface (then  $\mathcal{L}$  is automatically a complex line bundle, hence a maximal torsion-free sheaf), this correspondence  $(X, \mathcal{L}, x_\infty, z, \varphi) \mapsto W \in \text{Gr}$  is one-to-one (see [32, Proposition 6.2]).

### 3.3 The appearance of Faber polynomials and Grunsky coefficients

Let  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a univalent function such that  $f(0) = 0$ , and  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is bounded by a Jordan curve. We set  $\beta: \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  by  $\beta(w) := 1/w$ . For a subset  $A \subset \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , we shall write  $A^{-1} := \beta(A)$ , and let  $\widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty := \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ . We obtain an algebro-geometric datum  $(X, \mathcal{L}, x_\infty, z, \varphi)$  by setting  $X = \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \times \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x_\infty := \infty$ ,  $X_\infty := f(\overline{\mathbb{D}})^{-1}$ ,  $z := \beta \circ f^{-1} \circ \beta^{-1}: X_\infty \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty$ , and  $\varphi = (1/z) \times \text{id}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Correspondingly, we have  $X_0 = \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus (f(\mathbb{D})^{-1})$ . Further, by the Caratheodory extension theorem,  $z$  extends continuously to  $X_\infty$ , and therefore we can embed  $f$ , by assigning a Hilbert space  $W = W_f$  to it, into the Grassmannian. In this case, we have  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus (f(\mathbb{D})^{-1})$ , and hence

$$W_f = \overline{\left\{ F \circ (1/z)^{-1}|_{S^1} : \begin{array}{l} F \text{ is a holomorphic function} \\ \text{on a neighbourhood of } \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus (f(\mathbb{D})^{-1}) \end{array} \right\}}^H.$$

In order to start this paper's main calculation, let us specify this more explicitly. For a closed subset  $V$  in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{O}(V)$  the space of all holomorphic functions defined on an open neighbourhood of  $V$ . For a univalent function  $g: \widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , with  $g(\infty) = \infty$ , and for each  $h \in \mathcal{O}(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ , we call

$$(\mathcal{F}[h])(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial(\mathbb{C} \setminus g(\mathbb{D}_\infty))} \frac{h(g^{-1}(\xi))}{\xi - z} d\xi, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{g(\mathbb{D}_\infty)}$$

the *Faber transform* of  $h$  (with respect to  $g$ ). If the boundary  $\partial(\mathbb{C} \setminus g(\mathbb{D}_\infty))$  is analytic, it is known that  $h \in \mathcal{O}(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$  iff  $\mathcal{F}h \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C} \setminus g(\mathbb{D}_\infty))$  (see [13, Theorem 1]) and  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{O}(\overline{\mathbb{D}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C} \setminus g(\mathbb{D}_\infty))$  is bijective. In our case, we put

$$g := (1/z)^{-1} = \beta \circ f \circ \beta^{-1}: \widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty \rightarrow f(\mathbb{D})^{-1},$$

and then we can describe  $\mathcal{O}(X_0)$  by  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty)$  through the transformation

$$\mathcal{F} \circ (\beta^{-1})^* = (\beta^{-1})^* \circ \text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(\mathcal{F}): \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X_0),$$

where  $\text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(\mathcal{F}) := \beta^* \circ \mathcal{F} \circ (\beta^{-1})^*: \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus f(\mathbb{D}))$ . A direct calculation shows that for each  $h(\eta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \eta^{-k} \in \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty)$ , we have

$$(\text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(\mathcal{F})[h])(w) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial f(\mathbb{D})} \frac{h(f^{-1}(\zeta))}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta}, \quad w \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus f(\mathbb{D}).$$

As a result,  $(\text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(\mathcal{F})[h])(w)$  is a power series in  $1/w$ . Actually, in view of the Cauchy integral formula

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{S^1} \frac{\zeta^n}{1 - \zeta \eta^{-1}} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} = \begin{cases} \eta^n & \text{if } n \leq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq 1, \end{cases} \quad \eta \in \mathbb{D}_\infty,$$

we have

$$(\text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(\mathcal{F})[h])(w) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_k}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial X_0} \frac{(f^{-1}(\zeta))^{-k}}{1 - \zeta w^{-1}} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k [(f^{-1}(w))^{-k}]_{\leq 0},$$

where  $[(f^{-1}(w))^{-k}]_{\leq 0}$  denotes the constant-part plus the principal-part of the Laurent series for  $(f^{-1}(w))^{-k} = (1/f^{-1}(w))^k$ ; hence every element in  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus f(\mathbb{D}))$  can be written as a series in  $1/w$ . The quantity

$$Q_k(w) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial X_0} \frac{(f^{-1}(\zeta))^{-k} d\zeta}{1 - \zeta w^{-1} \zeta} = [(f^{-1}(w))^{-k}]_{\leq 0}, \quad (3.1)$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is called the  $k$ -th *Faber polynomial* associated to the domain  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{f(\mathbb{D})}$  (or simply to  $f$ ), and it is a polynomial of degree  $k$  in  $1/w$ , cf. also Section 2.4.

We conclude that  $[(\beta^{-1})^* \circ \text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(h)] \circ (1/z)^{-1} = [\text{Ad}_{\beta^*}(h)] \circ f \circ \beta^{-1}$ , and hence

$$W_f = \overline{\text{span}(\{1\} \cup \{Q_n \circ f \circ (1/z)|_{S^1}\}_{n \geq 1})}^H,$$

where  $z$  is the identity map on  $\widehat{\mathbb{D}}_\infty$ ; note, if  $f(z) \equiv z$  then  $W_f = H_+$ .

**Remark 3.4.**

(a) The Faber polynomials appeared first (with a different formalism, but equivalent to our presentation) in the context of approximations of functions in one complex variable by analytic functions (see [8] and [9]). Since then, they also play an important role in the theory of univalent functions (see [30]). We introduced the Faber polynomials in a slightly non-standard way in order to have them in a form which is suitable for embedding univalent functions into the Grassmannian by using Faber polynomials.

(b) In the context of Abelian function theory, the exterior derivatives

$$\omega_\infty^{(n)} := dQ_n(f(1/z)),$$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$  are known as Abelian differentials of the second kind on the Riemann sphere. In general, Krichever's embedding of the algebro-geometric datum  $(X, \mathcal{O}, Q, z, \varphi)$ , where

$$(X, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g)$$

is a homologically marked compact Riemann surface with genus  $g$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  is the structure sheaf of  $X$ ,  $Q \in X$ ,  $z$  and  $\varphi$  are local uniformisers, and a local trivialisation of  $\mathcal{O}$ , is described by using multivalued meromorphic functions  $\varphi^{(0)}(z) \equiv 1$ ,

$$\varphi^{(n)}(z) := \int^z \omega_Q^{(n)} =: z^n - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} q_{nm} \frac{z^{-m}}{m},$$

(modulo periods) where  $\omega_Q^{(n)}$ 's are (normalised) abelian differentials of the second kind [14, Section 2.27 and p. 304]. These multivalued meromorphic functions can be regarded as a generalisation of the Faber polynomials (see [37, p. 131]).

(c) Given again a homologically marked compact Riemann surface  $(X, (\alpha_i, \beta_i)_{i=1}^g)$  with genus  $g$ , Krichever's embedding of yet another datum  $(X, \Omega^{1/2}, Q, z, \sqrt{dz})$  or

$$(X, \Omega^{1/2} \otimes \mathcal{L}_c, Q, z, \sqrt{dz} \otimes s_c)$$

is described in [14, equation (2.34)]. Here,  $\Omega^{1/2}$  is the so-called *theta characteristic* of the compact Riemann surface  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_c$  is a complex line bundle of degree 0 parametrised by  $c \in \mathbb{C}^g$  (modulo the lattice associated to  $(\alpha_i, \beta_i)_{i=1}^g$ ), and  $s_c$  is a local trivialisation of  $\mathcal{L}_c$ . In particular, the embedding of the latter and the associated Fermionic state (the image under the Plücker embedding) are described by means of the Szegő kernel of  $\Omega^{1/2} \otimes \mathcal{L}_c$  (see [1, 14], in which, the *scattering operator* in [14, Section 5.12] is a special case of a *Bogoliubov transformation* discussed in [1, equations (2.15)–(2.20)]), and then the corresponding tau-function  $\tau(\mathbf{t})$  is described as a theta function multiplied by  $\exp(\sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} q_{nm} t_n t_m)$  (see [14, Theorem 5.6]).

### 3.4 Action of words in Witt algebra generators

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  be an alphabet, consisting of a countable set of non-commuting letters. The free monoid  $X^*$  on  $X$  is the set of all words in the letters  $X$ , including the empty word  $\emptyset$ . We denote by

$$\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle := \bigoplus_{w \in X^*} \mathbb{C}w = \mathbb{C} \oplus \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle_n$$

the free associative and unital  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra on  $X$ . The unit of this algebra is the empty word which we will denote by  $1 := \emptyset$ . The set  $\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle_n$  stands for  $\bigoplus_{|w|=n} \mathbb{C}w$  where the summation is taken over all words  $w$  of length  $n$ .

**Definition 3.5.** We define

$$\xi(\mathbf{x}, z) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n z^n \in \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle[[z]],$$

and a distinguished element  $S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)) \in \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle[[z]]$  by

$$S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)) := 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = n}} x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_p}.$$

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $x_0: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous and of bounded variation. For  $0 \leq s \leq t$ , we define  $[\int 1]_{s,t} := 1$  and

$$\left[ \int (x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1}) \right]_{s,t} := \int_{s \leq u_1 < u_2 < \dots < u_p \leq t} e^{-i_1 x_0(u_1)} dx_{i_1}(u_1) e^{-i_2 x_0(u_2)} dx_{i_2}(u_2) \cdots e^{-i_p x_0(u_p)} dx_{i_p}(u_p).$$

The action of  $\int$  naturally extends to  $\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle[[z]]$ , and then we call

$$S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, z))_{s,t} := \left[ \int S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)) \right]_{s,t},$$

the *signature* of  $\xi(\mathbf{x}, z)$ .

We define a bilinear map  $T: \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((z^{-1})) \times \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((z^{-1}))$ , by extending the pairing  $T(f, 1) := f$ , and  $T(f, x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}) := (L_{-i_1} \cdots L_{-i_p} f) x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}$ , bilinearly, for  $f \in \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((z^{-1}))$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and  $i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Further,  $L_k := -z^{k+1} \partial / (\partial z)$ , for  $k \leq -1$ , forms the negative part of the Witt algebra, cf. (1.1), and  $\partial / (\partial z)$  is a formal derivation on  $\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((z^{-1}))$ .

For  $f \in \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((z^{-1}))$  and  $x \in \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle$ , in the sequel,  $T(f, x)$ , will be denoted by  $f \cdot_w x$ . The following is clear by definition:

**Proposition 3.7.**  $T$  defines an action of the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((z^{-1}))$  from the right.

The right action  $T$  can be extended to the right action

$$\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((w^{-1})) \times \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle[[z]] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((w^{-1}))[[z]], \quad (3.2)$$

under which the image of  $(f, z^n x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1})$  is mapped to  $z^n (f \cdot_w x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}) =: f \cdot_w (z^n x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1})$ . Note that now the notation  $f \cdot_w S(\mathbf{x})$  makes sense.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $\{f_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a solution to the Loewner–Kufarev equation. Then*

$$f_t(z) = \left[ \int \operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \left( \frac{e^{x_0(t)} z}{1 - zw} (w^{-1} \cdot_w S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right) \right]_{0,t}.$$

**Proof.** By setting

$$\tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} := \{(n - i_1) + 1\} \{(n - (i_1 + i_2)) + 1\} \cdots \{(n - (i_1 + i_2 + \cdots + i_{p-1})) + 1\},$$

where  $n = i_1 + \cdots + i_p$ , we have

$$w^{-1} \cdot_w 1 = w^{-1},$$

$$w^{-1} \cdot_w x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1} = \tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1} w^{-(i_1 + \cdots + i_p + 1)}.$$

Therefore  $\operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z^m w^m (w^{-1} \cdot_w 1) \right) = 1$  (i.e., the empty word  $\emptyset$ ), and

$$\operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z^m w^m (w^{-1} \cdot_w x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}) \right) = z^{(i_1 + \cdots + i_p)} \tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}.$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \left( \frac{e^{x_0(t)} z}{1 - zw} (w^{-1} \cdot_w S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right) \\ &= e^{x_0(t)} z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{(n+1)x_0(t)} z^{n+1} \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \cdots + i_p = n}} \tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, in view of Theorem 2.10, we obtain the result. ■

By tensoring the right action (3.2) this gives rise to

$$(\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((w^{-1})) \otimes \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((u^{-1}))) \times (\mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle[[z]] \otimes \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle[[z]]) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((w^{-1})) \otimes \mathbb{C}\langle X \rangle((u^{-1})),$$

under which the image of  $(f \otimes g, x \otimes y)$  will be denoted by  $(f \cdot_w x) \otimes (g \cdot_u y)$  in the sequel.

We recall (see [32, Proposition 3.3 and pp. 50–51]) that the tau-function corresponding to  $W \in \operatorname{Gr}$ , is given by

$$\tau_W(\mathbf{t}) = \det(w_+) = \det(1 + a^{-1}bA),$$

up to a multiplicative constant, where  $w_+ : e^{\xi(\mathbf{t}, z)} W \rightarrow H_+$ , is the orthogonal projection, and  $e^{\xi(\mathbf{t}, z)} : H \rightarrow H$ , is the multiplication operator by  $e^{\xi(\mathbf{t}, z)}$ , with matrix representation

$$e^{-\xi(\mathbf{t}, z)} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{along } H = H_+ \oplus H_-,$$

and  $A : H_+ \rightarrow H_-$  is such that  $\operatorname{graph}(A) = W$ . Given a bounded univalent function  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , with  $f(0) = 0$ , we denote by  $A_f : H_+ \rightarrow H_-$  the linear map such that  $\operatorname{graph}(A_f) = W_f$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $\{f_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be a univalent solution to the Loewner–Kufarev equation such that  $f_t(\mathbb{D})$  is bounded for every  $t \in [0, T]$ . Then for each  $h \in H_+$  and  $|z| > 1$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (A_{f_t} h)(z) &= \left[ \int \operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0, \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{h'(u)}{w - z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} (w^{-r} \cdot_w S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right) \right]_{0,t}. \end{aligned}$$



The proof can be found in Appendix A.3. From this, we obtain

**Corollary 3.10.** *For each  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , the coefficient  $b_{-n, -m}(t)$ , is equal to*

$$\left[ \int \operatorname{Res}_{\substack{z=0, \\ u=0}} \left\{ \operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \frac{z^{m-1} u^{n-1}}{w-z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} (w^{-r} \cdot_w S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right\} \right]_{0,t}.$$

## A Appendix

### A.1 Proof of Theorem 2.10

By applying variation of constants to (2.5), we obtain the following recurrence relation

$$c_n(t) = e^{nx_0(t)} \int_0^t e^{-nx_0(s)} dx_n(s) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+1) e^{nx_0(t)} \int_0^t e^{-nx_0(s)} c_k(s) dx_{n-k}(s),$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . Multiplying by  $e^{-nx_0(t)}$ , this transforms to

$$e^{-nx_0(t)} c_n(t) = \int_0^t e^{-nx_0(s)} dx_n(s) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+1) \int_0^t e^{-(n-k)x_0(s)} dx_{n-k}(s) (e^{-kx_0(s)} c_k(s)).$$

By assuming that  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  are *non-commutative* indeterminates, and the  $c_n$ 's are polynomials in the  $x_i$ 's, we shall consider the following equation:

$$c_n = x_n + 2x_{n-1}c_1 + 3x_{n-2}c_2 + \dots + (n-1)x_2c_{n-2} + nx_1c_{n-1}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

for  $n \geq 1$  (roughly speaking, the polynomial  $c_n$  means  $e^{-nx_0(t)} c_n(t)$  and ‘applying the indeterminate  $x_k$  from the left’ means ‘applying  $\int_0^t e^{-kx_0(s)} dx_k(s) \times$  to functions of  $s$ ’) and then we shall make some observations about the equation (A.1) and introduce some notations: If we apply (A.1) to  $c_n$ , we get

- (a) The terms  $(n-k+1)x_k c_{n-k}$  for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We shall denote these situation by

$$c_n \xrightarrow{\tilde{w}_{n,k} x_k} c_{n-k},$$

respectively (note that the multiplication by the  $x_*$ 's must sit just *left* to the next  $c_*$ 's), where  $\tilde{w}_{n,k} := ((n-k)+1)$ .

- (b) The term  $x_0$ , to which we can not apply (A.1) anymore. This means, consider the situation that we apply (A.1) iteratively to  $c_*$ 's which appeared at a previous stage. Suppose we have the term  $c_n$  at some stage. Then chasing the term multiplied by  $x_*$  which arose from the first term on the right-hand side in (A.1), lets us to get out of the loop of iterations; we shall symbolise this situation by

$$c_n \xrightarrow{x_n} \text{end}.$$

Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $1 \leq p \leq n$ . We fix  $i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that  $i_1 + \dots + i_p = n$ . This data permits one to get out of the loop of iterations of (A.1) as the following diagram shows:

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &\xrightarrow{\tilde{w}_{n,i_1} x_{i_1}} c_{n-i_1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{w}_{n-i_1,i_2} x_{i_2}} c_{n-i_1-i_2} \xrightarrow{\tilde{w}_{n-i_1-i_2,i_3} x_{i_3}} \dots \xrightarrow{\tilde{w}_{n-(i_1+\dots+i_{p-2}),i_{p-1}} x_{i_{p-1}}} c_{n-(i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{p-1})} \\ &= c_{i_p} \xrightarrow{x_{i_p}} \text{end}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have a single path from  $c_n$  to the ‘end’ in the above diagram. This path produces at the ‘end’ the term

$$\tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} x_{i_p} x_{i_{p-1}} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1},$$

where, by using the relation  $\tilde{w}_{n-k, l} = \tilde{w}_{n, k+l}$ , the coefficient  $\tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} &= \tilde{w}_{n, i_1} \tilde{w}_{n-i_1, i_2} \tilde{w}_{n-i_1-i_2, i_3} \cdots \tilde{w}_{n-(i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_{p-2}), i_{p-1}} \\ &= \tilde{w}_{n, i_1} \tilde{w}_{n, i_1+i_2} \tilde{w}_{n, i_1+i_2+i_3} \cdots \tilde{w}_{n, i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_{p-2}+i_{p-1}} \\ &= \{(n-i_1)+1\} \{(n-(i_1+i_2))+1\} \cdots \{(n-(i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_{p-1}))+1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Collecting all possibilities, we have

$$c_n = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \cdots + i_p = n}} \tilde{w}(n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} x_{i_p} x_{i_{p-1}} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1},$$

which yields the result by reinterpreting it in the language of paths  $x_k(t)$ ’s, as claimed.

## A.2 Proof of Proposition 2.14

By applying variation of constants to (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_{-m, -n}(t) &= -e^{(n+m)x_0(t)} \int_0^t e^{-(n+m)x_0(s)} dx_{n+m}(s) \\ &\quad + e^{(n+m)x_0(t)} \int_0^t \{(n-1)b_{-m, -(n-1)}(s) dx_1(s) + \cdots + b_{-m, -1}(s) dx_{n-1}(s)\} \\ &\quad + e^{(n+m)x_0(t)} \int_0^t \{(m-1)b_{-(m-1), -n}(s) dx_1(s) + \cdots + b_{-1, -n}(s) dx_{m-1}(s)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By assuming that  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  are *non-commutative* indeterminates, and the  $b_{-m, -n}$ ’s polynomials in the  $x_i$ ’s, we shall consider the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{-m, -n} &= -x_{n+m} + \{(n-1)b_{-m, -(n-1)}x_1 + \cdots + 2b_{-m, -2}x_{n-2} + b_{-m, -1}x_{n-1}\} \\ &\quad + \{(m-1)b_{-(m-1), -n}x_1 + \cdots + 2b_{-2, -n}x_{m-2} + b_{-1, -n}x_{m-1}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

(roughly speaking, the polynomial  $b_{-m, -n}$  means  $e^{-(m+n)x_0(t)} b_{-m, -n}(t)$  and ‘applying the indeterminate  $x_k$  from the right’ means ‘applying  $\int_0^t e^{-kx_0(s)} dx_k(s) \times$  to functions of  $s$ ’). If we apply (A.2) to  $b_{-m, -n}$ , we get:

- (a) The terms  $(n-k)b_{-m, -(n-k)}x_k$  and  $(m-k)b_{-(m-k), -n}x_k$  for each  $k$ . We shall denote these cases by

$$b_{-m, -n} \xrightarrow{(n-k)x_k \times} b_{-m, -(n-k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_{-m, -n} \\ (m-k)x_k \times \downarrow \\ b_{-(m-k), -n} \end{array},$$

respectively (Note that the multiplication by the  $x_*$ ’s must sit just right to the next  $b_{*,*}$ ’s).

- (b) The term  $-x_{n+m}$ , to which we can not apply (A.2) anymore. This means, consider the situation that we apply (A.2) iteratively to the  $b_{*,*}$ ’s which appeared at a previous stage. Suppose that we have the term  $b_{-m, -n}$  at some stage. Then chasing the term, multiplied

by  $-x_*$ , which arose from the first term on the right-hand side in (A.2), permits us to get out of the loop of iterations. We shall denote this situation by

$$b_{-m,-n} \xrightarrow{-x_{n+m} \times} \text{end} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_{-m,-n} \\ -x_{n+m} \times \Downarrow \\ \text{end} \end{array}.$$

Note that the multiplication by the  $x_*$ 's must be from the left. Hence in particular, to get the term of the form  $x_k(\cdots)$  in the polynomial expression of  $b_{-m,-n}$  in the  $x_i$ 's, we have to escape the loop by passing to the cases

$$b_{-i,-j} \xrightarrow{-x_k \times} \text{end} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_{-i,-j} \\ -x_k \times \Downarrow \\ \text{end} \end{array},$$

where  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $i + j = k$ .

(c) If we have  $b_{-1,-1}$ , applying (A.2) does not produce  $b_{*,*}$ 's. Namely we must have

$$b_{-1,-1} \xrightarrow{-x_2 \times} \text{end} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_{-1,-1} \\ -x_2 \times \Downarrow \\ \text{end} \end{array}.$$

Again, the multiplication by  $x_2$  must be from the left. In particular,  $b_{-m,-n}$  does not contain the term  $x_1(\cdots)$  and hence  $b_{-m,-n}$  is a linear combination of  $x_k(\cdots)$ 's for  $k \geq 2$ , though the factor  $(\cdots)$  may involve  $x_1$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $2 \leq k \leq n + m$ . We shall find the term of the form  $x_k(\cdots)$  in the polynomial expression of  $b_{-m,-n}$  in the  $x_i$ 's. For this, we shall fix  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $i + j = k$ . Suppose that  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i_1, \dots, i_p, j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $i_1 + \cdots + i_p = m - i$  and  $j_1 + \cdots + j_q = n - j$ . We then put  $a_r := m - (i_1 + \cdots + i_r)$  for  $r = 1, \dots, p$  and  $c_s := n - (j_1 + \cdots + j_s)$  for  $s = 1, \dots, q$ . Note that  $a_p = i$  and  $c_q = j$ . According to this notation, we distinguish the following three cases:

(1) If there exist such  $p, q, (i_1, \dots, i_p)$  and  $(j_1, \dots, j_q)$ , then we can consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} b_{-m,-n} & \xrightarrow{c_1 x_{j_1} \times} & b_{-m,-c_1} & \xrightarrow{c_2 x_{j_2} \times} & \cdots & \xrightarrow{c_q x_{j_q} \times} & b_{-m,-c_q} = b_{-m,-j} \\ a_1 x_{i_1} \times \downarrow & & a_1 x_{i_1} \times \downarrow & & & & a_1 x_{i_1} \times \downarrow \\ b_{-a_1,-n} & \xrightarrow{c_1 x_{j_1} \times} & b_{-a_1,-c_1} & \xrightarrow{c_2 x_{j_2} \times} & \cdots & \xrightarrow{c_q x_{j_q} \times} & b_{-a_1,-c_q} = b_{-a_1,-j} \\ a_2 x_{i_2} \times \downarrow & & a_2 x_{i_2} \times \downarrow & & & & a_2 x_{i_2} \times \downarrow \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ a_p x_{i_p} \times \downarrow & & a_p x_{i_p} \times \downarrow & & & & a_p x_{i_p} \times \downarrow \\ b_{-i,-n} & \xrightarrow{c_1 x_{j_1} \times} & b_{-i,-c_1} & \xrightarrow{c_2 x_{j_2} \times} & \cdots & \xrightarrow{c_q x_{j_q} \times} & b_{-i,-c_q} = b_{-i,-j} \\ & & & & & & \searrow^{(-1)x_k \times} \\ & & & & & & \text{end} \end{array}$$

During the loop of iterations of (A.2), we have  $\binom{p+q}{p} = \binom{p+q}{q}$ -paths from  $b_{-m,-n}$  to the 'end' in the above diagram, each of which produces terms

$$-w_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_k(\cdots)'s,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} &= a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p b_1 b_2 \cdots b_q \\ &= (m - i_1)(m - (i_1 + i_2)) \cdots (m - (i_1 + i_2 + \cdots + i_p)) \\ &\quad \times (n - j_1)(n - (j_1 + j_2)) \cdots (n - (j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_q)), \end{aligned}$$

(note that  $w_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q}$  depends only on  $i_1, \dots, i_p$  and  $j_1, \dots, j_q$  but not on the choice of paths in the diagram) and  $(\cdots)$  is a monomial consisting of  $x_{i_p}, x_{i_{p-1}}, \dots, x_{i_1}$  and  $x_{j_q}, x_{j_{q-1}}, \dots, x_{j_1}$ , which is interlacing according to a riffle shuffle permutation (note that we should distinguish, for example  $x_{i_1} x_{j_1}$  and  $x_{j_1} x_{i_1}$  even if  $i_1 = j_1$ ). Hence, in total all paths produce

$$-w_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_k \left( (x_{i_p} x_{i_{p-1}} \cdots x_{i_1}) \sqcup (x_{j_q} x_{j_{q-1}} \cdots x_{j_1}) \right).$$

(2) If there exist such a  $p$  and  $(i_1, \dots, i_p)$  but not for  $q$  and  $(j_1, \dots, j_q)$  (then we have  $j = n$ ), then the diagram which we can have is the following:

$$\begin{array}{c} b_{-m, -n} \\ a_1 x_{i_1} \times \downarrow \\ b_{-a_1, -n} \\ a_2 x_{i_2} \times \downarrow \\ \vdots \\ a_p x_{i_p} \times \downarrow \\ b_{-i, -n} = b_{-i, -j} \\ (-1) x_k \times \downarrow \downarrow \\ \text{end} \end{array}$$

Hence we have a single path from  $b_{-m, -n}$  to the ‘end’ in the above diagram. This path produces the term

$$-w_{i_1, \dots, i_p} x_k (x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1}),$$

where  $w_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p = (m - i_1)(m - (i_1 + i_2)) \cdots (m - (i_1 + i_2 + \cdots + i_p))$ .

(3) If there exist such a  $q$  and  $(j_1, \dots, j_q)$  but not for  $p$  and  $(i_1, \dots, i_p)$  (then we have  $i = m$ ), then the diagram which we can have is the following:

$$b_{-m, -n} \xrightarrow{c_1 x_{j_1} \times} b_{-m, -c_1} \xrightarrow{c_2 x_{j_2} \times} \cdots \xrightarrow{c_q x_{j_q} \times} b_{-m, -c_q} = b_{-i, -j} \xrightarrow{(-1) x_k \times} \text{end}.$$

Hence we have a single path from  $b_{-m, -n}$  to the ‘end’ in the above diagram. This path produces the term

$$-w_{j_1, \dots, j_q} x_k (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1}),$$

where

$$w_{j_1, \dots, j_q} = c_1 c_2 \cdots c_q = (n - j_1)(n - (j_1 + j_2)) \cdots (n - (j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_q)).$$

Now by reinterpreting it in the language of paths  $x_k(t)$ ’s, we obtain the result.

### A.3 Proof of Theorem 3.9

Since  $\{u^n\}_{n \geq 1}$  forms a basis of  $H_+$ , it is enough to show that

$$\begin{aligned} n \left[ \int_{\substack{w=0, \\ u=0}} \operatorname{Res} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} (w^{-r} \cdot_w S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \right) \right]_t \\ = n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-n,-m}(t) z^{-m}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where  $b_{-n,-m}(t)$  are the Grunsky coefficients associated with  $f_t$ .

According to the decomposition

$$S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)})) = 1 + \sum_{m'=1}^{\infty} e^{m'x_0(t)} \sum_{p=1}^{m'} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m'}} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (w^{-r} \cdot_w S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)}))) \\ = (w^{-r} \cdot_w 1) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u 1) + F_{r,s}(w, u) + G_{r,s}(w, u) + H_{r,s}(w, u), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F_{r,s}(w, u) &:= [w^{-r} \cdot_w (S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)})) - 1)] \sqcup [u^{-s} \cdot_u (S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)})) - 1)] \\ &= \sum_{m'=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{m'} \sum_{q=1}^{n'} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m'}} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n'}} e^{(m'+n')x_0(t)} \\ &\quad \times (w^{-r} \cdot_w x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p}) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \cdots x_{j_q}), \\ G_{r,s}(w, u) &:= (w^{-r} \cdot_w 1) \sqcup [u^{-s} \cdot_u (S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)})) - 1)] \\ &= \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} e^{n'x_0(t)} \sum_{q=1}^{n'} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n'}} (w^{-r} \cdot_w 1) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \cdots x_{j_q}), \\ H_{r,s}(w, u) &:= [w^{-r} \cdot_w (S(\xi(\mathbf{x}, e^{x_0(t)})) - 1)] \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u 1) \\ &= \sum_{m'=1}^{\infty} e^{m'x_0(t)} \sum_{p=1}^{m'} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m'}} (w^{-r} \cdot_w x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p}) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $w^{-r} \cdot_w 1 = w^{-r}$ , we get  $(w^{-r} \cdot_w 1) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u 1) = w^{-r} u^{-s}$ . Then, by using

$$\frac{1}{w-z} = - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} w^{m-1} \quad \text{for } |z| > |w|,$$

we have

$$\operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0, \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} ((w^{-r} \cdot_w 1) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u 1)) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0; \\ u=0}} \left( u^{n-1} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} w^{m-1} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} w^{-r} u^{-s} \right) \\
&= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} x_{m+n}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
w(r)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} &:= r(i_p + r)(i_p + i_{p-1} + r) \cdots (i_p + i_{p-1} + \cdots + i_2 + r) \\
&= (m - (i_1 + \cdots + i_p)) \cdots (m - (i_1 + i_2))(m - i_1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $m = i_1 + \cdots + i_p + r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
w(s)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q} &:= s(j_q + s)(j_q + j_{q-1} + s) \cdots (j_q + j_{q-1} + \cdots + j_2 + s) \\
&= (n - (j_1 + \cdots + j_q)) \cdots (n - (j_1 + j_2))(n - j_1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $n = j_1 + \cdots + j_q + s$ , and

$$w(r, s)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} := w(r)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} w(s)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q}.$$

For  $F_{r+s}(w, u)$ , we first observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
w^{-r} \cdot_w x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1} &= x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1} L_{-i_1} L_{-i_2} \cdots L_{-i_p} w^{-r} \\
&= w(r)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1} w^{-(i_1 + i_2 + \cdots + i_p + r)},
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$u^{-s} \cdot_u x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1} = w(s)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1} u^{-(j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_p + s)}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0; \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} x_{r+s} \left( (w^{-r} \cdot_w x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p}) \sqcup (u^{-s} \cdot_u x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p}) \right) \right) \\
&= -1_{\{1 \leq n-s=j_1+\cdots+j_q\}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} 1_{\{1 \leq m-r=i_1+\cdots+i_p\}} \\
&\quad \times w(r, s)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_{r+s} [(x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1}) \sqcup (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1})],
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0; \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} x_{r+s} F_{r,s}(w, u) \right) \\
&= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} \sum_{m'=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} e^{(m'+n')x_0(t)} \sum_{p=1}^{m'} \sum_{q=1}^{n'} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \cdots + i_p = m'}} 1_{\{1 \leq m-r=i_1+\cdots+i_p\}} \cdots \\
&\quad \cdots \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \cdots + j_q = n'}} 1_{\{1 \leq n-s=j_1+\cdots+j_q\}} w(r, s)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_{r+s} [(x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1}) \sqcup (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1})] \\
&= -1_{\{1 \leq n-s\}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} e^{((m-r)+(n-s))x_0(t)} 1_{\{1 \leq m-r\}} \sum_{p=1}^{m-r} \sum_{q=1}^{n-s} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \cdots + i_p = m-r}} \cdots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\cdots \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n-s}} w(r, s)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_{r+s} [(x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1}) \sqcup (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1})].$$

Hence we have reached

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0; \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} F_{r,s}(w, u) \right) \\ &= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} \sum_{k=2}^{m+n-2} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r < m; \\ 1 \leq s < n; \\ r+s=k}} \sum_{p=1}^{m-r} \sum_{q=1}^{n-s} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m-r}} \cdots \\ & \cdots \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n-s}} w(r, s)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_k [(x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_2} x_{i_1}) \sqcup (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_2} x_{j_1})]. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0; \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} G_{r,s}(w, u) \right) \\ &= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} e^{n'x_0(t)} \sum_{q=1}^{n'} \cdots \\ & \cdots \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n'}} 1_{\{1 \leq n-s=j_1+\dots+j_q\}} 1_{\{m=r\}} w(s)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_{r+s} (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_1}) \\ &= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} \sum_{k=m+1}^{m+n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{n+m-k} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_q \in \mathbb{N}: \\ j_1 + \dots + j_q = n+m-k}} w(k-m)_{\emptyset; j_1, \dots, j_q} x_k (x_{j_q} \cdots x_{j_1}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Res}_{\substack{w=0; \\ u=0}} \left( \frac{u^{n-1}}{w-z} \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} e^{(r+s)x_0(t)} x_{r+s} H_{r,s}(w, u) \right) \\ &= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^{-m} e^{(m+n)x_0(t)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{m+n-1} \sum_{p=1}^{n+m-k} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \in \mathbb{N}: \\ i_1 + \dots + i_p = m+n-k}} w(k-n)_{i_1, \dots, i_p; \emptyset} x_k (x_{i_p} \cdots x_{i_1}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, in view of Theorem 2.13, we obtain (A.3), and hence the result.

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