

# On generalized Fuchs theorem over $p$ -adic polyannuli: an announcement

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## 1 Introduction

This is an announcement of a recent work [Wan22] of the author on generalized Fuchs theorem over  $p$ -adic polyannuli.

Let  $K$  be a complete nonarchimedean field of mixed characteristic  $(0, p)$ . Christol and Mebkhout have given an intrinsic definition of the exponents of a finite free differential module on one dimensional annuli satisfying the Robba condition in [CM97]. They have also shown that if the exponent has  $p$ -adic non-Liouville differences ([Ked10] Definition 13.2.1), then there exists a canonical decomposition of this differential module into the ones with exponent identically equal to a single element. This is called the  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem. However, their work was found to be difficult due to the complicated nature of the Frobenius antecedent developed in [CD94], on which their work was built. Dwork gave a simplified proof of  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem on one dimensional annuli, in which Frobenius antecedent no more plays an important role. This method is also written in [Ked10] with a slightly different way. After Dwork's proof on one dimensional annuli, Gachet proved the  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem on higher dimensional polyannuli in [Gac99]. The precise statement of this theorem is as follows:

**Theorem 1.1** (Théorème in page 216 of [Gac99]). *Let  $P$  be a finite free differential module on an open polyannulus over  $K$  for the derivations  $t_i \partial_{t_i}$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq n$  satisfying the Robba condition and admitting an exponent on some closed subpolyannulus of positive width with  $p$ -adic non-Liouville differences. Then  $P$  admits a basis on which the matrix of action of  $\nabla(t_i \partial_{t_i})$  has entries in  $K$  and its eigenvalues represent the exponent of  $P$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Consequently,  $P$  admits a canonical decomposition*

$$P = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in (\mathbb{Z}_p/\mathbb{Z})^n} P_\lambda,$$

in which each  $P_\lambda$  has exponent identically equal to  $\lambda$ .

Meanwhile, Kedlaya proved a generalized version of one dimensional  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem, by losing the condition on exponents from having  $p$ -adic non-Liouville differences to a weaker one, namely, having Liouville partition, and yet still gives a decomposition of such differential module.

**Theorem 1.2** (Theorem 3.4.22 in [Ked15]). *Let  $P$  be a finite free differential module satisfying the Robba condition over one dimensional annulus over  $K$  associated to an open interval  $I$ . Let  $J \subset I$  be a closed subinterval of positive width, and suppose that  $P$  has an exponent  $A$  over  $J$  admitting a Liouville partition  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  (for definition see Definition 3.4.4 in [Ked15]). Then there exists a unique direct sum decomposition  $P_J = P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_k$  such that for  $g = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $P_g$  admits an exponent over  $J$  weakly equivalent to  $\mathcal{A}_g$ .*

Moreover, it is realized that the generalized  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem implies the the original  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem in one dimensional case.

In the article [Wan22], we proved a generalized version of higher dimensional  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem: namely, we defined the notion of exponent  $A$  for a finite projective differential module  $P$  satisfying the Robba condition on higher dimensional polyannuli over  $K$ , and proved a decomposition theorem for  $P$  with respect to a Liouville partition of  $A$ , which is similar to Theorem 1.2. It is worth mentioning that our result implies Theorem 1.1, and since our generalized  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem works not only for finite free but also for finite projective differential modules, our result is possibly stronger than the result in [Gac99]. Also, though we basically follow the strategy developed by Kedlaya in [Ked15], there are new ingredients applied to get the decomposition from local ones, because of the lack of Quillen-Suslin theorem for arbitrary polyannuli over  $K$ .

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## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we introduce some basic facts about module theory over  $p$ -adic polyannuli and abstract  $p$ -adic exponents.

We denote the Berkovich affine  $n$ -space  $(\text{Spec}K[t_1, \dots, t_n])^{\text{an}}$  over  $K$  by  $\mathbb{A}_K^n$ .

**Definition 2.1.** For a polysegment  $I = \prod_{i=1}^n I_i \subset \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$ , the polyannulus with radius  $I$  over  $K$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{A}_K^n$  defined by

$$\{x \in \mathbb{A}_K^n : t_i(x) \in I_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

and we call such a subspace an open (resp. closed) polyannulus if  $I$  is open (resp. closed). Moreover, we say that it is of positive width (resp. of width 0) if each  $I_i$  is not a point (resp.  $I$  consists of only one point). The coordinate ring of this polyannulus is

$$\left\{ f = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^n} f_i t^i \in K[[t, t^{-1}]] : \lim_{|i| \rightarrow \infty} |f_i| \rho^i = 0 \quad \forall \rho \in I \right\},$$

and we denote this ring by  $K_{I,n}$ . Here we put the subscript  $n$  in the notation to emphasize the dimension of the associated polyannulus. For  $\rho \in I$ , we define the  $\rho$ -Gauss norm of  $f = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^n} f_i t^i \in K_{I,n}$  to be  $|f|_\rho := \max_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^n} |f_i| \rho^i$ .

When  $I$  is closed,  $K_{I,n}$  is a  $K$ -affinoid algebra in the sense of Berkovich, and the supremum norm (which is power multiplicative but not necessarily multiplicative) on  $K_{I,n}$  is defined by  $|f|_I := \max_{\rho \in I} \{|f|_\rho\}$ . For polysegments  $J \subset I$  in  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$  and a  $K_{I,n}$ -module  $P$ , we denote the module  $K_{J,n} \otimes_{K_{I,n}} P$  by  $P_J$ .

For a finite projective module over a polyannulus of positive width, the following theorem shows that, after properly shrink the inner and outer radius of the polyannulus, the projective module becomes free.

**Theorem 2.2** ([Wan22], Theorem 1.18). *Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$  with  $\alpha < \beta$ , and let  $P$  be a finite projective  $K_{[\alpha,\beta],n}$  module. Then, for any  $\rho \in (\alpha, \beta)$ , there exist  $\alpha'$  and  $\beta'$  with  $\alpha < \alpha' < \rho < \beta' < \beta$  such that  $P_{[\alpha',\beta']}$  is free.*

For  $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ , we denote by  $\langle x \rangle$  the smallest nonnegative rational number  $a$  such that one of  $x - a$  and  $x + a$  is a  $p$ -adic integer.

**Definition 2.3.** We say that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  is a  $p$ -adic Liouville number if  $a \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p^m}{m} \left\langle \frac{a}{p^m} \right\rangle < \infty.$$

If  $a$  is not  $p$ -adic Liouville, we say that it is a  $p$ -adic non-Liouville number.

In the following, for a multisubset  $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$ , we denote the  $i$ -th entry of  $A_j$  by  $A_j^i$ , and denote the multisubset  $\{A_1^i, \dots, A_m^i\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  by  $A^i$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([Wan22], Definition 1.21, Définitions in p.194 of [Gac99], cf. [Ked15], Definition 3.4.2). Let  $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  be a multisubset of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$ . We say that  $A$  is  $p$ -adic non-Liouville in the  $r$ -th direction if  $A_j^r$  is a  $p$ -adic non-Liouville number for any  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , and we say that  $A$  is  $p$ -adic non-Liouville if it is  $p$ -adic non-Liouville in every direction. We say that  $A$  has  $p$ -adic non-Liouville differences in the  $r$ -th direction if the difference multisubset  $A - A := \{A_i - A_j : 1 \leq i, j \leq m\}$  is  $p$ -adic non-Liouville in the  $r$ -th direction, and we say that  $A$  has  $p$ -adic non-Liouville differences if it has  $p$ -adic non-Liouville differences in every direction.

**Definition 2.5** (Définitions in p.189 of [Gac99], cf. [Ked15] Definition 3.4.3). For two multisubsets  $A = (A_1, \dots, A_m)$  and  $B = (B_1, \dots, B_m)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$ , we say that  $A$  is weakly equivalent to  $B$  if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  and a sequence of permutations  $\sigma_h$  ( $h \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ) of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that, for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,

$$p^h \left\langle \frac{A_{\sigma_h(j)}^i - B_j^i}{p^h} \right\rangle \leq ch.$$

We say that  $A$  is equivalent to  $B$  if there exists a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,

$$A_{\sigma(j)}^i - B_j^i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**Definition 2.6** ([Wan22], Definition 1.24, cf. [Ked15], Definition 3.4.4). Let  $A, \mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  be multisubsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  such that  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{A}_i$  as multisets. We say that  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  form a Liouville partition of  $A$  in the  $r$ -th direction if  $\mathcal{A}_1^r, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k^r$  is a Liouville partition of  $A^r$ , namely, for any  $1 \leq l < m \leq k$  and  $a_l \in \mathcal{A}_l^r, a_m \in \mathcal{A}_m^r$ ,  $a_l - a_m$  is a  $p$ -adic non-Liouville number which is not an integer.

**Proposition 2.7** ([Wan22], Proposition 1.25, cf. [Ked15], Proposition 3.4.5). *Let  $A$  be a finite multisubset of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  and let  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  be a Liouville partition of  $A$  in the  $r$ -th direction.*

- (1) *Let  $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_k$  be multisubsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  such that  $\mathcal{B}_i^r$  is weakly equivalent to  $\mathcal{A}_j^r$  for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_k$  form a Liouville partition in the  $r$ -th direction of  $B = \bigcup_{j=1}^k \mathcal{B}_j$ .*
- (2) *Suppose that  $B$  is a multisubset of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  weakly equivalent to  $A$ . Then  $B$  admits a Liouville partition  $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_k$  in the  $r$ -th direction such that  $\mathcal{B}_j$  is weakly equivalent to  $\mathcal{A}_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ .*

**Definition 2.8** ([Wan22], Definition 1.28). Let  $k \geq 1$ . We define the notion of Liouville partition of a multisubset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  by  $k$  multisubsets  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  inductively on  $k$  as follows:

- (1) When  $k = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is a Liouville partition of  $A$  if  $\mathcal{A}_1 = A$  as multisets.
- (2) For general  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  is a Liouville partition of  $A$  if there exists a partition

$$\{1, \dots, k\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^l I_i$$

as sets for some  $l \geq 2$  with each  $I_i$  nonempty such that  $\bigcup_{j \in I_1} \mathcal{A}_j, \dots, \bigcup_{j \in I_l} \mathcal{A}_j$  is a Liouville partition in the  $r$ -th direction of  $A$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and that  $\mathcal{A}_j$  ( $j \in I_i$ ) is a Liouville partition of  $\bigcup_{j \in I_i} \mathcal{A}_j$ , which is defined by the induction hypothesis.

### 3 The construction of categories $\mathcal{C}_\rho$ and $\mathcal{D}_\rho$

For a polysegment  $I \subset \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$ , let  $\text{Der}(K_{I,n}/K)$  be the module of continuous  $K$ -derivations on  $K_{I,n}$ , where the topology on  $K_{I,n}$  is induced by  $\rho$ -Gauss norms for all  $\rho \in I$ . It is a finite free module generated by derivations with respect to each  $t_i$ , which are denoted by  $\partial_{t_i}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $P$  be a finite projective  $K_{I,n}$ -module. A connection over  $P$  is a  $K$ -linear homomorphism  $\nabla : \text{Der}(K_{I,n}/K) \rightarrow \text{End}_K(P)$  satisfying the Leibniz rule:

$$\nabla(\partial)(fa) = \partial(f)a + f\nabla(\partial)(a), \text{ for all } \partial \in \text{Der}(K_{I,n}/K), f \in K_{I,n}, a \in P.$$

Moreover, a connection is called integrable if for  $\partial, \partial' \in \text{Der}(K_{I,n}/K)$ ,  $\nabla([\partial, \partial']) = [\nabla(\partial), \nabla(\partial')]$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is the Lie bracket.

A (finite projective) differential module over  $K_{I,n}$  is a (finite projective)  $K_{I,n}$ -module  $P$  with an integrable connection  $\nabla_P$ , which we denote simply by  $\nabla$  if no ambiguity arises. A horizontal homomorphism between differential modules  $P$  and  $Q$  over  $K_{I,n}$  is a module homomorphism  $f : P \rightarrow Q$  satisfying  $\nabla_Q(\partial)(f(x)) = f(\nabla_P(\partial)(x))$  for all  $\partial \in \text{Der}(K_{I,n}/K)$  and for all  $x \in P$ . In the rest of the paper, we often say a differential module over  $K_{I,n}$  a differential module over  $I$ , by abuse of terminology.

For any  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$ , there is a direct system of rings  $((K_{I,n})_I, (\varphi_{IJ} : K_{I,n} \rightarrow K_{J,n})_{I \leq J})$  with the index set being all closed polysegments of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$  containing

$\rho$  in its interior and partially ordered by inverse inclusion, and homomorphisms are given by the canonical inclusion. We denote the direct limit of this direct system by  $R_{\rho,n}$  or simply by  $R_\rho$ .  $R_\rho$  is canonically a differential ring with respect to  $\partial_{t_i}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Since any finite projective module over  $R_\rho$  is extended from a finite projective module over  $K_{[\alpha,\beta],n}$  for some  $\alpha < \rho < \beta$ , it is extended from a finite free  $K_{[\alpha,\beta],n}$ -module for some  $\alpha < \rho < \beta$  by Theorem 2.2. In particular, all finite projective modules over  $R_\rho$  are finite free.

Let  $\text{Der}(R_\rho/K)$  be the module of  $K$ -derivations  $\partial$  on  $R_\rho$  such that  $\partial|_{K_{I,n}} : K_{I,n} \rightarrow R_\rho$  is induced by a continuous  $K$ -derivation on  $K_{I,n}$  for any closed polysegment  $I$  containing  $\rho$  in its interior. It is again a finite free module generated by  $\partial_{t_i}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Using  $\text{Der}(R_\rho/K)$ , we can define the notion of (finite free) differential modules over  $R_\rho$  and horizontal homomorphisms between them in the same way as above. It is easy to see that any finite free differential module over  $R_\rho$  is extended from some finite free differential module over  $K_{I,n}$  for some closed interval  $I$  containing  $\rho$  in its interior.

**Definition 3.2** (cf. [KX10], Definition 1.5.2, [Ked10], Definition 9.4.7, [Ked10], Definition 13.3.1). Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$  be a polysegment and let  $P$  be a finite projective differential module over  $K_{I,n}$ . Take  $\rho \in I$ , let  $F_\rho$  be the completion of  $K(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  with respect to the  $\rho$ -Gauss norm, and put  $V_\rho = P \otimes_{K_{I,n}} F_\rho$ . The intrinsic radius of  $P$  at  $\rho$  is defined as

$$IR(V_\rho) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} IR_{\partial_{t_i}}(V_\rho) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{|\partial_{t_i}|_{\text{sp}, F_\rho}}{|\nabla(\partial_{t_i})|_{\text{sp}, V_\rho}} \in (0, 1].$$

We say that  $P$  satisfies the Robba condition if  $IR(V_\rho) = 1$  for all  $\rho \in I$ . Also, we say that a finite free differential module over  $R_\rho$  satisfies the Robba condition if it is extended from a finite projective differential module over  $K_{J,n}$  satisfying the Robba condition for some closed polysegment  $J$  containing  $\rho$  in its interior.

Let  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  be the category in which objects are finite free differential modules over  $R_\rho$  satisfying the Robba condition, and morphisms are horizontal homomorphisms. For a polysegment  $J$  containing  $\rho$  in its interior, we say that  $P$  is an object in  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  defined (by  $P'$ ) over  $J$  if  $P'$  is a finite free differential module over  $K_{J,n}$  and  $P$  is extended from  $P'$ .

From now on for a positive integer  $s$ ,  $\Gamma_s$  denotes the group of  $p^s$ -th roots of unity in  $K^{\text{alg}}$ , and  $\Gamma = \bigcup_{s>0} \Gamma_s$ . Also  $\Gamma_s^n$  and  $\Gamma^n$  denote the product of  $n$  copies of  $\Gamma_s$  and  $\Gamma$ , respectively.

**Definition 3.3** ([Wan22], Definition 2.3). The category  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  is defined as follows:

The objects are finite free  $R_\rho$ -modules  $P$  endowed with a semilinear group action of  $\Gamma^n$  on  $P \otimes_K K(\Gamma)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $P$  is extended from a finite free  $K_{J,n}$ -module  $P'$  for some closed polysegment  $J$  contains  $\rho$  in its interior, and the action of  $\Gamma^n$  on  $P \otimes_K K(\Gamma)$  is induced from some semilinear group action of  $\Gamma^n$  on  $P' \otimes_K K(\Gamma)$ .
- (2) The action of  $\Gamma^n$  is equivariant with respect to the action of  $\text{Gal}(K(\Gamma)/K)$  on both  $\Gamma^n$  and  $P \otimes_K K(\Gamma)$ . That is, for  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K(\Gamma)/K)$ ,  $\zeta \in \Gamma^n$  and  $x \in P \otimes_K K(\Gamma)$ , we have

$$\sigma(\zeta^*(x)) = \sigma(\zeta)^*(\sigma(x)).$$

- (3) For some basis  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  of  $P'$  in (1), there exists  $l > 0$  such that, for each positive integer  $k$  and  $\zeta \in \Gamma_k^n$ , the representation matrix  $E(\zeta)$  of  $\zeta^*$  with respect to this basis satisfies the inequality  $|E(\zeta)|_J \leq p^{lk}$ .

The morphisms  $f : P \rightarrow Q$  of objects in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  are module homomorphisms satisfying  $\zeta^*((f \otimes \text{id})(x)) = (f \otimes \text{id})(\zeta^*(x))$  for all  $\zeta \in \Gamma^n$  and  $x \in P \otimes_K K(\Gamma)$ .

We summarize properties of these two categories  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  as follows:

**Theorem 3.4** (cf. [Wan22], Lemma 2.6, Remark 2.7, Proposition 2.11). *The following properties are true for  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$ :*

- (1) *Both  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  are Abelian categories and every object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  is finite free.*
- (2) *Tensor product and dual exist in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$ .*
- (3) *For any  $P \in \mathcal{D}_\rho$ ,  $\zeta \in \Gamma^n$  and  $x \in P$ , the following series converges:*

$$\zeta^*(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^n} (\zeta - 1)^\alpha \binom{tD}{\alpha}(x).$$

*This defines a functor  $\mathcal{D}_\rho \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_\rho$ . Here,  $1 = (1, \dots, 1)$  and  $\binom{tD}{\alpha} = \binom{t_1 D_1}{\alpha_1} \cdots \binom{t_n D_n}{\alpha_n}$  with  $D_i = \nabla(\partial_{t_i})$ .*

- (4) *The functor defined in (3) is an exact tensor functor of abelian categories.*

## 4 Generalized $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem

In this section, we define  $p$ -adic exponents associated to  $p$ -adic differential equations over polyannuli satisfying the Robba condition. Moreover, we state some basic facts and our main theorem.

From now on, we use the following conventions. For  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n) \in \Gamma_s^n$ , an  $n$ -tuple of variables  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$  and an  $n$ -tuple of  $m \times m$  diagonal matrices

$$A = (A^1, \dots, A^n) = (\text{diag}(a_{11}, \dots, a_{1m}), \dots, \text{diag}(a_{n1}, \dots, a_{nm})),$$

set

- (1)  $\zeta t := (\zeta_1 t_1, \dots, \zeta_n t_n)$ .
- (2)  $\zeta^A := \zeta_1^{A^1} \cdots \zeta_n^{A^n}$ , with  $\zeta_i^{A^i} := \text{diag}(\zeta_i^{a_{i1}}, \dots, \zeta_i^{a_{im}})$ .

Firstly, we give the definition of exponent for objects in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and show some properties of it.

**Definition 4.1** ([Wan22], Definition 3.1, cf. [Ked10], Definition 13.5.1 and [Ked15], Definition 3.4.11). Let  $P$  be an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  free of rank  $m$ . Take  $\alpha < \rho < \beta$  such that  $P$  is defined by  $P'$  over  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , and take a basis  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  of  $P'$ . An exponent of  $P$  (admitted by  $P'$ ) is an  $n$ -tuple of  $m \times m$  diagonal matrices of  $A = (A^1, \dots, A^n)$  with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for which there exists a sequence  $\{S_{k,A}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of  $m \times m$  matrices with entries in  $K_{[\alpha, \beta], n}$  satisfying the following conditions.

(1) If we put  $(v_{k,A,1}, \dots, v_{k,A,m}) = (e_1, \dots, e_m)S_{k,A}$ , then for all  $\zeta \in \Gamma_k^n$

$$\zeta^*(v_{k,A,1}, \dots, v_{k,A,m}) = (v_{k,A,1}, \dots, v_{k,A,m})\zeta^A.$$

(2) There exists  $l > 0$  such that  $|S_{k,A}|_{[\alpha,\beta]} \leq p^{lk}$  for all  $k$ .

(3) We have  $|\det(S_{k,A})|_{[\alpha,\beta]} \geq 1$  for all  $k$ .

For an object  $P$  in  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$ , we say  $A$  is an exponent of  $P$  if, when considered as an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$ ,  $A$  is an exponent of  $P$ .

**Theorem 4.2** ([Wan22], Theorem 3.2, cf. [Ked10], Theorem 13.5.5, [Gac99], Théorème in p.173). *Let  $P$  be an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$ . Then there exists an exponent  $A$  for  $P$ .*

**Theorem 4.3** ([Wan22], Theorem 3.3, cf. [Ked10], Theorem 13.5.6). *Let  $P$  be an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  defined by  $P_1$  over  $J_1$  and by  $P_2$  over  $J_2$ , where  $J_1, J_2$  are closed polysegments containing  $\rho$  in its interior. Then the exponents of  $P$  defined by  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are weakly equivalent. In particular, the exponent of  $P$  is uniquely determined up to weak equivalence.*

Moreover, exponents are compatible with exact sequence, tensor product and dual:

**Lemma 4.4** ([Wan22], Lemma 3.4, cf. [Ked15], Remark 3.4.14, [KS17]). *Let  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P$  be three objects in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  with  $P_i$  having exponent  $A_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Then,*

(1) *if there exists a short exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow 0,$$

*then  $P$  admits the multiset union  $A_1 \cup A_2$  as an exponent.*

(2) *the module  $P_1 \otimes P_2$  is an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$ , and admits the multiset  $A_1 + A_2$  as an exponent.*

(3) *the module  $P_1^\vee$  is an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$ , and admits the multiset  $-A_1$  as an exponent.*

**Theorem 4.5** ([Wan22], Theorem 3.10, cf. [KS17]). *Let  $P$  be an object in  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  having an exponent  $A$  with Liouville partition  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$  in the  $r$ -th direction. Then there exists a unique direct sum decomposition  $P = P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_k$  in  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  with each  $P_i$  having exponent weakly equivalent to  $\mathcal{A}_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .*

Let  $P$  be a finite projective differential module over an open polysegment  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$  satisfying the Robba condition. Then, for  $\rho \in I$ ,  $P_\rho := P \otimes_{K_{I,n}} R_\rho$  is an object of  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  and so an exponent  $A_\rho$  of  $P_\rho$  is defined.

**Lemma 4.6** ([Wan22], Lemma 3.12). *Let the notations be as above. Then, for any  $\rho, \rho' \in I$ ,  $A_\rho$  and  $A_{\rho'}$  are weakly equivalent.*

Then we can define the exponent of a finite projective differential module over an open polysegment as follows:

**Definition 4.7** ([Wan22], Definition 3.13). Let  $P$  be a finite projective differential module over an open polysegment  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$  satisfying the Robba condition. We say that  $A$  is an exponent of  $P$  if it is an exponent of  $P_\rho := P \otimes_{K_{I,n}} R_\rho$  for some  $\rho \in I$ .

By uniqueness of exponent up to weak equivalence, decompositions of  $P_\rho$  in  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  for  $\rho \in I$  can be glued up to a decomposition of  $P$ .

**Corollary 4.8** ([Wan22], Corollary 3.15). *Let  $P$  be a finite projective differential module over some open polysegment  $I$  satisfying the Robba condition, admitting an exponent  $A$  with Liouville partition  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k$ . Then there exists a unique decomposition  $P = P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_k$ , where each  $P_i$  is a finite projective differential module and admits an exponent weakly equivalent to  $\mathcal{A}_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .*

Then a slightly stronger version of Gachet's  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem can be proved using Corollary 4.8:

**Corollary 4.9** ([Wan22], Corollary 3.20). *Let  $P$  be a finite projective differential module over an open polysegment  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}_{> 0}^n$  satisfying the Robba condition. Furthermore we assume that  $P$  has  $p$ -adic non-Liouville exponent differences. Then  $P$  admits a basis on which the matrix of action of  $D_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  has entries in  $K$  whose eigenvalues represents an exponent of  $P$ . Consequently,  $P$  admits a canonical decomposition*

$$P = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in (\mathbb{Z}_p/\mathbb{Z})^n} P_\lambda,$$

where  $P_\lambda$  is free with exponent identically equal to a representative in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  of  $\lambda$ . In particular,  $P$  is free, and is extended from some finite differential module over a polydisc for the derivations  $t_i \partial_{t_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Note that the reason that Corollary 4.9 is possibly slightly stronger than the result of [Gac99] is that we do not know yet if any finite projective differential module on polyannuli is free, and [Gac99] only treated finite free differential modules.

## 5 Future Prospects

We believe that after appropriate modification, a similar strategy can be applied to study the generalized  $p$ -adic Fuchs theorem over relative polyannuli.

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