

## SHEAVES ON $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , BIGRADED RESOLUTIONS, AND COADJOINT ORBITS OF LOOP GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. We construct a canonical linear resolution of acyclic 1-dimensional sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and discuss the resulting natural Poisson structure.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The goal of this paper is to present a (yet another) variation on a theme developed by several authors, notably Moser, Adams, Harnad, Hurtubise, Previato [13], [1]–[5], and relating integrable systems, rank  $r$  perturbations, spectral curves and their Jacobians, and coadjoint orbits of loop groups.

Let us briefly recall that, given matrices  $A, Y, F, G$  of size, respectively,  $N \times N$ ,  $r \times r$ ,  $N \times r$ , and  $r \times N$ , one defines a  $\mathfrak{gl}_r(\mathbb{C})$ -valued rational map

$$(1.1) \quad Y + G(A - \lambda)^{-1}F,$$

i.e. an element of the loop algebra  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(r)^-$ , consisting of loops extending holomorphically to the outside of some circle  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$ . This determines a (shifted) reduced coadjoint orbit in  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(r)^-$  (see Remark 4.5 for a definition). On the other hand, the polynomial (1.1) also determines (generically) a curve  $S$  and a line bundle  $L$  of degree  $g + r - 1$ : the curve is defined as the spectrum of (1.1), and  $L$  is the dual of the eigenbundle of (1.1). This describes  $S$  as an affine curve in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ , and the isospectral flows, corresponding to Hamiltonians on the space of rank  $r$  perturbations, linearise on the Jacobian of the projective model of  $S$ .

In fact, as shown by Adams, Harnad, and Hurtubise [1, 2], it is more convenient to compactify  $S$  inside a Hirzebruch surface  $F_d$ ,  $d \geq 1$ . This results in singularities, which may be partially resolved, but it gives a particularly nice description of  $\text{Jac}^0(S)$ , i.e. of the flow directions.

In this paper, we consider a different compactification of  $S$ , namely inside  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and defined as

$$(1.2) \quad S = \left\{ (z, \lambda) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1; \det \begin{pmatrix} Y - z & G \\ F & A - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \right\}.$$

This is a very natural thing to do, but we know of only one occurrence in the literature: the paper of Sanguinetti and Woodhouse [17] (we are grateful to Philip Boalch for this reference). In that paper, in addition to other results, the authors use the above compactification to give a nice picture of the duality phenomenon discussed in [3]. Our application is to another subtlety of the rank  $r$  perturbation

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isospectral flow: the fact that the flow may leave the set where  $\text{rank } F = \text{rank } G = r$ , without becoming singular. More precisely, we have:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $S$  be a smooth curve in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , defined by (1.2) and corresponding to a (shifted) rank  $r$  perturbation of the matrix  $A$  ( $r \leq N$ ). A line bundle  $L \in \text{Jac}^{g-r+1}(S)$  corresponds to  $(A, Y, F, G)$  with  $\text{rank } F = \text{rank } G = r$  if and only if  $L$  satisfies:*

$$H^0(S, L(0, -1)) = H^1(S, L(0, -1)) = 0, \quad H^0(S, L(-1, 0)) = 0, \quad H^1(S, L(1, -2)) = 0.$$

We are interested in more than line bundles on smooth curves in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . The above approach generalises to acyclic (i.e. semistable) 1-dimensional sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , with a fixed bigraded Hilbert polynomial. In §§2 and 3, we construct a natural linear resolution of such a sheaf, very much in the spirit of Beauville [6]. This gives us a linear polynomial matrix  $M(z, \lambda)$  (up to a certain group action). If the support of the sheaf is a smooth curve of bidegree  $(r, N)$ , then the matrix has size  $r \times N$ . As long as the point  $(\infty, \infty)$  does not belong to the support of the sheaf, then the matrices  $M(z, \lambda)$  can be identified with the quadruples  $A, Y, F, G$ . The space  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  of the  $(A, Y, F, G)$  has a natural Poisson structure, obtained by identifying it with  $\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C})^* \oplus \mathfrak{gl}_r(\mathbb{C})^* \oplus T^*M_{N \times r}(\mathbb{C})$ . Thus we obtain a Poisson structure on the quotient of an open subset of  $\mathcal{M}(N, r)$  by  $GL_N(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_r(\mathbb{C})$ . The (generic) symplectic leaves are known, from [1, 5], to be reduced coadjoint orbits of loop groups. Our aim is to describe these symplectic leaves directly in terms of sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . We show that they correspond to symplectic leaves of a particular Mukai-Tyurin-Bottacin Poisson structure [8–11, 14, 18] on the moduli space  $M_Q(r, N)$  of simple sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  with (bigraded) Hilbert polynomial  $Nx + ry$ . The surface  $Q = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  is an example of a *Poisson surface* [8], and consequently, for every choice of a Poisson structure on  $Q$ , i.e. a section  $s$  of the anticanonical bundle  $K_Q^* \simeq \mathcal{O}(2, 2)$ , one obtains a Poisson structure on  $M_Q(r, N)$  as a map

$$T_{[\mathcal{F}]}^* M_Q(r, N) \simeq \text{Ext}_Q^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \otimes K_Q) \xrightarrow{-s} \text{Ext}_Q^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}) \simeq T_{[\mathcal{F}]} M_Q(r, N).$$

We show that the (generic) symplectic leaves  $\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C})^* \oplus \mathfrak{gl}_r(\mathbb{C})^* \oplus T^*M_{N \times r}(\mathbb{C})$ , i.e. reduced coadjoint orbits in  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(r)^-$ , are the symplectic leaves of the Mukai-Tyurin-Bottacin structure corresponding to  $s(z, \lambda) = 1$ , i.e. to the anticanonical divisor  $2(\{\infty\} \times \mathbb{P}^1 + \mathbb{P}^1 \times \{\infty\})$ .

## 2. ACYCLIC SHEAVES ON $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ AND THEIR RESOLUTIONS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a complex manifold and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a coherent sheaf on  $X$ . Then:

- (i) The *support* of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the complex subspace  $\text{supp } \mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  defined as the zero-locus of the annihilator (in  $\mathcal{O}_X$ ) of  $\mathcal{F}$ . The dimension  $\dim \mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the dimension of its support.
- (ii)  $\mathcal{F}$  is *pure* if  $\dim \mathcal{E} = \dim \mathcal{F}$  for all nontrivial coherent subsheaves  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{F}$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{F}$  is *acyclic* if  $H^*(\mathcal{F}) = 0$ .

*Remark 2.2.* In the case of 1-dimensional sheaves on a smooth surface  $X$ , purity of  $\mathcal{F}$  means that at every point  $x \in \text{supp } \mathcal{F}$ , the skyscraper sheaf  $\mathbb{C}_x$  does not embed into  $\mathcal{F}_x$ . In addition, a 1-dimensional sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on a smooth surface  $X$  is pure if and

only if it is *reflexive*; i.e. after performing the duality  $\mathcal{F} \mapsto \text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{F}, K_X)$  twice, we obtain  $\mathcal{F}$  back (up to isomorphism) (see [9, §1.1]).

In the remainder of the paper, **all sheaves are coherent**.

We shall now consider sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . For any  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  we denote by  $\mathcal{O}(p, q)$  the line bundle  $\pi_1^* \mathcal{O}(p) \otimes \pi_2^* \mathcal{O}(q)$ , where  $\pi_1, \pi_2 : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  are the two projections. We shall also denote by  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$  the two affine coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Associated to  $\mathcal{F}$  is its *bigraded Hilbert polynomial*

$$(2.1) \quad P_{\mathcal{F}}(x, y) = \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(\mathcal{F}(x, y)).$$

The sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is 1-dimensional if and only if  $P_{\mathcal{F}}$  is linear.

We begin by describing a canonical resolution of acyclic 1-dimensional sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a 1-dimensional acyclic sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  has a linear resolution by locally free sheaves of the form*

$$(2.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-2, -1)^{\oplus k} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-1, -2)^{\oplus l} \xrightarrow{M(\zeta, \eta)} \mathcal{O}(-1, -1)^{\oplus(k+l)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0,$$

for some  $k, l \geq 0$ .

Conversely, any  $\mathcal{F}$  defined as a cokernel of a map  $M(\zeta, \eta)$  as above with  $\det M(\zeta, \eta) \neq 0$  is acyclic and 1-dimensional.

*Remark 2.4.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a 1-dimensional acyclic sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  with  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(x, y) = lx + ky$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is semistable with respect to  $\mathcal{O}(1, 1)$ .

*Remark 2.5.* This resolution is canonical, but not necessarily *minimal*, in the sense of being obtained from the minimal resolution of the bigraded module  $\bigoplus_{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}} H^0(\mathcal{F}(i, j))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h^0(\mathcal{F}(0, 1)) = k$  and  $h^0(\mathcal{F}(1, 0)) = l$  so that  $P_{\mathcal{F}} = lx + ky$ . Let  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}(1, 1)$ , and let  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_*(\mathcal{E}) = \bigoplus_{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}} H^0(\mathcal{E}(i, j))$  be the associated bigraded module over the bigraded ring  $\mathbf{S} = \bigoplus_{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}} H^0(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(i, j))$ . Furthermore, let  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_*(\mathcal{E})|_{\geq 0} = \bigoplus_{i, j \geq 0} H^0(\mathcal{E}(i, j))$  be its truncation. Owing to [12, Lemma 6.8], the sheaf associated to  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_*(\mathcal{E})|_{\geq 0}$  is again  $\mathcal{E}$ . Moreover, [12, Theorem 6.9] implies, as  $\mathcal{E}(-1, -1)$  is acyclic, that the natural map

$$H^0(\mathcal{E}) \otimes H^0(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(p, q)) \longrightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}(p, q))$$

is surjective for any  $p, q \geq 0$ . Therefore, we have a surjective homomorphism

$$\mathbf{S}^{\oplus(k+l)} \rightarrow \mathbf{\Gamma}_*(\mathcal{E})|_{\geq 0} \rightarrow 0$$

of bigraded  $\mathbf{S}$ -modules. Since  $\mathcal{E}$  is of pure dimension 1, its projective dimension is 1, and, hence, the above homomorphism extends to a linear free resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{k+l} \mathbf{S}(-p_i, -q_i) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{k+l} \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{\Gamma}_*(\mathcal{E})|_{\geq 0} \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $p_i, q_i \geq 0$  and  $p_i + q_i > 0$  for each  $i$ . The corresponding sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  give us a locally free resolution of  $\mathcal{E}$ :

$$(2.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{k+l} \mathcal{O}(-p_i, -q_i) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{k+l} \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^*(\mathcal{E}(-1, -1)) = 0$ , either  $p_i = 0$  or  $q_i = 0$  for every  $i$ . Since  $h^0(\mathcal{E}(-1, 0)) = k$ , we deduce, after tensoring (2.3) with  $\mathcal{O}(-1, 0)$ , that  $\sum p_i = k$ . Similarly  $\sum q_i = l$ . Since  $h^1(\mathcal{E}) = 0$ , none of the  $p_i$  or  $q_i$  can be greater than 1, and so all nonzero  $p_i$  and all nonzero  $q_i$  are equal to 1. This proves the existence of resolution (2.2).

Conversely, if  $\mathcal{F}$  admits a resolution of the form (2.2), then it is 1-dimensional. The long exact cohomology sequence implies that  $\mathcal{F}$  is acyclic. □

Let us write  $n = k + l$ . The polynomial matrix  $M(\zeta, \eta)$  in (2.3) has size  $n \times n$  and is of the form

$$(2.4) \quad (A_0 + A_1\zeta \quad B_0 + B_1\eta),$$

with  $A_0, A_1 \in \text{Mat}_{n,k}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $B_0, B_1 \in \text{Mat}_{n,l}(\mathbb{C})$ . Let us denote by  $\mathcal{A}(k, l)$  the space of such matrices with nonzero determinant. The group  $GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  acts on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  via

$$(2.5) \quad (g, h_1, h_2) \cdot (A(\zeta) \quad B(\eta)) = g (A(\zeta) \quad B(\eta)) \begin{pmatrix} h_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & h_2^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

and we can restate Theorem 2.3 as follows:

**Corollary 2.6.** *There exists a natural bijection between*

- (a) *isomorphism classes of 1-dimensional acyclic sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  such that  $h^0(\mathcal{F}(0, 1)) = k$ ,  $h^0(\mathcal{F}(1, 0)) = l$*
- and**
- (b) *orbits of  $GL_{k+l}(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  on  $\mathcal{A}(k, l)$ .* □

For a sheaf defined by (2.2), we can describe its support as follows. As a set, the support of  $\mathcal{F}$  is

$$S = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1; \det M(\zeta, \eta) = 0\}.$$

Let us write  $\det M(\zeta, \eta) = \prod_{i=1}^s q_i(\zeta, \eta)^{k_i}$ , where  $q_i$  are irreducible polynomials. We define the *minimal polynomial*  $p_M(\zeta, \eta)$  of  $M$  as  $\prod_{i=1}^s q_i(\zeta, \eta)^{r_i}$ , where

$$r_i = \max\{a_i b_i; \text{ at a generic point, } M(\zeta, \eta) \text{ has a Jordan block of size } a_i \text{ with eigenvalue } q_i(\zeta, \eta)^{b_i}\}.$$

Then:

**Proposition 2.7.** *The support of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the curve  $(S, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1} / (p_M))$ .* □

Let us now fix the support  $S$ . For simplicity, we shall assume that it is an *integral* curve in the linear system  $|\mathcal{O}(k, l)|$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ ; i.e.  $S$  is given by an irreducible polynomial  $P(\zeta, \eta)$  of bidegree  $(k, l)$ ,  $k, l \geq 1$ . This immediately implies that the rank of  $\mathcal{F}$  is constant; i.e.  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally free. Theorem 2.3 and Corollary 2.6 imply

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $P(\zeta, \eta)$  be an irreducible polynomial of bidegree  $(k, l)$  and  $S = \{(\zeta, \eta); P(\zeta, \eta) = 0\}$  be the corresponding integral curve of genus  $g = (k - 1)(l - 1)$ . There exists a canonical biholomorphism*

$$\text{Jac}^{g-1}(S) - \Theta \simeq \{M \in \mathcal{A}(k, l); \det M = P\} / GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C}).$$

Similarly, let  $\mathcal{U}_S(r, d)$  be the moduli space of semistable vector bundles (locally free sheaves) on  $S$ . For  $d = r(g - 1)$  define the generalised theta divisor  $\Theta$  as the set of bundles with nonzero section. Then we have:

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $P(\zeta, \eta)$  be an irreducible polynomial of bidegree  $(k, l)$  and  $S = \{(\zeta, \eta); P(\zeta, \eta) = 0\}$  be the corresponding integral curve of genus  $g = (k - 1)(l - 1)$ . There exists a canonical biholomorphism*

$$\mathcal{U}_S(r, r(g-1)) - \Theta \simeq \{M \in \mathcal{A}(kr, lr); \det M = P^r\} / GL_{nr}(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_{kr}(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_{lr}(\mathbb{C}).$$

3. A GEOMETRIC RESOLUTION

There is a much more geometric way of constructing resolution (2.2), which works under mild assumptions on the sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  (cf. [7] for the case of  $\sigma$ -sheaves).

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a 1-dimensional sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . We say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is *bipure* if  $\mathcal{F}$  has no nontrivial coherent subsheaves supported on  $\{z\} \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \{z\}$  for any  $z \in \mathbb{P}^1$ .

*Remark 3.2.* Observe that bipure implies pure.

Now let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an acyclic and bipure sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  with Hilbert polynomial  $lx + ky$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we consider the sheaf  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}(1, 1)$ . Let  $D_\zeta$  and  $D_\eta$  denote the divisors  $\{\zeta\} \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \{\eta\}$ . We set

$$(3.1) \quad V_\zeta = \{s \in H^0(\mathcal{E}); s|_{D_\zeta} = 0\}, \quad W_\eta = \{s \in H^0(\mathcal{E}); s|_{D_\eta} = 0\}.$$

For any  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$ , consider the maps

$$\mathcal{E}(-1, 0) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}, \quad \mathcal{E}(0, -1) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$$

given by multiplication by global nonzero sections of  $\mathcal{O}(1, 0)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(0, 1)$ , vanishing at  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$ , respectively. Since  $\mathcal{E}$  is bipure, these maps are injective, and therefore  $V_\zeta \simeq H^0(\mathcal{E}(-1, 0))$ ,  $W_\eta \simeq H^0(\mathcal{E}(0, -1))$  for any  $\zeta, \eta$ . In particular,  $\dim V_\zeta = k, \dim W_\eta = l$ , for any  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$ . Therefore,  $\zeta \mapsto V_\zeta$  and  $\eta \mapsto W_\eta$  are subbundles of  $H^0(\mathcal{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . They are isomorphic to  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(-1, 0)) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-1)$  and to  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(0, -1)) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-1)$ . The isomorphism is realised explicitly via the map  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(-1, 0)) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-1) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}$ , defined as

$$H^0(\mathcal{E}(-1, 0)) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-1) \ni (s, (a, b)) \xrightarrow{m} (b\zeta - a)s \in H^0(\mathcal{E})$$

(here  $(a, b) \in l$ , where  $l$  is the fibre of  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$  over  $[l]$ ), and similarly for the subbundle  $W$ . We now define a vector bundle  $U$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , the fibre of which at  $(\zeta, \eta)$  is  $V_\zeta \oplus W_\eta$ ; i.e.

$$U \simeq (H^0(\mathcal{E}(-1, 0)) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-1, 0)) \oplus (H^0(\mathcal{E}(0, -1)) \otimes \mathcal{O}(0, -1)).$$

We obtain an injective map of sheaves  $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the cokernel, i.e.

$$(3.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 0.$$

We claim that  $\mathcal{G} \simeq \mathcal{E}$ , and so (3.2) is a natural resolution of  $\mathcal{E}$ . To prove this, tensor the resolution (2.2) by  $\mathcal{O}(1, 1)$  to obtain

$$(3.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1, 0)^{\oplus k} \oplus \mathcal{O}(0, -1)^{\oplus l} \xrightarrow{M(\zeta, \eta)} \mathcal{O}^{\oplus(k+l)} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0.$$

Clearly, the middle term is identified with  $H^0(\mathcal{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}$ . For any  $\zeta_0$ , consider the image of  $M(\zeta_0, \eta)$  restricted to  $\mathcal{O}(-1, 0)^{\oplus k}|_{\zeta_0} \oplus 0$ . This image does not depend on  $\eta$ , and since  $\mathcal{F}$  is bipure, it is exactly  $V_{\zeta_0}$ , defined in (3.1), i.e. sections vanishing on  $\zeta_0 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Similarly, for any  $\eta_0$ , the image of  $M(\zeta, \eta_0)$  restricted to  $0 \oplus \mathcal{O}(0, -1)^{\oplus l}|_{\eta_0}$  is precisely  $W_{\eta_0}$ . Hence, there are canonical isomorphisms between both first and second terms in resolutions (3.2) and (3.3) which commute with the horizontal maps. Therefore  $\mathcal{G} \simeq \mathcal{E}$ .

4. POISSON STRUCTURE AND ORBITS OF LOOP GROUPS

According to Corollary 2.6, acyclic sheaves with the Hilbert polynomial  $lx + ky$  correspond to orbits of  $GL_{k+l}(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  on  $\mathcal{A}(k, l)$ , where  $\mathcal{A}(k, l)$  is the set of polynomial matrices defined in (2.4) and the action is given in (2.5).

We now make the following assumption about the sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$(4.1) \quad (\infty, \infty) \notin \text{supp } \mathcal{F}.$$

This can, of course, always be achieved via an automorphism of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . In terms of the matrix  $M(\zeta, \eta)$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{F}$ , (4.1) means that  $\det(A_1, B_1) \neq 0$ . We can, therefore, use the action of  $GL_{k+l}(\mathbb{C})$  to make  $(A_1, B_1)$  equal to minus the identity matrix so that  $M(\zeta, \eta)$  becomes

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{pmatrix} X - \zeta & F \\ G & Y - \eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad X \in \text{Mat}_{k,k}(\mathbb{C}), Y \in \text{Mat}_{l,l}(\mathbb{C}), G, F^T \in \text{Mat}_{l,k}(\mathbb{C}).$$

The residual group action is that of conjugation by the block-diagonal  $GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$ . We denote this group by  $K$ .

*Remark 4.1.* We are, essentially, in the situation of [5]. The only difference is that we do not fix  $X$  or  $Y$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  the space of all matrices of the form (4.2), which we identify with quadruples  $(X, Y, F, G)$  as above. The action of  $K = GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  is given by

$$(4.3) \quad (g, h).(X, Y, F, G) = (gXg^{-1}, hYh^{-1}, gFh^{-1}, hGg^{-1}).$$

Let us also write  $\mathcal{S}(k, l)$  for the set of isomorphism classes of acyclic sheaves with Hilbert polynomial  $lx + ky$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  which satisfy (4.1). The content of Corollary 2.6 is that there exists a natural bijection

$$(4.4) \quad \mathcal{M}(k, l)/K \simeq \mathcal{S}(k, l).$$

**4.1. Poisson structure.** The vector space  $\text{Mat}_{k,l} \times \text{Mat}_{l,k}$  has a natural  $K$ -invariant symplectic structure:  $\omega = \text{tr}(dF \wedge dG)$ . On the other hand,  $\text{Mat}_{k,k} \simeq \mathfrak{gl}_k(\mathbb{C})^*$  and  $\text{Mat}_{l,l} \simeq \mathfrak{gl}_l(\mathbb{C})^*$  have canonical Poisson structures, and therefore  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  has a natural  $K$ -invariant Poisson structure. If  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0$  is the subset of  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  on which the action of  $K$  is free and proper, then  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  is a Poisson manifold, and, consequently, we obtain a Poisson structure on the corresponding subset of acyclic sheaves with Hilbert polynomial  $lx + ky$  and satisfying (4.1). We shall now describe symplectic leaves of  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  in terms of sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

First of all, let us describe sheaves corresponding to symplectic leaves in  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$ . Such a leaf is determined by fixing conjugacy classes of  $X$  and  $Y$ . On the other hand, conjugacy classes of  $k \times k$  matrices correspond to isomorphism classes of torsion sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , of length  $k$ . This correspondence is given by associating to a matrix  $X \in \text{Mat}_{k,k}(\mathbb{C})$  the sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$  via

$$(4.5) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1)^{\oplus k} \xrightarrow{X-\zeta} \mathcal{O}^{\oplus k} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 0.$$

If, for example,  $X$  is diagonalisable with distinct eigenvalues  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_r$  of multiplicities  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ , then  $\mathcal{G} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{C}^{k_i}|_{\zeta_i}$ ; i.e.  $\mathcal{G}|_{\zeta_i}$  is the skyscraper sheaf of rank  $k_i$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $P$  be a conjugacy class of  $k \times k$  matrices. The bijection (4.4) induces a bijection between*

- (i) orbits of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  on  $\{(X, Y, F, G) \in \mathcal{M}(k, l); X \in P\}$  and
- (ii) isomorphism classes of sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathcal{S}(k, l)$  such that  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta=\infty}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}$  defined by (4.5).

*Proof.* At  $\eta = \infty$ , the matrix (4.2) becomes  $\begin{pmatrix} X - \zeta & 0 \\ G & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The statement follows from (4.5) and (2.2). □

Therefore symplectic leaves on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  correspond to fixing isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta=\infty}$  and of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\zeta=\infty}$ . Symplectic leaves on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  are of course smaller than  $K$ -orbits of symplectic leaves on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0$ . They are obtained by fixing  $X$  and  $Y$  and taking the symplectic quotient of  $\text{Mat}_{k,l} \times \text{Mat}_{l,k}$  by  $\text{Stab}(X) \times \text{Stab}(Y)$ . We shall describe sheaves corresponding to a particular symplectic leaf in the case when  $X$  and  $Y$  are diagonalisable.

**4.2. Orbits of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$  and matrix-valued rational maps.** We now consider only the action of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \simeq GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times \{1\} \subset K$  on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$ . We fix a semisimple conjugacy class of  $X$ ; i.e. we suppose that  $X$  is diagonalisable, with distinct eigenvalues  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_r$  of multiplicities  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ . The stabiliser of  $X$  is then isomorphic to  $\prod_{i=1}^r GL_{k_i}(\mathbb{C})$ . If the action of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$  is to be free, we must have  $k_i \leq l$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Let us diagonalise  $X$  so that  $X$  has the block-diagonal form  $(\zeta_1 \cdot 1_{k_1 \times k_1}, \dots, \zeta_r \cdot 1_{k_r \times k_r})$ , and let  $F_i, G_i$  denote the  $k_i \times l$  and  $l \times k_i$  submatrices of  $F, G$  such that rows of  $F$  and the columns of  $G$  have the same coordinates as the block  $\zeta_i \cdot 1_{k_i \times k_i}$ . The action of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$  is free and proper at  $(X, Y, F, G)$  if and only if  $\text{rank } F_i = \text{rank } G_i = k_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ .

As in [1, 5], we can associate to each element of  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)$  a  $\text{Mat}_{l,l}(\mathbb{C})$ -valued rational map:

$$(4.6) \quad R(\zeta) = Y + G(\zeta - X)^{-1}F.$$

The mapping  $(X, Y, F, G) \mapsto R(\zeta)$  is clearly  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$ -invariant. If  $X$  is diagonalisable, as above, i.e.  $X = (\zeta_1 \cdot 1_{k_1 \times k_1}, \dots, \zeta_r \cdot 1_{k_r \times k_r})$ , then

$$(4.7) \quad R(\zeta) = Y + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{G_i F_i}{\zeta - \zeta_i}.$$

We clearly have:

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $P$  be a semisimple conjugacy class of  $k \times k$  matrices with eigenvalues  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_r$  of multiplicities  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ . The map  $(X, Y, F, G) \mapsto R(\zeta)$  induces a bijection between*

- (i)  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$ -orbits on  $\{(X, Y, F, G) \in \mathcal{M}(k, l)^0; X \in P\}$  and
- (ii) the set  $\mathcal{R}_l(P)$  of all rational maps of the form

$$R(\zeta) = Y + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{R_i}{\zeta - \zeta_i},$$

where  $\text{rank } R_i = k_i$ . □

**4.3. Orbits of loop groups.** A rational map of the form (4.6) may be viewed as an element of a loop Lie algebra  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$ , consisting of maps from a circle  $S^1$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , containing the points  $\zeta_i$  in its interior, which extend holomorphically outside  $S^1$  (including  $\infty$ ). The group  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$ , consisting of smooth maps  $g : S^1 \rightarrow GL_l(\mathbb{C})$ ,

extending holomorphically to the interior of  $S^1$ , acts on  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$  by pointwise conjugation, followed by projection to  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$ . In particular, if all eigenvalues of  $X$  are distinct, then the action is

$$g(\zeta) \cdot \left( Y + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{R_i}{\zeta - \zeta_i} \right) = Y + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{g(\zeta_i)R_i g(\zeta_i)^{-1}}{\zeta - \zeta_i}.$$

Therefore, if we fix conjugacy classes of the  $R_i$ , we obtain an orbit of  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$  in  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$ . We shall now consider quotients of such orbits by  $\text{Stab}(Y)$  and describe which sheaves correspond to elements of such an orbit. Let us give a name to such quotients:

**Definition 4.4.** The quotient of an orbit of  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$  in  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$  by  $GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  is called a *semireduced orbit*.

*Remark 4.5.* In the literature (see, e.g., [1]–[5]) a *reduced orbit* is the symplectic quotient of an orbit by  $H_Y = \text{Stab}(Y)$ . The  $GL_l(\mathbb{C})$ -moment map on  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$  is identified with  $Y + \sum_{i=1}^r R_i$  so that a reduced orbit is obtained by fixing the value of  $a = \pi(\sum_{i=1}^r R_i)$ , where  $\pi$  is the projection  $\mathfrak{gl}_l(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_l(\mathbb{C})/\mathfrak{h}_Y^\perp$  (with  $\perp$  taken with respect to  $\text{tr}$ ), and dividing by  $\text{Stab}(a) \subset \text{Stab}(Y)$ . Therefore, if  $\text{Stab}(Y)$  fixes  $a$ , then a reduced orbit can be identified with a subset of a semireduced orbit.

Let us, therefore, fix a semireduced orbit of  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$ . We choose  $r$  distinct points  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_r$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Furthermore, we choose  $r + 1$  conjugacy classes  $Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_r$  of  $l \times l$  matrices. This data determines a semireduced orbit  $\Upsilon = \Upsilon(Q_0, \dots, Q_r)$  of  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$  defined as

$$(4.8) \quad \Upsilon = \left\{ R(\zeta) = Y + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{R_i}{\zeta - \zeta_i}; Y \in Q_0, \forall_{i \geq 1} R_i \in Q_i \right\} / GL_l(\mathbb{C}).$$

Let

$$(4.9) \quad k_i = \text{rank } Q_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, r, \quad k = \sum_{i=1}^r k_i.$$

In the notation of Lemma 4.3,  $\Upsilon \subset \mathcal{R}_l(P)$ , where  $P$  is the semisimple conjugacy class of  $k \times k$  matrices with eigenvalues  $\zeta_i$  of multiplicities  $k_i$ .

Thanks to Proposition 4.2, the conjugacy class  $P$  determines  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta=\infty}$ , which, in the case at hand, is  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{C}^{k_i}|_{(\zeta_i, \infty)}$ . Similarly,  $Q_0$  determines the isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\zeta=\infty}$ . We now discuss the significance of the other conjugacy classes  $Q_1, \dots, Q_l$ .

We claim that these classes determine the isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta^2=\infty}$ , i.e. of  $\mathcal{F}$  restricted to the first order neighbourhood of  $\eta = \infty$ . This is only to be expected if one thinks in terms of the Mukai-Tyurin-Bottacin Poisson structure; cf. [11]. We again consider the canonical resolution (2.2) of  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $M(\zeta, \eta)$  given by (4.2). Let  $\tilde{\eta} = 1/\eta$  be a local coordinate near  $\eta = \infty$  so that

$$M(\zeta, \tilde{\eta}) = \begin{pmatrix} X - \zeta & \tilde{\eta}F \\ G & \tilde{\eta}Y - 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$



Using action (2.5), we can multiply  $M(\zeta, \tilde{\eta})$  on the right by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \tilde{\eta}Y)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ . On the scheme  $\tilde{\eta}^2 = 0$ , we have  $(1 - \tilde{\eta}Y)^{-1} = 1 + \tilde{\eta}Y$ , and so  $M(\zeta, \tilde{\eta})$  becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} X - \zeta & \tilde{\eta}F \\ G & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To describe  $\mathcal{F}|_{\tilde{\eta}^2=0}$ , it is enough to describe it near each  $\zeta_i$ , i.e. to describe  $\mathcal{G}_i = \mathcal{F}|_{U_i \times \{\tilde{\eta}^2=0\}}$ , where  $U_i$  is an open neighbourhood of  $\zeta_i$  (not containing the other  $\zeta_j$ ). The resolution (2.2) of  $\mathcal{F}$  restricted to  $U_i \times \{\tilde{\eta}^2 = 0\}$  becomes

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-2, -1)^{\oplus k_i} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-1, -2)^{\oplus l} \xrightarrow{M_i(\zeta, \tilde{\eta})} \mathcal{O}(-1, -1)^{\oplus (k_i+l)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i \rightarrow 0,$$

where

$$M_i(\zeta, \tilde{\eta}) = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_i - \zeta & \tilde{\eta}F_i \\ G_i & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This implies that we have an exact sequence

$$(4.10) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-2, -1)^{\oplus k_i} \xrightarrow{(\zeta_i - \zeta) + \tilde{\eta}F_i G_i} \mathcal{O}(-1, 0)^{\oplus k_i} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}_i \rightarrow 0$$

on  $U_i \times \{\tilde{\eta}^2 = 0\}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is determined by the  $GL_{k_i}(\mathbb{C})$ -conjugacy class of  $F_i G_i$ , which is the same as the  $GL_l(\mathbb{C})$ -conjugacy class of  $G_i F_i$ . Lemma 4.3 and formula (4.7) imply that the conjugacy class of  $G_i F_i$  is  $Q_i$ . Thus, the conjugacy classes  $Q_1, \dots, Q_r$ , which determine the orbit (4.8), correspond to the isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\tilde{\eta}^2=0}$ . Observe that the support of  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is given by  $\det((\zeta_i - \zeta) + \tilde{\eta}F_i G_i) = 0$ . In other words, the eigenvalues of  $F_i G_i$  give  $\frac{\zeta - \zeta_i}{\tilde{\eta}}$  at  $(\zeta, \tilde{\eta}) = (\zeta_i, 0)$ , i.e. the first order neighbourhood of  $\text{supp } \mathcal{F}$  at  $(\zeta_i, \infty)$ .

Summing up, we have:

**Theorem 4.6.** *There exists a natural bijection between elements of the semireduced rational orbit (4.8) of  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$  in  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$  and isomorphism classes of 1-dimensional acyclic sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  such that*

- (i) *The Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(x, y) = lx + ky$ .*
- (ii)  *$(\infty, \infty) \notin \text{supp } S$ , and  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta=\infty} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{C}^{k_i}|_{(\zeta_i, \infty)}$ .*
- (iii) *The isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\zeta=\infty}$  corresponds to  $Q_0$ , as in Proposition 4.2.*
- (iv) *The isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta^2=\infty}$  corresponds to conjugacy classes  $Q_1, \dots, Q_r$ , as described above.  $\square$*

*Remark 4.7.* A variation of this result is probably well known to the integrable systems community (at least when  $\mathcal{F}$  is a line bundle supported on a smooth curve  $S$ ). We think it useful, however, to state it in this language and in full generality.

**4.4. Symplectic leaves of  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$ .** We can finally describe symplectic leaves of  $\mathcal{S}(k, l)$ , i.e. sheaves corresponding to a particular symplectic leaf  $L$  in  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)/K$ , at least in the case when  $L \subset \mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  are semisimple. As we have already mentioned in §4.1, a symplectic leaf in  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  is obtained by fixing  $X$  and  $Y$ , as well as a coadjoint orbit  $\Lambda \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  of  $H = \text{Stab}(X) \times \text{Stab}(Y)$ . If  $\mu : \text{Mat}_{k,l} \times \text{Mat}_{l,k} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$  is the moment map for  $H$ , then the symplectic leaf determined by these data is

$$(4.11) \quad L = \{(X, Y, F, G) \in \mathcal{M}(k, l)^0; X \text{ and } Y \text{ are given, } \mu(F, G) \in \Lambda\}/H.$$

Let  $X$  be diagonal, written as in §4.2, i.e.  $X = (\zeta_1 \cdot 1_{k_1 \times k_1}, \dots, \zeta_r \cdot 1_{k_r \times k_r})$ , and let  $F_i, G_i, i = 1, \dots, r$ , be the corresponding submatrices of  $F$  and  $G$ . Then  $\text{Stab}(X) \simeq \prod_{i=1}^r GL_{k_i}(\mathbb{C})$ , and the moment map is the projection of the  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$ -moment map,

i.e.  $(F, G) \mapsto FG$ , onto the Lie algebra of  $\text{Stab}(X)$ . In other words, the  $\text{Stab}(X)$ -moment map can be identified with [5]:

$$(4.12) \quad \mu_X(F, G) = (F_1G_1, \dots, F_rG_r).$$

Similarly, if  $Y$  is diagonal with  $s$  distinct eigenvalues of multiplicities  $l_1, \dots, l_s$ , then we obtain  $l_i \times k$  and  $k \times l_i$  submatrices  $G^i, F^i$ . The stabiliser of  $Y$  is isomorphic to  $\prod_{i=1}^s GL_{l_i}(\mathbb{C})$  and the moment map is

$$(4.13) \quad \mu_Y(F, G) = (G^1F^1, \dots, G^sF^s).$$

Therefore, an orbit  $\Lambda$  corresponds to  $r + s$  conjugacy classes  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_r, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_s$  of  $k_i \times k_i$  matrices for the  $\pi_i$  and  $l_j \times l_j$  matrices for the  $\rho_j$ . The leaf  $L$  will be contained in  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  if and only if each conjugacy class consists of matrices of maximal rank ( $k_i$  or  $l_j$ ). From the discussion in the previous subsection, we immediately obtain:

**Proposition 4.8.** *Let  $L$  be a symplectic leaf of the Poisson manifold  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$ , defined as in (4.11), with semisimple  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the image of  $L$  under the bijection (4.4) consists of isomorphism classes of sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathcal{S}(k, l)$  such that the isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\zeta^2=\infty}$  and of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta^2=\infty}$  are fixed (and determined by  $L$ ).* □

Spelling things out,  $X$  determines  $\mathcal{F}|_{\eta=\infty} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{C}^{k_i}|_{(\zeta_i, \infty)}$ , and each  $\pi_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , determines  $\mathcal{F}$  restricted to a neighbourhood of  $(\zeta_i, \infty)$  in  $\{\eta^2 = \infty\}$  via (4.10). Similarly,  $Y$  and the  $\rho_j$  determine  $\mathcal{F}|_{\zeta^2=\infty}$ .

*Remark 4.9.* Symplectic leaves of  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  can also be identified with reduced orbits (cf. Remark 4.5) of  $\widetilde{GL}(l)^+$  in  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{gl}}(l)^-$ . Therefore, the last proposition describes sheaves corresponding to a reduced orbit with  $Y$  semisimple. Furthermore, if we view  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  as an open subset of the moduli space of semistable sheaves with Hilbert polynomial  $lx + ky$ , then this map is a symplectomorphism between the Mukai-Tyurin-Bottacin symplectic structure, described in the introduction, and the Kostant-Kirillov form on a reduced orbit of a Lie group. For an open dense set where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a line bundle on a smooth curve, this follows from results in [2, 4]. Since both symplectic structures extend everywhere, they must be isomorphic everywhere.

**Example 4.10.** If we want  $\mathcal{F}$  to be a line bundle over its support, then we must require that all  $k_i$  and all  $l_j$  be equal to 1. A symplectic leaf in  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^0/K$  is now given by fixing diagonal matrices  $X = \text{diag}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_k)$  and  $Y = \text{diag}(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_l)$  with all  $\zeta_i$  and all  $\eta_j$  distinct, as well as the diagonal entries of  $FG$  and  $GF$ , and quotienting by the group of  $(k + l) \times (k + l)$  diagonal matrices (acting as in (4.3)). If the diagonal entries of  $FG$  are fixed to be  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  and the diagonal entries of  $GF$  are  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_l$ , then the corresponding subset of  $\mathcal{S}(k, l)$  consists of sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  supported on a 1-dimensional scheme  $S$  such that

$$S \cap \{\eta^2 = \infty\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \left\{ \zeta - \zeta_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{\eta} \right\}, \quad S \cap \{\zeta^2 = \infty\} = \bigcup_{j=1}^l \left\{ \eta - \eta_j = \frac{\beta_j}{\zeta} \right\}$$

and the rank of  $\mathcal{F}$  restricted to  $S \cap \{\eta^2 = \infty\}$  and  $S \cap \{\zeta^2 = \infty\}$  is everywhere 1.

*Remark 4.11.* We expect that Proposition 4.8 remains true if  $X$  or  $Y$  are not semisimple.

5. RANK  $k$  PERTURBATIONS

Let us now assume that  $k \leq l$ . In [1], the authors consider Hamiltonian flows on a subset  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{M}^0(k, l)/K$ , where  $\text{rank } F = \text{rank } G = k$ . It is clear from the previous section that a generic symplectic leaf of  $\mathcal{M}^0(k, l)/K$  is not contained in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Therefore a flow may leave  $\mathcal{M}$  without becoming singular. Since such Hamiltonian flows on a particular symplectic leaf can be linearised on the Jacobian of a spectral curve, it is interesting to know which points of the (affine) Jacobian are outside  $\mathcal{M}$ . We are going to give a very satisfactory answer to this in terms of cohomology of line bundles.

Let us therefore define the following set:

$$(5.1) \quad \mathcal{M}(k, l)^1 = \{M \in \mathcal{M}(k, l); \text{rank } F = \text{rank } G = k\}.$$

*Remark 5.1.* The manifold of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C})$ -orbits in  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^1$  with  $X = 0$  and fixed  $Y$  can be identified with the set  $\{Y + GF\}$ , i.e. with the *space of rank  $k$  perturbations of the matrix  $Y$* , as considered first by Moser [13] ( $k = 2$ ) and then by many other authors, in particular Adams, Harnad, Hurtubise, Previato [1, 5].

We now ask which acyclic sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  correspond to orbits of  $K = GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^1$ . We have:

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $k \leq l$ . The bijection of Corollary 2.6 induces a bijection between:*

- (i) *orbits of  $GL_k(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_l(\mathbb{C})$  on  $\mathcal{M}(k, l)^1$  and*
- (ii) *isomorphism classes of acyclic sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  with Hilbert polynomial  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(x, y) = lx + ky$ , which satisfy, in addition, (4.1) and*

$$H^0(\mathcal{F}(-1, 1)) = 0 \text{ and } H^1(\mathcal{F}(1, -1)) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Consider the short exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1)^{\oplus k} &\xrightarrow{(X-\zeta, G)^T} \mathcal{O}^{\oplus(k+l)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_1 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1)^{\oplus l} &\xrightarrow{(F, Y-\eta)^T} \mathcal{O}^{\oplus(k+l)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_2 \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

The condition that  $G$  has rank  $k$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{W}_1$  being a vector bundle, isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus k} \oplus \mathcal{O}^{\oplus(l-k)}$ . This is equivalent to  $H^0(\mathcal{W}_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}(-2)) = 0$ . On the other hand, we claim that the condition that  $F$  has rank  $k$  is equivalent to  $H^1(\mathcal{W}_2 \otimes \mathcal{O}(-2)) = 0$ . Indeed, any coherent sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  splits into the sum of line bundles  $\mathcal{O}(i)$  and a torsion sheaf [16]. Since  $\mathcal{W}_2$  has a resolution as above, we know that all degrees  $i$  in the splitting are nonnegative and  $F$  has rank  $k$  if and only if all  $i$  are strictly positive, which is equivalent to  $H^1(\mathcal{W}_2 \otimes \mathcal{O}(-2)) = 0$ .

We can use the above exact sequences to obtain two further resolutions of  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}(1, 1)$ :

$$(5.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1, 0)^{\oplus k} \rightarrow \pi_2^* \mathcal{W}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0,$$

$$(5.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(0, -1)^{\oplus l} \rightarrow \pi_1^* \mathcal{W}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0,$$

where the maps between the first two terms are given by the embedding in  $\mathcal{O}^{\oplus(k+l)}$  followed by the projection onto the quotients  $\mathcal{W}_2, \mathcal{W}_1$ . Tensoring (5.2) with  $\mathcal{O}(0, -2)$  shows that  $H^1(\mathcal{W}_2(-2)) = 0$  if and only if  $H^1(\mathcal{E}(0, -2)) = 0$ , i.e.  $H^1(\mathcal{F}(1, -1)) = 0$ . Similarly, tensoring (5.3) with  $\mathcal{O}(-2, 0)$  shows that  $H^0(\mathcal{W}_1(-2)) = 0$  if and only if  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(-2, 0)) = 0$ , i.e.  $H^0(\mathcal{F}(-1, 1)) = 0$ .  $\square$

*Remark 5.3.* In the case  $k = l$ ,  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(-2, 0)) = 0$  implies that  $\mathcal{E}(-2, 0)$  is acyclic (and similarly,  $H^1(\mathcal{E}(0, -2)) = 0$  implies that  $\mathcal{E}(0, -2)$  is acyclic). In other words  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{E}(-1, 0)$  satisfies  $H^*(\mathcal{G}(-1, 0)) = H^*(\mathcal{G}(0, -1)) = 0$ . Furthermore, the resolution (5.3) becomes the following resolution of  $\mathcal{G}$ :

$$(5.4) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1, -1)^{\oplus k} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}^k \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 0.$$

In the case when  $S = \text{supp } \mathcal{G}$  is smooth and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a line bundle, the corresponding part of  $\text{Jac}^{g+k-1}(S)$  and the resolution (5.4) have been considered by Murray and Singer in [15].

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