

**CORRIGENDUM TO: SEMI-SIMPLICITY OF INVARIANT  
HOLONOMIC SYSTEMS ON A REDUCTIVE LIE ALGEBRA**

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The proof of Proposition 6.5 of [2] is inadequate (the application of the Chinese Remainder Theorem is incorrect) and so the aim of this corrigendum is to provide a correct proof of that result. All the results in [2] are correct as stated.

Recall the notation of [2]:  $A = \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{h})$ ,  $d = \prod_{\alpha > 0} \alpha^2$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \text{Ker } \lambda \subset S(\mathfrak{h})$ . Set  $P = A/\mathfrak{m}$ . Then the  $A$ -module  $P$  identifies with  $\mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})e^\lambda$  endowed with the natural action of  $A$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. We say that  $M$  has a  $C$ -filtration if there exists a finite chain of submodules  $0 = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \cdots \subset M_t = M$  satisfying

$$(1.1) \quad M_i/M_{i-1} \cong A \otimes_{C_i} (C_i/I_i) \text{ for each } i,$$

where  $C_i = \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_\ell]$  is a commutative polynomial ring such that  $\mathcal{D}(C_i) = A$ , and  $I_i$  is an ideal of  $C_i$  of finite codimension.

**Remarks 1.2.** (1) The  $A$ -module  $P$  has a  $C$ -filtration:  $0 = M_0 \subset M_1 = P$ .

(2) Suppose that  $M$  has a  $C$ -filtration and keep the notation of Definition 1.1. Then,  $M$  is automatically holonomic. Moreover, classical results (for example, Kashiwara's equivalence) imply that  $A/AI_i$  is isomorphic to a finite direct sum of simple modules of the form  $A/A\mathfrak{y}$ , where  $\mathfrak{y}$  is maximal ideal of  $C_i$ . In particular, every subquotient of  $M$  has a  $C$ -filtration.

(3) Let  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of  $A$ -modules. Then,  $M'$  and  $M''$  have a  $C$ -filtration if and only if  $M$  has one.

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $D$  be left noetherian ring and  $B$  be a  $(D, A)$ -bimodule finitely generated as left  $D$ -module. Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module having a  $C$ -filtration. Then  $\text{Tor}_j^A(B, M) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* Keep the notation of Definition 1.1. By [2, Lemma 6.4],  $B$  is a flat right  $C_i$ -module and so  $\text{Tor}_j^A(B, M_i/M_{i-1}) \cong \text{Tor}_j^{C_i}(B, C_i/I_i) = 0$ , by [3, Theorem 11.53]. The lemma follows easily by induction on  $t$  from the short exact sequence

$$\text{Tor}_j^A(B, M_1) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_j^A(B, M) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_j(B, M/M_1).$$

□

Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})$ . We denote by  $M_{(f)}$  the localization  $\mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})[f^{-1}] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})} M$  with respect to  $\{f^i\}$ . Recall that if  $M$  is holonomic, then  $M_{(f)}$  is also a holonomic  $A$ -module [1, Theorem 3.2.11]. In particular,  $M_{(f)}$  has finite

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length. This applies to  $P = \mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})e^\lambda$  and  $P_{(f)} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})f^{-i}e^\lambda$  (with the natural action of  $A$  by differential operators). Since  $\{f^{-i}e^\lambda\}_i$  is a system of generators of  $P_{(f)}$  this implies that  $P_{(f)} = Af^{-m}e^\lambda$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Notice that in the notation of [2],  $P_{(d)} = P_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** *The  $A$ -module  $P_{\mathcal{E}}/P$  has a  $C$ -filtration.*

*Proof.* Set  $P_0 = P$ . Let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  be distinct positive roots for some  $k \geq 1$ . Observe that, since  $d = \prod_{\alpha > 0} \alpha^2$ , we have  $P_{(\beta_1 \dots \beta_k)^2} = P_{(\beta_1 \dots \beta_k)} \subset P_{\mathcal{E}}$ . Define an  $A$ -submodule of  $P_{\mathcal{E}}$  by

$$P_k = \sum_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k} P_{(\beta_1 \dots \beta_k)}$$

where the sum is taken over all possible sets of  $k$  distinct, positive roots. Notice that we have

$$P_0 \subset \dots \subset P_k \subset \dots \subset P_\nu = P_{\mathcal{E}},$$

where  $\nu$  is the number of positive roots.

Set  $N_\gamma = (P_{(\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_k)} + P_{k-1})/P_{k-1}$ , where the  $\gamma_i$  are some distinct positive roots. Clearly,  $P_k/P_{k-1} = \sum N_\gamma$  where the sum is over all possible  $\gamma$ . Thus, by Remarks 1.2, in order to prove that  $P_{\mathcal{E}}$  has a  $C$ -filtration it suffices to prove this for each  $P_k/P_{k-1}$  and hence for each  $N_\gamma$ . So, consider  $N = N_\gamma$ . As noticed above,  $P_{(\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_k)} = A\gamma_1^{-2i} \dots \gamma_k^{-2i}e^\lambda$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ; hence  $N$  is generated by the class  $e = [\gamma_1^{-2i} \dots \gamma_k^{-2i}e^\lambda]$ . The significance behind the definition of the  $P_\ell$  is that  $\gamma_j^{2i}e = 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ . Order the  $\gamma_j$ 's so that  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_h$  are linearly independent while  $\gamma_j \in \sum_{i=1}^h \mathbb{C}\gamma_i$  for  $j \geq h+1$ . Pick  $x_{h+1}, \dots, x_\ell \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  such that  $\{y_1 = \gamma_1, \dots, y_h = \gamma_h, x_{h+1}, \dots, x_\ell\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . Then, for  $j \geq h+1$ , one has  $y_j = \partial_{x_j} - \alpha_j \in \mathfrak{m}$  for some  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then,  $[y_j, \gamma_i] = 0$ , for all  $j \geq h+1$  and  $i \leq k$  and so:

$$y_1^{2i}.e = y_2^{2i}.e = \dots = y_h^{2i}.e = y_{h+1}.e = \dots = y_\ell.e = 0.$$

Notice that  $C_i = \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_\ell]$  is a polynomial ring with  $\mathcal{D}(C_i) = A$ . By the last displayed equation,  $A.e$  is a factor of the module  $A \otimes_{C_i} (C_i/I_i)$ , where  $I_i = (y_1^{2i}, \dots, y_h^{2i}, y_{h+1}, \dots, y_\ell)$ . Hence the lemma.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.5.** ([2, Proposition 6.5].) *Let  $B$  be the  $(\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}), A)$ -bimodule defined in [2, p.1109]. Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a maximal ideal of  $S(\mathfrak{h})$  and write  $P = A/\mathfrak{m}$ . Then,  $\text{Tor}_1^A(B, P_{\mathcal{E}}/P) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By its construction,  $B$  is a finitely generated left  $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module. Thus, the corollary follows from Lemma 1.4 and Lemma 1.3 with  $M = P_{\mathcal{E}}/P$ .  $\square$

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