

# THE KELLER–SEGEL EQUATION COMPACT SURFACES

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ABSTRACT. We study the (parabolic-elliptic) Keller–Segel equations on compact surfaces.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 2. REFORMULATION OF THE EQUATION

Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth, closed surface with a Riemannian metric  $g$  and area form  $\omega$ . Let  $G$  be the Green operator of the Laplacian,  $\Delta$ , on  $L^2(\Sigma, g)$  and let us fix  $\rho_0 \in L^2(\Sigma, g)$ . Note that  $L^2 \hookrightarrow L^1$  on domains of finite measure. We say that a positive function,  $\rho \in C^1((0, T); L^2(\Sigma, g))$  is said to satisfy the *parabolic–elliptic Keller–Segel equations* on  $(\Sigma, g)$  with initial value  $\rho_0$  if it is a solution to the following system:

$$\partial_t \rho = -\Delta \rho + d^*(\rho dG(\rho)), \quad (2.1a)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \rho_t = \rho_0. \quad (2.1b)$$

where for all  $t \in (0, T)$

$$\rho_t := \rho|_{\{t\} \times \Sigma},$$

regarded as a function in  $L^2(\Sigma, g)$ .

Now let

$$M(t) := \int_{\Sigma} \rho_t \, dA.$$

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Then  $M$  is constant, because

$$\dot{M}(t) = \int_{\Sigma} (-\Delta\rho + d^*(\rho dG(\rho))) dA = \int_{\Sigma} d^*(-d\rho + \rho dG(\rho)) dA = 0.$$

Thus we drop the  $t$ -dependence of  $M$  from its notation.

For the rest of the paper, let  $A_{\Sigma} := \text{Area}(\Sigma, g)$ . The following lemma recasts equations (2.1a) and (2.1b) in a simpler form.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\chi_0 := \rho_0 - \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}}$  and  $\chi := \rho - \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}}$ . Then equations (2.1a) and (2.1b) is equivalent to*

$$\partial_t \chi = \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} \chi - \Delta \chi + d^*(\chi dG(\chi)), \quad (2.2a)$$

$$\chi|_{\{0\} \times \Sigma} = \chi_0. \quad (2.2b)$$

*Proof.* The equivalency of equation (2.1b) and equation (2.2b) is obvious.

Note that  $G$  annihilates constants and since  $\chi$  is orthogonal to constants, we have that  $\Delta(G(\chi)) = \chi$ . Since  $\chi = \rho - \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}}$ , we get, using equation (2.1a), that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \chi &= \partial_t \left( \rho - \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} \right) \\ &= \partial_t \rho - 0 \\ &= -\Delta \rho + d^*(\rho dG(\rho)) \\ &= -\Delta \left( \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} + \chi \right) + d^* \left( \left( \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} + \chi \right) dG \left( \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} + \chi \right) \right) \\ &= -\Delta \chi + d^* \left( \left( \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} + \chi \right) dG(\chi) \right) \\ &= -\Delta \chi + \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} d^* dG(\chi) + d^*(\chi dG(\chi)) \\ &= \frac{M}{A_{\Sigma}} \chi - \Delta \chi + d^*(\chi dG(\chi)), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. □

**Remark 2.2.** *Let  $\lambda_1$  be the smallest nonzero eigenvalue of  $\Delta$  and note that quantity  $M_{\Sigma} = \lambda_1 A_{\Sigma}$  only depends on the geometry of  $(\Sigma, g)$ . When  $M < M_{\Sigma}$ , then the linear term in equation (2.2a) is strictly negative definite.*

### 3. THE GENERALIZED FOURIER TRANSFORM

Let now  $(\Psi_a \in L^2(\Sigma, g))_{a \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal eigenbasis of  $\Delta$  and

$$\Delta \Psi_a = \lambda_a \Psi_a.$$

Let us order this basis so that

$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \lambda_a \leq \lambda_{a+1} \leq \dots$$

In particular,  $\Psi_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_\Sigma}}$ .

Assume that  $\chi$  is a solution to equations (2.2a) and (2.2b) and write

$$R_a(t) := \left\langle \Psi_a | \chi |_{\{t\} \times \Sigma} \right\rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)}.$$

Then for each  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that  $R_a \in C^1((0, T); \mathbb{R})$ . Note that  $R_0 \equiv \frac{M}{A_\Sigma}$ . Finally let

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}: \quad \varphi_{abc} := \int_{\Sigma} \Psi_a \Psi_b \Psi_c \, dA.$$

Note that  $\varphi_{abc}$  is a completely symmetric 3-tensor.

**Theorem 3.1.** *The function  $\rho$  is a solution to equation (2.1a) exactly when*

$$\forall t \in (0, T): \quad (R_a(t))_{a \in \mathbb{N}} \in l^2(\mathbb{N}), \quad (3.1a)$$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{N}_+: \quad \dot{R}_a = \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - \lambda_a \right) R_a + \sum_{b, c \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\lambda_a - \lambda_b + \lambda_c}{2\lambda_c} \varphi_{abc} R_b R_c. \quad (3.1b)$$

Furthermore, if equation (2.1b) is also satisfied, then for all  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} R_a(t)$  exists and

$$\rho_0 = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{N}} \left( \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} R_a(t) \right) \Psi_a. \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* Since  $(\Psi_a)_{a \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\Sigma, g)$  and for all  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $\rho_t$  is in  $L^2(\Sigma, g)$ , we get condition (3.1a).

Fix  $a \in \mathbb{N}_+$ . Then

$$G(\Psi_a) = \lambda_a^{-1} \Psi_a.$$

Using the above equation, the self-adjointness of  $\Delta$ , and equation (2.2a), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{R}_a &= \langle \Psi_a | \partial_t \chi \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_a \left| \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} \chi - \Delta \chi + d^*(\chi \, dG(\chi)) \right| \right\rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} \\ &= \left\langle \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} \Psi_a - \Delta \Psi_a \middle| \chi \right\rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} + \langle d\Psi_a | \chi \, dG(\chi) \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} \\ &= \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - \lambda_a \right) \langle \Psi_a | \chi \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} + \sum_{b, c \in \mathbb{N}_+} \langle d\Psi_a | \Psi_b \, dG(\Psi_c) \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} R_b R_c \\ &= \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - \lambda_a \right) R_a + \sum_{b, c \in \mathbb{N}_+} \langle d\Psi_a | \Psi_b \, d\Psi_c \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} \lambda_c^{-1} R_b R_c. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Note that

$$\langle d\Psi_a | \Psi_b d\Psi_c \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} = \int_{\Sigma} \Psi_b g(d\Psi_a, d\Psi_c) dA, \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$\Delta(\Psi_a \Psi_c) = (\Delta\Psi_a)\Psi_c + \Psi_a(\Delta\Psi_c) - 2g(d\Psi_a, d\Psi_c) = (\lambda_a + \lambda_c)\Psi_a \Psi_c - 2g(d\Psi_a, d\Psi_c).$$

Thus

$$g(d\Psi_a, d\Psi_c) = \frac{\lambda_a + \lambda_c}{2} \Psi_a \Psi_c - \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\Psi_a \Psi_c).$$

Plugging the above equation into equation (3.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d\Psi_a | \Psi_b d\Psi_c \rangle_{L^2(\Sigma, g)} &= \int_{\Sigma} \Psi_b g(d\Psi_a, d\Psi_c) dA \\ &= \int_{\Sigma} \Psi_b \left( \frac{\lambda_a + \lambda_c}{2} \Psi_a \Psi_c - \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\Psi_a \Psi_c) \right) dA \\ &= \frac{\lambda_a + \lambda_c}{2} \varphi_{abc} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} (\Delta\Psi_b) \Psi_a \Psi_c dA \\ &= \frac{\lambda_a + \lambda_c}{2} \varphi_{abc} - \frac{\lambda_b}{2} \int_{\Sigma} \Psi_b \Psi_a \Psi_c dA \\ &= \frac{\lambda_a - \lambda_b + \lambda_c}{2} \varphi_{abc}. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting this into equation (3.3) yields equation (3.1b).

The equivalency of equation (2.1b) and equation (3.2) is straightforward.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** *The moral of Theorem 3.1 is that the Keller–Segel equations, which is a (hard) elliptic-parabolic system of partial differential equations, can be transformed (on closed surfaces) into a infinite system of ordinary differential equations, which is potentially easier to handle.*

*In the rest of the paper we show that this system can be further simplified under certain extra hypotheses.*

**3.1. Analytic solutions.** In order to further simplify equation (3.1b), we search for analytic solutions, that is

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{N} : \forall t \in (0, T) : \quad R_a(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R_{n,a} t^n, \quad (3.5)$$

and the right-hand side is assumed to be absolute convergent in  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$ .

The next lemma rewrites equation (3.1b) in terms of the coefficients  $(R_{n,a})_{(n,a) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Under the above assumption, the function  $\rho$  is a  $t$ -analytic solution to equation (2.1a) with mass  $M$  exactly when  $R_{0,0} = \frac{M}{A_\Sigma}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ ,  $R_{n,0} = 0$ , and*

$$\forall a, n \in \mathbb{N}: \quad R_{n+1,a} = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - \lambda_a \right) R_{n,a} + \sum_{b,c \in \mathbb{N}_+} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\lambda_a - \lambda_b + \lambda_c}{2\lambda_c} \varphi_{abc} R_{m,b} R_{n-m,c} \right), \quad (3.6a)$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \quad \mathcal{R}_n := (R_{n,a})_{a \in \mathbb{N}} \in l^2(\mathbb{N}), \quad (3.6b)$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathcal{R}_n\|_{l^2(\mathbb{N})}^{\frac{1}{n}} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{a \in \mathbb{N}} R_{n,a}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \frac{1}{T}. \quad (3.6c)$$

*Proof.* Inserting equation (3.5) into equation (3.1b) yields equation (3.6a). The equations (3.6b) and (3.6c) are necessary (and, in fact, sufficient) to have that the convergence radius of the Taylor series of  $\rho$  in the  $L^2$  topology is at least  $T$ .  $\square$

In the following two sections we investigate two special cases when iteration in equation (3.6a) exists for all  $a$  and  $n$ .

#### 4. ROUND SPHERES

Let  $\Sigma$  be the 2-sphere and  $g$  be the round metric of radius  $r$ . Then we have that  $(\Psi_a)_{a \in \mathbb{N}}$  are the spherical harmonics. Then  $A_\Sigma = 4\pi r^2$ . In fact, after relabeling them, we can write the eigenvalue has the form  $\lambda_{l,m} := \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}$ , where  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $M$  is any integer satisfying  $|m| \leq l$ . Let us now write

$$\Psi_l^m := \Psi_{(l,m)}, \quad \& \quad R_{l,a}^m := R_{(l,m),a}, \quad \& \quad \varphi_{l_1,l_2,l_3}^{m_1,m_2,m_3} := \varphi_{(l_1,m_1),(l_2,m_2),(l_3,m_3)}.$$

Using this new set of indices and notation, we can rewrite equation (3.6a) as

$$\begin{aligned} R_{l,n+1}^m &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \frac{M}{4\pi r^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) R_{(l,m),n} \\ &+ \sum_{l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{N}_+} \sum_{m_1 = -l_1}^{l_1} \sum_{m_2 = -l_2}^{l_2} \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{l(l+1) - l_1(l_1+1) + l_2(l_2+1)}{2(n+1)l_2(l_2+1)} \varphi_{l,l_1,l_2}^{m,m_1,m_2} R_{l_1,x}^{m_1} R_{l_2,n-x}^{m_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

Using the Clebsch–Gordan Theorem, we have that if  $l_1 \geq l_2 + l_3$  or  $l_1 \leq |l_2 - l_3|$ , then for all  $m_1, m_2$ , and  $m_3$ , we have  $\varphi_{l_1,l_2,l_3}^{m_1,m_2,m_3} = 0$ . Thus equation (4.1) becomes

$$R_{l,n+1}^m = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \frac{M}{4\pi r^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) R_{l,n}^m$$

$$+ \sum_{l_1 \in \mathbb{N}_+} \sum_{l_2 = \max(\{1, |l-l_1|\})}^{l+l_1} \sum_{m_1 = -l_1}^{l_1} \sum_{m_2 = -l_2}^{l_2} \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{l(l+1)-l_1(l_1+1)+l_2(l_2+1)}{2(n+1)l_2(l_2+1)} \varphi_{l,l_1,l_2}^{m,m_1,m_2} R_{l_1,x}^{m_1} R_{l_2,n-x}^{m_2}. \quad (4.2)$$

Before prove the main result of this section, let us make the following definition:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \quad Z_n := \left\{ (l, m) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid R_{l,n}^m \neq 0 \right\}.$$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Assume that  $Z_0$  is finite. Then for all  $(l, m) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $R_{l,n}^m$  exists. Furthermore,  $Z_n$  is also finite, and equation (4.2) becomes*

$$\begin{aligned} R_{l,n+1}^m &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \frac{M}{4\pi r^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) R_{l,n}^m \\ &+ \sum_{x=0}^n \sum_{\substack{(l_1, m_1) \in Z_x \\ (l_2, m_2) \in Z_{n-x}}} \frac{l(l+1)-l_1(l_1+1)+l_2(l_2+1)}{2(n+1)l_2(l_2+1)} \varphi_{l,l_1,l_2}^{m,m_1,m_2} R_{l_1,x}^{m_1} R_{l_2,n-x}^{m_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof.* Let us prove by induction.

Since the claim for  $n = 0$  is the hypothesis of the theorem, we only need to assume that we have already prove the claim for all nonnegative integers up to and including  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .

The right-hand side of equation (4.2) contains coefficients of the form  $R_{l_1,x}^{m_1}$  and  $R_{l_2,n-x}^{m_2}$ , with  $0 \leq x \leq n$ , we have that  $R_{l_1,x}^{m_1}$  unless  $(l_1, m_1) \in Z_x$  and  $R_{l_2,n-x}^{m_2}$  unless  $(l_2, m_2) \in Z_{n-x}$ . Thus for every  $x$  we have the contribution of a finite sum, and we only consider finitely many  $x$ 's, this proves equation (4.3).

Since now  $R_{l,n+1}^m$  is expressed as a finite sum, it exists, which concludes the proof.  $\square$

## 5. FLAT TORI

Let now  $\Sigma$  be a flat torus. Thus, without any loss of generality, we can assume that there are vectors

$$\underline{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \& \quad \underline{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} L_2 \cos(\theta) \\ L_2 \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}.$$

such that, if we define the *lattice*  $\Lambda := \mathbb{Z}\underline{e}_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}\underline{e}_2$ , then

$$\Sigma = \mathbb{R}^2 / \Lambda.$$

Note that  $A_\Sigma = L_1 L_2 \sin(\theta)$ . Let the *dual* lattice be

$$\Lambda^* := \left\{ \underline{k} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \forall \underline{x} \in \Lambda : \underline{k} \cdot \underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that if

$$\underline{f}_1 := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{L_1} \\ -\frac{\cot(\theta)}{L_1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \& \quad \underline{f}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L_2 \sin(\theta)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

then  $\underline{e}_i \cdot \underline{f}_j = \delta_{i,j}$  and thus

$$\Lambda^* = \mathbb{Z}\underline{f}_{\underline{1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\underline{f}_{\underline{2}}.$$

Now let

$$\forall \underline{x} \in \Sigma : \forall \underline{k} \in \Lambda^* : \quad \Psi_{\underline{k}}(\underline{x}) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_\Sigma}} e^{2\pi i \underline{k} \cdot \underline{x}}.$$

Then  $(\Psi_{\underline{k}})_{\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*}$  is an orthonormal basis for the *complex* Hilbert space  $L^2_{\mathbb{C}}(\Sigma, g)$ . Furthermore, note that  $\Psi_{\underline{k}} = \overline{\Psi_{-\underline{k}}}$ . Finally, note that

$$\Delta \Psi_{\underline{k}} = 4\pi^2 |\underline{k}|^2 \Psi_{\underline{k}},$$

thus  $(\Psi_{\underline{k}})_{\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*}$  is an eigenbasis for the Laplacian, albeit a complex one. The corresponding spectrum is  $(4\pi^2 |\underline{k}|^2)_{\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*}$ .

Function on  $\Sigma$  can be viewed as  $\Lambda$ -periodic functions on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , thus if  $\rho$  is an  $(L^2_{\mathbb{C}})$  function on  $\Sigma$ , then we use Fourier decomposition to get:

$$\forall \underline{k} \in \Lambda^* : \quad R_{\underline{k}} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_\Sigma}} \int_{\Sigma} e^{-2\pi i \underline{k} \cdot \underline{x}} \rho(\underline{x}) \, dA(\underline{x}), \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \rho = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*} R_{\underline{k}} \Psi_{\underline{k}}.$$

If  $\rho$  is real, then  $R_{\underline{k}} = \overline{R_{-\underline{k}}}$ . In this section we slightly deviate from our previous method and use the above complex basis and coefficients.

The ideas and proofs of the previous sections still apply, and if  $\rho \in C^1((0, T), L^2_{\mathbb{C}}(\Sigma, g))$ , then we can define the coefficients functions  $R_{\underline{k}} \in C^1_{\mathbb{C}}(\Sigma)$ , so that

$$\rho(t, \underline{x}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*} R_{\underline{k}}(t) \Psi_{\underline{k}}(\underline{x}).$$

If, furthermore,  $\rho$  is a solution to the Keller–Segel equation (2.1a), then we get (after a straightforward computation) that

$$\dot{R}_{\underline{k}} = \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - 4\pi^2 |\underline{k}|^2 \right) R_{\underline{k}} + \sum_{\underline{l} \in \Lambda^*} \frac{\underline{k} \cdot \underline{l}}{|\underline{l}|^2} R_{\underline{l}} R_{\underline{k} - \underline{l}}.$$

Finally, if  $\rho$  is analytic in  $t$ , and we define  $R_{n, \underline{k}} \in \mathbb{C}$  as

$$R_{\underline{k}}(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R_{n, \underline{k}} t^n,$$

then we get the corresponding iteration for these coefficients to be

$$R_{n+1, \underline{k}} = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - 4\pi^2 |\underline{k}|^2 \right) R_{n, \underline{k}} + \sum_{\underline{l} \in \Lambda^*} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\underline{k} \cdot \underline{l}}{|\underline{l}|^2} R_{m, \underline{l}} R_{n-m, \underline{k} - \underline{l}} \right). \quad (5.1)$$

As in Section 4, let us make the following definition:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \quad Z_n := \left\{ \underline{k} \in \Lambda^* \mid R_{n,\underline{k}} \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Since we assume that  $M \neq 0$ , we have that  $\underline{0} \in Z_n$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Assume that  $Z_0$  is finite. Then for all  $\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $R_{n,\underline{k}}$  exists. Moreover,  $Z_n$  is also finite and satisfies*

$$Z_n \subseteq Z_{n-1} + Z_{n-1}, \quad (5.2)$$

and equation (5.1) becomes

$$R_{n+1,\underline{k}} = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \left( \frac{M}{A_\Sigma} - 4\pi^2 |\underline{k}|^2 \right) R_{n,\underline{k}} + \sum_{\substack{\underline{l} \in Z_m \\ \underline{k}-\underline{l} \in Z_{n-m}}} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\underline{k} \cdot \underline{l}}{|\underline{l}|^2} R_{m,\underline{l}} R_{n-m,\underline{k}-\underline{l}} \right). \quad (5.3)$$

Finally, let

$$d_n := \max(\{ |\underline{k}| \mid \underline{k} \in Z_n \}) > 0.$$

Then

$$d_n \leq (n+1)d_0. \quad (5.4)$$

*Proof.* Let us prove by induction.

Since the claim for  $n = 0$  is the hypothesis of the theorem, we only need to assume that we have already prove the claim for all nonnegative integers up to and including  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .

The right-hand side of equation (5.1) contains coefficients of the form  $R_{m,\underline{l}}$  and  $R_{n-m,\underline{k}-\underline{l}}$ , with  $0 \leq m \leq n$ , we have that  $R_{m,\underline{l}} = 0$  unless  $\underline{l} \in Z_m$  and  $R_{n-m,\underline{k}-\underline{l}} = 0$  unless  $\underline{k} - \underline{l} \in Z_{n-m}$ . That proves equation (5.3).

Since now  $R_{n+1,\underline{k}}$  is expressed as a finite sum, it exists.

Now let  $Z'_{n+1} := Z_n + Z_n$ . If  $\underline{k} \in \Lambda^* - Z'_{n+1}$ , then for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $0 \leq m \leq n$ , there does not exist  $\underline{k} \in Z_m$  that could also satisfy  $\underline{k} - \underline{l} \in Z_{n-m}$ . Furthermore, since  $Z_n \subseteq Z'_{n+1}$  we also have that  $\underline{k} \notin Z_n$ . Thus all terms in equation (5.3) are zero, and hence  $\underline{k} \in Z_{n+1}$ , which proves equation (5.2).

Finally, if  $\underline{k} \in Z_{n+1}$ , then there exist  $m \in [0, n] \cap \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\underline{l}_1 \in Z_m$ , and  $\underline{l}_2 \in Z_{n-m}$ , such that  $\underline{k} = \underline{l}_1 + \underline{l}_2$ . Thus

$$|\underline{k}| = |\underline{l}_1 + \underline{l}_2| \leq |\underline{l}_1| + |\underline{l}_2| \leq d_m + d_{n-m}.$$

Once again, using induction and the fact that inequality (5.4) holds trivially for  $n = 0$ , we get that if inequality (5.4) holds for all nonnegative integers up to and including  $n$ . Then if  $\underline{k}$  is an element such that  $|\underline{k}| = d_{n+1}$ , then

$$d_{n+1} = |\underline{k}| \leq d_m + d_{n-m} \leq (m+1)d_0 + (n-m+1)d_0 = ((n+1)+1)d_0,$$



which concludes the proof. □

**Corollary 5.2.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 5.1, let  $d := d_0$ . Then we have*

$$|Z_n| \leq 2\pi n^2 d^2 A_\Sigma.$$

**Theorem 5.3.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 5.1, we have the following: There exists  $C > 0$ , that only depends on  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , as in equation (3.6b), and the geometry of  $\Sigma$ , such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\underline{k} \in \Lambda^*$  we have*

$$|R_{n,\underline{k}}| \leq C^{n+1} \exp\left(-\frac{|\underline{k}|}{2^n C}\right).$$

*Proof.* I think that's now doable (and enough for short time existence). I'll try to do it tomorrow. □

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