

# Coefficients of Positive Algebraic Functions

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# $\mathbb{R}_+$ -Algebraic functions

## System of polynomial functional equations

$P_j$  ... polynomials with **non-negative** coefficients

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = P_1(z, y_1, \dots, y_d) \\ \vdots \\ y_d = P_d(z, y_1, \dots, y_d) \end{cases}$$

... **well defined** system of equations (see Bruno's talk):  
there is a unique set of power series solutions

$$y_1 = a_1(z), \dots, y_d = a_d(z)$$

with non-negative coefficients  $a_{j;n} = [z^n] a_j(z)$ .

**Remark.**  $a_j(z)$  are algebraic functions.

# $\mathbb{R}_+$ -Algebraic functions

## Example

$$y_1 = zy_1 + z^2y_2y_3^2 + y_4^3,$$

$$y_2 = z + zy_3^5y_4,$$

$$y_3 = z^2 + zy_1y_3^3 + y_2^2,$$

$$y_4 = zy_2y_3 + z^3y_4$$

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## Applications

- Context free grammars
- Combinatorial enumeration problems
- Species
- Random generation
- Automatic sequences
- Tiling problems
- ...

# $\mathbb{R}_+$ -Algebraic functions

## Problem

Given a (well defined)  $\mathbb{R}_+$ -algebraic system of equations  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}(z, \mathbf{y})$  with solutions  $y_j = a_j(z)$ .

What is the **asymptotic behavior** of the coefficients

$$\boxed{a_{j;n} = [z^n] a_j(z)} \quad ???$$

# Binary Trees

Generating Function.  $b(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n z^n$

$$b(z) = 1 + z b(z)^2$$

$$b(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z}}{2z} = 2 - 2\sqrt{1 - 4z} + \dots$$

$$b_n = [z^n]b(z) = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n}{n} \sim \frac{4^n}{\sqrt{\pi n^{3/2}}}$$

# A Single Functional Equation

**Theorem** (Bender, Canfield, Meir & Moon)

Suppose that  $a(z)$  satisfies  $a(z) = \Phi(z, a(z))$ , where  $\Phi(z, y)$  has a power series expansion at  $(0, 0)$  with non-negative coefficients,  $\Phi(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi_{yy}(z, y) \neq 0$ , and  $\Phi_z(z, y) \neq 0$

Let  $z_0 > 0$ ,  $y_0 > 0$  (inside the region of convergence) satisfy the system of equations:

$$y_0 = \Phi(z_0, y_0), \quad 1 = \Phi_y(z_0, y_0).$$

Then there exists analytic function  $g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  such that locally

$$a(z) = g(z) - h(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}},$$

where  $g(z_0) = y_0$  and  $h(z_0) \neq 0$ .

# A Single Functional Equation

The case  $\Phi_{yy}(z, y) = 0$ .

$$y = \Phi(z, 0) + \Phi_y(z, 0)y$$

$$y = a(z) = \frac{\Phi(z, 0)}{1 - \Phi_y(z, 0)}$$

$$1 = \Phi_y(z_0, 0) \implies 1 - \Phi_y(z, 0) = K(z)(1 - z/z_0)$$

$$a(z) = \frac{\Phi(z, 0)}{K(z)(1 - z/z_0)}$$

$\implies$  **Polar singularity**



# A Single Functional Equation

Two kinds of asymptotic expansions

- non-affine equation

$$a(z) = g(z) - h(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}} \implies [z^n] a(z) \sim c n^{-3/2} z_0^{-n}$$

- affine equation

$$a(z) = \frac{\Phi(z, 0)}{K(z)(1 - z/z_0)} \implies [z^n] a(z) \sim c z_0^{-n}$$

**Remark.** This only applies if there is only one singularity on the circle of convergence. Otherwise we have a **periodic behaviour of the leading coefficients**.

# Several Equations

Example.

$$y_1 = z(y_2 + y_1^2)$$

$$y_2 = z(y_3 + y_2^2)$$

$$y_3 = z(1 + y_3^2)$$

$$y_1 = a_1(z) = \frac{1 - (1 - 2z)^{1/8} \sqrt{2z \sqrt{2z \sqrt{1 + 2z} + \sqrt{1 - 2z}} + (1 - 2z)^{3/4}}}{2z}$$

$$y_2 = a_2(z) = \frac{1 - (1 - 2z)^{1/4} \sqrt{2z \sqrt{1 + 2z} + \sqrt{1 - 2z}}}{2z}$$

$$y_3 = a_3(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}}{2z}$$

$a_1(x)$  has dominant singularity  $\boxed{(1 - 2z)^{1/8}}$ .

# Several Equations

Example.

$$y_1 = z(y_2^3 + y_1)$$

$$y_2 = z(1 + 2y_2y_3)$$

$$y_3 = z(1 + y_3^2)$$

$$y_1 = a_1(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-4z^2}} \right)^3$$

$$y_2 = a_2(z) = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-4z^2}}$$

$$y_3 = a_3(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4z^2}}{2z}$$

$a_1(x)$  has dominant singularity  $\boxed{(1-2z)^{-3/2}}$ .

# Several Equations

## Theorem 1

Suppose that  $y = \mathbf{P}(z, y)$  is a well defined  $\mathbb{R}_+$ -algebraic system of equations with solution  $(a_1(z), \dots, a_d(z))$ .

Then all functions  $a_j(z)$  have a **finite radius of convergence**  $\rho_j$  and for every  $j$  we either have

$$a_j(z) = c_{0,j} + c_{1,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2^{-k_j}} + c_{2,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2 \cdot 2^{-k_j}} + \dots$$

for an integer  $k_j \geq 1$  (and  $c_{0,j} \neq 0$ ) or

$$a_j(z) = \frac{c_{-m_j,j}}{(1 - z/\rho_j)^{m_j 2^{-k_j}}} + \frac{c_{-m_j+1,j}}{(1 - z/\rho_j)^{(m_j-1) 2^{-k_j}}} + \dots$$

for integer  $k_j \geq 0$  and  $m_j \geq 1$  (and  $c_{-m_j,j} \neq 0$ ).

# Several Equations

## Theorem 1 (cont.)

For every  $j$  there exists  $m_j \geq 1$  and for every residue class  $k \bmod m_j$  we either have

$$\boxed{a_{j;n} = [z^n] a_j(z) = 0} \quad (n \equiv k \bmod m_j, n \geq n_0)$$

or there exist  $\rho_{j,k} > 0$ ,  $c_{j,k} > 0$  and  $\boxed{\alpha_{j,k} \in E}$  with

$$\boxed{a_{j;n} = [z^n] a_j(z) \sim c_{j,k} n^{\alpha_{j,k}} \rho_{j,k}^{-n}} \quad (n \equiv k \bmod m_j, n \rightarrow \infty),$$

where

$$E = \{-2^{-k} - 1 : k \geq 1\} \cup \{m2^{-k} - 1 : m \geq 1, k \geq 0\}.$$

# Systems of functional equations

**Dependency graph:**  $G_{\mathbf{P}} = (V, E)$

$V$  ... vertex set =  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r\}$

$E$  ... (directed) edge set:

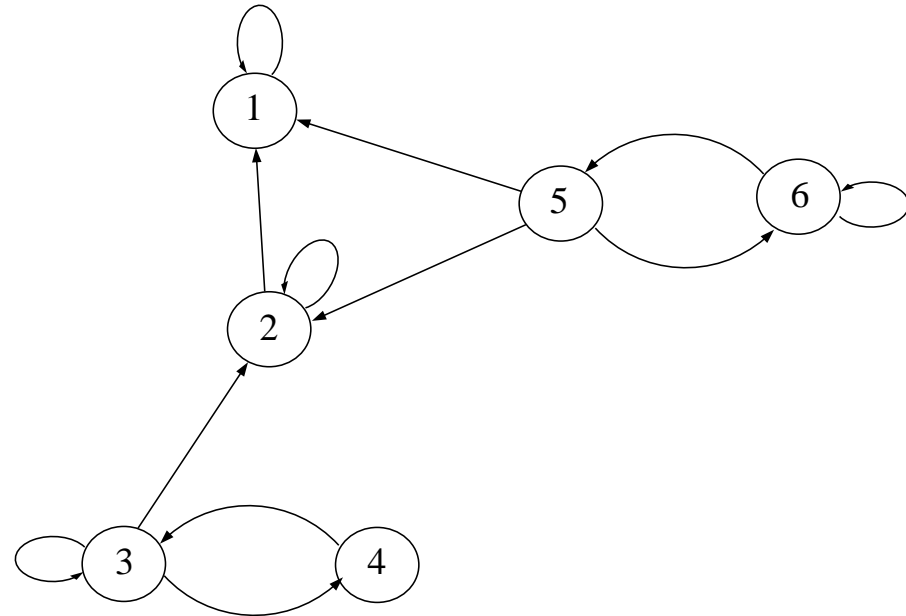
$$\begin{aligned}(y_i, y_j) \in E &: \iff a_j(z) \text{ depends on } a_i(z) \\ &\iff P_j \text{ depends on } y_i \\ &\iff \frac{\partial P_j}{\partial y_i} \neq 0.\end{aligned}$$

**Strongly connected dependency graphs.**

$$\begin{aligned}G_{\mathbf{P}} \text{ is strongly connected} &\iff \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}} := \left( \frac{\partial P_j}{\partial y_i} \right) \text{ irreducible} \\ &\iff \text{no subsystem can be solved} \\ &\quad \text{before the whole system}\end{aligned}$$

# Systems of functional equations

Dependency Graph.



$$y_1 = P_1(z, y_1, y_2, y_5)$$

$$y_2 = P_2(z, y_2, y_3, y_5)$$

$$y_3 = P_3(z, y_3, y_4)$$

$$y_4 = P_4(z, y_3)$$

$$y_5 = P_5(z, y_6)$$

$$y_6 = P_6(z, y_5, y_6)$$

# Systems of functional equations

**Theorem** [D., Lalley, Woods]

Suppose that  $y = \Phi(z, y)$  is a **positive** and **non-affine** system.  
Suppose further, that the **dependency graph** of the system  
 $y = \Phi(z, y)$  is **strongly connected**.

Let  $z_0 > 0$ ,  $y_0 = (y_{0,0}, \dots, y_{r,0}) > 0$  (inside the region of convergence)  
satisfy the system of equations:  $(\Phi = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_r))$

$$y_0 = \Phi(z_0, y_0), \quad 0 = \det(\mathbf{I} - \Phi_y(z_0, y_0))$$

such that all eigenvalues of  $\Phi_y(z_0, y_0)$  have modulus  $\leq 1$ .

Then there exists analytic function  $g_j(z), h_j(z) \neq 0$  such that locally

$$y_j(z) = g_j(z) - h_j(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}}.$$



# Systems of functional equations

The affine case  $\Phi_{yy}(z, y) = 0$ .

$$y = \Phi(z, 0) + \Phi_y(z, 0)y$$

$$y = a(z) = \frac{H(z)}{\det(\mathbf{I} - \Phi_y(z, 0))}$$

$G_\Phi$  strongly connected  $\implies \Phi_y$  irreducible

$\implies$  there is a simple dominant root  $z_0 > 0$  of

$$z \mapsto \det(\mathbf{I} - \Phi_y(z, 0))$$

$\implies$  **Polar singularity** at  $z_0$

# General Dependency Graphs

## Dependency Graph and Reduced Dependency Graph

$$y_1 = P_1(z, y_1, y_2, y_5)$$

$$y_2 = P_2(z, y_2, y_3, y_5)$$

$$y_3 = P_3(z, y_3, y_4)$$

$$y_4 = P_4(z, y_3)$$

$$y_5 = P_5(z, y_6)$$

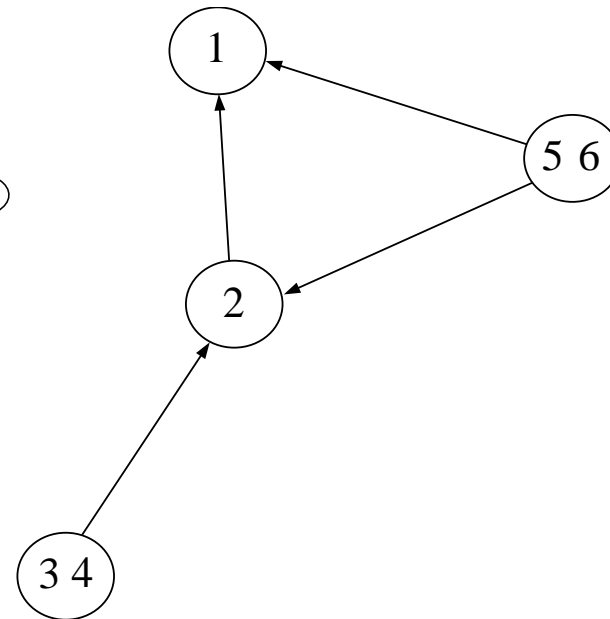
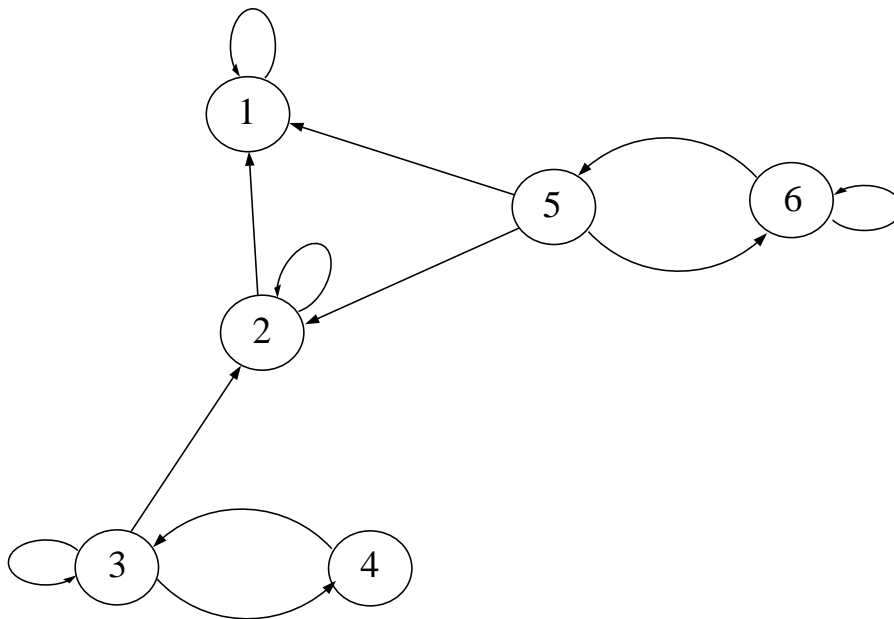
$$y_6 = P_6(z, y_5, y_6)$$

$$y_1 = P_1(z, y_1, y_2, (y_5, y_6))$$

$$y_2 = P_2(z, y_2, (y_3, y_4), (y_5, y_6))$$

$$(y_3, y_4) = (P_3, P_4)(z, y_3, y_4)$$

$$(y_5, y_6) = (P_5, P_6)(z, y_5, y_6)$$



# General Dependency Graphs

Two equations

$$y_1 = P_1(z, y_1, y_2)$$

$$y_2 = P_2(z, y_2)$$

$$\implies y_2 = a_2(z) = g_2(z) - h_2(z)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2},$$

$$y_1 = y_1(z, y_2) = g_1(z, y_2) - h_1(z, y_2)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho(y_2)}$$

$$\implies a_1(z) = y_1(z, a_2(z))$$

$$= g_1(z, a_2(z)) - h_1(z, a_2(z))\sqrt{1 - z/\rho(a_2(z))}$$

$$= g_1(z, a_2(z)) - h_1(z, a_2(z))\rho(a_2(z))^{-1/2}\sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z}$$

**3 cases:** (1)  $\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) > \rho_2$  (2)  $\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) = \rho_2$  (3)  $\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) < \rho_2$

# General Dependency Graphs

Case (1).  $\boxed{\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) > \rho_2}$

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(z, a_2(z)) &= g_1\left(z, g_2(z) - h_2(z)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2}\right) \\ &= g_1(\rho_2, g_2(\rho_2)) - g_{1,y}(\rho_2, g_2(\rho_2))h_2(\rho_2)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$h_1(z, a_2(z)) = h_1(\rho_2, g_2(\rho_2)) - h_{1,y}(\rho_2, g_2(\rho_2))h_2(\rho_2)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots$$

$$\rho(a_2(z)) - z = \rho(a_2(\rho_2)) - \rho_2 - \rho'(a_2(\rho_2))h_2(\rho_2)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z} &= \sqrt{\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) - \rho_2 - \rho'(a_2(\rho_2))h_2(\rho_2)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots} \\ &= \sqrt{\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) - \rho_2} - c_1\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies a_1(z) &= g_1(z, a_2(z)) - h_1(z, a_2(z))\rho(a_2(z))^{-1/2}\sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z} \\ &= c_0 - c_1\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# General Dependency Graphs

Case (2).  $\boxed{\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) = \rho_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(a_2(z)) - z &= \rho(a_2(\rho_2)) - \rho_2 - \rho'(a_2(\rho_2))h_2(\rho_2)\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots \\ &= c'_1\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z} &= \sqrt{c'_1\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots} \\ &= \sqrt{c'_1}(1 - z/\rho_2)^{1/4} + c'_2(1 - z/\rho_2)^{3/4} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\implies a_1(z) &= g_1(z, a_2(z)) - h_1(z, a_2(z))\rho(a_2(z))^{-1/2}\sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z} \\ &= c_0 + c_1(1 - z/\rho_2)^{1/4} + c_2\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_2} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

# General Dependency Graphs

Case (3).  $\rho(a_2(\rho_2)) < \rho_2$

There exists  $\rho_1 < \rho_2$  with  $\rho(a_2(\rho_1)) = \rho_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(a_2(z)) - z &= \rho(a_2(\rho_1)) - \rho_1 + \rho'(a_2(\rho_1))a_2'(\rho_1)(z - \rho_1) \\ &= c_1''(\rho_1 - z) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z} &= \sqrt{c_1''}\sqrt{\rho_1 - z} + \dots \\ &= \sqrt{c_1''\rho_1}\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_1} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\implies a_1(z) &= g_1(z, a_2(z)) - h_1(z, a_2(z))\rho(a_2(z))^{-1/2}\sqrt{\rho(a_2(z)) - z} \\ &= c_0 - c_1\sqrt{1 - z/\rho_1} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

with  $\rho_1 < \rho_2$ .

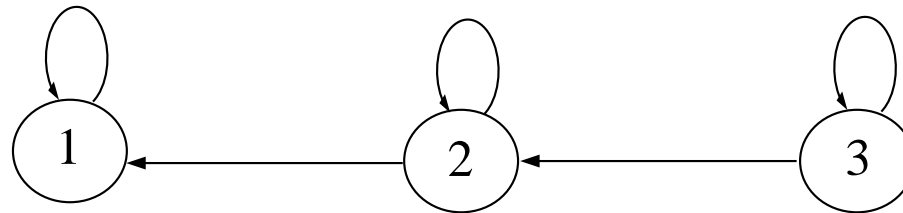
# Systems of functional equations

## Counter-Example

$$y_1 = z(e^{y_2} + y_1)$$

$$y_2 = z(1 + 2y_2y_3)$$

$$y_3 = z(1 + y_3^2)$$



$$y_1 = a_1(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} \exp\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{1-4z^2}}\right)$$

$$y_2 = a_2(z) = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-4z^2}}$$

$$y_3 = a_3(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4z^2}}{2z}$$

# General Dependency Graphs

## Theorem 2

Suppose that  $y = \Phi(z, y)$  is a **positive** system of entire functions such that there is a unique solution  $(a_1(z), \dots, a_d(z))$  that is analytic at  $z = 0$ .

Then all functions  $a_j(z)$  have **non-negative coefficients** and a **finite radius of convergence**  $\rho_j$ .

**(A)** If  $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_j}{\partial y_j^2} \neq 0$  (for all  $j$ ) then for every  $j$  there exists an integer  $k_j \geq 1$  such that locally

$$a_j(z) = c_{0,j} + c_{1,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{1/2^{k_j}} + c_{2,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2/2^{k_j}} + \dots.$$



# General Dependency Graphs

## Theorem 2 (cont.)

**(B)** If we just have the condition that for all pairs  $(i, j)$  with  $\frac{\partial \Phi_j}{\partial y_i} \neq 0$

there exists  $k$  with  $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_j}{\partial y_i y_k} \neq 0$  then for every  $j$  we either have

$$a_j(z) = c_{0,j} + c_{1,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2^{-k_j}} + c_{2,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2 \cdot 2^{-k_j}} + \dots$$

for an integer  $k_j \geq 1$  or

$$a_j(z) = \frac{c_{-1,j}}{(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2^{-k_j}}} + c_{0,j} + c_{1,j}(1 - z/\rho_j)^{2^{-k_j}} + \dots.$$

for an integer  $k_j \geq 0$ .

# Infinite Systems

Infinite linear systems.  $y = A(z)y + b(z) \implies \boxed{y(z) = (I - A(z))^{-1}b(z)}$

Example.

$$y_1 = 1 + zy_2$$

$$y_j = z(y_{j-1} + y_{j+1})$$

$$\implies \boxed{y_j = a_j(z) = \frac{1}{z} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}}{2z} \right)^j}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ z & 0 & z & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & z & 0 & z & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & z & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

# Infinite Systems

Example.

$$y_0 = 1 + z^2 y_0 + z y_1$$

$$y_1 = z(1 + z)y_0 + z y_2$$

$$y_j = z(y_{j-1} + y_{j+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow y_j = a_j(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-2z}(\sqrt{1+2z}-\sqrt{1-2z})} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{1-4z^2}}{2z} \right)^{j+1} \quad (j \geq 1)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} z^2 & z & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ z(1+z) & 0 & z & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & z & 0 & z & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & z & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

# Infinite Systems

**Compact operator**  $A(z)$ .  $y = A(z)y + b(z)$

$A(z)$  ... irreducible (and compact in a proper  $\ell^p$ -space)

$r(A(z))$  ... spectral radius of  $A(z)$ .

$r(A(z_0)) = 1 \implies$  resolvent  $(x\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}(z_0))^{-1}$  has a simple pole

$\implies y = a(z) = (\mathbf{I} - A(z))^{-1}b(z)$  has a **simple pole** at  $z = z_0$ .

This is the same situation as in the finite dimensional case

# Infinite Systems

**Theorem** [Lalley, Morgenbesser]

Suppose that  $y = (y_j)_{j \geq 1} = \Phi(z, y)$  is a **positive, non-linear, infinite** and **irreducible** system such that  $\Phi_y(z, y)$  is **compact**.

Let  $z_0 > 0$ ,  $y_0 = (y_{0,0}, \dots, y_{r,0}) > 0$  (inside the region of convergence) satisfy the system of equations:  $(\Phi = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_r))$

$$\boxed{y_0 = \Phi(z_0, y_0), \quad r(\Phi_y(z_0, y_0)) = 1.}$$

Then there exists analytic function  $g_j(z), h_j(z) \neq 0$  such that locally

$$\boxed{a_j(z) = g_j(z) - h_j(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}}.}$$

with  $g_j(z_0) = (y_0)_j$  and  $h_j(z_0) \neq 0$ .

**Thank You!**