

# On flux integrals for generalized Melvin solution related to simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra

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**Abstract** A generalized Melvin solution for an arbitrary simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  is considered. The solution contains a metric,  $n$  Abelian 2-forms and  $n$  scalar fields, where  $n$  is the rank of  $\mathcal{G}$ . It is governed by a set of  $n$  moduli functions  $H_s(z)$  obeying  $n$  ordinary differential equations with certain boundary conditions imposed. It was conjectured earlier that these functions should be polynomials—the so-called fluxbrane polynomials. These polynomials depend upon integration constants  $q_s$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ . In the case when the conjecture on the polynomial structure for the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  is satisfied, it is proved that 2-form flux integrals  $\Phi^s$  over a proper  $2d$  submanifold are finite and obey the relations  $q_s \Phi^s = 4\pi n_s h_s$ , where the  $h_s > 0$  are certain constants (related to dilatonic coupling vectors) and the  $n_s$  are powers of the polynomials, which are components of a twice dual Weyl vector in the basis of simple (co-)roots,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ . The main relations of the paper are valid for a solution corresponding to a finite-dimensional semi-simple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . Examples of polynomials and fluxes for the Lie algebras  $A_1, A_2, A_3, C_2, G_2$  and  $A_1 + A_1$  are presented.

## 1 Introduction

In this paper we start with a generalization of a Melvin solution [1], which was presented earlier in Ref. [2]. It appears in the model which contains a metric,  $n$  Abelian 2-forms and  $l \geq n$  scalar fields. This solution is governed by a certain non-degenerate (quasi-Cartan) matrix  $(A_{ss'})$ ,  $s, s' = 1, \dots, n$ . It is a special case of the so-called generalized fluxbrane solutions from Ref. [3]. For fluxbrane solutions see Refs. [4–28] and the references therein. The appearance of fluxbrane solutions was motivated by superstring/ $M$  theory.

The generalized fluxbrane solutions from Ref. [3] are governed by moduli functions,  $H_s(z) > 0$ , defined on the interval  $(0, +\infty)$ , where  $z = \rho^2$  and  $\rho$  is a radial variable. These functions obey a set of  $n$  non-linear differential master equations governed by the matrix  $(A_{ss'})$ , equivalent to Toda-like equations, with the following boundary conditions imposed:  $H_s(+0) = 1$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ .

In this paper we assume that  $(A_{ss'})$  is a Cartan matrix for some simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  of rank  $n$  ( $A_{ss} = 2$  for all  $s$ ). According to a conjecture suggested in Ref. [3], the solutions to the master equations with the boundary conditions imposed are polynomials:

$$H_s(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_s} P_s^{(k)} z^k, \quad (1.1)$$

where the  $P_s^{(k)}$  are constants. Here  $P_s^{(n_s)} \neq 0$  and

$$n_s = 2 \sum_{s'=1}^n A^{ss'}, \quad (1.2)$$

where we denote  $(A^{ss'}) = (A_{ss'})^{-1}$ . The integers  $n_s$  are components of a twice dual Weyl vector in the basis of simple (co-)roots [29].

The set of fluxbrane polynomials  $H_s$  defines a special solution to open Toda chain equations [30, 31] corresponding to a simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  [32]. In Refs. [2, 33] a program (in Maple) for the calculation of these polynomials for the classical series of Lie algebras ( $A$ -,  $B$ -,  $C$ - and  $D$ -series) was suggested. It was pointed out in Ref. [3] that the conjecture on the polynomial structure of  $H_s(z)$  is valid for Lie algebras of the  $A$ - and  $C$ -series. In Ref. [34] the conjecture from Ref. [3] was verified for the Lie algebra  $E_6$  and certain duality relations for six  $E_6$ -polynomials were proved. In Sect. 2 we present the generalized Melvin solution from

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Ref. [2]. In Sect. 3 we deal with the generalized Melvin solution for an arbitrary simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . Here we calculate 2-form flux integrals  $\Phi^s = \int_{M_*} F^s$ , where  $F^s$  are 2-forms and  $M_*$  is a certain  $2d$  submanifold. These integrals (fluxes) are finite when moduli functions are polynomials. In Sect. 3 we consider examples of fluxbrane polynomials and fluxes for the Lie algebras:  $A_1, A_2, A_3, C_2, G_2$  and  $A_1 + A_1$ .

**2 The solutions**

We consider a model governed by the action

$$S = \int d^D x \sqrt{|g|} \left\{ R[g] - h_{\alpha\beta} g^{MN} \partial_M \varphi^\alpha \partial_N \varphi^\beta - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=1}^n \exp[2\lambda_s(\varphi)] (F^s)^2 \right\} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $g = g_{MN}(x) dx^M \otimes dx^N$  is a metric,  $\varphi = (\varphi^\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^l$  is a set of scalar fields,  $(h_{\alpha\beta})$  is a constant symmetric non-degenerate  $l \times l$  matrix ( $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ),  $F^s = dA^s = \frac{1}{2} F_{MN}^s dx^M \wedge dx^N$  is a 2-form,  $\lambda_s$  is a 1-form on  $\mathbb{R}^l$ :  $\lambda_s(\varphi) = \lambda_{s\alpha} \varphi^\alpha$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $\alpha = 1, \dots, l$ . Here  $(\lambda_{s\alpha})$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ , are dilatonic coupling vectors. In (2.1) we denote  $|g| = |\det(g_{MN})|$ ,  $(F^s)^2 = F_{M_1 M_2}^s F_{N_1 N_2}^s g^{M_1 N_1} g^{M_2 N_2}$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ .

Here we start with a family of exact solutions to field equations corresponding to the action (2.1) and depending on one variable  $\rho$ . The solutions are defined on the manifold

$$M = (0, +\infty) \times M_1 \times M_2, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $M_1$  is a one-dimensional manifold (say  $S^1$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ ) and  $M_2$  is a  $(D-2)$ -dimensional Ricci-flat manifold. The solution reads [2]

$$g = \left( \prod_{s=1}^n H_s^{2h_s/(D-2)} \right) \left\{ w d\rho \otimes d\rho + \left( \prod_{s=1}^n H_s^{-2h_s} \right) \rho^2 d\phi \otimes d\phi + g^2 \right\}, \tag{2.3}$$

$$\exp(\varphi^\alpha) = \prod_{s=1}^n H_s^{h_s \lambda_s^\alpha}, \tag{2.4}$$

$$F^s = q_s \left( \prod_{s'=1}^n H_{s'}^{-A_{ss'}} \right) \rho d\rho \wedge d\phi, \tag{2.5}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $\alpha = 1, \dots, l$ , where  $w = \pm 1$ ,  $g^1 = d\phi \otimes d\phi$  is a metric on  $M_1$  and  $g^2$  is a Ricci-flat metric on  $M_2$ . Here  $q_s \neq 0$  are integration constants,  $q_s = -Q_s$  in the notations of Ref. [2],  $s = 1, \dots, n$ .

The functions  $H_s(z) > 0$ ,  $z = \rho^2$ , obey the master equations

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z}{H_s} \frac{d}{dz} H_s \right) = P_s \prod_{s'=1}^n H_{s'}^{-A_{ss'}}, \tag{2.6}$$

with the following boundary conditions:

$$H_s(+0) = 1, \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$P_s = \frac{1}{4} K_s q_s^2, \tag{2.8}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ . The boundary condition (2.7) guarantees the absence of a conic singularity [in the metric (2.3)] for  $\rho = +0$ .

The parameters  $h_s$  satisfy the relations

$$h_s = K_s^{-1}, \quad K_s = B_{ss} > 0, \tag{2.9}$$

where

$$B_{ss'} \equiv 1 + \frac{1}{2-D} + \lambda_{s\alpha} \lambda_{s'\beta} h^{\alpha\beta}, \tag{2.10}$$

$s, s' = 1, \dots, n$ , with  $(h^{\alpha\beta}) = (h_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}$ . In the relations above we denote  $\lambda_s^\alpha = h^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{s\beta}$  and

$$(A_{ss'}) = (2B_{ss'} / B_{s's'}). \tag{2.11}$$

The latter is the so-called quasi-Cartan matrix.

We note that the constants  $B_{ss'}$  and  $K_s = B_{ss}$  have a certain mathematical sense. They are related to scalar products of certain vectors  $U^s$  (brane vectors, or  $U$ -vectors), which belong to a certain linear space (“truncated target space”, for our problem it has dimension  $l + 2$ ), i.e.  $B_{ss'} = (U^s, U^{s'})$  and  $K_s = (U^s, U^s)$  [35–37]. The scalar products of such a type are of physical significance, since they appear for various solutions with branes, e.g. black branes,  $S$ -branes, fluxbranes etc. Several physical parameters in multidimensional models with branes, e.g. the Hawking-like temperatures and the entropies of black holes and branes, PPN parameters, Hubble-like parameters, fluxes etc., contain such scalar products; see [36,37] and Sect. 3 of this paper. The relation (2.11) defines generalized intersection rules for branes which were suggested in [35]. The constants  $K_s$  are invariants of dimensional reduction. It is well known, see [37] and the references therein, that  $K_s = 2$  for branes in numerous supergravity models, e.g. in dimensions  $D = 10, 11$ .

It may be shown that if the matrix  $(h_{\alpha\beta})$  has an Euclidean signature and  $l \geq n$ , and  $(A_{ss'})$  is a Cartan matrix for a simple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  of rank  $n$ , there exists a set of co-vectors  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  obeying (2.11) (for  $l = n$  see Remark 1 in the next section). Thus the solution is valid at least when  $l \geq n$  and the matrix  $(h_{\alpha\beta})$  is positive-definite.

The solution under consideration is a special case of the fluxbrane (for  $w = +1, M_1 = S^1$ ) and  $S$ -brane ( $w = -1$ ) solutions from [3] and [25], respectively.

If  $w = +1$  and the (Ricci-flat) metric  $g^2$  has a pseudo-Euclidean signature, we get a multidimensional generalization of Melvin’s solution [1].

In our notations Melvin’s solution (without scalar field) corresponds to  $D = 4, n = 1, l = 0, M_1 = S^1 (0 < \phi < 2\pi), M_2 = \mathbb{R}^2, g^2 = -dt \otimes dt + dx \otimes dx$  and  $\mathcal{G} = A_1$ .

For  $w = -1$  and  $g^2$  of Euclidean signature we obtain a cosmological solution with a horizon (as  $\rho = +0$ ) if  $M_1 = \mathbb{R} (-\infty < \phi < +\infty)$ .

### 3 Flux integrals for a simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra

Here we deal with the solution which corresponds to a simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ , i.e. the matrix  $A = (A_{ss'})$  is coinciding with the Cartan matrix of this Lie algebra. We put also  $n = l, w = +1$  and  $M_1 = S^1, h_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$  and denote  $(\lambda_{sa}) = (\lambda_s^a) = \lambda_s, s = 1, \dots, n$ .

Due to (2.9)–(2.11) we get

$$K_s = \frac{D - 3}{D - 2} + \lambda_s^2, \tag{3.1}$$

$$h_s = K_s^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\lambda_s \lambda_l = \frac{1}{2} K_l A_{sl} - \frac{D - 3}{D - 2} \equiv \Gamma_{sl}, \tag{3.2}$$

$s, l = 1, \dots, n$ . [Equation (3.1) is a special case of (3.2)].

It follows from (2.9)–(2.11) that

$$\frac{h_i}{h_j} = \frac{K_j}{K_i} = \frac{B_{jj}}{B_{ii}} = \frac{B_{ji} B_{jj}}{B_{ii} B_{ij}} = \frac{A_{ji}}{A_{ij}} \tag{3.3}$$

for any  $i \neq j$  obeying  $A_{ij}, A_{ji} \neq 0; i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . It may be readily shown from (3.3) that the ratios  $\frac{h_i}{h_j} = \frac{K_j}{K_i}$  are fixed numbers for any given Cartan matrix  $(A_{ij})$  of a simple (finite-dimensional) Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . (This follows from (3.3) and the connectedness of the Dynkin diagram of a simple Lie algebra.) The ratios (3.3) may be written as follows:

$$\frac{h_i}{h_j} = \frac{K_j}{K_i} = \frac{r_j}{r_i} \tag{3.4}$$

$i \neq j$ , where  $r_i = (\alpha_i, \alpha_i)$  is the length squared of a simple root  $\alpha_i$  corresponding to the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . Here we use the notations  $A_{ij} = 2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)/(\alpha_j, \alpha_j); i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Equation (3.4) implies

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} K r_i, \tag{3.5}$$

$i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $K > 0$ . (For simply laced  $(A, D, E)$  Lie algebras all  $r_i$  are equal.)

*Remark 1* For large enough  $K$  in (3.5) there exist vectors  $\lambda_s$  obeying (3.2) [and hence (3.1)]. Indeed, the matrix  $(\Gamma_{sl})$  is positive-definite if  $K > K_*$ , where  $K_*$  is some positive number. Hence there exists a matrix  $\Lambda$ , such that  $\Lambda^T \Lambda = \Gamma$ . We put  $(\Lambda_{as}) = (\lambda_s^a)$  and get the set of vectors obeying (3.2).

Now let us consider the oriented 2-dimensional manifold  $M_* = (0, +\infty) \times S^1$ . The flux integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^s &= \int_{M_*} F^s = \int_0^{+\infty} d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \rho \mathcal{B}^s(\rho^2) \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^{+\infty} d\rho \rho \mathcal{B}^s(\rho^2), \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

where

$$\mathcal{B}^s(\rho^2) = q_s \prod_{l=1}^n (H_l(\rho^2))^{-A_{sl}}, \tag{3.7}$$

are convergent for all  $s$ , if the conjecture for the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  (on polynomial structure of moduli functions  $H_s$ ) is obeyed for the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  under consideration.

Indeed, due to the polynomial assumption (1.1) we have

$$H_s(\rho^2) \sim C_s \rho^{2n_s}, \quad C_s = P_s^{(n_s)}, \tag{3.8}$$

as  $\rho \rightarrow +\infty; s = 1, \dots, n$ . From (3.7), (3.8) and the equality  $\sum_1^n A_{sl} n_l = 2$ , following from (1.2), we get

$$\mathcal{B}^s(\rho^2) \sim q_s C^s \rho^{-4}, \quad C^s = \prod_{l=1}^n C_l^{-A_{sl}}, \tag{3.9}$$

and hence the integral (3.6) is convergent for any  $s = 1, \dots, n$ .

By using the master equations (2.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{+\infty} d\rho \rho \mathcal{B}^s(\rho^2) &= q_s P_s^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} dz \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z}{H_s} \frac{d}{dz} H_s \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_s P_s^{-1} \lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{z}{H_s} \frac{d}{dz} H_s \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} n_s q_s P_s^{-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

which implies [see (2.8)]

$$\Phi^s = 4\pi n_s q_s^{-1} h_s, \tag{3.11}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ .

Thus, any flux  $\Phi^s$  depends upon one integration constant  $q_s \neq 0$ , while the integrand form  $F^s$  depends upon all constants:  $q_1, \dots, q_n$ .

We note that for  $D = 4$  and  $g^2 = -dt \otimes dt + dx \otimes dx$ ,  $q_s$  is coinciding with the value of the  $x$ -component of the  $s$ th magnetic field on the axis of symmetry.

In the case of the Gibbons–Maeda dilatonic generalization of the Melvin solution, corresponding to  $D = 4$ ,  $n = l = 1$  and  $\mathcal{G} = A_1$  [5], the flux from (3.11) ( $s = 1$ ) is in agreement with that considered in Ref. [26]. For Melvin’s case and some higher dimensional extensions (with  $\mathcal{G} = A_1$ ) see also Ref. [14].

Due to (3.4) the ratios

$$\frac{q_i \Phi^i}{q_j \Phi^j} = \frac{n_i h_i}{n_j h_j} = \frac{n_i r_j}{n_j r_i} \tag{3.12}$$

are fixed numbers depending upon the Cartan matrix  $(A_{ij})$  of a simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ .

*Remark 2* The relation for flux integrals (3.11) is also valid when the matrix  $(A_{ss'})$  is a Cartan matrix of a finite-dimensional semi-simple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{G}_k$ , where  $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_k$  are simple Lie (sub)algebras. In this case the Cartan matrix  $(A_{ij})$  has a block-diagonal form, i.e.  $(A_{ij}) = \text{diag} \left( (A_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)}), \dots, (A_{i_k j_k}^{(k)}) \right)$ , where  $(A_{i_a j_a}^{(a)})$  is the Cartan matrix of the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}_a$ ,  $a = 1, \dots, k$ . The set of polynomials in this case splits in a direct union of sets of polynomials corresponding to the Lie algebras  $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_k$ . Equations (3.4) and (3.12) are valid, when the indices  $i, j$  correspond to one  $a$ th block,  $a = 1, \dots, k$ . The quantities  $q_i \Phi^i$  and  $q_j \Phi^j$  corresponding to different blocks are independent. Equation (3.5) should be replaced by

$$K_{i_a} = \frac{1}{2} K^{(a)} r_{i_a}, \quad K^{(a)} > 0, \tag{3.13}$$

for any index  $i_a$  corresponding to the  $a$ th block;  $a = 1, \dots, k$ . The existence of dilatonic coupling vectors  $\lambda_s$  obeying (3.2) [(and (3.1)] just follows from the arguments of Remark 1, if we put all  $K^{(a)} = K > 0$ .

The manifold  $M_* = (0, +\infty) \times S^1$  is isomorphic to the manifold  $\mathbb{R}_*^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . The solution (2.3)–(2.5) may be understood (or rewritten by pull-backs) as defined on the manifold  $\mathbb{R}_*^2 \times M_2$ , where the coordinates  $\rho, \phi$  are understood as coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}_*^2$ . They are not globally defined. One should consider two charts with coordinates  $\rho, \phi = \phi_1$  and  $\rho, \phi = \phi_2$ , where  $\rho > 0$ ,  $0 < \phi_1 < 2\pi$  and  $-\pi < \phi_2 < \pi$ . Here  $\exp(i\phi_1) = \exp(i\phi_2)$ . In both cases we have  $x = \rho \cos \phi$  and  $y = \rho \sin \phi$ , where  $x, y$  are standard coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Using the identity  $\rho d\rho \wedge d\phi = dx \wedge dy$  we get

$$F^s = q_s \prod_{s'=1}^n (H_{s'}(x^2 + y^2))^{-A_{ss'}} dx \wedge dy, \tag{3.14}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ . The 2-forms (3.14) are well defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Indeed, due to the conjecture from Ref. [3] any polynomial  $H_s(z)$  is a smooth function on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$  which obeys  $H_s(z) > 0$  for  $z \in (-\varepsilon_s, +\infty)$ , where  $\varepsilon_s > 0$ . This is valid due to the conjecture from Ref. [3]  $H_s(z) > 0$  for  $z > 0$  and  $H_s(+0) = 1$ . Thus,  $\left( \prod_{s'=1}^n (H_{s'}(x^2 + y^2))^{-A_{ss'}} \right)$  is a smooth function since it is a composition of two well-defined smooth functions  $\left( \prod_{s'=1}^n (H_{s'}(z))^{-A_{ss'}} \right)$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2$ .

Now we show that there exist 1-forms  $A^s$  obeying  $F^s = dA^s$  which are globally defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We start with the open submanifold  $\mathbb{R}_*^2$ . The 1-forms

$$A^s = \left( \int_0^\rho d\bar{\rho} \bar{\rho} B^s(\bar{\rho}^2) \right) d\phi = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^{\rho^2} d\bar{z} B^s(\bar{z}) \right) d\phi \tag{3.15}$$

are well defined on  $\mathbb{R}_*^2$  (here  $d\phi = (x^2 + y^2)^{-1}(-ydx + xdy)$ ) and obey  $F^s = dA^s$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ . Using the master equation (2.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A^s &= \frac{q_s}{2P_s} \left( \int_0^{\rho^2} d\bar{z} \frac{d}{d\bar{z}} \left( \frac{\bar{z}}{H_s(\bar{z})} \frac{d}{d\bar{z}} H_s(\bar{z}) \right) \right) d\phi \\ &= \frac{2h_s}{q_s} \frac{H'_s(\rho^2)}{H_s(\rho^2)} \rho^2 d\phi, \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ . Here  $H'_s = \frac{d}{dz} H_s$ . Due to the relation  $\rho^2 d\phi = -ydx + xdy$ , we obtain

$$A^s = \frac{2h_s}{q_s} \frac{H'_s(x^2 + y^2)}{H_s(x^2 + y^2)} (-ydx + xdy), \tag{3.17}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ . The 1-forms (3.17) are well-defined smooth 1-forms on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

We note that in the case of the Gibbons–Maeda solution [5] corresponding to  $D = 4$ ,  $n = l = 1$  and  $\mathcal{G} = A_1$  the gauge potential from (3.16) coincides (up to notations) with that considered in Ref. [7].

Now we verify our result (3.11) for flux integrals by using the relations for the 1-forms  $A^s$ . Let us consider a  $2d$  oriented manifold (disk)  $D_R = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq R^2\}$  with the boundary  $\partial D_R = C_R = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = R^2\}$ .  $C_R$  is a circle of radius  $R$ . It is an  $1d$  oriented manifold with the orientation (inherited from that of  $D_R$ ) obeying the relation  $\int_{C_R} d\phi = 2\pi$ . Using the Stokes–Cartan theorem we get

$$\int_{D_R} F^s = \int_{D_R} dA^s = \int_{C_R} A^s = \frac{4\pi h_s}{q_s} \frac{H'_s(R^2)}{H_s(R^2)} R^2, \tag{3.18}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ . By using the asymptotic relation (3.8) we find

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{D_R} F^s = \frac{4\pi h_s n_s}{q_s}, \tag{3.19}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ , in agreement with (3.11).

*Remark 3* We note (for completeness) that the metric and scalar fields for our solution with  $w = +1$  and  $l = n$  can be extended to the manifold  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times M_2$ . Indeed, in the coordinates  $x, y$  the metric (2.3) and scalar fields (2.4) read as follows:

$$g = \left( \prod_{s=1}^n H_s^{2h_s/(D-2)} \right) \left\{ dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy + f(-ydx + xdy)^2 + g^2 \right\}, \tag{3.20}$$

$$\varphi^a = \sum_{s=1}^n h_s \lambda_s^a \ln H_s, \tag{3.21}$$

$a = 1, \dots, l$ . Here  $H_s = H_s(x^2 + y^2)$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $f = f(x^2 + y^2)$ , where

$$f(z) = \left( \left( \prod_{s=1}^n (H_s(z))^{-2h_s} \right) - 1 \right) z^{-1}, \tag{3.22}$$

for  $z \neq 0$  and  $f(0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z)$  (the limit does exist). The function  $f(z)$  is smooth in the interval  $(-\varepsilon, +\infty)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Indeed, it is smooth in the interval  $(0, +\infty)$  and holomorphic in the domain  $\{z | 0 < |z| < \varepsilon\}$  for a small enough  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since the limit  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z)$  does exist the function  $f(z)$  is holomorphic in the disc  $\{z | |z| < \varepsilon\}$  and hence it is smooth in the interval  $(-\varepsilon, +\infty)$ . This implies that the metric is smooth on the manifold  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times M_2$ . (See the text after Eq. (3.14).) The scalar fields are also smooth on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times M_2$ .

### 4 Examples

Here we present fluxbrane polynomials corresponding to the Lie algebras  $A_1, A_2, A_3, C_2, G_2, A_1 + A_1$  and related fluxes. Here as in [32] we use other parameters  $p_s$  instead of  $P_s$ :

$$p_s = P_s/n_s, \tag{4.1}$$

$s = 1, \dots, n$ .

**$A_1$ -case.** The simplest example occurs in the case of the Lie algebra  $A_1 = sl(2)$ . Here  $n_1 = 1$ . We get [3]

$$H_1 = 1 + p_1 z \tag{4.2}$$

and

$$\Phi^1 = 4\pi q_1^{-1} h_1, \tag{4.3}$$

which is also valid for Melvin's solution with  $D = 4$  and  $h_1 = 2$ .

**$A_2$ -case.** For the Lie algebra  $A_2 = sl(3)$  with the Cartan matrix

$$(A_{ss'}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.4}$$

we have [3, 25, 32]  $n_1 = n_2 = 2$  and

$$H_1 = 1 + 2p_1 z + p_1 p_2 z^2, \tag{4.5}$$

$$H_2 = 1 + 2p_2 z + p_1 p_2 z^2. \tag{4.6}$$

We get in this case

$$(\Phi^1, \Phi^2) = 8\pi h(q_1^{-1}, q_2^{-1}), \tag{4.7}$$

where  $h_1 = h_2 = h$ .

**$A_3$ -case.** The polynomials for the  $A_3$ -case read as follows [32, 33]:

$$H_1 = 1 + 3p_1 z + 3p_1 p_2 z^2 + p_1 p_2 p_3 z^3, \tag{4.8}$$

$$H_2 = 1 + 4p_2 z + 3(p_1 p_2 + p_2 p_3) z^2 + 4p_1 p_2 p_3 z^3 + p_1 p_2^2 p_3 z^4, \tag{4.9}$$

$$H_3 = 1 + 3p_3 z + 3p_2 p_3 z^2 + p_1 p_2 p_3 z^3. \tag{4.10}$$

Here we have  $(n_1, n_2, n_3) = (3, 4, 3)$  and

$$(\Phi^1, \Phi^2, \Phi^3) = 4\pi h(3q_1^{-1}, 4q_2^{-1}, 3q_3^{-1}) \tag{4.11}$$

with  $h_1 = h_2 = h_3 = h$ .

**$C_2$ -case.** For the Lie algebra  $C_2 = so(5)$  with the Cartan matrix

$$(A_{ss'}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.12}$$

we get  $n_1 = 3$  and  $n_2 = 4$ . For  $C_2$ -polynomials we obtain [25, 32]

$$H_1 = 1 + 3p_1 z + 3p_1 p_2 z^2 + p_1^2 p_2 z^3, \tag{4.13}$$

$$H_2 = 1 + 4p_2 z + 6p_1 p_2 z^2 + 4p_1^2 p_2 z^3 + p_1^2 p_2^2 z^4. \tag{4.14}$$

In this case we find

$$(\Phi^1, \Phi^2) = 4\pi(3h_1 q_1^{-1}, 4h_2 q_2^{-1}) \tag{4.15}$$

where  $h_1 = 2h_2$ .

**$G_2$ -case.** For the Lie algebra  $G_2$  with the Cartan matrix

$$(A_{ss'}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.16}$$

we get  $n_1 = 6$  and  $n_2 = 10$ . In this case the fluxbrane polynomials read [25,32]

$$H_1 = 1 + 6p_1z + 15p_1p_2z^2 + 20p_1^2p_2z^3 + 15p_1^3p_2z^4 + 6p_1^3p_2^2z^5 + p_1^4p_2^2z^6, \tag{4.17}$$

$$H_2 = 1 + 10p_2z + 45p_1p_2z^2 + 120p_1^2p_2z^3 + p_1^2p_2(135p_1 + 75p_2)z^4 + 252p_1^3p_2^2z^5 + p_1^3p_2^2(75p_1 + 135p_2)z^6 + 120p_1^4p_2^3z^7 + 45p_1^5p_2^3z^8 + 10p_1^6p_2^3z^9 + p_1^6p_2^4z^{10}. \tag{4.18}$$

We are led to the relations

$$(\Phi^1, \Phi^2) = 4\pi(6h_1q_1^{-1}, 10h_2q_2^{-1}) \tag{4.19}$$

where  $h_1 = 3h_2$ .

**( $A_1 + A_1$ )-case.** For the semi-simple Lie algebra  $A_1 + A_1$  we obtain  $n_1 = n_2 = 1$ ,

$$H_1 = 1 + p_1z, \quad H_2 = 1 + p_2z, \tag{4.20}$$

and

$$(\Phi^1, \Phi^2) = 4\pi(q_1^{-1}h_1, q_2^{-1}h_2), \tag{4.21}$$

where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are independent, as well as the quantities  $q_1\Phi^1$  and  $q_2\Phi^2$ .

### 5 Conclusions

Here we have considered a multidimensional generalization of Melvin’s solution corresponding to a simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . We have assumed that the solution is governed by a set of  $n$  fluxbrane polynomials  $H_s(z)$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ . These polynomials define special solutions to open Toda chain equations corresponding to the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ .

The polynomials  $H_s(z)$  depend also upon parameters  $q_s$ , which are coinciding for  $D = 4$  (up to a sign) with the values of colored magnetic fields on the axis of symmetry.

We have calculated  $2d$  flux integrals  $\Phi^s = \int F^s$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ . Any flux  $\Phi^s$  depends only upon one parameter  $q_s$ , while the integrand  $F^s$  depends upon all parameters  $q_1, \dots, q_n$ . The relation for flux integrals (3.11) is also valid when the matrix  $(A_{s,s'})$  is a Cartan matrix of a finite-dimensional semi-simple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Here we have considered examples of polynomials and fluxes for the Lie algebras  $A_1, A_2, A_3, C_2, G_2$  and  $A_1 + A_1$ . The approach of this paper will be used for a calculation of certain flux integrals for forms  $F^s$  of arbitrary ranks corresponding to certain fluxbrane solutions (of electric type by

$p$ -brane notation or magnetic type by fluxbrane classification<sup>1</sup>) governed by fluxbrane polynomials [38].

An open problem is to find the fluxes for the solutions which are related to infinite-dimensional Lorentzian Kac–Moody algebras, e.g. hyperbolic ones [39,40]. In this case one should deal with phantom scalar fields in the model (2.1) and non-polynomial solutions to Eqs. (2.6). Another possibility is to study the convergence of flux integrals for non-polynomial solutions for moduli functions corresponding to non-Cartan matrices  $(A_{s,s'})$  (e.g. for the model with two 2-forms from Ref. [41]).

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<sup>1</sup> We remind the reader that an electric (magnetic)  $p$ -brane corresponds to a magnetic (electric)  $F(D - 3 - p)$  fluxbrane; see [3] and the references therein.

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