

KPII: Cauchy–Jost function, Darboux transformations and totally nonnegative matrices

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Multisoliton solutions of the KP II equation: $(u_t - 6uu_{x_1} + u_{x_1x_1x_1})_{x_1} = -3u_{x_2x_2}$ are known to be parametrized by means of totally nonnegative matrices

Notation. Lax operator

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \partial_x) = -\partial_{x_2} + \partial_{x_1}^2 - u(x)$$

Jost solutions of \mathcal{L} and its dual \mathcal{L}' :

$$\mathcal{L} \varphi(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}' \psi(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

are normalized by condition

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\ell(\lambda)x} \varphi(x, \lambda) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ell(\lambda)x} \psi(x, \lambda) = 1$$

where

$$\ell(\lambda)x = \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x_2 + \lambda^3 x_3 + \dots$$

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for λ' and λ inside the contour C . In solitonic case we prove also that

$$\partial_{x_k} F(x, \lambda, \lambda') = - \oint_C \frac{d\lambda''}{2\pi i} F(x, \lambda, \lambda'') \lambda''^k F(x, \lambda'', \lambda'), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

(N_a, N_b) -**soliton solutions** are given in terms of the tau-function:

$$u(x) = -2\partial_{x_1}^2 \log \tau(x) \equiv -2\partial_{x_1}^2 \log \tau'(x)$$

i.e., in terms of determinants

$$\tau(x) = \det(\mathcal{V} e^{\ell x} \mathcal{D}), \quad \tau'(x) = \det(\mathcal{D}' e^{-\ell x} \gamma \mathcal{V}'), \quad \tau(x) = \text{const} \left(\prod_{n=1}^{\mathcal{N}} e^{\ell n x} \right) \tau'(x)$$

By means of the Binet–Cauchy formula:

$$\tau(x) = \sum_{1 \leq n_1, \dots, n_{N_b} \leq \mathcal{N}} \mathcal{D}(\{n_i\}) \mathcal{V}(\{n_i\}) \prod_{l=1}^{N_b} e^{\ell n_l x}$$

where $\mathcal{D}(\{n_i\})$, $\mathcal{V}(\{n_i\})$ are maximal minors of matrices \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{V} .

Here $N_a, N_b \geq 1$, $\mathcal{N} = N_a + N_b$, $\mathcal{N} \geq 2$. \mathcal{N} real parameters: $\kappa_1 < \kappa_2 < \dots < \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}$, Let $\ell(\lambda)x = \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x_2 + \dots$, $\ell_n x = \kappa_n x_1 + \kappa_n^2 x_2 + \dots$ and

$$\mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}\text{-matrix : } e^{\ell x} = \text{diag}\{e^{\ell_n x}\}_{n=1}^{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$\text{real constant } \mathcal{N} \times N_b\text{-matrix } \mathcal{D}, \quad N_a \times \mathcal{N}\text{-matrix } \mathcal{D}', \quad \mathcal{D}' \mathcal{D} = 0$$

Two incomplete Vandermonde matrices:

$$\mathcal{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \kappa_1 & \dots & \kappa_{\mathcal{N}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \kappa_1^{N_b-1} & \dots & \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}^{N_b-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{V}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & \kappa_1^{N_a-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}^{N_a-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{V} A^{-1} \mathcal{V}' = 0, \quad A = \text{diag}\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\mathcal{N}}, \quad a_n = \prod_{\substack{n'=1 \\ n' \neq n}}^{\mathcal{N}} (\kappa_n - \kappa_{n'}), \quad a_n = A(\kappa_n)$$

$$A(\lambda) = \prod_{n=1}^{\mathcal{N}} (\lambda - \kappa_n),$$

Jost solutions are renormalized here in order to get

$$e^{-\ell(\lambda)x} \varphi(x, \lambda) \text{ polynomial in } \lambda: e^{-\ell(\lambda)x} \varphi(x, \lambda) = \lambda^{N_b} + \dots$$

$$e^{\ell(\lambda)x} \psi(x, \lambda) \text{ polynomial in } \lambda: e^{\ell(\lambda)x} \psi(x, \lambda) = \lambda^{N_a} + \dots$$

Discrete values of the Jost solutions:

$$\varphi_n(x) = \varphi(x, \kappa_n), \quad \psi_n(x) = \psi(x, \kappa_n), \quad n = 1, \dots, \mathcal{N}.$$

obey

$$(\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_{\mathcal{N}}(x)) \mathcal{D} = 0, \quad \mathcal{D}'(\psi_1(x), \dots, \psi_{\mathcal{N}}(x))^{\text{T}} = 0$$

Conditions of analyticity imposed on the Jost solutions are equivalent to relations

$$(\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_{\mathcal{N}}(x)) e^{-\ell x} A^{-1} \mathcal{V}' = \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, 1)}_{N_a},$$

$$\mathcal{V} A^{-1} e^{\ell x} (\psi_1(x), \dots, \psi_{\mathcal{N}}(x))^{\text{T}} = \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, 1)^{\text{T}}}_{N_b}.$$

that are defining the Jost solutions themselves.

Cauchy–Jost function.

$$F(x, \lambda, \lambda') = \int_{(\lambda - \lambda')_{\text{Re}\infty}}^{x_1} dy_1 \psi(y, \lambda) \varphi(y, \lambda'), \quad y_2 = x_2, \dots$$

This function obeys

$$F_{x_1}(x, \lambda, \lambda') = \psi(x, \lambda) \varphi(x, \lambda'),$$

$$F_{x_2}(x, \lambda, \lambda') = \psi(x, \lambda) \varphi_{x_1}(x, \lambda') - \psi_{x_1}(x, \lambda) \varphi(x, \lambda')$$

$$F(x, \lambda, \lambda') = \frac{A(\lambda)}{\lambda' - \lambda} + O(1), \quad \lambda' \sim \lambda,$$

$$e^{(\ell(\lambda) - \ell(\lambda'))x} F(x, \lambda, \lambda') \equiv \int_{(\lambda - \lambda')_{\text{Re}\infty}}^{x_1} dy_1 e^{(\lambda - \lambda')(x_1 - y_1)} \left(e^{\ell(\lambda)y} \psi(y, \lambda) e^{-\ell(\lambda')y} \varphi(y, \lambda') \right)$$

$$e^{(\ell(\lambda) - \ell(\lambda'))x} F(x, \lambda, \lambda') = \frac{A(\lambda')}{\lambda' - \lambda} + A(\lambda)A(\lambda') \sum_{m,n=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \frac{f_{mn}(x)}{(\lambda - \kappa_m)(\lambda' - \kappa_n)}$$

Asymptotics for large λ and λ' :

$$e^{(\ell(\lambda)-\ell(\lambda'))x} F(x, \lambda, \lambda') = \frac{\lambda^{N_a-1} \lambda'^{N_b-1}}{\lambda' - \lambda} \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \kappa_m \right) \left(\lambda' - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \kappa_m \right) - \frac{1}{2} \int u(x) dx_1 + \dots$$

Values at points κ 's:

$$e^{(\ell_m - \ell(\lambda'))x} F(x, \kappa_m, \lambda') = \frac{A(\lambda')}{\lambda' - \kappa_m} + a_m A(\lambda') \sum_{n=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \frac{f_{mn}(x)}{\lambda' - \kappa_n}$$

$$e^{(\ell(\lambda) - \ell_n)x} F(x, \lambda, \kappa_n) = A(\lambda) a_n \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \frac{f_{mn}(x)}{\lambda' - \kappa_n}$$

are polynomials with the leading behavior:

$$e^{(\ell_m - \ell(\lambda'))x} F(x, \kappa_m, \lambda') = \lambda'^{N_b-1} \psi(x, \kappa_m) + \dots,$$

$$e^{(\ell(\lambda) - \ell_n)x} F(x, \lambda, \kappa_n) = -\lambda^{N_a-1} \psi(x, \kappa_n) + \dots$$

Finally,

$$\lim_{\lambda' \rightarrow \kappa_n} e^{(\ell_m - \ell(\lambda'))x} F(x, \kappa_m, \lambda') = a_m \delta_{mn} + a_m f_{mn}(x) a_n$$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \kappa_m} e^{(\ell(\lambda) - \ell_n)x} F(x, \lambda, \kappa_n) = a_m f_{mn}(x) a_n$$

Matrix $f(x)$ obeys properties

$$f(x) e^{\ell x} A \mathcal{D} = 0, \quad f(x) \mathcal{V}' = -A^{-1} e^{-\ell x} \mathcal{V}'$$

that are defining this matrix:

$$f(x) = -A^{-1} \mathcal{V}' (\mathcal{D}' e^{-\ell x} A^{-1} \mathcal{V}')^{-1} \mathcal{D}' e^{-\ell x}$$

$$f(x) A = -I + e^{\ell x} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{V} e^{\ell x} \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{V}$$

This proves that $-f(x)A$ is the orthogonal projector: $f(x)A f(x) = -f(x)$. All standard objects of the the theory can be given in terms of the matrix $f(x)$:

$$(\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_{\mathcal{N}}(x)) = -(\kappa_1^{N_b}, \dots, \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}^{N_b}) f(x) e^{\ell x} A,$$

$$(\psi_1(x), \dots, \psi_{\mathcal{N}}(x))^{\text{T}} = (e^{-\ell x} + e^{-\ell x} A f(x)) (\kappa_1^{N_a}, \dots, \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}^{N_a})^{\text{T}},$$

$$u(x) = -2(\kappa_1^{N_b}, \dots, \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}^{N_b}) f_{x_1}(x) (\kappa_1^{N_a}, \dots, \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}^{N_a})^{\text{T}}$$

By means of the exact formulas for time derivatives of $f(x)$ we have

$$\partial_{x_m} f(x) = -f(x) \kappa^m - f(x) A \kappa^m f(x), \quad \kappa = \text{diag}\{\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_{\mathcal{N}}\}$$

Analyticity properties of the Cauchy–Jost kernel enables to write:

$$\oint_C \frac{d\lambda''}{2\pi i A(\lambda'')} F(x, \lambda, \lambda'') F(y, \lambda'', \lambda') = F(y, \lambda, \lambda') - F(x, \lambda, \lambda')$$

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Darboux transformation: $N_a \rightarrow N_a + 1, N_b \rightarrow N_b$

$$\tilde{F}(x, \lambda, \lambda') = (\lambda - \kappa_{N+1}) \left[F(x, \lambda, \lambda') - \frac{F(x, \lambda, \kappa_{N+1}) \sum_{l=1}^{\mathcal{N}} v_l F(x, \kappa_l, \lambda')}{\sum_{l=1}^{\mathcal{N}} v_l F(x, \kappa_l, \kappa_{N+1}) + 1} \right]$$

Correspondingly, this solution is parametrized by the matrices

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D} \\ vA\mathcal{D} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{D}}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{D}' \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -vA & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v = (v_1, \dots, v_{\mathcal{N}})$$

New tau-function is given as

$$\tilde{\tau}(x) = \tau(x) \left(\sum_l v_l F(x, \kappa_l, \kappa_{N+1}) + 1 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{D}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D}, & v \\ 0, & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{D}}' &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D}', & -\mathcal{D}' v \end{pmatrix}, \\ v &= (v_1, \dots, v_{\mathcal{N}})^{\text{T}}. \end{aligned}$$