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**Riemann-Hilbert Problems and Soliton
equations. The Reduction problem and
Hamiltonian properties.**

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RHP with canonical normalization

$$\xi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^-(x, t, \lambda)G(x, t, \lambda), \quad \lambda^k \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \xi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \mathbb{1},$$

$$\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \in \mathfrak{G}$$

Consider particular type of dependence $G(x, t, \lambda)$:

$$i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} - \lambda^k [J, G(x, t, \lambda)] = 0, \quad i \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} - \lambda^k [K, G(x, t, \lambda)] = 0.$$

where $J \in \mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$.

The canonical normalization of the RHP:

$$\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \exp Q(x, t, \lambda), \quad Q(x, t, \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} Q_k(x, t) \lambda^{-k}.$$

where all $Q_k(x, t) \in \mathfrak{g}$. However,

$$\mathcal{J}(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) J \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda), \quad \mathcal{K}(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) K \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda),$$

belong to the algebra \mathfrak{g} for any J and K from \mathfrak{g} . If in addition K also belongs to the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h} , then

$$[\mathcal{J}(x, t, \lambda), \mathcal{K}(x, t, \lambda)] = 0.$$

Zakharov-Shabat theorem

Theorem 1. *Let $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ be solutions to the RHP whose sewing function depends on the auxiliary variables x and t as above. Then $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ are fundamental solutions of the following set of differential operators:*

$$L\xi^\pm \equiv i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial x} + U_s(x, t, \lambda)\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^k[J, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0,$$

$$M\xi^\pm \equiv i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial t} + V(x, t, \lambda)\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^k[K, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0.$$

Proof. Introduce the functions:

$$g^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial x}\hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) + \lambda^k\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)J\hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda),$$

$$p^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial t}\hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) + \lambda^k\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)K\hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda),$$

and using

$$i\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} - \lambda^k [J, G(x, t, \lambda)] = 0, \quad i\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} - \lambda^k [K, G(x, t, \lambda)] = 0.$$

prove that

$$g^+(x, t, \lambda) = g^-(x, t, \lambda), \quad p^+(x, t, \lambda) = p^-(x, t, \lambda),$$

which means that these functions are analytic functions of λ in the whole complex λ -plane. Next we find that:

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} g^+(x, t, \lambda) = \lambda^k J, \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} p^+(x, t, \lambda) = \lambda^k K.$$

and make use of Liouville theorem to get

$$g^+(x, t, \lambda) = g^-(x, t, \lambda) = \lambda^k J - \sum_{l=1}^k U_{s;l}(x, t) \lambda^{k-l},$$

$$p^+(x, t, \lambda) = p^-(x, t, \lambda) = \lambda^k K - \sum_{l=1}^k V_l(x, t) \lambda^{k-l}.$$

We shall see below that the coefficients $U_l(x, t)$ and $V_l(x, t)$ can be expressed in terms of the asymptotic coefficients Q_s of $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$.

Now remember the definition of $g^+(x, t, \lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned} g^\pm(x, t, \lambda) &= i \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial x} \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) + \lambda^k \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) J \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \\ &= \lambda^k J - \sum_{l=1}^k U_{s;l}(x, t) \lambda^{k-l}, \end{aligned}$$

Multiply both sides by $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ and move all the terms to the left:

$$i \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=1}^k U_l(x, t) \lambda^{k-l} \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^k [J, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0,$$

i.e. $L\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = 0$. □

Lemma 1. *The operators L and M commute*

$$[L, M] = 0,$$

i.e. the following set of equations hold:

$$i \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} - i \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + [U(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^k J, V(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^k K] = 0.$$

where

$$U(x, t, \lambda) = \sum_{l=1}^k U_l(x, t) \lambda^{k-l}, \quad V(x, t, \lambda) = \sum_{l=0}^k V_l(x, t) \lambda^{k-l}.$$

Jets of order k

How to parametrize $U(x, t, \lambda)$ and $V(x, t, \lambda)$?

Use:

$$\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \exp Q(x, t, \lambda), \quad Q(x, t, \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} Q_k(x, t) \lambda^{-k}.$$

and consider the jets of order k of $\mathcal{J}(x, \lambda)$ and $\mathcal{K}(x, \lambda)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{J}(x, t, \lambda) &\equiv \left(\lambda^k \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) J_l \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \right)_+ = \lambda^k J - U(x, t, \lambda), \\ \mathcal{K}(x, t, \lambda) &\equiv \left(\lambda^k \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) K \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \right)_+ = \lambda^k K - V(x, t, \lambda).\end{aligned}$$

Express $U(x) \in \mathfrak{g}$ in terms of $Q_s(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{J}(x, t, \lambda) &= J + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \text{ad}_Q^k J, & \mathcal{K}(x, t, \lambda) &= K + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \text{ad}_Q^k K, \\ \text{ad}_Q Z &= [Q, Z], & \text{ad}_Q^2 Z &= [Q, [Q, Z]], \quad \dots\end{aligned}$$

and therefore for U_l we get:

$$\begin{aligned}U_1(x, t) &= -\text{ad}_{Q_1} J, & U_2(x, t) &= -\text{ad}_{Q_2} J - \frac{1}{2} \text{ad}_{Q_1}^2 J \\ U_3(x, t) &= -\text{ad}_{Q_3} J - \frac{1}{2} (\text{ad}_{Q_2} \text{ad}_{Q_1} + \text{ad}_{Q_1} \text{ad}_{Q_2}) J - \frac{1}{6} \text{ad}_{Q_1}^3 J.\end{aligned}$$

and similar expressions for $V_l(x, t)$ with J replaced by K .

Reductions of polynomial bundles

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad & A\xi^{+,\dagger}(x, t, \epsilon\lambda^*)\hat{A} = \hat{\xi}^-(x, t, \lambda), & AQ^\dagger(x, t, \epsilon\lambda^*)\hat{A} &= -Q(x, t, \lambda), \\ \text{b)} \quad & B\xi^{+,*}(x, t, \epsilon\lambda^*)\hat{B} = \xi^-(x, t, \lambda), & BQ^*(x, t, \epsilon\lambda^*)\hat{B} &= Q(x, t, \lambda), \\ \text{c)} \quad & C\xi^{+,T}(x, t, -\lambda)\hat{C} = \hat{\xi}^-(x, t, \lambda), & CQ^\dagger(x, t, -\lambda)\hat{C} &= -Q(x, t, \lambda), \end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon^2 = 1$ and A , B and C are elements of the group \mathfrak{G} such that $A^2 = B^2 = C^2 = \mathbb{1}$. As for the \mathbb{Z}_N -reductions we may have:

$$D\xi^\pm(x, t, \omega\lambda)\hat{D} = \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda), \quad DQ(x, t, \omega\lambda)\hat{D} = Q(x, t, \lambda),$$

where $\omega^N = 1$ and $D^N = \mathbb{1}$.

On N -wave equations – $k = 1$

Zakharov, Shabat, Manakov (1974)

Lax representation involves two Lax operators linear in λ :

$$L\xi^\pm \equiv i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial x} + [J, Q(x, t)]\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda[J, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0,$$

$$M\xi^\pm \equiv i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial t} + [K, Q(x, t)]\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda[K, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0.$$

The corresponding equations take the form:

$$i \left[J, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \right] - i \left[K, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right] - [[J, Q], [K, Q(x, t)]] = 0$$

$$Q(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_1 & u_3 \\ -v_1 & 0 & u_2 \\ -v_3 & -v_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} J &= \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, a_3), \\ K &= \text{diag}(b_1, b_2, b_3), \end{aligned}$$

Then the 3-wave equations take the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} - \frac{a_1 - a_2}{b_1 - b_2} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \kappa \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 u_2^* u_3 &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} - \frac{a_2 - a_3}{b_2 - b_3} \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} + \kappa \epsilon_1 u_1^* u_3 &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial t} - \frac{a_1 - a_3}{b_1 - b_3} \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x} + \kappa \epsilon_2 u_1^* u_2^* &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\kappa = a_1(b_2 - b_3) - a_2(b_1 - b_3) + a_3(b_1 - b_2).$$

New 3-wave equations – $k \geq 2$

Let $\mathfrak{g} = sl(3)$ and

$$Q_1(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_1 & u_3 \\ -v_1 & 0 & u_2 \\ -v_3 & -v_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_2(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} q_{11} & w_1 & w_3 \\ -z_1 & q_{22} & w_2 \\ -z_3 & -z_2 & q_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

Fix up $k = 2$. Then the Lax pair becomes

$$L\xi^\pm \equiv i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial x} + U(x, t, \lambda)\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^2[J, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0,$$

$$M\xi^\pm \equiv i\frac{\partial\xi^\pm}{\partial t} + V(x, t, \lambda)\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \lambda^2[K, \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)] = 0,$$

where

$$U \equiv U_2 + \lambda U_1 = \left([J, Q_2(x)] - \frac{1}{2}[[J, Q_1], Q_1(x)] \right) + \lambda[J, Q_1],$$

$$V \equiv V_2 + \lambda V_1 = \left([K, Q_2(x)] - \frac{1}{2}[[K, Q_1], Q_1(x)] \right) + \lambda[K, Q_1].$$

Impose a \mathbb{Z}_2 -reduction of type a) with $A = \text{diag}(1, \epsilon, 1)$, $\epsilon^2 = 1$. Thus Q_1 and Q_2 get reduced into:

$$Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_1 & 0 \\ \epsilon u_1^* & 0 & u_2 \\ 0 & \epsilon u_2^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & w_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ w_3^* & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and we obtain new type of integrable 3-wave equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
i(a_1 - a_2) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} - i(b_1 - b_2) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \epsilon \kappa u_2^* u_3 + \epsilon \frac{\kappa(a_1 - a_2)}{(a_1 - a_3)} u_1 |u_2|^2 &= 0, \\
i(a_2 - a_3) \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} - i(b_2 - b_3) \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} + \epsilon \kappa u_1^* u_3 - \epsilon \frac{\kappa(a_2 - a_3)}{(a_1 - a_3)} |u_1|^2 u_2 &= 0, \\
i(a_1 - a_3) \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial t} - i(b_1 - b_3) \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x} - \frac{i\kappa}{a_1 - a_3} \frac{\partial(u_1 u_2)}{\partial x} \\
+ \epsilon \kappa \left(\frac{a_1 - a_2}{a_1 - a_3} |u_1|^2 + \frac{a_2 - a_3}{a_1 - a_3} |u_2|^2 \right) u_1 u_2 + \epsilon \kappa u_3 (|u_1|^2 - |u_2|^2) &= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\kappa = a_1(b_2 - b_3) - a_2(b_1 - b_3) + a_3(b_1 - b_2), \quad u_3 = w_3 + \frac{2a_2 - a_1 - a_3}{2(a_1 - a_3)} u_1 u_2.$$

The diagonal terms in the Lax representation are λ -independent.

Two of them read:

$$i(a_1 - a_2) \frac{\partial |u_1|^2}{\partial t} - i(b_1 - b_2) \frac{\partial |u_1|^2}{\partial x} - \epsilon \kappa (u_1 u_2 u_3^* - u_1^* u_2^* u_3) = 0,$$

$$i(a_2 - a_3) \frac{\partial |u_2|^2}{\partial t} - i(b_2 - b_3) \frac{\partial |u_2|^2}{\partial x} - \epsilon \kappa (u_1 u_2 u_3^* - u_1^* u_2^* u_3) = 0,$$

These relations are satisfied identically as a consequence of the NLEE.

New types of 4-wave interactions

The Lax pair for these new equations will be provided by:

$$L\psi = i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + (U_2(x, t) + \lambda U_1(x, t) - \lambda^2 J) \psi(x, t, \lambda) = 0,$$

$$M\psi = i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + (V_2(x, t) + \lambda V_1(x, t) - \lambda^2 K) \psi(x, t, \lambda) = 0,$$

where $U_j(x, t)$ and $V_j(x, t)$ are fast decaying smooth functions taking values in the Lie algebra $so(5)$

$$\begin{aligned} U_1(x, t) &= [J, Q_1(x, t)], & U_2(x, t) &= [J, Q_2(x, t)] - \frac{1}{2} \text{ad}_{Q_1}^2 J, \\ V_1(x, t) &= [K, Q_1(x, t)], & V_2(x, t) &= [K, Q_2(x, t)] - \frac{1}{2} \text{ad}_{Q_1}^2 K. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\text{ad}_{Q_1} X \equiv [Q_1(x, t), X]$.

Assume $Q_1(x, t)$ and $Q_2(x, t)$ to be generic elements of $so(5)$:

$$Q_1(x, t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (q_\alpha^1 E_\alpha + p_\alpha^1 E_{-\alpha}) + r_1^1 H_{e_1} + r_2^1 H_{e_2},$$

$$Q_2(x, t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (q_\alpha^2 E_\alpha + p_\alpha^2 E_{-\alpha}) + r_1^2 H_{e_1} + r_2^2 H_{e_2},$$

$$J = a_1 H_{e_1} + a_2 H_{e_2} = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, 0, -a_2, -a_1),$$

$$K = b_1 H_{e_1} + b_2 H_{e_2} = \text{diag}(b_1, b_2, 0, -b_2, -b_1),$$

Next we impose on $Q_1(x, t)$ and $Q_2(x, t)$ the natural reduction

$$B_0 U(x, t, \epsilon \lambda^*)^\dagger B_0^{-1} = U(x, t, \lambda), \quad B_0 = \text{diag}(1, \epsilon, 1, \epsilon, 1), \quad \epsilon^2 = 1.$$

As a result:

$$B_0(\chi^+(x, t, \epsilon \lambda^*))^\dagger B_0^{-1} = (\chi^-(x, t, \lambda))^{-1}, \quad B_0(T(t, \epsilon \lambda^*))^\dagger B_0^{-1} = (T(t, \lambda))^{-1},$$

which provide $p_\alpha^1 = \epsilon(q_\alpha^1)^*$, $p_\alpha^2 = \epsilon(q_\alpha^2)^*$. Then the Lax representation will be a (rather complicated) system of 8 NLEE for the 8 independent matrix elements q_α^1 and q_α^2 .

However we can impose additional \mathbb{Z}_2 reduction condition

$$D\xi^\pm(x, t, -\lambda)\hat{D} = \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda), \quad DQ(x, t, -\lambda)\hat{D} = Q(x, t, \lambda),$$

$$D = \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_1(x, t) &= u_1 E_{e_1 - e_2} + u_2 E_{e_2} + u_3 E_{e_1 + e_2} + v_1 E_{-e_1 + e_2} + v_2 E_{-e_2} + v_3 E_{-e_1 - e_2} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_1 & 0 & u_3 & 0 \\ v_1 & 0 & u_2 & 0 & u_3 \\ 0 & v_2 & 0 & u_2 & 0 \\ v_3 & 0 & v_2 & 0 & u_1 \\ 0 & v_3 & 0 & v_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_2(x, t) &= u_4 E_{e_1} + v_4 E_{-e_1} + w_1 H_{e_1} + w_2 H_{e_2} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & 0 & u_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & w_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ w_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -w_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -v_4 & 0 & -w_1 \end{pmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

$$J = a_1 H_{e_1} + a_2 H_{e_2} = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, 0, -a_2, -a_1),$$

$$K = b_1 H_{e_1} + b_2 H_{e_2} = \text{diag}(b_1, b_2, 0, -b_2, -b_1),$$

Combining both reductions for the matrix elements of $Q_j(x, t)$ we have:

$$v_1 = \epsilon u_1^*, \quad v_2 = \epsilon u_2^*, \quad v_3 = \epsilon u_3^*, \quad v_4 = u_4^*,$$

The commutativity condition for the Lax pair

$$i \left(\frac{\partial V_2}{\partial x} + \lambda \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x} \right) - i \left(\frac{\partial U_2}{\partial t} + \lambda \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial t} \right) + [U_2 + \lambda U_1 - \lambda^2 J, V_2 + \lambda V_1 - \lambda^2 K] = 0$$

must hold identically with respect to λ . The terms proportional to λ^4 , λ^3 and λ^2 vanish identically. The term proportional to λ and the λ -independent term vanish provided Q_i satisfy the NLEE:

$$i \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial t} + [U_2, V_1] + [U_1, V_1] = 0,$$

$$i \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial t} + [U_2, V_2] = 0.$$

In components the corresponding NLEE:

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2i(a_1 - a_2) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} + 2i(b_1 - b_2) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \kappa \epsilon u_2^* (\epsilon u_2^* u_3 - u_1 u_2 - 2u_4) = 0, \\
& -2ia_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + 2ib_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} - \kappa (u_2 \epsilon (|u_3|^2 - |u_1|^2) + 2u_3 u_4^* + 2\epsilon u_1^* u_4) = 0, \\
& -2i(a_1 + a_2) \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial t} + 2i(b_1 + b_2) \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x} + \kappa u_2 (\epsilon u_2^* u_3 - u_1 u_2 + 2u_4) = 0, \\
& -2ia_1 \frac{\partial u_4}{\partial t} + 2ib_1 \frac{\partial u_4}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (-(2a_2 - a_1)u_1 u_2 + (2a_2 + a_1)\epsilon u_2^* u_3) \\
& + i(2b_2 - b_1) \frac{\partial (u_1 u_2)}{\partial x} - i(2b_2 + b_1) \epsilon \frac{\partial (u_2^* u_3)}{\partial x} - \kappa (2\epsilon u_4 (|u_1|^2 - |u_3|^2) \\
& + \epsilon u_1 u_2 (|u_1|^2 + 3|u_3|^2) - u_3 u_2^* (3|u_1|^2 + |u_3|^2)) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us now introduce

$$U_4 = u_4 - \frac{1}{2a_1} ((a_1 - a_2)u_1 u_2 + (a_1 + a_2)\epsilon u_3 u_2^*).$$

As a result we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2i(a_1 - a_2) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} + 2i(b_1 - b_2) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} - \frac{\kappa \epsilon}{a_1} u_2^* (2a_1 U_4 + \epsilon a_2 u_2^* u_3 + (2a_1 - a_2) u_1 u_2) = 0, \\
& -2ia_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + 2ib_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\kappa \epsilon}{a_1} u_2 ((2a_1 + a_2) |u_3|^2 - a_2 |u_1|^2) \\
& \quad - 2\kappa (u_3 U_4^* + \epsilon u_1^* U_4 + u_1^* u_2^* u_3) = 0, \\
& -2i(a_1 + a_2) \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial t} + 2i(b_1 + b_2) \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x} + \frac{\kappa}{a_1} u_2 (\epsilon (2a_1 + a_2) u_2^* u_3 - a_2 u_1 u_2 + 2a_1 U_4) = 0, \\
& -2ia_1 \frac{\partial U_4}{\partial t} + 2ib_1 \frac{\partial U_4}{\partial x} + \frac{i\kappa}{a_1} \frac{\partial u_1 u_2}{\partial x} - \frac{i\kappa \epsilon}{a_1} \frac{\partial u_2^* u_3}{\partial x} \\
& - \frac{\kappa}{a_1} (2\epsilon U_4 (|u_1|^2 - |u_3|^2) + (\epsilon u_1 u_2 - u_3 u_2^*) ((2a_1 - a_2) |u_1|^2 + (2a_1 + a_2) |u_3|^2)) = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

One parameter family of MKdV and $so(8)$

Normally with each simple Lie algebra one can associate just one MKdV eq.

The only exception is $so(8)$ which allows a one-parameter family of MKdV equations. The reason is that only $so(8)$ has 3 as a double exponent!

$$\partial_t q_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[2a(\partial_x^2 q_1 - \sqrt{3}q_1 \partial_x q_2) - \sqrt{3}[(3a + b)q_4 \partial_x q_3 + (3a - b)q_3 \partial_x q_4] \right. \\ \left. - 3q_1 (2aq_2^2 + (a - b)q_3^2 + (a + b)q_4^2) \right],$$

$$\partial_t q_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\sqrt{3}\partial_x - 6q_2 \right) \left[aq_1^2 + \frac{a + b}{2}q_3^2 + \frac{a - b}{2}q_4^2 \right]$$

$$\partial_t q_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[- (a + b)\partial_x^2 q_3 + \sqrt{3}q_3 \partial_x q_2 - \sqrt{3}[(3a + b)q_4 \partial_x q_1 + 2bq_1 \partial_x q_4] \right. \\ \left. + 3q_3 (2aq_4^2 + (a - b)q_1^2 + (a + b)q_2^2) \right],$$

$$\partial_t q_4 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[- (a - b)(\partial_x^2 q_4 - \sqrt{3}q_4 \partial_x q_2) - \sqrt{3}[(3a - b)q_3 \partial_x q_1] - 2bq_1 \partial_x q_3 \right. \\ \left. + 3q_4 (2aq_3^2 + (a - b)q_2^2 + (a + b)q_1^2) \right].$$

Hamiltonian properties of the N -wave equations

For standard N -wave equations related to the simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} :
Introduce grading and basis compatible with it:

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{h-1} \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}^{[s]} \quad (1)$$

Introduce basis in

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}^{[s]} \equiv \mathfrak{h}, \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}^{[s]} = \text{l.c.}\{E_{\alpha}^s, \text{hgt } \alpha = s\}.$$

$$[E_{\alpha}^s, E_{\beta}^m] = N_{\alpha,\beta} E_{\alpha+\beta}^{s+m}.$$

$$[H, E_{\alpha}^m] = \alpha(H) E_{\alpha}^m.$$

$$[E_{\alpha}, E_{-\alpha}] = H_{\alpha}.$$

The dual algebra also has a natural grading:

The phase space for the N -wave eqs. – co-adjoint orbit passing through J

The non-trivial Poisson brackets are:

$$\{u_\alpha(x), u_\beta^*(y)\} = \delta_{\alpha, -\beta} \alpha(J) \delta(x - y). \quad (2)$$

Generalization to polynomial bundles – Reyman, Kulish and Semenov-Tian-Schanskii (1980)

For the new N -wave equations:

Consider Kac-Moody algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ with elements the grading:

$$U(\lambda) = \sum_s U_s \lambda^s, \quad V(\lambda) = \sum_s V_s \lambda^s, \quad U_s, V_s \in \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}^{[s]}.$$

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}^* = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{h-1} \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}^{[*], s} \quad (3)$$

Lax operator contains $\sum_{s=0}^k U_s(x) \lambda^{k-s}$ where

$$U_s(x) = \sum_{\alpha, \text{hgt } \alpha=s} u_{s, \alpha}(x) E_\alpha,$$

Central extension:

$$\mathcal{E}_\alpha = (E_\alpha, c_p),$$

$$[\mathcal{E}_\alpha, \mathcal{E}_\beta]_p = ([E_\alpha, E_\beta], \omega_p(E_\alpha, E_\beta)),$$

where $\omega_p(X, Y)$ is a co-cycle.

$$\omega_p(X, Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Res } \lambda^{-p-1} \left\langle X(x, \lambda), \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x}(x, \lambda) \right\rangle.$$

Then the Lax equation acquires explicit Hamiltonian form. Some of the Poisson brackets become:

$$\{u_{s,\alpha}(x), u_{m,\beta}(x)\} = -N_{\alpha,\beta} u_{s+m,\alpha+\beta}(x) \delta(x-y) + c \delta_{s+m,p} \delta_{\alpha,-\beta} \langle E_\alpha, E_\beta \rangle \delta'(x-y). \quad (4)$$

Conclusions and open questions

- More classes of new integrable equations: i) higher rank simple Lie algebras; ii) different types of grading; iii) different power k of the polynomials $U(x, t, \lambda)$ and $V(x, t, \lambda)$ and iv) different reductions of U and V .
- These new NLEE must be Hamiltonian. View the jets $U(x, t, \lambda)$ and $V(x, t, \lambda)$ as elements of co-adjoint orbits of some Kac-Moody algebra.
- Apply Zakharov-Shabat dressing method for constructing their N -soliton solutions and study their interactions.
- Analyze the Hamiltonian properties of the new N -wave equations – work in progress.
- Apply the above methods to twisted Kac-Moody algebras – work in progress

Thank you for your
attention!