

# Part 3 Consistency-Around-the-Cube

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The equation must be linear in all corner values, i.e. multi-linear. The most general form is:

 $k \, x \, \widetilde{x} \, \widehat{x} + l_1 \, x \, \widetilde{x} + l_2 \, x \, \widetilde{x} \, \widehat{x} + l_3 \, x \, \widehat{x} \, \widehat{x} + l_4 \, \widetilde{x} \, \widehat{x} \, \widehat{x}$  $+ s_1 \, x \, \widetilde{x} + s_2 \, \widetilde{x} \, \widehat{x} + s_3 \, \widehat{x} \, \widehat{x} + s_4 \, \widehat{x} \, x + s_5 \, x \, \widehat{x} + s_6 \, \widetilde{x} \, \widehat{x}$  $+ q_1 \, x + q_2 \, \widetilde{x} + q_3 \, \widehat{x} + q_4 \, \widehat{x} + u \equiv Q(x, \, \widetilde{x}, \, \widehat{x}, \, \widehat{x}; \, p_1, \, p_2) = 0.$ 

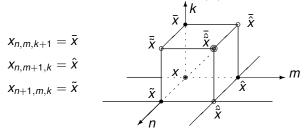
Coefficients k,  $l_i$ ,  $s_i$ ,  $q_i$ , u may depend on lattice parameters  $p_j$ .

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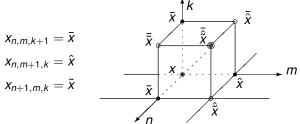


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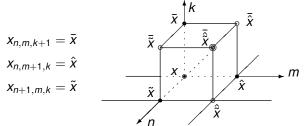
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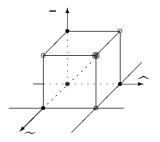


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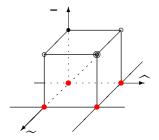


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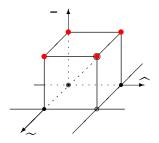


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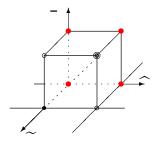


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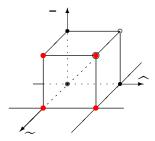


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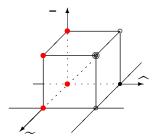


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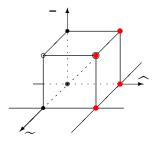


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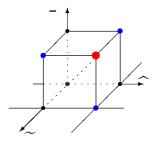
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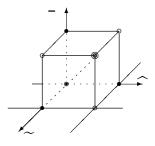
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Note the *tetrahedron property*: there is no unshifted *x*.

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Lattice integrability

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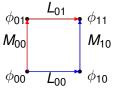
For the KdV-map one finds

$$L_{00} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} x_{00} & \lambda^2 - p^2 - x_{00}x_{10} \\ 1 & -x_{10} \end{pmatrix}, \ M_{00} = \gamma' \begin{pmatrix} x_{00} & \lambda^2 - q^2 - x_{00}x_{01} \\ 1 & -x_{01} \end{pmatrix}$$

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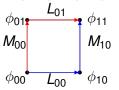
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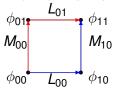


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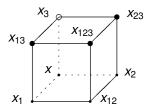
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Since *L*, *M* are  $2 \times 2$  matrices, this looks like 4 conditions. They yield the parameters  $\gamma, \gamma'$  and the equation on the bottom quadrilateral.

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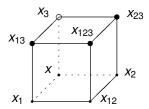


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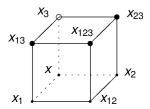
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Similar computations on the bottom variables x,  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_{12}$  yield the top equation.

The computations are equivalent to those for the Lax pair.

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Result: complete classification under these assumptions, 9 models.

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### ABS results:

List H:

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(H2)  $(x - \hat{x})(\tilde{x} - \hat{x}) + (q - p)(x + \tilde{x} + \hat{x} + \hat{x}) + q^2 - p^2 = 0,$   
(H3)  $p(x\tilde{x} + \hat{x}\hat{x}) - q(x\hat{x} + \tilde{x}\hat{x}) + \delta(p^2 - q^2) = 0.$ 

### List A:

(A1) 
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(A2)  
 $(q^2-p^2)(x\tilde{x}\hat{x}\hat{x}+1) + q(p^2-1)(x\hat{x}+\tilde{x}\hat{x}) - p(q^2-1)(x\tilde{x}+\hat{x}\hat{x}) = 0.$ 

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### The main list

$$(Q1) \quad p(x-\widehat{x})(\widetilde{x}-\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) - q(x-\widetilde{x})(\widehat{x}-\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) = \delta^2 pq(q-p)$$

$$(Q2) \quad p(x-\widehat{x})(\widetilde{x}-\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) - q(x-\widetilde{x})(\widehat{x}-\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) + pq(p-q)(x+\widetilde{x}+\widehat{x}+\widehat{x}) = pq(p-q)(p^2 - pq + q^2)$$

$$(Q3) \quad p(1-q^2)(x\widehat{x}+\widetilde{x}\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) - q(1-p^2)(x\widetilde{x}+\widehat{x}\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) = (p^2-q^2)\left((\widehat{x}\widetilde{x}+x\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) + \delta^2\frac{(1-p^2)(1-q^2)}{4pq}\right)$$

$$(Q4) \quad \operatorname{sn}(\alpha)(x\widetilde{x}+\widehat{x}\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) - \operatorname{sn}(\beta)(x\widehat{x}+\widetilde{x}\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) - \operatorname{sn}(\alpha-\beta)(\widetilde{x}\widehat{x}+x\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) + k\operatorname{sn}(\alpha)\operatorname{sn}(\beta)\operatorname{sn}(\alpha-\beta)(1+x\widetilde{x}\widehat{x}\widehat{\widetilde{x}}) = 0. \quad (JH\ 2005)$$

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$$\widetilde{y} = x\widetilde{x} - z, \quad (\widehat{x} - \widetilde{x})(\widehat{\widetilde{z}} - x\widehat{\widetilde{x}} + y) = p^3 - q^3.$$

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Here: apply this to H1 (KdV). [JH, Zhang, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. **42**, 404006 (2009).]

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For convenience we reparametrize  $(p,q) \rightarrow (a,b)$  by

$$p=r-a^2$$
,  $q=r-b^2$ .

One solution is:  $u_0(n, m) = an + bm + \gamma$ 

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where  $\bar{u}_0$  is the bar-shifted background solution

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*v* the unknown and *k* is the new soliton parameter,  $\varkappa = r - k^2$ .

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The equations can be solved easily by writing them as matrix equations using v = g/f and  $\Phi = (g, f)^T$ :

 $\Phi(n+1,m) = \mathcal{N}(n,m)\Phi(n,m), \quad \Phi(n,m+1) = \mathcal{M}(n,m)\Phi(n,m),$ where

$$\mathcal{N}(n,m) = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} E & 0 \\ 1 & F \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M}(n,m) = \Lambda' \begin{pmatrix} G & 0 \\ 1 & H \end{pmatrix},$$

In this case E, F, G, H are constants and we can choose  $\Lambda = \Lambda' = 1$ .

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then we obtain (with suitable  $v_{0,0}$ )

$$v_{n,m}=\frac{-2k\rho_{n,m}}{1+\rho_{n,m}}.$$

Finally we obtain the 1SS for H1:

$$u_{n,m}^{(1SS)} = (an + bm + \lambda) + k + \frac{-2k\rho_{n,m}}{1 + \rho_{n,m}}$$

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The structure of the soliton solution is similar to those of the Hirota-Miwa equation

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The first four equations involve only points on the edges, while the last one is on the square.

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One can write such equations also as one component equations but on a  $3 \times 3$  stencil.

The mBSQ and SBSQ are obtained from the above equation, by eliminating x, z or y, z, respectively.

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## **BSQ** search

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Assume edge equations are linear separately in shifted and unshifted variables and do not depend on spectral parameters.

Then can classify edge equations into one of the following types

$$\widetilde{x}z = \widetilde{y} + x,$$
 (A)

$$\widetilde{x} x = \widetilde{y} + z,$$
 (B)

$$\widetilde{y}z = \widetilde{x} - x.$$
 (C)

The choice of variables: x appear as shifted an unshifted, y only shifted and z only unshifted.

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For the other cases B and C one gets similar equations.

The difficult problem is to solve (A\*), etc.

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Generalizations still under development:

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