

# The Hirota-Miwa equation

– its integrability and reductions –

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- In the second part:

To discuss reductions of the HM equation to lower dimensional lattice equations and (if time permits) to explain the construction of Yang-Baxter maps (and, if time still permits, to present some new results on symmetry constraints for the HM equation).

## The Laurent phenomenon

**Definition:** An initial value problem for a discrete (rational) equation has the *Laurent property* if its general solution is a Laurent polynomial of the initial data. [S. Fomin & A. Zelevinsky, Adv. Appl. Math. 2002]

For example: 
$$\begin{cases} f_m = \frac{f_{m-1}^2 + 1}{f_{m-2}}, \\ f_0 = X, f_1 = Y \end{cases}$$

The first several iterates are 
$$f_2 = \frac{Y^2 + 1}{X}, \quad f_3 = \frac{\left(\frac{Y^2+1}{X}\right)^2 + 1}{Y} = \frac{(Y^2 + 1)^2 + X^2}{X^2Y},$$

$$f_4 = \frac{(Y^2 + 1)^3 + 2X^2(Y^2 + 1) + X^4}{X^3Y^2}, \quad f_5 = \frac{(Y^2 + 1)^4 + 3X^2(Y^2 + 1)^2 + 2X^4(Y^2 + 1) + X^6 + X^4}{X^4Y^3}$$

and we see that  $f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5$  are Laurent polynomials of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

In fact: all  $f_n$  Laurent polynomials of  $X$  and  $Y \Rightarrow$  the Laurent phenomenon !

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The Laurent phenomenon also occurs for lattice equations

( $\leftrightarrow$  the Dodgson scheme...)

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For example ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{f_{\ell,m-1}f_{\ell-1,m} + \alpha}{f_{\ell-1,m-1}} & (\ell, m > 0), \\ X_{\ell m} & (\ell = 0 \text{ or } m = 0) \end{array} \right.$$

$$f_{11} = \frac{f_{10}f_{01} + \alpha}{f_{00}} = \frac{X_{10}X_{01} + \alpha}{X_{00}},$$

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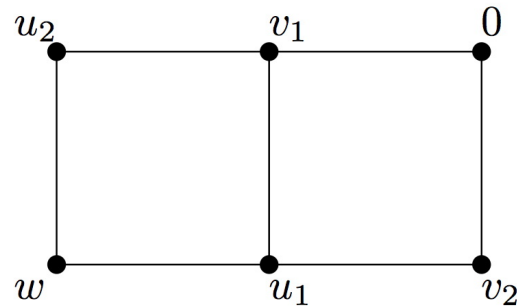
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The discrete KdV equation: 
$$f_h = \frac{\alpha f_{h+v_1} f_{h+u_1} + \beta f_{h+v_2} f_{h+u_2}}{f_{h+w}},$$

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$



has the Laurent property when defined on a so-called *good domain*.



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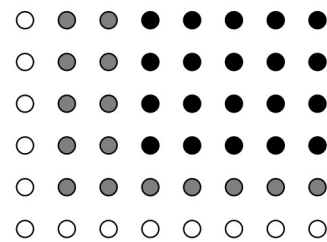
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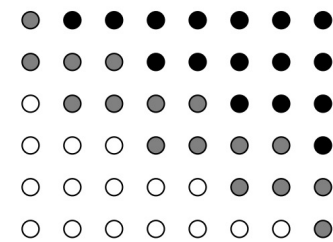
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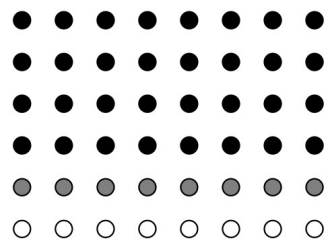
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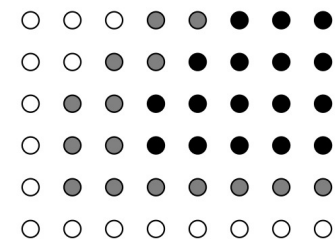
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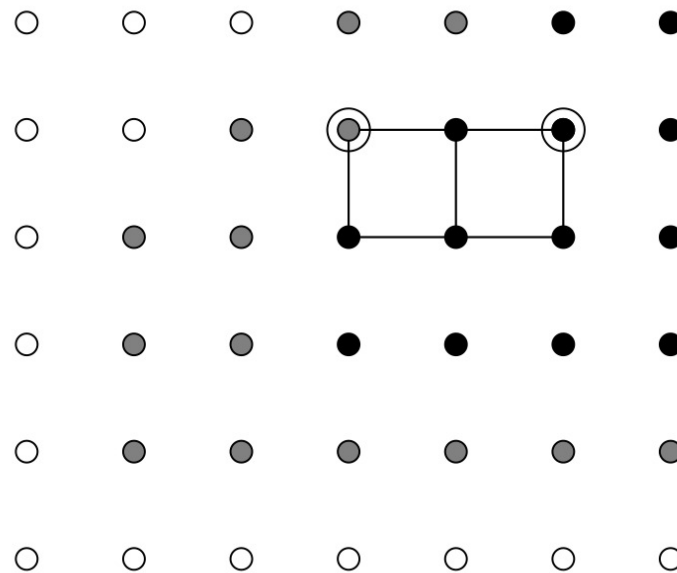


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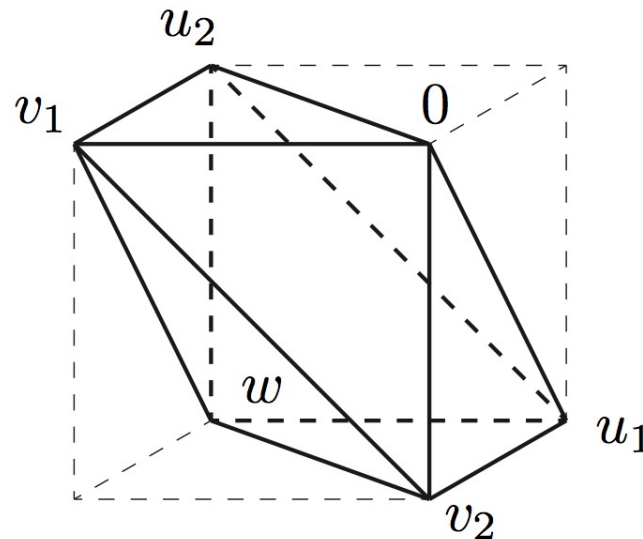
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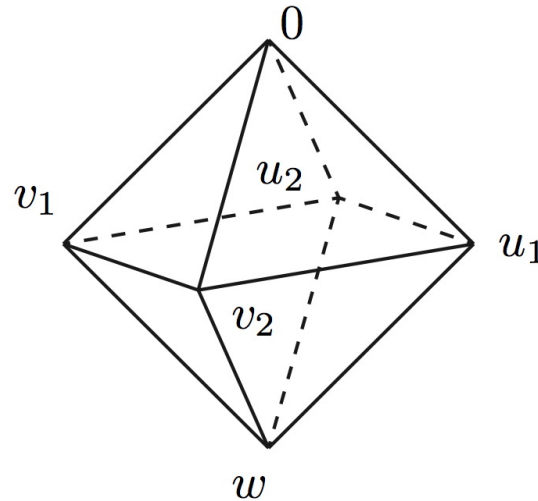
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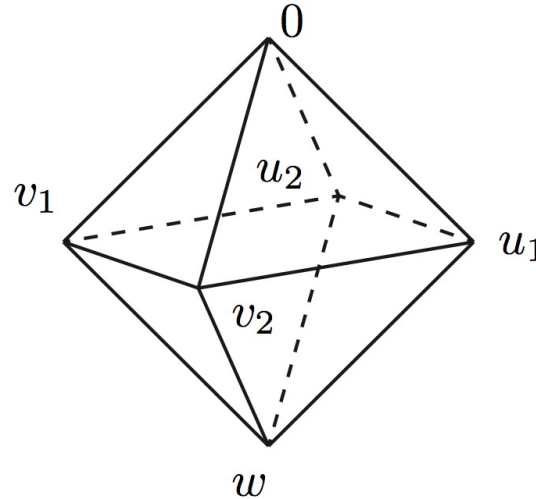


**Theorem** [T. Mase 2013]

The Hirota-Miwa equation and all its reductions (down to the 1-dimensional level) have the Laurent property, when defined on a good domain.

Furthermore, this property makes it possible to explicitly calculate the degree growth for the general solution.

## The Laurent phenomenon



**Theorem** [T. Mase 2013]

The *non-autonomous* Hirota-Miwa equation  $f_h = \frac{\alpha_h f_{h+v_1} f_{h+u_1} + \beta_h f_{h+v_2} f_{h+u_2}}{f_{h+w}}$

( $\alpha_h, \beta_h \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ) has the Laurent property, if and only if its coefficients satisfy

$$\alpha_h \alpha_{h+w} \beta_{h+v_1} \beta_{h+u_1} = \beta_h \beta_{h+w} \alpha_{h+v_2} \alpha_{h+u_2}$$

which is a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a gauge transformation to the autonomous HM equation. [B. Grammaticos & A. Ramani, 2000]

## The Hirota-Miwa equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (b - c) \tau(l + 1, m, n) \tau(l, m + 1, n + 1) \\
 & \quad + (c - a) \tau(l, m + 1, n) \tau(l + 1, m, n + 1) \\
 & \quad + (a - b) \tau(l, m, n + 1) \tau(l + 1, m + 1, n) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

is a discrete version of KP in bilinear form, i.e. the continuum limit:

$$\boxed{x_1 = x_1^0 + \frac{l}{a} + \frac{m}{b} + \frac{n}{c}, \quad x_2 = x_2^0 + \frac{l}{2a^2} + \frac{m}{2b^2} + \frac{n}{2c^2}, \quad x_3 = x_3^0 + \frac{l}{3a^3} + \frac{m}{3b^3} + \frac{n}{3c^3}}$$

as  $|a|, |b|, |c| \rightarrow \infty$  yields:  $(4D_{x_3}D_{x_1} - D_{x_1}^4 - 3D_{x_2}^2) \tau(x_1, x_2, x_3) \cdot \tau(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

The KP equation:  $u_{x_2} = v_{x_1}, \quad u_{x_3} = \frac{1}{4}(u_{3x_1} + 12uu_{x_1}) + \frac{3}{4}v_{x_2}$

(where  $u = (\log \tau)_{x_1x_1}$  and  $v = (\log \tau)_{x_1x_2}$ )

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$$\tau_{1\text{-sol}} = 1 + d \left( \frac{a-q}{a-p} \right)^\ell \left( \frac{b-q}{b-p} \right)^m \left( \frac{c-q}{c-p} \right)^n$$

$$\sim (a-p)^\ell (b-p)^m (c-p)^n + d (a-q)^\ell (b-q)^m (c-q)^n$$

$$\tau_{2\text{-sol}} = 1 + d_1 e^{\xi(p_1, q_1)} + d_2 e^{\xi(p_2, q_2)} + d_1 d_2 \frac{(p_1 - p_2)(q_1 - q_2)}{(p_1 - q_2)(q_1 - p_2)} e^{\xi(p_1, q_1) + \xi(p_2, q_2)}$$

$$\text{with } e^{\xi(p_i, q_i)} := \left( \frac{a - q_i}{a - p_i} \right)^\ell \left( \frac{b - q_i}{b - p_i} \right)^m \left( \frac{c - q_i}{c - p_i} \right)^n$$



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Solutions come, in fact, in two general forms:

**Casorati determinants**  $\tau = \begin{vmatrix} f^{(1)} & \Delta_\ell f^{(1)} & \dots & \Delta_\ell^{N-1} f^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f^{(N)} & \Delta_\ell f^{(N)} & \dots & \Delta_\ell^{N-1} f^{(N)} \end{vmatrix}$

Eg.:  $f^{(i)} = \left(1 - \frac{p_i}{a}\right)^\ell \left(1 - \frac{p_i}{b}\right)^m \left(1 - \frac{p_i}{c}\right)^n + \gamma_i \left(1 - \frac{p'_i}{a}\right)^\ell \left(1 - \frac{p'_i}{b}\right)^m \left(1 - \frac{p'_i}{c}\right)^n$

**Gram determinants**  $\tau = \det \left( \Omega(\varphi^{(i)}, \varphi^{*(j)}) \right)_{i,j=1..N}$

$\Delta_\ell \Omega^{(i,j)} = \varphi^{*(j)} S_\ell(\varphi^{(i)}), \Delta_m \Omega^{(i,j)} = \varphi^{*(j)} S_m(\varphi^{(i)}), \Delta_n \Omega^{(i,j)} = \varphi^{*(j)} S_n(\varphi^{(i)})$

Eg.:  $\Omega^{(i,j)} = C + \frac{1}{q_j - p_j} \left(\frac{a - p_i}{a - q_j}\right)^\ell \left(\frac{b - p_i}{b - q_j}\right)^m \left(\frac{c - p_i}{c - q_j}\right)^n$

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When considered on a cubic lattice, contrary to the case of octahedral symmetry for the Dodgson scheme, the entries of these determinants are no longer arbitrary but have to satisfy certain dispersion relations:

$$\Delta_\ell \varphi^* = \Delta_m \varphi^* = \Delta_n \varphi^*$$

$$(\Delta_\ell := a(S_\ell - 1), \Delta_m := b(S_m - 1), \Delta_n := c(S_n - 1))$$

$$\rightarrow \varphi^* \sim \left(1 - \frac{p}{a}\right)^\ell \left(1 - \frac{p}{b}\right)^m \left(1 - \frac{p}{c}\right)^n$$

or, similarly, for back-shifts:  $a(1 - S_\ell^{-1})\varphi = b(1 - S_m^{-1})\varphi = c(1 - S_n^{-1})\varphi$

$$\varphi \sim \left(1 - \frac{q}{a}\right)^{-\ell} \left(1 - \frac{q}{b}\right)^{-m} \left(1 - \frac{q}{c}\right)^{-n}$$

## The discrete KP hierarchy

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$$\forall N = 3, \dots, M + 1 : \quad \begin{vmatrix} \tau_{\ell_1} \tau_{\widehat{\ell}_1} & \tau_{\ell_2} \tau_{\widehat{\ell}_2} & \cdots & \tau_{\ell_N} \tau_{\widehat{\ell}_N} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_1^{N-2} & a_2^{N-2} & \cdots & a_N^{N-2} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\tau_{\widehat{\ell}_k} = \tau(\ell_1 + 1, \dots, \ell_{k-1} + 1, \ell_k, \ell_{k+1} + 1, \dots, \ell_N + 1)$$

for  $N$ -tuples  $(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_N)$ , and parameters  $a_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N$ )

[Y. Ohta et al., J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 1993]

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- However, it can be shown that **the HM-equations** in the set

$$\mathbf{E} = \{ E(\ell, m_j, m_k) \mid m_j, m_k \in \{m_1, \dots, m_M\}, m_j \neq m_k \}$$

**generate** all the bilinear equations in **the dKP hierarchy**.

## The discrete KP hierarchy

$$\text{Lattice equation of order } M + 1 : \quad \sum_{n=1}^{M+1} \frac{\tau_{\ell_n} \tau_{\widehat{\ell}_n}}{\prod_{k \neq n} (a_n - a_k)} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{M+1} \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=a_n} \left[ \tau(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[\lambda^{-1}]) \tau(\mathbf{x}' + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[\lambda^{-1}]) \prod_{k=1}^{M+1} (a_k - \lambda)^{-1} \right] = 0$$

$$\text{Miwa-transf.: } \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{M+1}) := \sum_{n=1}^{M+1} \ell_n \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[a_n^{-1}], \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[\eta] = \left( \zeta, \frac{\zeta^2}{2}, \dots, \frac{\zeta^{M+1}}{M+1} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \oint_{\lambda=\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi i} \tau(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[\lambda^{-1}]) \tau(\mathbf{x}' + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[\lambda^{-1}]) e^{\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (x_n - x'_n) \lambda^n} = 0 \quad \left( \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - \sum_{n=1}^{M+1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}[a_n^{-1}] \right)$$

yields the KP bilinear identity at  $M \rightarrow +\infty$ , but this requires a certain ‘smoothness’ of  $\tau$

## The discrete KP hierarchy

$$\tau : \mathbb{Z}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \boxed{(\mu - \nu) \tau_l \tau_{mn} + (\nu - \lambda) \tau_m \tau_{ln} + (\lambda - \mu) \tau_n \tau_{lm} = 0} \quad (\text{HM})$$

for  $l, m, n \in \{\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_r\}$  (all distinct) and  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$  ( $a_j \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , distinct)

where:  $\tau_l := \tau|_{l \rightarrow l+1}$ ,  $\tau_{lm} := \tau|_{l \rightarrow l+1, m \rightarrow m+1}$ , etc.

**Definition:** The [discrete KP hierarchy](#) is the set of all HM-equations (HM) on the infinite dimensional lattice that is obtained as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

(※ the equations in this hierarchy generate the one proposed in [Y. Ohta et al. 1993].)

**Definition:** A tau function for the discrete KP hierarchy is a solution  $\tau$  of all HM-equations in the hierarchy, defined up to the equivalence

$$\forall c_j \in \mathbb{C}^\times : c_0 c_1^l c_2^m c_3^n \tau(\ell) \sim \tau(\ell),$$

for any triple  $(l, m, n)$  of distinct directions on the lattice.

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is generated by the linear system

$$\psi_{lm} = \frac{1}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\tau_l \tau_m}{\tau \tau_{lm}} [\lambda \psi_m - \mu \psi_l],$$

$$\psi_{mn} = \frac{1}{\mu - \nu} \frac{\tau_m \tau_n}{\tau \tau_{mn}} [\mu \psi_n - \nu \psi_m],$$

$$\psi_{ln} = \frac{1}{\lambda - \nu} \frac{\tau_l \tau_n}{\tau \tau_{ln}} [\lambda \psi_n - \nu \psi_l]$$

or by its adjoint:

$$\psi^* = \frac{1}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\tau_l \tau_m}{\tau \tau_{lm}} [\lambda \psi_l^* - \mu \psi_m^*] = \frac{1}{\mu - \nu} \frac{\tau_m \tau_n}{\tau \tau_{mn}} [\mu \psi_m^* - \nu \psi_n^*] = \frac{1}{\lambda - \nu} \frac{\tau_l \tau_n}{\tau \tau_{ln}} [\lambda \psi_l^* - \nu \psi_n^*].$$

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Darboux transformations in fact give rise to a covariance of the linear problem:

$$\phi \mapsto a \frac{\psi S_\ell \phi - \phi S_\ell \psi}{\psi}$$

which, for generic eigenfunctions  $\phi$  related to  $\tau$ , yields a solution to the linear problem associated to  $\tilde{\tau} = \tau \psi$ .

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These *Darboux* transformations of tau functions are the essential building blocks of the dKP hierarchy: they generate Casorati-type solutions for the HM equations and, most importantly, they are in fact equivalent to lattice-shifts:

E.g., defining  $\psi^* := \frac{\tau_1}{\tau} \prod_{s=2}^n \left( \frac{a_s - a_1}{a_s} \right)^{\ell_s}$ , one obtains a solution to all adjoint linear equations that do not involve the 1-direction:  $\psi^* = \frac{1}{a_k - a_j} \frac{\tau_j \tau_k}{\tau \tau_{jk}} [a_k \psi_k^* - a_j \psi_j^*]$  ( $j, k \neq 1$ )

Hence, for this Darboux transformation:  $\tau \mapsto \tau \psi^* \sim \tau_1$ .

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For any tau function  $\tau$  for the dKP hierarchy, given an eigenfunction  $\psi$  and an adjoint eigenfunction  $\psi^*$  associated to  $\tau$ , there exists a squared eigenfunction potential  $\Omega(\psi, \psi^*)$  defined by the relations

$$\Delta_{\ell_j} \Omega(\psi, \psi^*) = \psi^* \psi_{\ell_j} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots),$$

(up to an additive constant).  $\Delta_{\ell_j} : \Delta_{\ell_j} f(\ell_j) = a_j [f(\ell_j + 1) - f(\ell_j)]$ .

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Such *binary Darboux* transformations  $\tau \mapsto \tau \Omega$  :

- generate Grammian determinant solutions to the HM equations
- realize the general action of  $GL(\infty)$  on the Sato Grassmannian
- act in exactly the same way at the continuum limit, at which the squared eigenfunction potential is defined by the exact differential

$$d\Omega(\psi, \psi^*) = \psi\psi^*dx + (\psi_{x_1}\psi^* - \psi\psi_{x_1}^*)dx_2 + \dots$$

- explain why  $(\psi\psi^*)_{x_1}$  generates the symmetry algebra for the KP hierarchy:

$$\hat{u} = \partial_{x_1}^2 \log(\tau\Omega + \tau/\varepsilon) = u + \partial_{x_1}^2 \log(1 + \varepsilon \Omega) = u + \varepsilon (\psi\psi^*)_{x_1} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$$

## binary Darboux transformations

Consider:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tau & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \tilde{\tau} \\
 \phi^* \downarrow & & \uparrow \hat{\phi} \\
 \tau^* & \xleftarrow{\hat{\phi}^*} & \hat{\tau}
 \end{array}$$

consistency condition:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \tau\phi = \tilde{\tau} = \hat{\tau}\hat{\phi} \\
 \tau\phi^* = \tau^* = \hat{\tau}\hat{\phi}^*
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow \hat{\phi} \equiv \frac{\phi\hat{\phi}^*}{\phi^*}$$

One can show that if  $\phi^*$  is an adjoint eigenfunction for  $\tau$ , then  $\frac{1}{\phi^*}$  is an eigenfunction associated to the tau function  $\tau^* = \tau\phi^*$ .

## binary Darboux transformations

Hence the Bianchi diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tau & \xleftarrow{1/\phi} & \tilde{\tau} \\
 \phi^* \downarrow & & \downarrow 1/\hat{\phi} \equiv \frac{\phi^*}{\phi \hat{\phi}^*} \\
 \tau^* & \xleftarrow{\hat{\phi}^*} & \hat{\tau}
 \end{array}$$

Require that  $\phi^*$  is the Darboux transform of  $\frac{1}{\hat{\phi}}$  by  $\frac{1}{\phi}$ :

$$\phi^* = a \left[ S_\ell \left( \frac{\phi^*}{\phi \hat{\phi}^*} \right) - \frac{\phi}{S_\ell \phi} \frac{\phi^*}{\phi \hat{\phi}^*} \right] \Leftrightarrow a(S_\ell - 1) \left( \frac{\phi^*}{\hat{\phi}^*} \right) = \phi^* S_\ell \phi$$

and define  $\Omega(\phi, \phi^*) := \frac{\phi^*}{\hat{\phi}^*} \equiv \frac{\phi}{\hat{\phi}}$  such that  $\Delta_\ell \Omega \equiv a(S_\ell - 1)\Omega = \phi^* S_\ell \phi$

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In fact,  $\Omega(\phi, \phi^*)$  is a well-defined *eigenfunction* potential:

$$a(S_\ell - 1)\Omega = \phi^* S_\ell \phi, \quad a_j(S_j - 1)\Omega = \phi^* S_j \phi \quad (\forall j = 2, \dots)$$

as all cross-differences are equal.

Hence, all functions in the Bianchi-diagram are defined in terms of  $\tau$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\phi^*$  and in particular one has that:

$$\hat{\tau} = \tau \Omega(\phi, \phi^*)$$

Together with the transformation for the eigenfunctions and adjoint eigenfunctions this defines the binary Darboux transformation:

$$\psi \mapsto \psi - \phi \frac{\Omega(\psi, \phi^*)}{\Omega(\phi, \phi^*)}, \quad \psi^* \mapsto \psi^* - \phi^* \frac{\Omega(\phi, \psi^*)}{\Omega(\phi, \phi^*)}$$



**Special function solutions:**  $a = z^{-1}, b = 1, c = 0$

$$\tau(m+1)\tau(\ell+1, n+1) - z\tau(\ell+1)\tau(m+1, n+1) + (z-1)\tau(n+1)\tau(\ell+1, m+1) = 0$$

A linear system is obtained after a gauge transformation:  $\phi \mapsto (-c)^{-n}\phi$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{1}{z-1} \frac{\tau(\ell+1)\tau(m+1)}{\tau\tau(\ell+1, m+1)} [z\phi(m+1) - \phi(\ell+1)] \\ &= \frac{\tau(\ell+1)\tau(n+1)}{\tau\tau(\ell+1, n+1)} [\phi(\ell+1) + z\phi(n+1)] \\ &= \frac{\tau(m+1)\tau(n+1)}{\tau\tau(m+1, n+1)} [\phi(m+1) + \phi(n+1)] \end{aligned}$$

If  $\tau \equiv 1$ , one obtains:  $z^{-1}[\phi - \phi(\ell+1)] = \phi - \phi(m+1) = \phi(n+1)$

i.e., from  $\varphi_\zeta \sim \zeta^n(1-\zeta)^m(1-z\zeta)^\ell$  one can build Casorati determinant solutions.

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Trick: take arbitrary linear combinations of  $\varphi_\zeta \sim \zeta^n(1-\zeta)^m(1-z\zeta)^\ell$ .

In particular,  $\varphi_\zeta$  can be used to define the hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1$ :

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_0^1 dt \, t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} (1-zt)^{-a}.$$

Hence, using  $\Phi_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} := \int_0^1 \varphi_\zeta \zeta^{\beta-1} (1-\zeta)^{\gamma-\beta-1} (1-z\zeta)^{-\alpha} d\zeta$  one obtains

$$\tau(\ell, m, n) = \frac{\Gamma(n+\beta)\Gamma(m+\gamma-\beta)}{\Gamma(m+n+\gamma)} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} \alpha-\ell, \beta+n \\ \gamma+m+n \end{matrix}; z\right)$$

after one Darboux transformation and, using the freedom in  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , one can generate Casorati determinant solutions in terms of the  $\Phi_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}$ .

## a special continuum limit:

Take  $z = \delta^2$  and rotate the axes as:  $\lambda = \ell, \mu = -m, \nu = n + \ell$

$$\Rightarrow \tau(\lambda + 1, \nu + 1)\tau(\mu - 1, \nu - 1) - \delta^2\tau(\lambda + 1)\tau(\mu - 1) + (\delta^2 - 1)\tau\tau(\lambda + 1, \mu - 1) = 0$$

Introducing  $x = \frac{\mu}{\delta}, y = \frac{\lambda}{\delta}$  and taking the limit  $\delta \rightarrow \infty$  one obtains the 2D Toda lattice:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\nu + 1)\tau(\nu - 1) + \frac{\partial\tau}{\partial x} \frac{\partial\tau}{\partial y} - \tau \frac{\partial^2\tau}{\partial x\partial y} - \tau^2 &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}D_x D_y \tau \cdot \tau &= \tau(\nu + 1)\tau(\nu - 1) - \tau^2 \end{aligned}$$

Its linear system is obtained from  $\phi \mapsto \delta^{-\nu}(-\delta^2)^\lambda \phi$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \phi = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log \frac{\tau(\nu+1)}{\tau} \right) \phi + \phi(\nu + 1), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \phi = -\frac{\tau(\nu+1)\tau(\nu-1)}{\tau^2} \phi(\nu - 1)$$

Hence, for  $\tau \equiv 1$  one obtains,  $\underline{\varphi \sim (\zeta\delta)^\nu (1 - \zeta)^{-x\delta} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\delta^2\zeta}\right)^{y\delta}}$   $\xrightarrow[\zeta=\eta/\delta]{\delta \rightarrow \infty}$   $\eta^\nu e^{\eta x - y/\eta}$

**2DToda and Bessel:**

$$\frac{1}{2}D_x D_y \tau \cdot \tau = \tau(\nu + 1)\tau(\nu - 1) - \tau^2$$

Taking linear combinations of  $\varphi_\eta = \eta^\nu e^{\eta x - y/\eta}$  one can construct

$$\Phi := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{(0+)} \eta^{-1-s} \varphi_\eta d\eta \quad (xy > 0)$$

and if one takes  $\eta = t \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}$  then, comparing to the Bessel function  $J_s(z)$ ,

$$J_s(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{(0+)} t^{-1-s} e^{\frac{z}{2}(t - \frac{1}{t})} dt \quad (z > 0)$$

one sees that the function  $\Phi^{(s)}$  can be used in Wronskian determinant solutions for the 2D Toda lattice:

$$\Phi^{(s)} = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{\nu-s}{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{(0+)} t^{\nu-s-1} e^{\sqrt{xy}(t - \frac{1}{t})} dt \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Phi^{(s)}(\nu; x, y) \equiv \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{\nu-s}{2}} J_{s-\nu}(2\sqrt{xy})$$

## Reductions of the HM equation

Let  $\tau(l, m, n)$  satisfy the HM equation with parameters  $\lambda, \mu$  and  $\nu$ .

Impose :  $\tau_{mn} \equiv \tau(l, m + 1, n + 1) = \tau(l, m, n)$

$$\therefore \tau + \left(\frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\nu}\right)\tau_{x_1} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\nu}\right)^2 \tau_{2x_1} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\mu^2} + \frac{1}{\nu^2}\right)\tau_{x_2} + \dots = \tau$$

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$$\therefore \tau + \frac{1}{\mu^2} \tau_{x_2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\mu^3}\right) = \tau \quad \text{or} \quad |\mu| \rightarrow \infty : \tau_{x_2} = 0 \quad (\text{KdV})$$

## Reductions of the HM equation: dKdV

$$S_m S_n \tau = \tau, \quad S_m S_n \Psi = \zeta \Psi; \quad \Phi := S_n \Psi \quad (\alpha_1 = \lambda/\mu, \alpha_2 = -\lambda/\mu)$$

$$\text{2x2 Lax pair: } \begin{cases} S_\ell \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha_2^{-1})u & \alpha_2^{-1} \\ \zeta \alpha_1^{-1} & (1 - \alpha_1^{-1})u^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} \\ S_m \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1)v & \alpha_1 \alpha_2^{-1} \\ \zeta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

with compatibility condition:

$$S_m u = \frac{1}{v + \delta u}, \quad S_\ell v = \frac{v S_m u}{u} \quad (\delta = \frac{\alpha_1(\alpha_2 - 1)}{\alpha_2(\alpha_1 - 1)})$$

which is the dKdV equation :  $\frac{1}{S_\ell S_m u} - \frac{1}{u} = \delta(S_\ell u - S_m u)$  in disguise...

## Reductions of the HM equation: dKdV

**1. The map  $(u, v) \mapsto (S_m u, S_\ell v)$  is birational**

and in fact even “quadrirational” [Adler et al. *Comm. Anal. Geom.* **12** (2004) 967]

i.e.: the map  $(u, S_\ell v) \mapsto (S_m u, v)$  is also birational !

**2. The map  $(u, S_\ell v) \mapsto (S_m u, v)$  is in fact related to a Yang-Baxter map**

$$R(\lambda, \mu) : \quad (u, S_\ell v) \mapsto \left( (S_\ell v) \frac{u S_\ell v - 1}{\mu - \lambda u S_\ell v}, u \frac{\mu - \lambda u S_\ell v}{u S_\ell v - 1} \right)$$



## Yang-Baxter maps

i.e., it is related to certain “set-theoretical solutions” to the Yang-Baxter equation  
[A. Veselov, MSJ Mem. 17 (2007) 145]

I.e., to a map  $X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  (where  $X$  is a set)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R : X \times X & \rightarrow & X \times X \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 (x, y) & \mapsto & (f(x, y), g(x, y))
 \end{array}$$

that satisfies the Yang-Baxter relation (with spectral parameters)

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{12}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) R_{13}(\lambda_1, \lambda_3) R_{23}(\lambda_2, \lambda_3) \\
 = R_{23}(\lambda_2, \lambda_3) R_{13}(\lambda_1, \lambda_3) R_{12}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R_{ij} : X \times X \times \cdots \times X & \rightarrow & X \times X \times \cdots \times X \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 (\dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots) & \mapsto & (\dots, f(x_i, x_j), \dots, g(x_i, x_j), \dots)
 \end{array}$$

## Reductions of the HM equation: dKdV

1. This Yang-Baxter map as the “companion” map

$$\tilde{R}(\lambda, \mu) : (u, v) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{v} \frac{v + \mu u}{v + \lambda u}, \frac{1}{u} \frac{v + \mu u}{v + \lambda u} \right)$$

$$\text{for which: } \tilde{R}(\delta, 0) : (u, v) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{v + \delta u}, \frac{1}{u} \frac{v}{v + \delta u} \right) \equiv (S_m u, S_\ell v)$$

2. The map  $\tilde{R}$  is obtained from the Type II (1,1) reduction  $(S_n S_k \tau = \tau(\ell, m, n, k))$

$$\begin{cases} T_\ell \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha_2^{-1})u & \alpha_2^{-1} \\ \zeta \alpha_3^{-1} & (1 - \alpha_3^{-1})u^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} \\ T_1 \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2^{-1})v & \alpha_1 \alpha_2^{-1} \\ \zeta \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{-1} & (1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{-1})v^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{c.c.: } \boxed{(S_m u, S_\ell v) = R\left(\frac{\alpha_3(\alpha_2 - 1)}{\alpha_2(\alpha_3 - 1)}, \frac{\alpha_3(\alpha_1 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_1^2 (\alpha_3 - 1)^2}\right)(u, v)}$$

$$\left(\text{for } v \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - 1)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)} v\right)$$

**General reduction** ( $n \geq 2$ )  $S_2 \cdots S_{n+1} \Psi = \zeta \Psi$ ,  $S_2 \cdots S_{n+1} \tau = \tau$

$$S_\ell \Psi = L(\mathbf{u}, \zeta) \cdot \Psi, \quad S_1 \Psi = M(\mathbf{v}, \zeta) \cdot \Psi$$

$$L(\mathbf{u}, \zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha_2^{-1})u_2 & \alpha_2^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \alpha_3^{-1})u_3 & \alpha_3^{-1} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & & & & \alpha_n^{-1} \\ \zeta \alpha_{n+1}^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & & (1 - \alpha_{n+1}^{-1})u_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M(\mathbf{u}, \zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2^{-1})v_2 & \alpha_1 \alpha_2^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{-1})v_3 & \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{-1} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & & & & \alpha_1 \alpha_n^{-1} \\ \zeta \alpha_1 \alpha_{n+1}^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & & (1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_{n+1}^{-1})v_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\prod_{k=1}^n u_k = \prod_{k=1}^n v_k = 1$

**General reduction**  $(n \geq 2)$   $S_2 \cdots S_{n+1} \Psi = \zeta \Psi$ ,  $S_2 \cdots S_{n+1} \tau = \tau$

- The compatibility condition of this Lax pair yields a quadrirational map

$$\tilde{R}(\alpha) : (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (S_1 \mathbf{u}, S_\ell \mathbf{v})$$

which is the companion map of a **Yang-Baxter** map

$$R(\alpha) : (\mathbf{u}, S_\ell \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (S_1 \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$$

related to the Yang-Baxter maps constructed by Etingof in relation to geometric crystals of type  $A_{n-1}$ . **[P. Etingof, Comm. Algebra 31 (2003) 1961]**

- The dynamical systems given by the maps  $R$  and  $\tilde{R}$  can always be ultradiscretized for appropriate boundary conditions.

**Example:**  $n = 3$ 

$$\boxed{S_1 u_j = \frac{u_j (\mu_{j+1} u_{j+1} - \nu_{j+1} v_{j+1})}{\mu_j u_j - \nu_j v_j}, \quad S_\ell v_j = \frac{v_j T_1 u_j}{u_1} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3)}$$

for  $\mu_j = 1 - \alpha_{j+1}^{-1}$ ,  $\nu_j = \alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_{j+1}^{-1}$ , defined cyclically  $(u_4, v_4, \mu_4, \nu_4) = (u_1, v_1, \mu_1, \nu_1)$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{R}(\mu, \nu) : (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{v}})$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{u}_j = \frac{u_j (\mu_{j+1} u_{j+1} - \nu_{j+1} v_{j+1})}{\mu_j u_j - \nu_j v_j}, \quad \hat{v}_j = \frac{v_j (\mu_{j+1} u_{j+1} - \nu_{j+1} v_{j+1})}{\mu_j u_j - \nu_j v_j}}$$

$$\text{and} \quad R(\mu, \nu) : (\mathbf{u}, \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \mapsto (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{v})$$

$$\tilde{u}_j = \frac{u_j (\mu_{j-1} \mu_{j+1} u_{j-1} u_{j+1} + \mu_{j-1} \nu_j u_{j-1} \hat{v}_j + \nu_j \nu_{j+1} \hat{v}_j \hat{v}_{j+1})}{\mu_{j-1} \mu_j u_{j-1} u_j + \mu_j \nu_{j+1} u_j \hat{v}_{j+1} + \nu_{j-1} \nu_{j+1} \hat{v}_{j-1} \hat{v}_{j+1}}$$

$$v_j = \frac{\hat{v}_j (\mu_{j-1} \mu_j u_{j-1} u_j + \mu_j \nu_{j+1} u_j \hat{v}_{j+1} + \nu_{j-1} \nu_{j+1} \hat{v}_{j-1} \hat{v}_{j+1})}{\mu_{j-1} \mu_{j+1} u_{j-1} u_{j+1} + \mu_{j-1} \nu_j u_{j-1} \hat{v}_j + \nu_j \nu_{j+1} \hat{v}_j \hat{v}_{j+1}}$$

## General idea:

The Lax equation  $(S_1 L(\mathbf{u})) \cdot M(\mathbf{v}) = (S_\ell M(\mathbf{v})) \cdot L(\mathbf{u})$  can be interpreted as the factorization problem  $A(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot A(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = A(\mathbf{y}) \cdot A(\mathbf{x})$  for a matrix

$$A(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1..n} (x_i E_{i,i} + \alpha_{i+1} E_{i,i+1}) \text{ with } (E_{i,j})_{kl} = \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} \text{ and}$$

$$x_j = (1 - \alpha_{j+1}^{-1}) u_{j+1}, \quad y_j = (\alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_{j+1}^{-1}) S_\ell v_{j+1}$$

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Such factorizations, if **uniquely** solvable, are known to give rise to Yang-Baxter maps  $R : (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}})$ , i.e.:

$$R : (\mathbf{u}, S_\ell \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (S_1 \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$$

The dynamical system obtained from the Lax equation corresponds to its companion map

$$\tilde{R} : (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (S_1 \mathbf{u}, S_\ell \mathbf{v})$$

## General idea:

The Lax equation yields a unique evolutionary system, defined in terms of  $\tilde{R}$ , with conserved quantities

$$X := \prod_{j=1}^n x_j = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \alpha_{j+1}^{-1}), \quad Y := \prod_{j=1}^n y_j = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_{j+1}^{-1})$$

The factorization problem has a trivial solution  $\tilde{x}_j = y_j$ ,  $\tilde{y}_j = x_j$ , which violates the conservation law if  $\alpha_1 \neq 1$ . Hence there is a unique factorization compatible with the solitonic evolution, given by the Yang-Baxter map:

$$R : \quad (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}})$$

$$\tilde{x}_j = \frac{P_{j-1}}{P_j} x_j, \quad \tilde{y}_j = \frac{P_j}{P_{j-1}} y_j$$

$$\text{with } P_j = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^{\ell-1} y_{j+k} \prod_{k=\ell+1}^n x_{j+k}$$

[K. Kajiwara et al., Lett. Math. Phys. 60 (2002) 211], [P. Etingof, Comm. Algebra 31 (2003) 1961],  
[Y. Suris & A. Veselov, J. Nonl. Math. Phys. 10 (2003) 223]

## General reduction $(n \geq 2)$ $S_2 \cdots S_{n+1} \Psi = \zeta \Psi$ , $S_2 \cdots S_{n+1} \tau = \tau$

- There exists a systematic construction of (ultradiscretizable) companion maps to Yang-Baxter maps.
- These Yang-Baxter maps are identical to those that arise for  $A_n$ -type geometric crystals.
- They are obtained from general reductions of the dKP hierarchy;

Other reductions like e.g.

$$S_1 \cdots S_n \tau = \tau$$

are obtained through degeneracy of the general case:  $\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_1$ .

- However, not all reductions lead to simple maps. E.g.:

$$\tau(\ell + 1, m_1 + 1, m_2 + 1) = \tau(\ell, m_1, m_2)$$



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symmetry constraint :  $u_{x_1} = (\psi\psi^*)_{x_1} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \psi_{x_2} = \psi_{x_1 x_1} + 2(\psi\psi^*)\psi \\ -\psi^*_{x_2} = \psi^*_{x_1 x_1} + 2(\psi\psi^*)\psi^* \end{cases}$

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Various problems concerning such reductions :

- How to obtain Lax pairs ? [Y. Cheng 1991]
- How to obtain solutions, especially for  $u = c + \psi\psi^*$  ? [RW & I. Loris 1999]

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$$\text{or : } \nu (\tau_n - \tau) = \tau \times \Omega \Rightarrow \tau_{x_1} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\nu}\right) = \tau \Omega$$

$$|\nu| \rightarrow \infty : \tau_{x_1} = \tau \Omega \Rightarrow \partial_{x_1}^2 \log \tau = \Omega_{x_1} \equiv \phi \phi^*$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{“ } u_{x_1} = (\phi \phi^*)_{x_1} \text{”} \quad (\text{NLS})$$

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[E. Date et al. 1983]

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At the limit  $|\nu| \rightarrow \infty$  one obtains a [time-discretisation](#) of the NLS equation:

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and solutions  $\tau^{(N)} := \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)^{i+j-2} f \right|_{i,j=1..N}, \quad \varphi = \frac{\tau^{(N-1)}}{\tau^{(N)}}, \quad \phi^* = \frac{\tau^{(N+1)}}{\tau^{(N)}}.$



## discrete Broer-Kaup

[R. Willox & M. Hattori 2014]

This discrete NLS equation is intimately related to:

$$\begin{cases} H_{mn} = \frac{H_n U_n (\mu - \nu H_m)}{U_m (\mu - \nu H_n)} \\ U = \frac{\mu \nu (H_n - H_m)}{(\mu - \nu H_n)(\mu - \nu H_m)} + \frac{\mu U_m}{(\mu - \nu H_m)} - \frac{\nu U_n H_n}{(\mu - \nu H_n)} \end{cases}$$

the continuum limit ( $|\mu|, |\nu| \rightarrow \infty$ ) of which is the Broer-Kaup system

$$\begin{cases} h_{x_2} = (h_{x_1} + 2u + h^2)_{x_1} \\ u_{x_2} = (2uh - u_{x_1})_{x_1} \end{cases}$$

in the dependent variables  $u = (\log \tau)_{x_1 x_1}$  and  $h = (\log \varphi)_{x_1}$ , obtained from

the ansatz 
$$H := \frac{\varphi_m}{\varphi_n} = 1 + \frac{\mu - \nu}{\mu \nu} h \quad \text{and} \quad U := \frac{\tau \tau_{mn}}{\tau_m \tau_n} = 1 + \frac{1}{\mu \nu} u .$$

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- For any constrained  $\tau$ , the function  $\varphi := \frac{S^{-1}(\tau \phi)}{\tau}$  is a dKP eigenfunction
- $\exists$  a systematic procedure to construct Lax pairs for the constrained systems

## discrete Yajima-Oikawa

[R. Willox & M. Hattori 2014]

Choosing  $\gamma = -\mu\nu$  and  $S : S(f(m, n)) \equiv f(m + 1, n + 1)$ , one obtains:

$$\begin{cases} 2\mu^3(U_{m'n'} - U) = \varphi_m \phi_{n'}^* - \varphi_n \phi_{m'}^* \\ \phi_m^* + \phi_n^* = 2U \phi^* \\ \varphi_m + \varphi_n = 2U \varphi_{mn} \end{cases}$$

for  $\nu = -\mu$  and  $U = \frac{\tau \tau_{mn}}{\tau_m \tau_n}$ , which is a discretisation of the Yajima-Oikawa system

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※ ‘primed’ subscripts denote downshifts.

## Interesting questions / open problems

- Does the Laurent phenomenon for a bilinear equation, give any (useful) information on the behaviour of the singularities or of the solutions of the (nonlinear) systems that can be obtained from it ?
- Is there any information that can be obtained regarding the (Lie) algebraic structure of reductions of the HM equation (or of the discrete KP hierarchy) ?
- What about B-type discrete systems, e.g., the Miwa-equation and its reductions ?

Or what about discrete versions of integrable systems with C or D type symmetries, such as Kaup-Kuperschmidt or Toda lattices of C and D-type ?