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Integrable MNLS and Lax representations

A.III-type MNLS or the vector NLS (the Manakov model) – Manakov, 1974::

$$H_{\text{A.III}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left((\vec{q}_x^\dagger, \vec{q}_x) - (\vec{q}^\dagger, \vec{q})^2 \right),$$

$$i\vec{q}_t + \vec{q}_{xx} + 2(\vec{q}^\dagger, \vec{q})\vec{q}(x, t) = 0,$$

BD.I-type MNLS:

$$H_{\text{BD.I}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left((\vec{q}_x^\dagger, \vec{q}_x) - (\vec{q}^\dagger, \vec{q})^2 + \frac{1}{2} |(\vec{q}, s_0 \vec{q})|^2 \right)$$

$$i\vec{q}_t + \vec{q}_{xx} + 2(\vec{q}^\dagger, \vec{q})\vec{q}(x, t) - (\vec{q}, s_0 \vec{q})s_0 \vec{q}^*(x, t) = 0, \quad s_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[L(\lambda), M(\lambda)] = 0, \quad \text{identically w.r. to } \lambda:$$

A.III-type MNLS

$$L\psi(x, \lambda) \equiv i\frac{d\psi}{dx} + q(x)\psi(x, \lambda) - \lambda J\psi(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$Q(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{q}^T(x, t) \\ -\vec{q}^*(x, t) & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1}_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M\psi &\equiv i\frac{d\psi}{dt} + (V_0(x, t) - V_{0,+} + 2\lambda Q(x, t) - 2\lambda^2 J) \psi(x, t, \lambda) \\ &= \psi(x, t, \lambda)C(\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

$$V_0(x, t) = [\text{ad}_J^{-1}Q, Q(x, t)] + 2i\text{ad}_J^{-1}Q_x,$$

BD.I-type MNLS

$$L\psi(x, t, \lambda) \equiv i\partial_x\psi + (Q(x, t) - \lambda J)\psi(x, t, \lambda) = 0.$$

$$M\psi(x, t, \lambda) \equiv i\partial_t\psi + (V_0(x, t) + \lambda V_1(x, t) - \lambda^2 J)\psi(x, t, \lambda) = 0,$$

$$V_1(x, t) = Q(x, t), \quad V_0(x, t) = i\text{ad}_J^{-1} \frac{dQ}{dx} + \frac{1}{2} [\text{ad}_J^{-1} Q, Q(x, t)].$$

where $J = \text{diag}(1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$ and

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{q}^T & 0 \\ \vec{p} & 0 & s_0 \vec{q} \\ 0 & \vec{p}^T s_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{2r+1} (-1)^{k+1} E_{k, 2r+2-k} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -s_0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

Here $(E_{kn})_{ij} = \delta_{ik}\delta_{nj}$ and the $2r - 1$ -vectors \vec{q} and $\vec{p} = \vec{q}^*$ take the form

$$\vec{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_{r-1}, q_0, q_{-1}, \dots, q_{-r+1})^T,$$

BEC with hyperfine structure

$$^{23}\text{Na} \Leftrightarrow F = 1 \quad ^{87}\text{Rb} \Leftrightarrow F = 2$$

see Wadati et al (2004), (2006), (2007); Ohmi & Machida (1998);
 Kuwamoto et al (2004); Gerdjikov et al (2007), (2008)

The assembly of atoms in the hyperfine state of spin F is described by a normalized spinor wave vector with $2F + 1$ components

$$\Phi(x, t) = (\Phi_F(x, t), \dots, \Phi_0(x, t), \dots, \Phi_{-F}(x, t))^T$$

Ginzburg-Pitaevsky equation in the one-dimensional approximation:

$$i \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta E_{\text{GP}}[\Phi]}{\delta \Phi^*}. \quad (3)$$

where for $F = 1$ the energy functional is given by:

$$E_{\text{GP}} = \int dx \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\partial_x \Phi|^2 + \frac{\bar{c}_0 + \bar{c}_2}{2} \left[(\Phi^\dagger, \Phi)^2 - \frac{\bar{c}_0}{2} |2\Phi_1 \Phi_{-1} - \Phi_0^2|^2 \right] \right\}.$$

the effective 1D couplings $\bar{c}_{0,2}$ are represented by

$$\bar{c}_0 = c_0/2a_\perp^2, \quad \bar{c}_2 = c_2/2a_\perp^2, \quad (4)$$

where a_{\perp} is the size of the transverse ground state. In this expression,

$$c_0 = \pi\hbar^2(a_0 + 2a_2)/3m, \quad c_2 = \pi\hbar^2(a_2 - a_0)/3m, \quad (5)$$

where a_f – s-wave scattering lengths; m is the mass of the atom.

Special (integrable) choice for the coupling constants $\bar{c}_0 = \bar{c}_2 \equiv -c < 0$, equivalently scattering lengths $2a_0 = -a_2 > 0$. In the dimensionless form: $\Phi \rightarrow \{\Phi_1, \Phi_0, \Phi_{-1}\}^T$ the corresponding GPE take the form:

$$\begin{aligned} i\partial_t\Phi_1 + \partial_x^2\Phi_1 + 2(|\Phi_1|^2 + 2|\Phi_0|^2)\Phi_1 + 2\Phi_{-1}^*\Phi_0^2 &= 0, \\ i\partial_t\Phi_0 + \partial_x^2\Phi_0 + 2(|\Phi_{-1}|^2 + |\Phi_0|^2 + |\Phi_1|^2)\Phi_0 + 2\Phi_0^*\Phi_1\Phi_{-1} &= 0, \\ i\partial_t\Phi_{-1} + \partial_x^2\Phi_{-1} + 2(|\Phi_{-1}|^2 + 2|\Phi_0|^2)\Phi_{-1} + 2\Phi_1^*\Phi_0^2 &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$F = 2$ hyperfine state is described by a 5-component spinor wave vector

$$\Phi(x, t) = (\Phi_2(x, t), \Phi_1(x, t), \Phi_0(x, t), \Phi_{-1}(x, t), \Phi_{-2}(x, t))^T, \quad (7)$$

$$E_{\text{GP}}[\Phi] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\partial_x \Phi|^2 + \frac{\epsilon c_0}{2} n^2 + \frac{c_2}{2} \mathbf{f}^2 + \frac{\epsilon c_4}{2} |\Theta|^2 \right), \quad (8)$$

$$\epsilon = \pm 1, \quad n = (\vec{\Phi}^\dagger, \vec{\Phi}) = \sum_{\alpha=-2}^2 \Phi_\alpha \Phi_\alpha^*,$$

$$\Theta = (\vec{\Phi}, s_0 \vec{\Phi}) = 2\Phi_2 \Phi_{-2} - 2\Phi_1 \Phi_{-1} + \Phi_0^2.$$

Choosing $c_2 = 0$, $c_4 = 1$ and $c_0 = -2$ we obtain

$$i\partial_t \Phi_{\pm 2} + \partial_{xx} \Phi_{\pm 2} = -2\epsilon(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{\Phi}^*)\Phi_{\pm 2} + \epsilon(2\Phi_2 \Phi_{-2} - 2\Phi_1 \Phi_{-1} + \Phi_0^2)\Phi_{\mp 2}^*,$$

$$i\partial_t \Phi_{\pm 1} + \partial_{xx} \Phi_{\pm 1} = -2\epsilon(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{\Phi}^*)\Phi_{\pm 1} - \epsilon(2\Phi_2 \Phi_{-2} - 2\Phi_1 \Phi_{-1} + \Phi_0^2)\Phi_{\mp 1}^*,$$

$$i\partial_t \Phi_0 + \partial_{xx} \Phi_0 = -2\epsilon(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{\Phi}^*)\Phi_{\pm 0} + \epsilon(2\Phi_2 \Phi_{-2} - 2\Phi_1 \Phi_{-1} + \Phi_0^2)\Phi_0^*.$$

which is integrable by the inverse scattering method.

Lax pairs for systems on symmetric spaces – Fordy, Kulish (1983)
 For our system we have **BD.I**-type symmetric spaces:

$$\simeq \text{SO}(n+2)/\text{SO}(2) \times \text{SO}(n)$$

with $n = 3$ and $n = 5$ respectively.

Symmetric and homogeneous spaces

Symmetric space: \mathcal{M} is globally symmetric if each its point p is isolated invariant point under an involutive isometry:

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{M}) \equiv K\mathcal{M}K^{-1} = \mathcal{M}, \quad \mathcal{K}^2 = \mathbb{1}.$$

Cartan has classified all such involutions.

$\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathfrak{G}/\mathcal{H}$ where \mathfrak{G} is simple and \mathcal{H} is semisimple. Normally

$$\mathcal{H} \equiv \{K \in \mathfrak{G}, \quad \text{such that} \quad KJK^{-1} = J, \quad J \in \mathcal{H}\}.$$

Local coordinates:

$$Q(x) = [J, Q'(x)].$$

Typically \mathcal{H} is simple:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Q^+(x) \\ Q^-(x) & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

But for BD.I-type symmetric spaces \mathcal{H} is semi-simple: $\mathcal{H} \simeq SO(2) \otimes SO(n)$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{q}^T & 0 \\ \vec{p} & 0 & s_0 \vec{q} \\ 0 & \vec{p}^T s_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Effectively it is enough to properly specify \mathfrak{G} and J in order to determine \mathcal{M} . The corresponding Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} acquires \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading:

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}^{(0)} + \mathfrak{g}^{(1)},$$

$$\mathfrak{g}^{(0)} \equiv \{X : X \in \mathfrak{g} \quad \mathcal{K}(X) = X\}, \quad \mathfrak{g}^{(1)} \equiv \{Y : Y \in \mathfrak{g} \quad \mathcal{K}(Y) = -Y\},$$

The grading property:

$$[\mathfrak{g}^{(0)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(0)}] \in \mathfrak{g}^{(0)}, \quad [\mathfrak{g}^{(0)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(1)}] \in \mathfrak{g}^{(1)}, \quad [\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(1)}] \in \mathfrak{g}^{(0)}$$

The set of positive roots Δ^+ also splits into two subsets:

$$\Delta^+ = \Delta_0^+ \cup \Delta_1^+,$$

$$\Delta_0^+ \equiv \{\alpha : \alpha(J) = 0\} \quad \Delta_1^+ \equiv \{\alpha : \alpha(J) = a > 0\}$$

Inverse scattering method and reconstruction of potential from minimal scattering data

Solving the direct and the inverse scattering problem (ISP) for L uses the Jost solutions

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \phi(x, t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda Jx} = \mathbb{1}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \psi(x, t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda Jx} = \mathbb{1} \quad (9)$$

and the scattering matrix $T(\lambda, t) \equiv \psi^{-1} \phi(x, t, \lambda)$. We use the following block-matrix structure of $T(\lambda, t)$

$$T(\lambda, t) = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^+ & -\vec{b}^{-T} & c_1^- \\ \vec{b}^+ & \mathbf{T}_{22} & -s_0 \vec{B}^- \\ c_1^+ & \vec{B}^{+T} s_0 & m_1^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

Theorem. If $Q(x, t)$ evolves according to (6) then the scattering matrix and its elements satisfy the following linear evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 i \frac{d\vec{b}^\pm}{dt} \pm \lambda^2 \vec{b}^\pm(t, \lambda) &= 0, & i \frac{d\vec{B}^\pm}{dt} \pm \lambda^2 \vec{B}^\pm(t, \lambda) &= 0, \\
 i \frac{dm_1^\pm}{dt} &= 0, & i \frac{d\mathbf{T}_{22}^\pm}{dt} &= 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Consequence: MNLS have **infinite** number of integrals of motion. Indeed $m_1^\pm(\lambda)$ are generating functionals of the integrals of motion.

Solving MNLS by the Inverse scattering method:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \vec{q}(x, t = 0) \longrightarrow & L_0 & L|_{t>0} \longrightarrow \vec{q}(x, t) \\
 & \text{I} \downarrow & \uparrow \text{III} \\
 & T(0, \lambda) & \xrightarrow{\text{II}} T(t, \lambda)
 \end{array} \tag{12}$$

Important: All steps reduce to **linear** integral equations.

The ISP is reduced to a Riemann-Hilbert problem (RHP) for the fundamental analytic solution (FAS) $\chi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$. Their construction is

based on the generalized Gauss decomposition of $T(\lambda, t)$

$$T(\lambda) = T_J^-(\lambda)D_J^+(\lambda)\hat{S}_J^+(\lambda) = T_J^+(\lambda)D_J^-(\lambda)\hat{S}_J^-(\lambda), \quad (13)$$

Here S_J^\pm , T_J^\pm upper- and lower-block-triangular matrices, while $D_J^\pm(\lambda)$ are block-diagonal matrices with the same block structure as $T(\lambda, t)$ above. The explicit expressions of the Gauss factors in terms of the matrix elements of $T(\lambda, t)$ is

$$S_J^+(t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{\tau}^{+,T} & c_1^+ \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} & s_0 \vec{\tau}^+ \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_J^-(t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\vec{\tau}^- & \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ c_1^- & -\vec{\tau}^{-,T} s_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tau^+ = \frac{b^-}{m_1^+}, \quad \tau^- = \frac{B_1^+}{m_1^-}, \quad \rho^+ = \frac{b^+}{m_1^+}, \quad \rho^- = \frac{B_1^-}{m_1^-},$$

$$T_J^+(t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\vec{\rho}^{-,T} & c_1'^- \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} & -s_0 \vec{\rho}^- \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_J^-(t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vec{\rho}^+ & \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ c_1'^+ & \vec{\rho}^{+,T} s_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$D_J^+ = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^+ & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{m}_2^+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m_1^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad D_J^- = \begin{pmatrix} 1/m_1^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{m}_2^- & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_1^- \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathbf{m}_2^+ = \mathbf{T}_{22} + \frac{\vec{b}^+ \vec{b}^{-T}}{m_1^+}, \quad \mathbf{m}_2^- = \mathbf{T}_{22} + \frac{s_0 \vec{b}^- \vec{b}^{+T} s_0}{m_1^-}.$$

Then the FAS can be defined as:

$$\chi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \phi(x, t, \lambda) S_J^\pm(t, \lambda) = \psi(x, t, \lambda) T_J^\mp(t, \lambda) D_J^\pm(\lambda). \quad (14)$$

The FAS for real λ are linearly related

$$\chi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \chi^-(x, t, \lambda) G_J(\lambda, t), \quad G_{0,J}(\lambda, t) = S_J^-(\lambda, t) S_J^+(\lambda, t). \quad (15)$$

One can rewrite eq. (15) in an equivalent form for the FAS $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \chi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda J x}$ which satisfy also the relation

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \mathbf{1}. \quad (16)$$

Then these FAS satisfy

$$\xi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^-(x, t, \lambda)G_J(x, \lambda, t), \quad G_J(x, \lambda, t) = e^{-i\lambda Jx}G_{0,J}^-(\lambda, t)e^{i\lambda Jx}. \quad (17)$$

Obviously the sewing function $G_j(x, \lambda, t)$ is uniquely determined by the Gauss factors $S_J^\pm(\lambda, t)$.

Given the solution $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ one recovers $Q(x, t)$ via the formula

$$Q(x, t) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda \left(J - \xi^\pm J \widehat{\xi}^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \right). \quad (18)$$

We impose also the standard reduction:

$$Q(x, t) = \epsilon Q^\dagger(x, t) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad p_k = \epsilon q_k^*.$$

As a consequence we have

$$\vec{\rho}^- (\lambda, t) = \epsilon \vec{\rho}^{+,*} (\lambda, t), \quad \vec{\tau}^- (\lambda, t) = \epsilon \vec{\tau}^{+,*} (\lambda, t).$$

Zakharov-Shabat dressing method and soliton solutions

Starting from a regular solution $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ of $L_0(\lambda)$ with potential $Q_{(0)}(x, t)$ construct new singular solutions $\chi_1^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ of L with a potential $Q_{(1)}(x, t)$ with two additional singularities located at prescribed positions λ_1^\pm ; the reduction $\vec{p} = \vec{q}^*$ ensures that $\lambda_1^- = (\lambda_1^+)^*$. It is related to the regular one by a dressing factor $u(x, t, \lambda)$

$$\chi_1^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = u(x, \lambda)\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)u_-^{-1}(\lambda). \quad u_-(\lambda) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} u(x, \lambda) \quad (19)$$

Note that $u_-(\lambda)$ is a block-diagonal matrix. $u(x, \lambda)$ must satisfy

$$i\partial_x u + Q_{(1)}(x)u - uQ_{(0)}(x) - \lambda[J, u(x, \lambda)] = 0, \quad (20)$$

and the normalization condition $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} u(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1}$.

The construction of $u(x, \lambda)$ is based on an appropriate anzats speci-

fying explicitly the form of its λ -dependence:

$$u(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1} + (c(\lambda) - 1)P(x, t) + \left(\frac{1}{c(\lambda)} - 1 \right) \bar{P}(x, t), \quad \bar{P} = S_0^{-1} P^T S_0, \quad (21)$$

where $P(x, t)$ and $\bar{P}(x, t)$ are projectors which satisfy $P\bar{P}(x, t) = 0$.

$$P(x, t) = \frac{|n_1(x, t)\rangle\langle n_1^\dagger(x, t)|}{\langle n_1^\dagger(x, t)|n_1(x, t)\rangle},$$

$$|n_1(x, t)\rangle = \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) |n_{0,1}\rangle, \quad c(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1^+}{\lambda - \lambda_1^-}, \quad \langle n_{0,1} | S_0 | n_{0,1} \rangle = 0. \quad (22)$$

Taking the limit $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ in eq. (28) we get that

$$Q_{(1)}(x, t) - Q_{(0)}(x, t) = (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+) [J, P(x, t) - \bar{P}(x, t)].$$

If $Q_{(0)} = 0$ and put $\lambda_1^\pm = \mu \pm i\nu$, $\chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda) = e^{-i\lambda Jx}$:

$$q_k^{(1s)}(x, t) = -2i\nu \left(P_{1k}(x, t) + (-1)^k P_{\bar{k}, 2r+1}(x, t) \right), \quad (23)$$

where $\bar{k} = 2r + 2 - k$.

The one-soliton solution reads

$$\begin{aligned}
q_k &= \frac{-i\nu e^{-i\mu(x-vt-\delta_0)}}{\cosh 2z + \Delta_0^2} \left(\alpha_k e^{z-i\phi_k} + (-1)^k \alpha_{\bar{k}} e^{-z+i\phi_{\bar{k}}} \right), \\
v &= \frac{\nu^2 - \mu^2}{\mu}, \quad u = -2\mu, \quad z(x, t) = \nu(x - ut - \xi_0), \\
\xi_0 &= \frac{1}{2\nu} \ln \frac{|n_{0,2r+1}|}{|n_{0,1}|}, \quad \alpha_k = \frac{|n_{0,k}|}{\sqrt{|n_{0,1}||n_{0,2r+1}|}}, \quad \Delta_0^2 = \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{2r} |n_{0,k}|^2}{2|n_{0,1}n_{0,2r+1}|},
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

and $\delta_0 = \arg n_{0,1}/\mu = -\arg n_{0,2r+1}/\mu$, $\phi_k = \arg n_{0,k}$. The polarization vectors satisfy the following relation

$$\sum_{k=1}^r 2(-1)^{k+1} n_{0,k} n_{0,\bar{k}} + (-1)^r n_{0,r+1}^2 = 0. \tag{25}$$

Thus for $r = 2$ we identify $\Phi_1 = q_2$, $\Phi_0 = q_3/\sqrt{2}$ and $\Phi_3 = q_4$ and we

obtain the following solutions for the equation (6)

$$\Phi_{\pm 1} = -\frac{2i\nu\sqrt{\alpha_2\alpha_4}e^{-i\mu(x-vt-\delta_{\pm 1})}}{\cosh 2z + \Delta_0^2} (\cos \phi_{\pm 1} \cosh z_{\pm 1} - i \sin \phi_{\pm 1} \sinh z_{\pm 1}),$$

$$\delta_{\pm 1} = \delta_0 \mp \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_4}{2\mu}, \quad \phi_{\pm 1} = \frac{\phi_2 + \phi_4}{2} \quad z_{\pm 1} = z \mp \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\alpha_4}{\alpha_2},$$

$$\Phi_0 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}i\nu\alpha_3 e^{-i\mu(x-vt-\delta_0)}}{\cosh 2z + \Delta_0^2} (\cos \phi_3 \sinh z - i \sin \phi_3 \cosh z).$$

For $r = 3$ we identify $\Phi_2 = q_2$, $\Phi_1 = q_3$, $\Phi_0 = q_4$, $\Phi_{-1} = q_5$ and $\Phi_{-2} = q_6$, so that the one-soliton solution for equation (??) reads

$$\Phi_{\pm 2} = -\frac{2i\nu\sqrt{\alpha_2\alpha_6}e^{-i\mu(x-vt-\delta_{\pm 2})}}{\cosh 2z + \Delta_0^2} (\cos \phi_{\pm 2} \cosh z_{\pm 2} - i \sin \phi_{\pm 2} \sinh z_{\pm 2}),$$

$$\Phi_{\pm 1} = -\frac{2i\nu\sqrt{\alpha_3\alpha_5}e^{-i\mu(x-vt-\delta_{\pm 1})}}{\cosh 2z + \Delta_0^2} (\cos \phi_{\pm 1} \sinh z_{\pm 1} - i \sin \phi_{\pm 1} \cosh z_{\pm 1}),$$

$$\delta_{\pm 2} = \delta_0 \mp \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_6}{2\mu}, \quad \phi_{\pm 2} = \frac{\phi_2 + \phi_6}{2} \quad z_{\pm 2} = z \mp \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\alpha_6}{\alpha_2},$$

$$\delta_{\pm 1} = \delta_0 \mp \frac{\phi_3 - \phi_5}{2\mu}, \quad \phi_{\pm 1} = \frac{\phi_3 + \phi_5}{2}, \quad z_{\pm 1} = z \mp \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\alpha_5}{\alpha_3},$$

$$\Phi_0 = -\frac{2i\nu\alpha_4 e^{-i\mu(x-vt-\delta_0)}}{\cosh 2z + \Delta_0^2} (\cos \phi_4 \cosh z - i \sin \phi_4 \sinh z).$$

Choosing appropriately the polarization vectors $|n\rangle$ we are able to reproduce the soliton solutions obtained by Wadati et al. both for $F = 1$ and $F = 2$ BEC.

Alternative methods and N -soliton solutions

In order to obtain N -soliton solutions one has to apply dressing procedure with a $2N$ -poles dressing factor of the form

$$u(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1} + \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\frac{A_k(x)}{\lambda - \lambda_k^+} + \frac{B_k(x)}{\lambda - \lambda_k^-} \right). \quad (26)$$

The N -soliton solution itself can be generated via the following formula

$$Q_{N,s}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N [J, A_k(x) + B_k(x)]. \quad (27)$$

The dressing factor $u(x, \lambda)$ must satisfy the equation

$$i\partial_x u + Q_{N,s}u - \lambda[J, u] = 0 \quad (28)$$

and the normalization condition $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} u(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1}$. The construction of $u(x, \lambda) \in SO(n+2)$ is based on an appropriate ansatz specifying the form of its λ -dependence [?, ?]

The residues of u admit the following decomposition

$$A_k(x) = X_k(x)F_k^T(x), \quad B_k(x) = Y_k(x)G_k^T(x).$$

where all matrices involved are supposed to be rectangular and of maximal rank s . By comparing the coefficients before the same powers of $\lambda - \lambda_k^\pm$ in (28) we convince ourselves that the factors F_k and G_k can be expressed by the fundamental analytic solutions $\chi_0^\pm(x, \lambda)$ as follows

$$F_k^T(x) = F_{k,0}^T[\chi_0^+(x, \lambda_k^+)]^{-1}, \quad G_k^T(x) = G_{k,0}^T[\chi_0^-(x, \lambda_k^-)]^{-1}.$$

The constant rectangular matrices $F_{k,0}$ and $G_{k,0}$ obey the algebraic relations

$$F_{k,0}^T S_0 F_{k,0} = 0, \quad G_{k,0}^T S_0 G_{k,0} = 0.$$

The other two types of factors X_k and Y_k are solutions to the algebraic system

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 F_k &= X_k \alpha_k + \sum_{l \neq k} \frac{X_l F_l^T S_0 F_k}{\lambda_l^+ - \lambda_k^+} + \sum_l \frac{Y_l G_l^T S_0 F_k}{\lambda_l^- - \lambda_k^+}, \\ S_0 G_k &= \sum_l \frac{X_l F_l^T S_0 G_k}{\lambda_l^+ - \lambda_k^-} + Y_k \beta_k + \sum_{l \neq k} \frac{Y_l G_l^T S_0 G_k}{\lambda_l^- - \lambda_k^-}. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

The square $s \times s$ matrices $\alpha_k(x)$ and $\beta_k(x)$ introduced above depend on χ_0^+ and χ_0^- and their derivatives by λ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_k(x) &= -F_{0,k}^T [\chi_0^+(x, \lambda_k^+)]^{-1} \partial_\lambda \chi_0^+(x, \lambda_k^+) S_0 F_{0,k} + \alpha_{0,k}, \\ \beta_k(x) &= -G_{0,k}^T [\chi_0^-(x, \lambda_k^-)]^{-1} \partial_\lambda \chi_0^-(x, \lambda_k^-) S_0 G_{0,k} + \beta_{0,k}. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Below for simplicity we will choose F_k and G_k to be $2r+1$ -component vectors. Then one can show that $\alpha_k = \beta_k = 0$ which simplifies the system

(29). We also introduce the following more convenient parametrization for F_k and G_k , namely (see eq. (32)):

$$F_k(x, t) = S_0 |n_k(x, t)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-z_k + i\phi_k} \\ -\sqrt{2} s_0 \vec{\nu}_{0k} \\ e^{z_k - i\phi_k} \end{pmatrix}, \quad G_k(x, t) = |n_k^*(x, t)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} e^{z_k + i\phi_k} \\ \sqrt{2} \vec{\nu}_{0k}^* \\ e^{-z_k - i\phi_k} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (31)$$

where $\vec{\nu}_{0k}$ are constant $2r - 1$ -component polarization vectors and

$$z_j = \nu_j(x + 2\mu_j t) + \xi_{00}, \quad \phi_j = \mu_j x + (\mu_j^2 - \nu_j^2)t + \delta_{00}, \quad (32)$$

$$\langle n_j^T(x, t) | S_0 | n_j(x, t) \rangle = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad (\vec{\nu}_{0,j} s_0 \vec{\nu}_{0,j}) = 1.$$

The polarization vectors automatically satisfy $\langle n_j(x, t) | S_0 | n_j(x, t) \rangle = 0$.

Thus for $N = 1$ we get the system:

$$|Y_1\rangle = -\frac{(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-) |n_1\rangle}{\langle n_1^\dagger | n_1 \rangle}, \quad |X_1\rangle = \frac{(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-) S_0 |n_1^*\rangle}{\langle n_1^\dagger | n_1 \rangle}, \quad (33)$$

which is easily solved. As a result for the one-soliton solution we get:

$$\vec{q}_{1s} = -\frac{i\sqrt{2}(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-)e^{-i\phi_1}}{\Delta_1} (e^{-z_1} s_0 |\vec{\nu}_{01}\rangle + e^{z_1} |\vec{\nu}_{01}^*\rangle), \quad \Delta_1 = \cosh(2z_1) + \langle \vec{\nu}_{01}^\dagger | \vec{\nu}_{01} \rangle. \quad (34)$$

For $n = 3$ we put $\nu_{0k} = |\nu_{0k}|e^{\alpha_{0k}}$ get:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{1s;\pm 1} &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}|\nu_{01;1}\nu_{01;3}|(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-)}{\Delta_1} e^{-i\phi_1 \pm i\beta_{13}} \\ &\quad \times (\cosh(z_1 \mp \zeta_{01}) \cos(\alpha_{13}) - i \sinh(z_1 \mp \zeta_{01}) \sin(\alpha_{13})), \\ \Phi_{1s;0} &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}|\nu_{01;2}|(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-)}{\Delta_1} e^{-i\phi_1} \\ &\quad \times (\sinh z_1 \cos(\alpha_{02}) + i \cosh z_1 \sin(\alpha_{02})), \\ \beta_{13} &= \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_{03} - \alpha_{01}), \quad \zeta_{01} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\nu_{01;3}|}{|\nu_{01;1}|}, \quad \alpha_{13} = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_{03} + \alpha_{01}), \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Note that the ‘center of mass’ of $\Phi_{1s;1}$ (resp. of $\Phi_{1s;-1}$) is shifted with respect to the one of $\Phi_{1s;0}$ by ζ_{01} to the right (resp to the left); besides

$|\Phi_{1s;1}| = |\Phi_{1s;-1}|$, i.e. they have the same amplitudes.

For $n = 5$ we put $\nu_{0k} = |\nu_{0k}|e^{\alpha_{0k}}$ and get analogously:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_{1s;\pm 2} &= -\frac{\sqrt{2|\nu_{01;1}\nu_{01;5}|}(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-)}{\Delta_1} e^{-i\phi_1 \pm i\beta_{15}} \\
&\quad \times (\cosh(z_1 \mp \zeta_{01}) \cos(\alpha_{15}) - i \sinh(z_1 \mp \zeta_{01}) \sin(\alpha_{15})), \\
\Phi_{1s;\pm 1} &= \frac{\sqrt{2|\nu_{01;2}\nu_{01;4}|}(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-)}{\Delta_1} e^{-i\phi_1 \pm i\beta_{24}} \\
&\quad \times (\cosh(z_1 \mp \zeta_{02}) \cos(\alpha_{24}) - i \sinh(z_1 \mp \zeta_{01}) \sin(\alpha_{24})), \\
\Phi_{1s;0} &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}|\nu_{01;3}|(\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-)}{\Delta_1} e^{-i\phi_1} (\cosh z_1 \cos(\alpha_{03}) - i \sinh z_1 \sin(\alpha_{03})), \\
\beta_{15} &= \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_{05} - \alpha_{01}), \quad \zeta_{01} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\nu_{01;5}|}{|\nu_{01;1}|}, \quad \alpha_{15} = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_{05} + \alpha_{01}), \\
\beta_{24} &= \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_{04} - \alpha_{02}), \quad \zeta_{02} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\nu_{01;4}|}{|\nu_{01;2}|}, \quad \alpha_{24} = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_{04} + \alpha_{02}),
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Similarly the ‘center of mass’ of $\Phi_{1s;2}$ and $\Phi_{1s;1}$ (resp. of $\Phi_{1s;-2}$ and

$\Phi_{1s;-1}$) are shifted with respect to the one of $\Phi_{1s;0}$ by ζ_{01} and ζ_{02} to the right (resp to the left); besides $|\Phi_{1s;2}| = |\Phi_{1s;-2}|$ and $|\Phi_{1s;1}| = |\Phi_{1s;-1}|$.

For $N = 2$ we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
|n_1(x, t)\rangle &= \frac{X_2(x, t)f_{21}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} + \frac{Y_1(x, t)\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+} + \frac{Y_2(x, t)\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_1^+}, \\
|n_2(x, t)\rangle &= \frac{X_1(x, t)f_{12}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+} + \frac{Y_1(x, t)\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^+} + \frac{Y_2(x, t)\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_2^+}, \\
S_0|n_1^*(x, t)\rangle &= \frac{X_1(x, t)\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} + \frac{X_2(x, t)\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} + \frac{Y_2(x, t)f_{21}^*}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_1^-}, \\
S_0|n_2^*(x, t)\rangle &= \frac{X_1(x, t)\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} + \frac{X_2(x, t)\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} + \frac{Y_1(x, t)f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-},
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa_{kj}(x, t) &= e^{z_k + z_j + i(\phi_k - \phi_j)} + e^{-z_k - z_j - i(\phi_k - \phi_j)} + 2 \left(\vec{\nu}_{0k}^\dagger, \vec{\nu}_{0j} \right), \\
f_{kj}(x, t) &= e^{z_k - z_j - i(\phi_k - \phi_j)} + e^{z_j - z_k + i(\phi_k - \phi_j)} - 2 \left(\vec{\nu}_{0k}^T S_0 \vec{\nu}_{0j} \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

In other words:

$$\mathcal{M}\vec{X} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{f_{21}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} & \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+} & \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_1^+} \\ \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+} & 0 & \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^+} & \frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_2^+} \\ \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-} & \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} & 0 & \frac{f_{21}^*}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_1^-} \\ \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} & \frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} & \frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |n_1\rangle \\ |n_2\rangle \\ S_0|n_1^*\rangle \\ S_0|n_2^*\rangle \end{pmatrix}. \quad (39)$$

We can rewrite \mathcal{M} in block-matrix form:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{11} & \mathcal{M}_{12} \\ \mathcal{M}_{21} & \mathcal{M}_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{22} = \mathcal{M}_{11}^*, \quad \mathcal{M}_{21} = -\mathcal{M}_{12}^T, \quad (40)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{11} = \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+} & \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_1^+} \\ \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^+} & \frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_2^+} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The inverse of \mathcal{M} is given by:

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} (\mathcal{M}_{11} - \mathcal{M}_{12}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^*\mathcal{M}_{21})^{-1} & -(\mathcal{M}_{11} - \mathcal{M}_{12}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^*\mathcal{M}_{21})^{-1}\mathcal{M}_{12}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^* \\ -(\mathcal{M}_{11}^* - \mathcal{M}_{21}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}\mathcal{M}_{12})^{-1}\mathcal{M}_{21}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11} & (\mathcal{M}_{11}^* - \mathcal{M}_{21}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}\mathcal{M}_{12})^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (41)$$

One can check by direct calculation that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_{11} - \mathcal{M}_{12}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^*\mathcal{M}_{21} &= \frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_1^-} Z \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
\mathcal{M}_{11}^* - \mathcal{M}_{21}\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{11}\mathcal{M}_{12} &= \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} Z \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
Z &= \left(\frac{|f_{12}|^2}{|\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+|^2} - \frac{\kappa_{12}\kappa_{21}}{|\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-|^2} + \frac{\kappa_{11}\kappa_{22}}{4\nu_1\nu_2} \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Finally we get:

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{Z} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-} & -\frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} & \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} \\ -\frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-} & 0 & \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} & -\frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-} \\ \frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} & -\frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} & 0 & -\frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+} \\ -\frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} & \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-} & \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{43}$$

From eqs. (39) and (43) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
|X_1\rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \left(\frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-} |n_2\rangle - \frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} S_0 |n_1^*\rangle + \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} S_0 |n_2^*\rangle \right), \\
|X_2\rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \left(-\frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-} |n_1\rangle + \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} S_0 |n_1^*\rangle - \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-} S_0 |n_2^*\rangle \right), \\
|Y_1\rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \left(\frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} |n_1\rangle - \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} |n_2\rangle - \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+} S_0 |n_2^*\rangle \right), \\
|Y_2\rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \left(-\frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} |n_1\rangle + \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-} |n_2\rangle + \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^+} S_0 |n_1^*\rangle \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Inserting this result into eq. (27) we obtain the following expression

for the 2-soliton solution of the MNLS:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{2s}(x, t) &= [J, A_1 + B_1 + A_2 + B_2] = \frac{1}{Z} [J, C(x, t) - S_0 C^T(x, t) S_0], \\
C(x, t) &= \frac{\kappa_{22}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_2^-} |n_1\rangle \langle n_1^\dagger| - \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\lambda_2^+ - \lambda_1^-} |n_1\rangle \langle n_2^\dagger| - \frac{\kappa_{21}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} |n_2\rangle \langle n_1^\dagger| \\
&\quad + \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_1^-} |n_2\rangle \langle n_2^\dagger| - \frac{f_{12}^*}{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_2^-} |n_1\rangle \langle n_2| S_0 - \frac{f_{12}}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+} S_0 |n_2^*\rangle \langle n_1^\dagger|.
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Two Soliton interactions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \kappa_{22} &= \begin{cases} e^{2\tau} \exp(\nu_2 z_1 / \nu_1) + 2\mathcal{C}_1, & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-2\tau} \exp(-\nu_2 z_1 / \nu_1) + 2\mathcal{C}_1, & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow -\infty, \end{cases} \\
 \kappa_{12} &= \begin{cases} e^\tau \exp((1 + \nu_2 / \nu_1) z_1 + i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)) + \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-\tau} \exp(-(1 + \nu_2 / \nu_1) z_1 - i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)) + \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow -\infty, \end{cases} \\
 \kappa_{21} &= \begin{cases} e^\tau \exp((1 + \nu_2 / \nu_1) z_1 - i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)) + \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-\tau} \exp(-(1 + \nu_2 / \nu_1) z_1 + i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)) + \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow -\infty, \end{cases} \\
 f_{12} &= \begin{cases} e^\tau \exp(-(1 - \nu_2 / \nu_1) z_1 + i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)) + \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-\tau} \exp((1 - \nu_2 / \nu_1) z_1 - i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)) + \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{for } \tau \rightarrow -\infty, \end{cases}
 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

After somewhat lengthy calculations we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \vec{q}_{2s}(x, t) &= -\frac{i\sqrt{2}\nu_1 e^{-i(\phi_1 - \alpha_+)} (e^{-z_1 - r_+} s_0 |\vec{\nu}_{01}\rangle + e^{z_1 + r_+} |\vec{\nu}_{01}^*\rangle)}{\cosh(2(z_1 + r_+)) + (\vec{\nu}_{01}^\dagger, \vec{\nu}_{01})}, \\
&= \vec{q}_{1s}^{(1)}(z_1 + r_+, \phi_1 - \alpha_+) \\
\lim_{\tau \rightarrow -\infty} \vec{q}_{2s}(x, t) &= \frac{i\sqrt{2}\nu_1 e^{-i(\phi_1 + \alpha_+)} (e^{-z_1 + r_+} s_0 |\vec{\nu}_{01}\rangle + e^{z_1 - r_+} |\vec{\nu}_{01}^*\rangle)}{\cosh(2(z_1 - r_+)) + (\vec{\nu}_{01}^\dagger, \vec{\nu}_{01})} \\
&= \vec{q}_{1s}^{(1)}(z_1 - r_+, \phi_1 + \alpha_+).
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

where

$$r_+ = \ln \left| \frac{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-} \right|, \quad \alpha_+ = \arg \frac{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^+}{\lambda_1^+ - \lambda_2^-}.$$

The Generalized Fourier Transforms for Non-regular J

We show that the ISM can be viewed as generalized Fourier transform (GFT). We determine explicitly the proper generalizations of the usual exponents. We also introduce a skew–scalar product on \mathcal{M} which provides it with a symplectic structure.

The Wronskian relations

Along with the Lax operator we consider associated systems:

$$i \frac{d\hat{\psi}}{dx} - \hat{\psi}(x, t, \lambda)U(x, t, \lambda) = 0, \quad U(x, \lambda) = Q(x) - \lambda J, \quad (48)$$

$$i \frac{d\delta\psi}{dx} + \delta U(x, t, \lambda)\psi(x, t, \lambda) + U(x, t, \lambda)\delta\psi(x, t, \lambda) = 0 \quad (49)$$

$$i \frac{d\dot{\psi}}{dx} - \lambda J\psi(x, t, \lambda) + U(x, t, \lambda)\dot{\psi}(x, t, \lambda) = 0 \quad (50)$$

where $\delta\psi$ corresponds to a given variation $\delta Q(x, t)$ of the potential, while by dot we denote the derivative with respect to the spectral parameter.

We start with the identity:

$$(\hat{\chi}J\chi(x, \lambda) - J)|_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} = i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \hat{\chi}[J, Q(x)]\chi(x, \lambda), \quad (51)$$

where $\chi(x, \lambda)$ can be any fundamental solution of L .

One can use the asymptotics of $\chi^{\pm}(x, \lambda)$ for $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ to express the l.h.sides of the Wronskian relations in terms of the scattering data. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\hat{\chi}^{\pm}J\chi^{\pm}(x, \lambda) - J) E_{\beta} \rangle |_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} &= i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle ([J, Q(x)]e_{\beta}^{\pm}(x, \lambda)) \rangle, \\ \langle (\hat{\chi}'^{\pm}J\chi'^{\pm}(x, \lambda) - J) E_{\beta} \rangle |_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} &= i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle ([J, Q(x)]e'_{\beta}{}^{\pm}(x, \lambda)) \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
e_{\beta}^{\pm}(x, \lambda) &= \chi^{\pm} E_{\beta} \hat{\chi}^{\pm}(x, \lambda), & \mathbf{e}_{\beta}^{\pm}(x, \lambda) &= P_{0J}(\chi^{\pm} E_{\beta} \hat{\chi}^{\pm}(x, \lambda)), \\
e'_{\beta},^{\pm}(x, \lambda) &= \chi',^{\pm} E_{\beta} \hat{\chi}',^{\pm}(x, \lambda), & \mathbf{e}'_{\beta},^{\pm}(x, \lambda) &= P_{0J}(\chi',^{\pm} E_{\beta} \hat{\chi}',^{\pm}(x, \lambda)),
\end{aligned}
\tag{53}$$

are the natural generalization of the ‘squared solutions’ introduced first for the $sl(2)$ -case. By P_{0J} we have denoted the projector $P_{0J} = \text{ad}_J^{-1} \text{ad}_J$ on the block-off-diagonal part of the corresponding matrix-valued function.

The right hand sides of eq. (53) can be written down with the skew-scalar product:

$$[[X, Y]] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle X(x), [J, Y(x)] \rangle,
\tag{54}$$

where $\langle X, Y \rangle$ is the Killing form; in what follows we assume that the Cartan-Weyl generators satisfy $\langle E_{\alpha}, E_{-\beta} \rangle = \delta_{\alpha, \beta}$ and $\langle H_j, H_k \rangle = \delta_{jk}$. The product is skew-symmetric $[[X, Y]] = -[[Y, X]]$ and is non-degenerate

on the space of allowed potentials \mathcal{M} . Thus we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_\beta^+ &= -i \llbracket Q(x), \mathbf{e}'_\beta{}^+ \rrbracket, & \rho_\beta^- &= -i \llbracket Q(x), \mathbf{e}'_{-\beta}{}^- \rrbracket, \\
\tau_\beta^+ &= -i \llbracket Q(x), \mathbf{e}_{-\beta}^+ \rrbracket, & \tau_\beta^- &= -i \llbracket Q(x), \mathbf{e}_\beta^- \rrbracket, \\
\vec{\rho}^+ &= \frac{\vec{b}^+}{m_1^+}, & \vec{\rho}^- &= \frac{\vec{B}^-}{m_1^-}, & \vec{\tau}^+ &= \frac{\vec{b}^-}{m_1^+}, & \vec{\tau}^- &= \frac{\vec{B}^+}{m_1^-}.
\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

Thus the mappings $\mathfrak{F} : Q(x, t) \rightarrow \mathfrak{T}_i$ can be viewed as generalized Fourier transform in which $\mathbf{e}_\beta^\pm(x, \lambda)$ and $\mathbf{e}'_\beta{}^\pm(x, \lambda)$ can be viewed as generalizations of the standard exponentials.

We apply ideas similar to the ones above and get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\rho_\beta^+ &= -i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x), \mathbf{e}'_\beta{}^+ \rrbracket, & \delta\rho_\beta^- &= i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x), \mathbf{e}'_{-\beta}{}^- \rrbracket, \\
\delta\tau_\beta^+ &= i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x), \mathbf{e}_{-\beta}^+ \rrbracket, & \delta\tau_\beta^- &= -i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x), \mathbf{e}_\beta^- \rrbracket,
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

where $\beta \in \Delta_1^+$.

These relations are basic in the analysis of the related NLEE and their Hamiltonian structures. Assume that

$$\delta Q(x, t) = Q_t \delta t + \mathcal{O}((\delta t)^2). \tag{57}$$

Keeping only the first order terms with respect to δt we find:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\rho_\beta^+}{dt} &= -i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q_t(x), \mathbf{e}'_{\beta,+} \rrbracket, & \frac{d\rho_\beta^-}{dt} &= i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q_t(x), \mathbf{e}'_{-\beta,-} \rrbracket, \\ \frac{d\tau_\beta^+}{dt} &= i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q_t(x), \mathbf{e}_{-\beta,+}^+ \rrbracket, & \frac{d\tau_\beta^-}{dt} &= -i \llbracket \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q_t(x), \mathbf{e}_{\beta,-}^- \rrbracket,\end{aligned}\tag{58}$$

Completeness of the ‘squared solutions’

Let us introduce the sets of ‘squared solutions’

$$\{\Psi\} = \{\Psi\}_c \cup \{\Psi\}_d, \quad \{\Phi\} = \{\Phi\}_c \cup \{\Phi\}_d,\tag{59}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\{\Psi\}_c &\equiv \{ \mathbf{e}_{-\alpha}^+(x, \lambda), \quad \mathbf{e}_\alpha^-(x, \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha \in \Delta_1^+ \}, \\ \{\Psi\}_d &\equiv \{ \mathbf{e}_{\mp\alpha;j}^\pm(x), \quad \dot{\mathbf{e}}_{\mp\alpha;j}^\pm(x), \quad \alpha \in \Delta_1^+, \},\end{aligned}\tag{60}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\{\Phi\}_c &\equiv \{ \mathbf{e}_\alpha^+(x, \lambda), \quad \mathbf{e}_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha \in \Delta_1^+ \}, \\ \{\Phi\}_d &\equiv \{ \mathbf{e}_{\pm\alpha;j}^\pm(x), \quad \dot{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\alpha;j}^\pm(x), \quad \alpha \in \Delta_1^+, \},\end{aligned}\tag{61}$$

where $j = 1, \dots, N$ and the subscripts ‘c’ and ‘d’ refer to the continuous and discrete spectrum of L , the latter consisting of $2N$ discrete eigenvalues $\lambda_j^\pm \in \mathbb{C}_\pm$.

Theorem 1 (see V.S.G. (1998)). *The sets $\{\Psi\}$ and $\{\Phi\}$ form complete sets of functions in \mathcal{M}_J . The completeness relation has the form:*

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x - y)\Pi_{0J} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda (G_1^+(x, y, \lambda) - G_1^-(x, y, \lambda)) \\ &\quad - 2i \sum_{j=1}^N (G_{1,j}^+(x, y) + G_{1,j}^-(x, y)), \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

$$\Pi_{0J} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} (E_\alpha \otimes E_{-\alpha} - E_{-\alpha} \otimes E_\alpha), \quad (63)$$

$$G_1^\pm(x, y, \lambda) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \mathbf{e}_{\pm\alpha}^\pm(x, \lambda) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\mp\alpha}^\mp(y, \lambda),$$

$$G_{1,j}^\pm(x, y) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} (\dot{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\alpha;j}^\pm(x) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\mp\alpha;j}^\pm(y) + \mathbf{e}_{\pm\alpha;j}^\pm(x) \otimes \dot{\mathbf{e}}_{\mp\alpha;j}^\pm(y)). \quad (64)$$

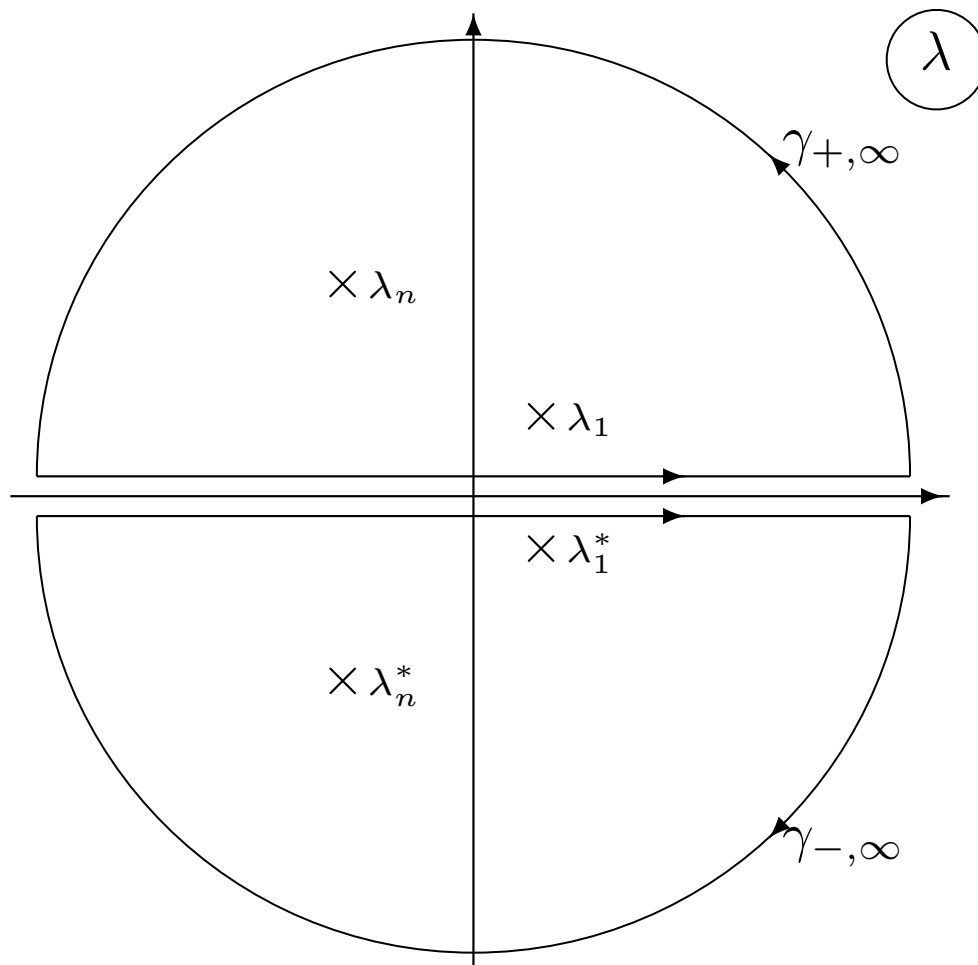
Idea of the proof. Apply the contour integration method to the function

$$\begin{aligned}
G^\pm(x, y, \lambda) &= G_1^\pm(x, y, \lambda)\theta(y - x) - G_2^\pm(x, y, \lambda)\theta(x - y), \\
G_1^\pm(x, y, \lambda) &= \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} e_{\pm\alpha}^\pm(x, \lambda) \otimes e_{\mp\alpha}^\pm(y, \lambda), \\
G_2^\pm(x, y, \lambda) &= \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_0 \cup \Delta_1^-} e_{\pm\alpha}^\pm(x, \lambda) \otimes e_{\mp\alpha}^\pm(y, \lambda) + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j^\pm(x, \lambda) \otimes h_j^\pm(y, \lambda), \\
h_j^\pm(x, \lambda) &= \chi^\pm(x, \lambda) H_j \hat{\chi}^\pm(x, \lambda),
\end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

and calculate the integral

$$\mathcal{J}_G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_+} d\lambda G^+(x, y, \lambda) - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_-} d\lambda G^-(x, y, \lambda), \tag{66}$$

in two ways: i) via the Cauchy residue theorem and ii) integrating along the contours. \square



Фигура 1: The contours $\gamma_{\pm} = \mathbb{R} \cup \gamma_{\pm\infty}$.

Remark 1. *There is a dual completeness relation for the ‘squared solutions’ obtained by replacing all $e_{\alpha}^{\pm}(x, \lambda)$ with $e'_{\alpha}{}^{\pm}(x, \lambda)$.*

Expansions of $Q(x)$ and $\text{ad}_J^{-1}\delta Q(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(x) &= -\frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} (\tau_{\alpha}^+(\lambda) e_{\alpha}^+(x, \lambda) - \tau_{\alpha}^-(\lambda) e_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda)) \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \tau_{\alpha}^+ e_{\alpha}^+(x, \lambda) + \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \tau_{\alpha}^- e_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) \right), \tag{67}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(x) &= \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} (\rho_{\alpha}^+(\lambda) e'_{-\alpha}{}^+(x, \lambda) - \rho_{\alpha}^-(\lambda) e'_{\alpha}{}^-(x, \lambda)) \\
&\quad + 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \rho_{\alpha}^+ e'_{\alpha}{}^+(x, \lambda) + \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \rho_{\alpha}^- e'_{\alpha}{}^-(x, \lambda) \right), \tag{68}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x) &= \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} (\delta\tau_\alpha^+(\lambda) \mathbf{e}_\alpha^+(x, \lambda) + \delta\tau_\alpha^-(\lambda) \mathbf{e}_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda)) \\
&\quad + 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \delta\tau_\alpha^+ \mathbf{e}_\alpha^+(x, \lambda) - \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \delta\tau_\alpha^- \mathbf{e}_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x) &= \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} (\delta\rho_\alpha^+(\lambda) \mathbf{e}'_{-\alpha,+}(x, \lambda) + \delta\rho_\alpha^-(\lambda) \mathbf{e}'_{\alpha,-}(x, \lambda)) \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \delta\rho_\alpha^+ \mathbf{e}'_{-\alpha,+}(x, \lambda) - \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \delta\rho_\alpha^- \mathbf{e}'_{\alpha,-}(x, \lambda) \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

These expansions combined with the proposition above give another way to establish the one-to-one correspondence between $Q(x)$ and each of the minimal sets of scattering data \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ad}_J^{-1} \frac{dQ}{dt} &= \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\frac{d\tau_\alpha^+}{dt} e_\alpha^+(x, \lambda) + \frac{d\tau_\alpha^-}{dt} e_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) \right) \\
&\quad + 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \frac{d\tau_\alpha^+}{dt} e_\alpha^+(x, \lambda) - \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \frac{d\tau_\alpha^-}{dt} e_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ad}_J^{-1} \frac{dQ}{dt} &= \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\frac{d\rho_\alpha^+}{dt} e_{-\alpha}'^+(x, \lambda) + \frac{d\rho_\alpha^-}{dt} e_\alpha'^-(x, \lambda) \right) \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1^+} \left(\text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \frac{d\rho_\alpha^+}{dt} e_{-\alpha}'^+(x, \lambda) - \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \frac{d\rho_\alpha^-}{dt} e_\alpha'^-(x, \lambda) \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{72}$$

The generating operators

Introduce the generating operators Λ_{\pm} through:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Lambda_+ - \lambda)e_{-\alpha}^+(x, \lambda) &= 0, & (\Lambda_+ - \lambda)e_{\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) &= 0, \\ (\Lambda_- - \lambda)e_{\alpha}^+(x, \lambda) &= 0, & (\Lambda_- - \lambda)e_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{73}$$

Their derivation starts by introducing the splitting:

$$e_{\alpha}^{\pm}(x, \lambda) = e_{\alpha}^{\text{d},\pm}(x, \lambda) + \mathbf{e}_{\alpha}^{\pm}(x, \lambda), \quad e_{\alpha}^{\text{d},\pm}(x, \lambda) = (\mathbf{1} - P_{0J})e_{\alpha}^{\pm}(x, \lambda), \tag{74}$$

into the equation

$$i \frac{de_{\alpha}}{dx} + [Q(x) - \lambda J, e_{\alpha}(x, \lambda)] = 0. \tag{75}$$

which is obviously satisfied by the ‘squared solutions’. Then eq. (75) splits into:

$$i \frac{de_{\alpha}^{\text{d},\pm}}{dx} + [Q(x), \mathbf{e}_{\alpha}^{\pm}(x, \lambda)] = 0, \tag{76}$$

$$i \frac{d\mathbf{e}_\alpha^\pm}{dx} + [Q(x), e_\alpha^{\text{d},\pm}(x, \lambda)] = \lambda[J, \mathbf{e}_\alpha^\pm(x, \lambda)], \quad (77)$$

Eq. (76) can be integrated formally with the result

$$e_\alpha^{\text{d},\pm}(x, \lambda) = C_{\alpha;\epsilon}^{\text{d},\pm}(\lambda) + i \int_{\epsilon\infty}^x dy [Q(y), \mathbf{e}_\alpha^\pm(y, \lambda)], \quad (78)$$

$$C_{\alpha;\epsilon}^{\text{d},\pm}(\lambda) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \epsilon\infty} e_\alpha^{\text{d},\pm}(y, \lambda), \quad \epsilon = \pm 1. \quad (79)$$

Next insert (78) into (77) and act on both sides by ad_J^{-1} . This gives us:

$$(\Lambda_\pm - \lambda)\mathbf{e}_\alpha^\pm(x, \lambda) = i[C_{\alpha;\epsilon}^{\text{d},\pm}(\lambda), \text{ad}_J^{-1}Q(x)], \quad (80)$$

where the generating operators Λ_\pm are given by:

$$\Lambda_\pm X(x) \equiv \text{ad}_J^{-1} \left(i \frac{dX}{dx} + i \left[Q(x), \int_{\pm\infty}^x dy [Q(y), X(y)] \right] \right). \quad (81)$$

$$(\Lambda_+ - \lambda)\mathbf{e}_{-\alpha}^+(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad (\Lambda_+ - \lambda)\mathbf{e}_\alpha^-(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad (82)$$

$$(\Lambda_- - \lambda)e_\alpha^+(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad (\Lambda_- - \lambda)e_{-\alpha}^-(x, \lambda) = 0, \quad (83)$$

Thus the sets $\{\Psi\}$ and $\{\Phi\}$ are the complete sets of eigen- and adjoint functions of Λ_+ and Λ_- .

Fundamental properties of the MNLS equations

The principal class of NLEE

By principle class of NLEE we mean the ones whose dispersion laws take the form:

$$F(\lambda) = f(\lambda)J, \quad (84)$$

where $f(\lambda)$ may be rational functions of λ whose poles lie outside the spectrum of L . The corresponding NLEE is

$$i \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q_t + f(\Lambda_\pm)Q(x, t) = 0. \quad (85)$$

Theorem 2. *The NLEE (85) are equivalent to: i) the equations (11) and ii) to the following evolution equations for the generalized Gauss factors of $T(\lambda)$:*

$$i \frac{dS_J^+}{dt} + [F(\lambda), S_J^+] = 0, \quad i \frac{dT_J^-}{dt} + [F(\lambda), T_J^-] = 0, \quad (86)$$

and

$$i \frac{dS_J^-}{dt} + [F(\lambda), S_J^-] = 0, \quad i \frac{dT_J^+}{dt} + [F(\lambda), T_J^+] = 0. \quad (87)$$

The integrals of motion Hamiltonian properties of the MNLS eqs.

The block-diagonal Gauss factors $D_J^\pm(\lambda)$ are generating functionals of the integrals of motion. The principal series of integrals is generated by $m_1^\pm(\lambda)$:

$$\pm \ln m_1^\pm = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \lambda^{-k}. \quad (88)$$

Let us outline a way to calculate their densities as functionals of $Q(x, t)$. Use a third type of Wronskian identities involving $\dot{\chi}^\pm(x, \lambda)$. They have the form:

$$(\hat{\chi}^\pm \dot{\chi}^\pm(x, \lambda) + iJx) \Big|_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} = -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\hat{\chi} J \chi(x, \lambda) - J), \quad (89)$$

which gives

$$\pm \frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln m_1^\pm(\lambda) = -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\langle \chi(x, \lambda) J \hat{\chi} J \rangle - 1). \quad (90)$$

Note that in the integrand of the above equation we have in fact $\langle h_1^\pm(x, \lambda) J \rangle$. Splitting $h_1^\pm(x, \lambda) = h_1^{d,\pm}(x, \lambda) + \mathbf{h}_1^\pm(x, \lambda)$ into ‘block-diagonal’ and ‘block-off-diagonal’ parts we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\Lambda_+ - \lambda) \mathbf{h}_1^\pm(x, \lambda) &= i \left[\lim_{y \rightarrow \pm\infty} h_1^{d,\pm}(x, \lambda), \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q(x) \right] \\ &= i [J, \text{ad}_J^{-1} Q(x)] \equiv Q(x), \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Lambda_{\pm} - \lambda) \mathbf{h}_1^{\pm}(x, \lambda) &= Q(x), \\
h_1^{d,\pm}(x, \lambda) &= J + \int_{\pm\infty}^x dy [Q(y), \mathbf{h}_1^{\pm}(x, \lambda)].
\end{aligned} \tag{92}$$

Using eq. (92) and inverting formally the operator $(\Lambda_{\pm} - \lambda)$ we obtain the relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pm \frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln m_1^{\pm}(\lambda) &= -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\left\langle J + \int_{\pm\infty}^x dy [Q(y), \mathbf{h}_1^{\pm}(x, \lambda)], J \right\rangle - 1 \right) \\
&= -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{\pm\infty}^x dy \langle [J, Q(y)], \mathbf{h}_1^{\pm}(x, \lambda) \rangle \\
&= -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{\pm\infty}^x dy \langle [J, Q(y)], (\Lambda_{\pm} - \lambda)^{-1} Q(x) \rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{93}$$

This procedure allows us to express the integrals of motion as functionals of $Q(x)$ in compact form:

$$I_s = \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{\pm\infty}^x dy \langle [J, Q(y)], \Lambda_{\pm}^s Q(x) \rangle. \quad (94)$$

Note: the operators Λ_+ and Λ_- produce the same integrals of motion.

Using the explicit form of Λ_{\pm} we find that:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{\pm} Q &= i \text{ad}_J^{-1} \frac{dQ}{dx} = i \frac{dQ^+}{dx} - i \frac{dQ^-}{dx}, \\ \Lambda_{\pm}^2 Q &= -\frac{d^2 Q}{dx^2} + [Q^+ - Q^-, [Q^+, Q^-]], \\ \Lambda_{\pm}^3 Q &= -i \frac{d^3 Q^+}{dx^3} + i \frac{d^3 Q^-}{dx^3} + 3i [Q^+, [Q_x^+, Q^-]] + 3i [Q^-, [Q^+, Q_x^-]], \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

$$Q^+(x, t) = (\vec{q}(x, t) \cdot \vec{E}_1^+), \quad Q^-(x, t) = (\vec{p}(x, t) \cdot \vec{E}_1^-).$$

Thus for the first three integrals of motion we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \langle Q^+(x), Q^-(x) \rangle, \\
I_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\langle Q_x^+(x), Q^-(x) \rangle - \langle Q^+(x), Q_x^-(x) \rangle \right), \\
I_3 &= i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(-\langle Q_x^+(x), Q_x^-(x) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle [Q^+(x), Q^-(x)], [Q^+(x), Q^-(x)] \rangle \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{96}$$

iI_1 – is the density of the particles, I_2 is the momentum and $-iI_3$ is the Hamiltonian of the MNLS equations. Indeed, taking $H_{(0)} = -iI_3$ with the Poisson brackets

$$\{q_k(y, t), p_j(x, t)\} = i\delta_{kj}\delta(x - y), \tag{97}$$

coincide with the MNLS equations (). The above Poisson brackets are dual to the canonical symplectic form:

$$\Omega_0 = i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \operatorname{tr} (\delta\vec{p}(x) \wedge \delta\vec{q}(x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \operatorname{tr} \left(\operatorname{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x) \wedge [J, \operatorname{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x)] \right) \quad (98)$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} \left[\left[\operatorname{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x) \wedge \operatorname{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q(x) \right] \right], \quad (99)$$

The last expression for Ω_0 is preferable to us because it makes obvious the interpretation of $\delta Q(x, t)$ as local coordinate on the co-adjoint orbit passing through J . It can be evaluated in terms of the scattering data variations.

$$\Omega_0 = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \left(\Omega_0^+(\lambda) - \Omega_0^-(\lambda) \right) - 2 \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^+} \Omega_0^+(\lambda) + \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^-} \Omega_0^-(\lambda) \right),$$

$$\Omega_0^\pm(\lambda) = \sum_{\alpha, \gamma \in \Delta_1^+} \delta \tau^\pm(\lambda) D_{\alpha, \gamma}^\pm \wedge \delta \rho_\gamma^\pm, \quad D_{\alpha, \gamma}^\pm = \left\langle \hat{D}^\pm E_{\mp \gamma} D^\pm(\lambda) E_{\pm \alpha} \right\rangle,$$

Hierarchy of Hamiltonian formulations of MNLS:

$$\Omega_k = \frac{1}{i} \left[\left[\operatorname{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q \wedge \Lambda^k \operatorname{ad}_J^{-1} \delta Q \right] \right], \quad \Lambda = \frac{1}{2} (\Lambda_+ + \Lambda_-), \quad (100)$$

$$H_k = i^{k+3} I_{k+3}. \quad (101)$$

We can also calculate Ω_k in terms of the scattering data variations. Doing this we will need also eqs. (82) and (83). The answer is

$$\Omega_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda \lambda^k (\Omega_0^+(\lambda) - \Omega_0^-(\lambda)) - i \sum_{j=1}^N (\Omega_{k,j}^+ + \Omega_{k,j}^-) \quad (102)$$

$$\Omega_{k,j}^{\pm} = \text{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_j^{\pm}} \lambda^k \Omega_0^{\pm}(\lambda). \quad (103)$$

This allows one to prove that if we are able to cast Ω_0 in canonical form then all Ω_k will also be cast in canonical form and will be pair-wise equivalent.

Modeling Soliton Interactions of the perturbed vector nonlinear Schrödinger equation

The idea of the adiabatic approximation to the soliton interactions - Karpman (1980)

Modeling of the N -soliton trains of the perturbed NLS eq.:

$$iu_t + \frac{1}{2}u_{xx} + |u|^2u(x, t) = iR[u]. \quad (104)$$

N -soliton train

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t = 0) &= \sum_{k=1}^N \vec{u}_k(x, t = 0), & u_k(x, t) &= \frac{2\nu_k e^{i\phi_k}}{\cosh(z_k)}, \\ z_k &= 2\nu_k(x - \xi_k(t)), & \xi_k(t) &= 2\mu_k t + \xi_{k,0}, \\ \phi_k &= \frac{\mu_k}{\nu_k} z_k + \delta_k(t), & \delta_k(t) &= 2(\mu_k^2 + \nu_k^2)t + \delta_{k,0}. \end{aligned} \quad (105)$$

Adiabatic approximation holds true if:

$$|\nu_k - \nu_0| \ll \nu_0, \quad |\mu_k - \mu_0| \ll \mu_0, \quad |\nu_k - \nu_0| |\xi_{k+1,0}| \ll \nu_0$$

$$\nu_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \nu_k, \quad \mu_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mu_k$$

Two different scales:

$$|\nu_k - \nu_0| \simeq \varepsilon_0^{1/2}, \quad |\mu_k - \mu_0| \simeq \varepsilon_0^{1/2}, \quad |\xi_{k+1,0} - \xi_{k,0}| \simeq \varepsilon_0^{-1}.$$

Consider perturbation by external potentials:

$$iR[u] = (V_2 x^2 + V_1 x + V_0 + A \cos(\Omega x + \Omega_0))u(x, t), \quad V_2 > 0. \quad (108)$$

Perturbed CTC model (VSG et al (1996)):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\lambda_k}{dt} &= -4\nu_0 (e^{Q_{k+1}-Q_k} - e^{Q_k-Q_{k-1}}) + M_k + iN_k, \\ \frac{dQ_k}{dt} &= -4\nu_0 \lambda_k + 2i(\mu_0 + i\nu_0)\Xi_k - iX_k, \\ \lambda_k &= \mu_k + i\nu_k, \quad X_k = 2\mu_k \Xi_k + D_k \end{aligned} \quad (109)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_k &= -2\nu_0\xi_k + k \ln 4\nu_0^2 - i(\delta_k + \delta_0 + k\pi - 2\mu_0\xi_k), \\
\nu_0 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N \nu_s, \quad \mu_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N \mu_s, \quad \delta_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N \delta_s.
\end{aligned} \tag{110}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
N_k &= 0, \quad M_k = -V_2\xi_k - \frac{V_1}{2} + \frac{\pi A\Omega^2}{8\nu_k \sinh Z_k} \sin(\Omega\xi_k + \Omega_0), \quad \Xi_k = 0, \\
D_k &= V_2 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{48\nu_k^2} - \xi_k^2 \right) - V_1\xi_k - V_0 - \frac{\pi^2 A\Omega^2}{16\nu_k^2} \frac{\cosh Z_k}{\sinh^2 Z_k} \cos(\Omega\xi_k + \Omega_0), \\
Z_k &= \Omega\pi/(4\nu_k).
\end{aligned} \tag{111}$$

Perturbed vector NLS:

$$i\vec{u}_t + \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}_{xx} + (\vec{u}^\dagger, \vec{u})\vec{u}(x, t) = iR[\vec{u}]. \tag{112}$$

Vector N -soliton train:

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{u}(x, t = 0) &= \sum_{k=1}^N \vec{u}_k(x, t = 0), & \vec{u}_k(x, t) &= \frac{2\nu_k e^{i\phi_k}}{\cosh(z_k)} \vec{n}_k, \\
z_k &= 2\nu_k(x - \xi_k(t)), & \xi_k(t) &= 2\mu_k t + \xi_{k,0}, \\
\phi_k &= \frac{\mu_k}{\nu_k} z_k + \delta_k(t), & \delta_k(t) &= 2(\mu_k^2 + \nu_k^2)t + \delta_{k,0}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{113}$$

$$(\vec{n}_k^\dagger, \vec{n}_k) = 1, \quad \sum_{s=1}^n \arg \vec{n}_{k;s} = 0.$$

Variational approach and PCTC for PVNLS and generalized CTC

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[\vec{u}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{i}{2} \left[(\vec{u}^\dagger, \vec{u}_t) - (\vec{u}_t^\dagger, \vec{u}) \right] - H, \\ H[\vec{u}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\vec{u}_x^\dagger, \vec{u}_x) + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{u}^\dagger, \vec{u})^2 - (\vec{u}^\dagger, \vec{u}) V(x) \right].\end{aligned}\tag{114}$$

Then the Lagrange equations of motion:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \vec{u}_t^\dagger} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \vec{u}^\dagger} = 0,\tag{115}$$

coincide with the vector NLS with external potential $V(x)$.

Insert $\vec{u}(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^N \vec{u}_k(x, t)$ and integrate over x neglecting all terms of order ϵ and higher. Assume that at $t = 0$

$$\xi_1 < \xi_2 < \cdots < \xi_N$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\vec{u}_{k,x}^\dagger, \vec{u}_{p,x}), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\vec{u}_k^\dagger, \vec{u}_p), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\vec{u}_k^\dagger, \vec{u}_p)V(x), \quad (116)$$

with $|p - k| \geq 2$ can be neglected. The same holds true also for the integrals

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\vec{u}_k^\dagger, \vec{u}_p)(\vec{u}_s^\dagger, \vec{u}_l),$$

where at least three of the indices k, p, s, l have different values.

Thus after long calculations we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \sum_{k=1}^N \mathcal{L}_k + \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{n=k\pm 1} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{k,n}, & \mathcal{L}_{k,n} &= 16\nu_0^3 e^{-\Delta_{k,n}} (R_{k,n} + R_{k,n}^*), \\ R_{k,n} &= e^{i(\tilde{\delta}_n - \tilde{\delta}_k)} (\vec{n}_k^\dagger \vec{n}_n), & \tilde{\delta}_k &= \delta_k - 2\mu_0 \xi_k, \\ \Delta_{k,n} &= 2s_{k,n} \nu_0 (\xi_k - \xi_n) \gg 1, & s_{k,k+1} &= -1, \quad s_{k,k-1} = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (117)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_k = & -2i\nu_k \left((\vec{n}_{k,t}^\dagger, \vec{n}_k) - (\vec{n}_k^\dagger, \vec{n}_{k,t}) \right) + 8\mu_k\nu_k \frac{d\xi_k}{dt} \\ & - 4\nu_k \frac{d\delta_k}{dt} - 8\mu_k^2\nu_k + \frac{8\nu_k^3}{3} + 2\pi\nu_k V_0 + \frac{\pi^3}{8\nu_k} V_2 + \frac{\pi A \cos(\Omega_0)}{2 \cosh(Z_k)} \end{aligned} \quad (118)$$

The equations of motion are given by:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta p_{k,t}} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta p_k} = 0, \quad (119)$$

where p_k stands for one of the soliton parameters: δ_k , ξ_k , μ_k , ν_k and \vec{n}_k^\dagger . The corresponding system is a generalization of CTC:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\lambda_k}{dt} &= -4\nu_0 \left(e^{Q_{k+1}-Q_k} (\vec{n}_{k+1}^\dagger, \vec{n}_k) - e^{Q_k-Q_{k-1}} (\vec{n}_k^\dagger, \vec{n}_{k-1}) \right) + M_k + iN_k, \\ \frac{dQ_k}{dt} &= -4\nu_0\lambda_k + 2i(\mu_0 + i\nu_0)\Xi_k - iX_k, \quad \frac{d\vec{n}_k}{dt} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \end{aligned} \quad (120)$$

Additional equations describing the evolution of the polarization vectors. But we can replace $(\vec{n}_{k+1}^\dagger, \vec{n}_k)$ by their initial values

$$\left. (\vec{n}_{k+1}^\dagger, \vec{n}_k) \right|_{t=0} = m_{0k}^2 e^{2i\phi_{0k}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (121)$$

Effects of the polarization vectors on the soliton interaction

The CTC is completely integrable model; it allows Lax representation $L_t = [A.L]$, where:

$$L = \sum_{s=1}^N (b_s E_{ss} + a_s (E_{s,s+1} + E_{s+1,s})), \quad A = \sum_{s=1}^N (a_s (E_{s,s+1} - E_{s+1,s})),$$

$$a_s = \exp((Q_{s+1} - Q_s)/2), \quad b_s = \mu_{s,t} + i\nu_{s,t}, \quad (E_{ks})_{pj} = \delta_{kp} \delta_{sj} \quad (122)$$

The eigenvalues of L $\zeta_s = \kappa_s + i\eta_s$ are integrals of motion and κ_s determine the asymptotic velocities of CTC.

The GCTC is also a completely integrable model; it allows Lax rep-

resentation $\tilde{L}_t = [\tilde{A}, \tilde{L}]$, where:

$$\tilde{L} = \sum_{s=1}^N \left(\tilde{b}_s E_{ss} + \tilde{a}_s (E_{s,s+1} + E_{s+1,s}) \right), \quad A = \sum_{s=1}^N \left(\tilde{a}_s (E_{s,s+1} - E_{s+1,s}) \right),$$

$$\tilde{a}_s = m_{0k}^2 e^{2i\phi_{0k}} a_s, \quad b_s = \mu_{s,t} + i\nu_{s,t}$$
(123)

The eigenvalues of \tilde{L} $\tilde{\zeta}_s = \tilde{\kappa} + i\tilde{\eta}_s$ are integrals of motion and $\tilde{\kappa}_s$ determine the asymptotic velocities for the soliton train described by GCTC.

Thus, starting from the set of initial soliton parameters we can calculate $L|_{t=0}$ (resp. $\tilde{L}|_{t=0}$), evaluate the real parts of their eigenvalues and thus determine the asymptotic regime of the soliton train.

Regime (i) $\kappa_k \neq \kappa_j$ (resp. $\tilde{\kappa}_k \neq \tilde{\kappa}_j$) for $k \neq j$, i.e. the asymptotic velocities are all different. Then we have asymptotically separating, free solitons, see also [?, ?, ?]

Regime (ii) $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = \dots = \kappa_N = 0$ (resp. $\tilde{\kappa}_1 = \tilde{\kappa}_2 = \dots = \tilde{\kappa}_N = 0$), i.e. all N solitons move with the same mean asymptotic velocity, and form a "bound state".

Regime (iii) a variety of intermediate situations when one group (or several groups) of particles move with the same mean asymptotic velocity; then they would form one (or several) bound state(s) and the rest of the particles will have free asymptotic motion.

Remark 2. *The sets of eigenvalues of L and \tilde{L} are generically different. Thus varying only the polarization vectors one can change the asymptotic regime of the soliton train.*

Several particular cases.

Case 1 $\vec{n}_1 = \dots = \vec{n}_N$. Since the vector \vec{n}_1 is normalized, then all coefficients $m_{ok} = 1$ and $\phi_{ok} = 0$. Then the interactions of the vector and scalar solitons are identical.

Case 2 $(\vec{n}_{s+1}^\dagger, \vec{n}_s) = 0$. Then the GCTC splits into two unrelated GCTC: one for the solitons $\{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ and another for $\{s+1, s+2, \dots, N\}$. If the two sets of soliton parameters are such that both groups of solitons are in bound state regimes, then these two bound states

Case 3 $\langle n_{k+1}^\dagger | \vec{n}_k \rangle = m_0^2 e^{2i\varphi_0}$ – effective change of distance and phases of solitons. Rewrite

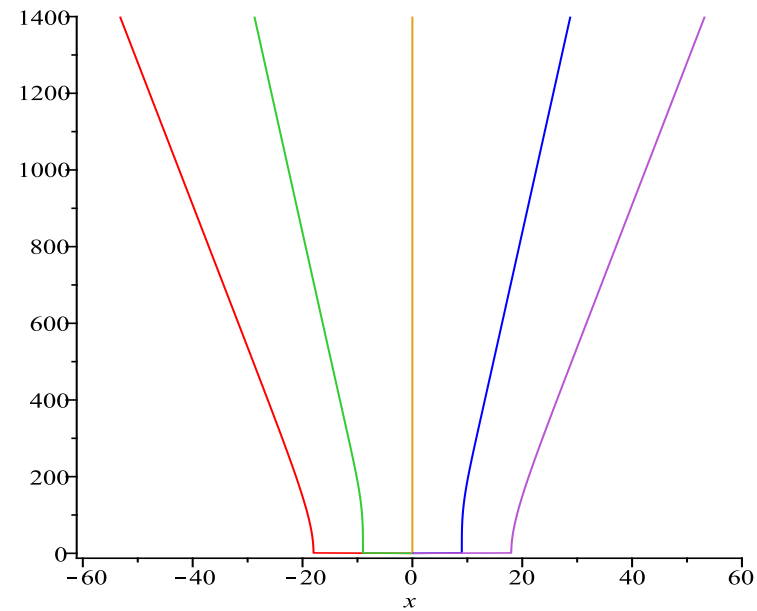
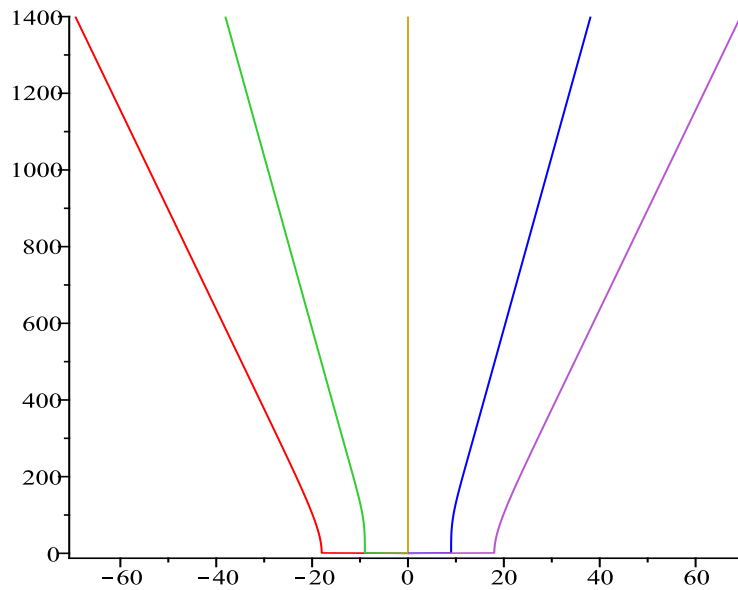
$$\tilde{a}_s = \exp((\tilde{Q}_{s+1} - \tilde{Q}_s)/2), \quad \tilde{Q}_{s+1} - \tilde{Q}_s = Q_{s+1} - Q_s + \ln m_0 + i\varphi_0,$$

i.e. the distance between any two neighboring vector solitons has changed by $\ln m_0/(2\nu_0)$; similarly the phases

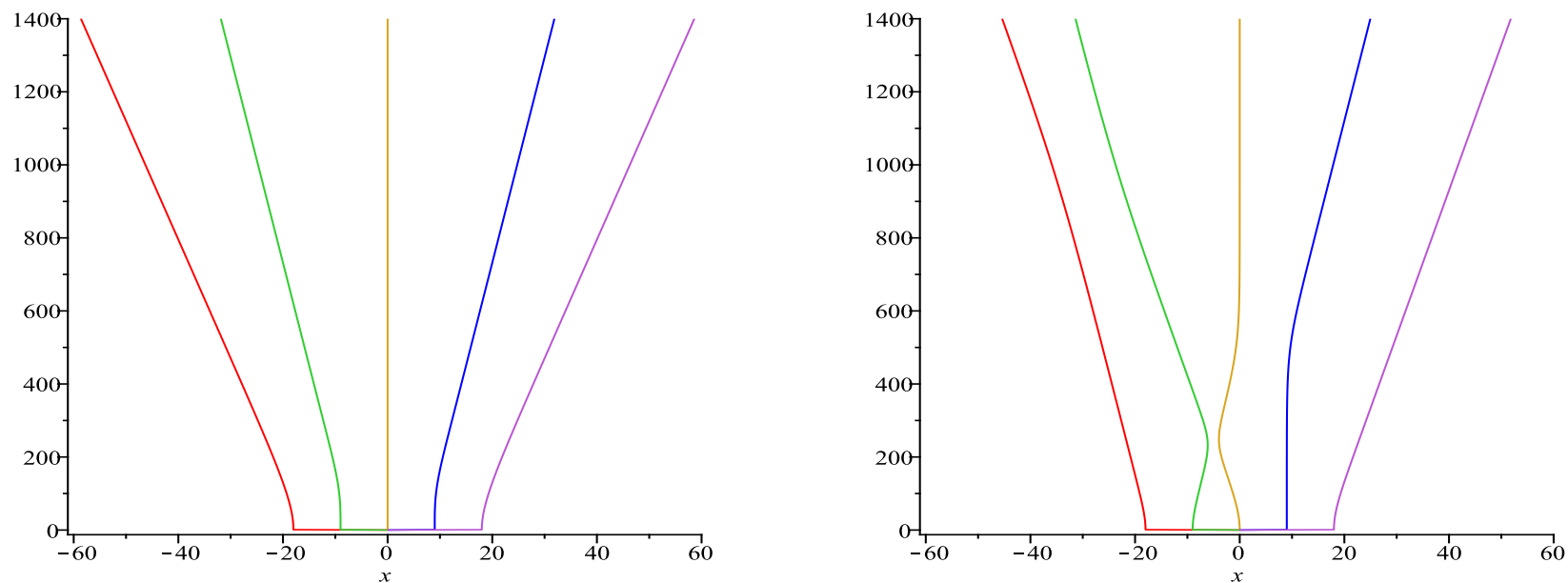
Initial parameters of the solitons:

$$\nu_k(0) = 0.5, \quad \phi_k(0) = k\pi, \quad \xi_{k+1}(0) - \xi_k(0) = r_0, \quad \mu_k = 0. \quad (124)$$

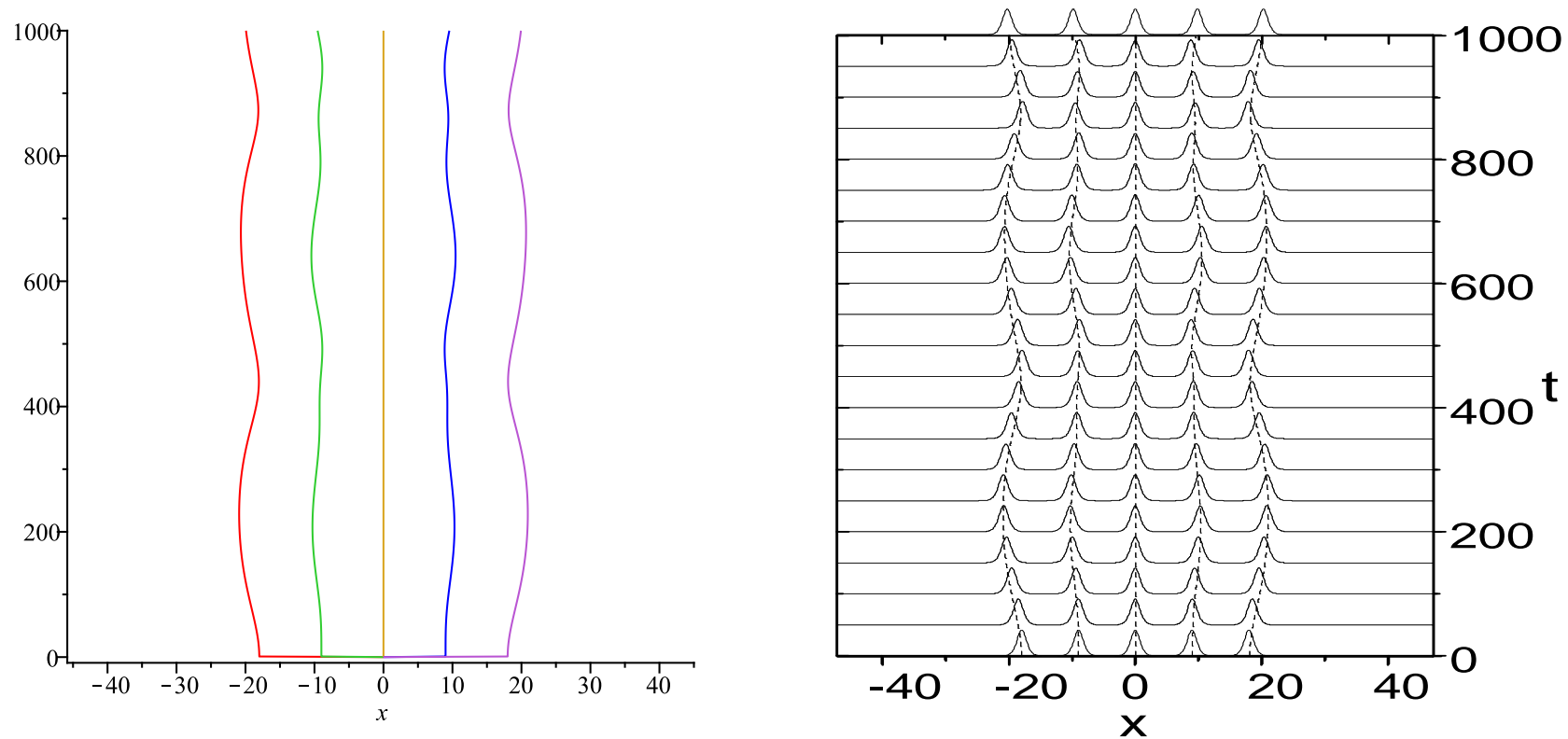
Effects of external potentials



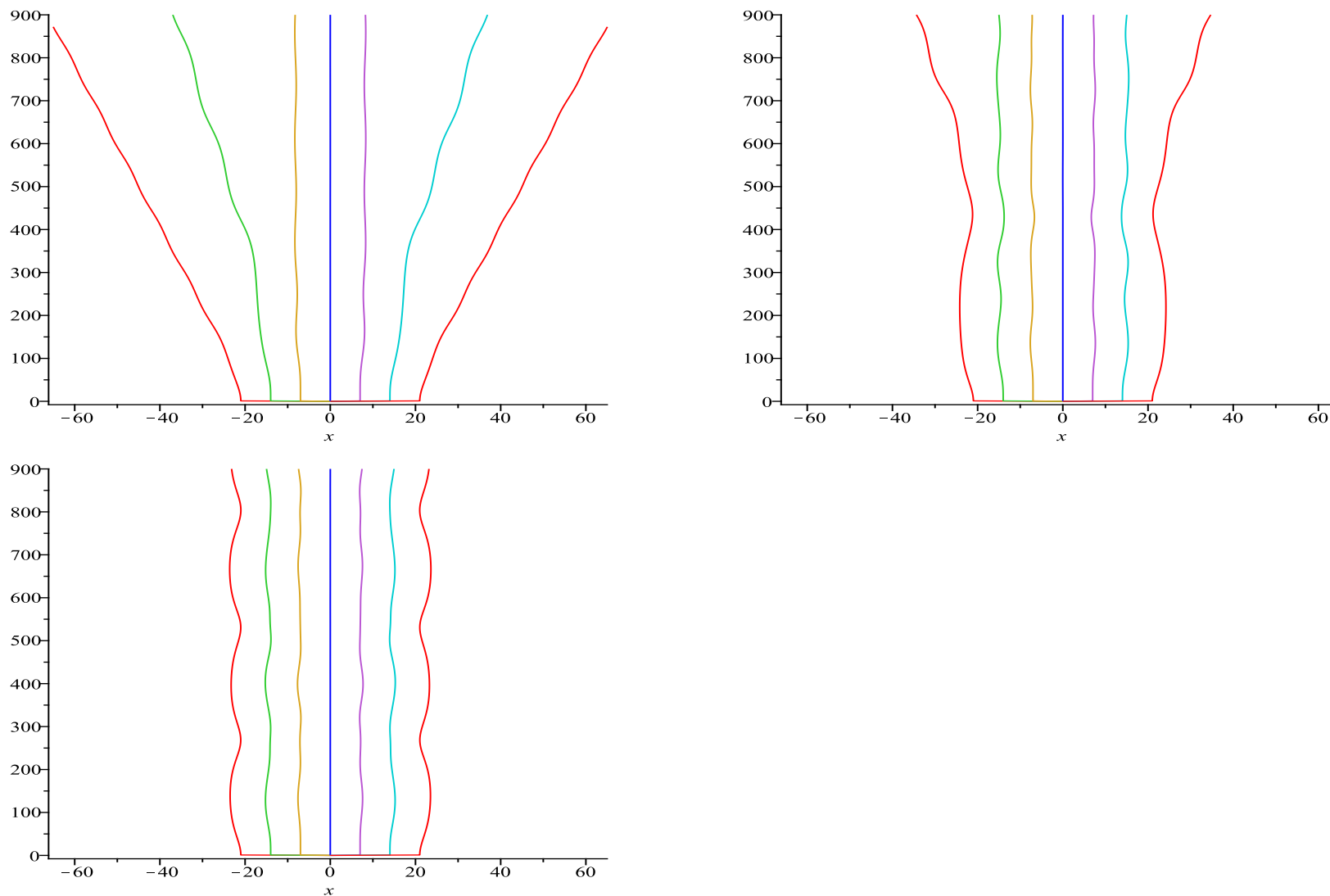
Фигура 2: The initial soliton parameters as like in (125) with $r_0 = 9$. Left panel: scalar soliton train; Right panel: vector soliton train with $r_0 = 9$ and $m_{0s} = 0.7$.



Фигура 3: Left panel: vector soliton train with $m_{0s} = 0.8$; Right panel: vector soliton train with $m_{01} = m_{03} = m_{04} = 0.8$ and $m_{02} = 0.031$.



Фигура 4: Oscillations of the 5-soliton train (see (125) in a moderately weak periodic potential, $A = 0.0005$, $\Omega = 2\pi/9$, $r_0 = 9$. Left panel: the trajectories as described by the CTC. Right panel: the numerical solution of the NLS eq.



Фигура 5: The effect of the periodic potential on 7-soliton trains (125) with $r_0 = 7$ and subcritical intensities. UL: $V_2 = -0.00075$; UR: $V_2 = -0.0012$; Below: critical intensity: $V_2 = -0.0013$.

Conclusions

- The ISM for solving soliton equations can be viewed as Generalized Fourier transform
- The recursion operators generate all fundamental properties of the soliton equations
- The GCTC models the soliton interaction in adiabatic approximation for the vector NLS