

Non-Abelian integrable hierarchies: Matrix biorthogonal polynomials and perturbations

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Orthogonal polynomials as eigenfunctions of a second order linear differential operator

Proposition (S. Bochner 1929)

- **Hermite** polynomials (normal distribution)
- **Laguerre** polynomials (Gamma distribution)
- **Jacobi** polynomials (Beta distribution)
- **Bessel** polynomials. An example of a quasi-definite linear functional.

Extension of this result to other linear operators: Δ_w and D_q .
The hypergeometric character of these "classical" orthogonal polynomials.
Askey tableau.

Orthogonal polynomials as eigenfunctions of higher order differential operators and the connection with linear spectral transformations.

Proposition (H. L. Krall 1940)

For fourth order linear differential operators with orthogonal polynomials as eigenfunctions, you get the classical ones as well as the following Uvarov perturbations of them.

- **Laguerre-type polynomials.** Orthogonality with respect to the measure $d\mu(x) = \chi_{(0,+\infty)} e^{-x} dx + M\delta(x)$.
- **Legendre type polynomials.** Orthogonality with respect to the measure $d\mu(x) = \frac{a}{2}\chi_{(-1,+1)} dx + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x-1) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x+1)$.
- **Jacobi type polynomials.** Orthogonality with respect to the measure $d\mu(x) = \chi_{(0,1)}(1-x)^\alpha dx + M\delta(x)$.

For higher order linear differential operators you have Krall orthogonal polynomials and bispectrality as a natural framework.

Proposition

If $\alpha \geq 1$ is an integer number, orthogonal polynomials with respect to the measure $d\mu(x) = \chi_{(0,+\infty)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx + M\delta(x)$ (Laguerre-Krall) are eigenfunctions of a linear differential operator of order $2\alpha + 2$.

Notice that the above measure is a Geronimus transformation of the Gamma distribution.

Definition

A linear differential operator \mathfrak{L} is said to be exceptional if it has polynomial eigenfunctions of all but finitely many degrees, i.e. there exists a finite subset \mathfrak{N} of non negative integer numbers such that there exists a polynomial of degree n as eigenfunction of \mathfrak{L} if and only if does not belong to \mathfrak{N} .

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Definition

A linear differential operator \mathfrak{L} is said to be degree-filtration preserving if for every polynomial $p(x)$, $\mathfrak{L}(p)$ is a polynomial of degree at most the degree of $p(x)$.

Proposition (García Ferrero- Gómez-Ullate, Milson 2016)

If \mathfrak{L} is an exceptional second order linear differential operator, then it is a Darboux conjugate to a degree filtration preserving differential operator.

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Definition

Let $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_N \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ be square matrices with real entries. Let us assume that A_N is a non singular matrix. Then

$$P_N(x) = A_N x^N + A_{N-1} x^{N-1} + \dots + A_1 x + A_0$$

is said to be a **matrix polynomial** of degree N . The matrix polynomial is said to be **monic** when $A_N = I_p$, the identity matrix. The set of matrix polynomials with coefficients in $\mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ will be denoted by $\mathbb{R}^{p \times p}[x]$.

Definition

x_0 is said to be a **zero of a matrix polynomial** $P_N(x)$ if $\det [P_N(x_0)] = 0$. We denote the set of the zeros of matrix polynomial W by $\sigma(W(x))$.

A matrix of generalized kernels,

$$u_{x,y} := \begin{bmatrix} (u_{x,y})_{1,1} & \cdots & (u_{x,y})_{1,p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ (u_{x,y})_{p,1} & \cdots & (u_{x,y})_{p,p} \end{bmatrix}$$

with $(u_{x,y})_{k,l} \in (\mathbb{C}[x, y])'$ provides a continuous sesquilinear form with entries given by

$$(\langle P(x), Q(y) \rangle_u)_{i,j} = \sum_{k,l=1}^p \langle (u_{x,y})_{k,l}, P_{i,k}(x) \otimes Q_{j,l}(y) \rangle,$$

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Proposition

If the sesquilinear form u is **quasi-definite**, then the block moment matrix M has a unique Gauss-Borel factorization

$$M = S_1^{-1} H S_2^{-\dagger}$$

where S_1 and S_2 are a lower unitriangular block matrices and H is a diagonal block matrix

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kernel matrix polynomial

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$$K_n(x, y) := \sum_{k=0}^n (P_k^{[2]}(y))^\dagger H_k^{-1} P_k^{[1]}(x).$$

Proposition (Christoffel-Darboux formula)

The Christoffel-Darboux kernel satisfies

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Definition (The last quasideterminant)

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times p}$, $C \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times m}$ and $D \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$, with A a non-singular matrix. If we take the block matrix $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$\Theta_* \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = D - CA^{-1}B \quad \text{The last quasideterminant of the matrix } \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\hat{u}_{x,y} W_G(y) = W_C(x) u_{x,y}.$$

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Jordan Chains

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The maximal length of a Jordan chain corresponding to the zero x_a is called the **partial multiplicity** and it is denoted by $m(r_0^{(a)}) = \kappa^{(a)}$.

Definition. Let $\{r_{1,0}^{(a)}, r_{2,0}^{(a)}, \dots, r_{s_a,0}^{(a)}\}$ be a basis of the space $\text{Ker}(W(x_a))$ where $\dim(\text{Ker}(W(x_a))) = s_a$. For each vector $r_{j,0}^{(a)}$ of the basis, we consider its associated **Jordan chains with maximal length**

$$\{r_{j,0}^{(a)}, \dots, r_{j,\kappa_j^{(a)}-1}^{(a)}\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, s_a.$$

Proposition

The partial multiplicities $\{\kappa_1^{(a)}, \dots, \kappa_{s_a}^{(a)}\}$ corresponding to the zero x_a satisfy that^a

$$\sum_{j=1}^{s_a} \kappa_j^{(a)} = \alpha_a.$$

^aA. S. Markus, *Introduction to the spectral theory of polynomial operator pencil*. Translated from the Russian by H. H. McFaden. Translation edited by Ben Silver. With an appendix by M. V. Keldysh. *Translations of Mathematical*

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We can consider the following **right (left) adapted root polynomials**

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$$\frac{d^t}{dx^t} \Big|_{x=x_a} (W(x)r_j^{(a)}(x)) = 0, \quad t = 0, \dots, k_j^{(a)} - 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, s_a.$$

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Given a **matrix function** $f(x)$ which is smooth in its domain of definition, we consider its **root spectral jets vectors**

$$\mathcal{J}_f^{(i)}(x_a) := \lim_{x \rightarrow x_a} \left[f(x_a) r_i^{(a)}(x_a), \dots, \frac{(f(x) r_i^{(a)}(x))_{x_a}^{(\kappa_i^{(a)} - 1)}}{(\kappa_i^{(a)} - 1)!} \right] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times \kappa_i^{(a)}}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_f(x_a) := [\mathcal{J}_f^{(1)}(x_a), \dots, \mathcal{J}_f^{(s_a)}(x_a)] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times \alpha_a},$$

$$\mathcal{J}_f := [\mathcal{J}_f(x_1), \dots, \mathcal{J}_f(x_q)] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times Np}.$$

...Come back to the matrix Geronimus–Uvarov transformation

The **most general matrix Geronimus–Uvarov transformation** is given by

$$\hat{u}_{x,y} := W_C(x)u_{x,y}(W_G(y))^{-1} + v_{x,y},$$

$$v_{x,y} := \sum_{a=1}^{q_G} \sum_{j=1}^{s_{G,a}} \sum_{m=0}^{k_{G,j}^{(a)}-1} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!} W_C(x) (\xi_{j,m}^{[a]})_x \otimes \delta^{(m)}(y - x_{G,a}) l_{G,j}^{(a)}(y),$$

expressed in terms of the **spectrum** $\sigma(W_G(y)) = \{x_{G,a}\}_{a=1}^{q_G}$, number of **Jordan blocks** $s_{G,a}$, partial multiplicities $k_{G,j}^{(a)}$, and corresponding adapted left root polynomials $l_{G,j}^{(a)}(y)$ of the matrix polynomial $W_G(y)$ and for **vectors of generalized functions** $(\xi_{j,m}^{[a]})_x \in (\mathbb{C}^p[X])'$.

A explicit form for our sesquilinear forms is the following

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P(x), Q(y) \rangle_{\hat{u}} &= \langle P(x)W_C(x), Q(y)(W_G(y))^{-\top} \rangle_u \\ &+ \sum_{a=1}^{q_G} \sum_{j=1}^{s_{G,a}} \sum_{m=0}^{k_{G,j}^{(a)}-1} \left\langle P(x)W_C(x), (\xi_{j,m}^{[a]})_x \right\rangle \frac{1}{m!} \left(l_{G,j}^{(a)}(y)(Q(y))^{\top} \right)_{x_{G,a}}^{(m)}. \end{aligned}$$

Given a set of generalized functions $(\xi_{i,m}^{[a]})_x$, we introduce the matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi_i^{[a]})_x \rangle &:= \left[\langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi_{i,0}^{[a]})_x \rangle, \dots, \langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi_{i,k_i^{(a)}-1}^{[a]})_x \rangle \right] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times k_i^{(a)}}, \\ \langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi^{[a]})_x \rangle &:= \left[\langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi_1^{[a]})_x \rangle, \dots, \langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi_{s_a}^{[a]})_x \rangle \right] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times \alpha_a}, \\ \langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle &:= \left[\langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi^{[1]})_x \rangle, \dots, \langle \check{P}_n^{[1]}(x), (\xi_{s_a}^{[q]})_x \rangle \right] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times Np}. \end{aligned}$$

Spectral Christoffel–Geronimus–Uvarov formulas

For monic Geronimus–Uvarov perturbations, with masses, when $n \geq N_G$, we have the following **last quasideterminant expressions** for the perturbed biorthogonal matrix polynomials

$$\hat{P}_n^{[1]}(x)W_C(x) = \Theta_* \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n-N_G}^{[1]}} - \langle P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n+N_C}^{[1]}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n+N_C}^{[1]}} - \langle P_{n+N_C}^{[1]}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & P_{n+N_C}^{[1]}(x) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\left(\hat{P}_n^{[2]}(y)\right)^T = -\Theta_* \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n-N_G}^{[1]}} - \langle P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & H_{n-N_G} \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G+1}^{[1]}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n-N_G+1}^{[1]}} - \langle P_{n-N_G+1}^{[1]}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & 0_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n+N_C-1}^{[1]}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n+N_C-1}^{[1]}} - \langle P_{n+N_C-1}^{[1]}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & 0_p \\ W_G(y)\mathcal{J}_{C,K_{n-1}}(y) & W_G(y)\left(\mathcal{J}_{G,K_{n-1}^{(pc)}}(y) - \langle K_{n-1}(x,y), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G\right) + \mathcal{J}_{G,\nu}(y) & 0_p \end{bmatrix}.$$

Where $\mathcal{W}_G \in \mathbb{C}^{Np^2 \times Np}$ is a numerical matrix known.

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Now, we consider the Geronimus–Uvarov transformation as a **composition of a first Geronimus transformation, applying nonspectral techniques, and then a Christoffel transformation**, for which we can apply spectral techniques. i.e,

$$\check{u}_{x,y} := u_{x,y}(W_G(y))^{-1} + v_{x,y}, \mapsto \hat{u}_{x,y} = W_C(x)\check{u}_{x,y}.$$

with $v_{x,y}$ a matrix of bivariate generalized functions such that $v_{x,y}W_G(y) = 0_p$. In this situation, we still require **the leading coefficient A_{C,N_C} to be nonsingular**, but we free $W_G(x)$ of such a condition.

Definition

For a given perturbed matrix of functionals \check{u} we define a semi-infinite block matrix of the form

$$\begin{aligned} R &:= \left\langle P^{[1]}(x), \chi(y) \right\rangle_{\check{u}} \\ &= \left\langle P^{[1]}(x), \chi(y) \right\rangle_{uW_G^{-1}} + \left\langle P^{[1]}(x), \chi(y) \right\rangle_{v_G}. \end{aligned}$$

We introduce the **matrix polynomials** $r_{n,l}^K(y) \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}[y]$, $l \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$, given by

$$\begin{aligned} r_{n,l}^K(z) &:= \left\langle W_G(z) K_{n-1}(x, z), l_p y^l \right\rangle_{\check{u}} - l_p z^l \\ &= \left\langle W_G(z) K_{n-1}(x, z), l_p y^l \right\rangle_{uW_G^{-1}} + \left\langle W(z) K_{n-1}(x, z), l_p y^l \right\rangle_{v_G} - l_p z^l. \end{aligned}$$

Some Considerations...

For $n \geq N_G$, let us assume that the matrix

$$\Phi_n := \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}} & R_{n-N_G,0} & \cdots & R_{n-N_G,n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n+N_C-1}^{[1]}} & R_{n+N_C-1,0} & \cdots & R_{n+N_C-1,n-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{(N_C+N_G)p \times (N_C+n)p}$$

is **full rank**, thus there exist $\Phi_n^\square \in \mathbb{C}^{(N_C+N_G)p \times (N_C+N_G)p}$ a nonsingular square submatrix of Φ_n . We will refer to them as **poised submatrix**. We also consider

$$\varphi_n := \left[\mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n+N_C}^{[1]}} , R_{n+N_C,0}, \dots, R_{n+N_C,n-1} \right] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times (N_C+n)p}$$

and the **square** submatrix $\varphi_n^\square \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times (N_C+N_G)p}$ **corresponding to the selection of columns to build the poised submatrix** Φ_n^\square . We also consider

$$\varphi_n^K(y) = \left[W_G(y) \mathcal{J}_{C,K_{n-1}}(y), R_{n,0}^K(y), \dots, R_{n,n-1}^K(y) \right] \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times (N_C+n)p}[y]$$

and $(\varphi_n^K(y))^\square$.

Matrix Christoffel–Geronimus–Uvarov formulas

Given a matrix Geronimus–Uvarov transformation the corresponding perturbed polynomials can be expressed, for $n \geq N_G$, as follows

$$\hat{P}_n^{[1]}(x)W_C(x) = \Theta_* \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \Phi_n^\square & \begin{array}{c} P_{n-N_G}^{[1]}(x) \\ \vdots \\ P_{n+N_C-1}^{[1]}(x) \end{array} \\ \hline \varphi_n^\square & P_{n+N_C}^{[1]}(x) \end{array} \right],$$

$$(\hat{P}_n^{[2]}(y))^T A_N = -\Theta_* \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \Phi_n^\square & \begin{array}{c} H_{n-N_G} \\ 0_p \\ \vdots \\ 0_p \end{array} \\ \hline (\varphi_n^K(y))^\square & 0_p \end{array} \right].$$

Christoffel transformations with singular leading coefficients

Recall that the **classic adjoint** satisfies

$$W(x) \operatorname{adj}(W(x)) = \operatorname{adj}(W(x))W(x) = \det(W(x))I_p,$$

We can study the **Christoffel transformation** of a Hankel matrix of generalized kernels

$$\hat{u}_{x,x} = u_{x,x}W(x),$$

as the following **massless Geronimus–Uvarov transformation**

$$\hat{u}_{x,x} = W_C(x)u_{x,x}(W_G(x))^{-1}, \quad W_C(x) := I_p \det(W(x)), \quad W_G(x) := \operatorname{adj}(W(x)),$$

with $N_C = \deg(W_C(x)) \leq Np$ and $N_G = \deg(W_G(x)) \leq N(p-1)$.

Here, we can apply our results for Geronimus–Uvarov transformations, and use the mixed spectral-nonspectral Christoffel–Geronimus–Uvarov formula

More transformations

We could consider a **more general situation** with transformations of the following **(non)symmetric** form, where $W(x)$ has a nonsingular leading coefficient,

$$\hat{u} = W(x)uV(x) = W_C(x)u(W_G(x))^{-1},$$
$$W_C(x) = \det(V(x))W(x), \quad W_G(x) = \text{adj}(V(x)),$$

or

$$\hat{u} = (W(x))^{-1}u(V(x))^{-1} = W_C(x)u(W_G(x))^{-1},$$
$$W_C(x) = \text{adj}(W(x)), \quad W_G(x) = \det(W(x))V(x).$$

In this case, we also can apply the **mixed spectral/nonspectral Christoffel–Geronimus–Uvarov formulas** to find a representation of the new families of matrix bi-orthogonal polynomials.

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Open problems

Let consider a sequence $\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$ of monic matrix orthogonal polynomials with respect to a weight matrix $W(x)$ that is entrywise-smooth, Hermitian and positive definite with finite moments. Then

Proposition

There exist sequences of complex valued matrices $\{s_n\}_{n \geq 0}$, $\{t_n\}_{n \geq 0}$, where t_n is nonsingular for every $n \geq 0$ such that

$$xP_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x) + s_n P_n(x) + t_n P_{n-1}(x), n \geq 0.$$

The matrix weight belongs to the Nevai class if $s_n \rightarrow s$ and $t_n \rightarrow t$, where t is a nonsingular matrix.

Problem 1

Is the Nevai class preserved by Geronimus-Uvarov transformations?

In a similar way to the scalar case, let denote by $\{Q_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$ the sequence of monic matrix orthogonal polynomials with respect to a Geronimus-Uvarov transformation of the weight matrix $W(x)$ in the Nevai class.

Problem 2

What about the outer relative asymptotics $[P_n(x)]^{-1} Q_n(x)$?

Problem 3

What about the location of zeros of $Q_n(x)$ in terms of the zeros of $Q_n(x)$?

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Bochner Problem for Matrix differential operators

Determine all weight matrices $W(x)$ such that there exists a second order differential operator \mathfrak{L} such that the corresponding sequence of monic matrix orthogonal are eigenfunctions, i.e.

$$\mathfrak{L}(p)(x) = p(x)a_0(x) + p'(x)a_1(x) + p''(x)a_2(x) = \Lambda p(x).$$

Definition

Let $W(x)$ be a weight matrix and \mathfrak{L} be a W -symmetric second order differential operator such that the sequence of matrix orthogonal polynomials (SMOP) with respect to W are eigenfunctions. Then (W, \mathfrak{L}) is said to be a Bochner pair.

The key problem is the determination of the algebra $D(W)$ of all matrix differential operators having the (SMOP) associated with W as eigenfunctions.

Theorem (A. J. Durán, A. Grünbaum, 2004)

Let $W(x)$ be a weight matrix. Then $D(W)$ contains a second order differential operator if and only if there exists $\mathfrak{L} = D^2 a_2 + D a_1 + a_0$, with $a_k(x)$ polynomials of degree at most k , $k = 0, 1, 2$ such that

- $a_2 W(x) = W(x) a_2^*$.
- $(a_2 W(x))'' - (a_1 W(x))' + a_0 W(x) = W(x) a_0^*$
- $a_2 W(x)$ and $(a_2 W(x))' - a_1 W(x)$ have vanishing limits at the endpoints of the support of $W(x)$.

From these conditions you have $2(a_2 W(x))' = a_1 W(x) + W(x) a_1^*$, a noncommutative Pearson equation.

The above result means that (W, \mathfrak{L}) is a solution to the Bochner problem for matrix differential operators.

Theorem (W. Riley Casper, M. Yakimov 2018)

Let $W(x)$ be a weight matrix and suppose that $D(W)$ contains a second order linear differential operator \mathfrak{L} as above, where $a_2 W(x)$ is positive definite on the support of $W(x)$. Then the algebra $D(W)$ is full, in the sense that the rank is as large as possible, if and only if $W(x)$ is a noncommutative bispectral Darboux transformation of a direct sum of classical weights. Furthermore, in this case

$W(x) = T(x) \text{diag}(f_1(x), \dots, f_N(x)) T^*(x)$, where $T(x)$ is a rational matrix and $f_k(x)$ is a classical weight.

In the case $N = 2$ we have the following classification result

Theorem (W. Riley Casper, M. Yakimov 2018)

Let $W(x)$ be a 2×2 weight matrix and suppose that $D(W)$ contains a second order linear differential operator \mathcal{L} as above, such that $a_2 W(x)$ is positive definite on the support of $W(x)$. Then the algebra $D(W)$ is noncommutative if and only if the weight $W(x)$ is a noncommutative bispectral Darboux transformation of $r(x)I$ for some classical weight $r(x)$.

Thus aside from various degenerate cases when $D(W)$ of polynomials of a single differential operator of order 2, this solves the Bochner problem for the 2×2 case.

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Non-Abelian 2D Toda lattice

Let $G = (m_{i,j})_{i,j=0}^{\infty}$, $m_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ be a Hankel semi-infinite block matrix associated to a generalized kernel $u_{x,y}$ having a **Gaussian block factorization**

$$M = (S_1)^{-1} H (S_2)^{-T}.$$

Given a covector of times $t_i = [t_{i,1}, t_{i,2}, \dots]$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$, $t_{i,k} \in \mathbb{C}$, where we only have a finite number of entries different from zero, we consider the semi-infinite matrix $V_0^{t_i} := \exp\left(\sum_{0 < j \ll \infty} t_{i,j} \Lambda^j\right)$.

Thus the perturbed Gram matrix is

$$G^t = V_0^{t_1} G (V_0^{t_2})^{-T}, \quad \text{with } t = (t_1, t_2)$$

We also consider the polynomials

$$t_1(x) := \sum_{0 < j \ll \infty} t_{1,j} x^j, \quad t_2(y) := \sum_{0 < j \ll \infty} t_{2,j} y^j$$

We can check that

$$\begin{aligned} G^t &= V_0^{t_1} G (V_0^{t_2})^{-T} \\ &= V_0^{t_1} \langle \chi(x), \chi(y) \rangle_u (V_0^{t_2})^{-T} \\ &= \left\langle e^{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_{1,j} x^j} \chi(x), e^{-\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_{2,j} y^j} \chi(y) \right\rangle_u \\ &= \langle \chi(x), \chi(y) \rangle_{u^t}, \end{aligned}$$

where the deformed bivariate matrix of generalized functions is given by

$$u_{x,y}^t := e^{t_1(x) - t_2(y)} u_{x,y}.$$

Observe that if the **initial Hankel matrix of generalized kernels** $u_{x,y}$, then so is $u_{x,y}^t$. Thus, the **Hankel symmetry is preserved** under these continuous transformations.

We will assume that $u_{x,y}^t$ is quasidefinite; i.e., the block Gauss–Borel factorization

$$G^t = (S_1^t)^{-1} H^t (S_2^t)^{-\top} \quad (1)$$

holds. Consequently, for the **time-dependent matrix polynomials**

$$P^{[1],t}(x) = S_1^t \chi(x), \quad P^{[2],t}(y) = S_2^t \chi(y),$$

the **biorthogonality** conditions hold

$$\left\langle P_n^{[1],t}(x), P_m^{[2],t}(y) \right\rangle_{u^t} = \delta_{n,m} H_n^t.$$

We also will need the **second kind functions**

$$C_n^{[1],t}(z) = \left\langle P_n^{[1],t}(x), \frac{l_p}{z-y} \right\rangle_{u^t}, \quad (C_n^{[2],t}(z))^\top = \left\langle \frac{l_p}{z-x}, P_n^{[2],t}(y) \right\rangle_{u^t}.$$

and the **Christoffel–Darboux kernel** and its mixed versions

$$K_n^t(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^n (P_k^{[2],t}(y))^\top (H_k^t)^{-1} P_k^{[1],t}(x), \quad K_n^{(pc),t}(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^n (P_k^{[2],t}(y))^\top (H_k^t)^{-1} C_k^{[1],t}(x).$$

Proposition (Non-Abelian 2D Toda lattice equations)

Using the notation $t_{1,1} = \eta$ and $t_{2,1} = \zeta$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \left(\frac{\partial H_k}{\partial \eta} (H_k)^{-1} \right) + H_{k+1} (H_k)^{-1} - H_k (H_{k-1})^{-1} = 0,$$

For the Hankel case we find a reduction to the non-Abelian 1D Toda lattice equation, where $\eta = \zeta$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{\partial H_k}{\partial \eta} (H_k)^{-1} \right) + H_{k+1} (H_k)^{-1} - H_k (H_{k-1})^{-1} = 0.$$

Transformation theory

We now proceed to the study of **how the previous Geronimus–Uvarov transformations affect the solutions** of the non-Abelian 2D Toda lattice.

Notice that since $[\Lambda, V_0^t] = 0$, given a Geronimus–Uvarov transformation

$$\hat{u}_{x,y} W_G(y) = W_C(x) u_{x,y}, \quad \hat{G} W_G(\Lambda^\top) = W_C(\Lambda) G,$$

we will have the corresponding ***t*-evolved equations**

$$\hat{u}_{x,y}^t W_G(y) = W_C(x) u_{x,y}^t, \quad \hat{G}^t W_G(\Lambda^\top) = W_C(\Lambda) G^t,$$

where





$$\hat{u}_{x,y}^t = e^{t_1(x) - t_2(y)} \hat{u}_{x,y}, \quad \hat{G}^t = V_0^{t_1} \hat{G} (V_0^{t_2})^{-\top}.$$

Christoffel–Geronimus–Uvarov type formulas

$$\hat{P}_n^{[1],t}(x) = \Theta_* \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}} - \langle P_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & P_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n+N_C}^{[1]}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n+N_C}^{[1],t}} - \langle P_{n+N_C}^{[1],t}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & P_{n+N_C}^{[1],t}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\hat{P}_n^{[2],t}(y))^T = -\Theta_* \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}} - \langle P_{n-N_G}^{[1],t}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & H_{n-N_G}^t \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n-N_G+1}^{[1],t}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n-N_G+1}^{[1],t}} - \langle P_{n-N_G+1}^{[1],t}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & 0_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{J}_{C,P_{n+N_C-1}^{[1],t}} & \mathcal{J}_{G,C_{n+N_C-1}^{[1],t}} - \langle P_{n+N_C-1}^{[1],t}(x), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G & 0_p \\ W_G(y) \mathcal{J}_{C,K_{n-1}^t}(y) & W_G(y) (\mathcal{J}_{G,K_{n-1}^{(pc),t}}(y) - \langle K_{n-1}^t(x, y), (\xi)_x \rangle \mathcal{W}_G) + \mathcal{J}_{G,\nu}(y) & 0_p \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular, \hat{H}_n^t is a **new solution** of the non-Abelian 2D Toda lattice equation

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