

From Fuchsian differential equations to integrable QFT

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- **Integrable Quantum Field Theory (QFT), Integrals of Motion**
 - Conformal Field Theory (CFT), Infinite-dimensional algebra of (extended) conformal symmetry
 - Bethe Ansatz, functional relations for commuting transfer matrices
- **Theory of differential equations**
 - Scattering problem for ODE, connection coefficients, Stokes multipliers, ...
 - monodromy group, monodromy-free singular points
 - second order PDE, arising as “zero-curvature condition” for flat connections on the sphere
- **Space of states in QFT — Set of differential operators with special properties**

Local IM in CFT

(VB, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov, 1994)

Let Vir be the Virasoro algebra generated by $L_n \in Vir$,

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}(n^3 - n)\delta_{m+n,0}$$

Suppose we are given a set of mutually commuting operators from the universal enveloping of Vir :

$$\mathbb{I}_s \in U(Vir) \quad : \quad [\mathbb{I}_s, \mathbb{I}_{s'}] = 0 .$$

What is the spectrum of \mathbb{I}_s in the

highest weight representation of Vir : $V_{\Delta,c}$?

We are forced to make some assumptions about the Abelian subalgebra.

- It would be natural to include L_0 in the commuting set; L_0 splits $V_{\Delta,c}$ on the finite dimensional level subspaces:

$$L_0 V_{\Delta,c}^{(L)} = (\Delta + L) V_{\Delta,c}^{(L)} \quad \dim [V_{\Delta,c}^{(L)}] < \infty .$$

Therefore, the problem is reduced to a finite dimensional spectrum problem in $V_{\Delta,c}^{(L)}$.

- We choose the first nontrivial \mathbb{I}_s in the form

$$\sum_n \alpha_n L_{-n} L_n + \beta L_0 + \gamma$$

- **Locality condition:** Let $T(x)$, $x \in S^1$ ($x \sim x + R$) be the holomorphic component of stress-energy tensor. We assume that \mathbb{I}_s are given by the integral over the **local densities** build from the field $T(x)$. For example

$$I_1 = \oint T = \frac{R}{2\pi} \left[L_0 - \frac{c}{24} \right]$$

The quadratic in L_n operator is defined up to overall normalization by our locality requirement

$$I_3 = \oint T^2 = \left(\frac{R}{2\pi} \right)^3 \left[2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} L_n L_n + L_0^2 - \frac{c+2}{12} L_0 + \frac{c(5c+22)}{2880} \right]$$

All other operators \mathbb{I}_s are defined (up to overall factor) by the commutativity condition. For example

$$I_5 = \oint (T^3 + \frac{c+2}{12} (T')^2)$$

There exists an infinite set $\{\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ which first representatives are given by the above formulas. They are the so called local **Integrals of Motion (IM)**. The odd-integers $2n - 1$ stand for the values of the Lorentz spin.

We'll focus on the highest vector eigenvalues:

$$I_{2n-1}^{(vac)}(\Delta, c) : \quad \mathbb{I}_{2n-1} | \Delta \rangle = \left(\frac{R}{2\pi} \right)^{2n-1} I_{2n-1}^{(vac)} | \Delta \rangle ,$$

which are certain polynomials in Δ and c :

$$I_1^{(vac)} = \Delta - \frac{c}{24} , \quad I_3^{(vac)} = \Delta^2 - \frac{c+2}{12} \Delta + \frac{c(5c+22)}{2880} , \quad \dots$$

CFT integrals of motion — quantization of conserved quantities

in KdV theory

$$T(x) \rightarrow -\frac{c}{6}U(x), \quad \partial_t U = UU_x - 6U_{xxx}, \quad c \rightarrow \infty$$

Functional relations

- Transfer matrices $\mathbb{T}_j(\mu)$ (quantum analogs of traces of monodromy matrices for mKdV) satisfy the **fusion relations**

$$\mathbb{T}_j(q\mu)\mathbb{T}_j(q^{-1}\mu) = 1 + \mathbb{T}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}(\mu)\mathbb{T}_{j-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu) , \quad (q = e^{i\pi\beta^2} , \quad c = 1 - 6(\beta - \beta^{-1})^2)$$

- \mathbb{T}_j can be regarded as generating function for the local IM

$$\log \mathbb{T}_j \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^{(j)} \mathbb{I}_{2n-1} \kappa^{1-2n} \quad \kappa = \mu^{\frac{1}{2(1-\beta^2)}}$$

- As $\beta^2 = \frac{p}{p'}$ the functional relations are truncated. In this case the vacuum eigenvalues,

$$\mathbb{T}_j(\mu)|\Delta\rangle = t_j(\mu)|\Delta\rangle$$

satisfy a certain set of integral equations (TBA equations). Numerical values of the vacuum eigenvalues $I_{2n-1}^{(vac)}$ can be extracted from the solutions of the TBA equations.

- The TBA equations are especially simple in the case

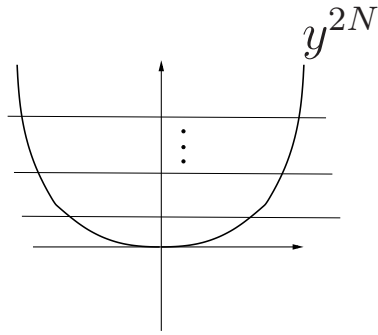
$$\beta^2 = \frac{1}{N+1} , \quad N = 1, 2, \dots \quad \Delta = \frac{1 - 4N^2}{6(N+1)} .$$

ODE/IM correspondence

Let us consider the anharmonic potential

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{dy^2} + y^{2N} - E \right) \Psi = 0 .$$

The WKB spectrum can be determined by means of the WKB approximation.



$$\text{WKB spectra } \{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \implies \oint dy \sqrt{E_n - U(y)} = 2\pi(n + \dots)$$

E_2
 E_1

- **Voros (1992)** derived the exact Exact Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization condition.
- **Dorey-Tateo (1998)** observed that BLZ TBA for $\beta^2 = \frac{1}{N+1}$ are exactly the same as the Voros one.
- The observation was immediately generalized and proven by **BLZ (1998)**
- ODE/IM correspondence for the excited states was established by **BLZ (2003)**

According to **BLZ (1998)** the vacuum eigenvalues of $\mathbb{T}_j(\mu)$, i.e., $t_j(\mu)$, ($j = \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots$) coincide with certain monodromy coefficients for the ODE

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{z^2} + \kappa^2 p(z) \right) \Psi = 0, \quad p(z) = z^{2\alpha} - 1.$$

One can reformulate the BLZ result in terms of the vacuum eigenvalues $I_{2n-1}^{(vac)}$;

$$w = \int dz \sqrt{p(z)} \quad : \quad \left(-\frac{d^2}{dw^2} + \hat{u}(w) + \kappa^2 \right) \tilde{\Psi} = 0$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}(w) \sim e^{F(w)} \exp \left(-\kappa w + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \kappa^{1-2n} c_n \int^w dw U_n[\hat{u}] \right)$$

$$F(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \kappa^{-2n} F_n[\hat{u}(w)] \quad F_n[\hat{u}] - \text{differential polynomials in } \hat{u}.$$

$c_n = \frac{(2n-3)!!}{2^n n!}$

Also $U_n[\hat{u}]$ are homogeneous ($\text{grade}(\hat{u}) = 2$, $\text{grade}(\partial) = 1$, $\text{grade}(U_n) = 2n$) differential polynomials in \hat{u} of degree n (known as the Gel'fand-Dikii polynomials):

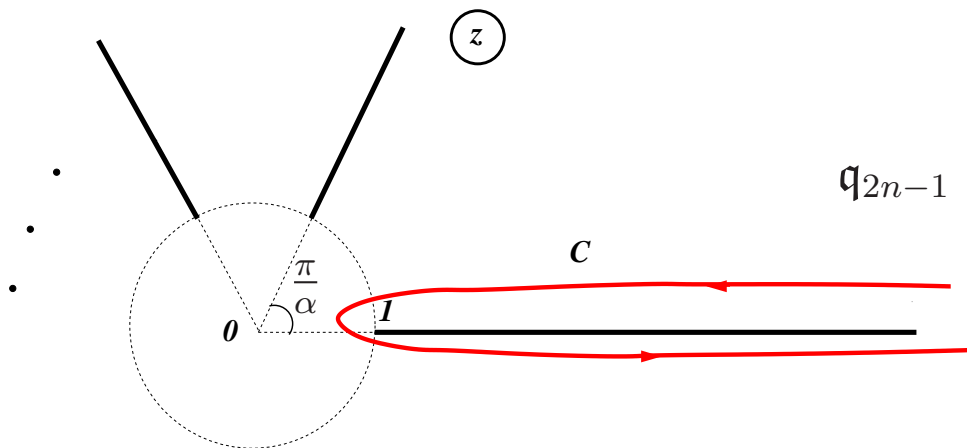
$$U_1 = \hat{u}, \quad U_2 = \hat{u}^2 - \frac{1}{3} \hat{u}'' \dots$$

Hence the monodromy coefficients are given by

$$\log t_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu) \sim \sum_n c_n \kappa^{1-2n} \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1}, \quad \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} = \oint_{C_w} dw U_n[\hat{u}(w)]$$

We may now return to the original variable z

$$w \rightarrow z, \quad U_n[\hat{u}(w)] \rightarrow \tilde{U}_n(z)$$



$$\mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} = \oint_C dz \tilde{U}_n(z) \quad (p(z) = z^{2\alpha} - 1)$$

The ODE/IM correspondence : $I_{2n-1}^{(vac)} = d_n \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1}$

Here d_n are some (known) constants which depend on normalization conventions for \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} and \mathbb{I}_{2n-1} , whereas the parameters are identified as follows:

$$c = 1 - \frac{6\alpha^2}{\alpha + 1}, \quad \Delta = \frac{(2l + 1)^2 - 4\alpha^2}{16(\alpha + 1)}.$$

Excited states

$$\left(-\partial_z^2 + T_L(z)\right)\psi = 0, \quad T_L(z) = -\sum_{i=1}^{L+3} \left(\frac{\delta_i}{(z-z_i)^2} + \frac{c_i}{z-z_i} \right)$$

with $\{z_i\} = \{z_1, z_2, z_3, x_1, \dots, x_L\}$ and

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{4} - p_i^2, \quad i = 1, 2, 3; \quad \delta_{a+3} = -2, \quad a = 1, 2, \dots, L$$

Monodromy group

$$\mathbf{M} : \pi_1(\mathbb{CP}^1 \setminus \{z_i\}) \mapsto \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}), \quad \mathrm{Tr}(\mathbf{M}^{(i)}) = -2 \cos(2\pi p_i).$$

Condition: points x_1, \dots, x_L are monodromy-free

$$T_L(z) = -\frac{l_a(l_a+1)}{(z-x_a)^2} - \frac{c_{a+3}}{z-x_a} - \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} t_k^{(a)} (z-x_a)^k, \quad a = 1, \dots, L$$

$$(c_{a+3})^3 - 4 c_{a+3} t_0^{(a)} + 4 t_1^{(a)} = 0.$$

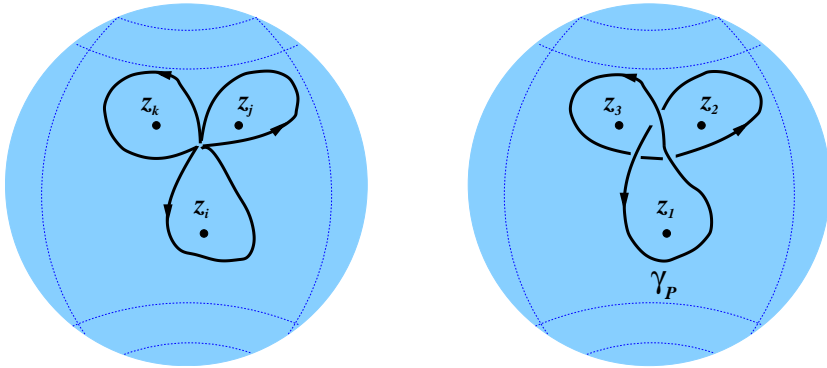
For fixed p_i , the only free parameters are the positions x_1, \dots, x_L .

$$\mathcal{D}(\lambda) = -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + T_L(z) + \lambda^2 \mathcal{P}(z), \quad \mathcal{P}(z) = \frac{(z_3 - z_2)^{a_1} (z_1 - z_3)^{a_2} (z_2 - z_1)^{a_3}}{(z - z_1)^{2-a_1} (z - z_2)^{2-a_2} (z - z_3)^{2-a_3}}$$

and parameters $0 < a_i < 2$ satisfy the constraint $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 2$. Monodromy free conditions give additional L equations

$$c_{a+3} = -\partial_z \log \mathcal{P}(z) \Big|_{z=x_a} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{2 - a_i}{x_a - z_i}, \quad a = 1, \dots, L.$$

number of solutions $\mathcal{N}_L = p_3(L) = 3, 9, 22, \dots$ (stationary states in CFT for Fateev model).



Monodromy matrix for the Pochhammer loop ($c(x) = \cos(\pi x)$)

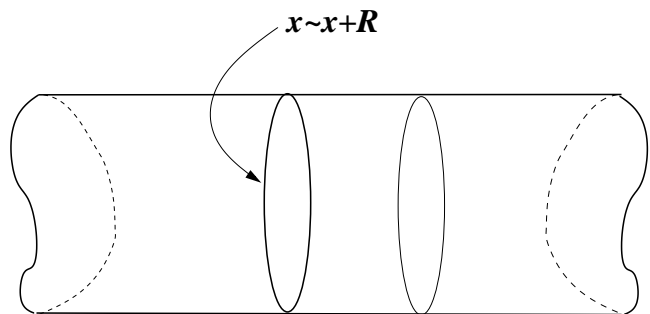
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(\lambda) = \text{Tr } \mathbf{M}(\gamma_P) = & 2 \left(2 + c(4p_1) + c(4p_2) + c(4p_3) + c(2p_1 + 2p_2 + 2p_3) \right. \\ & \left. + c(2p_1 + 2p_2 - 2p_3) + c(2p_1 - 2p_2 + 2p_3) + c(-2p_1 + 2p_2 + 2p_3) \right) + O(\lambda^2) \end{aligned}$$

For $p_i = 0$ the constant term equals 18.

WHY? What does it mean for the hypergeometric equation?

ODE/IM correspondence for massive integrable QFT

Now we consider the CFT perturbed by a relevant operator in the bulk



$$\mathcal{A}_\mu = \mathcal{A}_{CFT} + \mu \int d^2x \Phi \quad (d_\Phi = 2\Delta_\Phi < 2)$$

In general one expects that the perturbation leads to the massive QFT

$$M_a \sim \mu^{\frac{1}{2-d_\Phi}}$$

In the case of integrable perturbation the theory possesses an infinite set of local IM

$$\mathbb{I}_s|_{\mu \rightarrow 0} = \mathbb{I}_s^{(CFT)}, \quad \bar{\mathbb{I}}_s|_{\mu \rightarrow 0} = \bar{\mathbb{I}}_s^{(CFT)}$$

Let $I_{2n-1} = \bar{I}_{2n-1}$ be the vacuum eigenvalues of \mathbb{I}_s and $\bar{\mathbb{I}}_s$.

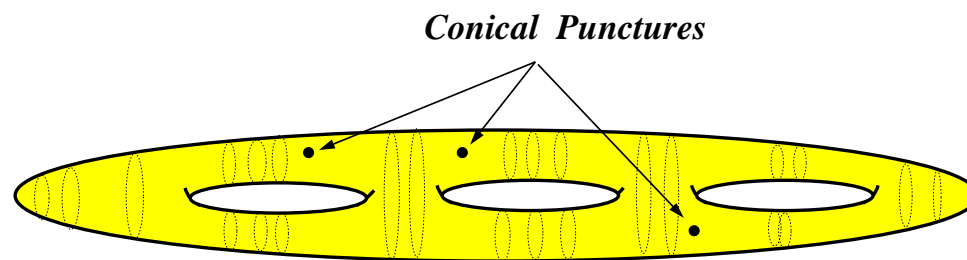
Is it possible to relate $I_{2n-1}(\mu)$ to monodromic characteristics of some ODE?

During the decade 1998-2008, all attempts to incorporate massive integrable QFT in the ODE/IM correspondence have failed.

- **Gaiotto, Moore and Neitzke (2008)**: TBA-like equations for the Hitchin systems
- **Alday, Maldacena (2009)**: Strong coupling amplitudes in ADS/CFT
- **Zamolodchikov, Lukyanov (2010)**: ODE/IM for the $\sin(h)$ -Gordon model

CMC embedding of a 3-punctured sphere in AdS_3

Let $\Sigma_{g,n}$ be a compact Riemann surface with n marked points (“punctures”) and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be positive numbers such that $2\chi(\Sigma_g) + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - 2) = 0$. Then there exists a **flat** metric on $\Sigma_{g,n}$ with conical singularities of angle πa_i at the i^{th} puncture. The metric is unique up to homothety.



In the case $\Sigma_{0,3} = \mathbb{S}^2/\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$: $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 2$

Introduce a complex coordinate z and define a holomorphic differential $p(z) (dz)^2$ on the universal cover of $\Sigma_{0,3}$:

$$p(z) = \rho^2 \frac{(z_3 - z_2)^{a_1} (z_1 - z_3)^{a_2} (z_2 - z_1)^{a_3}}{(z - z_1)^{2-a_1} (z - z_2)^{2-a_2} (z - z_3)^{2-a_3}} \quad : \quad (ds)_0^2 = \sqrt{p(z)\bar{p}(\bar{z})} \, dzd\bar{z}$$

Here ρ stands for the homothety parameter and z_i labels the punctures.

Consider now the problem of constant mean curvature embedding of $\Sigma_{0,3}$ into AdS_3 . In this case, the Gauss-Peterson-Codazzi equation can be brought to the form of the **modified Sinh-Gordon** (MShG) equation

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta - e^{2\eta} + p(z) \bar{p}(\bar{z}) e^{-2\eta} = 0 ,$$

where the field η defines the induced metric

$$(ds)_{\text{cmc}}^2 = \frac{4}{1 + H^2} \frac{e^{2\eta}}{\sqrt{p(z) \bar{p}(\bar{z})}} (ds)_0^2$$

and $H = \text{const}$ stands for the mean curvature. A suitable solution should be real and smooth as $z \neq z_i$, and, if we want to preserve the amount of the Gaussian curvature localized at the punctures, it should satisfy the conditions

$$\eta - \frac{1}{4} \log (p(z) \bar{p}(\bar{z})) = O(1) \quad \text{at } z \rightarrow z_i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \quad \text{and } \infty .$$

$$\textbf{Generalized problem : } \eta = \begin{cases} -2 \log |z| + O(1) & \text{at } z \rightarrow \infty \\ 2m_i \log |z - z_i| + O(1) & \text{at } z \rightarrow z_i \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } 0 < a_i < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{2} < m_i \leq -\frac{1}{4} (2 - a_i)$$

then the solution of the generalized problem exists and is unique.

The MShG equation is the compatibility condition of the linear problem

$$\mathbf{D}(\lambda) \Psi = 0, \quad \bar{\mathbf{D}}(\bar{\lambda}) \Psi = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\lambda) = \partial_z - \mathbf{A}_z, \quad \bar{\mathbf{D}}(\bar{\lambda}) = \partial_{\bar{z}} - \mathbf{A}_{\bar{z}}, \quad \lambda = \rho e^\theta, \quad \bar{\lambda} = \rho e^{-\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_z &= -\frac{1}{2} \partial_z \eta \sigma_3 + \lambda \left(\sigma_+ e^\eta + \sigma_- \mathcal{P}(z) e^{-\eta} \right) \\ \mathbf{A}_{\bar{z}} &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta \sigma_3 + \bar{\lambda} \left(\sigma_- e^{-\eta} + \sigma_+ \bar{\mathcal{P}}(\bar{z}) e^\eta \right). \end{aligned}$$

Additional monodromy-free punctures

$$e^{-\eta} \sim \frac{\bar{z} - \bar{x}_a}{z - x_a}, \quad (a = 1, \dots, L), \quad e^{-\eta} \sim \frac{z - y_b}{\bar{z} - \bar{y}_b}, \quad (b = 1, \dots, \bar{L}).$$

satisfy the conditions

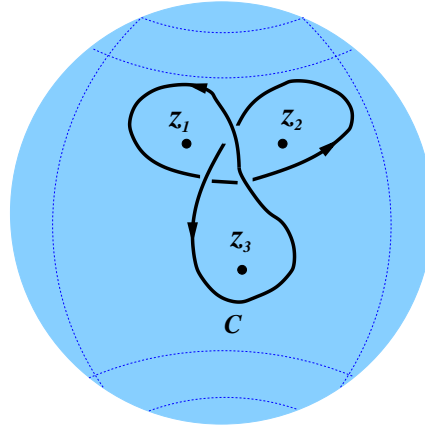
$$\partial_z \eta = \frac{1}{z - x_a} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_a + o(1), \quad \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta = -\frac{1}{\bar{z} - \bar{x}_a} + o(1), \quad a = 1, \dots, L$$

and

$$\gamma_a = \partial_z \log \mathcal{P}(z)|_{z=x_a}$$

and similarly for y_b .

The MShG equation is a flatness condition for $sl(2)$ -valued connection $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_z dz + \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{z}} d\bar{z}$. The connection is not single-valued on the punctured sphere. However, it does return to the original branch after a continuation along the non-contractible loop C



Therefore the Wilson loop

$$W(\theta) = \text{Tr} \left[\mathcal{P} \exp \left(\oint_C \mathbf{A} \right) \right]$$

does not depend on the precise shape of the cycle used. It can be regarded as generating functions for the conserved charges

$$\log W(\theta) \sim -\mathfrak{q}_0 e^\theta + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} e^{-(2n-1)\theta} \quad \text{as } \Re(\theta) \rightarrow +\infty, \quad |\Im(\theta)| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

here $c_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2n!} \frac{\Gamma(n-\frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi}}$.

Fateev model (1996)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left((\partial_t \varphi_i)^2 - (\partial_x \varphi_i)^2 \right) + 2\mu \left[e^{i\alpha_3 \varphi_3} \cos(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2) + e^{-i\alpha_3 \varphi_3} \cos(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 - \alpha_2 \varphi_2) \right]$$

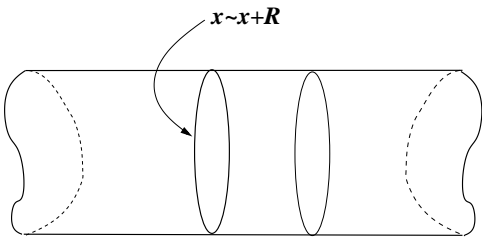
Here α_i are coupling constants subject to a single constraint

$$\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 + \alpha_3^2 = \frac{1}{2} .$$

$$\alpha_1^2 > 0, \quad \alpha_2^2 > 0, \quad \alpha_3^2 > 0 .$$

The parameter μ in the Lagrangian sets the mass scale, $\mu \sim [\text{mass}]$. We shall consider the theory in finite-size geometry, with the spatial coordinate x in $\varphi_i = \varphi_i(x, t)$ compactified on a circle of circumference R , with the periodic boundary conditions

$$\varphi_i(x + R, t) = \varphi_i(x, t) .$$



$$\mathcal{A}_\mu = \mathcal{A}_{CFT} + \mu \int d^2x \Phi \quad (d = 1) .$$

Due to the periodicity of the potential term in φ_i ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{16\pi} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left((\partial_t \varphi_i)^2 - (\partial_x \varphi_i)^2 \right) \\ & + 2\mu \left[e^{i\alpha_3 \varphi_3} \cos(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2) + e^{-i\alpha_3 \varphi_3} \cos(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 - \alpha_2 \varphi_2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

the space of states \mathcal{H} splits on the orthogonal subspaces $\mathcal{H}_{k_1, k_2, k_3}$ characterized by the three “quasimomentums” k_i :

$$\varphi_i \rightarrow \varphi_i + 2\pi/\alpha_i \quad : \quad |\Psi_{k_1, k_2, k_3}\rangle \rightarrow e^{2\pi i k_i} |\Psi_{k_1, k_2, k_3}\rangle .$$

The Fateev model is integrable, in particular it has infinite set of commuting local IM $\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}^{(+)}$, $\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}^{(-)}$, $2n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ being the Lorentz spins of the associated local densities

$$\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}^{(\pm)} = \int_0^R \frac{dx}{2\pi} \left[\sum_{i+j+k=n} C_{ijk}^{(n)} (\partial_{\pm}\varphi_1)^{2i} (\partial_{\pm}\varphi_2)^{2j} (\partial_{\pm}\varphi_3)^{2k} + \dots \right]$$

where $\partial_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x \mp \partial_t)$ and \dots stand for the terms involving higher derivatives of φ_i , as well as the terms proportional to powers of μ . The constant $C_{ijk}^{(n)}$ is known ([Zamolodchikov, Lukyanov, 2012](#))

$$C_{ijk}^{(n)} = \frac{n!}{i! j! k!} \frac{(2\alpha_1^2(1-2n))_{n-i} (2\alpha_2^2(1-2n))_{n-j} (2\alpha_3^2(1-2n))_{n-k}}{(2n-1)^3 (4\alpha_1^2)^{1-i} (4\alpha_2^2)^{1-j} (4\alpha_3^2)^{1-k}},$$

where $(x)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol. The displayed terms with the given $C_{ijk}^{(n)}$ set the normalization of $\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}^{(\pm)}$ unambiguously.

Of primary interest are the k -vacuum eigenvalues

$$I_{2n-1} = I_{2n-1}^{(+)}(\{k_i\} | R) = I_{2n-1}^{(-)}(\{k_i\} | R)$$

especially the k -vacuum energy

$$E = 2 I_1 .$$

In the large- R limit all vacuum eigenvalues I_{2n-1} vanish except I_1 . The vacuum energy is composed of an extensive part proportional to the length of the system,

$$E = R \mathcal{E}_0 + o(1) \quad \text{at } R \rightarrow \infty$$

Specific bulk energy ([Fateev, 1996](#))

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = -\pi\mu^2 \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha_i^2)}{\Gamma(1 - 2\alpha_i^2)} .$$

ODE/IM correspondence

The vacuum eigenvalues of the local IM in the Fateev model can be expressed in terms of the classical conserved charges \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} :

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^{-1} \left(I_1 - \frac{1}{2} R \mathcal{E}_0 \right) &= d_1 \mathfrak{q}_1 \\ \mu^{1-2n} I_{2n-1} &= d_n \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} \quad (n = 2, 3, \dots) .\end{aligned}$$

Here d_n are constants, independent of k_i and R . With the normalization conditions for \mathfrak{q}_{2n-1} and $\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}^{(\pm)}$ described above, d_n reads explicitly as

$$d_n = (2\pi)^{2n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{16 \pi^2} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(2(2n-1)\alpha_i^2) .$$

The parameters of the quantum and classical problems are identified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i^2 &= \frac{a_i}{4} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \\ |k_i| &= \frac{1}{a_i} (2m_i + 1) \\ \mu R &= 2\rho\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

- There a connection between the theory of **Integrable Models** in two dimensions and the spectral analysis of **Ordinary Differential Equations**.
- Classical conserved charges = Eigenvalues of IM in the integrable QFT
- Eigenvalues of transfer matrices = connection coefficients between different bases solutions of ODE.
- We considered a class of “Perturbed Fuchsian differential equations”
- What is 18? (Mininal dimension of representation of the quantized exceptional affine superalgebra $U_q(\widehat{D}(2, 1, ; \alpha))$)