

\mathcal{PT} -symmetry and complex Calogero systems

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Outline

- 1 \mathcal{PT} symmetry in quantum systems
- 2 \mathcal{PT} -symmetric deformations in classical systems
- 3 Nonlinear waves and \mathcal{PT} symmetric Calogero models

The occurrence of real spectra

In physical theories **spectra** are expected to be **real**

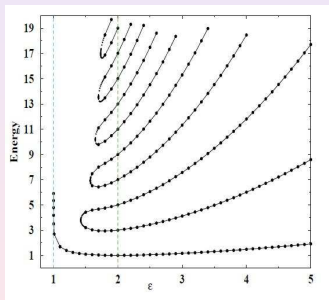
Complex eigenvalues in Quantum Mechanics are usually interpreted as belonging to **dissipative** (open) systems

- *Ising quantum spin chain in imaginary field corresponds to Yang-Lee model,*
G.Von Gehlen, J.Phys. A24 (1991) 5371.
- *Solitons in Affine Toda models,*
T.Hollowood, Nucl.Phys. B384 (1992) 523.
- *Complex Liouville theory related to Hermitian XXZ-quantum spin chain,*
L.Faddeev and O.Tirkkonen, Nucl.Phys. B453 (1995) 647.

The occurrence of real spectra

Without solving the problem, when are the energies real ?

$$H = \hat{p}^2 - (i\hat{x})^\varepsilon \quad 1 < \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$$



Boundary conditions: vanish asymptotically on curves in complex plane

Real spectra in non-Hermitian Hamiltonians having \mathcal{PT} -symmetry,
C.M.Bender and S.Boettcher, Phys.Rev.Lett. 80 (1998) 5243.

Identifying Hamiltonians with real spectra

Difficult to predict if the eigenvalues are real beforehand

$$H|\psi_n\rangle = E_n|\psi_n\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{PT} \text{ anti-linear: } x \longrightarrow -x, \quad p \longrightarrow p, \quad i \longrightarrow -i,$$

anti-linear symmetry :

$$[H, A] = 0$$

unbroken anti-linear symmetry :

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Redefinition of contour: $\epsilon = 4$

$$H^{\epsilon=4} = p_z^2 - \kappa z^4$$

- Contour

$$z(x) = -2i\sqrt{1 + ix}$$

$$H^{\epsilon=4} = p_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}p_x + 16\kappa x^2 - 16\kappa + i(xp^2 - 32\kappa x)$$

- Equivalent to

$$h^{\epsilon=4} = \frac{1}{64\kappa}p^4 + \frac{1}{2}p + 16\kappa x^2 \quad \text{on real line}$$

An equivalent Hermitian Hamiltonian for the $-x^4$ potential,
H. Jones and J. Mateo, Phys. Rev. D **73** (2006) 085002.

Relating Hermitian and non-Hermitian operators

left- and right-eigenvectors are different

$$\langle \phi_n | H = E_n \langle \phi_n | \quad H | \varphi_n \rangle = E_n | \varphi_n \rangle \quad H^\dagger = H$$

- Bi-orthogonality

$$\langle \phi_m | \varphi_n \rangle = \delta_{mn} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_n | \varphi_n \rangle \langle \phi_n | = \mathbb{1}$$

- Dyson map : isospectral $\longrightarrow h | \psi_n \rangle = E_n | \psi_n \rangle$

$$h = \eta H \eta^{-1} = h^\dagger \quad | \phi_n \rangle = \rho | \varphi_n \rangle = \eta^\dagger | \psi_n \rangle$$

- Change of metric: $\rho = \eta^\dagger \eta$ (unitary evolution)
- Redefinition of observables: $H(\hat{x}, \hat{p}) = h(\hat{X}, \hat{P})$

Quasi-Hermitian Operators in Quantum Mechanics,

F. G. Scholtz, H. B. Geyer, and F. Hahne, *Ann. Phys.* **213** (1992) 74.

Darboux transformations

$$H_1 = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_1(x) = \mathcal{A}^\dagger \mathcal{A}$$

Decomposing

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{d}{dx} + W(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}^\dagger = -\frac{d}{dx} + W(x)$$

Considering one of the eigenfunctions of H_1 as the vacuum of \mathcal{A}

$$\mathcal{A}\psi_0^{(1)}(x) = 0 \quad \text{so that} \quad W(x) = -\frac{\psi_0^{\prime(1)}(x)}{\psi_0^{(1)}(x)}$$

we can construct a partner with the intertwining property

$$H_2 = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_2(x) = \mathcal{A} \mathcal{A}^\dagger$$

Schrödinger operators with complex potential but real spectrum,

F. Cannata, G. Junker and J. Trost, Phys. Lett. A **246** (1998) 219.

ODEs and Integrable Lattice Models

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x^{2M} + \alpha x^{M-1} + \frac{l(l+1)}{x^2} - E \right] y(x) = 0$$

$$C^{(\pm)}(E) \equiv W[y_{-1}, y_1](\pm\alpha) \quad D^{(\pm)}(E) \equiv W[y, x^{l+1}](\pm\alpha)$$

$$C^{(+)}(E)D^{(+)}(E) = \omega^{-(2l+1+\alpha)/2} D^{(-)}(\omega^{-2}E) + \omega^{(2l+1+\alpha)/2} D^{(-)}(\omega^2E)$$

define the zeros $E = E_k^{(\pm)}$ of $C(E)$ (T-Q relations).

$$\text{Bethe equations} \quad \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{E_n^{(-)} + \omega^2 E}{E_n^{(-)} + \omega^{-2} E} \right) = \omega^{-(2l+1+\alpha)}$$

Spectral equivalences, Bethe ansatz equations, and reality properties,
P. Dorey, C. Dunning and R. Tateo, J. Phys. A **34** (2001) 5679.

\mathcal{PT} in classical theories

- Different interesting methods to establish reality of spectra in Quantum Mechanics
- Redefinition of Hilbert space is needed to make sense of non-Hermitian Hamiltonians
- \mathcal{PT} -symmetry stands out as a very convenient guiding principle for physical systems
- classical \mathcal{PT} -symmetric theories described by complex equations which nevertheless correspond to real energies

Classical \mathcal{PT} symmetric models

Generate new complex systems potentially interesting from a physical point of view

⇒ **deform** known models in a \mathcal{PT} symmetric way

Many possibilities to deform a PDE:

replacing ordinary space derivatives by a \mathcal{PT} -invariant form

$$\partial_x f(x) \rightarrow -i(i f_x)^\varepsilon \equiv f_{x;\varepsilon} \quad \varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$$

- $\partial_x^2 f(x) \rightarrow f_{x;\varepsilon} \circ f_{x;\varepsilon}$: does not preserve order of PDE
- $\partial_x^n f(x) \rightarrow \partial_x^{n-1} f_{x;\varepsilon} = i^{\varepsilon-1} \partial_x^{n-1} (f_x)^\varepsilon \equiv f_{nx;\varepsilon}$

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric extension of the KdV equation,

C. M. Bender et al, J. Phys. **A40** (2007) F153.

\mathcal{PT} -Symmetric deformations of the KdV equation,

A. Fring, J. Phys. **A40** (2007) 4215.

Complex deformations of KdV equation

KdV $u_t + uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0$

- First deformation:

$$u_t - \imath u (\imath u_x)^\varepsilon + u_{xxx} = 0$$

$\varepsilon = 2$ two conserved charges: energy and momentum

$\varepsilon = 2$ observation of solitary wave -like solutions

- Second deformation:

$$u_t + uu_x + \varepsilon(\varepsilon - 1)(\imath u_x)^{\varepsilon-2} u_{xx}^2 + \varepsilon(\imath u_x)^{\varepsilon-1} u_{xxx} = 0$$

- three conserved charges; more easily constructed

- constitutes a Hamiltonian system

⇒ Highly nonlinear systems

Well behaved solutions

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric deformation of Burgers equation

Burgers $u_t + uu_x = \kappa u_{xx}$

$$\longrightarrow u_t + uu_{x;\varepsilon} = \kappa u_{xx;\mu} \quad \text{with } \kappa \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$u(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \lambda_m (z - z_0)^{m+\theta} \quad \theta = \frac{\varepsilon - \mu - 1}{\varepsilon - \mu + 1} \in \mathbb{Z}_- \implies \varepsilon = \mu, \theta = -1$$

- Solve equation order by order

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at order } -(2\varepsilon + 1): & \quad \lambda_0 + 2i\varepsilon\kappa\phi_x = 0, \\ \text{at order } -2\varepsilon: & \quad \phi_t\delta_{\varepsilon,1} + \lambda_1\phi_x - i\kappa\varepsilon\phi_{xx} = 0, \\ \text{at order } -(2\varepsilon - 1): & \quad \partial_x(\phi_t\delta_{\varepsilon,1} + \lambda_1\phi_x - i\kappa\varepsilon\phi_{xx}) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

- Convergent series constructed
- Necessary condition for integrability (WTC Painlevé test, roughly)

The quantum Calogero problem (brief review)

One-dimensional problem of three particles interacting in pairs according an $\frac{1}{r^2}$ potential (possibly with a quadratic confining quadratic well)

$$\left[-\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \sum_{i \neq j}^3 \frac{g}{(x_i - x_j)^2} + \sum_{i \neq j}^3 \omega^2 (x_i - x_j)^2 \right] \psi = E \psi$$

change of coordinates \Rightarrow separation of variables
(centre of mass and polar Jacobi coordinates)

$$R = \frac{1}{3} (x_1 + x_2 + x_3),$$

$$r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_2 - x_3)^2 + (x_3 - x_1)^2},$$

$$\phi = \arctan \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_3) + (x_2 - x_3)} \right]$$

The quantum Calogero problem (brief review)

$$x_{1,2} = R + \frac{r \cos \phi}{\sqrt{6}} \pm \frac{r \sin \phi}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad x_3 = R - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} r \cos \phi.$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{3} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} - \frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{d^2}{d\phi^2} - \frac{9g}{2 \sin^2 3\phi} \right) - E \right] \psi(R, r, \phi) = 0,$$

Angular constant of motion

Radial constant of motion

Centre of mass constant of motion (absorbed as energy shift)

For simplicity $\omega = 0$ (Laguerre \rightarrow Bessel)

Classical problem

$$\frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{B^2}{r^2} = E \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2} m r^4 \dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{9g}{2 \sin^2 3\phi} = B^2.$$

Integrability for classical Calogero problem

- Classical particle system

$$H_C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{g}{(x_i - x_j)^2} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \ddot{x}_i = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{2g}{(x_i - x_j)^3}$$

- Lax pair (Moser) $N \times N$ matrices

$$L_{ij} = p_i \delta_{ij} + \frac{i\sqrt{g}}{x_i - x_j} (1 - \delta_{ij}),$$

$$M_{ij} = \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{i\sqrt{g}}{(x_i - x_k)^2} \delta_{ij} - \frac{i\sqrt{g}}{(x_i - x_j)^2} (1 - \delta_{ij}),$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} + [M, L] = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{Calogero equations of motion}$$

$$L(t) = U(t)L(0)U(t)^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad I_N \equiv \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} L^N : \text{conserved}$$

Classical solutions

- 2 particles

$$x_{1,2}(t) = 2R(t) \pm \sqrt{\frac{g}{E} + 4E(t - t_0)^2},$$

- 3 particles

$$x_{1,2}(t) = R(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}r(t) \cos \phi(t) \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}r(t) \sin \phi(t),$$

$$x_3(t) = R(t) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}r(t) \cos \phi(t),$$

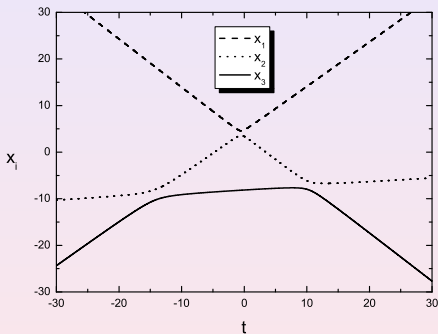
where

$$R(t) = R_0 + V_0 t,$$

$$r(t) = \sqrt{\frac{B^2}{E} + 2E(t - t_0)^2},$$

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{3} \cos^{-1} \left\{ \varphi_0 \sin \left[\sin^{-1} (\varphi_0 \cos 3\phi_0) - 3 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}E}{B} (t - t_0) \right) \right] \right\}.$$

$N = 3$ classical Calogero particles scattering



3 particles trajectory

Calogero particles as poles of nonlinear waves

- **Burgers** $u_t + (\alpha u_{xx} + \beta u^2)_x = 0$
- **Boussinesq** $u_{tt} + (\alpha u_{xx} + \beta u^2 - \gamma u)_{xx} = 0$
- “Multi-pole” solution

$$u(x, t) = -6 \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{(x - x_k(t))^2}$$

Constraints

$$\dot{x}_k(t) = -12\alpha \sum_{j \neq k}^N (x_k(t) - x_j(t))^{-2}, \quad 0 = \sum_{j \neq k}^N (x_k(t) - x_j(t))^{-3}$$

and

$$\ddot{x}_k(t) = -24\alpha \sum_{j \neq k}^N (x_k(t) - x_j(t))^{-3}, \quad \dot{x}_k(t)^2 = 12\alpha \sum_{j \neq k}^N (x_k(t) - x_j(t))^{-2} + \gamma$$

Compatibility of constraints with time evolution

- What constraints are compatible with the Hamiltonian flow?
Airault, McKean, Moser: Given a multi-particle Hamiltonian

$H(x_1, \dots, x_N, p_1, \dots, p_N)$ with flow $\dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$ and $\dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_i}$ together with conserved charges I_n in involution with H , i.e. vanishing Poisson brackets $\{H, I_n\} = 0$, then the locus of $\text{grad}(I_n) = 0$ is *invariant* with respect to time evolution.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \text{grad} I &= \{ \text{grad} I, H \} = \text{grad} \{ I, H \} - \{ I, \text{grad} H \} = \\ &= 0 - \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \text{grad} H}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial I}{\partial p} \frac{\partial \text{grad} H}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

\implies We restrict the flow to the locus of $\text{grad}(I_n) = 0$ (provided it is not empty)

Calogero charges

- $I_n = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(L^n)$

$$I_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + g \sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{1}{(x_i - x_j)^2}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^3 + g \sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{p_i + p_j}{(x_i - x_j)^2}$$

- I_3 -flow restricted to the locus $\text{grad}(I_2) = 0$
 \Rightarrow Burgers multi-poles solution
- I_2 -flow subject to the constraint $\text{grad}(I_3 - \gamma I_1) = 0$
 \Rightarrow Boussinesq multi-poles solution ($g = -12\alpha$)
- Calogero behaviour for poles in Boussinesq solution

Constrained motion

- Is the locus of interest is empty or not?
- $N = 3$
change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}x_{1,2}(t) &= A_0(t) + A_1(t) \pm A_2(t), \\x_3(t) &= A_0(t) + \lambda A_1(t),\end{aligned}$$

$$A_2(t) = \frac{\sqrt{-g - 4\gamma(\lambda - 1)^2 A_1(t)^2}}{2\sqrt{3\gamma}},$$

$$\dot{A}_0(t) = \sqrt{\gamma} + \frac{3g\sqrt{\gamma}(2 + \lambda)}{(\lambda - 1)[g + 16\gamma(\lambda - 1)^2 A_1(t)^2]},$$

$$\dot{A}_1(t) = \frac{9g\sqrt{\gamma}}{(1 - \lambda)[g + 16\gamma(\lambda - 1)^2 A_1(t)^2]},$$

Complex motion of Boussinesq singularities

3 second order differential equations of motion (+6)

3 first order constraining equations (-3)

1 conserved quantities used: momentum (-1)

$$x_{1,2}(t) = c_0 + \sqrt{\gamma}t + \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{g}{\xi(t)} - \frac{\xi(t)}{\gamma} \right) \pm \frac{i}{4\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{g}{\xi(t)} + \frac{\xi(t)}{\gamma} \right)$$

$$x_3(t) = c_0 + \sqrt{\gamma}t - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{g}{\xi(t)} - \frac{\xi(t)}{\gamma} \right)$$

with the abbreviation

$$\xi(t) = \left[-54\gamma^2(\sqrt{\gamma}gt + c_1) + \sqrt{g^3\gamma^3 + [54\gamma^2(\sqrt{\gamma}gt + c_1)]^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

2 constants of integration

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric constrained Calogero

Choosing $c_0, c_1 \in i\mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{T} : \left(\frac{g}{\xi(t)} \pm \frac{\xi(t)}{\gamma} \right) \longrightarrow \pm \left(\frac{g}{\xi(t)} \pm \frac{\xi(t)}{\gamma} \right)$$

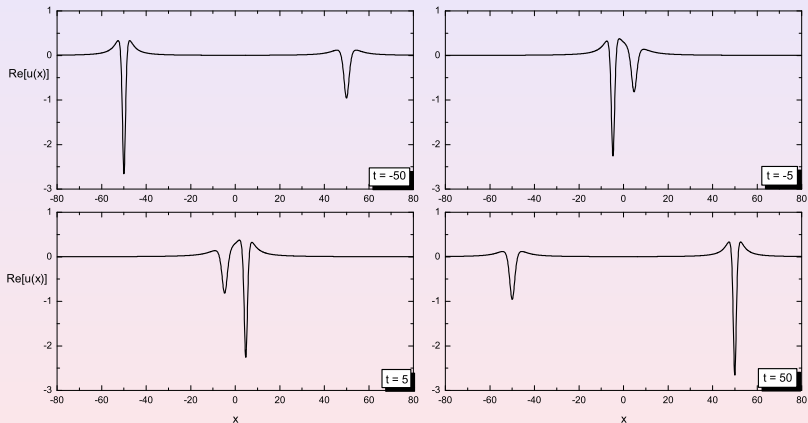
If $\gamma > 0$, then $\mathcal{PT} : x_i \longrightarrow -x_i \quad \leftrightarrow \quad H_C = \frac{N\gamma}{2}$

\Rightarrow \mathcal{PT} -symmetry may arise more naturally from field theories without ad-hoc deformations

The Boussinesq solution

$$u(x, t) = -\frac{6\alpha}{\beta} \frac{1}{\left(\varphi - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{g}{\xi(t)} - \frac{\xi(t)}{\gamma} \right) \right)^2} + \frac{216\alpha}{\beta} \gamma^2 \xi(t)^2 \left[\frac{g^2 \gamma^2 - 12g\gamma^2 \varphi \xi(t) - 4\gamma(18\gamma\varphi^2 - g)\xi(t)^2 + 12\gamma\varphi\xi(t)^3 + \xi(t)^4}{(g^2 \gamma^2 + 6g\gamma^2 \varphi \xi(t) + \gamma(36\gamma\varphi^2 + g)\xi(t)^2 - 6\gamma\varphi\xi(t)^3 + \xi(t)^4)^2} \right]$$

Constraint Boussinesq solution



Wave profile evolution for Boussinesq 3-poles solution.

Calogero deformations: \mathcal{PT} -symmetric Weyl reflections

$$H_C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} V(q_i - q_j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} V(\alpha \cdot q)$$

$$H_C(q, p) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{PT}}(\tilde{q}, \tilde{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\tilde{\alpha} \in \tilde{\Delta}} \frac{g}{(\tilde{\alpha} \cdot q)^2}$$

$$\alpha_j \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}_j = R(\varepsilon)\alpha_j + \imath l(\varepsilon) \sum_{j \neq i} s_j \lambda_j$$

$$\tilde{q}_1 = R(\varepsilon)q_1 - \imath \zeta_{\mathbf{g}} l(\varepsilon)(q_2 - q_3)$$

$$\tilde{q}_2 = R(\varepsilon)q_2 - \imath \zeta_{\mathbf{g}} l(\varepsilon)(q_3 - q_1)$$

$$\tilde{q}_3 = R(\varepsilon)q_3 - \imath \zeta_{\mathbf{g}} l(\varepsilon)(q_1 - q_2)$$

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric deformations of Calogero models,

A. Fring and M. Znojil, J. Phys. A **40** (2008) 194010.

- This constitutes a non-equivalent deformation

A less obvious connection

The equation

$$u_t + u_x + u^2 = 0$$

is solved by the ansatz

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1 - \dot{z}_i(t)}{x - z_i(t)}$$

if

$$\ddot{z}_i(t) = 2 \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{(1 - \dot{z}_i(t))(1 - \dot{z}_j(t))}{z_i(t) - z_j(t)}$$

Not conservative

Instead of solving this system, note that

$$u(x, t) = \frac{f(x - t)}{1 + tf(x - t)}$$

The new poles

- Assuming a multi-pole expansion for the arbitrary function

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{a_i}{\alpha_i - x}, \quad \text{with } \alpha_i, a_i \in \mathbb{C}$$

- Determine the poles of original field $u(x,t)$
- $N = 3$

$$z_1(t) = t - \frac{a(t)}{3} + s_+(t) + s_-(t)$$

$$z_{2,3}(t) = t - \frac{a(t)}{3} - \frac{1}{2} [s_+(t) + s_-(t)] \pm i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} [s_+(t) - s_-(t)]$$

where we abbreviated

$$s_{\pm}(t) = \left[r(t) \pm \sqrt{r^2(t) + q^3(t)} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$r(t) = \frac{9a(t)b(t) - 27c(t) - 2a^3(t)}{54}, \quad q(t) = \frac{3b(t) - a^2(t)}{9}$$

Equivalence with Boussinesq poles

$$a(t) = -a_1 - a_2 - a_3 - t(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$$

$$b(t) = \alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_2\alpha_3 + \alpha_1\alpha_3 + t[a_1\bar{\alpha}_{23} + a_2\bar{\alpha}_{31} + a_3\bar{\alpha}_{21}]$$

$$c(t) = -t(a_1\alpha_2\alpha_3 + a_2\alpha_3\alpha_1 + a_3\alpha_1\alpha_2) - \alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3$$

A subclass of these solutions is equivalent to Boussinesq poles

$$a_i = -\frac{g}{2} \prod_{j \neq i} (\alpha_j - \alpha_i)^{-2}, \quad g = 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i < j}}^3 \alpha_i \alpha_j - \alpha_i^2$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i, \quad c_1 = \frac{2}{27} \prod_{\substack{1 \leq j < k \leq 3 \\ j, k \neq l}} (\alpha_j + \alpha_k - 2\alpha_l), \quad \gamma = 1$$

⇒ Identical singularity structure for different nonlinear wave eqtns

⇒ Possible to identify constrained (compatible) Hamiltonian flow

Conclusions

- \mathcal{PT} -symmetry useful in quantum mechanics
- Identifying potentially interesting deformations of integrable systems by using ideas of \mathcal{PT} -symmetry
- Complex particle systems arising from real valued nonlinear partial differential equations
- Possibility to associate \mathcal{PT} -symmetry to more natural complex extensions

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