

Lecture 11

Recall: $X(u) = \sum_i \xi_i u^i$, $X^*(u) = \sum_i \xi_i^* u^{-i}$

The equation $S(\tau \otimes \tau) = 0$ can be replaced by $CT(X(u)\tau \otimes X^*(u)\tau) = 0$, where CT is the constant term.

Now we go from $F^{(0)}$ to $B^{(0)}$ by σ^{-1} . We know that $X(u)$ goes to $\Gamma(u)$ and $X^*(u)$ to $\Gamma^*(u)$, so we get

$$CT(\Gamma(u)\tau \otimes \Gamma^*(u)\tau) = 0,$$

where now $\tau \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots] = F$

We realize $F \otimes F$ as $\mathbb{C}[x_1', x_1'', x_2', x_2'', \dots]$

Then the Plücker equation becomes

$$CT\left(u e^{\sum_{j \geq 1} u^j x_j'} e^{-\sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{u^{-j}}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j'}} e^{\sum_{j \geq 1} u^j x_j''} e^{\sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{u^{-j}}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j''}}\right)$$

$$\tau(x_1', x_2', \dots) \tau(x_1'', x_2'', \dots) = 0,$$

$$\text{or } CT\left(u e^{\sum u^j (x_j' - x_j'')} e^{\sum \frac{u^{-j}}{j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j'} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j''}\right)}\right) \tau(x') \tau(x'') = 0$$

Change of variables: $\begin{cases} x' = x - y \\ x'' = x + y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x' - x'' = -2y \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x''} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{cases}$

$$CT\left(u e^{-2\sum u^j y_j} e^{\sum \frac{u^{-j}}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}}\right) \tau(x-y) \tau(x+y) = 0$$

For three polynomials P, f, g of infinitely many variables, denote by $A(P, f, g)$ the function

$$A(P, f, g)(x) = P\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\left(f(x-z)g(x+z)\right)\Big|_{z=0}.$$

Ex. $P(z^N) = w_1 \Rightarrow$

$$A(P, f, g) = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} g + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1}$$

$$x = x_1, x_2, \dots$$

$$z = z_1, z_2, \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}, \dots$$

Lemma. If P is odd then $A(P, f, f) = 0$.

Pf. replacing z by $-z$, we get $A = -A$.

Remark. In general $A(P, f, g) = A(P, g, f)$, where $P(w) = P(-w)$.

Theorem. (Hirota bilinear relations).

$\tau \in \Omega$ if and only if

$$G(x, y)$$

$$A\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} S_j(-2y) S_{j+1}(\tilde{x}) e^{\sum_{s=1}^j y_s x_s}, \tau, \tau\right) = 0$$

(where y are parameters), with

$$\tilde{x}_1 = x_1, \tilde{x}_2 = \frac{x_2}{2}, \tilde{x}_3 = \frac{x_3}{3}, \dots$$

Proof. $CT(u e^{-\sum 2u^j y_j} e^{\sum \frac{u^{-j}}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}} \tau(x+y) \tau(x-y))$

$$= CT(u e^{-\sum (-u)^j} e^{\sum (-u)^j} \tau(x+y+u) \tau(x-y-u))\Big|_{u=0}$$

Now let $\tilde{\partial}_t = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1}, \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2}, \dots\right)$

we have $e^{-\sum 2u^j y_j} = \sum_{k \geq 0} u^k S_k(-2y)$

$e^{\sum \frac{u^{-j}}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j}} = \sum_{l \geq 0} u^{-l} S_l(\tilde{\partial}_t)$

So $CT(-||-) =$

$= CT \left(u \sum_{k \geq 0} u^k S_k(-2y) \sum_{l \geq 0} u^{-l} S_l(\tilde{\partial}_t) \tau(x+y+t) \tau(x-y-t) \right) \Big|_{t=0}$

$= \left(\sum_{k \geq 0} S_k(-2y) S_{k+1}(\tilde{\partial}_t) e^{\sum y_s \frac{\partial}{\partial t_s}} \tau(x+t) \tau(x-t) \right) \Big|_{t=0}$

$= A \left(\sum_{k \geq 0} S_k(-2y) S_{k+1}(\tilde{x}) e^{\sum y_s x_s}, \tau, \tau \right) (x). \quad \square$

This relation is actually a bunch of relations corresponding to particular monomials in y (called the Hirota bilinear relations).

1) degree zero in y : $k=0$

$A(S_1(\tilde{x}), \tau, \tau) = 0$ — always true since x_1 is odd

2) degree 1 in y (usual notion of degree, y_r).

The coefficient of y_r in $G(x, y)$ is $x_1 x_r - 2S_{r+1}(\tilde{x})$.

Indeed, either y_r comes from the exponential, then $k=0, s=r$, so we get $x_1 x_r$, or it comes from $S_k(-2y)$, then $k=r$, and we get $-2S_{r+1}(\tilde{x})$, as $S_k(z) = z^k + \dots$. So we have the differential equations

$$A(x_1 x_r - 2S_{r+1}(\tilde{x}), \tau, \tau) = 0,$$

which go under the name of the Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchy.

Let's study these equations in more detail. Let $T_r(x) = x_1 x_r - 2S_{r+1}(\tilde{x})$

$$T_1(x) = x_2$$

$$T_2(x) = -\frac{x_1^3}{3} - \frac{2x_3}{3}$$

$$T_3(x) = \frac{x_1 x_3}{3} - \frac{x_4}{2} - \frac{x_2^2}{4} - \frac{x_1^4}{12} - \frac{x_1^2 x_2}{2}$$

Recall that odd polynomials give trivial equations, so the first nontrivial equation comes from T_3 :

$$A(T_3, \tau, \tau) = 0.$$

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and in fact it is

$$A\left(\frac{x_1 x_3}{3} - \frac{x_2^2}{4} - \frac{x_1^4}{12}, \tau, \tau\right) = 0. \quad (*)$$

So

$$\left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial w_1^4} + 3\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial w_2}\right)^2 - 4\frac{\partial^2}{\partial w_1 \partial w_3}\right) \tau(\vec{z}-\vec{w})\tau(\vec{z}+\vec{w}) \Big|_{w=0} = 0$$

Note that the equation involves only three first variables. So set

$$x_1 = x, \quad x_2 = y, \quad x_3 = t, \quad x_m = c_m, \quad m \geq 4$$

Prop. Let $U = 2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \log \tau$.

Then the above equation (*) for τ is equivalent to the KP equation for U :

$$\frac{3}{4} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} - \frac{3}{2} U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^3 U}{\partial x^3} \right)$$

Pf. homework.

Corollary. If S_λ is the Schur polynomial corresponding to a partition λ , then

$2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \log S_\lambda(x, y, t, c_4, c_5, c_6, \dots)$ satisfies

the KP equation (and in fact the whole KP hierarchy)

Pf. This holds because we know that monomials in $F^{(0)}$ are in Ω , and they correspond to $\Sigma_1 \in \mathcal{B}^{(0)}$.

Now let us construct other solutions of the KP equations.

Recall $\Gamma(u, v) = \Gamma(u) \Gamma^*(v)$:

$$\Gamma(u, v) = e^{\sum \frac{u^j - v^j}{j} a_{-j}} e^{-\sum \frac{u^{-j} - v^{-j}}{j} a_j}$$

defining action of \mathfrak{gl}_∞ on \mathcal{B} (up to a scalar function).

Till now, we considered this as a power series, but now we'll consider it as a function in u and v .

Proposition. $\tau \in \Omega \Rightarrow (1 + a \Gamma(u, v)) \tau \in \Omega$.

Corollary.

$$(1 + a_1 \Gamma(u_1, v_1)) \cdots (1 + a_n \Gamma(u_n, v_n)) \tau \in \Omega.$$

To prove the proposition, introduce the notation $\Gamma_+ = \Gamma$, $\Gamma_- = \Gamma^*$.

We'd like to calculate the

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normal ordered product

$$: \Gamma_{\varepsilon_1}(u_1) \cdots \Gamma_{\varepsilon_k}(u_k) :$$

relating it to the usual product

Prop. $\Gamma(u) \Gamma(v) = (u-v) : \Gamma(u) \Gamma(v) :$

$$\Gamma(u) \Gamma^*(v) = \frac{1}{u-v} : \Gamma(u) \Gamma^*(v) :$$

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where $\frac{1}{u-v} = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{v}{u}} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{v}{u^2} + \frac{v^2}{u^3} + \dots$

Pf. Straight forward (similar to computation $\Gamma(u) \Gamma^*(v)$ before)

Corollary.

$$\Gamma_{\varepsilon_1}(u_1) \cdots \Gamma_{\varepsilon_k}(u_k) = \prod_{i < j} (u_i - u_j)^{\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j} : \Gamma_{\varepsilon_1}(u_1) \cdots \Gamma_{\varepsilon_k}(u_k) :$$

Pf. same

Cor. All matrix elements of $\Gamma_{\varepsilon_1}(u_1) \cdots \Gamma_{\varepsilon_k}(u_k)$ are rational

functions, and series converge for

$|u_1| > |u_2| > \dots$. They have the form

$P(u) \prod_{i < j} (u_i - u_j)^{\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j}$, where P is a Laurent polynomial.

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Pf. This follows from the fact that $\langle w_1, \Gamma \dots \Gamma w_2 \rangle$ is always a Laurent polynomial.

Cor.

$$\Gamma(u', v') \Gamma(u, v) = \frac{(u'-u)(v'-v)}{(v'-u)(u'-v)} : \Gamma(u', v') \Gamma(u, v) :$$

Cor.

$\langle w_1, \Gamma(u', v') \Gamma(u, v) w_2 \rangle$ is a series that converges to a rational function which is regular when $u'=u, v'=v$, and if $u \neq v, u, v, u', v' \neq 0$,

$$\lim_{\substack{u' \rightarrow u \\ v' \rightarrow v}} \Gamma(u', v') \Gamma(u, v) = 0$$

(which is to say that this holds after taking matrix elements).

We can rewrite this more informally as $\Gamma(u, v)^2 = 0$.

Now we can prove the theorem.

Thm. Let $\tau \neq 0, \tau \in \Omega$. Then $(1 + a\Gamma(u, v))\tau \in \Omega_{u, v}$, $(a \in \mathbb{C})$ where $\Omega_{u, v} = \{ \tau \in \mathcal{B}^0((u, v)) \mid S(\tau \otimes \tau) = 0 \}$.

Proof idea: $(1 + a\Gamma(u, v))\tau = e^{a\Gamma(u, v)}\tau$, and $e^{a\Gamma(u, v)} \in GL(\mathcal{V})$ since $\Gamma(u, v)^2 = 0$.

But this is not quite rigorous.

Rigorous proof:

$$S \left[(1 + a\Gamma(u, v))\tau \otimes (1 + a\Gamma(u, v))\tau \right] = S(\tau \otimes \tau)$$

$$= aS(\Gamma(u, v)\tau \otimes \tau + \tau \otimes \Gamma(u, v)\tau)$$

$$+ a^2 S(\Gamma(u, v)\tau \otimes \Gamma(u, v)\tau).$$

The first summand is zero.

The second summand is zero

since S is invariant under g_{∞} .

So it remains to show that the

last summand is zero. But

the last summand is (up to a^2 factor

$$\lim_{\substack{u' \rightarrow u \\ v' \rightarrow v}} \frac{1}{2} \left(S(\Gamma(u, v)\tau \otimes \Gamma(u', v')\tau) + S(\Gamma(u', v')\tau \otimes \Gamma(u, v)\tau) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{u' \rightarrow u \\ v' \rightarrow v}} \frac{1}{2} \left(S(\Gamma(u', v') \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \Gamma(u', v')) (\Gamma(u, v) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \Gamma(u, v)) \tau \otimes \tau \right) \\ - \lim_{\substack{v' \rightarrow v \\ u' \rightarrow u}} \frac{1}{2} S(\Gamma(u', v') \Gamma(u, v) \tau \otimes \tau + \tau \otimes \Gamma(u', v') \Gamma(u, v) \tau)$$

and both summands are zero.

Corollary If

$$(1 + a_1 \Gamma(u_1, v_1)) \dots (1 + a_n \Gamma(u_n, v_n)) \Pi = \tau$$

then $2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \log \tau$ is a convergent series and is a solution of the KP hierarchy.

Ex.

$$(1 + a \Gamma(u, v)) \Pi = 1 + a e^{(u-v)x + (u^2-v^2)y + (u^3-v^3)t + C}$$

So after calculation

$$2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \log \tau = \frac{(u-v)^2}{2} \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \frac{1}{2} ((u-v)x + (u^2-v^2)y + (u^3-v^3)t)}$$

$$= U(x, y, t)$$

This is the 1-soliton solution of the K hierarchy (and in particular KP equation).

So if $u = -v$, we get a solution independent of y :

$$U(x, t) = \frac{2u^2}{\cosh(2ux + u^3t)}$$

which is the usual soliton

wave. It satisfies $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\text{KDV}) = 0$, so KDV. (as decays at ∞)