

# Darboux transformations for KP, its strict version and their reductions

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# Outline of the talk

- Description of the hierarchies
- Their linearizations
- Geometric construction of solutions
- Darboux transformations

# Hierarchies in Psd 1

- $R$  commutative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra,  $\partial : R \rightarrow R$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear derivation
- $R[\partial] = \{\sum_{i=0}^N a_i \partial^i \mid a_i \in R\} \subset \text{End}(R)$ .
- Assumption:  $\{\partial^i\}$   $R$ -linear independent in  $\text{End}(R)$ .
- Then  $R[\partial]$  subalgebra of  $\text{Psd} = \{\sum_{i=-\infty}^N p_i \partial^i \mid p_i \in R\}$
- Elements of  $\text{Psd}$ : **pseudo differential operators in  $\partial$**
- Multiplication in  $\text{Psd}$ :

$$\left(\sum_j a_j \partial^j\right) \cdot \left(\sum_i b_i \partial^i\right) := \sum_j \sum_i \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \binom{j}{s} a_j \partial^s(b_i) \partial^{i+j-s}.$$

- Two ways to split  $\text{Psd}$  in direct sum of 2 Lie subalgebras

# Hierarchies in Psd 2

- The first decomposition is:

$$P = P_{\geq 0} + P_{< 0}, \text{ where } P_{\geq 0} = \sum_{j \geq 0} p_j \partial^j \text{ and } P_{< 0} = \sum_{j < 0} p_j \partial^j,$$

which splits Psd as

$$\text{Psd} = \{P, P = P_{< 0}\} \oplus \{P, P = P_{\geq 0}\} := \text{Psd}_{< 0} \oplus \text{Psd}_{\geq 0}.$$

- The second decomposition is:

$$P = P_{> 0} + P_{\leq 0}, \text{ where } P_{> 0} = \sum_{j > 0} p_j \partial^j \text{ and } P_{\leq 0} = \sum_{j \leq 0} p_j \partial^j,$$

which splits Psd as

$$\text{Psd} = \{P, P = P_{\leq 0}\} \oplus \{P, P = P_{> 0}\} := \text{Psd}_{\leq 0} \oplus \text{Psd}_{> 0}.$$

# Hierarchies in Psd 3

- Group corresponding to the Lie subalgebra  $\text{Psd}_{<0}$ :

$$D(1) = \{P \in \text{Psd} \mid P = 1 + \sum_{j < 0} p_j \partial^j\}$$

- Group corresponding to the Lie subalgebra  $\text{Psd}_{\leq 0}$ :

$$D(0) = \{P \in \text{Psd} \mid P = \sum_{j \leq 0} p_j \partial^j, p_0 \in R^*\}$$

- On Psd “taking the adjoint” is an anti-algebra morphism:

$$P = \sum_{j \leq N} p_j \partial^j \rightarrow P^* = \sum_{j \leq N} (-\partial)^j p_j$$

## Hierarchies in Psd 4

- KP: deformation of  $\mathbb{C}[\partial]$ ,  $\sum_{j=0}^N a_j \partial^j \rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^N a_j L^j$ , where

$$L = \partial + \sum_{j < 0} \ell_j \partial^j. \quad (1)$$

$L$  prototype of conjugating  $\partial$  with an element of  $D(1)$ .

- Strict KP: deformation of  $\mathbb{C}[\partial]$ ,  $\sum_{j=0}^N a_j \partial^j \rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^N a_j M^j$ ,

$$M = \partial + \sum_{j \leq 0} m_j \partial^j. \quad (2)$$

$M$  prototype of conjugating  $\partial$  with an element of  $D(0)$ .

- Assume  $R$  has a set of  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear derivations  $\{\partial_i \mid i \geq 1\}$  all commuting with  $\partial$ . Data  $(R, \partial, \{\partial_i\})$  is called a **setting**.

# Hierarchies in Psd 5

- Each  $\partial_i$  extends to a derivation of Psd by:

$$\partial_i(\sum_j p_j \partial^j) = \sum_j \partial_i(p_j) \partial^j$$

- Put  $B_i = (L^i)_{\geq 0}$ . One searches for deformations  $L$  in Psd s.t.:

$$\partial_i(L) = [B_i, L]. \quad (3)$$

Equations (3) are the **Lax equations of the KP hierarchy**.

- Reductions:  **$n$ -KdV hierarchies**,  $n \geq 2$ , search for solutions  $L$  of (3) s.t.  $\mathcal{L}_n = L^n = (L^n)_{\geq 0}$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_n$  satisfies

$$\partial_i(\mathcal{L}_n) = [B_i, \mathcal{L}_n]. \quad (4)$$

Coefficients of  $B_i$  in the differential subalgebra of  $R$  generated by the coefficients of  $\mathcal{L}_n$ .

# Hierarchies in Psd 6

- For an  $M$  in Psd of the form (2), put  $C_i = (M^i)_{>0}$ .
- One searches for deformations  $M$  in Psd s.t.:

$$\partial_i(M) = [C_i, M]. \quad (5)$$

Equations (5) are the **Lax equations of the strict KP hierarchy**.  $M$  is a solution of the hierarchy. The trivial solution is  $M = \partial$ .

- Reductions: **strict  $n$ -KdV hierarchies**,  $n \geq 2$ , search for solutions  $M$  of (5) s.t.  $\mathcal{M}_n = M^n = (M^n)_{>0}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_n$  satisfies

$$\partial_i(\mathcal{M}_n) = [C_i, \mathcal{M}_n]. \quad (6)$$

Coefficients of  $C_i$  in the differential subalgebra of  $R$  generated by the coefficients of  $\mathcal{M}_n$ .



# Linearizations 1

- Let  $(R, \partial, \{\partial_i\})$  be a setting for both hierarchies.
- Consider the series

$$\psi_0 = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i z^i\right) = \varphi_0.$$

- Let  $\partial_i$  act as  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}$  on  $\psi_0$  and  $\partial$  as  $\partial_1$ . Then we have

$$\partial_i(\psi_0) = z^i \psi_0, \text{ all } i \geq 1 \text{ and } \partial(\psi_0) = z\psi_0.$$

- The space  $\mathcal{O}$  of **oscillating series in  $z$**

$$\mathcal{O} = \left\{ \{m(z)\} \psi_0 = \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^N m_k z^k \right\} \psi_0 \mid \text{all } m_k \in R \right\}$$

has a natural  $R$ -action via multiplication on the factor  $m(z)$ .

# Linearizations 2

- $\partial$  acts on  $\mathcal{O}$  by

$$\partial(\{m(z)\}\psi_0) := \{m(z)z + \sum_{k=-\infty}^N \partial(m_k)z^k\}\psi_0.$$

This action is invertible and extends to a Psd-action. In particular we have

$$p(\partial).\psi_0 = \sum_{k=-\infty}^N p_k \partial^k .\psi_0 = \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^N p_k z^k \right\} \psi_0 = \{p(z)\}\psi_0$$

Hence  $\mathcal{O}$  is a free Psd-module

- Define likewise the action of each  $\partial_i$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  by

$$\partial_i(\{m(z)\}\psi_0) = \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^N \partial_i(m_k)z^k + \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^N m_k z^{k+i} \right\} \right\} \psi_0$$

# Linearizations 3

- **Linearization of KP:** find for a  $\mathcal{L}$  in Psd of the form (1) with  $\{B_i := (L^i)_{\geq 0}\}$  a free generator  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  s.t.

$$L\psi = \psi z, \partial_i(\psi) = B_i\psi, \text{ for all } i \geq 1. \quad (7)$$

Then  $L$  is a solution of KP.

- **Linearization of strict KP:** find for a  $M$  in Psd of the form (2), with  $\{C_i := (M^i)_{> 0}\}$ , a free generator  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  s.t.

$$M\varphi = \varphi z, \partial_i(\varphi) = C_i\varphi, \text{ for all } i \geq 1. \quad (8)$$

Then  $M$  is a solution of strict KP.

# Linearizations 4

- Consider a  $\psi = \hat{\psi}(z)z^m\psi_0 \in \mathcal{O}$  s.t.  $\hat{\psi}(\partial) \in D(1)$ . Assume that for all  $i$ ,  $\partial_i(\psi) = A_i\psi$  with  $A_i \in \text{Psd}_{\geq 0}$ . Define  $L$  by

$$L = \hat{\psi}(\partial)\partial\hat{\psi}(\partial)^{-1}.$$

Then  $A_i = (L^i)_{\geq 0}$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , the equations (7) hold for  $L$  and  $\psi$  and  $\psi$  is called a **wave function** for the KP hierarchy.

- Consider a  $\varphi = \hat{\varphi}(z)z^m\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{O}$  s.t.  $\hat{\varphi}(\partial) \in D(0)$ . Assume that for all  $i$ ,  $\partial_i(\varphi) = D_i\varphi$  with  $D_i \in \text{Psd}_{> 0}$ . Define  $M$  by

$$M = \hat{\varphi}(\partial)\partial\hat{\varphi}(\partial)^{-1}.$$

Then  $D_i = (M^i)_{> 0}$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , the equations (8) hold for  $M$  and  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi$  is called a **wave function** for the strict KP hierarchy.

# Linearizations 5

- Let  $L$  be a solution of KP and  $\psi \in \mathcal{O}$  a corresponding wave function of KP. Then

$$L^n \text{ is a solution of n-KdV} \Leftrightarrow \psi \text{ satisfies } \partial_n(\psi) = z^n \psi.$$

- Let  $M$  be a solution of strict KP and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}$  its corresponding wave function. Then

$$M^n \text{ is a solution of strict n-KdV} \Leftrightarrow \varphi \text{ satisfies } \partial_n(\varphi) = z^n \varphi.$$

- Consider the dual series

$$\psi_0^* = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} -t_i z^i\right) = \varphi_0^*.$$

# Linearizations 6

- Another free Psd-module is the space  $\mathcal{O}^*$  of **dual oscillating series in  $z$**

$$\mathcal{O}^* = \left\{ \{m(z)\}\psi_0 = \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^N m_k z^k \right\} \psi_0^* \mid \text{all } m_k \in R \right\}$$

- For  $\psi = D.\psi_0$ , with  $D \in D(0)$ , write  $\psi^* := (D^{-1})^*.\psi_0^* \in \mathcal{O}^*$ .
- For  $L$  of the form (1) and  $\psi = D.\psi_0$ , with  $D \in D(1)$ , the **dual linearization of KP** are the equations in  $\mathcal{O}^*$ :

$$L^*\psi^* = \psi^*z, \partial_i(\psi^*) = -B_i^*\psi^*, \text{ for all } i \geq 1. \quad (9)$$

- Equivalent:  $(L, \psi)$  satisfies (7) and  $(L^*, \psi^*)$  satisfies (9)

# Linearizations 7

- For  $M$  of the form (2) and  $\varphi = D.\psi_0$  in  $\mathcal{O}$ , with  $D \in D(0)$ , the **dual linearization of strict KP** are the equations in  $\mathcal{O}^*$ :

$$M^* \varphi^* = \varphi^* z, \partial_i(\varphi^*) = -C_i^* \varphi^*, \text{ for all } i \geq 1. \quad (10)$$

- Equivalent:  $(M, \varphi)$  satisfies (8) and  $(M^*, \varphi^*)$  satisfies (10)

# Construction of solutions 1

- Consider the Hilbert space

$$H = L^2(S^1, \mathbb{C}) = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n z^n \mid a_n \in \mathbb{C}, \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |a_n|^2 < \infty \right\},$$

with inner product:  $\langle \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n z^n \mid \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} b_m z^m \rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n \overline{b_n}$ .

- For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , consider the decomposition  $H = H_{<k} \oplus H_{\geq k}$ , where

$$H_{<k} = \left\{ \sum_{n < k} a_n z^n \in H \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad H_{\geq k} = \left\{ \sum_{n \geq k} a_n z^n \in H \right\}$$

- Let  $p_{<k}$  resp.  $p_{\geq k}$  be the projections onto  $H_{<k}$  resp.  $H_{\geq k}$ .
- The Grassmannian  $Gr(H)$  associated to  $H = H_{<k} \oplus H_{\geq k}$  consists of all closed subspaces  $W$  of  $H$  such that  $p_{\geq k} : W \rightarrow H_{\geq k}$  is Fredholm and  $p_{<k} : W \rightarrow H_{<k}$  is Hilbert-Schmidt.



# Construction of solutions 2

- $Gr(H)$  is a homogeneous space for the so-called *restricted linear group*  $Gl_{res}(H)$  consisting of all bounded invertible operators  $g : H \rightarrow H$  that decompose with respect to  $H = H_{<k} \oplus H_{\geq k}$  as

$$\begin{pmatrix} d & c \\ b & a \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a$  and  $d$  are Fredholm operators whose indices satisfy:  $i(a) = -i(d)$ , and  $b$  and  $c$  are Hilbert–Schmidt operators.

- The connected components of  $Gr(H)$  are described by

$$\begin{aligned} Gr^{(m)}(H) &= \{W \in Gr(H) \mid p_{\geq m} : W \rightarrow H_{\geq m} \text{ has index zero}\} \\ &= Gl_{res}^{(0)}(H)H_{\geq m}. \end{aligned}$$

# Construction of solutions 3

- The group of commuting flows  $\Gamma_{>0}$  is defined by:

$$\Gamma_{>0} = \left\{ \gamma_{>0} := \exp\left(\sum_{i \geq 1} t_i z^i\right) \mid t_i \in \mathbb{C}, \sum_{i \geq 1} |t_i| r^i < \infty \text{ for an } r > 1 \right\}.$$

- Multiplication with any  $\gamma_{>0} \in \Gamma_{>0}$  defines a bounded operator  $M_{\gamma_{>0}} : H \rightarrow H$ , which belongs to  $Gl_{res}(H)$ . The map  $\gamma_{>0} \rightarrow M_{\gamma_{>0}}$  embeds  $\Gamma_{>0}$  continuously into  $Gl_{res}(H)$ .
- For each  $W \in Gr^{(k)}(H)$ , let  $\Gamma_{>0}^W$  be given by

$$\Gamma_{>0}^W = \left\{ \gamma_{>0} \in \Gamma_{>0} \mid p_{\geq k} : \gamma_{>0}^{-1} W \rightarrow H_{\geq k} \text{ is a bijection} \right\}.$$

- $\Gamma_{>0}^W$  is a nonempty open subset of  $\Gamma_{>0}$ .

# Construction of solutions 4

- Take for  $R$  the algebra  $R_W$  of holomorphic functions on  $\Gamma_{>0}^W$ , for  $\partial_i$  the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}$  and let  $\partial := \partial_1$ . This defines the setting we work in.
- For  $\gamma_{>0} \in \Gamma_{>0}^W$ , let  $\hat{\psi}_W(z)$  be the inverse image of  $z^k$  under the orthogonal projection  $p_{\geq k} : \gamma_{>0}^{-1}W \rightarrow H_{\geq k}$ .
- To  $W$  we associate the oscillating series with values in  $W$

$$\psi_W(z) := \hat{\psi}_W(z)e^{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i z^i} = \hat{\psi}_W(z)\psi_0.$$

- Segal and Wilson showed:

## Theorem

*For each  $W \in Gr^{(\ell)}(H)$ , the series  $\psi_W(z) = \hat{\psi}_W(z)\psi_0$  is a wave function for the KP hierarchy in the setting  $(R_W, \partial_1, \{\partial_r\})$  and the pseudo differential operator  $L_W := K_W \partial K_W^{-1}$ , with  $K_W = \hat{\psi}_W(\partial)$ , is the corresponding solution of the KP hierarchy.*

# Construction of solutions 5

- Next we present the geometric picture for strict KP
- Consider, thereto, for a  $v \in H$  and a  $W \in Gr^{(k)}(H)$ , the holomorphic function  $q_{W,v}$  on  $\Gamma_{>0}^W$  defined by

$$q_{W,v}(\gamma_{>0}(t)) = q_{W,v}(s) := \langle \psi_W(t)(z) | v \rangle = \langle \psi_W(\gamma_{>0}(t)) | v \rangle$$

Crucial property of  $q_{W,v}$ :

$$\partial_i(q_{W,v}) = \langle \partial_i(\psi_W) | v \rangle = \langle (L^i_W)_{\geq 0}(\psi_W) | v \rangle = (L^i_W)_{\geq 0}(q_{W,v}).$$

- $q_{W,v}$  will be zero, if  $v \in W^\perp$ . For each  $v \neq 0$  in  $W$   $q_{W,v}$  is nonzero, because the image of  $\psi_W$  is dense in  $W$ . Now  $\Gamma_{>0}^{(W,v)} = \{\gamma_{>0} | \gamma_{>0} \in \Gamma_{>0}^W, q_{W,v}(\gamma_{>0}) \neq 0\}$  is a dense open part of  $\Gamma_{>0}$  and there the function  $q_{W,v}$  is invertible.
- Next we adjust the setting and take, instead of  $R_W$ , the algebra  $R_{W,\ell}$  of holomorphic functions on  $\Gamma_{>0}^{(W,v)}$ , then  $q_{W,v} \in R_{W,\ell}^*$ .

# Construction of solutions 6

- GFH and E.A.Panasenko showed:

## Theorem

*For each  $W \in Gr^{(k)}(H)$ , any line  $\ell = \langle v \rangle$  in  $W$  and  $q_{W,v}$  as above. Then  $\psi_{W,v} := q_{W,v}^{-1} \psi_W = K_{W,v} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i z^i}$ , with  $K_{W,v} = q_{W,v}^{-1} K_W$ , is a wave function of the strict KP hierarchy and  $M_{W,\ell} = q_{W,v}^{-1} L_W q_{W,v}$  is its solution of the hierarchy.*

- The flag variety  $\mathcal{F}(1)$  of all  $(W, \ell)$  is a fiber bundle over  $Gr(H)$  with fiber  $\mathbb{P}^1(H_{\geq 0})$ , the projective space of lines in  $H_{\geq 0}$ .
- The algebras  $R_W$  and  $R_{W,\ell}$  at both constructions are point-dependent. Since the coefficients of the series  $\hat{\psi}_W$  and  $\hat{\psi}_{W,v}$  can be expressed as quotients of derivatives of  $\tau$ -functions they are meromorphic on  $\Gamma_{>0}$  and one can replace both algebras by the uniform choice  $\mathcal{M}(\Gamma_{>0})$ , the space of meromorphic functions on  $\Gamma_{>0}$ .

# Construction of solutions 7

- The reductions can also be described in the geometric picture

## Theorem

- (a) *Let  $W$  belong to  $Gr(H)$ . Then  $L_W^n$  is a solution of the  $n$ -KdV hierarchy if and only if  $z^n W \subset W$ . This is equivalent to the property that the dressing operator  $K_W$  should satisfy  $\partial_n(K_W) = 0$ .*
- (b) *Let  $W \in Gr(H)$  and let  $\ell = \langle v \rangle$  be the line generated by a  $v \neq 0$  in  $W$ . Then  $M_{W,\ell}^n$  is a solution of the strict  $n$ -KdV hierarchy if and only if  $z^n W \subset W$  and  $v \in W \cap (z^n W)^\perp$ . This is also equivalent to the property that the dressing operator  $K_{W,v}$  satisfies  $\partial_n(K_{W,v}) = 0$ .*

# Darboux 1

- Darboux searched for covariant transformations for linear differential equations like the Sturm-Liouville equations.
- We illustrate them for the Schrödinger operator  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \partial^2 + 2u$ ,  $\partial = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ , and a non-zero  $\varphi$  in the kernel of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .
- $\mathcal{L}_2$  decomposes as follows in first order factors:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \left(\partial + \frac{\partial(\varphi)}{\varphi}\right)\left(\partial - \frac{\partial(\varphi)}{\varphi}\right) = (\partial + q)(\partial - q), \text{ with } q = \frac{\partial(\varphi)}{\varphi}.$$

- Next Darboux introduced the new Schrödinger operator

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2 = \partial^2 + 2\tilde{u} \text{ with } \tilde{u} = u + \partial(q).$$

This is flipping the first order components of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , i.e.

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2 = \left(\partial - \frac{\partial(\varphi)}{\varphi}\right)\left(\partial + \frac{\partial(\varphi)}{\varphi}\right) = (\partial - q)(\partial + q).$$

## Darboux 2

- Note that  $\partial - \partial(\varphi)\varphi^{-1} = \varphi\partial\varphi^{-1}$  and this is an invertible operator in Psd, the pseudo differential operators in  $\partial$ . Hence the operator  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2$  is the result of conjugating  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with  $\varphi\partial\varphi^{-1}$ :

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2 = (\varphi\partial\varphi^{-1})\mathcal{L}_2(\varphi\partial\varphi^{-1})^{-1}.$$

- The potential  $u$  of the Schrödinger operator  $\mathcal{L}_2$  satisfies the KdV-equation if and only if  $L_2$  satisfies the Lax equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\mathcal{L}_2) = [A, \mathcal{L}_2], \text{ with } A = \partial^3 + 3u\partial + \frac{3}{2}\partial(u).$$

- Natural question : when is the Darboux transformation  $\mathcal{L}_2 \mapsto \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2$  compatible with the KdV-equation in the sense: under which condition transforms a solution  $u$  of the KdV-equation into a new solution  $\tilde{u}$  of the KdV-equation.



## Darboux 3

- This condition is: if  $q$  satisfies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\partial(q)) = \frac{1}{4}\partial^4(q) - \frac{3}{2}q^2\partial^2(q) - 3q\partial(q)^2,$$

and  $u$  satisfies KdV, then also  $\tilde{u}$  satisfies KdV.

- Natural generalizations of the above question are:
  - (a) When is flipping the factors of a solution  $\mathcal{L}_n$  of  $n$ -KdV or a solution  $\mathcal{M}_n$  of strict  $n$ -KdV again a solution ?
  - (b) What are the differential operators  $P \in R[\partial]$  such that the transformation  $\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow P\mathcal{L}_2P^{-1}$  transforms solutions of the KdV equation into new ones.
- More generally, this leads to the following questions for KP and strict KP:

# Darboux 4

- Q1: For which spaces  $V$  and  $W$  in  $\text{Gr}(H)$ , does there exist a  $P(V, W) \in R[\partial]$  or a  $Q(V, W) \in R[\partial]$  s.t.:

$$L_V = P(V, W)L_W P(V, W)^{-1} \text{ or } L_V = Q(V, W)^{-1}L_W Q(V, W),$$

the **Darboux transformations of KP** of degree the order of  $P(V, W)$  resp. - the order of  $Q(V, W)$ .

- Q2: For which points  $F_2 = (V, \ell_2)$  and  $F_1 = (W, \ell_1)$  in  $\mathcal{F}(1)$ , does there exist a  $P(F_2, F_1) \in R[\partial]$  or a  $Q(F_2, F_1) \in R[\partial]$  s.t.:

$$M_{F_2} = P(F_2, F_1)M_{F_1}P(F_2, F_1)^{-1} \text{ or} \\ M_{F_2} = Q(F_2, F_1)^{-1}M_{F_1}Q(F_2, F_1),$$

the **Darboux transformations of strict KP** of degree the order of  $P(F_2, F_1)$  resp. - the order of  $Q(F_2, F_1)$ .

## Darboux 5

- Q3: Which of the transformations in Q1 map solutions of  $n$ -KdV to solutions of  $n$ -KdV?
- Q4: Which of the transformations in Q2 map solutions of strict  $n$ -KdV to solutions of strict  $n$ -KdV?
- Convenient to use the linearized versions of Q1 and Q2.
- LV1: For which spaces  $V$  and  $W$  in  $\text{Gr}(H)$ , does there exist a  $P(V, W) \in R[\partial]$  or a  $Q(V, W) \in R[\partial]$  s.t.:

$$\psi_V = P(V, W)\psi_W \text{ or } \psi_V = Q(V, W)^{-1}\psi_W$$

- LV2: For which points  $F_2 = (V, \ell_2)$  and  $F_1 = (W, \ell_1)$  in  $\mathcal{F}(1)$ , does there exist a  $P(F_2, F_1) \in R[\partial]$  or a  $Q(F_2, F_1) \in R[\partial]$  s.t.:

$$\psi_{F_2} = P(F_2, F_1)\psi_{F_1} \text{ or } \psi_{F_2} = Q(F_2, F_1)^{-1}\psi_{F_1}$$

## Darboux 6

- First we focus on the Darboux transformations of degree  $\geq 0$ .
- We know  $\hat{\psi}_W = z^k + \text{l.o.}$  and  $\hat{\psi}_{W,\ell_1} = q_{W,w}^{-1} z^k + \text{l.o.}$ , where l.o. means lower order in  $z$ .
- Further  $\hat{\psi}_V = z^s + \text{l.o.}$  and  $\hat{\psi}_{V,\ell_2} = q_{V,v}^{-1} z^s + \text{l.o.}$ .
- Moreover,  $P(V, W) = \sum_{j=0}^n p_j \partial^j$  and  $P(F_2, F_1) = \sum_{j=0}^n \tilde{p}_j \partial^j$
- $\psi_V = P(V, W)\psi_W \Rightarrow \{z^s + \text{l.o.}\}\psi_0 = \{p_n z^{k+n} + \text{l.o.}\}\psi_0$ .
- Hence  $V$  is a codimension  $n$  subspace of  $W$  and  $p_n = 1$ .
- Similarly,  $\psi_{F_2} = P(F_2, F_1)\psi_{F_1}$  implies  $\tilde{p}_n = \frac{q_{W,w}}{q_{V,v}} \in R^*$  and  $V$  is a codimension  $n$  subspace of  $W$ .

## Darboux 7

- Since  $p_n = 1$ , there are no nontrivial Darboux transformations of KP of degree zero.
- For  $F \in \mathcal{F}(1)$ ,  $M_F$  solution strict KP. Take a  $q \in R^*$ . Then
 
$$q^{-1}M_Fq \text{ solution strict KP} \Leftrightarrow \partial_i(q) = (M_F^i)_{>0}(q), \text{ all } i \geq 1.$$
- Each  $q = \frac{q_{V,v_1}}{q_{V,v_2}}$ ,  $v_j \in V$ ,  $v_j \neq 0$ , satisfies this condition.
- Hence, each  $M_{V,\ell_1}$  linked with any other  $M_{V,\ell_2}$  by a Darboux transformation of degree zero.
- Next we consider the Darboux transformation of degree one of KP and strict KP. So  $V$  is a codimension one subspace of  $W$ .

## Darboux 8

## Theorem

(a) Let  $w_1$  span  $W \cap V^\perp$ . Then the operator

$$P(V, W) = q_{W, w_1} \partial q_{W, w_1}^{-1} = \partial - \frac{\partial(q_{W, w_1})}{q_{W, w_1}}$$

defines the Darboux transformation of KP of degree one s.t.  $\psi_V = P(V, W)\psi_W$ .

(b) The Darboux transformations of strict KP of degree one consist of the composition of three operators, a Darboux transformation of order zero, a conjugation with an operator

$$P((V, \ell_2), (W, \ell_2)) = \frac{q_{W, v}}{q_{V, v}} \partial + \frac{q_{W, v}}{q_{V, v}} \left( \frac{\partial(q_{W, v})}{q_{W, v}} - \frac{\partial(q_{W, w_1})}{q_{W, w_1}} \right)$$

and another Darboux transformation of degree zero.

## Darboux 9

- Assume now that  $V$  has codimension  $n$  in  $W$ ,  $n > 1$ .
- Take an orthogonal basis  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  of  $W \cap V^\perp$ .
- Define the subspaces  $W_l, 1 \leq l \leq n$ , of  $W$  as the orthogonal complement in  $W$  of the span of the  $\{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$
- Then we have obtained the chain of codimension one inclusions

$$V = W_n \subset W_{n-1} \cdots \subset W_1 \subset W_0 = W.$$

- The chain of inclusions results then into

$$P(V, W) = q_{W_{n-1}, w_n} \partial q_{W_{n-1}, w_n}^{-1} \cdots q_{W_0, w_1} \partial q_{W_0, w_1}^{-1} = \partial^n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \partial^k.$$

- The  $a_j$  are polynomial expressions in the  $\{\partial^i(q_{W_j, w_{j+1}}^\pm)\}$ 's and we present its closed form.

## Darboux 10

- Since  $\langle \psi_W | w_j \rangle = 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the  $\{a_k\}$  satisfy

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \langle \partial^k(\psi_W) | w_j \rangle = - \langle \partial^n(\psi_W) | w_j \rangle, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

- Let  $\mathcal{M}(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  be the  $n \times n$ -matrix with  $(j, k+1)$ -entry,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)_{j,k+1} = \langle \partial^k(\psi_W) | w_j \rangle.$$

- Matrix  $\mathcal{M}(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  is invertible.
- $\mathcal{W}_k(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  is the determinant of the matrix obtained by replacing the  $k+1$ -th column of  $\mathcal{M}(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  by

$$\langle \partial^n(\psi_W) | w_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \partial^n(\psi_W) | w_n \rangle^T,$$

- Cramer's rule yields then  $a_k = \frac{-\mathcal{W}_k(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)}{\det(\mathcal{M}(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n))}$ .



## Darboux 11

- In the strict KP case  $P((V, \ell_2), (W, \ell_1)) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k \partial^k$  has the form

$$(q_{V,v}^{-1} q_{W_{n-1}, w_n} \partial q_{W_{n-1}, w_n}^{-1} q_{W_{n-1}, v}) \cdots (q_{W_1, v}^{-1} q_{W_0, w_1} \partial q_{W_0, w_1}^{-1} q_{W_0, v})$$

- Hence, it is the product of  $n$  Darboux transformations of the strict KP hierarchy of degree one.
- We already saw  $c_n = \frac{q_{W,w}}{q_{V,v}}$ , the other  $c_k, 0 \leq k \leq n-1$ , are

$$c_k = - \sum_{n \geq i \geq k} \binom{i}{k} \frac{\partial^{i-k}(q_{W,w})}{q_{V,v}} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)}{\det(\mathcal{M}(\psi_W; w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n))}.$$

## Darboux 12

- $L_W^n$  solution  $n$ -KdV  $\Leftrightarrow z^n W \subset W$
- $W(0) = W \cap (z^n W)^\perp \Rightarrow z^n W \oplus W(0) = W$
- Multiplying with  $z^n$  unitary on  $H$ :

$$z^{k_1 n} W(0) \perp z^{k_2 n} W(0), k_1 \neq k_2.$$

- Hence  $W = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{kn} W(0)$  and  $W^\perp = \bigoplus_{k<0} z^{kn} W(0)$ .
- Search for  $\tilde{w} \in W$  s.t.  $z^n W_{\tilde{w}} \subset W_{\tilde{w}} = \{w \in W, w \perp \tilde{w}\}$
- $\langle z^n w | \tilde{w} \rangle = \langle w | z^{-n} \tilde{w} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow z^{-n} \tilde{w} \in W_{\tilde{w}}^\perp = W^\perp + \mathbb{C} \tilde{w}$ .
- $\tilde{w} = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{kn} \tilde{w}_k$ ,  $z^{-n} \tilde{w}_0 \in W^\perp$ ,  $\bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} z^{kn-n} \tilde{w}_k = \alpha \tilde{w}$ .
- Hence  $\tilde{w} = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{kn} \alpha^k \tilde{w}_0$ ,  $|\alpha| < 1$ , for

$$\|\tilde{w}\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^{2k} \|\tilde{w}_0\|^2 < \infty.$$

## Darboux 13

- Darboux transformations of  $n$ -KdV of degree one: conjugation with  $P(W_{\tilde{w}}, W) = \partial - \frac{\partial(q_{W, \tilde{w}})}{q_{W, \tilde{w}}}$ ,  $\tilde{w} = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{kn} \alpha^k \tilde{w}_0$ ,  $|\alpha| < 1$ .
- Darboux transformations of strict  $n$ -KdV of degree zero: conjugation with  $q = \frac{q_{W, w_1}}{q_{W, w_2}}$ , where  $\langle w_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle w_2 \rangle$  are lines in  $W(0)$ .
- Darboux transformations of strict  $n$ -KdV of degree one: conjugations with

$$P((V, \ell_2), (W, \ell_1)) = q_{V, v}^{-1} \left( \partial - \frac{\partial(q_{W, \tilde{w}})}{q_{W, \tilde{w}}} \right) q_{W, w},$$

with  $\tilde{w} = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{kn} \alpha^k \tilde{w}_0$ ,  $|\alpha| < 1$ , for a nonzero  $\tilde{w}_0$  in  $W(0)$ , a line  $\ell_2$  in  $V(0)$  and a line  $\ell_1$  in  $W(0)$ .

## Darboux 14

- For the  $2^{nd}$  equations in LV1 and LV2 we go to a dual version:
- DV1: Find  $Q(V, W)^*$  in  $R[\partial]$  s.t.  $\psi_V^* = Q(V, W)^* \psi_W^*$
- DV2: Find  $Q(F_2, F_1)^*$  in  $R[\partial]$  s.t.  $\psi_{F_2}^* = Q(F_2, F_1)^* \psi_{F_1}^*$
- Using the geometric construction of  $\psi_W^*$  and  $\psi_{F_1}^*$  this yields
- $W \subset V$  of codimension  $n$ ,  $\{v_1 \cdots v_n\}$  basis of  $W^\perp \cap V$ , then:

$$Q(V, W)^* = (-1)^m \left( \partial^m - \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i(z\psi_W^*; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)}{\det(\mathcal{M}(z\psi_W^*; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m))} \partial^s \right)$$

$$Q(F_2, F_1)^* = q_{W,w} Q(V, W)^* q_{V,v}^{-1}$$

## Darboux 15

- Darboux transformations of degree -1 for the  $n$ -KdV hierarchy and the strict  $n$ -KdV hierarchy:
- Start with  $z^n W \subset W$ ,  $\tilde{v} \in W^\perp$  and  $V = W \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{v}$ .
- Find  $V$  s.t.  $L_V^n$  satisfies  $n$ -KdV  $\Leftrightarrow z^n V \subset V$
- Sufficient  $z^n \tilde{v} \in V$ ,  $\tilde{v} = \bigoplus_{k < 0} z^{kn} \tilde{v}_k$ . This implies:

$$\tilde{v} = \tilde{v}_1 z^{-n} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta^k \tilde{v}_1 z^{-(k+1)n}, \text{ with } \beta \in \mathbb{C}, |\beta| < 1, \tilde{v}_1 \neq 0 \text{ in } W(0).$$

- For this  $\tilde{v}$ , define  $r_{W, \tilde{v}} = \langle z\psi_{W^*} \mid \tilde{v} \rangle$ . It belongs to  $R^*$ .
- Then  $Q(V, W)^* = -r_{W, \tilde{v}} \partial r_{W, \tilde{v}}^{-1}$  and  $\psi_W^* \rightarrow Q(V, W)^* \psi_W^*$  links to a Darboux transformation of  $n$ -KdV of degree -1.
- Choose  $v \in V(0)$ ,  $w \in W(0)$ ,  $\tilde{v}$  and  $V$  as above, then

$$Q((V, \langle v \rangle), (W, \langle w \rangle))^* = q_{W, w} Q(V, W)^* q_{V, v}^{-1}.$$

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