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- Multi-component *rational* (with respect to the spectral parameter  $\lambda$ ) generalization ( $\epsilon_k$  are arbitrary parameters)

$$u(x, t, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^M u^0(x, t) + \lambda^{M-1} u^1(x, t) + \dots + u^M(x, t)}{\epsilon_M \lambda^M + \epsilon_{M-1} \lambda^{M-1} + \dots + \epsilon_0}$$

The authors considered two main subclasses selected by the conditions:  $\epsilon_M = 0$  and  $u^0 = 1$  (the so called “Generalized KdV type systems”);  $\epsilon_M = 0$  but  $u^1 = 1$  (the so called “Generalized Harry Dym type systems”). In another paper written together with M. Marvan we found a third narrow subclass determined by a sole restriction  $u^M = 0$ .

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- The substitution and the linear dependence  $a^{(1)} = \lambda + a_1(x, \mathbf{t})$  into

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yields  $M$ th integrable dispersive chain

$$u_t^k = u_x^{k+1} - \frac{1}{2} u^1 u_x^k - u^k u_x^1 + \frac{1}{4} \delta_M^k u_{xxx}^1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\delta_M^k$  is the Kronecker delta and

$$a_1 = -\frac{1}{2} u^1.$$

# Higher Commuting Flows

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where

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- Substitution

$$u(x, \mathbf{t}, \lambda) = \lambda^M \left( 1 + \frac{u^1(x, \mathbf{t})}{\lambda} + \frac{u^2(x, \mathbf{t})}{\lambda^2} + \frac{u^3(x, \mathbf{t})}{\lambda^3} + \dots \right),$$

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where all coefficients  $a_m$  can be found iteratively from the linear system (here we define  $u^0 = 1$  and  $u^{-m} = 0$  for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ )

$$\sum_{m=0}^s \left( u^{m-k} \partial_x + \partial_x u^{m-k} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_M^{m-k} \partial_x^3 \right) a_{s-m} = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, s-1.$$

For instance,

$$a_1 = -\frac{1}{2} u^1, \quad a_2 = -\frac{1}{2} u^2 + \frac{3}{8} (u^1)^2 - \frac{1}{8} \delta_M^1 u_{xx}^1, \quad a_3 = -\frac{1}{2} u^3 + \frac{3}{4} u^1 u^2 - \frac{5}{16} (u^1)^3 + \frac{1}{32} \delta_M^1 (10 u^1 u_{xx}^1 + 5 (u_x^1)^2 - u_{xxxx}^1 - 4 u_{xx}^2) - \frac{1}{8} \delta_M^2 u_{xx}^1, \dots$$

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Thus all higher commuting flows are written also in an evolution form. For instance, the first commuting flow to

$$u_t^k = u_x^{k+1} - \frac{1}{2}u^1 u_x^k - u^k u_x^1 + \frac{1}{4}\delta_M^k u_{xxx}^1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

is (here we identify  $y \equiv t^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} u_y^k &= u_x^{k+2} - \frac{1}{2}u^1 u_x^{k+1} + \left( -\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{3}{8}(u^1)^2 - \frac{1}{8}\delta_M^1 u_{xx}^1 \right) u_x^k - u^{k+1} u_x^1 \\ &+ u^k \left( -u_x^2 + \frac{3}{2}u^1 u_x^1 - \frac{1}{4}\delta_M^1 u_{xxx}^1 \right) + \frac{1}{4}\delta_M^{k+1} u_{xxx}^1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}\delta_M^k \left( u_{xxx}^2 - \frac{3}{4}[(u^1)^2]_{xxx} + \frac{1}{4}\delta_M^1 u_{xxxxx}^1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

# Local Hamiltonian Structures

- A hierarchy of integrable dispersive chains

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possesses *infinitely* many local Hamiltonian structures:

$$u_{t^s}^k = \sum_{m=1}^{s+1} \left( u^{k+m-1} \partial_x + \partial_x u^{k+m-1} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_M^{k+m-1} \partial_x^3 \right) \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+1}}{\delta u^m};$$

$$u_{t^s}^1 = -2 \partial_x \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+2}}{\delta u^1},$$

$$u_{t^s}^k = \sum_{m=2}^{s+2} \left( u^{k+m-2} \partial_x + \partial_x u^{k+m-2} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_M^{k+m-2} \partial_x^3 \right) \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+2}}{\delta u^m};$$

$$u_{t^s}^1 = -2 \partial_x \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+3}}{\delta u^2}, \quad u_{t^s}^2 = -2 \partial_x \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+3}}{\delta u^1} - \left( u^1 \partial_x + \partial_x u^1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_M^1 \partial_x^3 \right) \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+3}}{\delta u^2},$$

$$u_{t^s}^k = \sum_{m=3}^{s+3} \left( u^{k+m-3} \partial_x + \partial_x u^{k+m-3} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_M^{k+m-3} \partial_x^3 \right) \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{s+3}}{\delta u^m}.$$

- All higher local conservation laws can be found from the observation

$$a_m = \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}_{m+s}}{\delta u^s}, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots; \quad s = 1, 2, \dots$$

In such a case all Hamiltonians can be found from above variation derivatives, for instance

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \int u^1 dx, \quad \mathbf{H}_2 = \int \left( u^2 - \frac{1}{4}(u^1)^2 \right) dx,$$

$$\mathbf{H}_3 = \int \left( u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u^1 u^2 + \frac{1}{8}(u^1)^3 + \frac{1}{16}\delta_M^1(u_x^1)^2 \right) dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_4 = & \int \left( u^4 - \frac{1}{2}u^1 u^3 - \frac{1}{4}(u^2)^2 + \frac{3}{8}(u^1)^2 u^2 - \frac{5}{64}(u^1)^4 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{32}\delta_M^1 \left( -5u^1 (u_x^1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(u_{xx}^1)^2 + 4u_x^1 u_x^2 \right) + \frac{1}{16}\delta_M^2 (u_x^1)^2 \right) dx, \dots \end{aligned}$$



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- Suppose for simplicity that all roots of these two polynomials are pairwise distinct. Then the substitution  $a^{(1)} = \lambda + a_1(x, \mathbf{t})$  and

$$u(x, \mathbf{t}, \lambda) = \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+K} (\lambda - s^m(x, \mathbf{t}))}{\prod_{k=1}^K (\lambda - r^k(x, \mathbf{t}))}$$

into

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yields new multi-component integrable dispersive systems!

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- For instance, the Kaup–Boussinesq system becomes

$$s_t^1 = \frac{1}{2} (3s^1 + s^2) s_x^1 + \frac{(s^1 + s^2)_{xxx}}{4(s^1 - s^2)}, \quad s_t^2 = \frac{1}{2} (s^1 + 3s^2) s_x^2 - \frac{(s^1 + s^2)_{xxx}}{4(s^1 - s^2)};$$

the Ito system takes the form

$$s_t^1 = \frac{1}{2} (3s^1 + s^2) s_x^1 + \frac{s^1 (s^1 + s^2)_{xxx}}{4(s^1 - s^2)}, \quad s_t^2 = \frac{1}{2} (s^1 + 3s^2) s_x^2 - \frac{s^2 (s^1 + s^2)_{xxx}}{4(s^1 - s^2)}.$$

# Three Dimensional Linearly Degenerate Quasilinear Equations

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where  $p = 1/\varphi$ . Here  $\varphi = \psi\psi^+$ , where  $\psi$  and  $\psi^+$  are two linearly independent solutions of

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- **Statement:** *Three dimensional quasilinear system*

$$a_{1,t} = a_{2,x}, \quad a_1 a_{2,x} + a_{1,y} = a_2 a_{1,x} + a_{2,t}$$

*possesses infinitely many finite component differential constraints  $a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \dots)$ ,  $a_2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \dots)$ , where field variables  $u^k$  are solutions of dispersive integrable systems determined by linear spectral problem*

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*where*

$$u(x, t, y, \lambda) = \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+K} (\lambda - s^m(x, t, y))}{\prod_{k=1}^K (\lambda - r^k(x, t, y))}.$$

# Dispersive Reductions

Differential constraints

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M+K} s^m - \sum_{k=1}^K r^k \right), \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{M+K} (s^m)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^K (r^k)^2 + \frac{1}{2} a_1^2 + \frac{1}{4} \delta_M^1 a_{1,xx}$$

and integrable commuting flows

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# Differential Constraints. The Korteweg de Vries equation

Differential constraints are

$$a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}u^1, \quad a_2 = \frac{3}{8}(u^1)^2 - \frac{1}{8}u_{xx}^1.$$

Substitution into the three dimensional quasilinear system

$$a_{1,t} = a_{2,x}, \quad a_1 a_{2,x} + a_{1,y} = a_2 a_{1,x} + a_{2,t}$$

leads to an identity, if  $u^1(x, t, y)$  is an arbitrary solution of the Korteweg de Vries equation

$$u_t^1 = \left( \frac{1}{4}u_{xx}^1 - \frac{3}{4}(u^1)^2 \right)_x$$

and into its first commuting flow

$$u_y^1 = \left( \frac{5}{8}(u^1)^3 - \frac{5}{16}(u_x^1)^2 - \frac{5}{8}u^1 u_{xx}^1 + \frac{1}{16}u_{xxxx}^1 \right)_x.$$