

Non-diagonalisable Hydrodynamic Type Systems, Integrable by Tsarev's Generalised Hodograph Method

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Now we introduce an N component hydrodynamic type system

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whose characteristic velocities

$$\mu^i(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\tilde{H}_i}{\bar{H}_i}.$$

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where the time variable τ is hidden in the first hydrodynamic type system, while the time variable t is hidden in the second hydrodynamic type system. Then both hydrodynamic type systems must commute with each other.

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The compatibility conditions $(r_t^i)_\tau = (r_\tau^i)_t$ lead to the Tsarev conditions

$$\frac{\partial_k \mu^i}{\mu^k - \mu^i} = \frac{\partial_k \zeta^i}{\zeta^k - \zeta^i}, \quad i \neq k.$$

Taking into account the definition of the Lamé coefficients

$$\partial_k \ln \bar{H}_i = \frac{\partial_k \mu^i}{\mu^k - \mu^i}, \quad i \neq k,$$

the Tsarev conditions show that both commuting hydrodynamic type systems

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Integrability of Diagonalisable Hydrodynamic Type Systems

Any diagonalisable hydrodynamic type system

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is integrable by Tsarev's Generalised Hodograph Method

$$x + \mu^i(\mathbf{r})t = \zeta^i(\mathbf{r}),$$

if and only if the integrability condition (here $\partial_k \equiv \partial/\partial r^k$)

$$\partial_j \frac{\partial_k \mu^i}{\mu^k - \mu^i} = \partial_k \frac{\partial_j \mu^i}{\mu^j - \mu^i}, \quad i \neq j \neq k$$

is fulfilled. Here we remind that diagonal metric coefficients $g_{kk}(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{H}_k^2$ are determined by

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while $\zeta^i(\mathbf{r})$ satisfy to the linear system

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El's Nonlocal Kinetic Equation

El's integro-differential kinetic equation for dense soliton gas (2003)

$$f_t + (sf)_x = 0,$$

$$s(\eta) = S(\eta) + \int_0^\infty G(\mu, \eta) f(\mu) [s(\mu) - s(\eta)] d\mu,$$

where $f(\eta) = f(\eta, x, t)$ is a distribution function and $s(\eta) = s(\eta, x, t)$ is the associated transport velocity. Here the variable η is the spectral parameter in the Lax pair; the function $S(\eta)$ (free soliton velocity) and the kernel $G(\mu, \eta)$ (phase shift due to pairwise soliton collisions) are independent of x and t . The kernel $G(\mu, \eta)$ is assumed to be symmetric: $G(\mu, \eta) = G(\eta, \mu)$. This system describes the evolution of a dense soliton gas and represents a broad generalisation of Zakharov's kinetic equation for rarefied soliton gas. In this case

$$S(\eta) = 4\eta^2, \quad G(\mu, \eta) = \frac{1}{\eta\mu} \log \left| \frac{\eta - \mu}{\eta + \mu} \right|,$$

the above system was derived by G. El as thermodynamic limit of the KdV Whitham equations

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If a linearly degenerate hydrodynamic type system is semi-Hamiltonian, then such a system is the so called **Darboux integrable**. Their classification was made by E.V. Ferapontov (1991).

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Under the re-parametrization

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$$f(\eta, x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N u^i(x, t) \delta(\eta - \eta^i(x, t)),$$

system

$$f_t + (sf)_x = 0,$$

$$s(\eta) = S(\eta) + \int_0^\infty G(\mu, \eta) f(\mu) [s(\mu) - s(\eta)] d\mu,$$

reduces to a $2N \times 2N$ quasilinear system for $u^i(x, t)$ and $\eta^i(x, t)$,

$$u_t^i = (u^i v^i)_x, \quad \eta_t^i = v^i \eta_x^i,$$

where v^i can be recovered from the linear system (here $\zeta^i = -S(\eta^i)$)

$$v^i = \zeta^i + \sum_{m \neq i} \epsilon^{mi} u^m (v^m - v^i), \quad \epsilon^{ki} = G(\eta^k, \eta^i), \quad k \neq i.$$

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where

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Their commuting flows $u_y^i = W_k^i(\mathbf{u}) u_x^k$ are in the same form (2021, E.V. Ferapontov, MVP)

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Then unknown expressions $w^i(\mathbf{r}, \eta)$, $q^i(\mathbf{r}, \eta)$ can be found from the compatibility conditions $(r_y^i)_t = (r_t^i)_y$, $(\eta_y^i)_t = (\eta_t^i)_y$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

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For the given block-diagonal hydrodynamic type system

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we introduce necessary definitions

$$\begin{aligned}a_i &= \frac{v_{r^i}^i}{p^i}, & b_i &= \frac{v_{\eta^i}^i - p_{r^i}^i}{p^i}; \\ a_{ij} &= \frac{v_{r^j}^i}{v^j - v^i}, & b_{ij} &= \frac{v_{\eta^j}^i - a_{ij} p^j}{v^j - v^i}, & c_{ij} &= \frac{p_{r^j}^i + a_{ij} p^j}{v^j - v^i}, & d_{ij} &= \frac{p_{\eta^j}^i + b_{ij} p^j - c_{ij} p^j}{v^j - v^i}.\end{aligned}$$

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lead to the set of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} w_{r^i}^j &= a_{ij} q^i, & w_{\eta^i}^j &= b_{ij} q^i + q_{r^i}^j, \\ w_{r^j}^i &= a_{ij} (w^j - w^i), & w_{\eta^j}^i &= b_{ij} (w^j - w^i) + a_{ij} q^j, \\ q_{r^j}^i &= c_{ij} (w^j - w^i) - a_{ij} q^i, & q_{\eta^j}^i &= d_{ij} (w^j - w^i) + c_{ij} q^j - b_{ij} q^i. \end{aligned}$$

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The list of integrability conditions for every pair of distinct indices is

$$a_{i,rj} = 0, \quad a_{ij,ri} = a_{ij}a_{ji} + a_i c_{ij};$$

$$a_{i,\eta j} = 0, \quad b_{ij,ri} = b_{ij}a_{ji} + a_{ij}c_{ji} + a_i d_{ij};$$

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$$a_{ij,rj} = b_j a_{ij} - a_j b_{ij} - a_{ij}^2, \quad a_{ij,\eta j} = b_{ij,rj};$$

$$c_{ij,rj} = b_j c_{ij} - a_j d_{ij} - 2a_{ij}c_{ij}, \quad c_{ij,\eta j} = d_{ij,rj}.$$

Integrability Conditions II

The list of integrability conditions for every triad of distinct indices is

$$a_{ij,r^k} = a_{ij}a_{jk} + a_{ik}a_{kj} - a_{ij}a_{ik}.$$

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possesses infinitely many commuting block-diagonal flows

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Here $\mu^i(\eta^i)$ are N arbitrary functions of one variable and the functions $\varphi^i(\eta^1, \dots, \eta^N)$ satisfy the relations $\partial_{\eta^k} \varphi^i = \epsilon^{ki} \mu^k$, $k \neq i$. The general commuting flow depends on $2N$ arbitrary functions of one variable: N functions $\mu^i(\eta^i)$, plus extra N functions coming from φ^i .

Conservation Laws

Conservation laws $h_t = g_x$ provide an alternative way to derive integrability conditions for the block-diagonal system

$$r_t^i = v^i r_x^i + p^i \eta_x^i, \quad \eta_t^i = v^i \eta_x^i.$$

Their existence leads to a system of second-order linear PDEs

$$h_{r^i r^i} = b_i h_{r^i} - a_i h_{\eta^i}, \quad h_{r^i \eta^j} = a_{ji} h_{\eta^j} + c_{ji} h_{r^j} + b_{ij} h_{r^i},$$

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where $g_{r^i} = v^i h_{r^i}$, $g_{\eta^i} = p^i h_{r^i} + v^i h_{\eta^i}$.

The general conservation law has the form ($\sigma^i(\eta^i)$ are arbitrary functions)

$$\left(\sum_{m=1}^N u^m \psi^m(\eta) + \sum_{m=1}^N \sigma^m(\eta^m) \right)_t = \left(\sum_{m=1}^N u^m v^m \psi^m(\eta) + \sum_{m=1}^N \tau^m(\eta^m) \right)_x,$$

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which is a system of $2N$ implicit relations for the $2N$ dependent variables.

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where $\mu^i(\eta^i)$ are arbitrary functions of their arguments and the functions $\varphi^i(\eta^1, \dots, \eta^N)$ satisfy the relations $\varphi_{,\eta^k}^i = \epsilon^{ki}(\eta^i, \eta^k) \mu^k(\eta^k)$, $i \neq k$. The last N above equations define $\eta^i(x, t)$ as implicit functions of x and t ; then the first N equations define $r^i(x, t)$ explicitly.

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Our Claim is: *Dubrovin's Program can be easily extended to a non-diagonalisable case due to existence of a special coordinate system, where velocity matrices can be reduced to a block-diagonal form.*

For instance, in the three-component case, one has **three** options: three distinct characteristic velocities; two distinct characteristic velocities; one common characteristic velocity. In the four-component case, we have already **five** options: four distinct characteristic velocities; one Jordan block 2×2 and three distinct characteristic velocities; two Jordan blocks 2×2 and two distinct characteristic velocities; one Jordan block 3×3 and two distinct characteristic velocities; one Jordan block 4×4 and one common characteristic velocity only.

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