

Nonlinear steepest descent on a torus: A case study of the Landau-Lifshitz equation.

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σ_j are Pauli matrices and parameters w_j solve algebraic system

$$w_i^2 - w_j^2 = \frac{1}{4}(J_j - J_i); \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

Elliptic parametrization

- The parameters w_j admit parametrization using elliptic functions

$$w_1 = \rho \frac{1}{\operatorname{sn}(\lambda, k)}, \quad w_2 = \rho \frac{\operatorname{dn}(\lambda, k)}{\operatorname{sn}(\lambda, k)}, \quad w_3 = \rho \frac{\operatorname{cn}(\lambda, k)}{\operatorname{sn}(\lambda, k)}.$$

$$\rho = \frac{\sqrt{J_3 - J_1}}{2}, \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{J_2 - J_1}{J_3 - J_1}} - \text{elliptic modulus.}$$

where

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^2 = \{\lambda : |\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)| \leq 2K, |\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)| \leq 2K'\}$$

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- We make the following transformation

$$\Upsilon_{\pm}(\lambda, x) = F_{\pm}(\lambda, x) e^{i x w_3(\lambda) \sigma_3} = \left(v_{\pm}^{(1)}(\lambda, x), v_{\pm}^{(2)}(\lambda, x) \right).$$

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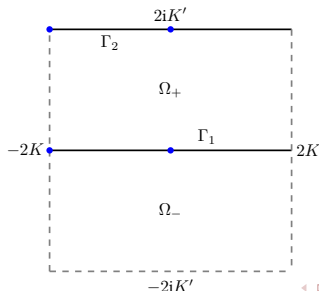
- Let us denote

$$\Omega_+ = \{\lambda : 0 \leq \operatorname{Im}(\lambda) \leq 2K'; |\operatorname{Re}\lambda| \leq 2K\},$$

$$\Omega_- = \{\lambda : -2K' \leq \operatorname{Im}(\lambda) \leq 0; |\operatorname{Re}\lambda| \leq 2K\},$$

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Convenient formulas for scattering data

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The functions $a(\lambda)$, $b(\lambda)$ admit two alternative expressions.

- ① They can be written as the integrals

$$\begin{pmatrix} a(\lambda) \\ b(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(1-\sigma_3)w_3(\lambda)\tau} (U(\lambda, \tau) + iw_3(\lambda)\sigma_3) \\ \times v_{-}^{(1)}(\lambda, \tau) d\tau.$$

- ② They can also be expressed as the following determinants

$$\begin{aligned} a(\lambda) &= \det(v_{+}^{(1)}(\lambda, x), v_{-}^{(2)}(\lambda, x)), \\ b(\lambda) &= e^{2iw_3(\lambda)x} \det(v_{-}^{(1)}(\lambda, x), v_{+}^{(1)}(\lambda, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Reflection coefficient properties

Lemma 3

Under the soliton free assumption, $a(\lambda) \neq 0$ the reflection coefficient $r(\lambda)$ corresponding to the initial data from the Schwartz class satisfies

- ① $r(\lambda) \in C^\infty(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$
- ② $r(\lambda + 2K) = -r(\lambda)$
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- ④ $r(0) = 0$
- ⑤ $\frac{d^n r(\lambda)}{d\lambda^n} = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^m), \quad \lambda \rightarrow 0, \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}.$

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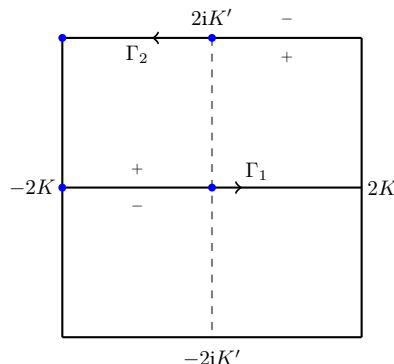
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Riemann-Hilbert problem 1.

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- 2 For $\lambda \in \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$, the following jump condition holds

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- 4 Function $Y(\lambda, x)$ satisfies normalization condition

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Uniqueness

- The problem is not normalized but the symmetries and determinant conditions still fix the solution up to a sign.

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Solution $Y(\lambda, x)$ of the RHP 1 is unique up to a sign.

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Theorem 2

Let $Y(\lambda, x)$ be the solution of the Riemann-Hilbert problem 1 with $r(\lambda)$ satisfying properties (1)-(5). Then the function $S(x)$ constructed from it by formula

$$Y(0, x)\sigma_3 (Y(0, x))^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^3 S_j(x)\sigma_j,$$

belongs to the Schwartz class: $S_1(x), S_2(x), S_3(x) - 1 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, and it defines the initial data for the LL equation whose reflection coefficient is given by $r(\lambda)$.

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- Nonsymmetric solution of Riemann-Hilbert problem normalized by $\Phi(iK')$ is given by

$$\Phi(\lambda, x) = \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2} \chi(\mu, x) (G(\mu, x) - \mathbb{1}) C(\mu, \lambda) d\mu.$$

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- Symmetric solution is constructed by

$$Y(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \left(\Phi(\lambda) + \sigma_3 \Phi(\lambda + 2K) \sigma_3 + \sigma_1 \Phi(\lambda + 2iK') \sigma_1 \right. \\ \left. + \sigma_2 \Phi(\lambda + 2K + 2iK') \sigma_2 \right), \\ c = \det \left(\Phi(\lambda) + \sigma_3 \Phi(\lambda + 2K) \sigma_3 + \sigma_1 \Phi(\lambda + 2iK') \sigma_1 + \right. \\ \left. \sigma_2 \Phi(\lambda + 2K + 2iK') \sigma_2 \right).$$

- Problem: singularity at $\lambda = K + iK'$. It is crucial for us to use the result of [Rod89] which claims that this singularity is absent already for $\Phi(\lambda, x)$ based on perturbation approach.

Time evolution

Lemma 3 ([Sk179])

Assume $t > 0$ is fixed and

$$S_1(x, t), S_2(x, t), S_3(x, t) - 1 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$$

are solutions of LL equation. Denote by $F_{\pm}(\lambda, x, t)$ the Jost solutions corresponding to $S(x, t)$ with $t > 0$. Then the matrix-valued functions

$$J_{\pm}(\lambda, x, t) = F_{\pm}(\lambda, x, t)e^{2itw_1(\lambda)w_2(\lambda)\sigma_3}$$

solves equations of Lax pair of LL equation. Moreover the scattering data depends on time as

$$a(\lambda, t) = a(\lambda), \quad b(\lambda, t) = b(\lambda)e^{-4itw_1(\lambda)w_2(\lambda)}.$$

Riemann-Hilbert problem corresponding to LL dynamics

Riemann-Hilbert problem 2.

- ① The function $Y(\lambda, x, t)$ is bounded and piecewise analytic for $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^2 / (\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$.
- ② For $\lambda \in \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$, the following jump condition holds

$$Y_+(\lambda, x, t) = Y_-(\lambda, x, t)G(\lambda, x, t)$$

$$G(\lambda, x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + |r(\lambda)|^2 & \overline{r(\lambda)}e^{-2itp(\lambda, \varkappa)} \\ r(\lambda)e^{2itp(\lambda, \varkappa)} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where

$$p(\lambda, \varkappa) = \varkappa w_3(\lambda) - 2w_1(\lambda)w_2(\lambda), \quad \varkappa = \frac{x}{t}.$$

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- ③ The function $Y(\lambda, x, t)$ satisfies the following symmetry conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_3 Y(\lambda + 2K, x, t) \sigma_3 &= Y(\lambda, x, t), \\ \sigma_1 Y(\lambda + 2iK', x, t) \sigma_1 &= Y(\lambda, x, t).\end{aligned}$$

- ④ Function $Y(\lambda, x, t)$ satisfies normalization condition

$$\det(Y(\lambda, x, t)) = 1.$$

Solution of LL from RHP

Lemma 4

Given $Y(\lambda, x, t)$ is a solution of the Riemann-Hilbert problem 2 the function

$$\Psi(\lambda, x, t) = Y(\lambda, x, t)e^{-itp(\lambda, x)\sigma_3}$$

solves Lax pair of LL equation with $S_j(x, t)$ given by

$$Y(0, x, t)\sigma_3 (Y(0, x, t))^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^3 S_j(x, t)\sigma_j. \quad (1)$$

Main result

Theorem 5 ([DIP25])

Let $Y(\lambda, x, t)$ be the solution of the Riemann-Hilbert problem 2 with $r(\lambda)$ satisfying the properties (1)-(5) and let the vector function $S(x, t)$ be determined by equation (1). Then, $S(x, t)$ solves the Cauchy problem for the LL equation characterized by the reflection coefficient $r(\lambda)$ and for $t \rightarrow \infty$, $0 < m \leq \frac{x}{t} \leq M$,

$$S_1(x, t) = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{2\nu}{t\varphi_0} \right)^{1/2} w_2(\lambda_0) \cos \theta(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-\frac{2}{3}}),$$

$$S_2(x, t) = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{2\nu}{t\varphi_0} \right)^{1/2} w_1(\lambda_0) \sin \theta(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-\frac{2}{3}}),$$

$$S_3(x, t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} (S_1^2(x, t) + S_2^2(x, t)) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-\frac{7}{6}}),$$

Parameters

where

$$\theta(x, t) = 2tp(\lambda_0, \varkappa) + \nu \log t - \frac{\pi}{4} - \arg \Gamma(i\nu) + \arg r_0 - 2c_0 + \nu \log \left(\frac{2\varphi_0}{\beta_0^2} \right),$$

$$p(\lambda, \varkappa) = \varkappa w_3(\lambda) - 2w_1(\lambda)w_2(\lambda), \quad \varkappa = \frac{x}{t}$$

and the value of the stationary point $\lambda_0 \in [-2K, 0]$ is determined by the equation $\partial_\lambda p(\lambda_0, \varkappa) = 0$. With such λ_0 , the parameter $\varphi_0 = -\partial_\lambda^2 p(\lambda_0, \varkappa)$ is obtained from

$$\varphi_0 = \frac{1}{\rho^2} (8w_1(\lambda_0)w_2(\lambda_0)w_3^2(\lambda_0) + (w_1^2(\lambda_0) + w_2^2(\lambda_0))(2w_1(\lambda_0)w_2(\lambda_0) - \varkappa w_3(\lambda_0))),$$

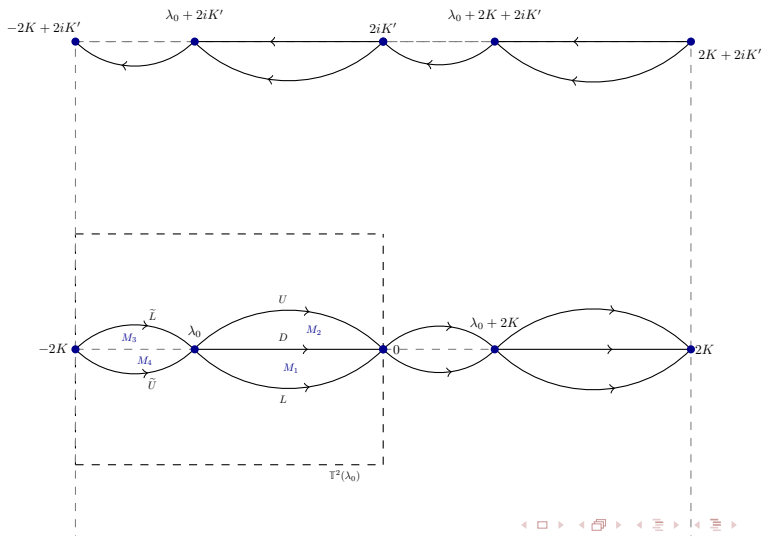
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- The remaining terms are determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}r_0 &= r(\lambda_0), \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log(1 + |r_0|^2). \\ \beta(\lambda) &= \frac{\sigma(\lambda)\sigma(\lambda - 2K)}{\sigma(\lambda + 2iK')\sigma(\lambda - 2iK' - 2K)}, \\ \beta_0 &:= \frac{\sigma(-2K)}{\sigma(2iK')\sigma(-2iK' - 2K)}, \\ c_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\lambda_0}^0 d(\log(1 + |r(\eta)|^2)) \log \beta(\eta - \lambda_0),\end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma(\lambda)$ denotes the Weierstrass sigma function.

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for

$$C(\mu, \lambda) = \zeta(\mu - \lambda) - \zeta(\mu - iK') + \zeta(\lambda - K - iK') + \zeta(K),$$

and $\zeta(\cdot)$ is the Weierstrass ζ -function.

- 1 Landau-Lifshitz equation
- 2 Riemann-Hilbert approach
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