

Long-time asymptotics
for the defocusing integrable discrete
nonlinear Schrödinger equation

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\Leftrightarrow compatibility ($\psi_{xt} = \psi_{tx}$) of the Lax pair.

(Zakharov-Shabat, Ablowitz-Kaup-Newell-Segur)

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- t -part: its time evolution

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| Summary | $y(x, 0) \xrightarrow{x} r(z, 0) \xrightarrow{t} r(z, t) \quad (t > 0)$ |
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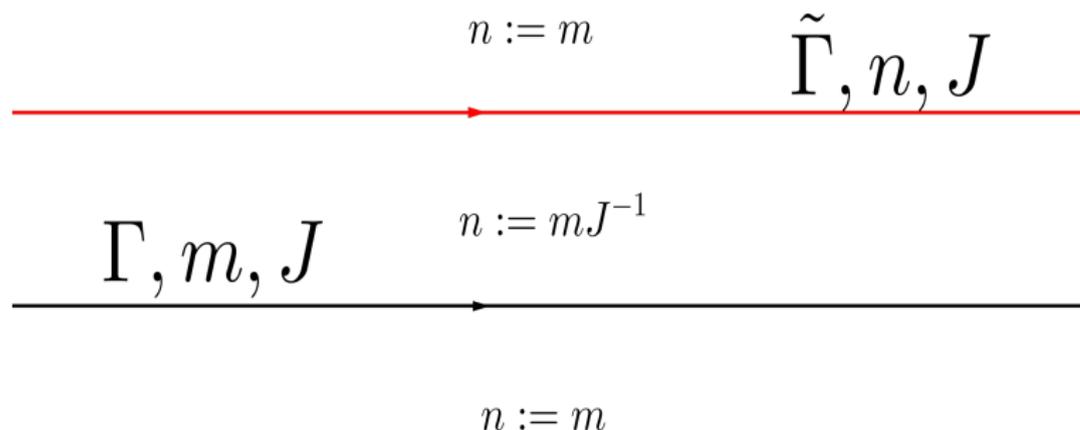
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If $J = I$, then $m_+ = m_-$ and m is holomorphic near Γ
 \Rightarrow *Neglect* Γ .

If $J \approx I$ on some parts of Γ , we *neglect* those parts up to a certain error (*asymptotic analysis*).

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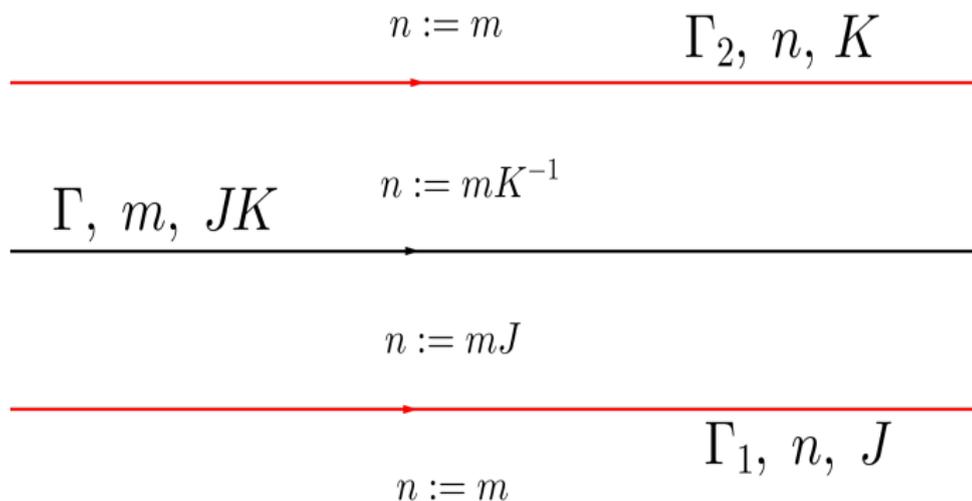
$m_+ = m_- J$ on Γ (black line) $\Leftrightarrow n_+ = n_- J$ on $\tilde{\Gamma}$ (red line).
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This observation, together with *contour deformation*, leads to the Riemann-Hilbert version of the classical method of steepest descent: *the Deift-Zhou method, nonlinear steepest descent.*

NB: A *nonlinear* problem has been reduced to an RHP, a *linear* problem. Superposition is now possible.

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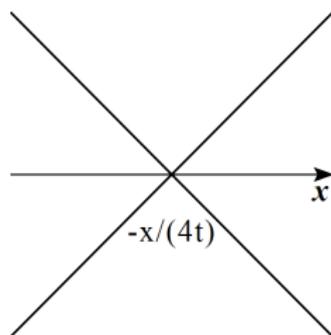
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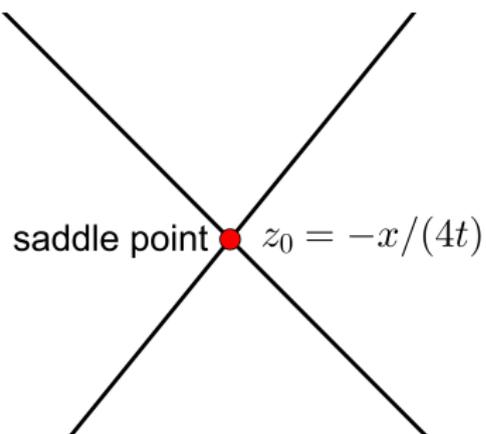
8. Long-time asymptotics of the defocusing NLS

- 1 Zakhlov-Manakov: formal calculation
- 2 Deift-Its-Zhou: proof by *nonlinear steepest descent RHP with oscillatory coefficients* (with a phase function)
⇒ new contour, new unknown and new jump matrix
⇒ new RHP, equivalent to the original one.



If $t \gg 0$, the jump matrix on \mathbb{R} is almost I . Can be neglected.

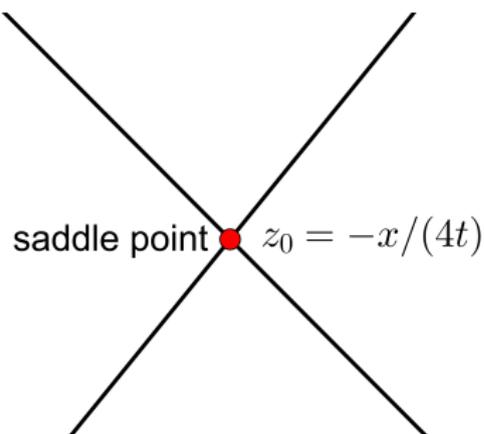
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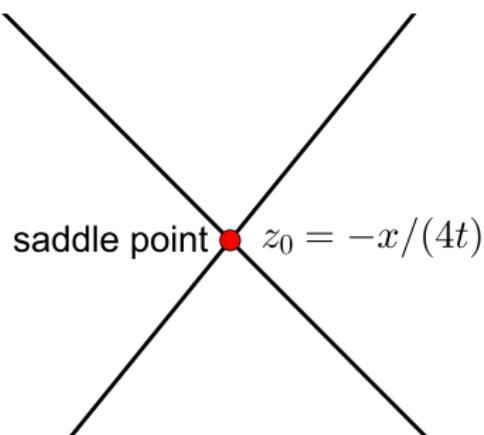
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$$y(x, t) \sim \alpha(z_0) t^{-1/2} \exp(4it z_0^2 - i\nu(z_0) \log 8t)$$

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α, ν determined by the reflection coefficient.

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cf. Formal calc. by Novokshënov-Habibullin (1981),
focusing, without solitons.

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Potential reconstruction $R_n(t) = - \left. \frac{d}{dz} m(z)_{21} \right|_{z=0}$

RHP gives $\{R_n\}$.

Ref. book by Ablowitz-Prinari-Trubatch

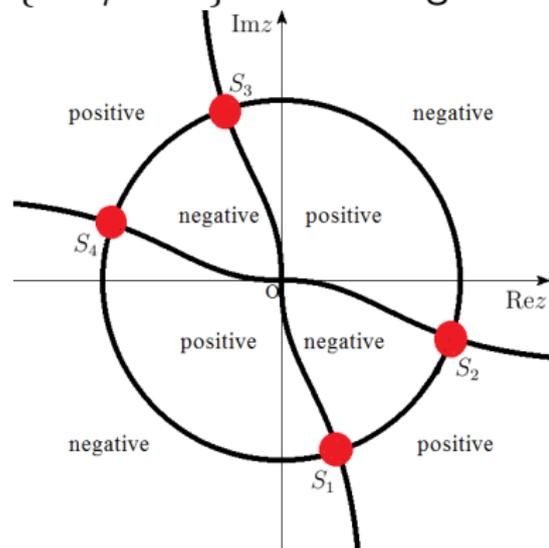
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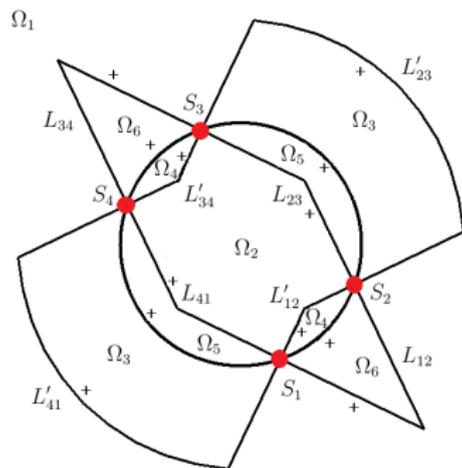
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S_1, \dots, S_4 : saddle points of φ .

$\{\text{Re } \varphi = 0\}$ and the signature of $\text{Re } \varphi$ is shown in the figure.



16. Rewriting into an equivalent RHP



A new unknown function and a new contour.

Crosses near S_j : the direction of the steepest descent of $\pm\varphi$.

The new jump matrix has components coming from $e^{\pm 2\varphi}$.

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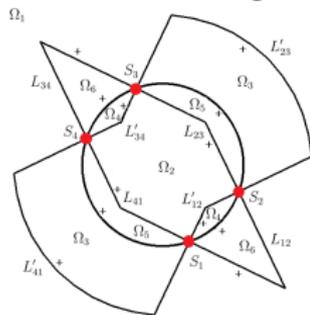
Decompose r . Extract terms that can be continued analytically to the inside/outside of the circle.

$r =$ Taylor polynomial and remainder (Fourier integral).

Divide Fourier integral — analytic continuation

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{ix\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi}_{\text{holo in } \text{Im } x < 0} + \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} e^{ix\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi}_{\text{holo in } \text{Im } x > 0}$$

The remaining term decreases on the circle rapidly as $t \rightarrow \infty$.



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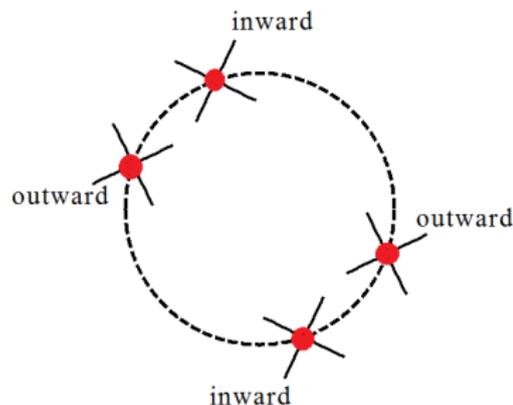
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Our RHP can be approximated by a concrete, calculable one. Its solution is given by Deift-Its-Zhou (or Deift-Zhou on MKdV.)

20. Result (details)

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$r(z) := r(z, 0)$ (initial reflection coefficient)

$S_1 = e^{-\pi i/4} A$, $S_2 = e^{-\pi i/4} \bar{A}$, $S_3 = -S_1$, $S_4 = -S_2$, : saddle points,

$$A = 2^{-1}(\sqrt{2 + n/t} - i\sqrt{2 - n/t}),$$

$$\delta(0) = \exp\left(\frac{-1}{\pi i} \int_{S_1}^{S_2} \log(1 - |r(\tau)|^2) \frac{d\tau}{\tau}\right) \geq 1,$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{-e^{\pi i/4} A}{2(4t^2 - n^2)^{1/4}}, \quad \beta_2 = \frac{e^{\pi i/4} \bar{A}}{2(4t^2 - n^2)^{1/4}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Decay, } O(t^{-1/2})$$

$$D_1 = \frac{-iA}{2(4t^2 - n^2)^{1/4}(A - 1)}, \quad D_2 = \frac{i\bar{A}}{2(4t^2 - n^2)^{1/4}(\bar{A} - 1)}.$$

For $j = 1, 2$,

$$\chi_j(S_j) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\exp(-\pi i/4)}^{S_j} \log \frac{1 - |r(\tau)|^2}{1 - |r(S_j)|^2} \frac{d\tau}{\tau - S_j},$$

$$\nu_j = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log(1 - |r(S_j)|^2) \geq 0,$$

$$\widehat{\delta}_j(S_j) = \exp \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[(-1)^j \int_{e^{-\pi i/4}}^{S_{3-j}} - \int_{-S_1}^{-S_2} \right] \frac{\log(1 - |r(\tau)|^2)}{\tau - S_j} d\tau \right),$$

$$\delta_j^0 = S_j^n e^{-it(S_j - S_j^{-1})^2/2} D_j^{(-1)^{j-1} i \nu_j} e^{(-1)^{j-1} \chi_j(S_j)} \widehat{\delta}_j(S_j) \quad \text{Oscillation}$$

Theorem (Y; two terms, decaying oscillation)

Assume $\sum n^{10} |R_n(0)| < \infty$ and $\sup |R_n(0)| < 1$.

Then on $|n| < 2t$ ("timelike"), as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$R_n(t) = -\frac{\delta(0)}{\pi i} \sum_{j=1}^2 \underbrace{\beta_j}_{\text{Decay}} \underbrace{(\delta_j^0)^{-2}}_{\text{Oscill.}} S_j^{-2} M_j + O(t^{-1} \log t).$$

Here

$$M_j = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \exp((-1)^j 3\pi i/4 - \pi\nu_j/2)}{\bar{r}(S_j) \Gamma((-1)^{j-1} i\nu_j)} & \text{if } r(S_j) \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } r(S_j) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Four crosses can be dealt with separately.

(RHP being linear, superposition is possible).

Two pairs of antipodals \Rightarrow two terms.

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focusing case, a sum of solitons asymptotically.

cf. Toda (Krüger-Teschl), NLS (Fokas-Its-Sung)

Thank you very much!

Dziękuję! Wymowa polska jest trudna.