

# INTEGRABLE SPINOR MODELS IN TWO DIMENSIONAL SPACE-TIME. 6

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- Riemann-Hilbert problems and soliton solutions of Zakharov–Mikhailov models

# The Lax representation for the ZM system

Start with the ZM-system:

$$i \frac{\partial |\vec{\psi}\rangle}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{a} \left( |\vec{\phi}\rangle \langle \vec{\phi}^* | S_0 | \vec{\psi}\rangle - |\vec{\phi}^*\rangle \langle \vec{\phi} | S_0 | \vec{\psi}\rangle \right),$$

$$i \frac{\partial |\vec{\phi}\rangle}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{a} \left( |\vec{\psi}^*\rangle \langle \vec{\psi} | S_0 | \vec{\phi}\rangle - |\vec{\psi}\rangle \langle \vec{\psi}^* | S_0 | \vec{\phi}\rangle \right),$$

It allows Lax representation:

$$\Psi_x = U(x, t, \lambda) \Psi(x, t, \lambda), \quad \Psi_t = V(x, t, \lambda) \Psi(x, t, \lambda),$$

$$U(x, t, \lambda) = \frac{U_1(x, t)}{\lambda - a}, \quad V(x, t, \lambda) = \frac{V_1(x, t)}{\lambda + a},$$

$$U_1(x, t) = \phi H_{e_1} \phi^{-1}(x, t), \quad V_1(x, t) = \psi H_{e_1} \psi^{-1}(x, t),$$

$$\phi(x, t) \in SO(8), \quad \psi(x, t) \in SO(8), \quad H_{e_1} = \text{diag}(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1).$$

# The scattering problem for $L$

$$L : \quad i\Psi_x = \frac{U_0(x, t)}{\lambda - a} \Psi(x, t, \lambda), \quad M : \quad i\Psi_t = \frac{V_0(x, t)}{\lambda + a} \Psi(x, t, \lambda),$$

$$U_0 = \phi J \phi^\dagger, \quad V_0 = \psi J \psi^\dagger.$$

In fact there is indeterminacy in the second operator:

$$M : \quad i\Psi_t = \frac{V_0(x, t)}{\lambda + a} \Psi(x, t, \lambda) - \Psi(x, t, \lambda) C(\lambda),$$

where  $C(\lambda)$  will be determined below.

Boundary conditions, i.e. the limits of  $U_0$  and  $V_0$  for  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . For the spinor models the natural boundary conditions are

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \psi(x, t) = \mathbb{1}_N, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \phi(x, t) = \mathbb{1}_N, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} U_0(x) = J, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} V_0(x) = J,$$

Asymptotic solutions:

$$i\Psi_{0,x} = \frac{J}{\lambda - a} \Psi_0(x, \lambda), \quad \Psi_0(x, \lambda) = \exp\left(\frac{-iJx}{\lambda - a}\right).$$

## Jost solutions:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x, t, \lambda) \Psi_0^{-1}(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \Phi(x, t) \Psi_0^{-1}(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1}.$$

and the scattering matrix. Due to the special choice of  $J$  and to the fact that the Jost solutions and the scattering matrix take values in the group  $SO(N)$  we can use the following block-matrix structure of  $T(\lambda, t)$

$$T(\lambda, t) = \psi^{-1} \phi(x, t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^- & \vec{b}^{-T} & c_1^- \\ -\vec{B}^+ & \mathbf{T}_{22} & s_0 \vec{B}^- \\ c_1^+ & -\vec{b}^{+T} s_0 & m_1^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\vec{b}^\pm(\lambda, t)$  and  $\vec{B}^\pm(\lambda, t)$  are  $N - 2$ -component vectors,  $\mathbf{T}_{22}(\lambda)$  is a  $(N - 2) \times (N - 2)$  block and  $m_1^\pm(\lambda)$ ,  $c_1^\pm(\lambda)$  are scalar functions.

## Jost solutions – integral equations

$$\Psi(x, \lambda) = \Psi_0(x, \lambda) - \frac{i}{\lambda - a} \int_{-\infty}^x dy \Psi_0(x - y, \lambda) (U_0(y) - J) \Psi(y, \lambda),$$

$$\Phi(x, \lambda) = \Psi_0(x, \lambda) - \frac{i}{\lambda - a} \int_{-\infty}^x dy \Psi_0(x - y, \lambda)(U_0(y) - J)\Phi(y, \lambda),$$

$$\Psi_0(x - y, \lambda) = \exp\left(-\frac{i(x - y)}{\lambda - a} (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, -1)\right)$$

$$\Psi_0(x - y, \lambda) = \exp\left(\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{(x - y)}{\lambda - a}\right) (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, -1) + \textit{oscillating}\right)$$

**Assume, that**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} U_1(x) = J$ . **If**  $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda - a) > 0$ , **then**  $\operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{\lambda - a} < 0$ .

**Then:**

- If  $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda - a) = 0$ , then  $\Psi_0(x - y, \lambda)$  oscillates and  $\Psi(x, \lambda)$  and  $\Phi(x, \lambda)$  are well defined!
- Consider  $\Psi(x, \lambda)$ : we have  $y > x$  and therefore  $\Psi_{0;11}(x - y, \lambda)$  decreases for  $\operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{\lambda - a} > 0$ ;  $\Psi_{0;NN}(x - y, \lambda)$  decrease for  $\operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{\lambda - a} < 0$ ; the rest matrix elements  $\Psi_{0;kk}(x - y, \lambda)$  oscillate. Therefore analytic extensions are possible for the first and the last columns only:

$$\Psi(x, \lambda) = \left( \Psi_{(1)}^+(x, \lambda), \vec{\Psi}(x, \lambda), \Psi_{(N)}^-(x, \lambda) \right)$$

- Consider  $\Phi(x, \lambda)$ : we have  $y < x$  and now the situation is opposite:

$$\Phi(x, \lambda) = \left( \Phi_{(1)}^-(x, \lambda), \vec{\Phi}(x, \lambda), \Phi_{(N)}^+(x, \lambda) \right)$$

## Fundamental analytic solutions

Important tools for reducing the ISP to a Riemann-Hilbert problem (RHP) are the fundamental analytic solution (FAS)  $\chi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ . Their construction is based on the generalized Gauss decomposition of  $T(\lambda, t)$ :

$$T(t, \lambda) = S_J^+ D_J^+ \hat{T}_J^-, \quad \text{or} \quad T(t, \lambda) = S_J^- D_J^- \hat{T}_J^+,$$

$$\chi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \phi(x, t, \lambda) T_J^-(t, \lambda) = \psi(x, t, \lambda) S_J^+(t, \lambda) D_J^+(\lambda),$$

$$\chi^-(x, t, \lambda) = \phi(x, t, \lambda) T_J^+(\lambda) = \psi(x, t, \lambda) S_J^-(t, \lambda) D_J^-(\lambda),$$

where

$$T_J^+(\lambda, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\vec{\rho}^{+,T} & \tilde{c}^+ \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} & -s_0 \vec{\rho}^+ \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_J^-(\lambda, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vec{\rho}^- & \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ \tilde{c}^- & -\vec{\rho}^{-,T} s_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\vec{\rho}^+ = \frac{\vec{b}^+}{m_1^+}, \quad \vec{\rho}^- = \frac{\vec{B}^-}{m_1^-}, \quad \tilde{c}^+ = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\rho}^{+,T} s_0 \vec{\rho}^+), \quad \tilde{c}^- = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\rho}^{-,T} s_0 \vec{\rho}^-).$$

$$S_J^+(\lambda, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{\tau}^{+,T} & \tilde{c}^+ \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} & s_0 \vec{\tau}^+ \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_J^-(\lambda, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\vec{\tau}^- & \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ \tilde{c}^- & -\vec{\tau}^{-,T} s_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\vec{\tau}^+ = \frac{\vec{B}^-}{m_1^+}, \quad \vec{\tau}^- = \frac{\vec{b}^+}{m_1^-}, \quad \tilde{c}^+ = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\tau}^{+,T} s_0 \vec{\tau}^+), \quad \tilde{c}^- = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\tau}^{-,T} s_0 \vec{\tau}^-).$$

$$D_J^+ = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^+ & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{m}_2^+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m_1^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad D_J^- = \begin{pmatrix} 1/m_1^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{m}_2^- & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_1^- \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where  $\vec{\tau}^\pm(\lambda, t) = \vec{b}^\mp / m_1^\pm$ ,  $\vec{\rho}^\pm(\lambda, t) = \vec{b}^\pm / m_1^\pm$  and

$$\mathbf{m}_2^+ = \mathbf{T}_{22} + \frac{\vec{b}^+ \vec{b}^{-T}}{m_1^+}, \quad \mathbf{m}_2^- = \mathbf{T}_{22} + \frac{s_0 \vec{b}^- \vec{b}^{+T} s_0}{m_1^-}.$$

## Scattering matrix and its $t$ -dependence

$$\Phi(x, t, \lambda) = \Psi(x, t, \lambda)T(t, \lambda), \quad T(\lambda, t) = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^- & \vec{b}^{-T} & c_1^- \\ -\vec{B}^+ & \mathbf{T}_{22} & s_0 \vec{B}^- \\ c_1^+ & -\vec{b}^{+T} s_0 & m_1^+ \end{pmatrix},$$

Consider the limit for  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :

$$i \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = \frac{V_1}{\lambda + a} \Phi(x, t, \lambda) - \Phi(x, t, \lambda) C(\lambda) \quad x \rightarrow -\infty,$$

$$\Rightarrow i \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial t} = \frac{J}{\lambda + a} \Psi_0(x, \lambda) - \Psi_0(x, \lambda) C(\lambda), \quad C(\lambda) = \frac{J}{\lambda + a}.$$

because  $\frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial t} = 0$ ! Next consider the limit for  $x \rightarrow \infty$  with  $\Phi = \Psi T$ :

$$\Rightarrow i \Psi_0(x, \lambda) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{J}{\lambda + a} \Psi_0(x, \lambda) T(t, \lambda) - \Psi_0(x, \lambda) T(t, \lambda) C(\lambda).$$

Finally:

$$i \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \left[ \frac{J}{\lambda + a}, T(t, \lambda) \right].$$



In components we get:

$$\frac{\partial m_1^\pm(\lambda)}{\partial t} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}_2^\pm(\lambda)}{\partial t} = 0, \quad i \frac{\partial \vec{b}^\pm}{\partial t} = \mp \frac{2\vec{b}^\pm(\lambda, t)}{\lambda + a}, \quad i \frac{\partial \vec{B}^\pm}{\partial t} = \mp \frac{2\vec{B}^\pm(\lambda, t)}{\lambda + a},$$

Thus  $m_1^-(\lambda)$  and  $m_1^+(\lambda)$ : i) are analytic functions of  $\lambda$  for  $\text{Im } \lambda < 0$  and  $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$ ; ii) provide generating functionals of conservation laws for the spinor models. Usually for other models we use:

$$\ln m_1^-(\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \lambda^{-k}; \quad \frac{\partial I_k}{\partial t} = 0.$$

and  $I_k$  come out to have densities, which are local in the dynamical variables; besides  $I_k$  are in involution, i.e. the Poisson brackets  $\{I_k, I_m\} = 0$ . In this case we need to check if  $I_k$  will be local or nonlocal in  $\vec{\phi}$  and  $\vec{\psi}$ .

Besides we have a whole  $(N-2) \times (N-2)$  matrix  $\mathbf{m}_2^+(\lambda)$  that also generates integrals of motion. Each matrix element of  $\mathbf{m}_2^+(\lambda)$  generates conservation laws, but in general we can not expect neither local densities, nor vanishing Poisson brackets between these integrals.

The FAS for real  $\lambda$  are linearly related

$$\chi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \chi^-(x, t, \lambda)G_J(\lambda, t), \quad G_{0,J}(\lambda, t) = \hat{T}_J^-(\lambda, t)T_J^+(\lambda, t). \quad (3)$$

Introduce:

$$\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \chi^\pm(x, t, \lambda)\hat{\Psi}_0(x, \lambda).$$

Then the RHP can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^+(x, t, \lambda) &= \xi^-(x, t, \lambda)G_J(x, t, \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \\ i\frac{\partial G_J}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{\lambda - a}[J, G_J(x, t, \lambda)], \quad i\frac{\partial G_J}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\lambda + a}[J, G_J(x, t, \lambda)]. \\ \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow a} \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) &= \mathbb{1}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Obviously the sewing function  $G_j(x, \lambda, t)$  is uniquely determined by the Gauss factors  $T_J^\pm(\lambda, t)$  and

$$G(x, t, \lambda) = \mathcal{E}_0^{-1}G_0(\lambda)\mathcal{E}_0(x, t, \lambda), \quad \mathcal{E}_0(x, t, \lambda) = \exp\left(-\frac{iJx}{\lambda - a} - \frac{iJt}{\lambda + a}\right).$$

Let  $\xi_0(x, t, \lambda)$  be a regular solution to RHP. Construct singular solution of RHP with simple pole singularities at  $\lambda_1^+$  and  $\lambda_1^-$ .

First construct singular solutions with canonical normalization at  $\lambda = \infty$ .

$$\xi_1(x, t, \lambda) = u(x, t, \lambda)\xi_0(x, t, \lambda) \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_1^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = u(x, t, \lambda)\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda),$$

$$u(x, t, \lambda) = \mathbb{1} + (c_1(\lambda) - 1)P_1(x, t) + \left( \frac{1}{c_1(\lambda)} - 1 \right) \bar{P}_1(x, t), \quad c_1(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1^+}{\lambda - \lambda_1^-}.$$

$$P_1(x, t) = \frac{|n_1\rangle\langle m_1|}{\langle m_1|n_1\rangle}, \quad \bar{P}_1(x, t) = S_0 P_1^T(x, t) S_0 = \frac{|S_0 m_1\rangle\langle n_1 S_0|}{\langle m_1|n_1\rangle},$$

Since  $\chi_1^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$  and  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$  satisfy the equations:

$$i \frac{\partial \chi_1^\pm}{\partial x} = \frac{U_1(x, t)}{\lambda - a} \chi_1^\pm(x, t, \lambda), \quad \frac{\partial \chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)}{\partial x} = \frac{J}{\lambda - a} \chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda),$$

Then the dressing factor must satisfy the equation:

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{U_1(x)}{\lambda - a} u(x, t, \lambda) - u(x, t, \lambda) \frac{J}{\lambda - a}. \quad (5)$$

identically with respect to  $\lambda$ . But  $u(x, t, \lambda)$  is rational function of  $\lambda$  which has poles and zeroes at  $\lambda = \lambda_1^+$  and  $\lambda = \lambda_1^-$ . This means that it is enough to require that the residues of the left hand side of (5) at these points vanish. From this it follows:

$$|n_1(x, t)\rangle = \mathcal{E}(x, t, \lambda_1^+) |n_{10}\rangle, \quad \langle m_1(x, t)| = \langle m_{10}| \mathcal{E}^{-1}(x, t, \lambda_1^-). \quad (6)$$

In other words the dependence of the projector  $P_1(x, t)$  is determined by the eigenfunctions of  $L$  with trivial potential  $U_0 = J$ , since  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \mathcal{E}(x, t, \lambda)$ .

Besides  $u(x, t, \lambda)$  must be an element of the  $SO(N)$  group, i.e.

$$u^{-1}(x, t, \lambda) = S_0 u^T(x, t, \lambda) S_0,$$

which means that the projectors  $P_1$  and  $\bar{P}_1(x, t)$  and the polarization vectors must satisfy:

$$P_1 \bar{P}_1(x, t) = \bar{P}_1(x, t) P_1 = 0, \quad \langle m_1 | S_0 | m_1 \rangle = \langle n_1 | S_0 | n_1 \rangle = 0.$$

If we need normalization at  $\lambda = a$ , then we could use:

$$\tilde{\xi}^+(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^+(x, t, \lambda) \hat{\xi}^+(x, t, a), \quad \tilde{\xi}^-(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^-(x, t, \lambda) \hat{\xi}^-(x, t, a).$$

$$\tilde{u}(x, t, \lambda) = u(x, t, \lambda) \hat{u}(x, t, a),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x, t, \lambda) &= \left( \mathbb{1} + (c_1(\lambda) - 1) P_1(x, t) + \left( \frac{1}{c_1(\lambda)} - 1 \right) \bar{P}_1(x, t) \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \mathbb{1} + (c_1(a) - 1) \bar{P}_1(x, t) + \left( \frac{1}{c_1(a)} - 1 \right) P_1(x, t) \right) \\ &= \mathbb{1} + \left( \frac{c_1(\lambda)}{c_1(a)} - 1 \right) P_1(x, t) + \left( \frac{c_1(a)}{c_1(\lambda)} - 1 \right) \bar{P}_1(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

## The one soliton solution

Given the sewing function  $\Psi_0(x, \lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  construct the fundamental analytic solutions  $\xi^+(x, \lambda)$  analytic for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}_+$  and  $\xi^-(x, \lambda)$  analytic for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}_-$  such that they satisfy the canonical normalization  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \xi^\pm(x, \lambda) = \mathbb{1}$ .

**Remember:**  $\xi^\pm(x, \lambda)$  satisfy the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} i \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial x} &= \frac{U_1(x)}{\lambda - a} \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \frac{J}{\lambda - a}, \\ i \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial t} &= \frac{V_1(x)}{\lambda + a} \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) - \xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) \frac{J}{\lambda + a}. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

If we find the solution of the Riemann-Hilbert problem, then we can immediately find also  $U_1(x)$ . Multiply eq. (8) by  $\lambda - a$  and by  $\hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda)$  on the right, then take the limit  $\lambda \rightarrow a$ :

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow a} : \quad i(\lambda - a) \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial x} \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda) = U_1(x) - \xi^\pm J \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda),$$

i.e.

$$U_1(x, t) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow a} \left( \xi^\pm J \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda) - i(\lambda - a) \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial x} \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda) \right). \quad (9)$$

Since we started with  $\xi^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = u(x, t, \lambda) \xi_0^\pm$  and  $\xi_0^\pm = \mathbb{1}$ , then

$$U_1(x, t) = u(x, t, a) J \hat{u}(x, t, a).$$

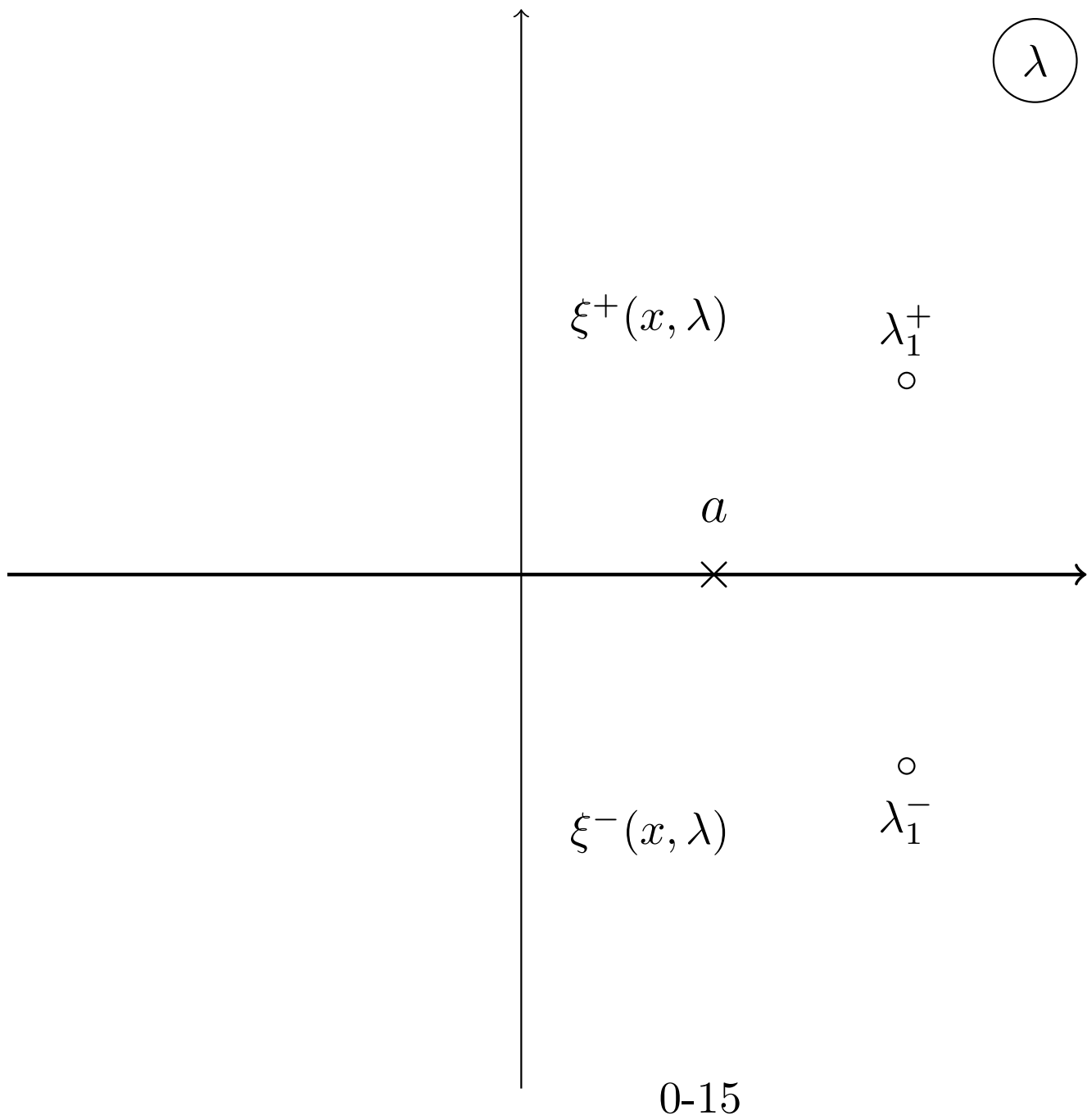
where  $u(x, t, \lambda)$  is the dressing factor, which we constructed above. Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(x, t) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -a} \left( \xi^\pm J \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda) - i(\lambda + a) \frac{\partial \xi^\pm}{\partial x} \hat{\xi}^\pm(x, \lambda) \right) \\ &= u(x, t, -a) J \hat{u}(x, t, -a) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

How to calculate  $\vec{\phi}(x, t)$  and  $\vec{\psi}(x, t)$ ? Assume we start with the trivial solution, corresponding to  $\xi_0^\pm = \mathbb{1}$ . Then  $\vec{\phi}_0 = \text{const}$ ,  $\vec{\psi}_0 = \text{const}$  with  $(\vec{\phi}_0^* | S_0 | \vec{\psi}_0) = 0$  and  $(\vec{\phi}_0 | S_0 | \vec{\psi}_0) = 0$ . Then the dressed solutions will be:

$$\vec{\phi}(x, t) = u(x, t, a) \vec{\phi}_0, \quad \vec{\psi}(x, t) = u(x, t, -a) \vec{\psi}_0.$$

**Check it**





RHP:

$$\xi^+(x, t, \lambda) = \xi^-(x, t, \lambda)G(x, t, \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \xi^\pm, G \in so(N).$$

$$i\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\lambda - a}[J, G(x, t, \lambda)], \quad i\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\lambda + a}[J, G(x, t, \lambda)],$$

**Several versions of getting  $N$ -soliton solutions via dressing method:**

- Start with  $\xi_0^\pm = \mathbb{1}$ ; then construct  $u_1(x, t, \lambda)$  and derive  $\xi_1^\pm = u_1(x, t, \lambda)$ . Now apply the dressing on  $\xi_1^\pm$ , derive  $u_2(x, t, \lambda)$  and find  $\xi_2^\pm = u_2(x, t, \lambda)u_1(x, t, \lambda)$ . etc, etc.
- Use projectors of higher rank, e.g.:

$$P(x, t) = \sum_{k,j=1}^2 |n_k\rangle \widehat{M}_{kj} \langle m_j|, \quad M_{kj} = \langle m_j | n_k \rangle, \quad \widehat{M} = M^{-1}.$$

This provides one-soliton solution with more complicated internal structure.

- use more general dressing factors:

$$u(x, t, \lambda) = \mathbb{1} + \sum_{j=1}^N \left( (c_j(\lambda) - 1)P_j + ((c_j^{-1}(\lambda) - 1)\bar{P}_j) \right),$$

Impose constraints:

$$u(x, t, \lambda)S_0u^T(x, t, \lambda)S_0 = \mathbb{1},$$

and

$$i\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{U_1(x)}{\lambda - a}u(x, t, \lambda) - u(x, t, \lambda)\frac{J}{\lambda - a} = 0.$$

$$i\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{V_1(x)}{\lambda + a}u(x, t, \lambda) - u(x, t, \lambda)\frac{J}{\lambda + a} = 0.$$

which must hold identically with respect to  $\lambda$ . This leads to a set of algebraic equations on  $P_j(x, t)$ .