

Quantization of spectral curves via topological recursion

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General problem

How to quantize a “**classical spectral curve**” ($[y, x] = 0$)

$$P(x, y) = 0, \quad P \text{ rational in } x, \text{ monic polynomial in } y$$

into a linear differential equation ($[[\hbar\partial_x, x] = \hbar]$):

$$\hat{P}\left(x, \hbar\frac{d}{dx}\right)\psi(x, \hbar) = 0?$$

\hat{P} rational in x with same pole structure as P .

Key ingredients

Key ingredient 1: Topological recursion ([Eynard and Orantin \[2007\]](#)).

Key ingredient 2: Isomonodromic deformations, integrable systems, Lax pairs:

$$\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\Psi(x, \hbar, t) = L(x, \hbar, t)\Psi(x, \hbar, t), \quad \hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(x, \hbar, t) = R(x, \hbar, t)\Psi(x, \hbar, t)$$

Eigenvalues correlation functions

- Let $Z_N = \int_{\mathcal{H}_N} dM_N e^{-N \text{Tr} V(M_N)}$ with $V(z)$ monic **polynomial potential** of even degree.
- Eigenvalues correlation functions** (Stieltjes transforms):

$$W_1(x) = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{x - \lambda_i} \right\rangle_N$$

$$W_2(x_1, x_2) = \left\langle \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{1}{(x_1 - \lambda_i)(x_2 - \lambda_j)} \right\rangle_N - W_1(x_1)W_1(x_2)$$

$$W_p(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \left\langle \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p}^N \frac{1}{x_1 - \lambda_{i_1}} \cdots \frac{1}{x_p - \lambda_{i_p}} \right\rangle_{N, \text{cumulant}}$$

- Generating series of joint **moments** $\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^k \right\rangle_N$, $\left\langle \sum_{i,j=1}^N \lambda_i^r \lambda_j^s \right\rangle_N$ (Mehta [2004]).
- Hermitian case**: Correlation functions satisfy **algebraic relations** known as **loop equations**, **Schwinger-Dyson equations**, **Virasoro constraints**, etc.

Loop equations

- Let:

$$P_p(x_1; x_2, \dots, x_p) = \left\langle \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \frac{V'(x_1) - V'(\lambda_{i_1})}{x_1 - \lambda_{i_1}} \frac{1}{x_2 - \lambda_{i_2}} \cdots \frac{1}{x_p - \lambda_{i_p}} \right\rangle_{N, \text{cumulant}}$$

- Loop equations (notation $L_p = \{x_2, \dots, x_p\}$):

$$-P_1(x) = W_1^2(x) - V'(x)W_1(x) + \frac{1}{N^2} W_2(x, x)$$

$$P_p(x_1; L_p) = (2W_1(x_1) - V'(x_1))W_p(L_p) + \frac{1}{N^2} W_{p+1}(x_1, x_1, L_p)$$

$$+ \sum_{I \subset L_p} W_{|I|+1}(x_1, I) W_{p-|I|}(x_1, L_p \setminus I)$$

$$- \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{W_{p-1}(L_p) - W_{p-1}(x_1, L_p \setminus \{x_j\})}{x_1 - x_j}$$

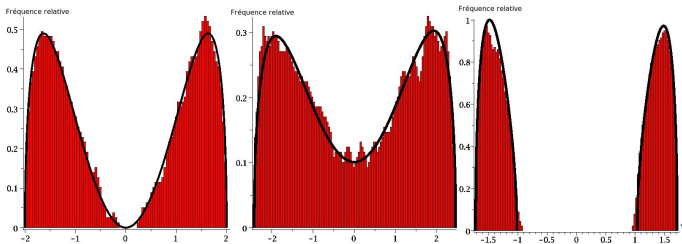
- Property: $x \mapsto P_p(x; L_p)$ is a polynomial. Is it enough to solve the equations and find $(W_p)_{p \geq 1}$?

Limiting eigenvalues density

- Under mild assumptions on the potential V :

$$d\nu_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - \lambda_i) \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{\text{law}} d\nu_\infty = \rho_\infty(x) dx$$

- ρ_∞ compactly supported on **union of intervals**.
- Stieljes transform $[\rho_\infty(x) dx] \equiv y(x) dx$ is algebraic: $y^2 = P(x) \Rightarrow$ Provides a classical spectral curve for TR.



- Number of intervals in the support \Leftrightarrow **genus** of the spectral curve
- May be **regular** or **singular**

Formal solutions

- $Z_N = \int_{\mathcal{H}_N} dM_N e^{-N \text{Tr} V(M_N)}$. **Assume** formal series expansions in $\frac{1}{N}$:

$$F_N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ln Z_N = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} F^{(g)} \left(\frac{1}{N} \right)^{2g-2}$$

$$W_p(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \omega_p^{(g)}(x_1, \dots, x_p) \left(\frac{1}{N} \right)^{p+2g-2}$$

- May also work for additional parameters:

$$Z_N[t_4] = \int_{\mathcal{H}_N} dM_N e^{-\frac{N}{2} \text{Tr}(M_N^2) - \frac{t_4}{4} N \text{Tr}(M_N^4)}$$

We may consider formal series of the form:

$$\ln Z_N[t_4] = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} F^{(g,\nu)}(t_4)^\nu \left(\frac{1}{N} \right)^{2g-2} + \text{similar dev. for } W_p$$

- Allow to **solve recursively the loop equations**.

Applications in combinatorics

- Interesting in combinatorics:

$$Z_N[t_4] = \int_{\mathcal{H}_N} dM_N e^{-\frac{N}{2} \text{Tr}(M_N^2) - \frac{t_4}{4} N \text{Tr}(M_N^4)}$$

Perturbative series expansion in $t_4 \Rightarrow$ enumeration of **fat ribbon graph (similar to Feynman expansion)**:

$$\sum_{ijkl} \langle \begin{array}{c} j \quad k \\ | \quad | \\ i \text{---} \text{---} l \\ | \quad | \end{array} \rangle = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]}$$

$F(g, v)$ count the number of such **connected graphs with v vertices** (4 legs) and of **genus g** :

$$\ln Z_N[t_4] = \sum_{\mathcal{G} = 4\text{-ribbon graph}} \frac{1}{|\text{Aut } \mathcal{G}|} t_4^{\#\nu(\mathcal{G})} \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^{-\chi(\mathcal{G})}$$

Applications in geometry

- **Kontsevich integral:** Intersection theory of Riemann surfaces moduli spaces (Kontsevich [1992]):

$$\langle \tau_{d_1} \dots \tau_{d_n} \rangle = \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \psi_1^{d_1} \dots \psi_n^{d_n}, \quad F[t_0, t_1, \dots] = \sum_{(\mathbf{k})} \langle \tau_0^{k_0} \tau_1^{k_1} \dots \rangle \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t_i^{k_i}}{k_i!}$$

may be computed through the **formal expansion** of the **Kontsevich integral** of $F = \ln Z$ with:

$$Z[t_0, t_1, \dots] \propto \int dM \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(M \Lambda M) + \frac{i}{3!} \text{Tr}(M^3) \right)$$

and $t_i = -(2i - 1)!! \text{Tr}(\Lambda^{-(2i-1)})$, Λ positive definite Herm. matrix.

- **Remark:** $F[t_0, t_1, \dots]$ in connection with **KdV equation**:

$$u \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial t_0^2} \text{ satisfies } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t_1} = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial t_0} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial t_0^3}$$

Generalization: Kontsevich-Penner model - Open intersection numbers (Alexandrov [2015], Safnuk [2016]):

$$Z[Q, t_i] = (\det \Lambda)^Q \int dM \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(M \Lambda M) + \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(M^3) - Q \ln M \right)$$

Orthogonal polynomials and RHP formulation

- Define P_n the **monic orthogonal polynomials**:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} P_m(x) P_n(x) e^{-\frac{V(x)}{2}} = h_n \delta_{n,m}, \quad V(x) = \sum_{j=0}^r u_j x^j$$

and $\psi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_n}} P_n(x) e^{\frac{V(x)}{2}}$ and $\tilde{\psi}_n = \text{Cauchy}(\psi_n)$

- Matrix $\Psi_n(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_n & \tilde{\psi}_n \\ \psi_{n-1} & \tilde{\psi}_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$ satisfies

$$\partial_x \Psi_n(x, \mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{D}_n(x, \mathbf{u}) \Psi_n(x, \mathbf{u}), \quad \partial_{u_j} \Psi_n(x, \mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{U}_{n,j}(x, \mathbf{u}) \Psi_n(x, \mathbf{u})$$

with \mathcal{D}_n and $\mathcal{U}_{n,j}$ **polynomials in x** .

- Ψ_n has a **Riemann-Hilbert-Problem** characterization: analytic properties and jump discontinuity, asymptotics at ∞ in complement of the previous differential systems.

Key ingredients

- **Christoffel-Darboux kernel**: $K(z_1, z_2) = \frac{\psi_{n-1}(z_1)\tilde{\psi}_n(z_2) - \psi_n(z_1)\tilde{\psi}_{n-1}(z_2)}{z_1 - z_2}$.
- Hermitian matrix integrals may be rewritten as **Fredholm determinants** of integral operators of the kernel (**Tracy and Widom [1994]**).
- Specific cases (double-scaling limits) include: **Airy kernel**, **Sine kernel**, **Pearcey kernel**, etc.
- Large N asymptotics \Leftrightarrow Large N asymptotics of Fredholm determinants \Leftrightarrow Large N asymptotics of RHP (steepest descent method).
- **Well-known generalization for two-matrix models**: $P(x, y) = 0$ with arbitrary degree in y , bi-orthogonal polynomials, $d \times d$ RHP problems.
- Generalization when potentials are **rational functions**: $V \in \mathbb{C}(X)$.
- Generalization for **hard edges** (constrained eigenvalues support).

Facing both methods

- **Common starting point:** limiting eigenvalues density $\rho_\infty \Leftrightarrow$ Classical spectral curve $P(x, y) = 0$
- **Analytic (RHP) solutions vs Formal (Top. Rec.) solutions**
- Can we built linear differential equations using only the topological recursion approach: $\frac{1}{N}\partial_x \Psi_N = \mathcal{D}_N \Psi_N$?
- Would give a quantum curve ($\hbar \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N}$): $\hat{P}(\hbar\partial_x, x)\Psi_{1,1} = 0$.
- Some known examples: Airy curve $y^2 = x$, semi-circle: $y^2 = x^2 - 1$ (Dumitrescu and Mulase [2016]).
- Relation with Painlevé equations and exact WKB expansions (Iwaki and Saenz [2016], Takei)
- Description of the integrable structure (Lax formulation) and the RHP problem?

Topological Recursion

Initial data

- Initial data: “**classical spectral curve**”:

- 1 Σ Riemann surface of genus g .
- 2 Symplectic basis of non-trivial cycles $(\mathcal{A}_i, \mathcal{B}_i)_{i \leq g}$ on Σ .
- 3 Two meromorphic functions $x(z)$ et $y(z)$, $z \in \Sigma$ such that:
 $\Rightarrow P(x, y) = 0$, with P monic polynomial in y , rational in x
- 4 A symmetric bi-differential form $\omega_{0,2}$ on $\Sigma \times \Sigma$ such that
 $\omega_{0,2}(z_1, z_2) \underset{z_2 \rightarrow z_1}{\sim} \frac{dz_1 dz_2}{(z_1 - z_2)^2} + \text{reg}$ with vanishing \mathcal{A} -cycles integrals.

- Regularity conditions:

- 1 **Ramification points** ($dx(a_i) = 0$) are **simple zeros of dx** . \Rightarrow existence of a local involution σ such that $x(z) = x(\sigma(z))$ around any ramification points.
- 2 Ramification points are not finite poles of P .

- Topological Recursion gives by recursion **n -forms $(\omega_{h,n})_{n \geq 1, h \geq 0}$ (known as “Eynard-Orantin differentials”) and numbers $(\omega_{h,0})_{h \geq 0}$ (known as “free energies” or “symplectic invariants”)**.

Topological recursion 2

- Recursion formula: $((a_i)_{1 \leq i \leq r}$ ramification points)

$$\omega_{h,n+1}(z, \mathbf{z}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^r \operatorname{Res}_{q \rightarrow a_i} \frac{dE_q(z)}{(y(q) - y(\bar{q}))dx(q)} \left[\omega_{h-1,n+2}(q, q, \mathbf{z}_n) + \sum_{\substack{m \in \llbracket 0, h \rrbracket, l \subset \mathbf{z}_n \\ (m, |l|) \neq (0, 1)}} \omega_{m, |l|+1}(q, l) \omega_{g-m, |\mathbf{z}_n \setminus l|+1}(q, \mathbf{z}_n \setminus l) \right]$$

where $dE_q(z) = \frac{1}{2} \int_q^{\bar{q}} \omega_{0,2}(q, z)$.

- “Free energies” $(\omega_{h,0})_{h \geq 2}$ given by:

$$\omega_{h,0} = \frac{1}{2-2h} \sum_{i=1}^r \operatorname{Res}_{q \rightarrow a_i} \Phi(q) \omega_{h,1}(q) \text{ where } \Phi(q) = \int^q y dx$$

- Specific formulas for $\omega_{0,0}$ and $\omega_{1,0}$

Remarks and properties of TR

- Initially designed to provide **formal solutions in Hermitian RMT** but sufficient conditions (Borot and Guionnet [2011], Borot et al. [2014]) are known to provide **exact asymptotics solutions**.
- Only valid for **regular spectral curves**
- Many existing generalizations**: blobbed (Borot and Shadrin [2015]), irregular curves (Do and Norbury [2018]), Lie algebras (Belliard et al. [2018]), Airy structures (Kontsevich and Soibelman [2017]), etc.
- Many applications in **enumerative geometry** (Eynard [2016]), **RMT** (Eynard et al. [2018]), **Toeplitz determinants** (Marchal [2019]), etc.
- Initial Eynard-Orantin formulation is sufficient for our purpose.**

Quantization of hyper-elliptic spectral curves

Literature on quantization of spectral curves via TR

- Conditions on linear differential systems to be reconstructed from TR: [Bergère and Eynard \[2009\]](#), [Bergère et al. \[2015\]](#)
- Examples for genus 0 cases: Painlevé equations: [Iwaki and Marchal \[2014\]](#), [Iwaki et al. \[2018\]](#)
- **General genus 0 case:** [Marchal and Orantin \[2020\]](#)
- Examples of quantum curves and exact WKB: [Iwaki and Saenz \[2016\]](#), [Bouchard and Eynard \[2017\]](#)
- **General hyper-elliptic case, arbitrary genus:** [Marchal and Orantin \[2019\]](#)
- In progress with B. Eynard, E.Garcia-Failde and N. Orantin: Arbitrary degree, arbitrary genus.

Quadratic differentials with prescribed pole structure

Definition

Let $n \geq 0$ and let $(X_\nu)_{\nu=1}^n$ be a set of distinct points on $\Sigma_0 = \mathbb{P}^1$ with $X_\nu \neq \infty$, for $\nu = 1, \dots, n$. We define the divisor

$$D = \sum_{\nu=1}^n r_\nu(X_\nu) + r_\infty(\infty)$$

Let $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$ be the space of quadratic differentials on \mathbb{P}^1 such that any $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$ has a pole of order $2r_\nu$ at the finite pole $X_\nu \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{finite}}$ and a pole of order $2r_\infty$ or $2r_\infty - 1$ at infinity.

Remark

Up to reparametrization, ∞ is always part of the divisor. Infinity may be a pole of odd degree (i.e. a ramification point in what to follow) but all other finite poles are even degree.

Quadratic differentials with prescribed pole structure 2

$\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$

Let x be a coordinate on $\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{P}^1$. Any quadratic differential $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$ defines a compact Riemann surface Σ_ϕ by

$$\Sigma_\phi := \left\{ (x, y) \in \overline{\mathbb{C}} \times \overline{\mathbb{C}} / y^2 = \frac{\phi(x)}{(dx)^2} \right\}$$

$\frac{\phi(x)}{(dx)^2}$ is a meromorphic function on \mathbb{P}^1 , i.e. a rational function of x .

Classical spectral curve associated to ϕ

For any $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$, we shall call “**classical spectral curve**” associated to ϕ the Riemann surface Σ_ϕ defined as a two-sheeted cover $x : \Sigma_\phi \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Generically, it has genus $g(\Sigma_\phi) = r - 3$ where

$$r = \sum_{\nu=1}^n r_\nu + r_\infty$$

Quadratic differentials with prescribed pole structure 3

Branchpoints

Σ_ϕ is branched over the odd zeros of ϕ and ∞ if ∞ is a pole of odd degree. We define:

$$\begin{aligned} \{b_\nu^+, b_\nu^-\} &:= x^{-1}(X_\nu) \text{ for } \nu = 1, \dots, n \\ \{b_\infty^+, b_\infty^-\} &:= x^{-1}(\infty) \text{ if } \infty \text{ pole of even degree} \\ \text{or } \{b_\infty\} &:= x^{-1}(\infty) \text{ if } \infty \text{ pole of odd degree} \end{aligned}$$

Filling fractions

Let $\eta = \phi^{\frac{1}{2}}$. We define the vector of filling fractions ϵ :

$$\forall j \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket : \epsilon_j = \oint_{\mathcal{A}_j} \eta.$$

and its dual ϵ^* by:

$$\forall j \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket : \epsilon_j^* = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{B}_j} \eta.$$

Spectral Times

Definition (Spectral Times)

Given a divisor D , a *singular type* \mathbf{T} is the data of

- a *formal residue* T_p at each finite pole and at $p = b_\nu^\pm$ satisfying $T_{b_\nu^+} = -T_{b_\nu^-}$;
- an *irregular type* given by a vector $(T_{p,k})_{k=1}^{r_p-1}$ at each pole $p \in \mathcal{P}$ satisfying $T_{b_\nu^+,k} = -T_{b_\nu^-,k}$.

For such a singular type \mathbf{T} , let $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D, \mathbf{T}) \subset \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$ be the space of quadratic differentials $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D)$ such that $\eta = \phi^{\frac{1}{2}}$ satisfies

$$\forall b_\nu^\pm, \eta = \sum_{k=1}^{r_{b_\nu}} T_{b_\nu^\pm, k} \frac{dx}{(x - X_\nu)^k} + O(dx)$$

$$\eta = \sum_{k=1}^{r_\infty} T_{b_\infty^\pm, k} (x^{-1})^{-k} d(x^{-1}) + O(d(x^{-1})) = - \sum_{k=1}^{r_\infty} T_{b_\infty^\pm, k} x^{k-2} dx + O(x^{-2} dx)$$

if ∞ pole of even degree or

$$\eta = \sum_{k=1}^{r_\infty} T_{b_\infty, k} x^{k-1} d(x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = - \sum_{k=1}^{r_\infty} \frac{T_{b_\infty, k}}{2} x^{k-\frac{5}{2}} dx$$

if ∞ pole of odd degree.

Decomposition on $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D, \mathbf{T})$: Notation

- We denote $[f(x)]_{\infty,+}$ (resp. $[f(x)]_{X_\nu,-}$) the positive part of the expansion in x of a function $f(x)$ around ∞ , including the constant term, (resp. the strictly negative part of the expansion in $x - X_\nu$ around X_ν).
- We define $K_\infty = \llbracket 2, r_\infty - 2 \rrbracket$ and for all $k \in K_\infty$:

$$U_{\infty,k}(x) := (k-1) \sum_{l=k+2}^{r_\infty} T_{\infty,l} x^{l-k-2}$$

if ∞ pole of even degree and

$$U_{\infty,k}(x) := \left(k - \frac{3}{2}\right) \sum_{l=k+2}^{r_\infty} T_{\infty,l} x^{l-k-2}$$

if ∞ pole of odd degree.

- $K_\nu = \llbracket 2, r_\nu + 1 \rrbracket$ and for all $k \in K_\nu$:

$$U_{\nu,k}(x) := (k-1) \sum_{l=k-1}^{r_\nu} T_{\nu,l} (x - X_\nu)^{-l+k-2}$$

Decomposition on $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D, \mathbf{T})$

Lemma (Variational formulas)

A quadratic differential $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D, \mathbf{T})$ reads $\phi = f_\phi(x)(dx)^2$ with

$$f_\phi = \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{r_\infty} T_{\infty,k} x^{k-2} \right)^2 \right]_{\infty,+} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{r_\nu} T_{\nu,k} \frac{dx}{(x - X_\nu)^k} \right)^2 \right]_{X_\nu,-} \\ + \sum_{k \in K_\infty} U_{\infty,k}(x) \frac{\partial \omega_{0,0}}{\partial T_{\infty,k}} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n \sum_{k \in K_\nu} U_{\nu,k}(x) \frac{\partial \omega_{0,0}}{\partial T_{\nu,k}}$$

if ∞ pole of even degree and

$$f_\phi = \left[\left(\sum_{k=2}^{r_\infty} \frac{T_{\infty,k}}{2} x^{k-\frac{5}{2}} \right)^2 \right]_{\infty,+} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{r_\nu} T_{\nu,k} \frac{dx}{(x - X_\nu)^k} \right)^2 \right]_{X_\nu,-} \\ + \sum_{k \in K_\infty} U_{\infty,k}(x) \frac{\partial \omega_{0,0}}{\partial T_{\infty,k}} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n \sum_{k \in K_\nu} U_{\nu,k}(x) \frac{\partial \omega_{0,0}}{\partial T_{\nu,k}}$$

if ∞ pole of odd degree

Perturbative partition function

Definition (Perturbative partition function)

Given a classical spectral curve Σ , one defines the **perturbative partition function** as a function of a formal parameter \hbar as

$$Z^{\text{pert}}(\hbar, \Sigma) := \exp \left(\sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \hbar^{2h-2} \omega_{h,0}(\Sigma) \right).$$

where $\omega_{h,0}(\Sigma)$ are the Eynard-Orantin free energies associated to Σ .

Perturbative wave functions 1

Definition ($(F_{h,n})_{h \geq 0, n \geq 1}$ by integration of the correlators)

For $n \geq 1$ and $h \geq 0$ such that $2h - 2 + n \geq 1$, let us define

$$F_{h,n}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2^n} \int_{\sigma(z_1)}^{z_1} \cdots \int_{\sigma(z_n)}^{z_n} \omega_{h,n}$$

where one integrates each of the n variables along paths linking two Galois conjugate points inside a fundamental domain cut out by the chosen symplectic basis $(\mathcal{A}_j, \mathcal{B}_j)_{1 \leq j \leq g}$.

For $(h, n) = (0, 1)$ we define:

$$F_{0,1}(z) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sigma(z)}^z \eta$$

For $(h, n) = (0, 2)$ regularization is required:

$$F_{0,2}(z_1, z_2) := \frac{1}{4} \int_{\sigma(z_1)}^{z_1} \int_{\sigma(z_2)}^{z_2} \omega_{0,2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x(z_1) - x(z_2))$$

Perturbative wave functions 2

Definition (Definition of the perturbative wave functions)

We define first:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{-1}^{\pm}(\lambda) &:= \pm F_{0,1}(z(\lambda)) \\
 S_0^{\pm}(\lambda) &:= \frac{1}{2} F_{0,2}(z(\lambda), z(\lambda)) \\
 \forall k \geq 1, S_k^{\pm}(\lambda) &:= \sum_{\substack{h \geq 0, n \geq 1 \\ 2h - 2 + n = k}} \frac{(\pm 1)^n}{n!} F_{h,n}(z(\lambda), \dots, z(\lambda))
 \end{aligned}$$

where for $\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1$, we define $z(\lambda) \in \Sigma_{\phi}$ as the unique point such that $x(z(\lambda)) = \lambda$ and $y(z(\lambda)) dx(z(\lambda)) = \sqrt{\phi(\lambda)}$. The perturbative wave functions ψ_{\pm} by:

$$\psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \hbar, \Sigma) := \exp \left(\sum_{k \geq -1} \hbar^k S_k^{\pm}(\lambda) \right)$$

Remarks

- Standard definitions used by K. Iwaki for Painlevé 1.
- Formulas do not require restriction to $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D, \mathbf{T})$ but are well-defined for any classical spectral curve.
- $S^\pm = \text{In}(\psi_\pm)$ are somehow more natural than ψ_\pm .
- ψ_\pm **do not have nice monodromy properties**

- 1 For $i \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket$, the function $\psi_\pm(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon)$ has a formal monodromy along \mathcal{A}_i given by

$$\psi_\pm(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon) \mapsto e^{\pm 2\pi i \frac{\epsilon_i}{\hbar}} \psi_\pm(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon).$$

- 2 For $i \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket$, the function $\psi_\pm(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon)$ has a formal monodromy along \mathcal{B}_i given by

$$\psi_\pm(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon) \mapsto \frac{Z^{\text{pert}}(\hbar, \epsilon \pm \hbar \mathbf{e}_i)}{Z^{\text{pert}}(\hbar, \epsilon)} \psi_\pm(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon \pm \hbar \mathbf{e}_i)$$

- Necessity of non-perturbative corrections (already known in the exact WKB literature).

Non-perturbative quantities

Definition

We define the non-perturbative partition function via **discrete Fourier transform**:

$$Z(\hbar, \Sigma, \rho) := \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^g} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\hbar} \sum_{j=1}^g k_j \rho_j} Z^{\text{pert}}(\hbar, \epsilon + \hbar \mathbf{k})$$

and the non-perturbative wave function:

$$\Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \hbar, \Sigma, \rho) := \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^g} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\hbar} \sum_{j=1}^g k_j \rho_j} Z^{\text{pert}}(\hbar, \epsilon + \hbar \mathbf{k}) \psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \hbar, \epsilon + \hbar \mathbf{k})}{Z(\hbar, \Sigma, \rho)}$$

Remarks

- Definitions similar to those of K. Iwaki for Painlevé 1 (genus 1)
- **Discrete Fourier transforms** of perturbative quantities
- **Provide good monodromy properties** (see next slide)
- **Dependence in \hbar is no longer WKB: trans-series in \hbar :**

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(\hbar, \Sigma, \rho) &= Z^{pert}(\hbar, \Sigma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hbar^m \Theta_m(\hbar, \Sigma, \rho) \\
 \Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \hbar, \Sigma, \rho) &= \psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \hbar, \Sigma) \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hbar^m \Xi_m(\lambda, \hbar, \Sigma, \rho)}{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hbar^m \Theta_m(\hbar, \Sigma, \rho)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Coefficients $\Theta_m(\hbar, \Sigma, \rho)$, $\Xi_m(\lambda, \hbar, \Sigma, \rho)$ finite linear combinations of derivatives of Theta functions.

Monodromy properties

- For $j \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket$, $\Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \Sigma, \rho)$ has a formal monodromy along \mathcal{A}_j given by

$$\Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \mathbf{T}, \epsilon, \rho) \mapsto e^{\pm 2\pi i \frac{\epsilon_j}{\hbar}} \Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \Sigma, \rho).$$

- For $j \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket$, $\Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \Sigma, \rho)$ has a formal monodromy along \mathcal{B}_j given by

$$\Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \mathbf{T}, \epsilon, \rho) \mapsto e^{\mp 2\pi i \frac{\rho_j}{\hbar}} \Psi_{\pm}(\lambda, \Sigma, \rho).$$

Wronskian

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Let $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{P}^1, D, \mathbf{T})$ defining a classical spectral curve Σ_ϕ . Then, the Wronskian $W(\lambda; \hbar) = \hbar(\Psi_- \partial_\lambda \Psi_+ - \Psi_+ \partial_\lambda \Psi_-)$ is a rational function of the form:

$$W(\lambda; \hbar) = w(\mathbf{T}, \hbar) \frac{P_g(\lambda)}{\prod_{\nu=1}^n (\lambda - X_\nu)^{r_{b_\nu}}} = w(\mathbf{T}, \hbar) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^g (\lambda - q_i)}{\prod_{\nu=1}^n (\lambda - X_\nu)^{r_{b_\nu}}}$$

with P_g a monic polynomial of degree g .

Remark

We denote $(q_i)_{i \leq g}$ the simple zeros of the Wronskian and $(p_i)_{i \leq g}$ by:

$$\forall i \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket : p_i = \left. \frac{\partial \log \Psi_+}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=q_i} = \left. \frac{\partial \log \Psi_-}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=q_i}.$$

Quantum curve

Quantum Curve

The non-perturbative wave functions Ψ_{\pm} satisfy a linear second order PDE with **rational coefficients**:

$$\left[\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} - \hbar^2 R(\lambda) \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} - \hbar Q(\lambda) - \mathcal{H}(\lambda) \right] \Psi_{\pm}(\lambda; \hbar) = 0$$

with $R(\lambda) = \frac{\partial \log W(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}$ and

$$\mathcal{H}(\lambda) = \left[\hbar^2 \sum_{k \in K_{\infty}} U_{\infty,k}(\lambda) \frac{\partial}{\partial T_{b_{\infty,k}}} + \hbar^2 \sum_{\nu=1}^n \sum_{k \in K_{b_{\nu}}} U_{b_{\nu},k}(\lambda) \frac{\partial}{\partial T_{b_{\nu},k}} \right]$$

$$\left[\log Z(\mathbf{T}, \epsilon, \rho) - \hbar^{-2} \omega_{0,0} \right] + y^2(\lambda)$$

$$Q(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^g \frac{p_j}{\lambda - q_j} + \frac{\hbar}{2} \left[\sum_{k \in K_{\infty}} U_{\infty,k}(\lambda) \frac{\partial(S_+(\lambda) - S_-(\lambda))}{\partial T_{\infty,k}} \right]_{\infty,+}$$

$$+ \frac{\hbar}{2} \sum_{\nu=1}^n \left[\sum_{k \in K_{b_{\nu}}} U_{\nu,k}(\lambda) \frac{\partial(S_+(\lambda) - S_-(\lambda))}{\partial T_{\nu,k}} \right]_{X_{\nu,-}}$$

Quantum curve 2

Additional relations

The pairs (q_i, p_i) satisfy $\forall i \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket$:

$$p_i^2 = \mathcal{H}(q_i) - \hbar p_i \left[\sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{q_i - q_j} - \sum_{\nu=1}^n \frac{r_\nu}{q_i - X_\nu} \right] \frac{\partial \log \Psi_+(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=q_j} + \left[\frac{\partial \left(Q(\lambda) - \frac{p_i}{\lambda - q_i} \right)}{\partial \lambda} \right]_{\lambda=q_i}$$

Asymptotics $S_\pm(\lambda)$ are given by:

$$S_\pm(\lambda) = \mp \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{k=2}^{r_{b_\nu}} \frac{T_{b_\nu, k}}{k-1} \frac{1}{(\lambda - X_\nu)^{k-1}} \pm \frac{1}{\hbar} T_{b_\nu, 1} \log(\lambda - X_\nu) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_{\nu, k}^\pm (\lambda - X_\nu)^k$$

$$S_\pm(\lambda) = \mp \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{k=2}^{r_\infty} \frac{T_{b_\infty, k}}{k-1} \lambda^{k-1} \mp \frac{1}{\hbar} T_{b_\infty, 1} \log(\lambda) - \frac{\log \lambda}{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_{\infty, k}^\pm \lambda^{-k}$$

or

$$S_\pm(\lambda) = \mp \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{k=2}^{r_\infty} \frac{T_{b_\infty, k}}{2k-3} \lambda^{\frac{2k-3}{2}} \mp \frac{1}{\hbar} T_{b_\infty, 1} \log(\lambda) - \frac{\log \lambda}{4} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_{\infty, k}^\pm \lambda^{-\frac{k}{2}}$$

Thus,

$$Q(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^g \frac{p_j}{\lambda - q_j} + \sum_{k=0}^{r_\infty - 4} Q_{\infty, k} \lambda^k + \sum_{\nu=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{r_\nu + 1} \frac{Q_{\nu, k}}{(\lambda - X_\nu)^k}$$

Linearization and \hbar -deformed spectral curve

- **Linearize the quantum curve**, i.e. choose

$$\vec{\Psi}_{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\pm} \\ \alpha(\lambda)\Psi_{\pm} + \beta(\lambda)\partial_{\lambda}\Psi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix} \text{ to have a } 2 \times 2 \text{ system}$$

$$\hbar\partial_{\lambda}\vec{\Psi}_{\pm}(\lambda) = L(\lambda)\vec{\Psi}_{\pm}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} P(\lambda) & M(\lambda) \\ W(\lambda) & -P(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \vec{\Psi}_{\pm}(\lambda)$$

- Define the **\hbar -deformed spectral curve**: $\det(y I_2 - L(\lambda)) = 0$

$$y^2(\lambda) = \mathcal{H}(\lambda) + \hbar \sum_{j=1}^g \frac{p_j}{\lambda - q_j} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left[\sum_{k \in K_{\infty}} U_{\infty,k}(\lambda) \frac{\partial(S_+(\lambda) + S_-(\lambda))}{\partial T_{\infty,k}} \right]_{\infty,+}$$

$$+ \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \sum_{\nu=1}^n \left[\sum_{k \in K_{\nu}} U_{\nu,k}(\lambda) \frac{\partial(S_+(\lambda) + S_-(\lambda))}{\partial T_{\nu,k}} \right]_{x_{\nu,-}} + \hbar \frac{\partial P(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}$$

$$- \hbar \frac{\partial \log W(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} P(\lambda)$$

Additional material 2

- Write the time differential systems

$$\partial_{T_{\nu,k}} \vec{\Psi}_{\pm} = R_{\nu,k}(\lambda) \vec{\Psi}_{\pm}$$

- Define isomonodromic times $t_{\nu,k}$ and the map $(T_{\nu,k})_{\nu,k} \rightarrow (t_{\nu,k})_{\nu,k}$ and the differential systems $\partial_{t_{\nu,k}} \vec{\Psi}_{\pm} = L_{\nu,k}(\lambda) \vec{\Psi}_{\pm}$
- Connected to the problem **isospectral** \rightarrow **isomonodromic**: Existence of times t such that $\frac{\delta L(\lambda)}{\delta t} = \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \lambda}$ where δ is the variation to explicit dependence on t only.
- Define g Hamiltonians $(H_j(q_1, \dots, q_g, p_1, \dots, p_g, \hbar))_{1 \leq j \leq g}$ so that \hbar -deformed Hamilton's equations are satisfied:

$$\forall (i, j) \in \llbracket 1, g \rrbracket^g : \hbar \partial_t q_i = \frac{\partial H_j}{\partial p_i} \text{ and } \hbar \partial_t p_j = -\frac{\partial H_j}{\partial q_i}$$

- Apply to all Painlevé equations and their hierarchies.

Example on Painlevé 2

- Corresponds to $n = 0$, $n_\infty = 0$ **and** $r_\infty = 4$: Family of classical spectral curves:

$$y^2 = T_{\infty,4}^2 x^4 + 2T_{\infty,3} T_{\infty,4} x^3 + (T_{\infty,3}^2 + 2T_{\infty,4} T_{\infty,2}) x^2 + [2T_{\infty,3} T_{\infty,2} + 2T_{\infty,4} T_{\infty,1}] x + H_0$$

- Quantum curve reads:

$$0 = \left[\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{x-q} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\hbar p}{x-q} - T_{\infty,4}^2 x^4 - 2T_{\infty,3} T_{\infty,4} x^3 - (T_{\infty,3}^2 + 2T_{\infty,4} T_{\infty,2}) x^2 - [2T_{\infty,3} T_{\infty,2} + 2T_{\infty,4} T_{\infty,1}] x - H_0 - \hbar T_{\infty,4} q \right] \Psi_{\pm}(x)$$

Example on Painlevé 2

- Hamiltonian H_0 is given by:

$$H_0 = p^2 - T_{\infty,4}q^4 - 2T_{\infty,3}T_{\infty,4}q^3 - (T_{\infty,3}^2 + 2T_{\infty,4}T_{\infty,2})q^2 - \left[2T_{\infty,3}T_{\infty,2} + 2T_{\infty,4} \left(T_{\infty,1} + \frac{\hbar}{2} \right) \right] q$$

- Define $t_{\infty,1} = 2T_{\infty,2}$, Darboux coordinates (q, p) satisfy Hamiltonian equations:

$$2\hbar \frac{\partial p}{\partial t_{\infty,1}} = \frac{\partial H_0}{\partial q} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\hbar \frac{\partial q}{\partial t_{\infty,1}} = -\frac{\partial H_0}{\partial p}.$$

Recovers the standard Painlevé 2 by setting $T_{\infty,4} = 1$, $T_{\infty,3} = 0$, $T_{\infty,1} = -\theta$

$$\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial t_{\infty,1}^2} = 2q + t_{\infty,1}q + \frac{\hbar}{2} - \theta.$$

Remarks and open questions

Summary

- ① Given **classical spectral curve** \Rightarrow Top. Rec. $(\omega_{h,n}(z_1, \dots, z_n))_{h \geq 0, n \geq 0}$
- ② $(\omega_{n,h})_{n \geq 0, h \geq 0}(z_1, \dots, z_n) \Rightarrow$ **Wave function**

$$\psi^{\text{pert}} = e^{\int^z \dots \int^z \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} \omega_{n,h} \hbar^{n+2h-2}}$$

- ③ Discrete Fourier transform of $\psi^{\text{pert}} \Rightarrow \psi^{\text{non-pert}}$
- ④ Define $\vec{\Psi} = (\psi^{\text{non-pert}}, \partial_\lambda \psi^{\text{non-pert}}, \dots, (\partial_\lambda)^{d-1} \psi^{\text{non-pert}})$. Satisfy a companion-like linear differential system \Rightarrow **Quantum spectral curve**.
- ⑤ Fix the gauge to remove apparent pole singularities
- ⑥ Connect deformations of the coefficients of the classical spectral curves (family of spectral curves with prescribed pole structure and fixed genus) with isomonodromic deformations.

Remarks for the hyper-elliptic case

- Genus 0 curves \Rightarrow No Fourier transform (standard WKB expansions)
 \Rightarrow Reconstruction via Topological Type property possible.
- **Isomonodromic times differ from spectral times** (naturally arising in the spectral curve and topological recursion). \Rightarrow creates technical complications.
- Standard **gauge choice** for the 2×2 matrix system is usually not companion-like to avoid apparent singularities.
- These technical issues have been solved in the hyper-elliptic case.

Open questions and future works

- Connection with isomonodromic deformations is missing in the general setting (non-hyper-elliptic).
- Deformations of the classical spectral curves with fixed genus are problematic in the loop equations.
- Technical assumptions like non-degenerate ramification points, poles \neq ramification points should be lifted but requires technical computations.
- Analytic properties of Ψ : Description of the associated RHP to be done.
- Connection with orthogonal polynomials in the case of RMT ?

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