

Recent progress in the algebro-geometric construction of non-abelian monopoles

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Equations

- ▶ Reduction of $F = *F$ (or static $V(\Phi) = 0$ with PS BC's)

$$L = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{ij} F^{ij} + \text{Tr} D_i \Phi D^i \Phi + V(\Phi)$$

- ▶ $*_{\mathbb{R}^3} F = \pm D\Phi$, $B_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} F^{jk} = \pm D_i \Phi$

- ▶ A *monopole* of charge n

$$\left. \sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \Phi(r)^2} \right|_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sim 1 - \frac{n}{2r} + O(r^{-2}), \quad r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$$

- ▶ Monopoles \leftrightarrow Nahm Data \leftrightarrow Hitchin Data

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- Solve **Weyl equation** (charge n $SU(2)$ monopoles) $\mathbf{V}_{2n \times 2n}$

$$\Delta^\dagger \mathbf{V} = i \left(1_{2n} \frac{d}{ds} + i \sum_{j=1}^3 T_j(s) \otimes \sigma_j - \sum_{j=1}^3 x_j 1_n \otimes \sigma_j \right) \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}, s) = 0$$

- Reconstruction $\mathbf{V}\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$, $\int_0^2 \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s) ds = \delta_{ab}$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x})_{ab} = i \int_0^2 s \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s) ds, \quad a, b = 1, 2$$

$$A_j(\mathbf{x})_{ab} = i \int_0^2 \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s) ds, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

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Both ends: only 2 normalisable solutions



Integrals computed in closed form

$$\int \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s) ds = \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathcal{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}, z) = \frac{1}{r^2} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{T}(z) \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{T}(z)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbf{1}_n \otimes x_i \sigma_i, \quad \mathcal{T}(z) = \iota \sum_{i=1}^3 T_i(z) \otimes \sigma_i$$

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Observe Dependence only on boundary values and their derivatives

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- ▶ $\mathcal{S} = K3$
- ▶ \mathcal{S} a Poisson surface
- ▶ separation of variables $\leftrightarrow \text{Hilb}^{[M]}(\mathcal{S})$
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- ▶ **genus** given by Riemann Hurwitz formula $g_{\text{monopole}} = (n - 1)^2$

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- ▶ reality constrains the form of the period matrix
- ▶ there may be between 0 and $g + 1$ ovals of fixed points of the antiholomorphic involution.
- ▶ Imposing reality can be one of the hardest steps.

Baker-Akhiezer Function

Existence: Krichever's Theorem (1977)

Let \mathcal{C} be a smooth algebraic curve of genus $g_{\mathcal{C}}$ with $n \geq 1$ punctures $P_j, j = 1, \dots, n$. Then for each set of $g_{\mathcal{C}} + n - 1$ points $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{g_{\mathcal{C}}+n-1}$ in general position, there exists a unique function $\Psi_j(t, P)$ and local coordinates $w_j(P)$ for which $w_j(P_j) = 0$, such that

1. The function Ψ_j of $P \in \mathcal{C}$ is meromorphic outside the punctures and has at most simple poles at δ_r (if all of them are distinct);
2. In the neighbourhood of the puncture P_l the function Ψ_j has the form (for $i \in \mathbb{N}^+, w_l = w_l(P)$)

$$\Psi_j(s, P) = e^{s w_l^{-i}} \left(\delta_{jl} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{jl}^k(s) w_l^k \right)$$

Meromorphic differential describe flows

$$w_j(P_j) = 0 \quad d\Omega^{(i)} = d \left(w_j^{-i} + o(w_j) \right) \quad \oint_{\alpha_k} d\Omega^{(i)} = 0$$



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Curves related by Landen Transformation

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