

Quantization of irregular Riemann-Hilbert maps

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Proposition

Any solution $f(z)$ is a multivalued meromorphic function on \mathbb{C} that can only have singularity at z_0 , where z_0 is a pole of some $a_i(z)$.

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- Idea: to "solve" ODE from a moduli viewpoint, via symplectic geometry and its quantization.

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Theorem (Hitchin)

The RH map is locally analytic Symplectic/Poisson isomorphism.

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- Known for $n = 2$, $i = 1$, $p_1 = 2$ (Kummer); for $n = 2$, $i = 2$, $p_1 = p_2 = 1$ (Riemann).

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Theorem (Boalch)

For fixed regular u , the irregular Riemann-Hilbert map

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is a locally analytic Poisson isomorphism.

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- Application: use the representation theory of $U_{\hbar}^{(k)}$ to understand the highly transcendental irregular RH maps!

Second order pole case

Quantum group and the Stokes phenomenon at second order pole

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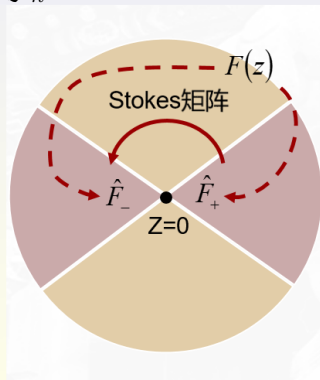
$$e^{\frac{u}{z}} z^{-[A]} \cdot F(z) \sim T_{\pm} \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 0 \text{ in left/right planes } \mathbb{H}_{\pm},$$

for some invertible constant matrices T_{\pm} .

- The different asymptotics of $F(z)$ are measured by the ratio

$$S_+(A, u) = T_+ \cdot T_-^{-1},$$

called Stokes matrix, similarly define $S_-(A, u)$.



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Representations of quantum group from Stokes matrices

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Interpretations: Knot invariants, Yang-Baxter equation

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4	Wall-crossing in WKB approximation	Cactus group actions on crystals
5	Whitham dynamics	HKRW covers on eigenbasis
6	Analytic branching rules	Braching rules/ Gelfand-Tsetlin theory
7	Asymptotic Riemann-Hilbert problem	An explicit Drinfeld isomorphism
8	Involution of equations	Quantum symmetric pairs
9	Formal power series solutions	Yangians/ Trigonometric R-matrix
10	Semiclassical limit	Dual Poisson Lie groups

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Part II

Arbitrary order pole and quantization of Riemann-Hilbert mpas

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$$S_i(u) \in \widehat{U}(\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}[t]/t^k)) \otimes \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^n) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, 2k$$

Here S_{2i+1} is upper triangular and S_{2i} is lower triangular.

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Here the indices are taken modulo $2k$.

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For any $u \in \mathfrak{h}_{\text{reg}}$, the quantum Stokes matrices satisfy the algebraic relations $(RL \dots L = L \dots LR)$

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