

Symmetry approach to classification of integrable PDEs

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Remark

There are three types of integrable equations of the form

$$u_t = F(u, u_x, u_{xx}, u_{xxx}) :$$



$$u_t = au_{xxx} + b,$$



$$u_t = \frac{a}{(u_{xxx} + b)^2},$$

and



$$u_t = \frac{2a + b}{\sqrt{au_{xxx}^2 + bu_{xxx} + c}} + d,$$

where the coefficients depend on u, u_x, u_{xx} .

Part 2. Integrable vector systems

Main concepts of the symmetry approach can be generalized to systems of evolution equations (A. Mikhailov, A. Shabat, R. Yamilov). However, component-wise computations in this case are very tedious. The only one serious classification problem has been solved: all systems of the form

$$u_t = u_2 + F(u, v, u_1, v_1), \quad u_t = -v_2 + G(u, v, u_1, v_1)$$

possessing higher conservation laws were listed.

Examples: Well-known NLS-equation

$$u_t = u_2 + u^2 v, \quad v_t = -v_2 - v^2 u;$$

one of the versions of the Boussinesq equation

$$u_t = u_2 + (u + v)^2, \quad v_t = -v_2 + (u + v)^2;$$

and Landau-Lifshitz equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_2 - \frac{2u_1^2}{u+v} - \frac{4(p(u,v)u_1 + r(u)v_1)}{(u+v)^2} \\v_t &= -v_2 + \frac{2v_1^2}{u+v} - \frac{4(p(u,v)v_1 + r(-v)u_1)}{(u+v)^2},\end{aligned}$$

where $r(y) = c_4y^4 + c_3y^3 + c_2y^2 + c_1y + c_0$ and

$$p(u,v) = 2c_4u^2v^2 + c_3(uv^2 - vu^2) - 2c_2uv + c_1(u-v) + 2c_0,$$

are basic models in a very long list of integrable systems.

But there exist several classes of systems where we can avoid the component-wise computations.

Class 1. Matrix equations.

The matrix KdV equation has the following form

$$U_t = U_{xxx} + 3(UU_x + U_xU),$$

where $U(x, t)$ is unknown $N \times N$ -matrix. The simplest higher symmetry of this equation can be also written in the matrix form:

$$U_\tau = U_{xxxxx} + 5(UU_{xxx} + U_{xxx}U) + 10(U_xU_{xx} + U_{xx}U_x) + 10(U^2U_x + UU_xU + U_xU^2).$$

In general, we consider equations of the form

$$U_t = F(U, U_1, \dots, U_n), \quad U_i = \frac{\partial^i U}{\partial x^i}, \quad (1)$$

where F is a (non-commutative) polynomial. Integrability means the existence of generalized symmetries of the same form

$$U_\tau = G(U, U_1, \dots, U_m).$$

Class 2. Equations on non-associative algebras.

Equations of the form

$$U_t = F(U, U_1, \dots, U_n), \quad U_i = \frac{\partial^i U}{\partial x^i},$$

where F is a non-commutative, non-associative polynomial. In this case F is fixed but the multiplication in the algebra is unknown.

For example. we may consider the KdV equation

$$U_t = U_{xxx} + 3U \circ U_x,$$

where \circ is a multiplication in some algebra A . The main question is: **for which algebras this equation is integrable?**

Class 3. Vector equations.

Integrable vector evolution equations have the following form:

$$\mathbf{u}_t = f_n \mathbf{u}_n + f_{n-1} \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + \cdots + f_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + f_0 \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{u}_i = \frac{\partial^i \mathbf{u}}{\partial x^i}. \quad (2)$$

Here \mathbf{u} is N -component vector, the (scalar) coefficients f_i depend on scalar products between $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}$.

Examples. The following vector mKdV-systems:

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}_x.$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}_x + (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x) \mathbf{u}$$

are integrable for any N .

Theorem (A.Meshkov, VS 2002).

- i). If equation (2) possesses an infinite series of generalized symmetries of the form

$$\mathbf{u}_\tau = g_m \mathbf{u}_m + g_{m-1} \mathbf{u}_{m-1} + \cdots + g_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + g_0 \mathbf{u}, \quad (3)$$

then there exists a formal series

$$L = a_1 D + a_0 + a_{-1} D^{-1} + a_{-2} D^{-2} + \cdots, \quad (4)$$

satisfying the operator relation

$$L_t = [A, L], \quad A = \sum_0^n f_i D^i. \quad (5)$$

Here f_i are the coefficients of equation (2).

- ii). The following functions

$$\rho_{-1} = \frac{1}{a_1}, \quad \rho_0 = \frac{a_0}{a_1}, \quad \rho_i = \operatorname{res} L^i, \quad i \in \mathbb{N} \quad (6)$$

are conserved densities for equation (2).

- iii). If equation (2) possesses an infinite series of conserved densities, then there exist a series L satisfying (5), and a series S of the form

$$S = s_1 D + s_0 + s_{-1} D^{-1} + s_{-2} D^{-2} + \cdots,$$

such that

$$S_t + A^t S + S A = 0, \quad S^t = -S, \quad L^t = -S^{-1} L S,$$

where the upper index t stands for a formal conjugation.

- iii). Under the conditions of item iii) densities (6) with $i = 2k$ are of the form $\rho_{2k} = D(\sigma_k)$ for some functions σ_k .

Integrable vector equations of the form

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + f_2 \mathbf{u}_{xx} + f_1 \mathbf{u}_x + f_0 \mathbf{u} \quad (7)$$

were studied by A.Meshkov and VS.

Equation (7) is called **isotropic** if the coefficients f_i are scalar functions in the following six variables:

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}), (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x), (\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_x), (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_{xx}), (\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_{xx}), (\mathbf{u}_{xx}, \mathbf{u}_{xx}). \quad (8)$$

It is clear that isotropic models are invariant with respect to the group $SO(N)$.

We consider equations (7) that are integrable for arbitrary dimension N . In virtue of the arbitrariness of N , variables (8) can be regarded as **independent**.

Isotropic equations on the sphere

Let us additionally assume that $\mathbf{u}^2 = 1$. Then $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x) = 0$ and $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_{xx}) = -(\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_x)$. Therefore we have only three independent scalar products

$$(\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_x), \quad (\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_{xx}), \quad (\mathbf{u}_{xx}, \mathbf{u}_{xx})$$

in the coefficients of the equation.

Theorem (Meshkov-VS 2002). Suppose that an equation of the form (7) on the sphere $\mathbf{u}^2 = 1$ has an infinite series of generalized symmetries or conserved densities; then this equation belongs to the following list:

List of integrable isotropic equations on the sphere

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} - 3 \frac{u_{[1,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_{xx} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{u_{[2,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_x,$$

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} - 3 \frac{u_{[1,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_{xx} + \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{u_{[2,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} + \frac{u_{[1,2]}^2}{u_{[1,1]}^2 (1 + a u_{[1,1]})} \right) \mathbf{u}_x,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{a^2 u_{[1,2]}^2}{1 + a u_{[1,1]}} - a (u_{[2,2]} - u_{[1,1]}^2) + u_{[1,1]} \right) \mathbf{u}_x + \\ + 3 u_{[1,2]} \mathbf{u}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} - 3 \frac{(q+1) u_{[1,2]}}{2 q u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_{xx} + 3 \frac{(q-1) u_{[1,2]}}{2 q} \mathbf{u} \\ + \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{(q+1) u_{[2,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} - \frac{(q+1) a u_{[1,2]}^2}{q^2 u_{[1,1]}} + u_{[1,1]} (1-q) \right) \mathbf{u}_x, \end{aligned}$$

where $u_{[i,j]} := (\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$ and $q = \sqrt{1 + a u_{[1,1]}}$.

Notice that if $a = 0$ and therefore $q = \pm 1$ then the latter equation yields

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} - 3 \frac{u_{[1,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_{xx} + 3 \frac{u_{[2,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_x,$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + 3 u_{[1,1]} \mathbf{u}_x + 3 u_{[1,2]} \mathbf{u}.$$

Another solved classification problem: equations of the form

$$\mathbf{u}_t = D(\mathbf{u}_{xx} + f_1 \mathbf{u}_x + f_0 \mathbf{u})$$

Anisotropic equations

Consider the following equation (I. Golubchik-VS 2000):

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \left(\mathbf{u}_{xx} + \frac{3}{2}(\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_x)\mathbf{u} \right)_x + \frac{3}{2}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \mathbf{u}_x, \quad \mathbf{u}^2 = 1. \quad (9)$$

Here $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = (\mathbf{a}, R\mathbf{b})$, where R is an arbitrary constant symmetric matrix R . One can assume that $R = \text{diag}(r_1, \dots, r_N)$. Equation (9) has a Lax pair whose spectral parameter lies on an algebraic curve of genus $1 + (N - 3)2^{N-2}$. If $N = 3$, then (9) is a symmetry for the famous Landau-Lifshitz equation.

In this case the coefficients in

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + f_2 \mathbf{u}_{xx} + f_1 \mathbf{u}_x + f_0 \mathbf{u}$$

depends on two different independent scalar products (\cdot, \cdot) and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

Theorem (Meshkov-VS 2002). Suppose equation (7) on the sphere $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) = 1$ with

$$f_i = f_i(u_{[1,1]}, u_{[1,2]}, u_{[2,2]}, v_{[0,0]}, v_{[0,1]}, v_{[1,1]}),$$

where $v_{[i,j]} := \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle$. has an infinite series of symmetries or conserved densities; then this equation is one of the above or belongs to the following list:

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_3 - \frac{3 u_{[1,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_2 + \left(\frac{3 u_{[2,2]}}{2 u_{[1,1]}} + \frac{3 u_{[1,2]}^2}{2 u_{[1,1]}^2} + \frac{c v_{[1,1]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \right) \mathbf{u}_1,$$

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_3 + \left(v_{[0,0]} + \frac{3}{2} u_{[1,1]} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 + 3 u_{[1,2]} \mathbf{u}_0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_3 - 3 \frac{u_{[1,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} \mathbf{u}_2 + \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{u_{[2,2]}}{u_{[1,1]}} + \frac{(v_{[0,0]} + a) u_{[1,2]}^2}{q u_{[1,1]}^2} - \right. \\ \left. - 2 \frac{v_{[0,1]} u_{[1,2]}}{q u_{[1,1]}} + \frac{v_{[1,1]}}{u_{[1,1]}} - \frac{v_{[0,1]}^2}{q u_{[1,1]}} \right) \mathbf{u}_1, \end{aligned}$$

where $q = u_{[1,1]} + v_{[0,0]} + a$.

The classification of anisotropic equations on the sphere with

$$f_i = f_i(u_{[1,1]}, u_{[1,2]}, u_{[2,2]}, v_{[0,0]}, v_{[0,1]}, v_{[1,1]}, v_{[0,2]}, v_{[1,2]}, v_{[2,2]})$$

was completed by M. Balakhnev and A. Meshkov in 2005.

Example (Balakhnev-Meshkov 2005)

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_3 - 3 \frac{v_{[0,1]}}{v_{[0,0]}} \mathbf{u}_2 - 3 \left(\frac{v_{[0,2]}}{v_{[0,0]}} - 2 \frac{v_{[0,1]}^2}{v_{[0,0]}^2} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 + 3 \left(u_{[1,2]} - \frac{v_{[0,1]}}{v_{[0,0]}} u_{[1,1]} \right) \mathbf{u},$$

Integrable hyperbolic vector equations on the sphere were studied by A. Meshkov and VS.

Example (Meshkov-VS 2012)

$$\mathbf{u}_{xy} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_x}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \left(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_y \rangle + \sqrt{1 + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle |\mathbf{u}_x|^{-2}} \phi \right) - (\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_y) \mathbf{u},$$

$$\text{where} \quad \phi = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_y \rangle^2 + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle (1 - \langle \mathbf{u}_y, \mathbf{u}_y \rangle)}$$

Part 3. Non-associative algebraic structures and multi-component polynomial integrable models.

Main results have been obtained by S. Svinolupov.

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Jordan KdV systems.

The KdV equation is given by

$$u_t = u_{xxx} + uu_x.$$

Consider the following N -component system

$$u_t^i = u_{xxx}^i + C_{jk}^i u^k u_x^j, \quad i, j, k = 1, \dots, N, \quad (10)$$

where C_{jk}^i are constants.

Let A be an N -dimensional algebra with a basis $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_N$ such that

$$\mathbf{e}_j \circ \mathbf{e}_k = C_{jk}^i \mathbf{e}_i.$$

If $U = \sum_k u^k \mathbf{e}_k$ then the algebraic form of (10) is given by

$$U_t = U_{xxx} + U \circ U_x, \quad (11)$$

where \circ denotes the multiplication in A .

Theorem. Equation (11) has a generalized symmetry of the form

$$U_\tau = U_m + f(U, \dots, U_{m-1}),$$

where $m \geq 5$, f a (non-commutative, non associative) homogeneous differential polynomial iff A is a **Jordan algebra**.

Definition. Algebra A is called Jordan if the following identities

$$X \circ Y = Y \circ X, \quad X^2 \circ (Y \circ X) = (X^2 \circ Y) \circ X.$$

hold.

If $*$ is a multiplication in any associative algebra then $X \circ Y = X * Y + Y * X$ is a Jordan multiplication.

Definition. A system (10) is called **irreducible** if it does not contain any subsystem of the same form.

Proposition. A system (10) is irreducible iff the corresponding algebra A is **simple**.

Examples of simple Jordan algebras:

- a) The set of all $N \times N$ matrices w.r.t. $X \circ Y = XY + YX$;
- b) The set of all symmetric $N \times N$ matrices w.r.t. the same operation;
- c) The set of all N -dimensional vectors w.r.t.

$$X \circ Y = \langle X, C \rangle Y + \langle Y, C \rangle X - \langle X, Y \rangle C,$$

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is a scalar product, C is a given constant vector;

- d) A special Jordan algebra $H_3(O)$ of dimension 27.

The corresponding integrable systems :

a) The matrix KdV-equation:

$$U_t = U_{xxx} + UU_x + U_xU,$$

where U is an $N \times N$ -matrix;

b) The matrix KdV-equation with $U^t = U$;

c) The vector KdV equation (Svinolupov-VS):

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + \langle C, \mathbf{u} \rangle \mathbf{u}_x + \langle C, \mathbf{u}_x \rangle \mathbf{u} - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x \rangle C,$$

where \mathbf{u} is an N -dimensional vector, C is a given constant vector.

Left-symmetric Burgers systems.

The Burgers equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} + uu_x$$

is homogeneous: the weights are $u \rightarrow 1, \frac{d}{dx} \rightarrow 1, \frac{d}{dt} \rightarrow 2$.

Consider the following homogeneous multi-component generalization of the Burgers:

$$u_t^i = u_{xx}^i + 2C_{jk}^i u^k u_x^j + A_{jkm}^i u^k u^j u^m, \quad (12)$$

where $i, j, k = 1, \dots, N$

Theorem. This system has generalized symmetries iff

$$A_{jkm}^i = \frac{1}{3} \left(C_{jr}^i C_{km}^r + C_{kr}^i C_{mj}^r + C_{mr}^i C_{jk}^r \right. \\ \left. - C_{rj}^i C_{km}^r - C_{rk}^i C_{mj}^r - C_{rm}^i C_{jk}^r \right),$$

and

$$C_{jr}^i C_{km}^r - C_{kr}^i C_{jm}^r = C_{jk}^r C_{rm}^i - C_{kj}^r C_{rm}^i \quad (13)$$

for any i, j, k, m (summation w.r.t. r).

Formula (13) means that C_{jk}^i are structural constants of a **left-symmetric** algebra A .

The algebraic form of the system is

$$U_t = U_{xx} + 2U \circ U_x + U \circ (U \circ U) - (U \circ U) \circ U,$$

where \circ denotes the multiplication in A .

Definition of left-symmetric algebra:

$$As(X, Y, Z) = As(Y, X, Z),$$

where

$$As(X, Y, Z) = (X \circ Y) \circ Z - X \circ (Y \circ Z).$$

Any associative algebra is left-symmetric.

Example of vector left-symmetric algebra.

The set of all N -dimensional vectors w.r.t.

$$X \circ Y = \langle X, C \rangle Y + \langle X, Y \rangle C,$$

where C is a fixed (constant) vector.

Corresponding integrable systems:

a. The matrix Burgers equation

$$U_t = U_{xx} + UU_x;$$

b. The vector Burgers equation (Svinolupov-VS)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_t &= \mathbf{u}_{xx} + 2 \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x \rangle C + 2 \langle C, \mathbf{u} \rangle \mathbf{u}_x + \\ &\quad \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \langle C, \mathbf{u} \rangle C - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \langle C, C \rangle \mathbf{u}; \end{aligned}$$

One more example of left-symmetric algebra

(I.Golubchik-VS).

Let A be associative algebra and $R : A \rightarrow A$ satisfies the modified classical Yang-Baxter equation

$$R([R(x), y] - [R(y), x]) = [x, y] + [R(x), R(y)].$$

Then the multiplication

$$x \circ y = [R(x), y] - (xy + yx)$$

is left-symmetric.

Jordan triple systems and polynomial integrable models.

Consider mKdV-type systems of the form

$$u_t^i = u_{xxx}^i + C_{jkm}^i u^k u^j u_x^m, \quad i, j, k = 1, \dots, N.$$

Let T be an algebraic **triple system** with a basis $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_N$ such that

$$\{\mathbf{e}_j, \mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{e}_m\} = C_{jkm}^i \mathbf{e}_i.$$

If $U = \sum_k u^k \mathbf{e}_k$ then the algebraic form of the equation is given by

$$U_t = U_{xxx} + \{U, U, U_x\}. \quad (14)$$

Theorem. For any **triple Jordan system** equation (14) has an infinite series of generalized symmetries.

Definition. A triple system T is called Jordan if the following identities

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = \{Z, Y, X\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{X, Y, \{V, W, Z\}\} - \{V, W, \{X, Y, Z\}\} = \\ \{\{X, Y, V\}, W, Z\} - \{V, \{Y, X, W\}, Z\}. \end{aligned}$$

hold.

If $*$ is a multiplication in any associative algebra then $\{X, Y, Z\} = X * Y * Z + Z * Y * X$ is a Jordan triple product.

Examples of simple triple Jordan systems.

a) The set of all $N \times N$ matrices w.r.t.

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = XYZ + ZYX$$

b) The set of all skew-symmetric $N \times N$ matrices w.r.t. the same operation.

c) The set of all N -dimensional vectors w.r.t.

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = \langle X, Y \rangle Z + \langle Y, Z \rangle X - \langle X, Z \rangle Y.$$

d) The set of all N -dimensional vectors w.r.t.

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = \langle X, Y \rangle Z + \langle Y, Z \rangle X.$$

There is the following generalization of Example **d**. The vector space of all $n \times m$ -matrices is a Jordan triple system with respect to operation

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = XY^tZ + ZY^tX,$$

where "t" stands for transposition.

The integrable vector systems corresponding to Examples **c** and **d** are given by

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}_x.$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{u}_{xxx} + (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}_x + (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x) \mathbf{u}.$$

The matrix triple Jordan system generates the matrix mKdV equation

$$U_t = U_{xxx} + U^2 U_x + U_x U^2.$$

Theorem. For any Jordan triple system the nonlinear Schroedinger-type system

$$U_t = U_{xx} + \{V, U, V\}, \quad V_t = -V_{xx} - \{U, V, U\},$$

and the nonlinear derivative Schroedinger-type system

$$U_t = U_{xx} + \{V, U, V\}_x, \quad V_t = -V_{xx} - \{U, V, U\}_x,$$

possess generalized symmetries.

The corresponding integrable NLS-type systems:

a. the matrix NLS equation

$$u_t = u_2 + 2uvu, \quad v_t = -v_2 - 2vuv;$$

c the vector NLS equation 2 (Kulish-Sklyanin)

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_2 + 2 \langle u, v \rangle u - \langle u, u \rangle v, \\ v_t &= -v_2 - 2 \langle u, v \rangle v + \langle v, v \rangle u; \end{aligned}$$

d the vector NLS equation 1 (Manakov)

$$u_t = u_2 + 2 \langle u, v \rangle u, \quad v_t = -v_2 - 2 \langle u, v \rangle v;$$

Part 4. Jordan triple systems and rational integrable models.

Results have been obtained by S. Svinolupov and VS.

There exist rational integrable equations like the Schwartz-KdV equation

$$u_t = u_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{u_{xx}^2}{u_x}.$$

What is the Jordan analog of this equation?

What is $\frac{1}{x}$? A proper answer is: it is any solution of the ODE $y' = -y^2$.

Let $\{X, Y, Z\}$ be a Jordan triple system,

$$U = \sum_k u^k \mathbf{e}_k.$$

Let $\phi(u^1, \dots, u^N) = \sum_k \phi^k \mathbf{e}_k$ be a solution of the following overdetermined **consistent** system

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u^k} = -\{\phi, \mathbf{e}_k, \phi\}. \quad (15)$$

By **definition**, $U^{-1} = \phi(U)$.

If $\{X, Y, Z\} = \frac{1}{2}(XYZ + ZYX)$, then

$$\phi(U) = U^{-1}.$$

For

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = \langle X, Y \rangle Z + \langle Y, Z \rangle X - \langle X, Z \rangle Y$$

we have

$$\phi(U) = \frac{U}{\|U\|^2}.$$

For any triple Jordan system the following equations have infinitely many generalized symmetries.

Class 1. The following Jordan equations of the Schwartz-KdV type

$$U_t = U_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2}\{U_{xx}, U_x, U_{xx}\}.$$

The correspondent matrix equation is given by

$$u_t = u_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2}u_{xx}u_x^{-1}u_{xx},$$

where $u(x, t)$ is an $N \times N$ matrix.

Class 2. Equation of the form

$$U_t = U_{xxx} - 3\{U_x, U^{-1}, U_{xx}\} + \frac{3}{2}\{U_x, \{U^{-1}, U_x, U^{-1}\}, U_x\}.$$

The corresponding matrix equation has the following form:

$$u_t = u_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2}u_x u^{-1} u_{xx} - \frac{3}{2}u_{xx} u^{-1} u_x + \frac{3}{2}u_x u^{-1} u_x u^{-1} u_x.$$

Class 3. The scalar representative of this class is the Heisenberg model

$$u_t = u_{xx} - \frac{2}{u+v} u_x^2, \quad v_t = -v_{xx} + \frac{2}{u+v} v_x^2.$$

The corresponding integrable Jordan coupled equations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} - 2\{u_x, (u+v)^{-1}, u_x\}, \\ v_t &= -v_{xx} + 2\{v_x, (u+v)^{-1}, v_x\} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix equation is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} - 2u_x(u+v)^{-1}u_x, \\ v_t &= -v_{xx} + 2v_x(u+v)^{-1}v_x. \end{aligned}$$

Class 4. Consider the equation

$$U_{xy} = \{U_x, U^{-1}, U_y\} \quad (16)$$

In the matrix case this coincides with the equation of the principal chiral field

$$u_{xy} = \frac{1}{2}(u_x u^{-1} u_y + u_y u^{-1} u_x).$$

It is easy to verify that for any triple Jordan system equation (16) admits the following zero-curvature representation

$$\Psi_x = \frac{2}{(1-\lambda)} L_{u_x} \Psi, \quad \Psi_y = \frac{2}{(1+\lambda)} L_{u_y} \Psi.$$

Here we denote by L_X the left multiplication operator:

$$L_X(Y) = \{X, U^{-1}, Y\}$$

Remark. There exist close relationships between the Jordan algebras and the Jordan triple systems. Namely, any Jordan algebra generates a triple system by the formula

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = (X \circ Y) \circ Z + (Z \circ Y) \circ X - Y \circ (X \circ Z). \quad (17)$$

Conversely, any Jordan triple system $\{X, Y, Z\}$ yields a family of Jordan algebras with the multiplication

$$X \circ Y = \{X, \phi, Y\},$$

where ϕ is an arbitrary element.

Part 5. Deformations of algebraic structures and integrable models of geometric type.

Results have been obtained by S. Svinolupov and VS.

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Consider multi-component systems of the form

$$u_t^i = u_{xxx}^i + a_{jk}^i(\vec{u})u_x^j u_{xx}^k + b_{jks}^i(\vec{u})u_x^j u_x^k u_x^s. \quad (18)$$

This class is invariant under point transformations: $\vec{v} = \vec{\Psi}(\vec{u})$. Under these transformations, the set of functions $a_{jk}^i(\vec{u})$ are transformed as components of an **affine connection** Γ .

Let R and T be the curvature and the torsion tensors of Γ .

We would like to describe equations from this class having infinitely many generalized symmetries. The following equation

$$U_t = U_{xxx} - 3\{U_x, U^{-1}, U_{xx}\} + \frac{3}{2}\{U_x, \{U^{-1}, U_x, U^{-1}\}, U_x\}.$$

gives us an example of such equation.

It is convenient to rewrite the system as

$$u_t^i = u_{xxx}^i + 3\alpha_{jk}^i u_x^j u_{xx}^k +$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \alpha_{km}^i}{\partial u^j} + 2\alpha_{jr}^i \alpha_{km}^r - \alpha_{rj}^i \alpha_{km}^r + \beta_{jkm}^i \right) u_x^j u_x^k u_x^m,$$

where $\beta_{jkm}^i = \beta_{kjm}^i = \beta_{mkj}^i$, i.e.

$$\beta(X, Y, Z) = \beta(Y, X, Z) = \beta(X, Z, Y)$$

for any vectors X, Y, Z . It is easy to verify that the set of functions β_{jkm}^i are transformed just as components of a **tensor**.

In order to formulate classification results, we introduce the following tensor:

$$\sigma(X, Y, Z) = \beta(X, Y, Z) - \frac{1}{3}\delta(X, Y, Z) + \frac{1}{3}\delta(Z, X, Y),$$

where

$$\delta(X, Y, Z) = T(X, T(Y, Z)) + R(X, Y, Z) - \nabla_X(T(Y, Z)).$$

It follows from the Bianchi identity that

$$\sigma(X, Y, Z) = \sigma(Z, Y, X).$$

Notice that if $T = 0$, then

$$R(X, Y, Z) = \sigma(X, Z, Y) - \sigma(X, Y, Z),$$

$$\beta(X, Y, Z) = \frac{1}{3} (\sigma(X, Y, Z) + \sigma(Y, Z, X) + \sigma(Z, X, Y)).$$

Theorem. The system (18) has infinitely many symmetries iff



$$\nabla_X[R(Y, Z, V)] = R(Y, X, T(Z, V)),$$



$$\nabla_X [\nabla_Y(T(Z, V)) - T(Y, T(Z, V)) - R(Y, Z, V)] = 0,$$



$$\nabla_X(\sigma(Y, Z, V)) = 0,$$



$$\begin{aligned} &T(X, \sigma(Y, Z, V)) + T(Z, \sigma(Y, X, V)) + \\ &+ T(Y, \sigma(X, V, Z)) + T(V, \sigma(X, Y, Z)) = 0, \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\sigma(X, \sigma(Y, Z, V), W) - \sigma(W, V, \sigma(X, Y, Z)) + \\ &\sigma(Z, Y, \sigma(X, V, W)) - \sigma(X, V, \sigma(Z, Y, W)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If $T = 0$, we have a symmetric space together with covariantly constant deformation of a triple Jordan system.

In the case $T \neq 0$, a generalization of the symmetric spaces appears. I do not know whether such affine connected spaces have been considered by geometers.

Theorem. For any Jordan triple system $\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$ with structural constants s_{jkm}^i , there exists a unique (up to point transformations) integrable equation (18), such that $T = 0$ and

$$\sigma_{jkm}^i(0) = s_{jkm}^i. \quad (19)$$

There is a large class of integrable systems (18) related to Jordan algebras.

Define $\alpha_{jk}^i(\vec{u})$ as a solution of the compatible PDE system

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_{jk}^i}{\partial u^m} = \alpha_{rk}^i \alpha_{mj}^r + \alpha_{jr}^i \alpha_{mk}^r - \alpha_{mr}^i \alpha_{jk}^r \quad (20)$$

with initial data $\alpha_{jk}^i(0) = C_{jk}^i$, where C_{jk}^i are structural constants of a Jordan algebra. Then we get a family of Jordan algebras with the structural constants $\alpha_{jk}^i(\vec{u})$, depending on parameters u^1, \dots, u^N . Denote the multiplication in this family by \circ .

Define the family of triple Jordan systems by

$$\{X, Y, Z\} = (X \circ Y) \circ Z + (Z \circ Y) \circ X - Y \circ (X \circ Z).$$

Let $\sigma_{jkm}^i(\vec{u})$ be the structural constants of this family.

Then the corresponding system (18) possesses infinitely many generalized symmetries.

For example, in the equation

$$U_t = U_{xxx} - 3\{U_x, U^{-1}, U_{xx}\} + \frac{3}{2}\{U_x, \{U^{-1}, U_x, U^{-1}\}, U_x\}$$

the term $\{U_x, U^{-1}, U_{xx}\}$ can be treated as a product $U_x \circ U_{xx}$ in a Jordan algebra whose structural constants depend on U in a special way.

Equations with initial vector Jordan triple systems cannot be obtained by this construction. They are of the form

$$u_t = u_{xxx} + \frac{3}{2}(P(u, u_x)(C - \|C\|^2 u))_x + 3\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda + 1}\|C\|^2 P(u, u_x)u_x,$$

where $\lambda = 1$ or $\lambda = 0$, and

$$P(u, u_x) = \|u_x + \frac{\langle C, u_x \rangle u}{1 - (C, u)}\|^2.$$