

# Painleve Transcendents and Its Linearizations

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## §1. Introduction

**Painleve** and his co-workers had studied what kind of ordinary differential equations (**ODE's**) belonging to the second-order class does not admit any movable singular point (**MCP**) in its solutions.<sup>1)</sup> They found six so-called irreducible Painleve transcendents, which can be integrated in terms of elliptic functions,

$$P_1: \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = 6f^2 + x, \quad (1.1 a)$$

$$P_2: \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = 2f^3 + xf + \alpha, \quad (1.1 b)$$

$$P_3: \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{f} \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{x} \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} (\alpha f^2 + \beta), \quad (1.1 c)$$

$$P_4: \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2f} \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{3}{2} f^3 + 4xf^2 + 2(x^2 - \alpha)f + \frac{\beta}{f}, \quad (1.1 d)$$

$$P_5: \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \left( \frac{1}{2f} + \frac{1}{f-1} \right) \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{x} \frac{df}{dx} + \left( \frac{f-1}{x} \right)^2 \left( \alpha f + \frac{\beta}{f} \right) + \gamma \frac{f}{x} + \delta \frac{f(f+1)}{f-1}, \quad (1.1 e)$$

$$P_6: \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{f} + \frac{1}{f-1} + \frac{1}{f-x} \right) \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{f-x} \right) \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{f(f-1)(f-x)}{x^2(x-1)^2} \left\{ \alpha + \beta \frac{x}{f^2} + \gamma \frac{x-1}{(f-1)^2} + \delta \frac{x(x-1)}{(f-x)^2} \right\}, \quad (1.1 f)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are constant. On the other hand, the group theoretical analysis for differential equations was advocated by S. C. Lie during 19-th century,<sup>2)</sup> then many contributions had been published as to the symmetric transformations and similarity solutions.<sup>3)</sup> Despite the considerable effort to these earlier studies, few advances for solutions of the Painleve equations were made until recently.

More than ten years ago Ablowitz et al<sup>4,5)</sup> found that exactly integrable nonlinear partial differential equations (**PDE's**) allows similarity solutions and are closely related with the **Painleve** transcendents.

Flaschka and Newell<sup>6)</sup> considered the problem deeply and obtained a principal method

for solving the 4-th Painleve type of ordinary nonlinear equations (**P-ODE**) in a global sence.

In this issue we consider the connection between linearizations of **PDE's** and **P-ODE's** simply. The principal idear depends on the similarity solutions of **PDE's**.

## §2. Similarity Transformations

The group theoretical analysis for differential equations had contributed to the symmetric transformations and similarity of solutions.<sup>3)</sup> To review this, we consider

$$N(x, t, q, q_x, q_t, q_{xt}, \dots) = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

The basic idear is to consider the invariance of tangential equations under one (or several) parameter ( $=\epsilon$ ), where the transformation group acts on variables  $(x, t, q)$  and generates  $(x', t', q)$ ,

$$x' = f(x, t, q; \epsilon), \quad t' = g(x, t, q; \epsilon), \quad q' = h(x, t, q; \epsilon), \quad (2.2)$$

where the case  $\epsilon=0$  is set to be identity,

$$x = f(x, t, q; 0), \quad t = g(x, t, q; 0), \quad q = h(x, t, q; 0).$$

Denoting a solution of (2.1) as  $q = \phi(x, t)$ , we replace these variables with  $q'$ ,  $x'$  and  $t'$  then obtain

$$N(x', t', q', q'_{x'}, q'_{t'}, q'_{x't'}, \dots) = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

since  $\epsilon$  is a parameter. That is, (2.3) also allows  $q' = \phi(x', t')$ ,

$$\phi(f(x, t, \phi; \epsilon), g(x, t, \phi; \epsilon)) = h(x, t, \phi(x, t); \epsilon). \quad (2.4)$$

We say this as the invariant condition, which enables us to find such infinitesimal transformations as

$$x' = x + \epsilon \xi(x, t, q), \quad t' = t + \epsilon \tau(x, t, q), \quad q' = q + \epsilon \eta(x, t, q). \quad (2.5)$$

The problem is reduced to find three functions  $\xi(x, t, q)$ ,  $\tau(x, t, q)$  and  $\eta(x, t, q)$ .

## §3. Similarities of NLPDE's

In this section we consider the typical type of **NLPDE's**,

$$\mathbf{KdV} : q_t - 6qq_x + q_{xxx} = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\mathbf{mKdV} : q_t - 6q^2q_x + q_{xxx} = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

### 2A) Korteweg-de Vries Equation

We first remark that the **K-dV** equation (3.1) is invariant under transformations of independent variables  $\tilde{t} = \alpha t + \beta x$ ,  $\tilde{x} = \nu t + \delta x$ , and dependent variable as

$$\tilde{q}(x, t) = \kappa \cdot q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\kappa$  is a constant. Actually the **similarity condition**  $q(x, t) = \tilde{q}(x, t)$  holds under conditions  $\alpha = \delta^3$ ,  $\kappa = \delta^2$  and  $\beta = \gamma = 0$ , by which the invariance is given by  $q(x, t) = \delta^2 q(\delta x, \delta^3 t)$ , caused from that the **K-dV** equation at least allows us 1-parameter solution. Since  $\delta^2 q(\delta x, \delta^3 t) \rightarrow \{1 + \delta(2 + x\partial_x + 3t\partial_t)\}q(x, t)$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 1 + \delta$ , the invariance is reduced to

$$xq_x + 3tq_t = -2q. \quad (3.4)$$

As shown in **Appendix-A**, characteristic equations,  $\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dt}{3t} = -\frac{dq}{2q}$ , are important for solving the general solution. By means of two independent solutions  $q = c_1 x^{-2}$  and  $q = c_2 t^{-2/3}$ , the general solution can be given by  $F(qx^2, qt^{2/3}) = 0$ . Since  $F(*, *)$  is an arbitrary function, we can obtain  $c_1 = qx^2 = f(c_2) = f(qt^{2/3})$  or equivalently

$$q = x^{-2} f(x^{-2} t^{2/3}), \quad q = t^{-2/3} f(x^2 t^{-2/3}) \text{ etc.}, \quad (3.5)$$

which reduces the **KdV** to an **ODE**. If we take  $q = t^{-2/3} f(xt^{-1/3})$  as an example, the **KdV** eq. is reduced to

$$f''' - 6f'f - \frac{1}{3}zf' - \frac{2}{3}f = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $f \equiv f(z)$ ,  $f' = df/dz$  and  $z = xt^{-1/3}$ .

## 2B) Modified KdV Equation

For the **m-KdV** eq. (3.2), we also obtain

$$q(x, t) = \tilde{q}(x, t) \equiv \delta q(\delta x, \delta^3 t). \quad (3.7)$$

The self-similar solution is easily derived,

$$q(x, t) = (3t)^{-1/3} f(x(3t)^{-1/3}). \quad (3.8)$$

From eqs. (3.2) and (3.8), the second **P-ODE** is deived,

$$f'' = 2f^3 + zf + \nu, \quad (3.9)$$

where  $\nu$  is a constant. We are sure that similarities reduce both **KdV** and **mKdV** to **P-ODE's**. This fact holds for many kinds of **PDE** which can be solved by so-called exact method, inverse spectral transform (**IST**), Backlund Transform, and so on. While the **Painleve's type** of equations had been studied by many authors and its mathematical properties were made clear in various points. We specially refer to the connection between **Painleve transcendents** and **IST**, which was found by Ablowitz and his co-workers.<sup>5)</sup> The **IST** decouples the **PDE** into a set of linear problems, one of them is an eigenvalue problem. From this aspect it is natural to expect such a decoupling scheme for Painleve transcendents.

### §4. Linearization and Compatibility Conditions

We consider a typical set linear equations, consisting of the  $2 \times 2$ -matrix order equations,

$$\varphi_x = D(\lambda; q)\varphi, \quad (4.1a) \quad \varphi_t = F(\lambda; q)\varphi, \quad (4.1b)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a spectral parameter and both matrices  $D$  and  $F$  satisfy the integrable condition as to  $\lambda$ ,

$$D_t - F_x + [D, F] = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

The coefficient matrix  $D(\lambda; q)$  of (4.1a) is specified, while  $F(\lambda; q)$  is determined by the integrability (4.2). For the case of **mKdV** eq., both matrices  $D$  and  $F$  are given by

$$D = -i\lambda\sigma_3 + Q, \quad F = \sigma_3 f(\lambda; q) + F_0(\lambda; q), \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_1$  are Pauli spin matrices,  $Q(x, t) = q(x, t) \cdot \sigma_1$ ,  $F_0$  is chosen as  $F_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & g \\ h & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$f \equiv f(\lambda, q) = -4i\lambda^3 - 2miq^2\lambda, \quad (4.4a)$$

$$g \equiv g(\lambda; q) = 4q\lambda^2 + 2iq_x\lambda - q_{xx} + 2mq^3, \quad (4.4b)$$

$$h \equiv h(\lambda; q) = 4mq\lambda^2 - 2imq_x\lambda - mq_{xx} + 2q^3 (m = \pm 1). \quad (4.4c)$$

The **mKdV** eq. is actually obtained as

$$q_t - 6mq^2q_x + q_{xxx} = 0 (m = \pm 1), \quad (4.5)$$

where the potential  $q = q(x, t)$  is determined under a initial condition ( $q = q_0(x)$ ). Because both matrices  $D = D(\lambda; q)$  and  $F = F(\lambda; q)$  depend on  $(x, t)$ , the eigenfunction of (4.1) can be denoted as

$$\varphi \equiv \varphi(\lambda; x, t; q) \equiv \varphi(\lambda; x, t), \quad (4.6)$$

Now we define the following transformations,

$$\tilde{x} = \delta x, \quad \tilde{t} = \delta^3 t, \quad \tilde{q} = q/\delta, \quad \tilde{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{\delta}, \quad (4.7)$$

by which the following lemmas are deduced.

**[Lemma. 1]** By means of (4.7) the linear set (4.1) can be transformed to

$$\varphi_{\tilde{x}} = D(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q})\varphi, \quad (4.8a) \quad \varphi_{\tilde{t}} = F(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q})\varphi. \quad (4.8b)$$

and this solution is represented by

$$\varphi = \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{t}; \tilde{q}). \quad (4.9)$$

**(proof)** Because of (4.7) the differential operators  $(\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial t)$  are transformed to  $\{\delta(\partial/\partial \tilde{x}), \delta^3(\partial/\partial \tilde{t})\}$ . By this facts we can see

$$D(\lambda; q) \rightarrow \delta \cdot D(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q}), \quad F(\lambda; q) \rightarrow \delta^3 F(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q}). \quad (4.10)$$

The components of  $F$  are also transformed as

$$f(\lambda; q) \rightarrow \delta^3 f(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q}), \quad g(\lambda; q) \rightarrow \delta^3 g(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q}), \quad h(\lambda; q) \rightarrow \delta^3 h(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q}).$$

The coupled set (4.1) are transformed to  $\varphi_{\tilde{x}} = \mathbf{D}(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q})\varphi$ ,  $\varphi_{\tilde{t}} = \mathbf{F}(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{q})\varphi$ , which are invariant with (4.2) and the solution is given by  $\varphi = \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{t}; \tilde{q})$ . **[QED]**

**[Lemma. 2]** We denote the solution of the **m-KdV** equation (4.6) as  $q = q(x, t)$ . Under (4.7) the solution  $\tilde{q}$  satisfies the same **m-KdV** equation with independent variables  $\tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{t}$ , then we obtain

$$\tilde{q} = q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t})/\delta. \quad (4.11)$$

**(proof)** The **m-KdV** equation (4.6) can be transformed to

$$q_t - 6mq^2q_x + q_{xxx} = \delta^4 \{ \tilde{q}_{\tilde{t}} - 6m\tilde{q}^2\tilde{q}_{\tilde{x}} + \tilde{q}_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}\tilde{x}} \} = 0.$$

Both **m-KdV** equations as to  $q$  and  $\tilde{q}$  are invariant under  $(x, t) \rightarrow (\tilde{x}, \tilde{t})$ . Hence  $\tilde{q} = q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t})/\delta$  is obtained. **[QED]**

The self-similar solution  $q_s$  in (3.9) shows us

$$\begin{aligned} q_s(x, t) &\equiv (3t)^{-1/3} f(x(3t)^{-1/3}) \\ &= \delta(3t \cdot \delta^3)^{-1/3} f((x \cdot \delta)(3t \cdot \delta^3)^{-1/3}) \\ &= \delta(3\tilde{t})^{-1/3} f(\tilde{x}(3\tilde{t})^{-1/3}) = \delta \cdot q_s(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}), \end{aligned} \quad (4.12a)$$

then from (4.11) we find

$$\tilde{q}_s = q_s(x, t)/\delta = q_s(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) \quad (4.12b)$$

and  $\tilde{q}_s \equiv (3\tilde{t})^{-1/3} f(\tilde{x}(3\tilde{t})^{-1/3})$ . We note that the potential of  $\varphi\left(\lambda; x, \frac{1}{3}\right)$  is  $q_s\left(x, \frac{1}{3}\right) = f(x)$ .

**[Theor.]** The potential is assumed to be self-similar. Then from (4.12b) both solutions of linear sets (4.1) and (4.9) must be related with

$$\varphi(\lambda; x, t) = \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{t}). \quad (4.13)$$

**[proof]** Because of self-similarity (4.12b), the set of (4.9) is written by  $\varphi_{\tilde{x}} = \mathbf{D}(\tilde{\lambda}; q_s(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}))\varphi$ ,  $\varphi_{\tilde{t}} = \mathbf{F}(\tilde{\lambda}; q_s(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}))\varphi$ , with a solution  $\varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{t})$ , because it are invariant with (4.1). **[QED]**

On the  $\tilde{x}$ - $\tilde{t}$  space, we may set  $\tilde{t} = \frac{1}{3}$  and define

$$\psi(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{x}) = \varphi\left(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \frac{1}{3}\right), \quad (4.14)$$

then  $\varphi(\lambda; x, t) = \psi(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{x})$ . In this case the parameter  $\delta$  must be taken as  $\delta = (3t)^{-1/3}$  and we denote

$$\lambda' = \lambda(3t)^{1/3}, \quad x' = x(3t)^{-1/3}. \quad (4.15)$$

Since  $\psi$  must satisfy (4.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_x &= (3t)^{-1/3} \psi_{x'} = \mathbf{D}(\lambda, q_s)\psi, \\ \varphi_t &= (3t)^{-1} \{ -x' \psi_{x'} + \lambda' \psi_{\lambda'} \} = \mathbf{F}(\lambda, q_s)\psi, \end{aligned}$$

where we used differential operators given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = (3t)^{-1} \left\{ -x' \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} + \lambda' \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda'} \right\}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = (3t)^{-1/3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}}.$$

Because of  $\mathbf{D}(\lambda; q) = (3t)^{-1/3} \mathbf{D}(\lambda'; q')$  and  $\mathbf{F}(\lambda; q) = (3t)^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\lambda'; q')$ , we obtain

$$\psi_{x'} = \mathbf{D}(\lambda', q_s) \psi, \quad \psi_{\lambda'} = \mathbf{R}(\lambda'; q_s) \psi, \tag{4.16a}$$

where

$$\mathbf{R}(\lambda, x; q) \equiv \{x \cdot \mathbf{D}(\lambda, q_s) + \mathbf{F}(\lambda; q_s)\} / \lambda. \tag{4.16b}$$

We change  $\{(3t)^{-1/3}x, (3t)^{1/3}\lambda\}$  to  $(x, \lambda)$  for briefness. Since  $\tilde{q}_s = f(x)$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  can be given by

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} -i(4\lambda^2 + x + 2mf^2), & 4\lambda f + 2if' \\ 4mf\lambda - 2imf', & i(4\lambda^2 + x + 2mf^2) \end{bmatrix} - (f'' - 2mq^3 - xf) \begin{bmatrix} 0, & 1 \\ m, & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $f(x)$  satisfy

$$f'' = 2mf^3 + xf + \nu \quad (\nu : \text{const.}), \tag{4.17}$$

we can obtain the following linear set,

$$\partial_x \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i\lambda, & f \\ f, & i\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{4.18a}$$

$$\partial_\lambda \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i(4\lambda^2 + x + 2mf^2), & 4\lambda f + 2if' + \nu \\ 4mf\lambda - 2imf' + m\nu, & i(4\lambda^2 + x + 2mf^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4.18b}$$

We note that the integrability of formula (4.18) again yields (4.17) which is known as the second Painleve's equation.

Similar treatments can be also performed for the **KdV** equation (3.1). Under transformations of variables,

$$\tilde{x} = \delta \cdot x, \quad \tilde{t} = \delta^3 t, \quad \tilde{q} = q \cdot \delta^{-2}, \tag{4.19}$$

the **KdV** (3.1) is invariant and the solution  $\tilde{q}$  is given by  $\tilde{q} = q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t})$  or  $q(x, t) = \delta^2 q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t})$ . This is a self-similar condition and we take the self-similar solution  $q_s$  as

$$q_s = q_s(x, t) \equiv t^{-2/3} f(x^2 t^{-2/3}), \tag{4.20}$$

which really shows  $q_s(x, t) = \delta^2 \tilde{t}^{-2/3} f(\tilde{x}^2 \tilde{t}^{-2/3}) = \delta^2 q_s(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t})$ . The inverse scheme of (4.1) is well-known as

$$\varphi_{xx} = (q_s - \lambda) \varphi, \quad \varphi_t = (4\lambda + 2q_s) \varphi_x - q_{s,x} \varphi, \tag{4.25}$$

where  $\lambda$  is a spectral parameter. Adding to (4.19), we define  $\tilde{\lambda} = \lambda \cdot \delta^{-2}$ . Then (4.25) is again invariant for such a transformation of variables. We see  $\varphi(\lambda; x, t) = \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{t})$  and choose  $\tilde{t} = 1$  (corresponding to  $\delta = t^{-1/3}$ ). By this setting we can define a function  $\varphi_0(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{x}) = \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{t} = 1)$  and obtain

$$\varphi(\lambda; x, t) = \varphi_0(\lambda t^{2/3}, x t^{-2/3}). \tag{4.26}$$

by which the following linear set of  $\varphi_0$  is obtained,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{0,xx} &= \{q_s(x, t) - \lambda\} \varphi_0, \\ \varphi_{0,\lambda} &= \left\{6 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{x}{2} + 3q_s(x, t)\right)\right\} \varphi_{0,x} - \frac{3}{2\lambda} q_{s,x} \varphi_0,\end{aligned}\quad (4.27)$$

where  $\lambda t^{2/3}$  and  $xt^{-2/3}$  are denoted by  $\lambda$  and  $x$  for simplicity. The integrability of (4.27) is directly reduced to (3.7).

## §5. K-P Hierarchy

The K-P equation is interesting since it has  $(2+1)$  dimensions. It may be seen difficult and its corresponding Painleve formula was not shown yet. According to Sato,<sup>7)</sup> we introduce an scalar psed-differential operator  $\mathfrak{Q}$ ,

$$\mathfrak{Q}(\partial) = \partial + u_2(x)\partial^{-1} + u_3(x)\partial^{-2} + u_4(x)\partial^{-3} + \cdots, \quad (5.1)$$

where  $u_n (n=2, 3, \cdots)$  are functions depending on  $x$  and also on infinitely many variables  $t = (t_0, t_1, t_2, \cdots)$ . The operator  $\mathfrak{Q}^n(\partial)$  has differential parts, which is represented by  $\mathfrak{B}_n = [\mathfrak{Q}^n(\partial)]_+$ . After some calculations, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{B}_1 &= \partial, \\ \mathfrak{B}_2 &= \partial^2 + 2u_2, \\ \mathfrak{B}_3 &= \partial^3 + 3u_2\partial + 3u_3 + 3\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1}, \\ \mathfrak{B}_4 &= \partial^4 + 4u_2\partial^2 + \left(4u_3 + 6\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1}\right)\partial + 4u_4 + 6\frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} \\ &\quad + 4\frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_1^2} + 6(u_2)^2, \cdots.\end{aligned}\quad (5.2)$$

**[Theorem]** If eigen functions of  $\mathfrak{Q}$  are introduced by

$$\mathfrak{Q}(\partial)\varphi(\lambda, x) = \lambda\varphi(\lambda, x), \quad \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial t_n} = \mathfrak{B}_n(\partial)\varphi, \quad (5.3)$$

for  $n=1, 2, \cdots$ , instead for (5.3) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial\mathfrak{Q}}{\partial t_n} = [\mathfrak{B}_n, \mathfrak{Q}], \quad (5.4a)$$

$$\frac{\partial\mathfrak{B}_n}{\partial t_m} - \frac{\partial\mathfrak{B}_m}{\partial t_n} = [\mathfrak{B}_n, \mathfrak{B}_m]. \quad (5.4b)$$

**(proof)** (5.4a) is easily derived by taking derivatives of  $\mathfrak{Q}\varphi \equiv \lambda\varphi$ . The derivative  $\partial^2\mathfrak{Q}/\partial t_m\partial t_n$ , of (5.4a), is arranged to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_m} [\mathfrak{B}_n, \mathfrak{Q}] = [\mathfrak{B}_{n,t_m}, \mathfrak{Q}] + [\mathfrak{B}_n, [\mathfrak{B}_m, \mathfrak{Q}]],$$

hence the compatibility results in

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t_m} [\mathfrak{B}_n, \mathfrak{Q}] - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_n} [\mathfrak{B}_m, \mathfrak{Q}] \\ = [\mathfrak{B}_{n,t_m} - \mathfrak{B}_{m,t_n}, \mathfrak{Q}] + [\mathfrak{B}_n, [\mathfrak{B}_m, \mathfrak{Q}]] - [\mathfrak{B}_m, [\mathfrak{B}_n, \mathfrak{Q}]] \\ = [\mathfrak{B}_{n,t_m} - \mathfrak{B}_{m,t_n} + [\mathfrak{B}_m, \mathfrak{B}_n], \mathfrak{Q}] = 0,\end{aligned}$$

where we used Jacobi's relation,

$$[\mathfrak{B}_n, [\mathfrak{B}_m, \varrho]] - [\mathfrak{B}_m, [\mathfrak{B}_n, \varrho]] = [\varrho, [\mathfrak{B}_n, \mathfrak{B}_m]]. \quad \text{[QED]}$$

The inverse scheme of the K-P equation

$$(4u_t - u_{xxx} - 3u_x u)_x - 3u_{yy} = 0 \quad (5.5)$$

is given by

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} = \varphi_{xx} + 2u\varphi, \quad (5.5a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \varphi_{xxx} + 3u\varphi_x + 3(v + u_x)\varphi, \quad (5.5b)$$

where  $y \equiv t_0$ ,  $t \equiv t_1$  and  $u \equiv u_2$ ,  $v \equiv u_3$ ,

$$2v_x + u_{xx} - u_y = 0. \quad (5.5c)$$

By means of (5.3) the eigenfunction  $\varphi = \varphi(\lambda; x, y, t)$  is defined, and we consider the following transformations of variables,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x} &= \beta x, & \tilde{y} &= \beta^2 y, & \tilde{t} &= \beta^3 t, \\ \lambda &= \beta \tilde{\lambda}, & u &= \beta^2 \tilde{u}, & v &= \beta^3 \tilde{v}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

under which relations (5.5) are invariant. If we further assume

$$\tilde{u}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{t}) = u(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z}), \quad \tilde{v}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{t}) = v(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z}), \quad (5.7)$$

the eigenfunction is still invariant,

$$\varphi(\lambda; x, y, t) = \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{t}). \quad (5.8)$$

For new variables  $\{\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{t}\}$  we may take  $\tilde{t}$  as const ( $=1/3$ ), while the parameter  $\beta$  must be set as

$$\beta = (3t)^{-1/3}. \quad (5.9)$$

In this case (5.6) defines

$$\lambda' = \lambda(3t)^{1/3}, \quad x' = x(3t)^{-1/3}, \quad y' = \beta^2 y(3t)^{-2/3}, \quad (5.10)$$

while from (5.7) dependent variables satisfy

$$u' = (3t)^{2/3} u, \quad v' = (3t)^{-1} v. \quad (5.11)$$

The eigen function can be denoted by

$$\varphi(\tilde{\lambda}; \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{t}) = \varphi(\lambda'; x', y', \frac{1}{3}) \equiv \psi(\lambda', x', y'). \quad (5.12)$$

By eqs. (5.10) and (5.12) we may change the derivatives as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = (3t)^{-1/3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = (3t)^{-2/3} \frac{\partial}{\partial y'},$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = (3t)^{-1} \left( \lambda' \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} - 2y' \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} \right). \quad (5.13)$$

Then eqs. (5.5) are transformed to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y'} &= \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x'^2} + 2u' \psi, \\ \lambda' \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \lambda'} &= \left\{ \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x'^3} + 2y' \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x'^2} + (3u' + x') \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} + \left( 3v' + 3 \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x'} + 4y' u' \right) \right\} \psi, \\ 2 \frac{\partial v'}{\partial x'} + \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial x'^2} - \frac{\partial u'}{\partial y'} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

The integrability of (5.14) is reduced to

$$\{u_{xxx} + (12u + 4x)u_x + 8yu_y + 12u\}_x + 3u_{yy} = 0, \quad (5.15)$$

where we replaced  $u', v'$  and  $x', y'$  with  $u, v$  and  $x, y$ .

Now, denoting  $u'(x', y', \frac{1}{3}) = u_s(x', y')$  and from (5.7) and (5.11), we can see

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, t) &= (3t)^{-2/3} u_s(x', y'), \\ v(x, y, t) &= (3t)^{-1} v_s(x', y'). \end{aligned} \quad (5.16)$$

After substitution of (5.16) into the K-P eq., we obtain

$$\{u_{xxx} + (12u + 4x)u_x + 8yu_y + 4u\}_x + 3u_{yy} = 0, \quad (5.17)$$

which is slightly different from (5.15) but it is trivially removed by adding a shift to  $x$ .

## §6. Concludings and Remarks

We mentioned the derivation of **P-ODE's** by means of similarities from related **PDE's**, assumed to be in a class of equations solvable by means of the **IST**. Ablowitz et al.<sup>4,5)</sup> had found a connection between the **PDE's** and the **P-ODE's**, by the dressing method, developed by Zakharov and Shabat.<sup>8)</sup>

In this paper we extend the derivation of the **P-ODE** from the **PDE's** with a coupled set similar to the **IST** formula, where an invariance of eigenfunction is introduced. This was also applied to the K-P equation in (2+1) dimensions. It is important to obtain such coupled sets of **P-ODE**, because Ablowitz had developed the monodromy inverse transform (**MIT**), by which he showed it possible to obtain a global solution of Painleve transcendents.<sup>9)</sup>

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### Appendix-A Partial Differential Equation and Characteristic Coordinates

We consider the **PDE** as

$$z = F\left(x, \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right) + G\left(y, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right). \quad (\text{A. 1})$$

The complete solution containing two arbitrary constants is constructed by

$$z \equiv f(x, a) + g(y, b), \quad (\text{A. 2})$$

where  $f(x, a)$  and  $g(y, b)$  are solutions of ordinary differential equations,

$$X = F\left(x, \frac{\partial X}{\partial x}\right), \quad Y = G\left(y, \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y}\right), \quad (\text{A. 3})$$

respectively. On the other hand, the general solution must contain arbitrary functions. To get the general solution  $z = f(x, y)$ , we use the equation

$$P(x, y, z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + Q(x, y, z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = R(x, y, z), \quad (\text{A. 4})$$

which has a form solved as to the differentials of  $z$ . We can denote the solution as the 1-parameter family of  $t$ ,

$$x = \phi(t), \quad y = \psi(t), \quad z = \kappa(t).$$

Then  $z = f(x, y)$  is understood a curve on which  $z = \kappa(t)$  crosses a cylinder  $\{(\phi(t), \psi(t)) | t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ . This means that a point on the solution surface moves as  $t$ . Hence the variations of  $z$ :  $dz = f_x dx + f_y dy$  is obtained by the total derivative as to  $t$ , we get

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \frac{dy}{dt}. \quad (\text{A. 5})$$

Comparing this with eq. (A.4), we obtain

$$R(x, y, z) = \frac{dz}{dt}, \quad P(x, y, z) = \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad Q(x, y, z) = \frac{dy}{dt},$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{dx}{P(x, y, z)} = \frac{dy}{Q(x, y, z)} = \frac{dz}{R(x, y, z)}, \quad (\text{A. 6})$$

which is called as the characteristic equations of (A.4). If we denote two solutions of (A.6) as

$$u(x, y, z) = c_1, \quad v(x, y, z) = c_2, \quad (\text{A. 7})$$

the general solution is given by

$$F(u, v) = 0, \tag{A.8}$$

where  $F$  is an arbitrary function.