

(loc. cit), which he derived using a very different indirect argument.

Lecture 7

Exercise 112.1

Use (100.1) and (107.3) to show that

(112.2) x\_j(t) = x\_1(t) + log (A\_{j-2}(t) / D\_{j-1}(t)) - (j-1) log 4

where

(112.3) x\_1(t) = 1/N sum\_{i=1}^N x\_i(0) - 2t/N sum\_{i=1}^N lambda\_i + (N-2) log 2 + 1/N log A\_{N-1}(t)
= 1/N sum\_{i=1}^N x\_i(0) - 2t/N sum\_{i=1}^N lambda\_i + (N-2) log 2 + 1/N log [ (prod\_{i=1}^N u\_i^2(1)) V(lambda) e^{2 sum\_{i=1}^N lambda\_i t} / (sum\_{i=1}^N e^{2 lambda\_i t} u\_i^2(1)) ]

Use (112.2) (112.3) to rederive (109.3) and (109.4).



We now show that the Toda lattice is integrable

in the sense of Liouville i.e. H\_T(x,y) = 1/2 sum\_{i=1}^N y\_i^2 + 1/2 sum\_{i=1}^{N-1} e^{x\_i - x\_{i+1}}

has N independent, Poisson commuting integrals {I\_j} on (R^{2N}, omega = sum\_{i=1}^N dx\_i lambda dy\_i)

We take  $I_j = \lambda_j =$  eigenvalues of  $X_0$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq N$ .

We <sup>already</sup> know there are integrals for the Toda flow: it remains

to show that they are independent and Poisson commute.

Theorem 113.1 Let  $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^N$  be the eigenvalues of an  $N \times N$  Jacobi matrix  $X$ . Then

$$(113.2) \quad \{\lambda_k, \lambda_j\} = 0, \quad 1 \leq k, j \leq N$$

Proof: Write

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & & & 0 \\ b_1 & a_2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & -b_{N-1} & \\ & & & b_{N-1} & a_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Then if  $X(\varepsilon)$ ,  $X(0) = X$  is any smooth perturbation

of  $X$ ,  $X(\varepsilon) \in \mathfrak{T}_N$ , we have from  $(X(\varepsilon) - \lambda_j(\varepsilon))u_j(\varepsilon) = 0$ ,

$$(\dot{X}(0) - \dot{\lambda}_j(0))u_j(0) + (X(0) + \lambda_j(0))\dot{u}_j(0) = 0,$$

$$(u_j(0), (\dot{X}(0) - \dot{\lambda}_j(0))u_j(0))$$

$$= - (u_j(0), (X(0) + \lambda_j(0))\dot{u}_j(0))$$

$$= - ((X(0)u_j(0), \dot{u}_j(0)) - \lambda_j(0)u_j(0), \dot{u}_j(0))$$

$$= -2 \lambda_j(0) (u_j(0), \dot{u}_j(0))$$

But as the eigenvalues of  $X(\epsilon)$  are simple, we can, by the results on perturbative theory noted earlier (see lecture 5), assume that  $u(\epsilon)$  is (smooth) and normalized, i.e.  $(u(\epsilon), u(\epsilon)) = 1$ , which implies  $(u(0), \dot{u}(0)) = 0$ . Hence we conclude that

$$(114.1) \quad \dot{\lambda}_j(0) = (u_j(0), \dot{X}(0) u_j(0))$$

Let  $E_{qp}$  denote the  $N \times N$  matrix with 1 in the  $qp$  position and zero elsewhere,  $1 \leq q, p \leq N$ . That is,

$$(114.2) \quad E_{qp}(i, j) = \delta_{iq} \delta_{jd} \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq N)$$

From (114.1), we obtain, in particular

$$(114.3) \quad \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial a_\ell} = (u_i, E_{\ell\ell} u_i) = u_i^2(\ell), \quad 1 \leq \ell \leq N$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial b_e} = (u_i, (E_{e+1, e+1} + E_{e, e}) u_i) = 2 u_i(\ell) u_i(\ell+1), \quad (1 \leq \ell \leq N-1)$$

Hence

$$(115.1) \quad \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial y_i} = \frac{1}{(-2)} \quad \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial a_i} = -\frac{1}{2} u_j^2(i) \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

and

$$(115.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial b_i} \frac{\partial b_i}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial b_{i-1}} \frac{\partial b_{i-1}}{\partial x_i} \\ &= \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial b_i} \frac{1}{2} b_i - \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial b_{i-1}} \frac{1}{2} b_{i-1} \\ &= u_j(i) u_j(i+1) b_i - u_j(i-1) u_j(i) b_{i-1} \\ &= u_j(i) (u_j(i+1) b_i - u_j(i-1) b_{i-1}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N \end{aligned}$$

where

$$b_0 = b_N = 0$$

Claim: For  $1 \leq m \leq N-1$ 

$$(115.3) \quad (\lambda_j - \lambda_k) \sum_{i=1}^m u_k(i) u_j(i) = b_m (u_k(m) u_j(m+1) - u_k(m+1) u_j(m)) \equiv a_{kj}(m)$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_j \sum_{i=1}^m u_k(i) u_j(i) &= \sum_{i=1}^m u_k(i) (X u_j)(i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m u_k(i) (b_i u_j(i+1) + a_i u_j(i) + b_{i-1} u_j(i-1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^{m+1} u_k(i-1) b_{i-1} u_j(i) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_k(i) a_i u_j(i) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} u_k(i+1) b_i u_j(i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^m (b_{i-1} u_k(i-1) + a_i u_k(i) + b_i u_k(i+1)) u_j(i) \\
&\quad + b_m u_k(m) u_j(m+1) - b_0 u_k(0) u_j(1) \\
&\quad - b_m u_k(m+1) u_j(m) + u_k(1) u_j(1) b_0 \\
&= b_m (u_k(m) u_j(m+1) - u_k(m+1) u_j(m))
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the claim. Note that (115.3) is just summing by parts.

Now from (115.1) (115.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
(116.1) \quad \{\lambda_k, \lambda_j\} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial y_i} - \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial x_i} \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ u_k(i) (u_k(i+1) b_i - u_k(i-1) b_{i-1}) (-\frac{1}{2}) u_j^2(i) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (-\frac{1}{2}) u_k^2(i) u_j(i) (u_j(i+1) b_i - u_j(i-1) b_{i-1}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N u_k(i) u_j(i) \left[ u_k(i) (u_j(i+1) b_i - u_j(i-1) b_{i-1}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - u_j(i) (u_k(i+1) b_i - u_k(i-1) b_{i-1}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N u_k(i) u_j(i) \left[ b_i (u_k(i) u_j(i+1) - u_k(i+1) u_j(i)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + b_{i-1} (u_k(i-1) u_j(i) - u_k(i) u_j(i-1)) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Now from (115.3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\lambda_j - \lambda_k) u_k(i) u_j(i) &= b_i (a_k(i) u_j(i+1) - u_k(i+1) u_j(i)) \\
 &\quad - b_{i-1} (u_k(i-1) u_j(i) - u_k(i) u_j(i-1)) \\
 &= a_{kj}(i) - a_{kj}(i-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{kj}^2(i) - a_{kj}^2(i-1) &= (a_{kj}(i) - a_{kj}(i-1)) (a_{kj}(i) + a_{kj}(i-1)) \\
 &= (\lambda_j - \lambda_k) u_k(i) u_j(i) (a_{kj}(i) + a_{kj}(i-1))
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (116.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \lambda_k, \lambda_j \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} \sum_{i=1}^N a_{kj}^2(i) - a_{kj}^2(i-1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} (a_{kj}^2(N) - a_{kj}^2(0)) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $b_N = b_0 = 0$ .

This completes the proof of (113.2).  $\square$

Theorem 117.1

Let  $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^N$  be the eigenvalues of an  $N \times N$  Jacobi matrix  $X$ . Then  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$  are independent.

Proof: We must show that if

(117.2)

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k d\lambda_k = 0$$

for some  $\delta_i, i=1, \dots, N$ , then  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_N = 0$ .

From (117.2), we have

$$(118.1) \quad 0 = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) (u_k(i+1) b_i - u_k(i-1) b_{i-1}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

and

$$(118.2) \quad 0 = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_i} = - \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k^2(i), \quad i=1, \dots, N$$

From (118.1), we obtain

$$L_i \equiv \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i+1) u_k(i) b_i = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) u_k(i-1) b_{i-1} \equiv L_{i-1}$$

But  $L_0 = 0$  and no  $L_i = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$

$L_N$  is trivially equal to zero as  $b_N = 0$ , but  $b_i > 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N-1$ .

and so we conclude

$$(118.3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) u_k(i+1) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N-1.$$

From (118.2), we have

$$(118.4) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k^2(i) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

Now for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , we have from (118.3) and  $X u_k = \lambda_k u_k$

$$0 = b_i \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) u_k(i+1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) ((\lambda_k - a_i) u_k(i) - b_{i-1} u_k(i-1))$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k u_k^2(i) \quad , \quad \text{no}$$

(119.0)  $\sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k u_k^2(i) = 0 \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$   
 Also, for  $1 \leq i \leq N-1$

(119.1)  $\sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k u_k(i) u_k(i+1) = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k (\lambda_k - a_i) u_k(i) u_k(i+1)$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k (b_i u_k(i+1) + b_{i-1} u_k(i-1)) u_k(i+1)$$

$$= b_{i-1} \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i-1) u_k(i+1)$$

On the other hand,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k u_k(i) u_k(i+1) = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) (\lambda_k - a_{i+1}) u_k(i+1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) (b_{i+1} u_k(i+2) + b_i u_k(i))$$

$$= b_{i+1} \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) u_k(i+2)$$

Thus for  $1 \leq i \leq N-1$

$$b_{i+1} \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) u_k(i+2) = b_{i-1} \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i-1) u_k(i+1)$$

Now for  $i=1$ , the RHS = 0, and as  $b_1 \neq 0$  we have from the RHS

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(1) u_k(3) = 0$$

Now for  $i=2$ , the RHS = 0, and as  $b_3 \neq 0$ , we conclude that



$$\sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(x) u_k(y) = 0$$

Continuing we obtain

$$(120.1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k u_k(i) u_k(i+1) = 0 \quad (i=1, \dots, N-2)$$

Inserting this relation into (118.11), we obtain

$$(120.2) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k u_k(i) u_k(i+1) = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq N-1).$$

Thus we see that (118.3) (118.4) imply (119.0) (120.2).

We can clearly repeat the above calculation and conclude

that for  $0 \leq \ell \leq N-1$

$$(120.3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k^\ell u_k^2(i) = 0 \quad (i=1, \dots, N)$$

and

$$(120.4) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_k \lambda_k^\ell u_k(i) u_k(i+1) = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq N-1)$$

But  $\{\lambda_k^\ell\}_{k=1, \dots, N}$  is a Vander Monde matrix and so for

any  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , we must have

$$\delta_k u_k^2(i) = 0 \quad (k=1, \dots, N).$$

But  $\sum_{i=1}^N u_k^2(i) = 1$  and so we have  $\delta_k = 0$ ,  $k=1, \dots, N$ .  $\square$