

Lecture 6

Now as $da_1/dt = 2b_1^2(t) \neq 0$, we

see that $a_1(t)$ is monotone decreasing as $t \rightarrow -\infty$, so

that, as above,

$$a_1(-\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} a_1(t)$$

exists and

$$b_1(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow -\infty.$$

Continuing we find that

$$a_k(-\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} a_k(t), \quad k=1, \dots, N$$

exists and

$$b_k(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow -\infty, \quad k=1, \dots, N-1$$

Necessarily the $a_k(-\infty)$'s are the eigenvalues of $X(0)$

(95.1) Arguing as above, we have for $k=1, \dots, N$

$$x_k(t) = -2a_k(-\infty)t + o(t) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow$$

and so for $k=1, \dots, N-1$

(95.2)

$$x_k(t) - x_{k+1}(t) = -2(a_k(-\infty) - a_{k+1}(-\infty))t + o(t)$$

But again as $b_k = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}(x_k(t) - x_{k+1}(t))} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$,

we must have

$$a_k(-\infty) - a_{k+1}(-\infty) < 0$$

It follows that we must have

$$(96.1) \quad a_k(-\infty) = \lambda_{N-k+1}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N$$

Thus we have a billiard ball type interaction: As

$t \rightarrow -\infty$,

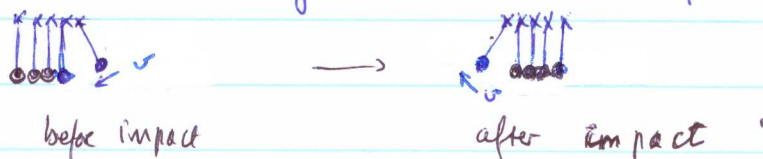
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_N t} & \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_{N-1} t} & & & \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_2 t} & \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_1 t} & \\ x & x & \dots & & x & x & \\ x_1 & x_2 & & & x_{N-1} & x_N & \end{array}$$

and as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_1 t} & \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_2 t} & & & \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_{N-1} t} & \xleftarrow{-2\lambda_N t} & \\ x & x & \dots & & x & x & \\ x_1 & x_2 & & & x_{N-1} & x_N & \end{array}$$

So the particle x_N , which has velocity $-2\lambda_1$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$,

transfers this velocity to x_1 as $t \rightarrow +\infty$, etc. This is reminiscent of a ball impinging on a row of balls with velocity v , and transferring its velocity to the end ball after collision



Finally observe that from (93.1) and (95.1), $b_k(t) \rightarrow 0$ exponential

fast.

We now compute the error term $\alpha(t)$ in (97.1) more precisely. This requires a more detailed approach.

From the theory of skew-symmetric \wedge tensors we have for vectors u_0, u_1, \dots, u_k in \mathbb{R}^n

$$(97.1) \quad (u_0 \wedge u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_k, u_0 \wedge u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_k) \\ = \det \left((u_i, u_j) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq k}.$$

In particular for

$$(97.2) \quad u_i = X_0^i e_i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k$$

where $X_0 = X(0)$ and $e_i = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$

$$(e_i \wedge X_0^j e_i \wedge \dots \wedge X_0^k e_i, e_i \wedge X_0^j e_i \wedge \dots \wedge X_0^k e_i) \\ = \det \begin{pmatrix} (e_i, e_i) & (e_i, X_0^1 e_i) & \dots & (e_i, X_0^k e_i) \\ (X_0^1 e_i, e_i) & (X_0^1 e_i, X_0^1 e_i) & & (X_0^1 e_i, X_0^k e_i) \\ \vdots & & & \\ (X_0^k e_i, e_i) & & & (X_0^k e_i, X_0^k e_i) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & \dots & c_n \\ c_1 & c_2 & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ c_n & & & c_{2n} \end{pmatrix} = D_n.$$

where

$$(98.1) \quad c_j = \langle X_0^j e_1, e_1 \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i^j u_{i(1)}^2$$

where $\{\lambda_i\}$ are the eigenvalues of X_0 and $u_{i(1)} > 0$ are

the first components of the corresponding eigenvectors.

Rewriting, we have

$$(98.2) \quad c_j = \int \lambda^j q(\lambda) d\lambda$$

where

$$(98.3) \quad q(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^M u_{i(1)}^2 \delta_{\lambda_i}(\lambda)$$

On the other hand as $X_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & \dots & 0 \\ b_1 & a_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & b_{n-1} & \dots & a_n \end{pmatrix}$ is a Jacobi matrix,

$$X_0 e_1 = b_1 e_2 + a_1 e_1 = b_1 e_1 + r_1, \quad r_1 \in \langle e_1 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_0^2 e_1 &= b_1 X_0 e_2 + a_1 X_0 e_1 \\ &= b_1 b_2 e_3 + r_2, \quad r_2 \in \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and by induction

$$(98.4) \quad X_0^k e_1 = b_1 b_2 \dots b_k e_{k+1} + r_k, \quad \text{where } r_k \in \langle e_1, \dots, e_k \rangle.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e_1 \wedge \chi_0 e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \chi_0^k e_1 \\
 &= e_1 \wedge (b_1 e_2 + r_1) \wedge (b_1 b_2 e_3 + r_2) \wedge \dots \wedge (b_1 \dots b_k e_{k+1} + r_k) \\
 &= b_1 (e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge (b_1 b_2 e_3 + r_2) \wedge \dots \wedge (b_1 \dots b_k) e_{k+1} + r_k) \\
 &= b_1 (b_1 b_2) (e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge \dots \wedge (b_1 \dots b_k) e_{k+1} + r_k) \\
 &= b_1 (b_1 b_2) (b_1 b_2 b_3) \dots (b_1 \dots b_k) (e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge \dots \wedge e_k)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(99.1) \quad \Delta_k = b_1^k (b_1 b_2)^k \dots (b_1 \dots b_k)^k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N-1,$$

and

$$(99.2) \quad \Delta_0 = 1$$

Hence for $3 \leq k \leq N-1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (99.3) \quad \frac{\Delta_k \Delta_{k-2}}{\Delta_{k-1}^2} &= \frac{b_1^2 (b_1 b_2)^2 \dots (b_1 \dots b_k)^2}{b_1^4 (b_1 b_2)^4 \dots (b_1 \dots b_{k-1})^4} \cdot \frac{b_1^k (b_1 b_2)^k \dots (b_1 \dots b_{k-2})^k}{(b_1 \dots b_{k-1})^k} \\
 &= \frac{(b_1 \dots b_{k-1})^k (b_1 \dots b_k)^k}{(b_1 \dots b_{k-1})^4} \\
 &= b_k^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Also for $k=2$

$$\frac{\Delta_2 \Delta_0}{\Delta_1^2} = \frac{b_1^2 (b_1 b_2)^2 \cdot 1}{b_1^4} = b_2^2$$

and for $k=1$

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \Delta_{-1}}{\Delta_0^2} = b_1^2$$

where $\Delta_{-1} \equiv 1$

Thus

$$(100.1) \quad b_h^2 = \frac{\Delta_h \Delta_{h-2}}{\Delta_{h-1}^2}, \quad 1 \leq h \leq N-1.$$

provided $\Delta_{-1} \equiv 1$

Note from (98.1) that (100.1) expresses b_h and hence $x_h - x_{h-1}$, directly in terms of the data

$(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ and $(u_1(i), \dots, u_N(i))$ whose evolution under the Toda flow is known explicitly from (86.3). isospectrality and

Now we expand Δ_h into a more useful formula as follows:

By (98.3) and the formula for a Vandermonde determinant,

$$\Delta_h = \det \begin{pmatrix} \int q(x_0) & \int x_1 q(x_1) & \dots & \int x_k^h q(x_k) \\ \int x_0 q(x_0) & \int x_1^2 q(x_1) & & \int x_k^{h+1} q(x_k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \int x_0^k q(x_0) & \int x_1^{k+1} q(x_1) & & \int x_k^{2h} q(x_k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \int \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_k) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \dots & x_k^h \\ x_0 & x_1^h & & x_k^{h+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_0^k & x_1^{k+1} & & x_k^{2h} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \int \dots \int dq(x_0) \dots dq(x_k) x_0^0 x_1^1 \dots x_k^k \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_0 & \dots & x_k \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_0^k & \dots & x_k^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \int \dots \int dq(x_0) \dots dq(x_k) x_0^0 x_1^1 \dots x_k^k \prod_{0 \leq l < j \leq k} (x_j - x_l)$$

Letting the permutation group act on $0, 1, \dots, k$, we find

$$J_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\substack{\text{permutations} \\ \pi}} \int \dots \int dq(x_{\pi(0)}) \dots dq(x_{\pi(k)}) x_{\pi(0)}^0 \dots x_{\pi(k)}^k \\ \times (\text{action of } \pi \text{ on the Vander Monde determinant})$$

But the action of π on the Vander Monde determinant is

given by

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x_{\pi(0)}^0 & x_{\pi(1)}^0 & \dots & x_{\pi(k)}^0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{\pi(0)}^k & x_{\pi(1)}^k & \dots & x_{\pi(k)}^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \text{sgn } \pi \det \begin{pmatrix} x_0^0 & \dots & x_k^0 \\ x_0^1 & \dots & x_k^1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_0^k & \dots & x_k^k \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$J_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\pi} \int dq(x_{\pi(0)}) \dots dq(x_{\pi(k)}) x_{\pi(0)}^0 x_{\pi(1)}^1 \dots x_{\pi(k)}^k \text{sgn } \pi \\ \times \prod_{k \geq j > l \geq 0} (x_j - x_l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \int \dots \int d\mu(x_0) \dots d\mu(x_k) \left(\sum_{\pi} \text{sgn } \pi x_{\pi(0)}^0 \dots x_{\pi(k)}^k \right) \prod_{0 \leq l < j \leq k} (x_j - x_l)$$

ie for $k \geq 1$

$$(102.1) \quad \Theta_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \int \dots \int d\mu(x_0) \dots d\mu(x_k) \prod_{0 \leq l < j \leq k} (x_j - x_l)^2$$

$$= \int \dots \int_{x_0 > x_1 > \dots > x_k} d\mu(x_0) \dots d\mu(x_k) \prod_{0 \leq l < j \leq k} (x_j - x_l)^2$$

as $\prod_{0 \leq l < j \leq k} (x_j - x_l)^2$ is invariant under permutations and terms

with $x_i = x_{i\pi}$ for some i , just drop out. As before $\Theta_0 = 1$.

Now under the Toda flow

$$(102.3) \quad q\mu(\lambda, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i^2(1, t) \delta_{\lambda_i}(\lambda)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N u_i^2(1, 0) e^{2\lambda_i t} \delta_{\lambda_i}(\lambda)}{\sum_{i=1}^N u_i^2(1, 0) e^{2\lambda_i t}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{2\lambda t} q\mu(\lambda)}{\int e^{2\lambda t} d\mu(\lambda)}$$

where $q\mu(\lambda)$ is given by (98.3)

Thus under the Toda flow, for $k \geq 1$

(103.1)
$$A_h(t) = \frac{1}{\left(\int e^{zx} q(x)\right)^{h+1}} \int_{x_0 > \dots > x_h} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_h) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_h)t} \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq h} (x_j - x_i)^c$$

and so from (100.1), for $k \geq 2$,

(103.2)
$$b_h^2 = \left(\int e^{zx} q(x)\right)^{-(k+1) - (k-1) + 2k} \times \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_k} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_k) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_k)t} \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq k} (x_j - x_i)^c\right) \times \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_{k-2}} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_{k-2}) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_{k-2})t} \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq k-2} (x_j - x_i)^c\right) \times \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_{k-1}} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_{k-1}) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_{k-1})t} \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq k-1} (x_j - x_i)^c\right)^{-2}$$

Thus for $k \geq 2$

(103.3) ~~$$b_h^2 = \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_k} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_k) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_k)t} V_h^2(x)\right) \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_{k-2}} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_{k-2}) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_{k-2})t} V_{k-2}^2(x)\right) \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_{k-1}} \dots \int q(x_0) \dots q(x_{k-1}) e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_{k-1})t} V_{k-1}^2(x)\right)^{-2}$$~~

(103.4)
$$b_h^2 = \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_k} \dots \int q(x)^k e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_k)t} V_h^2(x)\right) \left(\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_{k-2}} \dots \int q(x)^{k-2} e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_{k-2})t} V_{k-2}^2(x)\right)$$

$$\int_{x_0 > \dots > x_{k-1}} \dots \int q(x)^{k-1} e^{z(x_0 + \dots + x_{k-1})t} V_{k-1}^2(x)$$

$k \geq 2$.

where

$$(104.1) \quad q\mu^h(x) = q\mu(x_0) \dots q\mu(x_h) \quad \text{and} \quad V_h(x) = \text{van der Monde} = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq h} (x_i - x_j), \quad k \geq 1 \\ = 1 \quad h = 0.$$

For $k=2$, from (100.1)

$$(104.2) \quad b_2^L = \frac{D_2 D_0}{(D_1)^2} = \frac{D_2}{(D_1)^2} = \frac{\left(\int e^{2xt} q\mu(x_1) \right)^{-2} \left(\int e^{xt} q\mu(x) \right)^4}{\int_{x_0 > x_1 > x_2} q\mu(x_0) q\mu(x_1) q\mu(x_2) e^{2(x_0+x_1+x_2)t} V_2^2(x)} \\ \frac{\left(\int_{x_0 > x_1} q\mu(x_0) q\mu(x_1) e^{2(x_0+x_1)t} V_1^2(x) \right)^2}{}$$

and for $k=1$

$$(104.1) \quad b_1^L = \frac{D_1 x_1}{1^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\int e^{xt} q\mu(x) \right)^2} \int \int_{x_0 > x_1} q\mu(x_0) q\mu(x_1) e^{2(x_0+x_1)t} V_1^2(x)$$

Expanding we obtain

$$b_1^L = \frac{1}{2} \int \int q\mu(x_0, t) q\mu(x_1, t) (x_0 - x_1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[2 \int q\mu(x_0, t) x_0^2 - 2 \left(\int q\mu(x, t) \right)^2 x_1^2 \right]$$

$$= \int x^2 q\mu(x, t) - \left(\int x q\mu(x, t) \right)^2 \quad (*)$$

Recall from (1.2) $b_1^L(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i - a_1)^2 u_i^L(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^2 u_i^L(t) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i u_i^L(t) \right)^2$

which matches (*), but (104.1) yields the leading behavior of

$b_i(t)$ directly. Indeed as $t \rightarrow \infty$, noting that $V_k(x) = 0$
if $x_i = x_j$ for some $i \neq j$,

$$(105.4) \quad b_i^2(t) = \frac{1}{\left(e^{2\lambda_i t} u_i^2(1) + O(e^{2\lambda_k t}) \right)^2} \\ \times u_1^2(1) u_2^2(1) e^{2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \frac{1}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2} + O(e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t}) \\ = \frac{u_2^2(1) e^{-2(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)t}}{u_i^2(1) (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2} (1 + \text{exp. small}),$$

which agrees with (89.3).

Now for $k > 2$, we have from (105.3), as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$b_k^2(t) = \left(u_1^2(1) \dots u_{k+1}^2(1) e^{2(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1})t} \prod_{k \geq j > \ell \geq 0} (\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_{\ell+1})^2 \right) \\ \times \left(u_1^2(1) \dots u_{k-1}^2(1) e^{2(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{k-1})t} \prod_{k-2 \geq j > \ell \geq 0} (\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_{\ell+1})^2 \right)$$

$$\left(u_1^2(1) \dots u_k^2(1) e^{2(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k)t} \prod_{k-1 \geq j > \ell \geq 0} (\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_{\ell+1})^2 \right)^2$$

Thus for $3 \leq k \leq N-1$

$$(105.1) \quad b_k^2(t) = \frac{u_{k+1}^2(1)}{u_k^2(1)} e^{2(\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k)t} \frac{\prod_{\ell=0}^{k-1} (\lambda_{k\ell+1} - \lambda_{\ell+1})^2}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{k-2} (\lambda_k - \lambda_{\ell+1})^2} (1 + \text{exp. small})$$

For $k=2$, from (104.2) we have as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$b_2^2(t) = (e^{2\lambda_1 t} u_1^2(1) + \text{exp-small})$$

$$\times \frac{u_1(1)^4 u_2^2(1) u_3^2(1) e^{2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3)t} ((\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 - \lambda_3))^2}{(u_1(1)^2 u_2(1)^2 e^{2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2} \times (1 + \text{exp-small})$$

$$= \frac{u_3^2(1)}{u_2(1)^2} e^{2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_2)t} \frac{\prod_{l=0}^1 (\lambda_3 - \lambda_{2+l})^2}{\prod_{l=0}^0 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_{2+l})^2} (1 + \text{exp-small})$$

Thus we see that (105.1) also holds for $k \geq 2$, and

by (105.3) also holds for $k=1$, provided we interpret

$$(106.0) \quad \prod_{l=0}^{-1} (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{2+l})^2 \equiv 1.$$

Exercise Compute the analogous formulae for $a_k(t)$, $t \rightarrow \infty$.

A similar calculation shows that as $t \rightarrow -\infty$,

$$(106.1) \quad b_h^2(t) = \frac{u_{N-h}^2(1)}{u_{N-h+1}^2(1)} \frac{\prod_{l=N-h+1}^N (\lambda_{N-h} - \lambda_l)^2}{\prod_{l=N-h+2}^N (\lambda_{N-h+1} - \lambda_l)^2} e^{2t(\lambda_{N-h} - \lambda_{N-h+1})} \times (1 + \text{exp-small})$$

Again, this formula holds for $k=1, \dots, N-1$, provided we interpret the denominator in (106.1) as 1, i.e.

$$b_k^2(t) = \frac{u_{N-1}^2(1)}{u_N^2(1)} (|\lambda_{N-1} - \lambda_N|^2 e^{2t(\lambda_{N-1} - \lambda_N)}) \quad (\text{+ exp. small})$$

We now convert the asymptotic formulae for the $b_k(t)$'s into asymptotic formulae for $x_k(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \pm \infty$. We have as $t \rightarrow +\infty$,

$$(107.1) \quad x_k - x_{k+1} = 2 \log z + 2 \log b_k \\ = 2t (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k) + 2 \log \left(z \frac{u_{k+1}(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_{k+1})}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_k)} \right) + o(1)$$

and as $t \rightarrow -\infty$

$$(107.2) \quad x_k - x_{k+1} = 2t (\lambda_{N-k} - \lambda_{N-k+1}) + 2 \log \left(z \frac{u_{N-k}(1)}{u_{N-k+1}(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=N-k+1}^N (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_{N-k})}{\prod_{\ell=N-k+2}^N (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_{N-k+1})} \right) \\ + o(1)$$

Now

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k = \sum_{k=1}^N y_k = -2 \sum_{k=1}^N a_k = -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i = \text{const}$$

and so

$$(107.3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N x_k(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N x_k(0) - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \right) t$$

Summing (107.1), we obtain as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ for $1 \leq k \leq N-1$,

$$(108.1) \quad x_k - x_N = 2t(\lambda_N - \lambda_k) + (\log 4)(N-k)$$

$$+ 2 \log \left(\frac{u_N(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{N-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_N)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_k)} \right) + o(1)$$

and so adding over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} x_k - (N-1)x_N = 2t((N-1)\lambda_N - \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \lambda_k)$$

$$+ \log 4 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (N-k)$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \log \left(\frac{u_N(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{N-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_N)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_k)} \right) + o(1)$$

Inserting (107.3), we find that as $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} x_N(t) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k(0) - 2t\lambda_N - \frac{\log 4}{N} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (N-k) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \log \frac{u_N(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{N-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_N)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_k)} + o(1) \end{aligned}$$

which implies using (108.1) that as $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} (108.2) \quad x_k(t) &= -2t\lambda_k + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k(0) - \frac{\log 4}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (N-k) + (\log 4)(N-k) \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \log \left(\frac{u_N(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{N-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_N)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_k)} \right) + 2 \log \frac{u_N(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{N-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_N)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_k)} \\ &\quad + o(1) \end{aligned}$$

which reduces after some elementary algebra to

$$(109.1) \quad x_k(t) = -2t\lambda_k + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x_j(0) - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \log \left(\frac{u_k(i)}{u_j(i)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_k)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_j)} \right) + o(1)$$

as $t \rightarrow +\infty$, and a similar calculation using

(107.2) yields

$$(109.2) \quad x_k(t) = -2t\lambda_{N-k+1} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x_j(0) - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \log \left(\frac{u_{N-k+1}(i)}{u_{N-j+1}(i)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=N-k+2}^N (2\lambda_{N-k+1} - 2\lambda_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=N-j+2}^N (2\lambda_{N-j+1} - 2\lambda_\ell)} \right) + o(1)$$

as $t \rightarrow -\infty$. Summarizing we have shown that for $1 \leq k \leq N$,

$$(109.3) \quad x_k(t) = -2t\lambda_k + \beta_k^+ + o(1) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$(109.4) \quad x_k(t) = -2t\lambda_{N-k+1} + \beta_k^- + o(1) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow -\infty$$

where

$$(109.5) \quad \beta_k^+ = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x_j(0) - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \log \left(\frac{u_k(i)}{u_j(i)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_k)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_j)} \right)$$

and

$$(109.6) \quad \beta_k^- = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x_j(0) - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \log \left(\frac{u_{N-k+1}(i)}{u_{N-j+1}(i)} \frac{\prod_{\ell=N-k+2}^N (2\lambda_{N-k+1} - 2\lambda_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=N-j+2}^N (2\lambda_{N-j+1} - 2\lambda_\ell)} \right)$$

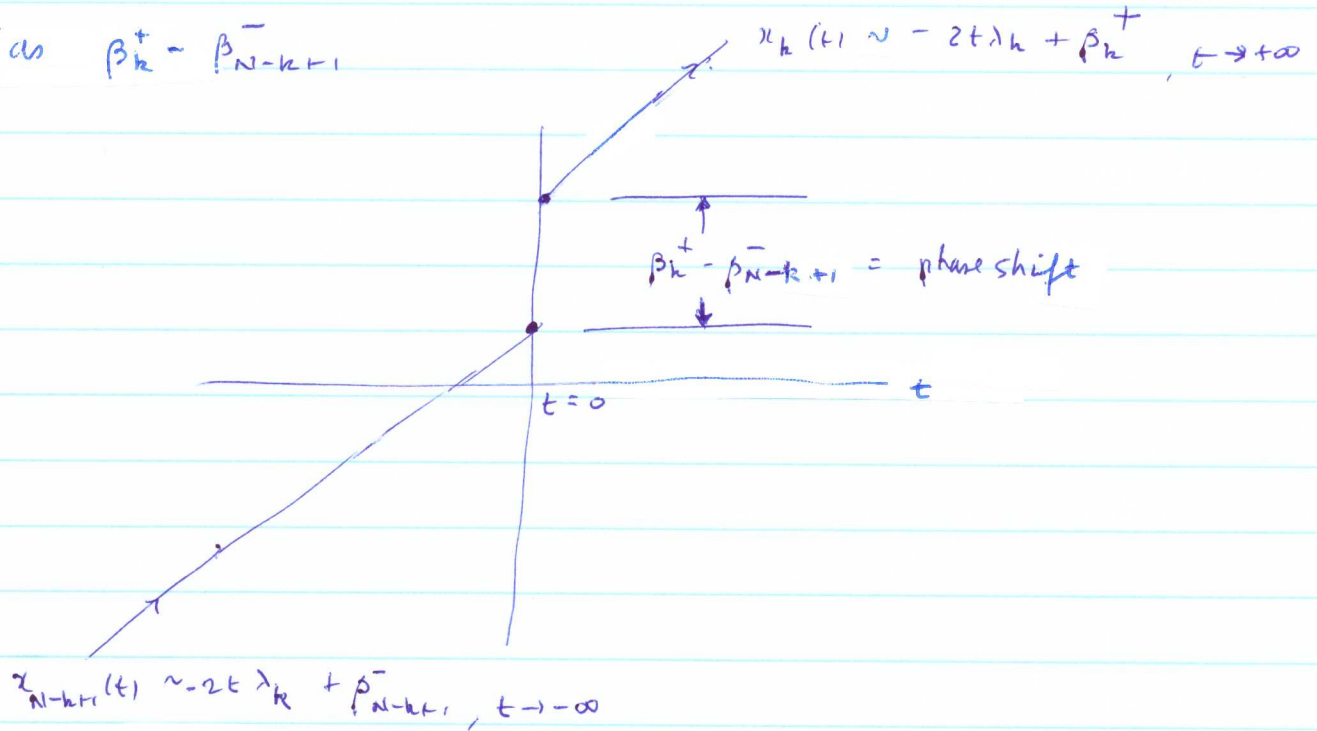
We now compute the phase shifts $\beta_k^+ - \beta_{N-k+1}^-$

Consider $x_k(t) \sim -2\lambda_k t$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$x_{N-k+1}(t) \sim -2\lambda_k t$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$

Thus particle $x_{N-k+1}(t)$ travelling with velocity $-2\lambda_k t$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$, "transfers" its velocity to $x_k(t)$ after collision as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. This is why the phase shift is defined

as $\beta_k^+ - \beta_{N-k+1}^-$



We have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_k^+ - \beta_{N-k+1}^- &= -\frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \log \left[\frac{u_k(i)}{u_j(i)} \frac{\prod_{l=1}^{k-1} (2\lambda_l - 2\lambda_k)}{\prod_{l=1}^{j-1} (2\lambda_l - 2\lambda_j)} \frac{u_j(1)}{u_k(1)} \frac{\prod_{l=j+1}^N (2\lambda_j - 2\lambda_l)}{\prod_{l=k+1}^N (2\lambda_k - 2\lambda_l)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left[\sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \log (2\lambda_l - 2\lambda_k)^2 - \sum_{l=k+1}^N \log (2\lambda_k - 2\lambda_l)^2 \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=j+1}^N \log (2\lambda_j - 2\lambda_l)^2 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^{j-1} \log (2\lambda_l - 2\lambda_j)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

(110.1) $\beta_k^+ - \beta_{N-k+1}^- = \sum_{l \neq k} \phi_{lk}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N$

where

$$(111.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi_{\ell h} &= \log (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_h)^2, & \ell > h \\ &= -\log (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_h)^2, & \ell < h. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have noted (cf. (106.01)) that $\sum_{\ell=N+1}^N \log (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_{\ell+1})^2 \equiv 0 \equiv \sum_{\ell=1}^0 \log (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_{\ell+1})^2$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\ell=j+1}^N \log (2\lambda_j - 2\lambda_\ell)^2 &= \sum_{1 \leq j < \ell \leq N} \log (2\lambda_j - 2\lambda_\ell)^2 \\ &= \sum_{\ell=2}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell-1} \log (2\lambda_j - 2\lambda_\ell)^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^N \sum_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \log (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_j)^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \log (2\lambda_\ell - 2\lambda_j)^2 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we see that for $N=2$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1^+ - \beta_2^- &= \phi_{21} = \log (2\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2)^2 \\ \beta_2^+ - \beta_1^- &= \phi_{12} = -\log (2\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the phase shifts

$$\beta_h^+ - \beta_{N-k+1}^- = \sum_{j \neq h} \phi_{jh}.$$

are just the same as if the interaction takes place

two particles at a time.

The remarkable

Remark (111.2): formula (110.1) for the phase shift is due to Moser

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