

Correlations of RMT Characteristic Polynomials and Integrability: Hermitean Matrices

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Abstract. Integrable theory is formulated for correlation functions of characteristic polynomials associated with invariant non-Gaussian ensembles of Hermitean random matrices. By embedding the correlation functions of interest into a more general theory of τ functions, we (i) identify a zoo of hierarchical relations satisfied by τ functions in an abstract infinite-dimensional space, and (ii) present a technology to translate these relations into hierarchically structured nonlinear differential equations describing the correlation functions of characteristic polynomials in the physical, spectral space. Implications of this formalism for fermionic, bosonic, and supersymmetric variations of zero-dimensional replica field theories are discussed at length. A particular emphasis is placed on the phenomenon of fermionic-bosonic factorisation of random-matrix-theory correlation functions.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Motivation and definitions

Correlation functions of characteristic polynomials (CFCP) appear in various fields of mathematical and theoretical physics. (i) In quantum chaology, CFCP (i.a) provide a convenient way to describe the universal features of spectral statistics of a particle confined in a finite system exhibiting chaotic classical dynamics (Bohigas, Giannoni and Schmit 1984; Andreev, Agam, Simons and Altshuler 1996; Müller, Heusler, Braun, Haake and Altland 2004) and (i.b) facilitate calculations of a variety of important distribution functions whose generating functions may often be expressed in terms of CFCP (see, e.g., Andreev and Simons 1995). (ii) In the random matrix theory approach to quantum chromodynamics, CFCP allow to probe various QCD partition functions (see, e.g., Verbaarschot 2010). (iii) In the number theory, CFCP have been successfully used to model behaviour of the Riemann zeta function along the critical line (Keating and Snaith 2000a, 2000b; Hughes, Keating and O’Connell 2000). (iv) Recently, CFCP surfaced in the studies of random energy landscapes (Fyodorov 2004). (v) For the rôle played by CFCP in the algebraic geometry, the reader is referred to the paper by Brézin and Hikami (2008) and references therein.

In what follows, we adopt a formal setup which turns an $n \times n$ Hermitian matrix $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^\dagger$ into a central object of our study. For a *fixed* matrix \mathcal{H} , the characteristic polynomial $\det_n(\varsigma - \mathcal{H})$ contains complete information about the matrix spectrum. To study the *statistics* of spectral fluctuations in an *ensemble* of random matrices, it is convenient to introduce the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa)$ of characteristic polynomials

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^p \det_n^{\kappa_\alpha}(\varsigma_\alpha - \mathcal{H}) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}}. \quad (1.1)$$

Here, the vectors $\varsigma = (\varsigma_1, \dots, \varsigma_p)$ and $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_p)$ accommodate the energy and the “replica” parameters, respectively. The angular brackets $\langle f(\mathcal{H}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ stand for the ensemble average

$$\langle f(\mathcal{H}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \int d\mu_n(\mathcal{H}) f(\mathcal{H}) \quad (1.2)$$

with respect to a proper probability measure

$$d\mu_n(\mathcal{H}) = P_n(\mathcal{H}) (\mathcal{D}_n \mathcal{H}), \quad (1.3)$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_n \mathcal{H}) = \prod_{j=1}^n d\mathcal{H}_{jj} \prod_{j < k}^n d\text{Re}\mathcal{H}_{jk} d\text{Im}\mathcal{H}_{jk} \quad (1.4)$$

normalised to unity. Throughout the paper, the probability density function $P_n(\mathcal{H})$ is assumed to follow the trace-like law

$$P_n(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{C}_n^{-1} \exp[-\text{tr}_n V(\mathcal{H})] \quad (1.5)$$

with $V(\mathcal{H})$ to be referred to as the confinement potential.

There exist two canonical ways to relate the spectral statistics of \mathcal{H} encoded into the average p -point Green function

$$G_{n|p}(\varsigma) = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^p \text{tr}_n (\varsigma_\alpha - \mathcal{H})^{-1} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \quad (1.6)$$

to the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa)$ of characteristic polynomials.

- The supersymmetry-like prescription (Efetov 1983, Verbaarschot, Weidenmüller and Zirnbauer 1985, Guhr 1991),

$$G_{n|p}(\varsigma) = \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^p \lim_{\varsigma'_\alpha \rightarrow \varsigma_\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_\alpha} \right) \Pi_{n|p+p}^{(\text{susy})}(\varsigma, \varsigma'), \quad (1.7)$$

makes use of the correlation function

$$\Pi_{n|q+q'}^{(\text{susy})}(\varsigma, \varsigma') = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^q \det_n(\varsigma_\alpha - \mathfrak{H}) \prod_{\beta=1}^{q'} \det_n^{-1}(\varsigma'_\beta - \mathfrak{H}) \right\rangle_{\mathfrak{H}} \quad (1.8)$$

obtainable from $\Pi_{n|q+q'}(\varsigma, \varsigma'; \boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}')$ by setting the replica parameters $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ and $\boldsymbol{\kappa}'$ to the *integers* ± 1 .

- On the contrary, the replica-like prescription (Hardy, Littlewood and Pólya 1934, Edwards and Anderson 1975),

$$G_{n|p}(\varsigma) = \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^p \lim_{\kappa_\alpha \rightarrow 0} \kappa_\alpha^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_\alpha} \right) \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa}), \quad (1.9)$$

entirely relies on the behaviour of the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ for *real-valued* replica parameters, $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, as suggested by the limiting procedure in Eq. (1.9). In this case, the notation $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ should be understood as the principal value of the r.h.s. in Eq. (1.1). Existence of the CFCP is guaranteed by a proper choice of imaginary parts of ς .

A nonperturbative calculation of the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ of characteristic polynomials is a nontrivial problem. So far, the solutions reported by several groups have always reduced $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ to a *determinant form*. Its simplest – Hankel determinant – version follows from the eigenvalue representation ‡ of Eq. (1.1) by virtue of the Andréief–de Bruijn formula [Eq. (3.3) below]

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = n! \frac{\mathcal{V}_n}{\mathcal{C}_n} \det_n \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\lambda \lambda^{j+k} e^{-V(\lambda)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right]_{0 \leq j, k \leq n-1}. \quad (1.10)$$

Here, \mathcal{V}_n denotes a volume of the unitary group $\mathcal{U}(n)$ as defined by Eq. (1.17). Unfortunately, the Hankel determinant Eq. (1.10) is difficult to handle in the physically interesting thermodynamic limit: finding its asymptotics in the domain $n \gg 1$ remains to a large extent an open problem (Basor, Chen and Widom 2001, Garoni 2005, Krasovsky 2007, Its and Krasovsky 2008) especially as the integral in Eq. (1.10) has unbounded support.

For $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ *integers*, $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{Z}^p$, so-called duality relations (see, e.g., Brézin and Hikami 2000, Mehta and Normand 2001, Desrosiers 2009 and references therein) make it possible to identify a more convenient determinant representation of $\Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$: Apart from being expressed through a determinant of a reduced size (see below), such an alternative representation of CFCP displays an explicit n -dependence hereby making an asymptotic large- n analysis more viable. For instance, the correlation function

$$\Pi_{n|q+q'}(\varsigma, \varsigma'; \boldsymbol{m}, \boldsymbol{m}') = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^q \det_n^{m_\alpha}(\varsigma_\alpha - \mathfrak{H}) \prod_{\beta=1}^{q'} \det_n^{-m'_\beta}(\varsigma'_\beta - \mathfrak{H}) \right\rangle_{\mathfrak{H}} \quad (1.11)$$

‡ See Eq. (2.1) and a brief discussion around it.

with $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^q$ and $\mathbf{m}' \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{q'}$ can be deduced from the result † by Fyodorov and Strahov (2003)

$$\Pi_{n|q+q'}^{(\text{susy})}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}') = \frac{c_{n,q'}}{\Delta_q(\boldsymbol{\varsigma})\Delta_{q'}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}')} \det_{q+q'} \left[\begin{array}{c} [h_{n-q'+k}(\varsigma'_j)]_{j=1,\dots,q; k=0,\dots,q+q'-1} \\ [\pi_{n-q'+k}(\varsigma_j)]_{j=1,\dots,q'; k=0,\dots,q+q'-1} \end{array} \right] \quad (1.12)$$

by inducing a proper degeneracy of energy variables. The validity of this alternative representation (which still possesses a *determinant form*) is restricted to $q' \leq n$ (Baik, Deift and Strahov 2003). Here,

$$\Delta_q(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) = \det_q [\varsigma_\alpha^{\beta-1}] = \prod_{\alpha < \beta} (\varsigma_\beta - \varsigma_\alpha) \quad (1.13)$$

is the Vandermonde determinant; the two sets of functions, $\pi_k(\varsigma)$ and $h_k(\varsigma)$, are the average characteristic polynomial

$$\pi_k(\varsigma) = \langle \det_k(\varsigma - \mathfrak{H}) \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}} \quad (1.14)$$

and, up to a prefactor, the average *inverse* characteristic polynomial ‡

$$h_{k-1}(\varsigma) = c_{k,1} \langle \det_k^{-1}(\varsigma - \mathfrak{H}) \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}. \quad (1.15)$$

Finally, the constant $c_{n,q'}$ is

$$c_{n,q'} = \frac{(2\pi)^{q'}}{i^{\lceil q'/2 \rceil - \lfloor q'/2 \rfloor}} \frac{n!}{(n-q')!} \frac{\mathcal{V}_n}{\mathcal{V}_{n-q'}} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{n-q'}}{\mathcal{N}_n}, \quad (1.16)$$

where \mathcal{V}_n is a volume of the unitary group $\mathbf{U}(n)$,

$$\mathcal{V}_n = \frac{\pi^{n(n-1)/2}}{\prod_{j=1}^n j!}. \quad (1.17)$$

The result Eq. (1.12) is quite surprising since it expresses the higher-order spectral correlation functions $G_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma})$ in terms of one-point averages (Grönqvist, Guhr and Kohler 2004).

For $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ reals, $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, the duality relations are sadly unavailable; consequently, determinant representation Eq. (1.12) and determinant representations of the same ilk (see, e.g., Strahov and Fyodorov 2003, Baik, Deift and Strahov 2003, Borodin and Strahov 2005, Borodin, Olshanski and Strahov 2006, and Guhr 2006) no longer exist.

The natural question to ask is what structures come instead of determinants? This question is the core issue of the present paper in which we develop a completely different way of treating of CFCP. Heavily influenced by a series of remarkable works by Adler, van Moerbeke and collaborators (Adler, Shiota and van Moerbeke 1995, Adler and van Moerbeke 2001, and reference therein), we make use of the ideas of integrability § to develop an *integrable theory of CFCP* whose main outcome is an *implicit* characterisation of CFCP in terms of solutions to certain nonlinear differential equations.

As will be argued later, such a theory is of utmost importance for advancing the idea of exact integrability of zero-dimensional replica field theories (Kanzieper

† See also much earlier works by Uvarov (1959, 1969). Alternative representations for $\Pi_{n|q+q'}^{(\text{susy})}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}')$ have been obtained by Strahov and Fyodorov (2003), Baik, Deift and Strahov (2003), Borodin and Strahov (2005), Borodin, Olshanski and Strahov (2006), and Guhr (2006).

‡ Making use of the Heine formula (Heine 1878, Szegő 1939), it can be shown that $\pi_k(\varsigma)$ is a monic polynomial orthogonal on \mathbb{R} with respect to the measure $d\tilde{\mu}(\varsigma) = \exp[-V(\varsigma)] d\varsigma$. The function $h_k(\varsigma)$ is its Cauchy-Hilbert transform (see, e.g., Fyodorov and Strahov 2003):

$$h_k(\varsigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}(\varsigma')}{\varsigma' - \varsigma} \pi_k(\varsigma'), \quad \text{Im } \varsigma \neq 0.$$

§ For a review on integrability and matrix models, the reader is referred to Morozov (1994).

2002, Splittorff and Verbaarschot 2003, Kanzieper 2005, Osipov and Kanzieper 2007, Kanzieper 2010). In fact, it is this particular application of our integrable theory of CFCP that motivated the present study.

1.2. Main results at a glance

This work, consisting of two parts, puts both the ideology and technology in the first place. Consequently, its *main outcome* is not a single explicit formula (or a set of them) for the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ of characteristic polynomials but

- a *regular formalism* tailor-made for a nonperturbative description of $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ considered at *real valued* replica parameters $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, and
- a *comparative analysis* of three alternative versions of the replica method (fermionic, bosonic, and supersymmetric) which sheds new light on the phenomenon of fermionic-bosonic factorisation \parallel of quantum correlation functions.

More specifically, in the first part of the paper (comprised of Sections 2, 3 and 4 written in a tutorial manner) we show that the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ of characteristic polynomials satisfies an infinite set of *nonlinear differential hierarchically structured* relations. Although these hierarchical relations do not supply *explicit* (determinant) expressions for $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ as predicted by classical theories (which routinely assume $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{Z}^p$), they do provide an *implicit* nonperturbative characterisation of $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ which turns out to be much beneficial for an in-depth analysis of the mathematical foundations of zero-dimensional replica field theories arising in the random-matrix-theory context (Verbaarschot and Zirnbauer 1985).

Such an analysis is performed in the second part of the paper (Section 5) which turns the fermionic-bosonic factorisation of spectral correlation functions into its central motif. In brief, focussing on the finite- N average density of eigenlevels in the paradigmatic Gaussian Unitary Ensemble (GUE), we have used the integrable theory of CFCP (developed in the first part of the paper) in conjunction with the Hamiltonian theory of Painlevé transcendents (Noumi 2004) to associate fictitious Hamiltonian systems $H_f \{P(t), Q(t), t\}$ and $H_b \{P(t), Q(t), t\}$ with fermionic and bosonic replica field theories, respectively. Using this language, we demonstrate that a proper replica limit yields the average density of eigenlevels in an anticipated factorised form. Depending on the nature (fermionic or bosonic) of the replica limit, the compact and noncompact contributions can be assigned to a derivative of the canonical “coordinate” and canonical “momentum” of the corresponding Hamiltonian system. Hence, the appearance of a noncompact (bosonic) contribution in the fermionic replica limit is no longer a “mystery” (Splittorff and Verbaarschot 2003).

1.3. Outline of the paper

To help a physics oriented reader navigate through an involved integrable theory of CFCP, in Section 2 we outline a general structure of the theory. Along with introducing the notation to be used throughout the paper, we list three major ingredients of the theory – the τ function $\tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t})$ assigned to the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$, the bilinear identity in an integral form, and the Virasoro constraints – and further discuss an interrelation between them and the original correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$. Two integrable hierarchies playing a central rôle in our theory – the Kadomtsev-Petviashvili and the Toda Lattice hierarchies for the τ function – are presented in the so-called

\parallel A quantum correlation function is said to possess the factorisation property if it can be expressed in terms of a single fermionic and a single bosonic partition function (Splittorff and Verbaarschot 2003, Splittorff and Verbaarschot 2004).

Hirota form. Both the Hirota derivative \mathfrak{H} and Schur functions appearing in the above integrable hierarchies are defined.

Having explained a general structure of the theory, we start its detailed exposition in Section 3. In Section 3.1, a determinant structure of the τ function is established and associated matrix of moments and a symmetry dictated scalar product are introduced. The bilinear identity in an integral form which governs the behavior of τ function is derived in Section 3.2. The bilinear identity in Hirota form is derived⁺ in Section 3.3. In Section 3.4, the bilinear identity is “deciphered” to produce a zoo of bilinear integrable hierarchies satisfied by the τ function; their complete classification is given by Eqs. (3.41) – (3.47). The two most important integrable hierarchies – the Kadomtsev-Petviashvili (KP) and the Toda Lattice (TL) hierarchies – are discussed in Section 3.5, where explicit formulae are given for the two first nontrivial members of KP and TL hierarchies. Section 3.6 contains a detailed derivation of the Virasoro constraints, the last ingredient of the integrable theory of characteristic polynomials.

Section 4 shows how the properties of the τ function studied in Section 3 can be translated to those of the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \mathfrak{\kappa})$ of characteristic polynomials. This is done for Gaussian Unitary Ensemble (GUE) and Laguerre Unitary Ensemble (LUE) whose treatment is very detailed. Correlation functions for two more matrix models – Jacobi Unitary Ensemble (JUE) and Cauchy Unitary Ensemble (CyUE) – are addressed in the Appendices C and D.

Finally, in Section 5, we apply the integrable theory of CFCP to a comparative analysis of three alternative formulations of the replica method, with a special emphasis placed on the phenomenon of fermionic-bosonic factorisation of spectral correlation functions; some technical calculations involving functions of parabolic cylinder are collected in Appendix F. To make the paper self-sufficient, we have included Appendix E containing an overview of very basic facts on the six Painlevé transcendents and a closely related differential equation belonging to the Chazy I class.

The conclusions are presented in Section 6.

2. Structure of the Theory

The correlation function

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \mathfrak{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{\mathfrak{N}_n} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-V_n(\lambda_j)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\mathfrak{s}_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad (2.1)$$

to be considered in this section can be viewed as a natural extension of its primary definition Eq. (1.1). Written in the eigenvalue representation (induced by the unitary rotation $\mathfrak{H} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$ such that $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbf{U}(n)$ and $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$) it accommodates an n -dependent confinement potential^{*} $V_n(\lambda)$ and also allows for a generic eigenvalue integration domain[†]

$$\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{j=1}^r [c_{2j-1}, c_{2j}], \quad c_1 < \dots < c_{2r}. \quad (2.2)$$

\mathfrak{H} The properties of Hirota differential operators are reviewed in Appendix B.

⁺ An alternative derivation can be found in Appendix A.

^{*} Matrix integrals with n -dependent weights are known to appear in the bosonic formulations of replica field theories, see Osipov and Kanzieper (2007). This was the motivation behind our choice of the definition Eq. (2.1).

[†] In applications to be considered in Section 5, the integration domain \mathcal{D} will be set to $\mathcal{D} = [-1, +1]$ for (compact) fermionic replicas, and to $\mathcal{D} = [0, +\infty]$ for (noncompact) bosonic replicas. A more general setting Eq. (2.2) does not complicate the theory we present.

The normalisation constant \mathcal{N}_n is

$$\mathcal{N}_n = \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n d\lambda_j e^{-V_n(\lambda_j)} \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \quad (2.3)$$

While for $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\pm}^p$, the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ can readily be calculated by utilising the formalism due to Fyodorov and Strahov (2003), there seems to be no simple extension of their method to $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{R}^p$. It is this latter domain that will be covered by our theory.

Contrary to the existing approaches which represent the CFCP *explicitly* in a determinant form (akin to Eq. (1.12)), our formalism does not yield any closed expression for the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$. Instead, it describes $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ *implicitly* in terms of a solution to a nonlinear (partial) differential equation which – along with an infinite set of nonlinear (partial) differential hierarchies satisfied by $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ – can be generated in a regular way starting with Eq. (2.1). Let us stress that a lack of explicitness is by no means a weak point of our theory: the representations emerging from it save the day when a replica limit is implemented in Eq. (1.9).

Before plunging into the technicalities of the integrable theory of CFCP, we wish to outline its general structure.

Deformation.—To determine the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ nonperturbatively, we adopt the “deform-and-study” approach, a standard string theory method of revealing hidden structures. Its main idea consists of “embedding” $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ into a more general theory of the τ function

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_{n-s}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad (2.4)$$

which possesses an infinite-dimensional parameter space $(s; \mathbf{t}) = (s; t_1, t_2, \dots)$ arising as the result of the $(s; \mathbf{t})$ -deformation of the weight function

$$\Gamma_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \lambda) = e^{-V_n(\lambda)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_{\alpha} - \lambda)^{\kappa_{\alpha}} \quad (2.5)$$

appearing in the original definition Eq. (2.1). The parameter s is assumed to be an integer, $s \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)$ is defined as an infinite series

$$v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k \lambda^k, \quad \mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots). \quad (2.6)$$

Notice that a somewhat unusual $(s \in \mathbb{Z})$ -deformation of $\Gamma_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \lambda)$ is needed to account for the n -dependent confinement potential $V_n(\lambda)$ in Eq. (2.1).

Bilinear identity and integrable hierarchies.—Having embedded the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ into a set of τ functions $\tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t})$, one studies the evolution of τ functions in the extended parameter space (n, s, \mathbf{t}) in order to identify nontrivial nonlinear differential hierarchical relations between them. It turns out that an infinite set of hierarchically structured nonlinear differential equations in the variables $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots)$ can be encoded into a single *bilinear identity*

$$\begin{aligned} & \oint_{\mathcal{C}_{\infty}} dz e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}' - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \frac{\tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])}{z^{\ell+1-m}} \\ & = \\ & \oint_{\mathcal{C}_{\infty}} dz e^{a v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \frac{\tau_{m+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}' + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])}{z^{m+1-\ell}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

where the integration contour \mathcal{C}_∞ encompasses the point $z = \infty$. Here, $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is a free parameter; the notation $\mathbf{t} \pm [z^{-1}]$ stands for the infinite set of parameters $\{t_k \pm z^{-k}/k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$; for brevity, the physical parameters $\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$ and $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ were dropped from the arguments of τ functions.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the most general form of bilinear identity that has ever appeared in the literature for Hermitean matrix models: not only it accounts for the n -dependent probability measure (“confinement potential”) but also it generates, in a unified way, a whole zoo of integrable hierarchies satisfied by the τ function Eq. (2.4). The latter was made possible by the daedal introduction of the free parameter a in Eq. (2.7) prompted by the study by Tu, Shaw and Yen (1996).

The bilinear identity generates various integrable hierarchies in the (n, s, \mathbf{t}) space. The *Kadomtsev-Petviashvili (KP) hierarchy*,

$$\frac{1}{2} D_1 D_k \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = s_{k+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}), \quad (2.8)$$

and the *Toda Lattice (TL) hierarchy*,

$$\frac{1}{2} D_1 D_k \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = s_{k-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{n+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{n-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}), \quad (2.9)$$

are central to our approach. In the above formulae, the vector \mathbf{D} stands for $\mathbf{D} = (D_1, D_2, \dots, D_k, \dots)$ whilst the k -th component of the vector $[\mathbf{D}]$ equals $k^{-1}D_k$. The operator symbol $D_k f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t})$ denotes the Hirota derivative *

$$D_k f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t}) = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x}) g(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{x}) \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}}. \quad (2.10)$$

The functions $s_k(\mathbf{t})$ are the Schur polynomials (Macdonald 1998) defined by the expansion

$$\exp \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j x^j \right) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} x^\ell s_\ell(\mathbf{t}), \quad (2.11)$$

see also Table 1. A complete list of emerging hierarchies will be presented in Section 3.4.

Projection.—The projection formula

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \left. \frac{n!}{\mathcal{N}_n} \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right|_{s=0, \mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} \quad (2.12)$$

makes it tempting to assume that nonlinear integrable hierarchies satisfied by τ functions in the (n, s, \mathbf{t}) -space should induce similar, hierarchically structured, nonlinear differential equations for the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$. To identify them, one has to seek an additional block of the theory that would make a link between the partial $\{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ derivatives of τ functions taken at $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ and the partial derivatives of $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ over the *physical parameters* $\{\varsigma_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$. The study by Adler, Shiota and van Moerbeke (1995) suggests that the missing block is the *Virasoro constraints* for τ functions.

Virasoro constraints.—The Virasoro constraints reflect the invariance of τ functions [Eq. (2.4)] under a change of integration variables. In the context of CFCP, it is useful to demand the invariance under an infinite set of transformations *

$$\lambda_j \rightarrow \mu_j + \epsilon \mu_j^{q+1} f(\mu_j) \prod_{k=1}^q (\mu_j - c'_k), \quad q \geq -1, \quad (2.13)$$

* The properties of Hirota differential operators are briefly reviewed in Appendix B; see also the book by Hirota (2004).

* The specific choice Eq. (2.13) will be advocated in Section 3.6.

Table 1. Explicit formulae for the lowest-order Schur polynomials $s_\ell(\mathbf{t})$ defined by the relation $\exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j x^j\right) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} x^\ell s_\ell(\mathbf{t})$.

ℓ	$\ell! s_\ell(\mathbf{t})$
0	1
1	t_1
2	$t_1^2 + 2t_2$
3	$t_1^3 + 6t_1 t_2 + 6t_3$
4	$t_1^4 + 24t_1 t_3 + 12t_1^2 t_2 + 12t_2^2 + 24t_4$
5	$t_1^5 + 20t_1^3 t_2 + 60t_1^2 t_3 + 60t_1 t_2^2 + 120t_1 t_4 + 120t_2 t_3 + 120t_5$

The Schur polynomials admit the representation (Macdonald 1998)

$$s_\ell(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{|\boldsymbol{\lambda}|=\ell} \prod_{j=1}^g \frac{t_j^{\sigma_j}}{\sigma_j!},$$

where the summation runs over all partitions $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\ell_1^{\sigma_1}, \dots, \ell_g^{\sigma_g})$ of the size $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| = \ell$. The notation $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\ell_1^{\sigma_1}, \dots, \ell_g^{\sigma_g})$, known as the frequency representation of the partition $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ of the size $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| = \ell$, implies that the part ℓ_j appears σ_j times so that $\ell = \sum_{j=1}^g \ell_j \sigma_j$, where g is the number of inequivalent parts of the partition. Another way to compute $s_\ell(\mathbf{t})$ is based on the recursion equation

$$s_\ell(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} j t_j s_{\ell-j}(\mathbf{t}), \quad \ell \geq 1,$$

supplemented by the condition $s_0(\mathbf{t}) = 1$.

labeled by integers q . Here, $\epsilon > 0$, the vector \mathbf{c}' is $\mathbf{c}' = \{c_1, \dots, c_{2r}\} \setminus \{\pm\infty, \mathcal{Z}_0\}$ with \mathcal{Z}_0 denoting a set of zeros of $f(\lambda)$, and $\varrho = \dim(\mathbf{c}')$. The function $f(\lambda)$ is, in turn, related to the confinement potential $V_{n-s}(\lambda)$ through the parameterisation

$$\frac{dV_{n-s}}{d\lambda} = \frac{g(\lambda)}{f(\lambda)}, \quad g(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \lambda^k, \quad f(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \lambda^k \quad (2.14)$$

in which both $g(\lambda)$ and $f(\lambda)$ depend on $n-s$ as do the coefficients b_k and a_k in the above expansions. The transformation Eq. (2.13) induces the Virasoro-like constraints \sharp

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V(\mathbf{t}) + \hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{\det}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}) \right] \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (2.15)$$

where the differential operators

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} s_{\ell-k}(-\mathbf{p}_\varrho(\mathbf{c}')) \left(a_\ell \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{q+k+\ell}(\mathbf{t}) - b_\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+k+\ell+1}} \right) \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{\det}(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} a_\ell \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} s_{\ell-k}(-\mathbf{p}_\varrho(\mathbf{c}')) \sum_{m=0}^{q+k+\ell} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_\alpha \varsigma_\alpha^m \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+k+\ell-m}} \quad (2.17)$$

act in the \mathbf{t} -space whilst the differential operator

$$\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\varrho} (\varsigma_\alpha - c'_k) \right) f(\varsigma_\alpha) \varsigma_\alpha^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_\alpha} \quad (2.18)$$

\sharp The very notation $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V$ suggests that this operator originates from the confinement-potential-part e^{-V_n} in Eqs. (2.5) and (2.4). On the contrary, the operator $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{\det}$ is due to the determinant-like product $\prod_\alpha (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda)^{\kappa_\alpha}$ in Eq. (2.5). Indeed, setting $\kappa_\alpha = 0$ nullifies the operator $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{\det}$. See Section 3.6 for a detailed derivation.

acts in the space of *physical parameters* $\{\varsigma_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$. The notation $s_k(-\mathbf{p}_\rho(\mathbf{c}'))$ stands for the Schur polynomial and $\mathbf{p}_\rho(\mathbf{c}')$ is an infinite dimensional vector

$$\mathbf{p}_\rho(\mathbf{c}') = \left(\text{tr}_\rho(\mathbf{c}'), \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_\rho(\mathbf{c}')^2, \dots, \frac{1}{k} \text{tr}_\rho(\mathbf{c}')^k, \dots \right) \quad (2.19)$$

with

$$\text{tr}_\rho(\mathbf{c}')^k = \sum_{j=1}^{\rho} (c'_j)^k. \quad (2.20)$$

Notice that the operator $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V(\mathbf{t})$ is expressed in terms of the Virasoro operators $\dagger\dagger$

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+j}} + \sum_{j=0}^q \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_j \partial t_{q-j}}, \quad (2.21)$$

obeying the Virasoro algebra

$$[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_p, \hat{\mathcal{L}}_q] = (p - q) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{p+q}, \quad p, q \geq -1. \quad (2.22)$$

Projection (continued).—Equations (2.12) and (2.15) suggest that there exists an infinite set of equations which express various combinations of the derivatives

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}) \right|_{s=0, \mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_j \partial t_k} \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}) \right|_{s=0, \mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}$$

in terms of $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$. This observation makes it tempting to project the hierarchical relations Eqs. (2.8) and (2.9) onto the hyperplane ($s = 0, \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$) in an attempt to generate their analogues in the space of *physical parameters*. In particular, such a projection of the first equation of the KP hierarchy,

$$\left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_1^4} + 3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_2^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_3} \right) \log \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) + 6 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \right)^2 = 0, \quad (2.23)$$

is expected \S to bring a closed nonlinear differential equation for the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ of characteristic polynomials. It is this equation which, being supplemented by appropriate boundary conditions, provides an exact, nonperturbative description of the averages of characteristic polynomials. Similarly, projections of other equations from the hierarchies Eqs. (2.8) and (2.9) will reveal additional nontrivial nonlinear differential relations that would involve not only $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ but its “neighbours” $\Pi_{n \pm q|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$, as explained in Section 4.

Having exhibited the general structure of the theory, let us turn to the detailed exposition of its main ingredients.

3. From Characteristic Polynomials to τ Functions

3.1. The τ function, symmetry and associated scalar product

Integrability derives from the symmetry. In the context of τ functions Eq. (2.4), the symmetry is encoded into $\Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$, the squared Vandermonde determinant, as it appears in the integrand below \parallel :

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_{n-s}(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \quad (3.1)$$

$\dagger\dagger$ For $q = -1$, the second sum in Eq. (2.21) is interpreted as zero.

\S Whether or not the projected Virasoro constraints and the hierarchical equations always form a closed system is a separate question that lies beyond the scope of the present paper.

\parallel For the sake of brevity, the physical parameters $\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$ and $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ were dropped from the arguments of $\tau_n^{(s)}$ and Γ_{n-s} .

In the random matrix theory language, the τ function Eq. (3.1) is said to possess the $\beta = 2$ symmetry. Using the identity

$$\Delta_n(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \det[\lambda_j^{k-1}]_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} = \det[P_{k-1}(\lambda_j)]_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} \quad (3.2)$$

with $P_k(\lambda)$ being an *arbitrary* set of monic polynomials and the integration formula (Andréief 1883, de Bruijn 1955)

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n d\lambda_j \det_n[\varphi_j(\lambda_k)] \det_n[\psi_j(\lambda_k)] = n! \det_n \left[\int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \varphi_j(\lambda) \psi_k(\lambda) \right], \quad (3.3)$$

the τ function Eq. (3.1) can be written as the determinant

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = \det \left[\mu_{jk}^{(n-s)}(\mathbf{t}) \right]_{0 \leq j, k \leq n-1} \quad (3.4)$$

of the matrix of moments

$$\mu_{jk}^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}) = \langle P_j | P_k \rangle_{\Gamma_m e^v} = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_m(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)} P_j(\lambda) P_k(\lambda) \quad (3.5)$$

Both the determinant representation and the scalar product

$$\langle f | g \rangle_w = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda w(\lambda) f(\lambda) g(\lambda) \quad (3.6)$$

are dictated by the $\beta = 2$ symmetry § of the τ function.

3.2. Bilinear identity in integral form

In this subsection, the bilinear identity Eq. (2.7) will be proven.

The τ function and orthogonal polynomials.—The representation Eq. (3.4) reveals a special rôle played by the monic polynomials $P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)$ *orthogonal* on \mathcal{D} with respect to the measure $\Gamma_m(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)} d\lambda$. Indeed, the orthogonality relation

$$\langle P_k | P_j \rangle_{\Gamma_m e^v} = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_m(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)} P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) P_j^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) = h_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}) \delta_{jk}, \quad (3.7)$$

shows that the choice $P_j(\lambda) \mapsto P_j^{(n-s)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)$ diagonalises the matrix of moments in Eq. (3.4) resulting in the fairly compact representation

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} h_j^{(n-s)}(\mathbf{t}). \quad (3.8)$$

§ The τ function Eq. (3.1) is a particular case of a more general τ function

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \beta) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_{n-s}(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot |\Delta_n(\boldsymbol{\lambda})|^\beta.$$

In accordance with the Dyson “three-fold” way (Dyson 1962), the symmetry parameter β may also take the values $\beta = 1$ and $\beta = 4$. For these cases, the τ function Eq. (3.7) admits the *Pfaffian* rather than determinant representation (Adler and van Moerbeke 2001):

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \beta) = \text{pf} \left[\mu_{jk}^{(n-s)}(\mathbf{t}; \beta) \right]_{0 \leq j, k \leq n-1},$$

where the matrix of moments $\mu_{jk}^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \beta) = \langle P_j | P_k \rangle_{\Gamma_m e^v}^{(\beta)}$ is defined through the scalar product

$$\langle f | g \rangle_w^{(\beta)} = \begin{cases} \int_{\mathcal{D}^2} d\lambda d\lambda' w(\lambda) f(\lambda) \text{sgn}(\lambda' - \lambda) w(\lambda') g(\lambda'), & \beta = 1; \\ \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda w(\lambda) [f(\lambda) g'(\lambda) - g(\lambda) f'(\lambda)], & \beta = 4. \end{cases}$$

Remarkably, the monic orthogonal polynomials $P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)$, that were introduced as a most economic tool for the calculation of $\tau_n^{(s)}$, can themselves be expressed in terms of τ functions:

$$P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) = \lambda^k \frac{\tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t} - [\lambda^{-1}])}{\tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t})}. \quad (3.9)$$

Here, the notation $\mathbf{t} - [\lambda^{-1}]$ stands for an infinite-dimensional vector with the components

$$\mathbf{t} \pm [\lambda^{-1}] = \left(t_1 \pm \frac{1}{\lambda}, t_2 \pm \frac{1}{2\lambda^2}, \dots, t_k \pm \frac{1}{k\lambda^k}, \dots \right). \quad (3.10)$$

The statement Eq. (3.9) readily follows from the definitions Eqs. (3.1) and (2.6), the formal relation

$$e^{v(\mathbf{t} \pm [\lambda^{-1}]; \lambda_j)} = e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda} \right)^{\mp 1}, \quad (3.11)$$

and the Heine formula (Heine 1878, Szegő 1939)

$$P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) = \frac{1}{k! \tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^k} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(d\lambda_j (\lambda - \lambda_j) \Gamma_m(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_k^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \quad (3.12)$$

The τ function and Cauchy transform of orthogonal polynomials.—As will be seen later, the Cauchy transform of orthogonal polynomials is an important ingredient of our proof of the bilinear identity. Viewed as the scalar product,

$$Q_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; z) = \left\langle P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) \left| \frac{1}{z - \lambda} \right\rangle_{\Gamma_m e^v} = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_m(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)} \frac{P_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)}{z - \lambda}, \quad (3.13)$$

it can also be expressed in terms of τ function:

$$Q_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; z) = z^{-k-1} \frac{\tau_{k+1}^{(k+1-m)}(\mathbf{t} + [z^{-1}])}{\tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t})}. \quad (3.14)$$

To prove Eq. (3.14), we substitute Eq. (3.12) into Eq. (3.13) to derive:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; z) &= \frac{1}{k! \tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_m(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_{k+1}^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{(z - \lambda_{k+1})} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_j}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

Owing to the identity

$$\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{z - \lambda_j} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{z - \lambda_\alpha} \prod_{j=1, j \neq \alpha}^n \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_j} \right) \quad (3.16)$$

taken at $n = k + 1$, the factor

$$\frac{1}{(z - \lambda_{k+1})} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_j}$$

in the integrand of Eq. (3.15) can be symmetrised

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(z - \lambda_{k+1})} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_j} &\mapsto \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{z - \lambda_\alpha} \prod_{j=1, j \neq \alpha}^{k+1} \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{z - \lambda_j} \end{aligned}$$

to yield the representation

$$Q_k^{(m)}(\mathbf{t}; z) = \frac{1}{(k+1)! \tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{d\lambda_j}{z - \lambda_j} \Gamma_m(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_{k+1}^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \quad (3.17)$$

In view of Eq. (3.11), this is seen to coincide with

$$\frac{z^{-k-1}}{(k+1)! \tau_k^{(k-m)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^{k+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_m(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t} + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_{k+1}^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}).$$

Comparison with the definition Eq. (3.1) completes the proof of Eq. (3.14).

Proof of the bilinear identity.—Now we are ready to prove the bilinear identity

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty} dz e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}' - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \frac{\tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])}{z^{\ell+1-m}} \\ = \\ \oint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty} dz e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} \tau_\ell^{(\ell+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \frac{\tau_{m+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}' + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])}{z^{m+1-\ell}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

where the integration contour \mathcal{C}_∞ encompasses the point $z = \infty$, and $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is a free parameter.

We start with the needlessly fancy identity

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_n(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)} e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; \lambda)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda) \\ = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_n(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda)} e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; \lambda)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

whose structure is prompted by the scalar product Eq. (3.7) and which trivially holds due to a linearity of the \mathbf{t} -deformation

$$v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) + (a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; \lambda) = v(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda) + av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; \lambda), \quad (3.20)$$

see Eq. (2.6).

The formulae relating the orthogonal polynomials and their Cauchy transforms to τ functions [Eqs. (3.9) and (3.14)] make it possible to express both sides of Eq. (3.19) in terms of τ functions with shifted arguments.

(i) Due to the Cauchy integral representation

$$e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; \lambda)} P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty} dz e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} \frac{P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; z)}{z - \lambda}, \quad (3.21)$$

the l.h.s. of Eq. (3.19) can be transformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{l.h.s.} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty} dz e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; z) \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_n(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)} \frac{P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda)}{z - \lambda}}_{Q_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; z) \text{ [Eq. (3.13)]}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty} dz e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; z) Q_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

Taking into account Eqs. (3.9) and (3.14), this is further reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{l.h.s.} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{\tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \\ &\quad \times \oint_{\mathcal{E}_\infty} dz e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';z)} \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}' - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \frac{\tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t} + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])}{z^{\ell+1-m}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

(ii) To transform the r.h.s. of Eq. (3.19), we make use of the Cauchy theorem in the form

$$e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{E}_\infty} dz e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';z)} \frac{P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; z)}{z - \lambda}, \quad (3.24)$$

to get:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{r.h.s.} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{E}_\infty} dz e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';z)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; z) \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_n(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} \frac{P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda)}{z - \lambda}}_{Q_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; z) \text{ [Eq. (3.13)]}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{E}_\infty} dz e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';z)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; z) Q_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

Taking into account Eqs. (3.9) and (3.14), this is further reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{r.h.s.} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{\tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \\ &\quad \times \oint_{\mathcal{E}_\infty} dz e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';z)} \tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t} - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \frac{\tau_{m+1}^{(m+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}' + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])}{z^{m+1-\ell}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

The bilinear identity Eq. (3.18) follows from Eqs. (3.23) and (3.26) after setting $n = m - s$. End of proof.

3.3. Bilinear identity in Hirota form

The bilinear identity Eq. (3.18) can alternatively be written in the Hirota form:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\beta(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_k((2a-1-\beta)\mathbf{x}) s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ = e^{-\beta(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \sum_{k=q+1}^{\infty} s_k((2a-1+\beta)\mathbf{x}) s_{k-q-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{p+q+1}^{(s+q+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

where $\beta = \pm 1$ (not to be confused with the Dyson symmetry index!), $p \geq 1$ and $q \geq -1$. Let us remind that the vector \mathbf{D} appearing in the scalar product $(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D}) = \sum_k x_k D_k$ stands for $\mathbf{D} = (D_1, D_2, \dots, D_k, \dots)$; the k -th component of the vector $[\mathbf{D}]$ equals $k^{-1}D_k$ (compare with Eq. (3.10)). The generic Hirota differential operator $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{D})f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t})$ is defined in B. Also, $s_k(\mathbf{x})$ are the Schur polynomials defined in Eq. (2.11).

To prove Eq. (3.27), we proceed in two steps.

(i) First, we set the vectors \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{t}' in Eq. (3.18) to be

$$(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') \mapsto (\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{x}). \quad (3.28)$$

The parameterisation Eq. (3.28) allows us to rewrite the $(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}')$ dependent part of the integrand in the l.h.s. of Eq. (3.18)

$$e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';z)} \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}' - [\mathbf{z}^{-1}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} + [\mathbf{z}^{-1}])$$

as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp [v(2(a-1)\mathbf{x}; z)] \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{x} - [z^{-1}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x} + [z^{-1}]) \\ &= \exp [v(2(a-1)\mathbf{x}; z)] \\ & \quad \times \exp [(\mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_{\xi}) + ([z^{-1}] \cdot \partial_{\xi})] \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} + \xi) \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t} - \xi) \Big|_{\xi=0}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

Here, we have used the linearity of the t -deformation, $\alpha v(\mathbf{t}; z) = v(\alpha \mathbf{t}; z)$. Further, we spot the identity $([z^{-1}] \cdot \partial_{\xi}) = v([\partial_{\xi}; z^{-1}])$ to reduce Eq. (3.29) to \blacktriangleright

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp [v(2(a-1)\mathbf{x}; z)] \\ & \quad \times \exp [(\mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_{\xi})] \exp [v([\partial_{\xi}; z^{-1}])] \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} + \xi) \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t} - \xi) \Big|_{\xi=0}. \end{aligned}$$

The latter can be rewritten in terms of Hirota differential operators [see Eq. (B.2)] with the result being

$$\exp [v(2(a-1)\mathbf{x}; z)] \exp [(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})] \exp [v([\mathbf{D}]; z^{-1})] \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}). \quad (3.30)$$

By the same token, the $(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}')$ dependent part of the integrand in the r.h.s. of Eq. (3.18),

$$e^{a v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}'; z)} \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell+s-m)}(\mathbf{t} - [z^{-1}]) \tau_{m+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}' + [z^{-1}])$$

can be reduced to

$$\exp [v(2a\mathbf{x}; z)] \exp [-(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})] \exp [v([\mathbf{D}]; z^{-1})] \tau_{m+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell+s-m)}(\mathbf{t}). \quad (3.31)$$

Thus, we end up with the alternative representation for the bilinear identity Eq. (3.18):

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_{\infty}} \frac{dz}{z^{\ell-m+1}} \exp [v(2(a-1)\mathbf{x}; z)] \exp [v([\mathbf{D}]; z^{-1})] \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ &= e^{-(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_{\infty}} \frac{dz}{z^{m-\ell+1}} \exp [v(2a\mathbf{x}; z)] \exp [v([\mathbf{D}]; z^{-1})] \tau_{m+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell+s-m)}(\mathbf{t}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

(ii) Second, to facilitate the integration in Eq. (3.32), we rewrite the integrands therein in the form of Laurent series in z by employing the identity

$$e^{v(\mathbf{t}; z)} = \exp \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j z^j \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_k(\mathbf{t}) z^k. \quad (3.33)$$

Now, the integrals in Eq. (3.32) are easily performed to yield

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \sum_{k=\max(0, \ell-m)}^{\infty} s_k(2(a-1)\mathbf{x}) s_{k+m-\ell}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1+s-m)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_m^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ &= e^{-(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \sum_{k=\max(0, m-\ell)}^{\infty} s_k(2a\mathbf{x}) s_{k+\ell-m}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{m+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell+s-m)}(\mathbf{t}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

It remains to verify that Eq. (3.34) is equivalent to the announced result Eq. (3.27). To this end we distinguish between two different cases. (i) If $\ell \leq m$, we set $\ell = p-1$, $m = p+q$ and $s \mapsto s+q$ in Eq. (3.34) to find out that it reduces to Eq. (3.27) taken at $\beta = +1$; (ii) If $\ell > m$, we set $\ell = p+q$, $m = p-1$ and $s \mapsto s-1$ in Eq. (3.34) to find out that it reduces to Eq. (3.27) taken at $\beta = -1$. This ends the proof.

For an alternative derivation of Eq. (3.27) the reader is referred to Appendix A.

\blacktriangleright Here,

$$[\partial_{\xi}] = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}, \dots \right).$$

3.4. Zoo of integrable hierarchies

The bilinear identity, in either form, encodes an infinite set of hierarchically structured nonlinear differential equations in the variables \mathbf{t} . Two of these hierarchies – the KP and the TL hierarchies – were mentioned in Section 2. Below, we provide a complete list of integrable hierarchies associated with the τ function Eq. (3.1).

To identify them, we expand the bilinear identity in Hirota form [Eq. (3.27)] around $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ and $a = 0$, keeping only linear in \mathbf{x} terms. Since $s_0(\mathbf{t}) = 1$ and

$$s_k(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}} = t_k + \mathcal{O}(t^2), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.35)$$

we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - \delta_{q,-1}) s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \left[(2a - 1 - \beta) s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) + \beta D_k (s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) + \delta_{q,-1}) \right] \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ & - (2a - 1 + \beta) \sum_{k=\max(1, q+1)}^{\infty} x_k s_{k-q-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{p+q+1}^{(s+q+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) + \mathcal{O}(x^2) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

As soon as Eq. (3.27) holds for arbitrary a and \mathbf{x} , Eq. (3.36) generates four identities.

(i) The first identity

$$s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad (3.37)$$

holds for $q \geq 1$ and $k = 0, 1, \dots, q$.

(ii) The second identity

$$\left[(1 + \beta) s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) - \beta D_k s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \right] \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad (3.38)$$

holds for $q \geq 1$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots, q$.

(iii) The third identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[(1 + \beta) s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) - \beta D_k (s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) + \delta_{q,-1}) \right] \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ & = (1 - \beta) s_{k-q-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{p+q+1}^{(s+q+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.39)$$

holds for $q \geq -1$ and $k \geq \max(1, q+1)$.

(iv) The last, fourth identity

$$s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = s_{k-q-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{p+q+1}^{(s+q+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) \quad (3.40)$$

holds for $q \geq 0$ and $k \geq q+1$.

Equations (3.37) – (3.40) can further be classified to yield the following bilinear hierarchies:

- *Toda Lattice (TL) hierarchy:*

$$\frac{1}{2} D_1 D_k \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = s_{k-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{p+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) \quad (3.41)$$

with $k \geq 1$.

- *q-modified Toda Lattice hierarchy:*

$$\frac{1}{2}D_k s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = s_{k-q-1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{p+q+1}^{(s+q+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) \quad (3.42)$$

with $q \geq 0$ and $k \geq q + 1$. (For $q = 0$, it reduces to the above Toda Lattice hierarchy.)

- *Kadomtsev-Petviashvili (KP) hierarchy:*

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}D_1 D_k - s_{k+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \right] \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad (3.43)$$

with $\sharp k \geq 3$.

- *q-modified Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchy:*

$$\frac{1}{2}D_k s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) \quad (3.44)$$

with $q \geq 0$ and $k \geq q + 1$. (For $q = 0$, it reduces to the above KP hierarchy.)

- *Left q-modified Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchy:*

$$D_k s_{q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad (3.45)$$

with $q \geq 1$ and $1 \leq k \leq q$.

- *Right q-modified Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchy:*

$$s_{k+q+1}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p+q}^{(s+q)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad (3.46)$$

with $q \geq 1$ and $0 \leq k \leq q$.

- *(-1)-modified Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchy:*

$$[s_k([\mathbf{D}]) - D_k] \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad (3.47)$$

with $k \geq 2$.

Notice, that the modified hierarchies will play no rôle in further consideration.

3.5. KP and Toda Lattice hierarchies

As was pointed out in Section 2, the KP and Toda Lattice hierarchies are of primary importance for our formalism. In this subsection, we explicitly present a few first members of these hierarchies.

KP hierarchy.—Due to the properties of Hirota symbol reviewed in Appendix B, the first nontrivial equation of the KP hierarchy corresponds to $k = 3$ in Eq. (3.43). Consulting Table 1 and having in mind that $[\mathbf{D}]_k = k^{-1}D_k$, we derive the first two members, KP₁ and KP₂, of the KP hierarchy in Hirota form

$$\text{KP}_1: \quad (D_1^4 - 4D_1 D_3 + 3D_2^2) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0, \quad (3.48)$$

$$\text{KP}_2: \quad (D_1^3 D_2 + 2D_2 D_3 - 3D_1 D_4) \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = 0. \quad (3.49)$$

In deriving Eqs. (3.48) and (3.49), we have used the Property 2a from Appendix B.

\sharp Both $k = 1$ and $k = 2$ bring trivial statements, see Appendix B.

Making use of the Property 2b from Appendix B, the two equations can be written explicitly:

$$\text{KP}_1 : \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_1^4} + 3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_2^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_3} \right) \log \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) + 6 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \right)^2 = 0, \quad (3.50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KP}_2 : \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_1^3 \partial t_2} - 3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_4} + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_2 \partial t_3} \right) \log \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \\ + 6 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \log \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \right) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.51)$$

Only KP_1 will further be used.

Toda Lattice hierarchy.—The first nontrivial equations of the Toda Lattice hierarchy can be derived along the same lines from Eq. (3.41).

$$\text{TL}_1 : \frac{1}{2} D_1^2 \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = \tau_{p+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}), \quad (3.52)$$

$$\text{TL}_2 : \frac{1}{2} D_1 D_2 \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) = D_1 \tau_{p+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}). \quad (3.53)$$

Explicitly, one has:

$$\text{TL}_1 : \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial^2 \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_1^2} - \left(\frac{\partial \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_1} \right)^2 = \tau_{p+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}), \quad (3.54)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TL}_2 : \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial^2 \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} - \frac{\partial \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_1} \frac{\partial \tau_p^{(s)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_2} \\ = \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial \tau_{p+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_1} - \tau_{p+1}^{(s+1)}(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial \tau_{p-1}^{(s-1)}(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.55)$$

Higher order members of the KP and Toda Lattice hierarchies can readily be generated from Eqs. (3.43) and (3.41), respectively.

3.6. Virasoro constraints

Virasoro constraints satisfied by the τ function Eq. (3.56) below is yet another important ingredient of the “deform-and-study” approach to the correlation functions of characteristic polynomials $\Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$. In accordance with the discussion in Section 2, Virasoro constraints are needed to translate nonlinear integrable hierarchies Eqs. (3.41) – (3.47), satisfied by the τ function

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-V_{n-s}(\lambda_j)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\zeta_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}), \quad (3.56)$$

into nonlinear, hierarchically structured differential equations for the correlation function

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_n} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-V_n(\lambda_j)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\zeta_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad (3.57)$$

obtained from Eq. (3.56) by setting $\mathbf{t} = 0$ and $s = 0$. The normalisation constant \mathcal{N}_n is defined in Eq. (2.3).

The Virasoro constraints reflect invariance of the τ function Eq. (3.56) under the change of integration variables

$$\lambda_j \rightarrow \mu_j + \epsilon \mu_j^{q+1} R(\mu_j), \quad q \geq -1, \quad (3.58)$$

labeled by the integer q ; here $\epsilon > 0$ is an infinitesimally small parameter, and $R(\mu)$ is a suitable benign function (e.g., a polynomial). The function $f(\lambda)$ is related to the confinement potential $V_{n-s}(\lambda)$ through the parameterisation (Adler, Shiota and van Moerbeke 1995)

$$\frac{dV_{n-s}}{d\lambda} = \frac{g(\lambda)}{f(\lambda)}, \quad g(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \lambda^k, \quad f(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \lambda^k \quad (3.59)$$

in which both $g(\lambda)$ and $f(\lambda)$ depend on $n-s$ as do the coefficients b_k and a_k in the above expansions. We also assume that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(\lambda) \lambda^k e^{-V_{n-s}(\lambda)} = 0, \quad k \geq 0. \quad (3.60)$$

To derive the Virasoro constraints announced in Eqs. (2.15)–(2.18), we transform the integration variables in Eq. (3.56) as specified in Eq. (3.58) and further expand Eq. (3.56) in ϵ . Invariance of the integral under this transformation implies that the linear in ϵ terms must vanish:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \left(\beta \sum_{i>j} \frac{\mu_i^{q+1} R(\mu_i) - \mu_j^{q+1} R(\mu_j)}{\mu_i - \mu_j} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \mu_\ell^{q+1} R'(\mu_\ell) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{\ell=1}^n R(\mu_\ell) \left[(q+1)\mu_\ell^q + v'(\mathbf{t}; \mu_\ell) \mu_\ell^{q+1} - \frac{g(\mu_\ell)}{f(\mu_\ell)} \mu_\ell^{q+1} \right] \right) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \\ & \quad - \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^n \mu_\ell^{q+1} R(\mu_\ell) \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \frac{\kappa_\alpha}{\varsigma_\alpha - \mu_\ell} \right) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \\ & \quad - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\dim(\mathbf{c}')} R(c'_i) c_i'^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial c'_i} \right) \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.61)$$

Here, $\mathbf{c}' = \{c_1, \dots, c_{2r}\} \setminus \{\pm\infty\}$,

$$I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) = |\Delta_n(\boldsymbol{\mu})|^\beta \prod_{k=1}^n \left[e^{-V_{n-s}(\mu_k)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \mu_k)^{\kappa_\alpha} e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \mu_k)} \right], \quad (3.62)$$

and

$$(d\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_{k=1}^n d\mu_k. \quad (3.63)$$

In the above formulae, we reinstated $\beta > 0$; it will be set to $\beta = 2$ when needed.

The choice of $R(\mu)$ is dictated by problem in question and, hence, is not unique. If one is interested in studying matrix integrals as functions of the parameters $\{c_1, \dots, c_{2r}\}$ defining the integration domain \mathcal{D} , the suitable choice of $R(\mu)$ is

$$R(\mu) = f(\mu). \quad (3.64)$$

In this case, the differential operator (Adler, Shiota and van Moerbeke 1995)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2r} R(c'_i) c_i'^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial c'_i} \quad (3.65)$$

becomes an essential part of the Virasoro constraints. In the context of characteristic polynomials, the integration domain \mathcal{D} is normally fixed whilst the *physical parameters* $\{\varsigma_\alpha\}$ are allowed to vary. This prompts the choice

$$R(\mu) = f(\mu) \prod_{k=1}^{\varrho} (\mu - c'_k), \quad \varrho = \dim(\mathbf{c}') \quad (3.66)$$

that nullifies the differential operator Eq. (3.65). Equivalently,

$$R(\mu) = f(\mu) \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} \mu^k s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')). \quad (3.67)$$

Here, the notation $s_k(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}'))$ stands for the Schur polynomial and $\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')$ is an infinite dimensional vector

$$\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}') = \left(\text{tr}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}'), \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')^2, \dots, \frac{1}{k} \text{tr}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')^k, \dots \right) \quad (3.68)$$

with

$$\text{tr}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')^k = \sum_{j=1}^{\varrho} (c'_j)^k. \quad (3.69)$$

Remark. Equation (3.66) assumes that none of c'_k 's are zeros of $f(\mu)$. If this is not the case, the set \mathbf{c}' must be redefined:

$$\mathbf{c}' \rightarrow \mathbf{c}' \setminus \{\mathcal{Z}_0\}, \quad (3.70)$$

where \mathcal{Z}_0 is comprised of zeros of $f(\mu)$.

Substituting Eqs. (3.67), (3.59) and (2.6) into Eq. (3.61), we derive:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{q+k+i} \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^j) \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i-j}) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2}\right) (i+k+q+1) \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i}) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j t_j \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i+j}) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_{\alpha} \sum_{m=0}^{q+k+i} \varsigma_{\alpha}^m \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i-m}) - \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+k+i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_{\alpha}} \right) \right] I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \\ & = \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i+1}) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.71)$$

The $\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$ -dependent part in Eq. (3.71),

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \\ & \quad \times \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_{\alpha} \sum_{m=0}^{q+k+i} \varsigma_{\alpha}^m \text{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i-m}) - \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+k+i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_{\alpha}} \right) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}), \end{aligned} \quad (3.72)$$

originates from the term

$$- \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^n \mu_{\ell}^{q+1} R(\mu_{\ell}) \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \frac{\kappa_{\alpha}}{\varsigma_{\alpha} - \mu_{\ell}} \right) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \quad (3.73)$$

in Eq. (3.61). Indeed, substituting Eqs. (3.67) and (3.59) into Eq. (3.73), the latter reduces to

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_{\alpha} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{\mu_{\ell}^{q+k+i+1}}{\mu_{\ell} - \varsigma_{\alpha}} \right) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}). \quad (3.74)$$

The double sum in parentheses can conveniently be divided into two pieces,

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_{\alpha} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{\mu_{\ell}^{q+k+i+1} - \varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+k+i+1}}{\mu_{\ell} - \varsigma_{\alpha}} \quad (3.75)$$

and

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_{\alpha} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{\varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+k+i+1}}{\mu_{\ell} - \varsigma_{\alpha}}. \quad (3.76)$$

Due to the identities

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{\mu_{\ell}^{q+k+i+1} - \varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+k+i+1}}{\mu_{\ell} - \varsigma_{\alpha}} = \sum_{m=0}^{q+k+i} \varsigma_{\alpha}^m \operatorname{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{q+k+i-m}) \quad (3.77)$$

and

$$\kappa_{\alpha} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{1}{\mu_{\ell} - \varsigma_{\alpha}} I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_{\alpha}} I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}), \quad (3.78)$$

we conclude that Eq. (3.73) reduces to the sought Eq. (3.72). We found it more convenient to rewrite the $\partial/\partial \varsigma_{\alpha}$ -term in Eq. (3.72) in a more compact way,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+k+i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_{\alpha}} \right) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \\ = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.79)$$

with the differential operator $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma})$ being

$$\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\varrho} (\varsigma_{\alpha} - c'_k) \right) f(\varsigma_{\alpha}) \varsigma_{\alpha}^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_{\alpha}}. \quad (3.80)$$

Equation (3.79) follows from the expansions Eqs. (3.59), (3.66) and (3.67).

To complete the derivation of Virasoro constraints, we further notice that terms $\operatorname{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^j)$ in Eq. (3.71) can be generated by differentiating $I_n^{(s)}$ over t_j . Since $\operatorname{tr}_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}^0) = n$, the derivative $\partial/\partial t_0$ should formally be understood as $\partial/\partial t_0 \equiv n$. This observation yields Virasoro constraints for the τ function

$$\tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathcal{D}^n} (d\boldsymbol{\mu}) I_n^{(s)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \quad (3.81)$$

in the form ($q \geq -1$)

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V(\mathbf{t}) + \hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{\det}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}) \right] \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}) \tau_n^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \mathbf{t}). \quad (3.82)$$

Here, the differential operators

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \left(a_{\ell} \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{q+k+\ell}^{(\beta)}(\mathbf{t}) - b_{\ell} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+k+\ell+1}} \right) \quad (3.83)$$

and

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{\det}(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} a_{\ell} \sum_{k=0}^{\varrho} s_{\varrho-k}(-\mathbf{p}_{\varrho}(\mathbf{c}')) \sum_{m=0}^{q+k+\ell} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_{\alpha} \varsigma_{\alpha}^m \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+k+\ell-m}} \quad (3.84)$$

act in the \mathbf{t} -space whilst the differential operator $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q^V(\boldsymbol{\varsigma})$ acts in the space of *physical parameters* $\{\varsigma_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$. Notice that the operator $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^V(\mathbf{t})$ is expressed in terms of the Virasoro operators

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{(\beta)}(\mathbf{t}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+j}} + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{j=0}^q \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_j \partial t_{q-j}} + \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) (q+1) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_q}, \quad (3.85)$$

obeying the Virasoro algebra

$$[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_p^{(\beta)}, \hat{\mathcal{L}}_q^{(\beta)}] = (p-q) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{p+q}^{(\beta)}, \quad p, q \geq -1. \quad (3.86)$$

The Virasoro constraints derived in this section stay valid for arbitrary $\beta > 0$; for $\beta = 2$, they are reduced to Eqs. (2.15) – (2.22) announced in Sec. 2.

This concludes the derivation of three main ingredients of integrable theory of average characteristic polynomials – the bilinear identity, integrable hierarchies emanating from it, and the Virasoro constraints.

4. From τ Functions to Characteristic Polynomials

The general calculational scheme formulated in Section 2 and detailed in Section 3 applies to a variety of random matrix ensembles. In this Section we deal with CFCP for the Gaussian Unitary Ensemble (GUE) and Laguerre Unitary Ensemble (LUE). A detailed treatment of the GUE case is needed to lay the basis for further comparative analysis of the three variations of the replica approach that will be presented in Section 5. The study of the LUE relevant to the QCD physics (Verbaarschot 2010) is included for didactic purposes. A sketchy exposition of the theory for Jacobi Unitary Ensemble (JUE) and Cauchy Unitary Ensemble (CyUE) appearing in the context of universal aspects of quantum transport through chaotic cavities (Beenakker 1997) can be found in Appendices C and D.

4.1. Gaussian Unitary Ensemble (GUE)

The correlation function of characteristic polynomials in GUE is defined by the n -fold integral

$$\Pi_{n|p}^{\text{G}}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_n^{\text{G}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j^2} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_n^{\text{G}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j^2} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \pi^{n/2} 2^{-n(n-1)/2} \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(j+1) \quad (4.2)$$

is the normalisation constant. The associated τ function equals

$$\tau_n^{\text{G}}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j^2 + v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}), \quad (4.3)$$

see Section 2. (In the above definitions, the superscript G stands for GUE but it will further be omitted when notational confusion is unlikely to arise.)

4.1.1. Virasoro constraints

In the notation of Section 3, the definition Eq. (4.1) implies that

$$f(\lambda) = 1 \quad \mapsto \quad a_k = \delta_{k,0}, \quad (4.4)$$

$$g(\lambda) = 2\lambda \quad \mapsto \quad b_k = 2\delta_{k,1}, \quad (4.5)$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R} \quad \mapsto \quad \dim(\mathbf{c}') = 0. \quad (4.6)$$

This brings the Virasoro constraints Eqs. (2.15) – (2.21) for the τ function Eq. (4.3):

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t}) - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+2}} + \sum_{m=0}^q \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_\alpha \varsigma_\alpha^m \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q-m}} \right] \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (4.7)$$

where

$$\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varsigma_\alpha^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_\alpha}, \quad (4.8)$$

the short-hand notation $\vartheta_m(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ is defined as

$$\vartheta_m(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_\alpha \varsigma_\alpha^m, \quad (4.9)$$

so that

$$\vartheta_0(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \text{tr}_p \boldsymbol{\kappa} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \kappa_\alpha \equiv \kappa. \quad (4.10)$$

Also, $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t})$ is the Virasoro operator given by Eq. (2.21). Notice that the τ function in Eq. (4.7) does not bear the superscript (s) since the GUE confinement potential $V(\lambda) = \lambda^2$ does not depend on n .

In what follows, we need the three lowest Virasoro constraints labeled by $q = -1$, $q = 0$ and $q = +1$. Written for the logarithm of τ function, they read:

$$\left(\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j-1}} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) + n t_1 = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (4.11)$$

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) + n(n + \kappa) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (4.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+1}} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} + (2n + \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \\ + n \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

4.1.2. Toda Lattice hierarchy

Projection of the Toda Lattice hierarchy Eq. (2.9) for the \mathbf{t} -dependent τ function Eq. (4.3) onto the hyperplane $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ generates the Toda Lattice hierarchy for the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}^G(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ [Eq. (4.1)] of the GUE characteristic polynomials,

$$\Pi_{n|p}^G(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{n!}{\mathcal{N}_n^G} \tau_n^G(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}. \quad (4.14)$$

Below, the first [Eq. (3.54)] and second [Eq. (3.55)] equation of the TL hierarchy will be considered:

$$\text{TL}_1 : \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{\tau_{n+1}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_{n-1}(\mathbf{t})}{\tau_n^2(\mathbf{t})}, \quad (4.15)$$

$$\text{TL}_2 : \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{\tau_{n+1}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_{n-1}(\mathbf{t})}{\tau_n^2(\mathbf{t})} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \left(\frac{\tau_{n+1}(\mathbf{t})}{\tau_{n-1}(\mathbf{t})} \right). \quad (4.16)$$

The equivalence of Eqs. (4.15) and (4.16) to Eqs. (3.54) and (3.55) is easily established.

(i) To derive the first equation of the TL hierarchy for $\Pi_{n|p}^G(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ from Eqs. (4.14) and (4.15), we have to determine

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}$$

with the help of Virasoro constraints. This is achieved in two steps. First, we differentiate Eq. (4.11) over t_1 and set $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ afterwards, to derive:

$$2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = n - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}. \quad (4.17)$$

Second, we set $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ in Eq. (4.11) to identify the relation

$$2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = -\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}). \quad (4.18)$$

Combining Eqs. (4.17) and (4.18), we conclude that

$$4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = 2n + \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^2 \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}). \quad (4.19)$$

Finally, substituting this result back to Eq. (4.15), and taking into account Eqs. (4.14) and (4.2), we end up with the first TL equation

$$\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^{\text{G}} : \quad \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^2 \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = 2n \left(\frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \Pi_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n|p}^2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} - 1 \right) \quad (4.20)$$

written in the space of physical parameters $\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$.

(ii) The second equation of the TL hierarchy for $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ can be derived along the same lines. Equation (4.16) suggests that, in addition to the derivative $\partial/\partial t_1 \log \tau_n$ at $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ given by Eq. (4.18), one needs to know the mixed derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}.$$

It can be calculated by combining Eq. (4.11) differentiated over t_2 with Eqs. (4.12) and (4.18). The result reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{TL}}_2^{\text{G}} : \quad & (1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1} \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ & = n \frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \Pi_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n|p}^2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1} \log \left(\frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

Higher order equations of the TL hierarchy for the correlation functions $\Pi_{n|p}$ can be derived in a similar fashion.

Remark.—For $p = 1$, the equations $\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^{\text{G}}$ and $\widetilde{\text{TL}}_2^{\text{G}}$ become particularly simple:

$$\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^{\text{G}} : \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varsigma^2} \log \Pi_n(\varsigma; \kappa) = 2n \left(\frac{\Pi_{n+1}(\varsigma; \kappa) \Pi_{n-1}(\varsigma; \kappa)}{\Pi_n^2(\varsigma; \kappa)} - 1 \right), \quad (4.22)$$

$$\widetilde{\text{TL}}_2^{\text{G}} : \quad \left(1 - \varsigma \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \log \Pi_n(\varsigma; \kappa) = n \frac{\Pi_{n+1}(\varsigma; \kappa) \Pi_{n-1}(\varsigma; \kappa)}{\Pi_n^2(\varsigma; \kappa)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \log \left(\frac{\Pi_{n+1}(\varsigma; \kappa)}{\Pi_{n-1}(\varsigma; \kappa)} \right). \quad (4.23)$$

4.1.3. KP hierarchy and Painlevé IV equation

The technology used in the previous subsection can equally be employed to project the KP hierarchy Eq. (2.8) onto the hyperplane $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$. Below, only the first KP equation

$$\text{KP}_1 : \quad \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_1^4} + 3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_2^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_3} \right) \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) + 6 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \right)^2 = 0 \quad (4.24)$$

will be treated. Notice that no superscript (s) appears in Eq. (4.24) as the GUE confinement potential does not depend on the matrix size n . Proceeding along the lines of the previous subsection, we make use of the three Virasoro constraints Eqs. (4.11) – (4.12) to derive:

$$16 \frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_1^4} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^4 \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}), \quad (4.25)$$

$$4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_2^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = 2n(n + \kappa) - (2 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}), \quad (4.26)$$

$$4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_3} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = n(3n + 2\kappa) - \left(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1} - \frac{1}{2} (2n + \kappa) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^2 \right) \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}). \quad (4.27)$$

Substitution of Eqs. (4.25) – (4.27) and (4.17) into Eq. (4.24) generates a closed nonlinear differential equation for $\log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^{\text{G}} : \quad & \left[\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^4 + 8(n - \kappa) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^2 - 4(2\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - 3\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0^2 + 4\hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}) \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ & + 6 \left(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{-1}^2 \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right)^2 = 8n\kappa. \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

Notice that appearance of the single parameter κ instead of the entire set $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_p)$ in Eq. (4.28) indicates that correlation functions $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ with different $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ but with identical traces $\text{tr}_p \boldsymbol{\kappa}$ satisfy the very same equation. It is the boundary conditions ‡ that pick up the right solution for the given set $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_p)$.

Remark.—For $p = 1$, the above equation reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^{\text{G}} : \quad & \left[\frac{\partial^4}{\partial \varsigma^4} + 4 [2(n - \kappa) - \varsigma^2] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varsigma^2} + 4\varsigma \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \right] \log \Pi_n(\varsigma; \kappa) \\ & + 6 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varsigma^2} \log \Pi_n(\varsigma; \kappa) \right)^2 = 8n\kappa. \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

This can be recognised as the Chazy I equation (see Appendix E)

$$\varphi''' + 6(\varphi')^2 + 4 [2(n - \kappa) - \varsigma^2] \varphi' + 4\varsigma\varphi - 8n\kappa = 0, \quad (4.30)$$

where

$$\varphi(\varsigma) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \log \Pi_n(\varsigma; \kappa). \quad (4.31)$$

Equation (4.30) can further be reduced to the fourth Painlevé equation in the Jimbo-Miwa-Okamoto σ form (Forrester and Witte 2001, Tracy and Widom 1994):

$$P_{\text{IV}} : \quad (\varphi'')^2 - 4(\varphi - \varsigma\varphi')^2 + 4\varphi'(\varphi' + 2n)(\varphi' - 2\kappa) = 0, \quad (4.32)$$

see Appendix E for more details. The boundary condition to be imposed at infinity is

$$\varphi(\varsigma) \Big|_{\varsigma \rightarrow \infty} \sim \frac{n\kappa}{\varsigma} (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varsigma^{-1})). \quad (4.33)$$

Equations (4.20), (4.21), (4.28) and their one-point reductions Eqs. (4.22), (4.23), (4.31) and (4.32) are the main results of this subsection. They will play a central rôle in the forthcoming analysis of the replica approach to GUE.

‡ Indeed, the boundary conditions at infinity,

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \Big|_{|\varsigma_\alpha| \rightarrow \infty} \sim \prod_{\alpha=1}^p \varsigma_\alpha^{n\kappa_\alpha},$$

do distinguish between the correlation functions characterised by different $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$'s, see Eq. (4.1).

4.2. Laguerre Unitary Ensemble (LUE)

The correlation function of characteristic polynomials in LUE is defined by the formula

$$\Pi_{n|p}^L(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_n^L} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j} \lambda_j^\nu \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}), \quad (4.34)$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_n^L = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \prod_{j=1}^n (d\lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j} \lambda_j^\nu) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(j+\nu) \quad (4.35)$$

is the normalisation constant, and it is assumed that $\nu > -1$. The associated τ function equals

$$\tau_n^L(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j + v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \lambda_j^\nu \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \quad (4.36)$$

In the above definitions, the superscript L stands for LUE but it will be omitted from now on.

4.2.1. Virasoro constraints

In the notation of Section 3, the definition Eq. (4.34) implies that ||

$$f(\lambda) = 1 \quad \mapsto \quad a_k = \delta_{k,1}, \quad (4.37)$$

$$g(\lambda) = \lambda - \nu \quad \mapsto \quad b_k = -\nu \delta_{k,0} + \delta_{k,1}, \quad (4.38)$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}_+ \quad \mapsto \quad \dim(\mathbf{c}') = 0. \quad (4.39)$$

This brings the following Virasoro constraints Eqs. (2.15) – (2.21) for the τ function Eq. (4.36):

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t}) + \nu \frac{\partial}{\partial t_q} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+1}} + \sum_{m=0}^q \vartheta_m(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q-m}} \right] \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}). \quad (4.40)$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_q$ is defined by Eq. (4.8) and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t})$ is the Virasoro operator given by Eq. (2.21).

In what follows, we need the three lowest Virasoro constraints for $q = 0$, $q = 1$ and $q = 2$. Written for $\log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t})$, they read:

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) + n(n + \nu + \kappa) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (4.41)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+1}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} + (2n + \nu + \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \\ + n \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \end{aligned} \quad (4.42)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j t_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+2}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} + (2n + \nu + \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \right. \\ \left. + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \\ + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right)^2 + n \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_2 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.43)$$

|| Notice that $\dim(\mathbf{c}') = 0$ follows from Eq. (3.70) in which $\mathcal{Z}_0 = \{0\}$.

4.2.2. Toda Lattice hierarchy

To generate the Toda Lattice hierarchy for the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}^L(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ [Eq. (4.34)] of characteristic polynomials we apply the projection formula

$$\Pi_{n|p}^L(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{n!}{\mathcal{N}_n^L} \tau_n^L(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}, \quad (4.44)$$

in which the τ function is defined by Eq. (4.36), to the first and second equation of the \mathbf{t} -dependent TL hierarchy:

$$\text{TL}_1 : \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{\tau_{n+1}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_{n-1}(\mathbf{t})}{\tau_n^2(\mathbf{t})}, \quad (4.45)$$

$$\text{TL}_2 : \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{\tau_{n+1}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_{n-1}(\mathbf{t})}{\tau_n^2(\mathbf{t})} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \left(\frac{\tau_{n+1}(\mathbf{t})}{\tau_{n-1}(\mathbf{t})} \right), \quad (4.46)$$

see Eqs. (4.15) and (4.16).

(i) To derive the first equation of the TL hierarchy for $\Pi_{n|p}^L(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ from Eqs. (4.44) and (4.45), we have to determine

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}$$

with the help of the Virasoro constraints. Differentiating Eq. (4.41) over t_1 and setting $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ afterwards, we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = (1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}}. \quad (4.47)$$

Second, we set $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ in Eq. (4.41) to identify the relation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = n(n + \nu + \kappa) - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}). \quad (4.48)$$

Combining Eqs. (4.47) and (4.48), we conclude that

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{0}} = n(n + \nu + \kappa) - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0(1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}). \quad (4.49)$$

Finally, substituting this result back to Eq. (4.45), and taking into account Eqs. (4.44) and (4.35), we end up with the first TL equation

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^L : \quad & \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - 1) \log \Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ & = n(n + \nu) \left(\frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \Pi_{n-1|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n|p}^2(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} - 1 \right) - n\kappa \end{aligned} \quad (4.50)$$

written in the space of physical parameters \mathfrak{s} .

Notice that the above equation becomes more symmetric if written for the correlation function

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}) = \Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}) \prod_{\alpha=1}^p \varsigma_\alpha^{-n\kappa_\alpha}. \quad (4.51)$$

The corresponding TL equation reads:

$$\widetilde{\widetilde{\text{TL}}}_1^L : \quad \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - 1) \log \tilde{\Pi}_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = n(n + \nu) \left(\frac{\tilde{\Pi}_{n+1|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \tilde{\Pi}_{n-1|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\tilde{\Pi}_{n|p}^2(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} - 1 \right). \quad (4.52)$$

(ii) The second equation of the TL hierarchy for $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ can be derived along the same lines. Equation (4.46) suggests that, in addition to the derivative $\partial/\partial t_1 \log \tau_n$ at $\boldsymbol{t} = \mathbf{0}$ given by Eq. (4.48), one needs to know the mixed derivative

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) \right|_{\boldsymbol{t}=\mathbf{0}}.$$

It can be calculated by combining Eq. (4.41) differentiated over t_2 with Eqs. (4.42) and (4.48). Straightforward calculations bring

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) \right|_{\boldsymbol{t}=\mathbf{0}} = (2 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) \right|_{\boldsymbol{t}=\mathbf{0}}, \quad (4.53)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) \right|_{\boldsymbol{t}=\mathbf{0}} &= n [(2n + \nu + \kappa)(n + \nu + \kappa) + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \\ &\quad - \left[(2n + \nu + \kappa) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 + \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \right] \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.54)$$

The final result reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{TL}}_2^{\text{L}} : & (\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - 2) \left[(2n + \nu + \kappa) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 + \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ &= n(n + \nu) \frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \Pi_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n|p}^2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} \\ &\quad \times \left[2(2n + \nu + \kappa) - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \left(\frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} \right) \right] \\ &\quad - 2n(2n + \nu + \kappa)(n + \nu + \kappa) - n \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.55)$$

This equation takes a more compact form if written for the correlation function $\tilde{\Pi}_{n|p}$ defined by Eq. (4.51):

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{TL}}_2^{\text{L}} : & (\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - 2) \left[(2n + \nu + \kappa) \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 + \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 \right] \log \tilde{\Pi}_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ &= n(n + \nu) \frac{\tilde{\Pi}_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \tilde{\Pi}_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\tilde{\Pi}_{n|p}^2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} \\ &\quad \times \left[2(2n + \nu) - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \left(\frac{\tilde{\Pi}_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\tilde{\Pi}_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})} \right) \right] \\ &\quad - 2n(n + \nu)(2n + \nu + \kappa). \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

4.2.3. KP hierarchy and Painlevé V equation

The same technology is at work for projecting the KP hierarchy Eq. (2.8) onto $\boldsymbol{t} = \mathbf{0}$. Below, only the first KP equation

$$\text{KP}_1 : \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_1^4} + 3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_2^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_3} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) + 6 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) \right)^2 = 0 \quad (4.57)$$

will be treated. Notice that no superscript (s) appears in Eq. (4.57) as the LUE confinement potential does not depend on the matrix size n . To make the forthcoming calculation more efficient, it is beneficial to introduce the notation

$$T_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \dots \ell_k} = \left(\prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{\ell_j}} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{t}) \Big|_{\boldsymbol{t}=\mathbf{0}}, \quad T = \log \tau_n(\mathbf{0}), \quad (4.58)$$

which brings the KP equation Eq. (4.57) projected onto $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ to the form

$$T_{1111} + 3T_{22} - 4T_{13} + 6T_{11}^2 = 0. \quad (4.59)$$

(i) First, we observe that T_{11} and T_{1111} can be determined from the following chain of relations, obtained by repeated differentiation of the first Virasoro constraint Eq. (4.41) with respect to t_1 :

$$\begin{cases} T_1 &= n(n + \nu + \kappa) - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 T, \\ T_{11} &= (1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) T_1, \\ T_{111} &= (2 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) T_{11}, \\ T_{1111} &= (3 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) T_{111}. \end{cases} \quad (4.60)$$

Hence,

$$T_{11} = n(n + \nu + \kappa) - (1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0)\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 T \quad (4.61)$$

and

$$T_{1111} = 3!n(n + \nu + \kappa) - (3 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0)(2 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0)(1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0)\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 T. \quad (4.62)$$

(ii) Second, to determine T_{13} , we differentiate the first Virasoro constraint Eq. (4.41) with respect to t_3 , and make use of the second and third constraints as they stand [Eqs. (4.42) and (4.43)] to obtain:

$$\begin{cases} T_{13} = (3 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) T_3, \\ T_3 = (2n + \nu + \kappa) T_2 + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) T_1 + T_1^2 + T_{11} - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_2 T + n\vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}), \\ T_2 = (2n + \nu + \kappa) T_1 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 T + n\vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}). \end{cases} \quad (4.63)$$

Although easy to derive, an explicit expression for T_{13} is too cumbersome to be explicitly stated here.

(iii) To calculate T_{22} , the last unknown ingredient of Eq. (4.59), we differentiate the first and second Virasoro constraints [Eqs. (4.41) and (4.42)] with respect to t_2 to realize that

$$\begin{cases} T_{22} = 2T_3 + (2n + \nu + \kappa) T_{12} - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_1 T_2, \\ T_{12} = (2 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0) T_2, \end{cases} \quad (4.64)$$

Combining Eqs. (4.63) and (4.64), one readily derives a closed expression for T_{22} .

Finally, we substitute so determined T_{1111} , T_{11} , T_{13} and T_{22} into Eq. (4.59) to generate a nonlinear differential equation for $\log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^{\text{L}} : \quad & \left[\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0^4 - 2\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0^3 - [(\nu + \kappa)^2 + 4\vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) - 1] \hat{\mathcal{B}}_0^2 + 2\vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 + 3\hat{\mathcal{B}}_1^2 \right. \\ & \left. + (2n + \nu + \kappa)\hat{\mathcal{B}}_1(2\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 - 1) - 2\hat{\mathcal{B}}_2(2\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 + 1) \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ & + 6 \left(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0^2 \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right)^2 - 4 \left(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0 \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right) \left(\hat{\mathcal{B}}_0^2 \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right) \\ & = n [(\nu + \kappa) \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) + \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.65)$$

Remark.—For $p = 1$, the above equation reads:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\zeta^4 \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \zeta^4} + 4\zeta^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \zeta^3} + 2\zeta^2(1 - \zeta^2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} - (\nu + \kappa)^2 \left(\zeta^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} + \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (2n + \nu - \kappa) \left(2\zeta^3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} + \zeta^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right) \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\zeta; \kappa) \\ & \quad + 2\zeta^2 \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} + \zeta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \right) \log \Pi_{n|p}(\zeta; \kappa) \right] \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} + 3\zeta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \right) \log \Pi_{n|p}(\zeta; \kappa) \right] \\ & \quad = n\kappa\zeta(\nu + \kappa + \zeta). \end{aligned} \quad (4.66)$$

It can further be simplified if written for the function

$$\varphi(\zeta) = \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \log \Pi_n(\zeta; \kappa) - n\kappa. \quad (4.67)$$

Straightforward calculations yield:

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta^2 \varphi''' + \zeta \varphi'' - [\zeta^2 - 2(2n + \nu - \kappa)\zeta + 4\kappa n + (\nu + \kappa)^2] \varphi' \\ & \quad + [2(2\kappa - n) - \nu - 2\zeta] \varphi + 6\zeta(\varphi')^2 - 4\varphi\varphi' = 2n\kappa(n + \nu). \end{aligned} \quad (4.68)$$

This can be recognized as the Chazy I form (see Appendix E) of the fifth Painlevé transcendent. Equivalently, φ satisfies the Painlevé V equation in the Jimbo-Miwa-Okamoto form (Forrester and Witte 2002, Tracy and Widom 1994):

$$\begin{aligned} P_V : \quad & (\zeta \varphi')^2 - [\varphi - \zeta \varphi' + 2(\varphi')^2 + (2n + \nu - \kappa)\varphi]^2 \\ & \quad + 4\varphi'(\varphi' + n)(\varphi' + n + \nu)(\varphi' - \kappa) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.69)$$

Both equations have to be supplemented by the boundary condition

$$\varphi(\zeta) \Big|_{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} \sim \frac{n(n + \nu)\kappa}{\zeta} (1 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^{-1})) \quad (4.70)$$

following from Eq. (4.67) and the asymptotic analysis of Eq. (4.34). Equations (4.50), (4.52), (4.55), (4.56), (4.65) and (4.69) represent the main results of this subsection.

4.3. Discussion

This Section concludes the detailed exposition of integrable theory of correlation functions of RMT characteristic polynomials. Among the main results derived are:

- The multivariate first [Eqs. (4.20) and (4.52)] and second [Eqs. (4.21) and (4.56)] equations of the Toda Lattice hierarchy \blacklozenge which establish nonlinear differential recurrence relations between “nearest neighbor” correlation functions $\Pi_{n|p}(\zeta; \kappa)$ and $\Pi_{n\pm 1|p}(\zeta; \kappa)$, and
- The nonlinear multivariate differential equations [Eqs. (4.28) and (4.65)] satisfied by $\Pi_{n|p}(\zeta; \kappa)$ alone. These can be considered as multivariate generalisations of the corresponding Painlevé equations arising in the one-point setup $p = 1$ [Eqs. (4.32) and (4.69)]

Other nonlinear multivariate relations between the correlation functions $\Pi_{n|p}(\zeta; \kappa)$ and $\Pi_{n\pm q|p}(\zeta; \kappa)$ can readily be obtained from the *modified* Toda Lattice and Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchies listed in Section 3.4.

Finally, let us stress that a similar calculational framework applies to other $\beta = 2$ matrix integrals depending on one (Osipov and Kanzieper 2007) or more (Osipov and Kanzieper 2009; Osipov, Sommers and Życzkowski 2010) parameters. The reader is referred to the above papers for further details.

\blacklozenge See also their single variable reductions Eqs. (4.22) and (4.23) derived for the GUE.

5. Integrability of Zero-Dimensional Replica Field Theories

5.1. Introduction

In this Section, the integrable theory of CFCP will be utilised to present a tutorial exposition of the exact approach to zero dimensional replica field theories formulated in a series of publications (Kanzieper 2002, Splittorff and Verbaarschot 2003, Osipov and Kanzieper 2007). Focussing, for definiteness, on the calculation of the finite- N average eigenlevel density in the GUE (whose exact form (Mehta 2004)

$$\varrho_N(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2^N \Gamma(N) \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\epsilon^2} [H'_N(\epsilon) H_{N-1}(\epsilon) - H_N(\epsilon) H'_{N-1}(\epsilon)]$$

has been known for decades), we shall put a special emphasis on a *comparative analysis* of three alternative formulations – fermionic, bosonic and supersymmetric – of the replica method. This will allow us to meticulously analyse the *fermionic-bosonic factorisation phenomenon* of RMT spectral correlation functions in the *fermionic* and *bosonic* variations of the replica method, where its existence is not self-evident, to say the least.

5.2. Density of eigenlevels in finite- N GUE

To determine the mean density of eigenlevels in the GUE, we define the average one-point Green function

$$G(z; N) = \langle \text{tr}(z - \mathfrak{H})^{-1} \rangle_{\mathfrak{H} \in \text{GUE}_N} \quad (5.1)$$

that can be restored from the replica partition function ($n \in \mathbb{R}^+$)

$$\mathcal{Z}_n^{(\pm)}(z; N) = \langle \det^{\pm n}(z - \mathfrak{H}) \rangle_{\mathfrak{H} \in \text{GUE}_N} \quad (5.2)$$

through the replica limit

$$G(z; N) = \pm \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_n^{(\pm)}(z; N). \quad (5.3)$$

Equation (5.2) can routinely be mapped onto either fermionic or bosonic replica field theories, the result being (see, e.g., Kanzieper 2010)

$$\mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N) = \frac{1}{c_n} i^{-nN} \int (\mathcal{D}_n \mathbf{Q}) e^{-\text{tr}_n \mathbf{Q}^2} \det_n^N (iz - \mathbf{Q}) \quad (5.4)$$

and

$$\mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N) = \frac{1}{c_n} \int (\mathcal{D}_n \mathbf{Q}) e^{-\text{tr}_n \mathbf{Q}^2} \det_n^{-N} (z - \mathbf{Q}). \quad (5.5)$$

Both integrals run over $n \times n$ Hermitean matrix \mathbf{Q} ; the normalisation constant c_n equals

$$c_n = \int (\mathcal{D}_n \mathbf{Q}) e^{-\text{tr}_n \mathbf{Q}^2}. \quad (5.6)$$

By derivation, the replica parameter n in Eqs. (5.4) and (5.5) is restricted to integers, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Notably, Eqs. (5.4) and (5.5) are particular cases of the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \mathfrak{\kappa})$ studied in previous sections.

5.2.1. Fermionic replicas

Indeed, comparison of Eq. (5.4) with the definition Eq. (4.1) yields

$$\mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N) = (-i)^{nN} \Pi_n(iz; N), \quad (5.7)$$

where the shorthand notation $\Pi_n(z; N)$ is used to denote $\Pi_{n|1}^G(z; N)$, in accordance with the earlier notation in Eqs. (4.22) and (4.23). This observation results in the

Painlevé IV representation of the fermionic replica partition function [see Eqs. (4.31) and (4.32)]:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N) = i \varphi(t; n, N) \Big|_{t=iz}, \quad (5.8)$$

where $\varphi(t; n, N)$ is the fourth Painlevé transcendent satisfying the equation

$$(\varphi'')^2 - 4(\varphi - t\varphi')^2 + 4\varphi'(\varphi' + 2n)(\varphi' - 2N) = 0 \quad (5.9)$$

subject to the boundary conditions ⁺

$$\varphi(t; n, N) \sim \frac{nN}{t}, \quad |t| \rightarrow \infty, \quad t \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (5.10)$$

Here and above, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Equations (5.8) and (5.9) open the way for calculating the average Green function $G(z; N)$ via the fermionic replica limit

$$G(z; N) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N) = i \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \varphi(t; n, N) \Big|_{t=iz}. \quad (5.11)$$

For the prescription Eq. (5.11) to be operational, the Painlevé representation of $\mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N)$ should hold ^{*} for $n \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Notice that for generic real n , the fermionic replica partition function $\mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N)$ is no longer an analytic function of z and exhibits a discontinuity across the real axis. For this reason, the Painlevé equation Eq. (5.9) should be solved separately for $\Re t < 0$ ($\Im z > 0$) and $\Re t > 0$ ($\Im z < 0$).

Replica limit and the Hamiltonian formalism.—To implement the replica limit, we employ the Hamiltonian formulation of the Painlevé IV (Noumi 2004, Forrester and Witte 2001) which associates $\varphi(t; n, N)$ with the polynomial Hamiltonian (Okamoto 1980a)

$$\varphi(t; n, N) \equiv H_f \{P, Q, t\} = (2P + Q + 2t)PQ + 2nP - NQ \quad (5.12)$$

of a dynamical system $\{Q, P, H_f\}$, where $Q = Q(t; n, N)$ and $P = P(t; n, N)$ are canonical coordinate and momentum. For such a system, Hamilton's equations of motion read:

$$\dot{Q} = + \frac{\partial H_f}{\partial P} = Q(Q + 4P + 2t) + 2n, \quad (5.13)$$

$$\dot{P} = - \frac{\partial H_f}{\partial Q} = -P(2Q + 2P + 2t) + N. \quad (5.14)$$

Since

$$G(z; N) = i \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} H_f \{P, Q, t\} \Big|_{t=iz}, \quad (5.15)$$

we need to develop a small- n expansion for the Hamiltonian $H_f \{P, Q, t\}$. Restricting ourselves to the linear in n terms,

$$H_f \{P, Q, t\} = nH_1^{(f)}(t; N) + \mathcal{O}(n^2) \quad (5.16)$$

and

$$P(t; n, N) = p_0(t; N) + np_1(t; N) + \mathcal{O}(n^2), \quad (5.17)$$

$$Q(t; n, N) = q_0(t; N) + nq_1(t; N) + \mathcal{O}(n^2), \quad (5.18)$$

⁺ Equation (5.10) follows from Eqs. (5.8), (5.7) and the footnote below Eq. (4.28).

^{*} Previous studies (Kanzieper 2002, Osipov and Kanzieper 2007) suggest that this is indeed the case.

we conclude that $q_0(t; N) = 0$. This derives directly from the expansion Eq. (5.16) in which absence of the term of order $\mathcal{O}(n^0)$ is guaranteed by the normalisation condition $\mathfrak{Z}_0^{(+)}(z; N) = 1$. As the result †,

$$G(z; N) = iH_1^{(f)}(iz; N), \quad (5.19)$$

where

$$H_1(t; N) = 2p_0q_1(p_0 + t) + 2p_0 - Nq_1, \quad (5.20)$$

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2p_0q_1. \quad (5.21)$$

Here, $p_0 = p_0(t; N)$ and $q_1 = q_1(t; N)$ are solutions to the system of coupled first order equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{p}_0 &= -2p_0^2 - 2p_0t + N, \\ \dot{q}_1 &= 4p_0q_1 + 2q_1t + 2. \end{cases} \quad (5.22)$$

Since the initial conditions are known for $H_1(t; N)$ rather than for $p_0(t; N)$ and $q_1(t; N)$ separately, below we determine these two functions up to integration constants.

The function $p_0(t; N)$ satisfies the Riccati differential equation whose solution is

$$p_0(t; N) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\dot{u}_+(t)}{u_+(t)} - t \right], \quad (5.23)$$

where

$$u_+(t) = c_1 D_{-N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + c_2 (-i)^N D_N(it\sqrt{2}) \quad (5.24)$$

is, in turn, a solution to the equation of parabolic cylinder

$$\ddot{u}_+(t) - (2N + 1 + t^2)u_+(t) = 0. \quad (5.25)$$

Two remarks are in order. First, factoring out $(-i)^N$ in the second term in Eq. (5.24) will simplify the formulae to follow. Second, the solution Eq. (5.23) for $p_0(t; N)$ actually depends on a *single* constant (either c_1/c_2 or c_2/c_1) as it must be.

To determine $q_1(t; N)$, we substitute Eq. (5.23) into the second formula of Eq. (5.22) to derive:

$$q_1(t; N) = 2u_+^2(t) \int \frac{dt}{u_+^2(t)}. \quad (5.26)$$

Making use of the integration formula (see Appendix F)

$$\int \frac{dt}{u_+^2(t)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_1 D_{-N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2 (-i)^N D_N(it\sqrt{2})}{u_+(t)}, \quad (5.27)$$

where two constants α_1 and α_2 are subject to the constraint

$$c_1\alpha_2 - c_2\alpha_1 = 1, \quad (5.28)$$

we further reduce Eq. (5.26) to

$$q_1(t; N) = \sqrt{2}u_+(t) \left[\alpha_1 D_{-N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2 (-i)^N D_N(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.29)$$

Equations (5.21), (5.23), (5.29) and the identity

$$\dot{u}_+(t) - tu_+(t) = -\sqrt{2} \left[c_1 D_{-N}(t\sqrt{2}) - c_2 (-i)^{N-1} N D_{N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \right] \quad (5.30)$$

(obtained from Eq. (5.24) with the help of Eqs. (F.7) and (F.8)) yield $\dot{H}_1(t; N)$ in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H}_1(t; N) &= -2 \left[\alpha_1 D_{-N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2 (-i)^N D_N(it\sqrt{2}) \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[c_1 D_{-N}(t\sqrt{2}) - c_2 (-i)^{N-1} N D_{N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.31)$$

† We will drop the superscript (f) wherever this does not cause a notational confusion.

Notice that appearance of four integration constants (c_1 , c_2 , α_1 and α_2) in Eq. (5.31) is somewhat illusive: a little thought shows that there is a pair of independent constants, either $(c_1/c_2, \alpha_2 c_2)$ or their derivatives.

To determine the unknown constants in Eq. (5.31), we make use of the asymptotic formulae for the functions of parabolic cylinder (collected in Appendix F) in an attempt to meet the boundary conditions ‡

$$H_1(t; N) \sim \frac{N}{t}, \quad \dot{H}_1(t; N) \sim -\frac{N}{t^2}, \quad |t| \rightarrow \infty, \quad t \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (5.32)$$

Following the discussion next to Eq. (5.11), the two cases $\Re t < 0$ and $\Re t > 0$ will be treated separately.

- *The case $\Re t < 0$.* Asymptotic analysis of Eq. (5.31) at $t \rightarrow -\infty$ yields

$$\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} = (-1)^{N-1} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{N!},$$

so that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2D_{-N-1}(-t\sqrt{2}) \left[\alpha_1 c_1 D_{-N}(-t\sqrt{2}) - i^{N-1} N D_{N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.33)$$

Here, we have used Eq. (F.5). To determine the remaining constant $\alpha_1 c_1$, we make use of the boundary condition Eq. (5.32) for $t \rightarrow \pm i\infty - 0$. Straightforward calculations bring $\alpha_1 c_1 = 0$. We then conclude that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = -2(-i)^{N-1} N D_{-N-1}(-t\sqrt{2}) D_{N-1}(-it\sqrt{2}), \quad \Re t < 0. \quad (5.34)$$

- *The case $\Re t > 0$.* Asymptotic analysis of Eq. (5.31) at $t \rightarrow +\infty$ yields $\alpha_2 = 0$ so that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2D_{-N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) \left[\frac{c_1}{c_2} D_{-N}(t\sqrt{2}) - (-i)^{N-1} N D_{N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.35)$$

To determine the remaining constant c_1/c_2 , we make use of the boundary condition Eq. (5.32) for $t \rightarrow \pm i\infty + 0$. Straightforward calculations bring $c_1/c_2 = 0$. We then conclude that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = -2(-i)^{N-1} N D_{-N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) D_{N-1}(it\sqrt{2}), \quad \Re t > 0. \quad (5.36)$$

The calculation of $\dot{H}_1(t; N)$ can be summarised in a single formula

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = -2(-i)^{N-1} N D_{-N-1}(\sigma_{it} t \sqrt{2}) D_{N-1}(i\sigma_{it} t \sqrt{2}), \quad (5.37)$$

where $\sigma_{it} = \text{sgn } \Im(it) = \text{sgn } \Re t$ denotes the sign of $\Re t$. In terms of canonical variables $p_0(t; N)$ and $q_1(t; N)$, this result translates to

$$p_0(t; N) = \frac{iN\sigma_{it}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{D_{N-1}(it\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2})}{D_N(it\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2})}, \quad (5.38)$$

$$q_1(t; N) = -\sqrt{2}\sigma_{it}(-i)^N D_{-N-1}(t\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) D_N(it\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}). \quad (5.39)$$

Now $H_1(t; N)$ can readily be restored by integrating Eq. (5.37). We proceed in three steps. (i) First, we make use of differential recurrence relations Eqs. (F.7) and (F.8) and the Wronskian Eq. (F.4) to prove the identity

$$iN D_{-N-1}(\sigma_{it} t \sqrt{2}) D_{N-1}(i\sigma_{it} t \sqrt{2}) = i^N - D_{-N}(\sigma_{it} t \sqrt{2}) D_N(i\sigma_{it} t \sqrt{2}). \quad (5.40)$$

‡ Equation (5.32) is straightforward to derive from Eqs. (5.16), (5.12) and (5.10).

The latter allows us to write down $\dot{H}_1(t; N)$ as

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = -2 + 2(-i)^N D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}). \quad (5.41)$$

(ii) Second, it is beneficial to employ the differential equation Eq. (F.3) to derive

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) = (2N - 1 + t^2) D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}), \quad (5.42)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) = (2N + 1 + t^2) D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}). \quad (5.43)$$

These two relations imply

$$2D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) = D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) - D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \quad (5.44)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H}_1(t; N) &= -2 \\ &+ (-i)^N \left[D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) - D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.45)$$

(iii) Third, we integrate the above equation to obtain

$$H_1(t; N) = -2t + (-i)^N \hat{W}_t \left[D_{-N}(\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}), D_N(i\sigma_{it}\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.46)$$

Here, the integration constant was set to zero in order to meet the boundary conditions Eq. (5.32) at infinities. The notation \hat{W}_t stands for the Wronskian

$$\hat{W}_t[f, g] = f \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} g. \quad (5.47)$$

Average Green function and eigenlevel density.—Now, the average one-point Green function readily follows from Eq. (5.19):

$$G(z; N) = 2z + (-i)^N \hat{W}_z \left[D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}), D_N(z\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.48)$$

Here, $\sigma_z = \text{sgn } \Im z$ denotes the sign of imaginary part of $z = -it$.

The average density of eigenlevels can be restored from Eq. (5.48) and the relation

$$\varrho_N(\epsilon) = -\frac{\sigma_z}{\pi} \Im G(\epsilon + i\sigma_z 0; N). \quad (5.49)$$

Indeed, noticing from Eqs. (F.2) and (5.48) that

$$\Im \left[(-i)^N D_{-N}(-i\epsilon\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right] = -\frac{(-i)^{N-1}}{2^{N/2+1}\Gamma(N)} e^{\epsilon^2/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau \tau^{N-1} e^{-\tau^2/4+i\epsilon\sigma_z\tau}, \quad (5.50)$$

we conclude, with the help of Eq. (F.1), that

$$\Im \left[(-i)^N D_{-N}(-i\epsilon\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right] = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}\sigma_z^{N-1}}{2^{N/2}\Gamma(N)} e^{-\epsilon^2/2} H_{N-1}(\epsilon). \quad (5.51)$$

Here, $H_{N-1}(\epsilon)$ is the Hermite polynomial appearing by virtue of the relation

$$D_N(z\sqrt{2}) = e^{-z^2/2} \frac{H_N(z)}{2^{N/2}}. \quad (5.52)$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \Im \left\{ (-i)^N \hat{W}_z \left[D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}), D_N(z\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right] \right\} \\ = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}\sigma_z}{2^N\Gamma(N)} \hat{W}_\epsilon \left[e^{-\epsilon^2/2} H_{N-1}(\epsilon), e^{-\epsilon^2/2} H_N(\epsilon) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.53)$$

Taken together with Eqs. (5.49) and (5.48), this equation yields the finite- N average density of eigenlevels in the GUE:

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho_N(\epsilon) &= \frac{1}{2^N\Gamma(N)\sqrt{\pi}} \hat{W}_\epsilon \left[e^{-\epsilon^2/2} H_{N-1}(\epsilon), e^{-\epsilon^2/2} H_N(\epsilon) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2^N\Gamma(N)\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\epsilon^2} \hat{W}_\epsilon [H_{N-1}(\epsilon), H_N(\epsilon)]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.54)$$

While this result, obtained via the *fermionic* replica limit, is seen to coincide with the celebrated finite- N formula (Mehta 2004)

$$\varrho_N(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2^N\Gamma(N)\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\epsilon^2} [H'_N(\epsilon)H_{N-1}(\epsilon) - H_N(\epsilon)H'_{N-1}(\epsilon)] \quad (5.55)$$

originally derived within the orthogonal polynomial technique, the factorisation phenomenon (as defined in Section 1.2) has not been immediately detected throughout the calculation of either $G(z; N)$ or $\varrho_N(\epsilon)$. We shall return to this point in Section 5.3.

5.2.2. Bosonic replicas

Comparing Eq. (5.5) with the definition Eq. (4.1), we conclude that

$$\mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N) = \Pi_n(z; -N), \quad (5.56)$$

where $\Im z \neq 0$. The shorthand notation $\Pi_n(z; -N)$ is used to denote $\Pi_{n|1}^G(z; -N)$, in accordance with the earlier notation in Eqs. (4.22) and (4.23). Consequently, the Painlevé IV representation of the bosonic replica partition function reads [see Eqs. (4.31) and (4.32)]:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N) = \varphi(t; n, -N) \Big|_{t=z}, \quad (5.57)$$

where $\psi(t; n, N) = \varphi(t; n, -N)$ is the fourth Painlevé transcendent satisfying the equation

$$(\psi'')^2 - 4(\psi - t\psi')^2 + 4\psi'(\psi' + 2n)(\psi' + 2N) = 0 \quad (5.58)$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$\psi(t; n, N) \sim -\frac{nN}{t}, \quad |t| \rightarrow \infty, \quad t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}. \quad (5.59)$$

Here and above, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

The average Green function $G(z; N)$ we are aimed at is given by the bosonic replica limit

$$G(z; N) = -\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N) = -\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \psi(t; n, N) \Big|_{t=z}. \quad (5.60)$$

To implement it, we assume that the Painlevé representation of $\mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N)$ holds for $n \in \mathbb{R}_+$.

Replica limit and the Hamiltonian formalism.—Similarly to our treatment of the fermionic case, we employ the Hamiltonian formulation of the Painlevé IV (Noumi 2004,

Forrester and Witte 2001) which associates $\psi(t; n, N)$ with the polynomial Hamiltonian (Okamoto 1980a)

$$\psi(t; n, N) \equiv H_b\{P, Q, t\} = (2P + Q + 2t)PQ + 2nP + NQ \quad (5.61)$$

of a dynamical system $\{Q, P, H_b\}$, where $Q = Q(t; n, N)$ and $P = P(t; n, N)$ are canonical coordinate and momentum. For such a system, Hamilton's equations of motion read:

$$\dot{Q} = + \frac{\partial H_b}{\partial P} = Q(Q + 4P + 2t) + 2n, \quad (5.62)$$

$$\dot{P} = - \frac{\partial H_b}{\partial Q} = -P(2Q + 2P + 2t) - N. \quad (5.63)$$

Owing to Eq. (5.60), we need to develop a small- n expansion for the Hamiltonian $H_b\{Q, P, t\}$:

$$H_b\{P, Q, t\} = nH_1^{(b)}(t; N) + \mathcal{O}(n^2). \quad (5.64)$$

Being consistent with yet another expansion

$$P(t; n, N) = p_0(t; N) + np_1(t; N) + \mathcal{O}(n^2), \quad (5.65)$$

$$Q(t; n, N) = nq_1(t; N) + \mathcal{O}(n^2), \quad (5.66)$$

it results in the relation †

$$G(z; N) = -H_1^{(b)}(z; N), \quad (5.67)$$

where

$$H_1(t; N) = 2p_0q_1(p_0 + t) + 2p_0 + Nq_1, \quad (5.68)$$

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2p_0q_1. \quad (5.69)$$

Here, $p_0 = p_0(t; N)$ and $q_1 = q_1(t; N)$ are solutions to the system of coupled first order equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{p}_0 &= -2p_0^2 - 2p_0t - N, \\ \dot{q}_1 &= 4p_0q_1 + 2q_1t + 2. \end{cases} \quad (5.70)$$

Since the initial conditions are known for $H_1(t; N)$, rather than for $p_0(t; N)$ and $q_1(t; N)$ separately, below we determine these two functions up to integration constants.

The function $p_0(t; N)$ satisfies the Riccati differential equation whose solution is

$$p_0(t; N) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\dot{u}_-(t)}{u_-(t)} - t \right], \quad (5.71)$$

where

$$u_-(t) = c_1 i^N D_{N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + c_2 i^N D_{-N}(it\sqrt{2}) \quad (5.72)$$

is, in turn, a solution to the equation of parabolic cylinder

$$\ddot{u}_-(t) + (2N - 1 - t^2)u_-(t) = 0. \quad (5.73)$$

Factoring out i^N in the second term in Eq. (5.72) will simplify the formulae to follow.

To determine $q_1(t; N)$, we substitute Eq. (5.71) into the second formula of Eq. (5.70) to derive:

$$q_1(t; N) = 2u_-^2(t) \int \frac{dt}{u_-^2(t)}. \quad (5.74)$$

Making use of the integration formula (see Appendix F)

$$\int \frac{dt}{u_-^2(t)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_1 D_{N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2 D_{-N}(it\sqrt{2})}{u_-(t)}, \quad (5.75)$$

† We will drop the superscript (b) wherever this does not cause a notational confusion.

where two constants α_1 and α_2 are subject to the constraint

$$c_1\alpha_2 - c_2\alpha_1 = 1, \quad (5.76)$$

we further reduce Eq. (5.74) to

$$q_1(t; N) = \sqrt{2}u_-(t) \left[\alpha_1 D_{N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2 D_{-N}(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.77)$$

Equations (5.69), (5.71), (5.77) and the identity

$$\dot{u}_-(t) - t u_-(t) = -\sqrt{2} \left[c_1 i^N D_N(t\sqrt{2}) + c_2 i^{N+1} N D_{-N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \right] \quad (5.78)$$

(obtained from Eq. (5.72) with the help of Eqs. (F.7) and (F.8)) yield $\dot{H}_1(t; N)$ in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H}_1(t; N) = & -2 \left[\alpha_1 D_{N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2 D_{-N}(it\sqrt{2}) \right] \\ & \times \left[c_1 i^N D_N(t\sqrt{2}) + c_2 i^{N+1} N D_{-N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.79)$$

To determine the unknown constants in Eq. (5.79), we make use of the asymptotic formulae for the functions of parabolic cylinder (collected in Appendix F) to satisfy the boundary conditions [see Eq. (5.59)]

$$H_1(t; N) \sim -\frac{N}{t}, \quad \dot{H}_1(t; N) \sim \frac{N}{t^2}, \quad |t| \rightarrow \infty, \quad t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}. \quad (5.80)$$

The two cases $\Im m t < 0$ and $\Im m t > 0$ should be treated separately.

- *The case $\Im m t < 0$.* Asymptotic analysis of Eq. (5.79) at $t \rightarrow -i\infty$ yields $c_1 = 0$, so that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2i^{N+1} N D_{-N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) \left[D_{N-1}(t\sqrt{2}) - \alpha_2 c_2 D_{-N}(it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.81)$$

To determine the remaining constant $\alpha_2 c_2$, we make use of the boundary condition Eq. (5.80) for $t \rightarrow \pm\infty - i0$. Straightforward calculations bring $\alpha_2 c_2 = 0$. We then conclude that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2i^{N+1} N D_{-N-1}(it\sqrt{2}) D_{N-1}(t\sqrt{2}), \quad \Im m t < 0. \quad (5.82)$$

- *The case $\Im m t > 0$.* Asymptotic analysis of Eq. (5.79) at $t \rightarrow +i\infty$ yields

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = -(-i)^{N-1} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{(N-1)!} \quad (5.83)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H}_1(t; N) = & -N! \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} D_{-N-1}(-it\sqrt{2}) \\ & \times \left[D_{-N}(it\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_1 c_1 (-i)^{N-1} \frac{(N-1)!}{\sqrt{2\pi}} D_{-N}(-it\sqrt{2}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.84)$$

To determine the remaining constant $\alpha_1 c_1$, we make use of the boundary condition Eq. (5.80) for $t \rightarrow \pm\infty + i0$. Straightforward calculations bring

$$\alpha_1 c_1 = (-i)^{N-1} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{(N-1)!}. \quad (5.85)$$

We then conclude that

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = 2i^{N+1} N D_{-N-1}(-it\sqrt{2}) D_{N-1}(-t\sqrt{2}), \quad \Im m t > 0. \quad (5.86)$$

The calculation of $\dot{H}_1(t; N)$ can be summarised in a single formula

$$\dot{H}_1(t; N) = -2i^{N-1}N D_{-N-1}(-it\sigma_t\sqrt{2})D_{N-1}(-t\sigma_t\sqrt{2}), \quad (5.87)$$

where $\sigma_t = \text{sgn } \Im t$ denotes the sign of $\Im t$. In terms of canonical variables $p_0(t; N)$ and $q_1(t; N)$, this result translates to

$$p_0(t; N) = \frac{iN\sigma_t}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{D_{-N-1}(-it\sigma_t\sqrt{2})}{D_{-N}(-it\sigma_t\sqrt{2})}, \quad (5.88)$$

$$q_1(t; N) = \sqrt{2}\sigma_t i^N D_{-N}(-it\sigma_t\sqrt{2})D_{N-1}(-t\sigma_t\sqrt{2}). \quad (5.89)$$

In view of Eq. (5.67), the latter result is equivalent to the statement

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z; N) = -\dot{H}_1^{(b)}(t; N) \Big|_{t=z} = 2i^{N-1}N D_{-N-1}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2})D_{N-1}(-z\sigma_z\sqrt{2}). \quad (5.90)$$

This expression, obtained within the *bosonic* replicas, must be compared with its counterpart derived via the *fermionic* replicas [Eqs. (5.19) and (5.37)]:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z; N) = -\dot{H}_1^{(f)}(t; N) \Big|_{t=iz} = 2(-i)^{N-1}N D_{-N-1}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2})D_{N-1}(z\sigma_z\sqrt{2}). \quad (5.91)$$

As the two expressions coincide, we are led to conclude that the bosonic version of the replica limit reproduces correct finite- N results for the average Green function and the average density of eigenlevels as given by Eqs. (5.48) and (5.55), respectively. Again, as is the case of a fermionic calculation carried out in Section 5.2.1, the factorisation property did not show up explicitly in the above bosonic calculation. We defer discussing this point until Section 5.3.

5.2.3. Supersymmetric replicas

The very same integrable theory of characteristic polynomials is at work for a “supersymmetric” variation of replicas invented by Splittorff and Verbaarschot (2003). These authors suggested that the fermionic and bosonic replica partition functions (satisfying the fermionic and bosonic Toda Lattice equations †, respectively) can be seen as two different branches of a single, *graded* Toda Lattice equation. Below we show that the above statement, considered in the context of GUE, is also valid *beyond* the first equation of the Toda Lattice hierarchy.

First (graded) TL equation.—Equations (5.7) and (4.22) imply that the fermionic replica partition function $\mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N)$ satisfies the first TL equation in the form:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \log \mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}(z; N) = -2n \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n-1}^{(+)}(z; N) \mathcal{Z}_{n+1}^{(+)}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_n^{(+)}{}^2(z; N)} - 1 \right). \quad (5.92)$$

Together with the initial conditions $\mathcal{Z}_0^{(+)}(z; N) = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(+)}(z; N) &= (-i)^N \Pi_{1|1}^G(iz; N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\lambda e^{-\lambda^2} (z + i\lambda)^N \\ &= 2^{-N/2} e^{z^2/2} D_N(z\sqrt{2}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.93)$$

this equation uniquely determines fermionic replica partition functions of any order ($n \geq 2$). Here, D_N is the function of parabolic cylinder of positive order (see Appendix F).

† Notice that Splittorff and Verbaarschot (2003) use the term “Toda Lattice equation” for the first equation of the TL hierarchy.

The first TL equation for the bosonic replica partition function $\mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N)$ follows from Eqs. (5.56) and (4.22),

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \log \mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)}(z; N) = +2n \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n-1}^{(-)}(z; N) \mathcal{Z}_{n+1}^{(-)}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_n^{(-)2}(z; N)} - 1 \right). \quad (5.94)$$

Together with the initial conditions $\mathcal{Z}_0^{(-)}(z; N) = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(-)}(z; N) &= \Pi_{1|1}^G(z; -N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\lambda e^{-\lambda^2} (z - \lambda)^{-N} \\ &= (-i\sigma_z)^N 2^{N/2} e^{-z^2/2} D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.95)$$

where $\sigma_z = \text{sgn} \Im z$ denotes the sign of $\Im z$, this equation uniquely determines bosonic replica partition functions of any order ($n \geq 2$). Here, D_{-N} is the function of parabolic cylinder of negative order (see Appendix F).

Further, defining the *graded* replica partition function as

$$\mathcal{Z}_n(z; N) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{Z}_{|n|}^{(-)}(z; N), & n \in \mathbb{Z}^- \\ 1, & n = 0 \\ \mathcal{Z}_{|n|}^{(+)}(z; N), & n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \end{cases} \quad (5.96)$$

we spot from Eqs. (5.92) and (5.94) that it satisfies the single (graded) TL equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \log \mathcal{Z}_n(z; N) = -2n \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n-1}(z; N) \mathcal{Z}_{n+1}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_n^2(z; N)} - 1 \right). \quad (5.97)$$

Here, the index n is an arbitrary integer, be it positive or negative. The first graded TL equation must be supplemented by *two* initial conditions given by Eqs. (5.93) and (5.95).

Second (graded) TL equation.—Equations (5.7), (5.56) and (4.23) imply that both fermionic and bosonic replica partition functions $\mathcal{Z}_n^{(\pm)}(z; N)$ additionally satisfy the second TL equation

$$\left(1 - z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \mathcal{Z}_n^{(\pm)}(z; N) = n \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n+1}^{(\pm)}(z; N) \mathcal{Z}_{n-1}^{(\pm)}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_n^{(\pm)2}(z; N)} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n+1}^{(\pm)}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_{n-1}^{(\pm)}(z; N)} \right). \quad (5.98)$$

Consequently, the graded replica partition function $\mathcal{Z}_n(z; N)$ defined by Eq. (5.96) is determined by the second *graded* TL equation

$$\left(1 - z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \mathcal{Z}_n(z; N) = n \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n+1}(z; N) \mathcal{Z}_{n-1}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_n^2(z; N)} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}_{n+1}(z; N)}{\mathcal{Z}_{n-1}(z; N)} \right) \quad (5.99)$$

supplemented by two initial conditions Eqs. (5.93) and (5.95).

Replica limit of graded TL equations.—To determine the one-point Green function $G(z; N)$ within the framework of supersymmetric replicas, one has to consider the replica limit

$$G(z; N) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_n(z; N). \quad (5.100)$$

The first and second graded TL equations bring

$$G'(z; N) = 2 - 2 \mathcal{Z}_{-1}(z; N) \mathcal{Z}_1(z; N), \quad (5.101)$$

and

$$G(z; N) = zG'(z; N) + \mathcal{Z}_{-1}(z; N)\mathcal{Z}'_1(z; N) - \mathcal{Z}'_{-1}(z; N)\mathcal{Z}_1(z; N), \quad (5.102)$$

respectively. Combining the two equations, we derive

$$G(z; N) = 2z - 2z\mathcal{Z}_{-1}\mathcal{Z}_1 + \hat{W}_z[\mathcal{Z}_{-1}, \mathcal{Z}_1], \quad (5.103)$$

where \hat{W}_z is the Wronskian defined in Eq. (5.47); the prime ' stands for the derivative $\partial/\partial z$. Interestingly, the second graded TL equation has allowed us to integrate Eq. (5.102) at once!

The resulting Eq. (5.103) is remarkable: it shows that the average Green function can solely be expressed in terms of bosonic $\mathcal{Z}_{-1}(z; N)$ and fermionic $\mathcal{Z}_1(z; N)$ replica partition functions with only one flavor. This structural phenomenon known as the '*factorisation property*' was first observed by Splittorff and Verbaarschot (2003) in the context of the GUE density-density correlation function. Striking at first sight, the factorisation property appears to be very natural after recognising that fermionic and bosonic replica partition functions are the members of a single graded TL hierarchy.

To make Eq. (5.103) explicit, we utilise Eqs. (5.93) and (5.95) to observe the identity

$$\hat{W}_z[\mathcal{Z}_{-1}, \mathcal{Z}_1] = 2z\mathcal{Z}_{-1}\mathcal{Z}_1 + (-i)^N W_z \left[D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}), D_N(z\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.104)$$

Consequently,

$$G(z; N) = 2z + (-i)^N \hat{W}_z \left[D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}), D_N(z\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.105)$$

This expression for the average Green function, derived within the framework of *supersymmetric replicas*, coincides with the one obtained *separately* by means of fermionic and bosonic replicas (see, e.g., Eq. (5.48)). Hence, the result Eq. (5.55) for the finite- N average density of eigenlevels readily follows.

5.3. Factorisation property in fermionic and bosonic replicas

The factorisation property naturally appearing in the supersymmetric variation of the replica method suggests that a generic correlation function should contain both *compact* (fermionic) and *non-compact* (bosonic) contributions. Below, the fermionic-bosonic factorisation property will separately be discussed in the context of fermionic and bosonic replicas where its presence is by far less obvious even though the enlightened reader might have anticipated the factorisation property from Eqs. (5.19) and (5.21) for fermionic replicas and from Eqs. (5.67) and (5.69) for bosonic replicas.

Fermionic replicas.—The Hamiltonian formulation of the fourth Painlevé transcendent employed in Section 5.2.1 is the key. It follows from Eqs. (5.19) and (5.21) that the average Green function $G(z; N)$ is expressed in terms of canonical variables p_0 and q_1 as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z; N) = -2p_0(iz)q_1(iz), \quad (5.106)$$

where

$$p_0(iz) = -\frac{i}{2} \left[z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log D_N(z\sqrt{2}) \right] \quad (5.107)$$

and

$$q_1(iz) = -\frac{i}{N} (-i\sigma_z)^N e^{z^2/2} D_N(z\sqrt{2}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[e^{-z^2/2} D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.108)$$

To derive the last two equations, we have used Eqs. (5.38) and (5.39) in conjunction with Eqs. (F.7) and (F.8).

With the help of Eq. (5.93), the canonical “momentum” p_0 can be related to the *fermionic* partition function for one flavor,

$$p_0(iz) = -\frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \mathcal{Z}_1^{(+)}(z; N). \quad (5.109)$$

This is a *compact contribution* to the average Green function. A *non-compact contribution* is encoded in the canonical “coordinate” q_1 which can be related to the *bosonic* partition function via Eq. (5.95):

$$q_1(iz) = -\frac{i}{N} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(+)}(z; N) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(-)}(z; N), \quad (5.110)$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z; N) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(+)}(z; N) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(-)}(z; N). \quad (5.111)$$

This is yet another factorised representation for $G'(z; N)$ [compare to Eq. (5.101)].

Bosonic replicas.—To identify both compact and non-compact contributions to the average Green function, we turn to Eqs. (5.67) and (5.69) to represent the derivative of the average Green function $G(z; N)$ in terms of canonical variables p_0 and q_1 as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z; N) = -2p_0(z) q_1(z), \quad (5.112)$$

where

$$p_0(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \right] \quad (5.113)$$

and

$$q_1(z) = -\frac{1}{N} (-i\sigma_z)^N e^{-z^2/2} D_{-N}(-iz\sigma_z\sqrt{2}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[e^{z^2/2} D_N(z\sqrt{2}) \right]. \quad (5.114)$$

To derive the last two equations, we have used Eqs. (5.88) and (5.89) in conjunction with Eqs. (F.7) and (F.8).

With the help of Eq. (5.95), the canonical “momentum” p_0 can be related to the *bosonic* partition function for one flavor,

$$p_0(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \mathcal{Z}_1^{(-)}(z; N). \quad (5.115)$$

This is a *non-compact contribution* to the average Green function. A *compact contribution* comes from the canonical “coordinate” q_1 which can be related to the *fermionic* partition function via Eq. (5.93):

$$q_1(z) = -\frac{1}{N} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(-)}(z; N) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(+)}(z; N), \quad (5.116)$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z; N) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(+)}(z; N) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{Z}_1^{(-)}(z; N), \quad (5.117)$$

agreeing with the earlier result Eq. (5.111).

Brief summary.—The detailed analysis of fermionic and bosonic replica limits performed in the context of the GUE averaged one-point Green function $G(z; N)$ has convincingly demonstrated that the Hamiltonian formulation of the fourth Painlevé transcendent provides a natural and, perhaps, most adequate language to identify the factorisation phenomenon. In particular, we have managed to show that the derivative $G'(z; N)$ of the one-point Green function factorises into a product of canonical “momentum”

$$p_0(t; N) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} P(t; n, N) \quad (5.118)$$

and canonical “coordinate”

$$q_1(t; N) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} Q(t; n, N). \quad (5.119)$$

As suggested by Eqs. (5.109) and (5.115), the momentum contribution p_0 to the average Green function is a regular one; it corresponds to a compact contribution in fermionic replicas and to a non-compact contribution in bosonic replicas:

$$p_0 \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \begin{cases} z_1^{(+)}(z; N) & \text{(fermionic)} \\ z_1^{(-)}(z; N) & \text{(bosonic)} \end{cases} \quad (5.120)$$

On the contrary, the coordinate contribution q_1 is of a complementary nature: defined by a replica-like limit [Eq. (5.119)] it brings in a noncompact contribution in fermionic replicas [Eq. (5.110)] and a compact contribution in bosonic replicas [Eq. (5.116)]:

$$q_1 \sim \exp\left(\int p_0 dz\right) \times \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \begin{cases} z_1^{(-)}(z; N) & \text{(fermionic)} \\ z_1^{(+)}(z; N) & \text{(bosonic)} \end{cases} \quad (5.121)$$

We close this section by noting that the very same calculational framework should be equally effective in performing the replica limit for other random-matrix ensembles and/or spectral observables.

6. Conclusions

In this paper, we have used the ideas of integrability to formulate a theory of the correlation function

$$\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \int d\mu_n(\mathcal{H}) \prod_{\alpha=1}^p \det_n^{\kappa_\alpha}(\zeta_\alpha - \mathcal{H})$$

of characteristic polynomials for invariant non-Gaussian ensembles of Hermitean random matrices characterised by the probability measure $d\mu_n(\mathcal{H})$ which may well depend on the matrix dimensionality n . Contrary to other approaches based on various duality relations, our theory does not assume “integrability” of replica parameters $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_p)$ which are allowed to span $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{R}^p$. One of the consequences of lifting the restriction $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \in \mathbb{Z}^p$ is that we were unable to represent the CFCP *explicitly* in a closed determinant form; instead, we have shown that the correlation function $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ satisfies an infinite set of *nonlinear differential hierarchically structured* relations. While such a description is, to a large extent, *implicit*, it does provide a useful nonperturbative characterisation of $\Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})$ which turns out to be much beneficial for an in-depth analysis of the mathematical foundations of zero-dimensional replica field theories.

With certainty, the replicas is not the only application of a nonperturbative approach to CFCP developed in this paper. With minor modifications, its potential readily extends to various problems of charge transfer through quantum chaotic structures (Osipov and Kanzieper 2008, Osipov and Kanzieper 2009), stochastic theory of density matrices (Osipov, Sommers and Zyczkowski 2010), random matrix theory approach to QCD physics (Verbaarschot 2010), to name a few. An extension of the above formalism to the CFCP of unitary matrices may bring a useful calculational tool for generating conjectures on behaviour of the Riemann zeta function at the critical line (Keating and Snaith 2000a, 2000b).

Finally, we wish to mention that an integrable theory of CFCP for $\beta = 1$ and $\beta = 4$ Dyson symmetry classes is very much called for. Building on the insightful work by Adler and van Moerbeke (2001), a solution of this challenging problem seems to be within the reach.

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Appendices

A. Bilinear Identity in Hirota Form: An Alternative Derivation

In Section 3.3, the bilinear identity in Hirota form [Eq. (3.27) or, equivalently, Eq. (3.34)] was derived from the one in the integral form [Eq. (3.18)]. As will be shown below, the latter is not actually necessary.

An alternative proof of the bilinear identity in Hirota form [Eq. (3.34)] starts with the very same Eq. (3.19),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_n(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t};\lambda)} e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t};\lambda) P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}';\lambda) \\ = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\lambda \Gamma_n(\lambda) e^{v(\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t};\lambda) P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}';\lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

However, instead of employing Cauchy representations [see Eqs. (3.21) and (3.24) in the original proof], we assume existence of Taylor expansions

$$e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}';\lambda) = \sum_{\sigma=0}^{\infty} A_\sigma \lambda^\sigma \quad (\text{A.2})$$

and

$$e^{av(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t};\lambda) = \sum_{\sigma=0}^{\infty} B_\sigma \lambda^\sigma \quad (\text{A.3})$$

to rewrite Eq. (A.1) in the form

$$\sum_{\sigma=0}^{\infty} A_\sigma \left\langle \lambda^\sigma \left| P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t};\lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t})}} = \sum_{\sigma=0}^{\infty} B_\sigma \left\langle \lambda^\sigma \left| P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}';\lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t}')}}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Here, we have used the scalar product notation defined in Eq. (3.6). The bilinear identity is obtained from Eq. (A.4) after expressing all its ingredients in terms of the τ function Eq. (3.1).

(i) *The coefficients A_σ and B_σ .* To determine A_σ , we employ two identities,

$$e^{(a-1)v(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}';\lambda)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_k ((a-1)(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}')) \lambda^k \quad (\text{A.5})$$

and

$$P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}';\lambda) = \frac{1}{\tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \left(\sum_{k=0}^m \lambda^k s_{m-k}(-[\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \right) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}'), \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where $[\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}]$ denotes

$$[\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}] = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t'_1}, \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'_k}, \dots \right).$$

Equation (A.5) is a consequence of Eq. (2.6) and the definition of Schur polynomials (see Table 1). Equation (A.6) follows from the Heine formula

$$P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}';\lambda) = \frac{1}{m! \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \int_{\mathcal{D}^m} \prod_{j=1}^m \left(d\lambda_j (\lambda - \lambda_j) \Gamma_n(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}';\lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_m^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad (\text{A.7})$$

and the identity

$$\prod_{j=1}^m (\lambda - \lambda_j) = \sum_{k=0}^m \lambda^k s_{m-k}(-\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda})) \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where $\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ is an infinite dimensional vector

$$\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \left(\text{tr}_m \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_m \boldsymbol{\lambda}^2, \dots, \frac{1}{k} \text{tr}_m \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k, \dots \right). \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Indeed, substituting Eq. (A.8) into Eq. (A.7), we derive:

$$\begin{aligned} P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) &= \frac{1}{m! \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \int_{\mathcal{D}^m} \prod_{j=1}^m \left(d\lambda_j (\lambda - \lambda_j) \Gamma_n(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_m^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^m}{m! \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{\lambda^k} \int_{\mathcal{D}^m} \prod_{j=1}^m \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_n(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot s_k(-\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda})) \Delta_m^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^m}{\tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{\lambda^k} s_k(-[\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}'). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

In the last step, we have used the obvious formula

$$s_k(-[\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \prod_{j=1}^m e^{v(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda_j)} = s_k(-\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda})) \prod_{j=1}^m e^{v(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda_j)}. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Having established Eq. (A.6), we substitute it and Eq. (A.5) into Eq. (A.2) to obtain

$$A_\sigma = \frac{1}{\tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} \sum_{k=\max(0, \sigma-m)}^{\sigma} s_k((a-1)(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}')) s_{m-\sigma+k}(-[\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}'). \quad (\text{A.12})$$

Similar in spirit calculation yields

$$B_\sigma = \frac{1}{\tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t})} \sum_{k=\max(0, \sigma-\ell)}^{\sigma} s_k(a(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}')) s_{\ell-\sigma+k}(-[\partial_{\mathbf{t}}]) \tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t}). \quad (\text{A.13})$$

(ii) *Scalar products.* Now we are ready to express the scalar products in Eq. (A.4) in terms of the τ function Eq. (3.1). Having in mind the Heine formula Eq. (A.7), we rewrite the scalar product in the l.h.s. of Eq. (A.4) as

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \lambda^\sigma \left| P_\ell^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t})}} &= \frac{1}{\ell! \tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^{\ell+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell+1} \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_n(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_\ell^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ &\quad \times \lambda_{\ell+1}^\sigma \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (\lambda_{\ell+1} - \lambda_j). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

Due to the identity

$$\Delta_\ell(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (\lambda_{\ell+1} - \lambda_j) = \Delta_{\ell+1}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}), \quad (\text{A.15})$$

the scalar product is further reduced to

$$\frac{1}{\ell! \tau_\ell^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^{\ell+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell+1} \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_n(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_{\ell+1}^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \frac{\lambda_{\ell+1}^\sigma}{\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (\lambda_{\ell+1} - \lambda_j)}. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

Symmetrising the integrand,

$$\frac{\lambda_{\ell+1}^\sigma}{\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (\lambda_{\ell+1} - \lambda_j)} \mapsto \frac{1}{\ell+1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\ell+1} \frac{\lambda_\alpha^\sigma}{\prod_{j=1, j \neq \alpha}^{\ell+1} (\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_j)} \quad (\text{A.17})$$

and employing the remarkable relation (taken at $n = \ell + 1$) §

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left(\lambda_{\alpha}^{n-1+\sigma} \prod_{j=1, j \neq \alpha}^n \frac{1}{\lambda_{\alpha} - \lambda_j} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \sigma < 0; \\ s_{\sigma}(\mathbf{p}_n(\boldsymbol{\lambda})), & \sigma \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \lambda^{\sigma} \middle| P_{\ell}^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t})}} &= \frac{1}{(\ell+1)! \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t})} \int_{\mathcal{D}^{\ell+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell+1} \left(d\lambda_j \Gamma_n(\lambda_j) e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \right) \cdot \Delta_{\ell+1}^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ &\times \begin{cases} 0, & \sigma < \ell; \\ s_{\sigma-\ell}(\mathbf{p}_{\ell+1}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})), & \sigma \geq \ell. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.19})$$

For $\sigma \geq \ell$ (which is the only nontrivial case), this scalar product reduces to

$$\left\langle \lambda^{\sigma} \middle| P_{\ell}^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t})}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\ell}^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t})} s_{\sigma-\ell}([\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}), \quad \sigma \geq \ell. \quad (\text{A.20})$$

By the same token,

$$\left\langle \lambda^{\sigma} \middle| P_m^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}'; \lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t}')}} = \frac{1}{\tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}')} s_{\sigma-m}([\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \tau_{m+1}^{(m+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}'), \quad \sigma \geq m. \quad (\text{A.21})$$

(iii) *The bilinear identity.* Now we are in position to derive the bilinear identity. To this end we substitute Eqs. (A.12), (A.13), (A.20) and (A.21) into Eq. (A.4). Up to the prefactor

$$\frac{1}{\tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}') \tau_{\ell}^{(\ell-n)}(\mathbf{t})},$$

its l.h.s. reads:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\sigma=\ell}^{\infty} A_{\sigma} \left\langle \lambda^{\sigma} \middle| P_{\ell}^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t})}} \mapsto \\ &\sum_{\sigma=\ell}^{\infty} \sum_{k=\max(0, \sigma-m)}^{\sigma} s_k((a-1)(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}')) s_{m-\sigma+k}(-[\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}'}]) s_{\sigma-\ell}([\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}'). \end{aligned}$$

Owing to the identity ||

$$s_k(-[\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}') = 0 \quad \text{for } k > m, \quad (\text{A.22})$$

the latter reduces to

$$\sum_{\sigma=\ell}^{\infty} \sum_{k=\max(0, \sigma-m)}^{\sigma} s_k((a-1)(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}')) s_{m-\sigma+k}(-[\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}'}]) s_{\sigma-\ell}([\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}').$$

Interchange of the two series brings

$$\sum_{k=\max(0, \ell-m)}^{\infty} s_k((a-1)(\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{t}')) \sum_{\sigma=0}^{k+m-\ell} s_{k+m-\ell-\sigma}(-[\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}'}]) s_{\sigma}([\boldsymbol{\partial}_{\mathbf{t}}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}').$$

§ Equation (A.18) is essentially Eq. (3.16) written in terms of the Schur polynomials.

|| Equation (A.22) follows from Eq. (A.11) and the expansion

$$\prod_{j=1}^m (1 - x\lambda_j) = \exp \left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha}}{\alpha} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j^{\alpha} \right) \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k s_k(-\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda})).$$

Indeed, since the l.h.s. is the polynomial in x of the degree m , the Schur polynomials $s_k(-\mathbf{p}_m(\boldsymbol{\lambda}))$ in the r.h.s. must nullify for $k > m$.

Making use of yet another identity ‡

$$s_k(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}') = \sum_{\sigma=0}^k s_{k-\sigma}(-\mathbf{t}') s_{\sigma}(\mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{A.23})$$

we derive:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\sigma=\ell}^{\infty} A_{\sigma} \left\langle \lambda^{\sigma} \left| P_{\ell}^{(n)}(\mathbf{t}; \lambda) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_n e^{v(\mathbf{t})}} \mapsto \\ \sum_{k=\max(0, \ell-m)}^{\infty} s_k((a-1)(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}')) s_{k+m-\ell}([\partial_{\mathbf{t}}] - [\partial_{\mathbf{t}'}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}'). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.24})$$

Setting the vectors \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{t}' to

$$(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') \mapsto (\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{x}),$$

(see Eq. (3.28)), and applying the Property 3 of B [Eq. (B.7)], we rewrite Eq. (A.24) in terms of Hirota operators:

$$e^{(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} \sum_{k=\max(0, \ell-m)}^{\infty} s_k(2(a-1)(\mathbf{x})) s_{k+m-\ell}([\mathbf{D}]) \tau_{\ell+1}^{(\ell+1-n)}(\mathbf{t}) \circ \tau_m^{(m-n)}(\mathbf{t}). \quad (\text{A.25})$$

Finally, replacing n with $n = m - s$, we reproduce the l.h.s. of Eq. (3.34). The r.h.s. of Eq. (3.34) can be reproduced along the same lines starting with the r.h.s. of Eq. (A.4). This ends the alternative proof of the bilinear identity in Hirota form.

B. Hirota Operators

Definition. Let $f(\mathbf{t}) = f(t_1, t_2, \dots)$ and $g(\mathbf{t}) = g(t_1, t_2, \dots)$ be differentiable multivariate functions. The Hirota derivative is a bilinear differential operator, $D_k f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t})$, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} D_k f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t}) &\equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x}) g(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{x}) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t'_k} \right) f(\mathbf{t}) g(\mathbf{t}') \Big|_{\mathbf{t}'=\mathbf{t}} \\ &= g(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_k} - f(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{t})}{\partial t_k}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

Property 1. Let $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{D})$ be a multivariate function defined on an infinite set of differential operators $\mathbf{D} = (D_1, D_2, \dots)$ such that

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{D}) f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t}) = \mathcal{P}(\partial_{\xi}) f(\mathbf{t} + \xi) g(\mathbf{t} - \xi) \Big|_{\xi=\mathbf{0}} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

with $\partial_{\xi} = (\partial/\partial \xi_1, \partial/\partial \xi_2, \dots)$. Then it holds:

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{D}) f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t}) = \mathcal{P}(-\mathbf{D}) g(\mathbf{t}) \circ f(\mathbf{t}). \quad (\text{B.3})$$

Property 2a. Setting $g(\mathbf{t}) = f(\mathbf{t})$ in Eq. (B.3), one observes:

$$\prod_k D_k^{\alpha_k} f(\mathbf{t}) \circ f(\mathbf{t}) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = \text{odd}. \quad (\text{B.4})$$

Property 2b. It follows from Eq. (B.1) that

$$D_k D_{\ell} f(\mathbf{t}) \circ f(\mathbf{t}) = 2f^2(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_k \partial t_{\ell}} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \quad (\text{B.5})$$

‡ It readily follows from the equality

$$e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (t_j - t'_j) x^j} = e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} t_j x^j} e^{-\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} t'_j x^j}$$

Taylor-expanded around $x = 0$ and the definition Eq. (2.11) of the Schur polynomials.

and

$$\begin{aligned}
D_k D_\ell D_m D_n f(\mathbf{t}) \circ f(\mathbf{t}) &= 2f^2(\mathbf{t}) \frac{\partial^4}{\partial t_k \partial t_\ell \partial t_m \partial t_n} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \\
&+ 4f^2(\mathbf{t}) \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_k \partial t_\ell} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_m \partial t_n} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \right) \right. \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_k \partial t_m} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_\ell \partial t_n} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \right) \\
&\quad \left. + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_k \partial t_n} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_\ell \partial t_m} \log f(\mathbf{t}) \right) \right]. \tag{B.6}
\end{aligned}$$

Property 3. Let $(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})$ denote the scalar product $(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k D_k$. The exponential identity holds:

$$e^{(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{D})} f(\mathbf{t}) \circ g(\mathbf{t}) = f(\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x}) g(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{x}). \tag{B.7}$$

For a more exhaustive list of the properties of Hirota differential operators, the reader is referred to Hirota's book (Hirota 2004).

C. Jacobi Unitary Ensemble (JUE)

The correlation function of characteristic polynomials in JUE is defined by the formula

$$\Pi_{n|p}^J(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_n^J} \int_{(-1,1)^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j (1 - \lambda_j)^\mu (1 + \lambda_j)^\nu \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \tag{C.1}$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_n^J = 2^{n^2 + n(\mu + \nu)} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(j+\mu) \Gamma(j+\nu)}{\Gamma(j+n+\mu+\nu)} \tag{C.2}$$

is the normalisation constant. It is assumed that both $\mu > -1$ and $\nu > -1$. The associated τ function equals

$$\tau_n^J(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{(-1,1)^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(d\lambda_j (1 - \lambda_j)^\mu (1 + \lambda_j)^\nu e^{v(\mathbf{t}; \lambda_j)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \tag{C.3}$$

The superscript J standing for JUE will be omitted from now on.

Although the very same technology is at work for a nonperturbative calculation of the JUE correlation function Eq. (C.1), its treatment becomes significantly more cumbersome. For this reason, only the final results of the calculations will be presented below.

C.1. Virasoro constraints

In the notation of Section 3, the definition Eq. (C.1) implies that ||

$$f(\lambda) = 1 - \lambda^2 \quad \mapsto \quad a_k = \delta_{k,0} - \delta_{k,2}, \tag{C.4}$$

$$g(\lambda) = (\mu - \nu) + (\mu + \nu) \lambda \quad \mapsto \quad b_k = (\mu - \nu) \delta_{k,0} + (\mu + \nu) \delta_{k,1}, \tag{C.5}$$

$$\mathcal{D} = (-1, +1) \quad \mapsto \quad \dim(\mathbf{c}') = 0. \tag{C.6}$$

|| Notice that $\dim(\mathbf{c}') = 0$ follows from Eq. (3.70) in which $\mathcal{Z}_0 = \{-1, +1\}$.

This brings the Virasoro constraints Eqs. (2.15) – (2.21) for the associated τ function Eq. (C.3) in the form

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{q+2}(\mathbf{t}) + \sum_{m=0}^q \vartheta_m(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q-m}} - \sum_{m=0}^{q+2} \vartheta_m(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+2-m}} \right. \\ \left. - (\mu - \nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+1}} - (\mu + \nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+2}} \right] \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_q \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{C.7})$$

where the operator $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_q$ is defined through operators Eq. (4.8) as

$$\hat{\mathcal{D}}_q = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q - \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{q+2} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p (1 - \varsigma^2) \varsigma_\alpha^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_\alpha}, \quad (\text{C.8})$$

and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t})$ is the Virasoro operator given by Eq. (2.21).

The three lowest Virasoro constraints for $q = -1$, $q = 0$, and $q = +1$ read:

$$\left(\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j-1}} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+1}} - (2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \right) \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \\ + nt_1 - n [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{C.9})$$

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+2}} - [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} \right. \\ \left. - (2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \right) \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \\ - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right)^2 + n [n + \kappa - \vartheta_2(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_0 \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{C.10})$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+1}} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+3}} + [2n + \kappa - \vartheta_2(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} - 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \right. \\ \left. - [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} - (2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} \right) \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \\ + n [\vartheta_1(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) - \vartheta_3(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \\ - 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_1 \log \tau_n(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}). \quad (\text{C.11})$$

C.2. Toda Lattice equation

Projecting the first Toda Lattice equation Eq. (4.15) onto the hyperplane $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ with the help of the first [Eq. (C.9)] and second [Eq. (C.10)] Virasoro constraints, one derives:

$$\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^J : \\ \left[(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2 (\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 + \hat{\mathcal{D}}_0) - (\mu + \nu + \kappa) [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\ + \left(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \Pi_{n|p}(\mathfrak{s}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right)^2 \\ + n(n + \mu + \nu + \kappa) \left[(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2 - [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\mathfrak{s}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})]^2 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2}{(2n + \mu + \nu)^2} \frac{[(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2 - 1]}{[(2n + \mu + \nu)^2 - 1]} \\
&\times 4n(n + \mu)(n + \nu)(n + \mu + \nu) \frac{\Pi_{n+1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \Pi_{n-1|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Pi_{n|p}^2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa})}. \tag{C.12}
\end{aligned}$$

Notice the structural similarity between $\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^J$ and the first Toda Lattice equation for the CyUE [Eq. (D.12)].

C.3. KP equation and Painlevé VI

Projecting Eq. (4.57) onto $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ with the help of all three Virasoro constraints Eqs. (C.9) – (C.11), one derives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^J : \quad &\left[\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^4 + 4\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 + \alpha_{[1,-1]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_1\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} + \alpha_{[0,0]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0^2 + \alpha_{[0,-1]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \right. \\
&+ \alpha_{[-1,-1]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 + \beta_{-1}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} + \beta_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0 + \beta_1\hat{\mathcal{D}}_1 + \beta_2\hat{\mathcal{D}}_2 \left. \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\
&+ \left(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right) \left[6\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 + 4\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0 \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \\
&+ \left(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \right) \left[4\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} + 2\hat{\mathcal{D}}_1 - 2\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \gamma. \tag{C.13}
\end{aligned}$$

Here, $\alpha_{[j,k]}$, β_j and γ are the short-hand notation for the following functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{[-1,-1]} &= 4n^2 + 2 - [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})]^2 - 4(\mu + \nu + \kappa) [\kappa - \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) - n], \\
\alpha_{[0,-1]} &= -2(\mu + \nu + \kappa) [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})], \\
\alpha_{[0,0]} &= 3(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2, \\
\alpha_{[1,-1]} &= 2 \left[1 - 2(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2 \right], \\
\beta_{-1} &= (\mu + \nu + \kappa) [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_3(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] + [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] [\kappa - \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})], \\
\beta_0 &= -2 \left[(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2 + (\mu + \nu + \kappa) [\kappa - \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \right], \\
\beta_1 &= -[\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] (\mu + \nu + \kappa), \\
\beta_2 &= 2(2n + \mu + \nu + \kappa)^2, \\
\gamma &= 2n(n + \mu + \nu + \kappa) \left[[\kappa - \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})]^2 + (\mu + \nu + \kappa) [\kappa - \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + [\mu - \nu + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] [\vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) - \vartheta_3(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Remark. For $p = 1$, the equation $\widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^J$ simplifies. Indeed, introducing the function

$$\varphi(\varsigma) = (\varsigma^2 - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \log \Pi_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) + \varsigma \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} b_i b_j - b_1 \sum_{j=2}^4 b_j, \tag{C.14}$$

where b_j 's are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
b_1 &= +\frac{1}{2}(\mu - \nu), \\
b_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu), \\
b_3 &= +\frac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu + 2n), \\
b_4 &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu + 2n + 2\kappa), \tag{C.15}
\end{aligned}$$

one observes that Eq. (C.13) transforms to

$$(\zeta^2 - 1)^2 \varphi''' + 2\zeta(\zeta^2 - 1) \varphi'' + 6(\zeta^2 - 1) (\varphi')^2 - 8\zeta \varphi \varphi' + 2\varphi^2 - 4\nu_1 \varphi' - 4\nu_4 \zeta - 2\nu_2 = 0 \quad (\text{C.16})$$

with the parameters

$$\nu_1 = \sum_{j=1}^4 b_j^2, \quad \nu_2 = \sum_{i<j} b_i^2 b_j^2, \quad \nu_3 = \sum_{i<j<k} b_i^2 b_j^2 b_k^2, \quad \nu_4 = b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4. \quad (\text{C.17})$$

Equation (C.16) can equivalently be written as

$$[(\zeta^2 - 1)\varphi'']^2 - 4(\varphi')^3 + 4\varphi'(\zeta\varphi' - \varphi)^2 - 4\nu_1 (\varphi')^2 - 8\nu_4 [\zeta\varphi' - \varphi] - 4\nu_2 \varphi' - 4\nu_3 = 0. \quad (\text{C.18})$$

The boundary condition at infinity reads:

$$\varphi(\zeta) \Big|_{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} \sim -\frac{1}{4}(\mu + \nu + 2n)^2 \zeta (1 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^{-1})). \quad (\text{C.19})$$

It is easy to convince yourself that Eq. (C.18) can be reduced to the sixth Painlevé transcendent. Introducing the new function

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(\zeta) \Big|_{\zeta=2t-1}, \quad (\text{C.20})$$

one straightforwardly arrives at the σ form of the sixth Painlevé transcendent (Forrester and Witte 2004):

$$h' [t(t-1)h'']^2 + [h'(2h - (2t-1)h') + b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4]^2 = \prod_{j=1}^4 (h' + b_j^2), \quad (\text{C.21})$$

see Appendix E for more details.

D. Cauchy Unitary Ensemble (CyUE)

For the Cauchy Unitary Ensemble (CyUE), the correlation function of characteristic polynomials is defined by the formula

$$\Pi_{n|p}^{\text{Cy}}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_n^{\text{Cy}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{d\lambda_j}{(1 + \lambda_j^2)^\nu} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad (\text{D.1})$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_n^{\text{Cy}} = \frac{(2\pi)^n}{2^{n(2\nu-n)}} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(j+1)\Gamma(2\nu+1-n-j)}{\Gamma^2(\nu+1-j)} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

is the normalisation constant. It is assumed that the parameter ν is real and $\nu > n + (\kappa - 1)/2$, where $\kappa = \text{tr}_p \boldsymbol{\kappa}$. The associated τ function equals

$$\tau_n^{\text{Cy}}(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \boldsymbol{t}) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{d\lambda_j e^{v(\boldsymbol{t}; \lambda_j)}}{(1 + \lambda_j^2)^\nu} \prod_{\alpha=1}^p (\varsigma_\alpha - \lambda_j)^{\kappa_\alpha} \right) \cdot \Delta_n^2(\boldsymbol{\lambda}). \quad (\text{D.3})$$

The superscript Cy standing for CyUE will further be omitted. Similarly to the JUE case, involved character of the calculations makes us present only the main results.

D.1. Virasoro constraints

In the notation of Section 3, the definition Eq. (D.1) implies that

$$f(\lambda) = 1 + \lambda^2 \mapsto a_k = \delta_{k,0} + \delta_{k,2}, \quad (\text{D.4})$$

$$g(\lambda) = 2\nu\lambda \mapsto b_k = 2\nu\delta_{k,1}, \quad (\text{D.5})$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R} \mapsto \dim(\mathbf{c}') = 0. \quad (\text{D.6})$$

This brings the Virasoro constraints Eqs. (2.15) – (2.21) for the associated τ function Eq. (D.3) in the form

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t}) + \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{q+2}(\mathbf{t}) + \sum_{m=0}^q \vartheta_m(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q-m}} + \sum_{m=0}^{q+2} \vartheta_m(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+2-m}} - 2\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{q+2}} \right] \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_q \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{D.7})$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_q$ is defined through operators Eq. (4.8) as

$$\hat{\mathcal{D}}_q = \hat{\mathcal{B}}_q + \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{q+2} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p (1 + \varsigma^2) \varsigma_\alpha^{q+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma_\alpha} \quad (\text{D.8})$$

(not to be confused with the operator $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_q$ defined by Eq. (C.8) of the previous subsection) and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_q(\mathbf{t})$ is the Virasoro operator given by Eq. (2.21).

The three lowest Virasoro constraints for $q = -1$, $q = 0$, and $q = +1$ read:

$$\left(\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j-1}} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+1}} - (2\nu - 2n - \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) + nt_1 + n\vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{D.9})$$

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+2}} + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1^2} - (2\nu - 2n - \kappa) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right)^2 + n^2 + n[\kappa + \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_0 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}), \quad (\text{D.10})$$

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+1}} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} jt_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{j+3}} + [2n + \kappa + \vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} + \vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} + (\kappa + 2n - 2\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \right) \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) + n[\vartheta_1(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) + \vartheta_3(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})] + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}) \right) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_1 \log \tau_n(\boldsymbol{\varsigma}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}; \mathbf{t}). \quad (\text{D.11})$$

D.2. Toda Lattice equation

Projecting the first Toda Lattice equation Eq. (4.15) onto the hyperplane $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ with the help of the first [Eq. (D.9)] and second [Eq. (D.10)] Virasoro constraints, one derives:

$$\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^{\text{Cy}} :$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2 (\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 - \hat{\mathcal{D}}_0) - (2\nu - \kappa) \vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa) \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \\
& + \left(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \right)^2 + n(2\nu - n - \kappa) \left[(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2 + \vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa)^2 \right] \\
& = (2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2 [(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2 - 1] \\
& \quad \times \frac{n(2\nu - n)}{4(n - \nu)^2 - 1} \frac{\Pi_{n-1|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \Pi_{n+1|p}(\varsigma; \kappa)}{\Pi_{n|p}^2(\varsigma; \kappa)}. \tag{D.12}
\end{aligned}$$

Notice the structural similarity between $\widetilde{\text{TL}}_1^{\text{Cy}}$ and the first Toda Lattice equation for the JUE [Eq. (C.12)].

D.3. KP equation and Painlevé VI

Projecting Eq. (4.57) onto $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ with the help of all three Virasoro constraints Eqs. (D.9) – (D.11), one derives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^{\text{Cy}} : & \left[\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^4 - 4\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 + \alpha_{[1,-1]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_1\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} + \alpha_{[0,0]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0^2 + \alpha_{[0,-1]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \right. \\
& \left. + \alpha_{[-1,-1]}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 + \beta_{-1}\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} + \beta_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0 + \beta_1\hat{\mathcal{D}}_1 + \beta_2\hat{\mathcal{D}}_2 \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \\
& + \left(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \right) \left[6\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1}^2 - 4\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0 \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \\
& - \left(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) \right) \left[4\hat{\mathcal{D}}_0\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} - 2\hat{\mathcal{D}}_1 - 2\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{-1} \right] \log \Pi_{n|p}(\varsigma; \kappa) = \gamma. \tag{D.13}
\end{aligned}$$

Here, $\alpha_{[j,k]}$, β_j and γ are the short-hand notation for the following functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{[-1,-1]} &= -4n^2 - 2 - \vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa)^2 - 4(2\nu - \kappa) [\kappa + \vartheta_2(\varsigma, \kappa) - n], \\
\alpha_{[0,-1]} &= 2(2\nu - \kappa) \vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa), \\
\alpha_{[0,0]} &= 3(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2, \\
\alpha_{[1,-1]} &= 2 \left[1 - 2(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2 \right], \\
\beta_{-1} &= (2\nu - \kappa) \vartheta_3(\varsigma, \kappa) + \vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa) [\kappa + \vartheta_2(\varsigma, \kappa)], \\
\beta_0 &= -2 \left[(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2 - (2\nu - \kappa) [\kappa + \vartheta_2(\varsigma, \kappa)] \right], \\
\beta_1 &= -\vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa)(2\nu - \kappa), \\
\beta_2 &= -2(2\nu - 2n - \kappa)^2, \\
\gamma &= 2n(2\nu - n - \kappa) \left[-[\kappa + \vartheta_2(\varsigma, \kappa)]^2 + (2\nu - \kappa) [\kappa + \vartheta_2(\varsigma, \kappa)] \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa) [\vartheta_1(\varsigma, \kappa) + \vartheta_3(\varsigma, \kappa)] \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Remark. For $p = 1$, the equation $\widetilde{\text{KP}}_1^{\text{Cy}}$ can be simplified. Indeed, introducing the function

$$\varphi(\varsigma) = (1 + \varsigma^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma} \log \Pi_n(\varsigma; \kappa) + \varsigma \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} b_i b_j - b_1 \sum_{j=2}^4 b_j, \tag{D.14}$$

where b_j 's are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
b_1 &= 0, \\
b_2 &= \nu - n, \\
b_3 &= -\nu, \\
b_4 &= \kappa - \nu + n, \tag{D.15}
\end{aligned}$$

one observes that Eq. (D.13) takes the form of the Chazy I equation

$$(1 + \zeta^2)^2 \varphi''' + 2\zeta(1 + \zeta^2) \varphi'' + 6(1 + \zeta^2) (\varphi')^2 - 8\zeta \varphi \varphi' + 2\varphi^2 + 4\nu_1 \varphi' + 2\nu_2 = 0 \quad (\text{D.16})$$

with the parameters

$$\nu_1 = \sum_{j=1}^4 b_j^2, \quad \nu_2 = \sum_{i<j} b_i^2 b_j^2, \quad \nu_3 = \sum_{i<j<k} b_i^2 b_j^2 b_k^2. \quad (\text{D.17})$$

Equation (D.16) can equivalently be written as

$$[(1 + \zeta^2) \varphi'']^2 + 4(\varphi')^3 + 4\varphi'(\zeta \varphi' - \varphi)^2 + 4\nu_1 (\varphi')^2 + 4\nu_2 \varphi' + 4\nu_3 = 0. \quad (\text{D.18})$$

The boundary condition at infinity reads:

$$\varphi(\zeta) \Big|_{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} \sim -(n - \nu)^2 \zeta (1 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^{-1})). \quad (\text{D.19})$$

Introducing the new function

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2i} \varphi(\zeta) \Big|_{\zeta = i(2t-1)}, \quad (\text{D.20})$$

one straightforwardly verifies that it satisfies the equation

$$[t(t-1)h'']^2 + h'[2h - (2t-1)h']^2 = \prod_{j=2}^4 (h' + b_j^2). \quad (\text{D.21})$$

This coincides with the σ form of the sixth Painlevé transcendent [Eq. (C.21)] with $b_1 = 0$.

E. Chazy I Equation as a Master Painlevé Equation

This Appendix, based on Chapter 6 of Forrester (2010) and Section 4.3 of Adler and van Moerbeke (2001), collects very basic facts on six Painlevé transcendents and a closely related differential equation belonging to Chazy I class (Cosgrove and Scoufis 1993).

E.1. Painlevé property and six Painlevé transcendents

Painlevé transcendents are second order differential equations of the form

$$y'' = F(t, y, y'), \quad (\text{E.1})$$

for which all movable singularities of $y(t)$ are limited to poles, given F is a rational function in all its arguments. Note that this requirement, known as the *Painlevé property*, does not rule out the existence of immovable (i.e. fixed) essential singularities. We remind that a singularity is called movable if its location depends on one or more integration constants.

Painlevé (1900, 1902) and Gambier (1910) have shown that the requirement that all movable singularities are restricted to poles leads to 50 types of equations, six of which cannot further be reduced to either (i) linear second order differential equations or (ii) the differential equation for the Weierstrass \mathcal{P} -function,

$$(y')^2 = 4y^3 - g_2 y - g_3, \quad (\text{E.2})$$

(g_2, g_3 are constants) or (iii) the Riccati equation

$$y' = a(t) y^2 + b(t) y + c(t), \quad (\text{E.3})$$

where $a(t)$, $b(t)$ and $c(t)$ are analytic functions of t . (The two later equations represent an irreducible class of first order differential equations of the form $P(t, y, y') = 0$ with

P being a polynomial in y' , y with coefficients meromorphic in t , such that $y(t)$ is free from movable essential singularities.)

Labeled P_I to P_{VI} , these six equations are explicitly given by

$$P_I \rightsquigarrow y'' = 6y^2 + t, \quad (\text{E.4})$$

$$P_{II} \rightsquigarrow y'' = 2y^3 + ty + \alpha, \quad (\text{E.5})$$

$$P_{III} \rightsquigarrow y'' = \frac{1}{y} (y')^2 - \frac{1}{t} y' + \alpha y^3 + \frac{1}{t} (\beta y^2 + \gamma) + \frac{\delta}{y}, \quad (\text{E.6})$$

$$P_{IV} \rightsquigarrow y'' = \frac{1}{2y} (y')^2 + \frac{3}{2} y^3 + 4ty^2 + 2(t^2 - \alpha)y + \frac{\beta}{y}, \quad (\text{E.7})$$

$$P_V \rightsquigarrow y'' = \left(\frac{1}{2y} + \frac{1}{1-y} \right) (y')^2 - \frac{1}{t} y' + \frac{(y-1)^2}{t^2} \left(\alpha y + \frac{\beta}{y} \right) + \frac{\gamma y}{t} + \frac{\delta y(y+1)}{y-1}, \quad (\text{E.8})$$

$$P_{VI} \rightsquigarrow y'' = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{y-1} + \frac{1}{y-t} \right) (y')^2 - \left(\frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{y-t} \right) y' + \frac{y(y-1)(y-t)}{t^2(t-1)^2} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta t}{y^2} + \frac{\gamma(t-1)}{(y-1)^2} + \frac{\delta t(t-1)}{(y-t)^2} \right). \quad (\text{E.9})$$

Here, α , β , γ and δ denote complex constants. The equations P_I , P_{II} , and P_{IV} have essential singularities at the point ∞ , the equations P_{III} and P_V have critical points 0 and ∞ , whilst the P_{VI} equation has critical points at 0, 1, and ∞ .

E.2. Hamiltonian formulation of of Painlevé transcendents and their Jimbo-Miwa-Okamoto σ forms

Each P_J of $P_I - P_{VI}$ is equivalent to a Hamiltonian system $\{Q, P, H_J\}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{Q} = +\frac{\partial H_J}{\partial P}, \\ \dot{P} = -\frac{\partial H_J}{\partial Q}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{E.10})$$

where \dot{Q} and \dot{P} denote derivatives with respect to t , and the Hamiltonian $H_J = H_J\{P, Q, t\}$ is a polynomial or rational function. The equation in canonical coordinate Q , obtained from Eq. (E.10) after eliminating canonical momentum P , is appropriate P_J equation. Existence of the Hamiltonian formulation of Painlevé equations can be traced back to absence of movable branch points in P_J (Malmquist 1922).

Explicit forms of the Hamiltonians H_J , as well as the differential equations satisfied by them, can be found in original papers of Okamoto (1980a, 1980b), see also Noumi (2004) and Chapter 6 of Forrester (2010). In the random-matrix-theory literature, the differential equations for H_J more often appear in the so-called Jimbo-Miwa-Okamoto σ -form:

$$\sigma P_I \rightsquigarrow (\sigma'_I)^2 + 4(\sigma'_I)^3 - 2(\sigma_I - t\sigma'_I) = 0, \quad (\text{E.11})$$

$$\sigma P_{II} \rightsquigarrow (\sigma''_{II})^2 + 4\sigma'_{II} \left[(\sigma'_{II})^2 - t\sigma'_{II} + \sigma_{II} \right] - b^2 = 0, \quad (\text{E.12})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma P_{III} \rightsquigarrow & (t\sigma''_{III})^2 + \sigma'_{III}(4\sigma'_{III} - 1)(\sigma_{III} - t\sigma'_{III}) \\ & + (\sigma'_{III})^2 \prod_{j=1}^2 b_j - \frac{1}{4^3} \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 b_j \right)^2 = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.13})$$

$$\sigma P_{IV} \rightsquigarrow (\sigma''_{IV})^2 - 4(\sigma_{IV} - t\sigma'_{IV})^2 + 4\sigma'_{IV} \prod_{j=1}^2 (\sigma'_{IV} + b_j) = 0, \quad (E.14)$$

$$\sigma P_V \rightsquigarrow (t\sigma''_V)^2 - \left[\sigma_V - t\sigma'_V + 2(\sigma'_V)^2 + \sigma'_V \sum_{j=1}^4 b_j \right]^2 + 4 \prod_{j=1}^4 (\sigma'_V + b_j) = 0, \quad (E.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma P_{VI} \rightsquigarrow \sigma'_{VI} [t(t-1)\sigma''_{VI}]^2 + \left[\sigma'_{VI} (2\sigma_{VI} - (2t-1)\sigma'_{VI}) + \prod_{j=1}^4 b_j \right]^2 \\ - \prod_{j=1}^4 (\sigma'_{VI} + b_j^2) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (E.16)$$

These follow from equations for the polynomial Hamiltonians after appropriate linear transformations of H_J (Forrester 2010).

E.3. Chazy classes and a master Painlevé equation

Differential equation belonging to Chazy classes (Chazy 1911) is the third order differential equation of the form

$$y''' = F(t, y, y', y'') \quad (E.17)$$

with F being a rational function in y, y' , and y'' and locally analytic in t , whose general solution is free of movable branch points. In his classification, Chazy discovered 13 irreducible classes (reviewed in Section 6 of Cosgrove (2000)), of which the class Chazy I is given by

$$y''' + \frac{P'}{P} y'' + \frac{6}{P} y'^2 - \frac{4P'}{P^2} y y' + \frac{P''}{P^2} y^2 + \frac{4Q}{P^2} y' - \frac{2Q'}{P^2} y + \frac{2R}{P^2} = 0 \quad (E.18)$$

with arbitrary polynomials $P(t)$, $Q(t)$ and $R(t)$ of third, second and first degree, respectively.

Cosgrove and Scoufis (1993) have proven that Chazy I equation (E.18) admits the first integral, which is of second order in y and quadratic in y'' ,

$$\begin{aligned} y''^2 + \frac{4}{P^2} \left[(P y'^2 + Q y' + R) y' - (P' y'^2 + Q' y' + R') y \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} (P'' y' + Q'') y^2 - \frac{1}{6} P''' y^3 + c \right] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (E.19)$$

c is the integration constant. They also show that this equation is the ‘master Painlevé equation’ because it unifies all of the six Painlevé transcendents into a single equation.

Making use of Eqs. (E.18) and (E.19) in conjunction with Eqs. (E.11) – (E.16), one readily verifies that σP_J can be brought to the Chazy I form (CP_J):

$$CP_I \rightsquigarrow \sigma'''_I + 6(\sigma'_I)^2 + t = 0, \quad (E.20)$$

$$CP_{II} \rightsquigarrow \sigma'''_{II} + 6(\sigma'_{II})^2 - 4t\sigma'_{II} + 2\sigma_{II} = 0, \quad (E.21)$$

$$CP_{III} \rightsquigarrow t^2\sigma'''_{III} + t\sigma''_{III} - 6t(\sigma'_{III})^2 + 4\sigma_{III}\sigma'_{III} + \left[t + \prod_{j=1}^2 b_j \right] \sigma'_{III} - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{III} = 0, \quad (E.22)$$

$$CP_{IV} \rightsquigarrow \sigma'''_{IV} + 6(\sigma'_{IV})^2 + 4 \left[\sum_{j=1}^2 b_j - t^2 \right] \sigma'_{IV} + 4t\sigma_{IV} + 2 \prod_{j=1}^2 b_j = 0, \quad (E.23)$$

$$CP_V \rightsquigarrow t^2\sigma'''_V + t\sigma''_V + 6t(\sigma'_V)^2 - 4\sigma_V\sigma'_V \quad (E.24)$$

$$+ \left[\left(t - \sum_{j=1}^4 b_j \right)^2 - 4 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} b_i b_j \right] \sigma'_V + \left[t - \sum_{j=1}^4 b_j \right] \sigma_V = 0, \quad (\text{E.25})$$

$$\begin{aligned} CP_{VI} \rightsquigarrow & [t(t-1)]^2 \sigma'''_{VI} + t(t-1)(2t-1) \sigma''_{VI} + 6t(t-1) (\sigma'_{VI})^2 \\ & - 4(2t-1) \sigma_{VI} \sigma'_{VI} + \sigma'_{VI} \sum_{j=1}^4 b_j^2 + 2\sigma_{VI}^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left[t \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} b_i^2 b_j^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq 4} b_i^2 b_j^2 b_k^2 \right] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.26})$$

F. Functions of Parabolic Cylinder and Two Related Integrals

In this Appendix, we collect some useful formulae related to the functions of parabolic cylinder and also treat two related integrals Eqs. (5.27) and (5.75) encountered in Section 5.

(i) *Integral representations, differential equation, and a Wronskian.*—The functions of parabolic cylinder $D_p(w)$ and $D_{-p-1}(iw)$ admit integral representations

$$D_p(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{-p-1/2} e^{-ip\pi/2} e^{w^2/4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx x^p e^{-x^2/2+ixw}, \quad \Re p > -1, \quad (\text{F.1})$$

$$D_{-p-1}(iw) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(p+1)} e^{w^2/4} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} dx x^p e^{-x^2/2-ixw}, \quad \Re p > -1, \quad (\text{F.2})$$

and are general, linear independent solutions to the equation

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dw^2} + \left(p + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{w^2}{4} \right) U = 0. \quad (\text{F.3})$$

The corresponding Wronskian is given by

$$\hat{W}_w [D_{-p-1}(w), D_p(iw)] = i^p. \quad (\text{F.4})$$

(ii) *Functional and recurrence identities.*—The following functional identity holds:

$$D_p(iw) = \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} [(-i)^p D_{-p-1}(w) + i^p D_{-p-1}(-w)]. \quad (\text{F.5})$$

In addition to the three term recurrence relation,

$$D_{p+1}(w) - wD_p(w) + pD_{p-1}(w) = 0, \quad (\text{F.6})$$

there exist two differential recurrence relations:

$$D'_p(w) + \frac{w}{2} D_p(w) - pD_{p-1}(w) = 0, \quad (\text{F.7})$$

$$D'_p(w) - \frac{w}{2} D_p(w) + D_{p+1}(w) = 0. \quad (\text{F.8})$$

(iii) *Asymptotic expansions.*—Throughout the paper we make use of the large- w asymptotic expansions:

- For $|\arg w| < 3\pi/4$:

$$D_p(w) \sim w^p e^{-w^2/4} \left[1 + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{w^2} \right) \right]. \quad (\text{F.9})$$

- For $\pi/4 < \arg w < 5\pi/4$:

$$D_p(w) \sim w^p e^{-w^2/4} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{w^2}\right) \right] - \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma(-p)} e^{i\pi p} w^{-p-1} e^{w^2/4} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{w^2}\right) \right]. \quad (\text{F.10})$$

- For $-5\pi/4 < \arg w < -\pi/4$:

$$D_p(w) \sim w^p e^{-w^2/4} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{w^2}\right) \right] - \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma(-p)} e^{-i\pi p} w^{-p-1} e^{w^2/4} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{w^2}\right) \right]. \quad (\text{F.11})$$

(iv) Integrals Eq. (5.27) and Eq. (5.75).—To calculate the integrals Eq. (5.27) and Eq. (5.75) encountered in Section 5, we first formulate the Lemma.

Lemma. Let $u_1(t)$ and $u_2(t)$ be linearly independent functions whose Wronskian is a constant:

$$\hat{W}_t[u_1, u_2] = u_1 u_2' - u_1' u_2 = w_0 \neq 0. \quad (\text{F.12})$$

Then,

$$\int \frac{dt}{(c_1 u_1(t) + c_2 u_2(t))^2} = \frac{\alpha_1 u_1(t) + \alpha_2 u_2(t)}{c_1 u_1(t) + c_2 u_2(t)}, \quad (\text{F.13})$$

where α_1 and α_2 are the constants satisfying the relation

$$c_1 \alpha_2 - c_2 \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{w_0}. \quad (\text{F.14})$$

Proof. Differentiate both sides of Eq. (F.13) and make use of Eq. (F.14).

Remark 1. The integral Eq. (5.27) follows from the Lemma upon the choice

$$u_1(t) = D_{-N-1}(t), \quad u_2(t) = D_N(it). \quad (\text{F.15})$$

Since $w_0 = i^N$, we conclude that

$$\int \frac{dt}{(c_1 D_{-N-1}(t) + c_2 D_N(it))^2} = \frac{\alpha_1 D_{-N-1}(t) + \alpha_2 D_N(it)}{c_1 D_{-N-1}(t) + c_2 D_N(it)}, \quad (\text{F.16})$$

where

$$c_1 \alpha_2 - c_2 \alpha_1 = (-i)^N. \quad (\text{F.17})$$

Remark 2. The integral Eq. (5.75) follows from the Lemma upon the choice

$$u_1(t) = D_{N-1}(t), \quad u_2(t) = D_{-N}(it). \quad (\text{F.18})$$

Since $w_0 = (-i)^N$, we conclude that

$$\int \frac{dt}{(c_1 D_{N-1}(t) + c_2 D_{-N}(it))^2} = \frac{\alpha_1 D_{N-1}(t) + \alpha_2 D_{-N}(it)}{c_1 D_{N-1}(t) + c_2 D_{-N}(it)}, \quad (\text{F.19})$$

where

$$c_1 \alpha_2 - c_2 \alpha_1 = i^N. \quad (\text{F.20})$$

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