

9- Difference equations & p-curvature

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$$\nabla = \partial + A$$

$$C_p(\nabla) = \nabla^p f \pmod{p} \quad \partial^p \equiv 0$$

$$p=2, \quad \nabla^2 f = (\partial + A)(\partial f + Af)$$

$$= \partial^2 f + (\partial A) f + 2A \partial f + A^2 f$$

$\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $0 \quad \quad \quad 0$

$$= (\partial A + A^2) f$$

Claim. $C_p(\nabla) \in \text{Mat}_N(\mathbb{F}_p(z_1, \dots, z_r)[s])$

\uparrow
new geometric
parameters

Th. (Ettinger - Varchenko) The following connections are \cong spectral (\pmod{p}) :

$$C_p(\nabla, s) \quad \text{and} \quad (s^{p-s}) \circ \nabla \circ F_p^{\leftarrow} \quad \text{Frobenius map}$$

$$F_p: z \mapsto z^p$$

Grothendieck, Katz (1970 Inv.

$$y' = \frac{1}{az} y, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \begin{matrix} \text{over } \mathbb{C} \\ \Rightarrow y = c z^{1/a} \end{matrix} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{doesn't lift}} \quad \text{mod } p : \quad y = z^b, \quad p \nmid b, \quad b z^{b-1} = \frac{1}{a} z^{b-1}, \quad ab \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$f(zq^{L_i}, a, q) \underset{z=0}{=} M_{L_i}(z, a, q) f(z, a, q), \quad L_i \in \text{Pic}(X) \quad (\dagger)$$

(Simpliest: $f(qz) = M(z) f(z)$)

$q \rightarrow ?$

1) $q \rightarrow 1$ in \mathbb{C} -norm

2) $q \rightarrow 1$ in p -adic norm

z - Kähler parameters of X (quantum parameters)

a - equivariant torus

t - character of cotangent fibers.

q - Bianchi / Integrability.

$$M_{L_2 L_1}(z) = M_{L_2}(zq^{L_1}) \cdot M_{L_1}(z)$$

$$= M_{L_1}(zq^{L_2}) \cdot M_{L_2}(z)$$

$q \rightarrow 1$

$$M_{L_2}(z) M_{L_1}(z) = M_{L_1}(z) M_{L_2}(z)$$

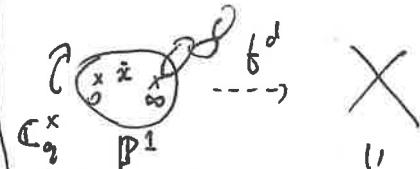
$M \rightarrow$ Lax Matrix for XXZ spin chain.

$$M_{L^P}(z) = M(zq^{(p-1)L}) \cdots M(zq^{2L}) M(zq^L) M_L(z)$$

$$[M_{L_1^P}, M_{L_2^P}] = 0.$$

$$M_L(z, a) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} M_L(z, a, q), \quad M_{L, \mathbb{F}_p}(z, a) = \lim_{q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p} M_{L^P}(z, a, q)$$

Quantum K-theory
(quasimaps)



$T^* \mathbb{P}^1 [u:v]$
 $T^* \text{Gr}_{k,n}$ hyper-Kähler

$$\frac{u}{v} = \frac{(x-e_1) \cdots (x-e_d)}{(x-t_1) \cdots (x-t_d)}$$

QM^d nonsingular, QM^d proper

capping operator

$$I(z, a, q) : \begin{matrix} \text{nonsing.} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{satisfies } (\dagger) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{proper} \\ \circ \\ \circ \end{matrix}$$

Th.1 Let $\{\lambda_i(z, a)\}$ be the eigenvalues of M_L , then

$\{\lambda_i(z^p, a^p)\}$ - the eigenvalues of M_{L, \mathfrak{I}_p} .

Th.2 $\Psi(z, a, q) \Psi^{-1}(z^p, a^p, q^{p^2})$ is finite as $q^p \rightarrow 1$



$$X = T^* \mathbb{P}^0, \quad \psi(zq) = \frac{1-z}{1-tz} \psi(z)$$

$$\psi(z) = \exp \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-t^m}{1-q^m} \frac{z^m}{m} \right)$$

$$1-a^p = (1-u)(1+u+\dots+u^{p-1})$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{C}^2 \\ \{ \end{cases} xy$$

$$xy = qy x$$

$$x^p y^p = q^{\textcircled{p}} y^p x^p$$

$$F_{\mathfrak{I}_p}(z) = \lim_{q \rightarrow \mathfrak{I}_p} \psi(z, a, q) \Psi^{-1}(z^p, a^p, q^{p^2})$$

$$F_{\mathfrak{I}_p}(z) = \exp \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-t^m}{m} z^m \delta_m \right), \quad \delta_m = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-\mathfrak{I}_p^m}, & p \nmid m \\ \frac{1-p}{2}, & p \mid m \end{cases}$$

Th3. $M_L(z^p) = F_{\mathfrak{I}_p}(z)^{-1} M_{L, \mathfrak{I}_p}(z) F_{\mathfrak{I}_p}(z)$.



$$C_p(\pi), \quad \pi^{p-1} = -p.$$

Lemma $(1 + \pi d + O(\pi^2))^p = 1 + \underbrace{\pi \pi d}_{-\pi^{p-1}} + \dots + \pi^p d^p = 1 + \pi^p (d^p - d)$

$$q = 1 + \pi + O(\pi^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^M L_i(z_p) &= \left({}^M L_i(z) q^{z_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}} \right)^p \\ &\equiv 1 + \pi^p (\nabla_i^p - \nabla_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} - \frac{s}{z_i} c_i(z)$$

$${}^M L_i(z^p) = 1 + c_i(z^p) \pi^p + \dots$$

$$\frac{{}^M L_i(z^p) - 1}{\pi^p} \equiv (s^p - s) c_i(z^p) \pmod{p}$$