

Bäcklund Transformation for the Restricted Modified Constrained KP Hierarchy

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1 Introduction

The Kadomtsev-Petviashvili Hierarchy (KP), which is a set of commuting flows, obtains its name from one of the flow contained in it and is a cornerstone in the integrable systems. Moreover, such hierarchy can be generated from a splitting of Lie algebra,^[1] for example, the AKNS hierarchy and the KdV hierarchy.

It is also known that the Matrix modified constrained KP hierarchy (Matrix mcKP) comes from a Lie algebra splitting and has some interesting flows, for example, the NLS hierarchy and the mKdV hierarchy.^[2] In this paper, we

- (1) add the restriction to the reality condition of the Matrix mcKP hierarchy and construct the Matrix restricted modified constrained KP hierarchy (Matrix rmcKP),
- (2) show that the Matrix rmcKP hierarchy, which is generated from a matrix Lax pair, is equivalent to the restricted modified constrained KP hierarchy (rmcKP), which is generated from a pseudodifferential Lax pair,
- (3) derive the Bäcklund Transformation (BT) for the Matrix rmcKP hierarchy.

The organization of this paper is as follows: In Section 2, we construct pseudodifferential constrained hierarchy, for example, the rmcKP hierarchy. In Section 3, we construct the Matrix rmcKP hierarchy from a splitting of Lie algebra. In Section 4, we show the equivalence of the Matrix rmcKP hierarchy and the rmcKP hierarchy. In section 5 and 6, we construct the BT for the Matrix rmcKP hierarchy and obtain the nontrivial new solution for the explicit cases.

2 Various Kadomtsev-Petviashvili Hierarchy

Pseudodifferential Operators and Flows

Let \mathcal{D} be the algebra of pseudodifferential operators and $\mathcal{D} = \{Y|Y(x) = \sum_{j \leq j_0} Y_j(x)\partial^j\}$. Let $\mathcal{D}_+ = \{Y \in \mathcal{D}|Y(x) = \sum_{j \geq 0} Y_j(x)\partial^j\}$ and $\mathcal{D}_- = \{Y \in \mathcal{D}|Y(x) = \sum_{j < 0} Y_j(x)\partial^j\}$ be subalgebras of \mathcal{D} , then $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_+ \oplus \mathcal{D}_-$ is a direct sum of linear subspaces, which is called a splitting of \mathcal{D} .

Set

$$\mathcal{M} = \{L \in \mathcal{D}|L = \partial + u_1\partial^{-1} + u_2\partial^{-2} + \dots\}.$$

Then the flow on \mathcal{M} is

$$L_{t_j} = [(L^j)_+, L]. \quad (2.1)$$

The flow generated from (2.1) is called the *Kadomtsev-Petviashvili hierarchy* (KP).^[3] Combining the second and third flows in (2.1), we get the KP equation:^[2]

$$3u_{1t_2t_2} = \left(\frac{4}{3}u_{1t_3} - \frac{1}{3}u_{1xxx} - 4u_1u_{1x}\right)_x. \quad (2.2)$$

Moreover, a direct computation shows that

$$L_{t_j}^n = [(L^j)_+, L^n], \quad (2.3)$$

and the right hand side of (2.3) starts from the power ∂^{n-2} , so L^n can be written as

$$L^n = \partial^n + u_{n-2}\partial^{n-2} + \dots. \quad (2.4)$$

It is known that invariant submanifolds \mathcal{N} of \mathcal{M} give new hierarchy, i.e., let θ be a vector field on a manifold \mathcal{M} , then $\theta(p) \in T\mathcal{N}_p$ for all $p \in \mathcal{N}$ and the flow on \mathcal{M} : $x_t = \theta(x(t))$ restricts to a flow on \mathcal{N} .^[2] See the following examples for details.

2.1 Example

2.1.1 KdV and mKdV Hierarchy^[4]

Let $\mathcal{N}_{KdV} = \{L \in \mathcal{M}|L^2 = (L^2)_+ = \partial^2 + u\}$. Then we get the $(2j-1)$ -th flow and the third flow is the KdV equation:

$$u_{t_3} = \frac{1}{4}u_{xxx} + \frac{3}{2}uu_x. \quad (2.5)$$

Let $\mathcal{N}_{mKdV} = \{L \in \mathcal{N}_{KdV}|L^2 = (\partial - v)(\partial + v) = \partial^2 + v_x - v^2\}$ and the third flow is the mKdV equation:

$$v_{t_3} = \frac{1}{4}v_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2}v^2v_x. \quad (2.6)$$

It follows that if v is a solution of the mKdV, then $u = v_x - v^2$ is a solution of the KdV (the Miura transformation).^[5] Moreover, let $L^2 = (\partial + v)(\partial - v) = \partial^2 - v_x - v^2$, then $\tilde{u} = -v_x - v^2$ is a new solution of the KdV.

2.1.2 Gelfand-Dickey Hierarchy (GD_n)^[6]

$\mathcal{N}_n = \{L \in \mathcal{M} | L^n = (L^n)_+ = \partial^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} u_i \partial^{i-1}\}$. Then we get the j -th ($j \not\equiv 0 \pmod n$) flow, which is called the GD_n hierarchy. If we factor L^n as $L^n = (\partial - v_n) \cdots (\partial - v_1)$, then (2.3) gives the modified hierarchy (mGD_n). If v_1, \dots, v_n is a solution of the mGD_n hierarchy, then u_0, \dots, u_{n-1} is a solution of the GD_n hierarchy (the Miura transformation). Moreover, if $L^n = (\partial - v_n) \cdots (\partial - v_1)$ is a solution of the j -th mGD_n flow, then $\tilde{L}^n = (\partial - v_{n-1}) \cdots (\partial - v_1)(\partial - v_n)$ is a new solution of (2.3) (the Bäcklund transformation).^[7]

2.1.3 Modified Constrained KP Hierarchy (mcKP)^[2]

Let $\mathcal{N}_{\text{mcKP}} = \{L \in \mathcal{M} | L^{k+1} = (\partial - u_{k+1})(\partial - u_k) \cdots (\partial - u_2)(\partial - u_1 - \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \partial^{-1} r_i)\}$, and (2.3) gives the modified constrained KP hierarchy (mcKP). $\mathcal{N}_{\text{mcKP}}$ is invariant under the KP flows, and next we will consider the restricted case of the mcKP hierarchy.

2.1.4 Restricted Modified Constrained KP Hierarchy (rmcKP)

Let $\mathcal{N}_{\text{rmcKP}} = \{L \in \mathcal{N}_{\text{mcKP}} | L^{k+1} = (\partial + \bar{u}_2)(\partial + \bar{u}_3) \cdots (\partial - u_2)(\partial - u_1 + \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \partial^{-1} \bar{q}_i)\}$, where u_1 is a pure imaginary function, $u_i = -\bar{u}_{k+3-i}$, $2 \leq i \leq k+1$, and $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} u_i = 0$. In Section 4, we will use the algebra method to prove that $\mathcal{N}_{\text{rmcKP}}$ is also invariant under the KP flows and then (2.3) gives the rmcKP hierarchy.

Next, we will consider the algebra structure of the rmcKP hierarchy.

3 Matrix rmcKP hierarchy

In this section, we use the Lie algebra splitting to construct the Matrix rmcKP hierarchy.

Let

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \text{diag}(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^k), \quad \alpha = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k+1}},$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ 0 & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}_{k+1},$$

where m and k are nonnegative integers. Note that $C^{k+1} = I_{m+k+1}$ and $S^2 = I_{m+k+1}$. Let τ be the automorphism of $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{sl}(m+k+1))$ and $\mathcal{L} = \{A(\lambda) \in$

$\mathcal{L}(sl(m+k+1)|\tau(A(\alpha\lambda)) = CA(\alpha\lambda)C^{-1} = A(\lambda))$. An earlier paper shows that Matrix mCKP hierarchy is generated from the splitting of \mathcal{L} .^[2] Consider the splitting:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}^\sigma = \{A \in \mathcal{L} | \sigma(A(-\lambda)) = -S(\overline{A(-\bar{\lambda})})^T S^{-1} = A(\lambda)\}, \\ \mathcal{L}_+^\sigma = \{A \in \mathcal{L}^\sigma | A(\lambda) = \sum_{j \geq 0} A_j \lambda^j\}, \\ \mathcal{L}_-^\sigma = \{A \in \mathcal{L}^\sigma | A(\lambda) = \sum_{j < 0} A_j \lambda^j\}. \end{cases}$$

A direct computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(A_j) &= CA_j C^{-1}, \\ \sigma(A_j) &= -S \bar{A}_j^T S^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

then

$$sl(m+k+1) = \mathcal{G}'_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{G}'_k = \mathcal{G}_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{G}_k,$$

where \mathcal{G}'_j is the eigenspace of τ with the eigenvalue α^{-j} , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{G}'_j = \{A_j \in sl(m+k+1) | CA_j C^{-1} = \alpha^{-j} A_j, 0 \leq j \leq k\},$$

and where \mathcal{G}_j is the eigenspace of τ with the eigenvalue α^{-j} while σ with the eigenvalue $(-1)^j$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{G}_j = \{A_j \in sl(m+k+1) | CA_j C^{-1} = \alpha^{-j} A_j, -S \bar{A}_j^T S^{-1} = (-1)^j A_j, 0 \leq j \leq k\}.$$

Then we obtain the form of $\mathcal{G}'_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, where $A_{11} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, $A_{12} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times (k+1)}$, $A_{21} \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times m}$, $A_{22} \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$, satisfying

$$A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0_{m \times k} \end{pmatrix}, A_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 0_{k \times m} \end{pmatrix}, A_{22} = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_{k+1}),$$

and $\mathcal{G}_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, $A_{11} = -\bar{A}_{11}^T$, $A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0_{m \times k} \end{pmatrix}$, $A_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{q}^T \\ 0_{k \times m} \end{pmatrix}$, $A_{22} = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_{k+1})$, where a_1 is a pure imaginary function.

Let $J = a\lambda$, where

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 0_m & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{k+1}.$$

Then $\mathcal{J} = \{J^j | j \geq 1, j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{k+1} \text{ and } j \text{ is odd}\}$ is a vacuum sequence. A direct computation shows that the phase space is

$$\mathcal{M} = \{(gJg^{-1})_+ | g \in L_-^\sigma\} = a\lambda + \mathcal{U},$$

where

$$\mathcal{U} = \left\{ U \middle| U_{11} = 0, U_{12} = (q \quad 0_{m \times k}), U_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{q}^T \\ 0_{k \times m} \end{pmatrix}, U_{22} = \text{diag}(u_1, \dots, u_{k+1}) \right\},$$

and $q = (q_1, \dots, q_m)^T$ is a vector, u_1 is a pure imaginary function, $u_i = -\bar{u}_{k+3-i}$, $2 \leq i \leq k+1$. Moreover,

$$\mathcal{U}' = \left\{ U \middle| U_{11} = 0, U_{12} = (q \quad 0_{m \times k}), U_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 0_{k \times m} \end{pmatrix}, U_{22} = \text{diag}(u_1, \dots, u_{k+1}) \right\},$$

where $q = (q_1, \dots, q_m)^T$, $r = (r_1, \dots, r_m)^T$.

Given a smooth $U : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, there exists a unique $Q_1(U) \in \mathcal{L}$, s.t.

$$\begin{cases} [\partial_x - (a\lambda + U), Q_1(U)] = 0, \\ Q_1(U)^{k+2-\delta_m} = Q_1(U)^{1-\delta_m} \lambda^{k+1} I_{m+k+1}, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$\delta_m = \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0, \\ 0, & m \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Let $Q_1^j(U)$ be a polynomial of the form

$$Q_1^j(U) = a^j \lambda^j + \sum_{l < j} Q_{j,l}(U) \lambda^l,$$

then the flow generated by J^j is

$$\begin{aligned} U_{t_j} &= [\partial_x - (a\lambda + U), Q_1^j(U)_+] \\ &= [\partial_x - U, Q_{j,0}(U)]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

This gives the Matrix rmckP hierarchy.

Next, we compute some examples:

(1) $k = 0$, the phase space is

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ a\lambda + \begin{pmatrix} & 0_m & \begin{matrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_m \end{matrix} \\ -\bar{q}_1 & \cdots & -\bar{q}_m & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

The third flow is

$$q_{it_3} = q_{ixxx} + 3q_i \sum_{l=1}^m \bar{q}_l q_{lx} + 3q_{ix} \sum_{l=1}^m |q_l|^2 \quad (1 \leq i \leq m).$$

Note that $m = 1$ gives the NLS:

$$q_{t_3} = q_{xxx} + 6|q|^2 q_x. \quad (3.3)$$

(2) $k = 1$, the phase space is

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ a\lambda + \begin{pmatrix} & & q_1 & 0 \\ & 0_m & \vdots & 0 \\ -\bar{q}_1 & \cdots & -\bar{q}_m & u \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

The third flow is

$$\begin{cases} q_{it_3} = q_{ixxx} + \frac{3}{4}q_i \left(\sum_{l=1}^m (\bar{q}_l q_{lx} - q_l \bar{q}_{lx} - 2|q_l|^2 u) - (u_{xx} + 2uu_x) \right) \\ \quad + \frac{3}{2}q_{ix} \left(\sum_{l=1}^m |q_l|^2 - (u_x + u^2) \right) \quad (1 \leq i \leq m) \\ u_{t_3} = \frac{1}{4}u_{xxx} + \frac{3}{4} \sum_{l=1}^m (\bar{q}_l q_{lxx} - q_l \bar{q}_{lxx}) - \frac{3}{2}u^2 u_x. \end{cases},$$

Moreover, $m = 0$ gives the complex mKdV:

$$u_{t_3} = \frac{1}{4}u_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2}u^2 u_x. \quad (3.4)$$

4 Equivalence

Theorem 4.1: ^[2] Let $P_U = \partial_x - (a\lambda + U)$, $U \in \mathcal{U}'$ be a solution of the Matrix mcKP hierarchy, where a and \mathcal{U}' are defined as in Section 3, then $L^{k+1} = (-1)^{k+1}(\partial + v_2)(\partial + v_3) \cdots (\partial + v_{k+1})(\partial + v_1 - \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \partial^{-1} r_i)$ is a solution of the mcKP hierarchy, and vice versa.

Theorem 4.2: Let $P_U = \partial_x - (a\lambda + U)$, $U \in \mathcal{U}$ be a solution of the Matrix rmKP hierarchy (3.2), where a and \mathcal{U} are defined as in Section 3, then $L^{k+1} = (-1)^{k+1}(\partial + v_2)(\partial + v_3) \cdots (\partial - \bar{v}_3)(\partial - \bar{v}_2)(\partial + v_1 + \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \partial^{-1} \bar{q}_i)$ with v_1 a pure imaginary function, is a solution of the rmKP hierarchy, and vice versa.

Proof: Recall that the rmKP hierarchy is the mcKP hierarchy with the restriction: v_1 is a pure imaginary function, $v_i = -\bar{v}_{k+3-i}$, $2 \leq i \leq k+1$, and $r_i = -\bar{q}_i$, $1 \leq i \leq m$. With this restriction, the Matrix mcKP hierarchy turns into the Matrix rmKP hierarchy. Using Theorem 4.1, we finish the proof. \square

5 Bäcklund Transformation

Given a smooth $U : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, then the following statements are equivalent:

(1) U is a solution of (3.2),

(2)

$$\begin{cases} E_x E^{-1} = a\lambda + U, \\ E_{t_j} E^{-1} = Q_1^j(U)_+, \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

is solvable for any initial data $E(0, 0) = c \in L_+$.

The solution of (5.1) is called an *frame* for U , and the solution with $c = e$ is the *normalized frame*. Note that $U = 0$ is a solution for the j -th flow and its corresponding normalized frame is $E(x, t_j) = \exp(J_1 x + J^j t_j)$ (the *vacuum frame*).

Theorem 5.1: ^[8, 9] *Let U be a solution of the flow (3.2) generated by J^j and E be the frame of U . Given $f \in L_-$, then there is an open subset \mathcal{O} of the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 such that*

$$E(x, t_j) f^{-1} = \tilde{f}^{-1}(x, t_j) \tilde{E}(x, t_j), \quad (5.2)$$

where $\tilde{E}(x, t_j) \in L_+$ and $\tilde{f}(x, t_j) \in L_-$ for $(x, t_j) \in \mathcal{O}$.

Moreover,

- (1) \tilde{U} satisfying $\tilde{E}_x \tilde{E}^{-1} = a\lambda + \tilde{U}$ is a solution of the flow (3.2) and \tilde{E} is the frame of \tilde{U} ,
- (2) $f * U = \tilde{U}$ defines an action of L_- on the space of solutions of the flow (3.2) and $f * E = \tilde{E}$ defines an action of L_- on the corresponding frames,
- (3) $f * J$ is given explicitly in terms of exponential functions and is a soliton solution,
- (4) let $L(G)$ be the group of smooth maps f from S^1 to a complex Lie group G . If L is a subgroup of $L(G)$, $f \in L_-$ is a rational element with poles and $\tilde{f}(x, t_j) \in L_-$ is rational and has the same poles as f , then $f * U$ can be computed explicitly using E and poles of f .

Recall that L is the group of smooth maps f from S^1 to G and satisfies $\tau(f(\alpha\lambda)) = C f(\alpha\lambda) C^{-1} = f(\lambda)$, and L^σ is a subgroup of L and satisfies $\sigma(f(-\lambda)) = S(\overline{f(-\bar{\lambda})})^{-T} S^{-1} = f(\lambda)$, i.e., $L^\sigma = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow SL(m+k+1) | f(\lambda) = C f(\alpha\lambda) C^{-1}, f(\lambda) S(\overline{f(-\bar{\lambda})})^T S^{-1} = I\}$. Let L_+^σ be the subgroup of $f \in L^\sigma$ that can be extended holomorphically to $|\lambda| < 1$, and L_-^σ be the subgroup of $f \in L^\sigma$ that can be extended holomorphically to $|\lambda| > 1$ and $f(\infty) = I$. Next, we construct the BT for the Matrix rmCKP hierarchy for $k = 0, 1$, and we can use the same argument for any positive k .

5.1 BT for $k = 0$

Theorem 5.2: *Let $L^\sigma = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow SL(m+1) | f(\lambda) (\overline{f(-\bar{\lambda})})^T = I\}$. Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}i$, π be the Hermitian projection of \mathbb{C}^{m+1} and $\pi^\perp = I - \pi$. Let*

$$f(\lambda) = f_{z, \pi}(\lambda) = \pi + \frac{\lambda + \bar{z}}{\lambda - z} \pi^\perp.$$

Then $f \in L_-^\sigma$.

Theorem 5.3: Let $U \in \mathcal{U}$ be a solution of the Matrix rmKP hierarchy with a Baker function, and E be the corresponding frame defined on an open neighborhood of $(0,0)$. Let z and π be defined as in Theorem 5.2. Let

$\tilde{\pi}(x, t)$ be the Hermitian projection onto $E(x, t, z)(\text{Im}\pi)$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{E}(x, t, \lambda) &= \tilde{f}(x, t, \lambda)E(x, t, \lambda)f^{-1}(\lambda) \\ &= (\tilde{\pi} + \frac{\lambda + \bar{z}}{\lambda - z}\tilde{\pi}^\perp)E(x, t, \lambda)(\pi + \frac{\lambda - z}{\lambda + \bar{z}}\pi^\perp)\end{aligned}$$

is the corresponding frame for the new solution \tilde{U} .

Next, we derive the new solution \tilde{U} . Let $\tilde{E}_x\tilde{E}^{-1} = a\lambda + \tilde{U}$. According to $\tilde{E} = \tilde{f}Ef^{-1}$ and $E_xE^{-1} = a\lambda + U$, we have $\tilde{f}_x\tilde{f}^{-1} + \tilde{f}(a\lambda + U)\tilde{f}^{-1} = a\lambda + \tilde{U}$. Multiply both sides with \tilde{f} on the right, we have

$$\tilde{f}_x + \tilde{f}(a\lambda + U) = (a\lambda + \tilde{U})\tilde{f}.$$

Set $\lambda = z, -\bar{z}$ in the above equation, we have

$$\begin{cases} -\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\pi}^\perp(az + U) = (az + \tilde{U})\tilde{\pi}^\perp, \\ \tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\pi}(-a\bar{z} + U) = (-a\bar{z} + \tilde{U})\tilde{\pi}. \end{cases}$$

Add the two equation, we have

$$\tilde{U} = U + (z + \bar{z})[a, \tilde{\pi}]. \quad (5.3)$$

Hence, we get \tilde{U} .

5.2 BT for $k = 1$

For $k = 1$, the reality condition is $f(\lambda)\overline{(f(-\bar{\lambda}))^T} = I$, $f(\lambda) = Cf(-\lambda)C^{-1}$. Note that if $f \in L_-^\sigma$ has two simple poles in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}i$, then it follows from the reality condition that the poles of f must be $z, -z$. Hence, we need two factors to generate f , i.e., let

$$f_{z,\pi}(\lambda) = \pi + \frac{\lambda + \bar{z}}{\lambda - z}\pi^\perp,$$

where $\pi^\perp = I - \pi$, then $f = f_{-z,\rho}f_{z,\pi}$ for some Hermitian projections π, ρ . To find such f that lies in L_-^σ , we need the permutability formula for G_-^m , where

$$G^m = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow SL(m+2) | f(\lambda)\overline{(f(-\bar{\lambda}))^T} = I\}.$$

Lemma 5.4: ^[10] (Permutability Theorem) Given f_{z_j, π_j} in G_-^m with $z_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}i$ for $j = 1, 2$ and $z_1 \neq z_2, -\bar{z}_2$, let ρ_1 be the Hermitian projection of \mathbb{C}^{m+2} onto $f_{z_2, \pi_2}(z_1)(\text{Im}\pi_1)$ and ρ_2 be the Hermitian projection onto $f_{z_1, \pi_1}(z_2)(\text{Im}\pi_2)$. Then

$$f_{z_2, \rho_2} f_{z_1, \pi_1} = f_{z_1, \rho_1} f_{z_2, \pi_2}.$$

Moreover, such factorization is unique.

Theorem 5.5: Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}i$, π be a Hermitian projection of \mathbb{C}^{m+2} and ρ be the Hermitian projection onto $f_{z, \pi}(-z)(\text{Im}C\pi C^{-1})$. Let

$$f(\lambda) = f_{-z, \rho}(\lambda) f_{z, \pi}(\lambda).$$

Then $f \in L_-^\sigma$.

Proof: Let $z_2 = -z_1 = -z$ and $C\pi_2 C^{-1} = \pi_1 = \pi$. By Lemma 5.4, we have

$$f_{-z, \rho_2} f_{z, \pi} = f_{z, \rho_1} f_{-z, C\pi C^{-1}},$$

where

$$\text{Im}\rho_1 = f_{-z, C\pi C^{-1}}(z)(\text{Im}\pi),$$

$$\text{Im}\rho_2 = f_{z, \pi}(-z)(\text{Im}C\pi C^{-1}).$$

Since $f_{z, \pi}(-z) = C f_{-z, C\pi C^{-1}}(z) C^{-1}$, we have

$$\rho_2 = C\rho_1 C^{-1} = \rho.$$

In other words, we have

$$f(\lambda) = f_{-z, \rho}(\lambda) f_{z, \pi}(\lambda) = f_{z, C\rho C^{-1}}(\lambda) f_{-z, C\pi C^{-1}}(\lambda),$$

which implies that f satisfies the Matrix rmckP hierarchy reality condition. \square

Theorem 5.6: Let $U \in \mathcal{U}$ be a solution of the Matrix rmckP hierarchy with a Baker function, and E be the corresponding frame defined on an open neighborhood of $(0, 0)$. Let z , π and ρ be defined as in Theorem 5.5. Let

$\tilde{\pi}(x, t)$ be the Hermitian projection onto $E(x, t, z)(\text{Im}\pi)$,

$\tilde{\rho}(x, t)$ be the Hermitian projection onto $E_1(x, t, -z)(\text{Im}\rho)$,

where $E_1(x, t, \lambda) = f_{z, \tilde{\pi}}(\lambda) E(x, t, \lambda) f_{z, \pi}^{-1}(\lambda)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}(x, t, \lambda) &= \tilde{f}(x, t, \lambda) E(x, t, \lambda) f^{-1}(\lambda) \\ &= f_{-z, \tilde{\rho}}(\lambda) f_{z, \tilde{\pi}}(\lambda) E(x, t, \lambda) f_{z, \pi}^{-1}(\lambda) f_{-z, \rho}^{-1}(\lambda) \\ &= (\tilde{\rho} + \frac{\lambda - \bar{z}}{\lambda + z} \tilde{\rho}^\perp) (\tilde{\pi} + \frac{\lambda + \bar{z}}{\lambda - z} \tilde{\pi}^\perp) E(x, t, \lambda) \\ &\quad (\pi + \frac{\lambda - z}{\lambda + \bar{z}} \pi^\perp) (\rho + \frac{\lambda + z}{\lambda - \bar{z}} \rho^\perp) \end{aligned}$$

is the corresponding frame for the new solution \tilde{U} .

Proof: First, we prove that $Im\tilde{\rho} = f_{z,\tilde{\pi}}(-z)(ImC\tilde{\pi}C^{-1})$. From $Im\rho = f_{z,\pi}(-z)(ImC\pi C^{-1})$ and $Im\tilde{\rho} = f_{z,\tilde{\pi}}(-z)E(-z)f_{z,\pi}^{-1}(-z)(Im\rho)$, we know that $Im\tilde{\rho} = f_{z,\tilde{\pi}}(-z)E(-z)(ImC\pi C^{-1}) = f_{z,\tilde{\pi}}(-z)E(-z)C(Im\pi)$. Since $E(z) = CE(-z)C^{-1}$ and $Im\tilde{\pi} = E(x,t,z)(Im\pi)$, we have

$$Im\tilde{\rho} = f_{z,\tilde{\pi}}(-z)C(Im\tilde{\pi}) = f_{z,\tilde{\pi}}(-z)(ImC\tilde{\pi}C^{-1}).$$

Second, we prove that $\tilde{E}(x,t,\lambda)$ is holomorphic. Note that \tilde{E} is holomorphic in $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm z, \pm \bar{z}\}$. From $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}i$, we know that \tilde{E} only has possible poles at $\lambda = \pm z, \pm \bar{z}$ with power 1. Compute the residue of \tilde{E} at $\lambda = \pm z, \pm \bar{z}$ respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} Res(\tilde{E}(z)) &= (z + \bar{z})(\tilde{\rho} + \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2z}\tilde{\rho}^\perp)\tilde{\pi}^\perp E(z)\pi(\rho + \frac{2z}{z - \bar{z}}\rho^\perp), \\ Res(\tilde{E}(-z)) &= -(z + \bar{z})\tilde{\rho}^\perp(\tilde{\pi} + \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2z}\tilde{\pi}^\perp)E(-z)(\pi + \frac{2z}{z - \bar{z}}\pi^\perp)\rho, \\ Res(\tilde{E}(\bar{z})) &= (z + \bar{z})\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{\pi} + \frac{2\bar{z}}{\bar{z} - z}\tilde{\pi}^\perp)E(\bar{z})(\pi + \frac{\bar{z} - z}{2\bar{z}}\pi^\perp)\rho^\perp, \\ Res(\tilde{E}(-\bar{z})) &= -(z + \bar{z})(\tilde{\rho} + \frac{2\bar{z}}{\bar{z} - z}\tilde{\rho}^\perp)\tilde{\pi}E(-\bar{z})\pi^\perp(\rho + \frac{\bar{z} - z}{2\bar{z}}\rho^\perp). \end{aligned}$$

Since $E(z)(\overline{E(-\bar{z})})^T = I$, a direct computation shows that $Res(\tilde{E}(\lambda))$ is equal to zero at $\lambda = \pm z, \pm \bar{z}$. Hence, \tilde{E} is holomorphic in $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Third, we prove that $\tilde{E}(x,t,\lambda)$ is an frame. Let $\tilde{E}_x\tilde{E}^{-1} = a\lambda + \tilde{U}$, and $M \in L_-^\sigma$ be a Baker function for U . Then $M(\partial_x - J)M^{-1} = \partial_x - (J + U)$ and $M(\partial_{t_j} - J^j)M^{-1} = \partial_{t_j} - (Q_1^j(U))_+^{[2]}$. Hence, \tilde{E} is the frame for \tilde{U} .

Next, we derive the new solution \tilde{U} . Recall that

$$\tilde{f}_x + \tilde{f}(a\lambda + U) = (a\lambda + \tilde{U})\tilde{f}.$$

Set $\lambda = \pm z, \pm \bar{z}$ in the above equation, we have

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} & (z + \bar{z})(\tilde{\rho}_x\tilde{\pi}^\perp - \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}^\perp(az + U)) + (z - \bar{z})(-\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\pi}^\perp(az + U)) \\ &= (z + \bar{z})(az + \tilde{U})\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}^\perp + (z - \bar{z})(az + \tilde{U})\tilde{\pi}^\perp, \\ & (z + \bar{z})(-\tilde{\rho}_x\tilde{\pi} + \tilde{\rho}^\perp\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\rho}^\perp\tilde{\pi}(-az + U)) + (z - \bar{z})(-\tilde{\rho}_x + \tilde{\rho}^\perp(-az + U)) \\ &= (z + \bar{z})(-az + \tilde{U})\tilde{\rho}^\perp\tilde{\pi} + (z - \bar{z})(-az + \tilde{U})\tilde{\rho}^\perp, \\ & (z + \bar{z})(\tilde{\rho}_x\tilde{\pi} + \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}(a\bar{z} + U)) - 2\bar{z}(\tilde{\rho}_x + \tilde{\rho}(a\bar{z} + U)) \\ &= (z + \bar{z})(a\bar{z} + \tilde{U})\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi} - 2\bar{z}(a\bar{z} + \tilde{U})\tilde{\rho}, \\ & (z + \bar{z})(\tilde{\rho}_x\tilde{\pi} + \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}(-a\bar{z} + U)) - 2\bar{z}(\tilde{\pi}_x + \tilde{\pi}(-a\bar{z} + U)) \\ &= (z + \bar{z})(-a\bar{z} + \tilde{U})\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi} - 2\bar{z}(-a\bar{z} + \tilde{U})\tilde{\pi}. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Add the first two and the last two equation respectively, we have

$$\begin{cases} (\tilde{\rho}_x - \tilde{\pi}_x) + z[\tilde{\rho}, a] - (z + \bar{z})[\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}, a] + \frac{2\bar{z}^2 - z^2 + |z|^2}{z + \bar{z}}[\tilde{\pi}, a] + \\ (\tilde{\rho} - \tilde{\pi} + \frac{z - \bar{z}}{z + \bar{z}}I)U = \tilde{U}(\tilde{\rho} - \tilde{\pi} + \frac{z - \bar{z}}{z + \bar{z}}I), \\ (\tilde{\rho}_x - \tilde{\pi}_x) + z[\tilde{\pi}, a] - (z + \bar{z})[\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\pi}, a] + \frac{2\bar{z}^2 - z^2 + |z|^2}{z + \bar{z}}[\tilde{\rho}, a] + \\ (\tilde{\rho} - \tilde{\pi} - \frac{z - \bar{z}}{z + \bar{z}}I)U = \tilde{U}(\tilde{\rho} - \tilde{\pi} - \frac{z - \bar{z}}{z + \bar{z}}I). \end{cases} \quad (5.4)$$

The first equation minus the second equation of (5.4), we have

$$\tilde{U} = U + (z + \bar{z})[a, \tilde{\pi} - \tilde{\rho}]. \quad (5.5)$$

Hence, we get \tilde{U} . \square

For $k > 1$, let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}i$ and $\alpha^j z \neq -\alpha^l \bar{z}$ for $0 \leq j, l \leq k$. Let π_j be a Hermitian projection of \mathbb{C}^{m+k+1} and $\pi_j^\perp = I - \pi_j$. Let

$$f_{z_j, \pi_j}(\lambda) = \pi_j + \frac{\lambda + \bar{z}}{\lambda - z} \pi_j^\perp.$$

Still, we can factor $f \in L_-^\sigma$ as

$$f(\lambda) = f_{\alpha^k z, \pi_k}(\lambda) \cdots f_{\alpha z, \pi_1}(\lambda) f_{z, \pi_0}(\lambda).$$

Use the permutability theorem (Lemma 5.4) repeatedly, we can construct the BT to obtain the new solution, but the computation is much more complicated.

Theorem 5.7: ^[11] (Scaling Transformation) Let $U(x, t)$ be a solution of the j -th Matrix rmKP flow, and $E(x, t, \lambda)$ be the corresponding frame. Let $r \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 0$, and $G(r) = \text{diag}(I_m, 1, r, \dots, r^k)$. Then

(1) $\tilde{U}(x, t) = rU(rx, r^j t)$ is a solution of the j -th Matrix rmKP flow,

(2) $\tilde{E}(x, t, \lambda) = G(r)E(rx, r^j t, r^{-1}\lambda)G(r)^{-1}$ is a frame of \tilde{U} .

Hence, the scaling transformation gives the BT for the Matrix rmKP with arbitrary non-zero parameter $r^{-1}\lambda$.

6 Example

In this section, we apply the BT for the explicit Matrix rmKP hierarchy where $k = 0, 1$. We start from $U = 0$, so we need the corresponding normalized frame E .

Let $N = \text{diag}(e^{\lambda x + \lambda^j t}, e^{\alpha \lambda x + \alpha^j \lambda^j t}, \dots, e^{\alpha^k \lambda x + \alpha^{kj} \lambda^j t})$,

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha & \cdots & \alpha^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha^k & \cdots & \alpha^{k^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the normalized frame $E(x, t, \lambda)$ for the Matrix rmKP hierarchy is

$$E(x, t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \\ & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \\ & N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \\ & V^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

6.1 $k = 0$

The normalized frame is

$$E(x, t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \\ & e^{\lambda x + \lambda^j t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Given $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}i$ and $Im\pi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{m+1})^T$, $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{m+1} \neq 0$, a direct computation shows that

$$Im\tilde{\pi} = E(z)(Im\pi) = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{m+1})^T,$$

$$\tilde{\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} |\eta_1|^2 & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_2 & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_3 & \cdots & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_{m+1} \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_2 & |\eta_2|^2 & \eta_2 \bar{\eta}_3 & \cdots & \eta_2 \bar{\eta}_{m+1} \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_3 & \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_3 & |\eta_3|^2 & \cdots & \eta_3 \bar{\eta}_{m+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_{m+1} & \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_{m+1} & \bar{\eta}_3 \eta_{m+1} & \cdots & |\eta_{m+1}|^2 \end{pmatrix} / n,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_r &= \xi_r \quad (1 \leq r \leq m), \\ \eta_{m+1} &= \xi_{m+1} e^{zx + z^3 t}, \\ n &= \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} |\eta_l|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the new solution is

$$\tilde{q}_r = -(z + \bar{z}) \frac{\eta_r \bar{\eta}_{m+1}}{n} \quad (1 \leq r \leq m).$$

6.2 $k = 1$

The normalized frame is

$$E(x, t, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \\ & \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\lambda x + \lambda^j t) & \sinh(\lambda x + \lambda^j t) \\ \sinh(\lambda x + \lambda^j t) & \cosh(\lambda x + \lambda^j t) \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Given $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}i$ and $Im\pi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{m+2})^T$, $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{m+2} \neq 0$, a

direct computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
Im\tilde{\pi} &= E(z)(Im\pi) = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{m+2})^T, \\
\tilde{\pi} &= \begin{pmatrix} |\eta_1|^2 & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_2 & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_3 & \cdots & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_{m+2} \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_2 & |\eta_2|^2 & \eta_2 \bar{\eta}_3 & \cdots & \eta_2 \bar{\eta}_{m+2} \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_3 & \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_3 & |\eta_3|^2 & \cdots & \eta_3 \bar{\eta}_{m+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_{m+2} & \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_{m+2} & \bar{\eta}_3 \eta_{m+2} & \cdots & |\eta_{m+2}|^2 \end{pmatrix} / n, \\
\tilde{\rho} &= \begin{pmatrix} |\eta_1|^2 & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_2 & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_3 & \cdots & \eta_1 \bar{\eta}_{m+2} \frac{b^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_2 & |\eta_2|^2 & \eta_2 \bar{\eta}_3 & \cdots & \eta_2 \bar{\eta}_{m+2} \frac{b^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_3 & \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_3 & |\eta_3|^2 & \cdots & \eta_3 \bar{\eta}_{m+2} \frac{b^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_{m+2} \frac{\bar{b}^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} & \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_{m+2} \frac{\bar{b}^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} & \bar{\eta}_3 \eta_{m+2} \frac{\bar{b}^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} & \cdots & |\eta_{m+2}|^2 \end{pmatrix} / n,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta_r &= \xi_r \quad (1 \leq r \leq m), \\
\eta_{m+1} &= \xi_{m+1} \cosh(zx + z^3 t) + \xi_{m+2} \sinh(zx + z^3 t), \\
\eta_{m+2} &= \xi_{m+1} \sinh(zx + z^3 t) + \xi_{m+2} \cosh(zx + z^3 t), \\
n &= \sum_{l=1}^{m+2} |\eta_l|^2, \\
b &= z \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} |\eta_l|^2 - \bar{z} |\eta_{m+2}|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the new solution is

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{q}_r = (z + \bar{z}) \left(\frac{b^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} - 1 \right) \frac{\eta_r \bar{\eta}_{m+2}}{n} \quad (1 \leq r \leq m), \\ \tilde{u} = (z + \bar{z}) \left(\left(\frac{b^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} - 1 \right) \frac{\eta_{m+1} \bar{\eta}_{m+2}}{n} - \left(\frac{\bar{b}^2}{|\bar{b}|^2} - 1 \right) \frac{\bar{\eta}_{m+1} \eta_{m+2}}{n} \right). \end{cases}$$

6.3 Conclusion

Next, we will derive the smooth solution of the NLS and the complex mKdV.

Consider the case where $k = 0$, $m = 1$, $z = 1$ and $Im\pi = (1, 1)^T$, then $\tilde{q} = -\frac{1}{\cosh(x+t)}$ is the new solution of the NLS: $q_{t_3} = q_{xxx} + 6|q|^2 q_x$. Moreover, let $Im\pi = (1, i)^T$, then $\tilde{q} = \frac{i}{\cosh(x+t)} \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ gives the solution of the complex mKdV: $q_{t_3} = q_{xxx} - 6q^2 q_x$.

Consider the case where $k = 1$, $m = 0$, $z = -1 + i$ and $Im\pi = (1, 2)^T$, then $\tilde{u} = -4Im \frac{9e^{-2(x-2t)} - e^{2(x-2t)} - 6(\cos 1 + i \sin 1) \sinh 2(x+2t)}{9e^{-2(x-2t)} + e^{2(x-2t)} + 6(\sin 1 - i \cos 1) \cosh 2(x+2t)}$ is the new solution of the complex mKdV: $u_{t_3} = \frac{1}{4}u_{xxx} - \frac{3}{2}u^2 u_x$.

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