

# Topic Nonlinear Scattering Problems

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## 1 Bibliographical searches

Biblio: Lecture Notes on Topological Insulators, in particular Lecture 13. Corresponding JCP paper by B.Hosking, Wang (arxiv version available).

Biblio search: Dirac/Schrödinger equations with cubic nonlinearities. Theories of existence/uniqueness.

Books: Teschl; Reed-Simon; Agmon 1975.

## 2 Research problem

Consider the linear problem in two space dimensions

$$(H - E)\psi = 0, \quad H = D_x\sigma_1 + D_y\sigma_2 + y\sigma_3$$

acting on 2-vectors  $\psi(x, y)$ . We know from lecture 13 that we have a number of solutions

$$\psi(x, y) = e^{i\xi_m(E)x}\phi_m(y)$$

where  $\phi_m$  is a Hermite function and  $\xi_m(E)$  a real-valued solution of  $E^2 = \xi^2 + 2n$ .

Let  $w(x, y)$  be a smooth, bounded function. At first, we assume  $w$  compactly supported. We want to look at problems of the form

$$(H - E)\psi + w(\psi^* A \psi)\psi = 0,$$

with  $A$  a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, say  $A = I_2$  the identity matrix to start with so  $\psi^* A \psi = |\psi|^2$ . More precisely, we want an *outgoing* solution of the problem

$$\psi + R(E + i0)(w(\psi^* A \psi)\psi) = 0$$

where  $R(z) = (H - z)^{-1}$  is the resolvent operator of  $H$ . We know that the limits  $R(E \pm i0)$  are both defined (and different); see lecture 13.

Question: For  $A$  small, can we get an existence result for such solution of Dirac equations with cubic nonlinearity? Do we have a uniqueness result?

Can this be generalized to equations with higher-dimensional scattering theories, such as for instance, for  $V(x)$  and  $W(x)$  compactly supported,

$$(\Delta + |k|^2 + V(x) + W(x)|u|^2)u = 0.$$

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