

Padé approximations of the Painlevé transcendents

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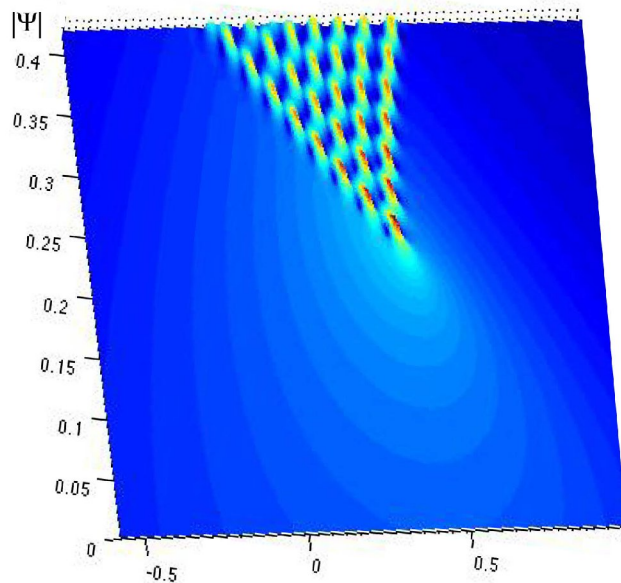
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Focusing NLS equation

A model for incipient modulation instability

$$\varepsilon \Psi_t + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \Psi_{xx} + |\Psi|^2 \Psi = 0, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

with initial profile $\Psi(x, 0) = A(x) \exp\{iS(x)/\varepsilon\}$. Take $u = |\Psi|^2$, $v = \frac{\varepsilon}{2i} \left(\frac{\Psi_x}{\Psi} - \frac{\bar{\Psi}_x}{\bar{\Psi}} \right)$,



$$A(x) = A_0 \operatorname{sech} x, \quad S'(x) = \mu \tanh x$$

$$\begin{cases} u_t + (uv)_x = 0, \\ v_t + v v_x - u_x = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4} \left(\frac{u_{xx}}{u} - \frac{u_x^2}{2u^2} \right)_x \end{cases}$$

Elliptic umbilic catastrophe [\[1\]](#) :

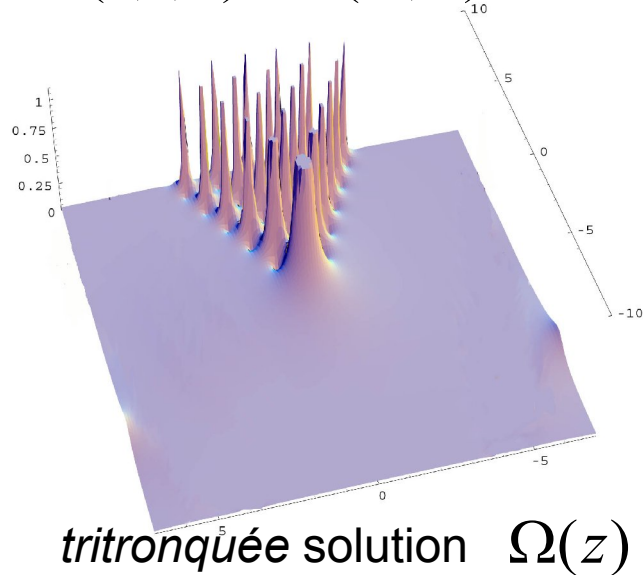
$$H = \frac{1}{2} (uv^2 - u^2) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{8u} u_x^2,$$

$$u_t + (H_v)_x = 0, \quad v_t + (H_u)_x = 0.$$

[\[1\]](#) B. Dubrovin, T. Grava and C. Klein, arXiv:0704.0501v2, (2007).

Universality of critical behavior: PI special solution

$$\Psi(x, t, \varepsilon) \approx \Phi(X, T) + \varepsilon^{2/5} \Omega(z), \quad z = z(X, T) / \varepsilon^{4/5}, \quad \text{where } X, T - \text{slow space-time,}$$

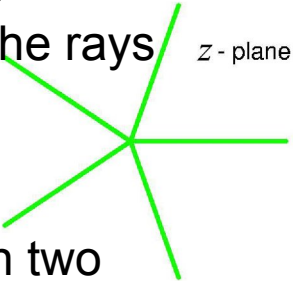


$$\Omega_{zz} = 6\Omega^2 - z$$

- Painlevé I equation

- All solutions are meromorphic
- The poles accumulate along the rays

$$\arg z = \frac{2\pi i}{5} n, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2.$$



- *Tronquée* solution: no poles in two consecutive sectors (say, along $z \rightarrow +\infty$)
- *Trironquée* solution: no poles along three consecutive rays [2]
- Asymptotics at infinity:

$$\Omega(z) = -\sqrt{\frac{z}{6}} \left\{ 1 + O(z^{-2}) \right\}, \quad z \rightarrow +\infty.$$

**Pierre
Boutroux
1880 - 1922**

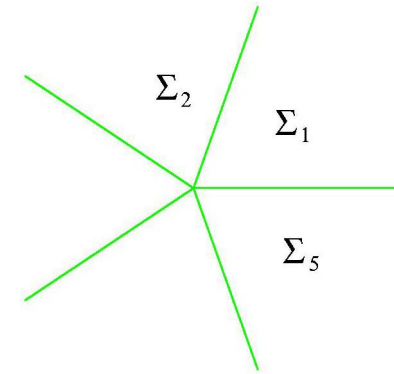


[2] P. Boutroux, Ann. Ecole Norm., 30 (1913) 265 - 375.

PI and isomonodromic deformations

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_z & 2\lambda^2 + 2\Omega\lambda - z + 2\Omega^2 \\ 2(\lambda - \Omega) & -\Omega_z \end{pmatrix} \Psi, \\ \Psi_z = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda + 2\Omega \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi. \end{cases}$$

The Lax pair



$$\Psi_k(\lambda, z) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{1/4} & \lambda^{1/4} \\ \lambda^{-1/4} & -\lambda^{-1/4} \end{pmatrix} e^{\theta(\lambda, z)\sigma_3}, \quad |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty, \quad \lambda \in \Sigma_k$$

$$\theta(\lambda, z) = \frac{4}{5} \lambda^{5/2} - z \lambda^{1/2}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

normalization

$$\Psi_{k+1}(\lambda, z) = \Psi_k(\lambda, z) S_k, \quad \lambda \in \Sigma_k \cap \Sigma_{k+1}. \quad S_{2k-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & s_{2k-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_{2k} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ s_{2k} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega(z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda^{-\frac{1}{4}\sigma_3} \Psi(\lambda, \zeta) e^{-\theta(\lambda, z)\sigma_3} - 1 \right) \right]_{11} \quad \text{Inversion formula}$$

Tritronquée solution: $s_1 = -s_2 = -s_3 = s_4 = i, \quad s_5 = 0$

Padé approximations for PI solutions

Q: How to find poles of PI function?

A: For large $|z|$ by Isomonodromy Method, else – numerically.

Main diagonal Padé approximation:

$$\Omega(z) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{\alpha_1 z}{1 + \frac{\alpha_2 z}{1 + \dots}}}$$

The idea of algorithm: an invariance of Painlevé equations under Möbius transformation.

$$(A + Bu)u''_{zz} + (C + Du)u'_z - 2B(u'_z)^2 + E + Fu + Gu^2 + Hu^3 = 0,$$

where $A \dots H$ are polynomials of z vanishing at zero, and $u \mapsto \frac{\alpha u + \beta}{\gamma u + \delta}$

retains the form of equation.

The Fair-Luke algorithm [3]

Let $u_n = \frac{\alpha_n}{1 + zu_{n+1}}$, then

$$(A_n + B_n u_n) u_n'' + (C_n + D_n u_n) u_n' - 2B_n (u_n')^2 + E_n + F_n u_n + G_n u_n^2 + H_n u_n^3 = 0,$$

and the recurrence holds

$$A_{n+1} = -A_n - \alpha_n B_n, \quad B_{n+1} = -zA_n, \quad C_{n+1} = -2 \frac{A_n + \alpha_n B_n}{z} - C_n - \alpha_n D_n,$$

$$D_{n+1} = 2A_n - zC_n, \quad F_{n+1} = -\frac{C_n + \alpha_n D_n}{z} + 3 \frac{E_n}{\alpha_n} + 2F_n + \alpha_n G_n,$$

$$E_{n+1} = z^{-1} (\alpha_n^{-1} E_n + F_n + \alpha_n G_n + \alpha_n^2 H_n), \quad H_{n+1} = \alpha_n^{-1} z^2 A_n,$$

$$G_{n+1} = 2z^{-1} A_n - C_n + z(3\alpha_n^{-1} E_n + F_n),$$

and $\alpha_{n+1} = -\frac{E_{n+1}(0)}{F_{n+1}(0)}$.

If $u_{n+1} \equiv 0$, then

$$u(z) \approx u_0(z) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{\alpha_1 z}{1 + \frac{\alpha_2 z}{1 + \dots}}} = \frac{P_n(z)}{Q_n(z)}$$

Padé approximation for PI

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{zz} &= 6\Omega^2 - z, \\ \Omega(0) &= \Omega_0, \\ \Omega'(0) &= \Omega_1 \end{aligned}$$

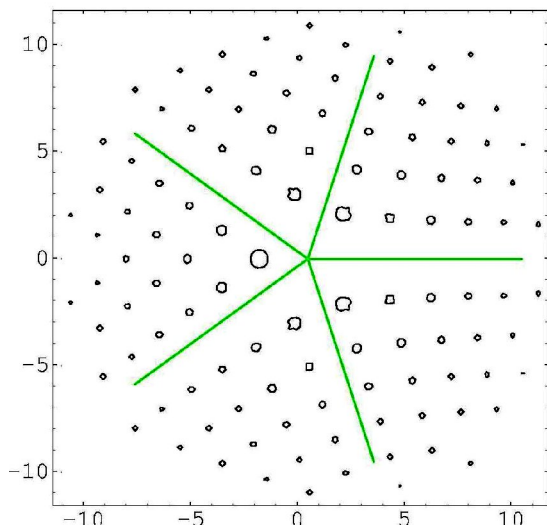
Put $\Omega(z) = \Omega_0 + \Omega_1 z + z^2 u(z)$, then

$$z^2 u'' + 4zu' + 2(1 - 6\Omega_0 z^2 - 6\Omega_1 z^3)u - 6z^4 u^2 + z - 6(\Omega_0 + \Omega_1 z)^2 = 0$$

$$u(z) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{\alpha_1 z}{1 + \dots}} = \frac{P_n(z)}{Q_n(z)}$$

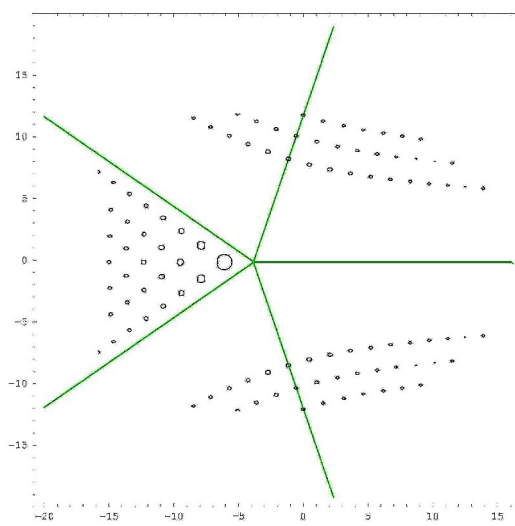
n -th order Pade fraction

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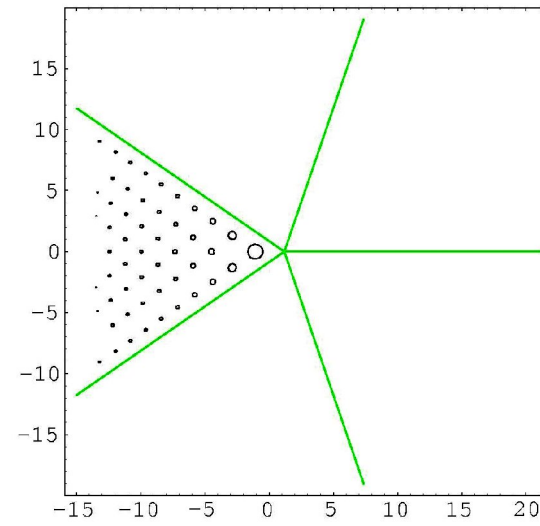
$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_0 &= -0.1875 \\ \Omega_1 &= 0.3049 \end{aligned}$$

tronquée



$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_0 &= -0.1875543083411885 \\ \Omega_1 &= 0.3049055602602021 \end{aligned}$$

tritronquée



$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_0 &= -0.18755430834118852651722253248835\dots \\ \Omega_1 &= 0.30490556026020212024373994560756\dots \end{aligned}$$

Exponentially vanishing terms

Why the precision of Ω_0, Ω_1 is crucial?

$$\Omega(z) = -\sqrt{\frac{z}{6}} - \frac{1}{48z^2} + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{a}{z^{5/8}} \exp\left\{-\frac{8}{5} \sqrt[4]{\frac{3}{2}} z^{5/4}\right\} \left(1 + O(z^{-4/5})\right), \quad |z| \rightarrow \infty$$

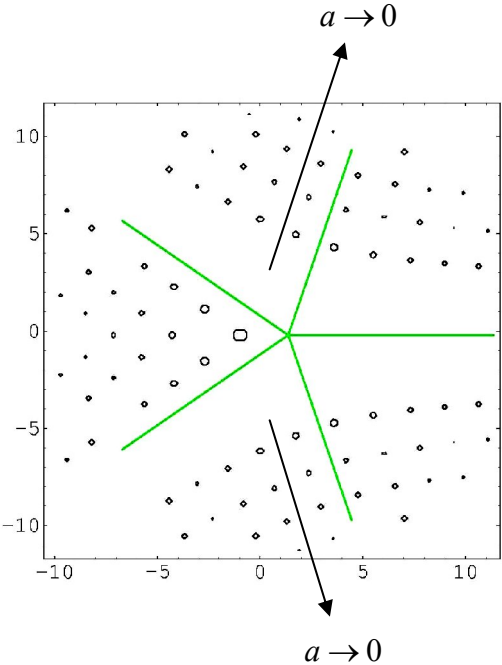
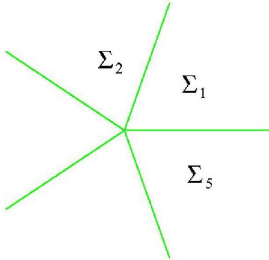
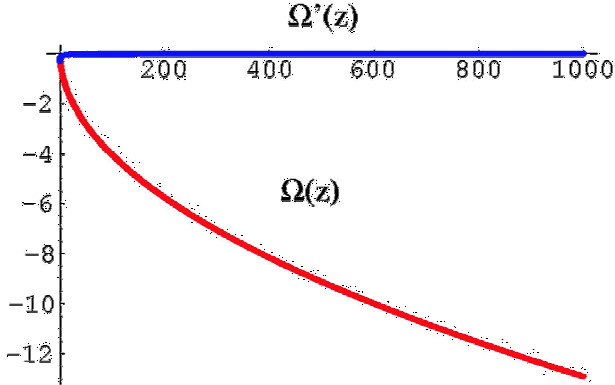
$$a = \frac{3^{-1/8}}{2^{7/8} \sqrt{\pi}} (\arg z - \pi)(s_1 - s_4), \quad z \in \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_5$$

$a \neq 0$ - tronquée, $a = 0$ - tritronquée

Exponential terms are hard to control numerically.

Initial conditions Ω_0, Ω_1 are almost the same while a is changing.

But not the distribution of the poles!

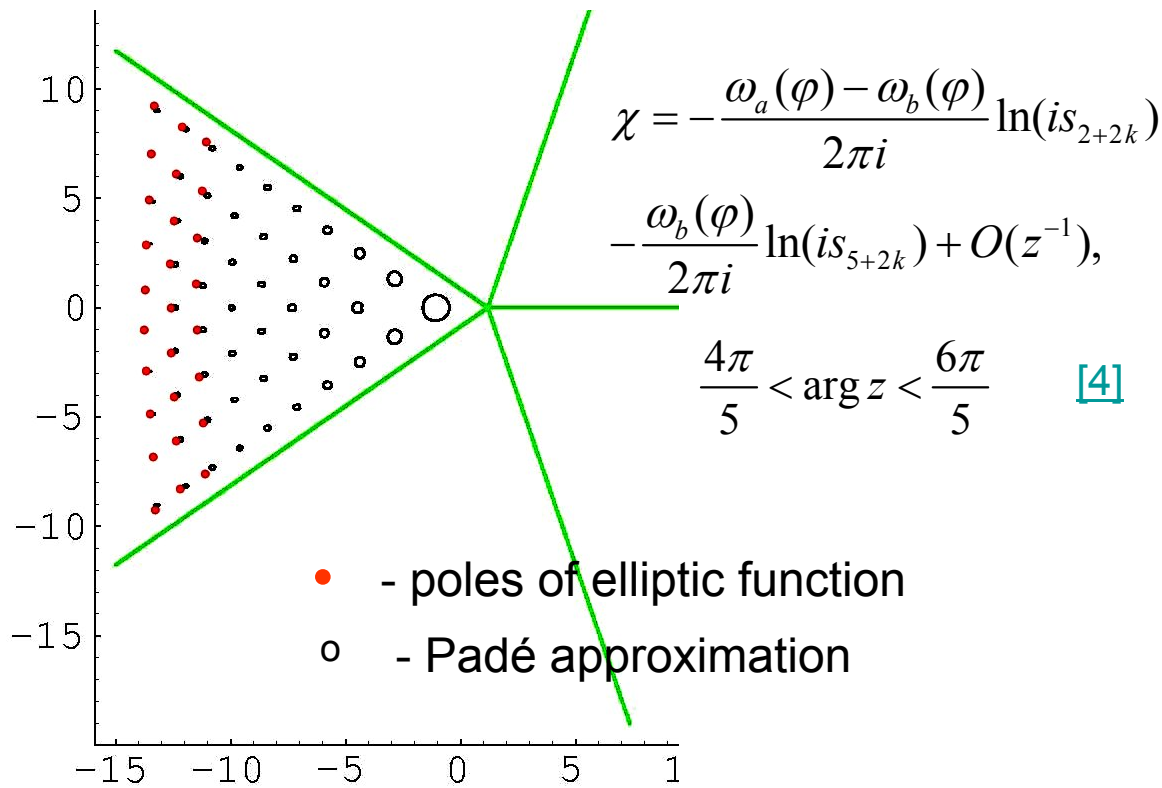


Elliptic function asymptotics at infinity

$$\Omega(z) \approx \wp(e^{i\varphi} z^{5/4} + \chi; g_2(\varphi), g_3(\varphi)), \quad |z| \rightarrow \infty$$

where \wp is Weierstrass function with modules

$$g_2(\varphi) = -2e^{i\varphi}, \quad g_3(\varphi) = -A(\varphi) \equiv 4\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3,$$



The Boutroux problem

Find deformation of the elliptic curve

$$w^2(\lambda) = \lambda^3 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda e^{i\varphi} + \frac{1}{4}A(\varphi)$$

$$\equiv (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2)(\lambda - \lambda_3),$$

such that

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0, \\ \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + \lambda_3\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^{i\varphi}, \\ \operatorname{Re} \int_{a,b} w(\lambda) d\lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda_{1,3} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \text{as } \varphi \rightarrow \frac{4\pi}{5},$$

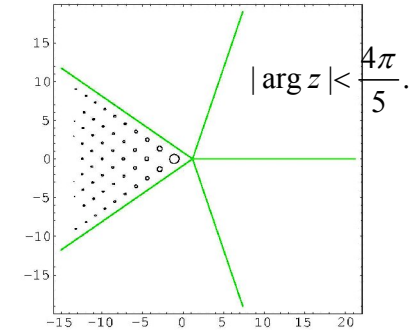
$$\lambda_{2,3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} e^{-i\pi/5} \quad \text{as } \varphi \rightarrow \frac{6\pi}{5}.$$

Dubrovin's conjecture

$$\Omega_{zz} = 6\Omega^2 - z,$$

$$\Omega(z) = -\sqrt{\frac{z}{6}} - \frac{1}{48z^2} + \dots, \quad |z| \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Omega(z)$ is *tritronquée* solution



There are no poles of at infinity as $|\arg z| < \frac{4\pi}{5}$.

Proof: Kapaev's theorem, [4]

Conjecture. [1] $\Omega(z)$ has no poles in the sector $|\arg z| < \frac{4\pi}{5}$.

A way to prove: Let z_0 a pole, put

$$\Omega(z) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{z_0}{10} \varepsilon^2 + \dots, \quad \varepsilon = z - z_0 \rightarrow 0$$

Reduce the Lax pair equation to a scalar ODE as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\Psi_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} -2\varepsilon^{-3} & 2\lambda^2 + 2\varepsilon^{-2} \lambda - \zeta_0 + 2\varepsilon^{-4} \\ 2(\lambda - \varepsilon^{-2}) & 2\varepsilon^{-3} \end{pmatrix} \Psi$$

$$Y_{\lambda\lambda} + (V(\lambda) + z_0)Y = 0,$$

$$Y \rightarrow s_1 \lambda^{1/4} \exp i \left\{ \frac{4}{5} \lambda^{5/2} + z_0 \lambda^{1/2} \right\}, \lambda \rightarrow +\infty, \quad Y \rightarrow s_4 |\lambda|^{-1/4} \exp i \left\{ -\frac{4}{5} |\lambda|^{5/2} - z_0 |\lambda|^{1/2} \right\}, \lambda \rightarrow -\infty.$$

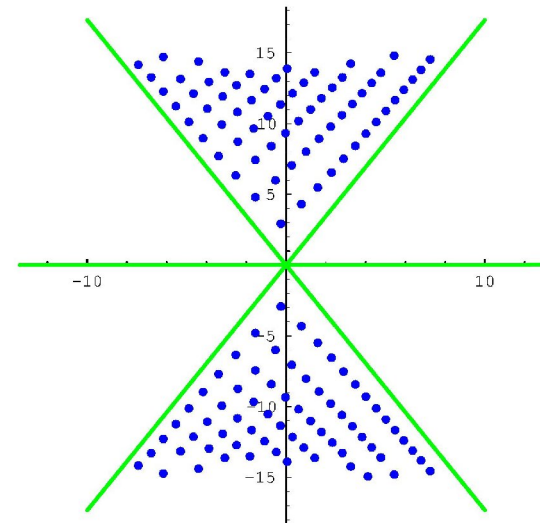
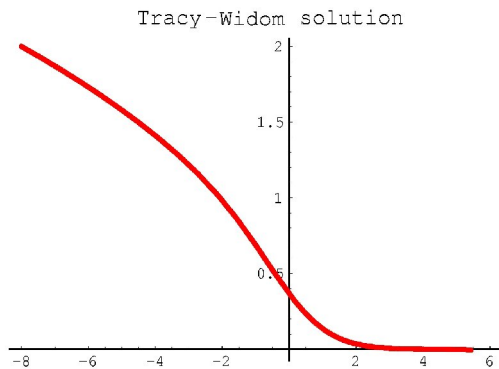
Prove that spectrum z_0 does not contain $|\arg z_0| < \frac{4\pi}{5}$.

Painlevé II equation. Tracy-Widom solution [5]

$$u_{zz} = zu + 2u^3$$

$$u(z) \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} z^{-1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3} z^{3/2}\right), \quad z \rightarrow +\infty,$$

$$u(z) \sim \sqrt{-\frac{z}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{8z^3} - \frac{73}{128z^6} + \dots\right), \quad z \rightarrow -\infty.$$



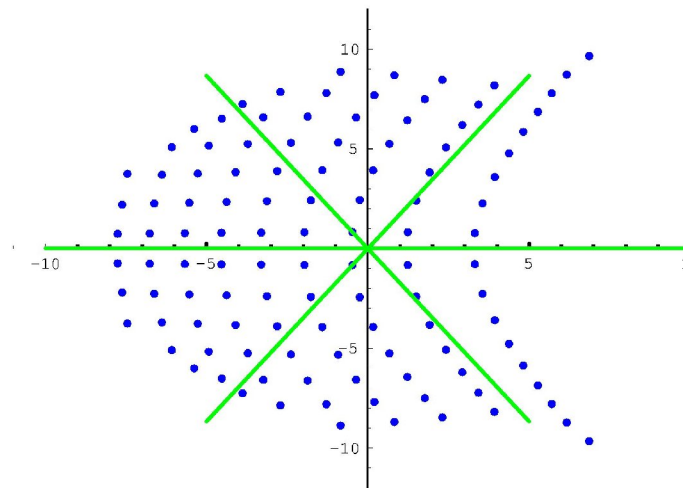
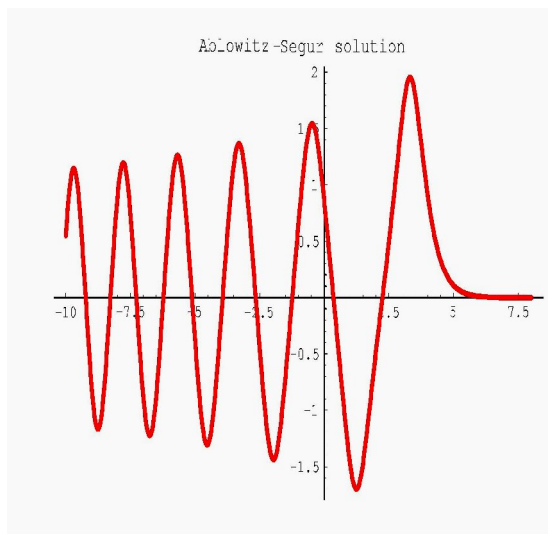
[5] C.Tracy and H.Widom, Comm.Math.Phys. 177 (1996) 727–754..

Painlevé II equation. Ablowitz-Segur solution [6]

$$u_{zz} = zu - 2u^3$$

$$u(z) \sim \frac{a}{2\sqrt{\pi}} z^{-1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3} z^{3/2}\right), \quad z \rightarrow +\infty,$$

$$u(z) \sim b(-z)^{-1/4} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}(-z)^{3/2} - \frac{3}{4}b^2 \log(-z) + \theta\right), \quad z \rightarrow -\infty.$$



[6] M.J.Ablowitz and H.Segur, Stud.Appl.Math.57 (1977) 13–44.

Conclusion

- Padé approximations has been found for PI and PII solutions
- The Boutroux *lines of poles* are visualized
- Distribution of poles at infinity has a good correlation with that of $|z| \cong 10$
- Dubrovin's conjecture justified
- Applications to focusing NLS equation

