

# Frobenius manifolds and 2+1 integrable systems

- The extended 2D Toda hierarchy -

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# Frobenius manifolds and WDVV equations

- ▶ A Frobenius manifold  $(M, \eta, \bullet, e, E)$  is given by
  - ▶ a commutative *associative* product  $\bullet : TM \times TM \rightarrow TM$ ,
  - ▶ a *flat* invariant non-deg. bilinear form  $\eta = \langle, \rangle$  on  $TM$  (“metric”),
  - ▶ a *flat unit* vector field  $e$ , i.e.  $\nabla e = 0$ ,
  - ▶ *integrability* of the structure constants i.e.  $\exists$  a potential  $F$ ,
  - ▶ *quasihomogeneity* w.r.t. a linear Euler vector field  $E$ :  
 $\text{Lie}_E \bullet = \bullet$ ,  $\text{Lie}_E \eta = (2 - d)\eta$ .
- ▶ In flat coordinates  $t_\alpha$  the potential  $F$  satisfies the WDVV equations (Witten '90, Dijkgraaf, Verlinde, Verlinde '91)

$$\frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial t_\alpha \partial t_\beta \partial t_\gamma} \eta^{\gamma\delta} \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial t_\delta \partial t_\rho \partial t_\sigma} = \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial t_\sigma \partial t_\beta \partial t_\gamma} \eta^{\gamma\delta} \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial t_\delta \partial t_\rho \partial t_\alpha}.$$

# Bi-Hamiltonian structure on the loop space $\mathcal{LM}$

- ▶ To the Frobenius manifold  $M$  we associate a bi-Hamiltonian hierarchy of quasi-linear equations on the loop space

$$\mathcal{LM} = \{u : S^1 \rightarrow M\}.$$

- ▶ A flat metric  $g^{ij}$  on a manifold  $M$  induces a Poisson bracket of hydrodynamic type on  $\mathcal{LM}$

$$\{F, G\} = \int_{S^1} \frac{\delta F}{\delta u^i} [g^{ij} \partial_x + \Gamma_k^{ij} u_x^k] \frac{\delta G}{\delta u^j} dx.$$

- ▶ Given a Frobenius manifold  $M$ , the metric  $\eta$  and the intersection form  $g = i_E \bullet$  form a pencil of flat metrics, hence they induce compatible Poisson structures  $\{, \}_1, \{, \}_2$ , on the loop space  $\mathcal{LM}$ .

# Deformed flat connection

- Define a connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on  $M \times \mathbb{C}^*$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + \zeta X \bullet Y, \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{\frac{d}{d\zeta}} Y &= \partial_\zeta Y + E \bullet Y - \frac{1}{\zeta} \mathcal{V} Y\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{V} := \frac{2-d}{2} - \nabla E$  and  $X, Y \in TM$ ,  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

- The deformed connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is flat.
- There exist deformed flat coordinates  $\tilde{t}_\alpha(t, \zeta)$ , i.e. such that

$$\tilde{\nabla} d\tilde{t}_\alpha = 0.$$

- ▶ The second deformed flatness equation is a singular matrix valued linear differential system on  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\partial_{\zeta} \nabla \tilde{t}_{\alpha} = (\mathcal{U} + \frac{1}{\zeta} \mathcal{V})(\nabla \tilde{t}_{\alpha}).$$

- ▶ The monodromy (i.e. normal form at  $\zeta = 0$  of the fundamental matrix) is independent of the point  $t \in M$ .
- ▶ Can choose deformed flat coordinates (Levelt basis) of the form

$$(\tilde{t}_1, \dots, \tilde{t}_n) = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) \zeta^{\mathcal{V}} \zeta^R$$

where  $\theta_{\alpha}$  depend on  $t \in M$  and analytically on  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$  and the matrices  $\mu$ ,  $R$  are constant.

# The principal hierarchy of $M$

- ▶ Expanding the deformed flat coordinates at  $\zeta = 0$

$$\theta_\alpha(\zeta) = \sum_{p \geq 0} \theta_{\alpha,p} \zeta^p$$

one defines functions  $\theta_{\alpha,p} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

- ▶ The Hamiltonians  $H_{\alpha,p} = \int_{S^1} \theta_{\hat{\alpha},p+1} dx$  define the commuting flows of the Principal hierarchy on  $\mathcal{LM}$  by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t^{\alpha,p}} \cdot = \{\cdot, H_{\alpha,p}\}_1$$

where  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_1$  is the Poisson bracket of hydrodynamic type associated to the flat metric of  $M$ .

# Examples

- ▶  $n = 1$ : the principal hierarchy of the Frobenius manifold with potential  $F = \frac{u^3}{6}$  coincides with the dispersionless limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  of the KdV hierarchy:

$$u_t = uu_x - \epsilon u_{xxx} \quad (\text{KdV})$$

- ▶  $n = 2$ : the principal hierarchy of the charge  $d = 1$  potential  $F = \frac{v^2 u}{2} + e^u$  Frobenius mfd ( $QH^*(\mathbb{C}P^1)$ ) is given by the dispersionless limit of the extended Toda hierarchy (GC, Dubrovin, Zhang 2004).



## 2 + 1 integrable systems

### The 2D Toda hierarchy

- ▶ 2 + 1 integrable equations e.g.

$$u_{yy} = (u_t - uu_x - \epsilon u_{xxx})_x \quad (\text{KP})$$

$$u_{tt} - u_{yy} = e^{u(x+\epsilon)} - 2e^{u(x)} + e^{u(x-\epsilon)} \quad (\text{2D Toda})$$

are usually expressed as zero-curvature (or ZS) equations of hierarchies with infinite number of dependent variables.

- ▶ Lax representation for 2D Toda (Ueno, Takasaki '84)

$$L = \Lambda + u_0 + u_{-1}\Lambda^{-1} + \dots,$$

$$\bar{L} = \bar{u}_{-1}\Lambda^{-1} + \bar{u}_0 + \dots$$

Lax equations:

$$L_{s_n} = [B_n, L], \quad L_{\bar{s}_n} = [\bar{B}_n, L]$$

$$\bar{L}_{s_n} = [B_n, \bar{L}], \quad \bar{L}_{\bar{s}_n} = [\bar{B}_n, \bar{L}]$$

where  $B_n = (L^n)_+$ ,  $\bar{B}_n = (\bar{L}^n)_-$ .

- ▶ ZS equations:  $(B_n)_{s_m} - (B_m)_{s_n} + [B_n, B_m] = 0$ , etc.

- ▶ we consider the dispersionless  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  limit, where

$$u_{tt} - u_{yy} = (e^u)_{xx} \quad (\text{d2D Toda})$$

- ▶ Lax and ZS equations are obtained by the dispersive equations as follows:
  - ▶ substitute the Lax operators  $L, \bar{L}$  with their symbols  $\lambda(z), \bar{\lambda}(z)$  by

$$\Lambda \rightarrow z$$

- ▶ substitute the commutator  $[,]$  with the Poisson bracket

$$\{f, g\} = z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - z \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}.$$

# Infinite-dimensional Frobenius manifolds

We are led to consider infinite-dimensional Frobenius manifolds, and correspondingly, solutions of WDVV depending on an **infinite number of variables**.

- ▶ WDVV solutions with an infinite number of primaries associated with d2D Toda tau functions describing conformal maps (Wiegmann, Zabrodin 2000; Boyarsky et al. Phys. Lett. B 2001 )
- ▶  $\infty$ -dim. Frobenius manifold for d2D Toda hierarchy (GC, Dubrovin, Mertens, Math. Ann. 2011, arXiv:0902.1245)
- ▶ Construction of deformed flat connection, principal hierarchy and extension of d2D Toda (GC, Mertens 2011, arXiv:1109.5343)
- ▶  $\infty$ -dim.F.mfd. for dKP hierarchy (Raimondo 2010)
- ▶  $\infty$ -dim.F.mfd. for 2-component B-KP hierarchy (Wu, Xu 2011).

# A residue formula for a flat metric

on the space of analytic curves in  $\mathbb{C}$

$$M_{S^1} = \{w(z) \in \mathcal{H}(S^1) \text{ s.t. (1) and (2) are satisfied}\}$$

- (1)  $w'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in S^1$ ,
- (2)  $\Gamma := w(S^1)$  is a non-selfintersecting positively oriented closed curve encircling the origin  $w = 0$ .

## Proposition

The formula

$$\langle \partial_1, \partial_2 \rangle_{S^1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{\partial_1 w(z) \partial_2 w(z)}{z^2 w'(z)} dz$$

defines a flat non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form on  $TM_{S^1}$ .

# Construction of flat coordinates

- Riemann–Hilbert factorization of the inverse  $z = z(w) : \Gamma \rightarrow S^1$

$$z(w) = f_0^{-1}(w)f_\infty(w) \quad \text{for } w \in \Gamma$$

where  $f_0(w)$  and  $f_\infty(w)/w$  are holomorphic and non-vanishing inside/outside the curve  $\Gamma$ , and  $f_\infty(w) = w + O(1)$ ,  $|w| \rightarrow \infty$ .

- The coefficients  $t_n$  of Taylor expansions of the logarithms

$$\log f_0(w) = -t_0 - t_1 w - t_2 w^2 - \dots, \quad |w| \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\log \frac{f_\infty(w)}{w} = \frac{t_{-1}}{w} + \frac{t_{-2}}{w^2} + \dots, \quad |w| \rightarrow \infty.$$

constitute a system of flat coordinates on  $M_{S^1}$ .

# The manifold $M$

Let  $M$  be given by pairs

$$(\lambda(z), \bar{\lambda}(z)) \in z\mathcal{H}(D_\infty) \oplus \frac{1}{z}\mathcal{H}(D_0)$$

of holomorphic functions with

$$\lambda \sim z + \dots \text{ for } |z| \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\bar{\lambda} \sim \frac{e^u}{z} + v + \dots \text{ for } |z| \rightarrow 0,$$

s.t.

- (1)  $w'(z) \neq 0$  for  $|z| = 1$ , where  $w(z) := \lambda(z) + \bar{\lambda}(z) \in \mathcal{H}(S^1)$ ,
- (2) the closed curve  $\Gamma := w(S^1)$  is non-selfintersecting positively oriented encircling the origin  $w = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\lambda(z), \bar{\lambda}(z)$  are non-vanishing.

- The map

$$\begin{aligned} M &\rightarrow M_{S^1} \oplus \mathbb{C}^2 \\ (\lambda, \bar{\lambda}) &\mapsto (w(z), v, u) \end{aligned}$$

is invertible by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(z) &= w_{\leq 0}(z) + z - e^u/z - v, \\ \bar{\lambda}(z) &= w_{\geq 1}(z) - z + e^u/z + v. \end{aligned}$$

- The metric on  $M$  is the direct sum of the flat metric on  $M_{S^1}$  and  $ds^2 = dudv + dvdu$ .

## The product on $T^*M$

- Define basic 1-forms  $d\lambda(p)$  and  $d\bar{\lambda}(p)$  depending on  $p \in S^1$  by

$$\langle d\lambda(p), \hat{\alpha} \rangle = \alpha(p), \quad \langle d\bar{\lambda}(p), \hat{\alpha} \rangle = \bar{\alpha}(p)$$

where  $\hat{\alpha} = (\alpha, \bar{\alpha}) \in TM = \mathcal{H}(D_\infty) \oplus \frac{1}{z}\mathcal{H}(D_0)$ .

- Any 1-form  $\hat{\omega} = (\omega(z), \bar{\omega}(z))$  can be represented as a linear combination of the 1-forms  $d\lambda(p)$ ,  $d\bar{\lambda}(p)$ :

$$\hat{\omega} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|p|=1} (\omega(p)d\lambda(p) + \bar{\omega}(p)d\bar{\lambda}(p)).$$

### Proposition

$$d\alpha(p) \bullet d\beta(q) = \frac{p q}{p - q} [\alpha'(p) d\beta(q) - \beta'(q) d\alpha(p)], \quad \alpha, \beta = \lambda, \bar{\lambda}$$

*defines on  $T^*M$  a structure of a commutative associative algebra.*



# Idempotents and semisimplicity

- Define the family of 1-forms depending on the parameter  $p \in S^1$

$$du(p) = \frac{\lambda'(p)}{\lambda'(p) + \bar{\lambda}'(p)} d\bar{\lambda}(p) - \frac{\bar{\lambda}'(p)}{\lambda'(p) + \bar{\lambda}'(p)} d\lambda(p).$$

## Proposition

*The 1-forms  $du(p)$  for  $p, q \in S^1$  are idempotents of the Frobenius algebra on  $T^*M$ , in particular*

$$du(p) \bullet du(q) = f(p)\delta(p - q)du(p), \quad f(p) = -p^2 \frac{\lambda'(p)\bar{\lambda}'(p)}{\lambda'(p) + \bar{\lambda}'(p)}.$$

- the Frobenius manifold  $M$  is **semisimple**.

# The Frobenius manifold

## Theorem

$(M, <, >, \bullet, e, E)$  is a semisimple infinite-dimensional Frobenius manifold of charge  $d = 1$ , with unit and Euler vector fields

$$e = (-1, 1), \quad E = (\lambda(z) - z \lambda'(z), \bar{\lambda}(z) - z \bar{\lambda}'(z)).$$

- The potential is

$$\begin{aligned} F = & \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint \oint_{|z_1| < |z_2|} \frac{w(z_1)}{z_1} \frac{w(z_2)}{z_2} \log \frac{z_2 - z_1}{z_2} dz_1 dz_2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( 2v - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} w(z) \frac{dz}{z} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{w(z)}{z} \left( \log \frac{w(z)}{z} - 1 \right) dz \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} v^2 u + e^u \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} w(z) \frac{dz}{z^2}, \quad w(z) = \lambda(z) + \bar{\lambda}(z). \end{aligned}$$

- $F$  as a function of flat coordinates  $t_\alpha, v, u$  solves WDVV equations.

# Intersection form

- ▶ The intersection form on  $M \setminus \Sigma$  is given by the formula

$$(\partial_1, \partial_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{\left( \frac{\partial_1 \lambda}{\lambda'} - \frac{\partial_1 \bar{\lambda}}{\bar{\lambda}'} \right) \left( \frac{\partial_2 \lambda}{\lambda'} - \frac{\partial_2 \bar{\lambda}}{\bar{\lambda}'} \right)}{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda'} - \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{\bar{\lambda}'}} \frac{dz}{z^2},$$

where  $\Sigma$  is the locus in  $M$  defined by the conditions

$$\lambda'(z) \neq 0, \quad \bar{\lambda}'(z) \neq 0, \quad \lambda(z)\bar{\lambda}'(z) - \bar{\lambda}(z)\lambda'(z) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } |z| = 1.$$

- ▶ The flat metric and the intersection form on  $M$  coincide with the flat metrics associated to the dispersionless limit of the Poisson pencil of 2D Toda (GC 2004).

## Deformed flat connection of $M$

We find the explicit form of the deformed flat connection on 1-forms

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_X \alpha &= \partial_X \alpha - \Gamma_X \alpha - \zeta C_X(\alpha), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{\frac{d}{d\zeta}} \alpha &= \partial_\zeta \alpha - \mathcal{U}(\alpha) + \frac{1}{\zeta} \mathcal{V}(\alpha),\end{aligned}$$

in terms of explicit operators on  $T^*M = \mathcal{H}(S^1) \oplus \mathbb{C}^2$ :

$$\mathcal{V}(\alpha) = \left( -\frac{\alpha(z)}{2} - z\alpha'(z) \left( \frac{w(z)}{zw'(z)} \right), -\frac{\alpha_v}{2}, \frac{\alpha_u}{2} \right),$$

$$\Gamma_X(\alpha) = \left( \frac{\alpha'(z)X(z)}{w'(z)}, 0, 0 \right), \quad \mathcal{U} = C_E,$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_X(\alpha) &= \left( \frac{X(z)}{zw'(z)} \left( (zw'(z)\alpha(z))_{>0} - (zw'(z))_{>0}\alpha(z) + z\alpha(z) + \frac{e^u}{z}(\alpha(z) + \alpha_v) + \alpha_u \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (X_{>0}(z)\alpha(z))_{<0} + (X_{\leq 0}(z)\alpha(z))_{\geq 0} + \frac{e^u}{z}X_u(\alpha(z) + \alpha_v) + X_v\alpha(z), \right. \\ &\quad \left. (X(z)\alpha(z))_0 + X_u\alpha_u + X_v\alpha_v, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( e^u(X(z) + zw'(z)X_u)(\alpha(z) + \alpha_v) \right)_0 - e^uX_u\alpha_v + X_v\alpha_u \right).\end{aligned}$$

## Solving the deformed flatness equations

A function  $y$  on  $M$  is deformed flat if, for  $X \in TM$

$$\partial_X dy = (\Gamma_X + \zeta C_X) dy, \quad (a)$$

$$\partial_\zeta dy = \left(\mathcal{U} - \frac{1}{\zeta} \mathcal{V}\right) dy. \quad (b)$$

### Lemma

For a function on  $M$  of the form

$$y(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}; \zeta) = \frac{\zeta^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} F(\zeta \lambda(z), \zeta \bar{\lambda}(z)) \frac{dz}{z} + \phi(\zeta)$$

we have that (a) holds  $\iff F(x, \bar{x})$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{x\bar{x}} - F_{xx} - F_x)_{\geq -1} &= 0, & (F_{\bar{x}\bar{x}} - F_{x\bar{x}} - F_{\bar{x}})_{\leq 1} &= 0, \\ (F_{\bar{x}} - F_x - F)_0 &= \text{const}, & \partial_u[e^u(F_{\bar{x}} - F_x - F)]_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover: (a)  $\implies$  (b).

## Deformed flat coordinates

Solving the equations for  $F(x, \bar{x})$  we obtain a set of deformed flat coordinates on  $M$ :

$$y_{\hat{\alpha}}(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}; \zeta) = \frac{\zeta^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} F_{\hat{\alpha}}(\zeta \lambda(z), \zeta \bar{\lambda}(z)) \frac{dz}{z} + \phi_{\hat{\alpha}}(\zeta)$$

where

$$F_{\alpha}(x, \bar{x}) = - \frac{(x + \bar{x})^{(\alpha+1)}}{\alpha + 1} \exp\left(\frac{\bar{x} - x}{2}\right) \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq -1,$$

$$F_{-1}(x, \bar{x}) = - \exp(-x) \left( \log\left(\frac{x + \bar{x}}{x}\right) + \text{Ein}(-x) - 1 \right) - \exp\left(\frac{\bar{x} - x}{2}\right),$$

$$F_v(x, \bar{x}) = - \exp(-x) \left( \log\left(\frac{x + \bar{x}}{x}\right) + \text{Ein}(-x) - 1 \right) + \\ + \exp(\bar{x}) \left( \log((x + \bar{x})\bar{x}) - \text{Ein}(\bar{x}) - 1 \right),$$

$$F_u(x, \bar{x}) = \exp(\bar{x}) - 1.$$

# Monodromy

- ▶ We have solved the operator-valued linear singular isomonodromic system on  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\partial_{\zeta} Y = (\mathcal{U} + \frac{1}{\zeta} \mathcal{V}) Y$$

where the fundamental “matrix” is in the normal Levelt form

$$Y = \Theta \zeta^{\mathcal{V}} \zeta^R$$

with  $\Theta(\zeta)$  analytic in a neighborhood of  $\zeta = 0$  and  $\Theta(0) = 1$ .

- ▶  $\mathcal{V}(\nabla t^{\hat{\alpha}}) = \mu_{\hat{\alpha}} \nabla t^{\hat{\alpha}}$  with  $\mu_{\hat{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{Z}/2$  (highly resonant  $\mathcal{V}$ ).
- ▶  $R$  is the symmetric nilpotent operator on  $TM = \mathcal{H}(S^1) \oplus \mathbb{C}^2$  given by

$$R(\nabla u) = 2\nabla v, \quad R(\nabla t^{\hat{\alpha}}) = 0 \quad \hat{\alpha} \neq u.$$

# Hamiltonian densities of the principal hierarchy

The analytic part of the  $y_{\hat{\alpha}}$  gives the following Levelt basis of deformed flat coordinates  $\theta_{\hat{\alpha}}(\zeta)$ :

$$\theta_{\alpha}(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{(\lambda + \bar{\lambda})^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} e^{\frac{\bar{\lambda}-\lambda}{2}\zeta} \frac{dz}{z} \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq -1,$$

$$\theta_{-1}(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \left[ e^{-\lambda\zeta} \left( \log \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{\lambda} \right) + \text{Ein}(-\lambda\zeta) - 1 \right) + e^{\frac{\bar{\lambda}-\lambda}{2}\zeta} \right] \frac{dz}{z},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_v(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} & \left[ -e^{-\lambda\zeta} \left( \log \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{\lambda} \right) + \text{Ein}(-\lambda\zeta) - 1 \right) + \right. \\ & \left. + e^{\bar{\lambda}\zeta} (\log \bar{\lambda}(\lambda + \bar{\lambda}) - \text{Ein}(\bar{\lambda}\zeta) - 1) \right] \frac{dz}{z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{e^{\bar{\lambda}\zeta} - 1}{\zeta} \frac{dz}{z}$$



## Extended 2D Toda hierarchy

- ▶ The Hamiltonians of the principal hierarchy on  $\mathcal{LM}$  are defined by

$$H_{\hat{\alpha},p} = \int_{S^1} \theta_{\hat{\alpha},p+1} dx \quad \text{where} \quad \theta_{\hat{\alpha}}(\zeta) = \sum_{p \geq 0} \theta_{\hat{\alpha},p} \zeta^p$$

and the Hamiltonian flows by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_{\hat{\alpha},p}} \cdot = \{\cdot, H_{\hat{\alpha},p}\}_1.$$

- ▶ bi-Hamiltonian recursion relations :

$$\begin{aligned} \{\cdot, H_{\alpha,p-1}\}_2 &= (p + \alpha + 1) \{\cdot, H_{\alpha,p}\}_1, \\ \{\cdot, H_{u,p-1}\}_2 &= (p + 1) \{\cdot, H_{u,p}\}_1, \\ \{\cdot, H_{v,p-1}\}_2 &= p \{\cdot, H_{v,p}\}_1 + 2 \{\cdot, H_{u,p-1}\}_1. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The Hamiltonians of the dispersionless 2D Toda hierarchy are finite combinations of the Hamiltonians of the principal hierarchy.

## Lax formulation

The principal 2D Toda hierarchy admits a Lax formulation

$$\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t^{\hat{\alpha}, p}} = \{-(A_{\hat{\alpha}, p})_-, \lambda\}, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{\lambda}}{\partial t^{\hat{\alpha}, p}} = \{(A_{\hat{\alpha}, p})_+, \bar{\lambda}\}$$

for  $\hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{u, v\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha, p} &= -\frac{(\lambda + \bar{\lambda})^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} \frac{1}{p!} \left( \frac{\bar{\lambda} - \lambda}{2} \right)^p, \quad \alpha \neq -1 \\ A_{-1, p} &= -\frac{(-\lambda)^p}{p!} \left( \log \frac{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}}{\lambda} + c_p - 1 \right) - \frac{1}{p!} \left( \frac{\bar{\lambda} - \lambda}{2} \right)^p, \\ A_{v, p} &= -\frac{(-\lambda)^p}{p!} \left( \log \frac{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}}{\lambda} + c_p - 1 \right) + \\ &\quad + \frac{\bar{\lambda}^p}{p!} \left( \log(\lambda + \bar{\lambda}) \bar{\lambda} - c_p - 1 \right), \quad A_{u, p} = \frac{\bar{\lambda}^{p+1}}{p+1!} \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_l = 1 + \dots + \frac{1}{l}$  and  $c_0 = c_{-1} = 0$  are the harmonic numbers.  
(for  $A_{\alpha, p}$  cf. Adler, van Moerbeke 1997)