Irrelevant perturbations of 2D integrable models





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Main motivations

The effective string theory for the quark-antiquark potential;



Emergence of singularities in RG/TBA flows with irrelevant perturbations;

Relation between irrelevant perturbations and S-matrix CDD factor ambiguity;



Exact S-matrix and the CDD ambiguity

Consider a relativistic integrable field theory with factorized scattering:



Castillejo-Dalitz-Dyson ambiguity:

$$S_{ij}^{kl}(\theta) \to S_{ij}^{kl}(\theta) \, e^{i\delta_{ij}^{(\tau)}(\theta)}$$

The simplest possibility, consistent with the crossing and unitarity relations is:

$$\delta_{ij}^{(\tau)}(\theta) = \delta^{(\tau)}(m_i, m_j, \theta) = \tau \, m_i m_j \, \sinh(\theta)$$

The sine-Gordon NLIE

[1991: Klümper-Batchelor-Pearce, 1992: Destri-DeVega, 1996: Fioravanti-Ravanini- et al.]

$$\begin{split} f(\theta) &= -imR\sinh(\theta) + i\alpha \\ &- \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} dy \,\mathcal{K}(\theta - y) \,\ln\left(1 + e^{-f(y)}\right) + \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} dy \,\mathcal{K}(\theta - y) \,\ln\left(1 + e^{f(y)}\right) \end{split}$$

For the ground state $C_1 = \mathbb{R} + i0^+$ and $C_2 = \mathbb{R} - i0^+$, but more more complicated contours appear for excited states.

$$\mathcal{K}(heta) = rac{1}{2\pi i} \partial_{ heta} \ln S_{sG}(heta),$$

and

$$\begin{split} E(R) &= m \left[\int_{\mathcal{C}_1} \frac{dy}{2\pi i} \sinh(y) \ln\left(1 + e^{-f(y)}\right) - \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} \frac{dy}{2\pi i} \sinh(y) \ln\left(1 + e^{f(y)}\right) \right] \\ P(R) &= m \left[\int_{\mathcal{C}_1} \frac{dy}{2\pi i} \cosh(y) \ln\left(1 + e^{-f(y)}\right) - \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} \frac{dy}{2\pi i} \cosh(y) \ln\left(1 + e^{f(y)}\right) \right] \end{split}$$

replacing

$$\mathcal{K}(\theta) \to \mathcal{K}(\theta) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_{\theta} \delta_{CDD}(\theta) = \mathcal{K}(\theta) - \tau \frac{m^2}{2\pi} \cosh(\theta)$$

we get

$$\begin{split} f(\theta) &= -i\,m\,\sinh(\theta)\,[R + \tau\,E(R,\tau)] + i\,m\,\cosh(\theta)\,\tau\,P(R,\tau) \\ &- \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} dy\,\mathcal{K}(\theta - y)\,\ln\left(1 + e^{-f(y)}\right) + \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} dy\,\mathcal{K}(\theta - y)\,\ln\left(1 + e^{f(y)}\right) \end{split}$$

with

$$P(R, \tau) = P(R) = \frac{2\pi k}{R}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

Therefore:

$$f(\theta) = -i m \mathcal{R}_0 \sinh(\theta - \theta_0) + i\alpha$$

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$$\int_{\mathcal{C}_1} dy \,\mathcal{K}(\theta - y) \ln\left(1 + e^{-f(y)}\right) + \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} dy \,\mathcal{K}(\theta - y) \ln\left(1 + e^{f(y)}\right)$$

and

$$\sinh \theta_0 = \frac{\tau P(R)}{\mathcal{R}_0} = \frac{\tau P(\mathcal{R}_0)}{R} , \ \cosh \theta_0 = \frac{R + \tau E(R, \tau)}{\mathcal{R}_0} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_0 - \tau E(\mathcal{R}_0, 0)}{R}$$

Then

$$f(\theta|R,\tau) = f(\theta - \theta_0|\mathcal{R}_0, 0)$$

which allows to compute the exact form of the τ -deformed energy level once its R-dependence is known at $\tau = 0$. The result is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} E(R,\tau)\\ P(R) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\theta_0) \sinh(\theta_0)\\ \sinh(\theta_0) \cosh(\theta_0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E(\mathcal{R}_0,0)\\ P(\mathcal{R}_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

therefore

$$E^{2}(R,\tau) - P^{2}(R) = E^{2}(\mathcal{R}_{0},0) - P^{2}(\mathcal{R}_{0},0)$$

We now have an implicit form of the solution of the inviscid Burgers equation with a source term:

$$\partial_{\tau} E_n(R,\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_R \left(E_n^2(R,\tau) - P_n^2(R) \right) \qquad (\ \partial_{\tau} R = -E(R,\tau) \text{ at fixed } \mathcal{R}_0]$$

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where, ceff= $c - 24\Delta$ is the "effective central charge" of the UV CFT state.



The CFT case

An extra CDD factor couples left (-) with right (+) movers and any NLIE or TBA equation leads to a pair of coupled algebraic equations:

$$E^{(+)}(R,\tau) = 2\pi \left(\frac{n_0 - c_{\text{eff}}/24}{R + 2\tau E^{(-)}(R,\tau)}\right), \quad E^{(-)}(R,\tau) = 2\pi \left(\frac{\bar{n}_0 - c_{\text{eff}}/24}{R + 2\tau E^{(+)}(R,\tau)}\right)$$

ceff= c – 24 Δ (primary), obtained by an energy-dependent shift:

$$R \to R + 2\tau E^{(\pm)}(R,\tau)$$

The total energy:

$$E(R,\tau) = E^{(+)}(R,\tau) + E^{(-)}(R,\tau)$$

= $-\frac{R}{2\tau} + \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{4\tau^2} + \frac{2\pi}{\tau} \left(n_0 + \bar{n}_0 - \frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{12}\right) + \left(\frac{2\pi(n_0 - \bar{n}_0)}{R}\right)^2}$

which matches the form of the (D=26, ceff=24) Nambu Goto spectrum, for a generic CFT, with $\tau = 1/(2s)$, where s is the string tension.

Identification of the perturbing operator

Start from the equation:

$$\partial_{\tau} E_n(R,\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_R \left(E_n^2(R,\tau) - P_n^2(R) \right)$$

and use the relations

$$E_n(R,\tau) = -R \langle n | T_{22} | n \rangle$$
, $\partial_R E_n(R,\tau) = - \langle n | T_{11} | n \rangle$, $P_n(R) = -iR \langle n | T_{12} | n \rangle$
since

$$T_{11} = -\frac{1}{2\pi}(\bar{T} + T - 2\Theta) , \ T_{22} = \frac{1}{2\pi}(\bar{T} + T + 2\Theta) , \ T_{12} = T_{21} = \frac{\mathbf{i}}{2\pi}(\bar{T} - T)$$

then

$$\partial_{\tau} E_n(R,\tau) = -\frac{R}{\pi^2} \langle n | \mathbf{T} \bar{\mathbf{T}} | n \rangle_R$$

with

$$T\bar{T}(z,\bar{z}) := \lim_{(z,\bar{z})\to(z',\bar{z}')} T(z,\bar{z})\bar{T}(z',\bar{z}') - \Theta(z,\bar{z})\Theta(z',\bar{z}') + \text{total derivatives}$$

Zamolodchikov's $T\bar{T}$ composite operator fulfills the following factorization property:

$$\langle T\bar{T}\rangle_n = \langle T\rangle_n \langle \bar{T}\rangle_n - \langle \Theta \rangle_n \langle \Theta \rangle_n$$

Putting all this information together:

$$\partial_{\tau} \ln Z(R,L,\tau) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \langle \int_0^R dx \int_0^L dy \, \mathrm{T}\bar{\mathrm{T}}(z,\bar{z}) \rangle$$

Therefore, up to total derivatives:

$$\partial_{\tau} \mathcal{L}(\tau) = \det[T_{\mu\nu}(\tau)], \ \mathrm{T}\bar{\mathrm{T}}(\tau) = -\pi^{2} \det[T_{\mu\nu}(\tau)]$$

with $\mu, \nu \in \{1, 2\}$ and Euclidean coordinates (x_1, x_2) .

Boson field theories with generic potential

$$\mathcal{L}^{V}(\vec{\phi}, 0) = \partial \vec{\phi} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{\phi} + V(\vec{\phi})$$
[Bonelli-Doroud-Zhu, Conti-Negro-Iannella-RT
(2018)]
$$\mathcal{L}^{V}(\vec{\phi}, \tau) = \frac{V(\vec{\phi})}{1 - \tau V(\vec{\phi})} + \frac{1}{2\bar{\tau}} \left(-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\bar{\tau}\mathcal{L}(\vec{\phi}, 0) - 4\bar{\tau}^{2}\mathcal{B}} \right) \qquad \qquad \mathcal{B} = |\partial \vec{\phi} \times \bar{\partial} \vec{\phi}|^{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{\phi}, 0) = \partial \vec{\phi} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{\phi}$$
with $\bar{\tau} = \tau (1 - \tau V(\vec{\phi})).$

Also:

$$\mathcal{H}^V(ec{\phi},ec{\pi}, au) = rac{V(ec{\phi})}{1- au\,V(ec{\phi})} + rac{1}{2ar{ au}}\left(-1 + \sqrt{1+4ar{ au}\,\mathcal{H}(ec{\phi},ec{\pi},0) + 4ar{ au}^2\,\mathcal{P}^2(ec{\phi},ec{\pi})}
ight)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\vec{\phi}, \vec{\pi}, 0) = \frac{1}{4} |\vec{\phi'}|^2 - |\vec{\pi}|^2 \qquad \qquad \mathcal{P}(\vec{\phi}, \vec{\pi}) = -i \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\phi'} = -i T_{12}(\tau)$$

The sine-Gordon model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SG}}\left(\phi,\tau\right) = \frac{V\left(\phi\right)}{1-\tau V\left(\phi\right)} + \frac{-1+S\left(\phi\right)}{2\tau\left(1-\tau V\left(\phi\right)\right)} , \ S(\phi) = \sqrt{1+4\tau\left(1-\tau V\right)\partial\phi\,\bar{\partial}\phi}$$

with

$$V=2rac{m^2}{eta^2}\left(1-\coseta\phi
ight)$$

and EoM

$$\partial \left(\frac{\bar{\partial}\phi}{S}\right) + \bar{\partial} \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{S}\right) = \frac{V'}{4S} \left(\frac{S+1}{1-\tau V}\right)^2 , \qquad V' = 2\frac{m^2}{\beta}\sin\phi$$

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 $\partial \bar{L} - \bar{\partial} L = \left[L, \bar{L}\right]$

(Lax consistency equation)

Deformed Conserved charges (expansion in the spectral parameter λ)

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A local change of coordinates

$$\mathcal{J}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_w z \ \partial_w \bar{z} \\ \partial_{\bar{w}} z \ \partial_{\bar{w}} \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \tau V & -\tau \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \bar{w}}\right)^2 \\ -\tau \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \bar{w}}\right)^2 & 1 - \tau V \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi^{(\tau)}(\mathbf{z}) = \phi^{(0)}(\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{z})) , \quad \mathbf{z} = (z, \bar{z}), \quad \mathbf{w} = (w, \bar{w})$$

Where:

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w} \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \bar{w}}$$



Deformed breather

Start with the breather solution with envelope speed v = 0



Generic TTbar-deformed models

$$\mathcal{J}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_w z \ \partial_w \bar{z} \\ \partial_{\bar{w}} z \ \partial_{\bar{w}} \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \tau V & -\tau \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial w}\right)^2 \\ -\tau \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \bar{w}}\right)^2 & 1 - \tau V \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \tau \Theta(\mathbf{w}) & -\tau \bar{T}(\mathbf{w}) \\ -\tau T(\mathbf{w}) & 1 - \tau \Theta(\mathbf{w}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The solutions of the $T\bar{T}$ -deformed EoMs are related to the $\tau = 0$ ones by

$$dx^{\mu} = \left(\delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \tau \, \widetilde{\mathbf{T}}^{\mu}_{\nu}(\mathbf{y}, 0) \right) dy^{\nu} \,, \quad \mathbf{y} = (y^1, y^2)$$

with

Notice that

$$\widetilde{T}^{\mu}_{\ \nu}(\mathbf{y}) = -g^{\mu\delta}\epsilon_{\delta\rho} \, T^{\rho\sigma}(\mathbf{y}) \, \epsilon_{\sigma\nu} \,, \quad \epsilon_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{\mu\nu} \,, \quad \begin{cases} z = x^1 + i \, x^2 \\ \bar{z} = x^1 - i \, x^2 \end{pmatrix} \,, \quad \begin{cases} w = y^1 + i \, y^2 \\ \bar{w} = y^1 - i \, y^2 \end{cases}$$

where $T^{\mu
u}(\mathbf{y})$ is the Hilbert stress-energy tensor associated to the undeformed theory.

$$rac{\partial^2 x^\mu}{\partial y^
ho \partial y^ au} = rac{\partial^2 x^\mu}{\partial y^\sigma \partial y^
ho} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \partial_\mu {f T}^\mu_{
u} = 0$$

Deformations induced by conserved currents with higher Lorentz spin

In complex coordinates \mathbf{z} , the continuity equations are

$$\bar{\partial}T_{s+1} = \partial\Theta_{s-1}$$
, $\partial\bar{T}_{s+1} = \bar{\partial}\bar{\Theta}_{s-1}$, $(s \in \mathbb{N})$

where the s = 1 case of corresponds to the conservation of the energy and momentum.

We also have the spin-flip symmetry

$$\Theta_{s'-1} = \bar{T}_{s+1} , \quad T_{s'+1} = \bar{\Theta}_{s-1} ,$$

with $s' = \mathbf{s} < 0$, $s = |\mathbf{s}|$

More generally we can implement the change of variables with

$$\mathbf{T} \longrightarrow \mathbf{T_s}$$

Therefore, the natural generalization which ensures the equality of mixed derivatives

$$\left(\mathcal{J}^{(s)}\right)^{-1} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \partial_w z \ \partial_w \bar{z} \\ \partial_{\bar{w}} z \ \partial_{\bar{w}} \bar{z} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 + 2\tau \,\bar{\Theta}_{s-1}(\mathbf{w}) & 2\tau \,\mathrm{T}_{s+1}(\mathbf{w}) \\ 2\tau \,\bar{\mathrm{T}}_{s+1}(\mathbf{w}) & 1 + 2\tau \,\Theta_{s-1}(\mathbf{w}) \end{array}\right)$$

The massless free boson

Consider the Lagrangian of a single massless boson field ϕ in the set of complex coordinates w

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \partial_w \phi \, \partial_{\bar{w}} \phi \; .$$

The EoMs are

$$\partial_w \partial_{\bar{w}} \phi = 0 \; ,$$

therefore, some of the components of the stress-energy tensor are trivial.

There exists an infinite number of options for the choice of the basis of conserved currents. For example, both

$$T_{\mathbf{k}+1}^{(\text{POW})}(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_w \phi \right)^{\mathbf{k}+1} , \quad \Theta_{\mathbf{k}-1}^{(\text{POW})}(\mathbf{w}) = 0 , \quad (\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{N}) ,$$

and

$$\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{k}+1}^{(\mathrm{KG})}(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_w^{\frac{1+\mathbf{k}}{2}} \phi \right)^2 \quad , \quad \Theta_{\mathbf{k}-1}^{(\mathrm{KG})}(\mathbf{w}) = 0 \quad , \quad (\mathbf{k} \in 2\mathbb{N}+1) \quad ,$$

are possible sets of higher conserved currents. For simplicity, we will consider the negative spin power-type set of currents (s' = $-s \le 0$, s= $|s| \ge 0$):

$$\left(\mathcal{J}^{(s')}\right)^{-1} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 - \tau \left(\partial_w \phi\right)^{s+1} & 0\\ 0 & 1 - \tau \left(\partial_{\bar{w}} \phi\right)^{s+1} \end{array}\right)$$

It follows immediately that the deformed EoMs are

$$\partial \partial \phi = 0 \; ,$$

which reflects the fact that the s < 0 perturbations of CFT's do not mix the holomorphic and anti-holomorphic sectors. The level-k Hamiltonian and momentum deformed densities are:

$$\mathcal{H}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) = \mathcal{I}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) + \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) \qquad \qquad \mathcal{P}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) = \mathcal{I}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) - \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau)$$
Where

$$\mathcal{I}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) = -\left(\mathbf{T}_{k+1}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) + \Theta_{k-1}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau)\right), \quad \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) = -\left(\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{k+1}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) + \bar{\Theta}_{k-1}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau)\right)$$

with

$$\mathcal{I}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) = \frac{\mathcal{I}_{k}(\mathbf{z})}{\left(1 + 2\tau \,\mathcal{I}_{s}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau)\right)^{k}} , \quad \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{k}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau) = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{k}(\mathbf{z})}{\left(1 + 2\tau \,\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{s}^{(s')}(\mathbf{z},\tau)\right)^{k}}$$

The scattering phase

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{z}) \longrightarrow \frac{I^{(+)}(R)}{R} , \quad \bar{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{z}) \longrightarrow \frac{I^{(-)}(R)}{R} \qquad \qquad I^{(s',\pm)}_k(R,\tau) = \frac{R^k I^{(\pm)}_k(R)}{\left(R + 2\tau I^{(s',\pm))}_s(R,\tau)\right)^k}$$

The same relations can be obtained from the NLIE by introducing the phase factor:

$$\delta_{(\pm,\pm)}^{(s')}(\theta,\theta') = 0 , \quad \delta_{(\pm,\pm)}^{(s')}(\theta,\theta') = \pm \tau \, \frac{\hat{m}}{2} \hat{\gamma}_{s'} \, e^{\pm(\theta-s'\,\theta')} \, , \quad (s' = \mathbf{s} < 0) \, .$$

The natural generalisation to massive field theories is:

$$\delta^{(\mathbf{s})}(\theta, \theta') = \tau \, m \gamma_{\mathbf{s}} \sinh(\theta - \mathbf{s} \, \theta')$$

Explicit Lorentz breaking in a simple example

Consider the massless free-boson model:

$$\partial_w\partial_{ar w}\phi=0$$

and the vortex-type solution

$$\phi(\mathbf{w},0)=d\,\ln\left(rac{w+\xi}{ar w+ar k}
ight)\,,\quad (\xi,ar \xi\in\mathbb{C}\;,\quad d\in\mathbb{R})$$

under the TT change of variables, involving

$$T_2(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_w \phi \right)^2 , \quad \Theta_0(\mathbf{w}) = 0$$

we get

$$z(\mathbf{w}) = w + \tau \, \frac{d^2}{(w+\xi)} \,, \quad \bar{z}(\mathbf{w}) = \bar{w} + \tau \, \frac{d^2}{(w+\xi)}$$

from which

$$\phi(\mathbf{z},\tau) = \phi(\mathbf{w},0) = d \ln\left(\frac{w+\xi}{w+\xi}\right) \equiv d \ln\left(\frac{z+\xi}{z+\xi}\right)$$

Therefore, the vortex solution is a fixed point of the $T\bar{T}$ flow.



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