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# On the Dressing Method for the Generalised Zakharov-Shabat System

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## Abstract

The dressing procedure for the Generalised Zakharov-Shabat system is well known for systems, related to  $sl(N)$  algebras. We extend the method, constructing explicitly the dressing factors for some systems, related to orthogonal and symplectic Lie algebras. We consider 'dressed' fundamental analytical solutions with simple poles at the prescribed eigenvalue points and obtain the corresponding Lax potentials, representing the soliton solutions for some important nonlinear evolution equations.

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## 1 Introduction

The Non-linear evolution equations (NLEE), solvable by the inverse scattering method (ISM) can be represented as a compatibility condition of two linear systems with spectral parameter  $\lambda$ :

$$[L(\lambda), M(\lambda)] = 0 \tag{1}$$

The ISM is based on the fact that the scattering data for the corresponding equations satisfy linear equations, which are trivially solved [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]. One of the simplest, but at the same time the most important systems for ISM is the so called Zakharov-Shabat (ZS) system [1], [7].

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$$\begin{aligned}
L\psi_0(x, t, \lambda) &\equiv \left( i\frac{d}{dx} + q_0(x, t) - \lambda\sigma_3 \right) \psi_0(x, t, \lambda) = 0, \\
q_0(x, t) &= q^+\sigma_+ + q^-\sigma_- \\
\sigma_+ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The class of NLEE related to Lax operators of the form (2) contains physically important equations such as the non-linear Schroedinger equation (NLS), the sine-Gordon and MKDV equations and so on. The  $N$ -wave equation requires  $3 \times 3$  matrix-valued potential  $q_0(x, t)$  (see bellow). For example, if the  $M$ -operator has the form

$$M\psi_0(x, t, \lambda) \equiv \left( i\frac{d}{dt} + V_0(x, t) + \lambda V_1(x, t) - \lambda^2\sigma_3 \right) \psi_0(x, t, \lambda)$$

and if we enforce the reduction  $q \equiv q^+ = -\overline{(q^-)}$  then the compatibility condition (1) can be resolved for  $q, V_0, V_1$  to give the NLS equation

$$iq_t + q_{xx} + |q|^2q(x, t) = 0$$

This construction clearly corresponds to a potential  $q_0 \in su(2)$  and can be extended for all (semi)simple Lie algebras, leading to the so called Generalised ZS system.

In Section 2 we briefly describe the generalised ZS system and the ZS dressing method. The ZS dressing method [1], [8], [9] leads to a construction of a new solution, starting from a known one. The dressing procedure like the Backlund transform and Darboux transform creates a Lax operator, which has a new pair of complex discrete eigenvalues at prescribed positions with respect to the original Lax operator. This method is well known for systems, related to  $sl(N)$  algebras [1], [9], [10], [11]. The discrete spectral values of  $L$  are related to the 'reflectionless' potentials of  $L$  and soliton solutions of the NLEE. In Section 3 we extend the method, constructing explicitly the dressing factors and the new solutions for some important cases, related to orthogonal and symplectic Lie algebras. We consider 'dressed' fundamental analytical solutions with simple poles at the prescribed eigenvalue points and obtain the corresponding Lax potentials, representing the soliton solutions for some important NLEE such as N-wave and NLS-type equations.

## 2 Generalised Zakharov-Shabat System

### 2.1 Properties of the Generalised Zakharov-Shabat System

The Lax operator of the Generalised Zakharov-Shabat System has the form

$$L\psi(x, \lambda) \equiv \left( i\frac{d}{dx} + q(x) - \lambda J \right) \psi(x, \lambda) = 0 \tag{3}$$

where  $q(x)$  and  $J$  take values in the simple Lie-algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ :  $q(x) \in \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  is a Schwartz-type function i.e. vanishing fast enough for  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $J \in \mathfrak{h}$  is a real constant regular element. The regularity of  $J$  means that  $\alpha(J) > 0$  for all positive roots  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The continuous spectrum of  $L$  (3) fills up the real line  $\mathbf{R}$  in the complex  $\lambda$ -plane.

Here we fix up the notations and the normalization conditions for the Cartan-Weyl generators of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The commutation relations are given by [12]:

$$\begin{aligned} [H_{e_k}, E_\alpha] &= (\alpha, e_k)E_\alpha, & [E_\alpha, E_{-\alpha}] &= H_\alpha, \\ [E_\alpha, E_\beta] &= \begin{cases} N_{\alpha,\beta}E_{\alpha+\beta} & \alpha + \beta \in \Delta \\ 0 & \alpha + \beta \notin \Delta \cup \{0\}. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $\Delta$  is the root system of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $H_{e_k}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, r$  are the Cartan subalgebra generators and  $E_\alpha$  are the root vectors of the simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Here and below  $r = \text{rank}(\mathfrak{g})$ , and  $e_k$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\vec{J} = \sum_{k=1}^r J_k e_k \in \mathbf{E}^r$  are Euclidean vectors corresponding to the Cartan elements  $H_{e_k}$ ,  $H_\alpha$  and  $J = \sum_{k=1}^r J_k H_{e_k}$  correspondingly. The normalization of the basis is determined by:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{-\alpha} &= E_\alpha^T, & \text{tr}(E_{-\alpha}E_\alpha) &= \frac{(\alpha, \alpha)}{2}, \\ N_{-\alpha, -\beta} &= -N_{\alpha, \beta}, & N_{\alpha, \beta} &= \pm(p+1), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where the integer  $p \geq 0$  is such that  $\alpha + s\beta \in \Delta$  for all  $s = 1, \dots, p$  and  $\alpha + (p+1)\beta \notin \Delta$ .

We can define fundamental analytic solutions (FAS)  $\chi^\pm(x, \lambda)$  of  $L$ , which are analytic functions of  $\lambda$  for  $\pm \text{Im} \lambda > 0$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{i\lambda J x} \chi^\pm(x, \lambda) &= S^\pm(\lambda), \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{i\lambda J x} \chi^\pm(x, \lambda) &= T^\mp(\lambda) D^\pm(\lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $S^\pm(\lambda)$ ,  $D^\pm(\lambda)$  and  $T^\pm(\lambda)$  are the factors in the Gauss decomposition of the scattering matrix  $T(\lambda)$  [1, 8]:

$$T(\lambda) = T^-(\lambda) D^+(\lambda) \hat{S}^+(\lambda) = T^+(\lambda) D^-(\lambda) \hat{S}^-(\lambda). \quad (7)$$

Here by "hat" above we denote the inverse matrix  $\hat{S} \equiv S^{-1}$ . It is convenient to use the following parametrization for the factors in (7)

$$\begin{aligned} S^\pm(\lambda) &= \exp \left( \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} s_\alpha^\pm(\lambda) E_{\pm\alpha} \right), & T^\pm(\lambda) &= \exp \left( \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} t_\alpha^\pm(\lambda) E_{\pm\alpha} \right), \\ D^+(\lambda) &= \exp \left( \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{2d_j^+(\lambda)}{(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)} H_j \right), & D^-(\lambda) &= \exp \left( \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{2d_j^-(\lambda)}{(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)} H_j^- \right), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $H_j \equiv H_{\alpha_j}$ ,  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^r$  is the set of the simple roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $H_j^- = w_0(H_j)$  and  $w_0$  is the Weyl group element which maps the highest weight of each irreducible representation to the corresponding lowest weight. The proof of the analyticity of  $\chi^\pm(x, \lambda)$  for any semi-simple Lie algebra and real  $J$  is given in [13] (for  $sl(N)$  in [1, 2, 3, 8]). The upper scripts + and - in  $D^\pm(\lambda)$  show that  $D_j^+(\lambda)$  and  $D_j^-(\lambda)$ :

$$D_j^\pm(\lambda) = \langle \omega_j^\pm | D^\pm(\lambda) | \omega_j^\pm \rangle = \exp(d_j^\pm(\lambda)), \quad \omega_j^- = w_0(\omega_j^+), \quad (9)$$

are analytic functions of  $\lambda$  for  $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$  and  $\text{Im } \lambda < 0$  respectively. Here  $\omega_j^\pm$  are the fundamental weights of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $|\omega_j^+\rangle$  and  $|\omega_j^-\rangle$  are the highest and lowest weight vectors in these representations. On the real axis  $\chi^+(x, \lambda)$  and  $\chi^-(x, \lambda)$  are related by

$$\chi^+(x, \lambda) = \chi^-(x, \lambda)G_0(\lambda), \quad G_0(\lambda) = S^+(\lambda)\hat{S}^-(\lambda), \quad (10)$$

and the sewing function  $G_0(\lambda)$  may be considered as a minimal set of scattering data provided the Lax operator (3) has no discrete eigenvalues. The presence of discrete eigenvalues  $\lambda_1^\pm$  means that one (or more) of the functions  $D_j^\pm(\lambda)$  will have zeroes at  $\lambda_1^\pm$  ( $\text{Im } \lambda_1^+ > 0$ ,  $\text{Im } \lambda_1^- < 0$ ). The Riemann-Hilbert (RH) problem (10) is equivalent to the system (3) for  $\chi^\pm$ .

## 2.2 Non-linear evolution equations

We can introduce a dependence on an additional 'time' parameter  $t$ . The non-linear evolution equations possess a Lax representation of the form (1) where

$$\begin{aligned} M(\lambda)\psi(x, t, \lambda) &\equiv \left( i \frac{d}{dt} + V(x, t, \lambda) \right) \psi(x, t, \lambda) = 0, \\ V(x, t, \lambda) &= \sum_{k=0}^{P-1} V_k(x, t) \lambda^k - f_P \lambda^P I, \quad V_k \in \mathfrak{g}, I \in \mathfrak{h}, I = \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

which must hold identically with respect to  $\lambda$ . The components of  $I$  are real also. A standard procedure generalizing the AKNS one [7] allows us to evaluate  $V_k$  in terms of  $q(x, t)$  and its  $x$ -derivatives. Here and below we consider only the class of Schwartz-type potentials  $q(x, t)$  vanishing fast enough for  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$  for any fixed value of  $t$ . Then one may also check that the asymptotic value of the potential in  $M$ , namely  $f^{(P)}(\lambda) = f_P \lambda^P I$  may be understood as the dispersion law of the corresponding NLEE.

For example, the  $N$ -wave equation [1, 2, 3, 4, 6]

$$i[J, Q_t] - i[I, Q_x] + [[I, Q], [J, Q]] = 0, \quad (11)$$

corresponds to a generalized ZS type system with  $q(x, t) \equiv [J, Q(x, t)]$  and  $M$ -operator with  $P = 1$ ,  $f_P = 1$ ,  $V_0(x, t) = [I, Q(x, t)]$  and  $V(x, t, \lambda) = [I, Q(x, t)] - \lambda I$ .

**Example 1.** Consider algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_2$ . The positive roots are  $e_1 \pm e_2$ ,  $2e_1$  and  $2e_2$  and thus:

$$Q = Q_{1\bar{2}}E_{e_1-e_2} + Q_{12}E_{e_1+e_2} + Q_{11}E_{2e_1} + Q_{22}E_{2e_2} \\ + Q_{\bar{1}2}E_{-e_1+e_2} + Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}E_{-e_1-e_2} + Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1}}E_{-2e_1} + Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2}}E_{-2e_2}$$

The system of NLEE for the components of  $Q$  is

$$\begin{aligned} i(J_1 - J_2)Q_{1\bar{2},t} - i(I_1 - I_2)Q_{1\bar{2},x} + 2\kappa(Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2}}Q_{12} - Q_{11}Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}) &= 0 \\ i(J_1 + J_2)Q_{12,t} - i(I_1 + I_2)Q_{12,x} - 2\kappa(Q_{22}Q_{1\bar{2}} + Q_{11}Q_{\bar{1}2}) &= 0 \\ iJ_1Q_{11,t} - iI_1Q_{11,x} + 2\kappa Q_{1\bar{2}}Q_{12} &= 0 \\ iJ_2Q_{22,t} - iI_2Q_{22,x} + 2\kappa Q_{\bar{1}2}Q_{12} &= 0 \\ i(J_2 - J_1)Q_{\bar{1}2,t} - i(I_2 - I_1)Q_{\bar{1}2,x} + 2\kappa(Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1}}Q_{12} - Q_{22}Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}) &= 0 \\ -i(J_1 + J_2)Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2},t} + i(I_1 + I_2)Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2},x} + 2\kappa(Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1}}Q_{1\bar{2}} + Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2}}Q_{\bar{1}2}) &= 0 \\ -iJ_1Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1},t} + iI_1Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1},x} - 2\kappa Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}Q_{\bar{1}2} &= 0 \\ -iJ_2Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2},t} + iI_2Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2},x} - 2\kappa Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}Q_{1\bar{2}} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where  $\kappa = J_1I_2 - J_2I_1$ .  $\square$

The NLS-type equation [13]

$$iq_t + \text{ad}_J^{-1}q_{xx} - iP_0[q, \text{ad}_J^{-1}q_x] + \frac{1}{2}[q, (\mathbf{1} - P_0)[q, \text{ad}_J^{-1}q]] = 0, \quad (13)$$

can be obtained, using  $V(x, t, \lambda) = V_0 + \lambda V_1 - \lambda^2 J$ . When  $J$  is a regular element,  $\text{ad}_J$  is an invertible operator. Here  $P_0 = \text{ad}_J^{-1} \cdot \text{ad}_J$  is the projector on  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ . From (1) we have the system

$$\begin{aligned} i\frac{dV_0}{dx} - i\frac{dq}{dt} + [q, V_0] &= 0 \\ i\frac{dV_1}{dx} + [q, V_1] - [J, V_0] &= 0 \\ [V_1 - q, J] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which can be resolved to give (13), see [13]. The NLS equations on symmetric spaces (where  $J = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$ ) are considered in [14].

### 2.3 Dressing procedure

The main goal of the dressing method is, starting from a FAS  $\chi_0^\pm(x, \lambda)$  of a Lax operator  $L_0$  with a potential  $q_{(0)}$  to construct a new singular solution  $\chi_1^\pm(x, \lambda)$  of (3) with singularities located at prescribed positions  $\lambda_1^\pm$ . The new solutions  $\chi_1^\pm(x, \lambda)$  will correspond to a new potential, say  $q_{(1)}$  of  $L_1$ , with two additional discrete eigenvalues  $\lambda_1^\pm$ .

The new solution is related to the initial one by a dressing factor  $u(x, \lambda)$ :

$$\chi_1^\pm(x, \lambda) = u(x, \lambda)\chi_0^\pm(x, \lambda)u_-^{-1}(\lambda), \quad u_-(\lambda) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} u(x, \lambda).$$

Then  $u(x, \lambda)$  obviously must satisfy the equation

$$i \frac{du}{dx} + q_{(1)}(x)u(x, \lambda) - u(x, \lambda)q_{(0)}(x) - \lambda[J, u(x, \lambda)] = 0, \quad (14)$$

and the normalization condition  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} u(x, \lambda) = \mathbf{1}$ .  $\chi_i^\pm(x, \lambda)$ ,  $i = 0, 1$  and  $u(x, \lambda)$  must belong to the corresponding group  $\mathbf{G}$ . By construction  $u(x, \lambda)$  has poles or/and zeroes at  $\lambda_1^\pm$ . All quantities bellow, related to  $L_i$  (3) with potential  $q_{(i)}(x)$  will be supplied with the corresponding index  $i$ . Their scattering data are related by:

$$S_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda) = u_-(\lambda)S_{(0)}^\pm(\lambda)u_-^{-1}(\lambda), \quad T_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda) = u_+(\lambda)T_{(0)}^\pm(\lambda)u_+^{-1}(\lambda), \quad (15)$$

$$D_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda) = u_+(\lambda)D_{(0)}^\pm(\lambda)u_-^{-1}(\lambda), \quad u_\pm(\lambda) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} u(x, \lambda). \quad (16)$$

Since the limits  $u_\pm(\lambda)$  are  $x$ -independent and belong to the Cartan subgroup  $\mathbf{H}$  of  $\mathbf{G}$ , so  $S_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda)$ ,  $T_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda)$  are of the form (8).

If (14) is satisfied then one can see that  $L_1 = uL_0u^{-1}$  and therefore  $[L_1, M_1] = 0$  where

$$M_1 = uM_0u^{-1} \quad (17)$$

The dressed potential  $q_{(1)}(x, t)$  satisfies the same NLEE as  $q_{(0)}(x, t)$  since  $M_1$  (17) has a potential in the same polynomial form in  $\lambda$  as in  $M_0$  due to the fact that the dressed FAS are solutions to a RH problem of the same type (10) for all values of the additional parameter  $t$ .

The simplest case  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{A}_r$  (or, rather  $gl(r+1)$ ) is solved in the classical papers [1, 9]. The dressing factor is

$$u(x, \lambda) = \mathbf{1} + \frac{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+}{\lambda - \lambda_1^-} P(x), \quad (18)$$

where the projector  $P(x)$  can be chosen in the form:

$$P(x) = \frac{|n(x)\rangle\langle m(x)|}{\langle m(x)|n(x)\rangle}$$

with  $|n(x)\rangle = \chi_0^+(x, \lambda_1^+) |n_0\rangle$ ,  $\langle m(x)| = \langle m_0 | \hat{\chi}_0^-(x, \lambda_1^-); |n_0\rangle$ ,  $|m_0\rangle$  are constant vector-columns ( $\langle m_0| = (|m_0\rangle)^T$ ). It can be easily checked that

$$q_{(1)}(x) = q_{(0)}(x) + (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+) [J, P(x)]$$

In fact  $u(x, \lambda)$  (18) belongs not to  $SL(r+1)$ , but to  $GL(r+1)$ .  $\det(u)$  depends only on  $\lambda$  and it is not a problem to multiply  $u(x, \lambda)$  by an appropriate scalar and thus to adjust its determinant to 1. Such a multiplication easily goes through the whole scheme outlined above. We mention also the papers by Zakharov and Mikhailov [15] where they generalized the dressing method and derived the soliton solutions for a number of field theory models, related to the orthogonal and symplectic algebras.

### 3 Dressing factors related to the orthogonal and symplectic cases

For the construction of the dressing factor for the case of orthogonal and symplectic algebras we will assume that it contains singularities at  $\lambda_1^\pm$  as proposed in [16], [15]:

$$u(x, \lambda) = \mathbf{1} + (c_\mu(\lambda) - 1)\pi_1(x) + (c_\mu^{-1}(\lambda) - 1)\pi_{-1}(x), \quad (19)$$

where for some constant  $\mu$

$$c_\mu(\lambda) = \left( \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1^+}{\lambda - \lambda_1^-} \right)^\mu. \quad (20)$$

The two matrix-valued functions  $\pi_1(x)$  and  $\pi_{-1}(x)$  must satisfy a system of algebraic equations ensuring that  $u(x, \lambda) \in \mathbf{G}$ , i.e.

$$u^{-1}(x, \lambda) = Su^T(x, \lambda)S^{-1} \quad (21)$$

where the matrix  $S$  is

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} (E_{k\bar{k}} + E_{\bar{k}k}) + (-1)^r E_{r+1, r+1}, \\ &\quad \bar{k} = N + 1 - k, \quad N = 2r + 1 \quad \mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{B}_r, \quad (22) \\ S &= \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} (E_{k\bar{k}} - E_{\bar{k}k}), \\ &\quad N = 2r, \quad \bar{k} = N + 1 - k, \quad \mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_r, \\ S &= \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} (E_{k\bar{k}} + E_{\bar{k}k}), \\ &\quad N = 2r, \quad \bar{k} = N + 1 - k, \quad \mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{D}_r. \quad (23) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $E_{kn}$  is an  $N \times N$  matrix whose matrix elements are  $(E_{kn})_{ij} = \delta_{ik}\delta_{nj}$  and  $N$  is the dimension of the typical representation of the corresponding algebra. We note also the difference between the matrices  $S$  for the symplectic and the orthogonal case, namely:

$$\begin{aligned} S^{-1} &= S^T = S \text{ for the orthogonal groups (algebras) and} \\ S^{-1} &= S^T = -S \text{ for the symplectic groups (algebras).} \end{aligned}$$

The algebraic equations, following from the condition that (21) or, equivalently,

$$u(x, \lambda)Su^T(x, \lambda)S^{-1} \equiv \mathbf{1}$$

should hold identically with respect to  $\lambda$  are:



$$\pi_1 S \pi_1^T S^{-1} = \pi_{-1} S \pi_{-1}^T S^{-1} = 0, \quad (24)$$

$$\pi_1 + S \pi_1^T S^{-1} - \pi_1 S \pi_{-1}^T S^{-1} - \pi_{-1} S \pi_1^T S^{-1} = 0, \quad (25)$$

$$\pi_{-1} + S \pi_{-1}^T S^{-1} - \pi_1 S \pi_{-1}^T S^{-1} - \pi_{-1} S \pi_1^T S^{-1} = 0 \quad (26)$$

The equations for  $\pi_{\pm 1}(x)$  following from (14), (19) keeping in mind that it should also hold identically with respect to  $\lambda$  (i.e. when  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_1^\pm$  and  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ ) are:

$$i \frac{d\pi_1(x)}{dx} + q_{(1)}(x)\pi_1(x) - \pi_1(x)q_{(0)}(x) - \lambda_1^- [J, \pi_1(x)] = 0, \quad (27)$$

$$i \frac{d\pi_{-1}(x)}{dx} + q_{(1)}(x)\pi_{-1}(x) - \pi_{-1}(x)q_{(0)}(x) - \lambda_1^+ [J, \pi_{-1}(x)] = 0, \quad (28)$$

$$q_{(1)}(x) = q_{(0)}(x) + \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda [J, (c_\mu(\lambda) - 1)\pi_1(x) + (c_\mu^{-1}(\lambda) - 1)\pi_{-1}(x)] \quad (29)$$

$$= q_{(0)}(x) + \mu(\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+) [J, \pi_1(x) - \pi_{-1}(x)]. \quad (30)$$

It is possible to find solutions of (24)-(26) of the form

$$\pi_1 = Y m^T, \quad \pi_{-1} = S X n^T S^{-1}. \quad (31)$$

Here  $X, Y, n, m$  are  $N \times r_1$  rectangular matrices where  $r_1 \leq N$  and  $N$  is the dimension of the typical representation of the corresponding algebra as in (22). The system (25)-(26) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} Y m^T (\mathbf{1} - n X^T) &= -S (\mathbf{1} - X n^T) m Y^T S^{-1} \\ X n^T (\mathbf{1} - m Y^T) &= -S (\mathbf{1} - Y m^T) n X^T S^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and can be solved for  $X, Y$  introducing two new matrices  $A$  and  $B$  (yet arbitrary) [15] via the relations

$$X B^T = S (\mathbf{1} - Y m^T) n, \quad Y A^T = S (\mathbf{1} - X n^T) m.$$

The solution with respect to  $X$  and  $Y$  of the algebraic equations arising from (24)-(26) can be written down in the form

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= (n + S m (\rho^T)^{-1} B) R^{-1}, \quad X = (m + S n \rho^{-1} A) (R^T)^{-1} \\ \rho &= m^T n, \quad R = \rho - \sigma A (\rho^T)^{-1} B \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where the matrices  $n, m, A$  and  $B$  must satisfy

$$A^T = -\sigma A, \quad B^T = -\sigma B, \quad n^T S n = m^T S m = 0 \quad (33)$$

and  $\sigma$  is a sign determined from  $S^{-1} = \sigma S$ , see (22).

For the orthogonal algebras  $\sigma = 1$ . If we take  $r_1 = 1$  then  $A, B$  are  $1 \times 1$  matrices and according to (33)  $A = B \equiv 0$ . Hence  $\pi_{\pm 1}$  (31) are projectors of rank 1. Taking

$$m = S \chi_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-) S^{-1} |m_0\rangle, \quad n = \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) |n_0\rangle \quad (34)$$

where  $|n_0\rangle, |m_0\rangle$  are constant vector-columns ( $\langle m_0| = (|m_0\rangle)^T$ ) we have the following result [17] which we quote for completeness:

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{B}_r$  or  $\mathbf{D}_r$ ,  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$  - the FAS for the Lax-pair  $L_0$ ,  $M_0$  and  $\mu = 1$  in (20). Then  $\pi_{\pm 1}$  (19) and the Lax potential have the form

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(x, t) &= \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+)|n_0\rangle (\langle m_0|\widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-)\chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+)|n_0\rangle)^{-1} \langle m_0|\widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-), \\ \pi_{-1}(x, t) &= S\pi_1^T S^{-1}, \\ q_{(1)}(x, t) &= q_{(0)}(x, t) + (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)[J, \pi_1 - \pi_{-1}],\end{aligned}\quad (35)$$

where  $|n_0\rangle$ ,  $|m_0\rangle$  are constant vectors from the typical representation, such that  $\langle m_0|S|m_0\rangle = \langle n_0|S|n_0\rangle = 0$ .

*Remark.*  $\pi_{\pm 1}$  are mutually orthogonal projectors,  $\pi_1 - \pi_{-1} \in \mathfrak{g}$  and one can see that  $u(x, t, \lambda) = \exp((\ln c_1(\lambda))(\pi_1(x, t) - \pi_{-1}(x, t))) \in \mathbf{G}$ .

**Proof:** The proof is based on a direct verification of (27), (28), see [17] for the details and examples, related to the N-wave type equation (11).  $\square$

When we consider  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_r$  however, even when  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are in general not equal to zero. We state the result in the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_r$ ,  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$  - the FAS for the Lax pair  $L_0$ ,  $M_0$  and  $\mu = 1$  in (20). Then  $\pi_{\pm 1}$  (19) and the Lax potential have the form

$$\pi_1(x, t) = \frac{(\rho n + BSm)m^T}{\rho^2 + AB}, \quad (36)$$

$$\pi_{-1}(x, t) = \frac{S(\rho m + ASn)n^T S^{-1}}{\rho^2 + AB}, \quad (37)$$

$$q_{(1)}(x, t) = q_{(0)}(x, t) + (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)[J, \pi_1 - \pi_{-1}] \quad (38)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}n(x, t) &= \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+)|n_0\rangle, \\ m^T(x, t) &= \langle m_0|\widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-), \\ \rho(x, t) &= m^T(x, t)n(x, t), \\ A(x, t) &= -(\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)\langle m_0|\widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-) \dot{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-)S|m_0\rangle, \\ B(x, t) &= (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)\langle n_0|S\widehat{\chi}_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) \dot{\chi}_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+)|n_0\rangle,\end{aligned}\quad (39)$$

$$(40)$$

where the dot denotes a derivative with respect to  $\lambda$ :  $\dot{\chi}_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$ .

**Proof:** Substituting  $\pi_{\pm 1}$  from (36) and (37) into equations (27)–(28) with  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $\rho$  as above, after some tedious calculations we receive that  $A$  and  $B$  must satisfy the extra conditions

$$\begin{aligned}i \frac{dA}{dx} &= -(\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)\langle m_0|\widehat{\chi}_0^-(\lambda_1^-)J\chi_0^-(\lambda_1^-)S|m_0\rangle \\ i \frac{dB}{dx} &= (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)\langle n_0|S\widehat{\chi}_0^+(\lambda_1^+)J\chi_0^+(\lambda_1^+)|n_0\rangle\end{aligned}$$

which can be resolved, using the fact that the FAS satisfy (3). We thus end up with expressions (39) and (40).  $\square$

**Example 2.** Consider  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_2$ . For the system (12) related to the  $N$ -wave equation (11)  $Q_{(1)}(x, t) = Q_{(0)}(x, t) + (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)P_0(\pi_1 - \pi_{-1})$  (here we ignore the irrelevant diagonal part). If  $Q_{(0)}(x, t) \equiv 0$  clearly

$$\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \exp(-i\lambda(Jx + It)).$$

Let us take the typical representation of  $\mathbf{C}_2$  with a basis  $|\gamma_i\rangle = |e_i\rangle$ ,  $|\gamma_{\bar{i}}\rangle = |-e_i\rangle$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |n_0\rangle &= n_{01}|\gamma_1\rangle + n_{02}|\gamma_2\rangle + n_{0\bar{2}}|\gamma_{\bar{2}}\rangle + n_{0\bar{1}}|\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle \\ |m_0\rangle &= m_{01}|\gamma_1\rangle + m_{02}|\gamma_2\rangle + m_{0\bar{2}}|\gamma_{\bar{2}}\rangle + m_{0\bar{1}}|\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

with all constant parameters  $n_{0i}$ ,  $m_{0i}$  nonzero. Then from (38) we obtain the following solution

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{1\bar{2}} &= \frac{l}{\Delta}(n_{01}m_{02}\rho e^{i\lambda_1^- z_2 - i\lambda_1^+ z_1} + n_{0\bar{2}}m_{0\bar{1}}\rho e^{-i\lambda_1^- z_1 + i\lambda_1^+ z_2} \\ &\quad - n_{01}n_{0\bar{2}}Ae^{-i\lambda_1^+(z_1 - z_2)} + m_{02}m_{0\bar{1}}Be^{-i\lambda_1^-(z_1 - z_2)}) \\ Q_{12} &= \frac{l}{\Delta}(n_{01}m_{0\bar{2}}\rho e^{-i\lambda_1^- z_2 - i\lambda_1^+ z_1} - n_{02}m_{0\bar{1}}\rho e^{-i\lambda_1^- z_1 - i\lambda_1^+ z_2} \\ &\quad + n_{01}n_{02}Ae^{-i\lambda_1^+(z_1 + z_2)} + m_{0\bar{2}}m_{0\bar{1}}Be^{-i\lambda_1^-(z_1 + z_2)}) \\ Q_{11} &= \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}\Delta}(2n_{01}m_{0\bar{1}}\rho e^{-i(\lambda_1^- + \lambda_1^+)z_1} - n_{01}^2Ae^{-2i\lambda_1^+ z_1} + m_{0\bar{1}}^2Be^{-2i\lambda_1^- z_1}) \\ Q_{2\bar{2}} &= \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}\Delta}(2n_{02}m_{0\bar{2}}\rho e^{-i(\lambda_1^- + \lambda_1^+)z_2} + n_{02}^2Ae^{-2i\lambda_1^+ z_2} - m_{0\bar{2}}^2Be^{-2i\lambda_1^- z_2}) \\ Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}} &= \frac{l}{\Delta}(n_{02}m_{01}\rho e^{i\lambda_1^- z_1 - i\lambda_1^+ z_2} + n_{0\bar{1}}m_{0\bar{2}}\rho e^{-i\lambda_1^- z_2 + i\lambda_1^+ z_1} \\ &\quad + n_{02}n_{0\bar{1}}Ae^{i\lambda_1^+(z_1 - z_2)} - m_{01}m_{0\bar{2}}Be^{i\lambda_1^-(z_1 - z_2)}) \\ Q_{\bar{1}2} &= \frac{l}{\Delta}(n_{0\bar{2}}m_{01}\rho e^{i\lambda_1^- z_1 + i\lambda_1^+ z_2} - n_{0\bar{1}}m_{02}\rho e^{i\lambda_1^- z_2 + i\lambda_1^+ z_1} \\ &\quad + n_{0\bar{1}}n_{0\bar{2}}Ae^{i\lambda_1^+(z_1 + z_2)} + m_{01}m_{02}Be^{i\lambda_1^-(z_1 + z_2)}) \\ Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2}} &= \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}\Delta}(2n_{0\bar{2}}m_{02}\rho e^{i(\lambda_1^- + \lambda_1^+)z_2} - n_{0\bar{2}}^2Ae^{2i\lambda_1^+ z_2} + m_{02}^2Be^{2i\lambda_1^- z_2}) \\ Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1}} &= \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}\Delta}(2n_{0\bar{1}}m_{01}\rho e^{i(\lambda_1^- + \lambda_1^+)z_1} + n_{0\bar{1}}^2Ae^{2i\lambda_1^+ z_1} - m_{01}^2Be^{2i\lambda_1^- z_1}) \end{aligned}$$

with the notations:

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+ \\ A &= 2il(m_{01}m_{0\bar{1}}z_1 - m_{02}m_{0\bar{2}}z_2), \quad B = 2il(n_{01}n_{0\bar{1}}z_1 - n_{02}n_{0\bar{2}}z_2) \\ \rho &= n_{01}m_{01}e^{ilz_1} + n_{02}m_{02}e^{ilz_2} + n_{0\bar{2}}m_{0\bar{2}}e^{-ilz_2} + n_{0\bar{1}}m_{0\bar{1}}e^{-ilz_1}, \\ \Delta &= \rho^2 + AB, \\ z(x, t) &= Jx + It, \quad z_k(x, t) = J_k x + I_k t. \end{aligned}$$

The Cartan-Weyl generators are

$$\begin{aligned} E_{e_i - e_j} &= E_{ij} + (-1)^{i+j+1} E_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}, & E_{e_i + e_j} &= E_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} + (-1)^{i+j+1} E_{j\bar{i}}, \quad (i < j), \\ E_{2e_k} &= \sqrt{2} E_{k\bar{k}}, & H_{e_k} &= E_{kk} - E_{\bar{k}\bar{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note the terms  $A, B$ , linear with respect to  $x$  and  $t$  due to the contributions from  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda))_{\lambda=\lambda_1^\pm}$ . The reduction

$$\lambda_1^- = \overline{\lambda_1^+}, \quad m_{0k} = \overline{n_{0k}}$$

leads to finite solutions since in that case

$$\Delta = |\rho|^2 + |A|^2 \neq 0.$$

In order to analyze the scattering data in this example we recall that our regularity assumption  $\alpha(J) > 0$  for  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_2$  implies  $J_1 > J_2 > 0$ . Our initial solution is  $Q_{(0)}(x, t) \equiv 0$  and  $D_{(0)}^\pm(\lambda) = S_{(0)}^\pm(\lambda) = T_{(0)}^\pm(\lambda) = \mathbf{1}$ . It is not difficult to calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \pi_1(x, t) &= |\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle\langle\gamma_{\bar{1}}| \equiv E_{\bar{1}\bar{1}}, & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \pi_1(x, t) &= |\gamma_1\rangle\langle\gamma_1| \equiv E_{11} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \pi_{-1}(x, t) &= |\gamma_1\rangle\langle\gamma_1|, & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{-1}(x, t) &= |\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle\langle\gamma_{\bar{1}}| \end{aligned}$$

and thus from (16)

$$\begin{aligned} u_\pm(\lambda) &= \exp(\pm(\ln c_1(\lambda))H_{e_1}), \\ D_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda) &= \mathbf{1} \cdot \exp(2(\ln c_1(\lambda))H_{e_1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since for the  $\mathbf{C}_r$  algebra  $w_0 = -\mathbf{1}$ ,  $\omega_j^+ = e_1 + \dots + e_j$  from (9) we have

$$d_{(1)j}^\pm(\lambda) = d_{(0)j}^\pm(\lambda) \pm 2(\ln c_1(\lambda))(e_1, \omega_j^+) = \pm 2 \ln c_1(\lambda), \quad j = 1, 2.$$

Since we obtained soliton solutions, corresponding to a reflectionless potential, the scattering data on the continuous spectrum remained trivial (15):  $S_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda) = T_{(1)}^\pm(\lambda) = \mathbf{1}$ .  $\square$

Next we examine one particular case, where  $\pi_1 + \pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1}$ . We start with the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $\pi_1 + \pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1}$ , the equations (24)–(29) are compatible if and only if*

1.  $\pi_{-1} = S\pi_1^T S^{-1}$
2.  $\pi_{\pm 1}$  are mutually orthogonal projectors ( $\pi_{\pm 1}^2 = \pi_{\pm 1}$ ,  $\pi_1\pi_{-1} = \pi_{-1}\pi_1 = 0$ )
3.  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$

**Proof:** Assume that (24) holds. If  $\pi_1 + \pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1}$  then (25) is satisfied and from (26) we have  $\pi_{-1} = S\pi_1^T S^{-1}$ . Then  $\pi_1\pi_{-1} = \pi_{-1}\pi_1 = 0$  and  $\pi_1^2 = \pi_1(1 - \pi_{-1}) = \pi_1$ . From (20) and (29) provided  $\pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1} - \pi_1$  we have

$$q_{(1)}(x) = q_{(0)}(x) + 2\mu(\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)[J, \pi_1(x)].$$

On the other hand, summing up (27) and (28) we have

$$q_{(1)}(x) = q_{(0)}(x) + (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+)[J, \pi_1(x)] \quad (41)$$

and therefore  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\square$

Clearly  $c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\lambda)$  is not a meromorphic function, but this is not a real problem since in this case

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, \lambda) &= c_{\frac{1}{2}}^{-1}(\lambda) \left( \mathbf{1} + (c_{\frac{1}{2}}^2(\lambda) - 1)\pi_1(x) \right), \\ u^{-1}(x, \lambda) &= c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\lambda) \left( \mathbf{1} + \left( c_{\frac{1}{2}}^{-2}(\lambda) - 1 \right) \pi_1(x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and up to the irrelevant scalar multiplier  $c_{\frac{1}{2}}^{-1}(\lambda)$  the dressing factor is a meromorphic function of  $\lambda$ .

**Proposition 3.** *If  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda)$  are the FAS for  $L_0$  and  $M_0$  the projector  $\pi_1$  of rank  $r$  (in the context of Lemma 3.1) has the form*

$$\pi_1(x, t) = \sum_{i,k=1}^r \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) |n_0^i\rangle R_{ik}^{-1} \langle m_0^k | \widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-) \quad (42)$$

where  $|n_0^i\rangle, |m_0^i\rangle$  are constant vectors from the corresponding (typical) representation,

$$R_{ik}(x, t) = \langle m_0^i | \widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-) \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) | n_0^k \rangle,$$

provided  $\det(R) \neq 0$ ,  $\langle m_0^i | S | m_0^k \rangle = \langle n_0^i | S | n_0^k \rangle = 0$ .

*Remark.* Since  $\text{rank}(\pi_1) = \text{rank}(\pi_{-1}) = r$  and  $\pi_1 + \pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1}$  the proposed construction works only for algebras with  $2r$  dimensional typical representations, i.e.  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_r, \mathbf{D}_r$ .

**Proof:**  $\pi_{-1} = S\pi_1^T S^{-1} = \sum_{i,k=1}^r \chi_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-) S | m_{0i} \rangle \widehat{R}_{ik}^T \langle n_{0k} | S^{-1} \widehat{\chi}_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+)$  and the condition  $\langle m_{0i} | S | m_{0k} \rangle = \langle n_{0i} | S | n_{0k} \rangle = 0$  guarantees that  $\pi_1\pi_{-1} = \pi_{-1}\pi_1 = 0$ . Since the projectors  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_{-1}$  commute, they can be diagonalised simultaneously, and  $\pi_1$  has an eigenvalue 1 at the places where  $\pi_{-1}$  has an eigenvalue 0 and vice-versa. It means that  $\pi_1 + \pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1}$  if the representation space is  $2r$  dimensional. Furthermore one can easily verify that  $\pi_1$  satisfies the equation

$$i \frac{d\pi_1}{dx} + [q_{(0)}, \pi_1] + \lambda_1^- \pi_1 J - \lambda_1^+ J \pi_1 - (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+) \pi_1 J \pi_1 = 0$$

which is equivalent to (27) in the case  $\pi_1 + \pi_{-1} = \mathbf{1}$ , taking into account (41).  $\square$

**Example 3.** For the  $N$ -wave equation (11) and  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_2$  i.e. for the system (12)

with  $Q_{(0)}(x, t) \equiv 0$ , if we take the typical representation of  $\mathbf{C}_2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |n_0^1\rangle &= |\gamma_1\rangle + a|\gamma_2\rangle + b|\gamma_{\bar{2}}\rangle - ab|\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle, \\ |n_0^2\rangle &= |\gamma_1\rangle - a|\gamma_2\rangle + c|\gamma_{\bar{2}}\rangle + ac|\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle, \\ |m_0^1\rangle &= |n_0^2\rangle, |m_0^2\rangle = |n_0^1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

with real positive constant parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , the construction (42) with the reduction

$$\lambda_1^- = \overline{\lambda_1^+} \quad (43)$$

gives the following solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{1\bar{2}} &= 4i\nu_1 a^2 (b-c)(b+c) e^{-i\mu_1(z_1-z_2)} \{\cosh[\nu_1(z_1-z_2) - \ln a]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{12} &= -8i\nu_1 a^2 \sqrt{bc} (b+c) e^{-i\mu_1(z_1+z_2)} \{\cosh[\nu_1(z_1+z_2) - \ln \sqrt{bc}]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{11} &= 4\sqrt{2}i\nu_1 a^2 \sqrt{bc} (b-c) e^{-2i\mu_1 z_1} \{\sinh[2\nu_1 z_2 + \ln \frac{a}{\sqrt{bc}}]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{22} &= -4\sqrt{2}i\nu_1 a^2 \sqrt{bc} (b-c) e^{-2i\mu_1 z_2} \{\sinh[2\nu_1 z_1 - \ln a\sqrt{bc}]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{\bar{1}\bar{2}} &= 4i\nu_1 a^2 (b-c)(b+c) e^{i\mu_1(z_1-z_2)} \{\cosh[\nu_1(z_1-z_2) - \ln a]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{\bar{1}2} &= -8i\nu_1 a^2 \sqrt{bc} (b+c) e^{i\mu_1(z_1+z_2)} \{\cosh[\nu_1(z_1+z_2) - \ln \sqrt{bc}]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{\bar{2}\bar{2}} &= -4\sqrt{2}i\nu_1 a^2 (b-c) e^{2i\mu_1 z_2} \{\cosh[2\nu_1 z_1 - \ln a\sqrt{bc}]\} / \Delta \\ Q_{\bar{1}\bar{1}} &= 4\sqrt{2}i\nu_1 a (b-c) e^{2i\mu_1 z_1} a \sqrt{bc} \{\cosh[2\nu_1 z_2 + \ln \frac{a}{\sqrt{bc}}]\} / \Delta \end{aligned}$$

The notations are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_1 &= \text{Im}(\lambda_1^+) > 0, \quad \mu_1 = \text{Re}(\lambda_1^+) \\ \Delta(x, t) &= a^2(b+c)^2 + a^2(b-c)^2 \cosh[2\nu_1(z_1-z_2) - \ln a^2] \\ &\quad + 4a^2 \cosh[2\nu_1(z_1+z_2) - \ln bc], \\ \Delta(x, t) &\neq 0; \\ z(x, t) &= Jx + It, \quad z_k(x, t) = J_k x + I_k t. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

In order to analyze the scattering data in this example we recall that  $J_1 > J_2 > 0$ . It is not difficult to calculate that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \pi_1(x, t) = E_{\bar{1}\bar{1}} + E_{\bar{2}\bar{2}}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \pi_1(x, t) = E_{11} + E_{22}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\pm}(\lambda) &= \exp(\pm(\ln c_1(\lambda))(H_{e_1} + H_{e_2})), \\ D_{(1)}^{\pm}(\lambda) &= \exp(2(\ln c_1(\lambda))(H_{e_1} + H_{e_2})). \end{aligned}$$

From (9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{(1)j}^{\pm}(\lambda) &= d_{(0)j}^{\pm}(\lambda) \pm 2(\ln c_1(\lambda))(\omega_j^{\pm}, e_1 + e_2) \\ d_{(1)1}^{\pm}(\lambda) &= \pm 2 \ln c_1(\lambda), \quad d_{(1)2}^{\pm}(\lambda) = \pm 4 \ln c_1(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

□

Examples for the NLS-type equation (13) can be easily constructed, using the FAS  $\chi_0^{\pm}(x, t, \lambda) = \exp(-i\lambda J(x + \lambda t))$  when  $q_{(0)}(x, t) \equiv 0$ .

## 4 Generating solutions for systems, related to subalgebras

As a byproduct of the presented general constructions for the orthogonal and symplectic algebras, we can generate solutions for their subalgebras [17]. As an example we consider some  $sl(2)$  solutions for the NLS-type equation (13) and their relation to the dressing construction for the  $sl(N)$  algebra (18). If the dressed solution has the form

$$q_{(1)}(x, t) = q(x, t)E_\alpha + \tilde{q}(x, t)E_{-\alpha}$$

then  $q$  and  $\tilde{q}$  must satisfy the equation (13) related to  $sl(2)$ , which is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} iq_t + \omega_1 q_{xx} + \omega_2 q^2 \tilde{q} &= 0 \\ i\tilde{q}_t - \omega_1 \tilde{q}_{xx} - \omega_2 q \tilde{q}^2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

with some constant coefficients  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  depending on the length of the root  $\alpha$ .

**Example 4.** For the NLS-type equation (13) when  $q_{(0)}(x, t) \equiv 0$ , clearly  $q_{(1)}(x, t) = l[J, \pi_1(x, t) - \pi_{-1}(x, t)]$  and  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \exp(-i\lambda J(x + \lambda t))$ . Let us take  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathbf{C}_r$  ( $\mathbf{C}_2$  is sufficient for what follows) with its typical representation. Let the basis in this representation be  $|\gamma_k\rangle = |e_k\rangle, |\gamma_{\bar{k}}\rangle = |-e_k\rangle, k = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |n_0\rangle &= n_{01}|\gamma_1\rangle + n_{0\bar{1}}|\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle, \\ |m_0\rangle &= m_{01}|\gamma_1\rangle + m_{0\bar{1}}|\gamma_{\bar{1}}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

with all constant parameters  $n_{0i}, m_{0i}$  nonzero. From Proposition 2 we have

$$q_{(1)}(x, t) = q(x, t)E_{2e_1} + \tilde{q}(x, t)E_{-2e_1}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} q(x, t) &= \frac{\eta J_1 l}{\sqrt{2}\Delta} [(1 - f^-)e^{-2Z^+} + \eta\nu(1 + f^+)e^{-2Z^-}] \\ \tilde{q}(x, t) &= -\frac{\nu J_1 l}{\sqrt{2}\Delta} [(1 - f^+)e^{2Z^-} + \eta\nu(1 + f^-)e^{2Z^+}] \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

with the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+, \\ \Delta(x, t) &= \left( e^{(Z^- - Z^+)} + \eta\nu e^{-(Z^- - Z^+)} \right)^2 + 4\eta\nu f^+ f^-, \\ Z^\pm(x, t) &= iJ_1 \lambda_1^\pm (x + \lambda_1^\pm t), \\ f^\pm(x, t) &= iJ_1 l (x + 2\lambda_1^\pm t), \end{aligned}$$

$\eta = \frac{m_{0\bar{1}}}{m_{01}}, \nu = \frac{n_{0\bar{1}}}{n_{01}}$  are constants. For example, under the involution (43), (44) and  $\nu = \bar{\eta}$ ,

$$\Delta(x, t) = 4|\eta|^2 \{ \cosh^2[2J_1\nu_1(x + 2\mu_1 t) - \ln|\eta|] + 4J_1^2\nu_1^2[(x + 2\mu_1 t)^2 + 4\nu_1^2 t^2] \} \neq 0,$$

and the solutions are nonsingular. Note the linear terms with respect to  $x$  and  $t$  in  $f^\pm$  due to the contributions from  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda))_{\lambda=\lambda_1^\pm}$ . The solution (46) of (13) is also a solution of (45) with coefficients:  $\omega_1 = (2J_1)^{-1}$ ,  $\omega_2 = 2/J_1$ . The origin of this solution can be understood if we apply two times the dressing construction for  $sl(2)$  (18) with dressing factors

$$u_2(\lambda) = \left( \mathbf{1} + \frac{\lambda_2^- - \lambda_2^+}{\lambda - \lambda_2^-} P' \right) \quad u_1(\lambda) = \left( \mathbf{1} + \frac{\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+}{\lambda - \lambda_1^-} P \right)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{\chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) |n_0\rangle \langle m_0 | \widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-)}{\langle m_0 | \widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_1^-) \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_1^+) |n_0\rangle} \\ P' &= \frac{u_1(\lambda_2^+) \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_2^+) |n_0\rangle \langle m_0 | \widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_2^-) u_1^{-1}(\lambda_2^-)}{\langle m_0 | \widehat{\chi}_0^-(x, t, \lambda_2^-) u_1^{-1}(\lambda_2^-) u_1(\lambda_2^+) \chi_0^+(x, t, \lambda_2^+) |n_0\rangle} \\ q_{(2)} &= [J, (\lambda_2^- - \lambda_2^+) P' + (\lambda_1^- - \lambda_1^+) P] \end{aligned}$$

and  $\chi_0^\pm(x, t, \lambda) = \exp(-i\lambda J(x + \lambda t))$ . Now  $J = \text{diag}(J_1, -J_1)$ . Note that we use the same constant vectors  $m_0 = m_{01}|e_1\rangle + m_{02}|e_2\rangle$  and  $n_0 = n_{01}|e_1\rangle + n_{02}|e_2\rangle$  for both projectors. If we take the limit  $\lambda_2^\pm \rightarrow \lambda_1^\pm$ , then  $q_{(2)} = q^+ E_{e_1 - e_2} + q^- E_{-(e_1 - e_2)}$  and the solutions  $q^\pm$  coincide with  $q$  and  $\tilde{q}$  up to a constant factor  $\sqrt{2}$  (it is because of the difference in the constant coefficients in the systems of differential equations arising in both cases from (13)) if we identify the constants  $\eta = \frac{m_{02}}{m_{01}}$ ,  $\nu = \frac{n_{02}}{n_{01}}$ . It means that this solution represents a degenerate two soliton solution, or a solution where the  $sl(2)$ -dressing factor has a pole of order two. Solitons of the form (46) for  $sl(N)$  are also examined in [18].  $\square$

This simple example shows that the considered dressing constructions related to  $\mathbf{C}_r$  cannot be obtained by the simple-pole  $sl(N)$  construction (18) although  $\mathbf{C}_r$  is a subalgebra of  $sl(2r)$ .

## 5 Conclusions

We considered two constructions for the dressing factor (19) -one related to  $\mathbf{C}_r$  (37), (38) and one for  $\mathbf{C}_r, \mathbf{D}_r$  (42) and examples to each one with  $\mathbf{C}_2$ .

It is known that the typical representation of  $\mathbf{C}_2$  is isomorphic to the spinor representation of  $\mathbf{B}_2$ . It is interesting to be seen what type of solution for the spinor representation of  $\mathbf{B}_2$  corresponds to a solution of the form (38) for the typical representation of  $\mathbf{C}_2$ .

Since the number of NLEE arising in a system is big, different reductions on the such constructed solutions could be imposed [19]. Some examples of reduced  $N$ -wave equations are given in [17], [20]. Also examples with potentials from the real forms of the algebras or symmetric spaces [14] can be constructed.



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