

Lagrangian Formulation of the Darboux System

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where

$$F = u_{xz} u_{yt} - u_{xy} u_{zt}.$$

Lamé coefficients and Rotation Coefficients

Given a diagonal metric written in terms of the Lamé coefficients H_i ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n H_i^2 (dx^i)^2,$$

let us introduce the rotation coefficients β_{ki} via

$$\partial_k H_i = \beta_{ki} H_k,$$

where ∂_k denotes partial derivative with respect to x^k . The requirement that the metric has 'diagonal curvature' (that is, all curvature components $R_{kkj}^i = 0$ for $i \neq j \neq k$), leads to the Darboux system for the rotation coefficients β_{ki} ,

$$\partial_k \beta_{ij} = \beta_{ik} \beta_{kj},$$

no summation.

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It seems to be less well-known, although explicitly mentioned in Darboux (Chapter III, formula (13)), that the full Darboux system can be represented as a collection of compatible sixth-order PDEs for a single potential u defined via the relations

$$u_{ij} = \beta_{ij}\beta_{ji}.$$

This potential was known to Lamé and Darboux, it was observed later that u is related to the τ -function of KP hierarchy via $u = -\ln \tau$.

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where $L = \sqrt{u_{ijk}^2 - 4u_{ij}u_{ik}u_{jk}}$. This equation is represented in Euler-Lagrange form corresponding to a third-order Lagrangian, $\int F dx^i dx^j dx^k$, with the Lagrangian density

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We point out that modulo total derivatives, the Lagrangian can be written in several equivalent forms, for instance

$$F = L + \frac{1}{2} u_{ijk} \ln \frac{u_{ijk} - L}{u_{ijk} + L}.$$

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one can derive the following consequences:

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$$m = \frac{u_{123} - L}{2}, \quad n = \frac{u_{123} + L}{2},$$

where $L = \sqrt{u_{123}^2 - 4u_{12}u_{13}u_{23}}$.

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in the form

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and substituting into the Darboux system

$$\partial_k \beta_{ij} = \beta_{ik} \beta_{kj},$$

we obtain

$$\partial_3 \varphi = \frac{L}{2u_{12}}, \quad \partial_2 \psi = \frac{L}{2u_{13}}, \quad \partial_1 \eta = \frac{L}{2u_{23}},$$

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Remarkably, this equation is in Euler-Lagrange form. To reconstruct the corresponding Lagrangian, note that for a Lagrangian density of the form $F = F(u_{12}, u_{13}, u_{23}, u_{123})$, the corresponding Euler-Lagrange equation is

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Differential-difference case (one discrete variable)

Here the starting point is a differential-difference linear system

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where $\Delta_3 = T_3 - 1$ is the discrete x^3 -derivative and T_3 denotes unit shift in the discrete variable x^3 . The compatibility conditions lead to the differential-difference Darboux system,

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$$m = \frac{\Delta_3 u_{12} - \Delta_3 u_1 \Delta_3 u_2 - L}{2}, \quad n = \frac{\Delta_3 u_{12} - \Delta_3 u_1 \Delta_3 u_2 + L}{2},$$

where $L = \sqrt{(\Delta_3 u_{12} - \Delta_3 u_1 \Delta_3 u_2)^2 - 4 u_{12} \Delta_3 u_1 \Delta_3 u_2}$.

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one obtains a differential-difference equation in terms of u :

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$$F = \frac{1}{2} L - u_{12} \ln \left(1 + \frac{m}{u_{12}} \right) - \Delta_3 u_{12} \ln \left(1 + \frac{u_{12}}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_3 u_{12}.$$

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Let us introduce a potential u via the relations

$$\Delta_2 u_1 = \beta_{12} \beta_{21}, \quad \Delta_3 u_1 = \beta_{13} \beta_{31}, \quad \Delta_2 \Delta_3 u = -\ln(1 - \beta_{23} \beta_{32}),$$

which are compatible modulo the Darboux system. Introducing the notation $m = \beta_{12} \beta_{23} \beta_{31}$ and $n = \beta_{13} \beta_{32} \beta_{21}$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_2 \Delta_3 u_1 &= (m + n + \Delta_2 u_1 + \Delta_3 u_1) e^{\Delta_2 \Delta_3 u} - \Delta_2 u_1 - \Delta_3 u_1, \\ mn &= \Delta_2 u_1 \Delta_3 u_1 (1 - e^{-\Delta_2 \Delta_3 u}). \end{aligned}$$

Solving for m and n one obtains

$$m = \frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}, \quad n = \frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2},$$

where

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$$\partial_1 \eta = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta_2 \Delta_3 u_1}{e^{\Delta_2 \Delta_3 u} - 1} + \frac{\Delta_2 u_1 \Delta_3 u_1}{m} + \Delta_2 u_1.$$

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We begin with a discrete linear system

$$\Delta_i H_j = \beta_{ij} H_i,$$

whose compatibility conditions lead to the discrete Darboux system,

$$\Delta_i \beta_{jk} = \beta_{ji} T_j \beta_{ik},$$

$i \neq j \neq k$. Here $\Delta_i = T_i - 1$ is the discrete x^i -derivative and T_i denotes unit shift in discrete variable x^i . One also has the relations

$$T_i \beta_{jk} = \frac{\beta_{ji} \beta_{ik} + \beta_{jk}}{1 - \beta_{ij} \beta_{ji}}$$

that follow from the Darboux system. In the discrete case, potential u is defined via the relations

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Introducing the notation $m = \beta_{12}\beta_{23}\beta_{31}$ and $n = \beta_{13}\beta_{32}\beta_{21}$, one has

$$mn = (1 - e^{-\Delta_1\Delta_2u})(1 - e^{-\Delta_1\Delta_3u})(1 - e^{-\Delta_2\Delta_3u}),$$

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Solving for m and n one obtains

$$m = \frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}, \quad n = \frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2},$$

where

$$b = e^{-\Delta_1\Delta_2u} + e^{-\Delta_1\Delta_3u} + e^{-\Delta_2\Delta_3u} - 2 - e^{-\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_3u - \Delta_1\Delta_2u - \Delta_1\Delta_3u - \Delta_2\Delta_3u},$$

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Under the same parametrization, the Darboux system gives

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