

# Toda chain

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- Sklyanin
- Pasquier Gaudin
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- electrons moving in a periodic potential.
- Floquet theory  $\psi(x) = e^{i\mu x} \sum_n a_n e^{2\pi i n x}$ .

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Periodicity and asymptotic:

$$W(\mu) = \frac{\sin(\mu-\delta) \sin(\mu+\delta)}{\sin(\mu-\omega) \sin(\mu+\omega)}$$

Determines the spectrum as the zeros of  $W$ :

$$\mu = \delta(\omega)$$

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- Lattice electrons moving in a periodic potential  $\alpha$  times the lattice period.
- 2D lattice electrons in a strong magnetic field with  $\alpha$  fluxes per unit cell.

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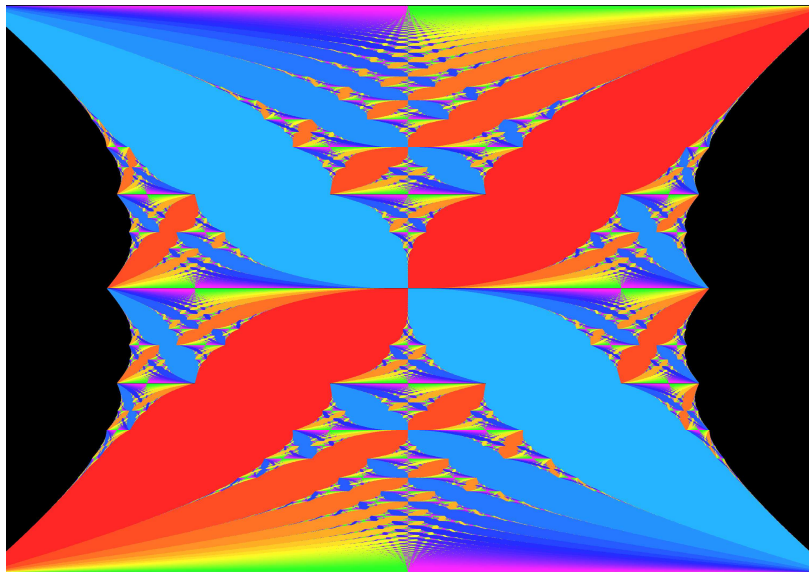
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Spectrum for  $|\psi_n|$  bounded when  $|n| \pm \infty$ .  
if  $\alpha = p/q$ ,

$$-2 < \text{tr}(M^q) < 2$$

$$\text{tr}(M^q) = g(E) \pm 2 \cos(q\theta)$$

$|g(E)|$  is a polynomial of degree  $q$ .  
Typically  $q$  bands. **Fractal** spectrum.





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Two particles in the center of mass frame:

$$-\frac{d^2\psi}{dq^2} + 4 \cosh(q)\psi = E\psi$$

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- We can recover the correct asymptotic by dividing them with a product of  $\sinh(u - u_k)$ :

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- Quantization conditions:

$$\zeta = \frac{Q_+(\delta_k)}{Q_-(\delta_k)}$$

Does not depend on  $k$ .



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- $\alpha$  is the analogous of the flux per unit cell.
- $i$  has migrated from  $X$  to  $Y$ :  
 $X^\dagger = X, Y^\dagger = Y$ .
- Can easily be truncated on Harmonic oscillator basis.

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- Natural guess for the Hill determinant:

$$W = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^N \theta_1(u - \delta_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^N \theta_1(u - u_k)}$$

- Period  $\tau$  should be  $i\alpha$  Absurd!

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