

ONSAGER ALGEBRA AND INTEGRABLE LATTICE MODELS

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We derive many integrable lattice models from the Ising and superintegrable chiral Potts models using the Onsager algebra. For each of these models, we also construct a class of integrable models from the automorphisms of the Onsager algebra. The extension of the Onsager algebra and associated integrable lattice models are considered.

1. Ever since Onsager's exact solution of two-dimensional Ising model,¹ several theoretical frameworks have been developed to construct and solve the integrable models with infinite degrees of freedom, quantum field theories or lattice statistical models in the infinite lattice size limit. A most fruitful approach is based on Yang-Baxter equation which can guarantee the existence of commuting families of the transfer matrices. With Boltzmann weights satisfying the Yang-Baxter equation, many two-dimensional lattice models have been constructed.² Using additional formalisms of corner transfer matrices and inversion relations, exact results like the free energies for the underlying models have been derived.³ Recently, there have been progresses on the integrable field theories in two dimensions by studying conformally invariant field theories. Perturbed by a special operator, a certain class of conformal field theories preserve the integrability and are shown to possess infinite number of conserved charges.⁴ The exact solutions such as S -matrices of the models can be obtained by solving the Yang-Baxter equations.

In this paper, we propose another approach which can be efficient to find not only new integrable models but also their infinite conserved charges. We think this can be complementary to the well-established approaches mentioned above. Our formalism is based on the extension of Onsager's original method to solve the Ising model. Constructing infinite-dimensional algebra, referred to Onsager algebra, from the Hamiltonian of two-dimensional field theories, the infinite number of conserved charges can be easily derived. Furthermore, since the Onsager algebra is isomorphic to the direct sum of $SU(2)$'s, the conserved charges can be expressed

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in terms of generators of the $SU(2)$'s. Exact results can be obtained by diagonalizing the conserved charges. We derive both new and known integrable models and their conserved charges based on the Onsager algebra. We also consider the extended Onsager algebras which are related to general classical Lie algebras and construct corresponding integrable lattice models.

2. We start with the general Hamiltonian of the following form

$$-H = g_0 A_0 + g_1 A_1, \tag{1}$$

where g_0 and g_1 are parameters and A_0 and A_1 are any two operators defined on the lattice with summation along a spatial dimension. Dolan and Grady proved that this Hamiltonian can generate infinite number of conserved charges if and only if the operators satisfy a condition, referred to the Dolan-Grady condition,⁵

$$[A_1, [A_1, [A_1, A_0]]] = 16[A_1, A_0], \quad [A_0, [A_0, [A_1]]] = 16[A_0, A_1]. \tag{2}$$

The Ising and superintegrable N -state chiral Potts model (Z_N spin model)⁶ have Hamiltonians of this form.

With the two operators A_0 and A_1 satisfying (2), one can generate the Onsager algebra;

$$[A_m, A_n] = 4G_{m-n}, \quad [G_m, A_n] = 2A_{n+m} - 2A_{n-m}, \quad [G_m, G_n] = 0. \tag{3}$$

Equation (3) contains not only the defining relations for operators A_m and G_m but also infinite set of constraints such as $[A_0, A_1] = [A_1, A_2] = [A_{-1}, A_0]$. These constraints are satisfied as far as the Dolan-Grady condition is satisfied. The infinite number of commuting charges are given by

$$-Q_m = \frac{1}{2} \{g_0(A_m + A_{-m}) + g_1(A_{m+1} + A_{-m+1})\} \tag{4}$$

with Q_0 as the Hamiltonian.

We generate new sets of infinite number of commuting charges by adding $g_l(A_{m+l} + A_{-m+l})$ to (4) as follows,

$$-Q_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_l g_l(A_{m+l} + A_{-m+l}), \quad -Q_0 \equiv -H[g_i] = \sum_l g_l A_l, \tag{5}$$

with arbitrary integer l and parameter g_l . It is easy to check $[Q_m, Q_n] = 0$. Therefore, the Hamiltonians $H[g_i]$ define a family of new integrable models and Q_m 's are the associated infinite number of conserved charges.

The operators A_m and G_m can be expressed by^{1,7}

$$A_m = 2 \sum_k (e^{-im\theta_k} E_k^+ + e^{im\theta_k} E_k^-), \quad G_m = 2 \sum_k (e^{-im\theta_k} - e^{im\theta_k}) H_k, \tag{6}$$

in terms of $SU(2)$ generators $\{E_k^\pm, H_k\}$ satisfying $[E_k^+, E_l^-] = 2\delta_{k,l} H_k$, $[E_k^\pm, H_l] = \mp\delta_{k,l} E_k^\pm$ up to additive constants. This means that the Onsager algebra is a Lie algebra which is isomorphic to the direct sum of copies of $SU(2)$'s defined on each site k . The explicit form of θ_k depends on the underlying model. For the Ising model, $\theta_k = 2\pi k/M$ with lattice size M and (6) corresponds to the Fourier transformed expression in the momentum space. By diagonalizing E_k^\pm , we can solve the integrable models in (5) exactly in terms of the eigenvalues of the conserved charges;

$$-Q_m[g_i] = 4 \sum_k m_k \cos m\theta_k \sqrt{\sum_l g_l^2 + 2 \sum_{l>n} g_l g_n \cos(l-n)\theta_k}, \tag{7}$$

up to additive constants. m_k can be any half integer of $-s_k, -s_k+1, \dots, s_k$ where s_k is the spin of $SU(2)$ representation.

For each integrable model in (5), we can construct a class of new integrable models due to the automorphism group \mathcal{A} of the Onsager algebra (3). The automorphism group \mathcal{A} is generated by T and R_φ

$$T : \begin{cases} A_m \rightarrow A_{m+1} & \text{and} & R_\varphi : \begin{cases} A_m^+ \rightarrow A_m^+ \\ A_m^- \rightarrow \cos\varphi A_m^- + i \sin\varphi G_m \\ G_m \rightarrow \cos\varphi G_m + i \sin\varphi A_m^- \end{cases} \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

with arbitrary angle φ and $A_m^\pm \equiv \frac{1}{2}(A_m \pm A_{-m})$. It is easy to see that (3) is invariant under T and R_φ . The generators T and R_φ are not commuting. Therefore, any element of the group \mathcal{A} can be written as a polynomial of T and R_φ ; $T^{n_1} R_\varphi^{l_1} T^{n_2} R_\varphi^{l_2} \dots T^{n_N} R_\varphi^{l_N}$. Under an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$, the operators A_m and G_m are transformed to \bar{A}_m^a and \bar{G}_m^a . In general, \bar{A}_m^a and \bar{G}_m^a are complicated linear combinations of A_l 's and G_l 's and satisfy the same Onsager algebra (3).

Replacing A_m 's with \bar{A}_m^a 's in (5), we obtain new sets of conserved charges \bar{Q}_m^a and related integrable models. It is remarkable that the eigenvalues of these charges are the same as (7) because one can see that the eigenvalues are invariant under both T and R_φ . Therefore, the free energies are same for all the models generated by the automorphisms. We call this class of integrable models with the same eigenvalues of the conserved charges an equivalence class. The automorphisms act as hidden symmetries which connect all the models in the equivalence class. Each Hamiltonian $H[g_i]$ in the family of (5) generates one equivalence class of integrable models.

We emphasize that the Q_m 's in Eq. (5) and \bar{A}_m^a 's above cannot be derived by manipulating the original model. Therefore, the models obtained from the above two separate generalizations describe quite independent models.

3. We apply our general formalism to the Ising and superintegrable chiral Potts models. Let's consider first the Ising model. The Ising model on two-dimensional lattice can be treated as an Euclidean field theory with the Hamiltonian¹

$$-H = g_0 A_0 + g_1 A_1 = g_0 \sum_j \sigma_j^z + g_1 \sum_j \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z. \tag{9}$$

perintegrable chiral Potts family.⁷ This new model in the superintegrable N -state chiral Potts family includes the XY model (11) as a special case $N = 2$.

As we have seen, the models in the Ising and chiral Potts families and in their associated equivalence classes are exactly solvable because the Onsager algebras are isomorphic to direct sum of copies of $SU(2)$ Lie algebras. In terms of $SU(2)$ operators, the conserved charges can be easily diagonalized. We generalize the Ising algebra to the extended Onsager algebras which are isomorphic to the general classical Lie algebras. Our approach is different from the previous one in that we start with the extended Onsager algebras rather than Hamiltonians. After constructing an infinite number of mutually commuting charges $-Q_m$, the integrable models are obtained with the Hamiltonians Q_0 .

Let's start with the operators which generate the extended Onsager algebra morphic to the general Lie algebra;

$$A_m^\alpha = 2 \sum_j (e^{-im\theta_j} E_j^{+\alpha} + e^{im\theta_j} E_j^{-\alpha}), \quad G_m^\alpha = 2 \sum_j (e^{-im\theta_j} - e^{im\theta_j}) H_j^\alpha, \quad (17)$$

where the generators of $SU(2)$ subalgebras $\{E_k^\pm, H_k^\alpha\}$ of the classical Lie algebra in Chevalley bases. The corresponding extended Onsager algebra is

$$[A_m^\alpha, A_n^\beta] = 4\delta_{ij} G_{m-n}^\alpha + 2(1 - \delta_{ij}) (N_{\alpha_i, \alpha_j} A_{m+n}^{\alpha_i+\alpha_j} + N_{\alpha_i, -\alpha_j} A_{m-n}^{\alpha_i-\alpha_j}) \\ [G_m^\alpha, A_n^\beta] = 2C_{ij} (A_{n+m}^{\alpha_j} - A_{n-m}^{\alpha_j}), \quad [G_m^\alpha, G_n^\beta] = 0, \quad (18)$$

using the standard notations from $[E^\alpha, E^\beta] = N_{\alpha_i, \alpha_j} E^{\alpha_i+\alpha_j}$ if $\alpha_i + \alpha_j$ is a root and $[H^\alpha, E^\pm] = \pm C_{ij} E^\pm$. From (17), the infinite number of commuting charges are

$$-Q_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} \sum_l g_l^\alpha (A_{m+l}^\alpha + A_{-m+l}^\alpha). \quad (19)$$

To give a realization of the abstract algebra, we consider the generalization of the Ising model with $\theta_k = 2\pi k/M$ by introducing $2N$ fermions $(\psi_k)^\alpha ((\psi_k^\dagger)^\alpha = (\psi_{-k})^\alpha)$. Terms of these fermions, A_m^α 's are given by

$$A_m^\alpha = 2 \sum_{k>0} [e^{-im\theta_k} (\psi_k^\dagger)^\alpha (E^{+\alpha})_{ab} (\psi_k)^\beta + e^{im\theta_k} (\psi_k^\dagger)^\alpha (E^{-\alpha})_{ab} (\psi_k)^\beta]. \quad (20)$$

Terms of the fermions p_j^α 's and q_j^α 's on the coordinate lattice obtained from the Fourier transformation, we can express the operators A_m^α 's and conserved charges $-Q_m$ by the following form,

$$-Q_m \sim \sum_j \sum_l C_{ab} p_j^\alpha q_{j+m+l}^\beta + \dots, \quad (21)$$

where C_{ab} 's depend on the explicit representation for the generators. Since the fermions C_{ab} 's in the flavor space do not commute with each other,

(21) are different from the direct sum of the Ising models. To construct the models with the extended Onsager algebra on the lattice, we generalize the Jordan-Wigner transformation defined for the pair of fermions to the general set of fermions as follows,

$$p_j^\alpha = \Sigma_1^\alpha \Sigma_2^\alpha \dots \Sigma_{j-1}^\alpha \Sigma_j^\alpha, \quad iq_j^\alpha = \Sigma_1^\alpha \Sigma_2^\alpha \dots \Sigma_{j-1}^\alpha \Sigma_j^{\alpha\beta} \\ \Sigma_j^\alpha \equiv (\sigma_j^\alpha)^{\otimes N}, \quad \Sigma_j^{\alpha\beta} \equiv (\sigma_j^\alpha)^{\otimes (\alpha-1)} \otimes \sigma_j^{\beta,z} \otimes \mathbf{1}^{\otimes (N-\alpha)}. \quad (22)$$

The commutation relations of the fermions on the lattice are given by

$$\{p_j^\alpha, p_l^\beta\} = 2\delta^{\alpha\beta} \delta_{jl}, \quad \{q_j^\alpha, q_l^\beta\} = -2\delta^{\alpha\beta} \delta_{jl}, \quad \{p_j^\alpha, q_l^\beta\} = 0. \quad (23)$$

Using these representations of the fermions, we can express the conserved charges including the Hamiltonians in terms of the σ -matrices defined on the lattice. These models are direct generalization of the models derived in (10). In particular, we obtain the Ising family for $N = 1$.

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