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## Abstract

An affine Toda–Sutherland system is a *quasi-exactly solvable* multi-particle dynamics based on an affine simple root system. It is a ‘cross’ between two well-known integrable multi-particle dynamics, an affine Toda molecule (exponential potential, periodic nearest-neighbour interaction) and a Sutherland system (inverse sine-square interaction). Polynomials describing the equilibrium positions of affine Toda–Sutherland systems are determined for all affine simple root systems.

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## 1. Introduction

Given a multi-particle dynamical system, to find and describe its equilibrium position has practical as well as theoretical significance. As is well known, near the equilibrium the system is reduced to a collection of harmonic oscillators and their spectra give the exact order  $\hbar$  part of the full quantum spectra [1]. Naively, one could describe the equilibrium position by zeros of a certain polynomial. In this way one obtains the celebrated classical orthogonal polynomials for *exactly solvable* multi-particle dynamics. For the Calogero systems [2] based on the  $A$  and  $B$  ( $C$ ,  $BC$  and  $D$ ) root systems, the equilibrium positions correspond to the zeros of the Hermite and Laguerre polynomials [3–6]. For the Sutherland systems [7] based on the  $A$  and  $B$  ( $C$ ,  $BC$  and  $D$ ) root systems, the equilibrium positions correspond to the zeros of the Chebyshev and Jacobi polynomials [6]. Polynomials describing the equilibria of the Calogero and Sutherland systems based on the exceptional root systems are also determined [8]. In all these cases the frequencies of small oscillations at the equilibrium are ‘quantized’ [6, 9]. For another family of multi-particle dynamics based on root systems, the Ruijsenaars–Schneider systems [10], which are *deformation* of the Calogero and Sutherland systems, the corresponding polynomials are determined [11, 12]. They turn out to be *deformations* of the Hermite, Laguerre and Jacobi polynomials which inherit the orthogonality [12]. The frequencies of small oscillations at

the equilibrium are also ‘*quantized*’ [11]. Another interesting feature is that the equations determining the equilibrium look like *Bethe ansatz* equations.

One is naturally led to a similar investigation for partially solvable or *quasi-exactly solvable* [13] multi-particle dynamics. From a not-so-long list of known quasi-exactly solvable multi-particle dynamical systems [14], we choose the so-called affine Toda–Sutherland systems [15] and determine polynomials describing the equilibrium positions. These polynomials, as well as all the polynomials mentioned above, are characterized as having *integer* coefficients only.

## 2. Affine Toda–Sutherland systems

The affine Toda–Sutherland systems are quasi-exactly solvable [13] multi-particle dynamics based on any crystallographic root system. Roughly speaking, they are obtained by ‘crossing’ two well-known integrable dynamics, the affine-Toda molecule (exponential potential, periodic nearest-neighbour interaction) and the Sutherland system (inverse sine-square interaction). Given a set of *affine simple roots*  $\Pi_0 = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$ ,  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{R}^r$ , let us introduce a *prepotential*  $W$  [16]

$$W(q) = g \sum_{j=0}^r n_j \log |\sin(\alpha_j q)|, \quad q = {}^t(q_1, \dots, q_r) \in \mathbb{R}^r, \quad (1)$$

where  $g$  is a positive coupling constant and  $\{n_j\}$  are the Dynkin–Kac labels for  $\Pi_0$ . That is, they are the integer coefficients of the affine simple root  $\alpha_0$ ;  $-\alpha_0 = \sum_{j=1}^r n_j \alpha_j$ ,  $n_0 \equiv 1$ . For simply-laced and un-twisted non-simply laced affine root systems  $\alpha_0$  is the lowest long root, whereas for twisted non-simply laced affine root systems,  $\alpha_0$  is the lowest short root. In either case  $h \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j=0}^r n_j$  is the *Coxeter number*. This leads to the classical Hamiltonian

$$H_C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^r p_j^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^r \left( \frac{\partial W(q)}{\partial q_j} \right)^2. \quad (2)$$

It is shown [15] that the principal equilibrium position  $\bar{q}$  is given by a *universal* formula in terms of the dual Weyl vector  $\varrho^\vee$ :

$$\frac{\partial W(\bar{q})}{\partial q_j} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \bar{q} = \frac{\pi}{h} \varrho^\vee, \quad \varrho^\vee \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j^\vee. \quad (3)$$

The dual fundamental weight  $\lambda_j^\vee$  is defined in terms of the fundamental weight  $\lambda_j$  by  $\lambda_j^\vee \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (2/\alpha_j^2) \lambda_j$ , which satisfies  $\alpha_j \cdot \lambda_k^\vee = \delta_{jk}$ . At the equilibrium, the classical multi-particle dynamical system (2) is reduced to a set of harmonic oscillators. The frequencies (not frequencies squared) of small oscillations at the equilibrium of the affine Toda–Sutherland model are given up to the coupling constant  $g$  by [15]

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{h}} \{m_1^2, m_2^2, \dots, m_r^2\},$$

where  $m_j^2$  are the so-called affine Toda masses [17]. Namely, they are the eigenvalues of a symmetric  $r \times r$  matrix  $M$ ,  $M_{kl} = \sum_{j=0}^r n_j (\alpha_j)_k (\alpha_j)_l$ , or  $M = \sum_{j=0}^r n_j \alpha_j \otimes \alpha_j$ , which encode the integrability of affine Toda field theory. In [17] it is shown for the non-twisted cases that the vector  $\mathbf{m} = {}^t(m_1, \dots, m_r)$ , if ordered properly, is the *Perron–Frobenius* eigenvector of the incidence matrix (the Cartan matrix) of the corresponding root system.

The corresponding *quantum* Hamiltonian (with  $\hbar = 1$ ) [1, 16] is

$$H_Q = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^r p_j^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^r \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W(q)}{\partial q_j} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 W(q)}{\partial q_j^2} \right], \tag{4}$$

which is partially solvable or *quasi-exactly solvable* for some affine simple root systems. Namely for  $A_{r-1}^{(1)}$ ,  $D_3^{(1)}$ ,  $D_{r+1}^{(2)}$ ,  $C_r^{(1)}$  and  $A_{2r}^{(2)}$ , the above Hamiltonian (4) is known to have a few exact eigenvalues and corresponding exact eigenfunctions [15].

The polynomials related to the equilibrium position  $\bar{q}$  are easy to define for the classical root systems,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ . As in the Sutherland cases, we introduce a polynomial having zeros at  $\{\sin \bar{q}_j\}$  or  $\{\cos 2\bar{q}_j\}$ :

$$P_r(q) \propto \prod_{j=1}^r (x - \sin \bar{q}_j), \quad \prod_{j=1}^r (x - \cos 2\bar{q}_j). \tag{5}$$

For the exceptional root systems, let us choose a set of  $D$  vectors  $\mathcal{R}$

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(D)} | \mu^{(a)} \in \mathbb{R}^r\},$$

which form a single orbit of the corresponding Weyl group. For example, they are the set of roots  $\Delta$  itself for simply laced root systems, the set of long (short, middle) roots  $\Delta_L$  ( $\Delta_S$ ,  $\Delta_M$ ) for non-simply laced root systems and the so-called sets of *minimal weights*. The latter is better specified by the corresponding fundamental representations, which are all the fundamental representations of  $A_r$ , the vector ( $\mathbf{V}$ ), spinor ( $\mathbf{S}$ ) and conjugate spinor ( $\bar{\mathbf{S}}$ ) representations of  $D_r$  and  $27$  ( $\bar{27}$ ) of  $E_6$  and  $56$  of  $E_7$ . By generalizing the above examples (5), we define polynomials

$$P_{\Delta}^{\mathcal{R}}(x) \propto \prod_{\mu \in \mathcal{R}} (x - \sin(\mu \bar{q})), \quad \prod_{\mu \in \mathcal{R}} (x - \cos(2\mu \bar{q})). \tag{6}$$

Therefore, in most cases, determination of the coefficients of the polynomials is reduced to the evaluation of the elementary symmetric functions of  $\sin(\mu_j \bar{q})$  or  $\cos(2\mu_j \bar{q})$ ,  $\mu_j \in \mathcal{R}$ . This can be easily achieved by hand and with the help of formula manipulation software. For a more general treatment we refer to our previous paper [8].

The resulting polynomials for various affine root systems  $\Pi_0$  are (we follow the affine Lie algebra notation used in [15, 17]):

$A_{r-1}^{(1)}$ . In this case the equilibrium position is exactly the same as that of the  $A_{r-1}$  Sutherland [7] and  $A_{r-1}$  Ruijsenaars–Sutherland system [12],  $\bar{q} = (\pi/2h)^t (r-1, r-3, \dots, -(r-1))$  with  $h = r$ . Thus the polynomial is also the same, the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind:  $2^{r-1} \prod_{j=1}^r (x - \sin \bar{q}_j) = T_r(x) = \cos r\varphi$ ,  $x = \cos \varphi$ .

$B_r^{(1)}$  and  $D_{r+1}^{(2)}$  &  $A_{2r}^{(2)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 2r$  for  $B_r^{(1)}$ ,  $h = r+1$  for  $D_{r+1}^{(2)}$  and  $h = 2r+1$  for  $A_{2r}^{(2)}$ . The equilibrium position is equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/h)^t (r-1, \dots, 1)$ . We obtain the Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind,  $U_n(x) = \sin(n+1)\varphi/\sin \varphi$ ,  $x = \cos \varphi$ , for  $B_r^{(1)}$  and a product of them for  $D_{r+1}^{(2)}$  and a sum of them for  $A_{2r}^{(2)}$ ,

$$2^{r-1} \prod_{j=1}^r (x - \cos 2\bar{q}_j) = \begin{cases} (x+1)U_{r-1}(x), & B_r^{(1)}, \\ (x+1)U_{r/2}(x)U_{(r-2)/2}(x) + 1/2, & D_{r+1}^{(2)}, \quad r : \text{even}, \\ (x+1)U_{(r-1)/2}(x)^2, & D_{r+1}^{(2)}, \quad r : \text{odd}, \\ (U_r(x) + U_{r-1}(x))/2, & A_{2r}^{(2)}. \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

$C_r^{(1)}$  and  $A_{2r-1}^{(2)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 2r$  for  $C_r^{(1)}$  and  $h = 2r - 1$  for  $A_{2r-1}^{(2)}$ . The equilibrium position is equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/2h)^t(2r - 1, 2r - 3, \dots, 3, 1)$ . We obtain the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind  $T_r(x)$  for  $C_r^{(1)}$  and a sum of them for  $A_{2r-1}^{(2)}$ ,

$$2^{r-1} \prod_{j=1}^r (x - \cos 2\bar{q}_j) = \begin{cases} T_r(x), & C_r^{(1)}, \\ T_r(x) + T_{r-1}(x), & A_{2r-1}^{(2)}. \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

$D_r^{(1)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 2(r - 1)$  and the equilibrium position is equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/h)^t(r - 1, r - 2, \dots, 1, 0)$ . We obtain the Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind

$$2^{r-2} \prod_{j=1}^r (x - \cos 2\bar{q}_j) = (x^2 - 1)U_{r-2}(x). \tag{9}$$

$E_6^{(1)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 12$  and the equilibrium position is not equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/h)^t(4\sqrt{3}, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0)$ . We consider the set of minimal weights 27 and the set of positive roots  $\Delta_+$ , which consists of 36 roots. The polynomials are

$$2^{20} \prod_{\mu \in 27} (x - \sin(\mu\bar{q})) = (-1 + x)x^3(1 + x)(-1 + 2x)^2 \times (1 + 2x)^2(-1 + 2x)^2(-3 + 4x^2)^3(1 - 16x^2 + 16x^4)^2, \tag{10}$$

$$2^{27} \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_+} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = x^6(1 + x)^3(-1 + 2x)^6(1 + 2x)^7(-3 + 4x^2)^7. \tag{11}$$

$E_7^{(1)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 18$  and the equilibrium position is not equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/2h)^t(17\sqrt{2}, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 0)$ . We consider the set of minimal weights 56 and the set of positive roots  $\Delta_+$ , which consists of 63 roots. The 56 is even, i.e. if  $\mu \in 56$  then  $-\mu \in 56$ . The positive part of 56 is denoted by  $56_+$ . The polynomials are

$$2^{24} \prod_{\mu \in 56_+} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = x^4(-3 + 4x^2)^3(-3 + 36x^2 - 96x^4 + 64x^6)^3, \tag{12}$$

$$2^{59} \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_+} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = (1 + x)^4(-1 + 2x)^7(1 + 2x)^7(-1 + 6x + 8x^3)^8(1 - 6x + 8x^3)^7. \tag{13}$$

$E_8^{(1)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 30$  and the equilibrium position is not equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/h)^t(23, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0)$ . We consider the set of positive roots  $\Delta_+$ , which consists of 120 roots. The polynomial is

$$2^{116} \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_+} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = (1 + x)^4(-1 + 2x)^8(1 + 2x)^8(-1 - 2x + 4x^2)^8(-1 + 2x + 4x^2)^8 \times (1 + 8x - 16x^2 - 8x^3 + 16x^4)^8(1 - 8x - 16x^2 + 8x^3 + 16x^4)^9. \tag{14}$$

$F_4^{(1)}$  and  $E_6^{(2)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 12$  for  $F_4^{(1)}$  and  $h = 9$  for  $E_6^{(2)}$  and the equilibrium position is not equally spaced by  $\bar{q} = (\pi/h)^t(8, 3, 2, 1)$ . We consider the set of long positive roots  $\Delta_{L+}$  and short positive roots  $\Delta_{S+}$ , both of which consist of 12 roots reflecting the self-duality of  $F_4$  Dynkin diagram. The polynomials for  $F_4^{(1)}$  are

$$2^9 \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{S+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = x^2(1 + x)(-1 + 2x)^2(1 + 2x)^3(-3 + 4x^2)^2, \tag{15}$$

$$2^9 \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{L^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = x^2(1+x)(-1+2x)^2(1+2x)(-3+4x^2)^3. \quad (16)$$

The polynomials associated with the twisted affine root system  $E_6^{(2)}$  are

$$2^{12} \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{S^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = (1+2x)^3(1-6x+8x^3)^3, \quad (17)$$

$$2^{12} \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{L^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = 2(-1+x)(1+2x)^2(1-6x+8x^3)^3. \quad (18)$$

$G_2^{(1)}$  and  $D_4^{(3)}$ . The Coxeter number is  $h = 6$  for  $G_2^{(1)}$  and  $h = 4$  for  $D_4^{(3)}$  and the equilibrium position is  $\bar{q} = (\pi/2h)^t(3\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{2})$ . We consider the set of long positive roots  $\Delta_{L^+}$  and short positive roots  $\Delta_{S^+}$ , both of which consists of three roots reflecting the self-duality of  $G_2$  Dynkin diagram. The polynomials for the untwisted  $G_2^{(1)}$  are

$$2^3 \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{S^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = 2(1+x)(-1+2x)(1+2x), \quad (19)$$

$$2^3 \prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{L^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = (-1+2x)^2(1+2x). \quad (20)$$

The polynomials for the twisted  $D_4^{(3)}$  are

$$\prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{S^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = x^2(1+x), \quad (21)$$

$$\prod_{\mu \in \Delta_{L^+}} (x - \cos(2\mu\bar{q})) = x^2(-1+x). \quad (22)$$

Before closing this paper, let us briefly remark on the identities arising from *foldings* of root systems. Among them those relating two untwisted root systems, i.e. with superscript (1) are quite simple.

*Folding*  $A_{2r-1}^{(1)} \rightarrow C_r^{(1)}$ . The vector weights of  $A_{2r-1}$  ( $2r$  dim.) become those of  $C_r$  ( $2r$  dim.). This relates  $T_{2r}$  to  $T_r$  in (8) as

$$A_{2r-1} : T_{2r}(x) = (-1)^r T_r(1-2x^2), \quad C_r^{(1)}. \quad (23)$$

*Folding*  $D_{r+1}^{(1)} \rightarrow B_r^{(1)}$ . This gives a quite obvious relation as seen from (9) and (7).

*Folding*  $E_6^{(1)} \rightarrow F_4^{(1)}$ . In this folding the minimal weights 27 of  $E_6$  become  $\Delta_S$  (24 dim.) of  $F_4$  plus three zero weights. Thus we obtain

$$E_6^{(1)} : 2(10)/x^3 = (15)_{x \rightarrow 1-2x^2}, \quad F_4^{(1)}. \quad (24)$$

We also obtain

$$E_6^{(1)} : (11) = (15)^2 \times (16), \quad F_4^{(1)}, \quad (25)$$

since the 72 roots of  $E_6$  are decomposed into  $2\Delta_S + \Delta_L$  (24 dim.) of  $F_4$ .

Folding  $D_4^{(1)} \rightarrow G_2^{(1)}$ . The vector weights of  $D_4$  (8 dim.) decompose into  $\Delta_S$  (6 dim.) plus two zero weights of  $G_2$  leading to the identity

$$D_4^{(1)} : 2(9)_{r=4}/(x-1) = (19), \quad G_2^{(1)}. \quad (26)$$

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