

The new identity for the scattering matrix of exactly solvable models^{*}

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Abstract. We discovered a simple quadratic equation, which relates scattering phases of particles on Fermi surface. We consider one-dimensional Bose gas and XXZ Heisenberg quantum spin chain.

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1 Introduction

In order to define everything precisely we consider a specific model. Let us concentrate our attention on Bose gas with delta interaction (quantum Nonlinear Schrödinger equation).

The Hamiltonian of the model is

$$H = \int dx (\partial_x \Psi^\dagger(x) \partial_x \Psi(x) + c \Psi^\dagger(x) \Psi^\dagger(x) \Psi(x) \Psi(x) - h \Psi^\dagger(x) \Psi(x)). \quad (1.1)$$

Here $0 < c < \infty$, $h > 0$ are a coupling constant and a chemical potential respectively. The canonical Bose fields $\Psi(x, t)$, $\Psi^\dagger(x, t)$, $(x, t \in \mathbf{R})$ obey the standard commutation relation

$$[\Psi(x, t), \Psi^\dagger(y, t)] = \delta(x - y). \quad (1.2)$$

They act in the Fock space with a vacuum vector $|0\rangle$:

$$\Psi(x, t)|0\rangle = 0. \quad (1.3)$$

Alternatively the model can be formulated on the language of many-body quantum mechanics. In this case the Hamiltonian of the system of N identical Bose particles can be represented as

$$\mathcal{H}_N = - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + 2c \sum_{N \geq j > k \geq 1} \delta(x_j - x_k) - hN. \quad (1.4)$$

In this form the model is called Bose gas with delta interaction. For nonzero value of the coupling constant the Pauli principal is valid (chapter VII of [1]).

The model was solved by Bethe Ansatz [2]. The ground state is a Fermi sphere. In order to describe it precisely, it is convenient to introduce spectral parameter λ (similar to rapidity). The derivative of the momentum of the particle with respect to the spectral parameter is

$$\frac{\partial k(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = 2\pi\rho(\lambda), \quad (1.5)$$

where the function $\rho(\lambda)$ is defined by an integral equation

$$\rho(\lambda) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \mu) \rho(\mu) d\mu = \frac{1}{2\pi}. \quad (1.6)$$

Here q is the value of the spectral parameter on the Fermi surface, and the kernel of an integral operator is

$$K(\lambda, \mu) = \frac{2c}{c^2 + (\lambda - \mu)^2}. \quad (1.7)$$

One can prove that the integral operator $\hat{I} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{K}$ is not degenerated, and hence, the equation (1.6) has unique solution ([3], chapter I of [1]). The density of the gas is given by

$$D = \int_{-q}^q \rho(\lambda) d\lambda. \quad (1.8)$$

There is one type of particles in the model. It is defined at $\lambda \geq q$ or $\lambda \leq -q$. The energy of the particle $\varepsilon(\lambda)$ is

$$\varepsilon(\lambda) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \mu) \varepsilon(\mu) d\mu = \lambda^2 - h. \quad (1.9)$$

It vanishes on the Fermi surface $\varepsilon(\pm q) = 0$. The momentum is

$$k(\lambda) = \lambda + \int_{-q}^q \theta(\lambda - \mu) \rho(\mu) d\mu. \quad (1.10)$$

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Here

$$\theta(\lambda) = i \ln \left(\frac{ic + \lambda}{ic - \lambda} \right). \quad (1.11)$$

One can calculate a scattering matrix of particle with spectral parameter λ on another particle with spectral parameter μ (chapter I of [1]). There is no multi-particle production or reflection. The transition coefficient is equal to

$$\exp\{2\pi i F(\lambda|\mu)\}. \quad (1.12)$$

The phase $F(\lambda|\mu)$ is defined by an integral equation

$$F(\lambda|\mu) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \nu) F(\nu|\mu) d\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \theta(\lambda - \mu). \quad (1.13)$$

The most important are scattering phases of particles on the Fermi edges $F(q|q)$ and $F(q|-q)$. In this paper we shall prove the identity

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - F(q|q) & F(q|-q) \\ -F(-q|q) & 1 + F(-q|-q) \end{pmatrix} = 1. \quad (1.14)$$

This is the main result of the paper. Another way to rewrite this identity is

$$\left(1 - F(q|q)\right)^2 - F^2(q|-q) = 1. \quad (1.15)$$

Here we have used the property $F(-\lambda|-\mu) = -F(\lambda|\mu)$, which follows from the antisymmetry of $\theta(\lambda - \mu) = -\theta(\mu - \lambda)$.

This identity also permit us to relate “fractional” charge to the phase shift on the Fermi surface. Fractional charge \mathcal{Z} appears in the formulæ for finite size corrections (chapter I of [1]). This value is necessary for conformal description of the model (chapter XVIII of [1]) and it is equal to

$$\mathcal{Z} = 2\pi\rho(q). \quad (1.16)$$

Using the equations (1.6, 1.13) for $\rho(\lambda)$ and $F(\lambda|\mu)$, one can find the relationship between the fractional charge and the scattering phase on the Fermi surface

$$\mathcal{Z} = 1 + F(q|-q) - F(q|q). \quad (1.17)$$

Indeed, it follows from (1.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} [2\pi\rho(\lambda) - 1] - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \mu) [2\pi\rho(\mu) - 1] d\mu \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} [\theta(\lambda + q) - \theta(\lambda - q)]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.18)$$

Comparing this equation with (1.13) we find

$$2\pi\rho(\lambda) = 1 + F(\lambda|-q) - F(\lambda|q), \quad (1.19)$$

what, in turns, implies (1.17). The identity (1.15) allows us to find new relation

$$\mathcal{Z}^{-1} = 1 - F(q|-q) - F(q|q). \quad (1.20)$$

This identity helps to prove a consistency between conformal description of temperature correlation functions at low temperatures and asymptotic formulas for time and temperature dependent correlation functions, arising from determinant representation of correlation functions [5].

2 The proof of the main identity

In this section we give the proof of the identity (1.14). In order to do this, one should calculate the derivatives of the function $F(\lambda|\mu)$ with respect to λ , μ and q . Using the basic equation (1.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F(\lambda|\mu)}{\partial \lambda} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \nu) \frac{\partial F(\nu|\mu)}{\partial \nu} d\nu \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} K(\lambda, \mu) - \frac{1}{2\pi} K(\lambda, q) F(q|\mu) \\ + \frac{1}{2\pi} K(\lambda, -q) F(-q|\mu), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial F(\lambda|\mu)}{\partial \mu} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \nu) \frac{\partial F(\nu|\mu)}{\partial \mu} d\nu = -\frac{1}{2\pi} K(\lambda, \mu), \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F(\lambda|\mu)}{\partial q} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-q}^q K(\lambda, \nu) \frac{\partial F(\nu|\mu)}{\partial q} d\nu \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} K(\lambda, q) F(q|\mu) + \frac{1}{2\pi} K(\lambda, -q) F(-q|\mu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Here we have used that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \theta(\lambda - \mu) = K(\lambda, \mu)$.

As we have mentioned already, the re-solvent of the operator $\hat{I} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{K}$ exists and it is equal to

$$\hat{R} = \left(\hat{I} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{K} \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{K}. \quad (2.4)$$

The derivatives of the function $F(\lambda|\mu)$ can be expressed in terms of the re-solvent

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F(\lambda|\mu)}{\partial \lambda} &= R(\lambda, \mu) - R(\lambda, q) F(q|\mu) \\ &\quad + R(\lambda, -q) F(-q|\mu) \\ \frac{\partial F(\lambda|\mu)}{\partial \mu} &= -R(\lambda, \mu) \\ \frac{\partial F(\lambda|\mu)}{\partial q} &= R(\lambda, q) F(q|\mu) + R(\lambda, -q) F(-q|\mu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Using these equations one can find the complete derivatives with respect to q of functions $F(q|q)$, $F(q|-q)$ etc.:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dq} F(q|\pm q) &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \pm \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \right) F(\lambda|\mu) \Big|_{\substack{\lambda = q \\ \mu = \pm q}}, \\ \frac{d}{dq} F(-q|\pm q) &= \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \pm \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \right) F(\lambda|\mu) \Big|_{\substack{\lambda = -q \\ \mu = \pm q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Substituting here equations (2.5) we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dq} F(q|-q) &= 2R(q, -q) \left(1 + F(-q|-q) \right), \\ \frac{d}{dq} F(-q|q) &= -2R(-q, q) \left(1 - F(q|q) \right), \\ \frac{d}{dq} F(q|q) &= 2R(q, -q) F(-q|q), \\ \frac{d}{dq} F(-q|-q) &= 2R(-q, q) F(q|-q). \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Now it is sufficient to take the derivative with respect to q of the l.h.s. of the equation (1.14):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dq} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - F(q|q) & F(q|-q) \\ -F(-q|q) & 1 + F(-q|-q) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{dF(q|q)}{dq} \left(1 + F(-q|-q) \right) \\ &\quad + \left(1 - F(q|q) \right) \frac{dF(-q|-q)}{dq} \\ &\quad + \frac{dF(q|-q)}{dq} F(-q|q) + F(q|-q) \frac{dF(-q|q)}{dq} \\ &= -2R(q, -q) F(-q|q) \left(1 + F(-q|-q) \right) \\ &\quad + 2R(-q, q) F(q|-q) \left(1 - F(q|q) \right) \\ &\quad + 2R(q, -q) F(-q|q) \left(1 + F(-q|-q) \right) \\ &\quad - 2R(-q, q) F(q|-q) \left(1 - F(q|q) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

On the other hand, it is clear that for $q = 0$ we have

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - F(q|q) & F(q|-q) \\ -F(-q|q) & 1 + F(-q|-q) \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{q=0} = 1. \quad (2.9)$$

Thus, the identity (1.14) is proved. We would like to emphasize that we did not use the explicit expressions for the kernel $K(\lambda, \mu)$ and the function $\theta(\lambda - \mu)$. In fact, we have used only three properties:

- a) the existence of the re-solvent of the operator $\hat{I} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{K}$;
- b) the kernel $K(\lambda, \mu)$ and the function $\theta(\lambda - \mu)$ depend on the difference;
- c) the derivative of $\theta(\lambda - \mu)$ is equal to the kernel $K(\lambda, \mu)$.

In order to reduce (1.14) to the identity (1.15) one should use also the antisymmetry property $\theta(\lambda - \mu) = -\theta(\mu - \lambda)$.

Thus, the quadratic identity for the scattering phase is valid for a wide class of completely integrable models, but not only for the one-dimensional Bose gas. In particular, it is valid for scattering phases of elementary particles (spin waves) of XXZ Heisenberg spin chain in a magnetic field ([4], see also chapter II of [1]).

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