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Abstract The localization of the EA-matrix integrals from [B4], see also [B1], is calculated via determinants and \( \tau \)-functions of KP-type hierarchies in the case of associative algebras with even scalar product.

Introduction

In this paper I calculate the EA-matrix integrals from [B4] of associative algebras with scalar product via determinants and \( \tau \)-functions of integrable hierarchies.

Notations

For a \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-graded vector space \( A = A_0 \oplus A_1 \) denote via \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-parity \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-graded vector space \( A = A_0 \oplus A_1 \) via \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-parity \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-graded vector space \( A_0 \oplus A_1 \) denote by \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-parity \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-graded vector space \( A_0 \oplus A_1 \) denote by \( \alpha \in A \) the same element considered with inversed parity.

1 Equivariantly closed matrix De Rham differential form.

Let \( A = A_0 \oplus A_1 \) denote a \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-graded associative algebra, \( \dim_k A_0 = r < \infty \), \( \text{char}(k) = 0 \), with multiplication denoted by \( m_2 : A^\otimes 2 \to A \). Let \( A \) is endowed with odd invariant scalar product \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : A_0 \otimes A_1 \to k \). The multiplication tensor can be viewed then as the \( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \)-cyclically invariant linear function on \( (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^\otimes 3 \).

2 The integral

I consider the integral of the closed differential form \( \Psi(X) \) from [B4],

\[
\mathcal{F}(Y) = \int_c \exp \left( \frac{1}{i} \text{Tr}(Y, X) + \frac{1}{3!} m_{\tilde{A} \otimes gl_N} (X, \frac{\partial}{\partial X}) \right) \prod_{\alpha, i,j} dX_\alpha^{i,j}.
\]

Consider also the normalized integral

\[
\hat{\mathcal{F}}(Y) = \int_c \exp \left( \frac{1}{i} \text{Tr}(Y, X) + \frac{1}{3!} m_{\tilde{A} \otimes gl_N} (X, \frac{\partial}{\partial X}) \right) \prod_{\alpha, i,j} dX_\alpha^{i,j} / \mathcal{F}[2](Y)
\]

where \( \mathcal{F}[2](Y) \) is the corresponding Gaussian integral of the quadratic part at critical point \( (-2Y)^{\frac{1}{2}} \).

Let the algebra \( \tilde{A} \) with odd scalar product is the tensor product \( \tilde{A} = A \otimes Q(1) \) of the even associative algebra \( A \) with scalar product, denoted \( \eta(y_1, y_2) \), and the algebra \( Q(1) = \{ 1, \xi | \xi^2 = 1 \} \) with the odd scalar product \( \langle 1, \xi \rangle = 1 \).
2.1 The cycle of integration and the anti-involution

Let the associative algebra $A$ has an anti-involution $a \rightarrow a^\dagger$

$$(ab)^\dagger = b^\dagger a^\dagger, (ca)^\dagger = ca^\dagger,$$

$$\text{tr } (a^\dagger) = \overline{\text{tr } (a)}, (a^\dagger)^\dagger = a$$

This anti-involution is extended naturally to $gl_N(C) \otimes A$. Then the Lie subalgebra of anti-hermitian elements in $u_N(A) = \{ Y^\dagger = -Y \mid Y \in A \otimes gl_N(C) \}$

$gl_N(C) \otimes A$ is a real form of $gl_N(C) \otimes A$. And the space of hermitian elements in the dual space

$$\Gamma = \{ X^\dagger = X \mid X \in A^\vee \otimes gl_N(C) \}$$

is invariant under the action of $u_N(A)$. Then the “real-slice” $\Gamma$ is the natural choice of the cycle for the equivariant integration.

3 The localization of the integral

The localization formula for equivariant cohomology reduces the integral of the equivariantly closed form $\Omega$ over $\Gamma$ to the integral over the fixed locus $F$,

$$\int_{\Gamma} \Omega = \int_F \frac{\Omega}{eu(N_F)}$$

where $eu(N_F)$ is the euler class of the normal bundle of $F$ in $\Gamma$, see [BV],[AB].

Let the natural scalar product on the Lie algebra $u_1(A)$ of anti-hermitian elements in $A$ is positive definite

$$\eta (y, y^\dagger) = \eta (y^\dagger, y) > 0, y \in u_1(A).$$

Proposition 1 The Lie algebra $u_N(A)$ is reductive.

Proof The pairing on the Lie algebra induced from the invariant nondegenerate scalar product on the associative algebra is invariant and nondegenerate. It follows that the adjoint representation of the Lie algebra is completely reducible.

Proposition 2 The induced pairing on the subspace of hermitian elements is invariant and positive definite.

3.1 Maximal abelian subalgebra of the reductive Lie algebra.

Let $H \subset A$ denotes maximal abelian Lie subalgebra of the Lie algebra $u_1(A)$.

Proposition 3 The subspace $H$ is a commutative subalgebra of $A$ with respect to the associative product.

Proof The product of any two elements $h_1h_2$ commutes with all other elements in $H$. Since $H$ is maximal abelian Lie subalgebra therefore $h_1h_2 \in H$.

The Lie algebra $H_N$ of anti-hermitian diagonal matrices with values in $H$

$$t = \text{diag}(Y_1^1, \ldots, Y_N^N), (Y_i^i)^\dagger = -Y_i^i, Y_i^i \in H,$$

acts naturally on $\Gamma$. 

3.2 The fixed locus

The fixed locus $F \subset \Gamma$ of the $\mathfrak{t}$-action consists of hermitian diagonal matrices with values in $iH$, i.e. the subspace of $\Gamma$ spanned by elements

$$\text{diag} \left( X_0^{\alpha_1}, \ldots, X_N^{\alpha_N} \right) \otimes e_{\alpha n}$$

Without loss of generality it can be assumed that the basis elements in $A$ satisfy

$$(e_\alpha)^\dagger = e_\alpha$$

Then the linear functions $X_i^{\alpha,j}$ are the $\mathbb{R}$-valued coordinates on $F$ and

$$X_i^{\alpha,j} = 0 \text{ on } F, \text{ for } i \neq j.$$ 

The euler class of the normal bundle $e_{\mathcal{N}}(N_F)$ is invertible over some localization of the ring $H^*_\mathcal{N}(pt)$. Hence the pushforward $\rho_*$ of the inclusion $\rho: F \hookrightarrow \Gamma$ on the equivariant cohomology is injective over the localized ring. Also the pushforward $\rho_*$ is surjective, since $\text{diag}(i\lambda_1, \ldots, i\lambda_N) \otimes 1_{A_0}$ and the maximal abelian subalgebra in which it is contained does not have fixed points outside of $F$. It follows, see [AB], that the integral of the $\mathfrak{t}$-equivariantly closed form equals the integral over $F$ (3.1).

4 The localization formula in the commutative algebra case.

In this section for simplicity it is assumed that $H \otimes \mathbb{C} = A$ i.e. that the algebra is abelian.

4.1 The restriction of the differential form to $F$

The only nonzero terms in the restriction of

$$\exp \left[ \frac{1}{i} \text{Tr}(Y, X) + \frac{1}{3!} m_{A \otimes \mathfrak{s}^2}(X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j}) \right] \prod dX_i^{\alpha,j}$$

(4.1)

to $F$ come from the terms which can contain only $X_i^{\alpha,j}$ with $i = j$ and in which all $dX_i^{\alpha,j}$ with $i \neq j$ are killed by the multiple insertions of the bivector

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha, \beta, i,j} (m_{A})^{\beta_1 \beta_2}_{\alpha} \sum_{i,j} (X_i^{\alpha,i} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i^{\beta,j}} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^{\alpha}}).$$

(4.2)

The differential $dX_j^{\beta,i}$ is killed by the insertion of $\frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^{\alpha}}$ taken from the term

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha} (m_{A})^{\beta_1 \beta_2 \alpha} \sum_{i \neq j} (X_i^{\beta_1,i} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i^{\alpha}} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^{\beta_2}}) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(\beta_1, \beta_2), \alpha} \sum_{i < j} ((m_{A})^{\beta_1 \beta_2 \alpha} X_i^{\beta_1,i} - (m_{A})^{\beta_2 \beta_1 \alpha} X_j^{\beta_2,j}) \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i^{\beta_1,i}} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^{\beta_2,j}}$$

(4.3)

The resulting coefficient in front of the top ($\dim F$) degree nonzero product is the product over pairs of $i < j$ of pfaffians of the matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix}
0 & (\sum_{\alpha} X_i^{\alpha,i}) e_{\alpha}(e_{\beta_1} e_{\beta_2}) - (\sum_{\alpha} X_j^{\alpha,j}) e_{\alpha}(e_{\beta_2} e_{\beta_1}) \\
(\sum_{\alpha} X_j^{\alpha,j}) e_{\alpha}(e_{\beta_1} e_{\beta_2}) & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$(-1)^{\frac{\binom{n-1}{2}}{2}} \det_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \left( X_i^{\beta_1} e_{\beta_2} - X_j^{\beta_2} e_{\beta_1} \right)$$
which coincides with
\[
(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det \left( (X^i_j - X^j_i)(e^\beta_k e^\beta_l) \right).
\]

After identification \(A^V = A\) induced by the even scalar product \(\eta, \eta(e^\alpha, e^\beta) : \)
\[
\sum_{\alpha} X^\alpha e_\alpha (e^\beta_k e^\beta_l) = \sum_{\alpha} X^\alpha \eta(e^\alpha, e^\beta_k e^\beta_l) = X^\alpha \eta(e^\alpha, e^\beta_k, e^\beta_l) = (l_X)^\beta_k \beta_l
\]
where \(l_X\) is the operator of left multiplication by \(X \in A\) acting on \(A\). Therefore the restriction of the differential form 4.1 to the fixed locus \(F\) is
\[
\exp \frac{1}{i} \left( \sum_k (Y_k, X_k) + \frac{1}{3!} m^{\alpha \beta \gamma}(X_{k\alpha} X_{k\beta} X_{k\gamma}) \right) \prod_{k<j} (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det ((X_k - X_j)^*) \prod dX_k \alpha
\]
where \(Y_k \in U, X_k \in S, X_k = X_{k\alpha} e^\alpha\) are the entries at the \(k\)-th places of the diagonal matrices \(Y = \text{diag}(Y_1, \ldots, Y_N)\), \(Y \in t, X = \text{diag}(X_1, \ldots, X_N), X \in F\).

4.2 The equivariant Euler class of the normal bundle

The normal bundle to \(F\) in \(\Gamma\) is the direct sum of \(\frac{N(N-1)}{2}\) real \(t\)-invariant subspaces of dimension \(2 \dim A\)
\[
V_{kj} = (E_{kj}^i + E_{kj}^j) \oplus S \oplus (iE_{kj}^i - iE_{kj}^j) \oplus S, j < k
\]
where \(S = iU\) denotes the subspace of hermitian elements in \(A\) and \(E_{kj}^i\) are the elementary matrices. These subbundles are topologically trivial. The euler class is determined by the action of \(t\) on a generic fiber. The matrix of the action of \(Y = \text{diag}(iy_1, \ldots, iy_N)\), \(y_i \in S\) on \(V_{kj}\) is
\[
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & -(l_{yk} - l_{yj}) \\
(l_{yk} - l_{yj}) & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\]
The euler class of \(V_{kj}\) is given by the pfaffian :
\[
eu_t(V_{kj}) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det_S ((y_k - y_j)^*)
\]

4.3 The integral over the fixed point set \(F\).

From (4.4)(6.4) I get the following formula for the integral:
\[
\int_F \exp \frac{1}{i} \left( \sum_i (iy_i, X_i) + \frac{1}{3!} m^{\alpha \beta \gamma}(X_{i\alpha} X_{i\beta} X_{i\gamma}) \prod_{i<j} \det_S ((X_i - X_j)^*) \prod dX_{i\alpha}
\]
The matrices of linear operators \(X_j^*\), \(X_j \in S\) commute. Therefore the product \(\prod_{i<j} \det_A ((X_i - X_j)^*)\) coincides with the generalized Vandermond determinant consisting of blocks of matrices of linear operators \((X_j^*)^l\)
\[
\prod_{i<j} \det_A ((X_i - X_j)^*) = \det_{A^\otimes C^n} \begin{pmatrix}
(X_1^*)^0 & \ldots & (X_N^*)^0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
(X_1^*)^{N-1} & \ldots & (X_N^*)^{N-1}
\end{pmatrix}
\]
Then
\[
\int_F \exp(\sum_k (y_k, X_k) - \frac{i}{3!} m^{\alpha \beta \gamma}(X_{k\alpha}X_{k\beta}X_{k\gamma})) \prod_{k<j} \det((X_k - X_j)^s) \prod_{k, \alpha} dX_{k\alpha} = \det_{A \otimes \mathbb{C}^N} \begin{pmatrix}
\Phi_0(y_1) & \ldots & \Phi_0(y_N) \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\Phi_{N-1}(y_1) & \ldots & \Phi_{N-1}(y_N)
\end{pmatrix}
\]

where \( \Phi_k(y), i \in U \) is the \( \dim A \times \dim A \) matrix of the linear operator of multiplication by the element

\[
\int_S \exp((y, x) - \frac{i}{3!} m^{\alpha \beta \gamma}(x_{\alpha}x_{\beta}x_{\gamma})) x^k \prod_{\alpha} dx_{\alpha}
\]

so that the localized integral is the ratio of determinants:

\[
\det_{A \otimes \mathbb{C}^N} \begin{pmatrix}
\Phi_0(y_1) & \ldots & \Phi_0(y_N) \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\Phi_{N-1}(y_1) & \ldots & \Phi_{N-1}(y_N)
\end{pmatrix} / \prod_{i<j} \det_{A} (y_k - y_j)^s) \tag{4.7}
\]

4.4 Tau function.

Let for \( h_i \in A, i = 1, \ldots, N \), define

\[
t_{k, \alpha} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (h_i^*)_{\alpha}
\]

and consider the operator

\[
\rho(t_k) = \exp(\lambda^{-k} t_k^s) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} (1 - \frac{(h_i^*)}{\lambda})^{-1}
\]

acting on \( A((\lambda)) \), the space of series in variable \( \lambda \) with values in \( A \), and on its semi-infinite wedge space

\[
A^{\infty} (A((\lambda)))
\]

The tau-function associated with a subspace \( W \subset A((\lambda)) \) with base given by series

\[
w_j(\lambda) = \sum_{n=1} w_{jn} \lambda^n, w_{jn} \in gl(A) \tag{4.8}
\]

is defined in the standard way as the determinant:

\[
\tau(t_{k, \alpha}) = \det \left[ \rho(t_k) \cdot \begin{pmatrix}
\cdots & w_{j(-)} & \cdots & w_{0n} \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\cdots & w_j & \cdots & w_{00} \\
\cdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots
\end{pmatrix} \right]_{1}
\]

of the part of the matrix corresponding to the projection on the subspace \( A \left[ \left[ \lambda^{-1} \right] \right] \).

**Theorem 1** The \( \tau \)-function \( \tau(t_{k, \alpha}) \), \( t_{k, \alpha} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (h_i^*)_{\alpha} \) associated with the subspace with base \( 4.8 \) with \( w_{jn}(e^\gamma) = w_{jn, \beta}(e^{\beta \ast}) \) coincides with the ratio of determinants

\[
\tau(t_{k, \alpha}) = \det_{A \otimes \mathbb{C}^N} (w_j(h_k)) / \prod_{i<j} \det_{A} ((h_k - h_j)^s). \tag{4.9}
\]
Define

\[(\partial^2)_k = \sum_{\alpha} e^\alpha m_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_{k,\beta} \partial t_{k,\gamma}}\]

and similarly \((\partial^3)_k, (\partial^4)_k\), etc. And similarly the operators \(D_k\) acting on the tensor products \(\tau(t) \otimes \tau(s)\).

**Theorem 2** The \(\tau\)-function \(\tau(t_{k,\alpha})\) satisfies the Hirota bilinear equation:

\[(D_4^1 + 3D_2^2 - 4D_1 D_3)\tau \cdot \tau = 0\]

4.5 The asymptotic series development of \(\Phi_k(y)\) and the semi-infinite subspace.

**Proposition 4** Let \(y = -\frac{1}{2}z^2\) then \(\Phi_k(y(z))/\Phi_{0,[2]}(z) = \tilde{\Phi}_k(z)\) is a function of \(z\) with values in \(A\) whose \((-n)\)th coefficient in the asymptotic development is linear in \(z\).

Let \(\tau_W = (t_{k,\alpha})\), \(t_{k,\alpha} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (z_i^{(-k)})_\alpha\) be the \(\tau\)-function associated with the subspace with base given by the series \(\tilde{\Phi}_k(\lambda) = \sum_{n} \lambda^n \tilde{\Phi}_{k,n}\).

**Theorem 3** The normalized integral

\[
(F_{[2]}(Z))^{-1} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} Tr(Z^{*2}, X) + \frac{1}{3!} m_{A \otimes gl_N}(X, \frac{\partial}{\partial X}) \right\} \prod dX_{i,j}^{\alpha,j}
\]

coincides with the \(\tau\)-function \(\tau_W = (t_{k,\alpha})\).

4.6 The nonabelian case and the Zacharov-Shabat method.

In the case of \(A\) which is not abelian, the fixed locus of \(t\) action to which the integral localizes is the subspace of hermitian diagonal matrices with values in the maximal abelian subalgebra of \(A\). The localization formula gives the ratio of determinants similar to (4.7). The integrable hierarchy can be constructed in the same way, using the Zacharov-Shabat method, see [DS], for the abelian Lie subalgebra \(H \subset A\), and the localized integral coincides with the \(\tau\)-function of this hierarchy, and satisfies the Hirota quadratic equations.

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