

Curvature equation with conic singularities and integrable system

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Abstract

Let (E_τ, dz^2) , $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ be a flat torus. We consider the following PDE:

$$\Delta u + e^u = \sum_{j=1}^N 4\pi\alpha_j \delta_{p_j} \text{ on } E_\tau \quad (1)$$

where δ_{p_j} is the dirac measure and $\alpha_j > -1$. In the literature, equation (1) is arised from conformal geometry. Indeed, (1) is equivalent to saying that the conformal metric $ds^2 = \frac{1}{2}e^u |dz|^2$ with conic singularities at p_j has the Gaussian curvature 1. By classical Liouville theorem, the curvature equation is also an integrable system which yields a complex ODE (a generalization of the classical Lamé equation) and the solvability of equation (1) is equivalent to saying that the corresponding complex ODE is always apparent and has unitary monodromy. The study of the monodromy of a general complex ODE is diffi cult in general. However, recently, we also discover its relation with KdV theory. In this talk, I will talk about this deep connection and focus on the study of the complex ODE from monodromy point of view.