

Spacetime dynamics and integrable systems

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According to the obtained recurrence relations, it is possible to construct the first terms A_n , B_n and C_n ,

$$A_0 = 1, \quad A_1 = 0, \quad A_2 = -\frac{1}{2}pr, \quad A_3 = \frac{1}{4}(p'r - pr'),$$

$$B_0 = 0, \quad B_1 = -p, \quad B_2 = \frac{1}{2}p', \quad B_3 = \frac{1}{2}p^2r - \frac{1}{4}p'',$$

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$$[L_n^\pm, L_m^\pm] = (n - m)L_{n+m}.$$



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¹⁵Achúcarro and Townsend, 1986; E. Witten, 1988. 

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The connection splits as $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^+ + \mathcal{A}^-$, where

$$\mathcal{A}^\pm = \omega \pm \frac{e}{l},$$

with $e^a = e^a_\mu dx^\mu$ the vielbein and $\omega^a_\mu dx^\mu$ the spin connection.

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the choice $b_\pm(\rho) = e^{\pm\rho L_0^\pm}$ captures completely the radial dependence, yielding

$$a_\rho^\pm = 0, \quad a_t^\pm = a_t^\pm(t, \phi), \quad a_\phi^\pm = a_\phi^\pm(t, \phi).$$

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The boundary conditions are

$$a_{\phi}^{\pm} = \mp 2\xi^{\pm} L_0 - p^{\pm} L_{\pm 1} + r^{\pm} L_{\mp 1},$$
$$a_t^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\ell} (-2A^{\pm} L_0 \pm B^{\pm} L_{\pm 1} \mp C^{\pm} L_{\mp 1}),$$

where $p^{\pm} = p^{\pm}(t, \phi)$ and $r^{\pm} = r^{\pm}(t, \phi)$ are the fields carrying the boundary dynamics of the theory, $A^{\pm} = A^{\pm}(t, \phi)$, $B^{\pm} = B^{\pm}(t, \phi)$ and $C^{\pm} = C^{\pm}(t, \phi)$ are polynomial functions on ξ^{\pm} that has to be specified.

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Thus, its geometry coincides locally AdS_3 . The only difference resides in its global properties¹⁸.

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We can recover the metric,

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\ell^2}{2} \langle (A_\mu^+ - A_\mu^-) (A_\nu^+ - A_\nu^-) \rangle.$$

In ADM coordinates

$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij} (N^i dt + dx^i) (N^j dt + dx^j),$$

with $i = \rho, \phi$, we obtain

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Thank you for your attention!