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The proposed meeting is to be the eighth in a series of annual one-day meetings on this topic. The main aims of the meeting are:

- The dissemination, explanation and discussion of recent exciting results in this field.
- To promote communication and collaboration within the UK Integrable Models and Conformal Field Theory community, and to bring mathematicians and physicists working in this area together.
- To act as a forum for young researchers to present their work and to become known and integrated into the community.

Speakers:

Carl Bender (Washington)

Richard Blythe (Manchester)

Alexandre Caldeira (Oxford)

Vladimir Dobrev (Newcastle)

Andreas Fring (City)

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## The KdV system:

Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{KdV}} = -\frac{\beta}{6}u^3 + \frac{\gamma}{2}u_x^2 \quad \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$$

equation of motion:

$$u_t + \beta u u_x + \gamma u_{xxx} = 0$$

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## The ten similarity classes for $J$

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	$j_2 < j_1 < 0$	stable node
	$j_2 < 0 < j_1$	saddle point
$j_1 = j_2$ , diagonal $J$	$j_i > 0$	unstable star node
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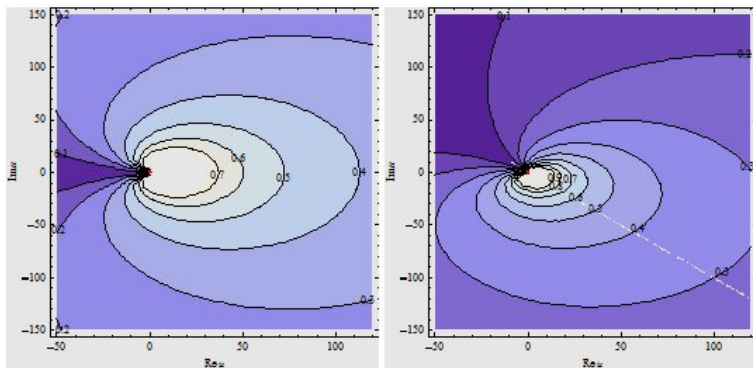
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(b) broken  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry:  $c = 1$ ,  $\beta = 2 + i2$ ,  $\gamma = 3$ ,  $A = \frac{1-i}{4}$

The energy is real for (a) and complex for (b).

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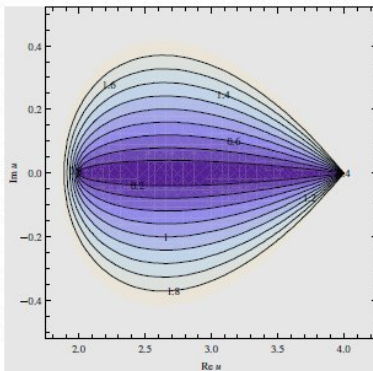
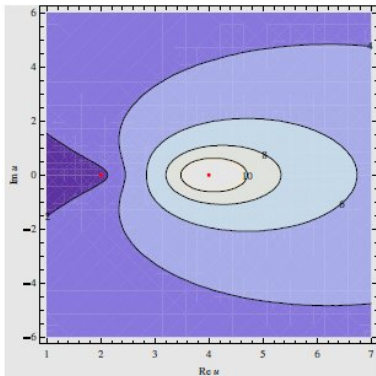
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In general:

- $E_T \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution
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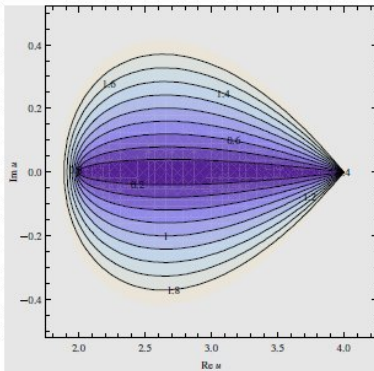
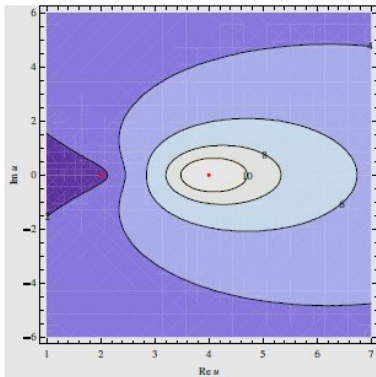
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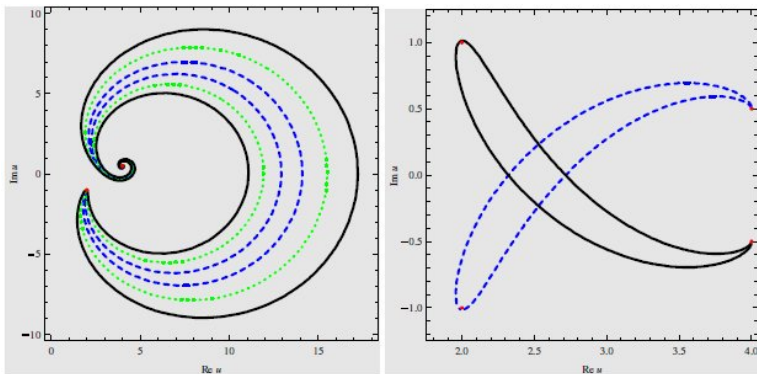
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$\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric, spontaneously broken and broken solutions (trigonometric)

## spontaneously broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution:



(a) periodic:  $c = 1$ ,  $\beta = \frac{3}{10}$ ,  $\gamma = 3$ ,  $A = 4 + \frac{i}{2}$  and  $B = 2 - i$  for  
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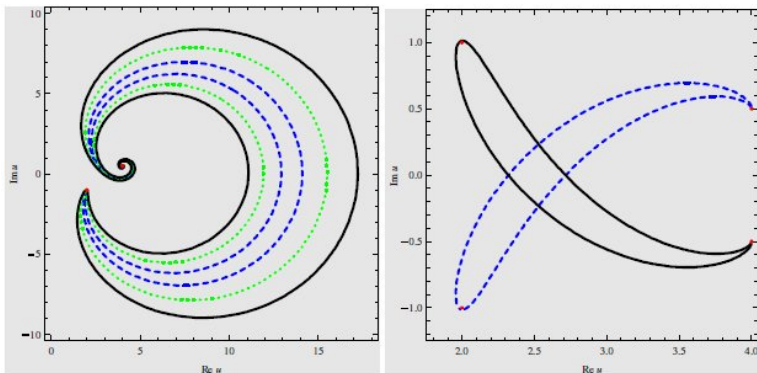
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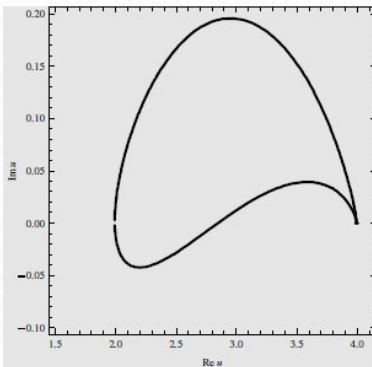
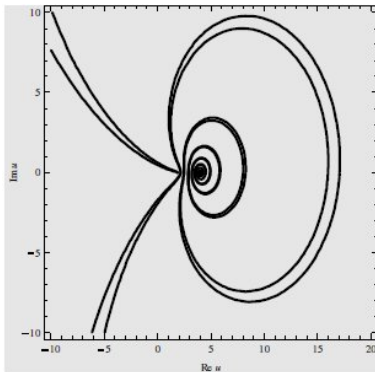
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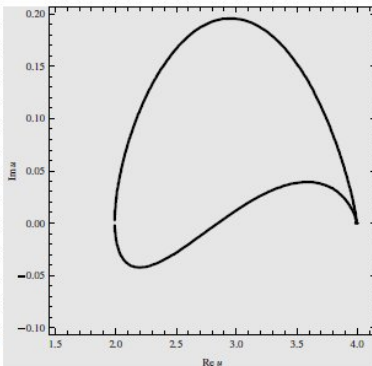
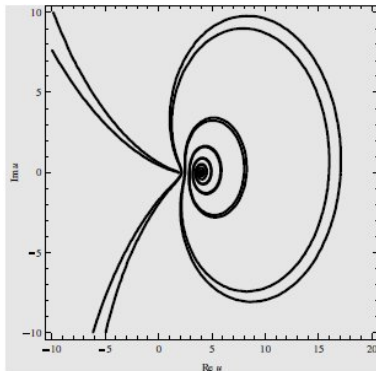
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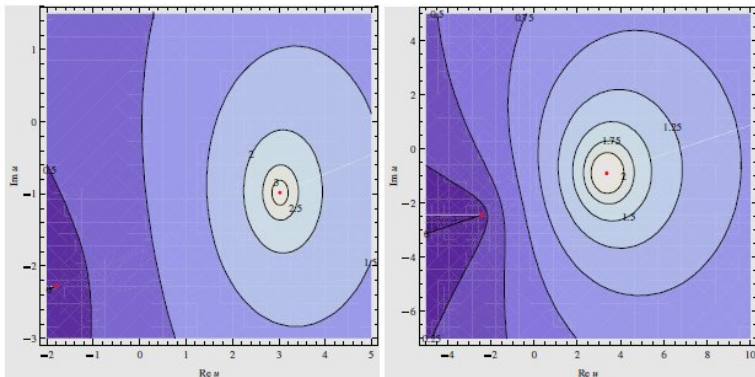


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$E_T \in \mathbb{C}$

## broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution:



- (a) periodic solution with complex energy  $E_T = -10.52 + i1.67$   
 (b) periodic solution with real energy  $E_T = -4\pi$

assume:  $P(u) = (u - A)(u - B)(u - C)$ , which is possible for

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then (with two free parameter):

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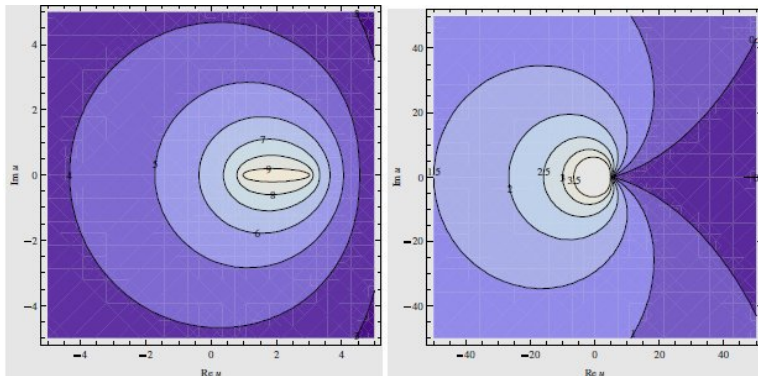
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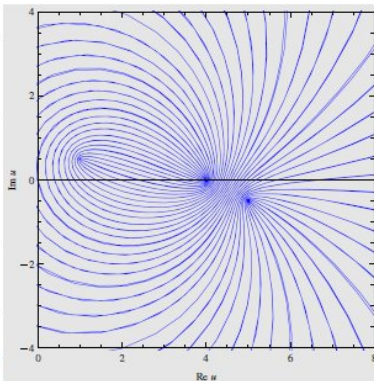
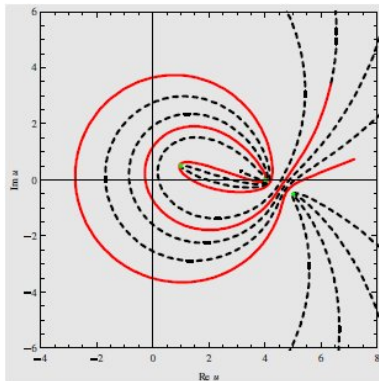
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$\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution:

$$A = 1, B = 3, C = 6, c = 1, \beta = 3/10, \gamma = -3$$

## spontaneously broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution:

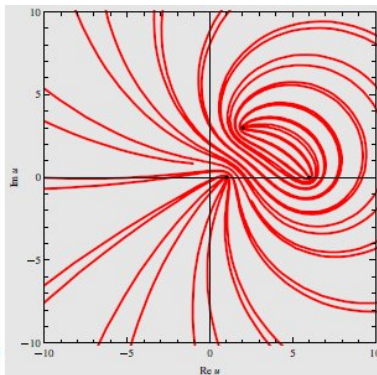
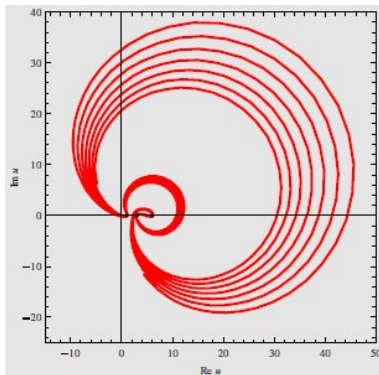


- (a)  $-64 \leq \zeta \leq 18$  solid (red) and  $18 < \zeta \leq 200$  dashed (black)  
 (b)  $-200 < \zeta < 1400$



$\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric, spontaneously broken and broken solutions (elliptic)

## broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution:



(a)  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 3$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $\beta = 3/10$  and  $\gamma = 3 + 2i$  for  $-200 \leq \zeta \leq 200$ ;

(b)  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 2 + 3i$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $\beta = 3/10 - i/10$  and  $\gamma = 3$  for  $-200 \leq \zeta \leq 200$

## Reduction to quantum mechanical Hamiltonians:

For instance:

$$u \rightarrow x, \quad \zeta \rightarrow t, \quad \kappa_1 = 0, \quad \kappa_2 = \gamma E, \quad \beta = 6cg, \quad \gamma = -c$$

converts

$$u_\zeta^2 = \frac{2}{\gamma} \left( \kappa_2 + \kappa_1 u + \frac{c}{2} u^2 - \frac{\beta}{6} u^3 \right)$$

into Newton's equations for

$$H = E = \frac{1}{2} p^2 + \frac{1}{2} x^2 - gx^3$$

treated in

[C. Bender, D. Brody, D. Hook, Phys. A41 (2008) 352003]

## Soliton solutions:

Hirota's bilinear method ( $u(x, t) = \frac{12\gamma}{\beta} (\ln \tau)_{xx}$ )

$$\frac{6\gamma}{\beta} \left( \gamma D_x^4 + D_x D_t \right) \tau \cdot \tau = 0$$

one soliton solution:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{3\gamma p_1^2}{\beta \cosh^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} (p_1 x - \gamma p_1^3 t + \phi_1) \right]}$$

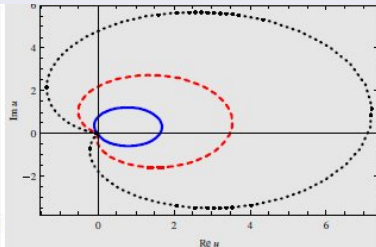
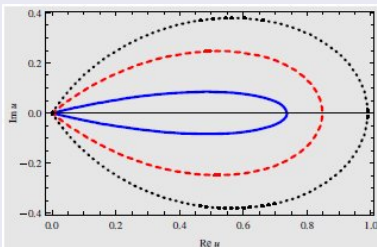
two soliton solution:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{24\gamma \sum_{k=0}^6 c_k (-1)^k p_2^k p_1^{6-k}}{\beta (p_1 + p_2)^4 \left[ 2 \cosh \left( \frac{1}{2} (\eta_1 - \eta_2) \right) + e^{-\frac{\eta_1}{2} - \frac{\eta_2}{2}} \left( \frac{e^{\eta_1 + \eta_2} (p_1 - p_2)^4}{(p_1 + p_2)^4} + 1 \right) \right]^2}$$

where we abbreviated  $\eta_i = p_i x - \gamma p_i^3 t + \phi_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  with

$$c_0 = 1 + \cosh \eta_2, \quad c_1 = 4 \sinh \eta_2, \quad c_2 = \cosh \eta_1 + 6 \cosh \eta_2 - 1, \quad c_3 = 4 (\sinh \eta_1 + \sinh \eta_2)$$

and  $c_i(\eta_1, \eta_2) = c_{6-i}(\eta_2, \eta_1)$

$\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric complex one-soliton solution

(a)  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution with  $\beta = 6$ ,  $\gamma = 1$ ,  $p_1 = 1.2$  for  $\phi = i0.3$  blue,  $\phi = i0.8$  red,  $\phi = i1.1$  black,  $t = -2$

(b) Broken  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric solution  $\beta = 6$ ,  $\gamma = 1 + i0.4$ ,  $p_1 = 1.2$  for  $\phi = i0.3$  blue,  $\phi = i0.8$  red,  $\phi = i1.1$  black  $t = -2$

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## Complex one-soliton solution with broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry

$$\beta = 6, \gamma = 1 + i0.4, p_1 = 1.2, \phi = i0.3,$$

We obtain a breather regaining its shape when:

$$u(x + \Delta_x, t) = u(x, t + \Delta_t)$$

with

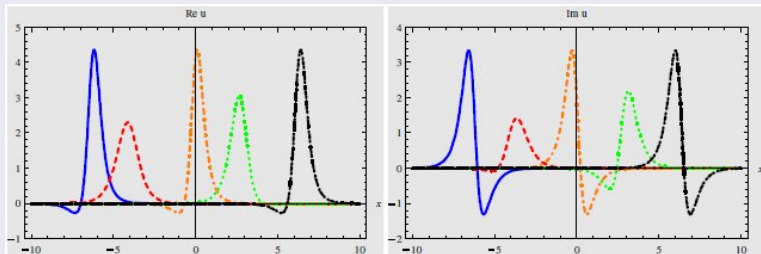
$$\Delta_t = \frac{2\pi p_r}{(p_i^4 - p_r^4) \gamma_i - 2p_i p_r (p_i^2 + p_r^2) \gamma_r}$$

$$\Delta_x = 2\pi \frac{p_i (3p_r^2 - p_i^2) \gamma_i + 2\pi p_r (3p_i^2 - p_r^2) \gamma_r}{(p_i^4 - p_r^4) \gamma_i - 2p_i p_r (p_i^2 + p_r^2) \gamma_r}$$

speed of the soliton:

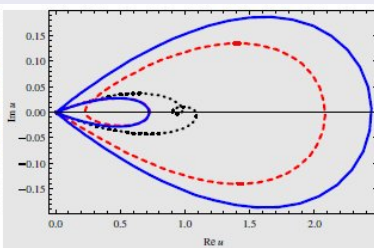
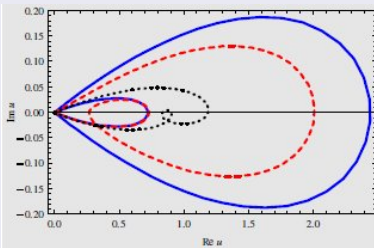
$$v = -\frac{\Delta_x}{\Delta_t} = (3p_i^2 - p_r^2) \gamma_r - \frac{p_i (p_i^2 - 3p_r^2) \gamma_i}{p_r}$$

## Complex one-soliton solution with broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry



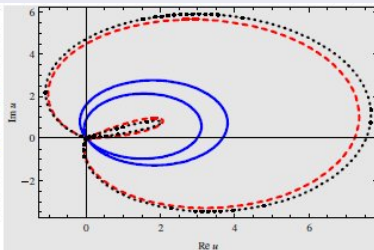
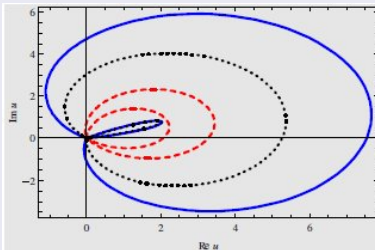
$\beta = 6$ ,  $\gamma = 1 + i/2$ ,  $p_1 = 2$ ,  $\phi = i0.8$  and  $\Delta_t = -\pi/2$  for different times  $t = -\pi/2$  solid (blue),  $t = -1$  dashed (red),  $t = 0$  dasheddot (orange),  $t = 0.7$  dotted (green), and  $t = \pi/2$  dasheddotdot (black) (a) real part; (b) imaginary part



$\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric two soliton solution

$\beta = 6$ ,  $\gamma = 1$ ,  $p_1 = 1.2$ ,  $p_2 = 2.2$ ,  $\phi_1 = i0.1$  and  $\phi_2 = i0.2$ . (a)  $t = -2$  solid (blue),  $t = -0.2$  dashed (red),  $t = 0.2$  dotted (black); (b)  $t = 0.3$  dotted (black),  $t = 0.8$  dashed (red),  $t = 2.0$  solid (blue)

## Two soliton solution with broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry



$\beta = 6$ ,  $\gamma = 1 + i\pi/8$ ,  $p_1 = 2(2/3)^{1/3}$ ,  $p_2 = 2$ ,  $\phi_1 = i0.1$  and  $\phi_2 = i0.2$ . (a)  $t = -4$  solid (blue),  $t = -3.5$  dashed (red),  $t = -2$  dotted (black); (b)  $t = 0.7$  solid (blue),  $t = 2$  dashed (red),  $t = 8$  dotted (black)

$\Delta_t^1 = -3$ ,  $\Delta_t^2 = -2$ ,

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## Complex two-soliton solution with broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry

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## Energy for the one-soliton:

$$E_{1s} = -\frac{36\gamma^3 p_1^5}{5\beta^2}$$

## Energy for the two-soliton:

- $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric case:

$$E_{2s} \approx -10.8049 = E_{1s}(p_1) + E_{1s}(p_2)$$

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$$E_{2s} \approx -7.8876 - i9.4327 = E_{1s}(p_1) + E_{1s}(p_2)$$

## General deformation prescription:

$\mathcal{PT}$ -anti-symmetric quantities:

$$\mathcal{PT} : \phi(x, t) \mapsto -\phi(x, t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta_\varepsilon : \phi(x, t) \mapsto -i[i\phi(x, t)]^\varepsilon$$

Two possibilities for the KdV Hamiltonian

$$\delta_\varepsilon^+ : u_x \mapsto u_{x,\varepsilon} := -i(iu_x)^\varepsilon \quad \text{or} \quad \delta_\varepsilon^- : u \mapsto u_\varepsilon := -i(iu)^\varepsilon,$$

such that

$$\mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^+ = -\frac{\beta}{6}u^3 - \frac{\gamma}{1+\varepsilon}(iu_x)^{\varepsilon+1} \quad \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^- = \frac{\beta}{(1+\varepsilon)(2+\varepsilon)}(iu)^{\varepsilon+2} + \frac{\gamma}{2}u_x^2$$

with equations of motion

$$u_t + \beta uu_x + \gamma u_{xxx,\varepsilon} = 0 \quad u_t + i\beta u_\varepsilon u_x + \gamma u_{xxx} = 0$$

## The $\mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^+$ -models

Integrating twice yields now:

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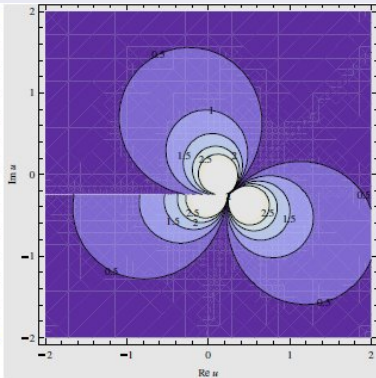
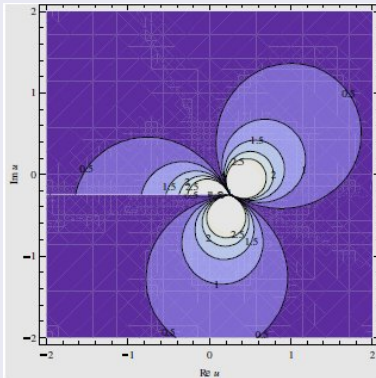
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## Broken $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric rational solutions for $\mathcal{H}_{1/3}^+$



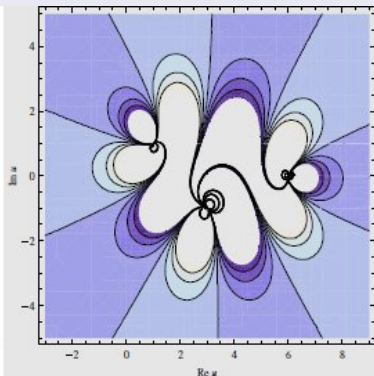
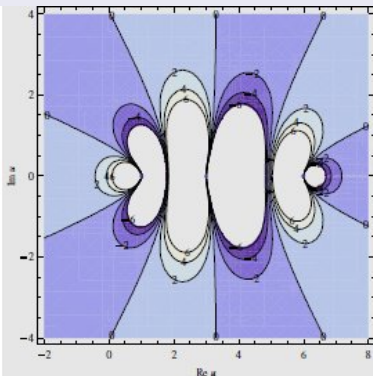
Different Riemann sheets for  $A = (1 - i)/4$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $\beta = 2 + 2i$   
and  $\gamma = 3$

- (a)  $u^{(1)}$   
(b)  $u^{(2)}$





## Elliptic solutions for $\mathcal{H}_{-1/2}^+$ :



(a)  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric with  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 3$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $\beta = 3/10$ ,  $\gamma = -3$  and  $c = 1$

(b) spontaneously broken  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry with  $A = 1 + i$ ,  $B = 3 - i$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $\beta = 3/10$ ,  $\gamma = -3$  and  $c = 1$

## The $\mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^-$ -models

Integrating twice gives now:

$$u_\zeta^2 = \frac{2}{\gamma} \left( \kappa_2 + \kappa_1 u + \frac{c}{2} u^2 - \beta \frac{i^\varepsilon}{(1+\varepsilon)(2+\varepsilon)} u^{2+\varepsilon} \right) =: \lambda Q(u)$$

where

$$\lambda = - \frac{2\beta i^\varepsilon}{\gamma(1+\varepsilon)(2+\varepsilon)}$$

For  $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = 0$

$$u(\zeta) = \left( \frac{c(\varepsilon+1)(\varepsilon+2)}{i^\varepsilon \beta \left[ \cosh \left( \frac{\sqrt{c\varepsilon}(\zeta-\zeta_0)}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \right) + 1 \right]} \right)^{1/\varepsilon}$$

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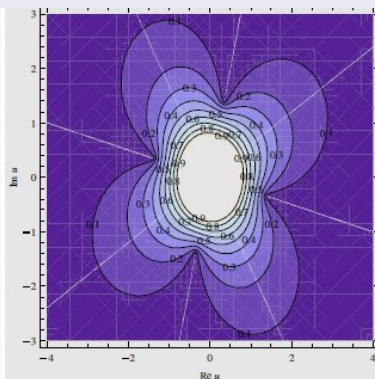
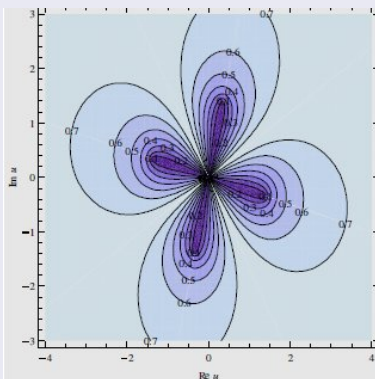
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Again we can relate to simple quantum mechanical models:

The identification

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For  $c = 0$  these are the "classical models" studied in

[C. Bender, S. Boettcher, Phys. Rev. Lett. 80 (1998) 5243]

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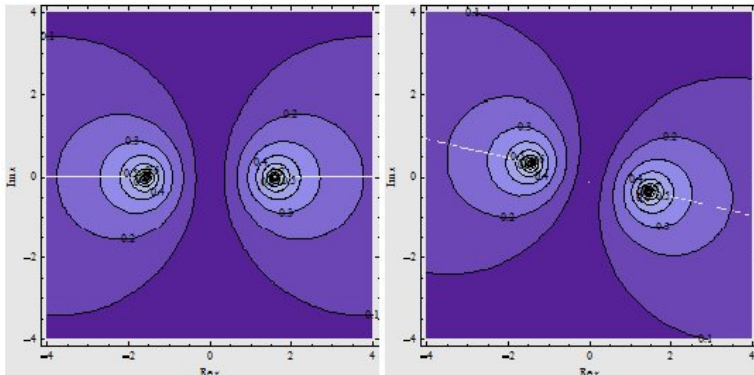
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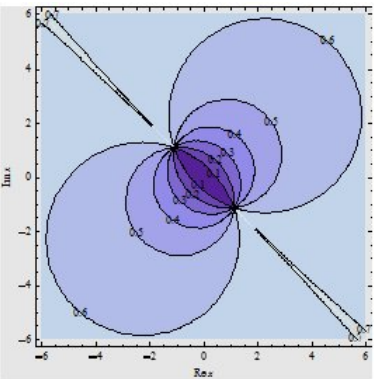
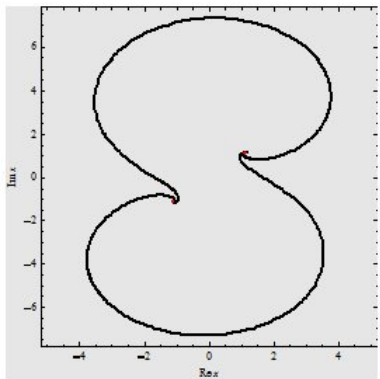
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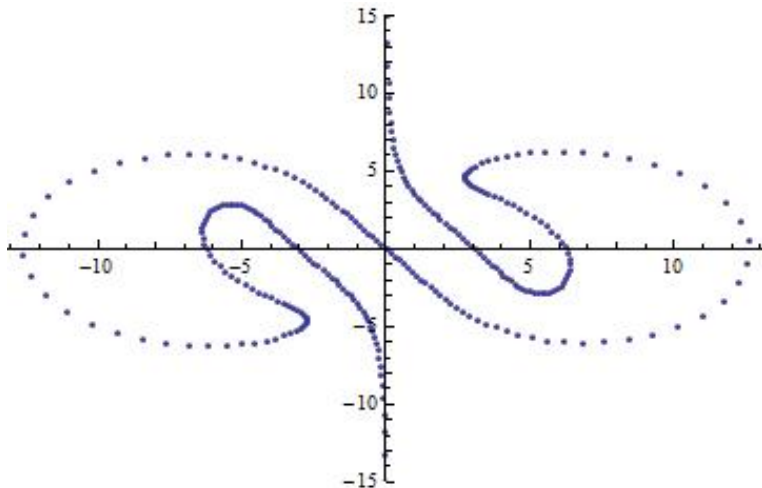
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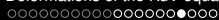
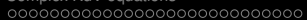
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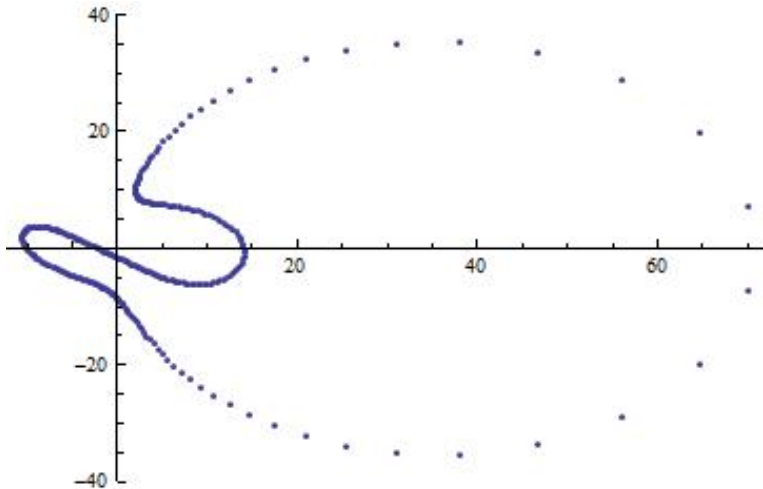
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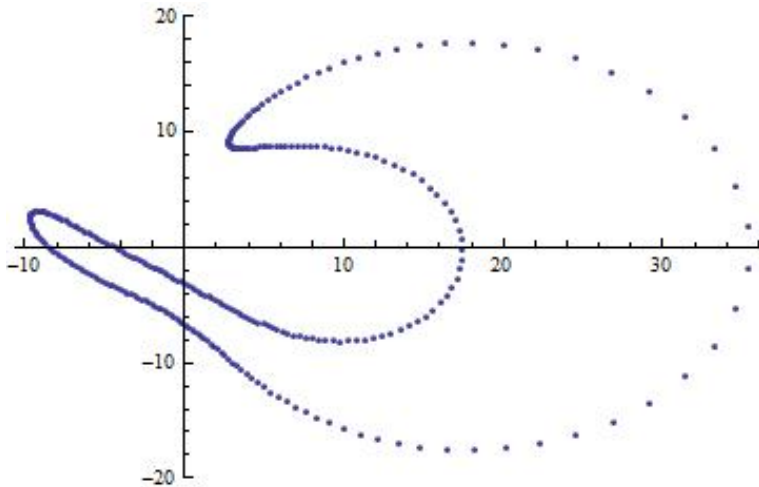




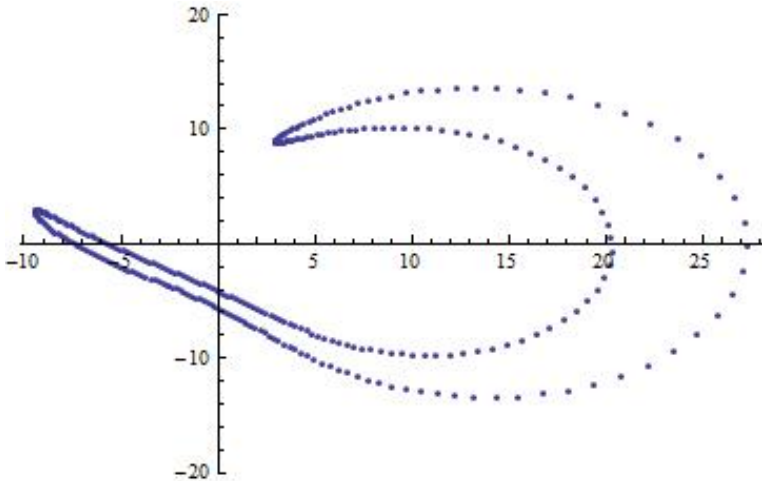
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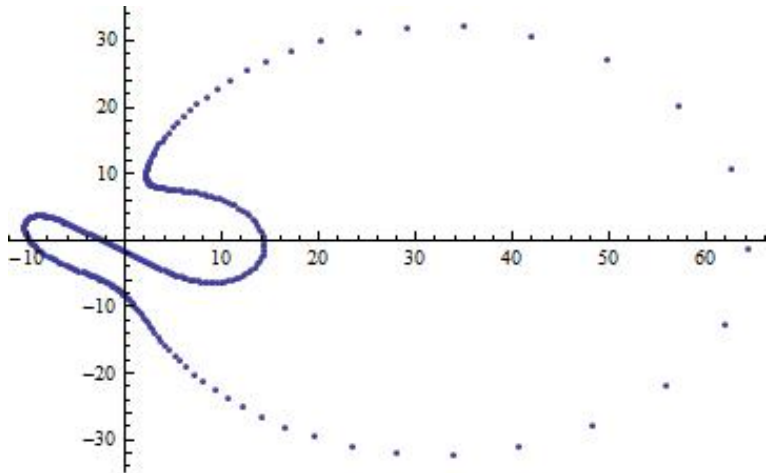
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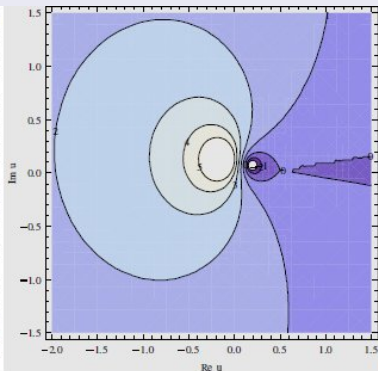
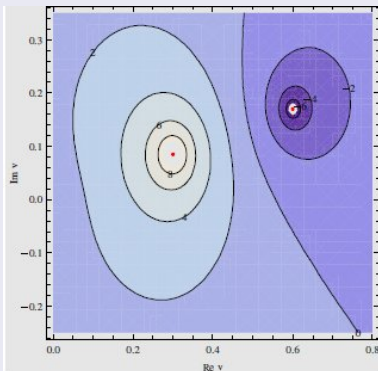
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