Mechanization of scalar field theory

a gradual exploration of soliton dynamics in one-dimensional scalar field theories

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PART I: Scattering of kinks in a field theory

Playground



Canonical kink



 $E = M\gamma$ $P = M\gamma v$ M = 4/3

$$j^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\nu} \phi \qquad \partial_{\mu} j^{\mu} = 0 \qquad \qquad Q = \int dx j^{0} = \frac{\phi(\infty) - \phi(-\infty)}{2}$$

Behaves as a relativistic massive particle. Stability guaranteed by conservation of topological charge.

Normal modes

$$\phi = \tanh(x) + e^{-i\omega t}b(x) \qquad -\partial_x^2 b + \left(4 - \frac{6}{\cosh^2(x)}\right)b = \omega^2 b$$
Zero mode:

$$b_0(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{1}{\cosh^2(x)} \quad \omega_0^2 = 0$$
Vibration (shape) mode:

$$b_1(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh^2(x)} \quad \omega_1^2 = 3$$

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Scattering of kinks

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A `map' of scatterings



Resonance at the heart of the collision

 $\phi_{\rm bkg} = \tanh(x + X(t)) - \tanh(x - X(t)) - 1 + A(t) \left(b_1(x + X(t)) + b_1(x - X(t)) \right)$

Qualitative understanding of bouncing as resonant energy-transfer

RESONANCE STRUCTURE IN KINK-ANTIKINK INTERACTIONS IN ϕ^4 THEORY

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Four Decades of Kink Interactions in Nonlinear Klein-Gordon Models: A Crucial Typo, Recent Developments and the Challenges Ahead

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Fig. 8. The ratio of the (time-averaged – see section 4) kink speed after a $K\bar{K}$ collision to the initial speed, as a function of the initial velocity. Note the relatively elastic nature of the reflections below v_c .



Collective Coordinate Models



No obvious way how to do this and not make a mess.

Collective Coordinate Models

Idea #1: Engineering CCM:

Sculpting the configuration space so that only the most relevant configurations for a given problem are included.

Applied with great success to KK scattering in various models

$$V(\phi) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \phi^2 \right)^2, \frac{1}{2} \phi^2 \left(1 - \phi^2 \right)^2, 2 \sin^2(\phi/2) \right\}$$

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Relativistic moduli space for kink collisions

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Multikink scattering in the ϕ^6 model revisited

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Tailor-made tools for specific problems.

Idea #2: Agnostic CCM:

Triangulating the entire configuration space. No prior insight. General tool.





Mechanization of scalar field theory in 1+1 dimensions

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Mechanization of scalar field theory in (1+1)-dimensions: BPS mech-kinks and their scattering

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General-purpose CCM ?

Mechanization



$$X = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{N-1}\}$$

Moduli space with 2N dimensions

$$\mathscr{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial^{\mu} \phi - V(\phi) \longrightarrow L_{M} = \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} \dot{X}_{\alpha} \dot{X}_{\beta} - U(X) \quad U(X) = \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \frac{(\Delta \phi_{a})^{2}}{2\Delta x_{a}} + \Delta x_{a} \frac{\mathscr{V}(\phi_{a+1}) - \mathscr{V}(\phi_{a})}{\phi_{a+1} - \phi_{a}} \right\}$$
Assuming: $x_{0}(t) < x_{1}(t) < \ldots < x_{N}(t)$

$$\mathscr{V}'(\phi) = V(\phi)$$

Mechanization

$$X = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{N-1}\}$$

$$L_M = \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} \dot{X}_{\alpha} \dot{X}_{\beta} - U(X)$$

Metric is block-tri-diagonal

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(\Delta\phi_0)^2}{3\Delta x_0} & \frac{(\Delta\phi_0)^2}{6\Delta x_0} & 0 & \dots & (\phi_0 - \phi_1)/6 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \frac{(\Delta\phi_0)^2}{6\Delta x_0} & \frac{(\Delta\phi_1)^2}{3\Delta x_0} + \frac{(\Delta\phi_1)^2}{3\Delta x_1} & \frac{(\Delta\phi_1)^2}{6\Delta x_1} & \dots & (\phi_0 - \phi_2)/3 & (\phi_1 - \phi_2)/6 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \frac{(\Delta\phi_1)^2}{6\Delta x_1} & \frac{(\Delta\phi_1)^2}{3\Delta x_1} + \frac{(\Delta\phi_2)^2}{3\Delta x_2} & \dots & (\phi_1 - \phi_2)/6 & (\phi_1 - \phi_3)/3 & (\phi_2 - \phi_3)/6 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ (\phi_0 - \phi_1)/6 & (\phi_0 - \phi_2)/3 & (\phi_1 - \phi_2)/6 & \dots & (x_2 - x_0)/3 & (x_2 - x_1)/6 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & (\phi_1 - \phi_2)/6 & (\phi_1 - \phi_3)/6 & \dots & (x_2 - x_1)/6 & (x_3 - x_2)/6 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & (\phi_2 - \phi_3)/6 & \dots & 0 & (x_3 - x_2)/6 & (x_4 - x_2)/6 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}\dot{X}_{\alpha}\dot{X}_{\beta} = \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{6} (\Delta x_{a})^{3}\dot{k}_{a}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\Delta x_{a} \left(\dot{\phi}_{a+1} - k_{a}\dot{x}_{a+1}\right) \left(\dot{\phi}_{a} - k_{a}\dot{x}_{a}\right) \right\} \qquad k_{a} \equiv \frac{\Delta\phi_{a}}{\Delta x_{a}} \equiv \frac{\phi_{a+1} - \phi_{a}}{x_{a+1} - x_{a}}$$

$$\det(g) = \frac{1}{12^N} \prod_{a=-1}^{N-1} \left(k_{a+1} - k_a \right)^2 \prod_{b=0}^{N-1} (x_{b+1} - x_b)^2$$

Singularity whenever two joint meets & when neighbouring slopes coincide

Mechanization

Better coordinates:

$$Y = \{k_0, k_1, \dots, k_{N-1}, \Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{N-1}\} \qquad L_M = \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}\dot{Y}_{\alpha}\dot{Y}_{\beta} - U(Y)$$
$$k_a = \frac{\phi_{a+1} - \phi_a}{x_{a+1} - x_a} \quad \Phi_a = \frac{x_{a+1}\phi_a - x_a\phi_{a+1}}{x_{a+1} - x_a} \quad \Leftrightarrow \qquad x_{a+1} = -\frac{\Phi_{a+1} - \Phi_a}{k_{a+1} - k_a} \quad \phi_{a+1} = \frac{k_{a+1}\Phi_a - k_a\Phi_{a+1}}{k_{a+1} - k_a}$$

Metric is **block-diagonal**

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} (x_1^3 - x_0^3)/3 & \dots & 0 & (x_1^2 - x_0^2)/2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & (x_N^3 - x_{N-1}^3)/3 & 0 & \dots & (x_N^2 - x_{N-1}^2)/2 \\ (x_1^2 - x_0^2)/2 & \dots & 0 & x_1 - x_0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & (x_N^2 - x_{N-1}^2)/2 & 0 & \dots & x_N - x_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}\dot{Y}_{\alpha}\dot{Y}_{\beta} = \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{6} (x_{a+1}^3 - x_a^3)\dot{k}_a^2 + \frac{1}{2} (x_{a+1}^2 - x_a^2)\dot{k}_a\dot{\Phi}_a + \frac{1}{2} (x_{a+1} - x_a)\dot{\Phi}_a^2 \right\}$$

$$\det(g) = \frac{1}{12^N} \prod_{a=0}^{N-1} (x_{a+1} - x_a)^4$$

Singularity "only" when two joint meets

PART II: Mechanization as gradual exploration of dynamics





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x0 ---- x1

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Mech-oscillon: A simplest topologically trivial mech-field

$$L_M = \frac{1}{6}R\dot{A}^2 + \frac{1}{6}A\dot{A}\dot{R} + \frac{1}{6R}A^2\dot{R}^2 - \frac{2A^2}{R} - R\frac{\mathcal{V}(v+A) - \mathcal{V}(v)}{A}$$

Mech-oscillons with zero momentum decay!

 $R \sim e^{2t\sqrt{V''(v)/3}} \quad A \sim e^{-t\sqrt{V''(v)/3}}$







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$$V = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \phi^2)^2 \quad \mathcal{V} = \frac{\phi}{2} - \frac{\phi^3}{3} + \frac{\phi^5}{10}$$









Super-luminal solutions also exists!

$$\dot{a}^2 = 1 + \frac{R^2}{2A^2}V(v+A) \ge 1$$
 $E = \frac{4A^2}{R}$



Asymmetric mech-oscillon



Rigid mech-oscillons



$$L_{\text{oom}} = \frac{7}{24} M^2 \dot{R}^2 - U(R/\sqrt{|R|})$$
$$U(x) = 2M^2 + \frac{x}{M} \left(\mathcal{V}(v + Mx) - \mathcal{V}(v) \right)$$

For small mass

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4}{7}} V''(v)$$



Boosted rigid mech-oscillon $\underbrace{\bigwedge_{R}}^{M\sqrt{R}} \qquad L_{\text{oom}} = 2M^{2}\dot{a}^{2} + \frac{7}{24}M^{2}\dot{R}^{2} - U(R/\sqrt{|R|}) \\ U(x) = 2M^{2} + \frac{x}{M} \left(\mathcal{V}(v + Mx) - \mathcal{V}(v) \right)$











Mech-kinks

Mech-kinks are found by minimising energy with topologically non-trivial boundary conditions: $\phi_0 = v_L \neq v_R = \phi_N$



In general case the static equations of motion reduce to system of 2N non-linear algebraic equations

$$\frac{\Delta \phi_a}{\Delta x_a} = \sqrt{2 \frac{\mathcal{V}(\phi_{a+1}) - \mathcal{V}(\phi_a)}{\phi_{a+1} - \phi_a}} \qquad \qquad V(\phi_a)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{V}(\phi_{a+1}) - \mathcal{V}(\phi_a)}{\phi_{a+1} - \phi_a} \frac{\mathcal{V}(\phi_a) - \mathcal{V}(\phi_{a-1})}{\phi_a - \phi_{a-1}}$$

$$\underbrace{\bigvee N \to \infty}_{dx} = \sqrt{2V(\phi)} \qquad V(\phi)^2 = V(\phi)^2$$

Mech-kinks









Bouncing and/or mech-oscillon decay









MECH-KK PAIR PRODUCTION



MECH-BOUNCING



MECH-BOUNCING



JOINT EJECTION+KK PRODUCTION



MECH-BION EJECTION



SMALL OSCILLONS/RADIATION



DOUBLE KK PRODUCTION+BOUNCE



DOUBLE KK PRODUCTION+2BOUNCE



BION-BION+OSCILLON



Thanks!