

# Gauge transform for the Korteweg-de Vries equation and low regularity well-posedness

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# The Korteweg-de Vries equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(KdV)} \quad & \begin{cases} \partial_t u + \partial_x^3 u = \partial_x(u^2) \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0 \end{cases} \quad (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

**GOAL:** Study low regularity local well-posedness of KdV

▷ Existence, uniqueness, and stability

$$u_0 \in \textcolor{red}{X} \stackrel{?}{\mapsto} u \in C([0, T]; \textcolor{red}{X})$$

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▷ Complete integrability

▷ **(Multilinear) harmonic analysis**

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$$X = H^s(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\|f\|_{H^s} = \|\langle \xi \rangle^s \widehat{f}(\xi)\|_{L^2_\xi}$$

$$X = \mathcal{F}L^{\sigma,p}(\mathbb{R})$$

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Scaling heuristics:

► (KdV) is **invariant** under the scaling

$$u \text{ sol. on } [0, T] \iff u_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^2 u(\lambda^3 t, \lambda x) \text{ sol. on } [0, \lambda^{-3} T]$$

Effects of scaling on norms:

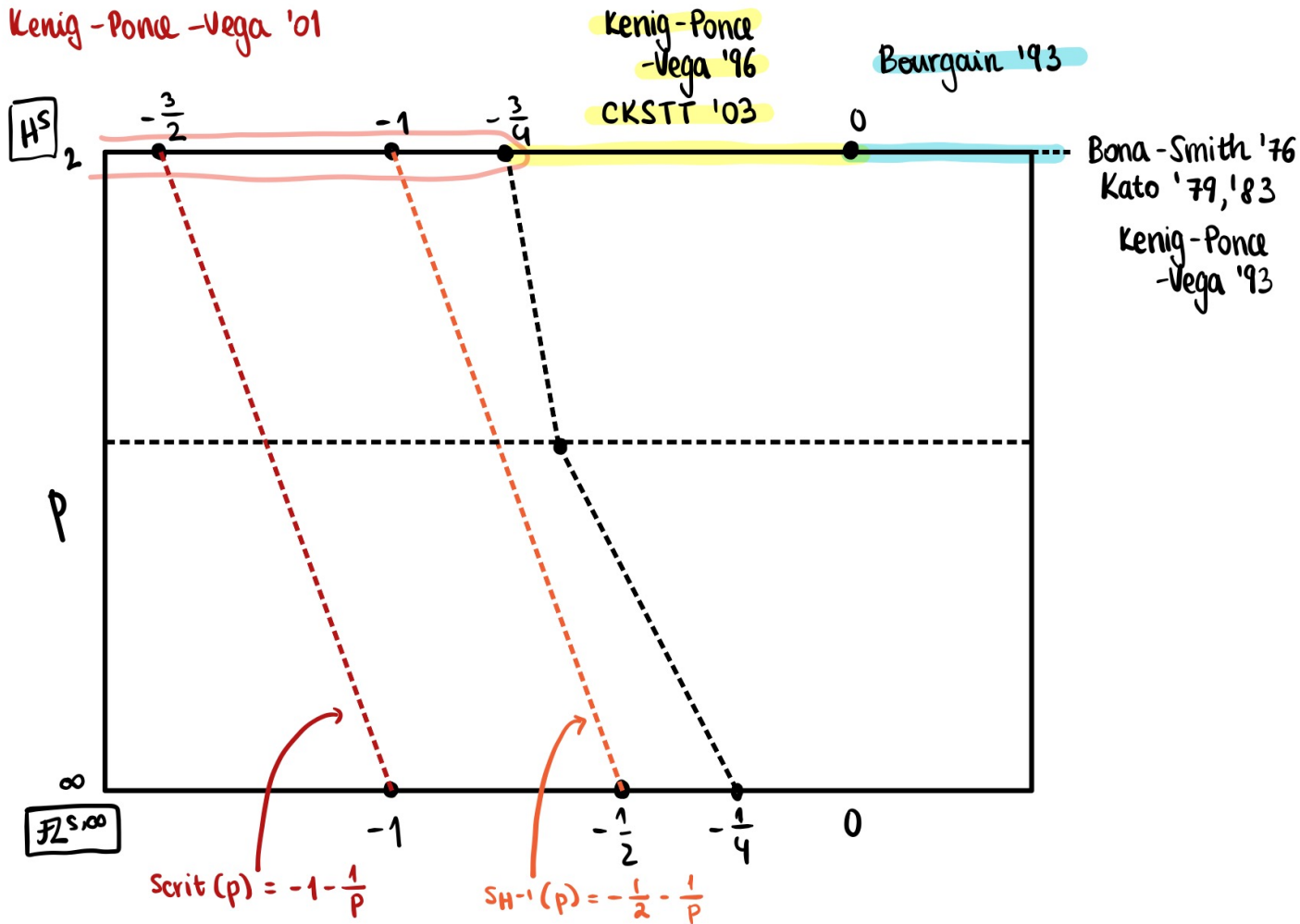
$$\|u_\lambda\|_{\dot{H}^s} = \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}+s} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^s} \quad \text{and} \quad \|u_\lambda\|_{\dot{\mathcal{F}}L^{\sigma,p}} = \lambda^{1+\frac{1}{p}+\sigma} \|u\|_{\dot{\mathcal{F}}L^{\sigma,p}}$$

**IDEA:**  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  makes  $X$ -norms small (and times longer) if

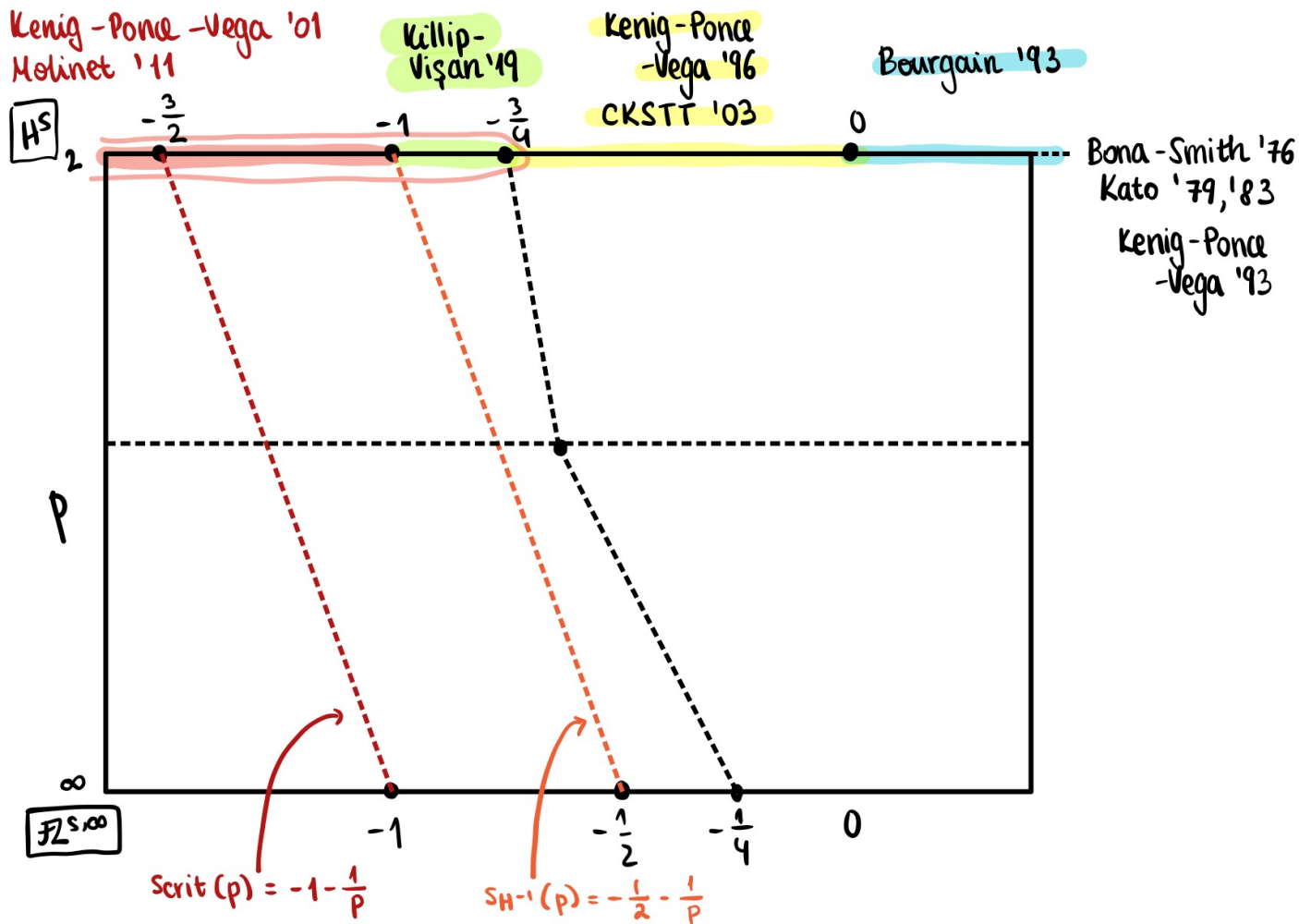
$$s > -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma > -1 - \frac{1}{p} =: s_{\text{crit}}(p)$$

**Expect:** LWP of (KdV) for  $s > s_{\text{crit}}(2)$  and  $\sigma > s_{\text{crit}}(p)$  

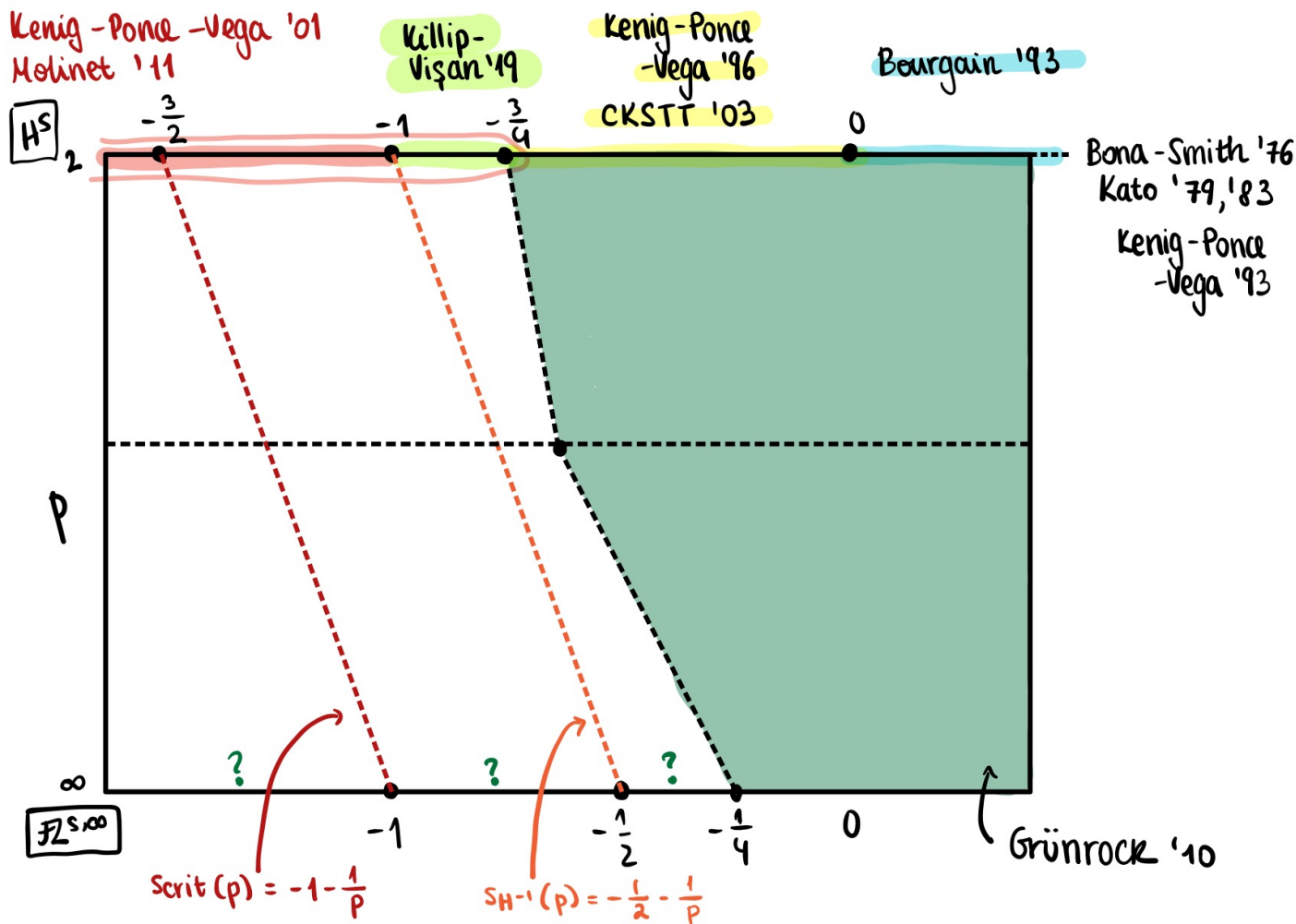
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## Theorem (C.-Correia-Ramos '26)

Let  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

(i) KdV is locally well-posed in  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})$  for

$$s > \max\left(\underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}}_{s_{H-1}(p)}, -1 + \frac{1}{2p}\right)$$

(ii) If  $s < -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}$ , there is no continuous extension of the KdV flow from  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})$  to the space of distributions

(iii) If  $s < -1 + \frac{1}{2p}$ , the flow cannot be locally uniformly continuous

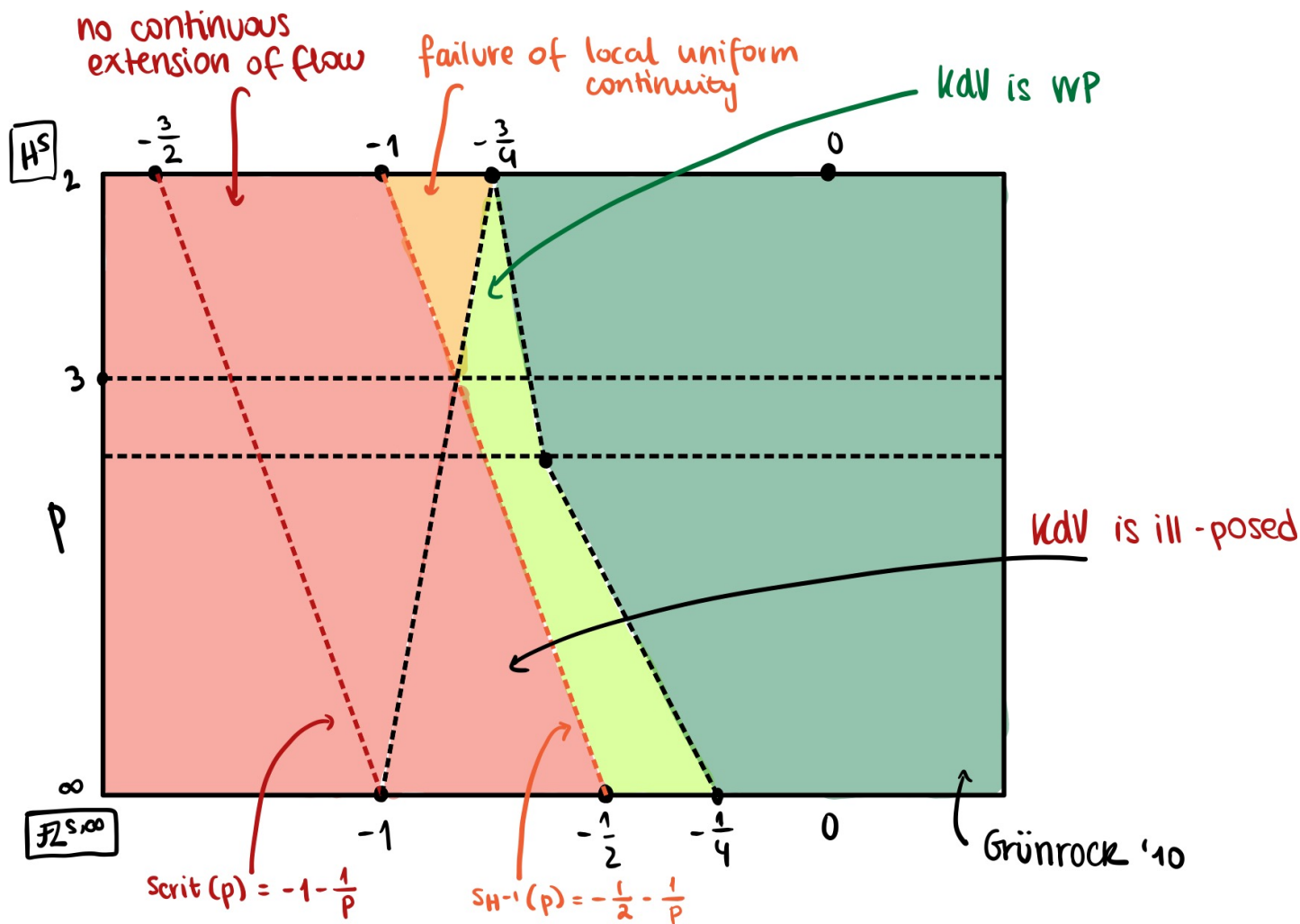
► Improves result by Grünrock '10

$$s > \max\left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}, -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{11}{8p}\right)$$

► **Optimal:**

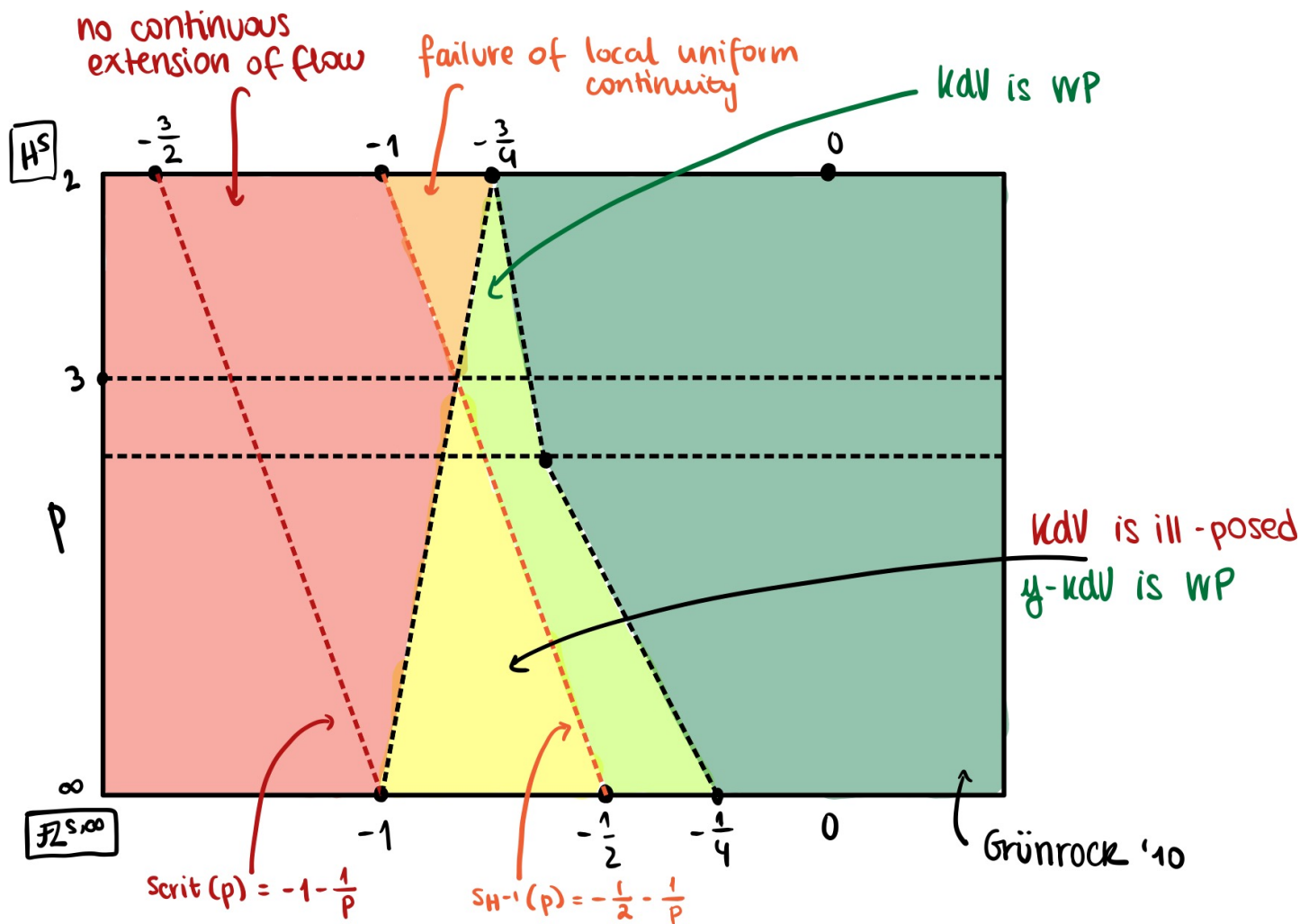
- ▷ (ii) &  $p \geq 3 \rightsquigarrow$  if one requires a continuous flow
- ▷ (iii) &  $2 \leq p \leq 3 \rightsquigarrow$  wrt method

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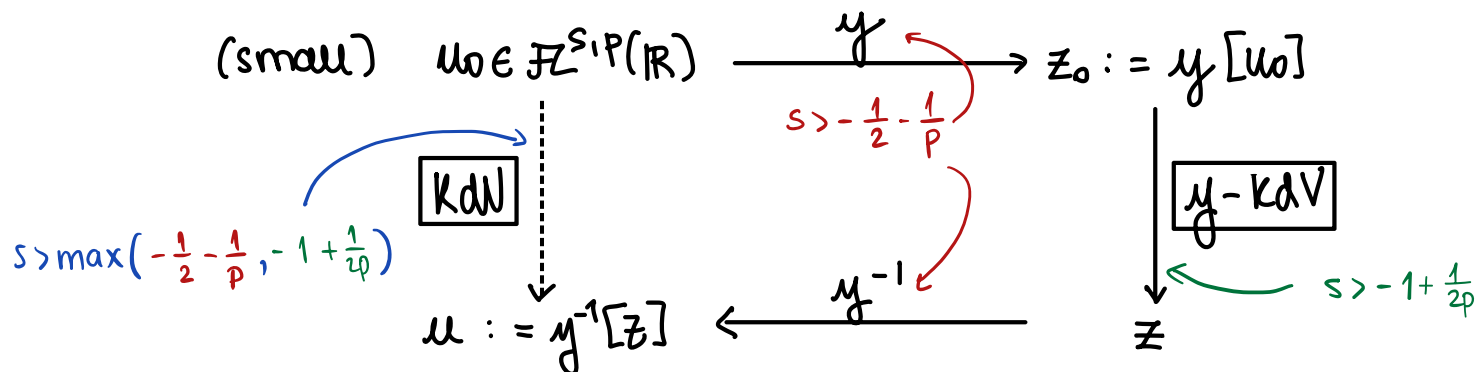
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# Gauge transform and other models

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▷ Miura transform for KdV:

[Miura '68]

$$\mathbf{M}[z] := \partial_x z + \frac{1}{3} z^2$$

▶  $z$  solves mKdV:  $\partial_t z + \partial_x^3 z = \frac{2}{9} \partial_x (z^3) \implies \mathbf{M}[z]$  solves KdV

[Colliander-Keel-Staffilani-Takaoka-Tao '03, Kappeler-Perry-Shubin-Topalov '05, Buckmaster-Koch '15]

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▷ Our gauge transform  $\mathcal{G}^{-1}$ :

- ▶ **is** invertible ! [for suitable  $A$ ]
- ▶  $(\mathcal{G}\text{-KdV})$  is an equation, not a system
- ▶  $(\mathcal{G}\text{-KdV}) \xLeftrightarrow{\mathcal{G}} (\text{KdV})$  for smooth solutions
- ▶ Can define  $\mathcal{G}$  for non-integrable models and in higher dimensions



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**Theorem** (C.-Correia-Ramos '26+)

For any  $E \in \mathbb{R}$ , (NV) is locally well-posed in  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^2)$  for  $s > -1$

# Back to KdV

LWP in  $\mathcal{F}L^{s,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  for  $s > -\frac{1}{4}$ :

[Grünrock '10, CCR '26]

**Duhamel formulation:**

$$u(t) = e^{-t\partial_x^3} u_0 + \int_0^t e^{-(t-t')\partial_x^3} \partial_x(u^2(t')) dt'$$

**Problem 1:** Need to “beat” the derivative  $\partial_x$  in nonlinearity

**Problem 2:** dispersion  $\nrightarrow$  linear smoothing

$$\|e^{-t\partial_x^3} u_0\|_{\mathcal{F}L^{s,p}} = \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{F}L^{s,p}}$$

**IDEA:** there may be “smoothing” from nonlinear interactions

**Interaction representation:**  $v(t) = e^{t\partial_x^3} u(t)$  solves

$$\widehat{v}(t, \xi) = \widehat{u}_0(\xi) \pm \int_0^t \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} e^{it'\Phi(i\xi)} \widehat{v}(t', \xi_1) \widehat{v}(t', \xi_2) dt'$$

**Phase function:**  $\Phi = -\xi^3 + \xi_1^3 + \xi_2^3 \stackrel{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2}{=} -3\xi\xi_1\xi_2$

- ▷ Capture oscillations via spaces adapted to linear dispersion [Bourgain '93]  
 [Klainerman-Machedon '93]

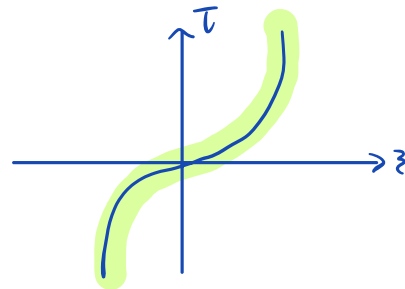
**Fourier restriction norm method** adapted to  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}$  [G. '04, G.-Herr '08]

$$\|u\|_{X_{p,q}^{s,b}} = \|\langle \xi \rangle^s \langle \tau - \xi^3 \rangle^b \widehat{u}(\tau, \xi)\|_{L_\xi^p L_\tau^q}$$

→ Airy equation :

$$0 = (\partial_t + \partial_x^3)u$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathcal{F}_t \chi \\ \xrightarrow{\lambda} \\ (\tau, \xi) \end{matrix} \quad 0 = \lambda (\tau - \xi^3) \hat{u}(\tau, \xi)$$



**Strategy:** LWP follows from bilinear estimate in  $X_{p,p}^{s, \frac{1}{p}+} \hookrightarrow C(\mathbb{R}; \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{R}))$

- ▶ Time derivatives  $\leadsto$  “spatial derivatives”

$$\max(|\tau - \xi^3|, |\tau_1 - \xi_1^3|, |\tau_2 - \xi_2^3|) \gtrsim |\Phi(\xi, \xi_1, \xi_2)|$$

- ▶ Further gain when **non-stationary** [Kenig-Ponce-Vega '96]

$$|\partial_{\xi_1} \Phi| = 3|\xi(\xi_1 - \xi_2)| \gg 1 \quad \leadsto \quad \xi_1 \mapsto \Phi(\xi, \xi_1, \xi - \xi_1)$$

**Problem:** stationary region  $|\xi_1| \sim |\xi_2| \gg ||\xi_1| - |\xi_2|| \leadsto s > -\frac{1}{4}$

**GOAL:** go beyond  $s > -\frac{1}{4}$

**Solution:** use more information on  $u$

$\leadsto$  (Poincaré-Dulac) normal form reductions

### General setup:

1. Separate nonlinear part into good and bad parts
2. “Eliminate” the bad part (integration-by-parts in *time*)  
 $\implies$  introduces higher order terms
3. Repeat (or terminate at a finite step)

[ Shatah, Nikolenko, Babin-Ilyin-Titi, Kwon, Oh, Guo, Erdogan-Tzirakis, Kishimoto Forlano, Correia, Tzvetkov, Sun, de Suzzoni, Bambusi, Grébert, Sosoe, Y. Wang, ...]

### Applications:

- ▶ small data global well-posedness and scattering: Shatah '85
- ▶ almost global existence: S. '85, Bambusi-Delort-Grébert-Szeftel '07
- ▶ construction of solutions: Babin-Ilyin-Titi '11, Guo-Kwon-Oh '13
- ▶ unconditional uniqueness: Kwon-Oh '12, Kishimoto '19, Oh-Sosoe-Wang '25
- ▶ nonlinear smoothing/growth of Sobolev norms/Talbot effect: Bourgain '04, Colliander-K.-Oh '12, Erdogan-Tzirakis '13, Bam.-Gr. '21, C.-Killip-Vişan '24
- ▶ energy estimates/quasi-invariance: CKSTT '03,'08, Oh-S.-Tzv.'18, Sun-Tzv.'25

# ① Infinite normal form reductions

Go back to Duhamel for **interaction representation**  $v(t) = e^{t\partial_x^3} u(t)$

$$\widehat{v}(t, \xi) - \widehat{u}_0(\xi) = \int_0^t \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} e^{it'\Phi} (i\xi) \widehat{v}_1 \widehat{v}_2 d\vec{\xi} dt' =: \int_0^t \mathcal{N}(t', v) dt'$$

where  $\Phi = -\xi^3 + \xi_1^3 + \xi_2^3 \stackrel{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2}{=} -3\xi\xi_1\xi_2$

good interactions (non-stat.)  $\rightarrow (\xi_1, \xi_2) \in A$

bad interactions (stat.)  $\rightarrow (\xi_1, \xi_2) \in A^c : |\xi_1|, |\xi_2| \geq 1$

► Split nonlinear term  $\mathcal{N}(t, v) = (\text{good part}) + (\text{bad part})$

(good part)  $\rightarrow$  good estimate ✓

(bad part)  $\rightarrow$  **cannot** estimate ✗  $\leadsto$  normal form reduction



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⚠ Last terms still have bad regions  $A_1^c$  and  $A_2^c$ , resp.



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$N(\Lambda)$

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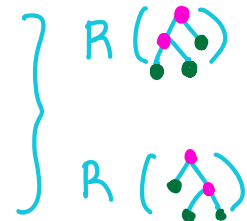
$$= (\dots) + \int_0^t \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} \frac{d}{dt'} \left( \frac{e^{it'\Phi}}{i\Phi} \right) (i\xi) \mathbb{1}_{A^c} \widehat{v}_1 \widehat{v}_2 d\vec{\xi} dt'$$

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$$= (\dots) + \left[ \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} e^{it'\Phi} \frac{i\xi}{i\Phi} \mathbb{1}_{A^c} \widehat{v}_1 \widehat{v}_2 d\vec{\xi} \right]_{t'=0}^{t'=t} - \int_0^t \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} e^{it'\Phi} \frac{i\xi}{i\Phi} \mathbb{1}_{A^c} \partial_t (\widehat{v}_1 \widehat{v}_2) d\vec{\xi} dt'$$

$$= (\dots) - \int_0^t \int_{\substack{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2 \\ \xi_1=\xi_{11}+\xi_{12}}} e^{it'[\Phi+\Phi_1]} \frac{(i\xi)(i\xi_1)}{i\Phi} \mathbb{1}_{A^c} \widehat{v}_{11} \widehat{v}_{12} \widehat{v}_2 d\vec{\xi} dt'$$

$$- \int_0^t \int_{\substack{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2 \\ \xi_2=\xi_{21}+\xi_{22}}} e^{it'[\Phi+\Phi_2]} \frac{(i\xi)(i\xi_2)}{i\Phi} \mathbb{1}_{A^c} \widehat{v}_1 \widehat{v}_{21} \widehat{v}_{22} d\vec{\xi} dt'$$



⚠ Last terms still have bad regions  $A_1^c$  and  $A_2^c$ , resp.

(Continuing the process ...)

$$\widehat{v}(t, \xi) - \widehat{u}_0(\xi)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{1} \times \text{NFR}}{=} \text{B}(\textcolor{blue}{\wedge}, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} + \int_0^t \text{N}(\textcolor{blue}{\wedge}, t', v) dt' + \int_0^t \text{R}(\textcolor{cyan}{\wedge}, t', v) + \text{R}(\textcolor{blue}{\wedge}, t', v) dt'$$

# (Continuing the process ...)

$$\widehat{v}(t, \xi) - \widehat{u}_0(\xi)$$

$$\underline{1 \times \text{NFR}} \quad \underline{B(\text{blue } \wedge, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t}} + \underline{\int_0^t N(\text{blue } \wedge, t', v) dt'} + \int_0^t R(\text{pink } \wedge, t', v) + R(\text{orange } \wedge, t', v) dt'$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{2 \times \text{NFR}} \quad \underline{B(\text{blue } \wedge, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t}} + B(\text{pink } \wedge, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} + B(\text{orange } \wedge, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} \\ & + \int_0^t \left[ \underline{N(\text{blue } \wedge, t', v)} + N(\text{pink } \wedge, t', v) + N(\text{orange } \wedge, t', v) \right] dt' \\ & + \int_0^t \left[ R(\text{pink } \wedge, t', v) + R(\text{pink } \wedge, t', v) + R(\text{pink } \wedge, t', v) + R(\text{orange } \wedge, t', v) + R(\text{orange } \wedge, t', v) \right] dt' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{J \times \text{NFR}} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} B(\mathcal{T}, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} \int_0^t N(\mathcal{T}, t', v) dt' + \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_J} \int_0^t R(\mathcal{T}, t', v) dt' \end{aligned}$$

## Step $J$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{v}(t, \xi) - \widehat{u}_0(\xi) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} B(\mathcal{T}, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} + \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} \int_0^t N(\mathcal{T}, t', v) dt' + \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_J} \int_0^t R(\mathcal{T}, t', v) dt' \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}, m, t, v) = \int_{\Gamma(\mathcal{T})} e^{it\Psi(\mathcal{T})m(\vec{\xi})} \prod_{\bullet \in \mathcal{T}^\infty} \widehat{v}_\bullet(t') d\vec{\xi}$$

$$B(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}, \text{mul}_B(\mathcal{T}))$$

$$N(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}, i\text{mul}_N(\mathcal{T}))$$

$$R(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}, i\Psi(\mathcal{T})\text{mul}_B(\mathcal{T}))$$

$$\text{mul}_B(\mathcal{T}) = (-1)^{j+1} \prod_{\bullet \in \mathcal{T}^0} \mathbb{1}_{A^c_\bullet} \frac{\xi_\bullet}{\phi_\bullet}$$

$$\text{mul}_N(\mathcal{T}) = (\text{big formula})$$

- ▶ Systematic approach, integration-by-parts on trees
- ▶ One boundary piece and one time integral term per tree [No memory]
- ▶ Complexity is encoded in the Fourier multipliers [“Local” restrictions]

Limiting equation ( $J \rightarrow \infty$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{v}(t, \xi) - \widehat{u}_0(\xi) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} B(\mathcal{T}, t', v) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} \int_0^t N(\mathcal{T}, t', v) dt' + \cancel{\sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} \int_0^t R(\mathcal{T}, t', v) dt'} \end{aligned}$$

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**NEED:**  $X^{s,b}$ -analysis for N-terms

[less IBP  $\leadsto$  less explicit smoothing]

**Problem:**  $B(\mathcal{T}, t, v) \in \mathcal{FL}^{s,\infty}$  for  $s > -\frac{1}{2}$  BUT not in  $X^{s,b}$  [no time integral]

**Idea:** remove  $B \leadsto$  gauge transform  $\mathcal{G}$

## ② Gauge transform

**GOAL:** Remove boundary terms via change of variables

**Idea:** Start by removing the first boundary term

$$\widehat{v}(t, \xi) - \widehat{u}_0(\xi) = \underbrace{B(\textcolor{blue}{\Lambda}, t', v)}_{=: D[w, w](t')} \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} + (\text{other boundary terms}) + (\text{integral terms})$$

$$\leadsto \boxed{\widehat{v}(t, \xi) = \widehat{w}(t, \xi) + D[\textcolor{violet}{w}, \textcolor{violet}{w}](t)}$$

Equation for  $w$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{w}(t, \xi) - \widehat{w}(0, \xi) \\ &= [D[v, v] - D[w, w]] \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t} + (\text{other boundary terms}) + (\text{integral terms})|_{w+D[w, w]} \end{aligned}$$



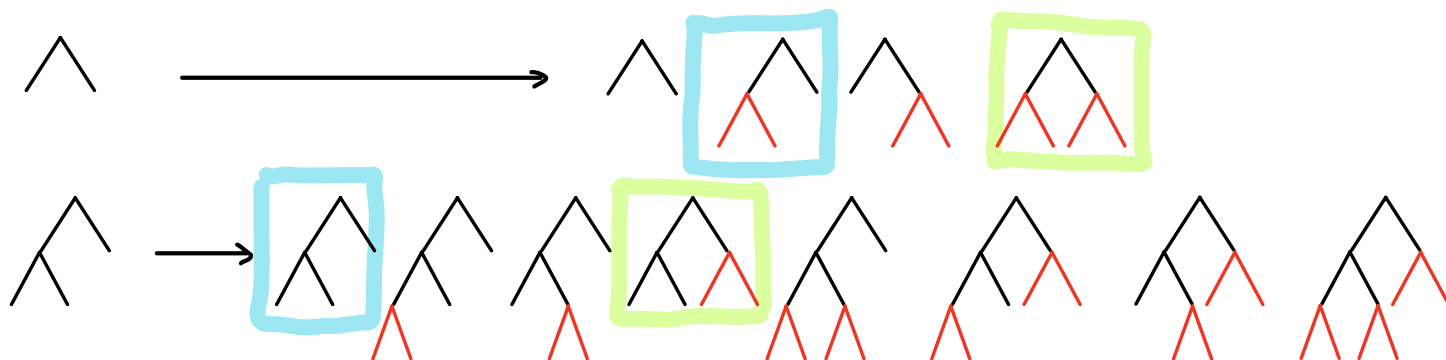
**Fundamental observation:**  $D[v, v]$  cancels

+ **ALL** other boundary terms cancel

### ③ Exploit algebraic cancellations (Part I)

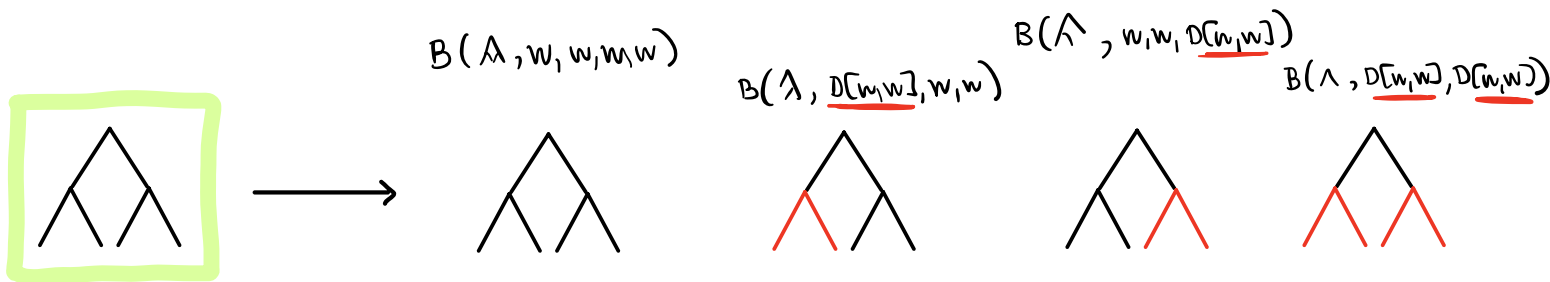
Original boundary terms

Gauged boundary terms

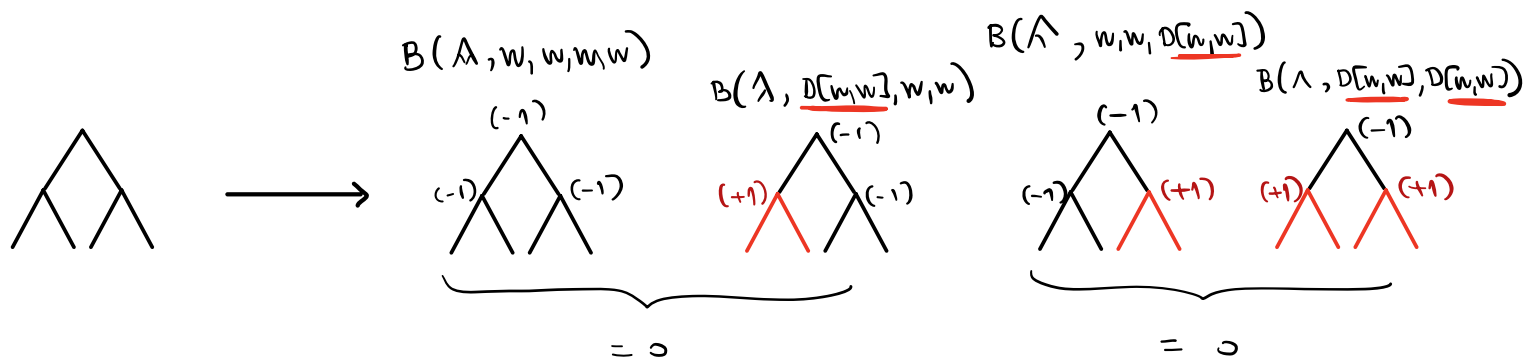


► For each tree, all possible black/red colourings appear in gauged equation

Example:



# Example:



- ▶ The convolution structure is the same [ same tree ]
- ▶ The regions of integration are the same ⚠ [ bad set  $A_\bullet^c$  for each  $\bullet \in \mathcal{T}^0$  ]
- ▶ Multiplier is the same (in absolute value) [  $\frac{\xi_\bullet}{\phi_\bullet}$  for each  $\bullet \in \mathcal{T}^0$  ]
- ▶ The sign changes ( $\sim$  integration-by-parts) !

 Black cherry  $\rightarrow -$   
 Red cherries  $\rightarrow +$

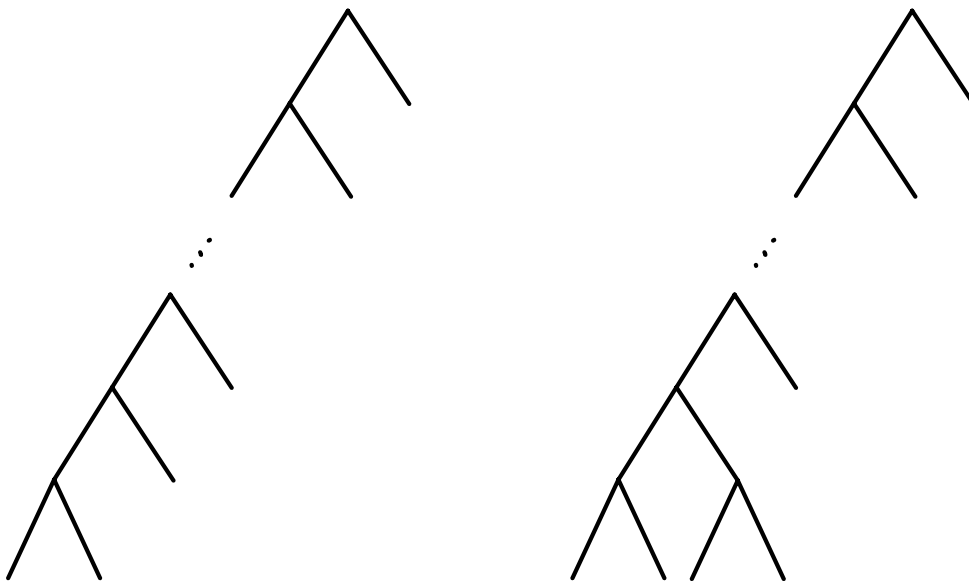
$\implies$  pairwise cancellation of gauged boundary terms



“Gauged” equation:

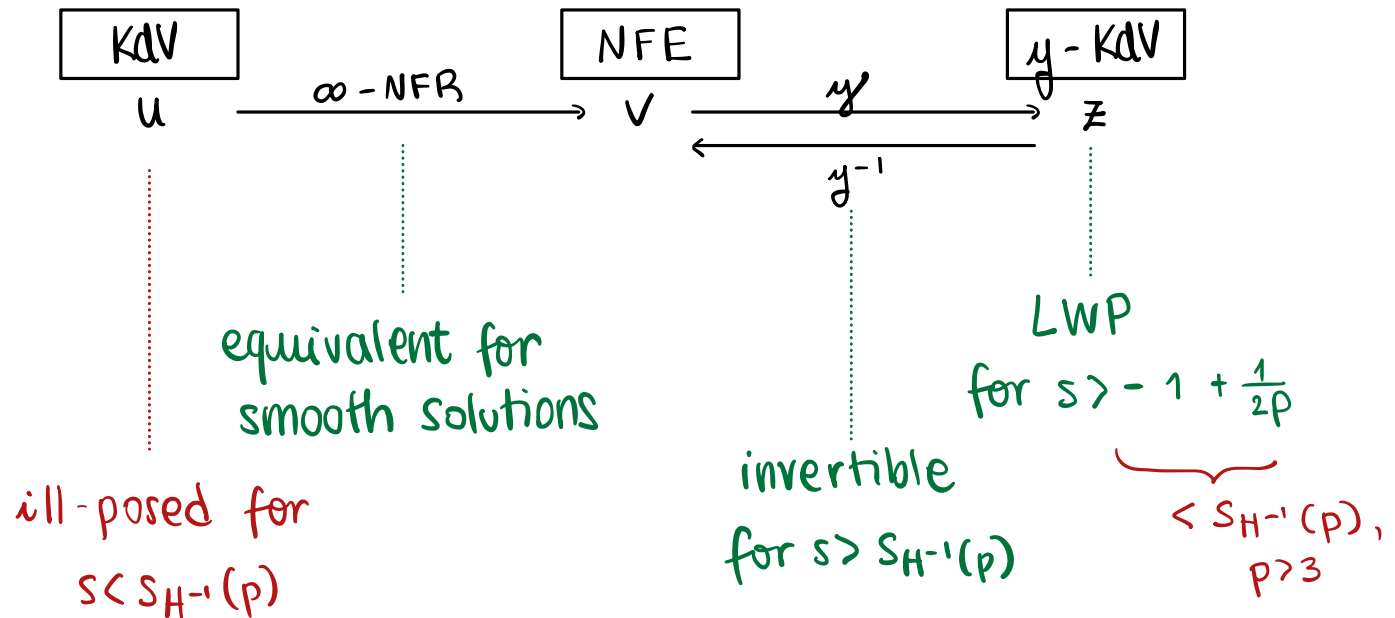
$$\hat{w}(t, \xi) - \hat{w}(0, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} \cancel{B(\mathcal{T}, t', w) \Big|_{t'=0}^{t'=t}} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{T}_j} \int_0^t N(\mathcal{T}, t', w) dt'$$

⚠ There is also a cancellation for the integral terms: only see “long trees”  $\mathcal{T}$



▷ Lastly, undo interaction representation  $z(t) = e^{-t\partial_x^3} w(t)$

# Summary:



1. KdV  $\Leftrightarrow y$ -KdV for smooth solutions
2. BUT  $y$ -KdV is LWP below  $S_{H^{-1}}(p) \Rightarrow y$ -KdV is better equation at low regularity
3. Framework extends to other models (e.g., dgBO, NV)

# Thank you for your attention!



**Figure:** *Platanus orientalis* planted by Buffon in the Jardin des Plantes in Paris in 1785. (2023, December 30).

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