



Nonlocal Fordy–Kulish equations on symmetric spaces



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ABSTRACT

We present nonlocal integrable reductions of the Fordy–Kulish system of nonlinear Schrodinger equations and the Fordy system of derivative nonlinear Schrodinger equations on Hermitian symmetric spaces. Examples are given on the symmetric space $\frac{SU(4)}{SU(2) \times SU(2)}$.

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1. Introduction

Recently Ablowitz and Musslimani [1–3] have given a new reduction of coupled system of integrable nonlinear equations. This reduction is based on the time (T), space (P) and space–time (PT) reflections of the half of the dynamical systems preserving the integrability property of the system. As an example we can give the integrable coupled AKNS system

$$a q_t = q_{xx} - 2q^2 p, \quad (1.1)$$

$$a p_t = -p_{xx} + 2p^2 q, \quad (1.2)$$

where $p(t, x)$ and $q(t, x)$ are complex dynamical variables and a is a complex number in general. The standard reduction of this system is obtained by letting $p(t, x) = \epsilon q(t, x)^*$ where $*$ is the complex conjugation. With this condition on the dynamical variables q and p the system of equations (1.1) and (1.2) reduce to the following nonlinear Schrodinger equation (NLS)

$$a q_t = q_{xx} - 2\epsilon q^2 q^*, \quad (1.3)$$

provided that $a^* = -a$. Recently Ablowitz and Musslimani found another integrable reduction which we call it as a nonlocal reduction of the above AKNS system (1.1) and (1.2) which is given by

$$p(t, x) = \epsilon [q(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x)]^* \quad (1.4)$$

where $\epsilon^2 = (\epsilon_1)^2 = (\epsilon_2)^2 = 1$. Under this condition the above AKNS system (1.1) and (1.2) reduce to

$$a q_{t,x} = q_{xx}(t, x) - 2\epsilon q^2(t, x) [q(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x)]^*, \quad (1.5)$$

provided that $a^* = -\epsilon_1 a$. Nonlocal reductions correspond to $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = (-1, 1), (1, -1), (-1, -1)$. Hence for these values of ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 we have six different Nonlocal Integrable NLS equations. They are respectively the time reflection symmetric (T-symmetric), the space reflection symmetric (P-symmetric) and the space–time reflection symmetric (PT-symmetric) nonlocal nonlinear Schrodinger equations which are given by

1. T-symmetric nonlinear Schrodinger equation

$$a q_{t,x} = q_{xx}(t, x) - 2\epsilon q^2(t, x) [q(-t, x)]^*, \quad a^* = a. \quad (1.6)$$

2. P-symmetric nonlinear Schrodinger equation

$$a q_{t,x} = q_{xx}(t, x) - 2\epsilon q^2(t, x) [q(t, -x)]^*, \quad a^* = -a. \quad (1.7)$$

3. PT-symmetric nonlinear Schrodinger equation

$$a q_{t,x} = q_{xx}(t, x) - 2\epsilon q^2(t, x) [q(-t, -x)]^*, \quad a^* = a. \quad (1.8)$$

Ablowitz and Musslimani have found many other nonlocal integrable equations such as nonlocal modified KdV equation, nonlocal Davey–Stewartson equation, nonlocal sine–Gordon equation and nonlocal 2 + 1 dimensional three-wave interaction equations [1–3]. There is a recent increasing interest on the Ablowitz–Musslimani nonlocal reductions of system of coupled integrable nonlinear equations. For instance Fokas [4] has introduced nonlocal versions of multidimensional Schrodinger equation, Ma et al., [5] pointed out that nonlocal complex mKdV equation introduced by Ablowitz and Musslimani is gauge equivalent to a spin-like model, Gerdjikov and Saxena [6] studied the complete integrability of nonlocal nonlinear Schrodinger equation and Sinha and Ghosh [7] have introduced the nonlocal vector nonlinear Schrodinger equation.

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In this letter we give all possible nonlocal reductions of the Fordy–Kulish system [8] of coupled nonlinear Schrödinger and Fordy system [9] of coupled derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equations on Hermitian symmetric spaces. Nonlocal system equations were also studied recently by Gerdjikov, Grahovski and Ivanov [10–12].

Although we will study the 1-Soliton solutions of the nonlocal Fordy–Kulish and nonlocal Fordy equations in a future communication but we would like to make a comment on an important feature of the recently found 1-soliton solutions of some nonlocal equations. It was noticed that 1-soliton solutions of the nonlocal NLSE develop singularities in a finite time [1]. It is highly probable that such a singular structure may arise also in 1-soliton solutions of the system of nonlocal Fordy–Kulish equations. On the other hand it was observed that multi-component derivative NLSE can have regular 1-soliton solutions [10]. In this respect we expect that nonlocal system of nonlocal Fordy equations can have also regular 1-soliton solutions.

2. Fordy–Kulish system

Systems of integrable nonlinear partial differential equations arise when the Lax pairs are given in certain Lie algebras. Fordy–Kulish and Fordy systems of equations are examples of such equations. We briefly give the Lax representations of these equations. For more details see [8–10,13].

Let G be a Lie group. A homogeneous space of G is any differentiable manifold M on which G acts transitively. If K is an isotropy subgroup of G , M is identified with a coset space G/K . Let g and k be the Lie algebras of G and K respectively. Let m be the vector space complement of k in g . Then $g = k \oplus m$ with $[k, k] \in k$. If, furthermore $[k, m] \in m$ and $[m, m] \in k$ then G/K is called symmetric space. H_a 's are commuting generators of G with $a = 1, 2, \dots, P$ where P is the rank of the Lie algebra. H_a and E_D are the generators of the subgroup K . Consider the linear equations (Lax equations)

$$\phi_x = (\lambda H_S + Q^A E_A) \phi, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\phi_t = (A^a H_a + B^A E_A + C^D E_D) \phi \quad (2.2)$$

where the dynamical variables are $Q_A = (q^\alpha, p^\alpha)$, the functions A^a, B^A and C^D depend on the spectral parameter λ , on the dynamical variables (q^α, p^α) and their x -derivatives. The integrability condition $\phi_{xt} = \phi_{tx}$ leads to systems of nonlinear partial differential equations of the evolutionary type. The system of Fordy–Kulish equations is an example when the functions A, B and C are quadratic functions of λ . Let $q^\alpha(t, x)$ and $p^\alpha(t, x)$ be the complex dynamical variables where $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N$, then the Fordy–Kulish (FK) integrable system arising from the integrability condition of Lax equations (2.1) and (2.2) is given by [8]

$$aq_t^\alpha = q_{xx}^\alpha + R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta q^\gamma p^\delta, \quad (2.3)$$

$$-ap_t^\alpha = p_{xx}^\alpha + R^{-\alpha}_{-\beta-\gamma\delta} p^\beta p^\gamma q^\delta, \quad (2.4)$$

for all $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N$ where $R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta}, R^{-\alpha}_{-\beta-\gamma\delta}$ are the curvature tensors of a Hermitian symmetric space satisfying

$$(R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta})^* = R^{-\alpha}_{-\beta-\gamma\delta}, \quad (2.5)$$

and a is a complex number. Here we use the summation convention, i.e., the repeated indices are summed up from 1 to N . These equations are known as the Fordy–Kulish (FK) system which is integrable in the sense that they are obtained from the zero curvature condition of a connection defined on a Hermitian symmetric space and these equations can also be written in a Hamiltonian form

$$aq_t^\alpha = g^{\alpha-\beta} \frac{\delta H}{\delta p^\beta}, \quad -ap_t^\alpha = g^{\alpha-\beta} \frac{\delta H}{\delta q^\beta} \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$H = -g_{\alpha-\beta} q_x^\alpha p_x^\beta + \frac{1}{2} g_{\epsilon-\alpha} R^{\epsilon}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} p^\alpha q^\beta q^\gamma p^\delta \quad (2.7)$$

where $g_{\alpha-\beta}$ are the components of the metric tensor. The standard reduction of the above FK is obtained by letting $p^\alpha = \epsilon(q^\alpha)^*$ for all $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N$ and $\epsilon^2 = 1$. The FK system (2.3) and (2.4) reduce to a single equation

$$aq_t^\alpha = q_{xx}^\alpha + \epsilon R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta q^\gamma (q^\delta)^*, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (2.8)$$

provided that $a^* = -a$ and (2.5) is satisfied.

3. Nonlocal Fordy–Kulish system

Here we will show that the Fordy–Kulish system is compatible with the nonlocal reduction of Ablowitz–Musslimani type. For this purpose using a similar condition as (1.4) we let

$$p^\alpha(t, x) = \epsilon[q^\alpha(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x)]^*, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (3.1)$$

where $\epsilon^2 = (\epsilon_1)^2 = (\epsilon_2)^2 = 1$. Under this constraint the Fordy–Kulish system (2.3) and (2.4) reduce to the following system of equations.

$$aq_t^\alpha(t, x) = q_{xx}^\alpha(t, x) + \epsilon R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta(t, x) q^\gamma(t, x) (q^\delta(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x))^*, \quad (3.2)$$

provided that $a^* = -\epsilon_1 a$ and (2.5) is satisfied. In addition to (3.2) we have also equation for $q^\delta(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x)$ which can be obtained by letting $t \rightarrow \epsilon_1 t, x \rightarrow \epsilon_2 x$ in (3.2). Hence we obtain T -symmetric, P -symmetric and PT -symmetric nonlocal nonlinear Schrödinger equations. Nonlocal reductions correspond to $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = (-1, 1), (1, -1), (-1, -1)$. Hence corresponding to these values of ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 we have six different Nonlocal Integrable NLS equations. They are given as follows:

1. T -symmetric nonlocal FK system:

$$aq_t^\alpha(t, x) = q_{xx}^\alpha(t, x) + \epsilon R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta(t, x) q^\gamma(t, x) (q^\delta(-t, x))^*, \quad (3.3)$$

with $a^* = a$.

2. P -symmetric nonlocal FK system:

$$aq_t^\alpha(t, x) = q_{xx}^\alpha(t, x) + \epsilon R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta(t, x) q^\gamma(t, x) (q^\delta(t, -x))^*, \quad (3.4)$$

with $a^* = -a$.

3. PT -symmetric nonlocal FK system:

$$aq_t^\alpha(t, x) = q_{xx}^\alpha(t, x) + \epsilon R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta(t, x) q^\gamma(t, x) (q^\delta(-t, -x))^*, \quad (3.5)$$

with $a^* = a$. All these six nonlocal equations are integrable.

Example 1. An explicit example for nonlocal FK system is on the symmetric space $\frac{SU(4)}{SU(2) \times SU(2)}$. In this case we have four complex fields $q^\alpha = (q^1(t, x), q^2(t, x), q^3(t, x), q^4(t, x))$ satisfying the following equations (we take $\epsilon = 1$)

1. T-symmetric nonlocal FK system:

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^1(t, x) &= q_{xx}^1(t, x) + 2q^1(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(-t, x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(-t, x))^* + q^4(t, x)(q^4(-t, x))^*] \\ &\quad + 2q^2(t, x)q^4(t, x)(q^3(-t, x))^*, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^2(t, x) &= q_{xx}^2(t, x) + 2q^2(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(-t, x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(-t, x))^* + q^3(t, x)(q^3(-t, x))^*] \\ &\quad + 2q^1(t, x)q^3(t, x)(q^4(-t, x))^* \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

with $a^* = a$. The remaining two equations are obtained by using the above equations interchanging $q^1 \leftrightarrow q^3$ and $q^2 \leftrightarrow q^4$.

2. P-symmetric nonlocal FK system:

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^1(t, x) &= q_{xx}^1(t, x) + 2q^1(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(t, -x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(t, -x))^* + q^4(t, x)(q^4(t, -x))^*] \\ &\quad + 2q^2(t, x)q^4(t, x)(q^3(-t, x))^*, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^2(t, x) &= q_{xx}^2(t, x) + 2q^2(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(t, -x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(t, -x))^* + q^3(t, x)(q^3(t, -x))^*] \\ &\quad + 2q^1(t, x)q^3(t, x)(q^4(t, -x))^* \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

with $a^* = -a$. The remaining two equations are obtained by using the above equations interchanging $q^1 \leftrightarrow q^3$ and $q^2 \leftrightarrow q^4$.

3. PT-symmetric nonlocal FK system:

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^1(t, x) &= q_{xx}^1(t, x) + 2q^1(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(-t, -x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(-t, -x))^* + q^4(t, x)(q^4(-t, -x))^*] \\ &\quad + 2q^2(t, x)q^4(t, x)(q^3(-t, -x))^*, \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^2(t, x) &= q_{xx}^2(t, x) + 2q^2(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(-t, -x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(-t, -x))^* + q^3(t, x)(q^3(-t, -x))^*] \\ &\quad + 2q^1(t, x)q^3(t, x)(q^4(-t, -x))^* \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

with $a^* = a$. The remaining two equations are obtained by using the above equations interchanging $q^1 \leftrightarrow q^3$ and $q^2 \leftrightarrow q^4$.

4. Fordy system

Fordy, in his work [9] considering the Lax equations

$$\phi_x = (\lambda^2 H_S + \lambda Q^A E_A) \phi, \quad (4.1)$$

$$\phi_t = (A^a H_a + B^A E_A + C^D E_D) \phi \quad (4.2)$$

and choosing functions A^a , B^A , and C^A properly he has found system of derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equations on homogeneous spaces. Here we use this system on Hermitian symmetric spaces. Let $Q^A = \{q^\alpha(t, x), p^\alpha(t, x)\}$ be the complex dynamical variables where $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N$, then the Fordy (F) integrable system is given by [9]

$$aq_t^\alpha = [q_x^\alpha - \frac{1}{a} R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta q^\gamma p^\delta]_x, \quad (4.3)$$

$$-ap_t^\alpha = [p_x^\alpha + \frac{1}{a} R^{-\alpha}_{-\beta-\gamma\delta} p^\beta p^\gamma q^\delta]_x, \quad (4.4)$$

where a is a complex number. These equations are known as the Fordy (F) system which is integrable in the sense that they are obtained from the zero curvature condition of a connection defined on a Hermitian symmetric space and also these equations can be written in a Hamiltonian form

$$aq_t^\alpha = g^{\alpha-\beta} \partial \frac{\delta H}{\delta p^\beta}, \quad ap_t^\alpha = g^{\alpha-\beta} \partial \frac{\delta H}{\delta q^\beta} \quad (4.5)$$

where

$$H = -\frac{1}{2} [g_{\alpha-\beta} (q^\alpha p_x^\beta - q_x^\alpha p^\beta) + \frac{1}{a} g_{\rho-\alpha} R^\rho_{\beta\gamma-\delta} p^\alpha q^\beta q^\gamma p^\delta] \quad (4.6)$$

The standard reduction of the above F system is obtained by letting $p^\alpha = \epsilon(q^\alpha)^*$ for all $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N$. The F system (4.3) and (4.4) reduce to a single equation

$$aq_t^\alpha = [q_x^\alpha - \epsilon R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta q^\gamma (q^\delta)^*]_x, \quad (4.7)$$

provided that $a^* = -a$ and (2.5) is satisfied. This is the coupled derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equations.

5. Nonlocal Fordy system

We will show that the F-system is also compatible with for nonlocal reduction of Ablowitz–Musslimani type. Letting

$$p^\alpha(t, x) = \epsilon[q^\alpha(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x)]^*, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (5.1)$$

where $\epsilon^2 = (\epsilon_1)^2 = (\epsilon_2)^2 = 1$. Under these conditions the Fordy system (4.3) and (4.4) reduce to the following system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^\alpha(t, x) &= [q_x^\alpha(t, x) - \epsilon \frac{1}{a} R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta(t, x) q^\gamma(t, x) \\ &\quad \times (q^\delta(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x))^*]_x, \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

provided that $a^* = -\epsilon_1 a$, $\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 = 1$ and (2.5) satisfied. Nonlocal reductions correspond to $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = (-1, -1)$. Hence corresponding to these pairs of ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 we have two different Nonlocal Integrable derivative NLS equations. They are given as follows:

PT-symmetric nonlocal F system:

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^\alpha(t, x) &= [q_x^\alpha(t, x) - \epsilon \frac{1}{a} R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma-\delta} q^\beta(t, x) q^\gamma(t, x) \\ &\quad \times (q^\delta(-t, -x))^*]_x, \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

with $a^* = a$.

Example 2. As in the case of the FK system we give an example of F system on the symmetric space as $\frac{SU(4)}{SU(2) \times SU(2)}$. We have four complex fields $q^\alpha = (q^1(t, x), q^2(t, x), q^3(t, x), q^4(t, x))$ satisfying the following equations (here we take $\epsilon = 1$)

PT-symmetric nonlocal F system:

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^1(t, x) &= (q_x^1(t, x) - \frac{2}{a} q^1(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(-t, -x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(-t, -x))^* + q^4(t, x)(q^4(-t, -x))^*] \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{a} q^2(t, x)q^4(t, x)(q^3(-t, -x))^*)_x, \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} aq_t^2(t, x) &= (q_x^2(t, x) - \frac{2}{a} q^2(t, x)[q^1(t, x)(q^1(-t, -x))^* \\ &\quad + q^2(t, x)(q^2(-t, -x))^* + q^3(t, x)(q^3(-t, -x))^*] \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{a} q^1(t, x)q^3(t, x)(q^4(-t, -x))^*)_x \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

with $a^* = a$. The remaining two equations are obtained by using the above equations interchanging $q^1 \leftrightarrow q^3$ and $q^2 \leftrightarrow q^4$.

6. Concluding remarks

By using the Ablowitz–Musslimani type of reductions on dynamical systems we have shown that the Fordy–Kulish and Fordy systems of equations on Hermitian symmetric spaces we obtained to nonlocal integrable dynamical equations possessing T-, P-, and PT-symmetries. Such a reduction can be extended to system of integrable equations on homogeneous spaces of simple Lie algebras, Kac–Moody algebras and super Lie algebras. From the Lax pair (2.1) and (2.2) we can construct a Lie algebra g valued soliton connection

$$\Omega = (ik\lambda H_S + Q^A E_A)dx + (A^a H_a + B^A E_A + C^D E_D)dt \quad (6.1)$$

with zero curvature $d\Omega - \Omega \wedge \Omega = 0$. In the soliton connection the dynamical variables are $Q_A = (q^\alpha, p^\alpha)$. The functions A^a , B^A and C^D depend on the spectral parameter λ , the dynamical variables (q^α, p^α) and their x -derivatives. The zero curvature condition for (6.1) gives systems coupled nonlinear partial differential equations of the evolutionary type. The system of Fordy–Kulish equations is an example when the functions A , B and C are quadratic functions of λ . One can extend this approach to the cases when g is a Kac–Moody and super Lie algebras (see [13] for more details). For all the system of dynamical equations we obtain from the g -valued soliton connection Ω we conjecture that Ablowitz–Musslimani type constraint for the dynamical variables p and q , namely

$$p^\alpha = \epsilon[q^\alpha(\epsilon_1 t, \epsilon_2 x)]^c, \quad (6.2)$$

where $\epsilon^2 = (\epsilon_1)^2 = (\epsilon_2)^2 = 1$ and c is either complex conjugation, or Berezin conjugation or unity, we obtain T -symmetric, P -symmetric and PT -symmetric nonlocal integrable equations provided that the curvature and torsion tensors of the homogeneous space satisfy certain conditions. As an example to such soliton connections we have studied super AKNS system [14,15] and we have recently shown that super integrable systems admit also Ablowitz–Musslimani type of nonlocal reductions. We have found integrable nonlocal super NLSE and nonlocal super mKdV equations [16].

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