COMPLEX HIGH ORDER TODA AND VOLTERRA LATTICES

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ABSTRACT: Given a solution of a high order Toda lattice we construct a one parameter family of new solutions. In our method, we use a set of Bäcklund transformations in such a way that each new generalized Toda solution is related to a generalized Volterra solution.

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1. Introduction

In [7] was studied the construction of a solution of the *Toda lattice*

$$\dot{\alpha}_n(t) = \lambda_{n+1}^2(t) - \lambda_n^2(t) \dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) = \frac{\lambda_{n+1}(t)}{2} \left[\alpha_{n+1}(t) - \alpha_n(t) \right]$$
, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, (1)

from another given solution, considering sequences $\{\alpha_n(t), \lambda_n(t)\}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, of real functions (here and in what following, the dot means differentiation with respect to $t \in \mathbb{R}$). Both solutions of (1) were linked to each other by a *Bäcklund transformation* (or *Miura transformation*)

$$\lambda_{n+1}^2(t) = \gamma_{2n}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^2(t), \quad \alpha_n(t) = \gamma_{2n-1}^2(t) + \gamma_{2n}^2(t) + C, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (2a)$$

$$\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}^2(t) = \gamma_{2n+1}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+2}^2(t), \quad \widetilde{\alpha}_n(t) = \gamma_{2n}^2(t) + \gamma_{2n+1}^2(t) + C, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (2b)$$

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$$\dot{\gamma}_{n+1}(t) = \gamma_{n+1}(t) \left(\gamma_{n+2}(t) - \gamma_n(t)\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$
(3)

In [3] the authors generalize this analysis to the case of Toda lattices where $\alpha_n(t)$ and $\lambda_n(t)$ are complex functions of $t \in \mathbb{R}$. A semi-infinite lattice, i.e., (1) with $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}$, was studied. Moreover, for each solution

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of the Toda lattice, a family of new solutions was obtained for this lattice, each one associated with a different solution of the Volterra lattice (3) by a Bäcklund transformation like (2a)-(2b), where it is possible that $C \neq 0$.

In this paper, we generalize the analysis given in [7] and [3] to the kind of Toda and Volterra lattices studied in [1] and [2]. For this purpose we consider the family $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, of tridiagonal infinite matrices given by

$$J(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1(t) & \lambda_2(t) & & \\ \lambda_2(t) & \alpha_2(t) & \lambda_3(t) & \\ & \lambda_3(t) & \alpha_3(t) & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$
(4)

where $\{\alpha_n(t)\}, \{\lambda_n(t)\}\$ are two sequences of complex functions with real variable $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

In all the following we assume $\lambda_n(t) \neq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. In the sequel we assume $p \in \mathbb{N}$ fixed. Here and in the following, for each $m = 0, 1, \ldots$ and for any matrix M(t), we denote by $M_{i,j}^m(t)$, $i, j = 0, 1, \ldots$, the entry in the (i + 1)-th row and (j + 1)-th column of matrix $(M(t))^m$. In particular, $M_{i,j}^0(t) = \delta_{ij}$ are the entries of the identity matrix $I = (M(t))^0$. Also, we replace $M_{i,j}^1(t)$ by $M_{i,j}(t)$. Also, we denote by $J_n(t)$ the finite submatrix formed by the first n rows and columns of J(t).

Definition 1. We say that $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a solution of the high order Toda lattice, or a generalized Toda solution, if we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{n,n}(t) &= J_{n,n+1}(t)J_{n,n+1}^p(t) - J_{n-1,n}(t)J_{n-1,n}^p(t) \\
\dot{J}_{n,n+1}(t) &= \frac{1}{2}J_{n,n+1}(t)\left[J_{n+1,n+1}^p(t) - J_{n,n}^p(t)\right]
\end{aligned}\}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots. \quad (5)$$

In the same way, consider the family $\{\Gamma(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, of infinite matrices,

$$\Gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma_2(t) & & \\ \gamma_2(t) & 0 & \gamma_3(t) & \\ & \gamma_3(t) & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$
(6)

Definition 2. We say that $\{\Gamma(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a solution of the high order Volterra lattice, or a generalized Volterra solution, if we have

$$\dot{\Gamma}_{n-1,n}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{n-1,n}(t) \left[(\Gamma^2(t) + CI)_{n,n}^p - (\Gamma^2(t) + CI)_{n-1,n-1}^p \right], \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \ (7)$$

for some $C \in \mathbb{C}.$

Note that, for p = 1 and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, (5) and (7) coincide, respectively, with (1) and (3).

The main result of our work is the following.

Theorem 1. Let $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, be a generalized Toda solution. Let $C \in \mathbb{C}$ be such that

$$\det(J_n(t) - CI_n) \neq 0 \tag{8}$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then there exists $\{\Gamma(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, generalized Volterra solution, and there exists another generalized Toda solution $\{\tilde{J}(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, with

$$\widetilde{J}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\alpha}_1(t) & \widetilde{\lambda}_2(t) & & \\ \widetilde{\lambda}_2(t) & \widetilde{\alpha}_2(t) & \widetilde{\lambda}_3(t) & \\ & \widetilde{\lambda}_3(t) & \widetilde{\alpha}_3(t) & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

such that (2a)-(2b) hold.

Moreover, for each C in the above conditions, we have that $\{\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)\}, \{\widetilde{\alpha}_n(t)\}, \{\gamma_n^2(t)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}, are the unique sequences verifying (2a) and (2b).$

The main tool in the proof of Theorem 1 is the sequence of monic polynomials $\{P_n(t,z)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, associated with the matrix J(t) for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ (see (4)). These polynomials are generated by the three-term recurrence relation

$$\begin{array}{l}
P_{n+1}(t,z) = (z - \alpha_{n+1}(t))P_n(t,z) - \lambda_{n+1}^2(t)P_{n-1}(t,z), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \\
P_{-1}(t,z) \equiv 0, \quad P_0(t,z) \equiv 1.
\end{array}$$
(9)

In the following result we determinate a necessary and sufficient condition over $\{P_n(t, z)\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, in order to the coefficients of (9) define a generalized Toda solution.

Theorem 2. With the above notation, $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a generalized Toda solution if and only if

$$\dot{P}_{n}(t,z) = -\sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n-j}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n-j+2}(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t)P_{n-j}(t,z), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$
(10)

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Let

$$W(z) = \sum_{k \ge 0} \frac{w_k}{z^{k+1}}$$

be a formal power series at $z = \infty$ and let $f_n(z) = P_n^{(1)}(z)/P_n(z)$ be the *n*-diagonal Padé approximant of W(z), $n \in \mathbb{N}$. It is well known that the sequences of polynomials $\{P_n(z)\}$ and $\{P_n^{(1)}(z)\}$ verify the same three-term recurrence relation, whose coefficients define a tridiagonal matrix J. Moreover, we have

$$w_k = \langle J^k e_0, e_0 \rangle = e_0^T J^k e_0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad e_0 = (1, 0, \dots)^T,$$

and, in a formal sense,

$$W(z) = \langle (zI - J)^{-1} e_0, e_0 \rangle$$

for z in the resolvent set of J. In [2] was established that, when the entries of J are bounded and depend on $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\{J(t)\}$ is a generalized Toda solution if and only if

$$\dot{w}_k(t) = w_k(t)w_p(t) - w_{k+p}(t), \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$
(11)

holds. From this and Theorem 2 we have the following consequence.

Corollary 1. Let $\{P_n(t, z)\}$ be the sequence of monic polynomials defined by (9). Assume that, for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $M(t) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \left| \alpha_n(t) \right|, \left| \lambda_n(t) \right| \right\} \le M(t) \, .$$

Then $\{P_n(t, z)\}$ verify (10) if and only if the sequence of moments associated with W(z), $\{w_n\}$, verify (11).

We present the proof of Theorem 2 in Section 2. In Section 3 we analyze the Bäcklund transformation (2a)-(2b) under the perspective of sequences of polynomials generated by a three term recurrence relation. The rest of the paper, Section 4, is devoted to prove Theorem 1.

2. Proof of Theorem 2

Firstly, we shall show that (10) is a necessary condition. Assume that $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a generalized Toda solution. The system (5) was described in [1] as representation in Lax pair

$$\dot{J}(t) = [J(t), A(t)],$$
 (12)

where [J(t), A(t)] = J(t)A(t) - A(t)J(t) is the commutator of J(t) and A(t), being for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$A(t) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -J_{0,1}^{p}(t) & \cdots & -J_{0,p}^{p}(t) & 0 \\ J_{0,1}^{p}(t) & 0 & -J_{1,2}^{p}(t) & \cdots & -J_{1,p+1}^{p}(t) & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ J_{0,p}^{p}(t) & & & & & \\ 0 & J_{1,p+1}^{p}(t) & & & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & & & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

i.e., A(t) is a skew-symmetric (2p+1)-diagonal matrix whose low triangular part coincides with $(J(t))^p$. Thus, the structure of A(t) depends on the fixed number $p \in \mathbb{N}$.

If we define

$$\widehat{p}_n(t,z) := \frac{P_n(t,z)}{\lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (\widehat{p}_0(t,z) \equiv 1, \, \widehat{p}_{-1}(t,z) \equiv 0)$$

then, since (9), it is easy to prove that for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ the sequence $\{\widehat{p}_n(t,z)\}$, $n = 0, 1, \ldots$, verifies

$$\lambda_{n+1}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t,z) + (\alpha_{n+1}(t)-z)\widehat{p}_n(t,z) + \lambda_{n+2}(t)\widehat{p}_{n+1}(t,z) = 0.$$
(14)

We are going to prove

$$\dot{\widehat{p}}_{n}(t,z) = -\sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n-j}^{p}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,z) + \frac{\left(J_{0,0}^{p}(t) - J_{n,n}^{p}(t)\right)\widehat{p}_{n}(t,z)}{2}.$$
 (15)

For this purpose, we can rewrite (14) as

$$(J(t) - zI) \mathcal{P}(t, z) = (0, 0, ...)^T,$$
 (16)

where we understand $\mathcal{P}(t, z) := (\widehat{p}_0(t, z), \widehat{p}_1(t, z), \ldots)^T$ as a sequence. Taking derivatives in (16), and taking into account (12) and again (16), we obtain

$$\dot{J}(t)\mathcal{P}(t,z) + (J(t) - zI)\dot{\mathcal{P}}(t,z)
= (J(t)A(t) - A(t)J(t))\mathcal{P}(t,z) + (J(t) - zI)\dot{\mathcal{P}}(t,z)
= (J(t) - zI)\left(A(t)\mathcal{P}(t,z) + \dot{\mathcal{P}}(t,z)\right) = 0.$$
(17)

Taking $n = 0, 1, \ldots$ successively in (14) we can see that the only solutions of $(J(t) - zI) X = (0, 0, \ldots)^T$ are the sequences $X = \mu \mathcal{P}(t, z), \ \mu = \mu(t) \in \mathbb{C}$. Therefore, because of (17), we have

$$A(t)\mathcal{P}(t,z) + \dot{\mathcal{P}}(t,z) = \mu \mathcal{P}(t,z)$$
(18)

for some $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$. We understand (18), in a formal sense, as a set of relations. In particular, from the first of these relations we deduce

$$\mu = \mu \widehat{p}_0(t, z) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^p J_{0,j}^p(t) \widehat{p}_j(t, z)$$
(19)

(see (13)). From the (n + 1)-th row of (18) we obtain for all n = 0, 1, ...

$$\dot{\widehat{p}}_{n}(t,z) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n-j}^{p}(t) \widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,z) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n+j}^{p}(t) \widehat{p}_{n+j}(t,z) + \mu \widehat{p}_{n}(t,z). \quad (20)$$

Moreover, since (16) we have

$$(J^p(t) - z^p I) \mathcal{P}(t, z) = (0, 0, \ldots)^T$$

or, what is the same, for all $n = 0, 1, \ldots$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n-j}^{p}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,z) + J_{n,n}^{p}(t)\widehat{p}_{n}(t,z) + \sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n+j}^{p}(t)\widehat{p}_{n+j}(t,z) = z^{p}\widehat{p}_{n}(t,z), \quad (21)$$

where $J_{n,k}^p(t) = 0$ for k < 0. Due to (20) and (21),

$$\dot{\widehat{p}}_{n}(t,z) = -\sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n,n-j}^{p}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,z) + \mu\widehat{p}_{n}(t,z) + \frac{1}{2} \left(z^{p} - J_{n,n}^{p}(t)\right)\widehat{p}_{n}(t,z) .$$
(22)

On the other hand, taking n = 0 in (21), and from (19) we obtain

$$\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \left(z^p - J_{0,0}^p(t) \right)$$

and replacing this expression in (22) we arrive to (15).

Now, using (5),

$$\dot{\lambda}_i(t) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i(t) \left(J_{i-1,i-1}^p(t) - J_{i-2,i-2}^p(t) \right) , \quad i \in \mathbb{N} .$$

Then,

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t)\right) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t)\left(J_{n,n}^p(t) - J_{0,0}^p(t)\right) \,.$$

Substituting this expression and (15) in

$$\dot{P}_n(t,z) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t)\right) \hat{p}_n(t,z) + \lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t) \dot{\hat{p}}_n(t,z)$$

we arrive to (10).

Conversely, we shall to prove that (10) is a sufficient condition to obtain a solution of the high order Toda lattice. Let $\{P_n(t,z)\}$ be the sequence of polynomials given by (9) and assume that (10) is verified. We want to prove that the sequence $\{\alpha_n(t), \lambda_n^2(t)\}$, given in (9), defines a matrix J(t) such that (5) is verified.

Taking derivatives with respect to t in (9),

$$\dot{P}_{n+1}(t,z) = -\dot{\alpha}_{n+1}(t)P_n(t,z) + (z - \alpha_{n+1}(t))\dot{P}_n(t,z) - 2\lambda_{n+1}(t)\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)P_{n-1}(t,z) - \lambda_{n+1}^2(t)\dot{P}_{n-1}(t,z) .$$

From this and (10),

$$-\sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n+1,n-j+1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n-j+3}(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+2}(t)P_{n-j+1}(t,z)$$

$$= -(z-\alpha_{n+1}(t))\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} J_{n,n-j-1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n-j+1}(t)\cdots\lambda_{n+1}(t)P_{n-j-1}(t,z)$$

$$-\dot{\alpha}_{n+1}(t)P_{n}(t,z) - 2\lambda_{n+1}(t)\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)P_{n-1}(t,z)$$

$$+\lambda_{n+1}^{2}(t)\sum_{j=1}^{p} J_{n-1,n-j-1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n-j+1}(t)\cdots\lambda_{n}(t)P_{n-j-1}(t,z). \quad (23)$$

Comparing the coefficients of z^n in (23),

$$-J_{n+1,n}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n+2}(t) = -\dot{\alpha}_{n+1}(t) - J_{n,n-1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (24)

Moreover, $J_{m,m+1}(t) = \lambda_{m+2}(t)$, $J_{m,m}(t) = \alpha_{m+1}(t)$, $m = 0, 1, \ldots$, being $(J(t))^p$ a symmetric matrix. Thus, (24) is the first part of (5).

Now, comparing the coefficients of z^{n-1} in (23),

$$- J_{n+1,n}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n+2}(t)\gamma_{n,n-1}(t) - J_{n+1,n-1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t)\lambda_{n+2}(t) = -\dot{\alpha}_{n+1}(t)\gamma_{n,n-1}(t) + J_{n,n-1}^{p}(t)\alpha_{n+1}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) - J_{n,n-2}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) - 2\lambda_{n+1}(t)\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) - J_{n,n-1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t)\gamma_{n-1,n-2}(t) ,$$

where $\gamma_{m,m-1}(t)$ is for each *m* the coefficient of z^{m-1} in $P_m(t,z)$. Taking into account (24) and take common factor $\lambda_{n+1}(t)$,

$$-J_{n+1,n-1}^{p}(t)\lambda_{n+2}(t) = J_{n,n-1}^{p}(t)\left(\gamma_{n,n-1}(t) - \gamma_{n-1,n-2}(t)\right) + \alpha_{n+1}(t)J_{n,n-1}^{p}(t) - \lambda_{n}(t)J_{n,n-2}^{p}(t) - 2\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t).$$
(25)

On the other hand, from (9) it is easy to deduce that

$$\gamma_{m,m-1}(t) = -\sum_{j=1}^{m} \alpha_j(t), \quad m = n - 1, n$$

Then, substituting this expression in (25) we obtain

$$2\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) = -\alpha_n(t)J_{n,n-1}^p(t) + \alpha_{n+1}(t)J_{n,n-1}^p(t) - \lambda_n(t)J_{n,n-2}^p(t) + \lambda_{n+2}(t)J_{n+1,n-1}^p(t).$$
(26)

Moreover, $J_{n-1,n}^{p+1}(t)$ is obtained by multiplying the *n*-th row of $(J(t))^p$ and the (n+1)-th column of J(t), i.e.,

$$J_{n-1,n}^{p+1}(t) = \lambda_{n+1}(t)J_{n-1,n-1}^{p}(t) + \alpha_{n+1}(t)J_{n-1,n}^{p}(t) + \lambda_{n+2}(t)J_{n-1,n+1}^{p}(t) .$$
(27)

Also, because of the symmetry of matrix $(J(t))^{p+1}$, we have that $J_{n-1,n}^{p+1}(t) = J_{n,n-1}^{p+1}(t)$ is obtained by multiplying the (n+1)-th row of $(J(t))^p$ and the *n*-th column of J(t), this is,

$$J_{n-1,n}^{p+1}(t) = \lambda_n(t) J_{n,n-2}^p(t) + \alpha_n(t) J_{n,n-1}^p(t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t) J_{n,n}^p(t) .$$
(28)

Comparing (27) and (28),

$$\alpha_{n+1}(t)J_{n-1,n}^p(t) + \lambda_{n+2}(t)J_{n-1,n+1}^p(t) = \lambda_n(t)J_{n,n-2}^p(t) + \alpha_n(t)J_{n,n-1}^p(t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t)\left[J_{n,n}^p(t) - J_{n-1,n-1}^p(t)\right].$$

From this and (26) we arrive to

$$2\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) = \lambda_{n+1}(t) \left[J_{n,n}^p(t) - J_{n-1,n-1}^p(t) \right] ,$$

which is the second part of (5).

3. Bäcklund transformation and sequences of polynomials

Given a family of tridiagonal matrices $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, as in (4), we consider the sequence $\{P_n(t,z)\}$ of polynomials defined in (9). The well-known Favard's Theorem states that, if $\lambda_n(t) \neq 0$ for $n = 2, 3, \ldots$, then the sequence $\{P_n(t,z)\}$ is orthogonal with respect to some quasi-definite moment functional.

Let $C \in \mathbb{C}$ be such that $P_n(t, C) \neq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}, t \in \mathbb{R}$. We consider, also, the sequence of monic polynomials $\{Q_n^{(C)}(t, z)\}$ defined by

$$Q_n^{(C)}(t,z) = \frac{P_{n+1}(t,z) - \frac{P_{n+1}(t,C)}{P_n(t,C)} P_n(t,z)}{z - C}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (29)

In [5] was proved that, if $\{P_n(t, z)\}$ is the sequence of orthogonal polynomials with respect to a quasi-definite functional, then $\{Q_n^{(C)}(t, z)\}$ is also orthogonal with respect to another quasi-definite functional and verify, as consequence, a three-terms recurrence relation. Moreover, the relationship between the coefficients of both recurrence relations was established. In our case, this fact holds true, because we are assuming $\lambda_n(t) \neq 0$, $n = 2, 3, \ldots, t \in \mathbb{R}$. We summarize the situation in the following auxiliary result (cf. [5, Theorems 7.1, 4.1, 4.2]).

Lemma 1. The polynomials $\{Q_n^{(C)}(t,z)\}$ satisfies the three-term recurrence relation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Q_n^{(C)}(t,z) = (z - \widetilde{\alpha}_n(t)) Q_{n-1}^{(C)}(t,z) - \widetilde{\lambda}_n^2(t) Q_{n-2}^{(C)}(t,z) \,, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \\ Q_{-1}^{(C)} \equiv 0 \,, \quad Q_0^{(C)} \equiv 1 \end{array} \right\},$$

being

$$\widetilde{\alpha}_{n}(t) = \frac{P_{n+1}(t,C)}{P_{n}(t,C)} + \alpha_{n+1}(t) - \frac{P_{n}(t,C)}{P_{n-1}(t,C)} \\
\widetilde{\lambda}_{n}^{2}(t) = \lambda_{n}^{2}(t) \frac{P_{n-2}(t,C)P_{n}(t,C)}{P_{n-1}^{2}(t,C)} \\
\right\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (30)$$

In a similar way as in [5, Theorem 9.1, p. 46], we define the sequence of complex functions $\{\gamma_n(t)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, as

$$\gamma_1(t) = 0, \quad \gamma_{2n}^2(t) = -\frac{P_n(t,C)}{P_{n-1}(t,C)}, \quad \gamma_{2n+1}^2(t) = -\lambda_{n+1}^2(t)\frac{P_{n-1}(t,C)}{P_n(t,C)}.$$
 (31)

Note that we only define $\gamma_n^2(t), n \in \mathbb{N}$. In fact, it is possible to find more than one sequence $\{\gamma_n(t)\}\$ in the above conditions.

We remark that $\{\gamma_n(t)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, depends on C. However, we don't make explicit this dependence for brevity.

The sequence $\{\gamma_n^2(t)\}\$ is associated with $\{S_n^{(C)}(t,z)\},\ n\in\mathbb{N},\$ which is another sequence of polynomials verifying the recurrence relation

$$S_{n}^{(C)}(t,z) = z S_{n-1}^{(C)}(t,z) - \gamma_{n}^{2}(t) S_{n-2}^{(C)}(t,z), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \\ S_{-1}^{(C)} \equiv 0, \quad S_{0}^{(C)} \equiv 1 \end{cases}$$

From (30) and (31) we immediately deduce (2a) and (2b). In other words, the coefficients of recurrence relations defining $\{P_n(t,z)\}$ and $\{Q_n^{(C)}(t,z)\}$ are linked by a Bäcklund transformation associated with the coefficients $\{\gamma_n^2(t)\}$ of the recurrence relation for $\{S_n^{(C)}(t,z)\}$.

4. Proof of Theorem 1

We shall dedicate the rest of the work to prove Theorem 1. Therefore, we take a generalized Toda solution $\{J(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, and $C \in \mathbb{C}$ verifying (8). Given the sequence $\{P_n(t,z)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, defined in (9), it is well know that

$$P_n(t,z) = \det \left(zI_n - J_n(t) \right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then, from (8) we have $P_n(t,C) \neq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and, consequently, we can define the sequence of monic polynomials $\{Q_n^{(C)}(t,z)\}$ as in (29). Now, we are going to prove that $\{\widetilde{\alpha}_n(t)\}, \{\widetilde{\lambda}_n(t)\}, \{\gamma_n^2(t)\}\}$ defined in (30)

and (31) are the unique sequences verifying (2a) and (2b). Define

$$J^{(1)}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1(t) & \lambda_2^2(t) & & \\ 1 & \alpha_2(t) & \lambda_3^2(t) & \\ & 1 & \alpha_3(t) & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} .$$
(32)

It is well known, and easy to prove, that

$$\det\left(J_n^{(1)}(t) - CI_n\right) = \det\left(J_n(t) - CI_n\right), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus, since (8) we know that it is possible to obtain a lower triangular infinite matrix L(t) and an upper triangular infinite matrix U(t)such that

$$J^{(1)}(t) - CI = L(t)U(t)$$
(33)

(see [6, Theorem 1, p. 35]). Moreover, taking the value 1 in all the diagonal entries of U(t), the matrices L(t) and U(t) are uniquely determined in (33). But it is obvious that (2a) can be expressed as (33) for

$$L(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_2^2(t) & & \\ 1 & \gamma_4^2(t) & \\ & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad U(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma_3^2(t) & & \\ 1 & \gamma_5^2(t) & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$
(34)

Thus, the sequence $\{\gamma_n^2(t)\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is uniquely determined by (2a) and, consequently, $\{\widetilde{\lambda}_n(t)\}, \{\widetilde{\alpha}_n(t)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, are the unique sequences given in (2b).

To complete the proof of Theorem 1 we need to prove that the families of matrices $\{\widetilde{J}(t)\}$, with entries defined by (2b),

$$\widetilde{J}(t) := \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\alpha}_1(t) & \widetilde{\lambda}_2(t) & & \\ \widetilde{\lambda}_2(t) & \widetilde{\alpha}_2(t) & \widetilde{\lambda}_3(t) & \\ & \widetilde{\lambda}_3(t) & \widetilde{\alpha}_3(t) & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and $\{\Gamma(t)\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, defined as in (6), are solutions of, the high order Toda lattice and of the high order Volterra lattice, respectively.

Taking into account (2a) and (2b) we can see

$$\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1}(t) & 0 & \lambda_{2}(t) & 0 \\ 0 & \widetilde{\alpha}_{1}(t) & 0 & \widetilde{\lambda}_{2}(t) & 0 \\ \lambda_{2}(t) & 0 & \alpha_{2}(t) & 0 & \lambda_{3}(t) & \ddots \\ 0 & \widetilde{\lambda}_{2}(t) & 0 & \widetilde{\alpha}_{3}(t) & \ddots & \ddots \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \,. \tag{35}$$

The matrix $\Gamma^2(t) + CI$ is the key for understanding the connection between the initial generalized Toda solution $\{J(t)\}$ and the new solution $\{\tilde{J}(t)\}$ obtained in Theorem 1. In fact, $\Gamma^2(t) + CI$ is a bridge between the matrices J(t) and $\tilde{J}(t)$. In the same way, for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ the matrix $(\Gamma^2(t) + CI)^m$ interlaces $(J(t))^m$ and $(\tilde{J}(t))^m$, as we show in the following result. **Lemma 2.** For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $j, k = 0, 1, \ldots$,

$$\left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{j,k}^{m} = \begin{cases} 0 & , \ j+k \ odd \\ J_{\frac{j}{2},\frac{k}{2}}^{m}(t) & , \ j,k \ even \\ \widetilde{J}_{\frac{j-1}{2},\frac{k-1}{2}}^{m}(t) & , \ j,k \ odd \end{cases}$$
(36)

Proof: We proceed by induction. (36) is obvious for m = 1 (see (35)). Let us assume that (36) holds for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. The entry $(\Gamma^2(t) + CI)_{j,k}^{m+1}$ of $(\Gamma^2(t) + CI)^{m+1}$ is obtained multiplying the (j+1)-th row of $(\Gamma^2(t) + CI)^m$ by the (k+1)-th column of $\Gamma^2(t) + CI$. Then, if j + k is odd, we can see that this product is zero (see (35) and (36)). On the contrary, when j and k are even (odd, respectively), then there are only entries of $J(t)^m$ and J(t) ($\tilde{J}(t)^m$ and $\tilde{J}(t)$, respectively) in the product and the result follows. ■

For checking (7), firstly we study the evolution of $\{\gamma_{2n}(t)\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Taking derivatives in (31),

$$\dot{\gamma}_{2n}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{2n}(t) \left(\frac{\dot{P}_n(t,C)}{P_n(t,C)} - \frac{\dot{P}_{n-1}(t,C)}{P_{n-1}(t,C)} \right), \ n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(37)

On the other hand, from (10) we deduce

$$\frac{\dot{P}_n(t,C)}{P_n(t,C)} = -\sum_{j=1}^p J_{n,n-j}^p(t) \frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,C)}{\widehat{p}_n(t,C)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(38)

In the next lemma we see that the above expression can be written in terms of diagonal and sub-diagonal entries of matrices $(J(t))^i$, i = 0, 1, ...

Lemma 3. For any $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$-\sum_{j=1}^{m} J_{n,n-j}^{m}(t) \frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t,C)} = \gamma_{2n+1}^{2}(t) B_{n,n}^{(m)}(t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t) B_{n,n-1}^{(m)}(t) , \qquad (39)$$

being

$$B^{(m)}(t) := C^{m-1}I + C^{m-2}J(t) + \dots + (J(t))^{m-1} .$$
(40)

Proof: Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ be fixed. Let us define

$$S(n,m,t) := -\sum_{j=1}^{m} J_{n,n-j}^{m}(t) \frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t,C)}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (41)

Using (31),

$$S(n,1,t) = -J_{n,n-1}(t)\frac{\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t,C)}{\widehat{p}_n(t,C)} = \gamma_{2n+1}^2(t).$$
(42)

Moreover, multiplying the (i+1)-th row of $(J(t))^m$ and the (j+1)-th column of J(t) we obtain for all i, j = 0, 1, ...,

$$J_{i,j}^{m+1}(t) = J_{i,j-1}^{m}(t)\lambda_{j+1}(t) + J_{i,j}^{m}(t)\alpha_{j+1}(t) + J_{i,j+1}^{m}(t)\lambda_{j+2}(t).$$
(43)

Therefore, substituting i by n and j by n - j in (43),

$$S(n, m+1, t) = -\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} J_{n,n-j-1}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n-j+1}(t)\frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)} - \sum_{j=1}^{m} J_{n,n-j}^{m}(t)\alpha_{n-j+1}(t)\frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)} - \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} J_{n,n-j+1}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n-j+2}(t)\frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)}, \quad (44)$$

where we used the fact that, since $(J(t))^m$ is a (2m+1)-diagonal matrix, in the first term we have $J_{n,n-j-1}^m(t) = 0$ for j = m, m+1 and, in the second term, we have $J_{n,n-j}^m(t) = 0$ for j = m+1. Computing the right hand side of (44),

$$S(n, m + 1, t) = -J_{n,n-1}^{m}(t) \frac{\alpha_{n}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t, C) + \lambda_{n}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-2}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)} - J_{n,n}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t)\frac{\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)} - \sum_{j=2}^{m} J_{n,n-j}^{m}(t) \times \frac{\lambda_{n-j+2}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-j+1}(t, C) + \alpha_{n-j+1}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t, C) + \lambda_{n-j+1}(t)\widehat{p}_{n-j-1}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)}$$

Using (14) in the last relation,

$$S(n, m+1, t) = -J_{n,n-1}^{m}(t) \frac{C\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t, C) - \lambda_{n+1}(t)\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)} - J_{n,n}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t)\frac{\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)} - \sum_{j=2}^{m} J_{n,n-j}^{m}(t)\frac{C\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t, C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t, C)}.$$

Thus,

$$S(n, m+1, t) = CS(n, m, t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t)J_{n, n-1}^{m}(t) + \gamma_{2n+1}^{2}J_{n, n}^{m}(t), \quad m \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(45)

From this and (42) we arrive to (39). To see this fact, proceed by induction. Assume that (39) holds for a certain $m \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e.,

$$S(n,m,t) = \gamma_{2n+1}^2(t)B_{n,n}^{(m)}(t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t)B_{n,n-1}^{(m)}(t) \,.$$

Due to (45),

$$S(n, m + 1, t) = \gamma_{2n+1}^2 CB_{n,n}^{(m)}(t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t)CB_{n,n-1}^{(m)}(t) + \lambda_{n+1}(t)J_{n,n-1}^m(t) + \gamma_{2n+1}^2 J_{n,n}^m(t) = \gamma_{2n+1}^2 \left(CB_{n,n}^{(m)}(t) + J_{n,n}^m(t) \right) + \lambda_{n+1}(t) \left(CB_{n,n-1}^{(m)}(t) + J_{n,n-1}^m(t) \right) .$$

Note that, by (40),

$$B^{(m+1)}(t) = CB^{(m)}(t) + (J(t))^m$$

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Then, (39) is verified.

The next lemma describes the relation between the ratios given in the left hand side of (38) and the matrix $(\Gamma^2(t) + CI)^p$.

Lemma 4. For any $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI \right)_{2n-2,2n-2j-2}^{m} \frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j-1}(t,C)}{\widehat{p}_{n-1}(t,C)} - \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI \right)_{2n,2n-2j}^{m} \frac{\widehat{p}_{n-j}(t,C)}{\widehat{p}_{n}(t,C)} = \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI \right)_{2n-1,2n-1}^{m} - \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI \right)_{2n-2,2n-2}^{m} .$$

Proof: We use the notation given in (41). Taking into account Lemma 2, we want to prove

$$S(n,m,t) - S(n-1,m,t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t) - J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t), \quad n,m \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (46)

We proceed by induction on m.

For m = 1, (46) is reduced to

$$\gamma_{2n+1}^2(t) - \gamma_{2n-1}^2(t) = \widetilde{\alpha}_1(t) - \alpha_1(t) ,$$

and this is true because of (2a) and (2b).

Suppose that (46) holds for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, using (45),

$$S(n, m+1, t) - S(n-1, m+1, t) = C\left(\tilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t) - J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\right) + \lambda_{n+1}(t)J_{n,n-1}^{m}(t) + \gamma_{2n+1}^{2}J_{n,n}^{m}(t) - \lambda_{n}(t)J_{n-1,n-2}^{m}(t) - \gamma_{2n-1}^{2}J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t).$$
(47)

Moreover, taking i = j = n - 1 in (43), obtaining there $\lambda_n(t) J_{n-1,n-2}^m(t)$, and substituting in (47),

$$S(n, m+1, t) - S(n-1, m+1, t) = -J_{n-1,n-1}^{m+1}(t) + C\widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t) + \gamma_{2n}^{2}(t)J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t) + 2\lambda_{n+1}(t)J_{n,n-1}^{m}(t) + \gamma_{2n+1}^{2}(t)J_{n,n}^{m}(t).$$
(48)

On the other hand, if we define

$$\widetilde{J}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\alpha}_1(t) & \widetilde{\lambda}_2^2(t) & & \\ 1 & \widetilde{\alpha}_2(t) & \widetilde{\lambda}_3^2(t) & \\ & 1 & \widetilde{\alpha}_3(t) & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix},$$

and L(t), U(t) are the matrices defined in (34), then in a formal sense we can verify (cf. [4])

$$\widetilde{J}^{(1)}(t) - CI = U(t)L(t)$$
. (49)

This is, we understand (49) as a set of relations given by the rows of these matrices.

Given the diagonal matrices $A(t) := \text{diag}\{1, \lambda_2(t), \lambda_2(t)\lambda_3(t), \ldots\}$ and $\widetilde{A}(t) := \text{diag}\{1, \widetilde{\lambda}_2(t), \widetilde{\lambda}_2(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_3(t), \ldots\}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ it is easy to show

$$J(t) = A(t)J^{(1)}(t)A(t)^{-1}, \quad \widetilde{J}(t) = \widetilde{A}(t)\widetilde{J}^{(1)}(t)\widetilde{A}(t)^{-1}$$

(see (32)) where we represent by $A(t)^{-1}$ (respectively $\tilde{A}(t)^{-1}$) the diagonal matrix whose entries are $1, \lambda_2(t)^{-1}, \lambda_2(t)^{-1}\lambda_3(t)^{-1}, \ldots$ (respectively $1, \tilde{\lambda}_2(t)^{-1}, \tilde{\lambda}_2(t)^{-1}, \tilde{\lambda}_3(t)^{-1}, \ldots$). Thus, for all $k = 0, 1, \ldots$

$$(J(t))^{k} A(t) = A(t) \left(J^{(1)}(t) \right)^{k}, \quad \left(\widetilde{J}(t) \right)^{k} \widetilde{A}(t) = \widetilde{A}(t) \left(\widetilde{J}^{(1)}(t) \right)^{k}.$$
(50)

Moreover, from (33) and (49) we have

$$J^{(1)}(t)L(t) = (L(t)U(t) + CI)L(t) = L(t)(U(t)L(t) + CI) = L(t)J^{(1)}(t)$$

and, in general, it is easy to see that

$$\left(J^{(1)}(t)\right)^k L(t) = L(t) \left(\widetilde{J}^{(1)}(t)\right)^k, \ k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From this and (50),

$$(J(t))^k \left(A(t)L(t)\widetilde{A}(t)^{-1} \right) = \left(A(t) \left(J^{(1)}(t) \right)^k \right) L(t)\widetilde{A}(t)^{-1} \&$$
$$= A(t) \left(L(t) \left(\widetilde{J}^{(1)}(t) \right)^k \right) \widetilde{A}(t)^{-1} = \left(A(t)L(t)\widetilde{A}(t)^{-1} \right) \left(\widetilde{J}(t) \right)^k \quad , \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \,,$$

and so, taking $R(t) := A(t)L(t)\widetilde{A}(t)^{-1}$ we have proved the relations

$$(J(t))^k R(t) = R(t) \left(\widetilde{J}(t) \right)^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$
 (51)

between the powers of J(t) and $\widetilde{J}(t)$. Therefore, since

$$R(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_2^2(t) & 0 & & \\ \lambda_2(t) & \frac{\lambda_2(t)\gamma_4^2(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_2(t)} & \ddots & \\ 0 & \frac{\lambda_2(t)\lambda_3(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_2(t)} & \frac{\lambda_2(t)\lambda_3(t)\gamma_6^2(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_2(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_3(t)} & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

it is possible to find the relationship between the entries of the matrices given in (51). For k = m, the entry of the (i + 1)-th row and the (j + 1)-th column is obtained by multiplying the corresponding row and column of each matrix, i.e.,

$$((J(t))^m R(t))_{i,j} = J_{i,j}^m(t) \frac{\lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{j+1}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_2(t)\cdots\widetilde{\lambda}_{j+1}(t)} \gamma_{2j+2}^2(t) + J_{i,j+1}^m(t) \frac{\lambda_2(t)\cdots\lambda_{j+2}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_2(t)\cdots\widetilde{\lambda}_{j+1}(t)}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (52)$$

and, in a similar way,

$$\left(R(t)\left(\widetilde{J}(t)\right)^{m}\right)_{i,j} = \widetilde{J}_{i-1,j}^{m}(t)\frac{\lambda_{2}(t)\cdots\lambda_{i+1}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_{2}(t)\cdots\widetilde{\lambda}_{i}(t)} + \widetilde{J}_{i,j}^{m}(t)\frac{\lambda_{2}(t)\cdots\lambda_{i+1}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_{2}(t)\cdots\widetilde{\lambda}_{i+1}(t)}\gamma_{2i+2}^{2}(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$
(53)

In particular, taking i = j = n - 1 in (52) and (53), from (51) we obtain

$$J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t) + J_{n-1,n}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-2,n-1}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n}(t) + \widetilde{J}(t)_{n-1,n-1}^{m}\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t)$$
(54)

and, taking i = n, j = n - 1,

$$J_{n,n-1}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t) + J_{n,n}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n,n-1}^{m}(t)\frac{\lambda_{n+1}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)}\gamma_{2n+2}^{2}(t).$$

Multiplying by $\lambda_{n+1}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}^2(t)$ the last equality, taking into account (2a) and (2b), and simplifying the obtained result,

$$J_{n,n-1}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) + J_{n,n}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^{2}(t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^{2}(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n,n-1}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t).$$
(55)

Adding (54) and (55),

$$J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t) + 2J_{n-1,n}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) + J_{n,n}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^{2}(t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-2,n-1}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n} + (\widetilde{\alpha}_{n}(t) - C)\widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n,n-1}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t).$$

From this and

$$\widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m+1}(t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-2}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_n(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\alpha}_n(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n}^{m}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)$$

(see (43)) we arrive to

$$C\widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t) + J_{n-1,n-1}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t) + 2J_{n-1,n}^{m}(t)\lambda_{n+1}(t) + J_{n,n}^{m}(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^{2}(t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{m+1}(t)$$

which, substituted in the right hand side of (48), conduces to

$$S(n, m+1, t) - S(n-1, m+1, t) = \widetilde{J}_{n-1, n-1}^{m+1}(t) - J_{n-1, n-1}^{m+1}(t) ,$$

as we needed to prove.

Due to lemmas 2 and 4, (37) and (38), we know that (7) is verified for any odd number $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Moreover, taking derivatives in $\lambda_{n+1}^2(t) = \gamma_{2n}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^2(t)$

(see (5) and (2a)),

$$2\lambda_{n+1}(t)\dot{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) = \lambda_{n+1}^2(t) \left(J_{n,n}^p(t) - J_{n-1,n-1}^p(t)\right)$$

= $\gamma_{2n}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^2(t) \left[\left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI\right)_{2n-1,2n-1}^p - \left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI\right)_{2n-2,2n-2}^p \right]$
+ $2\gamma_{2n}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+1}(t)\dot{\gamma}_{2n+1}(t)$.

Then, dividing by $\lambda_{n+1}^2(t) = \gamma_{2n}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+1}^2(t)$, we obtain

$$2\frac{\dot{\gamma}_{2n+1}(t)}{\gamma_{2n+1}(t)} = J_{n,n}^{p}(t) - J_{n-1,n-1}^{p}(t) - \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n-1,2n-1}^{p} + \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n-2,2n-2}^{p} = \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n,2n}^{p} - \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n-1,2n-1}^{p},$$

this is, (7) holds also when n is an even number. Thus, we conclude that $\Gamma(t)$ is a generalized Volterra solution.

Finally, we need to prove that $\widetilde{J}(t)$ is a generalized Toda solution. For this purpose, we want to verify (5) when we substitute J by \widetilde{J} . Firstly, we take into consideration the first part of (30), i.e.,

$$\widetilde{\alpha}_n(t) = \alpha_{n+1}(t) - \gamma_{2n+2}^2(t) + \gamma_{2n}^2(t).$$

Then, since (5) and (7),

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{\alpha}}_{n}(t) &= \dot{\tilde{J}}_{n-1,n-1}(t) = \dot{\alpha}_{n+1}(t) - 2\gamma_{2n+2}(t)\dot{\gamma}_{2n+2}(t) + 2\gamma_{2n}(t)\dot{\gamma}_{2n}(t) \\ &= \left[J_{n,n+1}(t)J_{n,n+1}^{p}(t) - J_{n-1,n}(t)J_{n-1,n}^{p}(t)\right] \\ &- \Gamma_{2n,2n+1}^{2}(t)\left[\left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n+1,2n+1}^{p} - \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n,2n}^{p}\right] \\ &+ \Gamma_{2n-2,2n-1}^{2}(t)\left[\left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n-1,2n-1}^{p} - \left(\Gamma^{2}(t) + CI\right)_{2n-2,2n-2}^{p}\right].\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\widetilde{\alpha}}_{n}(t) &= \left[\lambda_{n+2}(t)J_{n,n+1}^{p}(t) + \gamma_{2n+2}^{2}(t)J_{n,n}^{p}(t)\right] \\ &- \left[\lambda_{n+1}(t)J_{n-1,n}^{p}(t) + \gamma_{2n}^{2}(t)J_{n-1,n-1}^{p}(t)\right] \\ &+ \left[-\gamma_{2n+2}^{2}(t)\widetilde{J}_{n,n}^{p}(t) + \gamma_{2n}^{2}(t)\widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{p}(t)\right] .\end{aligned}$$

Using (54) (with m = p),

$$\begin{split} \dot{\widetilde{\alpha}}_{n}(t) &= \left[\widetilde{J}_{n-1,n}^{p}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n,n}^{p}(t)\gamma_{2n+2}^{2}(t) \right] \\ &- \left[\widetilde{J}_{n-2,n-1}^{p}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n}(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{p}(t)\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t) \right] - \widetilde{J}_{n,n}^{p}(t)\gamma_{2n+2}^{2}(t) + \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^{p}(t)\gamma_{2n}^{2}(t) \\ &= \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n}^{p}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t) - \widetilde{J}_{n-2,n-1}^{p}(t)\widetilde{\lambda}_{n}(t) \,, \end{split}$$

which is the first relation in (5).

On the other hand, taking derivatives in $\tilde{\lambda}_{n+1}^2(t) = \gamma_{2n+1}^2(t)\gamma_{2n+2}^2(t)$ and dividing the obtained result by $\tilde{\lambda}_{n+1}^2(t)$ we arrive to

$$\frac{\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)} = \frac{\dot{\gamma}_{2n+1}(t)}{\gamma_{2n+1}(t)} + \frac{\dot{\gamma}_{2n+2}(t)}{\gamma_{2n+2}(t)}.$$
(56)

Taking into account (7) (substituting there n by 2n and 2n + 1, successively), from (56) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)}{\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)} &= \frac{\dot{\Gamma}_{2n-1,2n}(t)}{\Gamma_{2n-1,2n}(t)} + \frac{\dot{\Gamma}_{2n,2n+1}(t)}{\Gamma_{2n,2n+1}(t)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI \right)_{2n,2n}^p - \left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI \right)_{2n-1,2n-1}^p \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI \right)_{2n+1,2n+1}^p - \left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI \right)_{2n-2n-1}^p \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI \right)_{2n+1,2n+1}^p - \left(\Gamma^2(t) + CI \right)_{2n-2n-1}^p \right] . \end{aligned}$$

From this and (36),

$$\dot{\widetilde{\lambda}}_{n+1}(t) = \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(t)\left(\widetilde{J}_{n,n}^p - \widetilde{J}_{n-1,n-1}^p\right) \,,$$

what is the second relation of (5).

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