

# Generalized hydrodynamics in box-ball system

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## Today's theme

Statistical properties of **Randomised BBS** in and out of equilibrium

- Limit shape problem of soliton distribution  
by thermodynamic Bethe ansatz (TBA)
- Density plateaux emerging from domain wall initial conditions  
by generalized hydrodynamics (GHD)

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- velocity=amplitude (= 4 in the above example)

## Scattering of 2 and 3 solitons

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- Amplitudes are individually conserved (Yang-Baxter property)
- Phase shift in collision of  $j$ -soliton and  $k$ -soliton =  $2 \min(j, k)$

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- UD of a discrete KdV gives an evolution equation of BBS.

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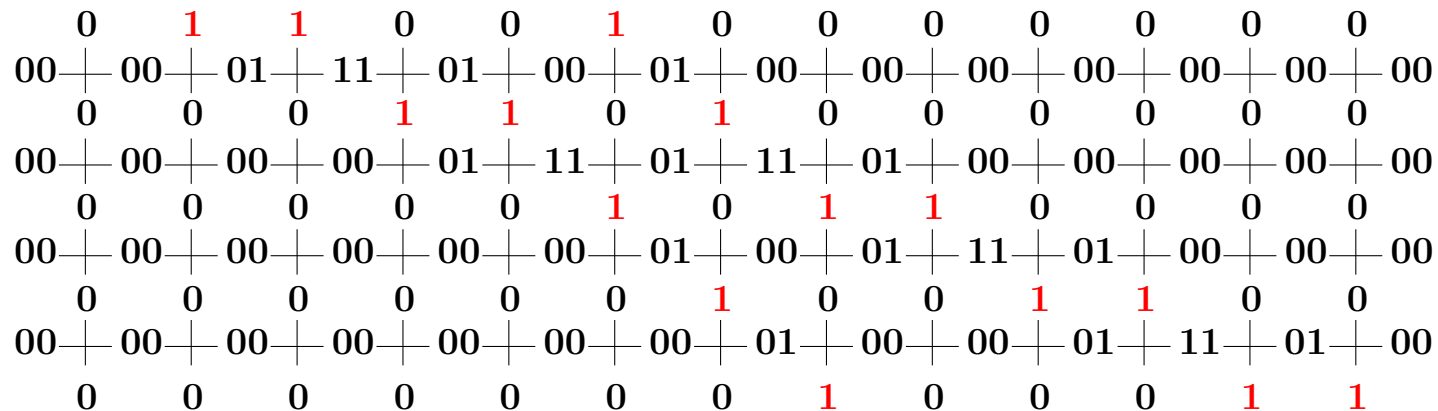
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emerges from a configuration of a 2D lattice model in statistical mechanics



by forgetting the hidden (auxiliary) variables on the horizontal edges.

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- Particles and antiparticles undergo pair-creations/annihilations.
- Soliton & scattering most naturally captured in quantum group framework.

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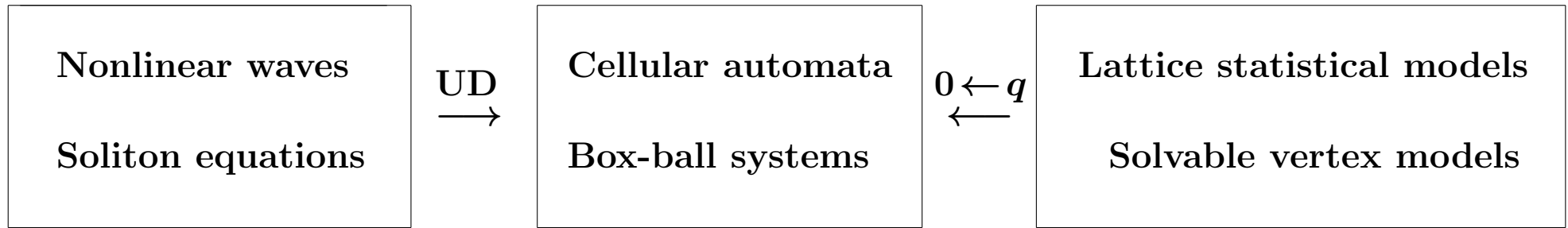
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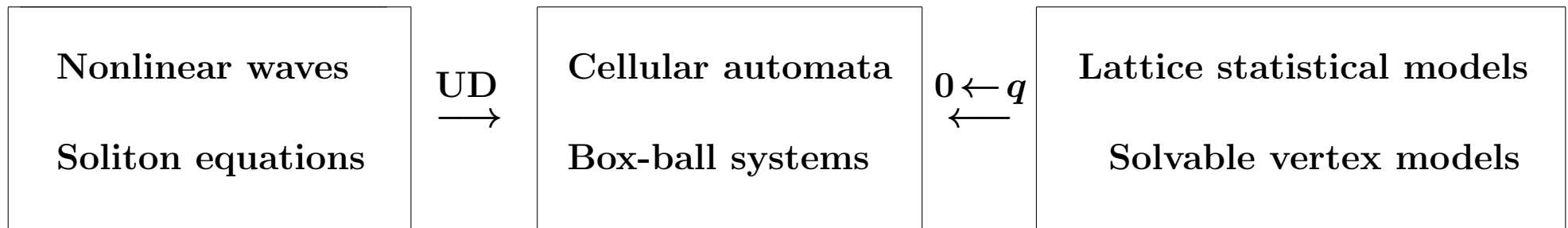
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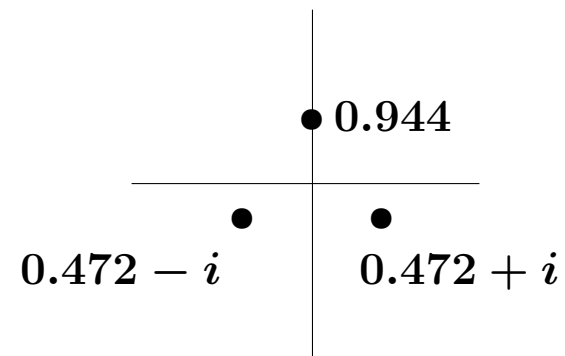
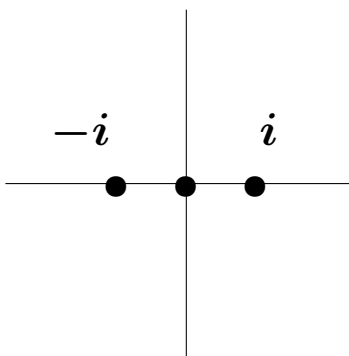
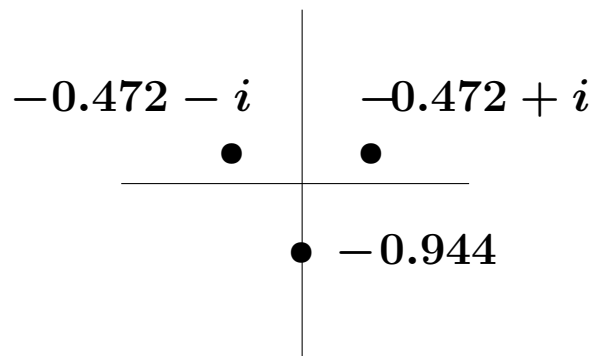
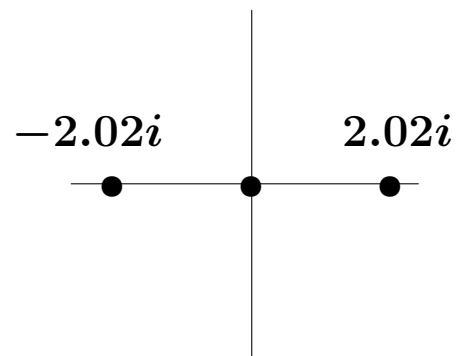
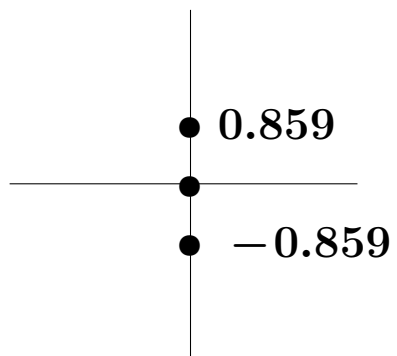
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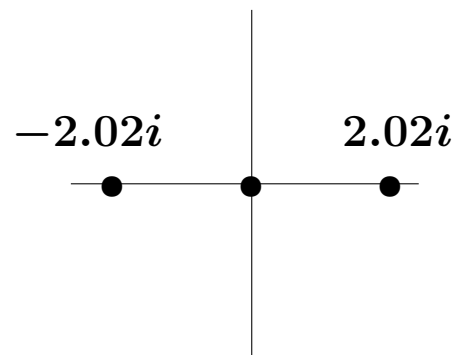
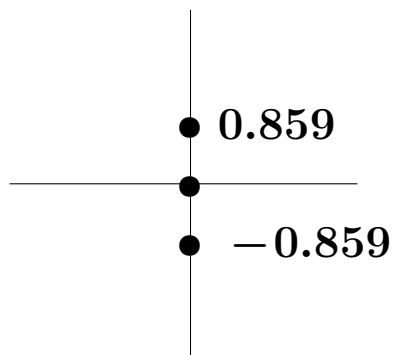
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Example: XXX chain with  $L = 6$  sites 3 down spins.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{u_1 + i}{u_1 - i}\right)^6 &= \frac{(u_1 - u_2 + 2i)(u_1 - u_3 + 2i)}{(u_1 - u_2 - 2i)(u_1 - u_3 - 2i)}, \\ \left(\frac{u_2 + i}{u_2 - i}\right)^6 &= \frac{(u_2 - u_1 + 2i)(u_2 - u_3 + 2i)}{(u_2 - u_1 - 2i)(u_2 - u_3 - 2i)}, \\ \left(\frac{u_3 + i}{u_3 - i}\right)^6 &= \frac{(u_3 - u_1 + 2i)(u_3 - u_2 + 2i)}{(u_3 - u_1 - 2i)(u_3 - u_2 - 2i)}. \end{aligned}$$

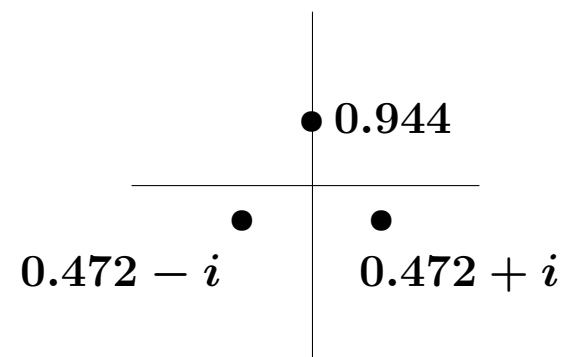
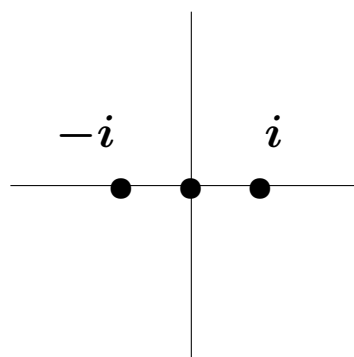
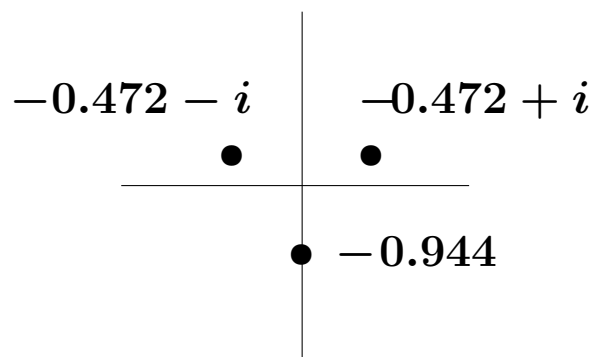






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$$\#_0\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \geq \#_1\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \quad (\forall k)$$

- rigged configuration =  $(\mu, r)$

$\mu$ : configuration = Young diagram	}	+ selection rule
$r$ : rigging = integers assigned to each row		

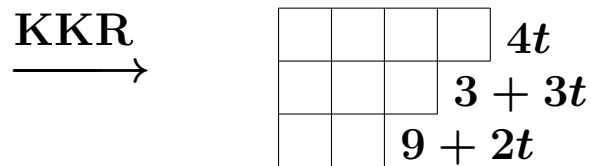
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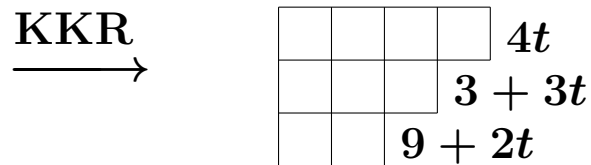
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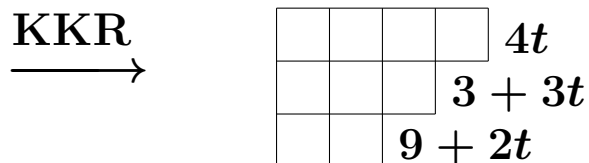


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Rigged configuration = action angle variable of BBS!

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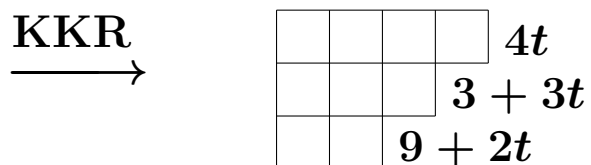
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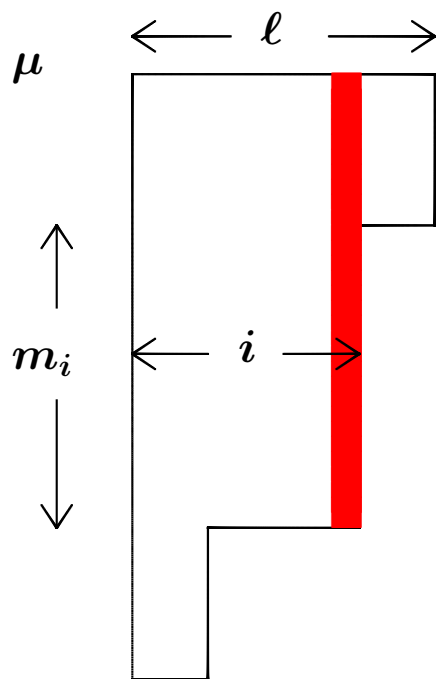
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$m_i :=$  number of  $i$ -solitons,  $\rho_i := \frac{1}{L}m_i =$  density of  $i$ -solitons ( $L \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**Result.** The limit shape of the soliton content  $\mu$  is given by



Density of solitons

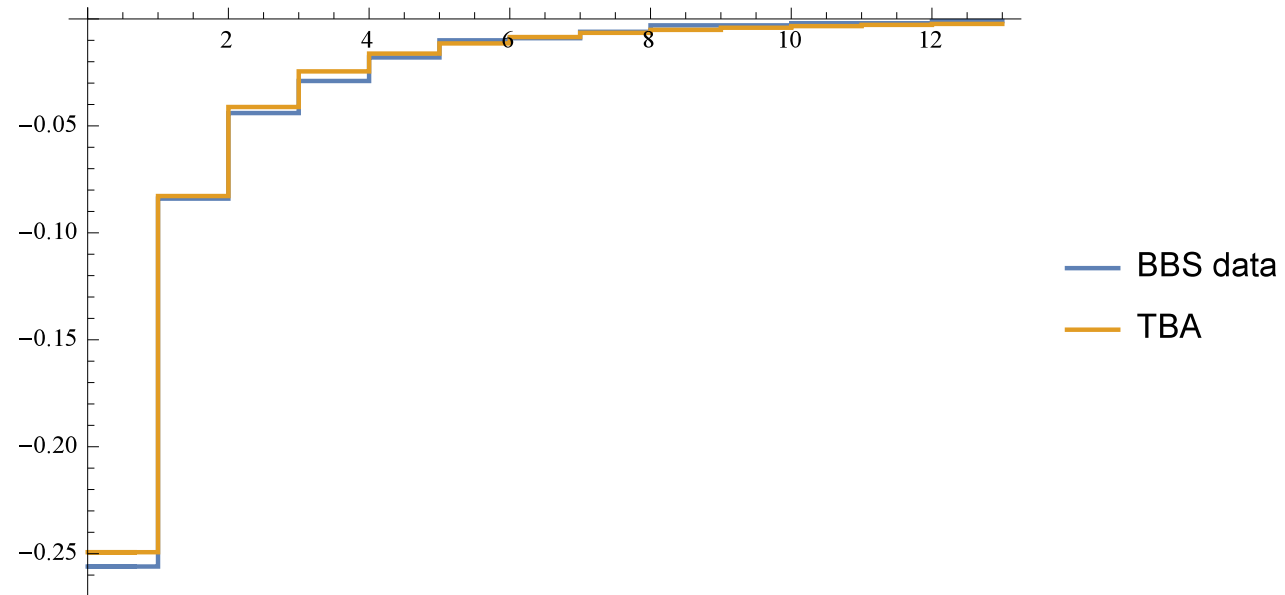
$$\rho_i = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L} m_i = \frac{q^i (1 - q)^3 (1 + q^{i+1})}{(1 + q)(1 - q^i)(1 - q^{i+1})(1 - q^{i+2})}$$

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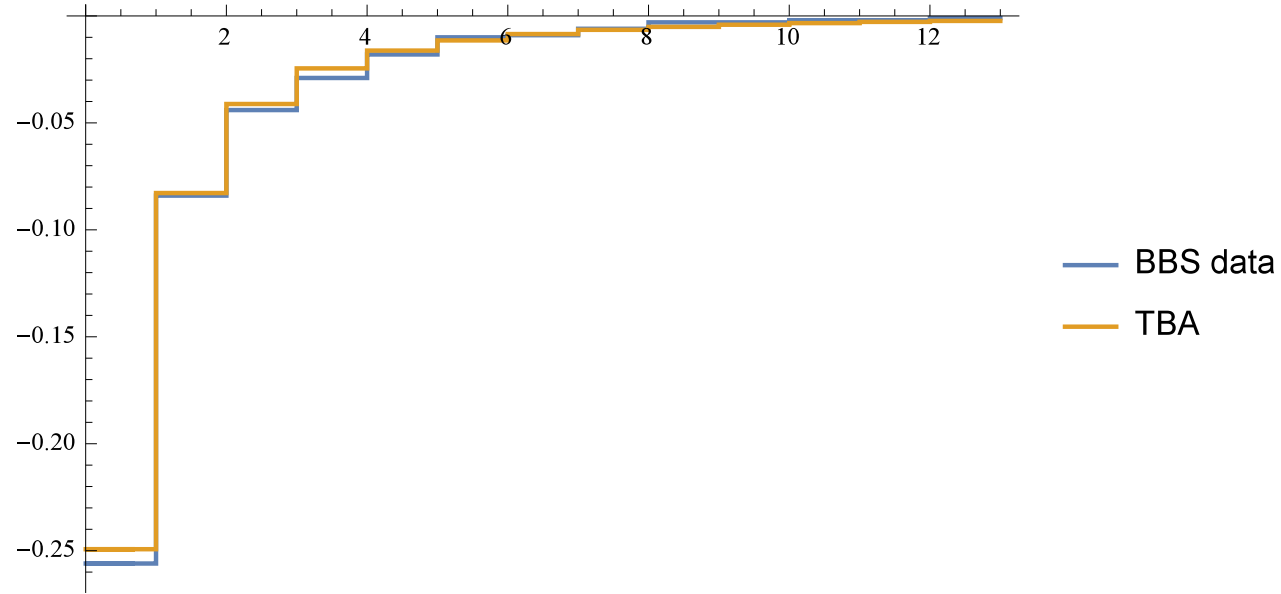
More general results are available for  $\widehat{sl}_n$  [K-Lyu-Okado, 2018], which clarifies an intrinsic connection to logarithmic derivative of a deformed character of KR-modules.

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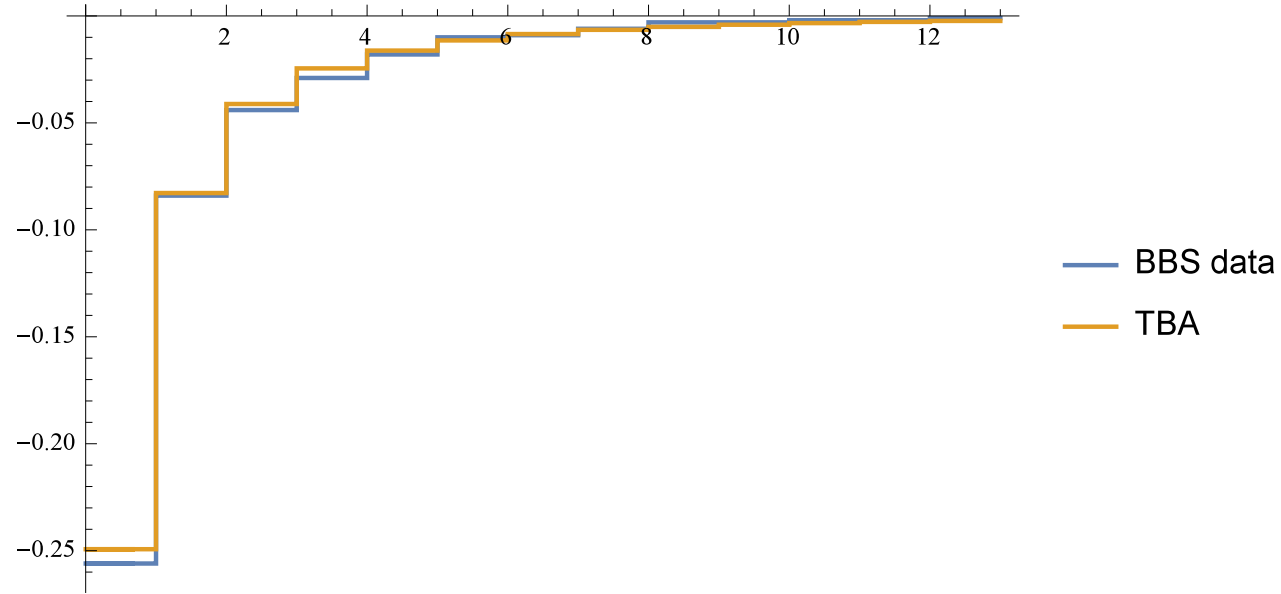
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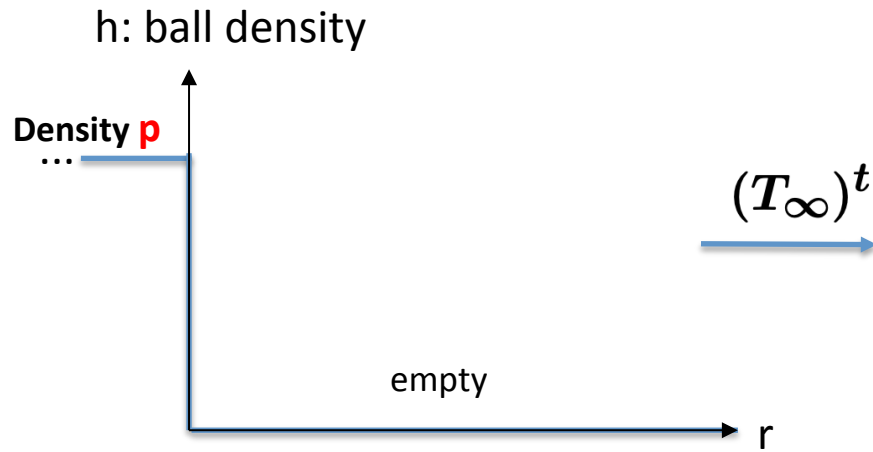
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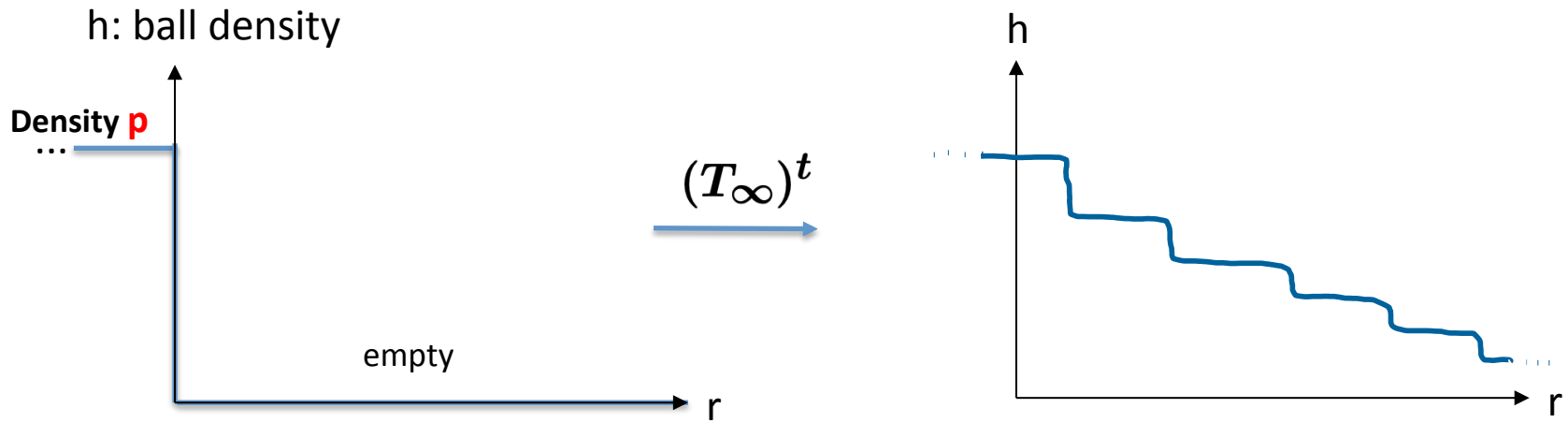
Solution:

$$v_j^{(l)} = \frac{1 + q^{l+1}}{1 - q^{l+1}} v_{\min(j, l)}, \quad v_j = j \frac{1 + q}{1 - q} - \frac{2q(1 + q)(1 - q^j)}{(1 - q)^2(1 + q^{j+1})}$$

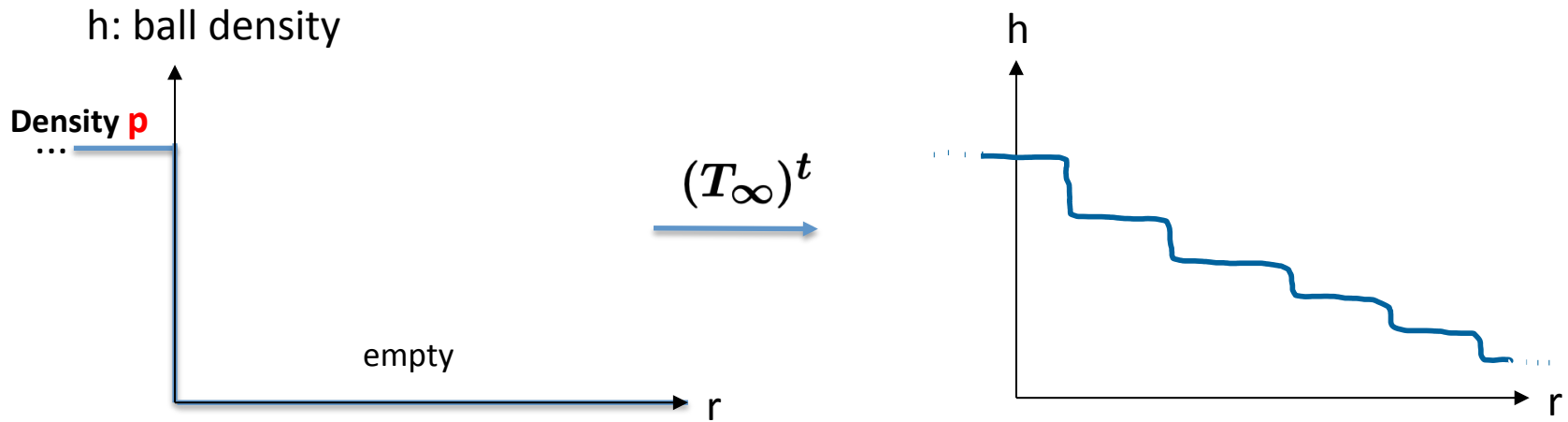
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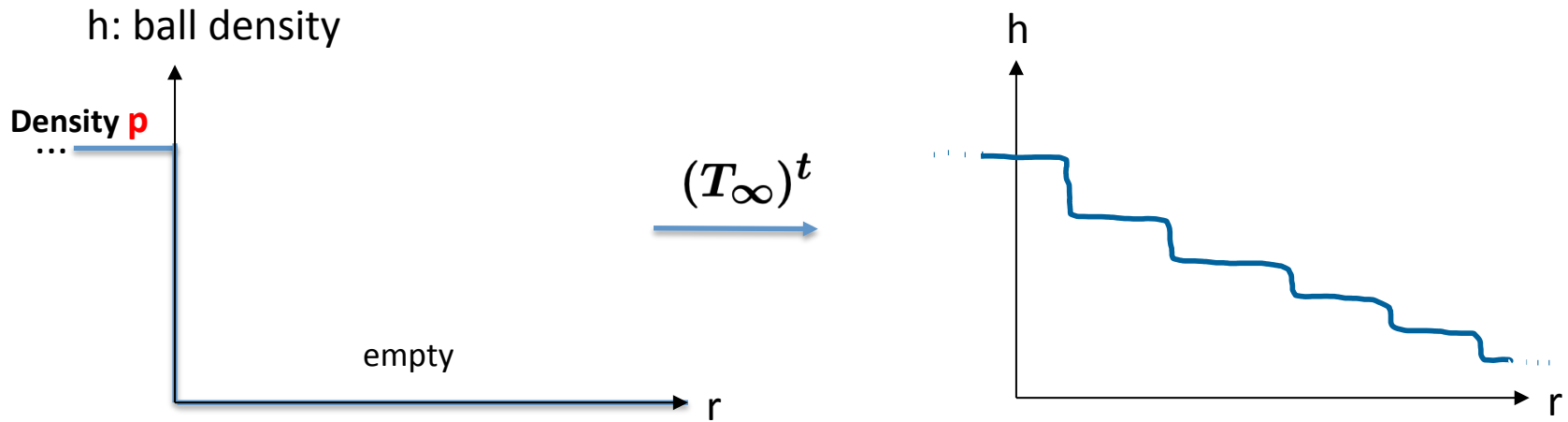


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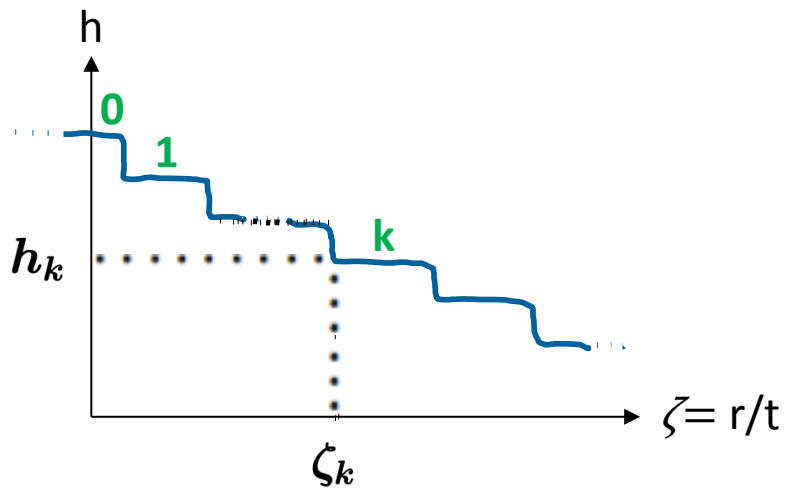


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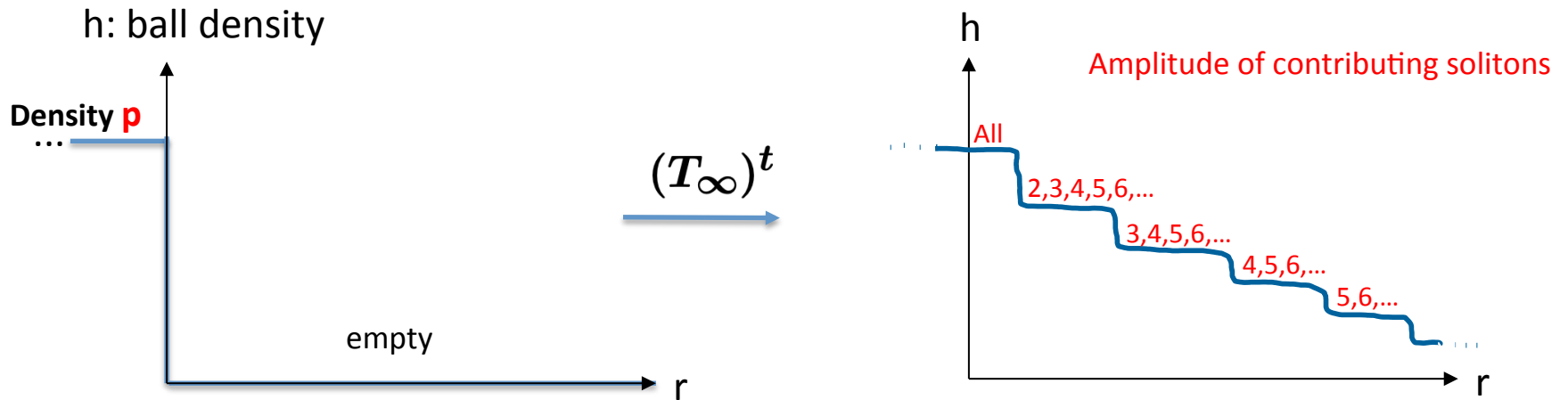
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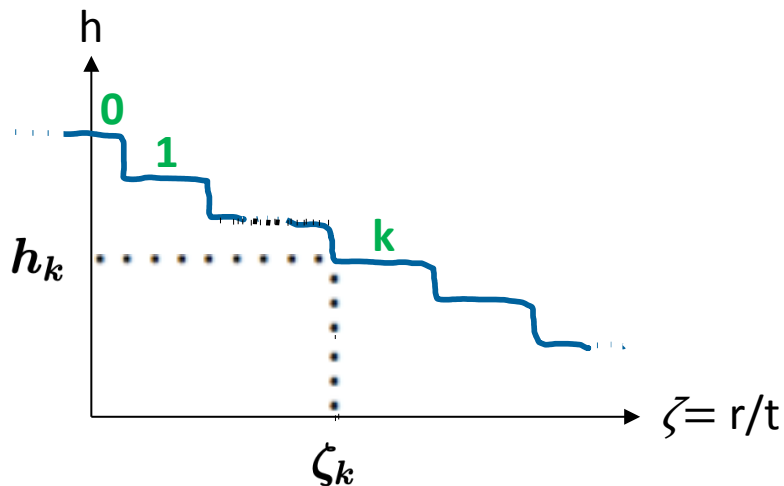
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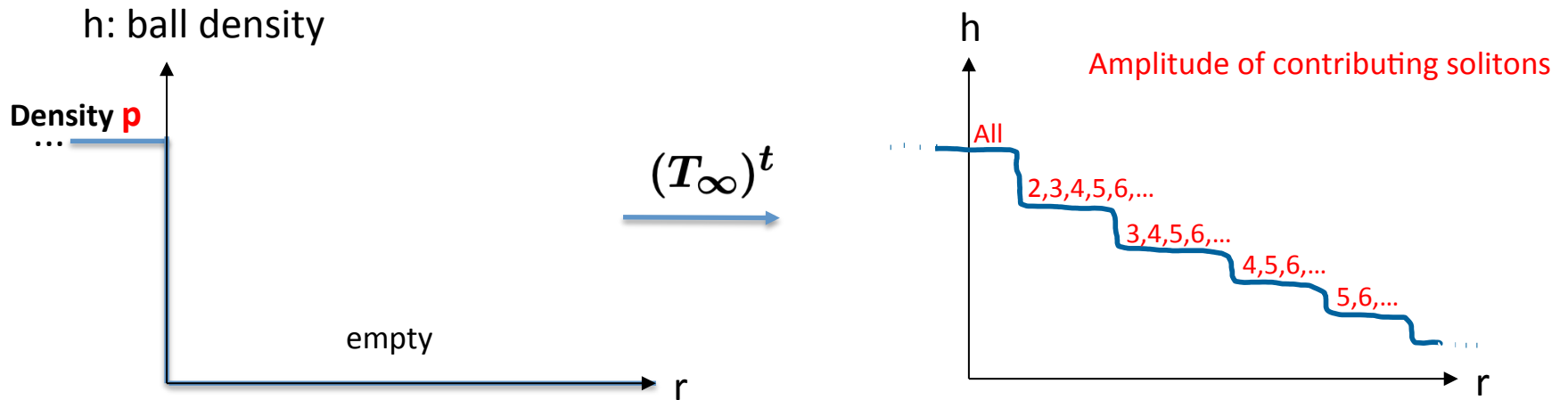
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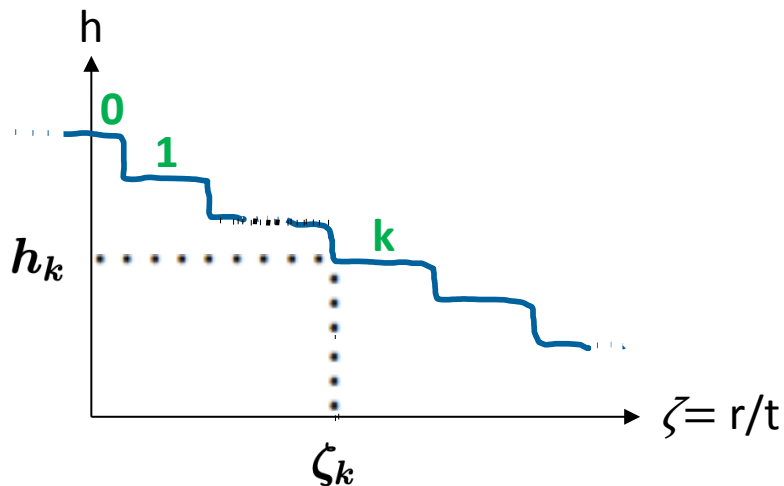
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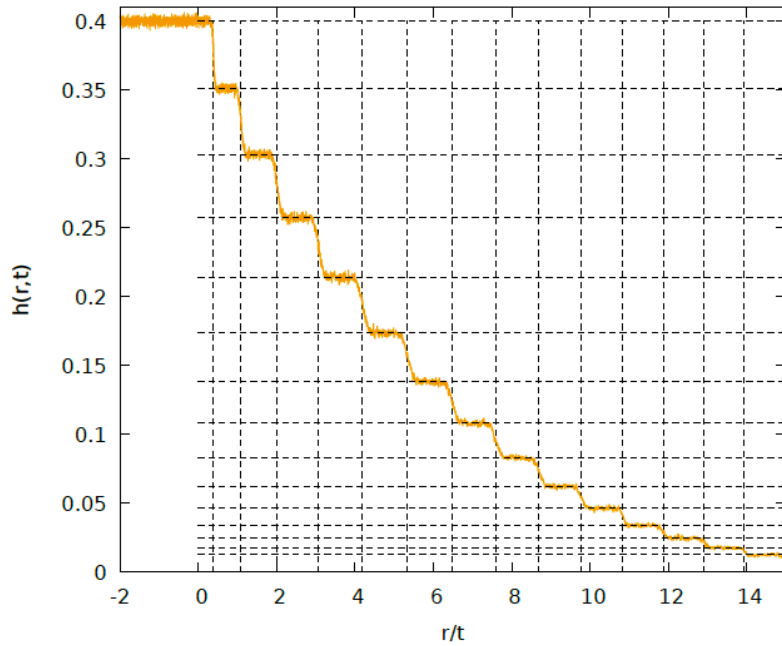
$$h_k = \frac{q^{k+1}(1 - q^{k+2} + k(1 - q))}{1 - q^{2k+3} + (2k + 1)(1 - q)q^{k+1}}$$

$$\zeta_k = \frac{k(1 - q^{k+1})}{1 + q^{k+1}} \quad \left( p = \frac{q}{1 + q} \right)$$



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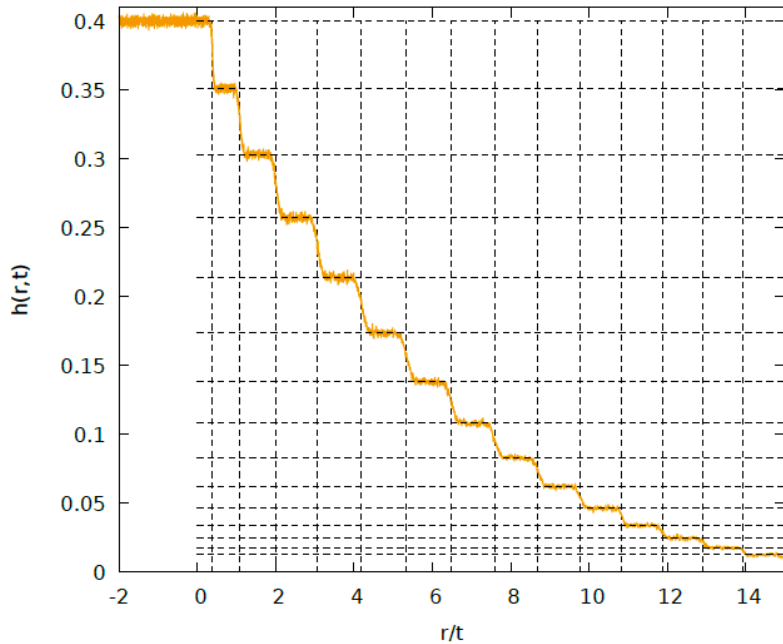


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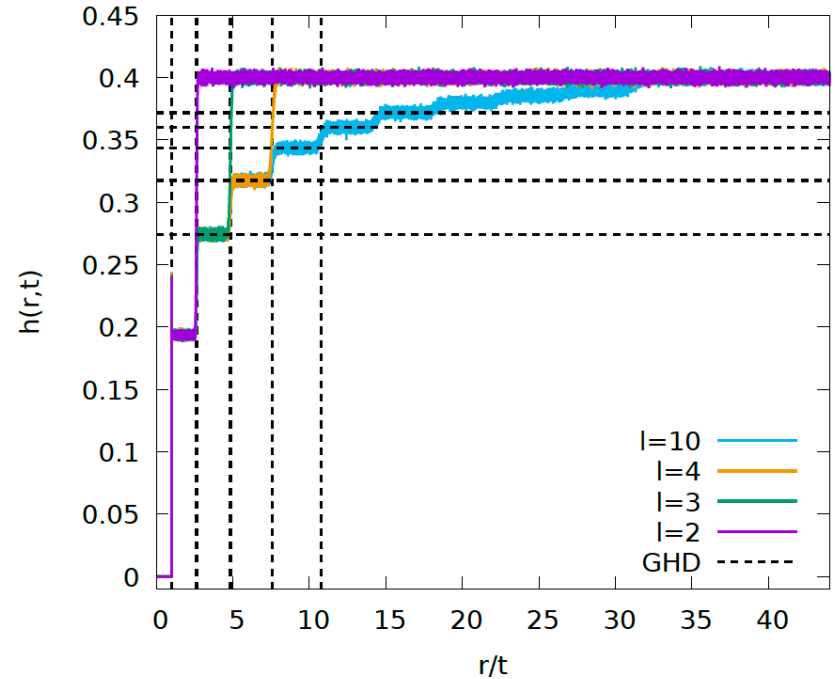
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Plateaux emerging from the *opposite domain wall* with empty left region by  $T_l$  ( $l=2,3,4,10$ )

Left edge of  $k$  th plateau  $\zeta =$  effective speed  $v_k^{(k)}$

Height of  $k$  th plateau ( $1 \leq k < l$ )

$$= \frac{q(1 - q^{2k+2} - (k+1)(1 - q^2)q^k)}{(1+q)(1 - (2k+3)(1-q)q^{k+1} - q^{2k+3})}$$

## Summary

1. BBS is a Yang-Baxter integrable cellular automaton with explicit action-angle variables originating in Bethe strings.
2. Limit shape of soliton content in randomized BBS is determined by TBA.
3. Density plateaux emerging from domain wall initial condition is analytically described by GHD.

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