

103. On Poles of the Rational Solution of the Toda Equation of Painlevé-II Type

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§ 1. Summary. The Toda equation

$$(1.1) \quad q'_n = p_{n-1} - p_n, \quad p'_n = p_n(q_n - q_{n+1}), \quad n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

admits the special rational solution

$$(1.2) \quad q_n = (\log P_n / P_{n+1})', \quad p_n = (\log P_{n+1})'' - t/4$$

where

$$(1.3) \quad P_n = \sum_{k=1}^{d(n)} (t - a_{n,k}) = \sum_{j=0}^{f(n)} P_{n,j} t^{d(n)-3j}$$

are the polynomials of degree $d(n) = n(n-1)/2$ with integral coefficients ($P_{n,0} = 1, P_{n,f(n)} \neq 0, f(n) = [n(n-1)/6]$). These polynomials were introduced by A. I. Yablonskii [1] and A. P. Vorobiev [2] who showed that q_n satisfies the Painlevé-II equation

$$(1.4) \quad q''_n = 2q_n^3 + tq_n + n.$$

All zeros of P_n are simple, P_n and P_{n+1} have no common zero. So q_n has n^2 simple poles and p_n has $n(n+1)/2$ double poles.

A sharp estimate for the maximal modulus of these poles is obtained. $A_n = \max \{|a_{n,k}|; 1 \leq k \leq d(n)\}$ satisfies

$$(1.5) \quad n^{2/3} \leq A_{n+2} \leq 4n^{2/3} \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

§ 2. Recurrence relation. If we define the rational functions q_n and p_n by the recurrence relation

$$(2.1) \quad q_0 = 0, \quad p_0 = -t/4,$$

$$(2.2) \quad q_n = (2n-1)/4 p_{n-1} - q_{n-1}, \quad p_n = -(p_{n-1} + q_n^2 + t/2),$$

$$(2.3) \quad q_{-n} = -q_n, \quad p_{-n} = p_{n-1}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

then

Theorem 2.1. $\{q_n, p_n\}$ satisfies the Toda equation (1.1), q_n satisfies the Painlevé-II equation (1.4) and p_n satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad p_n p''_n - p_n'^2/2 + 4p_n^3 + tp_n^2 + (2n+1)^2/32 = 0$$

for every integral n .

§ 3. Yablonskii-Vorobiev's polynomials. The rational functions P_n are determined uniquely by the relation

$$(3.1) \quad p_n = -P_n P_{n+2}/4P_{n+1}^2, \quad n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

with initial condition

$$(3.2) \quad P_0 = P_1 = 1.$$

Integrating the Toda equation with respect to n we have (1.2). So

we have

Theorem 3.1 (A. P. Vorobiev [2]).

$$(3.3) \quad P_n P_{n+2} = t P_{n+1}^2 + 4 P_{n+1}^{p_2} - 4 P_{n+1} P_{n+1}''.$$

Using (2.4) and (3.3) we can show

Theorem 3.2. P_n are the polynomials with properties stated in § 1.

§ 4. Laurent expansion at ∞ . The Laurent expansions at ∞ for q_n and p_n are convergent in $|t| > \max\{A_n, A_{n+1}\}$ and in $|t| > A_{n+1}$ respectively. Inserting the expressions

$$(4.1) \quad \tilde{q}_n = q_n + nt^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j q_{n,j} t^{-(3j+4)},$$

$$(4.2) \quad \tilde{p}_n = -p_n - t/4 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j p_{n,j} t^{-(3j+2)}$$

into the Toda equation (1.1) we have a recurrence relation for the coefficients which gives

Theorem 4.1.

$$(4.3) \quad q_{n+1,j} \geq q_{n,j} \geq 0, \quad p_{n,j} \geq p_{n-1,j} \geq 0, \\ n=0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad j=0, 1, 2, \dots.$$

From these inequalities it follows

$$(4.4) \quad A_{n+1} > A_n > A_2 = 0, \quad n=3, 4, 5, \dots.$$

§ 5. Estimate from below for A_n . \tilde{p}_{n-1} has a different expression as Laurent series at ∞ .

$$(5.1) \quad \tilde{p}_{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{d(n)} (t - a_{n,k})^{-2} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+1) \sum_{k=1}^{d(n)} a_{n,k}^j t^{-(j+2)}.$$

Comparing this with (4.2) we have

$$(5.2) \quad p_{n-1,j} / (3j+1) = \sum_{k=1}^{d(n)} (-a_{n,k})^{3j}$$

where the righthand side does not exceed $d(n)A_n^{3j}$ so we have

Theorem 5.1.

$$(5.3) \quad A_n \geq (p_{n-1,j} / (3j+1) d(n))^{1/3j}, \quad n=3, 4, 5, \dots, \quad j=1, 2, 3, \dots.$$

Especially

$$(5.4) \quad A_n \geq ((n-2)(n+1))^{1/3}, \quad n=3, 4, 5, \dots.$$

Since we know that

$$(5.5) \quad p_{n-1,1} = 2n(n-1)(n(n-1)-2).$$

§ 6. Estimate from above for A_n . From the results of § 4

$$(6.1) \quad \hat{q}_n = -n^{-1}tq_n - 1, \quad \hat{p}_n = 1 + 4t^{-1}p_n$$

can be expressed as a convergent power series of $(-t)^{-1}$ with non negative coefficients in $|t| > A_{n+1}$. Rewriting the recurrence relation (2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$(6.2) \quad \hat{p}_0 = 0, \quad (\hat{q}_0 = 0),$$

$$(6.3) \quad n\hat{q}_n = (2n-1)\hat{p}_{n-1}/(1-\hat{p}_{n-1}) - (n-1)\hat{q}_{n-1}, \\ \hat{p}_n = 4n^2(-t)^{-3}(1+\hat{q}_n)^2 - \hat{p}_{n-1}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots.$$

Estimating these recurrence relations inductively we have

Theorem 6.1. *Define*

$$(6.4) \quad T_n(\theta) = (4n^2\varphi(\theta))^{1/3} \quad \text{where } \varphi(\theta) = (1+\theta)^2\theta^{-1}(1-\theta)^{-2}$$

for any fixed θ ($0 < \theta < 1$). Then we have

$$(6.5) \quad A_{n+2} \leq T_n(\theta),$$

$$(6.6) \quad |\hat{q}_n(t)| \leq 2\theta/(1-\theta), \quad |\hat{p}_n(t)| \leq \theta \quad \text{for } |t| \geq T_n(\theta)$$

for any $n \geq 1$.

Since $\min_{0 < \theta < 1} \varphi(\theta) = \varphi(\sqrt{5}-2) = (11+5\sqrt{5})/2$ then the best result is obtained when we choose $\theta = \sqrt{5}-2$. Now we arrive at our main theorem.

Theorem 6.2 (Main theorem).

$$(6.7) \quad (n(n+3))^{1/3} \leq A_{n+2} \leq (2(11+5\sqrt{5}))^{1/3}n^{2/3}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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