

118. On Rational Similarity Solutions of KdV and m -KdV Equations

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§ 1. Summary. The Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation

$$(1.1) \quad u_t - 12uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0$$

and the modified Korteweg-de Vries (m -KdV) equation

$$(1.2) \quad v_t - 6v^2v_x + v_{xxx} = 0$$

have a series of rational similarity solutions

$$(1.3) \quad u_n(x, t) = g(n+1)x^{-2} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^2 \log F_{n+1}(x, t),$$

$$(1.4) \quad v_n(x, t) = (g(n) - g(n+1))x^{-1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log (F_n(x, t)/F_{n+1}(x, t))$$

where

$$(1.5) \quad F_n(x, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{f(n)} P_{n,j} (3t)^j x^{3(f(n)-j)}$$

is a homogeneous polynomial of x^3 and t of degree $f(n) = [n(n-1)/6]$ with integral coefficients $P_{n,j}$ ($P_{n,0} = 1$, $P_{n,f(n)} \neq 0$), $g(n) = 1$ if $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, $= 0$ otherwise. These polynomials are essentially the same as those of A. I. Yablonskii [1] and A. P. Vorobiev [2]. Actually the polynomials

$$(1.6) \quad P_n(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^{f(n)} P_{n,j} \xi^{d(n)-3j}, \quad (d(n) = n(n-1)/2)$$

were introduced by them to describe the rational solutions of Painlevé-II equation.

$$(1.7) \quad q_n = (\log P_n(\xi)/P_{n+1}(\xi))'$$

satisfies Painlevé-II equation

$$(1.8) \quad q_n'' = 2q_n^3 + \xi q_n + n.$$

It gives also a rational solution of the Toda equation. If p_n is given by

$$(1.9) \quad p_n = -P_n P_{n+2} / 4P_{n+1}^2 = (\log P_{n+1}(\xi))' - \xi/4$$

then $\{q_n, p_n\}$ satisfies the Toda equation

$$(1.10) \quad q_n' = p_{n-1} - p_n, \quad p_n' = p_n(q_n - q_{n+1}).$$

Vorobiev calculated the coefficients of P_n ($n \leq 8$) and showed that $P_{n,j}$ are very large integers for large n and j . Here we give a theoretical bound for them.

$$(1.11) \quad |P_{n,j}| \leq (7n)^{4j}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \quad 0 \leq j \leq f(n).$$