

I will research solvable models in field theories and statistical mechanics from a point of view of mathematical physics <sup>1</sup>. For example, I will continue to research the following topics.

### (1) Baxter $Q$ -operators

Baxter  $Q$ -operators were introduced by R. J. Baxter in the early 1970's when he solved the 8-vertex model. Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov introduced transfer matrices in CFT and defined Baxter  $Q$ -operators as traces over infinite dimensional representations of a certain  $q$ -oscillator algebra. Their work is attracting interest from various areas in physics and mathematics, such as representation theory of quantum groups, ODE/IM correspondence, Bäcklund transformation in soliton theory (which is important in classical integrable system) and the algebraic Bethe ansatz in solvable lattice models. In view of this situation, Prof. V. Bazhanov (ANU) and I researched on new expressions (Wronskian-type formulae) on  $T$ -operators (transfer matrices) based on the Baxter  $Q$ -operators from 2003 to 2008. Mathematically, these correspond to quantum affine superalgebra analogues of Weyl character formulae. Or, they can be interpreted as a kind of  $q$ -(super)characters. Since we have already published our results on  $U_q(\widehat{sl}(2|1))$  (as for eigenvalue formulae, on  $U_q(\widehat{gl}(M|N))$ ), we are constructing Wronskian-type formulae on  $Q$ - and  $T$ -operators for more general quantum affine superalgebras <sup>2</sup>. I also would like to clarify properties of the  $Q$  and  $T$ -operators as  $\tau$ -functions in the soliton theory. This contributes to mathematics (mainly representation theory) from a point of view of physics.

### (2) Solvable models related to AdS/CFT correspondence

A paper on  $Y$ -system by N. Gromov, V. Kazakov and P. Vieira in January 2009 gave a considerable impact on the AdS/CFT community [cf. Integrability for the Full Spectrum of Planar AdS/CFT, arXiv:0901.3753 [hep-th]]. After a transformation of dependent variables, this  $Y$ -system becomes a union of two  $T$ -systems (specialized to  $sl(2|2)$ ) in my paper in 1997. Thus we will be able to analyze the solutions of this  $Y$ -system if we consider Wronskian-type formulae similar to the ones in my paper in 2009. Now I am collaborating with Prof. Kazakov and Dr. Gromov on problems related to this. I will continue collaboration with them for the time being.

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<sup>1</sup>This contains both to apply mathematics to physics (applied mathematics) and to conjecture theorems in mathematics based on methods in physics.

<sup>2</sup>I will give not only eigenvalue formulae but also operator realizations of them based on the representation theory of  $q$ -oscillator algebras.