

SOLITONS ON WORMHOLES

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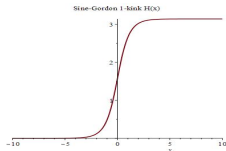
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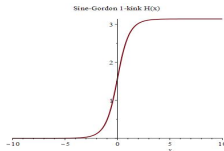
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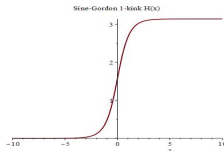


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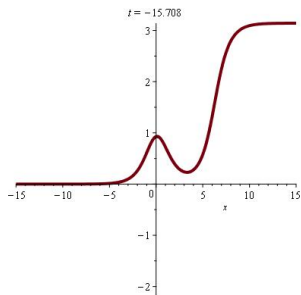


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$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t, x) &= H(x) + \epsilon u(x, t), & u(x, t) &= e^{i\omega t} \psi(x) \\ L(\psi) &= \omega^2 \psi, & L &= -\partial_x^2 - 4\operatorname{sech}^2(\sqrt{2}x) + 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec}(L) = \{0\} \cup [2, \infty).$$

SG kink is not asymptotically stable: time dependent wobbling kinks
(time-dependent solitons resulting from integrability of Sine-Gordon)



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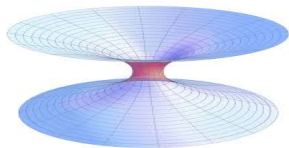
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- A step towards the [soliton resolution conjecture](#): Solutions of dispersive wave equations asymptotically resolve into a superposition of localised structures (solitons, black holes, ...) and radiation. (e.g. Terence Tao's blog *Structure and randomness in PDE*).

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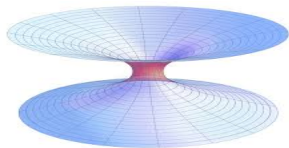
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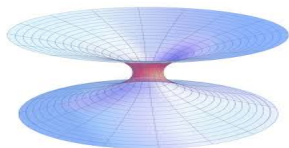


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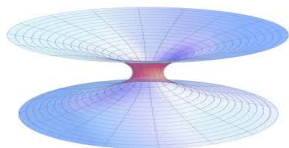
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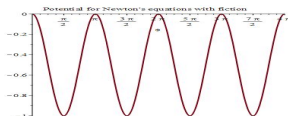
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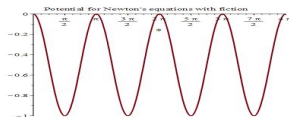
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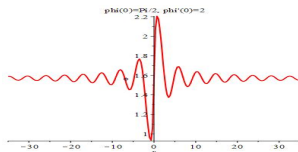


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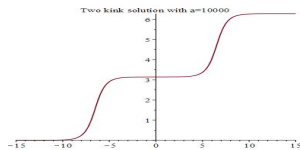
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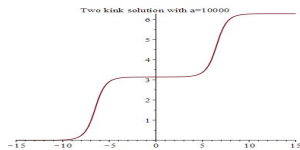


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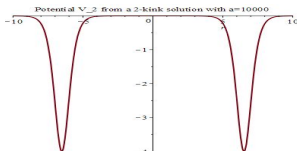
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LINEAR STABILITY AND MASS GAP

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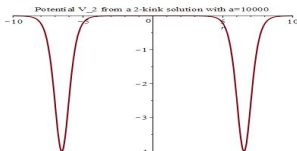
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