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It's been a hard day's night,
and I've been working like a dog.
It's been a hard day's night,
I should be sleeping like a log.

*J. Lennon/P. McCartney*¹

This monograph is the second volume focusing on a certain class of solutions, namely the algebro-geometric solutions of hierarchies of soliton equations. While we studied nonlinear partial differential equations in one space and one time dimension in the first volume, with the Korteweg–de Vries (KdV) and AKNS hierarchies as the prime examples, we now discuss differential-difference equations, where the time variable is continuous, while the one-dimensional spatial variable is discretized in this second volume. The key examples treated here in great detail are the Toda and Ablowitz–Ladik lattice hierarchies.

As in the case of the previous volume, we have tried to make the presentation as detailed, explicit, and precise as possible. The text is aimed to be self-contained for graduate students with sufficient training in analysis. Ample background material is provided in the appendices. The notation is consistent with that of Volume I, whenever possible (but the present Volume II is independent of Volume I).

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