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## Lax Pairs for the KdV equation

First we define the Hamiltonian operator :

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In[146]:= H = (4 D[#, {x, 3}] - 3 (D[u[x] * #, x] + u[x] * D[#, x])) &
```

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Out[146]= 4 ∂{x,3} #1 - 3 (∂x (u[x] #1) + u[x] ∂x #1) &
```

Example for the use of the Hamiltonian :

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In[129]:= H[x^4]
```

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Out[129]= 96 x - 3 (8 x^3 u[x] + x^4 u'[x])
```

Next, define the Schroedinger operator :

```
In[135]:= L = (-D[#, {x, 2}] + u[x] * #) &
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Out[135]= -∂{x,2} #1 + u[x] #1 &
```

Example :

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In[136]:= L[x^2]
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Out[136]= -2 + x^2 u[x]
```

Applying the L to the H to an arbitrary function :

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In[142]:= L@H@f[x]
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Out[142]= u[x] (-3 (2 u[x] f'[x] + f[x] u'[x]) + 4 f(3)[x]) +  
3 (5 u'[x] f''[x] + 4 f'[x] u''[x] + 2 u[x] f(3)[x] + f[x] u(3)[x]) - 4 f(5)[x]
```

Applying the H to the L and to an arbitrary function :

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In[143]:= H@L@f[x]
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Out[143]= -3 (u'[x] (f[x] u[x] - f''[x]) + 2 u[x] (u[x] f'[x] + f[x] u'[x] - f(3)[x])) +  
4 (3 u'[x] f''[x] + 3 f'[x] u''[x] + u[x] f(3)[x] + f[x] u(3)[x] - f(5)[x])
```

The commutator, [L, H], is the difference between the two operators above

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In[149]:= L@H@f[x] - H@L@f[x]
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Out[149]= 3 (u'[x] (f[x] u[x] - f''[x]) + 2 u[x] (u[x] f'[x] + f[x] u'[x] - f(3)[x])) +  
u[x] (-3 (2 u[x] f'[x] + f[x] u'[x]) + 4 f(3)[x]) +  
3 (5 u'[x] f''[x] + 4 f'[x] u''[x] + 2 u[x] f(3)[x] + f[x] u(3)[x]) -  
4 (3 u'[x] f''[x] + 3 f'[x] u''[x] + u[x] f(3)[x] + f[x] u(3)[x] - f(5)[x]) - 4 f(5)[x]
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Looks bad, but :

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In[150]:= % // Expand
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Out[150]= 6 f[x] u[x] u'[x] - f[x] u(3)[x]
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**which is  $f[x]$  times the KdV equation.**