

Quantum strings on $AdS_4 \times CP^3$: finite size spectrum vs. Bethe ansatz

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The AdS₄/CFT₃ correspondence.

AdS → Anti de Sitter

- Type IIA string theory on AdS₄ × CP³
- 10 dimensional theory of gravity
- Bulk

CFT → Conformal Field Theory

- $\mathcal{N} = 6$ superconformal Chern-Simons theory (ABJM, arXiv:0806.1218) on \mathbb{R}^3
- 3 dimensional gauge theory
- Boundary

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- S-matrix
- Rapidity
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arXiv:0901.0411, 0901.1142
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Open debate on **subleading corrections to $h(\lambda)$** at strong coupling.

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K_0 is the modified Bessel of the second kind.

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- Define $c = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2\lambda}}$, $\omega_n = \sqrt{n^2 + \frac{c^2}{4}}$.
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Impose symmetry for $n \rightarrow -n$ and $a_i \rightarrow \tilde{a}_i$.

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Classification of the states/3

Two fermionic oscillators

- They are of the type $d_\alpha^\dagger A_{\alpha\beta} d_\beta^\dagger |0\rangle$. Projecting onto physical states reveals there are **16** such states.
- Choice of the basis:

$$A_{j=9\dots 24} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{56}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{12}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{13}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{23}, \right. \\ \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{1256}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{1356}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{2356}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{1457}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{2457}, \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{3457}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{1467}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{2467}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{3467}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{0579}, \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{0679} \right\}.$$

- We have an orthonormal basis u_1, \dots, u_{24} .

Spectrum of the basis $u_1, \dots, u_{24}/1$

Two bosonic oscillators: spectrum

The basis u_1, \dots, u_{24} diagonalizes the perturbation Hamiltonian: it is the **physical basis**!

state	expansion of the spectrum
u_1	$\frac{1}{j} \left(-16n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 96n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 768n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots \right)$
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u_3	$\frac{1}{j} \left(-8n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots \right)$
u_4	$\frac{1}{j} \left(-16n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 96n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 768n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots \right)$
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Spectrum of the basis $u_1, \dots, u_{24}/2$

Two fermionic oscillators: spectrum

state	expansion of the spectrum
$u_{9,10}$	$\frac{1}{j} (-32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 + 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots)$
$u_{11,\dots,16}$	$\frac{1}{j} (-8n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots)$
$u_{17,\dots,22}$	$\frac{1}{j} (-32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 + 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots)$
$u_{23,24}$	$\frac{1}{j} (8n^2\pi^2\lambda' - 96n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 + 768n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots)$

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Single magnon states

Bosonic

K_{u_4}	$K_{u_{\bar{4}}}$	K_{u_1}	K_{u_2}	K_{u_3}
1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1

Fermionic

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1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	0

Two magnon states corresponding to the u_1, \dots, u_{24} basis

K_{u_4}	$K_{u_{\bar{4}}}$	K_{u_1}	K_{u_2}	K_{u_3}	Multiplicity
1	1	1	1	1	4
2	0	1	1	1	2
0	2	1	1	1	2
1	1	2	0	0	2
1	1	2	1	0	4
1	1	2	2	0	2
2	0	2	0	0	1
0	2	2	0	0	1
2	0	2	1	0	2
0	2	2	1	0	2
2	0	2	2	0	1
0	2	2	2	0	1

- Multiplicities:
- $p \rightarrow -p$ symmetry
- double branchings.
- **24 states**

Spectrum of the two magnon configurations

State	Expansion of the spectrum
(1, 1, 1, 1) _{branch1}	$-8n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots$
(2, 0, 1, 1, 1) _{branch1}	$-32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 + 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots$
(1, 1, 1, 1, 1) _{branch2}	$-16n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 96n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 768n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots$
(2, 0, 1, 1, 1) _{branch2}	$-8n^2\pi^2\lambda' + 32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 - 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots$
(1, 1, 2, 2, 0)	$-32n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 + 256n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots$
(2, 0, 2, 2, 0)	$8n^2\pi^2\lambda' - 96n^4\pi^4\lambda'^2 + 768n^6\pi^6\lambda'^3 + \dots$
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String theory vs. Bethe ansatz/1

Boson-boson spectrum comparison

Write the spectrum in this form

$$E = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{i=1} c_i \lambda^i (8\pi^2 n^2)^i$$

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$(0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	2	$(2, 0, 1, 1, 1)_{branch1}$	5, 7
$(-1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$	4	$(2, 0, 1, 1, 1)_{branch2}$ $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{branch1}$	2, 3, 6, 8
$(-2, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2})$	2	$(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{branch2}$	1, 4

String theory vs. Bethe ansatz/1

Fermion-fermion spectrum comparison

(c_1, \dots, c_5)	Multiplicity	BA state	String state
$(1, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$	2	$(2, 0, 2, 2, 0)$	23, 24
$(0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	8	$(1, 1, 2, 2, 0)$	9, 10
		$(2, 0, 2, 1, 0)_{branch1}$	17, 18
		$(2, 0, 2, 1, 0)_{branch2}$	19, 20
		$(2, 0, 2, 0, 0)$	21, 22
$(-1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$	6	$(1, 1, 2, 1, 0)_{branch1}$	11, 12
		$(1, 1, 2, 1, 0)_{branch2}$	13, 14
		$(1, 1, 2, 0, 0)$	15, 16

Perfect agreement between String theory and Bethe ansatz: in magnitude and multiplicity

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