

Integrability and the AdS/CFT Correspondence

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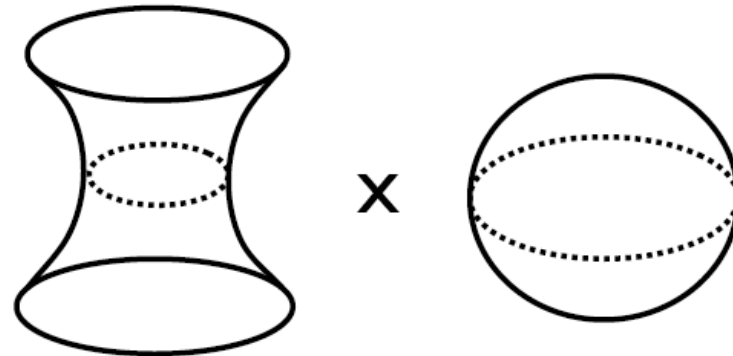
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The AdS/CFT Correspondence

IIB Superstrings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$



string tension: $\frac{1}{\alpha'}$ string coupling: g_s axion condensate: $\langle C \rangle$

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ $SU(N)$ supersymmetric gauge theory

't Hooft coupling: $\lambda = Ng_{\text{YM}}^2$ 1/color number: $\frac{1}{N}$ theta angle: θ_{YM}

Conjecture: exact duality between these two theories:

$$\frac{R^2}{\alpha'} = \sqrt{\lambda} \text{ with } 4\pi g_s = \frac{\lambda}{N} \text{ and } \langle C \rangle = \theta_{\text{YM}}$$

[Maldacena '97]

Fascinating Links

- Between quantum field theories without gravity, and string theories with (both classical and quantized) gravity
- Between exactly solvable two-dimensional quantum field theory and exactly solvable four-dimensional quantum field theory
- Between gauge/string theories and mathematics (representation theory, quantum groups and Hopf algebras, complex analysis, integral equations, quantum geometry, ...)
- Between gauge/string theories and solved as well as unsolved problems of theoretical solid state physics

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Supersymmetric Gauge Theory, I

[Brink, Schwarz, Scherk '77; Gliozzi, Scherk, Olive '77]

Fields: All fields are in the adjoint representation, they are $N \times N$ matrices.

- gauge field \mathcal{A}_μ with $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$ of dimension $\Delta = 1$
- field strength $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathcal{A}_\mu - i [\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu]$, $\Delta = 2$
- **6** real scalars Φ_m , with $m = 1, \dots, 6$, $\Delta = 1$
- 4×4 real fermions $\Psi_{\alpha a}, \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^a$ mit $\alpha, \dot{\alpha} = 1, 2$, $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$, $\Delta = \frac{3}{2}$
- covariant derivatives: $\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu - i \mathcal{A}_\mu$, $\Delta = 1$

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Supersymmetric Gauge Theory, II

Action:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = \frac{N}{\lambda} \int d^4x \, 2 \operatorname{Tr} & \left(\frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}^\mu \Phi^m \mathcal{D}_\mu \Phi_m - \frac{1}{4} [\Phi^m, \Phi^n] [\Phi_m, \Phi_n] \right. \\
 & \left. + \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^a \sigma_{\mu}^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \mathcal{D}^\mu \Psi_{\beta a} - \frac{i}{2} \Psi_{\alpha a} \sigma_m^{ab} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} [\Phi^m, \Psi_{\beta b}] - \frac{i}{2} \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^a \sigma_{ab}^m \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} [\Phi_m, \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\beta}}^b] \right) \\
 & + \frac{\theta_{\text{YM}}}{16 \pi^2} \int d^4x \, 2 \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\mu\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$

Free parameters: $\lambda = N g_{\text{YM}}^2$ and N and θ_{YM} .

Unique Model completely fixed by supersymmetry. λ is dimensionless.

Superconformal quantum field theory.

[Avdeev, Tarasov, Vladimirov '80; Grisaru, Rocek, Siegel '80]

[Sohnius, West '81; Caswell, Zanon '81; Brink, Lindgren, Nilsson '83; Mandelstam '83; Howe, Stelle, Townsend '84]

Symmetries of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Supersymmetric Gauge Theory

The “most beautiful” four-dimensional gauge theory. Many symmetries:

- Nonabelian local gauge symmetry, e.g. $SU(N)$.
- Global symmetry: $PSU(2, 2|4)$. Contains:
Conformal group $SU(2, 2) \simeq SO(2, 4)$, R-symmetry $SU(4) \simeq SO(6)$.
The latter two groups are connected by $\mathcal{N} = 4$ supersymmetries.
- Olive-Montonen symmetry: $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$:
Form complex coupling constant $\tau = \frac{\theta_{\text{YM}}}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i N}{\lambda}$,
invariant under $\tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$ with $ad - bc = 1$.
- At $N \rightarrow \infty$ new “hidden” symmetries $U(1)^\infty$ appear: **integrability**
(Strangely, one of these is related to $SU(N)$, and another to $SU(2, 2)$.)

IIB Superstring on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Two-dimensional worldsheet with coordinates σ, τ :



Embedded into the coset space (Fermions act like “staples”)

$$\frac{\widetilde{\text{PSU}}(2, 2|4)}{\text{SO}(4, 1) \times \text{SO}(5)} = \overbrace{AdS_5 \times S^5} .$$

↙

The IIB Superstring σ -Model on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Action:

[Metsaev, Tseytlin '98]

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\tau d\sigma (\partial_a Z^M \partial^a Z_M + \partial_a Y_N \partial^a Y_N) + \text{Fermions}.$$

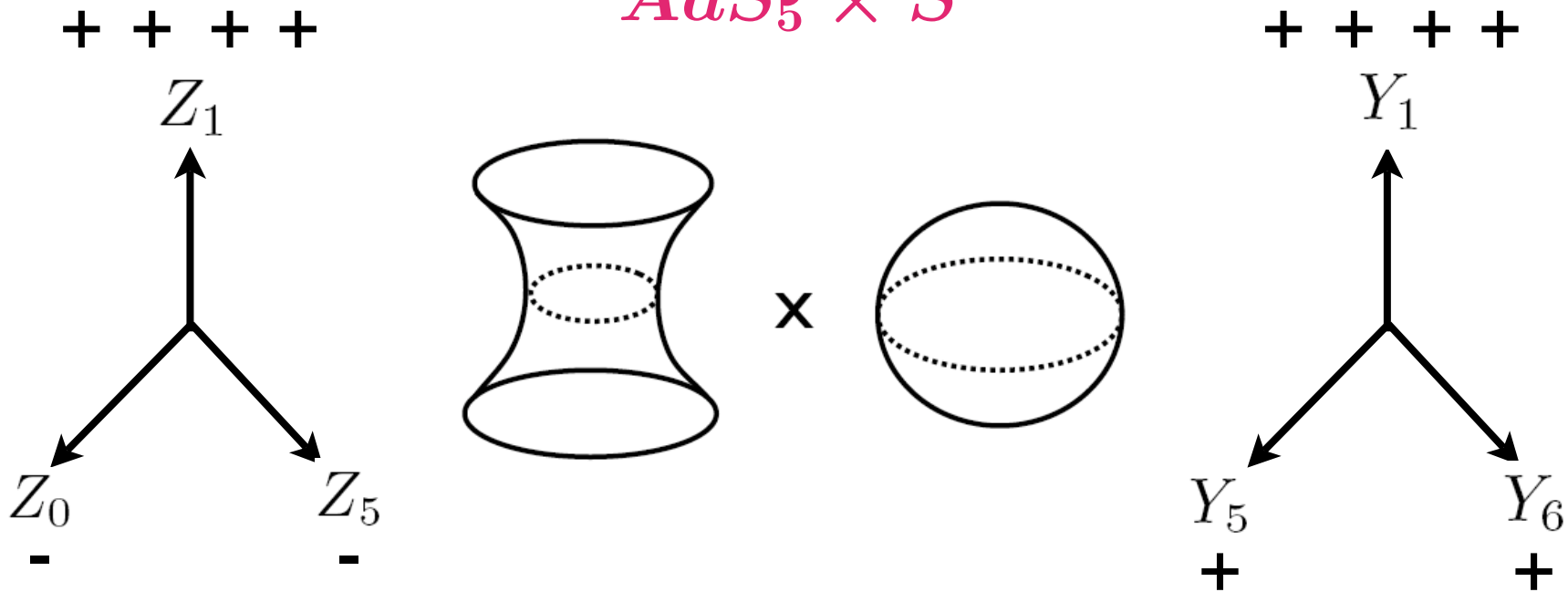
with

$$\begin{aligned} AdS_5 : & \quad -Z_0^2 + Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + Z_3^2 + Z_4^2 - Z_5^2 = -R^2 \\ S^5 : & \quad Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 + Y_3^2 + Y_4^2 + Y_5^2 + Y_6^2 = R^2 \end{aligned}$$

The quantization of this model has not yet been understood.

However, see below ...

The Spectral Problem of IIB Superstrings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$



$$Z_0 + i Z_5 = \rho_3 e^{i t}, \quad Z_1 + i Z_2 = \rho_1 e^{i \alpha_1}, \quad Z_3 + i Z_4 = \rho_2 e^{i \alpha_2}:$$

3 angles $t, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \longrightarrow$ 3 conserved quantities E, S_1, S_2 . E is the energy.

$$Y_1 + i Y_2 = r_1 e^{i \phi_1}, \quad Y_3 + i Y_4 = r_2 e^{i \phi_2}, \quad Y_5 + i Y_6 = r_3 e^{i \phi}:$$

3 angles $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi \longrightarrow$ 3 conserved angular momenta J_1, J_2, J_3 .

Lorentz Algebra $\mathfrak{so}(1, 3)$

$$[M_{\mu\nu}, M_{\rho\sigma}] = i (\eta_{\mu\rho} M_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\nu\rho} M_{\mu\sigma} - \eta_{\mu\sigma} M_{\nu\rho} + \eta_{\nu\sigma} M_{\mu\rho})$$

	-	+	+	+
-	0	boost	boost	boost
+	- boost	0	rot	rot
+	- boost	- rot	0	rot
+	- boost	- rot	- rot	0

Conformal Algebra $\mathfrak{so}(2, 4)$

$$[M_{ab}, M_{cd}] = i (\eta_{ac} M_{bd} - \eta_{bc} M_{ad} - \eta_{ad} M_{bc} + \eta_{bd} M_{ac})$$

	-	+	+	+	+	-	
-	0	bst	bst	bst	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_0 - \mathfrak{K}_0}{2}$	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_0 + \mathfrak{K}_0}{2}$	\mathfrak{H} ← energy
+	- bst	0	rot	rot	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_1 - \mathfrak{K}_1}{2}$	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_1 + \mathfrak{K}_1}{2}$	
+	- bst	- rot	0	rot	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_2 - \mathfrak{K}_2}{2}$	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_2 + \mathfrak{K}_2}{2}$	
+	- bst	- rot	- rot	0	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_3 - \mathfrak{K}_3}{2}$	$-\frac{\mathfrak{P}_3 + \mathfrak{K}_3}{2}$	
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-	$+\frac{\mathfrak{P}_0 + \mathfrak{K}_0}{2}$	$+\frac{\mathfrak{P}_1 + \mathfrak{K}_1}{2}$	$+\frac{\mathfrak{P}_2 + \mathfrak{K}_2}{2}$	$+\frac{\mathfrak{P}_3 + \mathfrak{K}_3}{2}$	$-\mathfrak{D}$	0	

The PSU(2, 2|4) Symmetry of the AdS/CFT System

32 bosonic generators and **32** fermionic generators $\Omega, \bar{\Omega}, \mathcal{S}, \bar{\mathcal{S}}$. $su(2, 2)$: conformal algebra, $su(4)$: R-symmetry. $u(2, 2|4)$ is reducible.

$u(2, 2)$				Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω
				$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$
				$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$
				\mathcal{S}	\mathcal{S}	\mathcal{S}	\mathcal{S}
\mathcal{S}	\mathcal{S}	$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$	$u(4)$			
$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$				
\mathcal{S}	\mathcal{S}	$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$				
$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\Omega}$	$\bar{\Omega}$				

Instead of **8**, only **3 + 3** $u(1)$ Cartan charges: $(E, S_1, S_2 | J_1, J_2, J_3)$

Conformal Energy/Dilatation weight are a **part of the symmetry!**

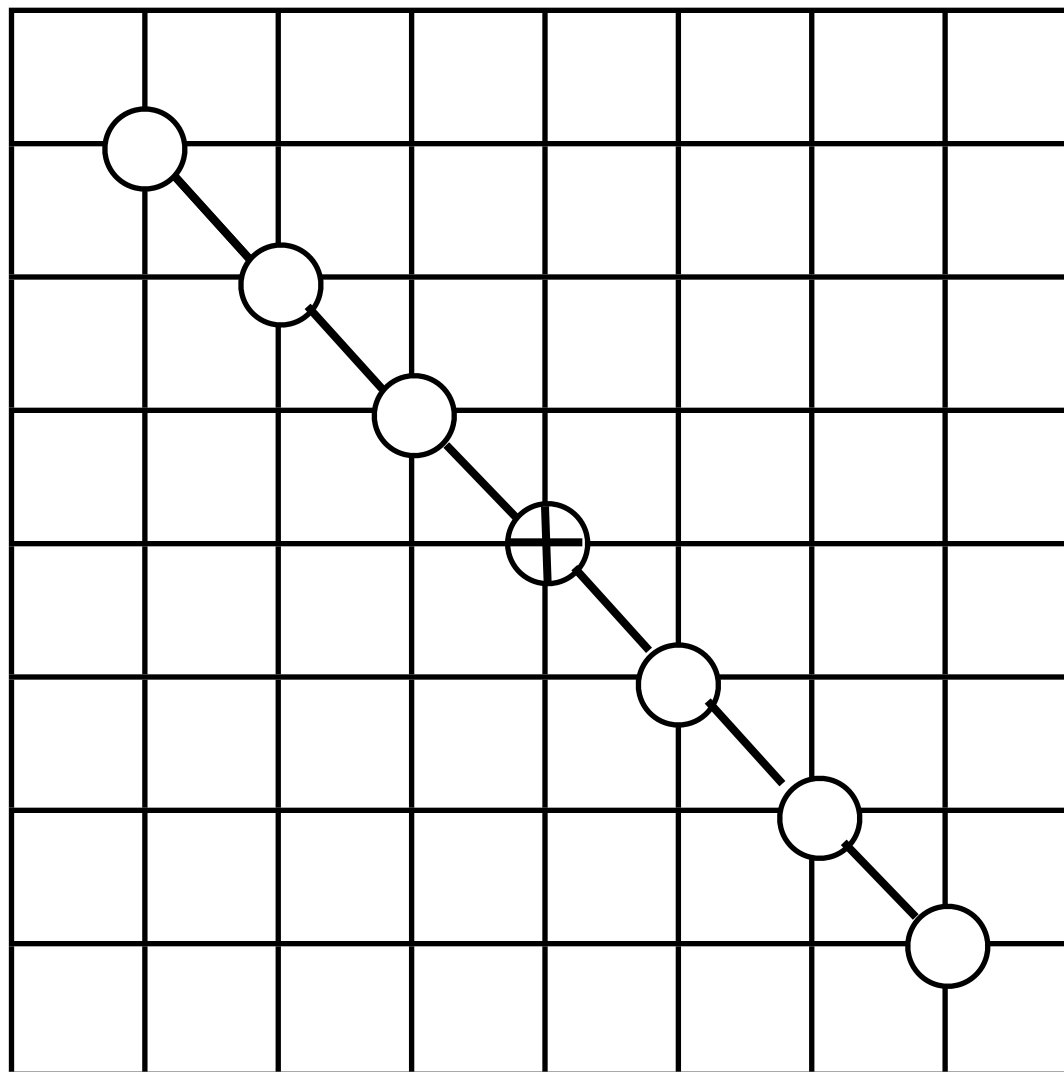
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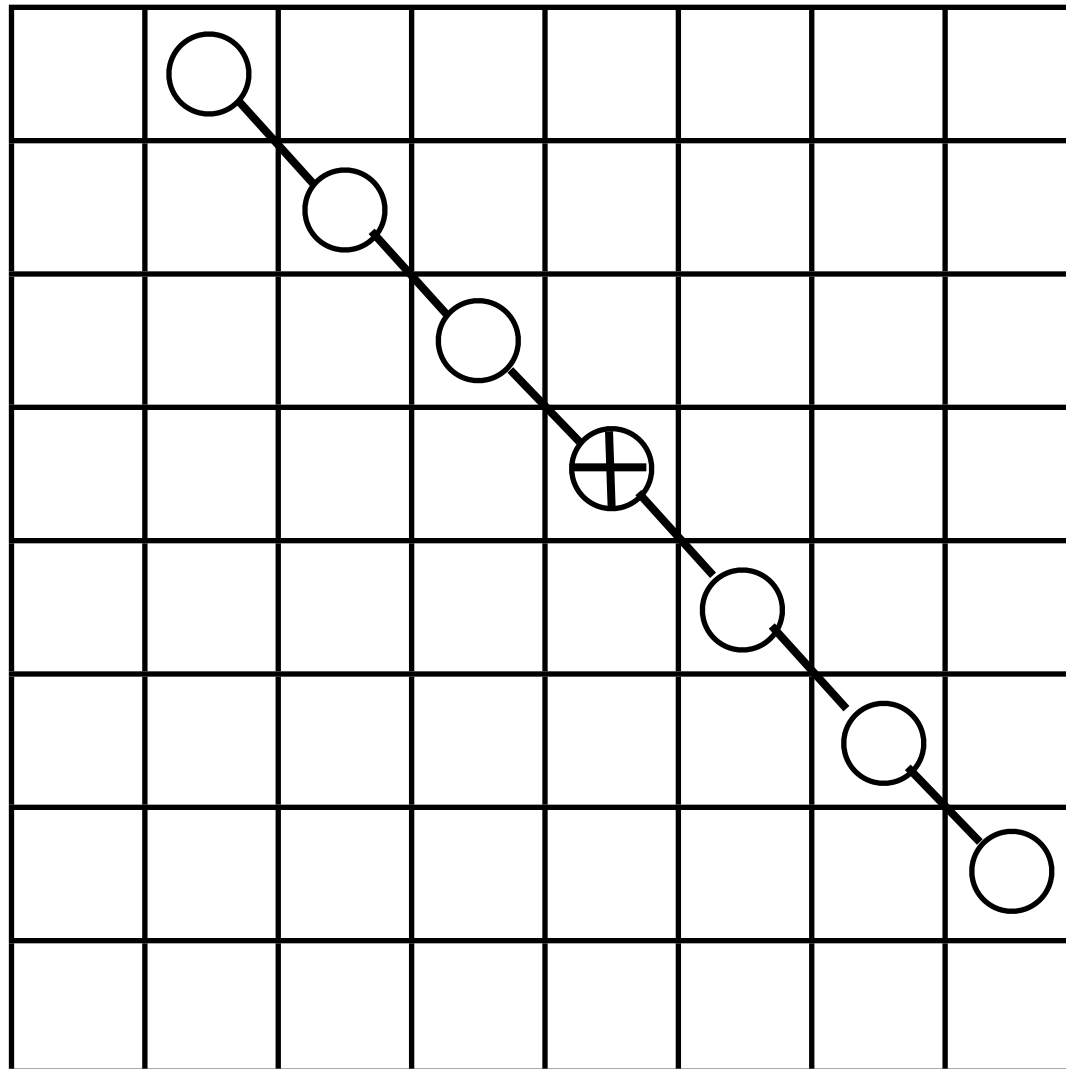
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\mathcal{R}	\mathcal{R}		$\bar{\mathcal{L}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{S}}$
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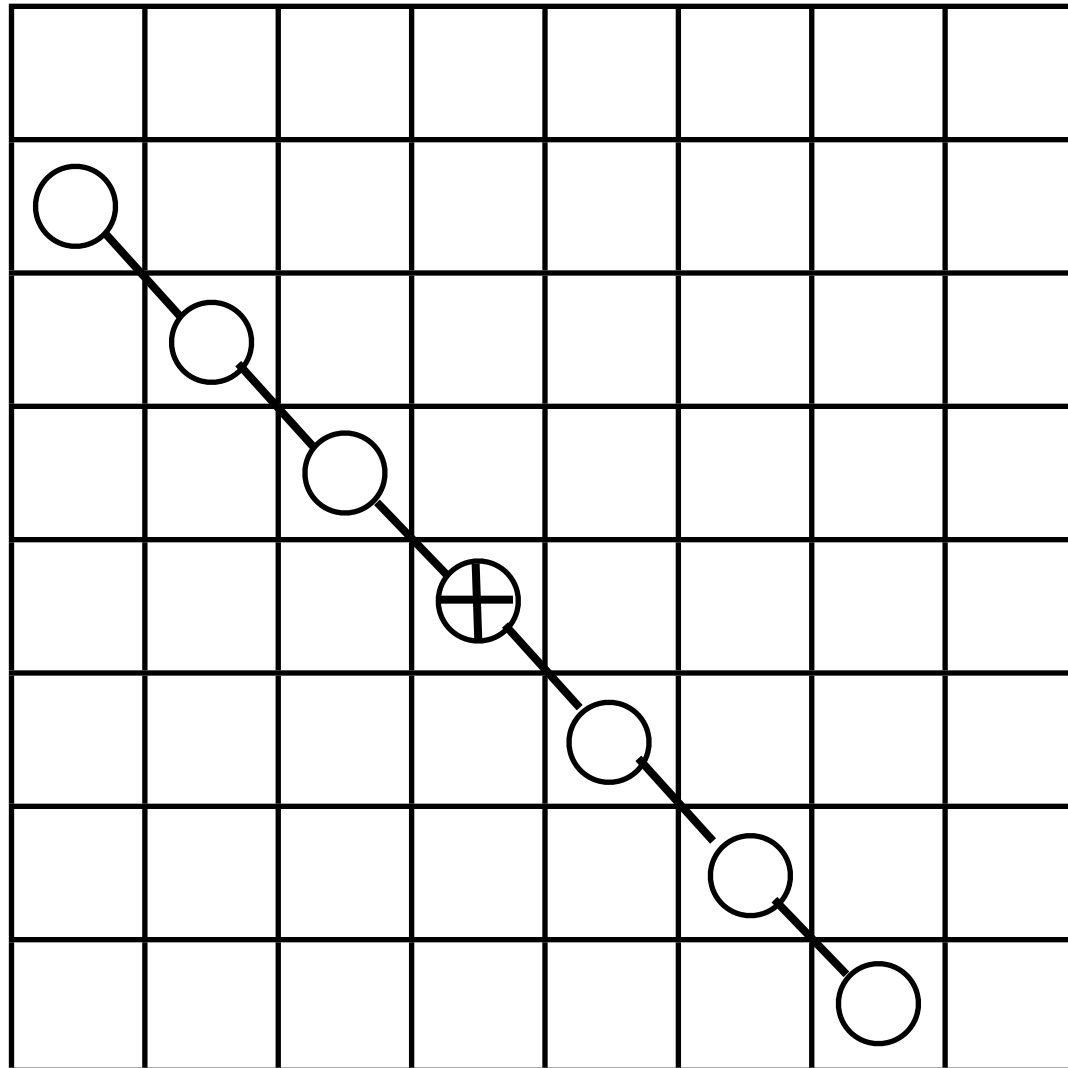
Super Dynkin Diagrams and Dynkin Labels



Super Dynkin Diagrams and Simple Positive Roots



Super Dynkin Diagrams and Simple Negative Roots



The Spectral Problem of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Conformal invariance restricts the structure of two-point functions:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_n(x) \mathcal{O}_m(0) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{nm}}{x^{2\Delta_n}}.$$

Δ_n is the anomalous scaling dimension of the composite operator \mathcal{O}_n .

This leads to the mixing problem of $\mathcal{N} = 4$:

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{Tr} (\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}\mathcal{Z}\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\Psi_{\alpha}^A(\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{Z})\dots) \text{Tr} (\dots\dots) \dots + \dots$$

The partons carry additive, protected Lorentz and R-symmetry charges S_1, S_2, J_1, J_2, J_3 . Here Δ_n is related to the dilatation generator \mathcal{D} :

$$[\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{O}_n(0)] = i \Delta_n \mathcal{O}_n(0).$$

$\Delta_n(\lambda)$ is not protected, it generically depends on the 't Hooft coupling λ .

The Spectral Problem of AdS/CFT and Integrability

A key prediction of AdS/CFT:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{string energy} & \leftrightarrow & \text{scaling dimension} \\ E(\lambda) & = & \Delta(\lambda) \end{array}$$

- Solid Fact I: The $AdS_5 \times S^5$ string σ -model is classically integrable.

[Bena, Polchinski, Roiban '03]

It has been completely solved in terms of an algebraic curve.

[Kazakov, Marshakov, Minahan, Zarembo '04, Beisert, Kazakov, Sakai, Zarembo '05]

- Solid Fact II: The full one-loop dilatation operator of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM can be mapped to a quantum integrable spin chain. It has been completely diagonalized by means of the Bethe ansatz.

[Minahan, Zarembo '02, Beisert, MS '03]

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Mixing Problem in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and Spin Chains

Consider twist operators:

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{Tr} \left(\mathcal{D}^{S_1} \mathcal{Z}^{J_3} \right) + \dots$$

$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_1 + i \mathcal{D}_2$ mit $\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu + i A_\mu$ is a covariant lightcone derivative.

The dilatation operator is regarded as the Hamiltonian of a spin chain.

The spin chain is

$$\text{Tr} \left((\mathcal{D}^{s_1} \mathcal{Z})(\mathcal{D}^{s_2} \mathcal{Z}) \dots (\mathcal{D}^{s_{J_3-1}} \mathcal{Z})(\mathcal{D}^{s_{J_3}} \mathcal{Z}) \right),$$

where $S_1 = s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_{J_3-1} + s_{J_3} := M =$ Magnon number.

Twist Operators in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ and Spin Chains

At one loop, this is an integrable XXX $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ Heisenberg chain with spin $= -\frac{1}{2}$. [Lipatov '97; Braun, Derkachov, Korchemsky, Manashov '98,'99; Belitsky '99; Beisert, MS '03]. The Hamiltonian, a Ψ -function, gives infinitely many rules for shifting spins from each site ℓ to the adjacent sites $\ell \pm 1$ (as in [Faddeev, Takhtajan, Tarasov '83, Lipatov '90])

$$H = \sum_{\ell=1}^{J_3} \mathcal{H}_{\ell, \ell+1}.$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{1,2} \cdot (\mathcal{D}^{s_1} \mathcal{Z}) (\mathcal{D}^{s_2} \mathcal{Z}) &= \left(\Psi(s_1 + 1) + \Psi(s_2 + 1) - 2\Psi(1) \right) (\mathcal{D}^{s_1} \mathcal{Z}) (\mathcal{D}^{s_2} \mathcal{Z}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\{s'\}} \frac{1}{|s'|} (\mathcal{D}^{s_1 - s'} \mathcal{Z}) (\mathcal{D}^{s_2 + s'} \mathcal{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

The anomalous dimension γ of these operators is the chain energy.

The Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz

[Sutherland '78; MS '04]

The excitations of the **integrable** gauge theory spin chain scatter according to matrix Bethe equations, where the p_k are **lattice momenta**:

$$e^{ip_k L} |\Psi\rangle = \left(\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M S(p_k, p_j) \right) \cdot |\Psi\rangle, \quad E = \sum_{k=1}^M q_2(p_k).$$

The (asymptotic) **S-matrix** is assumed to be **factorized**.

So far, factorization was only proved in **special cases** (at one loop for all, and up to four loops for some operators).

However, for finite size chains we are not allowed to assume exactness of the S-matrix, as it rests on **long-range** interactions: \rightarrow **wrapping problem!**

The AdS/CFT (internal) S-Matrix

[Arutyunov, Frolov, MS '04; MS '04; Beisert, MS '05; Beisert '05 + '06; Janik '06; Beisert, Hernandez, Lopez '06; Beisert, Eden, MS '06]

Die S-matrix should be unitary, and satisfy the Yang-Baxter-equation:

$$S_{12} S_{21} = 1, \quad S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} = S_{23} S_{13} S_{12}.$$

It was (ad-hoc) conjectured to also possess crossing symmetry: [Janik '06]

$$S_{12} S_{\bar{1}\bar{2}} = f_{12}^2.$$

The S-matrix for AdS/CFT has the following symmetry structure [Beisert '05]

$$S_{12} = \left(S_{12}^{\text{su}(2|2)_L} \otimes S_{12}^{\text{su}(2|2)_R} \right) \sigma_{12}^2,$$

It was first motivated from the gauge theory spin chain, and subsequently also using string theory arguments. [Arutyunov, Frolov, Plefka, Zamaklar '06]

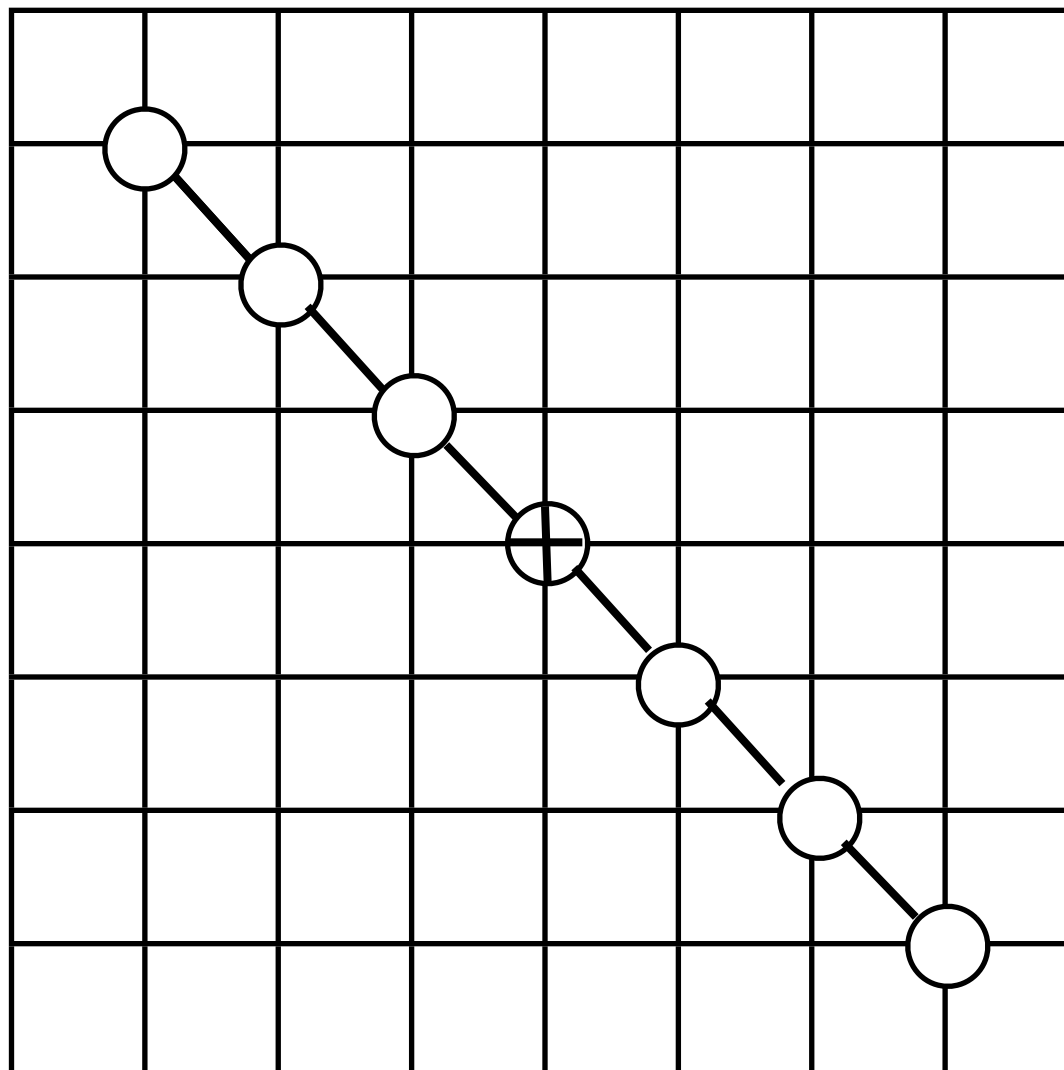
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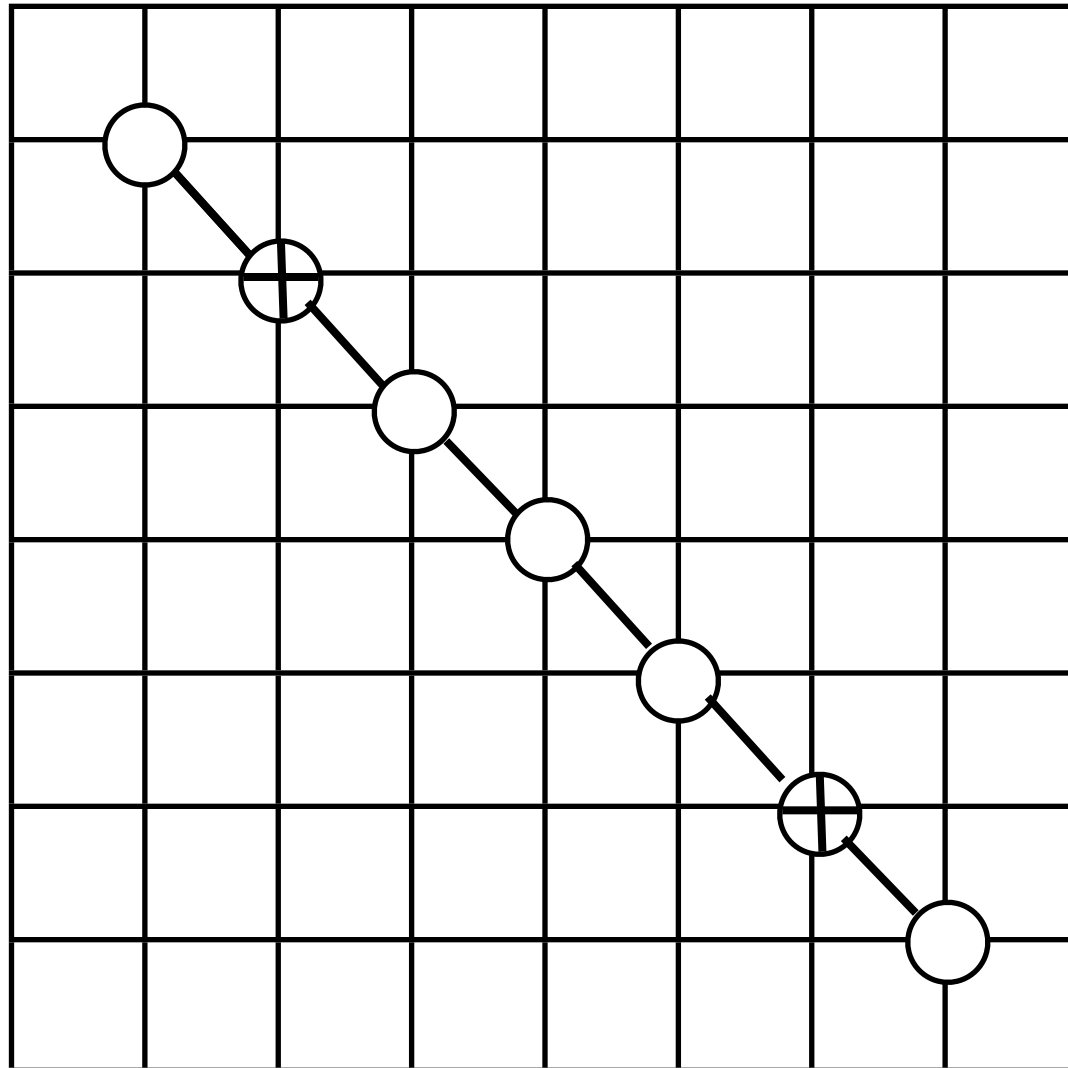
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\mathcal{S}	\mathcal{S}	$\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$	\mathcal{R}		\mathcal{R}	\mathcal{R}
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Dobrev-Petkova Dynkin Diagram



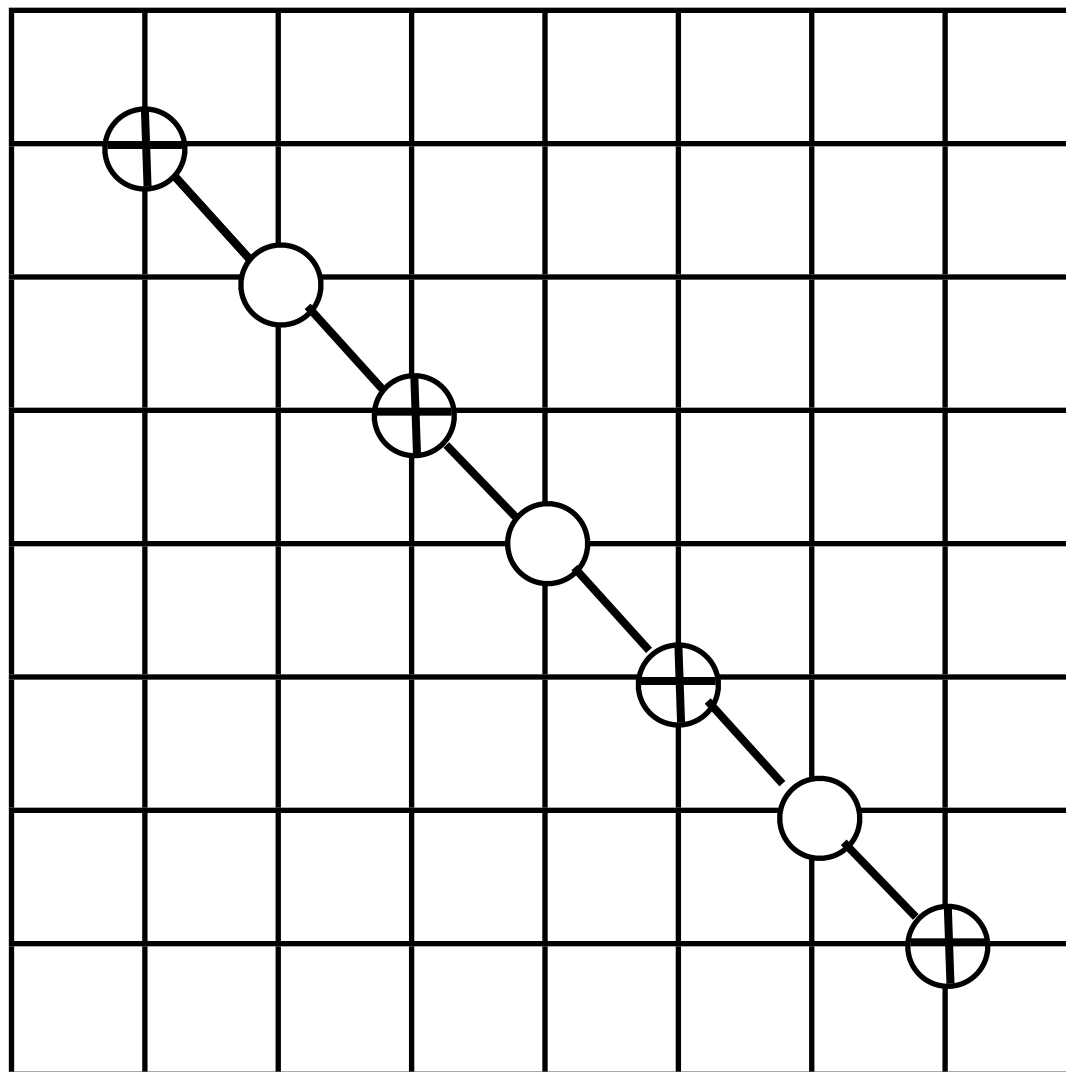
Dobrev-Petkova Grading

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The 8+8 Magnons Generators of AdS/CFT

				\mathcal{Q}	\mathcal{Q}	\mathcal{P}	\mathcal{P}
				\mathcal{Q}	\mathcal{Q}	\mathcal{P}	\mathcal{P}
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				\mathcal{R}	\mathcal{R}	$\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$	$\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$

All-Loop Bethe Ansatz Dynkin Diagram



The 8+8 Magnons Generators, rearranged

				\mathfrak{K}	$\bar{\mathfrak{Q}}$	$\bar{\mathfrak{Q}}$	\mathfrak{K}
				\mathfrak{Q}	\mathfrak{P}	\mathfrak{P}	\mathfrak{Q}
				\mathfrak{Q}	\mathfrak{P}	\mathfrak{P}	\mathfrak{Q}
				\mathfrak{K}	$\bar{\mathfrak{Q}}$	$\bar{\mathfrak{Q}}$	\mathfrak{K}

The 8+8 Magnons of AdS/CFT

				\mathcal{Y}	$\bar{\Psi}$	$\bar{\Psi}$	$\bar{\mathcal{X}}$
				Ψ	\mathcal{D}	\mathcal{D}	Ψ
				Ψ	\mathcal{D}	\mathcal{D}	Ψ
				\mathcal{X}	$\bar{\Psi}$	$\bar{\Psi}$	$\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$

The Asymptotic All-Loop Bethe Equations

[Beisert, MS '05]

$$1 = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^{K_2} \frac{u_{2,k} - u_{2,j} - i}{u_{2,k} - u_{2,j} + i} \prod_{j=1}^{K_3} \frac{u_{2,k} - u_{3,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{2,k} - u_{3,j} - \frac{i}{2}},$$

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$$\left(\frac{x_{4,k}^+}{x_{4,k}^-} \right)^L = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^{K_4} \left(\frac{u_{4,k} - u_{4,j} + i}{u_{4,k} - u_{4,j} - i} \sigma^2(x_{4,k}, x_{4,j}) \right) \prod_{j=1}^{K_3} \frac{x_{4,k}^- - x_{3,j}}{x_{4,k}^+ - x_{3,j}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_5} \frac{x_{4,k}^- - x_{5,j}}{x_{4,k}^+ - x_{5,j}},$$

$$1 = \prod_{j=1}^{K_6} \frac{u_{5,k} - u_{6,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{5,k} - u_{6,j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{5,k} - x_{4,j}^+}{x_{5,k} - x_{4,j}^-},$$

$$1 = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^{K_6} \frac{u_{6,k} - u_{6,j} - i}{u_{6,k} - u_{6,j} + i} \prod_{j=1}^{K_5} \frac{u_{6,k} - u_{5,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{6,k} - u_{5,j} - \frac{i}{2}},$$

$$E(g) = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{K_4} \left(\frac{i}{x_{4,j}^+} - \frac{i}{x_{4,j}^-} \right) = \frac{1}{g^2} \sum_{j=1}^{K_4} \left(\sqrt{1 + 16 g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p_j}{2}} - 1 \right), \quad \Delta = \Delta_0 + g^2 E(g), \quad K_4 = M.$$

$$1 = \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \left(\frac{x_{4,j}^+}{x_{4,j}^-} \right) = \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} e^{ip_j}, \quad u_k = x_k + \frac{g^2}{x_k}, \quad u_k \pm \frac{i}{2} = x_k^\pm + \frac{g^2}{x_k^\pm}.$$

The Hubbard Connection

The AdS/CFT system is mysteriously related to the Hubbard model:

- Identical asymptotic dispersion law. Hubbard Hamiltonian is identical to the “rational part” of the $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ sector of the dilatation generator.

[Rej, Serban, Staudacher '05]

- S-matrix factors into two of Shastry's Hubbard R-matrices

[MS conjecture (unpublished) '05; Beisert '06]

- Dressing phase constants look like commuting charge expectation values in a half-filled “bosonic” Hubbard model

[Beisert, Eden, Staudacher '06]

The Large Spin Limit of Twist Operators

Reconsider twist operators:

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{Tr} \left(\mathcal{D}^{S_1} \mathcal{Z}^{J_3} \right) + \dots$$

$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_1 + i \mathcal{D}_2$ mit $\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu + i A_\mu$ is a covariant lightcone derivative.
 \mathcal{Z} is a “vacuum field” corresponding to one point of a 1D lattice.

The spin chain is

$$\text{Tr} \left((\mathcal{D}^{s_1} \mathcal{Z})(\mathcal{D}^{s_2} \mathcal{Z}) \dots (\mathcal{D}^{s_{J_3-1}} \mathcal{Z})(\mathcal{D}^{s_{J_3}} \mathcal{Z}) \right),$$

where $S_1 = s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_{J_3-1} + s_{J_3} := M = \text{Magnon number}$.

The Interpolating Scaling Function

The scaling dimension of operators of low twist J_3 behaves in a very interesting logarithmic way at large spin $S_1 \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\Delta - S_1 - J_3 = f(g) \log S_1 + O(S_1^0).$$

$f(g)$ is the universal scaling function, where $g^2 = \lambda/16 \pi^2$.

Also appears in the structure of MHV-amplitudes und in lightcone segmented Wilson loops \mathcal{W} ! Gluon 4-point function in $4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions:

[Bern, Dixon, Smirnov]

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{All-Loop}} \simeq \exp \left[f(g) \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{One-Loop}} \right], \quad \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{All-Loop}} \simeq \langle \mathcal{W} \rangle.$$

The Interpolating Integral Equation

The non-linear asymptotic Bethe equations reduce in the limit $S_1 \rightarrow \infty$, where $L \rightarrow \infty$ with $L \ll \log S_1$, to a linear integral equation for the density $\hat{\sigma}$ of Bethe roots. These describe the one-dimensional “motion” of the covariant derivatives of the twist operators:

[Beisert, Eden, MS '06]

$$\hat{\sigma}(t) = \frac{t}{e^t - 1} \left[\hat{K}(2gt, 0) - 4g^2 \int_0^\infty dt' \hat{K}(2gt, 2gt') \hat{\sigma}(t') \right].$$

The universal scaling function $f(g)$ is then given by

$$f(g) = 16g^2 \hat{\sigma}(0).$$

The kernel \hat{K} is of a rather involved structure, it will not be written here.

Gauge Theory Meets String Theory

This equation is **analytic** at small g , and therefore valid for **arbitrary values** of the coupling constant g !

At **weak coupling** the equation was (numerically) tested up to **four loop order in gauge theory**: [Bern, Czakon, Dixon, Kosower, Smirnov, '06]:

$$f(g) = 8g^2 - \frac{8}{3}\pi^2 g^4 + \frac{88}{45}\pi^4 g^6 - 16\left(\frac{73}{630}\pi^6 + 4\zeta(3)^2\right)g^8 \pm \dots$$

Improved to **0.001%** by [Cachazo, Spradlin, Volovich '06].

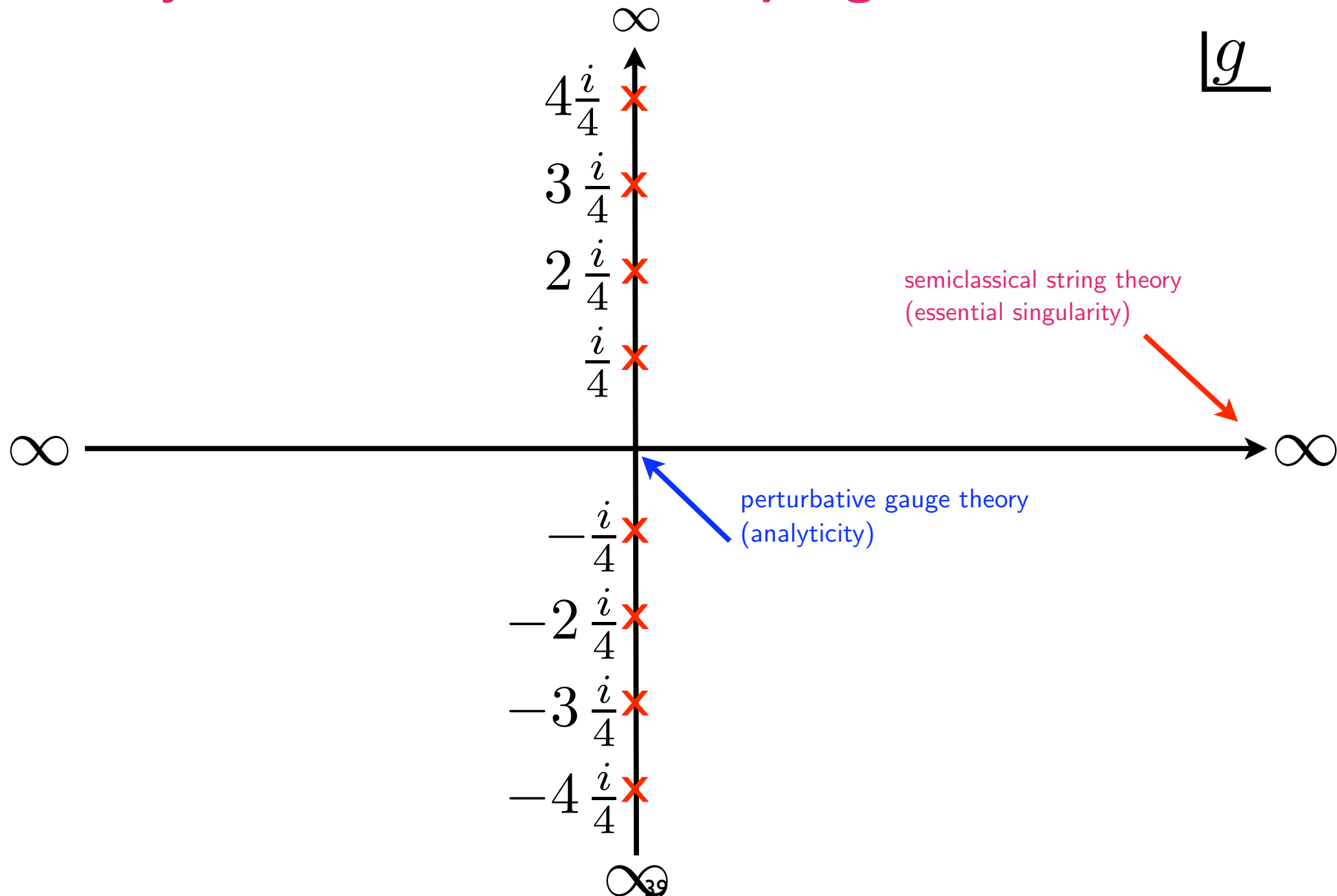
At **strong coupling** the scaling function agrees with string theory to the **three known orders** [Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov '02], [Frolov, Tseytlin '02],

[Roiban, Tirziu, Tseytlin '07; Roiban, Tseytlin '07] as was recently shown **analytically** from the equation [Basso, Korchemsky, Kotański '07] (see also [Kostov, Serban, Volin '08]):

$$f(g) = 4g - \frac{3 \log 2}{\pi} - \frac{K}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{g} - \dots$$

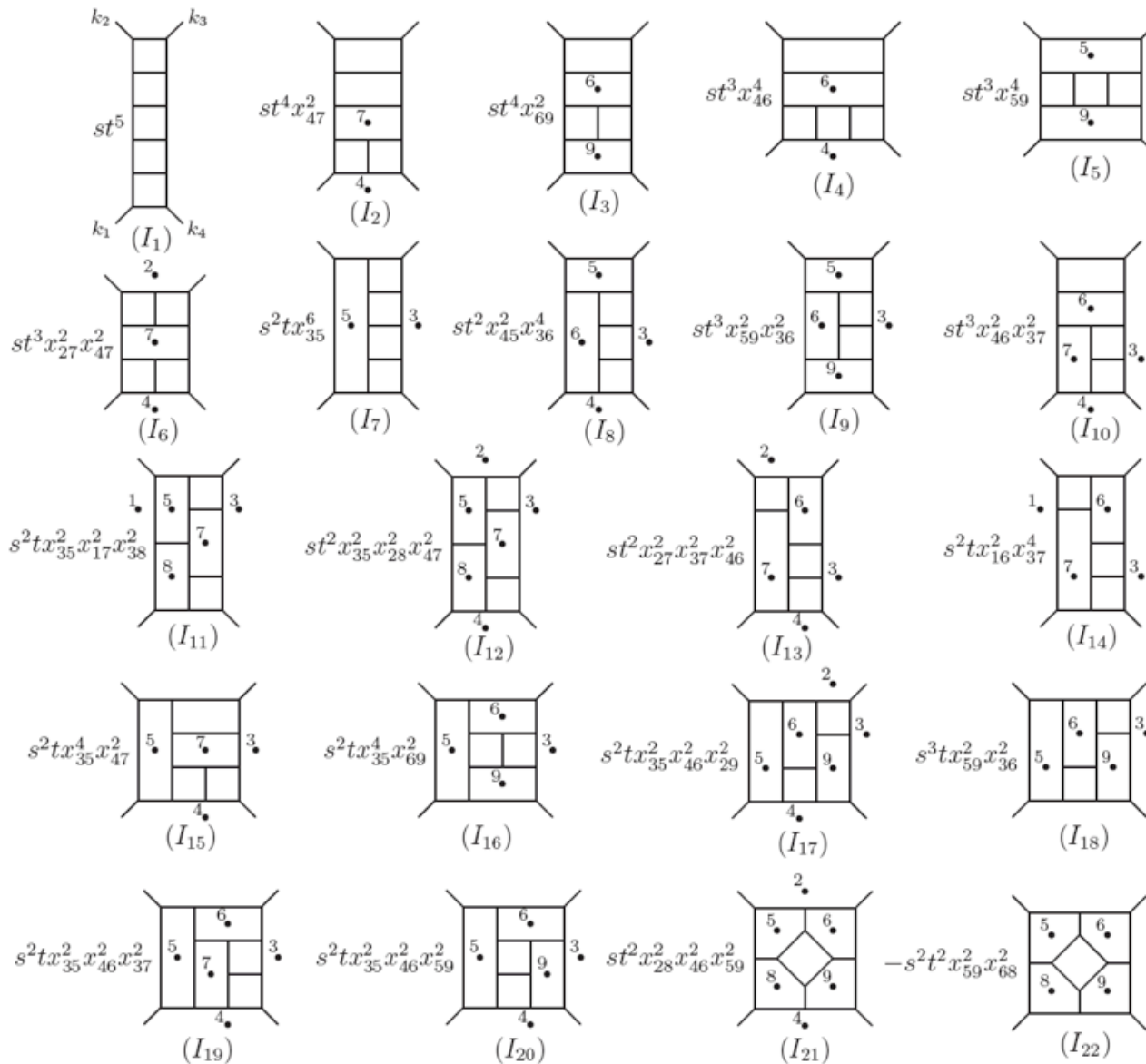
→ The AdS/CFT correspondence is **exactly true** !

Analytic Structure in the Coupling Constant Plane



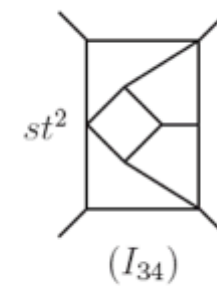
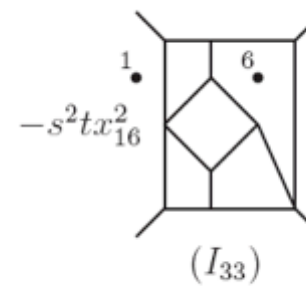
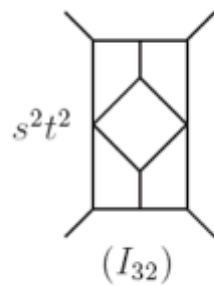
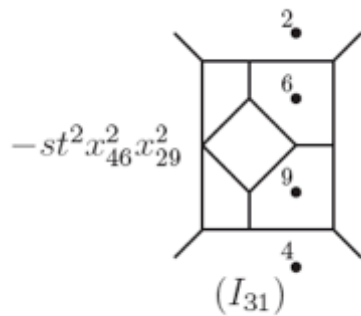
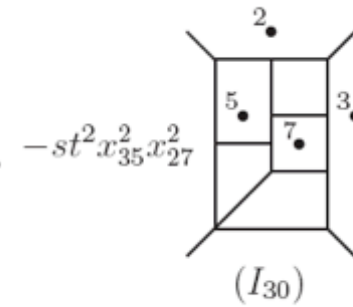
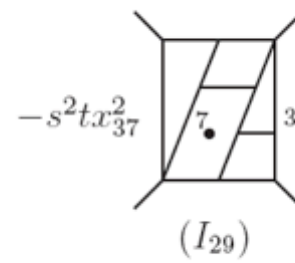
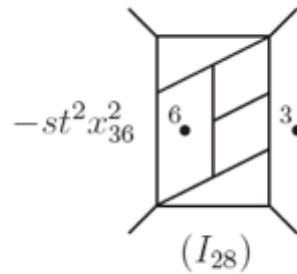
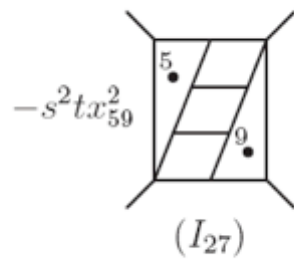
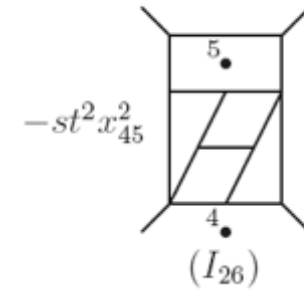
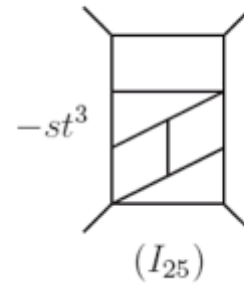
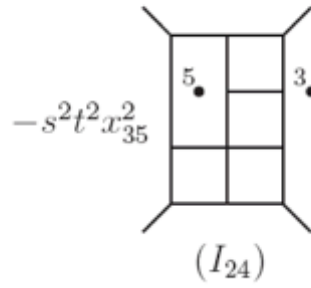
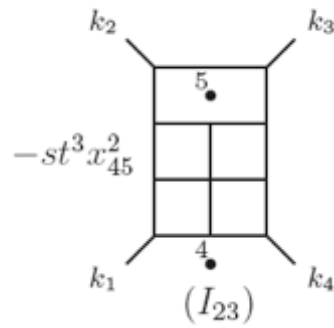
Challenge I: Compute 5-Loop diagrams ...

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Challenge II: Compute 3-Loop String Corrections ...

... and compare to the 3-loop prediction

[Beisert, Eden, MS '06, Basso, Korchemsky, Kotanski '07]

$$f\left(g + \frac{3 \log 2}{4 \pi}\right) = 4g - \frac{K}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{g} - \frac{27 \zeta(3)}{2^9 \pi^3} \frac{1}{g^2} - \dots$$

Good luck!

Tough ... are there other ways to test the capacity of the asymptotic Bethe ansatz to interpolate between gauge and string theory?

A Generalized Scaling Function for AdS/CFT

[Freyhult, Rej, MS, '07]

There exists a refined limit of the anomalous dimension of γ of twist J_3 ops, generating a **generalized, two-parameter, bi-analytic** scaling function

$$\Delta - S_1 - J_3 = \gamma = f(g, j) \log S_1 + O(S_1^0),$$

in the limit

$$S_1 \rightarrow \infty, J_3 \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{with} \quad j := \frac{J_3}{\log S_1} = \text{fixed}.$$

Discovered in the one-loop gauge theory [Belitsky, Gorsky, Korchemsky '06], and in classical, one-loop and two-loop string theory [Frolov, Tirziu, Tseytlin '06; Roiban, Tseytlin '07].

Remains **true** at finite g , as may be shown from the all-loop Bethe ansatz!

Integral Equation for the Generalized Scaling Function

[Freyhult, Rej, MS, '07]

We find the following generalization of the linear integral equation for the universal scaling function

$$\hat{\sigma}(t) = \frac{t}{e^t - 1} \left[\hat{K}(t, 0) - \frac{j J_0(2gt)}{8t} - 4 \int_0^\infty dt' \hat{K}(t, t') \hat{\sigma}(t') \right]$$

The generalized universal scaling function $f(g, j)$ is then given by

$$f(g, j) = 16 \left(\hat{\sigma}(0) + \frac{j}{16} \right).$$

The generalized kernel \hat{K} is even more involved as before.

Being bi-analytic, the equation should be exact in both g and j !

The $O(6)$ Sigma-Model from Planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

The corresponding limit was also studied to one- and two-loop order on the string side.

[Frolov, Tirziu, Tseytlin '06; Roiban, Tseytlin '07]

It was then suggested that $f(g, j)$ may be **exactly** determined at strong coupling.

[Alday, Maldacena '06]

This was done by reducing the full sigma model to an integrable $O(6)$ sigma model. Its free energy is known from the thermodynamic Bethe ansatz (TBA), and was conjectured to be given, for $j \ll g$, by

$$O(6) \sigma\text{-model free energy} = f(g, j) - f(g, 0)$$

Very recently, [Basso, Korchemsky '08] this was proven by extracting the $O(6)$ TBA equations, including the exact expression for the **mass gap**, from the strong coupling limit of our above integral equation.

[Freyhult, Rej, MS, '07]

See also [Fioravanti, Grinza, Rossi, Buccheri '08].

AdS/CFT Interpolation Works

- This is the second example, after the cusp anomalous dimension, of a non-trivial quantity which smoothly **interpolates** between perturbative **gauge theory** and quantized **string theory**.
- It is fascinating to see how the “**knowledge**” of the $O(6)$ symmetry is restored when tracking the anomalous dimension of a twist operator $\mathcal{O} = \text{Tr} (\mathcal{D}^{S_1} \mathcal{Z}^{J_3})$ in a “**closed sector**” from weak to strong coupling!

Wrapping Restrictions

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Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz

- So in the sense of the table just shown it appears that “exactly half” of the perturbative spectrum of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ gauge theory is now known.
- However, it has been known for some time that the asymptotic Bethe ansatz indeed does not properly include finite size effects. This was shown on the string side in [Schäfer-Nameki, Zamaklar, Zarembo '06] and in [Arutyunov, Frolov, Zamaklar, '06], [Astolfi, Forini, Grignani, Semenoff '07] and on the gauge side in [Kotikov, Lipatov, Rej, MS, Velizhanin, '07].
- It has been suggested that the lower half of this table may be accessible by the thermodynamic Bethe ansatz (TBA). In one case (four-loop Konishi), this has very recently been demonstrated [Bajnok, Janik, '08]. The result agrees with a direct field theory calculation [Fiamberti, Santambrogio, Sieg, Zanon'07,'08].

Crucial Open Problems

- Actually, **what exactly** is this system we are solving?
How can we **define** it, and **prove** its integrability?
- In other words, **what is it** we have been/currently are **diagonalizing**?
- How can we **derive** this system from the planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ gauge theory?
- And the same question remains **open** for the σ -model on $AdS_5 \times S^5$.

Solvable Structures in the (Planar) AdS/CFT System

- Spectral Problem
- Gluon Amplitudes
- Wilson Loops
- High Energy Scattering (BFKL)

These are all related!

- Olive-Montonen Duality \rightarrow Solvability beyond the planar limit?

Integrability beyond the Spectral Problem

Integrability in planar gauge theories actually first appeared in the high-energy scattering context [Lipatov '93; Faddeev, Korchemsky '94]. This earlier integrability and “our” integrability are **related**.

More generally, evidence is accumulating that integrability is deeply related to (planar) space-time scattering processes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ gauge theory. Is there a “**spin chain**” for gluon amplitudes?

In particular, Lipatov showed very recently that an **integrable open spin chain** appears in the Regge limit of gluon amplitudes. [Lipatov, to appear]

An exciting new example for integrable AdS/CFT?

The planar $\text{AdS}_4/\text{CFT}_3$ system.

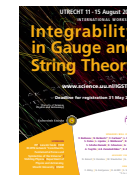
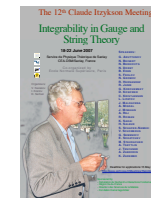
Has evolved very fast, **but** there is much less “data” than for $\text{AdS}_5/\text{CFT}_4$.

- Prove (or disprove?) full one-loop integrability, extending [Minahan, Zarembo '08]
- Is the CFT really integrable beyond one loop?
- The Lax-pair for the string σ -model was found [Arutyunov, Frolov '08]. But is the σ -model really quantum integrable?
- Are the Gromov-Vieira Bethe equations correct as is? [Gromov, Vieira '08]
- What is this $h(\lambda)$ function in the dispersion law?
- Finally, does this new model use the same “trick” to be integrable?

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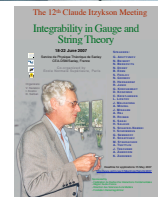
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