#### On The Mirror TBA

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#### The logic of the TBA construction

# String Hypothesis Canonical TBA Equations (vacuum) Simplified TBA Equations (vacuum) **TBA for Excited States**

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Two Minkowski theories related by the double Wick rotation:

$$\tilde{\sigma} = -i\tau$$
,  $\tilde{\tau} = i\sigma$ 

The Hamiltonian  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$  with respect to  $\tilde{\tau}$  defines the *mirror theory* 

Ground state energy is related to the free energy of its mirror

$$E(L) = \lim_{R \to \infty} \frac{L}{R} F(L) = L\mathcal{F}$$

Free energy per unit length  $\mathcal{F}$  is found from the Bethe ansatz for the mirror model

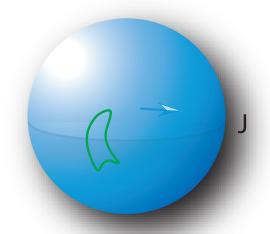
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#### $\bullet$ $\lambda$ – 't Hooft coupling, g – string tension

$$\lambda = 4\pi^2 g^2 \,, \qquad g = rac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

- p momentum of a string particle
- $\bullet$   $\mathcal{E}$  energy of a string particle
- $\bullet$   $\tilde{p}$  momentum of a mirror particle
- $\bullet$   $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  energy of a mirror particle

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J is an angular momentum of string rotating around the equator of  $S^5$ . In the light-cone gauge the string world-sheet is a cylinder of circumference J.

L – the "length" of TBA will be related to J

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#### Construct the mirror Bethe-Yang equations for fundamental particles ( $\alpha = 1, 2$ )

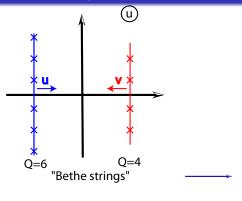
$$1 = e^{i\widetilde{p}_{k}R} \prod_{\substack{l=1\\l\neq k}}^{K^{l}} S(u_{k}, u_{l}) \prod_{\alpha=1}^{2} \prod_{l=1}^{K^{ll}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{x_{k}^{-} - y_{l}^{(\alpha)}}{x_{k}^{+} - y_{l}^{(\alpha)}} \sqrt{\frac{x_{k}^{+}}{x_{k}^{-}}}$$

$$-1 = \prod_{l=1}^{K^{l}} \frac{y_{k}^{(\alpha)} - x_{l}^{-}}{y_{k}^{(\alpha)} - x_{l}^{+}} \sqrt{\frac{x_{l}^{+}}{x_{l}^{-}}} \prod_{l=1}^{K^{lll}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{v_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{i}{g}}{v_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{i}{g}}$$

$$1 = \prod_{l=1}^{K^{ll}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - v_{l}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{i}{g}}{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - v_{l}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{2i}{g}} \prod_{l=1}^{K^{lll}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{2i}{g}}{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{2i}{g}}$$

Double Wick rotation (analytic continuation) of the Beisert-Staudacher S-matrix. Subtleties related to unitarity and the choice of the reference state (vacuum)

#### **Bethe strings**





Quasi-particles with real rapidities

$$u_j = u + (Q + 1 - 2j)\frac{i}{g}, \quad j = 1, \dots, Q, \quad u \in \mathbf{R}$$

Auxiliary roots v = y + 1/y and w participate in building up Bethe strings!

#### The spectrum of TBA particles

#### String hypothesis suggests the existence of nine types of TBA vacuum particles ( $\alpha = 1, 2$ ):

Frolov and G.A. '09(a)

- Q-particles (Q-particle bound states) carrying momentum  $\tilde{p}_{Q}$
- $v^{\pm(\alpha)}$ -particles corresponding to fermionic Bethe roots
- $M|vw^{(\alpha)}$ -strings
- $M|w^{(\alpha)}$ -strings

Derivation of the canonical TBA equations follows a text book

Essler, Frahm, Göhmann, Klümper, Korepin, "The One-Dimensional Hubbard Model"

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• Thermodynamic limit:  $R \to \infty$ ,  $N_i \to \infty$  with a ratio  $N_i/R$  kept fixed

$$\rho_i(u) + \bar{\rho}_i(u) = K_{ij} \star \rho_j(u) \qquad K_{ij}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{du} \log S_{ij}(u, v),$$

where  $\rho_i$  and  $\bar{\rho}_i$  are the densities of the particles/holes

- The TBA equations

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_k} = 0 \quad \implies \quad \epsilon_k = L \, \widetilde{\mathcal{E}}_k - \log \left( 1 + e^{-\epsilon_j} \right) \star K_{jk} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{canonical TBA}$$

The pseudo-energies  $\epsilon_k$  are  $e^{-\epsilon_k} = \frac{\rho_k}{\bar{\rho}_k} \equiv Y_k$ 

$$E(L) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{Q=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \frac{d\tilde{p}^{Q}}{du} \log(1 + Y_{Q})$$

#### Simplified TBA equations for the vacuum

Frolov and G.A. '09(b)

• M|vw-strings:  $M \ge 1$ 

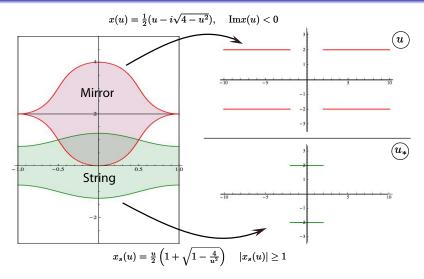
$$\log Y_{M|vw}^{(\alpha)} = \log(1 + Y_{M-1|vw}^{(\alpha)})(1 + Y_{M+1|vw}^{(\alpha)}) \star s + \delta_{M1} \log \frac{1 - Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}}{1 - Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}} \star s - \log(1 + Y_{M+1}) \star s$$

y-particles:

$$\begin{split} \log \frac{Y_{+}}{Y_{-}}(v) &= \log(1+Y_{Q}) \star K_{Qy}, \\ \log Y_{+}Y_{-}(v) &= 2\log \frac{1+Y_{1|vw}}{1+Y_{1|w}} \star s - \log \left(1+Y_{Q}\right) \star K_{Q} + 2\log(1+Y_{Q}) \star K_{xv}^{Q1} \star s, \end{split}$$

#### ∞∞∞∞∞•∞ **z-torus**

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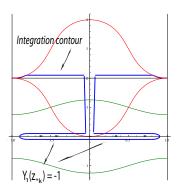
Mirror and string regions on the *z*-torus. The boundaries are mapped onto the cuts on the u- and  $u_*$ -planes, respectively

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## **Excited States**

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- TBA equations for excited states differ from each other only by a choice of the integration contour
- Taking the contour back to the real mirror line produces extra contributions  $-\log S(z_*,z)$  from  $\log(1+Y_1)\star K$ , where  $K(w,z)=\frac{1}{2\pi i}\frac{d}{dw}\log S(w,z)$

#### • The Bethe-Yang equations have a rank one sector called \$1(2)

States are dual to the gauge theory operators

$$\operatorname{Tr}(D^N Z^J) + \dots$$

• Y-functions  $Y_{M|vw}^{(\alpha)}$ ,  $Y_{M|w}^{(\alpha)}$ ,  $Y_{\pm}^{(\alpha)}$  satisfy

$$Y^{(1)} = Y^{(2)} = Y$$

Two-particle states are dual to the gauge theory operators

$$\operatorname{Tr}(D^2Z^J)+\ldots$$

#### **Bethe-Yang equations**

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BY equations for two-particle states in the  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$  sector with  $p_1 + p_2 = 0$ 

$$ip(J+1) - \log \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x_s^{+2}}}{1 + \frac{1}{x_s^{-2}}} - 2i \underbrace{\theta(p, -p)}_{\text{dress phase}} = 2\pi i n, \quad n > 0$$

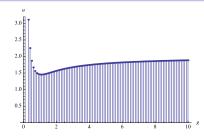
At small q the momentum is

$$p_{J,n}^o = \frac{2\pi n}{J+1}, \quad n=1,\ldots, \left[\frac{J+1}{2}\right],$$

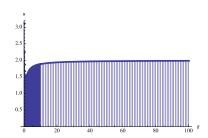
The corresponding rapidity

$$u_{J,n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{g} u_{J,n}^o, \quad u_{J,n}^o = \cot \frac{\pi n}{J+1}$$

At large q the integer n will coincide with the string level



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For large values of  $g \sim 100$  the momentum is well approximated by

$$p_{\mathrm{AFS}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{g}} - \frac{1}{g}$$

For the following asymptotic expression (Rej-Spill)

$$p_{\rm RS} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{g}} - \frac{1}{g} + \frac{0.931115 + 0.199472\log(g)}{g^{3/2}} \,,$$

and for g = 100 the difference with the numerical solution is 0.00016

Generalized Lüscher formulae give the large *J* asymptotic solution

$$Y_Q^o(v) = e^{-J\widetilde{\mathcal{E}}_Q(v)} T_{Q,1}(v|\vec{u})^2 \prod_{i=1}^N S_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)}^{Q1_*}(v,u_i) \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{exp suppressed}$$

Bajnok and Janik '08

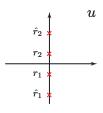
- $\{u_1, \ldots, u_N\}$  is the set of rapidities of string theory particles (solutions of BYE)
- The BY equations then follow from the fact that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{E}}_{1_*}(u_k) = -ip_k$  and

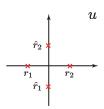
$$T_{1_*,1}(u_k|\vec{u}) = 1 \implies -1 = e^{iJp_k} \prod_{i=1}^N S_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)}^{1_*1_*}(u_k, u_i)$$

The remaining Y-functions are given in terms of T<sub>a,s</sub>-transfer matrices

$$Y_{-}^{o} = -\frac{T_{2,1}}{T_{1,2}}, \ Y_{+}^{o} = -\frac{T_{2,3}T_{2,1}}{T_{3,2}T_{1,2}}, \ Y_{Q|vw}^{o} = \frac{T_{Q+2,1}T_{Q,1}}{T_{Q+1,2}}, \ Y_{Q|w}^{o} = \frac{T_{1,Q+2}T_{1,Q}}{T_{2,Q+1}T_{0,Q+1}}$$

#### Zeroes of $Y_{k|vw}$







- For finite values of g any function  $Y_{k|vw}$  has four zeroes
- It turns out that  $\hat{r}_i^{(k-1)} = r_i^{(k+1)}$ , i.e.  $Y_{k|vw}$  has zeroes

$$\{r_j^{(k)}\,,r_j^{(k+2)}\}$$

• Positions of zeroes of  $Y_{k|vw}$  govern the analytic structure of other Y-functions:

$$Y_{k|vw}(r_j^{(k+1)}\pm\frac{i}{a})=-1$$
,  $Y_{k+1}(r_j^{(k+1)})=0$ ,  $k=1,\ldots,\infty$ ,  $Y_{\pm}(r_j^{(2)})=0$ 

## At $g\sim 0$ the following classification of two-particle states in the $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -sector takes place

Type of a state	Y-functions	Number of zeroes	
I	Y <sub>1 vw</sub>	2	
II	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}$	2+2	
III	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}$	4+2+2	
IV	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}, Y_{4 vw}$	4+4+2+2	
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$k \to \infty$	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, \ldots$	4+4+	

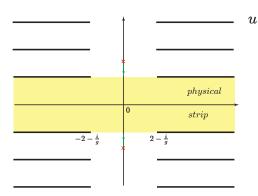
Type of a state depends on how many Y-functions have zeroes in the rescaled physical strip |Im(u)| < 1

#### **Evolution of an asymptotic state**

Initial cond. $\rightarrow$	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}$	2+2
	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}$	4+2+2
<b>g</b> ↓	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}, Y_{4 vw}$	4+4+2+2
	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}, Y_{4 vw}, Y_{5 vw}$	4+4+4+2+2
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	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, \ldots$	4+4+

The change of analytic properties of Y's must be incorporated by the TBA equations. This leads to the issue of critical values of the coupling

#### Critical values of q?



The (simplified) TBA equations must be modified upon crossing a critical value of g

$$Y_{k+1|vw}(\pm \frac{i}{g_{crit}}, g_{crit}) = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, ...,$$

At a critical value  $Y_{k|vw}$  at u = 0 is

$$Y_{k|vw}(0,g_{crit})=-1$$

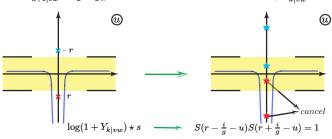
### Singularities evolve and call to modify the TBA



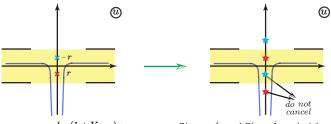
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Summary



Zeros of  $Y_{k+1|vw}$  for  $g_{cr} < g < \bar{g}_{cr}$ 



$$\log(1+Y_{k|vw})\star s$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $S(-r-\frac{i}{q}-u)S(r-\frac{i}{q}-u)\neq 1$ 

#### Critical values of *q*?

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For the Konishi state the corresponding asymptotic solution exhibits 7 critical values for q < 100

$$g_{\text{crit}}^{\text{asympt}} \approx \{4.4, 11.5, 21.6, 34.8, 51.2, 70.7, 93.3\}$$

What about an *exact* solution? There are two possibilities

g<sub>crit</sub> is finite



 $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathrm{crit}} = \infty$ 

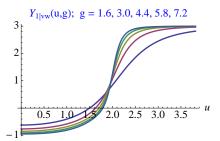


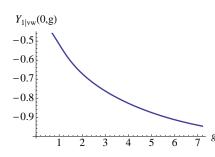
Locations of critical points are currently unknown.

To find them is an important open problem for TBA at strong coupling!

#### Recent studies for the Konishi state

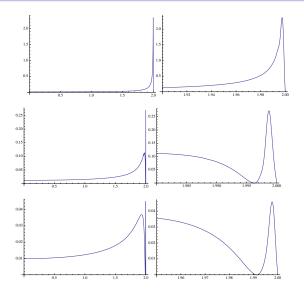
- Recently the exact solution of the TBA equations have been obtained by iterations up to  $g=7.2~(\lambda\approx2047)$
- Up to  $g=4.1~(\lambda\approx 664)$  the numerical data for the energy  $E_K(g)$  found is in a good agreement with the result by Gromov, Kazakov and Vieira '09
- The first g<sub>crit</sub> (in case it exists) is pushed to much higher values of g than the asymptotic one g<sub>crit</sub> ≫ g<sub>crit</sub><sup>asympt</sup> = 4.3
- At the first critical value  $Y_{1|vw}(0, g_{crit}) = -1$





#### Asymptotic $Y_Q$ -functions

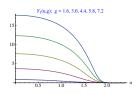
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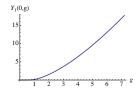


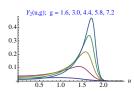
The profiles of the asymptotic  $Y_Q$ , Q = 1, 2, 3 depicted for  $g = 1591.6, \lambda = 10^8$ 

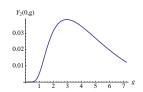
#### $Y_{\mathcal{O}}$ -functions

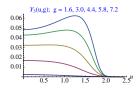
Frolov '10

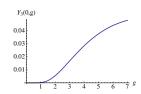












#### Intermediate coupling?

• Is g = 7.2 is still an intermediate coupling?!

Numerics suggests

$$Y_1(0,g) = c_3 g^{3/2} + c_2 g + c_1 g^{1/2} + c_0 + \dots$$

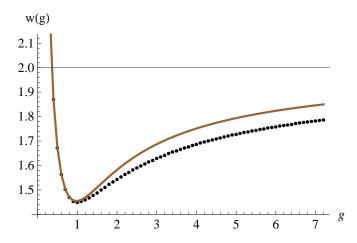
so that  $\log(1 + Y_1) \sim \log g$ 

- If everything continues to behave as before beyond g=7.2, then the critical value might be expected at  $g_{\rm crit}\approx 11\div 12$
- If the behavior Y-functions will change for exponential one, then  $Y_{1|vw}(0)$  will be reaching -1 exponentially slow as  $g \to \infty$ . This raises another puzzle:

If a strong coupling solution is very different from the asymptotic one (and the critical value is never reached), how one obtains the spectrum of strings in flat space? Especially, its large degeneracy in J?

The existing data are not enough to make a reliable statement about the location of the critical point

#### The Bethe root



#### Scenarios: Exact Bethe root scaling at $g \to \infty$

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$$E = J + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathcal{E}(p_i)}_{\text{Bethe-Yang}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{Q=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \frac{d\tilde{p}^Q}{du} \log(1 + Y_Q)}_{\text{finite-size corr.}}$$

• For  $g \to \infty$  roots scale as  $u = 2 - \frac{w}{g}$  (the same as for the asymptotic solution). Then

$$\mathcal{E} = \sqrt{1 + 4g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}} = c_1 \sqrt{g} + c_2 + c_3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} + \dots$$

If  $w = w_{AFS}$  then  $c_1 = \sqrt{2\pi}$ . If not then the finite-size term must contribute to give  $c_1 = \sqrt{2\pi}$ 

• Roots scale as  $u=c_1-\frac{c_2}{\sqrt{a}}, c_1\neq 2$ , as  $g\to\infty$ . Then

$$\mathcal{E} = b_1 g + b_2 \sqrt{g} + \dots$$

Thus, it is the finite-size term which must cancel the leading  $b_1$ -term and reproduce  $\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{g}$ 

Devil's scenario - scaling is something else...

## Konishi at weak coupling

#### Five-loop Konishi from Lüscher's approach

The CDT provides the spectrum of excited states

$$E = J + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathcal{E}(p_i)}_{\text{Bethe-Yang}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{Q=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \frac{d\widetilde{p}^Q}{du} \log(1 + Y_Q)}_{\text{finite-size corr.}}$$

The perturbative Lüscher approach yields

$$\Delta^{(10)} = \Delta_{\text{asympt}}^{(10)} + g^{10} \left\{ -\frac{81\zeta(3)^2}{16} + \frac{81\zeta(3)}{32} - \frac{45\zeta(5)}{4} + \frac{945\zeta(7)}{32} - \frac{2835}{256} \right\}$$

Bajnok, Hegedus, Janik and Lukowski '09 all twist two – Lukowski, Rej and Velizhanin '09

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The five-loop correction comes from two sources

Position of Bethe roots shifts from their asymptotic value determined by BYE

$$BYE(u_k) = 0 \neq Y_{1*}(u_k) = -1$$

2 Finite-size correction to the BY energy (the same for Lüscher's and TBA)

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As 
$$\mathcal{E}(p) = \sqrt{1 + 4g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$$
 it is enough to compute  $\delta u_k$ 

$$u_k = u_k^o + g^8 \delta u_k$$

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$$\sum_{j=1}^{N=2} \frac{\delta \text{BYE}(u_k)}{\delta u_j} \, \delta u_j + \Phi_k^{(8)} = 0 \,.$$

Here  $\Phi^{(8)}$  is the leading finite-size correction to the BYE of order  $q^8$  for which the Lüscher approach vields

$$\Phi_{k}^{(8)} = -\sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}u}{2\pi} \, \partial_{u_{1}} \, Y_{M}^{o}(u) \big|_{u_{1}+u_{2}=0} \,,$$

Here  $Y_M^o$  is an asymptotic  $Y_M$  function taken at leading order  $g^8$ 

#### Hybrid form of the TBA equations for $Y_Q$

Both canonical and simplified TBA equations lead to too complicated exact Bethe equations (to do five-loop analytic and numeric computations)

Canonical equations for  $Y_0$ :

$$\begin{split} \log Y_Q &= -L\,\widetilde{\mathcal{E}}_Q + \log\left(1+Y_{Q'}\right) \star K_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)}^{Q'\,Q} \\ &+ 2\log\left(1+\frac{1}{Y_{\textcolor{red}{M'}|_{VWX}}}\right) \star K_{VWX}^{\textcolor{red}{M'}\,Q} + 2\log\left(1-\frac{1}{Y_-}\right)\,\hat{\star}\,K_-^{\emph{yQ}} + 2\log\left(1-\frac{1}{Y_+}\right)\,\hat{\star}\,K_+^{\emph{yQ}} \end{split}$$

Simplified equations for  $Y_Q$ :

$$\begin{split} \log Y_{M|vw} &= \log(1 + Y_{M-1|vw})(1 + Y_{M+1|vw}) \star s \\ &- \log(1 + Y_{M+1}) \star s + \delta_{M1} \log \frac{1 - Y_{-}}{1 - Y_{-}} \hat{\star} s \end{split} \quad \star \mathsf{K}_{M}$$

$$\mathsf{K}_M - s \star (\mathsf{K}_{M+1} + \mathsf{K}_{M-1}) = \delta \mathsf{K}_M \quad (M \ge 2), \qquad \qquad \mathsf{K}_1 - s \star \mathsf{K}_2 = \delta \mathsf{K}_1,$$

This allows one to express the sum  $\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{Y_{M'|vw}}\right) \star K_{vwx}^{M'Q}$  and leads to the hybrid form of the TBA equations

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Linearize TBA equations

$$Y = Y^{o}(1 + \mathscr{Y}),$$

Linearize the exact Bethe equation  $Y_{1*}(u_k) = -1$ 

$$\pi(2n_k + 1) = J p_k + i \sum_{j=1}^{2} \log S_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)}(u_j, u_k) + \mathcal{R}_k$$
BYE

$$\delta \mathcal{R}_{k} = \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \, Y_{M}^{o}(u) \, \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{u - u_{k}}{(M+1)^{2} + (u - u_{k})^{2}}$$

$$+ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \, A_{1|w}(u) \, \mathcal{Y}_{1|w}(u) \, \frac{1}{2 \sinh \frac{\pi}{2} (u - u_{k})}$$

$$+ \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \, Y_{M+1}^{o}(u) \, \frac{1}{4\pi i} \Big[ -i \frac{4(u - u_{k})}{M^{2} + (u - u_{k})^{2}}$$

$$+ \psi \left( \frac{M}{4} + \frac{i}{4} (u - u_{k}) \right) - \psi \left( \frac{M}{4} - \frac{i}{4} (u - u_{k}) \right)$$

$$- \psi \left( \frac{M+2}{4} + \frac{i}{4} (u - u_{k}) \right) + \psi \left( \frac{M+2}{4} - \frac{i}{4} (u - u_{k}) \right) \Big]$$

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BYE

where

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$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{R}_k &= \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \, Y_M^o(u) \, \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{u - u_k}{(M+1)^2 + (u - u_k)^2} \\ &+ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \, A_{1|w}(u) \, \mathcal{Y}_{1|w}(u) \, \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (u - u_k)} \\ &+ \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \, Y_{M+1}^o(u) \, \frac{1}{4\pi i} \Big[ -i \, \frac{4(u - u_k)}{M^2 + (u - u_k)^2} \\ &+ \psi \left( \frac{M}{4} + \frac{i}{4} (u - u_k) \right) - \psi \left( \frac{M}{4} - \frac{i}{4} (u - u_k) \right) \\ &- \psi \left( \frac{M+2}{4} + \frac{i}{4} (u - u_k) \right) + \psi \left( \frac{M+2}{4} - \frac{i}{4} (u - u_k) \right) \Big] \end{split}$$

and  $A_{M|vw} = \frac{Y_{M|vw}^{O}}{1+Y_{M|vw}^{O}}$ . Looks puzzling, but...

#### Five-loop Konishi from the mirror TBA

Equation for  $\mathscr{Y}_{Q|vw}$ :

$$\mathscr{Y}_{Q|w} \star \Omega_{QM} = -Y_{M+1}^o \star s, \qquad s(u) = \frac{1}{4\cosh\frac{\pi u}{2}}$$

where the fluctuation operator is

$$\Omega_{QM} = \delta_{QM} - \delta_{Q,M-1} A_{M-1|vw} s - \delta_{Q,M+1} A_{M+1|vw} s.$$

This equation is solved by iterations. Formal solution is

$$\mathscr{Y}_{M|vw} = -Y_{Q+1}^o \star s \star \Omega_{QM}^{-1}$$

The solution  $\mathscr{Y}_{1|vw}$  is plugged into  $\delta \mathcal{R}_k$ 

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#### Comparison of the numerical results

М	ТВА	Lüscher	TBA-Lüscher	TBA-Lüscher Lüscher
2	-0.0108303	-0.0108304	5.21829 · 10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.81819 · 10 <sup>-6</sup>
3	-0.000118621	-0.000118665	4.34822 · 10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.000366429
4	-4.63638 · 10 <sup>-6</sup>	$-4.6417 \cdot 10^{-6}$	5.32116 · 10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.00114638
5	$-3.78671 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$-3.79407 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$7.35899 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0.0019396
6	$-4.89345 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$-4.94077 \cdot 10^{-8}$	4.73166 · 10 <sup>-10</sup>	0.00957676

The contributions to  $\delta \mathcal{R}_1$  and  $-\Phi^{(8)}(u_1)$  produced by individual  $Y_M$ 's for  $M=2,\ldots,6$ 

The perfect numerical agreement

$$\delta \mathcal{R}_k + \Phi_k^{(8)} = 0$$

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Recently the agreement has been confirmed analytically (cf. Arpad's talk on Friday)

#### Four magnons at weak coupling

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• Each of  $Y_{Mlvw}$  has four real zeroes ( $Y_{1lvw}$  has six) already at  $g \sim 0$ 

Such an analytic structure leads to extra driving terms<sup>1</sup> in the TBA equations already at weak coupling. Two-particle states are a bit special in this respect

 As, in the two-particle case, we find a universal relation between length and charge

$$L = J + 2$$

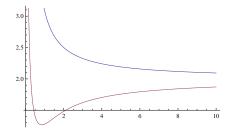
Recall that semi-classically L = J

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>That is to those which are not induced by  $log(1 + Y_1)$ 

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#### Four magnons at weak coupling

Example: J = 2, N = 4,  $n_1 = n_2 = 1$ Four Bethe roots  $u_1 = -u_3$ ,  $u_2 = -u_4$ 



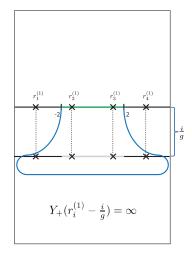
Roots 
$$Y_{M|vw}(r_i^{(M)}) = 0$$

$$\log Y_{M|vw}(u) = \sum_{i=1}^{2+2\delta_{M1}} \log S(r_i^{(M)} - \frac{i}{g} - u) + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \log S(r_i^{(M+2)} - \frac{i}{g} - u)$$

$$+ \log(1 + Y_{M-1|vw})(1 + Y_{M+1|vw}) * s + \delta_{M1} \log \frac{1 - Y_-}{1 - Y_+} * s$$

$$- \log(1 + Y_{M+1}) * s$$

#### Integration contour for $Y_{\pm}$ -functions



The mirror TBA: from string hypothesis to the exact spectrum

- The TBA equations for the vacuum follow from the string hypothesis
- The TBA equations for excited states are determined by the TBA equations for the vacuum in conjunction with the contour deformation trick
- With the integration contour tightened back to the real mirror line, the TBA equations for different states have different driving terms, even in the two-particle case!
- The form of the equations might depend on the coupling constant. For any state there could be critical values of g, crossing which the TBA equations must be modified. Prove their (non)-existence is an important open problem!
- Relation length charge exhibits universality (a conjecture explicitly checked for 2-,4-, and 6-particle states)

$$L = J + 2$$