Sigma-model perturbation theory and AdS/CFT spectrum

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Unitarity methods for scattering in 2d



Sigma-model perturbation theory II

ABJM cusp anomaly at two loops and the interpolating function $h(\lambda)$



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Quantifying the one-loop QCD challenge		
$pp \rightarrow W + n$ jets	(amplitudes with most glue	ons)
# of jets	# 1-loop Feynman diagrams	
1		
2	110	Current limit with Feynman diagrams
3	1,253	
4	16,648	
5	256,265	Current limit with on-shell methods

[from a L. Dixon talk]

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Goal: apply to evaluation of amplitudes of two-dimensional cases of interest.

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{loop counting} \\ \text{parameter} \end{array} \quad \hat{g} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \end{array}$

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[Arutyunov, Frolov, Plefka, Zamaklar 2006]

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sensible definition of a perturbative worldsheet S-matrix

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AdS/CFT (internal) S-matrix I

[Klose McLoughlin Roiban Zarembo 2007]

[Staudacher 2004]

[Beisert Staudacher 2005]

This S-matrix is the perturbative expansion of the exact AdS₅/CFT₄ S-matrix aka "spin chain S-matrix": the rhs of asymptotic Bethe eqs

 $\begin{aligned} 1 &= \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{4j}^+}{x_{4j}^-} \\ 1 &= \prod_{\substack{j=1\\j\neq k}}^{K_2} \frac{u_{2k} - u_{2j} - i}{u_{2k} - u_{2j} + i} \prod_{j=1}^{K_3} \frac{u_{2k} - u_{3j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{2k} - u_{3j} - \frac{i}{2}} \\ 1 &= \prod_{\substack{j=1\\j\neq k}}^{K_2} \frac{u_{3k} - u_{2j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{3k} - u_{2j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{3k} - x_{4j}^+}{x_{3k} - x_{4j}^-} \\ 1 &= \prod_{j=1}^{K_2} \frac{u_{3k} - u_{2j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{3k} - u_{2j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{3k} - x_{4j}^+}{x_{3k} - x_{4j}^-} \\ \left(\frac{x_{4k}^+}{x_{4k}^+}\right)^L &= \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \left(\frac{u_{4k} - u_{4j} + i}{u_{4k} - u_{4j} - i} e^{2i\theta(x_{4k}, x_{4j})}\right) \prod_{j=1}^{K_3} \frac{x_{4k}^- - x_{3j}}{x_{4k}^+ - x_{3j}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_5} \frac{x_{4k}^- - x_{5j}}{x_{4k}^+ - x_{5j}} \\ 1 &= \prod_{j=1}^{K_6} \frac{u_{5k} - u_{6j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{5k} - u_{6j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{5k} - x_{4j}^+}{x_{5k} - x_{4j}^-} \\ 1 &= \prod_{j=1}^{K_6} \frac{u_{6k} - u_{6j} - i}{u_{6k} - u_{6j} + i} \prod_{j=1}^{K_1} \frac{u_{6k} - u_{5j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{6k} - u_{5j} - \frac{i}{2}} \end{aligned}$ (Beisert 2005)

Describe the **exact asymptotic** spectrum of anomalous dimensions of local composite operators and energies of their dual string configurations.

AdS/CFT (internal) S-matrix II

Assuming integrability (consistency with Yang-Baxter equation) and using global symmetries one can:

• derive exact dispersion relation
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up to one (/more) scalar factor(/s), fixed with additional constraints like "crossing symmetry" and semiclassical string data.

The scalar phase is the hardest thing to compute, crucial for the spectrum. Particularly in some models relevant in AdS₃/CFT₂ where solutions to crossing-like equations are difficult to determine.

Ben Hoare talk later

[Janik 2005]

Motivation

- Provide 2d scattering perturbation theory with efficient tools.
- Extract information about the overall factors of scattering matrix.
- Provide tests of quantum integrability for certain string backgrounds.
- Methodological: techniques never really applied in two dimensions.



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Consequence of unitarity of the S-matrix (optical theorem).

- Relates a certain loop amplitude to a lower order one.
- Imaginary part of the amplitude contains the branch-cut information.

- Cutting (Cutkosky) rules ex.
$$p \rightarrow i \rightarrow 2\pi i \, \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$

- Unitarity cuts method: revert the order, find n-loop amplitude fusing lower order ones
 - Only the singular part can be reconstructed (logs or polilogs.)
 - Cut-constructibility of a theory always to be verified.

(Special known case in 4d: massless susy gauge theories are 1-loop cut-constructibles).

Two-body scattering process of a theory invariant under space and time translations



described via the four-point amplitude

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For d=2 and in the single mass case, scattering $2 \rightarrow 2$ is simple.

Particles either preserve or exchange their momenta

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S-matrix element defined by

$$S_{MN}^{PQ}(p_1, p_2) \equiv \frac{J(p_1, p_2)}{4\epsilon_1\epsilon_2} \mathcal{A}_{MN}^{PQ}(p_1, p_2, p_1, p_2)$$

Dispersion relation for asymptotic states (equal masses =1): $\epsilon_i^2 = 1 + p_i^2$ Fix ordering of incoming states $p_1 > p_2$.

Scattering in d=2: unitarity cuts (1)

One-loop result from unitarity techniques: contributions from three cut-diagrams



Example: s-cut contribution. Glue tree-amplitudes.

$$\mathcal{A}^{(1)}{}^{PQ}_{MN}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)|_{s-cut} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^2 l_1}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2 l_2}{(2\pi)^2} i\pi \delta^+(l_1^2 - 1) i\pi \delta^+(l_2^2 - 1) \times \mathcal{A}^{(0)}{}^{RS}_{MN}(p_1, p_2, l_1, l_2) \mathcal{A}^{(0)}{}^{PQ}_{SR}(l_2, l_1, p_3, p_4)$$

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Two-particle cuts in d=2 at one loop are maximal cuts.

Expect same as quadrupole cuts in d=4: $A_4^{1-loop} = \sum (A_4^{tree})^4 I_{box}$

4-points amplitude at one-loop

Tree-level amplitudes can be pulled out of the integral, evaluated at those zeroes.

A simple sum over discrete solutions of the on-shell conditions

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(1)}{}^{PQ}_{MN}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = & \frac{I(p_1 + p_2)}{2} \Big[\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{RS}_{MN}(p_1, p_2, p_1, p_2) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{PQ}_{SR}(p_2, p_1, p_3, p_4) \\ & + \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{RS}_{MN}(p_1, p_2, p_2, p_1) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{PQ}_{SR}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \Big] \\ & + & I(p_1 - p_3) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{SP}_{MR}(p_1, p_3, p_1, p_3) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{RQ}_{SN}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \\ & + & I(p_1 - p_4) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{SQ}_{MR}(p_1, p_4, p_1, p_4) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(0)}{}^{RP}_{SN}(p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3) \end{split}$$

weighted by scalar "bubble" integrals

$$I(p) = \int \frac{d^2q}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(q^2 - 1 + i\epsilon)((q - p)^2 - 1 + i\epsilon)}$$

Inherently finite formula.

One of initial motivation of our work: ordinary Feynman diagrammatics was problematic (divergencies did not cancel). Recently clarified in [Roiban, Sundin, Tseytlin, Wulff 14]

Final formula for the S-matrix (choose $p_3 = p_1$, $p_4 = p_2$)

$$\begin{split} S^{(1)}{}^{PQ}_{MN}(p_1,p_2) &= \frac{1}{4(\epsilon_2 \, \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \, \mathbf{p}_2)} \left[\tilde{S}^{(0)}{}^{RS}_{MN}(p_1,p_2) \tilde{S}^{(0)}{}^{PQ}_{RS}(p_1,p_2) I(p_1 + p_2) \right. \\ & \left. + \tilde{S}^{(0)}{}^{SP}_{MR}(p_1,p_1) \tilde{S}^{(0)}{}^{RQ}_{SN}(p_1,p_2) I(0) \right. \\ & \left. + \tilde{S}^{(0)}{}^{SQ}_{MR}(p_1,p_2) \tilde{S}^{(0)}{}^{PR}_{SN}(p_1,p_2) I(p_1 - p_2) \right] \,, \end{split}$$
 where $\tilde{S}^{(0)}(p_1,p_2) = 4(\epsilon_2 \, \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \, \mathbf{p}_2) S^{(0)}(p_1,p_2)$

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Remarks

- The t-channel cut is special.
 - Using first $\delta(p_1 p_3)\delta(p_2 p_4)$ makes it ill-defined and requires a prescription: use delta-function **only at the end** of the calculation
 - Asymmetrical wrt choice of the vertex used to solve momenta: leads to a consistency condition



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We are NOT including contributions from tadpoles (no physical cuts)

A inherently finite result says **nothing** about UV-finiteness or renormalizability. Might be missing rational terms following from regularization procedure.

Cut-constructibility to be always checked



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In two cases (complex sine-Gordon and Pohlmeyer-reduced AdS₃xS³ theory) cut-constructibility is highly non trivial!

Theory only integrable at classical level. Quantum counterterms restoring various properties of integrability (e.g. Yang-Baxter equation).

It is this "quantum integrable" result that the unitarity method gives.

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From symmetries and integrability follows a group factorization

 $\mathbb{S} = e^{i\theta} \hat{S}^{PSU(2|2)} \otimes \hat{S}^{PSU(2|2)}$

Each factor has manifest $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ invariance

$$\hat{S}_{AB}^{CD} = \begin{cases} A\delta_a^c \delta_b^d + B\delta_a^d \delta_b^c \\ D\delta_\alpha^\gamma \delta_\beta^\delta + E\delta_\alpha^\delta \delta_\beta^\gamma \\ C\epsilon_{ab}\epsilon^{\gamma\delta} & F\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}\epsilon^{cd} \\ G\delta_a^c \delta_\beta^\delta & H\delta_a^d \delta_\beta^\gamma \\ L\delta_\alpha^\gamma \delta_b^d & K\delta_\alpha^\delta \delta_b^c \end{cases}$$

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A perturbative check should recover the tensor structure, group factorization and exponentiation of the logarithms. Expansion of symmetry-determined and phase parts ($\theta^{(0)}$ absorbed in $T^{(0)}$)

$$\hat{S} = \mathbf{1} + i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g^{-n} \hat{T}^{(n-1)}$$
 $\theta = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g^{-n} \theta^{(n-1)}$

requires one-loop logarithms to contribute only to the diagonal terms

$$S = \mathbf{1} + \frac{i}{g}\hat{T}^{(0)} + \frac{i}{g^2}\left(\hat{T}^{(1)} + \theta^{(1)}\mathbf{1}\right)$$

Goal: compute one loop worldsheet S-matrix "bootstrapping" it from tree level.

String worldsheet S-matrix

Superstring action

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2 \sigma \sqrt{-h} \, h^{ab} G_{MN}(X) \partial_a X^M \partial_b X^N + \text{fermions}$$

Green-Schwarz formulation for fermions

$$\varrho_a = \partial_a x^\mu E_\mu{}^A \Gamma_A$$

quadratic part

$$L_F = i(\sqrt{-g}g^{ab}\delta^{IJ} - \epsilon^{ab}s^{IJ})\bar{\theta}^I\varrho_a D_b\theta^J$$

$$D_a\theta^I = \left(\partial_a + \frac{1}{4}\partial_a x^\mu \omega_\mu{}^{AB}\Gamma_{AB}\right)\theta^I + \frac{1}{2}\varrho_a\Gamma_{01234}\epsilon^{IJ}\theta^J$$

Use an interpolating lightcone -gauge

[Arutyunov Frolov Zamaklar 06]

$$X^{+} = (1 + a) t + a \varphi \equiv \tau + a \sigma$$

AdS₅ S⁵ I light-cone gauge
$$a = 1/2$$
 light-cone gauge
$$a = 0$$
 temporal gauge

Gauge fixing

[Klose McLoughlin Roiban Zarembo 06]

Bosonic lagrangean to quartic order in the fields X = (Y, Z)

$$\begin{split} L &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mathbf{a}} X \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} X^2 + \frac{1}{4} Z^2 \left(\partial_{\mathbf{a}} Z \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} Y^2 \left(\partial_{\mathbf{a}} Y \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(Y^2 - Z^2 \right) \left(\dot{X}^2 + \dot{X}^2 \right) \\ &- \frac{1 - 2a}{8} \left(X^2 \right)^2 + \frac{1 - 2a}{4} \left(\partial_{\mathbf{a}} X \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{b}} X \right)^2 - \frac{1 - 2a}{8} \left[\left(\partial_{\mathbf{a}} X \right)^2 \right]^2 \,. \end{split}$$

Lorentz invariance (quadratic part) broken by interactions.

Massive states with relativistic dispersion relation $\epsilon = \sqrt{1 + p^2}$

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$$

Bosonic part invariant under $SO(4) \times SO(4)$.

Worldsheet fields (embedding coordinates in AdS₅xS⁵)

 T, Φ, Y^m, Z^m , fermions

can be represented as bispinors $SO(4) \simeq (SU(2) \times SU(2))/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$$Y_{a\dot{a}} = (\sigma_m)_{a\dot{a}} Y^m, \qquad \qquad Z_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (\sigma_\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} Z^\mu \qquad \qquad a, \dot{a}, \alpha, \dot{\alpha} = 1, 2$$

Bosons and fermions form bi-fundamental representation of $PSU(2|2)_L \times PSU(2|2)_R$

- Formal definition of a bi-fundamental supermultiplet $\Phi_{A\dot{A}}$, $A = (a|\alpha) \dot{A} = (\dot{a}|\dot{\alpha})$ providing a basis for the definition of the S-matrix.
- Two-particle S-matrix is 256 x 256

$$\mathbb{S} \left| \Phi_{A\dot{A}}(p) \Phi_{B\dot{B}}(p') \right\rangle = \left| \Phi_{C\dot{C}}(p) \Phi_{D\dot{D}}(p') \right\rangle \mathbb{S}^{CCDD}_{A\dot{A}B\dot{B}}(p,p')$$

Expansion of worldsheet S-matrix in coupling: defines the T-matrix

$$\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{\hat{g}} \mathbb{T}^{(0)} + \frac{1}{\hat{g}^2} \mathbb{T}^{(1)} + \ldots = \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{T} \qquad \qquad \hat{g} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

Tree level result: first non trivial order in the perturbative expansion.
Obtained applying LSZ reduction to quartic vertices of the lagrangean.

[Klose McLoughlin Roiban Zarembo 06]

 $\checkmark \text{ It exhibits group factorization } \mathbb{T} = \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathrm{T} + \mathrm{T} \otimes \mathbb{1}$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{T}_{ab}^{cd} &= \mathbf{A} \, \delta_{a}^{c} \delta_{b}^{d} + \mathbf{B} \, \delta_{a}^{d} \delta_{b}^{c} , & \mathbf{T}_{ab}^{\gamma\delta} &= \mathbf{C} \, \epsilon_{ab} \epsilon^{\gamma\delta} , \\ \mathbf{T}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} &= \mathbf{D} \, \delta_{\alpha}^{\gamma} \delta_{\beta}^{\delta} + \mathbf{E} \, \delta_{\alpha}^{\delta} \delta_{\beta}^{\gamma} , & \mathbf{T}_{\alpha\beta}^{cd} &= \mathbf{F} \, \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon^{cd} , \\ \mathbf{T}_{a\beta}^{c\delta} &= \mathbf{G} \, \delta_{a}^{c} \delta_{\beta}^{\delta} , & \mathbf{T}_{\alpha b}^{\gamma d} &= \mathbf{L} \, \delta_{\alpha}^{\gamma} \delta_{b}^{d} , \\ \mathbf{T}_{a\beta}^{\gamma d} &= \mathbf{H} \, \delta_{a}^{d} \delta_{\beta}^{\gamma} , & \mathbf{T}_{\alpha b}^{c\delta} &= \mathbf{K} \, \delta_{\alpha}^{\delta} \delta_{b}^{c} . \end{split}$$

where e.g.
$$A(p_1, p_2) = \frac{1}{4} \Big[(1 - 2a)(\epsilon_2 p_1 - \epsilon_1 p_2) + \frac{(p_1 - p_2)^2}{\epsilon_2 p_1 - \epsilon_1 p_2} \Big]$$

 \checkmark Coincide with the related expansion of the exact spin chain S-matrix.

Valentina Forini, Unitarity methods for scattering in 2d

$$S_{AB}^{CD}(\mathbf{p}_{1},\mathbf{p}_{2}) = \exp\left(i\varphi_{a}(\mathbf{p}_{1},\mathbf{p}_{2})\right) \tilde{S}_{AB}^{CD}$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2\hat{g}}(e_{2}\mathbf{p}_{1}-e_{1}\mathbf{p}_{2})(a-\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{i}{\hat{g}^{2}}\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{p}_{1},\mathbf{p}_{2})\right) \tilde{S}_{AB}^{CD} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\hat{g}^{3}}\right)$$

where

Ex.
$$A^{(1)} = 1 + \frac{i}{4\hat{g}} \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)^2}{\epsilon_2 \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \mathbf{p}_2} + \frac{1}{4\hat{g}^2} (\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2 - \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^4}{8(\epsilon_2 \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \mathbf{p}_2)^2})$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2 \mathbf{p}_2^2 \left((\epsilon_2 \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \mathbf{p}_2) - (\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2) \operatorname{arsinh}[\epsilon_2 \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \mathbf{p}_2] \right)}{(\epsilon_2 \mathbf{p}_1 - \epsilon_1 \mathbf{p}_2)^2}$$

✓ All **logarithmic** dependence encoded in the scalar factor (as required from integrability!)

✓ All rational dependence coincides with related expansion of EXACT worldsheet S-matrix

✓ All gauge dependence encoded in the scalar factor (as required from physical arguments!)

Remarks and a wish list

- Enough evidence that for large class of 2-d models (relativistic and not) four-points one-loop amplitudes are cut-constructible
 - > Standard unitarity (2-particle cuts) reproduces all rational terms, up to shifts in the coupling.
- Efficient way for
 - > Checks of quantum integrability aspects (e.g. group factorization).
 - > Proposing/checking matrix structure and overall phases for models relevant for the AdS/CFT correspondence. L. Bianchi, B. Hoare, arXiv: 1405.7947

- Cut-constructibility "criterion"
 - > Integrability is crucial asset
 - > Structure of the one-loop S-matrix derived by unitarity cuts automatically satisfies the Yang-Baxter equation







Wish list

Two loops rational terms (all logarithms reproduced in [Engelund McEwan Roiban 2013]

★ Higher points: factorization should emerge



 Extend to other interesting integrable string backgrounds (require a tree-level S-matrix! and massless modes treatment)

[Basso 2010]

 \bigstar Extend to off-shell objects, including form factors and correlation functions.

[Klose McLoughlin 2012/2013] [Engelund McEwan Roiban 2013] String sigma-model perturbation theory II

ABJM cusp anomaly at two loops and the interpolating function $h(\lambda)$

L. Bianchi, M.S. Bianchi, A. Bres, VF, E. Vescovi, arxiv:1407.4788



Planar AdS₄/CFT₃ system

 $\mathcal{N} = 6$ super Chern-Simons theory in 3d **and** Type IIA strings in $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$ believed to be integrable: Bethe equations, quantum spectral curve approach.

- Similarities with AdS₅/CFT₄, but two important differences:
 - 1. The string background is **not** maximally supersymmetric

Construction of the superstring action is *complicated:* coset sigma-model does not cover full superspace, issues with κ -symmetry gauge-fixing.

2. Dispersion relation entering all-integrability based calculations

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{1 + 4 h^2(\lambda) \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$$

is in terms of an **unknown**, here **non-trivial**, interpolating function of the coupling.

In $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM the function is "trivial":

$$h(\lambda_{YM}) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{YM}}}{4\pi}$$

Seen perturbatively at weak and strong coupling.

[Gross Mikhailov Roiban 2002] [Santambrogio Zanon 2002] [Sieg 2010] [Hofman Maldacena 2006] [Klose, McLoughlin, Minahan, Zarembo 2007]

Checked exactly via comparison between integrability and localisation results for the ``Brehmstrahulung function'' of N=4 SYM.

[Correa, Henn, Sever, Maldacena 2012]

In ABJM non-trivial dependence on the t'Hooft coupling

$$h^{2}(\lambda) = \lambda^{2} - \frac{2\pi^{3}}{3}\lambda^{4} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{6}) \qquad \lambda \ll 1$$
$$h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}} - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\lambda})^{-1} \qquad \lambda \gg 1$$

[Gaiotto Giombi Yin 08] [Grignani Harmark Orselli] [Nihsioka Takayanagi 08] [Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Sieg 09] [Leoni, Mauri, Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Santambrogio, Sieg, Tartaglino Mazzucchellu 10] Finite coupling dependence unknown from first principles. Not yet integrability-derived ABJM ``Brehmstrahlung function''

[Lewkowycz Maldacena 2013] [Bianchi, Griguolo, Leoni, Penati, Seminara 2014]

A conjecture exist

$$\lambda = \frac{\sinh 2\pi h(\lambda)}{2\pi} {}_{3}F_{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1, \frac{3}{2}; -\sinh^{2}2\pi h(\lambda)\right)$$
 [Gromov Sizov 2014]

extrapolated by "similarities" between two all-order calculations:

- > one based on integrability: "slope-function" as exact solution of the ABJM spectral curve [Cavaglia', Fioravanti, Gromov Tateo 2014]
- > one based on localization: expectation1/6 BPS Wilson loop [Marino, Putrov, 10] [Drukker, Marino, Putrov, 10]

$$h(\lambda) = \lambda - \frac{\pi^2}{3}\lambda^3 + \frac{5\pi^4}{12}\lambda^5 - \frac{893\pi^6}{1260}\lambda^7 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^9) \qquad \lambda \ll 1$$
$$h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{24}\right)} - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-2\pi\sqrt{2\lambda}}\right) \qquad \lambda \gg 1$$

- Weak coupling:
 - > anomalous dimension of twist operators in large spin limit
 - > governs renormalization of light-like cusped Wilson loops

 $\Delta_{\text{twist}} \sim f(\lambda) \ln S, \quad S \gg 1$ $\langle W_{\text{cusp}} \rangle \sim e^{-f(\lambda)\phi \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\epsilon}}$

Strong coupling: corresponding string configurations are related



[Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov,02] [Kruczenski,02] [Kruczenski, Tirziu, Roiban, Tseytlin 07]

Integrability gives an **all-order** equation for cusp anomaly $f(\lambda)$, BES equation matching all known perturbative results. [Beisert Eden Staduacher 2006] Despite nontrivial differences of the cusp physics in ABJM

[MS Bianchi, Griguolo, Penati, Seminara 2013,14] [Marmiroli 2013] [Lewkowitz Maldacena 2013]

BES equation is only slightly modified, therefore the prediction

 $f_{\rm ABJM}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} f_{\mathcal{N}=4}(\lambda_{\rm YM}) \bigg|_{\frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{\rm YM}}}{4\pi} \to h(\lambda)}$

from which, knowing already the N=4 SYM case,

[Basso Korchemsky Kotanski 2007] [Roiban Tseytlin 2007]

$$\lambda \gg 1$$

[Gromov Vieira 2008]

$$f_{ABJM}(\lambda) = 2h(\lambda) - \frac{3\log 2}{2\pi} - \frac{K}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{h(\lambda)} + \cdots$$

A direct string sigma-model evaluation of the LHS

$$f_{\text{ABJM}}(\lambda) = \sqrt{2\lambda} - \frac{5\log 2}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\lambda})^{-1}$$
[ABJM] [several papers]

will give also an extimation of the rhs.

$$h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}} - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\lambda})^{-1}$$

Valentina Forini, ABJM cusp anomaly at two loops

- Solution of Type IIA sugra preserving 24 out of 32 supersymmetries. [Nilsson Pope, 84]
- Supercoset approach à la [Metsaev Tseytlin 98]. Sigma-model action based on

$$\frac{OSp(6|4)}{U(3) \times SO(1,3)}$$

[Arutyunov Frolov 08] [Stefanski 08]

has 24 fermionic dof: interpreted as *partial* kappa-symmetry gauge-fixing of full action. Remaining kappa-symmetry generically removes 8 fermions.

For strings only moving in AdS₄ kappa-symmetry is enhanced: only 12 (out of 16) physical fermions! Coset model misses 4 physical fermions.

For these configurations (and higher order perturbation theory) start from complete AdS₄xCP³ action and make alternative kappa-symmetry gauge fixing.

[Gomis Sorokin Wulff 08] [Grassi Sorokin Wulff 09] [Uvarov 09]

AdS₄xCP³ action in AdS light-cone gauge

- Obtained in [Uvarov, 09,10] from double dimensional reduction from D=11 membrane action based on supercoset OSp(8/4)/(SO(1,3)x S7) [de Wit, Peeters, Plefka, Sevrin 98]
- κ-symmetry gauge-fixing: light-cone gauge, with light-cone in the boundary of AdS₄

In AdS₅xS⁵ two ways to fix light-cone gauge corresponding to two inequivalent geodesics:

- 1. one wrapping a big circle in S⁵
 - > widely used in AdS/CFT (BMN, pp-waves, world-sheet S-matrix)
 - > quite complicated (non-polynomial) form.
- 2. one running entirely inside AdS_5
 - > dramatically simplifies fermionic part of the action

[Metsaev Tseytlin 00] [Metsaev Thorn Tseytlin 00] Convenient to use Poincaré patch

$$ds_{AdS_4}^2 = \frac{dw^2 + dx^+ dx^- + dx^1 dx^1}{w^2} \qquad x^{\pm} = x^2 \pm x^0$$

Take the natural light-cone coordinates on $\mathbb{R}^{1,2}$

- To fix bosonic diffeos choose a "modified" conformal gauge $\gamma^{ij} = \text{diag}(-w^2, w^{-2})$ combined with standard light-cone gauge $x^+ = p^+ \tau$, $p^+ = \text{const}$
- To fix κ-symmetry, choose $\Gamma^+\Theta = (\Gamma^0 + \Gamma^2)\Theta = 0$
 - > Divide the 32-dimensional spinors associated to odd generators of OSp(8/4) in:

θ fermions (superPoincare)η fermions (superconformal)

> Kill that half of the fermions related to generators with negative charge wrt J^{+-} from Lorentz group acting on Minkowski boundary

AdS Ic gauge-fixed action: **at most quartic** in the remaining16 fermions

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\theta_a, \bar{\theta}^a) & (\theta_4, \bar{\theta}^4) & (\eta_a, \bar{\eta}^a) & (\eta_4, \bar{\eta}^4) & a = 1, 2, 3 \\ \hline \mathbf{3+3} & \mathbf{1+1} & \mathbf{3+3} & \mathbf{1+1} \end{array}$$

$$S = -\frac{T}{2} \int d\tau \, d\sigma \, L \qquad \qquad w \equiv e^{2\varphi}$$

$$L = \gamma^{ij} \Big\{ \frac{e^{-4\varphi}}{4} \left(\partial_i x^+ \partial_j x^- + \partial_i x^1 \partial_j x^1 \right) + \partial_i \varphi \partial_j \varphi + g_{MN} \partial_i z^M \partial_j z^N + e^{-4\varphi} \left[\partial_i x^+ \overline{\omega}_j + \partial_i x^+ \partial_j z^M h_M + e^{-4\varphi} B \partial_i x^+ \partial_j x^+ \right] \Big\}$$

$$- 2 \varepsilon^{ij} e^{-4\varphi} \left(\omega_i \partial_j x^+ + e^{-2\varphi} C \partial_i x^1 \partial_j x^+ + \partial_i x^+ \partial_j z^M \ell_M \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\overleftarrow{\varpi_{i}} &= i \left(\partial_{i} \theta_{a} \bar{\theta}^{a} - \theta_{a} \partial_{i} \bar{\theta}^{a} + \partial_{i} \theta_{4} \bar{\theta}^{4} - \theta_{4} \partial_{i} \bar{\theta}^{4} + \partial_{i} \eta_{a} \bar{\eta}^{a} - \eta_{a} \partial_{i} \bar{\eta}^{a} + \partial_{i} \eta_{4} \bar{\eta}^{4} - \eta_{4} \partial_{i} \bar{\eta}^{4} \right) \\
\overleftarrow{B} &= 8 \left[(\hat{\eta}_{a} \hat{\bar{\eta}}^{a})^{2} + \varepsilon_{abc} \hat{\bar{\eta}}^{a} \hat{\bar{\eta}}^{b} \hat{\bar{\eta}}^{c} \bar{\eta}^{4} + \varepsilon^{abc} \hat{\eta}_{a} \hat{\eta}_{b} \hat{\eta}_{c} \eta_{4} + 2\eta_{4} \bar{\eta}^{4} \left(\hat{\eta}_{a} \hat{\bar{\eta}}^{a} - \theta_{4} \bar{\theta}^{4} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

- Only SU(3) symmetry is manifest (will be inherited by fluctuations on the cusp)
- No studies at quantum level so far. One of our aims is to check its quantum consistency (finiteness) and shows that is in fact simple to handle.

Original ABJM dictionary proposal (R is the CP³ radius)

$$T = \frac{R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} = 2\sqrt{2\lambda}$$

is modified to (in planar limit)

$$T = \frac{R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} = 2\sqrt{2\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{24}\right)}$$

[Bergman Hirano 2009]

 $\lambda = \frac{N}{k}$

(due to an orbifold singularity of the original, M-theory, background) $2\sqrt{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2\lambda}}$

plays a role at 2-loop order in perturbation theory

String perturbative expansion - in inverse string (effective) tension - is not affected. Shift: assumed, new input which plays a role when expressing the result in terms of λ .

Classical solution

$$w \equiv e^{2\varphi} = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\sigma}}$$
 $x^+ = \tau$ $x^- = -\frac{1}{2\sigma}$

describe a surface bounded by a null cusp, as at the AdS₄ boundary $0 = z^2 = -2x^+x^-$.

To extract cusp anomaly, compute partition function around it.

$$\langle W_{cusp} \rangle = Z_{string} \equiv \int \mathcal{D}[x, w, z, \eta, \theta] e^{-S_E}$$

Expand around the solution $X = X_{cl} + \hat{X}$ and evaluate the path integral perturbatively.

 $Z_{string} \equiv e^{-\frac{1}{2}f(\lambda)V}$ V: (infinite) 2d volume, $\sim \log S$

As solution is "homogeneous", i.e. fluctuation lagrangean has constant coefficients, one can factor out V.

$$f(g) = g \left[1 + \frac{a_1}{g} + \frac{a_2}{g^2} + \dots \right], \qquad g = \frac{T}{2}$$



Very smooth calculation.

8 bosonic modes 1 real scalar \tilde{x}^1 with mass $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, 1 real scalar $\tilde{\varphi}$ with mass 1, 3 complex massless z^a , a = 1, 2, 3.

Their determinant is easily evaluated

8 fermionic modes

2 massless modes,

6 massive excitations with mass $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$-\ln Z_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} \left\{ \ln(p^2 + 1) + \ln\left(p^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + 6\ln(p^2) - 2\ln(p^2) - 6\ln\left(p^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \right\}$$
$$= -\frac{5\ln 2}{16\pi} \underbrace{\int dt ds}_V$$

One-loop finiteness, expected result:

$$= -\frac{5\log 2}{2\pi}$$

[McLoughlin, Roiban, Tseytlin 08] [Alday Arutyunov Bykov 08]

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Two loops

Expand the action up to quartic order in fluctuations and compute all **connected vacuum** Feynman diagrams.

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{(3)} &= -8\varphi(\partial_s x^1)^2 - 2\varphi(x^1)^2 + 8\varphi x^1(\partial_s x) + 4\varphi^2(\partial_t \varphi - \partial_s \varphi) + 4\varphi[(\partial_t \varphi)^2 - (\partial_s \varphi)^2] \\ &+ 4\varphi(\partial_t z^a \partial_t \bar{z}_a - \partial_s z^a \partial_s \bar{z}_a) + 2\varepsilon_{abc} \partial_t z^a \bar{\eta}^b \bar{\eta}^c - 2\varepsilon^{abc} \partial_t \bar{z}_a \eta_b \eta_c + 4\partial_t \bar{z}_a \bar{\eta}^a \bar{\eta}^a - 4\partial_t z^a \eta_a \eta_4 \\ &i \left\{ \left[2i\varepsilon_{acb} z^c \bar{\eta}^b \partial_s \bar{\theta}^a - i\varepsilon_{acb} z^c \bar{\eta}^b \bar{\theta}^a - 8\varphi \eta_a \partial_s \bar{\theta}^a + 4\varphi \eta_a \bar{\theta}^a - 2i\varepsilon^{adc} \eta_a \left(\partial_s \bar{z}_d \theta_c + \bar{z}_d \partial_s \theta_c - \frac{1}{2} \bar{z}_d \theta_c \right) \right] + c.c. \right\} \\ &- 4i\varphi(\partial_s \theta_d \bar{\eta}^d - \partial_s \eta_d \bar{\theta}^d + \eta_d \partial_s \bar{\theta}^d - \theta_d \partial_s \bar{\eta}^d) + 8i\eta_a \bar{\eta}^a \partial_s x^1 - 4i\eta_a \bar{\eta}^a x^1 + 4i\theta_d \bar{\theta}^d \partial_s x^1 - 2i\theta_d \bar{\theta}^d x^1 \\ &+ 4i\eta_d \bar{\eta}^d \partial_s x^1 - 2i\eta_d \bar{\eta}^d x^1 + 4\partial_s \bar{z}_a \bar{\eta}^a \bar{\theta}^d + 4\partial_s z^a \eta_a \theta_d \end{split}$$

$$\\ \mathcal{L}_{(4)} &= 32\varphi^2(\partial_s x^1)^2 + 8\varphi^2(x^1)^2 - 32\varphi^2 x^1(\partial_s x^1) + \frac{4}{3}\varphi^4 + \frac{16}{3}\varphi^5(\partial_t \varphi) + 8\varphi^2(\partial_t \varphi)^2 \\ &+ \frac{16}{3}\varphi^3(\partial_s \varphi) + 8\varphi^2(\partial_s \varphi)^2 + 8\varphi^2(\partial_t z^a \partial_t \bar{z}_a + \partial_s z^a \partial_s \bar{z}_a) + \frac{1}{3} \left[\bar{z}_a \partial_t z^a \bar{z}_b \partial_t z^b + z^a \partial_t \bar{z}_a z^b \partial_s \bar{z}_b \right] \\ &- z^b z_b \partial_t z^a \partial_t \bar{z}_a - \bar{z}_a z^b \partial_t z^a \partial_t \bar{z}_b + \bar{z}_a \partial_s z^a \bar{z}_b \partial_s z^b - z^b \bar{z}_b \partial_s z^a \partial_s \bar{z}_a - \bar{z}_a z^b \partial_t \bar{z}_a \right] \\ &+ 8 \left[(\eta_a \bar{\eta}^a)^2 + \varepsilon_{abc} \bar{\eta}^a \bar{\eta}^b \bar{\eta}^c \bar{\eta}^a + \varepsilon^{abc} \eta_a \eta_b \eta_c \eta_4 + 2\eta_i \bar{\eta}(\eta_a \bar{\eta}^a - \theta_d \bar{\theta}) \right] + i \left\{ + 2z^a \bar{z}_a \bar{\eta}_b \partial_b - z^a \bar{z}_a \bar{\eta}^b \partial_b \right. \\ &- 2\bar{\eta}^a \bar{z}_a z^b \partial_b b + \bar{\eta}^a z_a z^b \partial_b - 8i\varepsilon_{adb} \varphi^c \bar{z}_c \bar{z}^a + 8i\varphi \eta_a \varepsilon^{adc} z^c \partial_b \partial_b - 4i\varphi \eta_a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^c \partial_b - 4i\varphi \partial_a \bar{z}^a - 2i\varphi \partial_a \bar{\theta}^a - 8\varphi^2 \eta_a \bar{\theta}^a \\ &- 2\bar{\eta}^a \bar{z}_a z^b \partial_b b + \bar{\eta}^a \bar{z}_a z^b \partial_b - 8i\varepsilon_{adb} \varphi^c \bar{z}_c \bar{z}^a + 8i\varphi \eta_a \partial_a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^c \partial_b b - 4i\varphi \eta_a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^b \partial_b - 2\bar{\eta}^a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_b \bar{z}^a z^a - 4\bar{z}^a \bar{z}^b \partial_b + 2\bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_b \bar{z}^a - 4\bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_b \bar{z}^a - 4\bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_b \bar{z}^a - \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^b \partial_b \bar{z}^a - \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_b \bar{z}^a - 2\bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_b \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \bar{z}^a \partial_a \bar{z}^a - 8\varphi^2 \eta_a \bar{a}^a - 2\eta_a \partial_a \bar{\partial}^a \bar{z}^a - 8\varphi^2 \eta_a \bar{a}^a - 2\eta_a \partial_a \bar{\partial}^a - 8\varphi^2 \eta_a \bar{a}$$

(\mathbb{CP}^3 parametrized by relative of Fubini-Study metric in terms of complex variables z^a and \overline{z}_a , transforming in the **3** and **3** of SU(3)).

Two loops

At this order, possible topologies of connected vacuum diagrams are sunset, double bubble, double tadpole.



where vertices carry up to two derivatives.

- Finiteness is not obvious, each diagram is separately divergent. Some simplicity occurring by bosonic propagators being diagonal.
- Massless fermions (main difference wrt to AdS₅xS⁵ case) behave as effectively decoupled

Two loops

Standard reduction allows to rewrite every integral as linear combination of the two scalar integrals

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{I}[m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2] &= \int \frac{d^2 p \, d^2 q \, d^2 r}{(2\pi)^4} \, \frac{\delta^{(2)}(p+q+r)}{(p^2+m_1^2) \, (q^2+m_2^2) \, (r^2+m_3^2)} \\ \mathrm{I}[m^2] &= \int \frac{d^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{p^2+m^2} \qquad \qquad \mathsf{UV \ divergent} \end{split}$$

Summing up diagrams, all divergences cancel, finite contributions always reduce to the three-propagator integral

$$I(2m^2, m^2, m^2) = \frac{K}{8\pi^2 m^2}$$
 $K = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^2}$

which is responsible for the appearance of the Catalan constant *K*.

Two-loop result:

$$-\ln Z_2 = \frac{V_2}{T} \left[\frac{1}{2} I\left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{3}{8} I\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \right] = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{V_2}{T} I\left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{K}{16\pi^2} \frac{V_2}{T}$$

Final result

• The two loop ABJM cusp anomaly at strong coupling

$$f_{\rm ABJM}(\lambda) = \sqrt{2\lambda} - \frac{5\log 2}{2\pi} - \left(\frac{K}{4\pi^2} + \frac{1}{24}\right)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\lambda}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\lambda^{-1}\right)$$

Final result

The two loop ABJM cusp anomaly at strong coupling ($\tilde{\lambda} \equiv \lambda - \frac{1}{24}$) $f_{ABJM}(\tilde{\lambda}) = \sqrt{2\tilde{\lambda}} - \frac{5\log 2}{2\pi} - \frac{K}{4\pi^2\sqrt{2\tilde{\lambda}}} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\tilde{\lambda}})^{-2}$

The N=4 SYM result has *different factors* (effect of ratio of AdS₄ and CP³ radii, # of transverse bosons, # of massive fermions) *in front of same structures*.

Using integrability prediction

$$f_{\text{ABJM}}(\lambda) = 2h(\lambda) - \frac{3\log 2}{2\pi} - \frac{K}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{h(\lambda)} + \cdots$$

we get for the interpolating function at strong coupling

$$h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2} - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi}} - \frac{1}{48\sqrt{2\lambda}} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\lambda})^{-2}$$

coinciding with strong coupling expansion of [Gromov Sizov 2014] conjecture

$$h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{24}\right) - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi}} + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-2\pi\sqrt{2\lambda}}\right)$$

Concluding remarks & outlook

- Two-loop calculation of ABJM cusp anomaly at strong coupling.
- ✓ First non-trivial perturbative check of $h(\lambda)$ at strong coupling.
- \checkmark Quantum consistency (UV-finiteness) of this AdS₄xCP³ action.
- \checkmark Indirect evidence of quantum integrability of Type IIA string in AdS₄xCP³
- \bigstar Calculate $f(\lambda)$ in backgrounds relevant for the AdS₃/CFT₂ correspondence.
- Three loop calculation: should involve products of $K \ln 2$ and ζ_3 Transcendentality properties studied, but yet unknown integrals. Interesting for seeing divergence cancellation mechanism.



Finite coupling "stringy" test of $h(\lambda)$ could be via lattice, à la [McEwan, Roiban, 13]: partition function of the *discretized* AdS light-cone gauge action in the background of the null cusp solution.

tack själv!



Brehmstrahlung function of N=4 SYM



Figure 2: Plot of the Bremsstrahlung function B in the planar limit (solid blue curve). At weak coupling, the lower and upper dashed green curves denote the two- and three-loop approximation, respectively. It is interesting to note that the radius of convergence of the weak coupling expansion is given by the first zero of I_1 in (4), which is at $\lambda \sim -14.7$. As one can see in the plot, the perturbative formulas become unreliable in that region. At the same time, we see that the first two orders of the strong coupling result (red dotted curve) give a qualitatively good approximation starting from that region.

Brehmstrahlung function of N=4 SYM

$$B = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \lambda \partial_\lambda \log \langle W_{\odot} \rangle$$

$$\langle W_{\odot} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} L_{N-1}^1 \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4N}\right) e^{\frac{\lambda}{8N}}, \qquad \lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$$

$$B = \frac{1}{4\pi^4} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} I_2(\sqrt{\lambda})}{I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})} + o(1/N^2)$$

where L is the modified Laguerre polynomial and W_0 is the 1/2 BPS circular Wilson loop.

The last line gives the planar expression.

[Erickson Semenoff Zarembo 00] [Drukker Gross 00] [Pestun 07]

Semiclassical quantization for "non homogenous solutions"

- Standard quantization of a soliton
 - > Background field method

$$\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\phi = \phi_{cl} + \frac{\tilde{\phi}}{\sqrt[4]{\lambda}}} \quad \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{fluct}}$$

> Effective action

$$\Gamma = -\ln Z = -\ln \frac{\det \text{ fermions}}{\sqrt{\det \text{ bosons}}}$$

> 1-loop energy

$$E_1 = \frac{\Gamma_1}{\kappa T} , \qquad \mathcal{T} \equiv \int d\tau \to \infty$$

Stationary solution \rightarrow <u>1-dimensional</u> determinants

$$\det \left[-\partial_{\tau}^{2} - \partial_{\sigma}^{2} + M^{2}(\sigma) \right] = \mathcal{T} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \left[-\partial_{\sigma}^{2} + \omega^{2} + M^{2}(\sigma) \right]$$
$$\rho'^{2} = \kappa^{2} \operatorname{cn}^{2} \left[\frac{\kappa \sigma}{\epsilon}, -\epsilon^{2} \right]$$

Semiclassical quantization EXACTLY

Fluctuation operators obey eigenvalue equations that can be cast in a known form

$$\left\{-\partial_x^2 + 2k^2 \operatorname{sn}^2[x + \mathbb{K}, k^2] + \Omega^2\right\}\beta_i(x) = \lambda \beta_i(x)$$

Lamé equation with periodic b.c.

Spectrum non-trivial, but solution is known exactly

Gelfand Yaglom theorem: to compute determinant, solve an associated initial value problem, then the determinant is simply given in terms of the solution

$$\beta_{\pm}(x) = \frac{H(x \pm \alpha)}{\Theta(x)} e^{\mp Z(\alpha)x}$$

$$\operatorname{sn}(\alpha, k^2) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{k^2} \left(1 + \frac{\pi^2 \omega^2}{4 \,\mathbb{K}^2(k^2)}\right)}$$



$$\det \mathcal{O}_{\beta} = 4 \sinh^2 2\mathbb{K} Z(\alpha)$$

Exact one-loop partition function

$$\Gamma_1 = -\frac{\mathcal{T}}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\omega \ln \frac{\det^8 \mathcal{O}_{\psi}}{\det^2 \mathcal{O}_{\beta} \det \mathcal{O}_{\phi} \det^5(-\partial^2)}$$

Not easy to deal with, but the expanded integrand is rich of information

The phase

Bilinear of local charges

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{g}^{1-n} \theta_{12}^{(n)} \\ \theta &= \chi^{(n)}(x_1^+, x_2^+) - \chi^{(n)}(x_1^+, x_2^-) - \chi^{(n)}(x_1^-, x_2^+) + \chi^{(n)}(x_1^-, x_2^-) \\ &- \chi^{(n)}(x_2^+, x_1^+) + \chi^{(n)}(x_2^+, x_1^-) + \chi^{(n)}(x_2^-, x_1^+) - \chi^{(n)}(x_2^-, x_1^-) \end{aligned}$$

with Zhukovsky variables encoding dispersion relation

$$x_p^{\pm} = \frac{\pi e^{\pm \frac{i}{2}p}}{\sqrt{\lambda}\sin\frac{p}{2}} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2}\sin^2\frac{p}{2}} \right)$$

Beyond one loop each contribution is rational.

$$\chi^{(1)}(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Li}_2 \frac{\sqrt{x_1} - 1/\sqrt{x_2}}{\sqrt{x_1} - \sqrt{x_2}} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Li}_2 \frac{\sqrt{x_1} + 1/\sqrt{x_2}}{\sqrt{x_1} + \sqrt{x_2}} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Li}_2 \frac{\sqrt{x_1} + \sqrt{x_2}}{\sqrt{x_1} - 1/\sqrt{x_2}} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Li}_2 \frac{\sqrt{x_1} - 1/\sqrt{x_2}}{\sqrt{x_1} - \sqrt{x_2}} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Li}_2 \frac{\sqrt{x_1} - 1/\sqrt{x_2}}{\sqrt{x_1} + \sqrt{x_2}}$$

Crossing equation

$$i\theta(x_j, x_k) + i\theta(1/x_j, x_k) = 2\log h(x_j, x_k)$$
$$h(x_j, x_k) = \frac{x_k^-}{x_k^+} \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{x_j^- x_k^-})(x_j^- - x_k^+)}{(1 - \frac{1}{x_j^+ x_k^-})(x_j^+ - x_k^+)}$$

Compact formula for the one-loop contribution (explicitating bubble integrals) Generalization to different masses.



[Bianchi Hoare, 2014]

Useful to be used in the Yang-Baxter equation, a cubic matrix equation necessarily satisfied by integrable theories.

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 $[\mathbb{T}_{12}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{13}^{(0)}] + [\mathbb{T}_{12}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{23}^{(0)}] + [\mathbb{T}_{13}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{23}^{(0)}] = 0$

Classical Yang-Baxter

 $= [\mathbb{T}_{12}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{13}^{(1)}] + [\mathbb{T}_{12}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{23}^{(1)}] + [\mathbb{T}_{13}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{23}^{(1)}] - [\mathbb{T}_{13}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{12}^{(1)}] - [\mathbb{T}_{23}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{13}^{(1)}] - [\mathbb{T}_{23}^{(0)}, \mathbb{T}_{13}^{(1)}] = \\ \mathbb{T}_{23}^{(0)} \mathbb{T}_{13}^{(0)} \mathbb{T}_{12}^{(0)} - \mathbb{T}_{12}^{(0)} \mathbb{T}_{13}^{(0)} \mathbb{T}_{23}^{(0)}$

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