Quantum Spectral Curve in N=4 SYM at Small Spin

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Introduction



Integrability \implies exact solution for the spectrum!

We study twist operators

 $\mathcal{O} = \mathsf{Tr}(D^S Z^L) + permutations$

in the near-BPS limit when $S \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$

Some motivation:

- can get results exact in λ , see interpolation from gauge to string theory
- predictions for states with fixed spin, e.g. Konishi (S=2)
- strong test of proposed Quantum Spectral Curve equations

Talk outline:

- Origins of the Quantum Spectral Curve approach
- Application: exact conformal dimensions in N=4 SYM at small spin
- Other near-BPS exact results: $q\bar{q}$ potential, ABJM

1. The Quantum Spectral Curve

Quantum Integrability



infinite set of nonlinear integral equations.

From TBA to Quantum Spectral Curve

$\log Y_{\otimes}$	=	$+K_{m-1} * \log \frac{1+1/Y_{\mathcal{O}_m}}{1+Y_{\mathcal{O}_m}} + \mathcal{R}_{1m}^{(01)} * \log(1+Y_{\bullet_m}) + \left[\log \frac{R^{(+)}}{R^{(-)}}\right] + \log(-1) $ (40)
$\log Y_{\oplus}$	=	$-K_{m-1} * \log \frac{1+1/Y_{\mathcal{O}_m}}{1+Y_{\mathcal{O}_m}} - \mathcal{B}_{1m}^{(01)} * \log(1+Y_{0_m}) - \left[\log \frac{B^{(+)}}{B^{(-)}}\right] - \log(-1) $ (41)
$\log Y_{{\bar {\boldsymbol \square}}_n}$	=	$-K_{n-1,m-1}*\log(1+Y_{\bigtriangleup_m})-K_{n-1}*\log\frac{1+Y_{\bigotimes}}{1+1/Y_{\bigoplus}} + \left(\mathcal{R}_{nm}^{(01)}+\mathcal{B}_{n-2,m}^{(01)}\right)*\log(1+Y_{{\bigstar_m}})$
	+	$\left[\sum_{k=-\frac{n-1}{2}}^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\log\frac{R^{(+)}(u+ik)}{R^{(-)}(u+ik)} + \sum_{k=-\frac{n-3}{2}}^{\frac{n-3}{2}}\log\frac{B^{(+)}(u+ik)}{B^{(-)}(u+ik)}\right] $ (42)
$\log Y_{O_n}$	=	$K_{n-1,m-1} * \log(1+1/Y_{\mathcal{O}_m}) + K_{n-1} * \log \frac{1+Y_{\otimes}}{1+1/Y_{\oplus}} $ (43)
$\log Y_{ullet_n}$	=	$L\log\frac{x^{[-n]}}{x^{[+n]}} + \left(2\mathcal{S}_{nm} - \mathcal{R}_{nm}^{(11)} + \mathcal{B}_{nm}^{(11)}\right) * \log(1 + Y_{\bullet_m}) + \left[\sum_{k=-\frac{n-1}{2}}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} i\Phi(u+ik)\right] $ (44)
	+	$2\left(\mathcal{R}_{n1}^{(10)} * \log(1+Y_{\otimes}) - \mathcal{B}_{n1}^{(10)} * \log(1+1/Y_{\oplus}) + \left(\mathcal{R}_{nm}^{(10)} + \mathcal{B}_{n,m-2}^{(10)}\right) * \log(1+Y_{\Delta_m})\right)$

TBA is exact for all L and λ

Complicated system for infinitely many Y-functions $Y_{a,s}(u)$

Gromov,Kazakov,Vieira 09 Arutyunov,Frolov 09 Gromov,Kazakov,Kozak,Vieira 09 Bombardelli,Fioravanti,Tateo 09

Rich underlying algebraic structure (Y-system, T-system/Hirota)

+ ensure correct analytical properties in u

drastic simplification!

Reformulated as Quantum Spectral Curve equations



Quantum Spectral Curve/Pµ system

TBA equations reduced to only 4+6 functions:

Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin 2013

 $a, b = 1, \ldots, 4$

$$\mu_{ab}(u) = -\mu_{ba}(u)$$



 $\mathbf{P}_{a}(u)$

$$g = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi}$$

$$i$$
 $-2g$ $+2g$

$$\mu_{ab}(u) = \mu_{ab}(u+i)$$

$$\mu_{12}\mu_{34} - \mu_{13}\mu_{24} + \mu_{14}^2 = 1$$
$$\mu_{14} = \mu_{23}$$

Pµ system equations

Analytic continuation around branchpoint:





$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{a} = -\mu_{ab}\chi^{bc}\mathbf{P}_{c}$$
$$\tilde{\mu}_{a,b} = \mu_{a,b} + \mathbf{P}_{a}\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{b} - \mathbf{P}_{b}\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{a}$$

closed system of equations (Riemann-Hilbert problem)

 $\chi^{14} = -\chi^{23} = \chi^{32} = -\chi^{41} = 1$

All branchpoints are quadratic

Exact energy is found from asymptotics: $\mathbf{P}_a \sim (\text{conformal charges}) u^{\text{R-charges}}$ for $u \to \infty$

The energy from Pµ-system

E.g. for twist operators $Tr(D^S Z^L) + permutations$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}_{1} &\simeq A_{1} u^{-L/2} & (\text{where } Z = \Phi_{1} + i \Phi_{2}) \\ \mathbf{P}_{2} &\simeq A_{2} u^{-L/2 - 1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{3} &\simeq A_{3} u^{+L/2} \\ \mathbf{P}_{4} &\simeq A_{4} u^{+L/2 - 1} \\ (\mu_{12}, \mu_{13}, \mu_{14}, \mu_{24}, \mu_{34}) &\sim (u^{\Delta - L}, u^{\Delta + 1}, u^{\Delta}, u^{\Delta - 1}, u^{\Delta + L}) \end{split}$$

And anomalous dimension $\Delta\,$ is found from

$$A_2 A_3 = \frac{[(L-S+2)^2 - \Delta^2][(L+S)^2 - \Delta^2)]}{16iL(L+1)}$$
$$A_4 A_1 = \frac{[(L+S-2)^2 - \Delta^2][(L-S)^2 - \Delta^2]}{16iL(L-1)}.$$

Relation to classical spectral curve



In the classical limit
$$\mathbf{P}_a(u) \simeq e^{\int^u p_a(v) dv}$$

 $\searrow S^5$ quasimomenta

$\mathbf{P}\boldsymbol{\mu}$ system may be viewed as a quantum version of the curve

Expect that P_a should be the exact Baxter Q-functions = wavefunctions in separated variables

2. Application: Small Spin Limit

Twist operators at small spin

 $\mathcal{O} = \operatorname{Tr}(D^S Z^L) + permutations$

For S = 0 this operator is protected, we study the near-BPS limit when $S \rightarrow 0$

$$\Delta = L + S\Delta^{(1)}(\lambda) + S^2\Delta^{(2)}(\lambda) + \dots$$

 $\mu_{12} = 1, \ \mu_{13} = 0, \ \mu_{14} = -1, \ \mu_{24} = \sinh(2\pi u), \ \mu_{34} = 0$

Solution at leading order

Gromov, F.L.-M. Sizov, Valatka '14

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{1} = -\mu_{1,2}\mathbf{P}_{3} + \mu_{1,3}\mathbf{P}_{2} - \mu_{1,4}\mathbf{P}_{1}, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{2} = -\mu_{1,2}\mathbf{P}_{4} + \mu_{2,3}\mathbf{P}_{2} - \mu_{2,4}\mathbf{P}_{1}, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{3} = -\mu_{1,3}\mathbf{P}_{4} + \mu_{2,3}\mathbf{P}_{3} - \mu_{3,4}\mathbf{P}_{1}, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{4} = -\mu_{1,4}\mathbf{P}_{4} + \mu_{2,4}\mathbf{P}_{3} - \mu_{3,4}\mathbf{P}_{2}. \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{1} = -\mathbf{P}_{3} + \mathbf{P}_{1}, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{2} = -\mathbf{P}_{4} - \mathbf{P}_{2} - \mathbf{P}_{1}\sinh(2\pi u), \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{3} = -\mathbf{P}_{3}, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{4} = -\mathbf{P}_{3}, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{4} = -\mathbf{P}_{4} + \mathbf{P}_{3}\sinh(2\pi u). \end{cases}$$

Easy to solve using Zhukovsky variable

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{u}{g}, \ \tilde{x} = 1/x$$

E.g.
$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_3 = -\mathbf{P}_3$$
, $\mathbf{P}_3 \sim u \implies \mathbf{P}_3 = C(x - 1/x)$

Using
$$\sinh(2\pi u) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I_{2n+1}(\sqrt{\lambda})x^{2n+1}$$
 we find all P's

$$A_{2}A_{3} = \frac{\left[(L-S+2)^{2} - \Delta^{2}\right]\left[(L+S)^{2} - \Delta^{2}\right]}{16iL(L+1)}$$

$$A_{4}A_{1} = \frac{\left[(L+S-2)^{2} - \Delta^{2}\right]\left[(L-S)^{2} - \Delta^{2}\right]}{16iL(L-1)}.$$

 $\Delta = L + S\sqrt{\lambda} \frac{I_{L+1}(\sqrt{\lambda})}{LI_L(\sqrt{\lambda})}$

Basso's slope function!

Basso 2011

For leading order asymptotic Bethe ansatz is enough

The S^2 term is much more involved – sensitive to dressing phase and finite-size effects (wrapping)

Exact result at next order

 $\mu_{ab} = \mu_{ab}^{(0)} + S^2 \mu_{ab}^{(1)} + \dots, \qquad \mathbf{P}_a = S \mathbf{P}_a^{(0)} + S^3 \mathbf{P}_a^{(1)} + \dots$

 $\tilde{\mu}_{ab} = \mu_{ab} + \mathbf{P}_a \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_b - \mathbf{P}_b \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a \qquad \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a = -\mu_{ab} \chi^{bc} \mathbf{P}_c$

Leading order \mathbf{P}_a \Longrightarrow correction to μ_{ab} \Longrightarrow correction to \mathbf{P}_a

$$\Delta = L + S\Delta^{(1)}(g) + S^2\Delta^{(2)}(g) + \dots$$

We found the S^2 term at all loops for L=2,3,4

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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{L=2}^{(2)} &= \oint \frac{du_x}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{du_y}{2\pi i} \left[\frac{8\pi^3 I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})^2 \left(x^3 - \left(x^2 + 1\right)y\right) \left(2\pi g I_1(\sqrt{\lambda}) - I_2(\sqrt{\lambda})\right)}{I_2(\sqrt{\lambda})^3 \left(x^3 - x\right)y^2} \right. \\ &+ \dots - \frac{4\pi^3 (\operatorname{sh}_{-}^x)^2 \left(x^2 + 1\right)y^2}{I_2(\sqrt{\lambda})^2 \left(x^2 - 1\right)} \left] \frac{1}{4\pi i} \partial_u \log \frac{\Gamma(iu_x - iu_y + 1)}{\Gamma(1 - iu_x + iu_y)} \end{aligned}$$

Similar to dressing phase!

Tests

At weak coupling we find

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{J=2}^{(2)} &= -8g^2\zeta(3) + g^4\left(140\zeta(5) - \frac{32\pi^2\zeta(3)}{3}\right) + g^6\left(200\pi^2\zeta(5) - 2016\zeta(7)\right) \\ &+ g^8\left(-\frac{16\pi^6\zeta(3)}{45} - \frac{88\pi^4\zeta(5)}{9} - \frac{9296\pi^2\zeta(7)}{3} + 27720\zeta(9)\right) \\ &+ g^{10}\left(\frac{208\pi^8\zeta(3)}{405} + \frac{160\pi^6\zeta(5)}{27} + 144\pi^4\zeta(7) + 45440\pi^2\zeta(9) - 377520\zeta(11)\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Matches known ABA + wrapping (checked to 4 loops)

$$\begin{split} &\Delta - S - L = 8g^2 \, S_1 & [\text{Kotikov, Lipatov, Rej, Staudacher, Velizhanin}] \\ &-16g^4 (S_3 + S_{-3} - 2 \, S_{-2,1} + 2 \, S_1 \, (S_2 + S_{-2})) & [\text{Bajnok, Janik, Lukowski}] \\ &-64g^6 \left(2 \, S_{-3} \, S_2 - S_5 - 2 \, S_{-2} \, S_3 - 3 \, S_{-5} + 24 \, S_{-2,1,1,1} + 6 \left(S_{-4,1} + S_{-3,2} + S_{-2,3} \right) - \dots \right) \\ &+128g^8 \left(4S_{-7} + 6S_7 + 2S_{-3,1,3} + \dots \right) \\ &+256g^{10} \left(20480S_1^4 S_{-5} - 8192S_1^4 S_{-3} S_{-2} + \dots \right) \end{split}$$

For L = 4 our prediction was confirmed from ABA very recently

$$\Delta^{(2)} = g^2 \left(-\frac{14\zeta_3}{5} + \frac{48\zeta_5}{\pi^2} - \frac{252\zeta_7}{\pi^4} \right) + \dots$$

Beccaria, Macorini 2014

[Kotikov, Lipatov, Onishenko, Velizhanin] [Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt] [Staudacher]

Tests at strong coupling

Basso's conjecture links the strong coupling and small spin regimes: $\Delta^2 = L + S\left(A_1\sqrt{\lambda} + A_2 + \ldots\right) + S^2\left(B_1 + \frac{B_2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \ldots\right) + S^3\left(\frac{C_1}{\lambda^{1/2}} + \frac{C_2}{\lambda^{3/2}} + \ldots\right) + O(S^4)$

Basso 2011

Our result gives:

$$\Delta_{L=2}^{(2)} = -\pi^2 g^2 + \frac{\pi g}{4} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{\pi g} \left(\frac{3\zeta_3}{16} + \frac{3}{512} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{\pi^2 g^2} \left(\frac{9\zeta_3}{128} + \frac{21}{512} \right) + \frac{1}{\pi^3 g^3} \left(\frac{3\zeta_3}{2048} + \frac{15\zeta_5}{512} - \frac{3957}{131072} \right)$$

new prediction

Konishi dimension

Re-expansion of small S result

predictions for operators with finite S

Simplest unprotected operator, L=2, S=2

$$\mathcal{O}_{Konishi} = \operatorname{Tr}(ZD^{2}Z) + perm.$$
Our prediction
for string theory

$$\Delta_{Konishi} = 2\lambda^{1/4} + \frac{2}{\lambda^{1/4}} + \frac{-3\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{2}}{\lambda^{3/4}} + \frac{\frac{15\zeta(5)}{2} + 6\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{2}}{\lambda^{5/4}}$$
Gubser,Klebanov,
Polyakov 98
Gromov,Serban,
Shenderovich,Volin '11
Roiban,Tseytlin '11
Mazzuchato,Vallilo '11
Gromov,
Valatka'11
(via Basso'11)
Gromov,
Valatka '14

Similarly we find for any L and S a new prediction for the 3-loop coefficient in

$$\Delta = C_0 \lambda^{1/4} + C_1 \lambda^{-1/4} + C_2 \lambda^{-3/4} + C_3 \lambda^{-5/4} + \dots$$

E.g. for S=2

 $C_3 = \frac{1}{512} \left(L^6 - 20L^4 + 48L^2 (4\zeta_3 - 1) + 192(12\zeta_3 + 20\zeta_5 + 1) \right)$

BFKL pomeron intercept $j(\Delta) \equiv 2 + S(\Delta)$

With our results we can compute the intercept j(0) at strong coupling:



BFKL pomeron intercept



Extensive studies of BFKL limit are in progress $S \rightarrow -1, \ \frac{g^2}{S+1} \simeq 1$

Alfimov,Gromov,Kazakov 2014 Gromov,Sizov

Our results already provide some guidance for analytic continuation to non-integer S

3. Other near-BPS exact solutions

ABJM theory



Exact slope function (i.e. leading order in S) was recently computed from the QSC



Comparison with localization result for 1/6 BPS Wilson loop gives conjecture for exact interpolating function $h(\lambda)$ Gromov, Sizov 2014

$$\lambda = \frac{\sinh(2\pi h)}{2\pi} \,_{3}F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1, \frac{3}{2}; -\sinh^2(2\pi h)\right)$$

Cusp anomalous dimension in N=4 SYM



- **\blacksquare** Angle θ between the couplings to scalars on two rays
- \blacksquare R-charge L of a local operator inserted at the cusp
- \blacksquare 't Hooft coupling λ

For $\phi = \theta$ this observable is BPS

TBA equations were proposed in

Correa,Maldacena,Sever 12 Drukker 12

In the near-BPS limit $\phi \approx \theta$ they can be solved analytically

All loop near-BPS solution

 $[\phi \rightarrow 0, \theta = 0$ Gromov, Sever 2012] $[\phi \approx \theta$ Gromov, F.L-.M., Sizov 2013]

$$\Gamma_{cusp} = \frac{\phi - \theta}{4} \partial_{\theta} \log \frac{\det \mathcal{M}_{2L+1}}{\det \mathcal{M}_{2L-1}}$$

Matches localization results at L=0

Correa,Henn,Maldacena,Sever 12 Pestun 07; Drukker,Zarembo,...

Interpolates between gauge and string theory

$$\Gamma_L = (\phi - \theta)g^{2L+2} \frac{(-1)^L (4\pi)^{1+2L}}{(1+2L)!} B_{1+2L} \left(\frac{\pi - \theta}{2\pi}\right)$$
Correa,Henn,Maldacena,Sever 12

Classical curve found from matrix model

Sizov,Valatka 2013

Also corresponds to a solution of $\mathbf{P}\mu$ system $\mathbf{P}\mu$ asymptotics for any angles are yet to be understood

$$\mathcal{M}_{N} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{1}^{\theta} & I_{0}^{\theta} & \cdots & I_{2-N}^{\theta} & I_{1-N}^{\theta} \\ I_{2}^{\theta} & I_{1}^{\theta} & \cdots & I_{3-N}^{\theta} & I_{2-N}^{\theta} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ I_{N}^{\theta} & I_{N-1}^{\theta} & \cdots & I_{1}^{\theta} & I_{0}^{\theta} \\ I_{N+1}^{\theta} & I_{N}^{\theta} & \cdots & I_{2}^{\theta} & I_{1}^{\theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{n}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} I_{n} \left(\sqrt{\lambda} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^{2}}{\pi^{2}}} \right) \left[\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi + \theta}{\pi - \theta}} \right)^{n} - (-1)^{n} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi - \theta}{\pi + \theta}} \right)^{n} \right]$$



Gromov,Kazakov,Leurent,Volin 2013 Gromov,F.L.-M.,Sizov 2013

Conclusions

- Computed the S^2 term in twist operator dimension at any coupling from $\mathbf{P}\mu$ system
- New strong coupling predictions: Konishi operator, BFKL intercept
- Other applications: generalized cusp anomalous dimension, ABJM

Future:

- Iteratively generate corrections in S; strong coupling expansion
- P's as exact wavefunctions -> 3 pt correlators?
- $\mathbf{P}\mu$ for cusp anomalous dimension; access Regge trajectories? (see talk of J. Henn)