### Various facets of 2d/4d correspondence

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#### Foreword

Based on RP-1006, Fucito, Morales, Pacifici, RP-1103, RP-1601, G. Poghosyan & RP-1602;

ongoing work: Functional relations for N = 2 SYM with gauge group SU(3)

Motivated by

Alexei Zamolodchikov's unpublished paper "Generalized Mathieu equation and Liouville TBA"-2000

& recent papers:

Alba Grassi, Jie Gu, Marcos Marino-arXiv:1908.07065

Davide Fioravanti & Daniele Gregory-arXiv:1908.08030



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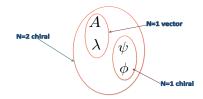
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The field content and action



$$S = \int d^4x d^4\theta \, \Im \tau \mathrm{tr} \Psi^2$$

Scalar potential: 
$$V \sim tr[\phi, \phi^{\dagger}]^2$$

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Low energy effective action

Below  $\Psi$  includes only massless fields (i.e. those from the Cartan of the gauge group)

$$S_{eff} = \int d^4x d^4 heta \Im \mathcal{F}(\Psi)$$

 $\mathcal{F}$  - the Seiberg Witten prepotential In the case of SU(2)

$$\mathcal{F}(\Psi) = rac{i}{2\pi} \Psi^2 \log rac{2\Psi^2}{e^3 \Lambda^2} - rac{i}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mathcal{F}_k \left(rac{\Lambda}{\Psi}
ight)^{4k} \Psi^2$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \ \mathcal{F}_2 = \frac{5}{16}, \ \mathcal{F}_3 = \frac{3}{4}, \ \mathcal{F}_4 = \frac{1469}{512}, \dots$$

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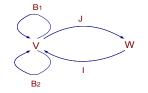
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# Moduli space of instantons, ADHM

gauge group: U(N); instanton number: k;  $V = \mathbb{C}^k$ ;  $W = \mathbb{C}^N$ ADHM equations:

$$\begin{split} & [B_1, B_2] + IJ = 0; \quad \left[B_1, B_1^{\dagger}\right] + \left[B_2, B_2^{\dagger}\right] + II^{\dagger} - J^{\dagger}J = \zeta \\ & \text{Equivalence relation:} \ (B_i, I, J) \sim (\phi B_i \phi^{-1}, \phi I, J \phi^{-1}), \ \phi \in U(k) \\ & \text{Global gauge trans.} : \ (B_i, I, J) \rightarrow (B_i, Ig, g^{-1}J), \ g \in U(N) \\ & \text{Rotations of Euclidean space time:} \ (z_1, z_2) \rightarrow (e^{i\epsilon_1}z_1, e^{i\epsilon_1}z_2) \\ & (B_i, I, J) \rightarrow (e^{i\epsilon_i}B_i, I, e^{i\epsilon_1+i\epsilon_2}J), \end{split}$$

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#### The induced action

R.Flume, R.P., H.Storch 'arXiv:hep-th/0110240

$$\mathcal{F}_k\simeq \int_{\mathcal{M}'_k}e^{-d_{\mathsf{x}}\omega},$$

 $d_x \equiv d + i_x$  is an equivariant exterior derivative,  $i_x$  denotes contraction with the vector field x which generates the U(1)subgroup of global gauge transformations selected by the choice of "Higgs" expectation values  $\langle \phi \rangle_{cl} = diag(a_1, \ldots, a_N)$ .  $\omega$  is the differential one-form

$$\omega = G(x, \bullet)$$

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 $G(\bullet, \bullet)$  is the natural induced metric on moduli space.

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Localization to the zero locus of the vector field x

The coefficient  $\mathcal{F}_k$  may be deformed into

$$\mathcal{F}_k(t)\equiv\int_{\mathcal{M}'_k}e^{-rac{1}{t}d_{\scriptscriptstyle X}\omega}$$

Compute

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{F}_k(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2}\int_{\mathcal{M}'_k} d_{\mathsf{X}}\left(\omega e^{-\frac{1}{t}d_{\mathsf{X}}\omega}\right) = -\frac{1}{t^2}\int_{\mathcal{M}'_k} d\left(\omega e^{-\frac{1}{t}d_{\mathsf{X}}\omega}\right).$$

The saddle point approximation is exact! There are contributions only from the points where x = 0. Unfortunately they are too many: in fact union of sub-manifolds of dimensions 2Nk - 4 (c.f. dim  $\mathcal{M}'_k = 4Nk - 4$ )

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#### Incorporating space-time rotations

A wonderful way out: modify the vector field x incorporating (Euclidean) space-time rotations (parametrized by  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$ ) with the global gauge transformations (parametrized by the expectations values  $a_1, \ldots, a_N$ )

$$Z_k(a_u,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2)\equiv\int_{\mathcal{M}_k}e^{-d_{\tilde{x}}\tilde{\omega}},$$

 $\tilde{x}$  is the modified vector field and

$$\tilde{\omega} = G(\tilde{x}, \bullet)$$

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Now we are lucky: the vector field  $\tilde{x}$  has finitely many zeros!

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### Generalized partition function

complete localization!

$$Z_k(a_u, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = \sum_{i \in \text{fixed points}} \frac{1}{\det \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{x}}} \bigg|_i.$$

How this is related to SW prepotential? Introduce the partition function  $_{Nekrasov\ 'arXiv:hep-th/0206161}$ 

$$Z(a_u,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,q) \equiv 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} Z_k(a,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2)q^k = e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1\epsilon_2}\mathcal{F}(a_u,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,q)}$$

 $\frac{1}{\epsilon_1\epsilon_2}$  is the "volume factor" and  $\mathcal{F}(a_u, 0, 0, q)$  coincides with the instanton part of SW prepotential.

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# $\mathcal{N}=2$ SYM in $\Omega$ bacground

From the point of view of the initial theory above modification boils down to the consideration of the  $\mathcal{N}=2$  SYM in a specific background commonly referred as  $\Omega$ -background. The two parameters  $\epsilon_1$ ,  $\epsilon_2$  specifying the general  $\Omega$ - background are introduced in [Moor,Nekrasov,Shatashvili 'arXiv:hep-th/9712241], Losev,Nekrasov,Shatashvili 'arXiv:hep-th/9801061 to regularize the integrals over moduli space of instantons.

- It is clarified in Nekrasov 'arXiv:hep-th/0206161 how the partition function in this background is related to the Seiberg-Witten prepotential.
- In the same paper:

calculation of the prepotential up to 5 instantons are performed choosing  $h = \epsilon_1 = -\epsilon_2$  and it was demonstrated that at vanishing h one exactly recovers the results extracted from the Seiberg-Witten curve.

AGT tells us that this case corresponds to c = 1 CFT if gauge group is SU(2). For SU(N) we get c = N - 1

### Partition function with generic $\epsilon_1$ , $\epsilon_2$

- In Flume, R.P. 'arXiv:hep-th/0208176 a closed combinatorial formula which allows to calculate the Nekrasov partition function for generic *ε*<sub>1</sub>, *ε*<sub>2</sub> was found. The partition function is represented as a sum over arrays of Young diagrams with total number of boxes equal to the number of instantons.
- The partition function with generic ε<sub>1</sub>, ε<sub>2</sub> is essential from AGT duality point of view relating partition function to the conformal blocks in 2d Conformal Field Theory Alday, Gaiotto, Tachikawa 'arXiv:0906.3219. ε<sub>1</sub>, ε<sub>2</sub> parametrize the Virasoro central charge.

### Partition function with generic $\epsilon_1$ and $\epsilon_2 = 0$

• In a parallel very interesting development Nekrasov and Shatashvily in 'arXiv:0908.4052 show that when  $\epsilon_2 = 0$  the prepotential is related to the quantum integrable many body systems.

In this case we are lead to the notion of "quantum" Seiberg-Witten curve  $_{\text{R.P. 'arXiv:1006.4822.}}$ 

- Note one more point which to my opinion makes the investigation of  $\epsilon_2 = 0$  case even more interesting: namely, due to above mentioned AGT we get relation to the quasi-classical  $(c \rightarrow \infty)$  limit of conformal blocks, hence to the semiclassical Liouville (or Toda, if rank is greater than 1) field theory.
- There is a link DSW  $\rightarrow$  ODE. The latter coincides with the one appearing in ODE/IM correspondence for the Liouville with c = 25 (SU(2) case),  $A_2$  -Toda with c = 98 (SU(2) case),...

### Linear quiver theory and CFT conformal blocks

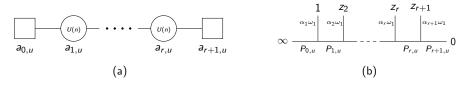


Figure: (a) The quiver diagram for the conformal linear quiver U(n) gauge theory: r circles stand for gauge multiplets; two squares represent n anti-fundamental (on the left edge) and n fundamental (the right edge) hypermultiplets; the lines connecting adjacent circles are the bi-fundamentals. (b) The AGT dual conformal block of the Toda field theory.

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Relation between couplings q and insertion points z

$$q_{\alpha} = rac{z_{\alpha+1}}{z_{\alpha}}$$
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The masses of fundamental and anti-fundamental specify initial and final states:

$$p_{0u} = a_{r+1,u} - \bar{a}_r$$
 and  $p_{r+1,u} = a_{0,u} - \bar{a}_1$ 

the "center of mass" quantities:

$$\bar{a}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u=1}^n a_{i,u}$$

the parameters of vertical legs are:

$$\alpha_i = \bar{a}_{i+1} - \bar{a}_i$$

Toda central charge  $c = (n - 1)(1 + n(n + 1)Q^2)$  where Q = b + 1/b. Dimensions of primaries

$$h_{\vec{p}} = \frac{(n^3 - n)Q^2 - 2\vec{p}^2}{4}$$

special fields  $V_{\lambda\omega_1}$ :

$$h_{\lambda\omega_1} = rac{\lambda(n-1)}{2} \left(q - rac{\lambda}{n}
ight) \,.$$

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### Partition function for pure SU(N) theory

Consider pure SU(N) theory without hypers in  $\Omega$ -background. The instanton part of partition function is given by [Nekrasov: arXiv:hep-th/0206161]

$$Z_{inst}(ec{a},\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,q) = \sum_{ec{Y}} Z_{ec{Y}} q^{ec{Y}et{Y}}ec{Y}ec{Y}et$$

where sum runs over all *N*-tuples of Young diagrams  $\vec{Y} = (Y_1, \cdots, Y_N)$ ,  $|\vec{Y}|$  is the total number all boxes,  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_N)$  are VEV's of adjoint scalar from  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  vector multiplet,  $\epsilon_1$ ,  $\epsilon_2$ , as already mentioned, parametrize the  $\Omega$ -background and the instanton counting parameter  $q = \exp 2\pi i \tau$ ,  $\tau = \frac{i}{g^2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$  is the (complexified) coupling constant. The coefficients  $Z_{\vec{V}}$  are factorized as

$$Z_{\vec{Y}} = \prod_{i,j=1}^{N} \frac{1}{P(Y_i, a_i | Y_j, a_j)}$$

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where the factor  $P(\lambda, a, \mu, b)$  for arbitrary pair of Young diagrams  $\lambda, \mu$  and associated VEV parameters a, b explicitly are given by the formula [FP: hep-th/0208176]

$$P(\lambda, a|\mu, b) = \prod_{s \in \lambda} (a - b + \epsilon_1(1 + L_\mu(s)) - \epsilon_2 A_\lambda(s)) \prod_{s \in \mu} (a - b - \epsilon_1 L_\lambda(s) + (1 + \epsilon_2 A_\lambda(s)))$$

If one specifies location of a box s by its horizontal and vertical coordinates (i, j), so that (1, 1) corresponds to the corner box, its leg length  $L_{\lambda}(s)$  and arm length  $A_{\lambda}(s)$  with respect to the diagram  $\lambda$  (s does not necessarily belong to  $\lambda$ ) are defined as

$$A_{\lambda}(s) = \lambda_i - j;$$
  $L_{\lambda}(s) = \lambda'_j - i,$ 

where  $\lambda_i$  ( $\lambda'_j$ ) is *i*-th column (*j*-th row) of diagram  $\lambda$  with convention that when *i* exceeds the number of columns (*j* exceeds the number of rows) of  $\lambda$ , one simply sets  $\lambda_i = 0$  ( $\lambda'_i = 0$ ).

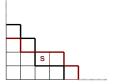
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### Demonstration: Arm and Leg lengths

Let  $\lambda$  be the black diagram and  $\mu$  the red one, (the box  $s \in \mu$ )  $A_{\lambda}(s) = -1$   $A_{\mu}(s) = 0$   $L_{\lambda}(s) = -1$  $L_{\mu}(s) = 1$ 





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### Bethe ansatz equation for NS limit

• Though the total number of boxes  $\rightarrow \infty$ , in  $\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$  limit the rescaled column lengths  $\epsilon_2 Y_{\mu i}^{(cr)}$ , converge to finite values

$$\xi_{u,i} = \lim_{\epsilon_2 \to 0} \epsilon_2 Y_{u,i}^{(cr)}$$

- The rescaled column lengths at small q behave as  $\xi_{u,i} \sim O(q^i)$ • Up to arbitrary order  $\sim O(q^{L+1})$  the quantities

$$x_{u,i} = a_u + \epsilon_1(i-1) + \xi_{u,i}$$

satisfy the Bethe-ansatz equations (for each  $u = 1, 2, \dots N$ )

$$-q\prod_{v,j}^{N,L}\frac{(x_{u,i}-x_{v,j}-\epsilon_1)(x_{u,i}-x_{v,j}^0+\epsilon_1)}{(x_{u,i}-x_{v,j}+\epsilon_1)(x_{u,i}-x_{v,j}^0-\epsilon_1)}=\prod_{v=1}^N(x_{u,i}-a_v+\epsilon_1)(x_{u,i}-a_v)\,,$$

where, by definition

$$x_{u,i}^0 = a_u + \epsilon_1(i-1)$$

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### Baxter's difference equation and Deformed SW "curve"

The BA equations can be transformed into a difference equation

$$Y(z+\epsilon_1)+\frac{q}{\epsilon_1^{2N}}Y(z-\epsilon_1)=\epsilon_1^{-N}P_N(z+\epsilon_1)Y(z),$$

where Y(z) is an entire functions with zeros located at  $z = x_{u,i}$ :

$$Y(z) = \prod_{u=1}^{N} e^{\frac{z}{\epsilon_1}\psi(\frac{zu}{\epsilon_1})} \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{x_{u,i}}\right) e^{z/x_{u,i}^0},$$

and

$$\psi(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \log \Gamma(x)$$

is the logarithmic derivative of Gauss' gamma-function. Finally  $P_N(z)$  is an *N*-th order polynomial which parametrizes the Coulomb branch of the theory. Explicit expressions of coefficients of this polynomial in terms of VEV's

$$u_J \equiv \langle \mathbf{t} r \phi^J \rangle$$

will be presented later for de case of our current interest N = 3. For more general cases one can see e.g. [RP-1601].

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The difference equation is related to the SW "curve". Introducing function

$$y(z) = \epsilon_1^N \frac{Y(z)}{Y(z-\epsilon_1)}$$

we get

$$y(z) + rac{q}{y(z-\epsilon_1)} = P_N(z)$$

At large z the function y(z) behaves as

$$y(z) = z^N(1 + O(1/z)).$$

Notice that setting  $\epsilon_1 = 0$  one obtains an equation of hyperelliptic curve, which is just the Seiberg-Witten curve. When  $\epsilon_1 \neq 0$ , everything goes surprisingly similar to original Seiberg-Witten theory. For example the role of Seiberg-Witten differential plays the quantity

$$\lambda_{SW} = z \frac{d}{dz} \log y(z)$$

and, as in undeformed theory the expectation values are given by the contour integral

$$\langle \mathbf{tr} \phi^J \rangle = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} z^J \partial_z \log y(z)$$

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where C is a large contour, enclosing all zeros and poles of y(z).

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# Details on SU(3) theory

Without any essential loss of generality, from now on we'll assume that

$$u_1 \equiv \langle \operatorname{tr} \phi 
angle = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

Representing y(z) as a power series in 1/z

$$y(z) = z^{3}(1 + c_{1}z^{-1} + c_{2}z^{-2} + c_{3}z^{-3} + \cdots)$$

calculating the contour integral one easily finds the relations

$$c_1 = 0;$$
  $c_2 = -\frac{u_2}{2};$   $c_3 = -\frac{u_3}{3}$ 

Now, the difference equation immediately specifies the polynomial  $P_3(z)$  (we omit the subscript 3, since only the case N = 3 will be considered later on)

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$$P(z) = z^3 - \frac{u_2}{2}z - \frac{u_3}{3}$$

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#### The differential equation

To keep expressions simple, from now on we will set  $\epsilon_1 = 1$ . In fact, at any stage the  $\epsilon_1$  dependence can be easily restored on the dimensional grounds. Taking the results of previous subsection, the difference equation for N = 3 case can be rewritten as

$$Y(z) - \left(z^3 - \frac{u_2}{2}z - \frac{u_3}{3}\right)Y(z-1) + q Y(z-2) = 0,$$

Now by means of an inverse Fourier transform, starting from above difference equation we'll derive a third order linear differential equation for function

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$$f(x) = \sum_{z \in a + \mathbb{Z}} e^{x(z+1)} Y(z)$$

At least when |q| is sufficiently small, it is expected that the series is convergent for finite x, provided a takes one of the three possible values  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  or  $a_3$ . Taking into account the difference relation one can easily check that f(x) solves the differential equation

$$-f'''(x) + \frac{u_2}{2}f'(x) + \left(e^{-x} + q\,e^x + \frac{u_3}{3}\right)f(x) = 0\,.$$

Denoting

$$q = \Lambda^6$$

and shifting the variable

$$x \to x - \log \Lambda^3$$

the differential equation may be cast into a more symmetric form

$$-f'''(x) + \frac{u_2}{2}f'(x) + \left(\Lambda^3(e^x + e^{-x}) + \frac{u_3}{3}\right)f(x) = 0.$$

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### A-cycles from differential equation

Consider the basis of solutions  $u_1(x)$ ,  $u_2(x)$ ,  $u_3(x)$  with standard initial conditions (n, k = 1, 2, 3)

$$u_n^{(k-1)}(x)\Big|_{x=0}=\delta_{n,k}$$

Since the functions  $u_n(x + 2\pi i)$  are solutions too, we can define the monodromy matrix M as

$$u_n(x+2\pi) = \sum_{k=1}^3 u_k(x)M_{k,n}$$

Evidently

$$M_{k,n} = u_n^{(k-1)}(2\pi i)$$

For any fixed values of parameters  $\Lambda$ ,  $p_n$  it is easy to integrate numerically the diff. eq. with above boundary conditions and find the matrix M and then its eigenvalues  $\exp 2\pi i a_n$ . Taking into account generalized Matone relation [FFMP-0403], this opens up a nonperturbative access to deformed prepotential.

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### Solutions at $x \to \pm \infty$ and Q function

It is convenient to introduce parameters  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ ,  $p_3$  satisfying  $p_1 + p_3 + p_3 = 0$  such that

$$u_2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 2(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_1p_2);$$
  $u_3 = p_1^3 + p_2^3 + p_3^3 = -3p_1p_2(p_1 + p_2)$ 

In the  $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$  limit the parameters  $p_n$  and  $a_i$  coincide.

At large positive values  $x \gg 0$  the term  $e^{-x}$  in diff. eq. can be neglected. In this region the differential equation can be solved in terms of hypergeometric function  ${}_{0}F_{2}(a, b; z)$  defined by the power series

$$_{0}F_{2}(a,b;z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k}}{(a)_{k}(b)_{k}k!}$$

where

$$(x)_k = x(x+1)\cdots(x+k-1)$$

is the Pochhammer symbol.

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The three linearly independent solutions can be chosen as

$$U_n(x) \approx e^{(x+3\theta)p_n} {}_0F_2(1+p_n-p_j), 1+p_n-p_k; e^{x+3\theta}) ,$$

where by definition  $\exp \theta = \Lambda$  and the indices (n, k, l) are cyclic permutations of (1, 2, 3). We used the symbol  $\approx$  to emphasize that the solutions are valid only asymptotically at  $x \gg 3\theta$ . Wronskian of these tree functions

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} U_1(x) & U_2(x) & U_3(x) \\ U_1'(x) & U_2'(x) & U_3'(x) \\ U_1''(x) & U_2''(x) & U_3''(x) \end{array} = (p_1 - p_2)(p_2 - p_3)(p_3 - p_1) \\ \end{array}$$

is nonzero provided the parameters  $p_n$  are pairwise different. This confirms that  $U_n(x)$  are independent and constitute a basis in the space of all solutions.

Similarly in region  $x \ll -3\theta$  the term  $\Lambda^3 e^x$  of diff. eq. becomes negligible and one gets solutions

$$V_n(x) \approx e^{(x-3\theta)p_n} {}_0F_2(1-p_n+p_j), 1-p_n+p_k; -e^{-x+3\theta})$$

For the Wronskian we get the same answer

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} V_1(x) & V_2(x) & V_3(x) \\ V_1'(x) & V_2'(x) & V_3'(x) \\ V_1''(x) & V_2''(x) & V_3''(x) \end{array} = (p_1 - p_2)(p_2 - p_3)(p_3 - p_1) \\ \end{array}$$

All three solutions are increasing at  $x \to -\infty$ , but there is a unique (apart from a trivial rescaling) decreasing combination:

$$\chi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} \frac{\Gamma(p_{nj})\Gamma(p_{nk})}{4\pi^2} V_n(x)$$

In terms of  $v = \exp(-x + 3\theta)$ ,

$$\chi(\mathbf{v}) \approx \frac{\mathbf{v}^{-1/3} e^{-3\mathbf{v}^{1/3}}}{2\pi\sqrt{3}}$$

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Since  $U_n(x)$  are complete one can expand  $\chi(x)$  as

$$\chi(x,\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} Q_n(\theta) \Gamma(p_{nj}) \Gamma(p_{nk}) e^{-3p_n \theta} U_n(x,\theta)$$

An important property: Wronskian of two solutions solves the "dual" diff. eq, i.e. the one obtained by reversing the signs  $p_n \rightarrow -p_n$  and  $\Lambda^3 \rightarrow -\Lambda^3$ . Exploring this property we get the relation

$$Wr\left[\chi(x,\theta+\frac{i\pi}{3}),\chi(x,\theta-\frac{i\pi}{3})\right]=-\frac{i}{2\pi}\bar{\chi}(x,\theta)$$

where  $\bar{\chi}(\theta) = \chi(\theta, -\mathbf{p})$ . This is equivalent to the functional relations

$$\frac{\sin(\pi p_{jk})}{2i\pi^2}\bar{Q}_n(\theta) = Q_j\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{3}\right)Q_k\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{3}\right) - Q_j\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{3}\right)Q_k\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{3}\right)$$

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### SU(3) version of T-Q relation

Using above functional relations it is easy to get the SU(3) analog off Baxter's T - Q equations (for any pair  $j \neq k$ ):

$$T(\theta)Q_j(\theta - \frac{\pi i}{6})\bar{Q}_k(\theta + \frac{\pi i}{6}) = Q_j(\theta - \frac{5\pi i}{6})\bar{Q}_k(\theta + \frac{\pi i}{6}) + Q_j(\theta + \frac{\pi i}{2})\bar{Q}_k(\theta - \frac{\pi i}{2}) + Q_j(\theta - \frac{\pi i}{6})\bar{Q}_k(\theta + \frac{5\pi i}{6})$$

The functions  $T(\theta)$ ,  $Q(\theta)$  are entire. These functional relations emerge in ODE/IM context when a 2d CFT with extra spin 3 current ( $W_3$  symmetry)

[Dorey,Tateo: hep-th/9910102], [Bazhanov,Hibberd,Khoroshkin: hep-th/0105177].

It should be possible to derive corresponding TBA equations.

**Conjecture** (the SU(3) analog of Al.Zamolodchikov's conjecture for Mathieu):

$$T(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} e^{2\pi i a_n}$$

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#### Numerical comparisons with instanton calculus Instanton counting up to $q^3 = \Lambda^{18}$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{tr} \, \phi^2 \rangle &= a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + \frac{6(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 - 2)q}{(a_{12}^2 - 1)(a_{13}^2 - 1)(a_{23}^2 - 1)} \\ &+ \frac{P_{14}(a_1, a_2, a_3)q^2}{(a_{12}^2 - 4)(a_{13}^2 - 4)(a_{23}^2 - 4)(a_{12}^2 - 1)^3(a_{13}^2 - 1)^3(a_{23}^2 - 1)^3} + O(q)^4 \end{aligned}$$

We made numerical integrations of diff. eq. for the choice of parameters  $(p_1, p_2, p_3) = (0.12, 0.17, -0.29)$  and  $\Lambda = 0.07$  and calculated

The eigenvalues of monodromy matrix

 $e^{2\pi i a_n} = \{0.48179 + 0.876287i, 0.728948 + 0.684569i, -0.24868 - 0.968586i\}$  $a_n = \{0.169993, 0.120005, -0.289998\}$ 

Inserting  $a_n$  in above formula ve get  $\langle {
m tr}\,\phi^2
angle=0.127396$ , while  $p_1^2+p_2^2+p_3^2=0.1274$ 

• We calculated the numerical values of  $Q_n$ ,  $\bar{Q}_n$ , and checked the validity of functional relations

• from T-Q relation we get: 
$$T(\theta) = 0.9621 + 0.5925i$$
 while  $\sum_{n=1}^{3} e^{2\pi i a_n} = 0.96205 + 0.59227i$ 

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### Conclusions

- ODE/IM and TBA can be efficiently applied for  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SYM in NS limit of  $\Omega$ -background (at least in  $\mathcal{N}_f = 0$ ) case, which allows to sum up entire instanton series.
- Extension of this method for the cases N<sub>f</sub> ≠ 0 will lead to better, nonperturbative understanding of semiclassical conformal blocks.
- Alternatively, application of DSW method could lead to new insights in understanding of integrable structure of CFT
- It would be interesting to see if it is possible to generalize this method for generic  $\Omega\text{-}\mathsf{background}$
- Purely mathematical applications: theory of differential equations, special functions ...

# THANKS

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Various facets of 2d/4d correspondence

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