Integrability and Algebraic curve in AdS/CFT

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• Motivation: quest for integrable structure of superconformal $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills (SYM) theory (CFT) in 4D at $N \to \infty$, and its dual, string on $AdS_5 \times S^5$.

• Main result: full algebraic curves (=solutions) for classical string on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ and for long operators in perturbative SYM.

AdS/CFT correspondence: Curves coincide (at 1-loop)

Plan:

• Algebraic curve of classical superstring (sigmamodel) on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ by the finite gap method.

• CFT (SYM): perturbative (1-loop) matrix of anomalous dimensions for ALL operators

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Hamiltonian of integrable spin chain on the superconformal group $\mathrm{PSU}(2,2|4)$

algebraic Bethe ansatz

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Algebraic curve (=solution) in the "thermodynamical" limit of long operators.

History and References

• AdS:

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CFT: $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills (SYM) theory, $10D \Rightarrow 4D$ reduction of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SYM

 $S = \frac{N \operatorname{Tr}}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbf{R}_4} \mathcal{F}^2_{\mu\nu} + (\mathcal{D}_{\mu} \Phi_a)^2 - 2i \bar{\Psi}[\mathcal{D}, \Psi] + [\Phi_a, \Phi_b]^2 - 2i \bar{\Psi}[\Gamma^a \Phi_a, \Psi]$

• Field content: $\mathcal{D}_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + iA_{\mu}$, fermions Ψ , Scalars: $X = \Phi_1 + i\Phi_2$, $Y = \Phi_3 + i\Phi_4$, $Z = \Phi_5 + i\Phi_6$. • Local single trace operators form superconf. algebra psu(2, 2|4): $\mathcal{O} = \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{W}_{A_1} \mathcal{W}_{A_2} \mathcal{W}_{A_3} \dots \mathcal{W}_{A_L}$ with $\mathcal{W}_A \in \{\mathcal{D}^m \Phi, \mathcal{D}^m \Psi, \mathcal{D}^m \mathcal{F}\}$ Dual to:

AdS: Green-Schwarz-Metsaev-Tseytlin 10D superstring on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ of the radius $R^2 = \sqrt{\lambda}\alpha'$.

• Point-like string on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ with ang. mom. $J \Leftrightarrow$ "vacuum" BPS state of SYM: $\mathcal{O}_V = |0; J\rangle = \text{Tr } Z^J$.

• Energy of classical string \Leftrightarrow Dimension of a long SYM operator $J \sim J_1 \sim \cdots \sim \infty$. Frolov-Tseytlin'02

Motion of superstring on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

 $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM is dual to:

AdS: Green-Schwarz-Metsaev-Tseytlin 10D superstring on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ of the radius $R^2 = \sqrt{\lambda}$:



AdS₅: $-X_{-1}^2 - X_0^2 + X_7^2 + X_8^2 + X_9^2 + X_{10}^2 = -R^2$

 $S^{5}: \quad X_{1}^{2} + X_{2}^{2} + X_{3}^{2} + X_{4}^{2} + X_{5}^{2} + X_{6}^{2} = R^{2}$ • The radial coordinate z and the Lorentzian spacetime x_{μ} of AdS are recovered from $X_{-1} + X_{10} = R/z$, $(X_{0}, X_{7}, X_{8}, X_{9}) = R\frac{x_{\mu}}{z}$, giving $ds^{2} = R^{2} \frac{dx^{2} + dz^{2}}{z^{2}}$.

Metsaev-Tseytlin superstring

• MT superstring: sigma model on the coset $AdS_5 \times S^5 \sim PSU(2,2|4)/(Sp(2,2) \times Sp(4)).$ Supergroup element g is a $(4|4) \times (4|4)$ supermatrix

$$g = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array}\right) \in \mathrm{PSU}(2,2|4)$$

• Decompose: $J = -g^{-1}dg = H + Q_1 + P + Q_2$ $P \in AdS_5 \times S^5$, $H \in \operatorname{sp}(2,2) \times \operatorname{sp}(4)$, $Q_{1,2}$ fermions.

•
$$P = \frac{1}{4} \left(J + CJ^{st}C^{-1} + \eta J\eta + \eta CJ^{st}C^{-1}\eta \right)$$
, etc.

where:
$$\eta = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1),$$

 $C = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} E & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -iE \end{array}\right), \quad E = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & 0 \end{array}\right)_{4 \times 4}$

• Natural Z_4 grading w.r.t. a const. matrix C $C^{-1}(H, Q_1, P, Q_2)C = -(H^{st}, i \ Q_1^{st}, i^2 \ P^{st}, i^3 \ Q_2^{st})$

• Action:
$$S_{MT} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \operatorname{str} \int_{\mathcal{M}_2} \left[\mathbf{P} \wedge *\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}_1 \wedge \mathbf{Q}_2 \right]$$

Monodromy matrix for MT superstring

• All Bianchi identities and eqs. of motion (current conserv.) are packed into a Lax eq. [Bena et al.'02]:

$$(d + A(z)) \wedge (d + A(z)) = 0,$$

 $A(z) = H + \frac{1}{2} \left(z^{-2} + z^2 \right) P + \frac{1}{2} \left(z^{-2} - z^2 \right) (*P) + z^{-1} Q_1 + z Q_2$

• Monodromy matrix:

$$\Omega(z) = P \exp \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \, A_\sigma(z) \simeq P \exp \oint A(z)$$

• Conserved quantities: eigenvalues of $\Omega(z)$

diag $\{e^{i\tilde{p}_1(z)}, e^{i\tilde{p}_2(z)}, e^{i\tilde{p}_3(z)}, e^{i\tilde{p}_4(z)} || e^{i\hat{p}_1(z)}, e^{i\hat{p}_2(z)}, e^{i\hat{p}_3(z)}, e^{i\hat{p}_4(z)}\}$

• Super-unimodularity sdet
$$\Omega(z) = 1$$
:
 $\tilde{p}_1 + \tilde{p}_2 + \tilde{p}_3 + \tilde{p}_4 - \hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 - \hat{p}_3 - \hat{p}_4 \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$

• $y_k(z) = -izp'_k(z)$: good variables, having only:

- branch cuts at \tilde{z}_i, \hat{z}_j where same grading e.v.'s cross;

- poles at z_i^* where opposite grading e.v.'s cross. Corresponding $(1|1) \times (1|1)$ sub-supermatrix of $\Omega(z)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \hline c & d \end{pmatrix} = u(z) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{bc}{a-d} + a & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \frac{bc}{a-d} + d \end{pmatrix} u^{-1}(z)$$

• Finite gap solutions, a large, may be exhaustive class. diag $\{\tilde{y}_1(z), \tilde{y}_2(z), \tilde{y}_3(z), \tilde{y}_4(z) || \hat{y}_1(z), \hat{y}_2(z), \hat{y}_3(z), \hat{y}_4(z)\}$ are sheets of 8-sheeted Riemann surface of alg. curve $\mathcal{D}(y,z) = \operatorname{sdet}\left(y - \left[u(z)\left(-izp'(z)\right)u^{-1}(z)\right]\right) = \left\{\frac{0}{0}\right\}$

$$\mathcal{D}(y,z) \sim \frac{\tilde{F}_4(x)y^4 + \tilde{F}_3(x)y^3 + \tilde{F}_2(x)y^2 + \tilde{F}_1(x)y + \tilde{F}_0(x)}{\hat{F}_4(x)y^4 + \hat{F}_3(x)y^3 + \hat{F}_2(x)y^2 + \hat{F}_1(x)y + \hat{F}_0(x)} = \{\frac{0}{0}\}$$

where
$$x = (1 + z^2)/(1 - z^2)$$
.
• All singularities are encoded in

$$\tilde{F}_4(x) = x^4 \prod_{a=1}^{2\tilde{A}} (x - \tilde{x}_a^+) \prod_{a=1}^{2\tilde{A}} (x - \tilde{x}_a^-) \prod_{a=1}^{2A^*} (x - x_a^*)^2$$

$$\hat{F}_4(x) = x^4 \prod_{a=1}^{2\hat{A}} (x - \hat{x}_a^+) \prod_{a=1}^{2\hat{A}} (x - \hat{x}_a^-) \prod_{a=1}^{2A^*} (x - x_a^*)^2$$

Fixing moduli of the curve

• Symmetry $\Omega(1/x) = C\Omega^{-ST}(x)C^{-1}$: monodromy $\tilde{y}_k, \hat{y}_k(1/x) = -\tilde{y}_{k'}, \hat{y}_{k'}(x), \quad (1, 2, 3, 4) \leftrightarrow (2, 1, 4, 3)$

• Global charges: ang. momenta J_1, J_2, J_3 , energy E, spins S_1, S_2 , fix $x \to \infty$ (or $x \to 0$) asymptotics:

$$S^{5}: \quad \tilde{p}_{1}(x) = -\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (J_{1} + J_{2} - J_{3}) \frac{1}{x} + \dots, \quad etc.$$

$$AdS^{5}: \quad \hat{p}_{1}(x) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (E + S_{1} - S_{2}) \frac{1}{x} + \dots, \quad etc$$

• Energy E of state \Leftrightarrow dimension of operator in SYM.

• Local charges: fixed by asymptotics $\delta = (x \pm 1) \rightarrow 0$: $A(\epsilon^{\pm 1}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \delta^{-2} (P \pm *P)$

and the Virasoro conditions: $str(P \pm *P)^2 = 0$

• On a cut C_{ij} : $p_i(x) - p_j(x) = p(x_+) + p(x_-) = 2\pi n$.

• From $\Omega(\infty) = \Omega(0) = I$ and the $x \to 1/x$ symmetry, for the total momentum on S^5 :

$$\tilde{p}_{1,2}(0) = -\tilde{p}_{3,4}(0) = \int_{\infty}^{0} d\tilde{p}_{1,2} = -\int_{\infty}^{0} d\tilde{p}_{3,4} = 2\pi m$$

 $\hat{p}_k(0) = \int_{\infty}^0 d\hat{p}_k = 0$ - no time windings on AdS_5 .



Choice of A-cycles: $\oint_{\tilde{A}_a} d\tilde{p} = \oint_{\hat{A}_a} d\hat{p} = \oint_{A_a^*} dp = 0$

SYM: operators as spin chains

• Dilatation operator $\hat{D} = \hat{D}^{(0)} + \lambda \hat{D}^{(2)} + \lambda^2 \hat{D}^{(4)} + \dots$ ($\lambda = Ng_{YM}^2$ - 't Hooft coupling):

$$\mathcal{O}(x/\Lambda) = \Lambda^{\hat{D}}\mathcal{O}(x) = \Lambda^{\hat{D}^{(0)}} \left(1 + \lambda \log \Lambda \hat{D}^{(2)} + \ldots\right) \mathcal{O}(x)$$

• Conf. dimensions $\Delta = \Delta^{(0)} + \lambda \Delta^{(2)} + \lambda^2 \Delta^{(4)} + \dots$ are eigenvalues of "hamiltonian" \hat{D} ("time" $\sim \log \Lambda$).

• \hat{D} computed by by perturbation theory (point splitting and renormalization) for some sectors [Lipatov'97, Minahan,Zarembo '02] and for superconformal group PSU(2,2|4) (all operators of SYM) [Beisert,Staudacher'03].

Bethe Ansatz and "thermodynamical" limit of long operators

• Example: Bethe eq. for XXX chain:

$$\left(\frac{u_p + \frac{i}{2}}{u_p - \frac{i}{2}}\right)^L = \prod_{q=1}^{J_1} \frac{u_p - u_q + \frac{i}{2}}{u_p - u_q - \frac{i}{2}}$$

• Thermodynamical limit: many, but rearely changing fields under trace: $L \to \infty$; roots are big: $u_p^{(j)} \sim L$:

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• Take \log of both parts and expand in $1/u \sim 1/L$

$$2\pi n + \frac{1}{u_p} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{q=1}^{J_1} \frac{1}{u_p - u_q} + O\left(\frac{1}{L} \sum_{q=1}^{J_1} \frac{1}{(u_p - u_q)^3}\right)$$

or
$$2\pi n_k + \frac{1}{x} = \oint_{C_k} \frac{dy \ \rho(y)}{x - y}$$

Riemann-Hilbert problem for the density of roots $\rho(x)$! Solved by hyperelliptic curve [Reshetikhin,Smirnov'83].

Bethe ansatz for 1-loop SYM

$$\left(\frac{u_p^{(j)} + \frac{i}{2}V_j}{u_p^{(j)} - \frac{i}{2}V_j}\right)^L = \prod_{j'=1}^7 \prod_{\substack{q=1\\(j,p)\neq(j',q)}}^{K_{j'}} \frac{u_p^{(j)} - u_q^{(j')} + \frac{i}{2}M_{j,j'}}{u_p^{(j)} - u_q^{(j')} - \frac{i}{2}M_{j,j'}}$$

$$M_{j,j'} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-2 & +1 & & & \\ +1 & 0 & -1 & & & \\ \hline & -1 & +2 & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & +2 & -1 & \\ \hline & & & -1 & +2 & -1 \\ \hline & & & & -1 & 0 & +1 \\ \hline & & & & & +1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V_j = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{0}{0} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline$$

• Global charges: determined by excitation numbers of 7 flavors (nodes of the psu(2,2|4) Dynkin diagram):

$$0 \leq K_1 \leq K_2 \leq K_3 \leq K_4 \geq K_5 \geq K_6 \geq K_7 \geq 0,$$

• Vacuum with $K_j = 0$ represents the state tr Z^L .

• Local conserved charges

$$Q_r = \frac{i}{r-1} \sum_{p=1}^{K_4} \left(\frac{1}{(u_p^{(4)} - \frac{i}{2})^{r-1}} - \frac{1}{(u_p^{(4)} - \frac{i}{2})^{r-1}} \right)$$

- cyclicity of trace (zero total momentum): $Q_1 = 2\pi m$
- 1-loop anomalous dimension: $\delta E = (\lambda/8\pi^2)Q_2$

Stacks (bound states of roots of different flavors)

• "Standard" procedure for the thermodynamical limit does not give the complete result.

- Stacks are bound states of close roots of a few adjacent flavors: $u_p^{(j)} u_p^{(j+1)} \sim O(L^0)$.
- Electrostatic analogy:
- bosonic roots j = 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 of same flavor repulse
- fermionic roots j = 2, 6 do not feel each other
- any roots of adjacent flavors attract, the reason for formation of stacks

- roots of the middle node $u_q^{(j=4)}$ are locked by the overall "potential" $V'(u) \sim 1/u + 2\pi n_4$.

• Stacks containing $u_q^{(j=4)}$ form momentum and "energy" carrying states. Other states are "auxiliary".

• Riemann surface with 8 sheets (alge. curve): roots of j'th flavor form cuts connecting the (j - 1)'s and the j's sheets. Stacks connect non-adjacent sheets.

• A stack of three flavors:



• Dictionary between stacks and fields of SYM:



• Formation of cuts from strings of stacks:



Strings of stacks

• Macroscopic strings of stacks form linear supports (cuts C_{kl} on a Riemann surface) with density $\rho_{kl}(u)$. Resolvent a stack centered at $u^{(kl)} \sim L$

$$G_{kl}(u) = \sum_{p=1}^{K_{kl}} \frac{1}{u_p^{(kl)} - uL} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_{kl}} \frac{dv \,\rho_{kl}(v)}{v - u} \quad 1 \le k < l \le 8$$

• 8 quasi-momenta: $p_k(u) = \frac{\epsilon_k}{2u} + \eta_k \sum_{l=1}^8 G_{kl}(u)$,

where $G_{lk}(u) = -G_{kl}(u)$, $\eta_{1,2,7,8} = -1$, $\eta_{3,4,5,6} = 1$; $\epsilon_k = (+1, +1, +1, +1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$.

• Bethe equations: a stack makes a tour around the chain, its scattering phase after interaction with all other stacks is $2\pi n$, due to the periodicity:

$$p_l(u) - p_k(u) = 2\pi n_{kl,a}, \quad \text{for } u \in \mathcal{C}_{kl,a}.$$

Equivalent to eqs. for the string: $\oint_{B_{kl}} dp = 2\pi n_{kl,a}$

Local and Global Charges

- Define the sum of momentum carrying resolvents $G_{mom}(u) = \sum_{k=1}^{4} \sum_{l=5}^{8} G_{kl}(u)$
- Trace cyclicity: $G_{\text{mom}}(0) = 2\pi m$
- 1-loop anomalous dimension: $\delta E = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2 L} G'_{mom}(0)$
- Local conserved charges: $G_{\text{mom}}(u) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (Lu)^{r-1}Q_r$
- Global charges from asymptotics $\tilde{p}_k(u)$ at $u = \infty$:

$$\mathfrak{so}(6)$$
: $\tilde{p}_1(u) = \frac{1}{2Lu} (+J_1 + J_2 - J_3) + \dots$

$$\mathfrak{so}(2,4)$$
: $\hat{p}_1(u) = -\frac{1}{2Lu}(+E + S_1 - S_2) + \dots$

Curve of SYM: Comparison to String

• The curve for $y(u) = u^2 p'(u)$ is similar to the one for $AdS_5 \times S_5$, but there are some differences.

• By analogy with SYM define for string:

"filling fractions":
$$\tilde{K}_a = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{8\pi^2 i} \oint_{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_a} dx \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \tilde{p}_{\tilde{k}_a}(x)$$

"length": $mL = \sum_{a=1}^{\tilde{A}} \tilde{n}_a \tilde{K}_a$

• Frolov-Tseytlin (FT) limit for the string sigma model: $\sqrt{\lambda}/L \rightarrow 0$ and rescale $u = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi L}x$. Then the string pole term is same as in SYM:

$$\frac{u}{u^2 - \lambda/(16\pi^2 L^2)} \simeq \frac{1}{u}$$

• Half of the cuts stay finite and their $x \leftrightarrow 1/x$ -mirrors move to u = 0 and can be neglected.

• Energy, zero mom. condition, definition of filling fractions and of length coincide with SYM in FT limit.

The algebraic curves of string on $AdS_5 \times S_5$ and of the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM coincide in this limit by the appropriate identification of parameters, i.e. they probably describe the same state (AdS/CFT correspondence at 1-loop).

Conclusions

• Full explicit solution of classical string on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ and for operators in 1-loop $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM in terms of their algebraic curves. Fermions included.

• Equivalence of AdS/CFT curves in 1-loop/FT limit.

• Probably, equivalence at 2 loops as well (known in SO(6), SL(2) and SU(2|1) sectors).

• Discrepancy at ≥ 3 loops. Possible reason: noncommutativity of $1 << \lambda << L^2$ and $\lambda << 1 << L^2$ limits in the full theory?

Prospects

• Find an integrable model incorporating the full quantum theory of the string sigma model. The $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ limit should reproduce one-loop SYM results. Hopefully it amounts to the exact solution of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM at large N.