

# Application of the hidden fermionic structure to the CFT

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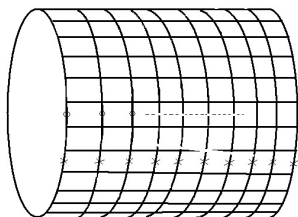
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# Plan

Basic motivation: to apply fermionic basis originated from the lattice to the CFT

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# Partition function on cylinder



Cut corresponds to insertion of local operator  $\Theta$

We call  $q^{\alpha \sum_{j=-\infty}^0 \sigma_j^z} \Theta$  quasi-local operator with tail  $\alpha$

$\kappa$  – “imaginary” magnetic field  
 $\alpha$  – disorder parameter

$$q^{\alpha \sigma^z} \quad \bigg| \quad q^{\kappa \sigma^z} \quad \bigg| \quad *$$

Matsubara expectation values:

$$Z^{\kappa} \left\{ q^{\alpha \sum_{j=-\infty}^0 \sigma_j^z} \Theta \right\} = \frac{\text{Tr}_S \text{Tr}_M \left( T_{S,M} q^{\kappa \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_j^z + \alpha \sum_{j=-\infty}^0 \sigma_j^z} \Theta \right)}{\text{Tr}_S \text{Tr}_M \left( T_{S,M} q^{\kappa \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_j^z + \alpha \sum_{j=-\infty}^0 \sigma_j^z} \right)}$$

$$T_{S,M} \text{ is monodromy matrix with } \mathfrak{h}_S = \bigotimes_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{C}^2 \text{ and } \mathfrak{h}_M = \bigotimes_{j=1}^N \mathbb{C}^2$$

# Fermionic operators

Describe the basis of quasi-local operators via certain creation operators.

Jimbo, Miwa, Smirnov, Takeyama, HB (07–09)

Creation operators  $\mathbf{t}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{c}^*$  together with annihilation operators  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  are constructed with help of representation theory of quantum affine algebra  $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2)$  and act in space

$$\mathcal{W}^{(\alpha)} = \bigoplus_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s,s}$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s,s}$  is subspace of quasi-local operators of the spin  $s$ . They are formal power series of  $\zeta^2 - 1$  and have the block structure

$$\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta) : \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s,s} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s,s},$$

$$\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta), \mathbf{c}(\zeta) : \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s+1,s-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s,s},$$

$$\mathbf{c}^*(\zeta), \mathbf{b}(\zeta) : \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s-1,s+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s,s}.$$

$\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)$  is bosonic and generates commuting integrals of motion. It commutes with all fermionic operators  $\mathbf{b}(\zeta)$ ,  $\mathbf{c}(\zeta)$  and  $\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta)$ ,  $\mathbf{c}^*(\zeta)$ .

# Anti-commutation relations and fermionic basis

Fermionic operators satisfy canonical anti-commutation relations

$$[\mathbf{c}(\zeta), \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta')]_+ = \psi(\zeta/\zeta', \alpha), \quad [\mathbf{b}(\zeta), \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta')]_+ = -\psi(\zeta'/\zeta, \alpha)$$

$$\text{with } \psi(\zeta, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \zeta^\alpha \frac{\zeta^2 + 1}{\zeta^2 - 1}.$$

Annihilation operators  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  “kill” lattice “primary field”  $q^{2\alpha S(0)}$

$$\mathbf{b}(\zeta)(q^{2\alpha S(0)}) = 0, \quad \mathbf{c}(\zeta)(q^{2\alpha S(0)}) = 0, \quad S(k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=-\infty}^k \sigma_j^z.$$

Space of states is generated via multiple action of  $\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta)$ ,  $\mathbf{c}^*(\zeta)$  on “primary field”  $q^{2\alpha S(0)}$ . In this way we get fermionic basis.

# Mode expansions and locality

Annihilation operators are singular at  $\zeta^2 \rightarrow 1$  while creation operators are regular:

$$\mathbf{b}(\zeta) = \zeta^{-\alpha-\mathbb{S}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (\zeta^2 - 1)^{-p} \mathbf{b}_p, \quad \mathbf{c}(\zeta) = \zeta^{\alpha+\mathbb{S}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (\zeta^2 - 1)^{-p} \mathbf{c}_p$$

$$\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta) = \zeta^{\alpha+\mathbb{S}} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (\zeta^2 - 1)^{p-1} \mathbf{b}_p^*, \quad \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta) = \zeta^{-\alpha-\mathbb{S}} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (\zeta^2 - 1)^{p-1} \mathbf{c}_p^*$$

$$\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (\zeta^2 - 1)^{p-1} \mathbf{t}_p^*$$

Locality:

$$\mathbf{b}_p(X) = \mathbf{c}_p(X) = 0 \quad \text{for } p > \text{length}(X)$$

$$\text{length}(\mathbf{b}_p^*(X)) \leq \text{length}(X) + p, \quad \text{length}(\mathbf{c}_p^*(X)) \leq \text{length}(X) + p$$

$$\text{length}(\mathbf{t}_p^*(X)) \leq \text{length}(X) + p$$

# Jimbo-Miwa-Smirnov theorem

Important theorem was proved by **Jimbo, Miwa and Smirnov (09)**

$$Z^K \{ \mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)(X) \} = 2\rho(\zeta) Z^K \{ X \},$$

$$Z^K \{ \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta)(X) \} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \omega(\zeta, \xi) Z^K \{ \mathbf{c}(\xi)(X) \} \frac{d\xi^2}{\xi^2},$$

$$Z^K \{ \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta)(X) \} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \omega(\xi, \zeta) Z^K \{ \mathbf{b}(\xi)(X) \} \frac{d\xi^2}{\xi^2}$$

where the contour  $\Gamma$  goes around  $\xi^2 = 1$  and  $\omega$  is some explicit function.

These formulae allow one to explicitly calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & Z^K \{ \mathbf{t}^*(\zeta_1^0) \cdots \mathbf{t}^*(\zeta_p^0) \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta_1^+) \cdots \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta_q^+) \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta_q^-) \cdots \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta_1^-) (q^{\alpha \sum_{j=-\infty}^0 \sigma_j^z}) \} = \\ & = \prod_{i=1}^p 2\rho(\zeta_i^0) \det \left| \omega(\zeta_i^+, \zeta_j^-) \right|_{i,j=1, \dots, q} \quad \text{generating function for series in } \zeta^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

# The meaning of the JMS-theorem

The Jimbo, Miwa, Smirnov theorem states that

- any correlation function corresponding to any quasi-local operator  $\mathcal{O}$  is generated by two transcendental functions  $\rho$  and  $\omega$ .  $\rho$  is related to one-point function,  $\omega$  is related to nearest neighbor correlators

$$\omega(\zeta, \zeta') = Z^{\kappa}(\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta)\mathbf{c}^*(\zeta'))q^{2\alpha S(0)}$$

Both functions depend on temperature, disorder parameter and magnetic field, we call them **physical part**.

- In contrast to this, the basis is pure algebraic. It is built using representation theory of quantum group. We call it **algebraic part**.
- The basis is independent of inhomogeneities in the Matsubara direction.



# The function $\omega$ via function $\Phi$

In more general case  $\omega(\zeta, \zeta') = \omega(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)$

There are several equivalent definitions

- via deformed Abelian integrals **Jimbo, Miwa, Smirnov (09)**
- via solution of linear and non-linear integral equations that come from thermodynamical description of the six-vertex model **Göhhmann, HB (09-12)**

Introduce function  $\Phi$ :  $\Phi(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha) = \tilde{\Phi}(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha) + \Delta_\zeta^{-1} \psi(\zeta/\zeta', \alpha)$

$$\tilde{\Phi}(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha) = \left( \frac{\zeta}{\zeta'} \right)^\alpha \frac{P(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)}{A(\zeta, \kappa)A(\zeta', \kappa)}, \quad \Phi(\zeta', \zeta | \kappa, \kappa'; -\alpha) = \Phi(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)$$

One must solve kind of 'Riemann-Hilbert' problem

$$\frac{\Delta_\zeta \Phi(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)}{\rho(\zeta | \kappa, \kappa') (1 + a(\zeta, \kappa))} + \tilde{\Phi}(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha) = r(\zeta, \zeta' | \kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)$$

$$(\Delta_\zeta f)(\zeta) := f(q\zeta) - f(q^{-1}\zeta)$$

where the remainder  $r$  is a 'regular' function of  $\zeta$ .

- The function  $\rho$  : 
$$\rho(\zeta|\kappa, \kappa') = \frac{T(\zeta, \kappa')}{T(\zeta, \kappa)}$$

- Baxter's  $TQ$ -relation:

$$T(\zeta, \kappa)Q(\zeta, \kappa) = d(\zeta)Q(q\zeta, \kappa) + a(\zeta)Q(q^{-1}\zeta, \kappa), \quad q = e^{i\pi\nu}$$

$$d(\zeta) = \prod_{i=1}^N (\zeta/\tau_i - \tau_i/\zeta), \quad a(\zeta) = d(q\zeta)$$

$$Q(\zeta, \kappa) = \zeta^{-\kappa} A(\zeta, \kappa), \quad A(\zeta, \kappa) = \prod_{j=1}^{N/2} (\zeta/\zeta_j - \zeta_j/\zeta)$$

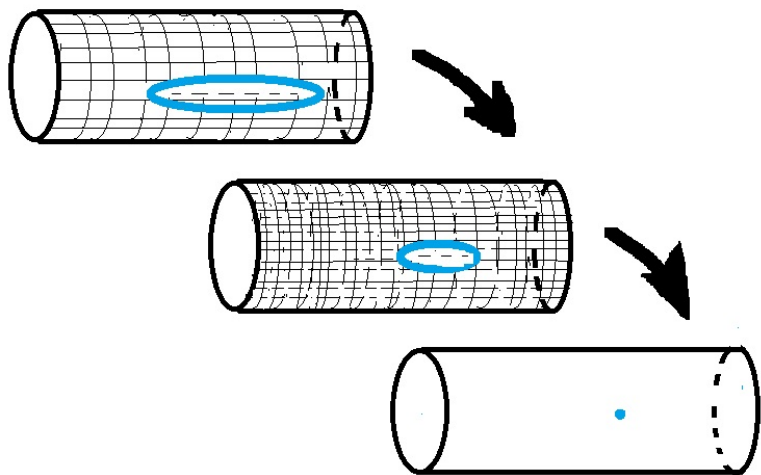
$$\alpha(\zeta, \kappa) := \frac{d(\zeta)Q(q\zeta, \kappa)}{a(\zeta)Q(q^{-1}\zeta, \kappa)}, \quad \text{BAE: } \alpha(\zeta_j, \kappa) = -1, j = 1, \dots, N/2$$

- The function  $\omega$ :

$$\frac{1}{4}\omega(\zeta, \zeta'|\kappa, \kappa', \alpha) = H_\zeta H_{\zeta'} \Phi(\zeta, \zeta'|\kappa, \kappa', \alpha)$$

$$(H_\zeta f)(\zeta) := \frac{\alpha(\zeta, \kappa)}{1 + \alpha(\zeta, \kappa)} f(q\zeta) + \frac{1}{1 + \alpha(\zeta, \kappa)} f(q^{-1}\zeta) - \rho(\zeta|\kappa, \kappa') f(\zeta)$$

# Application to CFT: continuum limit



# Scaling limit

Jimbo, Miwa, Smirnov, HB (10), HB (11)

- **Scaling or conformal limit** Introduce lattice spacing  $a$  and take

$$\tau_j = q^{1/2}, \quad N \rightarrow \infty, \quad a \rightarrow 0, \quad Na = 2\pi R \quad \text{with fixed radius of cylinder } R$$

$$\text{Lieb distribution gives: } \zeta_j \simeq (\pi j/N)^{\vee}$$

$$\text{Spectral parameter must be re-scaled: } \zeta = \lambda \bar{a}^{\vee}, \quad \bar{a} = Ca$$

**Some technical point:** We generalize definition of the functional  $Z^{\mathbf{K}}$  by introducing "lattice screening operator"  $Y_{\mathbf{M}}^{(-s)}$ :

$$Z^{\mathbf{K},s} \{q^{2\alpha S(0)} \mathcal{O}\} = \frac{\text{Tr}_S \text{Tr}_{\mathbf{M}} \left( Y_{\mathbf{M}}^{(-s)} T_{S,\mathbf{M}} q^{2\mathbf{K}S} \mathbf{b}_{\infty,s-1}^* \cdots \mathbf{b}_{\infty,0}^* (q^{2\alpha S(0)} \mathcal{O}) \right)}{\text{Tr}_S \text{Tr}_{\mathbf{M}} \left( Y_{\mathbf{M}}^{(-s)} T_{S,\mathbf{M}} q^{2\mathbf{K}S} \mathbf{b}_{\infty,s-1}^* \cdots \mathbf{b}_{\infty,0}^* (q^{2\alpha S(0)}) \right)}$$

$$\zeta^{-\alpha} \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta)(X) = \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \zeta^{-2j} \mathbf{b}_{\infty,j}^*(X) + \zeta^{-\alpha} \mathbf{b}_{\text{reg}}^*(\zeta)(X), \quad X \in \mathcal{W}_{\alpha-s+1,s-1}$$

**Claim:** The JMS-Theorem works for new functional  $Z^{\kappa, s}$  with the above functions  $\rho(\zeta|\kappa, \kappa')$ ,  $\omega(\zeta, \zeta'|\kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)$  and kind of Dotsenko-Fateev condition

$$\kappa' = \kappa + \alpha + 2s \frac{1 - \nu}{\nu}$$

More precisely, the above functions  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  are analytical continuations of  $\rho(\zeta|\kappa + \alpha - s, s)$  and  $\omega(\zeta, \zeta'|\kappa, \kappa + \alpha - s, s; \alpha)$  where, for example,

$$\rho(\zeta|\kappa + \alpha - s, s) = \frac{T(\zeta, \kappa + \alpha - s, s)}{T(\zeta, \kappa)}$$

**Aim is two-fold :**

- to obtain the CFT with non-trivial  $c = 1 - 6\nu^2/(1 - \nu)$
- to consider asymptotic series for  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$

**Conjecture:**  $\rho^{\text{sc}}(\lambda|\kappa, \kappa') = \lim_{\text{scaling}} \rho(\lambda \bar{a}^\nu|\kappa + \alpha - s, s),$

$$\omega^{\text{sc}}(\lambda, \mu|\kappa, \kappa', \alpha) = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{\text{scaling}} \omega(\lambda \bar{a}^\nu, \mu \bar{a}^\nu|\kappa, \kappa + \alpha - s, s; \alpha)$$

# Conjectures on operators in scaling:

- The creation operators are well-defined in the scaling limit for space direction when  $ja = x$  is finite

$$\tau^*(\lambda) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^*(\lambda \bar{a}^{\nu}), \quad \beta^*(\lambda) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^*(\lambda \bar{a}^{\nu}), \quad \gamma^*(\lambda) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{c}^*(\lambda \bar{a}^{\nu})$$

Asymptotic expansions at  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  look

$$\log(\tau^*(\lambda)) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \tau_{2j-1}^* \lambda^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau^*(\lambda)}} \beta^*(\lambda) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_{2j-1}^* \lambda^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau^*(\lambda)}} \gamma^*(\lambda) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{2j-1}^* \lambda^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}}.$$

# Freedom in definition of operators

- "Gauge transform":

$$\mathbf{b}^* \rightarrow e^{-\tilde{\Omega}} \mathbf{b}^* e^{\tilde{\Omega}}, \quad \mathbf{c}^* \rightarrow e^{-\tilde{\Omega}} \mathbf{c}^* e^{\tilde{\Omega}}$$

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{d\zeta^2}{\zeta^2} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{d\xi^2}{\xi^2} \tilde{\omega}(\zeta, \xi) \mathbf{c}(\xi) \mathbf{b}(\zeta), \quad \omega \rightarrow \omega + \tilde{\omega}$$

- We choose  $\tilde{\omega}$  in such a way that:

$$Z_{\infty}(\mathcal{O} q^{\alpha S(0)}) = \frac{\langle \text{vac} | \mathcal{O} q^{\alpha S(0)} | \text{vac} \rangle}{\langle \text{vac} | q^{\alpha S(0)} | \text{vac} \rangle} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathcal{O} = \tau^m, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\zeta^{-\alpha} \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \zeta^{\alpha} \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \zeta \rightarrow 0$$

# Screening operators

- The other "gauge" choice:

$$\mathbf{b}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{b}_0^* = O(\zeta^\alpha), \quad \mathbf{c}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{c}_0^* = O(\zeta^{2-\alpha}), \quad \zeta \rightarrow 0$$

- Acting in the subspace  $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,0}$

$$\mathbf{b}_0^*(\zeta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{\alpha-2+2j} \mathbf{b}_{\text{screen},j}^*, \quad \mathbf{c}_0^*(\zeta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-\alpha+2j} \mathbf{c}_{\text{screen},j}^*$$

$\mathbf{b}_{\text{screen},j}^*, \mathbf{c}_{\text{screen},j}^*$  are non-local.

- Scaling

$$\beta_{\text{screen}}^*(\lambda) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}_0^*(\lambda \bar{a}^\vee), \quad \gamma_{\text{screen}}^*(\lambda) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{c}_0^*(\lambda \bar{a}^\vee) \quad \text{for } \lambda \rightarrow 0$$

and for  $\rho = 1$

$$\beta_{\text{screen}}^*(\lambda) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{\alpha+2j-2} \beta_{\text{screen},j}^*, \quad \gamma_{\text{screen}}^*(\lambda) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-\alpha+2j} \gamma_{\text{screen},j}^*$$



# Integrals of motion

- In 1987 **Alexander Zamolodchikov** introduced local integrals of motion which act on local operators as

$$(\mathbf{i}_{2n-1} O)(w) = \int_{C_w} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} h_{2n}(z) O(w) \quad (n \geq 1)$$

where the densities  $h_{2n}(z)$  are certain descendants of the identity operator  $I$ . An important property is that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta_- | \mathbf{i}_{2n-1}(O(z)) | \Delta_+ \rangle &= (I_{2n-1}^+ - I_{2n-1}^-) \langle \Delta_- | O(z) | \Delta_+ \rangle \\ L_n | \Delta_+ \rangle &= \delta_{n,0} \Delta_+ | \Delta_+ \rangle \quad n \geq 0, \quad \langle \Delta_- | L_n = \delta_{n,0} \Delta_- \langle \Delta_- | \quad n \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_{2n-1}^\pm$  denote the vacuum eigenvalues of the local integrals of motion on the Verma module with conformal dimension  $\Delta_\pm$ . The Verma module is spanned by the elements

$$\mathbf{i}_{2k_1-1} \cdots \mathbf{i}_{2k_p-1} \mathbf{l}_{-2l_1} \cdots \mathbf{l}_{-2l_q}(\phi_\alpha(0)), \quad \Delta_\alpha = \frac{v^2 \alpha(\alpha-2)}{4(1-v)}$$

In case when  $\Delta_+ = \Delta_-$  the space is spanned by the even Virasoro generators  $\{\mathbf{l}_{-2n}\}_{n \geq 1}$ .

# Asymptotic expansions

- Using the result by **Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov (96-99)**, we get

$$\log \rho^{\text{sc}}(\lambda | \kappa, \kappa') \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}} C_j (I_{2j-1}^+ - I_{2j-1}^-) \rightarrow \tau_{2j-1}^* = C_j i_{2j-1}$$

$$\omega^{\text{sc}}(\lambda, \mu | \kappa, \kappa', \alpha) \simeq \quad \text{when } \lambda^2, \mu^2 \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\sqrt{\rho^{\text{sc}}(\lambda | \kappa, \kappa')} \sqrt{\rho^{\text{sc}}(\mu | \kappa, \kappa')} \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-\frac{2i-1}{\nu}} \mu^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}} \omega_{i,j}(\kappa, \kappa'; \alpha)$$

Scaling limit of the determinant formula

$$\begin{aligned} Z_R^{\kappa, \kappa'} \{ \tau^*(\lambda_1^0) \cdots \tau^*(\lambda_p^0) \beta^*(\lambda_1^+) \cdots \beta^*(\lambda_r^+) \gamma^*(\lambda_r^-) \cdots \gamma^*(\lambda_1^-) (\Phi_\alpha(0)) \} \\ = \prod_{i=1}^p \rho^{\text{sc}}(\lambda_i^0 | \kappa, \kappa') \times \det(\omega^{\text{sc}}(\lambda_i^+, \lambda_j^- | \kappa, \kappa', \alpha))_{i,j=1, \dots, r} \end{aligned}$$

**Technical problem:** We get coefficients  $\omega_{i,j}$  by the Wiener-Hopf technique only for  $\kappa = \kappa'$  when  $\Delta_+ = \Delta_-$  and  $\rho^{\text{sc}}(\zeta | \kappa, \kappa) = 1$  i.e. modulo the integrals of motion.

# Correspondence to CFT 3-point correlator

- Important conjecture:** it is possible to state the correspondence

$$\frac{\langle \Delta_- | P_\alpha(\{\mathbf{I}_{-k}\}) \phi_\alpha(0) | \Delta_+ \rangle}{\langle \Delta_- | \phi_\alpha(0) | \Delta_+ \rangle} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty, a \rightarrow 0, na = 2\pi R} Z^{\kappa, s} \{ q^{2\alpha S(0)} \mathcal{O} \}.$$

between a polynomial  $P_\alpha(\{\mathbf{I}_{-k}\})$  and some combinations of  $\beta_{2j-1}^*, \gamma_{2j-1}^*$ .

Introduce  $\beta_{2m-1}^* = D_{2m-1}(\alpha) \beta_{2m-1}^{\text{CFT}*}$ ,  $\gamma_{2m-1}^* = D_{2m-1}(2-\alpha) \gamma_{2m-1}^{\text{CFT}*}$

$$D_{2m-1}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{i\nu}} \Gamma(\nu)^{-\frac{2m-1}{\nu}} (1-\nu)^{\frac{2m-1}{2}} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{1}{2\nu}(2m-1)\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{(1-\nu)}{2\nu}(2m-1)\right)}$$

together with even and odd bilinear combinations

$$\phi_{2m-1, 2n-1}^{\text{even}} = (m+n-1) \frac{1}{2} (\beta_{2m-1}^{\text{CFT}*} \gamma_{2n-1}^{\text{CFT}*} + \beta_{2n-1}^{\text{CFT}*} \gamma_{2m-1}^{\text{CFT}*}),$$

$$\phi_{2m-1, 2n-1}^{\text{odd}} = d_\alpha^{-1} (m+n-1) \frac{1}{2} (\beta_{2n-1}^{\text{CFT}*} \gamma_{2m-1}^{\text{CFT}*} - \beta_{2m-1}^{\text{CFT}*} \gamma_{2n-1}^{\text{CFT}*}),$$

$$d_\alpha = \frac{\nu(\nu-2)}{\nu-1} (\alpha-1)$$

# Identification with Virasoro Verma-module

- If we accept an equivalence of the spaces spanned by

$$\mathbf{i}_{2k_1-1} \cdots \mathbf{i}_{2k_p-1} \mathbf{l}_{-2l_1} \cdots \mathbf{l}_{-2l_q} (\Phi_\alpha(0)) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mathbf{i}_{2k_1-1} \cdots \mathbf{i}_{2k_p-1} \phi_{2m_1-1, 2n_1-1}^{\text{even}} \cdots \phi_{2m_r-1, 2n_r-1}^{\text{even}} \phi_{2\bar{m}_1-1, 2\bar{n}_1-1}^{\text{odd}} \phi_{2\bar{m}_r-1, 2\bar{n}_r-1}^{\text{odd}} (\Phi_\alpha(0))$$

we can identify modulo integrals of motion ( $\Delta \equiv \Delta_\alpha$ )

$$\phi_{1,1}^{\text{even}} \cong \mathbf{l}_{-2}, \quad \phi_{1,3}^{\text{even}} \cong \mathbf{l}_{-2}^2 + \frac{2c-32}{9} \mathbf{l}_{-4}, \quad \phi_{1,3}^{\text{odd}} \cong \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{l}_{-4}$$

$$\phi_{1,5}^{\text{even}} \cong \mathbf{l}_{-2}^3 + \frac{c+2-20\Delta+2c\Delta}{3(\Delta+2)} \mathbf{l}_{-4} \mathbf{l}_{-2} + \cdots \mathbf{l}_{-6}$$

$$\phi_{1,5}^{\text{odd}} \cong \frac{2\Delta}{\Delta+2} \mathbf{l}_{-4} \mathbf{l}_{-2} + \frac{56-52\Delta-2c+4c\Delta}{5(\Delta+2)} \mathbf{l}_{-6}$$

$$\phi_{3,3}^{\text{even}} \cong \mathbf{l}_{-2}^3 + \frac{6+3c-76\Delta+4c\Delta}{6(\Delta+2)} \mathbf{l}_{-4} \mathbf{l}_{-2} + \cdots \mathbf{l}_{-6}$$

# Fermionic construction of primary field

Let  $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$  be the subspace obtained by acting  $\beta_{2j-1}^*, \gamma_{2j-1}^*$  and integrals of motion  $\mathbf{i}_{2k-1}$ . In case  $\kappa = \kappa'$  we factor out the integrals of motion

$$\mathcal{V}_\alpha^{\text{quo}} = \mathcal{V}_\alpha / \sum \mathbf{i}_{2k-1} \mathcal{V}_\alpha$$

The basis of  $\mathcal{V}_\alpha^{\text{quo}}$ :  $\beta_{l+}^*, \gamma_{l-}^* \Phi_\alpha(0)$

$$\beta_{l+}^* = \beta_{2k_1-1}^* \cdots \beta_{2k_n-1}^*, \quad \gamma_{l-}^* = \gamma_{2j_n-1}^* \cdots \gamma_{2j_1-1}^*$$

Acting on  $\Phi_\alpha(0)$  by  $\beta_{2j-1}^*, \gamma_{2j-1}^*, \beta_{\text{screen},j}^*, \gamma_{\text{screen},j}^*$ , one gets a space  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha \supset \mathcal{V}_\alpha^{\text{quo}}$

The claim is:  $\mathcal{V}_{\alpha+2m\frac{(1-\nu)}{\nu}}^{\text{quo}} \subset \mathcal{H}_\alpha, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  **Jimbo, Miwa, Smirnov (11)**

In particular:  $\Phi_{\alpha+2m\frac{(1-\nu)}{\nu}}(0) \cong \beta_{l_{\text{odd}(m)}}^* \gamma_{\text{screen},l(m)}^* \Phi_\alpha(0)$

$$\gamma_{\text{screen},l(m)}^* = \gamma_{\text{screen},m}^* \cdots \gamma_{\text{screen},1}^*, \quad l(m) = (1, 2, \dots, m), \quad l_{\text{odd}(m)} = (1, 3, \dots, 2m-1)$$

Conformal dimensions of operators:

$$\beta_{2j-1}^*, \gamma_{2j-1}^* : \quad 2j-1, \quad \beta_{\text{screen},j}^* : \quad \nu(2-\alpha-2j), \quad \gamma_{\text{screen},j}^* : \quad \nu(\alpha-2j)$$

# OPE in fermionic basis

Here we take parameterization used in Liouville CFT

$$v = 1 + b^2, \quad c = 1 + 6Q^2, \quad Q = b + b^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2a}{Q}, \quad \kappa = \frac{2a_1}{Q} - 1, \quad \kappa' = \frac{2a_2}{Q} - 1, \quad \Delta \rightarrow \Delta_a = a(Q - a)$$

- The OPE in the fermionic basis looks

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$$\Phi_{a_1}(z)\Phi_{a_2}(0) \cong \sum_a C_{a_1, a_2}^a z^{\Delta_a - \Delta_{a_1} - \Delta_{a_2}} \sum_{\#(I^+) = \#(I^-)} z^{|I^+| + |I^-|} \Omega_{I^+, I^-}(a_1, a_2, a) \beta_{I^+}^* \gamma_{I^-}^* \Phi_a(0)$$

where  $\cong$  means modulo integrals of motion,

$$\Omega_{I^+, I^-}(a_1, a_2, a) \equiv \Omega_{I^+, I^-}(a) = \frac{R_{I^+, I^-}(a_1, a_2, a)}{\prod_{I \in I^+} D_I(a) \prod_{I \in I^-} D_I(Q - a)}$$

$R_{I^+, I^-}(a_1, a_2, a)$  is a rational function.

# Pole structure

The poles of  $R_{l^+, l^-}(a_1, a_2, a)$  are at the points

$$a = a_{m,n}, \quad a_{m,n} = -\frac{n-1}{2}b - \frac{m-1}{2}b^{-1}$$

where  $mn \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . We consider only the case  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , the case  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  is obtained by duality  $b \rightarrow 1/b$ .

- "Resonance" poles:  $a = a_{m,n}$  and  $a = a_{-m,-n} = Q - a_{m,n}$  with  $m, n \geq 1$
- "Unwanted" poles:  $a = a_{m,n}$  with  $m = 0$  or  $n = 0$  or  $m > 0, n < 0$  or  $m < 0, n > 0$

# Null-Vectors

Introduce formally annihilation operators  $\beta_j = t_j(a)^{-1} \gamma_{-j}^*$ ,  $\gamma_j = t_j(Q-a)^{-1} \beta_{-j}^*$  so that

$$[\beta_j, \beta_k^*]_+ = \delta_{j,k}, \quad [\gamma_j, \gamma_k^*]_+ = \delta_{j,k}$$

For  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  the null-vectors are constructed as

$$(C_{m,n})^{\frac{n}{2}} \beta_{l^+}^* \gamma_{l^-}^*, \quad \#(I^-) = \#(I^+) + n \quad \text{Jimbo, Miwa, Smirnov (11)}$$

$$C_{m,n} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_{2j-1}^* \gamma_{2j-1+2(n-m)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n-m}{2} \rfloor} t_{2j-1}(a_{m,n}) \gamma_{2j-1} \gamma_{2(n-m)-2j+1}, \quad n \geq m$$

$$C_{m,n} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_{2j+2(m-n)-1}^* \gamma_{2j-1} - \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{m-n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{1}{t_{-2j+1}(a_{m,n})} \beta_{2j-1}^* \beta_{2(m-n)-2j+1}^*, \quad n < m$$

$$t_p(a) = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{\pi}{Q} (p b^{-1} - 2a)}$$



# Recursion relations

In 1984 **Alexei Zamolodchikov** found recursion relations for the residues of conformal blocks. Here we have a similar relation.

- If  $n - m$  is not odd positive (otherwise a bit more complicated), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{res}_{a=a_{m,n}} \sum_{\#(I^+)=\#(I^-)} z^{|I^+|+|I^-|} \Omega_{I^+,I^-}(a) \beta_{I^+}^* \gamma_{I^-}^* \Phi_a \\ = & W_{m,n} \sum_{\#(I^-)=\#(I^+)} z^{nm+|I^+|+|I^-|} \Omega_{I^+,I^-}(a_{m,n} + nb) (C_{m,n})^{\frac{n}{2}} \beta_{I^+ - 2n}^* \gamma_{I^- + 2n}^* \gamma_{\text{odd}(n)}^* \Phi_a \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_{\text{odd}(n)}^* = \gamma_{2n-1}^* \cdots \gamma_1^*$  and  $W_{m,n}$  contains

$$\begin{aligned} P_{m,n} = & \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m \left( a_1 + a_2 - \frac{m-2k+3}{2} b^{-1} - \frac{n-2j+3}{2} b \right) \\ & \times \left( a_1 - a_2 - \frac{m-2k+1}{2} b^{-1} - \frac{n-2j+1}{2} b \right) \end{aligned}$$

and a multiplier depending on  $b$  only.  $W_{m,n}$  is related to 3-point function of Liouville CFT.

# Conformal block

On a cylinder of radius  $R = 1$  we consider the CFT with boundary conditions at  $\pm\infty$  given by  $\Phi_{a_2}, \Phi_{Q-a_2}$ .

We know that the expectation values of the fermionic descendants of  $\Phi_a$  on a cylinder are expressed in terms of function  $\omega^{\text{sc}}$  or, more precisely, in terms of coefficients in its asymptotic expansion at  $\lambda, \mu \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\omega^{\text{sc}}(\lambda, \mu | \kappa, \kappa', \alpha) \rightarrow \omega^{\text{sc}}(\lambda, \mu | a_2, a) \simeq \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-\frac{2i-1}{\nu}} \mu^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}} \omega_{2i-1, 2j-1}(a_2, a).$$

We know from the TBA-like approach

$$\omega_{2i-1, 2j-1}(a_2, a) = D_{2i-1}(a) D_{2j-1}(Q-a) \Theta_{2i-1, 2j-1}(a_2, a),$$

where  $\Theta_{2i-1, 2j-1}(a_2, a)$  depends on  $a_2$  as a polynomial in  $\Delta_{a_2}$ , and on  $a$  as a polynomial in  $\Delta_a$  with additional linear dependence on

$$d(a) = (b^{-1} - b)(Q - 2a)$$

The conformal block on the cylinder is obtained by computing the expectation values for the OPE. Introduce  $\omega_{l^+, l^-}(a_2, a)$  by

$$\exp\left\{\sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \omega_{2i-1, 2j-1}(a_2, a) \gamma_{2i-1} \beta_{2j-1}\right\} = \sum_{l^+, l^-} \omega_{l^+, l^-}(a_2, a) \gamma_{l^+} \beta_{l^-}$$

Then the conformal block is

$$\mathcal{F}(a_1, a_2, a, z) = z^{-2\Delta_{a_1} + \Delta_a} \sum_{l^+, l^-} z^{|l^+| + |l^-|} \Omega_{l^+, l^-}(a_1, a) \omega_{l^+, l^-}(a_2, a)$$

where  $\Omega_{l^+, l^-}(a_1, a) = \Omega_{l^+, l^-}(a_1, a_1, a)$  are the above OPE-coefficients. Via the conformal mapping of the cylinder to the sphere, one can get symmetric under  $a_1 \leftrightarrow a_2$  combination

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{sym}}(a_1, a_2, a, z) = \left(2 \sinh(z/2)\right)^{2\Delta_{a_1}} \mathcal{F}(a_1, a_2, a, z)$$

- **Remark 1** In the conformal block  $\mathcal{F}(a_1, a_2, a, z)$  or  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{sym}}(a_1, a_2, a, z)$  the unwanted poles cancel. So, we observe a nice duality between  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$ .
- **Remark 2** The behaviour at  $a \rightarrow \infty$  is described by

$$\begin{aligned} & \log(\mathcal{F}_{\text{sym}}(a_1, a_2, a, z)) = \\ & + \Delta_a \left( \log z - \frac{1}{192} z^2 + \frac{73}{1474560} z^4 - \frac{1069}{1486356480} z^6 + \frac{250993}{20293720473600} z^8 + \dots \right) \\ & + (\Delta_{a_1} + \Delta_{a_2}) \left( \frac{1}{16} z^2 - \frac{5}{12288} z^4 + \frac{17}{2949120} z^6 - \frac{1705}{16911433728} z^8 + \dots \right) \\ & + (c-1) \left( -\frac{1}{512} z^2 + \frac{7}{786432} z^4 - \frac{19}{188743680} z^6 + \frac{16019}{10823317585920} z^8 + \dots \right) + O(a^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

This is in full agreement with the formula by **Alexei Zamolodchikov**

# Application to QFT, further perspectives

## Further applications to QFT:

- **Jimbo, Miwa and Smirnov (10-13)** succeeded in applying fermionic structure for computation of one-point functions of the sine-Gordon model on cylinder
- also for sinh-Gordon model at finite temperature **Smirnov, Negro (13)**

## Some problems are still open:

- “ $\rho$ -problem” of escaping the restriction  $\kappa = \kappa'$  and developing new methods for general case
- Generalization to higher spin and higher rank case. Some preliminary steps were undertaken for better understanding of the functional relations **Göhhmann, Klümper, Nirov, Razumov, HB (10-14)**

# Conclusions

- The factorization of static correlation functions of the XXZ spin chain was originally observed as a factorization of corresponding multiple integrals
- Factorized form is represented through polynomials of two transcendental functions  $\rho$  and  $\omega$ .
- There is rich algebraic structure behind this factorization – hidden fermionic structure.
- This structure holds in conformal limit and for sine(sinh)-Gordon model.