

Correlators of operators on Wilson loops in N=4 SYM and AdS₂/CFT₁

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- correlation functions of operators on susy and standard WL in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and dual $AdS_5 \times S^5$ superstring theory:
novel examples of 1d defect CFT 's

- non-gravitational example of AdS_2/CFT_1
defined by **world-sheet string action**

• WL: $\langle \text{Tr } \mathcal{P} e^{i \int A} \rangle$ important observable in any gauge theory
no log div; power div factorize

• WML: $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM: special Wilson-Maldacena loop

$$iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu \rightarrow iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \Phi_a \dot{y}^a$$

if $(\dot{x}^\mu)^2 = (\dot{y}^a)^2$, i.e. $\dot{y}^a(\tau) = |\dot{x}(\tau)| \theta^a$, $\theta^2 = 1$:

locally-supersymmetric, better UV properties

straight line: $\frac{1}{2}$ global susy (BPS): $\langle W(\text{line}) \rangle = 1$

• non-susy WL is also of interest in AdS/CFT context:

large N expectation value for circle or cusp \rightarrow

non-trivial functions of 't Hooft coupling $\lambda = g^2 N$

not fixed by susy but may be by integrability

- $AdS_5 \times S^5$ string side: WML – Dirichlet b.c. in S^5 (susy)

WL – Neumann b.c. in S^5 (non-susy) [Alday, Maldacena]

- corr. functs of local operators inserted on line:

new examples of AdS_2/CFT_1 duality

WML: local ops on $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS line – define CFT_1

with $OSp(4^*|4)$ 1d superconformal symmetry

WL: different defect CFT_1 with $SO(3) \times SO(6)$ symmetry

[Cooke, Dekel, Drukker; Giombi, Roiban, AT]

- 1-parameter family of Wilson loops:

WL ($\zeta = 0$) and WML ($\zeta = 1$) [Polchinski, Sully]

$$W^{(\zeta)}(C) = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp \oint_C d\tau [i A_\mu(x) \dot{x}^\mu + \zeta \Phi_m(x) \theta^m |\dot{x}|]$$

$$\theta^m = \text{const: e.g. } \Phi_m \theta^m = \Phi_6$$

- $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle$ has log divergences for $\zeta \neq 0, 1$

can be absorbed into renormalization of 1d coupling ζ

$$\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle \equiv W(\lambda; \zeta(\mu), \mu), \quad \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} W + \beta_\zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} W = 0$$

at weak coupling $\lambda \ll 1$ (at large N) [PS]

$$\beta_\zeta = \mu \frac{d\zeta}{d\mu} = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \zeta (\zeta^2 - 1) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

WL $\zeta = 0$ and WML $\zeta = 1$ are UV and IR conformal points
cf. 1d QFT, conformal pert. theory by $O = \zeta \Phi_6$ near $\zeta = 0$

- circular WML ($\zeta = 1$): exact result due to 1/2 susy

[Ericson, Semenoff, Zarembo; Drukker, Gross; Pestun]

$$\langle W^{(1)}(\text{circle}) \rangle_{N \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\stackrel{\lambda \ll 1}{=} 1 + \frac{1}{8}\lambda + \frac{1}{192}\lambda^2 + \dots$$

$$\stackrel{\lambda \gg 1}{=} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{e^{\sqrt{\lambda}}}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^{3/2}} \left(1 - \frac{3}{8\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots\right)$$

$\langle W^{(1)}(\text{line}) \rangle = 1$: anomaly in conf map of line to circle [DG]

due to IR behaviour of vector propagator – same for WL ?

- WL case: no log div; if power div factorized $\langle W^{(0)}(\text{line}) \rangle = 1$
then $\langle W^{(0)}(\text{circle}) \rangle = \langle W^{(1)}(\text{circle}) \rangle$?

yes, at leading orders at weak & strong λ but not beyond

- weak coupling: $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{8}\lambda + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$

strong coupling: same min surface: AdS_2 with S^1 as bndry

subtracting linear div in $V_{\text{AdS}_2} = 2\pi(\frac{1}{a} - 1)$ gives

universal $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle \sim e^{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

- subleading terms at $\lambda \ll 1$: $\langle W^{(\zeta)}(\text{circle}) \rangle$ depends on ζ

[Beccaria, Giombi, AT]

$$\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{8}\lambda + \left[\frac{1}{192} + \frac{1}{128\pi^2}(1 - \zeta^2)^2 \right] \lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

interpolates between WML at $\zeta = 1$ and WL at $\zeta = 0$:

$$\langle W^{(0)} \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{8}\lambda + \left(\frac{1}{192} + \frac{1}{128\pi^2} \right) \lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

- no susy/localization but may be exact expression from integrability?

Consistency checks:

- UV finiteness of 2-loop λ^2 term: no ζ in 1-loop term

UV log divergences appear first at λ^3 order

- conf points $\zeta = 1$ and $\zeta = 0$ are extrema of $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \log \langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle = \mathcal{C} \beta_\zeta, \quad \beta_\zeta = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \zeta (\zeta^2 - 1) + \dots, \quad \mathcal{C} = \frac{1}{4} \lambda + \dots$$

- may interpret $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle$ as a 1d QFT part funct Z_{S^1} on S^1
computed in pert. theory near $\zeta = 1$ or $\zeta = 0$ conf points:

$$d = 1 \text{ case of relation } \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_i} = \mathcal{C}^{ij} \beta_j, \quad F = -\log Z_{S^d}$$

cf. F-theorem in odd dimensions [\[Klebanov, Safdi, Pufu\]](#)

- present case: flow driven by $O = \Phi_6$ restricted to the line

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle \Big|_{\zeta=0,1} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle O \rangle \Big|_{\zeta=0,1} = 0$$

as required by 1d conformal invariance

- ζ : marginally relevant coupling
running from $\zeta = 0$ in UV to $\zeta = 1$ in IR
- 2-loop result implies

$$\langle W^{(0)} \rangle > \langle W^{(1)} \rangle$$

$\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle = Z_{S^1} = e^{-F}$ partition function of defect QFT₁ on S^1
consistent with the F -theorem in $d = 1$

$$\tilde{F}_{\text{UV}} > \tilde{F}_{\text{IR}}, \quad \tilde{F} \Big|_{d=1} = \log Z_{S^1} = -F$$

- $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle$ decreases monotonically with $0 < \zeta < 1$

- 2nd derivative of $\langle W(\zeta) \rangle \propto$ anomalous dimension

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \log \langle W(\zeta) \rangle \Big|_{\zeta=0,1} = c \frac{\partial \beta_\zeta}{\partial \zeta} \Big|_{\zeta=0,1}$$

$\frac{\partial \beta_\zeta}{\partial \zeta} \Big|_{\zeta=0,1} \rightarrow \Delta$ of Φ_6 at $\zeta = 1$ and $\zeta = 0$ conf points

- **weak coupling:** dim of Φ_6

$$\Delta(\zeta) - 1 = \frac{\partial \beta_\zeta}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} (3\zeta^2 - 1) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2),$$

$$\Delta(1) = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{4\pi^2} + \dots, \quad \Delta(0) = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} + \dots.$$

Strong coupling

- interpretation of $\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle$ as partition function of 1d QFT supported by its strong-coupling representation as $AdS_5 \times S^5$ string partition function on disc with mixed b.c. for S^5 coordinates (D for $\zeta = 1$ and N for $\zeta = 0$) [AM, PS]

- large λ asymptotics:

instead of $\langle W^{(1)} \rangle \sim (\sqrt{\lambda})^{-3/2} e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$

find $\langle W^{(0)} \rangle \sim \sqrt{\lambda} e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$ [BGT]

i.e. F-theorem $\langle W^{(0)} \rangle > \langle W^{(1)} \rangle$ satisfied also at $\lambda \gg 1$

Map of operators to AdS_2 fields or string coordinates:

- WL: $\zeta = 0$ $O(6)$ is unbroken

scalars $\Phi_A \rightarrow$ embedding coordinates Y_A of S^5

$$\Phi_A \leftrightarrow Y_A, \quad A = 1, \dots, 6$$

• WML: $\zeta = 1$ $O(6)$ is broken to $O(5)$

by selection of Φ_6 direction or point of S^5 ($a = 1, \dots, 5$)

$$\Phi_a \leftrightarrow Y_a = y_a + \dots, \quad \Phi_6 \leftrightarrow Y_6 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}y_a y_a + \dots$$

Φ_a and Φ_6 get different dimensions

• boundary perturbation of string action by $\varkappa \int dt Y_6$ near $\zeta = 0$ induces boundary RG flow from N b.c. to D b.c.:

$$\varkappa = f(\zeta; \lambda): 0 \text{ for } \zeta = 0 \text{ and } \infty \text{ for } \zeta = 1$$

$$\text{with RG beta-function } \beta_\varkappa = \left(-1 + \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)\varkappa + \dots$$

• implies that strong-coupling dimensions of Φ_6 near 2 conf points are [\[AM, GRT\]](#)

$$\lambda \gg 1: \quad \Delta(0) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots, \quad \Delta(1) = 2 - \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

consistent with interpolation from $\lambda \ll 1$

$$\lambda \ll 1: \quad \Delta(0) = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} + \dots, \quad \Delta(1) = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{4\pi^2} + \dots$$

Correlators on WML at strong coupling: AdS_2/CFT_1

- novel sector of observables in AdS/CFT:
gauge-invariant correlators of operators inserted on Wilson loop
- described by an effective ("defect") CFT_1
"induced" from $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS line WML: leads to example of AdS_2/CFT_1
quantum theory in AdS_2 defined by superstring action
- in BPS WML "vacuum" have AdS/CFT map:
elementary SYM fields ($\Phi, F \perp$ to the line)
 \leftrightarrow string coordinates as fields in AdS_2
[cf. $\text{Tr}(\Phi^n \dots D^m F^k \dots)$ \leftrightarrow closed-string vertex operators]
- 4-point correlators at strong coupling:
Witten diagrams for AdS/CFT correlators, OPE, etc.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS: infinite straight line (or circle), $\theta^I = \text{const}$

$$x^0 = t \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad \theta^I \Phi^I = \Phi_6, \quad W = \text{tr} P e^{\int dt (iA_t + \Phi_6)}$$

- $O_i(x(t_i))$ on WML: gauge inv correlator

$$\langle\langle O_1(t_1) O_2(t_2) \cdots O_n(t_n) \rangle\rangle$$

$$\equiv \langle \text{tr} P [O_1(t_1) e^{\int dt (iA_t + \Phi_6)} O_2(t_2) \cdots O_n(t_n) e^{\int dt (iA_t + \Phi_6)}] \rangle$$

$\langle\langle 1 \rangle\rangle = \langle W \rangle = 1$ and similar normalization for circle

- operator insertions are equivalent to deformations of WL

[Drukker, Kawamoto:06; Cooke, Dekel, Drukker:17]

complete knowledge of correlators \leftrightarrow expectation value of general Wilson loop – deformation of line or circle

- symmetries preserved by $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS WL vacuum:

$SO(5) \subset SO(6)$ R-symmetry: 5 scalars $\Phi^a, a = 1, \dots, 5$

$SO(2, 1) \times SO(3) \subset SO(2, 4)$: $SO(3)$ rotations around line

$SO(2, 1)$ – dilations, transl and special conf along line
 $d = 1$ conformal group + 16 supercharges preserved by line:

$d = 1, \mathcal{N} = 8$ superconformal group $OSp(4^*|4)$

- operator insertions $O(t)$ classified by $OSp(4^*|4)$ reps labelled by dim Δ and rep of "internal" $SO(3) \times SO(5)$
- correlators define "defect" CFT_1 on the line

[Drukker et al:06; Sakaguchi, Yoshida:07; Cooke et al:17]

determined by spectrum of dims and OPE coeffs

- $\langle\langle \dots \rangle\rangle$ correlators satisfy all usual properties of CFT:
 $O(t) =$ "operators in CFT_1 "

without reference to their (non-local) origin in SYM

- "elementary excitations": short rep of $OSp(4^*|4)$

8 bosonic (+ 8 fermionic) ops with protected Δ :

5 scalars: Φ^a ($\Delta = 1$) that do not couple to WL;

- 3 "displacement operators": $\mathbb{F}_{ti} \equiv iF_{ti} + D_i\Phi_6$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$)
 with protected $\Delta = 2$ (WI for breaking of \perp translations)
- protected dims: exact 2-point functions in planar SYM

$$\langle\langle \Phi^a(t_1)\Phi^b(t_2) \rangle\rangle = \delta^{ab} \frac{C_\Phi(\lambda)}{t_{12}^2}, \quad t_{12} = t_1 - t_2$$

$$\langle\langle \mathbb{F}_{ti}(t_1)\mathbb{F}_{tj}(t_2) \rangle\rangle = \delta_{ij} \frac{C_{\mathbb{F}}(\lambda)}{t_{12}^4}$$

$$C_\Phi(\lambda) = 2B(\lambda), \quad C_{\mathbb{F}}(\lambda) = 12B(\lambda), \quad B(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} I_2(\sqrt{\lambda})}{4\pi^2 I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})}$$

$B(\lambda)$ – Bremsstrahlung function [[Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever:12](#)]

- 3-point functions vanish by $SO(3) \times SO(5)$ symmetry
- 4-point functions: depend on t_1, \dots, t_2 and λ

String theory side

4-point functions at strong coupling ($N = \infty$, $\lambda \gg 1$)
from string theory in $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$

- $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS Wilson line (or circle): minimal surface is AdS_2 embedded in AdS_5

- fundamental open string stretched in AdS_5 :

preserves same $OSp(4^*|4)$ as $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS WL

1d conf group $SO(2,1)$ realized as isometry of AdS_2

- expanding string action around AdS_2 surface:

AdS_2 multiplet of fluctuations transverse to string –

5 ($m^2 = 0$) scalars y^a in S^5 ; 3 ($m^2 = 2$) scalars x^i in AdS_5 ;

8 ($m^2 = 1$) fermions [Drukker, Gross, AT:00]

- identify 8+8 fields in AdS_2 with elementary CFT_1 insertions
(cf. waves on line \rightarrow change of minimal area)

- $m^2 = \Delta(\Delta - d)$ for AdS_{d+1} scalar masses and CFT_d dims:
 massless S^5 fields y^a dual to Φ^a in CFT_1 with $\Delta = 1$
 massive AdS_5 fields x^i dual to \mathbb{F}_{ti} with $\Delta = 2$
- AdS/CFT: closed superstring vertex operators \rightarrow
 single-trace gauge inv local operators in SYM;
 add open-string sector (strings ending at bndry) \rightarrow
 gauge-inv operators = WL with insertions of local operators
- other gauge-invariant correlators:
 - (i) WL with single-trace ops e.g. $\langle W \text{tr} Z^J \rangle$
 point away from line (Tr^2 : subleading at large N)
[\[Berenstein et al:98; Semenoff, Zarembo:01; Pestun, Zarembo:02\]](#)
 - (ii) mixed correlators of ops on line and ops away from line

Strategy:

string action \rightarrow interaction vertices for "light" AdS₂ fields

\rightarrow tree-level Witten diagrams in AdS₂ \rightarrow prediction for

4-point functions of protected ops on WL:

expansion parameter $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$ (action $S = \sqrt{\lambda} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \partial x \partial x + \dots$)

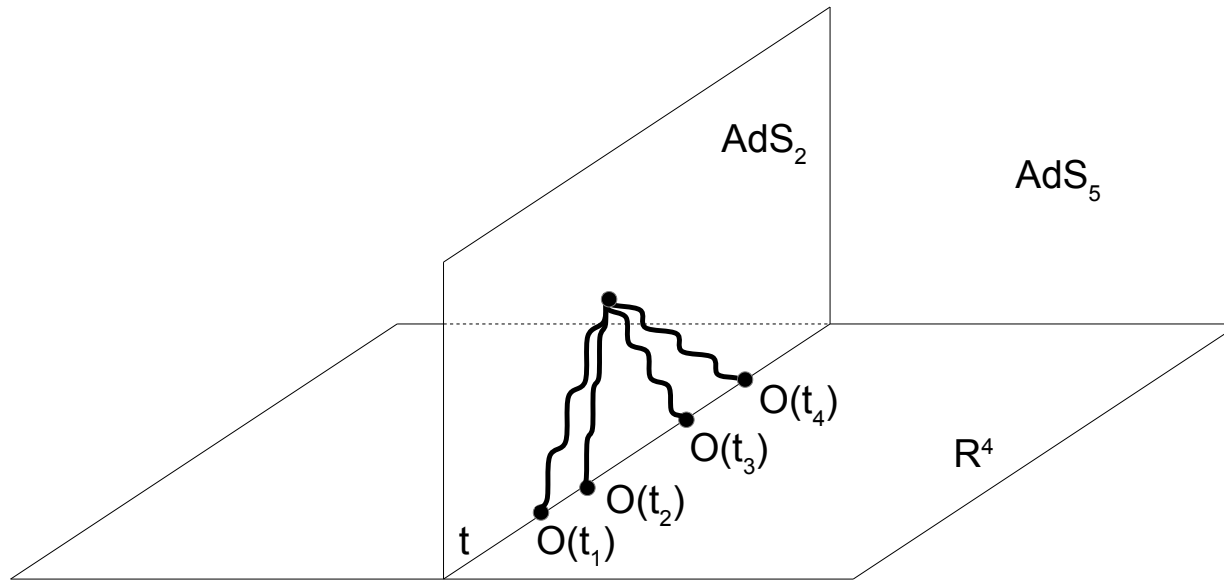
(cf. $\frac{1}{N^2}$ in 4-points in AdS₅ sugra: $S = N^2 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} R + \dots$)

- AdS₂ QFT: superstring action UV finite

AdS₂/CFT₁ duality should hold for any $T = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$

- AdS₂ Witten diagrams with loops should be well defined
e.g. 1-loop correction to boundary-to-boundary propagator
protected 2-point function: subleading term in

$$C_{\Phi} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi^2} - \frac{3}{4\pi^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \quad [\text{Buchbinder, AT:13}]$$



- (i) compute tree-level 4-point functions
- (ii) use OPE to extract strong coupling corrections to dims of "2-particle" ops built of 2 of protected insertions: $\Phi \partial_t^n \Phi$, etc.

AdS₅ × S⁵ string in static gauge: AdS₂ bulk theory

bosonic part of superstring action ($T = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$)

$$S_B = \frac{1}{2}T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{z^2} (\partial_\mu x^r \partial_\nu x^r + \partial_\mu z \partial_\nu z) + \frac{\partial_\mu y^a \partial_\nu y^a}{(1 + \frac{1}{4}y^2)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma^\mu = (t, s), \quad r = (0, i) = (0, 1, 2, 3), \quad a = 1, \dots, 5$$

minimal surface for straight Wilson line at Euclidean boundary

$$z = s, \quad x^0 = t, \quad x^i = 0, \quad y^a = 0$$

induced metric is AdS₂: $g_{\mu\nu} d\sigma^\mu d\sigma^\nu = \frac{1}{s^2} (dt^2 + ds^2)$.

- compute correlators of small fluctuations of "transverse" coordinates (x^i, y^a) near AdS₂ minimal surface
- global symmetry of action $SO(2, 1) \times [SO(3) \times SO(6)]$

- make $SO(2, 1)$ manifest: AdS_2 adapted coordinates

$$ds_{AdS_5}^2 = \frac{(1 + \frac{1}{4}x^2)^2}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}x^2)^2} ds_{AdS_2}^2 + \frac{dx^i dx^i}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}x^2)^2}, \quad ds_{AdS_2}^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} (dx_0^2 + dz^2)$$

- action in static gauge: $z = s$ and $x^0 = t$

$$S_B = T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{(1 + \frac{1}{4}x^2)^2}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}x^2)^2} g_{\mu\nu}(\sigma) + \frac{\partial_\mu x^i \partial_\nu x^i}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}x^2)^2} + \frac{\partial_\mu y^a \partial_\nu y^a}{(1 + \frac{1}{4}y^2)^2}, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{s^2} \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

= action of straight fundamental string in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ along z :

2d theory of 3+5 scalars in AdS_2 with $SO(2, 1) \times [SO(3) \times SO(6)]$

- bulk AdS_2 theory \leftrightarrow CFT_1 at $z = s = 0$ bndry:

CFT_1 defined by insertions on straight WL

$$L_B = L_2 + L_{4x} + L_{2x,2y} + L_{4y} + \dots$$

$$L_2 = \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu x^i\partial_\nu x^i + x^i x^i + \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu y^a\partial_\nu y^a$$

$$L_{4x} = \frac{1}{8}(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu x^i\partial_\nu x^i)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu x^i\partial_\nu x^j)(g^{\rho\kappa}\partial_\rho x^i\partial_\kappa x^j) \\ + \frac{1}{4}x^i x^i (g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu x^j\partial_\nu x^j) + \frac{1}{2}x^i x^i x^j x^j$$

$$L_{2x,2y} = \frac{1}{4}(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu x^i\partial_\nu x^i)(g^{\rho\kappa}\partial_\rho y^a\partial_\kappa y^a) - \frac{1}{2}(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu x^i\partial_\nu y^a)(g^{\rho\kappa}\partial_\rho x^i\partial_\kappa y^a)$$

$$L_{4y} = -\frac{1}{4}(y^b y^b)(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu y^a\partial_\nu y^a) + \frac{1}{8}(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu y^a\partial_\nu y^a)^2 \\ - \frac{1}{4}(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu y^a\partial_\nu y^b)(g^{\rho\kappa}\partial_\rho y^a\partial_\kappa y^b)$$

- superstring: (3+5) bosons + 8 fermions ($m^2 = 1$)
resulting 2d theory is UV finite and dual to CFT_1

for any coupling $T = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$

- bndry correlators $\langle\langle O(t_1)O(t_2)\dots O(t_n)\rangle\rangle$ reproduced
by AdS_2 amplitudes of string sigma model – series in $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

- operator $O \leftrightarrow$ string coordinates $X = (x, y)$

$$\langle\langle O(t_1)O(t_2)\dots O(t_n) \rangle\rangle_{\text{SYM}} = \langle X(t_1)X(t_2)\dots X(t_n) \rangle_{\text{AdS}_2}$$

- $X \sim y^a \rightarrow O \sim \Phi^a$ ($a = 1, \dots, 5$) with $\Delta = 1$

$$X \sim x^i \rightarrow O \sim \mathbb{F}_{it}$$
 ($i = 1, 2, 3$) with $\Delta = 2$

- $\lambda \gg 1$: $\langle W(C) \rangle$ from $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ open str. path int. with Dirichlet b.c. (disc or half-plane w-surface ending at bndry)

$\log \langle W(C) \rangle =$ minimal area = string action on solution

- string action as 2d bulk theory in AdS_2 :

same as AdS/CFT procedure for $\langle X(t_1)X(t_2)\dots X(t_n) \rangle_{\text{AdS}_2}$

- expanding on-shell string action (gen.f. for tree "S-matrix")

in powers of fluctuations $\delta C(t)$ from straight line:

same correlators as from bulk correlators connected

to bndry points by bulk-to-bndry propagators

Comments:

- novel example of $\text{AdS}_2/\text{CFT}_1$:

critical string – no dynamical 2d gravity: fixed AdS_2 background

defect CFT with no "stress tensor" \leftrightarrow AdS_2 with no gravity

$SO(2,1)$ as isometry of AdS_2 metric, no 1d reparam inv

(cf. dilaton gravity [[Ahlmeiri, Polchinski:14](#); [Maldacena, Stanford:16](#)])

- original WL has a reparam inv, fixed by identification $x^0 = t$;

remaining symm $SO(2,1) \subset SO(2,4)$ that preserves the line;

before fixing static gauge string ("bulk") action is reparam inv

but gravity non-dynamical in critical superstring

(no analog of pseudo-Goldstone mode in bndry theory

related to spont. broken reparams)

4-point functions and conformal blocks in CFT_1

- local operators in CFT_1 on line $\mathbb{R} = \{t\}$
covariant under $SO(2, 1)$

$$\langle O_\Delta(t_1)O_\Delta(t_2)O_\Delta(t_3)O_\Delta(t_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{(t_{12}t_{34})^{2\Delta}} G(\chi)$$

$$\chi = \frac{t_{12}t_{34}}{t_{13}t_{24}}$$

usual cross-ratios u, v not independent in $d = 1$

$$u \equiv \frac{t_{12}^2 t_{34}^2}{t_{13}^2 t_{24}^2} = \chi^2, \quad v \equiv \frac{t_{14}^2 t_{23}^2}{t_{13}^2 t_{24}^2} = (1 - \chi)^2$$

one χ : $SO(2, 1)$ allows to fix 3 points on the line

- OPE expansion

$$G(\chi) = \sum_h c_{\Delta,\Delta;h} \chi^h F_h(\chi), \quad F_h = {}_2F_1(h, h, 2h, \chi)$$

$h = \text{dim of exchanged operator}; \quad c_{\Delta,\Delta;h} = \frac{C_{O_\Delta O_\Delta O_h}^2}{C_{O_\Delta O_\Delta}^2 C_{O_h O_h}}$

$\chi^h {}_2F_1(h, h, 2h, \chi)$ – conf block in $d = 1$ [Dolan, Osborn:11]

"Generalized free fields"

(e.g. $g = 0$ large N CFT) [Heemskerk et al:09, Fitzpatrick et al:11]

- case of identical operators of dim Δ :

$$G(u, v) = 1 + u^\Delta + \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)^\Delta, \text{ i.e. in } d = 1$$

$$\langle O_\Delta(t_1) O_\Delta(t_2) O_\Delta(t_3) O_\Delta(t_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{(t_{12} t_{34})^{2\Delta}} \left[1 + \chi^{2\Delta} + \frac{\chi^{2\Delta}}{(1 - \chi)^{2\Delta}} \right]$$

ops exchanged in OPE are only 1 and "2-particle" ops

$$\mathcal{O} = [O_\Delta O_\Delta]_{2n} \sim O_\Delta \partial_t^{2n} O_\Delta, \quad \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} = 2\Delta + 2n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

corresponding OPE coeffs:

$$c_{\Delta, \Delta; 2\Delta+2n} = \frac{2[\Gamma(2n+2\Delta)]^2 \Gamma(2n+4\Delta-1)}{[\Gamma(2\Delta)]^2 \Gamma(2n+1) \Gamma(4n+4\Delta-1)}$$

4-point function of S^5 fluctuations

tree-level 4-point Witten diagram of S^5 fluctuations y^a

$$\langle\langle \Phi^{a_1}(t_1) \Phi^{a_2}(t_2) \Phi^{a_3}(t_3) \Phi^{a_4}(t_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$$= \langle y^{a_1}(t_1) y^{a_2}(t_2) y^{a_3}(t_3) y^{a_4}(t_4) \rangle_{\text{AdS}_2} = \frac{[C_\Phi(\lambda)]^2}{t_{12}^2 t_{34}^2} G^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}(\chi; \lambda)$$

Φ^a – protected dimension $\Delta = 1$

$$\langle y^{a_1}(t_1) y^{a_2}(t_2) \rangle_{\text{AdS}_2} = \langle\langle \Phi^{a_1}(t_1) \Phi^{a_2}(t_2) \rangle\rangle = \delta^{a_1 a_2} \frac{C_\Phi(\lambda)}{t_{12}^2}$$

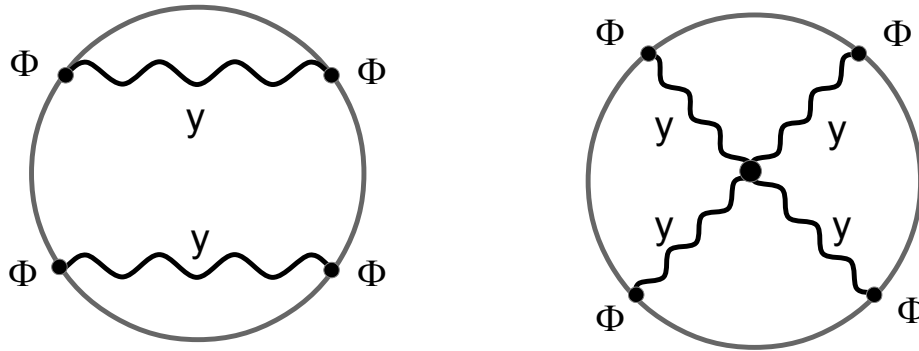
• decompose into $SO(5)$ singlet, antisymm and symm traceless

$$G^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}(\chi) = G_S(\chi) \delta^{a_1 a_2} \delta^{a_3 a_4} + G_A(\chi) (\delta^{a_1 a_3} \delta^{a_2 a_4} - \delta^{a_2 a_3} \delta^{a_1 a_4}) \\ + G_T(\chi) (\delta^{a_1 a_3} \delta^{a_2 a_4} + \delta^{a_2 a_3} \delta^{a_1 a_4} - \frac{2}{5} \delta^{a_1 a_2} \delta^{a_3 a_4})$$

$$G_{S,T,A}(\chi) = G_{S,T,A}^{(0)}(\chi) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} G_{S,T,A}^{(1)}(\chi) + \dots$$

• leading terms $G_{S,T,A}^{(0)}(\chi)$ from disconnected 4-point function
– given by generalized free field result

$$G_{\text{disconn.}}^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} = \frac{[C_\Phi(\lambda)]^2}{t_{12}^2 t_{34}^2} \left[\delta^{a_1 a_2} \delta^{a_3 a_4} + \chi^2 \delta^{a_1 a_3} \delta^{a_2 a_4} + \frac{\chi^2}{(1-\chi)^2} \delta^{a_1 a_4} \delta^{a_2 a_3} \right]$$



$$G_S^{(0)}(\chi) = 1 + \frac{2}{5} G_T^{(0)}(\chi), \quad G_{T,A}^{(0)}(\chi) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\chi^2 \pm \frac{\chi^2}{(1-\chi)^2} \right]$$

• connected part: using 4-vertices in string action and normalized bulk-to-boundary prop. $\langle O_\Delta(x_1) O_\Delta(x_2) \rangle = \frac{C_\Delta}{x_{12}^{2\Delta}}$

$$K_\Delta(z, x; x') = C_\Delta \left[\frac{z}{z^2 + (x-x')^2} \right]^\Delta \equiv C_\Delta K_\Delta(z, x; x')$$

for $d = 1$, $\Delta = 1$, $t \equiv x^0$

$$K_1(z, t; t') = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{z}{z^2 + (t-t')^2}, \quad C_{\Delta=1} = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

• 4-point in terms of D -functions: in AdS_{d+1} [D'Hoker et al 89]

$$D_{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

$$= \int \frac{dz d^d x}{z^{d+1}} K_{\Delta_1}(z, x; x_1) K_{\Delta_2}(z, x; x_2) K_{\Delta_3}(z, x; x_3) K_{\Delta_4}(z, x; x_4)$$

• "reduced" \bar{D} ($\Sigma \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \Delta_i$)

$$D_{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma(\Sigma - \frac{d}{2})}{2 \Gamma(\Delta_1) \Gamma(\Delta_2) \Gamma(\Delta_3) \Gamma(\Delta_4)} \frac{x_{14}^{2(\Sigma - \Delta_1 - \Delta_4)} x_{34}^{2(\Sigma - \Delta_3 - \Delta_4)}}{x_{13}^{2(\Sigma - \Delta_4)} x_{24}^{2\Delta_2}} \bar{D}_{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4}(u, v)$$

$$\bar{D} = \int d\alpha d\beta d\gamma \delta(\alpha + \beta + \gamma - 1) \alpha^{\Delta_1 - 1} \beta^{\Delta_2 - 1} \gamma^{\Delta_3 - 1} \frac{\Gamma(\Sigma - \Delta_4) \Gamma(\Delta_4)}{(\alpha\gamma + \alpha\beta u + \beta\gamma v)^{\Sigma - \Delta_4}}$$

• in $d = 1$: $u = \chi^2$, $v = (1 - \chi)^2$

$$\bar{D}_{1111}(\chi) = -\frac{2}{1-\chi} \log |\chi| - \frac{2}{\chi} \log |1 - \chi|$$

$$\langle yyy y \rangle_{\text{conn}}^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} = \frac{(\mathcal{C}_1)^2}{t_{12}^2 t_{34}^2} G^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}(\chi)$$

$$G_S^{(1)}(\chi) = -\frac{2(\chi^4 - 4\chi^3 + 9\chi^2 - 10\chi + 5)}{5(\chi - 1)^2} + \frac{\chi^2(2\chi^4 - 11\chi^3 + 21\chi^2 - 20\chi + 10)}{5(\chi - 1)^3} \log |\chi| \\ - \frac{2\chi^4 - 5\chi^3 - 5\chi + 10}{5\chi} \log |1 - \chi|,$$

$$G_T^{(1)}(\chi) = -\frac{\chi^2(2\chi^2 - 3\chi + 3)}{2(\chi - 1)^2} + \frac{\chi^4(\chi^2 - 3\chi + 3)}{(\chi - 1)^3} \log |\chi| - \chi^3 \log |1 - \chi|$$

$$G_A^{(1)}(\chi) = \frac{\chi(-2\chi^3 + 5\chi^2 - 3\chi + 2)}{2(\chi - 1)^2} \\ + \frac{\chi^3(\chi^3 - 4\chi^2 + 6\chi - 4)}{(\chi - 1)^3} \log |\chi| - (\chi^3 - \chi^2 - 1) \log |1 - \chi|$$

- OPE limit $\chi \rightarrow 0$

$$G_S^{(1)}(\chi) = \frac{1}{30}\chi^2(-60 \log |\chi| - 43) + \frac{1}{30}\chi^3(-60 \log |\chi| - 73) + \dots$$

$$G_T^{(1)}(\chi) = -\frac{3}{2}\chi^2 - \frac{3}{2}\chi^3 + \frac{1}{12}\chi^4(-36 \log |\chi| - 18) + \dots$$

$$G_A^{(1)}(\chi) = \frac{1}{6}\chi^3(24 \log |\chi| + 7) + \frac{3}{4}\chi^4(8 \log |\chi| + 5) + \dots$$

Dimensions of two-particle operators from OPE

$$G(\chi) = \sum_h c_h \chi^h F_h(\chi) = G^{(0)}(\chi) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} G^{(1)}(\chi) + \dots$$

$$F_h(\chi) \equiv {}_2F_1(h, h, 2h, \chi)$$

- disconnected part: leading $O(1)$ – gen. free fields –

exchanged "2-particle" ops:

$$[\Phi\Phi]_{2n}^S \sim \Phi^a \partial_t^{2n} \Phi^a,$$

$$[\Phi\Phi]_{2n}^T \sim \Phi^{(a} \partial_t^{2n} \Phi^{b)},$$

$$[\Phi\Phi]_{2n+1}^A \sim \Phi^{[a} \partial_t^{2n+1} \Phi^{b]}$$

- connected part: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$ corrections to Δ and OPE coeffs
- complication: ops may mix – degeneracies at leading order
 $[\Phi\Phi]_{2n}^S$ with $n \geq 1$ can mix with $\mathbb{F}\partial_t^{2n-2}\mathbb{F}$ and $\psi\partial_t^{2n-1}\psi$;
 $[\Phi\Phi]_{2n+1}^A$ can mix with $\psi\partial_t^{2n}\psi$ in $(1, 10)$ of $SU(2) \times Sp(4)$
- $[\Phi\Phi]_{2n}^T$ – no mixing $O(t) = [\Phi\Phi]_{2n}^T \sim \Phi^{(a}\partial_t^{2n}\Phi^{b)}$

$$\Delta_{[\Phi\Phi]_{2n}^T} = 2 + 2n - \frac{2n^2+3n}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)$$

$n = 0$: protected $\Phi^{(a}\Phi^{b)}$; $n \geq 1$ – unprotected – long multiplet

- $n = 0$ exception: $\Phi^a\Phi^a$ does not mix

$$\Delta_{\Phi^a\Phi^a} = 2 - \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) , \quad c_{\Phi\Phi[\Phi\Phi]_0^S} = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{43}{30\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

- large n limit of all dims – same asymptotic form

$$\Delta_{n \gg 1} = 2n - \frac{2n^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

4-point functions with AdS₅ fluctuations

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x^{i_1}(t_1) x^{i_2}(t_2) y^{a_1}(t_3) y^{a_2}(t_4) \rangle_{\text{AdS}_2} \\ &= \langle\langle \mathbb{F}_t^{i_1}(t_1) \mathbb{F}_t^{i_2}(t_2) \Phi^{a_1}(t_3) \Phi^{a_2}(t_4) \rangle\rangle = \delta^{i_1 i_2} \delta^{a_1 a_2} \frac{G(\chi)}{t_{12}^4 t_{34}^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x^{i_1}(t_1) x^{i_2}(t_2) x^{i_3}(t_3) x^{i_4}(t_4) \rangle_{\text{AdS}_2} \\ &= \langle\langle \mathbb{F}_t^{i_1}(t_1) \mathbb{F}_t^{i_2}(t_2) \mathbb{F}_t^{i_3}(t_3) \mathbb{F}_t^{i_4}(t_4) \rangle\rangle = \frac{G^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}(\chi)}{t_{12}^4 t_{34}^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$G_{\text{conn}}(\chi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{2}{3\pi^2} G^{(1)}, \quad G^{(1)} = -4 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\chi} \right) \ln |1 - \chi| \right]$$

- dimensions of 2-particle ops in OPE

$$[\Phi^a \mathbb{F}_{it}]_n \sim \Phi^a \partial_t^n \mathbb{F}_{it}, \quad \Delta = 3 + n - \frac{(n+1)(n+4)}{\sqrt{2\lambda}} + \dots$$

$$G^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}(\chi) = G_S^{(1)} \delta^{i_1 i_2} \delta^{i_3 i_4} + G_A^{(1)} (\delta^{i_1 i_3} \delta^{i_2 i_4} - \delta^{i_1 i_4} \delta^{i_2 i_3})$$

$$+ G_T^{(1)} (\delta^{i_1 i_3} \delta^{i_2 i_4} + \delta^{i_1 i_4} \delta^{i_2 i_3} - \frac{2}{3} \delta^{i_1 i_2} \delta^{i_3 i_4})$$

$$G_S^{(1)}(\chi) = - \frac{(24\chi^8 - 90\chi^7 + 125\chi^6 - 76\chi^5 + 125\chi^4 - 306\chi^3 + 438\chi^2 - 288\chi + 72)}{9(\chi-1)^4}$$

$$- \frac{2(4\chi^6 - \chi^5 - 6\chi + 12)}{3\chi} \log |1 - \chi|$$

$$+ \frac{2\chi^4(4\chi^6 - 21\chi^5 + 45\chi^4 - 50\chi^3 + 30\chi^2 - 6\chi + 2)}{3(\chi-1)^5} \log |\chi|, \quad \text{etc.}$$

• ops in OPE: $[\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}]_{2n}^S \sim \mathbb{F}_{ti} \partial_t^{2n} \mathbb{F}_{it}$, $[\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}]_{2n}^T \sim \mathbb{F}_{t(i} \partial_t^{2n} \mathbb{F}_{j)t}$, etc.

• symmetric traceless $[\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}]_{2n}^T$ not expected to mix:

$$\Delta_{[\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}]_{2n}^T} = 4 + 2n - \frac{2n^2 + 7n + 5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)$$

• $\Delta_{[\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}]_{2n}^T} = \Delta_{[\Phi\mathbb{F}]_{2n+1}} = \Delta_{[\Phi\Phi]_{2n+2}^T}$ ops in same long multiplet

Correlators on standard Wilson loop

- no scalar coupling in WL: $SO(6) \times SO(2,1) \times SO(3)$, no susy weak coupling ($A = 1, \dots, 6$)

$$\langle\langle \Phi_A(t_1) \Phi_B(t_2) \rangle\rangle = \delta_{AB} \frac{C'_\Phi}{(t_{12})^{2\Delta}}, \quad \Delta = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} + \dots$$

- C'_Φ scheme dependent but C'_F is definite function of λ :

displacement op. dual to x^i is $F_{ti} = iF_{ti}$: $\Delta_F = 2$ (protected)

- leading correction to Δ : [\[Alday,Maldacena:07\]](#)

rederived from integrability of an $SO(6)$ spin chain [\[Correa:2018\]](#)

- aim: CFT_1 correlators at strong coupling using AdS_2/CFT_1 same AdS_2 minimal surface and same $(3+5) + 8$ fluctuations but Dirichlet b.c. for $y^a \rightarrow$ Neumann b.c.

- supersymmetric WML expansion is around a point in S^5

$$Y_a = \frac{y_a}{1 + \frac{1}{4}y^2}, \quad Y_6 = \sqrt{1 - Y_a Y_a} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{4}y^2}{1 + \frac{1}{4}y^2}, \quad Y_A Y_A = 1$$

$$ds_{S^5}^2 = dY_A dY_A = \frac{dy_a dy_a}{(1 + \frac{1}{4}y^2)^2}$$

- Neumann b.c.: integration over point in S^5 restoring $SO(6)$
- massless AdS_2 scalar: $\Delta(\Delta - 1) = 0 \rightarrow$ D: $\Delta = 1$, N: $\Delta = 0$

$$N : \quad \Delta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{d_2}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

$$\langle\langle \Phi_{A_1}(t_1) \cdots \Phi_{A_n}(t_n) \rangle\rangle = \langle Y_{A_1}(t_1) \cdots Y_{A_n}(t_n) \rangle_{AdS_2}$$

$$L_B = \sqrt{\det(g_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu Y_A \partial_\nu Y_A)} = \sqrt{g} (1 + L_2 + L_4 + \dots),$$

$$L_2 = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu Y_A \partial_\mu Y_A, \quad L_4 = \frac{1}{8} (\partial^\mu Y_A \partial_\mu Y_A)^2 - \frac{1}{4} (\partial^\mu Y_A \partial_\mu Y_B)^2$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}Y \delta(Y^2 - 1) e^{-T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{g} [L_2(Y) + L_4(Y) + \dots]}, \quad T = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

embedding coordinates:

$$Y^A = n^A + \zeta^A + \dots, \quad n^A = \text{const}, \quad n^A n^A = 1, \quad n^A \zeta^A = 0$$

$$Y^A = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} n^A + \zeta^A = [1 - \frac{1}{2} \zeta^2 + \dots] n^A + \zeta^A, \quad n^A \zeta^A = 0$$

$$Z = \int [dn] \int \mathcal{D}\zeta \delta(n_A \zeta^A) e^{-T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{g} [L_2 + L_4 + \dots]}$$

$$L_2 = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \zeta^A \partial_\mu \zeta^A$$

$$L_4 = \frac{1}{2} \zeta^A \zeta^B \partial^\mu \zeta^A \partial_\mu \zeta^B + \frac{1}{8} (\partial^\mu \zeta^A \partial_\mu \zeta^A)^2 - \frac{1}{4} (\partial^\mu \zeta^A \partial_\mu \zeta^B)^2$$

Neumann propagator in AdS₂ (on half-plane $z > 0$)

$$\langle \zeta^A(\sigma) \zeta^B(\sigma') \rangle = P^{AB}(n) G_N(\sigma, \sigma'), \quad P^{AB} = \delta^{AB} - n^A n^B$$

$$G_N(\sigma, \sigma') = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\log[(t - t')^2 + (z - z')^2] + \log[(t - t')^2 + (z + z')^2] \right)$$

• bulk-to-boundary propagator

$$G_N(t, z; t') \equiv G_N(t, z; t', 0) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log[(t - t')^2 + z^2]$$

boundary-to-boundary propagator

$$G_N(t_1, t_2) \equiv G_N(t_1, 0; t_2, 0) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} N_{12}, \quad N_{12} \equiv \log(t_{12}^2)$$

• averaging over S^5 :

$$\langle n^A n^B \rangle = \frac{1}{6} \delta^{AB}, \quad \langle n^A n^B n^C n^D \rangle = \frac{1}{48} (\delta^{AB} \delta^{CD} + \delta^{AC} \delta^{BD} + \delta^{AD} \delta^{BC})$$

$$\langle P^{AB} \rangle = \frac{5}{6} \delta^{AB}, \quad \langle P^{AB} P^{CD} \rangle = \frac{33}{48} \delta^{AB} \delta^{CD} + \frac{1}{48} (\delta^{AC} \delta^{BD} + \delta^{AD} \delta^{BC})$$

Two-point function $\langle Y^A Y^B \rangle$

2-point f. of $Y^A(t) \equiv Y^A(t, z=0)$ by 1d conf invariance

$$\langle Y^A(t_1) Y^B(t_2) \rangle = \frac{C_Y \delta^{AB}}{|t_{12}|^{2\Delta}} = \delta^{AB} C_Y \left[1 - \left(\frac{d_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{d_2}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right) \log(t_{12}^2) \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{d_1^2}{2(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right) \log^2(t_{12}^2) + \dots \right]$$

$$\Delta = \frac{d_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{d_2}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \frac{d_3}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^3} + \dots, \quad d_1 = 5$$

normalization: $C_Y = \frac{1}{6}$

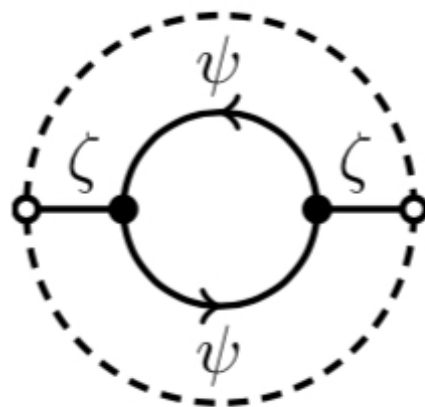
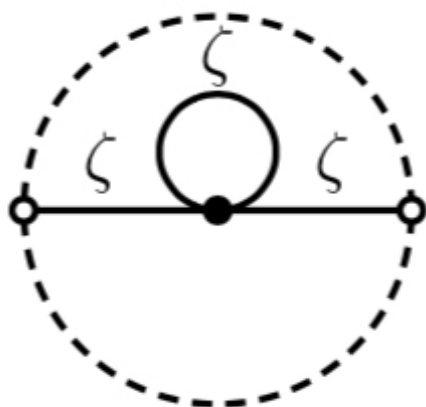
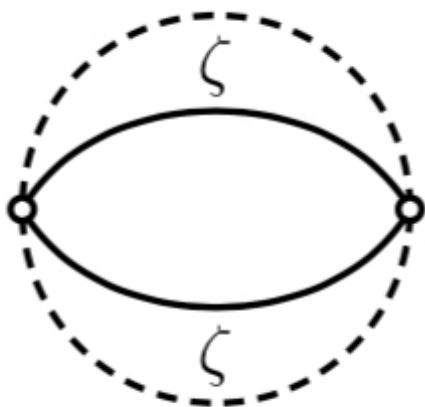
• leading order: $T^{-1} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$: $J(J+4) = 5$ for $J = 1$

$$\langle Y^A(\sigma_1) Y^B(\sigma_2) \rangle = \langle [n^A + \zeta^A] [n^B + \zeta^B +] \rangle = \frac{1}{6} \delta^{AB} [1 + 5 T^{-1} G_N]$$

• subleading $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}$ order: $d_2 \log + \frac{d_1^2}{2} \log^2$

log from 1-loop graphs

\log^2 from tree + 1-loop: should exponentiate: $\frac{d_1^2}{2} = \frac{25}{2}$



\log^2 terms come only from $\zeta^A \zeta^B \partial^\mu \zeta^A \partial_\mu \zeta^B$ vertex

use particular scheme with $\partial_\mu \partial'_\mu G_N(\sigma, \sigma') \Big|_{\sigma=\sigma'} = \frac{1}{2\pi z^2}$ and

$$\int \frac{dz dt}{z^2} G_N(t, z; t_1) G_N(t, z; t_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \log^2(t_{12}^2)$$

Mixed correlator $\langle x^i x^j Y^A Y^B \rangle$

$F_t^i \equiv iF_t^i$ dual to x^i : has interpretation of displacement operator

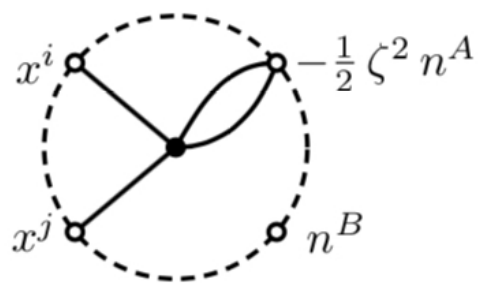
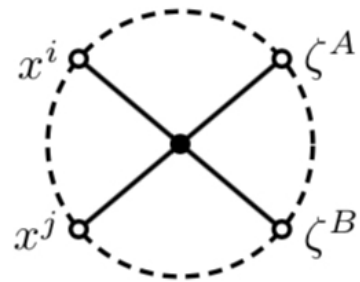
$\Delta = 2$ protected also in non-supersymmetric WL case

$$\langle\langle F_t^i(t_1) F_t^j(t_2) \rangle\rangle = \langle x^i(t_1) x^j(t_2) \rangle = \delta^{ij} \frac{C'_x}{(t_{12})^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle F_t^i(t_1) F_t^j(t_2) \Phi_A(t_3) \Phi_B(t_4) \rangle\rangle &= \langle x^i(t_1) x^j(t_2) Y_A(t_3) Y_B(t_4) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \delta^{ij} \delta_{AB} \frac{C'_x}{(t_{12})^4 (t_{34})^{2\Delta}} G(\chi) \end{aligned}$$

$$G(\chi) = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} G^{(1)} + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} G^{(2)} \dots, \quad \Delta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

connected contribution comes from $\partial x \partial x \partial Y \partial Y$ vertex



$$K_2(t, z; t') = C_2 \mathbf{K}_2(t, z; t') , \quad \mathbf{K}_2(t, z; t') \equiv \left[\frac{z}{(t-t')^2 + z^2} \right]^2$$

$$G_N(t, z; t') = C_N \mathbf{N}(t, z; t') , \quad \mathbf{N}(t, z; t') \equiv \log[(t - t')^2 + z^2]$$

$$C_2 = \frac{2}{3\pi} , \quad C_N \equiv -\frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{G_{\text{conn}}(\chi)}{t_{12}^4 t_{34}^{2\Delta}} = -5 \times \left(\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right)^2 C_2 (C_N)^2 Q_{xy}$$

$$Q_{xy} \equiv \int \frac{dtdz}{z^2} \left[\partial \mathbf{K}_2(t_1) \partial \mathbf{K}_2(t_2) \partial \mathbf{N}(t_3) \partial \mathbf{N}(t_4) \right. \\ \left. - \partial \mathbf{K}_2(t_1) \partial \mathbf{N}(t_3) \partial \mathbf{K}_2(t_2) \partial \mathbf{N}(t_4) - \partial \mathbf{K}_2(t_1) \partial \mathbf{N}(t_4) \partial \mathbf{K}_2(t_2) \partial \mathbf{N}(t_3) \right]$$

• doing bulk integral get:

$$G(\chi) = 1 + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} G^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$G^{(2)} = -20 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\chi} \right) \log(1 - \chi) \right]$$

- related to $\langle x^i x^j y^a y^b \rangle$ in supersymmetric (D) case:

$$G_N^{(2)} = 5 G_D^{(1)}, \quad G_D^{(1)} = -4 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\chi} \right) \log(1 - \chi) \right]$$

- OPE interpretation of $G(\chi)$:

by $t_2 \leftrightarrow t_3$ get

$$\langle\langle F_t^i(t_1) \Phi_A(t_2) F_t^i(t_3) \Phi_B(t_4) \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{6} \delta^{ij} \delta_{AB} \frac{C'_x}{(t_{12} t_{34})^{2+\Delta}} \left| \frac{t_{24}}{t_{13}} \right|^{2-\Delta} \mathbb{G}(\chi)$$

$$\mathbb{G}(\chi) \equiv \chi^{2+\Delta} G(\chi^{-1}) = \chi^{2+\Delta} \left(1 - \frac{20}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} \left[1 + \left(\chi - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log \frac{1-\chi}{\chi} \right] \right)$$

$$\mathbb{G}(\chi) = \sum_h c_h \chi^h {}_2F_1(h + 2 - \Delta, h - 2 + \Delta, 2h, \chi)$$

intermediate operator dimensions and coefficients c_h

$$h_2 = 2 + \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{10-d_2}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots, \quad c_{h_2} = 1 - \frac{20}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

$n \geq 3$: operators $F \partial^n \Phi$

$$h_n = n - \frac{(n+3)(n-4)}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots, \quad c_{h_n} = \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right)^n \frac{20}{3} \frac{n}{n-2} \frac{\sqrt{\pi} (n+1)!}{\Gamma(n-\frac{1}{2})} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

4-point function $\langle Y^A Y^B Y^C Y^D \rangle$

$$\langle Y^A(t_1) Y^B(t_2) Y^C(t_3) Y^D(t_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{|t_{12} t_{34}|^{2\Delta}} G^{ABCD}(\chi)$$

$$G^{ABCD} = \frac{1}{36} G_S \delta^{AB} \delta^{CD} + G_T \left[\delta^{AC} \delta^{BD} + \delta^{BC} \delta^{AD} - \frac{1}{3} \delta^{AB} \delta^{CD} \right] \\ + G_A \left[\delta^{AC} \delta^{BD} - \delta^{BC} \delta^{AD} \right]$$

$$\langle Y^A(t_1) Y^A(t_2) Y^B(t_3) Y^B(t_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{|t_{12} t_{34}|^{2\Delta}} G_S$$

$Y^A = n^A + \zeta^A - \frac{1}{2} n^A \zeta^2 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^4)$, $n_A \zeta_A = 0$, $n_A n_A = 1$
in singlet n^A dependence drops out: S^5 averaging is trivial

Leading-order contributions

$$\langle Y^A(t_1) Y^A(t_2) Y^B(t_3) Y^B(t_4) \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} Q^{(1)} + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} Q^{(2)} + \dots$$

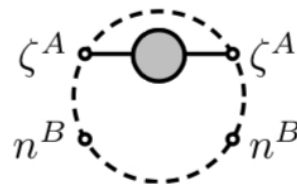
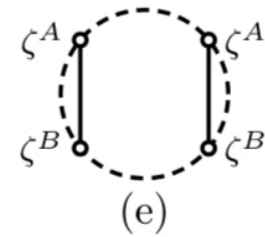
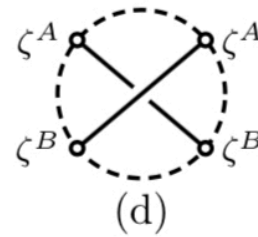
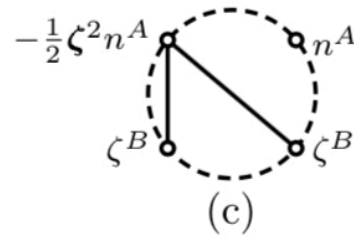
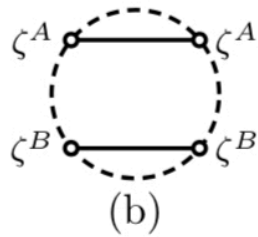
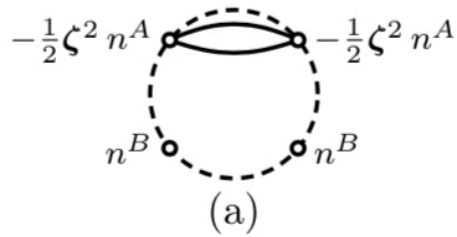
- tree-level terms $\langle \zeta_A \zeta_A n_B n_B \rangle + \langle n_A n_A \zeta_B \zeta_B \rangle$

$$Q^{(1)} = -5(N_{12} + N_{34}) ,$$

$$N_{12} = \log t_{12}^2$$

correspond to leading term $(t_{12}t_{34})^{-2\Delta}$, $\Delta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$

- $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}$ order: tree-level diagrams + 1-loop prop. corrections



separating contributions to prefactor gives:

$$G_S(\chi) = 1 + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} G_S^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^3}\right),$$

$$G_S^{(2)} = 10 \log^2(1 - \chi)$$

using $SO(6)$ crossing relations:

$$G_T = -\frac{3}{20} G_S(\chi) + \frac{9}{28} \left[\chi^{2\Delta} G_S\left(\frac{1}{1-\chi}\right) + \left(\frac{\chi}{\chi-1}\right)^{2\Delta} G_S(1-\chi) \right]$$

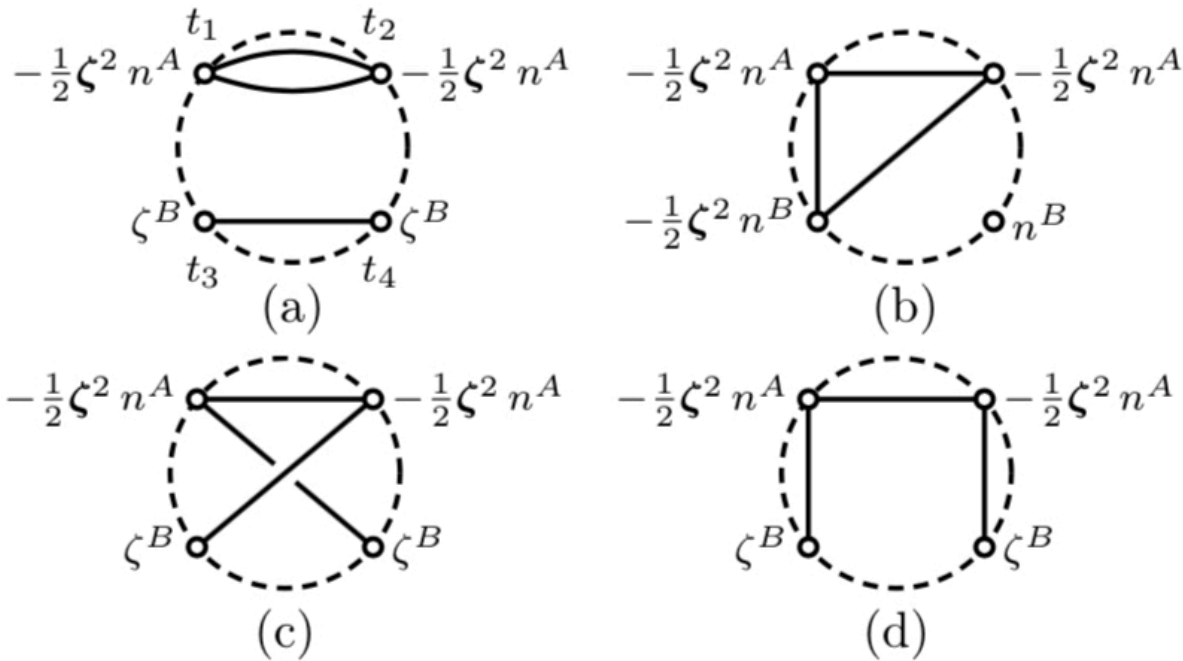
$$G_A = \frac{3}{5} \left[\chi^{2\Delta} G_S\left(\frac{1}{1-\chi}\right) - \left(\frac{\chi}{\chi-1}\right)^{2\Delta} G_S(1-\chi) \right]$$

$$G_T = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{9}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \log \frac{\chi^2}{1-\chi} + \frac{3}{2(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} (9 \log^2 \frac{\chi^2}{1-\chi} + \dots)$$

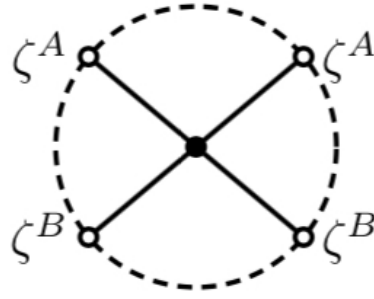
$$G_A = \frac{6}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \log(1-\chi) + \frac{6}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} \log(1-\chi) (4 \log \frac{\chi^2}{1-\chi} + \frac{1}{5} d_2) + \dots$$

Order $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^3}$ contributions

(i) "reducible": tree level diagrams (+ with prop. corrections)



(ii) "irreducible" (connected): tree-level with bulk 4-vertices



$$G_S = 1 + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} G_S^{(2)} + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^3} G_S^{(3)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^4}\right)$$

$$G_S^{(3)} = G_{S,\text{red}}^{(3)} + G_{S,\text{conn}}^{(3)}, \quad G_{S,\text{red}}^{(3)} = G_{S,\log^2}^{(3)} + G_{S,\log^3}^{(3)}$$

$$G_{S,\log^2}^{(3)} = d_2 \left[-4 (N_{12}^2 + N_{34}^2) + 4 \log^2(1 - \chi) \right], \quad N_{ij} = \log(t_{ij}^2)$$

$$G_{S,\log^3}^{(3)} = \frac{25}{2} (N_{12} + N_{34})(N_{13} + N_{24} - N_{14} - N_{23})^2$$

$$+ 5 \left[N_{12}(N_{13} - N_{14})(N_{23} - N_{24}) + N_{34}(N_{13} - N_{23})(N_{14} - N_{24}) \right]$$

total G_S is conf inv: function of χ

connected part: compute bulk integrals with N-propagator
applying ∂_{t_k} to reduce to D-propagator integrals

$$N'(t_a) \equiv \partial_{t_a} N(t_a) = 2 \frac{t_a - t}{(t - t_a)^2 + z^2} = \frac{2(t_a - t)}{z} K_1(t_a)$$

$$N(t_a) = \log [(t - t_a)^2 + z^2], \quad K_1(t_a) = \frac{z}{(t - t_a)^2 + z^2} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_z N(t_a)$$

$$\partial_\mu N'(t_a) = 2 \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu K_1(t_a), \quad \partial_\mu = (\partial_t, \partial_z)$$

$$\langle x^i(t_1) x^j(t_2) Y^A(t_3) Y^B(t_4) \rangle : \quad \partial_{t_3} \partial_{t_4} G_N = - \frac{2}{t_{34}^2} G_D(\chi)$$

$$\langle Y^A(t_1) \dots Y^D(t_4) \rangle : \quad \partial_{t_1} \partial_{t_2} \partial_{t_3} \partial_{t_4} G_N = \frac{4}{t_{12}^2 t_{34}^2} G_D(\chi) + \Omega$$

acting on a function of cross-ratio $\chi = \frac{t_{12} t_{34}}{t_{13} t_{24}}$

$$t_{34}^2 \partial_{t_3} \partial_{t_4} f(\chi) = -\mathcal{D} f(\chi), \quad \mathcal{D} \equiv \chi^2 (1 - \chi) \partial_\chi^2 - \chi^2 \partial_\chi$$

\mathcal{D} = conformal Casimir operator for $SO(1, 2)$

$$\mathcal{D} F_h = h(h - 1) F_h, \quad F_h = \chi^h F_h(\chi), \quad F_h \equiv {}_2F_1(h, h, 2h, \chi)$$

compute ∂_t derivatives, then integrate

- final result for $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^3}$ term in total G_S :

$$\begin{aligned} G_S = & 80 \left[\text{Li}_3(\chi) + \text{Li}_3\left(\frac{\chi}{\chi-1}\right) - \text{Li}_2(\chi) \log(1 - \chi) \right] \\ & + 40 \log \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \log^2(1 - \chi) - 10 \frac{\chi^2}{1-\chi} \log \chi \\ & + 5 \left(5 - \frac{10}{\chi} - 2\chi \right) \log(1 - \chi) - 50 = (30 \log \chi + \frac{205}{6})\chi^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

similar results for G_T and G_A

- more complicated than in susy (D) case: polylogs
relation to 1d bootsrtrap? interpolation to weak coupling?

Anomalous dimensions from OPE

$\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}$ terms in $G_{S,T,A}$: OPE – extract anom dims

$$G_{S,T} = c_0 \chi^{h_0} F_{h_0} + c_2 \chi^{h_2} F_{h_2} + \dots$$

$$G_A = c_1 \chi^{h_1} F_{h_1} + c_3 \chi^{h_3} F_{h_3} + \dots$$

$$c_n = c_{n,0} + c_{n,1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + c_{n,2} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

$$h_n = n + d_{n,1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + d_{n,2} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

S-channel: $Y^A Y^A = 1$ identity operator: $h_{0,S} = 0$, $c_{0,S} = 1 + \dots$

$$Y\partial^2 Y : \quad h_{2,S} = 2 + \dots, \quad c_{2,S} = \frac{10}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

$$T : \quad h_{0,T} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{12d_2}{5} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots, \quad c_{0,T} = \frac{3}{4} + \dots$$

$$h_{2,T} = 2 + \dots, \quad c_{2,T} = \frac{5}{24(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots,$$

$$A : \quad h_{1,A} = 1 + \frac{8}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots, \quad c_{1,A} = -\frac{6}{\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{6d_2}{5} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

$$h_{3,A} = 3 + \dots, \quad c_{3,A} = -\frac{8}{3} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots$$

Remarks and open questions:

- AdS_2 loop corrections including fermions? compute d_2

- intrinsic description of "induced" CFT_1 ?

" $\mathcal{N} = 8$ conformal QM" in WML case ?

non-local? (cf. SYK-like models [[Gross,Rosenhaus:17](#)])

possible derivation: 1d fermion rep for WL and integrate out A

- 1d analog of large spin expansion? semiclassical approxim to explain universal large n behaviour of Δ of $\Phi \partial_t^n \Phi$, etc.?

- relation to integrability? how integrability of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ string is encoded in correlators in AdS_2 in static gauge?

connection to factorization of 2d S-matrix in l.c. gauge?

- extension to all orders in $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$?

relation to conformal bootstrap in $d = 1$?

More on strong coupling expansion

string description: $AdS_5 \times S^5$ path integral on a disc

- WML: D b.c. for S^5 (fixed scalar position – point in S^5)

WL: N b.c. for S^5 (no scalar coupling)

- leading term: minimal surface ending on line or circle – AdS_2

AdS_2 as homogeneous space: $\log Z \sim$ volume

line: $V = \frac{L}{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0$ after factorizing linear div: $\langle W^{(0)} \rangle = 1$

circle ($R = 1$): $V_{AdS_2} = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) \rightarrow -2\pi$

$\langle W^{(0)} \rangle$ non-trivial function of string tension $\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$

- leading $\sqrt{\lambda}$ term is universal

$$\langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle \equiv e^{-F^{(\zeta)}(\lambda)}, \quad F^{(\zeta)} = -\sqrt{\lambda} + F_1^{(\zeta)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)$$

1-loop term

- $\zeta = 1$: [Drukker, Gross, AT; Buchbinder, AT;...]

spectrum of fluctuations: 3 AdS_5 modes $m^2 = 2$;

5 S^5 modes $m^2 = 0$; 8 fermions $m^2 = 1$

- $\zeta = 0$: same spectrum, except for b.c. of S^5 modes

ratio of D/N massless scalars

$$\frac{\langle W^{(1)} \rangle}{\langle W^{(0)} \rangle} = \frac{e^{-F^{(1)}}}{e^{-F^{(0)}}} = \mathcal{N}_0^{-1} \left[\frac{\det(-\nabla^2)_D}{\det'(-\nabla^2)_N} \right]^{-5/2} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \right]$$

\mathcal{N}_0 is S^5 zero mode factor in N case: $\mathcal{N}_0 = c_0 (\sqrt{\lambda})^{5/2}$

$$F_1^{(0)} = F_1^{(1)} - 5\delta\Gamma = F_1^{(1)} + \frac{5}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{5}{2} \log \sqrt{\lambda} + \frac{5}{2} \log k$$

while exact gauge-theory prediction expanded at $\lambda \gg 1$

$$F_{1 \text{ tot}}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \log 2 + \frac{3}{2} \log \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$\frac{3}{2} \log \sqrt{\lambda}$ is normalization of Möbius symmetry

3 zero modes on disc [Drukker, Gross]

log 2 difference understood recently [Medina-Rincon, AT, Zarembo]

• for standard WL at strong coupling

$$F_{1 \text{ tot}}^{(0)} = F_{1 \text{ tot}}^{(1)} + \frac{5}{2} \log(2\pi) + \log \mathcal{N}_0 = -\log \sqrt{\lambda} + \log(4\pi^3 k^{5/2})$$

• thus $\tilde{F}^{(\zeta)} \equiv \log \langle W^{(\zeta)} \rangle = -F_{\text{tot}}^{(\zeta)}$ = same $\sqrt{\lambda}$ at leading order

but subleading $\tilde{F}_1^{(0)} > \tilde{F}^{(1)}$

in agreement with 1d analog of F-theorem

General ζ case

$\langle W^{(\zeta)}(\lambda) \rangle$ expanded at $\lambda \gg 1$

should interpolate between $\zeta = 1$ and $\zeta = 0$ results

• proposal for string description of non-conformal case: [PS]

start with WL case in static gauge $x^0 = \tau, z = \sigma$

induced AdS₂ metric $ds^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(d\tau^2 + d\sigma^2), \quad \partial_z Y^a|_{z \rightarrow 0} = 0$

perturb string action $I_0 = T \int d\tau d\sigma \left(\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-h} h^{mn} \partial_m Y^a \partial_n Y^a + \dots \right)$

$$I_{\varkappa} = I_0 - \varkappa T \int d\tau Y_6$$

$$Y_6 = \sqrt{1 - Y_a Y_a} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} Y_a Y_a + \dots, \quad T = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

$\varkappa = 0 \rightarrow \zeta = 0$ and $\varkappa = \infty \rightarrow \zeta = 1$

like ζ here \varkappa will run with 2d scale

• variation of I_{\varkappa} : $\nabla^2 Y_a = 0$, i.e. near AdS₂ boundary

$$Y^a = z^{\Delta_+} u^a + z^{\Delta_-} v^a + \mathcal{O}(z^2) = zu^a + v^a + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

with the mixed (Robin) boundary condition

$$(-\partial_z + \varkappa)y^a|_{z=0} = 0, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad -u^a + \varkappa v^a = 0$$

• special case of "open-string tachyon" coupling:

$$\delta I_b = \Lambda \int d\tau \mathcal{T}_b(Y), \quad \Lambda \mathcal{T}_b = \mu \left[\mathcal{T} - \log \frac{\Lambda}{\mu} (\alpha' D^2 + \dots) \mathcal{T} + \dots \right]$$

$$\beta_{\mathcal{T}} = \mu \frac{d\mathcal{T}}{d\mu} = -\mathcal{T} - \alpha' D^2 \mathcal{T} + \dots, \quad \alpha' = \frac{R^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$D^2 =$ Laplacian on S^5 : for $\mathcal{T} = \varkappa Y_6$ and small Y_a

$$D^2 Y_6 = (\partial_Y^2 + \dots) \left(-\frac{1}{2} Y_a Y_a + \dots \right) = -5 + \dots$$

$$\beta_{\varkappa} = \mu \frac{d\varkappa}{d\mu} = \left(-1 + \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots \right) \varkappa + \dots$$

• Φ_6 perturbation near $\zeta = 0$ corresponds to $Y_6 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} Y_a^2 + \dots$

dimension $\Delta - 1 = \frac{d\beta_{\varkappa}}{d\varkappa}$ then gives $\Delta(0) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$

near $\zeta = 1$: $\beta_{\varkappa} \rightarrow -\beta_{\varkappa}$, i.e. $\Delta - 1 = -\left(-1 + \frac{5}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots \right)$