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Lectures on AdS/CFT Quantum Spectral Curve and Fishnet CFT

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Plan: many faces of N=4 SYM

Lecture I

- Many faces of N=4 SYM: AdS/CFT, quantum and classical planar integrability, Fishnet CFT, BPS physics and localization, black holes, etc
- Field content and symmetries of N=4 SYM
- Some results from integrability and localization

Lecture II

- 1-loop integrability. T- and Q-systems of $gl(N)$ Heisenberg (super)spin chains
- (super)Hasse diagram, QQ relations and nested Bethe ansatz equations

Lecture III

- All-loop integrability for spectrum: AdS/CFT quantum spectral curve (QSC).
- Some applications: one loop from P-mu, ...
- Review of applications (QSC numerics and PT, BFKL, cusp) and perspectives (structure constants, correlators, BH)

Lecture IV

- From N=4 SYM to Fishnet CFT
- Integrability. More general FCFTs (Loom for FCFTs)
- Applications: multi-loop graphs from QSC, BFKL...

Lecture I

N=4 Super-Yang Mills theory and
AdS/CFT correspondence

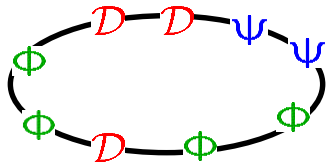
N=4 SYM dual to superstring on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$$\mathcal{S}_{SYM} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int d^4x \text{Tr} (F^2 + (\mathcal{D}\Phi)^2 + \bar{\Psi}\mathcal{D}\Psi + \bar{\Psi}\Phi\Psi + [\Phi, \Phi]^2)$$

super-conformal theory:
 $\beta\text{-function}=0$, no massive particles

$$\lambda = Ng_{YM}^2 \equiv 16\pi^2 g^2$$

$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \text{Tr} [D\bar{D}\Psi\Psi\Phi\Phi D\Psi \dots] (x)$$



$$\mathcal{O}_A(\xi x) \rightarrow \xi^{\Delta_A(\lambda)} \mathcal{O}_A(x)$$

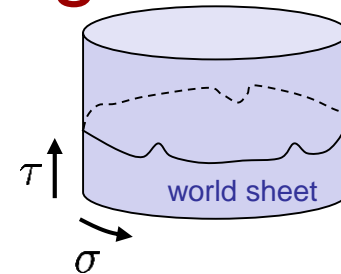
$$\hat{D}\mathcal{O} = \Delta\mathcal{O}$$

Anomalous dimension $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$

Exact equivalence

$$\mathcal{S}_{sigma} = \sqrt{\lambda} \int d\tau \int_0^L d\sigma \left[(\partial\vec{X})^2 + (\partial\vec{Y})^2 + \text{fermions} \right]$$

Maldacena
 Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov
 Witten

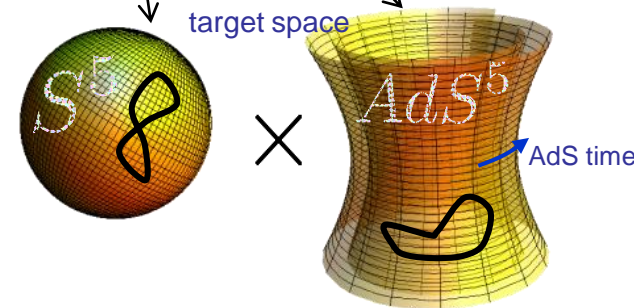


CFT/AdS duality



weak / strong

$$\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N = \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} = g_s N$$



$$AdS_5: -X_{-1}^2 - X_0^2 + X_7^2 + X_8^2 + X_9^2 + X_{10}^2 = -R^2$$

$$S^5: X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + X_4^2 + X_5^2 + X_6^2 = R^2$$

= Energy of the dual string state

Super-conformal symmetry $PSU(2,2|4)$ isometry of string target space
 ($AdS_5 \times S^5$ is its bosonic part).

AdS/CFT correspondence

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Strings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

't Hooft coupling: $g^2 = g_{YM}^2 N$

String tension: $T = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} = \frac{g}{2\pi}$

Number of colors: N

String coupling: $g_s = \frac{g^2}{N}$

Large- N limit

Free strings

Strong coupling

Classical strings

Local operators

String states

Scaling dimension: Δ

Energy: E

Conformal transformations $SO(2,4) \sim SU(2,2)$

- Scale invariance: stress tensor is traceless, which implies a larger symmetry
- Conformal invariance: local scale invariance

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu, \quad dx'^2 = \rho^2(x) dx^2$$

Infinitesimal: $\delta x^\mu = v^\mu(x), \quad \partial_\mu v_\nu + \partial_\nu v_\mu = \frac{2}{d} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial \cdot v,$
 $v^\mu = \{a^\mu, \omega^\mu_\nu x^\nu, x^\mu, x^2 a^\mu - 2(a \cdot x) x^\mu\}$

(translation **P**, Lorentz **L**, dilatation **D**, special conf. **K**)

$$\rho(x) = 1 + \frac{\partial \cdot v}{d} \quad \text{Isometry: } \rho(x) = 1$$

- $K := \text{Spec.conf.} = \text{inversion} \times \text{shift} \times \text{inversion}$

- Full conformal group:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= -ix_\mu \partial_{x_\mu} - i\Delta \\ L_{\mu\nu} &= ix_\mu \partial_{x_\nu} - ix_\nu \partial_{x_\mu} \\ P_\mu &= -i\partial_{x_\mu} \\ K_\mu &= 2x^\nu L_{\nu\mu} - ix^2 \partial_{x_\mu} - 2i\Delta x_\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [L_{\mu\nu}, L_{\lambda\rho}] &= \eta_{\mu\lambda} L_{\nu\rho} + \eta_{\nu\rho} L_{\mu\lambda} - \eta_{\mu\rho} L_{\nu\lambda} - \eta_{\nu\lambda} L_{\mu\rho} \\ [L_{\mu\nu}, P_\lambda] &= \eta_{\mu\lambda} P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\lambda} P_\mu \\ [L_{\mu\nu}, K_\lambda] &= \eta_{\mu\lambda} K_\nu - \eta_{\nu\lambda} K_\mu \\ [D, P_\mu] &= P_\mu \\ [D, K_\mu] &= -K_\mu \\ [P_\mu, K_\nu] &= 2L_{\mu\nu} - 2\eta_{\mu\nu} D. \end{aligned}$$

Conformal 2- and 3-point function

- We consider only planar limit. Operators from local fields

$\mathcal{O}(x)$ = linear combinations of $\text{Tr} [\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}\lambda\lambda\phi\phi\mathcal{D}\phi\lambda\dots](x)$

- 2- and 3-point correlators (structure functions):

$$G_{II}(x_1, x_2) = \langle \mathcal{O}_i(x_1) \mathcal{O}_j(x_2) \rangle$$

$$G_{III}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \langle \mathcal{O}_i(x_1) \mathcal{O}_j(x_2) \mathcal{O}_k(x_3) \rangle$$

- Under special conformal: $\delta \log(x_1 - x_2)^2 = -a \cdot (x_1 + x_2), \quad \rho(x) = 1 - 2a \cdot x + O(a^2)$

$$\delta G_{II}(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{\partial G_{II}}{\partial \log r_{12}} a \cdot (x_1 + x_2) = 2(\Delta_1 a \cdot x_1 + \Delta_2 a \cdot x_2) G_{II}$$

- Possible only for equal dimensions, then

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x) \mathcal{O}_j(0) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{|x|^{2\Delta_j(\lambda)}}$$

- Similarly, for 3-point corr.:

$$\delta G_{III}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -\sum_{i>j} \frac{\partial G_{III}}{\partial \log r_{ij}} a \cdot (x_i + x_j) = 2 \sum_i \Delta_i a \cdot x_i G_{III}$$

- Solution:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x_1) \mathcal{O}_j(x_2) \mathcal{O}_k(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{ijk}(\lambda)}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_j - \Delta_k} |x_{23}|^{\Delta_j + \Delta_k - \Delta_i} |x_{31}|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_k - \Delta_j}}$$

They describe the whole conformal theory via operator product expansion

$$\mathcal{O}_i(x) \mathcal{O}_j(0) = \sum_k \frac{C_{ijk}(\lambda)}{|x|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_j - \Delta_k}} \mathcal{O}_k(0) + \text{descendants}$$

Zero-magnon 4-point correlator and exact OPE data

- Exact expression of a 4-point correlator (only from conformal symmetry!)

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \mathcal{O}_4(x_4) \rangle = \mathcal{G}(u, v) \frac{(x_{24}/x_{14})^{\Delta_1 - \Delta_2} (x_{14}/x_{13})^{\Delta_3 - \Delta_4}}{x_{12}^{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2} x_{34}^{\Delta_3 + \Delta_4}}$$

$$\mathcal{G}(u, v) = \sum_{\Delta, S} C_{12}^{S, \Delta} C_{34}^{S, \Delta} u^{\frac{\Delta - S}{2}} g_{\Delta, S} \left(\frac{\Delta - \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - S}{2}, \frac{\Delta - \Delta_4 + \Delta_3 - S}{2}; u, v \right)$$

cross-ratios

$$\begin{aligned} u &= z\bar{z} = x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2 / (x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2) \\ v &= (1 - z)(1 - \bar{z}) = x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2 / (x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2) \end{aligned}$$

- Conformal block $g(\dots)$ explicitly expressed through hypergeometric function ${}_2F_1(a, b, c; z)$, where a, b, c are linear functions of spin S and $\dim \Delta$
- OPE for 4-point correlator in two different channels:

$$\sum_{\Delta, S} \begin{array}{c} \Delta_1 \\ \diagdown \\ \hline \diagup \\ \Delta_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Delta, S \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Delta_3 \\ \diagup \\ \hline \diagdown \\ \Delta_4 \end{array} = \sum_{\Delta', S} \begin{array}{c} \Delta_1 \\ \diagdown \\ \hline \diagup \\ \Delta_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Delta', S \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Delta_3 \\ \diagup \\ \hline \diagdown \\ \Delta_4 \end{array}$$

crossing

N=4 SYM as a superconformal 4d QFT

- Can be realized as reduction to 4D of 10D N=1 SYM (so(6) setting)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}[\mathcal{W}] = \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \mathcal{D}^\mu \Phi^n \mathcal{D}_\mu \Phi_n - \frac{1}{4} g^2 \text{Tr} [\Phi^m, \Phi^n] [\Phi_m, \Phi_n] \quad ($$

$$+ \text{Tr} \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^a \sigma_\mu^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \mathcal{D}^\mu \Psi_{\beta a} - \frac{1}{2} i g \text{Tr} \Psi_{\alpha a} \sigma_m^{ab} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} [\Phi^m, \Psi_{\beta b}] - \frac{1}{2} i g \text{Tr} \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^a \sigma_{ab}^m \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} [\Phi_m, \dot{\Psi}_{\dot{\beta}}^b]$$

- Fields in adjoint irrep of gauge group $\text{su}(N_c)$ - $N_c \times N_c$ matrices
- Tensors with global superconformal $\text{psu}(2, 2|4)$

Gauge field

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu + i A_\mu$$

Lorentz symmetry $\text{SO}(4)$

$$X = \Phi_1 + i\Phi_4$$

Scalar fields

$$\Phi_m, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

$$Y = \Phi_2 + i\Phi_5$$

R-symmetry $\text{SO}(6) \sim \text{SU}(4)$

$$Z = \Phi_3 + i\Phi_6$$

16 Weyl spinors: $\Psi_{\alpha a}, \Psi_{\dot{\alpha}}^a, \quad a = 1, \dots, 4 : \text{su}(4), \quad \alpha, \dot{\alpha} = 1, 2 : \text{so}(4) \simeq \text{su}(2)_L \times \text{su}(2)_R$

Gamma matrices: 4D spinors and 6D spinors

$$\sigma^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}} = \eta^{\mu\nu}, \quad \sigma^{\{m} \sigma^{n\}} = \eta^{mn}$$

$$\sigma^{m,ab} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{abcd} \sigma_{cd}^m, \quad \sigma_{m,ab} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{abcd} \sigma_m^{cd}$$

Fierz id. 4D: $\sigma_\mu^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \sigma_{\dot{\gamma}\delta}^\mu = 2 \delta_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \delta_\delta^\beta, \quad \sigma_\mu^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \sigma^{\mu,\dot{\gamma}\delta} = 2 \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\gamma}} \varepsilon^{\beta\delta}, \quad \sigma_{\mu,\dot{\alpha}\beta} \sigma_{\dot{\gamma}\delta}^\mu = 2 \varepsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\gamma}} \varepsilon_{\beta\delta}$

Fierz id. 6D: $\sigma_m^{ab} \sigma_{cd}^m = 2 \delta_d^a \delta_c^b - 2 \delta_c^a \delta_d^b, \quad \sigma_m^{ab} \sigma^{m,cd} = -2 \varepsilon^{abcd}, \quad \sigma_{m,ab} \sigma_{cd}^m = -2 \varepsilon_{abcd}$

SU(4) notations and topological term

- Spinorial notations for fields:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pm}^{\mu\nu} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \mathcal{F}_{\pm\sigma\rho}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{+\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{+\mu\nu} = \mathcal{F}_{+\beta\alpha}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{-\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{-\mu\nu} = \mathcal{F}_{-\dot{\beta}\dot{\alpha}} \quad \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu} \mathcal{D}_{\mu}$$

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} = \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{[\mu} \sigma_{\beta\dot{\beta}}^{\nu]} \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}$$

$$\Phi_{ab} = \Phi_m \sigma_{ab}^m, \quad \Phi_m, \quad m = 1, \dots, 6 \in SO(6); \quad \Phi^{ab} \in SU(4) \sim SO(6)$$

$$\Phi_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Phi_3 + i\Phi_6 & -\Phi_2 - i\Phi_5 & \Phi_1 - i\Phi_4 \\ -\Phi_3 - i\Phi_6 & 0 & \Phi_1 + i\Phi_4 & \Phi_2 - i\Phi_5 \\ \Phi_2 + i\Phi_5 & -\Phi_1 + i\Phi_4 & 0 & \Phi_3 - i\Phi_6 \\ -\Phi_1 + i\Phi_4 & -\Phi_2 + i\Phi_5 & -\Phi_3 + i\Phi_6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Lagrangian in these notations:

$$\mathcal{L} = N_c \text{tr} \left[-\frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} D^{\mu} \Phi_{AB}^{\dagger} D_{\mu} \Phi^{BA} + \frac{g^2}{8} [\Phi_{AB}^{\dagger}, \Phi_{CD}^{\dagger}] [\Phi^{BA}, \Phi^{DC}] + \right. \\ \left. + 2i \bar{\psi}_A^{\dot{\alpha}} D_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}^A - \sqrt{2} g \psi^{\alpha A} [\Phi_{AB}^{\dagger}, \psi_{\alpha}^B] + \sqrt{2} g \bar{\psi}_{\dot{\alpha} A} [\Phi^{AB}, \bar{\psi}_{\dot{B}}^{\dot{\alpha}}] \right]$$

- Topological term:

$$\theta \int d^4x \text{Tr} F \wedge F$$

complexified coupling

$$\tau_{YM} = \frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \Leftarrow \tau_{str} = \frac{i}{g_s} + \chi$$

$$g^2 = N_c g_{YM}^2$$

SL(2,Z) S-duality, related to the string coupling

$$\tau = -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

Operators, planar graphs and 1/N expansion

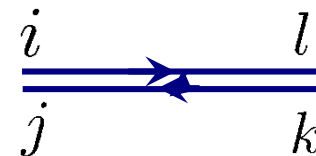
- Local operators: single trace of products of matrix fields (only planar limit!)

$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \text{tr} [\chi_1(x), \chi_2(x) \dots \chi_L(x)] + \text{perm.}$$

$$\chi \in \{\mathcal{D}_{\dot{\alpha}\beta}, \Phi_{ab}, \Psi_{\alpha b}, \Psi_{\dot{\alpha}}^b, \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}, \dot{\mathcal{F}}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}\}$$

- Dimensions of operators can be read of from 2-point correlators
- They can be computed via perturbation theory
- Propagators in double-line notations (only color indices exposed):

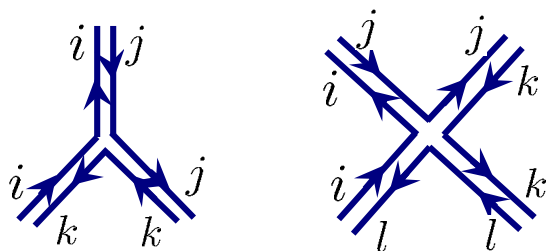
$$\langle \chi^{ij}(y) \chi^{kl}(x) \rangle_0 = \delta^{il} \delta^{jk} D_{\chi}(x - y) \delta_{mn}$$



$$i, j, k, l = 1 \dots N_c$$

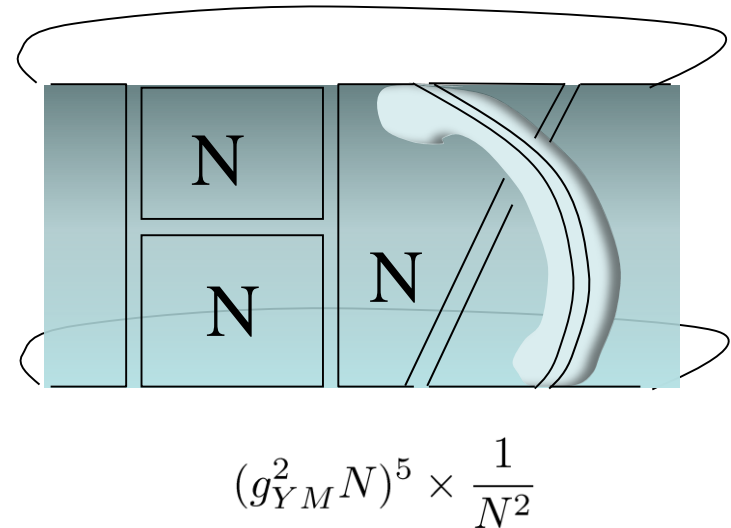
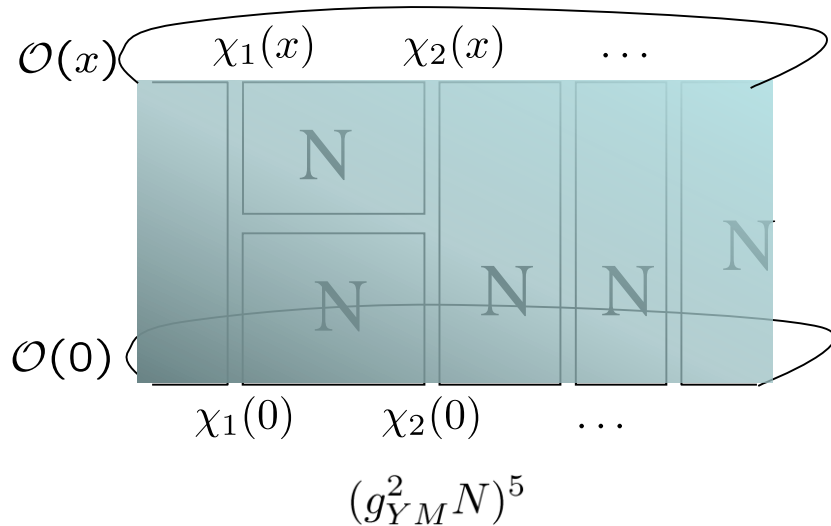
Index is conserved
along each line

- Vertices



Planar graphs and large-N expansion

- Compare two cylindric graphs for two-point correlators



- The one with bigger number of faces (smaller genus) dominates

Double expansion:

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0) \rangle\rangle_{N,g} = \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{2h}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} g^{2m} K_m^{(h)}(|x|)$$

Perturbative, in 't Hooft coupling:

$$g^2 = g_{YM}^2 N$$

another frequent notation
 $\lambda \equiv 16\pi^2 g^2$

Topological, in string coupling:

$$g_s = \frac{1}{N}$$

- We will always deal with planar quantities (in 't Hooft limit), like $K_m^{(0)}$

Superconformal Symmetry of N=4 SYM

Action obeys superconformal $\text{psu}(2,2|4)$ symmetry.
It persists on QM level

Generators of global superconformal $\text{psu}(2,2|4)$ symmetry:

$$\text{superconf.} \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{Lorentz} & \text{susy} & \text{translations} \\ \hline L_{\beta}^{\alpha} & \dot{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}^a & P_{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \\ \hline \dot{S}_{\dot{\alpha}a} & \text{su}(4)_R R_b^a & Q_{\alpha a}^{\text{susy}} \\ \hline K_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} & S_{\alpha}^a & \dot{L}_{\dot{\beta}}^{\alpha} \\ \hline \text{spec. conf.} & \text{superconf.} & \text{Lorentz} \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} a, b = 1, \dots, 4 \\ \alpha, \dot{\alpha}, \beta, \dot{\beta} = 1, 2 \end{array}$$

Some algebra relations:

$$\{Q, Q\} = \{S, S\} = \{Q, \dot{S}\} = \{\dot{Q}, S\} = 0$$

$$\{Q, \dot{Q}\} = P, \quad \{S, \dot{S}\} = K$$

Dilatation operator is a part of algebra! $\{Q, S\} = D + R + L$

$$\{Q, K\} = S, \quad \{D, Q\} = Q, \text{ etc}$$

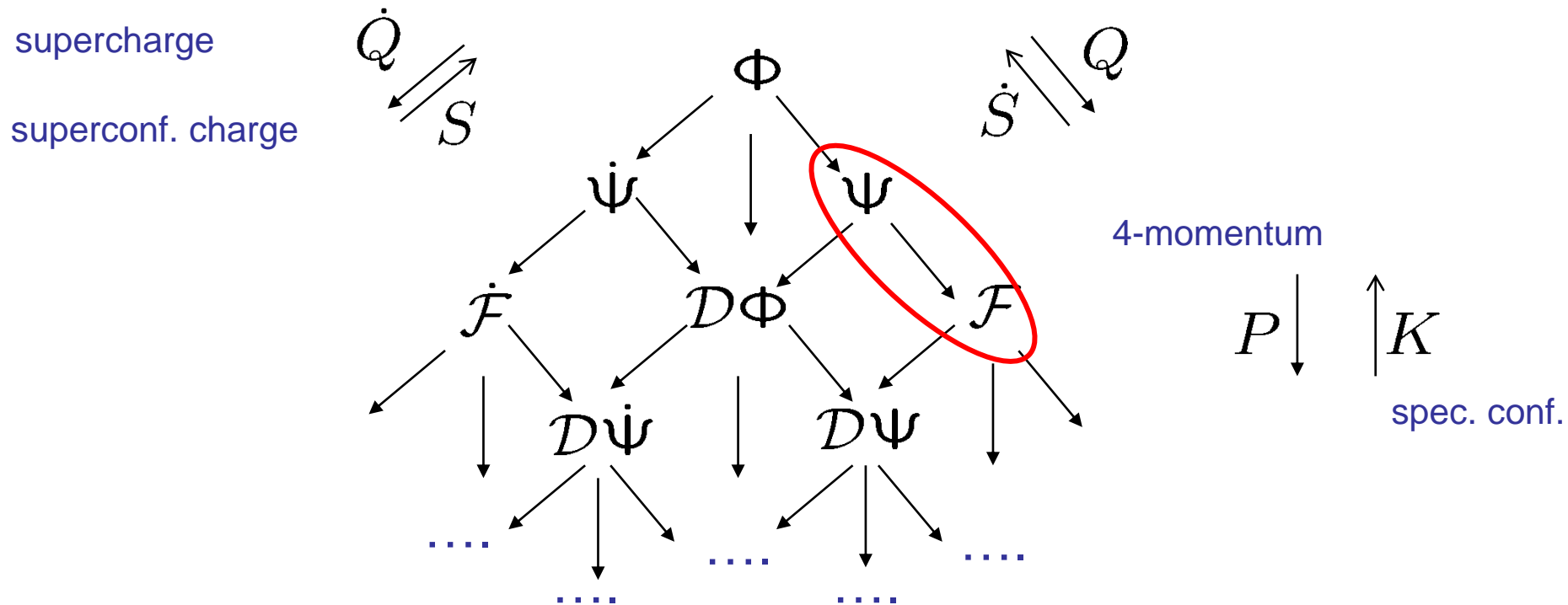
Cartan charges:

$$\{\Delta, \underbrace{S_1, S_2}_{\text{Lorentz}} | \underbrace{J_1, J_2, J_3}_{\text{su}(4)_R}\}$$

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Transformation of fields in supermultiplet

SYM symmetric under global superconformal symmetry: $\text{PSU}(2,2|4)$



Example:

$$Q \Psi_{\alpha a} = -\epsilon_a^\gamma \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\gamma} + \frac{i}{2} \sqrt{\lambda} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_c^\beta [\Phi_{ab}, \Phi^{bc}]$$

Operators and superalgebra at zero loop order

psu(2,2|4) superalgebra

$$\{E_{mn}, E_{kl}\} = \delta_{nk} E_{ml} - (-1)^{(p_m+p_n)(p_k+p_l)} \delta_{ml} E_{kn}$$

$$m, n \in \underbrace{\{1, 2\}}_{\text{Lorentz}}, \underbrace{\{\dot{1}, \dot{2}\}}_{\text{Lorentz}}, \underbrace{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}, \hat{4}\}}_{\text{su(4)}_R}$$

$$E_{mn}^\dagger = (-1)^{c_m+c_n} E_{nm}$$

	α	$\dot{\alpha}$	$\hat{\alpha}$
p	0	0	1
c	0	1	0

Projectivity: $C = \sum_n E_{nn} = 0 \implies C = -2 - n_b + n_f + n_a = 0$

Super-unimodularity: $\text{Str } E = \sum_n (-1)^F E_{nn} = 0$

Oscillator formalism for $\text{psu}(2,2|4)$ superalgebra

Oscillators:

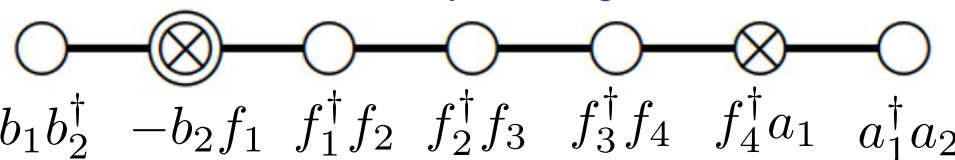
$$[a_\alpha, a_\beta^\dagger] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \{1, 2\},$$

$$[b_{\dot{\alpha}}, b_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger] = \delta_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}, \quad \dot{\alpha}, \dot{\beta} \in \{\dot{1}, \dot{2}\},$$

$$\{f_a, f_b^\dagger\} = \delta_{ab}, \quad \hat{a}, \hat{b} \in \{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}, \hat{4}\}$$

Dynkin diagram

Generators (in « beauty » grading):



$$E_{mn} = \begin{pmatrix} -b_{\dot{\alpha}} b_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger & -b_{\dot{\alpha}} f_b & -b_{\dot{\alpha}} a_\beta \\ f_a^\dagger b_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger & f_a^\dagger f_b & f_a^\dagger a_\beta \\ a_\alpha^\dagger b_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger & a_\alpha^\dagger f_b & a_\alpha^\dagger a_\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Bosonic generators:

$$E_{\alpha\beta} = a_\alpha a_\beta^\dagger, \quad E_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = -b_{\dot{\alpha}} b_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger, \quad E_{\hat{a}\hat{b}} = f_{\hat{a}} f_{\hat{b}}^\dagger$$

Supercharges:

$$E_{\dot{\alpha}b} = -b_{\dot{\alpha}} f_b, \quad \text{etc}$$

Number of fermions of type « i »:

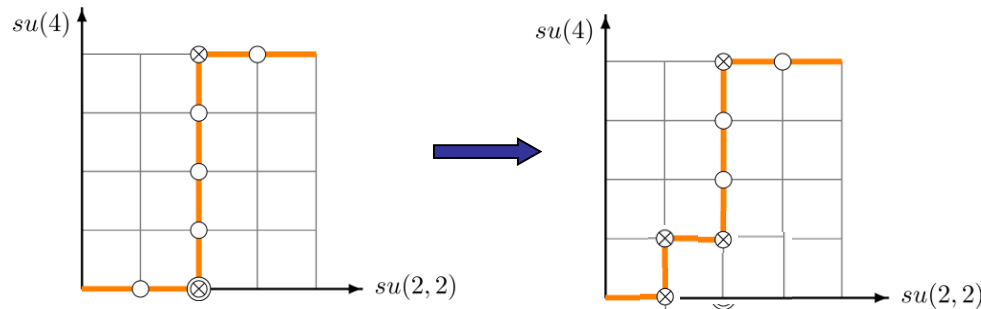
$$n_f \equiv \sum_{i=1}^4 n_{fi} \quad , \text{ of type « i »: } n_{fi} \equiv f_i^\dagger f_i$$

Fermionic duality and Dynkin labels

- Various gradings: Duality interchanges odd generators:

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{mm} & E_{mn} \\ E_{nm} & E_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_{nn} & E_{nm} \\ E_{mn} & E_{mm} \end{pmatrix} \quad p_m + p_n = 1$$

e.g. $E_{mn} = -b_\alpha f_a \rightarrow E_{nm} = b_\alpha^\dagger f_a^\dagger$



$$\lambda \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \nu \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \nu + 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \lambda - 1$$

Name	grading	short-hand notation	Dynkin diagram
<i>compact beauty</i>	12 $\hat{1}$ 2 $\hat{3}$ 434	2222	
<i>non-compact beauty</i>	$\hat{1}$ 21234 $\hat{3}$ 4	0044	
<i>compact ABA</i>	$\hat{1}$ 12 $\hat{2}$ 334 $\hat{4}$	0224	
<i>non-compact ABA</i>	1 $\hat{1}$ 2 $\hat{2}$ 33 $\hat{4}$ 4	1133	

- Dynkin labels:

$su(4)$ $\lambda_a = f_a^\dagger f_a = n_{f_a}, \quad a = 1, \dots, 4$

$su(2,2)$ $\nu_i = \left\{ -b_{\dot{\alpha}} b_{\dot{\alpha}}^\dagger, a_\alpha^\dagger a_\alpha \right\}_i = \{ -L - n_{b_{\dot{\alpha}}}, n_{a_\alpha} \}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4$

Fields and operators from oscillators

Bare vacuum

$$a_\alpha|0\rangle = b_{\dot{\alpha}}|0\rangle = f_a|0\rangle = 0$$

Highest weight state

$$E_{mn}|\text{HWS}\rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } m < n$$

Operator fixed by oscillator numbers

$$[n_{b_1}, n_{b_2} \mid n_{f_1}, n_{f_2}, n_{f_3}, n_{f_4} \mid n_{a_1}, n_{a_2}]$$

Length and bare dimension of operator (conserved only for $g=0$)

$$2L = n_a - n_b + n_f, \quad \Delta_0 = \frac{n_f}{2} + n_a$$

Field interpretation		Content	Δ_0	Components
scalar	Φ_{ab}	$\mathbf{f}_a^\dagger \mathbf{f}_b^\dagger 0\rangle$	1	6
fermion	$\Psi_{a\alpha}$	$\mathbf{f}_a^\dagger \mathbf{a}_\alpha^\dagger 0\rangle$	$\frac{3}{2}$	8
	$\bar{\Psi}_{a\dot{\alpha}}$	$\epsilon_{abcd} \mathbf{f}_b^\dagger \mathbf{f}_c^\dagger \mathbf{f}_d^\dagger \mathbf{b}_{\dot{\alpha}}^\dagger 0\rangle$	$\frac{3}{2}$	8
field strength	$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}$	$\mathbf{a}_\alpha^\dagger \mathbf{a}_\beta^\dagger 0\rangle$	2	3
	$\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}$	$\mathbf{f}_1^\dagger \mathbf{f}_2^\dagger \mathbf{f}_3^\dagger \mathbf{f}_4^\dagger \mathbf{b}_{\dot{\alpha}}^\dagger \mathbf{b}_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger 0\rangle$	2	3
covariant derivative	$\mathcal{D}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$	$\mathbf{a}_\alpha^\dagger \mathbf{b}_{\dot{\alpha}}^\dagger$	1	4

Example of operator

$$\text{Tr} [\mathcal{Z} \mathcal{D}_{12} \Psi_{11} \mathcal{F}_{12}] = f_1^\dagger f_2^\dagger |0\rangle \otimes (a_1^\dagger)^2 b_2^\dagger f_1^\dagger |0\rangle \otimes a_1^\dagger a_2^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Super-Multiplets

Superconformal multiplet – a set of operators (irreps) related by global $\text{psu}(2,2|4)$ symmetry, all having the same anomalous dimension. Contains a few conformal primaries: operators annihilated by

$$K_{\alpha,\dot{\alpha}} \sim a_{\alpha} a_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

One of them is the HWS. Which one – depends on the grading. Standard choice is the chiral primary having the lowest bare (classical) dimension

Examples

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Y}\textcolor{blue}{Y} & \rightleftharpoons & \textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{X}\textcolor{blue}{Y} & \xrightleftharpoons{\textcolor{black}{f}^{\dagger}\textcolor{black}{f}} & \textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{X}\textcolor{blue}{X} & \xrightleftharpoons{\textcolor{black}{a}^{\dagger}\textcolor{black}{b}^{\dagger}} & \textcolor{brown}{D}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{X}\textcolor{blue}{X} \rightleftharpoons \textcolor{brown}{D}^2\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{X}\textcolor{blue}{X} \rightleftharpoons \dots \\
 & & & & \updownarrow \textcolor{black}{a}^{\dagger}\textcolor{black}{f} & & \\
 & & & & \textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{Z}\textcolor{blue}{X}\textcolor{brown}{\Psi} & &
 \end{array}$$

1/2BPS multiplet (beauty grading): $|\text{HWS}\rangle_{\text{BPS}} = \text{Tr} Z^L, \quad n = [0, 0|L, L, 0, 0|0, 0]$

More general expression: $|\text{HWS}\rangle_{1/2\text{BPS}} = \text{Tr}(n_m \Phi^m)^L, \quad n_m n^m = 0$

$\text{psu}(2,2|4)$ Cartan charges: $(\Delta, S_1, S_2|J_1, J_2, J_3)$

$$\text{Tr} Z^L, \quad (L, 0, 0|L, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{Tr} X^L, \quad (L, 0, 0|0, L, 0)$$

$$\text{Tr} Y^L, \quad (L, 0, 0|0, 0, L)$$

Conserves half of the susy. Conformal dimension at any coupling $\Delta=L$

Dynkin labels at finite coupling

Anomalous dimension $\gamma = \Delta - \Delta_0$

Shift of Dynkin labels for conformal group

$$\nu_i = \nu_i|_{g=0} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \{-1, -1, 1, 1\}_i$$

Operators with different lengths can mix

– length is not a conserved charge at finite coupling!

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \{L, n_{b_\alpha}\} &\leftrightarrow \{L-1, n_{b_\alpha} + 1\} \\ \{L, n_{f_\alpha}, n_{a_\alpha}\} &\leftrightarrow \{L-1, n_{f_\alpha} - 1, n_{a_\alpha} + 1\} \end{aligned} \right\} \lambda_a \leftrightarrow \lambda_a - 1 \text{ and } \nu_i \leftrightarrow \nu_i + 1$$

Examples

n^{2222}	L	Field content example	λ_a	ν_j
$[1, 1 2, 2, 2, 2 1, 1]$	4	$\Psi_{11}\Psi_{12}\bar{\Psi}_{11}\bar{\Psi}_{12}$	$\{2, 2, 2, 2\}$	$\{-5, -5, 1, 1\}$
$[0, 0 2, 2, 2, 2 1, 1]$	5	$\Psi_{11}\Psi_{12}\bar{\mathcal{Z}}\bar{\mathcal{X}}\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$	$\{2, 2, 2, 2\}$	$\{-5, -5, 1, 1\}$
$[1, 1 3, 3, 3, 3 0, 0]$	5	$\bar{\Psi}_{11}\bar{\Psi}_{12}\mathcal{Z}\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}$	$\{3, 3, 3, 3\}$	$\{-6, -6, 0, 0\}$

Some conclusions to lecture I

- $N=4$ SYM obeys a superconformal symmetry $PSU(2,2|4)$, uniting the Poincare and conformal bosonic subgroups
- Local operators form conformal supermultiplets, with the same anomalous dimension.
- In large N limit $N=4$ SYM single trace operators form a complete set
- Spectrum of conformal dimensions of these operators is encoded in the dilatation operator $D(g)$. D is a part of superconformal algebra.
- At $g=0$ the generators of $PSU(2,2|4)$ can be efficiently described via the oscillator algebra. Length L and bare (classical) Δ_0 dimension conserve
- At $g \neq 0$ the susy generators and D (and thus Δ) depend non-trivially on g
- In the next lecture we will compute D perturbatively and diagonalize it using quantum integrability

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