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Structure constants of operators on the Wilson loop from integrability at weak coupling

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$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM in 4d $\iff$ Type IIB string on AdS₅ $\times$ S⁵

Goal of this talk:

Proposal for computing 3-point functions of
open strings at finite coupling in the large N limit

Strategy:

3-point functions formula for close string called
hexagon method and **weak coupling integrability analysis**

1. Introduction

Integrability in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

2-point functions in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x_1) \mathcal{O}_j(x_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{|x_1 - x_2|^{\Delta_i}}$$

$$\Delta_i = \Delta_i^{\text{tree}} + \gamma_i$$

$\uparrow$
anomalous dimensions

Single trace operators:

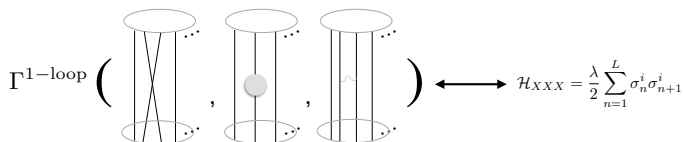
e.g.

$$\mathcal{O}_i = \text{tr}(Z \mathbf{Y} Z Z \mathbf{Y} \dots)$$

$$Z = \phi_1 + i\phi_2, \quad \mathbf{Y} = \phi_3 + i\phi_4$$

1-loop anomalous dimension and spin chain Hamiltonian

[’02 Minahan, Zarembo]



$$\Gamma^{1\text{-loop}} \left(\text{diagram 1}, \text{diagram 2}, \text{diagram 3} \right) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{XXX} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^L \sigma_n^i \sigma_{n+1}^i$$

- Eigenfunctions

BPS operator : $\text{tr}(Z \cdots Z) \longleftrightarrow \text{Vacuum} : |\uparrow \cdots \uparrow\rangle$

$$\text{tr}(Z \textcolor{red}{Y} Z Z \textcolor{red}{Y} \cdots) \longleftrightarrow |\uparrow \textcolor{red}{\downarrow} \uparrow \uparrow \textcolor{red}{\downarrow} \cdots\rangle$$

- Eigenvalues

$$\gamma^{1\text{-loop}} \longleftrightarrow E_{XXX}$$

1-loop anomalous dimension can be efficiently computed using **integrability**.

One can also compute the **anomalous dimension**
at finite coupling using integrability techniques.

[¹⁰ Beisert et al]

3-point functions

structure constants



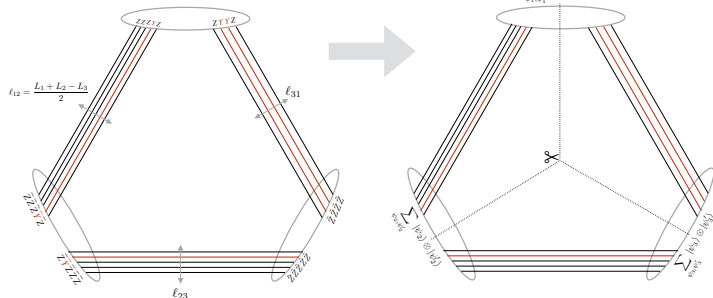
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x_1) \mathcal{O}_j(x_2) \mathcal{O}_k(x_3) \rangle = \frac{c_{ijk}}{|x_1 - x_2|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_j - \Delta_k} |x_2 - x_3|^{\Delta_j + \Delta_k - \Delta_i} |x_3 - x_1|^{\Delta_k + \Delta_i - \Delta_j}}$$

Tree-level : Tailoring method [['10 Escobedo-Gromov-Sever-Vieira](#)]

All-loop : Hexagon method [['15 Basso, Komatsu, Vieira](#)]

C_{123} at tree-level

$$\mathcal{O}_i : \text{tr}(Z \mathbf{Y} Z Z \mathbf{Y} \dots) \xrightarrow{\text{map}} |\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \dots\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{cut}} \sum_{\psi_i, \psi'_i} |\psi_i\rangle \otimes |\psi'_i\rangle$$



$$C_{123} \propto \sum_{\psi_i \psi'_i} \langle \psi_1 | \psi'_2 \rangle \langle \psi_2 | \psi'_3 \rangle \langle \psi_3 | \psi'_1 \rangle$$

Asymptotic C_{123} at all-loop

$$\ell_{ij} \gg 1$$

exactly solved using the symmetry and integrability

$$C_{123}^{\text{o2o}} \propto$$

$$+ S(p_2, p_1) e^{ip_1 \ell}$$

$$+ e^{ip_2 \ell}$$

$$+ e^{i(p_1 + p_2) \ell}$$

One can compute in principle the finite size corrections.

[['15 Basso, Komatsu, Vieira](#)], three-loop:[['15 Eden, Sfondrini](#)][['15 Basso, Goncalves, Komatsu, Vieira](#)], four-loop:[['15 Basso, Goncalves, Komatsu](#)], multiple:[['17 Basso, Goncalves, Komatsu](#)]

C_{123} of closed strings
summation over the partitions of the magnon
on the **two hexagon form factors**

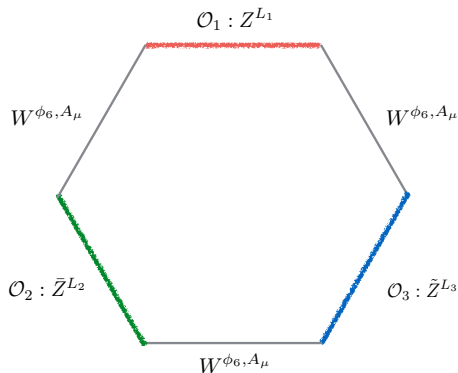
C_{123} of **open strings** using the hexagon method?

[¹⁷ Kim, *N.K*]

2. Set up

C_{123} of open strings from weak coupling analysis

C_{123} of operators on the Wilson loop



$$Z = \phi_1 + i\phi_2$$

$$Y = \phi_3 + i\phi_4$$

$$\tilde{Z} = Z + \bar{Z} + Y - \bar{Y} = 2(\phi_1 + i\phi_4)$$

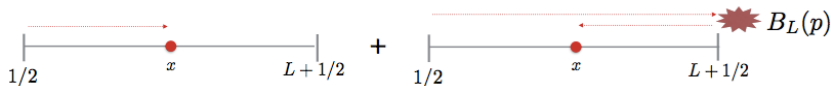
$$\langle W[\mathcal{O}_1(x_1)\mathcal{O}_2(x_2)\mathcal{O}_3(x_3)] \rangle, \quad W = \text{tr} \left[P \exp \left(\oint d\tau (iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \phi_6 |\dot{x}|) \right) \right]$$

Coordinate Bethe ansatz of open spin chain

[’05 Okamura, Takayama, Yoshida][’06 Drukker, Kawamoto]

$$\mathcal{O}_i : \sum_{1 \leq x \leq L_i} Z \cdots Z \underset{\uparrow x}{\textcolor{red}{Y}} Z \cdots Z \xrightarrow{\text{map}} \sum_{1 \leq x \leq L_i} \psi^{(1)}(x) | \uparrow \cdots \uparrow \underset{\uparrow x}{\textcolor{red}{\downarrow}} \uparrow \cdots \uparrow \rangle$$

$$\psi^{(1)}(x) = \textcolor{red}{e^{ip(x-\frac{1}{2})}} + \textcolor{blue}{e^{2ipL} B_L(p)} \textcolor{red}{e^{-ip(x-\frac{1}{2})}}$$



$B_L(p) = 1$: Neumann b.c. (Y-excitation)

$B_L(p) = -1$: Dirichlet b.c.

Coordinate Bethe Ansatz of open spin chain

$$f(p_1, p_2) \equiv \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \frac{1}{2} \quad \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \quad L + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \\ \text{blue dot at } x_1, \text{ red dot at } x_2 \\ \text{blue arrow from } x_1 \text{ to } x_2, \text{ red arrow from } x_2 \text{ to } L + \frac{1}{2} \end{array}}_{e^{ip_1(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) + ip_2(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})}} + S(p_2, p_1) \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \frac{1}{2} \quad \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \quad L + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \\ \text{red dot at } x_1, \text{ blue dot at } x_2 \\ \text{red arrow from } x_1 \text{ to } L + \frac{1}{2}, \text{ blue arrow from } x_2 \text{ to } x_1 \\ \text{purple star at } x_1 \end{array}}_{e^{ip_2(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) + ip_1(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) &= f(p_1, p_2) \leftarrow \text{closed cBA} \\ &+ e^{2ip_2 L} B_L(p_2) f(p_1, -p_2) \\ &+ S(p_2, p_1) S(-p_1, p_2) e^{2ip_1 L} B_L(p_1) f(-p_1, p_2) \\ &+ S(p_2, p_1) S(-p_1, p_2) e^{2i(p_1 + p_2)L} B_L(p_1) B_L(p_2) f(-p_1, -p_2) \end{aligned}$$

e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} &S(p_2, p_1) S(-p_1, p_2) e^{2i(p_1 + p_2)L} \\ &\times B_L(p_1) B_L(p_2) e^{-ip_1(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) - ip_2(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})} \end{aligned} \quad : \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \frac{1}{2} \quad \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \quad L + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \\ \text{blue dot at } x_1, \text{ red dot at } x_2 \\ \text{blue arrow from } x_1 \text{ to } x_2, \text{ red arrow from } x_2 \text{ to } L + \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{purple star at } x_1, \text{ blue star at } x_2, \text{ red star at } L + \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Coordinate Bethe Ansatz of open spin chain

$$f(p_1, p_2) = e^{ip_1(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) + ip_2(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})} + S(p_2, p_1) e^{ip_2(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}) + ip_1(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})}$$

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Multi-magnon:

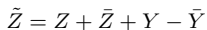
$$f(\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_M) \equiv \sum_{\sigma_1 \neq \dots \neq \sigma_M} \prod_{\substack{j < k \\ \sigma_k < \sigma_j}}^M S(\hat{p}_{\sigma_j}, \hat{p}_{\sigma_k}) \prod_{m=1}^M e^{i\hat{p}_{\sigma_m}(x_m - \frac{1}{2})}$$

$$\psi^{(M)} = \sum_{\mathbf{P}_+ \cup \mathbf{P}_- = \{1, \dots, M\}} \left[\prod_{k \in \mathbf{P}_-} (e^{2ip_k \ell_{13}} B_L(p_k)) \prod_{l < k} S(p_k, p_l) S(-p_k, p_l) \right] f(\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_M)$$

$$\text{with} \quad \hat{p}_i = \begin{cases} p_i & i \in \mathbf{P}_+ \\ -p_i & i \in \mathbf{P}_- \end{cases}.$$

3. 3-point functions

tree-level analysis



$$C_{123}^{1\circ\circ} \propto \sum_{x=\ell_{12}+1}^{L_1} \psi^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{x=\ell_{12}+1}^{L_1} (e^{ip(x-\frac{1}{2})} + e^{2ipL_1} e^{-ip(x-\frac{1}{2})})$$

$$\sum_{x=\ell_{12}+1}^{L_1} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \ell_{12} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ x \end{array}}_{e^{ip(x-\frac{1}{2})}} = \frac{1}{e^{-\frac{i}{2}p} - e^{\frac{i}{2}p}} \left(\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \ell_{12} \\ \bullet \\ \text{---} \end{array}}_{e^{ip\ell_{12}}} - \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \ell_{12} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \bullet \end{array}}_{e^{ipL_1}} \right)$$

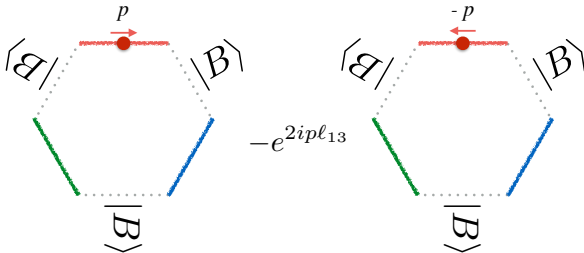
$$\begin{aligned} C_{123}^{1\circ\circ} &\propto \mathcal{M}(p)(e^{ip\ell_{12}} - e^{ipL_1}) + \mathcal{M}(-p)e^{2ipL_1}(e^{-ip\ell_{12}} - e^{-ipL_1}) \\ &= \mathcal{M}(p)(e^{ip\ell_{12}} - e^{2ipL_1}e^{-ip\ell_{12}}) \end{aligned}$$

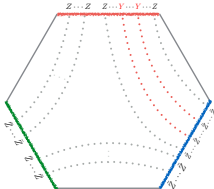
$$C_{123}^{1\circ\circ} \propto \mathcal{M}_{\ell_{12}}(p)(1 - e^{2ip\ell_{13}}), \quad \mathcal{M}_{\ell_{12}}(p) \equiv \mathcal{M}(p)e^{ip\ell_{12}}$$

$$= \mathcal{M}_{\ell_{12}}(p)(h^{\text{tree}}(p) - e^{2ip\ell_{13}} h^{\text{tree}}(-p))$$

$h^{\text{tree}}(p) = 1$: 1-magnon tree-level hexagon form factor

inspired by hexagon method, as if





$$C_{123}^{2\circ\circ} \propto \sum_{\ell_{12}+1 \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq L_1} \psi^{(2)}(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\ell_{12}+1 \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq L_1} \underbrace{\overline{p_1 \quad p_2}}_{e^{ip_1(x_1 - \frac{1}{2})} e^{ip_2(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})}} &= \mathcal{M}(p_2) \sum_{x_1=\ell_{12}+1}^{L_1} \left(\underbrace{\overline{\quad \quad \quad}}_{e^{ip_1(x_1 - \frac{1}{2})} e^{ip_2 x_1}} - \underbrace{\overline{\quad \quad \quad}}_{e^{ip_1(x_1 - \frac{1}{2})} e^{ip_2 L_1}} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{M}(p_2) \mathcal{M}(p_1) \left\{ \overset{\text{Weight factor}}{\frac{i+2v}{2(u+v)}} \left(\underbrace{\overline{\quad \quad \quad}}_{e^{i(p_1+p_2)\ell_{12}}} - \underbrace{\overline{\quad \quad \quad}}_{e^{i(p_1+p_2)L_1}} \right) - \left(\underbrace{\overline{\quad \quad \quad}}_{e^{ip_1 \ell_{12}} e^{ip_2 L_1}} - \underbrace{\overline{\quad \quad \quad}}_{e^{i(p_1+p_2)L_1}} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{123}^{2\circ\circ} \propto \mathcal{M}_{\ell_{12}}(p_1) \mathcal{M}_{\ell_{12}}(p_2) &\left[\frac{u-v}{1+u-v} - S(p_2, p_1) S(-p_2, p_1) e^{2ip_1 \ell_{13}} \frac{-u-v}{1-u-v} \right. \\ &\left. - e^{2ip_2 \ell_{13}} \frac{u+v}{1+u+v} + S(p_2, p_1) S(-p_2, p_1) e^{2i(p_1+p_2) \ell_{13}} \frac{-u+v}{1-u+v} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$cf \quad \frac{i+2v}{2(u+v)} + S(p_2, p_1) \frac{i+2u}{2(v+u)} = \frac{u-v}{1+u-v} \equiv h^{\text{tree}}(u, v)$$

Result

By mathematical induction, we proved

$$\left(\frac{C_{123}^{M\circ\circ}}{C_{123}^{\circ\circ\circ}} \right)^2 = \frac{(e^{i(p_1+\dots+p_M)\ell_{12}}\mathcal{K}^{(M)})^2}{\det(\partial_{u_i}\phi_j) \prod_{i<j} S(p_j, p_i) e^{i(p_1+\dots+p_M)L_1}}$$

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with

$$\hat{p}_i = \begin{cases} p_i & i \in P_+ \\ -p_i & i \in P_- \end{cases}.$$

Proposal

Recall the 2-magnon case:

$$C_{123}^{2\circ\circ} \propto h^{\text{tree}}(u, v) - S(p_2, p_1)S(-p_2, p_1)e^{2ip_1\ell_{13}}h^{\text{tree}}(-u, v) \\ - e^{2ip_2\ell_{13}}h^{\text{tree}}(u, -v) + S(p_2, p_1)S(-p_2, p_1)e^{2i(p_1+p_2)\ell_{13}}h^{\text{tree}}(-u, -v)$$

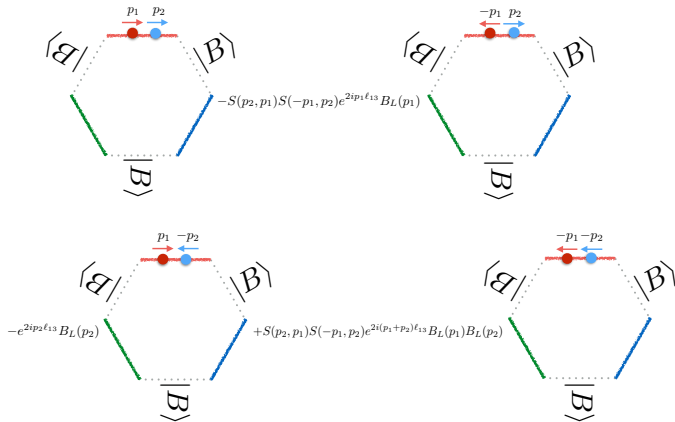
Inspired by the closed case: replacing by finite coupling factors

- ▶ hexagon form factor
- ▶ S-matrix factor

$$C_{123}^{2\circ\circ} \propto h(u, v) - S^{\text{finite}}(p_2, p_1)S^{\text{finite}}(-p_2, p_1)e^{2ip_1\ell_{13}}B_L(p_1)h(-u, v) \\ - e^{2ip_2\ell_{13}}B_L(p_2)h(u, -v) + S^{\text{finite}}(p_2, p_1)S^{\text{finite}}(-p_2, p_1)e^{2i(p_1+p_2)\ell_{13}}B_L(p_1)B_L(p_2)h(-u, -v)$$

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Proposal

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*Summation over all possible ways of **changing the signs of magnon momenta in the hexagon form factors** with **appropriate factors***

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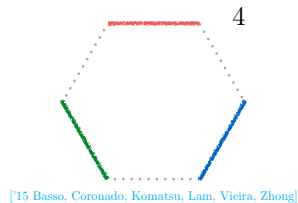
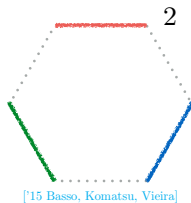
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Summary

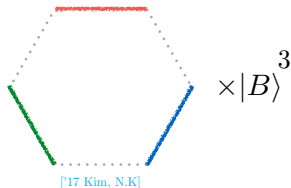
3-pt

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closed strings:



open strings:



in progress

Outlook

1. Higher rank sectors or higher loop: $B_L(p) \neq 1$?
2. Other integrable “strings”?
3. Spin chain length 0 limit? [to appear Kim, N.K, Komatsu and Nishimura]
4. Higher point functions? [work in progress N.K, Komatsu]

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