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# Solving the AdS/CFT Y-system

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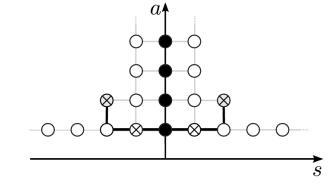
with N.Gromov , S.Leurent, D.Volin (in preparation)

# Integrability in AdS/CFT

- Integrable planar superconformal 4D N=4 SYM and 3D N=8 Chern-Simons...
   (non-BPS, summing genuine 4D Feynman diagrams!)
- Based on AdS/CFT duality to very special 2D superstring 6-models on AdS-background
- Y-system (for planar AdS<sub>5</sub>/CFT<sub>4</sub>, AdS<sub>4</sub>/CFT<sub>3</sub>,...) calculates exact anomalous dimensions of all local operators at any coupling
- Y-system is an infinite set of functional or integral nonlinear eqs.

$$Y_{a,s}\left(u+\frac{i}{2}\right)Y_{a,s}\left(u-\frac{i}{2}\right) = \frac{\left[1+Y_{a,s+1}\right]\left[1+Y_{a,s-1}\right]}{\left[1+\frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}\right]\left[1+\frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}\right]}$$

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• Problem: how to transform Y-system into a finite system of non-linear integral equations (FiNLIE) using its Hirota discrete integrable dynamics and analyticity properties in spectral parameter?

## Worm up: SU(2)xSU(2) principal chiral field at finite L

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2x \, \operatorname{Tr} \left( g^{-1} \partial_{\mu} g(x) \right)^2, \qquad g \in SU(2).$$

Y-system

$$Y_s(u + \frac{i}{2}) Y_s(u - \frac{i}{2}) = \left[1 + Y_{s+1}(u)\right] \left[1 + Y_{s-1}(u)\right]$$

Energy

$$E(Lm) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \cosh(\pi u) \log(1 + Y_0(u))$$

Large volume

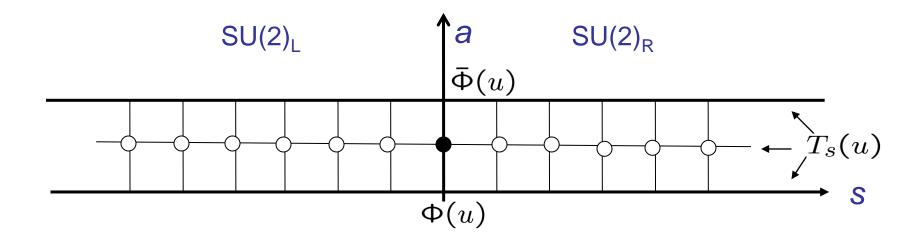
$$Y_s(u) \simeq C_s e^{-\delta_{s,0} mL \cosh \pi u}, \quad mL \to \infty$$

## Y-system and Hirota relation

Parametrize: 
$$Y_s(u) = \frac{T_{s+1}(u)T_{s-1}(u)}{\Phi(u+is/2)\overline{\Phi}(u-is/2)}$$

#### Hirota equation:

$$T_s(u+i/2)T_s(u-i/2)-T_{s-1}(u)T_{s+1}(u) = \Phi(u+is/2)\bar{\Phi}(u-is/2)$$



## Determinant representation and gauge transformation

Determinant solution of Hirota eq.

$$T_{s}(u) = h(u+is/2) \begin{vmatrix} Q(u+i\frac{s+1}{2}) & R(u+i\frac{s+1}{2}) \\ \bar{Q}(u-i\frac{s+1}{2}) & \bar{R}(u-i\frac{s+1}{2}) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(u) = h(u+i/2) \begin{vmatrix} R(u) & Q(u) \\ R(u+i) & Q(u+i) \end{vmatrix}$$

Gauge transformations

$$T_s(u) \rightarrow g\left(u + i\frac{s}{2}\right) \overline{g}\left(u - i\frac{s}{2}\right) T_s(u)$$
  
 $\Phi(u) \rightarrow g(u - i/2)g(u + i/2)\Phi(u)$   
 $Q(u) \rightarrow g(u - i/2)Q(u)$ 

Leaves Y's invariant!

## Lax pair and Baxter relation

Krichever, Lipan, Wiegmann, Zabrodin

Solution: linear Lax pair (discrete integrable dynamics!)

$$T_{s+1}(u)Q(u+is/2) - T_s(u-i/2)Q(u+i(s+2)/2) = \Phi(u+i(s+1)/2)\bar{Q}(u-i(s+2)/2)$$
  
Complex conjugate

Baxter relations

$$T_1(u) = T_0(u - i/2) \frac{Q(u+i)}{Q(u)} + \Phi(u) \frac{\bar{Q}(u-i)}{Q(u)}$$

$$T_{-1}(u) = T_0(u+i/2)\frac{Q(u)}{Q(u+i)} - \Phi(u)\frac{\bar{Q}(u)}{Q(u+i)}$$

• Wing exchange symmetry:

$$T_s \leftrightarrow T_{-s}$$
 ,  $\Phi \leftrightarrow -\bar{\Phi}$  ,  $Q^+ \leftrightarrow \bar{Q}^-$  ,  $\bar{Q}^- \leftrightarrow Q^+$ 

#### **Definition:**

$$f(u \pm i/2 \equiv f^{\pm}$$

$$f(u \pm ik/2 \equiv f^{\left[\pm k\right]}$$

 Q(R) are interpreted (in different gauges) as Baxter functions for right (left) wing

## Analyticity and ground state solution Q=1

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• Solution: we assume  $T_0(u)$ ,  $\Phi(u) = T_0(u+i/2+i0)$  and  $T_{-1}(u)$ :

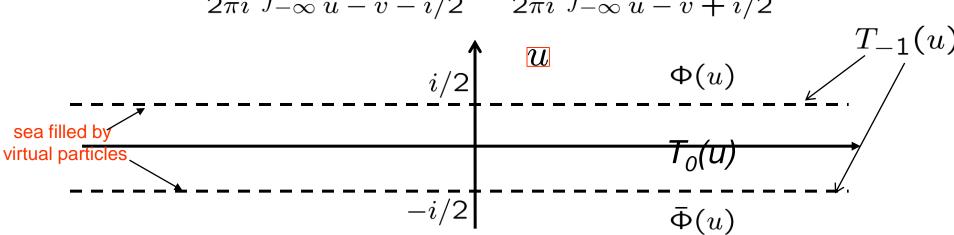
$$T_1(u) = T_0(u - i/2) + T_0(u + i/2)$$

- Baxter eq.

$$T_{-1}(u) = T_0(u+i/2-i0) - T_0(u+i/2+i0)$$
 - "Jump" eq.

relates  $T_0$  and  $\Phi$  to  $T_{-1}(u)$  through analyticity:

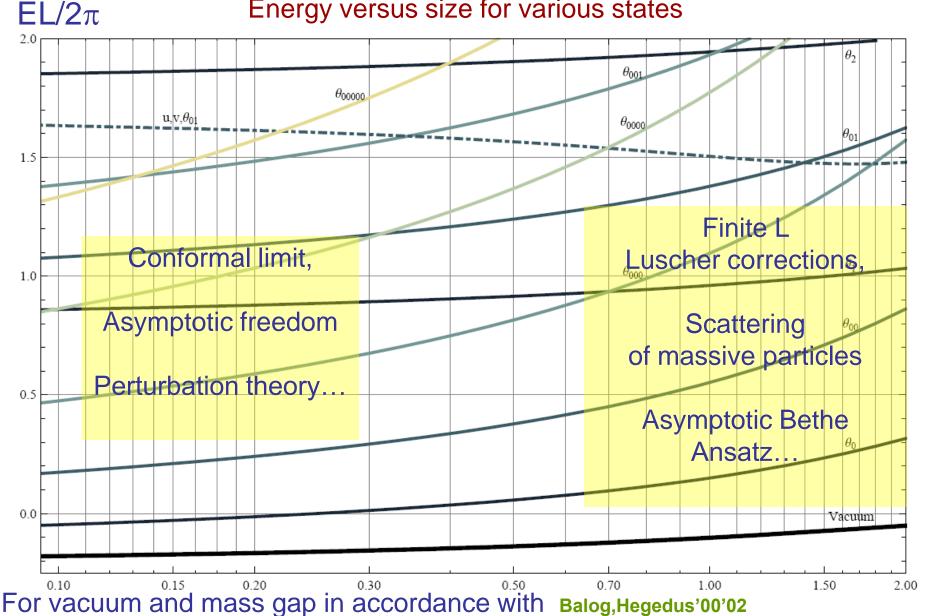
$$T_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dv \, T_{-1}(v)}{u - v - i/2} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dv \, T_{-1}(v)}{u - v + i/2}$$



- $T_s$  have no singularities on real axis  $T_{s-1} = s + \frac{s}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dv \, T_{-1}(v)}{(u-v)^2 + s^2/4}$
- TBA eq. for  $Y_0$ , imposing for vacuum  $Y_1 = Y_1$  get non-linear integral eq. for  $T_1$

$$\log Y_0 = -L \cosh \pi u + 2r * \log [1 + Y_1], \qquad r = \frac{1}{2 \cosh \pi u}$$

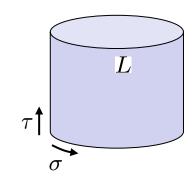
#### SU(2) PCF numerics (using Hirota solution): Energy versus size for various states



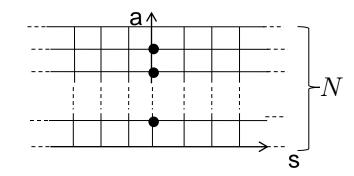
## Inspiring example: $SU(N)_L \times SU(N)_R$ principal chiral field

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2x \operatorname{Tr} \left( g^{-1} \partial_{\mu} g(x) \right)^2, \qquad g \in SU(N).$$

• Y-system  $\implies$  *Hirota* dynamics in a in (a,s) plane.



$$Y_{a,s}\left(u+\frac{i}{2}\right)Y_{a,s}\left(u-\frac{i}{2}\right) = \frac{\left[1+Y_{a,s+1}\right]\left[1+Y_{a,s-1}\right]}{\left[1+\frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}\right]\left[1+\frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}\right]}$$



Relation of Y-system to T-system (Hirota equation)

$$Y_{a,s} = \frac{T_{a,s+1} T_{a,s-1}}{T_{a+1,s} T_{a-1,s}}$$

$$T_{a,s}(u+\frac{i}{2})T_{a,s}(u-\frac{i}{2}) = T_{a,s-1}(u)T_{a,s+1}(u) + T_{a+1,s}(u)T_{a-1,s}(u)$$

 Gauge symmetry  $T_{a,s} \to g_1^{[+a+s]}g_2^{[+a-s]}g_3^{[-a-s]}g_4^{[-a+s]}T_{a,s}$ 

$$T_{a,s} \to g_1^{[+a+s]}g_2^{[+a-s]}g_3^{[-a-s]}g_4^{[-a+s]}T_{a,s}$$

# General wronskian solution in a band

Parametrized through N functions of u:

$$q_1, q_2, \cdots, q_N$$

Representation in terms of exterior forms:

$$q \equiv q_j \theta^j,$$

$$q \equiv q_j \theta^j, \qquad p \equiv p_j \theta^j,$$

$$\theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 \wedge \dots \wedge \theta^N = 1$$

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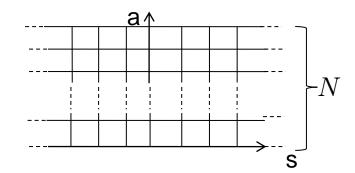
k-forms:

$$q_{(k)} \equiv q^{[k-1]} \wedge q^{[k-3]} \dots \wedge q^{[1-k]}$$

•Solution in N-band:

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$$T_{a,s} = q_{(a)}^{[+s]} \wedge p_{(N-a)}^{[-s]}$$



## Analyticity properties and solution

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• Finite volume solution: finite system of NLIE: parametrization fixing the analytic structure:

$$q_k(u) \ = \ P_k(u) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dv}{2\pi} \frac{f_k(u)}{u-v} \,, \qquad \text{Im}(u) < 0 \,,$$
 polynomials fixing a state 
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{jumps} \\ \text{by } f_k \end{array} \xrightarrow{\overline{q}_k}$$

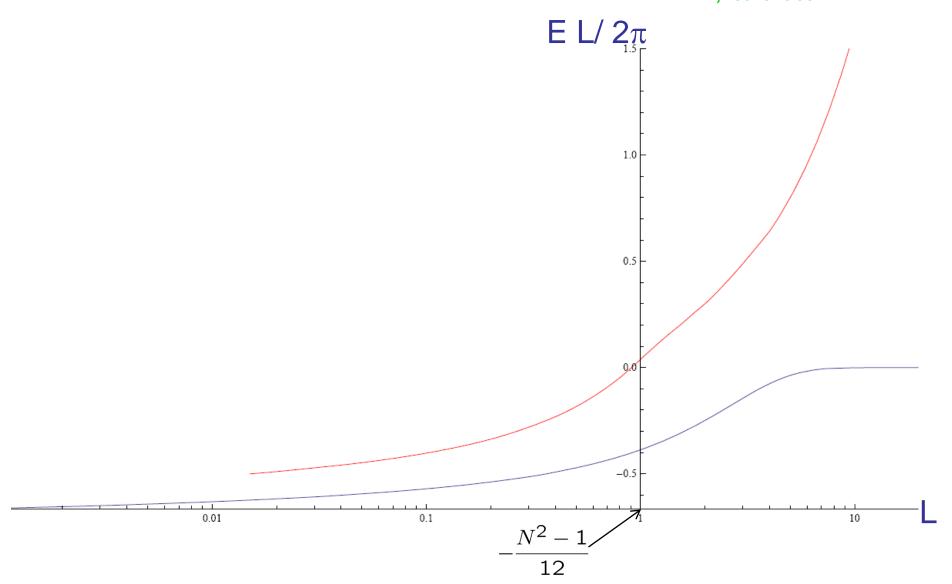
- From reality:  $p_k(u) = \bar{q}_k(u)$
- N-1 spectral densities  $f_k(u)$  (for L  $\leftrightarrow$  R symmetric states):  $Y_{a,s} = Y_{a,-s}$

$$\log Y_{a,0} = -Lm_a \sinh(2\pi Nu) + K_{a,a'} * \log \left[ \frac{(1+Y_{a',1})^2}{(1+Y_{a'+1,0})(1+Y_{a'-1,0})} \right], \qquad \text{where} \quad Y_{a,s} = \frac{T_{a,s+1}T_{a,s-1}}{T_{a+1,s}T_{a-1,s}}$$

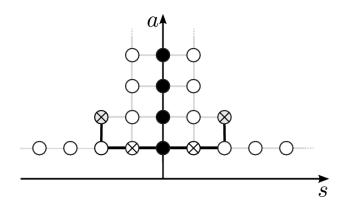
Solved numerically by iterations

## SU(3) PCF numerics: Energy versus size for vacuum and mass gap

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## AdS/CFT Y-system and asymptotics



$$\frac{Y_{a,s}^{+}Y_{a,s}^{-}}{Y_{a+1,s}Y_{a+1,s}} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 + Y_{a,s+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + Y_{a,s-1} \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 + Y_{a+1,s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + Y_{a+1,s} \end{bmatrix}}$$

Large L asymptotics:

$$Y_{a,s}(u) \simeq C_{a,s} e^{\delta_{s,0} L i p_a(u)}$$

• Momentum of elementary excitation  $p_a(u) = -i \log \frac{x^{[+a]}}{x^{[-a]}}$  appears as a zero mode of discrete D'Alembert operator in the l.h.s. We should fix it and find the corresponding energy as well.

## Dispersion relation in physical and crossing channels

- Exact one particle dispersion relation:  $\epsilon^2=1+\lambda\sin^2\frac{p}{2}$  Santambrogio,Zanon Beisert,Dippel,Staudacher N.Dorey
- · Changing physical L-circle to cross channel R-circle

$$\epsilon_a^2 = a^2 + \lambda \sin^2 \frac{p_a}{2} \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad -\tilde{\epsilon}_a^2 = a^2 - \lambda \sinh^2 \frac{\tilde{p}_a}{2}$$

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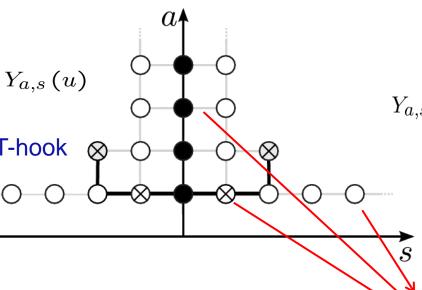
• Parametrization for the dispersion relation by Zhukovsky map:  $u = \sqrt{\lambda} \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right)$ 

$$\begin{cases} p_a(u) = \frac{1}{i} \log \frac{z(u + ia/2)}{z(u - ia/2)} \\ \epsilon_a(u) = 2i\sqrt{\lambda} \left[ z(u - ia/2) - z(u + ia/2) \right] + 1 \end{cases}$$

From physical to crossing kinematics: continuation through the cut

$$z = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \left( u + \sqrt{u - 2\sqrt{\lambda}} \sqrt{u + 2\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) \qquad \qquad \tilde{z} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \left( u + i\sqrt{4\lambda - u^2} \right)$$

## Y-system for excited states of AdS/CFT at finite size



$$Y_{a,s}\left(u+\frac{i}{2}\right)Y_{a,s}\left(u-\frac{i}{2}\right) = \frac{\left[1+Y_{a,s+1}\right]\left[1+Y_{a,s-1}\right]}{\left[1+\frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}\right]\left[1+\frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}\right]}$$

 Complicated analyticity structure in u dictated by non-relativistic dispersion

cuts in complex  $\,u ext{-plane}$ 

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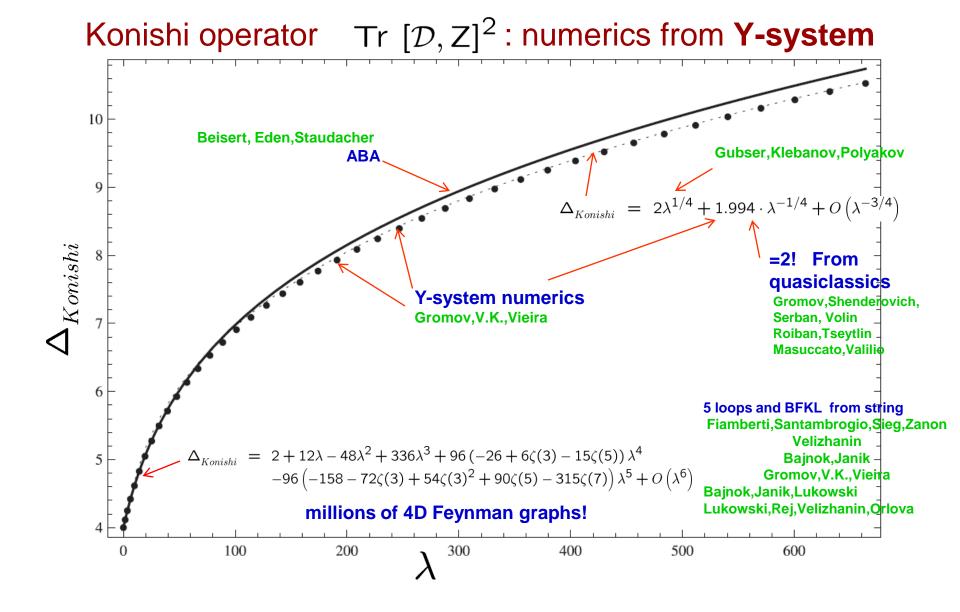
Extra equation (remnant of classical Z<sub>4</sub> monodromy):

$$Y_{2,\pm 2}(u+i0) \cdot Y_{1,\pm 1}(u-i0) = 1$$

$$-2\sqrt{\lambda}$$
  $2\sqrt{\lambda}$ 

- $\Delta \Delta_0 = f_{min} = \int \frac{du}{2\pi i} \, \partial_u \tilde{\epsilon}_a \, \log \left( 1 + Y_{a,0} \right)$
- $u_j$  obey the exact Bethe eq.:  $Y_{1,0}(u_j) + 1 = 0$

New insights into analyticity: Cavaglia,Fioravanti,Tateo Hegedus,Balog



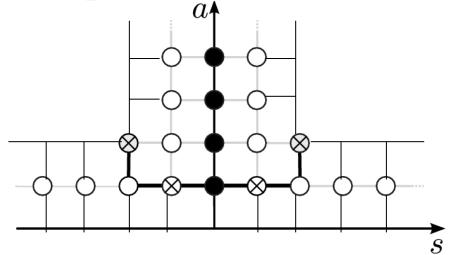
Y-system passes all known tests

#### Y-system and Hirota eq.: discrete integrable dynamics

 Relation of Y-system to T-system (Hirota equation) (the Master Equation of Integrability!)

$$Y_{a,s} = \frac{T_{a,s+1} T_{a,s-1}}{T_{a+1,s} T_{a-1,s}}$$

$$T_{a,s}(u+\frac{i}{2})T_{a,s}(u-\frac{i}{2}) = T_{a,s-1}(u)T_{a,s+1}(u)+T_{a+1,s}(u)T_{a-1,s}(u)$$



Hirota eq. in T-hook for AdS/CFT

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Discrete classical integrable dynamics!

## Quasiclassical solution of AdS/CFT Y-system

Classical limit: highly excited long strings/operators, strong coupling:

$$L \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \sim u \to \infty$$

Explicit u-shift in Hirota eq. dropped (only slow parametric dependence)

$$T_{a,s}\left(u+\frac{i}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)T_{a,s}\left(u-\frac{i}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)=T_{a,s-1}(u)T_{a,s+1}(u)+T_{a+1,s}(u)T_{a-1,s}(u)$$

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 (Quasi)classical solution - psu(2,2|4) character of classical monodromy matrix in Metsaev-Tseytlin superstring sigma-model

$$T_{a,s} = \operatorname{Tr}_{a,s} \Omega$$

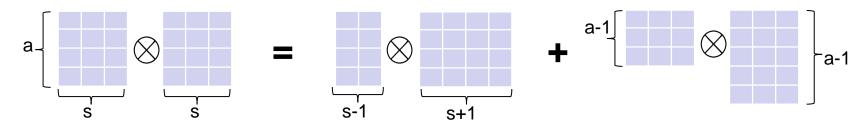
$$\Omega(u) = P \exp \oint_{\gamma} \mathcal{A}(u) \in PSU(2, 2|4)$$

Zakharov,Mikhailov Bena,Roiban,Polchinski

- Its eigenvalues (quasi-momenta) encode conservation lows
- An important property: Z<sub>4</sub> symmetry of the coset and related monodromy for the eigenvalues (quasimomenta)
   V.K.,Marshakov,Minahan,Zarembo Beisert, V.K.,Sakai,Zarembo

## (Super-)group theoretical origins

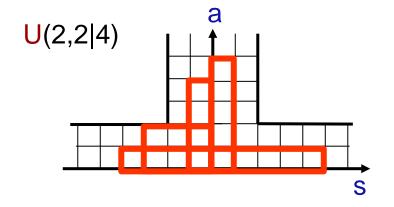
■ A curious property of gl(N|M) representations with rectangular Young tableaux:



For characters – simplified Hirota eq.:

$$T_{a,s}^2 = T_{a+1,s}T_{a-1,s} + T_{a,s+1}T_{a,s-1}$$

- Boundary conditions for Hirota eq.:
  - ∞ dim. unitary highest weight representations of u(2,2|4) in "T-hook"!



Kwon Cheng,Lam,Zhang

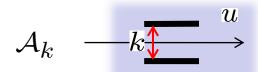
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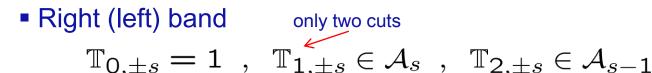
Solution of Hirota for any irrep: Jacobi-Trudi formula for GL(K|M) characters:

$$T_{a,s}[g] = \det_{1 \le i,j \le a} T_{1,s-i+j}[g], \qquad g \in GL(K|M).$$

## Construction of solution for AdS/CFT T-system

- There are three different analytically friendly gauges for T-functions for right, left and upper bands.  $a\uparrow$
- They have certain analyticity strips:





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Upper band

$$\mathbf{T}_{a,0} \in \mathcal{A}_{a+1}$$
,  $\mathbf{T}_{a,\pm 1} \in \mathcal{A}_a$ ,  $\mathbf{T}_{a,\pm 2} \in \mathcal{A}_{a-1}$ 

 $\mathbf{T}_{n,2} = \mathbf{T}_{2,n}$  - from representation theory

 $\mathbf{T}_{0,0}^+ = \mathbf{T}_{0,0}^-$  - from quantum unimodularity of monodromy matrix

- Relating right (left) and upper bands
- $\mathbb{Z}_4$  symmetry of coset:  $\mathbf{T}_{a,s}$  can be analytically continued in labels a,s  $\widehat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,s} = (-1)^s \widehat{\mathbf{T}}_{-a,s}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{a,s} = (-1)^a \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{a,-s}$ .

## Wronskian solution for the right (left) band

Specifying it for N=2 we get:

$$\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{0,s} = 1$$
,  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{1,s} = q^{[+s]} \wedge q^{[-s]}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{2,s} = \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{1,1}^{[+s]} \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{1,1}^{[-s]}$ .

• Using the  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  symmetry and after a certain gauge transformation

$$\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{1,s} = \widehat{h}^{[+s]} \widehat{h}^{[-s]} \widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{1,s} , \quad \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{2,s} = \widehat{h}^{[+s+1]} \widehat{h}^{[+s-1]} \widehat{h}^{[-s+1]} \widehat{h}^{[-s-1]} \widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{2,s}$$

we find a representation similar to SU(2) PCF (but with two short cuts)

$$\widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{0,s} = 1$$
,  
 $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{1,s} = q^{[+s]} - q^{[-s]}$ ,  $q = -iu + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-2g}^{2g} \frac{\rho(v)dv}{u - v}$ ,  
 $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{2,s} = \widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{1,1}^{[+s]} \widehat{\mathcal{T}}_{1,1}^{[-s]}$ 

$$q_1 = q, \quad q_2 = 1$$

#### Wronskian solution for the upper band

■ Specifying it for N=2 we get:  $\widehat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,s} = \mathbf{q}_{(2-s)}^{[+a]} \wedge \mathbf{p}_{(2+s)}^{[-a]}$ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,s} = \mathbf{q}_{(2-s)}^{[+a]} \wedge \mathbf{p}_{(2+s)}^{[-a]}$$
.

$$\mathbf{q}_{(2)} = \frac{\mathbf{q}^{+} \wedge \mathbf{q}^{-}}{\mathbf{q}_{\emptyset}}, \ \mathbf{q}_{(3)} = \frac{\mathbf{q}^{++} \wedge \mathbf{q} \wedge \mathbf{q}^{--}}{\mathbf{q}_{\emptyset}^{+} \mathbf{q}_{\emptyset}^{-}}, \ \mathbf{q}_{(4)} = \frac{\mathbf{q}^{[+3]} \wedge \mathbf{q}^{+} \wedge \mathbf{q}^{-} \wedge \mathbf{q}^{[-3]}}{\mathbf{q}_{\emptyset}^{++} \mathbf{q}_{\emptyset} \mathbf{q}_{\emptyset}^{--}}$$

 From reality, Z<sub>4</sub> symmetry and asymptotic properties at large L and considering only left-right symmetric states  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,-s} = \hat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,s}$ we find

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,\pm 1} &= \mathbf{q}_{1}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{2}^{[-a]} + \mathbf{q}_{2}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{1}^{[-a]} + \mathbf{q}_{3}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{4}^{[-a]} + \mathbf{q}_{4}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{3}^{[-a]} , \\ \hat{\mathbf{T}}_{a,0} &= \mathbf{q}_{12}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{12}^{[-a]} + \mathbf{q}_{34}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{34}^{[-a]} - \mathbf{q}_{14}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{14}^{[-a]} - \mathbf{q}_{23}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{23}^{[-a]} - \mathbf{q}_{13}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{24}^{[-a]} - \mathbf{q}_{24}^{[+a]} \bar{\mathbf{q}}_{13}^{[-a]} \end{split}$$

- We choose to parameterize T's through Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, Q<sub>12</sub>
- Remarkably, if Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub> are analytic in the upper half plane, and  $\mathbf{q}_{12}$  analytic above  $-i/2 + \mathbb{R}$ then all T-functions have the right analyticity strips.
- We can parameterize parameterize q<sub>1</sub>, q<sub>2</sub>, q<sub>12</sub> in terms of 2 spectral densities  $\rho_2, \rho_3$  and find from analyticity of a closed system of equations on them - FiNLIE

## Closing FiNLIE: spectral densities and sawing together 3 bands

• We can parameterize parameterize  $q_1, q_2, q_{12}$  in terms of 2 spectral densities  $\rho_2, \rho_3$ 

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polynomial encoding Bethe roots

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \sqrt{U}f^+f^-, \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \sqrt{U}f^+f^-W, \quad \mathbf{q}_{12} = f^2V^{\downarrow},$$

Example:

$$U = x^{\mu}(u) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dv}{2\pi i} \frac{\rho_3(v)}{u - v}$$
, Im  $u > 0$ 

From analyticity - closed system of equations on densities

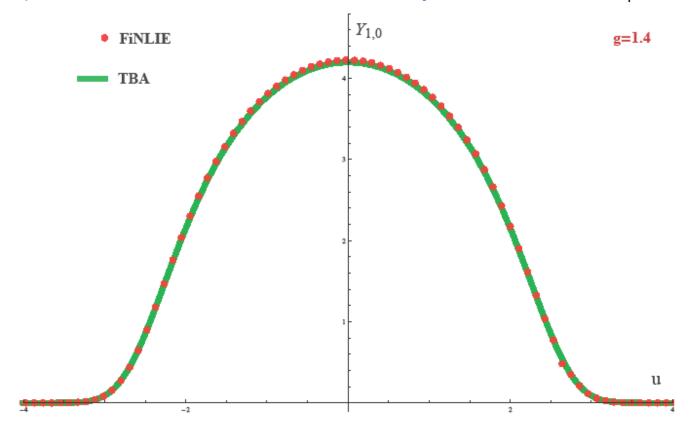
 $\rho, \rho_2, \rho_3$ 

FINLIE!

#### Numerical solution of FiNLIE

• Writing our FiNLIE as  $X = f(X), \qquad X = (\rho, \rho_2, \rho_3, ...)$ 

we attempted to solve it on Mathematica by iterations:  $X_{n+1} = f(X_n)$ 



The coincidence with earlier results from the infinite Y-system (TBA) is very satisfactory!

#### Comments

 $\blacksquare$  The Bethe roots characterizing a state are encoded into zeres of some q-functions (in particular  $q_{12}$  )

■ The energy of a state can be extracted from the asymptotics

$$T_{0,0}(u) \sim u^{2E}, \quad u \to \infty$$

## Conclusions

- Y-system obeys integrable Hirota dynamics can be reduced to a finite system of non-linear integral eqs (FiNLIE).
- Our FiNLIE is based on a few natural, or even physical analyticity asumptions. Not based on TBA but proven to have the same solution
- Certainly our FiNLIE is still perfectible.
- Hirota dynamics provides a general method of solving quantum 6models on a finite space circle.
- Possible mathematical subject: "sigma model"-like solution of Hirota equations and the associated Riemann-Hilbert problems for general (a,s) boundary conditions.

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