One flavour adjoint QCD with overlap fermions

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Yang-Mills theory coupled to one adjoint Dirac flavor

- confining theory with fermions and no explicit center symmetry breaking
- closely related to $\mathcal{N}=1$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory (SYM) (one Majorana flavor) and $\mathcal{N}=2$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory (additional scalar fields)
- closely related to $N_f^{(A)} = 2$ Dirac flavors: minimal walking technicolor and composite Higgs theories
- recent interest: non-standard conjectures of IR scenario based 't Hooft anomaly matching conditions
- to investigate chiral symmetry breaking and relations between chiral and deconfinement transition: overlap fermions

[A. Athenodorou, E. Bennett, GB, B. Lucini, arXiv:1412.5994]

- [Z. Bi, A. Grebe, G. Kanwar, P. Ledwith, D. Murphy, M. L. Wagman, arXiv:1912.11723]
- [A. Athenodorou, E. Bennett, GB, B. Lucini, arXiv:2103.10485], Talk by E. Bennet (Mon)

General theory space

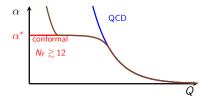
$$S_{L} = S_{G} + \sum_{x,y} \sum_{n_{f}=1}^{N_{f}^{(F)}} \bar{\psi}_{x}^{n_{f}} (D_{w}^{(F)})_{xy} \psi_{y}^{n_{f}} + \sum_{x,y} \sum_{n_{f}=1}^{N_{f}^{(A)}} \bar{\psi}_{x}^{n_{f}} (D_{w}^{(A)})_{xy} \psi_{y}^{n_{f}} + S_{\text{Scalar}} + S_{\text{Yukawa}}$$

- $N_f^{(F)}$ fundamental and $N_f^{(A)}$ adjoint Dirac fermions, scalars and Yukawa interactions
- supersymmetric QCD correspond to specific point in theory space
- number of tuning parameters reduced, if chiral symmetry is present
- [GB, S. Piemonte, arXiv:2008.02855]

Possible IR scenarios for one adjoint Dirac flavor

- confining + chiral symmetry breaking, chiral perturbation theory (QCD like): SYM ($N_f^{(A)} = 1/2$)
- conformal scaling, IR conformal fixed point: MWT $(N_f^{(A)} = 2)$

• alternative scenario: light fermion bound state



Overlap fermions and polynomial approximation

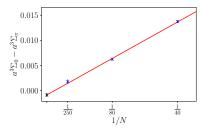
- chiral symmetry crucial to measure fermion condensate
- Ginsparg-Wilson fermions allow to define condensate that represents order parameter of chiral symmetry breaking
- Overlap operator with Dirac-Wilson kernel D_w ($D_H = \gamma_5 D_w$)

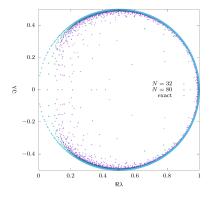
$$D_{ov} = rac{1}{2} + rac{1}{2} \gamma_5 \operatorname{sign}(D_{\mathsf{H}}(\kappa)), \quad \operatorname{sign}(D_{\mathsf{H}}) = rac{D_{\mathsf{H}}(\kappa)}{\sqrt{D_{\mathsf{H}}(\kappa) \ D_{\mathsf{H}}(\kappa)}}$$

- RHMC force ill-defined around origin of spectrum: choose polynomial approximation of sign function, order *N*
- chiral limit corresponds to $N o \infty$

Representation of chiral symmetry

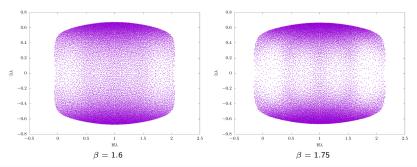
Ginsparg-Wilson relation defines chiral rotation. Difference between condensate before and after rotation by π measures violation of GW relation.





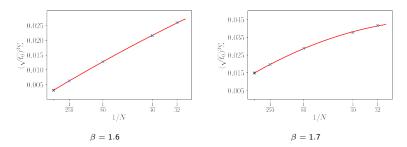
Simulation parameters

- $\beta = 1.6 1.8$, tree level Symanzik improved gauge action
- additional stout smearing in D_w
- so far coarse lattices: $8^4 18^4$
- $\kappa = 0.2$ tuned according to D_w eigenvalue spectrum
- $m_{res} \propto 1/N + O((1/N)^2)$ to extrapolate chiral limit



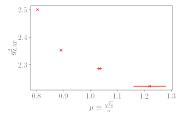
Chiral condensate

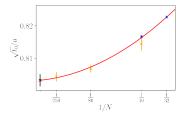
- finite chiral condensate extrapolated to large N limit
- assuming linear + quadratic extrapolation
- indicates chiral symmetry breaking and not conformal scenario



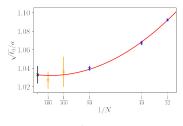
Scale setting

- infinite *N* extrapolation of *t*₀ to obtain chiral limit
- larger t₀ at larger β: scaling as expected for QCD like theory
- indicates non-conformal scenario









 $\beta = 1.75$

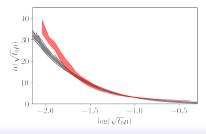
Running coupling from gradient flow Definition of gradient flow coupling:

$$g^2_{
m GF}(\mu) = rac{16\pi^2}{3(N^2-1)} au^2 \left. \left< E(au)
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Extrapolations:

$$(g(\mu))^2 = g_0 + c_0 t_0^{-1} + c_1 t_0^{-\frac{3}{2}} + d_1 \frac{\sqrt{t_0}}{N} + d_2 \frac{1}{N} + d_3 \left(\frac{\sqrt{t_0}}{N}\right)^2$$

running indicates non-conformal scenario



Summary/Conclusions

- infrared scenario of one flavor adjoint QCD still controversial
- Ginsparg-Wilson fermions ideal too to study chiral symmetry breaking in the theory
- first simulations with Overlap fermions
- simple polynomial approximation provides reasonable extrapolations to chiral limit $(N \rightarrow \infty)$
- non-zero fermion condensate
- QCD like running of strong coupling
- indications for non-conformal scenario
- further studies required to extend parameter range and complete picture