

Hexagons in the \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and in the fishnet theory

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Motivation

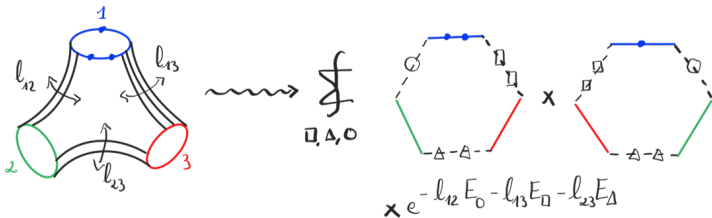
A non-perturbative solution of planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM should be reachable thanks to integrability. It also allows to explore an instance of the AdS/CFT correspondence.

This has been achieved for the spectrum of conformal dimensions (QSC).

For three- and higher-point correlation functions, there is still work to be done. Various approaches: hexagons, T-functions, separation of variables (SoV).

In this talk, we will test the hexagons in the \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold and the fishnet theory.

Hexagonalisation



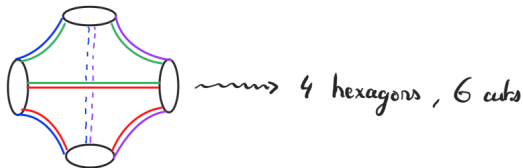
Hexagon form factors = building blocks for n-point correlators.

Gluing along a seam = sum over a complete basis of mirror magnons.

[Basso, Komatsu, and Vieira (2015)] [Fleury and Komatsu (2016-2017)]

[Eden and Sfondrini (2016)]

The hexagon expansion is the analogue of the Lüscher expansion for the spectrum.



The Octagon

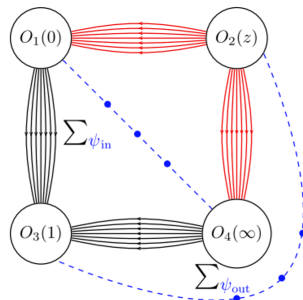
Take $\mathcal{O}_1 = \text{Tr}(Z^K(X^\dagger)^K) + \dots$, $\mathcal{O}_2 = \text{Tr}((Z^\dagger)^{2K})$, $\mathcal{O}_3 = \text{Tr}(X^{2K})$.
Then, when $K \rightarrow +\infty$, one has

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \mathcal{O}_1(x_4) \rangle \sim \frac{\mathbb{O}_0^2(z, \bar{z})}{(x_{12}^2 x_{24}^2 x_{13}^2 x_{34}^2)^K}.$$

Conformal cross-ratios:

$$z\bar{z} = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad \frac{z}{\bar{z}} = e^{2i\phi},$$

$$(1-z)(1-\bar{z}) = \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}.$$



[Coronado (2018)]

Generalisation with arbitrary bridge length ℓ and R-symmetry polarisation vectors: [Coronado (2018)]

$$\mathbb{O}_\ell(z, \bar{z}, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda_+^n + \lambda_-^n}{2 n!} \sum_{a_1, \dots, a_n=1}^{+\infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin(a_k \phi)}{\sin(\phi)}$$

$$\times \int \prod_{i < j} H_{a_i, a_j}(u_i, u_j) \prod_{k=1}^n (z \bar{z})^{-i p_{a_k}(u_k)} e^{-\ell E_{a_k}(u_k)} \mu_{a_k}(u_k) \frac{d u_k}{2\pi},$$

where

$$p_a = \frac{g}{2} \left(x^{[+a]} + x^{[-a]} - \frac{1}{x^{[+a]}} - \frac{1}{x^{[-a]}} \right), \quad e^{E_a} = x^{[+a]} x^{[-a]},$$

$$\mu_a = \frac{i (x^{[+a]} - x^{[-a]}) x^{[+a]} x^{[-a]}}{g ((x^{[+a]})^2 - 1) ((x^{[-a]})^2 - 1) (1 - x^{[+a]} x^{[-a]})},$$

$$H_{a,b}(u, v) = \prod_{\delta, \epsilon = \pm} \frac{x^{[\delta a]}(u) - x^{[\epsilon b]}(v)}{1 - x^{[\delta a]}(u) x^{[\epsilon b]}(v)},$$

$$x(u) + \frac{1}{x(u)} = \frac{u}{g}, \quad x^{[a]}(u) = x\left(u + i \frac{a}{2}\right).$$

$$\mathbb{O}_\ell(z, \bar{z}, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}) = \frac{\det(1 - \lambda_+ K_{\ell+1}) + \det(1 - \lambda_- K_{\ell+1})}{2},$$

where K_ℓ is a semi-infinite matrix: for $m, n \geq 0$,

$$(K_\ell)_{mn} = \sqrt{(\ell + 2m)(\ell + 2n)} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{J_{\ell+2m}(2gt) J_{\ell+2n}(2gt)}{\cos \phi - \operatorname{ch} \sqrt{t^2 + z\bar{z}}} \frac{dt}{t}.$$

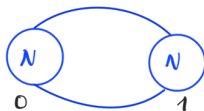
[Kostov, Petkova, and Serban (2019)] [Belitsky and Kortchensky (2019)]

This object occurs in several other situations.

[Beisert, Eden, and Staudacher (2006)] [Basso, Dixon, and Papathanasiou (2020)]

[Sever, Tumanov, and Wilhelm (2020-2021)] [Basso and Tumanov (2024)]

\mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM



- ▶ $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFT with gauge group $SU(N)_0 \times SU(N)_1$, 2 vector multiplets and 2 bifundamental hypermultiplets.
- ▶ In $\mathcal{N} = 4$ language, fields are $2N \times 2N$ matrices that satisfy

$$[A_\mu, \tau] = [Z, \tau] = \{X, \tau\} = \{Y, \tau\} = 0,$$

where the \mathbb{Z}_2 twist is $\tau = \text{Diag}(I_N, -I_N)$.

- ▶ At the orbifold point $g_0 = g_1$, theory expected to be integrable in the planar limit.
- ▶ The twist breaks $PSU(2, 2|4)$ down to $SU(2, 2|2) \times SU(2)$.

We focus on correlation functions of the following BPS operators:

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$$\langle U_\ell^\dagger(x) U_\ell(0) \rangle = \frac{\ell}{x^{2\ell}}, \quad \langle T_\ell^\dagger(x) T_\ell(0) \rangle = \frac{C_\ell}{x^{2\ell}},$$

where the normalisation is expressed in terms of the octagon for $z = \bar{z} = 1$ and $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} = -1$:

$$C_\ell = \ell \frac{\det(1 - 4K_{\ell+2})}{\det(1 - 4K_\ell)}.$$

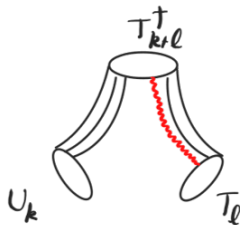
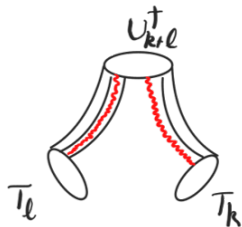
[Galvagno and Preti (2020)] [Billò, Frau, Galvagno, Lerda, and Pini (2021)]

Three-point functions

$$\langle U_k(x) U_\ell(y) U_{k+\ell}^\dagger(z) \rangle = \frac{k\ell(k+\ell)}{\sqrt{2N}|x-z|^k|y-z|^\ell},$$

$$\langle T_k(x) T_\ell(y) U_{k+\ell}^\dagger(z) \rangle = \frac{G_{k,\ell}}{|x-z|^k|y-z|^\ell},$$

$$\langle U_k(x) T_\ell(y) T_{k+\ell}^\dagger(z) \rangle = \frac{G'_{k,\ell}}{|x-z|^k|y-z|^\ell}.$$



Normalised structure constants:

$$C_{k,l} = \frac{G_{k,l}}{\sqrt{(k+l)C_k C_l}} = \frac{\sqrt{kl(k+l)}}{\sqrt{2N}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{2k} \partial_g \ln C_k} \sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{2l} \partial_g \ln C_l},$$

$$C'_{k,l} = \frac{G'_{k,l}}{\sqrt{kC_l C_{k+l}}} = \frac{\sqrt{kl(k+l)}}{\sqrt{2N}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{2l} \partial_g \ln C_l} \sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{2(k+l)} \partial_g \ln C_{k+l}}$$

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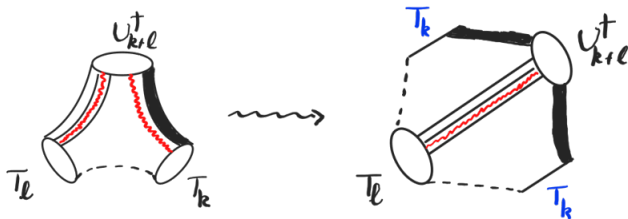
$$\sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{2\ell} \partial_g \ln C_\ell} = \frac{\det(1 - 4K_{\ell+1})}{\sqrt{\det(1 - 4K_\ell) \det(1 - 4K_{\ell+2})}}$$

[Ferrando, Komatsu, Lefundes, and Serban (unpublished)] [Korchemsky (unpublished)]

How can we recover this result in the hexagon framework?

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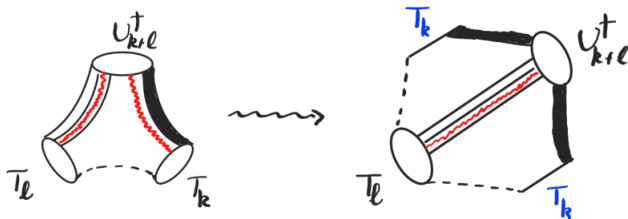
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- ▶ Denominator = wrapping magnons?

One wrapping magnon



Naïve hexagon prediction:

$$\sum_{a,b=1}^{+\infty} \iint \frac{T_a(u) T_b(v)}{H_{a,b}(u, v)} e^{-\ell_{12} E_a(u) - \ell_{13} E_b(v)} \mu_a(u) \mu_b(v) \left(\sum_{\text{partitions}} \dots \right) \frac{dudv}{(2\pi)^2}.$$

[Basso, Gonçalves, Komatsu, and Vieira (2015)]

However $H_{a,b}(u, v) \sim \mu_a^2(u)(u-v)^2$ when $a=b$ and $v \rightarrow u$.

Regularisation prescription = $H_{a,b}(u, v) \rightarrow H_{a,b}(u+i\epsilon, v-i\epsilon)$ and add some contact terms.

[Basso, Gonçalves, and Komatsu (2017)]



$$T_a(u) = \text{STr}_a(\mathcal{S}_{a1}(u^\gamma, u_1) \dots \mathcal{S}_{a1}(u^\gamma, u_K))$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{STr}_a(1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{STr}_a(\tau_a) = 4a,$$

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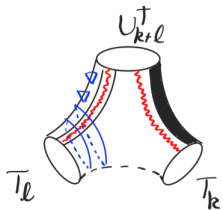


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Consequence: only terms with wrapping magnons in the untwisted channel can be present. And only terms with derivatives of the S-matrix.



The one-wrapping-magnon term exactly reproduces the first contribution to the denominator:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(1 - 4K_\ell) \det(1 - 4K_{\ell+2})}} = 1 + 2 \operatorname{Tr}(K_\ell + K_{\ell+2}) + \dots$$

We indeed observe that

$$2 \operatorname{Tr}(K_\ell + K_{\ell+2}) = \sum_{a=1}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{K}_{aa}(u, u) e^{-\ell E_a(u)} \frac{du}{2\pi},$$

for

$$\mathcal{K}_{ab}(u, v) = i \operatorname{STr}_{a \otimes b} (\mathcal{S}_{ab}^{-1} \tau_b \partial_1 \mathcal{S}_{ab})(u^\gamma, v^\gamma).$$

Similarly, one can reproduce the factorised terms

$$2 \operatorname{Tr}(K_\ell + K_{\ell+2}) \times \det(1 - 4K_{\ell+1}).$$

Several wrapping magnons

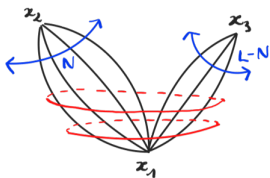
How can we systematically generate the wrapping corrections?

One needs to introduce a regulator. For instance, a cross-ratio in a four point-function:

[Basso (IGST 2021)]

$$\langle U_k(x_4) T_\ell(x_1) T_m(x_2) U_{k+\ell+m}^\dagger(x_3) \rangle$$
$$\underset{x_4 \rightarrow x_1}{\sim} \frac{\langle U_k(0) T_\ell(1) T_{k+\ell}^\dagger(\infty) \rangle \langle T_{k+\ell}(0) T_m(1) U_{k+\ell+m}^\dagger(\infty) \rangle}{\langle T_{k+\ell}(0) T_{k+\ell}^\dagger(\infty) \rangle |x_2 - x_3|^m |x_1 - x_3|^{k+\ell}}$$

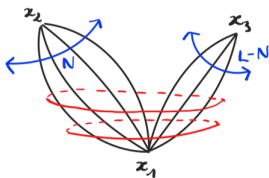
Example in the Fishnet Theory



$$\langle \text{Tr}[Z^L(x_1)] \text{Tr}[(Z^\dagger)^N(x_2)(Z^\dagger)^{L-N}(x_3)] \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}_{\text{Tr}[Z^L]}} C_{L,N} |x_{23}|^{\gamma_L}}{|x_{12}|^{\gamma_L+2N} |x_{13}|^{\gamma_L+2L-2N}},$$

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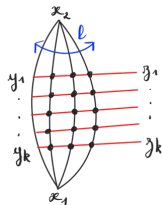
$$\mathcal{G}(\{x_i\}) = \langle \text{Tr}[Z^M(x_4)Z^{L-M}(x_1)] \text{Tr}[(Z^\dagger)^N(x_2)(Z^\dagger)^{L-N}(x_3)] \rangle$$

behaves as

$$\mathcal{G}(\{x_i\}) \underset{x_4 \rightarrow x_1}{\sim} \left(\frac{|x_{14}| |x_{23}|}{|x_{12}| |x_{13}|} \right)^{\gamma_L} \frac{C_{L,M}^* C_{L,N}}{|x_{12}|^{2N} |x_{13}|^{2L-2N}}.$$

$$x_{12}^{-2\ell} \sum_{\vec{a}} \int \langle \vec{y} | \vec{a}, \vec{s} \rangle_{x_1}^{x_2} \langle \vec{a}, \vec{s} | \vec{z} \rangle e^{-\ell \sum_{i=1}^k E_{a_i}(s_i)} \mu_{\vec{a}}(\vec{s}) d^k \vec{s},$$

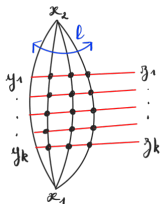
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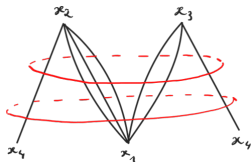
[Derkachov and Olivucci (2019-2020)]

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[Derkachov and Olivucci (2019-2020)]



We only need to compute $x_{x_4}^{x_2} \langle \vec{b}, \vec{t} | \vec{a}, \vec{s} \rangle_{x_1}^{x_2}$.

Naïvely divergent when $a_i = b_j$ and $t_j \rightarrow s_i$.

But there is a natural regularisation:

$$s_i \rightarrow u_i + i\delta_i, \quad t_k \rightarrow t_k - i\epsilon_k,$$

with $0 < \epsilon_i, \delta_k \ll 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_k = & \sum_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{|1 - 1/z|^{2i \sum_{j=1}^k (t_j + v_j)} |z|^{2i \sum_{j=1}^k (s_j + u_j)}}{h_{\vec{b}, \vec{a}}(\vec{t}, \vec{s}) h_{\vec{b}, \vec{c}}(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) h_{\vec{d}, \vec{a}}(\vec{v}, \vec{s}) h_{\vec{d}, \vec{c}}(\vec{v}, \vec{u})} \\
& \times \mathcal{T}_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}}(\vec{s}, \vec{t}, \vec{u}, \vec{v}; z, \bar{z}) e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k (\ell_1 E_{a_i}(s_i) + \ell_2 E_{b_i}(t_i) + \ell_3 E_{c_i}(u_i) + \ell_4 E_{d_i}(v_i))} \\
& \times \mu_{\vec{a}}(\vec{s}) \mu_{\vec{b}}(\vec{t}) \mu_{\vec{c}}(\vec{u}) \mu_{\vec{d}}(\vec{v}) d^k \vec{s} d^k \vec{t} d^k \vec{u} d^k \vec{v},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\text{Im}(s_i), \text{Im}(u_i) > \text{Im}(t_j), \text{Im}(v_j)$ and

$$h_{\vec{b}, \vec{a}}(\vec{t}, \vec{s}) = \prod_{i,j=1}^k \left(i(t_j - s_i) + \frac{|a_i - b_j|}{2} \right) \left(i(s_i - t_j) + \frac{a_i + b_j}{2} \right).$$

If we only care about terms up to order $O(|z|^0)$, then we can replace

$$|1 - 1/z|^{2i \sum_{j=1}^k (t_j + v_j)} \longrightarrow |z|^{-2i \sum_{j=1}^k (t_j + v_j)}.$$

Relevant contributions come from residues at decoupling poles of the form $(a_i, s_i) = (b_j, t_j)$ or $(a_i, s_i) = (d_j, v_j)$, etc.

Recall that $1 + \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \xi^{2kL} \mathcal{G}_k \propto_{z, \bar{z} \rightarrow 0} |z|^{\gamma_L} C_{L,M}^* C_{L,N}$. Consistency check:

$$\mathcal{G}_1 = \gamma_{L,1} \ln |z| + B_{L,N} + B_{L,M} + 2A_L + o(1),$$

where $\gamma_{L,1} = -2\zeta_{2L-3} \binom{2L-2}{L-1}$ and

$$B_{L,N} = \sum_{a,c=1}^{+\infty} a^2 c^2 \iint_{\substack{\text{Im}(s)=\epsilon \\ \text{Im}(u)=-\epsilon}} \frac{e^{-NE_a(s)-(L-N)E_c(u)}}{h_{a,c}(s,u)h_{c,a}(u,s)} \frac{ds du}{(2\pi)^2},$$

$$A_L = - \sum_{a=1}^{+\infty} a^2 \int \left[\psi\left(is + \frac{a}{2}\right) + \psi\left(-is + \frac{a}{2}\right) - \psi(1) - \psi(2) + \frac{a/2}{s^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}} \right] \frac{ds}{2\pi}.$$

[Basso, Caetano, and Fleury (2018)]

$$\mathcal{G}_2 = \frac{(\gamma_{L,1} \ln |z|)^2}{2} + [(B_{L,N} + B_{L,M} + 2A_L)\gamma_{L,1} + \gamma_{L,2}] \ln |z| \\ + (B_{L,M} + A_L)(B_{L,N} + A_L) + D_{L,M} + D_{L,N} + o(1),$$

We have explicit (sum + integral) formulae for $\gamma_{L,2}$, i.e. second order Lüscher corrections, and for $D_{L,M}$.

From $D_{L,M}$, there is a natural guess for the 2-wrapping-magnon contact term in the \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold. It reproduces the second order term of

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(1 - 4K_\ell) \det(1 - 4K_{\ell+2})}} = 1 + 2 \operatorname{Tr}(K_\ell + K_{\ell+2}) \\ + 4 \operatorname{Tr}(K_\ell^2 + K_{\ell+2}^2) + 2 [\operatorname{Tr}(K_\ell + K_{\ell+2})]^2 + \dots$$

Future Directions

- ▶ Natural all order guess for the hexagons in the \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold setting, can we show that it resums to the localisation result?
- ▶ Can we interpret the result in the language of T-functions? of Q-functions?
[Basso, Georgoudis, and Klemenchuk Sueiro (2022)]
[Bercini, Homrich, and Vieira (2022)]
- ▶ Higher-point correlation functions of BPS operators in the \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold.
- ▶ In the fishnet theory, what additional information can we extract from the SoV representation of the four-point function? What about other correlation functions ?

Thank you!