

Fermion-Boson Duality in
2+1 dim. large N Gauge Theories

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Topics of discussion:

1. Higher spin theories in 2+1 dim. (general discussion)
2. CS + matter theories involving both fermions and bosons
3. Level-rank duality of CS theory and the fermion-boson duality.

1.

- i) We choose to study 1. in the context of CFT as it enables many precise and model independent statements.
- ii) We want to work with weakly coupled theories and hence it is natural to study various models in the large N limit. ($\frac{1}{N}$ is small)

The conformal group in 2+1 dim. is $SO(3,2)$:

$P_\mu, D, M_{\mu\nu}, K_\mu$

($SO(4,1)$ in euclidean metric)

Unitary

* Representations are labeled by $SO(3) \times SO(2) \in SO(3,2)$

(The Euclidean theory in 3 dim. has conformal group $SO(4,1)$).

Rep. theory implies for primary fields.

$SO(3) \times SO(2)$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$
 $S \quad \Delta$

$S \geq 1 \quad \Delta \geq S+1$

$S = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Delta \geq 1$

$S = 0 \quad \Delta \geq \frac{1}{2}$ (we will consider $\Delta = 1$ or 2)

for $S \geq 1$ the inequality $\Delta \geq S+1$ is saturated by the short representations:

$$\Delta = S+1$$

Higher spin currents and higher spin symmetry

e.g. Take a theory of massless Dirac fermions:

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \bar{\Psi}_i \not{\partial} \Psi^i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \not{\partial} \Psi = 0$$

$$J_{\mu}^{(1)} = \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_{\mu} \Psi^i$$

$$J_{\mu_1 \mu_2}^{(2)} = \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_{\mu_1} (\vec{\partial}_{\mu_2} - \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_2}) \Psi^i$$

$$J_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_{\mu_1} (3 \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_2} \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_3} - 10 \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_2} \vec{\partial}_{\mu_3} + 3 \vec{\partial}_{\mu_2} \vec{\partial}_{\mu_3} + 2 (\overleftarrow{\partial}_{\sigma} \vec{\partial}_{\sigma}) \eta_{\mu_2 \mu_3}) \Psi^i$$

\vdots (all indices above are to be symmetrized.)

• $J_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s}^{(s)}$ are traceless symmetric tensors

• they are conserved.

• they have spin s and $\Delta = s+1$ (by construction)

Similarly for a free bosonic theory.

These are the primary fields of the CFT $|\Delta = s+1, s\rangle$

Now it is a general statement that

$$\Delta = \frac{s+1}{2} \quad (\tau = \Delta - s = 1) \Leftrightarrow \partial \cdot J = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial_\mu J_\mu | \partial_\nu J_\nu \rangle &= \langle J_\mu | [K_\mu, P_\nu] | J_\nu \rangle \\ &= (\Delta - s - 1) \langle J | J \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $[P_\mu, K_\nu] = -i [2\eta_{\mu\nu} D + 2M_{\mu\nu}]$

and $K_\mu^\dagger = P_\mu$ (Euclidean).
conf. algebra.

Martinec-Zhiboedov : $\partial \cdot J^{(s)} = 0 \Rightarrow$ CFT is 'free'
exact higher spin symmetry \Rightarrow free fields.

Introduce interactions:

couple fermions / bosons to gauge fields

($SU(N)$, $U(N)$, $O(N)$...)

we will work with $U(N)$:

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i A_\mu, \quad A_\mu^\dagger = A_\mu$$

$\mathcal{L} =$ matter + CS (conformally invariant).

$$CS \Rightarrow S = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int d^3x \left(A_d A + i \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right).$$

$k =$ level of CS theory, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

We are interested in weak coupling:

$$\frac{1}{N} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{N}{|k|} = \lambda \quad (\text{fixed}).$$

In the large N limit 'gauge invariant' operators

(suitably normalized) factorize. $\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } \langle J^{(S_1)} J^{(S_2)} J^{(S_3)} J^{(S_4)} \rangle \\ = \langle J^{(S_1)} J^{(S_2)} \rangle \langle J^{(S_3)} J^{(S_4)} \rangle + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \end{aligned}$$

This tells us that the 'complete' set of spin s currents in the interacting theory

The spin s currents of the interacting theory are obtained from the currents of the 'free theory' by the substitution:

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu - i A_\mu = D_\mu$$

However since $[D_\mu, D_\nu] = F_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$ (unlike $[\partial_\mu, \partial_\nu] = 0$)

we need to work a bit to produce the symmetric traceless spin ' s ' currents of the interacting theory.

e.g.

$$J_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}^{(3)} = \hat{J}_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}^{(3)} - \frac{16\pi}{5k} \eta_{(\mu_1 \mu_2} \bar{\Psi} \Psi \bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu_3)} \Psi$$

Note: Using eqns. of motion we have

$$\partial^\mu J_{\mu\nu_1\nu_2} = -\frac{16\pi}{5k} \left[\eta_{\nu_1\nu_2} (\partial^\mu J^{(0)}) J_\mu^{(1)} - 3 \partial_{(\nu_1} J^{(0)} J_{\nu_2)}^{(1)} + 2 J^{(0)} \partial_{(\nu_1} J_{\nu_2)}^{(1)} \right]$$

(classically)

where $J^{(0)} = \bar{\Psi}_i \Psi^i$ and $J^{(1)} = \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_\mu \Psi^i$

Comments:

A) The spin 'S' current operators, which are are likely to be bi-local in the fermions/bosons, form a complete basis of operators at the leading order in large N , because they are gauge invariant and their products factorize to leading order.

B) The currents are not conserved.
What is the r.h.s.?

$$\partial \cdot J^{(S)} \sim o\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \sim o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \lambda.$$

$$\text{CFT} \Rightarrow \Delta - s - 1 \sim o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

c) The operator $\left(\partial^\mu J_{\mu\mu_1 \dots \mu_{s-1}}^{(S)}\right)$ has

$$\Delta = (s+1) + 1 \stackrel{+o(1/N)}{=} s+2 + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

$$s_{\text{spin}} = s - 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right).$$

$$\text{twist: } \tau = \Delta - s_{\text{spin}} = 3 + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

$$\text{Since } \tau(J^{(S)}) = 1$$

clearly \nexists a single trace operator that can appear on the r.h.s.!

Hence the r.h.s. is of form

$$\partial \cdot J = \frac{1}{k} J \cdot J + \frac{1}{k^2} J J J$$

sprinkling of derivatives

Why: $J \cdot J$ terms must have $\Delta - s_{\text{spin}} \geq 2$ ($\tau \geq 2$)

$J J J$ " " " $\tau \geq 3$

$J J J J$ " " " $\tau \geq 4$ (not allowed
since

$$\tau(\partial \cdot J) = 3 + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

Hence weakly broken

Hence the interacting theory has weakly broken higher spin symmetry encapsulated by the eqn: (independent of model)

$$\partial \cdot J = \frac{1}{N} J J + \frac{1}{N^2} J J J$$

(Valid within correlation functions)

one should not set $N = \infty$ naively. e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial \cdot J J J \rangle &= \frac{1}{N} \langle J J J J \rangle + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \underbrace{\langle J J \rangle}_{\propto N} \underbrace{\langle J J \rangle}_{\propto N} = O(N) \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Further more the spectrum of primary operators and their descendants is IDENTICAL for ~~whether the~~ fermionic or bosonic the type of matter from which the currents are constructed.

SUMMARY OF SPECTRUM: Fermions/bosons at Wilson-Fisher point

$$\Delta = s + 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \quad \text{independent of } \lambda = \frac{N}{|R|}$$

$$\text{Spectrum: } \boxed{(2,0)} + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (s+1, s) + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \quad (\text{ref. 4})$$

$\Psi\Phi$ & $(\Phi\Phi)$ WF point

one of the

It is ~~these~~ facts that prompted the conjecture in Griambi et al* that there may be a duality between fermions & bosons.

* ref. 5

This is indeed true & now we come to the work of M+Z (Maldacene + Zhiboedor ref. 6)

Assumptions: They work with $O(N)$; ψ, ϕ are real and only even spins are allowed.

1. There is a parameter \tilde{N} and the theory is weakly coupled for $\frac{1}{\tilde{N}} \rightarrow 0$.

$\tilde{\lambda}$ parametrizes the theories.

~~2. $\partial \cdot J \sim \frac{1}{\tilde{N}}$~~

(No operator with $\Delta = 3 + \epsilon$ appears on the rhs)

2. All currents have $\Delta = 4 - s = 1 + o(\frac{1}{\tilde{N}})$

3. $\partial \cdot J^{(s)} \sim o(\frac{1}{\tilde{N}})$

rhs has NO operator which is single trace only double trace & higher

in particular $\partial \cdot J^{(4)}$

4. \exists a unique spin 2 conserved current

5. \exists a single $s=0$ scalar with $\Delta = 2$ or $\Delta = 1$

~~$\psi\psi$~~ or ~~$\phi\phi$~~ (Wilson-Fisher point)

6. They work with real ψ & ϕ

MZ use the Ward-identities for $J^{(4)}$

$$\partial \cdot J^{(4)} = a_2 J^{(2)} J^{(0)} + a_3 \left(J^{(0)} J^{(0)} J^{(0)} + J^{(1)} J^{(0)} J^{(0)} \right)$$

$$\langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle = \tilde{N} \left[\frac{\tilde{\lambda}^2}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} \langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle_{\text{boson (single real)}} + \frac{1}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} \langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle_{\text{fermi (single real)}} + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} \langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle_{\text{odd}} \right]$$

the three conformal structures $\langle \dots \rangle_{\text{boson}}$, $\langle \dots \rangle_{\text{fermi}}$ + $\langle \dots \rangle_{\text{odd}}$

were discussed in eq. 4, (earlier work by Giombi, Prakash + Yin).

$$+ \frac{\tilde{\lambda}}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} \langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle_{\text{odd}}$$

↑ parity violation terms, does not occur for free fields

(NB $\tilde{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow$ fermion).

s_1, s_2, s_3 are even since OCN) was used. argument valid for s_i even for UCN).

Note $\tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\tilde{\lambda}}$, $\tilde{N} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$ leaves $\langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle$

invariant and interchanges the first 2 terms.

$\tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle$ fermions

$\tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \langle J_{s_1} J_{s_2} J_{s_3} \rangle$ bosons.

Aharony - Yacoby - Guri (ref. 7)

NSK.

$$\tilde{N} = 2N \frac{\sin \pi \lambda}{\pi \lambda} + \tilde{\lambda} = \tan \frac{\pi \lambda}{2}$$

$$\boxed{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1}$$

$$\tilde{N} \rightarrow \tilde{N} + \tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\tilde{\lambda}} \Leftrightarrow N \rightarrow (k - N), \quad k \gg 0$$

$$k \rightarrow k$$

more generally $\left(\begin{array}{l} N \rightarrow |k| - N \\ k \rightarrow -k \end{array} \right)$

$$\lambda \rightarrow (1 - \lambda), \quad \lambda = \frac{N}{|k|}$$

def. of level depends upon UV regulator:

$$k_{\text{our}} = k_{\text{FH}} + N$$

\swarrow dim. reg \swarrow YFM regulator in UV

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{our}} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{FH}}}{1 + \lambda_{\text{FH}}} \leq 1 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \lambda_{\text{FH}} \rightarrow \infty \\ \lambda_{\text{our}} \rightarrow 1 \end{array} \right]$$



So fermi-bose duality is ^{very likely} related to level-rank duality.

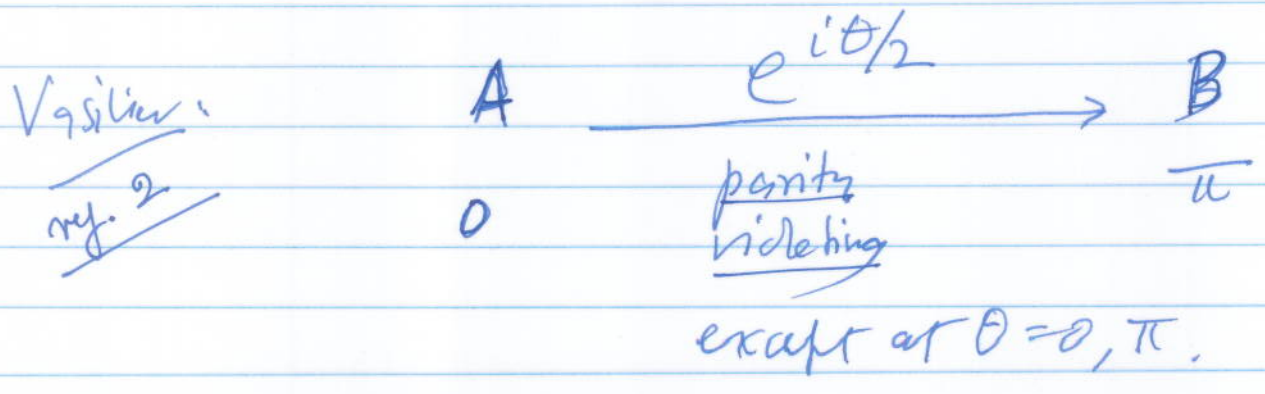
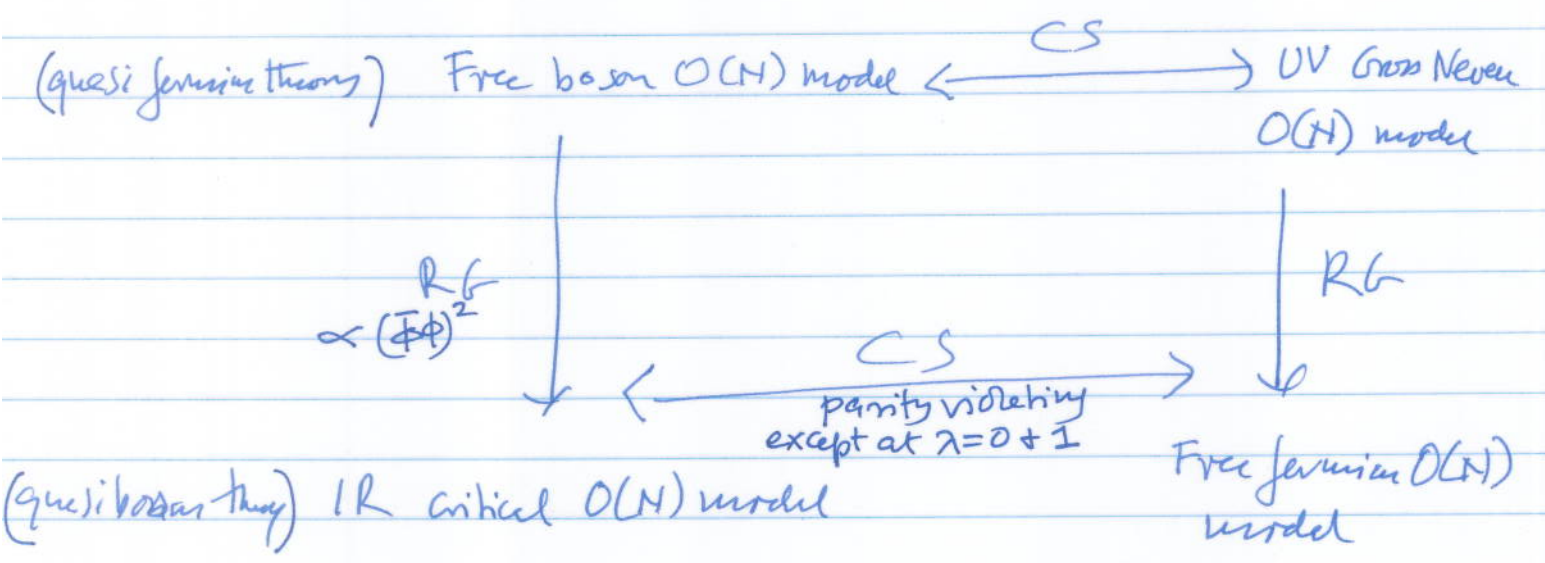
∴ 4 ways to describe the same theory

1) N_s massless scalars + $O(N_s)_{KS}$ CS

2) N_f " fermions + $O(N_f)_{KS}$ CS

3) Algebraically (currents) by slightly broken h -spin sym. by double/triple trace operators

4) Vasiliev's higher spin theory $e^{i\theta/2}$
 $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.



The partition function at large N , on $S^2 \times S^1_\beta$

(ref. ~~10~~)

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu e^{i S_{CS} + i S_{matter}}$$

$$S_{CS} = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int \text{tr} \left(A dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right)$$

$$S_{matter}^\dagger = \int (\bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi + A \bar{\Psi} \Psi) \quad \text{or}$$

$$S_{matter}^b = \int |D\phi|^2 + V(\phi) \dots$$

In what we are going to discuss today, the matter action can have deformations away from ~~the~~ ^{being} conformally invariant.

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu e^{i S_{CS}} Z'$$

$$Z' = \int \mathcal{D}(\text{matter}) e^{i S_{matter}(\text{matter}, A_\mu)}$$

The holonomy matrix $U(x) = e^{i \int_0^\beta dx^3 A_3(x^3, x)}$
 $x \in S^2$.

In the gauge $\partial_3 A_3 = 0$, $U(x) = e^{i\beta A_3(x)}$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{T}$$

We will be working in the limit:

~~$$\cancel{N^2} \quad V_2 T^2 N = N^2 \zeta$$~~

where V_2 is the vol. of S^2 and ζ is a fixed parameter.

~~$$\cancel{Z_{\text{matter}}} = e^{NT^2 \left[\int \sqrt{g} v(U) + v_1(U) \text{tr}(D_i U) (D_i U)^\dagger + \dots \right]}$$~~

The CS integral $\int \mathcal{D}A_\mu e^{iS_{\text{CS}}} \sim e^{N^2}$
 N^2 should be comparable to $(NT^2 V_2)$

~~$$\cancel{Z_{\text{matter}}} \propto e^{N(T^2 V_2)} \rightarrow \text{by conformal inv.}$$~~

measure has N degrees of freedom

~~$$\cancel{Z_{\text{CS}}} \propto e^{N^2}$$~~

measure has N^2 degrees of freedom.

In order to have a well defined large N limit

$$NT^2 V_2 = N^2 \zeta, \quad \boxed{T^2 V_2 = N \zeta}$$

for fixed $V_2 + \zeta$ $T^2 \propto N$, so large N is a high temperature expansion.

More precisely the form of Z' is.

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$$Z' = e^{-NT^2 \int \sqrt{g} [v(U)T^2 + v_1(U) \text{Tr} D_i U (D_i U)^\dagger + \dots]}$$

(Covariant derivation on S^2)

where g is the metric on the sphere, and $v(U)$ is a function of the holonomy matrix that will depend on the matter content and has to be calculated (Lecture 3).

- The factor of T is introduced by dimensional analysis.
- We expect the action to be ~~not~~ local because the matter fields have a large thermal mass $\propto T^2$.

$$(T^2 \propto N^5)$$

So the effective action at large N is a function of the holonomy matrix:

$$Z' = e^{-NT^2 \int \sqrt{g} v(U)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Z &= \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu e^{i S_{CS} - NT^2 \int \sqrt{g} v(U(x))} \\ &= Z_{CS} \cdot \left\langle e^{-NT^2 \int \sqrt{g} v(U(x))} \right\rangle_{CS} \end{aligned}$$

Now CS is a topological theory and we expect no dependence on the metric of S^2 ~~insertion~~ and x

$$\therefore Z = Z_{CS} \left\langle e^{-NT^2 V_2 v(U)} \right\rangle$$

where $V_2 = \int_{S^2} \sqrt{g}$.

zero mode of the holonomy matrix

Hence the calculation of the thermal partition function at large N is reduced to the calculation of the expectation value of a functional of the holonomy matrix in PURE CS theory.

$Z(U(N))$ can be expanded in terms of the characters of $U(N)$.

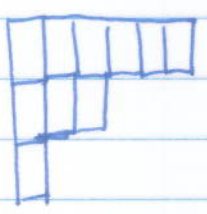
math begins

$$e^{-NT^2 V_2(U)} = \sum_{\Upsilon} \chi_{\Upsilon}(U) a_{\Upsilon}(T^2 V_2)$$

where $\chi_{\Upsilon}(U)$ is a character corresponding to a young tableaux Υ of the group $U(N)$,

$$\therefore \langle e^{-NT^2 V_2(U)} \rangle_{CS} = \sum_{\Upsilon} a_{\Upsilon} \langle \chi_{\Upsilon}(U) \rangle_{CS}$$

Let 'n' denote the number of boxes in Υ



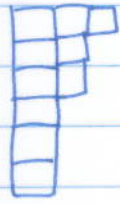
$$\chi_{\Upsilon}(U) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \chi_{\Upsilon(\sigma)} \left(\prod_{m=1}^n (\text{tr} U^m)^{k_m} \right)$$

$\chi_{\Upsilon(\sigma)}$ is the character of S_n corresponding to Υ

k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n are cycles of length $1, 2, \dots, n$

in the conjugacy class of the permutation σ .

Now consider $Y \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$ (transposition of the tableaux, interchanges rows and columns).



$$\chi_{\tilde{Y}}(g) = \text{sgn}(g) \chi_Y(g)$$

$$\text{sgn}(g) = \prod_{m=1}^n [(-1)^{m+1}]^{k_m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_{\tilde{Y}}(U) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \chi_{Y(\sigma)} \left(\prod_{m=1}^n [(-1)^{m+1} \text{tr} U^m]^{k_m} \right)$$

\Rightarrow The simple rule for transposition $Y \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$ is.

$$\text{tr} U^m \rightarrow (-1)^{m+1} \text{tr} U^m$$

$$\sum_i e^{im\theta_i} \rightarrow e^{i\pi} \sum_i \frac{e^{im(\theta_i + \pi)}}{x}$$

end of proof

Level - rank duality in CS theory:

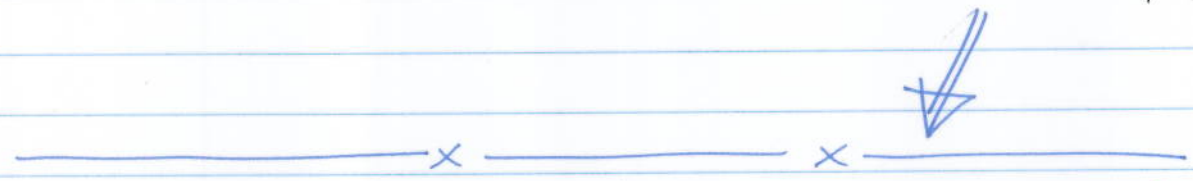
Expectation value of Wilson loop in χ theory (rep. Y) $(N, k) =$

Expectation " " " " in rep. \tilde{Y} theory $(|k-N|, -k)$.

(it is an equality of 2-different Wilson loops corresponding to Y and \tilde{Y})

in 2-different gauge theories: $U(N)$ and $U(|k-N|)$.

$$\therefore \left\langle e^{V(\text{tr} U^n)} \right\rangle_{N, R} = \left\langle e^{V((-1)^{n+1} \text{tr} \tilde{U}^n)} \right\rangle_{|R-N|, R}$$



The Density of eigenvalues of the holonomy matrix: Zero mode of the

$$\rho(\alpha) = \sum_n e^{-in\alpha} \rho_n, \quad \rho_n = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} U^n$$

$$\left(= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sum_n e^{-in\alpha + in\theta_i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sum_n e^{in(\alpha + \theta_i)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \delta(\alpha - \theta_i)$$

Same gauge theory $U(R-N)_n$

$$N \rho_n = \text{tr} U^n \rightarrow (-1)^{n+1} \text{tr} \tilde{U}^n = (-1)^{n+1} (R-N) \tilde{\rho}_n$$

$$N \rho_n = (R-N) (-1)^{n+1} \tilde{\rho}_n + k \delta_{n,0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\rho}(\alpha) = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi\lambda} - \rho(\alpha + \pi) \right] \geq 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \rho(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda} (1 - 2\pi(1-\lambda)) \tilde{\rho}(\alpha - \pi).$$

$$\therefore \left\langle e^{V(\rho)} \right\rangle_{N, R} = \left\langle e^{V(\tilde{\rho})} \right\rangle_{R-N, R}$$

Now we do the CS integral:

$$\tilde{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu e^{iS_{CS} - NT^2 V(U)}$$

Gauge fixing:

(1.) $\partial_3 A_3 = 0.$

(2.) $U(x) = e^{i\beta A_3(x)}$ is diagonal.

(x def. gauge trans.)
 $A_3(x)_{ij} = \frac{1}{\beta} \delta_{ij} \alpha_i(x).$

(3.) $\partial_1 A_1^{ii}(x) + \partial_2 A_2^{ii}(x) = 0$ when $A_{1,2} = \int_0^\beta dx^3 A_{1,2}(x, x_3).$
 (fixes the residual $U(1) \times U(1) \dots U(1)_n$)

Now we discuss the topology of the gauge fixing (2.)

example of $SU(2)$:

$$U(x) = g^{-1}(x) \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta(x)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\theta(x)} \end{bmatrix} g(x), \quad x \in S^2.$$

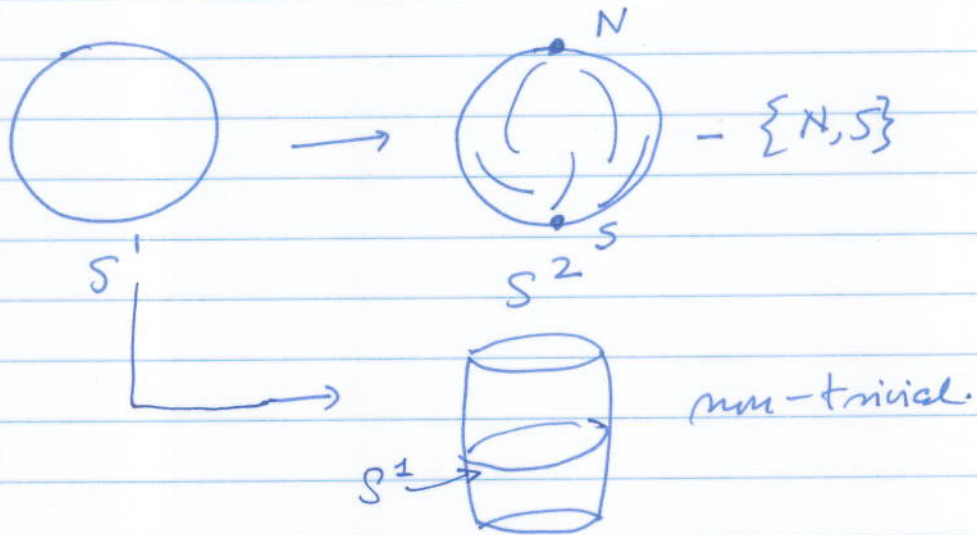
This choice fails if the diagonal matrix is $\mathbb{1}$ or $-\mathbb{1}$ when the 2 eigenvalues co-incide.

Hence the gauge can only be fix for $\{U(x) - \{\mathbb{1}, -\mathbb{1}\}\}$
 In this case $\{U(x)\}$ fall into topological classes

because $x \in S^2 \rightarrow (SU(2) \simeq S^3 - \{1, -1\})$

is ~~topologically non-trivial~~
maps are characterized by an integer:

e.g.



— x — x —

In general ~~when~~ when $e^{i\frac{\alpha_i}{\beta}} = \pm e^{i\frac{\alpha_{i+1}}{\beta}}$
of an ordered set (by Weyl)

2-eigenvalues, coincide upto a sign we have
to exclude such configurations from the $\{U(\alpha)\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{i\frac{\alpha_1(\alpha)}{\beta}} & & & & \\ & e^{i\frac{\alpha_2(\alpha)}{\beta}} & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & 0 & & \ddots & \\ & & & & e^{i\frac{\alpha_N(\alpha)}{\beta}} \end{bmatrix}$$

However ~~later~~ We will see later that the maps
are characterized for each $U(1)$ by $U(1)$ fluxes on S^2 .

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A_3 \Delta_{\text{FP}}(A_3) e^{-T^2 N V(U)} Z'(A_3)$$

$$\Delta_{\text{FP}}(A_3) = \det'(\partial_3 + \text{ad} A_3) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \partial_3 A_3 = 0$$

$$Z'(A_3) = \int \mathcal{D}A_1 \mathcal{D}A_2 e^{-(S_1 + S_2)}$$

$$S_1 = \frac{ik}{4\pi} \int d^3x \text{tr} A_3 (\partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1)$$

← only x^3 ind. modes of $A_{1,2}$

$$S_2 = \frac{ik}{4\pi} \int d^3x \text{tr} (D_3 A_1 A_2)$$

← $\text{tr} A_{1,2}^{ii}(x)$ do not appear here

$$D_3 = (\partial_3 + i \text{ad} A_3)$$

$$A_3^{ij}(x) = \frac{\delta^{ij}}{\beta} \alpha_j(x)$$

$$A_\alpha^{ij}(x) = a_\alpha^i(x) \delta_{ij} + \tilde{A}_\alpha^{ij}(x) \quad \alpha = 1, 2.$$

$$\int_0^\beta \tilde{A}^{ij}(x, x^j) dx^3 = 0.$$

$$S_1 = \frac{ik}{4\pi} \int_{S^2} \sum_i \alpha_{a^i} \overset{\mathcal{F}_{12}^i}{\parallel} (\partial_1 a_2^i - \partial_2 a_1^i) \otimes \otimes$$

$$S_2 = \frac{ik}{4\pi} \int_{S^2 \times S^1} \text{tr} (\partial_3 + \text{ad} A_3) \tilde{A}_1 \tilde{A}_2 dx_1 dx_2 dx_3$$

Now $\int \mathcal{D}\tilde{A}_1 \mathcal{D}\tilde{A}_2 e^{\frac{ik}{4\pi} \int \text{tr} (\partial_3 + \text{ad } A_3) \tilde{A}_1 \tilde{A}_2}$

= $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det_V (\partial_3 + A_3)}}$
 ↑ vector spherical harmonics.

a regular vector field on S^2

$a^\alpha = \partial_\alpha \psi^i + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\beta \chi^i$

$\partial_\alpha a^\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \partial^2 \psi^i = 0 \Rightarrow \psi^i$ is a const. + $\partial_\alpha \psi^i = 0$


$\Rightarrow S_1 = \frac{ik\beta}{2\pi} \int d^2x \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i(x) \partial^2 \chi^i}{\beta}$

+ $\frac{ik\beta}{2\pi} \int d^2x \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i(x) F_{12}^i(x)}{\beta}$

integration over $\chi^i \Rightarrow \delta(\partial^2 \alpha_i) \Rightarrow \partial^2 \alpha_i = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_i(x) \equiv \alpha_i$ const.!

$\therefore S_1 = \frac{ik}{2\pi} \sum_i \alpha_i \int d^2x F_{12}^i$, $\int d^2x F_{12}^i$

$e^{i \int d^2x F_{12}^i} = e^{i \oint \alpha_i dx} = e^{i \int \alpha_i g_i} = e^{i 2\pi m_i}$

 $g_i = \frac{m_i}{2}$
 $= \frac{m_i}{2} \cdot 4\pi$
 (note the 2).

$$\Rightarrow S_1 = ik \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i m_i$$

Summing over all flux sectors for each $U(1)$.

$$\sum_{m_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ik \alpha_i m_i} = \sum_{m_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta\left(\alpha_i - \frac{2\pi m_i}{k}\right)$$

for each m_i

↑ electric-magnetic duality

$\frac{1}{k} \sim$ magnetic charge.



The measure:

$$\int \mathcal{D}A_3 \frac{\det'(\partial_3 + \text{ad } A_3)_S}{\sqrt{\det'(\partial_3 + \text{ad } A_3)_V}}$$

$$= \int \prod_{i=1}^N d\alpha_i \prod_{i \neq j} 2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_i - \alpha_j}{2}\right) \quad (\text{see ref. 8})$$

(only the zero mode survives)

Putting it all together:

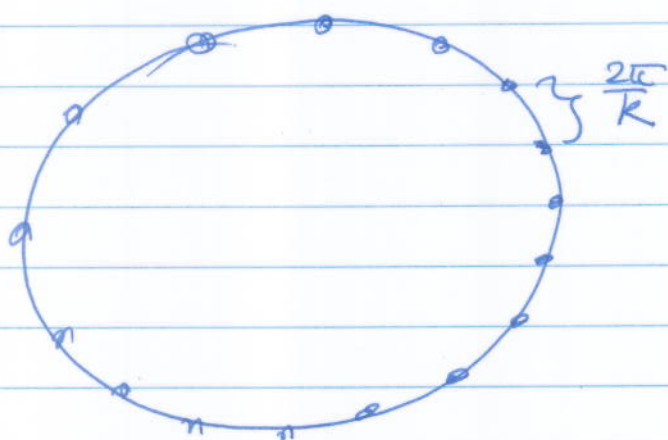
Blau-Thompson, $g = \text{genus}$.

$$Z = \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{m_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\prod_{i \neq j} 2 \sin \frac{2\pi}{k} \left(\frac{m_i - m_j}{2} \right) \right] e^{-V(\{m_i\})}$$

(1-g) \leftarrow

agrees with Blau + Thompson. for $g=0$ (sphere).
note that the measure is 1 for the $g=1$ (torus)....

Note that integral over eigenvalues is replaced by a sum over equally spaced discrete eigenvalues, which do not coincide.
 $e^{i \frac{2\pi m_i}{k}}$ zero mode of the holonomy matrix S^2 .



$$\frac{2\pi}{k} \times k = 2\pi$$

$$k \rightarrow \infty, \frac{2\pi}{k} \rightarrow 0$$

Maximum no. of eigen values in an arc $\Delta\alpha$

$$\frac{\Delta\alpha}{\text{spacing}} = \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\frac{2\pi}{k}} \equiv \left[\Delta\alpha \tilde{\rho}(\alpha) \right]_{\text{max}} \Rightarrow \tilde{\rho}(\alpha) = \frac{k}{2\pi}$$

or for the normalized density

$$\rho = \frac{1}{N} \tilde{\rho} = \frac{k}{2\pi N} = \frac{1}{2\pi \lambda}$$

In the previous lecture we indicated that CS + matter theories (any specific) ~~have the level~~ inherit the level-rank duality of CS theories via

$$\langle X_Y(U) \rangle_{N, k} = \langle X_{\tilde{Y}}(\tilde{U}) \rangle_{|k|-N, -k} \quad \textcircled{A}$$

X_Y is the character of $U(N)$.

[We also showed that if

$$X_Y(U) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} X_Y(\sigma) \underbrace{\text{tr} U^{k_1} (\text{tr} U)^{2k_2} \dots (\text{tr} U)^{k_n}}_{\prod_{m=1}^n (\text{tr} U^m)^{k_m}}$$

then

$$X_{\tilde{Y}}(U) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} X_Y(\sigma) \prod_{m=1}^n [(-1)^{m+1} \text{tr} U^m]^{k_m}$$

i.e. if you replace $\text{tr} U^m$ in $X_Y(U)$ by $(-1)^{m+1} \text{tr} U^m$ then you get $X_{\tilde{Y}}(U)$

This fact applied to the duality eqn. \textcircled{A} implies

$$\langle \cancel{X_Y(U)} \rangle_{N, k} = \langle X_Y(\{(-1)^{m+1} \text{tr} \tilde{U}^m\}) \rangle_{k-N, k}$$

$$\langle X_Y(\{\text{tr} U^m\}) \rangle_{N, k} = \langle X_Y(\{\text{tr} \tilde{U}^m (-1)^{m+1}\}) \rangle_{k(-1), k}$$

Now ~~if~~ ~~both~~ sides at the saddle points in the large k or N limit are evaluated by the value of the density of corresponding eigenvalues

$$\rho(\alpha) = \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{i n \alpha} \left(\frac{\text{tr} U^n}{N} \right) = \sum_n e^{i n \alpha} \rho_n$$

$$\tilde{\rho}(\alpha) = \sum_n e^{i n \alpha} \frac{\text{tr} \tilde{U}^n}{(k-N)} = \sum_n e^{i n \alpha} \tilde{\rho}_n$$

Since $\langle \chi_Y(\{\rho_n\}) \rangle_{k, \lambda, k} = \langle \chi_Y(\{\tilde{\rho}_n\}) \rangle_{k, \lambda, k}$

~~$\langle \chi_Y(\{\tilde{\rho}_n\}) \rangle_{k(1-\lambda), k} = \chi_Y(\{\tilde{\rho}_n\})_{k(1-\lambda), k}$~~

~~we have~~

~~$\tilde{\rho}_n = \tilde{\rho}_n$~~

Since $\langle \chi_Y(\{\text{tr} U^n\}) \rangle = \chi_Y(\{\langle \text{tr} U^n \rangle\})$

and $\langle \chi_Y(\{(-1)^{n+1} \text{tr} \tilde{U}^n\}) \rangle = \chi_Y(\{\langle \text{tr} \tilde{U}^n (-1)^{n+1} \rangle\})$

we get $\text{tr} U^n = \text{tr} \tilde{U}^n (-1)^{n+1}$

At the saddle points of both sides.

$$N p_n = (R-N) (-1)^{n+1} \tilde{p}_n + k \delta_{n,0}$$

$$\therefore \lambda p_n = (1-\lambda) (-1)^{n+1} \tilde{p}_n + \delta_{n,0}$$

$$\therefore \lambda p_n + (1-\lambda) (-1)^{n+1} \tilde{p}_n = \delta_{n,0} \quad \times \sum_n \frac{e^{inx}}{2\pi}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\lambda p(x) + (1-\lambda) \tilde{p}(x+\pi) = \frac{1}{2\pi}}$$

This means that if $V_a(p)_{R,\lambda,k}$ is the answer for 'a' then

$$V_{a,\lambda}^k(p) = V_{a,1-\lambda}(\tilde{p}) = \tilde{V}_{a,1-\lambda}(p)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{V}(p) = V(\tilde{p}).$$

$$\text{Now if } \tilde{V}_{a,1-\lambda}^k(p) = V_{b,\lambda}(\tilde{p})$$

Then we can say that $a + b$ are

related by the level-rank duality

$$\lambda \rightarrow 1-\lambda$$

$$k \rightarrow -k$$

List of theories for which we know \mathcal{V} :

1. CS + regular fermions

dual

2. CS + critical boson ($\delta S = A \int \bar{\Phi} \Phi$)

3. CS + critical fermions ($\delta S = B \int \bar{\Psi} \Psi + \frac{N}{6} \lambda_6^5 B^3$)

dual

4. CS + regular bosons ($\delta S = \lambda_6 \int (\bar{\Phi} \Phi)^3$)

5. CS + N=2 SUSY matter.

self dual

Now we have a list of various ^{matter} theories

coupled to CS, for which we know $V_{a,\lambda}(p)$.

① CS + massless fundamental bosons (with $\lambda_6 \phi^6$ term).
(need not mention).

$$V_{\text{boson}}[p] = -\frac{N}{6\pi} \sigma^3 \left(1 + \frac{2}{\hat{\lambda}}\right) + \frac{N}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \int_{\sigma}^{\infty} dy y \left[\ln(1 - e^{-y+i\alpha}) + \ln(1 - e^{-y-i\alpha}) \right]$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_6}{8\pi^2} + \lambda^2}$$

σ is related to the thermal mass of the bosons:

$$\sum_B = \sigma^2 T^2$$

$$\sigma = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\lambda}(\lambda, \lambda_6)}{\lambda} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \left[\ln 2 \sinh\left(\frac{\sigma-i\alpha}{2}\right) + \ln 2 \sinh\left(\frac{\sigma+i\alpha}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\left(\Leftrightarrow \frac{\delta V[p, \sigma]}{\delta \sigma} = 0 \right)$$

② CS, ^{minimally} coupled to massless fermions:

$$V_{\text{fermion}}[\rho] = -\frac{N}{6\pi} \left(\frac{\tilde{C}^3}{\lambda} - \tilde{C}^3 + 3 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \int_{\tilde{C}}^{\infty} dy y \left[\ln(1 + e^{-y+i\alpha}) + \ln(1 + e^{-y-i\alpha}) \right] \right)$$

$$\tilde{C} = \lambda \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \left[\ln \left\{ 2 \cosh \left(\frac{\tilde{C} + i\alpha}{2} \right) \right\} + \ln \left\{ 2 \cosh \left(\frac{\tilde{C} - i\alpha}{2} \right) \right\} \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta V_S[\rho, \tilde{C}]}{\delta \tilde{C}} = 0 \quad \uparrow$$

is related to the thermal mass of the fermions.

$$\Sigma_T = \tilde{C}^2 T^2$$

③ CS coupled to critical bosons. (gauged version of U(1) W-F theory)
W-F \equiv Wilson-Fisher

The Lagrangian of the UV theory is simply that of massless minimally coupled fundamental bosons deformed by

$$\delta S = \int d^3x A \bar{\phi} \phi$$

$$V[\rho] = -\frac{N}{6\pi} \left(\sigma^3 + \frac{2(\sigma^2 - A\beta^2)^{3/2}}{\lambda} \right) + \frac{N}{2\pi} \int_{\sigma}^{\infty} y dy \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \left[\ln(1 - e^{-y+i\alpha}) + \ln(1 - e^{-y-i\alpha}) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} = 0 = \frac{\partial V}{\partial A} = 0 \quad \text{determines } A + \sigma$$

$$A = \sigma^2 T^2$$

and

$$\boxed{M^2 = \sigma^2 T^2}$$

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$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \left(\ln 2 \operatorname{Sinh} \left(\frac{\sigma - i\alpha}{2} \right) + \ln 2 \operatorname{Sinh} \left(\frac{\sigma + i\alpha}{2} \right) \right) = 0$$

Simplification:

$$V[\rho] = -\frac{N}{6\pi} \sigma^3 + \frac{N}{2\pi} \int_{\sigma}^{\infty} y dy \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \left[\ln(1 - e^{-y+i\alpha}) + \ln(1 + e^{-y-i\alpha}) \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\delta V}{\delta c} = 0.$$



$$V_{\substack{\text{Crit. boson} \\ k-N, 1-\lambda}}(\tilde{\rho}) = V_{\substack{\text{Reg. fermion} \\ N, \lambda}}(\rho)$$

and

$$\sigma_{\substack{\text{Crit. boson} \\ k-N, 1-\lambda}}(\tilde{\rho}) = \tilde{c}_{\substack{\text{reg. fer} \\ N, \lambda}}(\rho)$$



Similarly one can prove statements about regular boson + critical fermion + self-duality of $N=2$ susy theories:

$$V[\rho] = -\frac{N}{6\pi|\lambda|} \left(\tilde{c}^3 - 6|\lambda| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \operatorname{Re} \int_{\tilde{c}}^{\infty} dy y \left(\log \tanh \frac{y+i\alpha}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$\tilde{c} = 2 \left| \operatorname{Re} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \log \coth \frac{\tilde{c} + i\alpha}{2} \right|, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tilde{c}} = 0$$

One can show that $\tilde{C}_\lambda^{SUSY}(p) = \tilde{C}_{1-\lambda}^{SUSY}(\tilde{p})$

$$V_{N,\lambda}^{SUSY}(p) = V_{1-\lambda}^{SUSY}(\tilde{p}).$$



Now to complete our program I have to tell you how to find:

- 1) $V(p)$ for a given theory and (these were computed in ref. 4)
- 2) how to find $\rho(\alpha)$.



Let us look at 2) first.

Recall:

$$Z = \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{m_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\prod_{i \neq j} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{k} \frac{(m_i - m_j)}{2}\right) e^{-V(\{m_i\})} \right]$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{m_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\sum_{i \neq j} \ln \sin \frac{2\pi}{k} (m_i - m_j) - V(\{m_i\})}.$$

$$= \int \prod_{i=1}^N d\alpha_i \prod_{i=1}^N \delta(\alpha_i - \frac{2\pi m_i}{k}) e^{\sum_{i \neq j} \ln \sin \frac{\alpha_i - \alpha_j}{2} - V(\{\alpha_i\})}.$$

$$\approx \int dU e^{-V(U)} \quad \text{(1 unitary matrix model)}$$

The saddle point eqn. for the density of eigenvalues

$$\rho(\alpha) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\alpha - \alpha_i) \text{ is found by}$$

extremizing

$$S(\{\alpha_i\}) = \sum_{m \neq l} \ln 2 \operatorname{Sin} \left(\frac{\alpha_m - \alpha_l}{2} \right) - \sum_l V(\alpha_l)$$

potentials are single trace by calculation

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \alpha_i} = 0 \Rightarrow V'(\alpha_m) = \sum_{l \neq m} \operatorname{Cot} \left(\frac{\alpha_m - \alpha_l}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow V'(\alpha_0) = N \int d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \operatorname{Cot} \left(\frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha}{2} \right)$$

$$\rho(\alpha) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(\alpha) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda}$$

The upper bound comes from the discreteness of the eigenvalues as $N \rightarrow \infty$ and $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$.

This is the same type of singular integral equation ~~encountered~~ encountered by Gross-Witten-Wadia in 2-dim lattice gauge theory. However the upper bound leads to new solutions.

General solution is complex depending on the values of λ and S and exhibits various phase transitions including the GWW transition.

However in the $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ limit, there is a universal solution independent of the potential because the measure factor dominates:

$$\rho(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda}, \quad -\pi\lambda \leq \alpha \leq \pi\lambda$$

This solution was first discovered in ref. 9, where the importance of the discreteness of the eigenvalues of the holonomy matrix was realized first.

Level-rank duality and the saddle point

It is easy to show that if $\rho(\alpha)$ is a solution of

$$V'(\alpha_0) = N P \int d\alpha \rho(\alpha) \cot\left(\frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha}{2}\right)$$

then

$$\tilde{\rho}(\alpha) \text{ given by } \lambda \rho(\alpha) + (1-\lambda) \tilde{\rho}(\alpha+\pi) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

solves

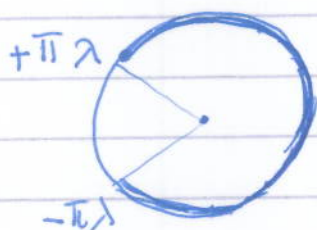
$$\tilde{V}'(\alpha_0) = (K-N) P \int d\alpha \tilde{\rho}(\alpha) \cot\left(\frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha}{2}\right).$$

Which shows that the saddle point solution is consistent with level rank duality.

The complete analysis of the solutions of the saddle pt. eqn is very difficult in general.

However in the limit $S \rightarrow \infty$, only the CS measure term contributes and we have an exact solution independent of the potential V .

$$\rho(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda}, \quad -\pi\lambda \leq \alpha \leq \pi\lambda$$



This solution first appeared in ref. 9.

For finite S in ref. 10 the toy model

$$V(U) = -\frac{NS}{2} (\text{tr} U + \text{tr} U^+) \quad \text{was worked out.}$$

The solution is specified for λ, S by both

lower gaps where $\rho(\alpha) = 0$ on arcs and

upper gaps where $\rho(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda}$ on arcs.

Result (quoted from ref. 10).

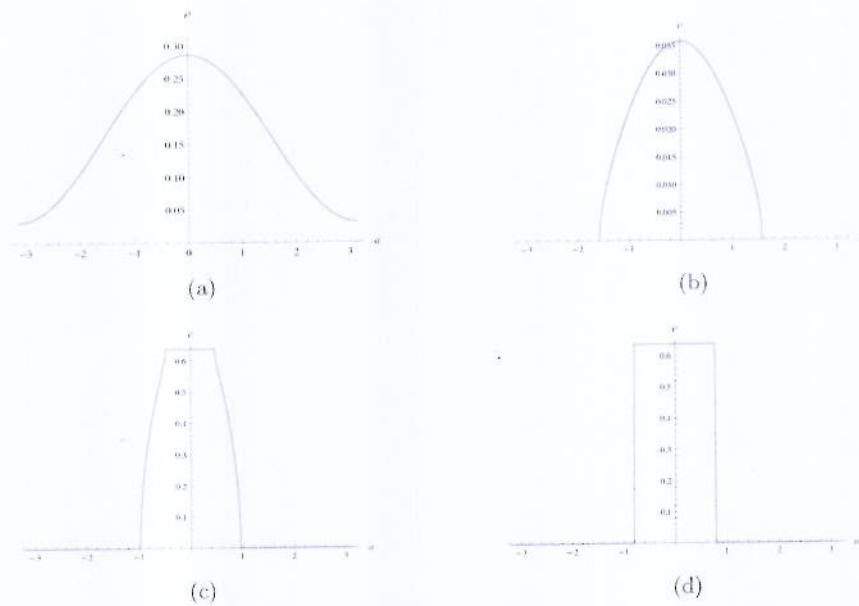


Figure 7: The eigenvalue distribution of the capped GWW model at $\lambda = 0.25$ for increasing values of ζ : Fig.7(a) is for $\zeta = \frac{1}{2}$, Fig.7(b) is for $\zeta = 2$, Fig.7(c) is for $\zeta = 4.6$ and Fig.7(d) is for $\zeta = 11.03$. In this case as we increase ζ , eigenvalue density distribution first develops a lower gap as Fig.7(b). Further increasing ζ , eigenvalue density distribution develops an upper gap as well Fig.7(c).

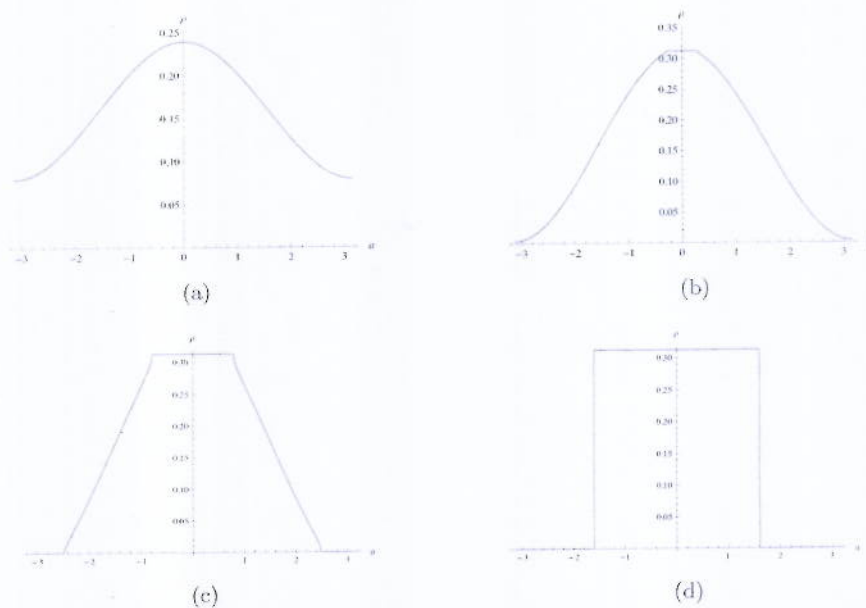


Figure 8: The eigenvalue distribution of the capped GWW model at $\lambda = 0.51$ for increasing values of ζ : Fig.8(a) is for $\zeta = \frac{1}{2}$, Fig.8(b) is for $\zeta = 0.98$, Fig.8(c) is for $\zeta = 1.13$ and Fig.8(d) is for $\zeta = 5.06$. In this case as we increase ζ , eigenvalue density distribution first develops a upper gap as Fig.8(b). Further increasing ζ , eigenvalue density distribution develops a lower gap as well Fig.8(c).



Now the complete analysis of the solution set is very difficult in general, however for

$$\xi \gg 1$$

$$\rho(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda} \quad (-\pi\lambda \leq \alpha \leq \pi\lambda)$$

$$\int_{-\pi\lambda}^{\pi\lambda} \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda} d\alpha = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda} \cdot 2\pi\lambda = 1$$

(first appeared in ref 9.)

Calculation of $V(U)$:

$$NS^2 = T^2 V_2 N, \quad T^2 \propto NS$$

V_2 large $S^2 \sim R^2$

$$\cancel{S^2} \times S^1 \rightarrow R^2 \times S^1 \rightarrow R^{(1,1)} \times S^1 \rightarrow R^2 \times S^1$$

Key step: $A_- = 0$ gauge. $S_{CS} = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int A_+ \partial_- A_3$

Gauss law: $F_{+2} = \partial_+ F_{23} = \partial_+ (\partial_2 A_3 - \partial_3 A_2) + \epsilon_{234} F_{45} A_5$

$$\partial_- A_3 = \frac{2\pi}{k} J_- \quad R^{11} \rightarrow R^2$$

$$\partial_- \partial_+ A_3 = \frac{2\pi}{k} \partial_+ J_- \Rightarrow A_3 = \frac{2\pi}{k} (\partial_+ \partial_-)^{-1} J_- + A_3^{(0)}(x^3)$$

choose $\partial_3 A^{(0)}(x^3) = 0$ gauge + Diagonalize $A_3^{(0)ij} = \delta^{ij} \frac{2\pi \alpha_i}{\beta}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{ij}^{\ddot{3}} \partial_3 - i A_3^{ij} = \left(\partial_3 - i \frac{2\pi d_i}{\beta} \right) \delta^{ij} - \frac{i 2\pi}{R} (\partial_+ \partial_-)^{-1} \partial_+ J_-$$

note that $R^{(1,1)} \rightarrow R^2$ means that x^+ and x^- are complex conjugates of each other and

$(\partial_+ \partial_-)^{-1}$ is the inverse Laplacian which is well defined.

All the calculations in ref. 4 can now be repeated to calculate $\mathcal{V}(U)$ with the addition of including the eigenvalues of the holonomy matrix, bearing in mind that they are actually discrete as our calculation on S^2 ~~is~~ revealed.

Summary + future directions:

1. A convincing case for Fermion-Boson duality has been presented in 2+1 dim. large N gauge theories both in terms of softly broken higher spin symmetry and an explicit calculation of the partition function.
2. It would be useful to understand these results entirely in terms of 'anyons'.
3. Calculate the fermion + boson S -matrix (of massive particles)
[in progress with S. Jain, S. Minwalla, Mangesh, S. Yokoyama].

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