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Higher-rank sectors and marginal deformations in the hexagon formalism

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Hexagon program

- Spectrum is fairly well-understood
- Three-point functions by hexagon operators for AdS₅ [Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]
 - for AdS₃ [Eden, DIP, Sonfdrini '21]
- In principle:
 - \rightarrow higher-point functions
 - \rightarrow non-planar correlators

 \rightarrow wrapping corrections



[Eden, Sfondrini '17] [Fleury, Komatsu '17]

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Planar one-loop dilatation operator on single-trace operators \leftrightarrow Spin chain Hamiltonian $H_0=1-\mathbb{P}$

$$H_0 | \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \ldots \rangle_L = \sum_{j=1}^M \left(2 | \ldots, \mathbf{n}_j, \ldots \rangle - | \ldots, \mathbf{n}_j - 1, \ldots \rangle - | \ldots, \mathbf{n}_j + 1, \ldots \rangle \right) ,$$

yields the energy and S matrix

$$E(p) = 4\sin\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2$$
, $S(p_j, p_k) = -\frac{e^{i(p_j+p_k)} - 2e^{ip_k} + 1}{e^{i(p_j+p_k)} - 2e^{ip_j} + 1}$

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Example with L = 4, M = 2: $u_1 = -u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$

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Overlap:

$$c_{123} \propto \sum_{1 \leq n < m \leq \ell_{12}} \psi_1(n,m) \quad \psi_2(L_2 - m + 1, L_2 - n + 1)$$



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$$\mathcal{O}_{t,\kappa} = e^{t \,\mathcal{T}_{\kappa}} \,\mathcal{O}(0) \, e^{-t \,\mathcal{T}_{\kappa}}$$

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 \rightarrow Multi-particle form factor:

$$\langle \mathbf{h} | \chi^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dot{\mathbf{a}}_1} \chi^{\mathbf{a}_2 \dot{\mathbf{a}}_2} \dots \chi^{\mathbf{a}_N \dot{\mathbf{a}}_N} \rangle = (-1)^f \langle \xi^{\mathbf{a}_N} \dots \xi^{\mathbf{a}_2} \xi^{\mathbf{a}_1} | \mathcal{S} | \dot{\xi}^{\dot{\mathbf{a}}_1} \dot{\xi}^{\dot{\mathbf{a}}_2} \dots \dot{\xi}^{\dot{\mathbf{a}}_N} \rangle$$

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How to generalize formalism to higher-rank sectors?

ightarrow replace by nested wave function [Basso, Coronado, Komatsu, Lam, Vieira, Zhong '17]

Can we maintain the hexagon operator?

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Higher-rank models

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and consider the sum

$$\psi(L) = g_{XY} \psi_{\{X_1, Y_2\}} + g_{YX} \psi_{\{Y_1, X_2\}},$$

with yet to be determined **coefficients** g_{XY} and g_{YX} .

Extracting the coefficients from nesting

- Level-0 vacuum of length L
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$$|Y(\mathbf{v})\rangle^2 = f^{21}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_1) |Y_1 X_2\rangle + f^{21}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_2) S^{21}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_1) |X_1 Y_2\rangle .$$

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Scattering leads to

$$g_{XY} T_{12} + g_{YX} R_{12} = f^{21}(v, u_1) S^{21}(v, u_2) S^{11}(u_1, u_2),$$

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 \Rightarrow **Coefficients** g_{XY} and g_{YX} inherit dependence on the auxiliary Bethe roots v.

The nested hexagon



Cutting the SU(3) state

$$\omega(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \ell)\psi_{\{\alpha\}}\psi_{\{\bar{\alpha}\}} = \begin{cases} g_{XY}\psi_{\{X_{u_1}, Y_{u_2}\}}\psi_{\{\}} + g_{YX}\psi_{\{Y_{u_1}, X_{u_2}\}}\psi_{\{\}} ,\\ e^{ip_2\ell}\left(g_{XY}\psi_{\{X_{u_1}\}}\psi_{\{Y_{u_2}\}} + g_{YX}\psi_{\{Y_{u_1}\}}\psi_{\{X_{u_2}\}}\right) ,\\ e^{ip_1\ell}\left(T_{12}g_{YX} + R_{12}g_{XY}\right)\psi_{\{X_{u_2}\}}\psi_{\{Y_{u_1}\}} +\\ e^{ip_1\ell}\left(T_{12}g_{XY} + R_{12}g_{YX}\right)\psi_{\{Y_{u_2}\}}\psi_{\{X_{u_1}\}} ,\\ e^{i(\rho_1+\rho_2)\ell}\left(g_{XY}\psi_{\{\}}\psi_{\{X_{u_1}, Y_{u_2}\}} + g_{YX}\psi_{\{\}}\psi_{\{Y_{u_1}, X_{u_2}\}}\right) . \end{cases}$$

 \Rightarrow Agreement with free field theory

Double excitations

Consider $Tr(X\bar{X} + Y\bar{Y} + Z\bar{Z})$

How can we describe \overline{Z} ?

 \longrightarrow **double** excitations!



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Can introduce creation amplitude in nested/matrix ansatz

Computations makes no further reference to the local structure of the state, i.e.

$$\begin{split} \psi_{\{X_1,\bar{X}_2\}}^L = & \psi_{\{X_1,\bar{X}_2\}} \,\psi_{\{\}} - e^{i \, \rho_2 \,\ell} \,\psi_{\{X_1\}} \,\psi_{\{\bar{X}_2\}} - \\ & e^{i \, \rho_1 \,\ell} \left[\qquad T_{12}^2 \,\psi_{\{\bar{X}_2\}} \,\psi_{\{X_1\}} + \qquad R_{12}^2 \,\psi_{\{X_2\}} \,\psi_{\{\bar{X}_1\}} \right] - \\ & e^{i \, \rho_1 \,\ell} \left[\qquad T_{12} R_{12} \,\psi_{\{\bar{Y}_2\}} \,\psi_{\{Y_1\}} + R_{12} T_{12} \,\psi_{\{Y_2\}} \,\psi_{\{\bar{Y}_1\}} \right] + \\ & e^{i(\rho_1 + \rho_2) \ell} \,\psi_{\{\}} \,\psi_{\{X_1,\bar{X}_2\}} \,. \end{split}$$

Konishi

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We find agreement

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 \rightarrow Analogous results for $L_1 = 3, 4, \dots$ with $u = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}}, \dots$

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Deformed su(2) Bethe equations

Introduce twist factors into the Bethe equations

[Beisert, Roiban '05]

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Solutions for L = 4:

BMN-like: $u_4^{\pm} = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{2\beta}{3} \pm \frac{8\beta^2}{9\sqrt{3}} - \frac{16\beta^3}{27} \pm \frac{112\beta^4}{81\sqrt{3}} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^5)$

Vacuum descendant-like:

$$u_4^{\pm} = rac{3\pm i\sqrt{3}}{8}rac{1}{eta} + rac{-3\pm i\sqrt{3}}{9}eta - rac{4}{405}(21\mp 8\sqrt{3}i)eta^3 + \mathcal{O}(eta^5)$$

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Deformed SU(2) sector



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Splitting factor

$$\omega(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \ell) = \prod_{\tilde{u}_i \in \bar{\alpha}} e^{2i\beta(d_\alpha - d_{\bar{\alpha}})} \left(\frac{u_i + \frac{i}{2}}{u_i - \frac{i}{2}}\right)^{\ell} e^{-2i\beta\ell} \prod_{u_1 \in \bar{\alpha}, u_2 \in \alpha} \frac{u_1 - u_2 - i}{u_1 - u_2 + i}$$

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Hexagon normalization $\mathcal{N} = \sqrt{\frac{L_1 L_2 L_3}{\mathcal{G}_{12} \mathcal{G}_{24} \mathcal{G}_{34}}}$

Deformed SU(2) sector



Correlators can involve BMN-like and vacuum descendant-like operators

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$$\mu(u) = \frac{-i}{\operatorname{res}_{v=u} \langle \widetilde{\mathbf{h}} | \bar{X}(v^{2\gamma}) X(u) \rangle} = 1 - \frac{g^2}{(u^2 + \frac{1}{4})^2} + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$$

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Lagrangian insertion method

Consider *n*-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \ldots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = \int D\phi \, DA \, D\psi \, e^{i \int d^4 x_0 \mathcal{L}(x_0)} \, \mathcal{O}_1 \ldots \mathcal{O}_n \, .$$

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Introduce Lagrange operator as L = 2 vacuum descendant

Integrability picture: Yang-Mills Lagrangian $Tr(F^2)$ build from the excitations

$$\Psi_1^{4\dot{2}}\,,\quad \Psi_2^{4\dot{1}}\,,\quad \Psi_3^{3\dot{2}}\,,\quad \Psi_4^{3\dot{1}}\,,$$

with rapidities $u_1, \ldots u_4$ and auxiliary rapidities v_1, v_2 and w_1, w_2

Lagrangian insertion: A first test

Two-point function of BPS-operators is protected: $\langle {\cal L}_0 \; {\cal O}_1^L \; {\cal O}_2^L \rangle = 0$

$$\begin{split} \langle \mathcal{L}_{0} \ \mathcal{O}_{1}^{L} \ \mathcal{O}_{2}^{L} \rangle &= 2 \left[\langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{1}^{42} \Psi_{2}^{4i} \Psi_{3}^{32} \Psi_{4}^{3i} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{1}^{42} \Psi_{4}^{3i} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{2}^{4i} \Psi_{3}^{32} \rangle \right] + \\ \tilde{g} \left[\langle \mathbf{h} | D_{1}^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{2}^{4i} \Psi_{3}^{32} D_{4}^{34} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{2}^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{1}^{42} D_{3}^{34} \Psi_{4}^{3i} \rangle + \\ \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{3}^{34} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{1}^{42} D_{2}^{43} \Psi_{4}^{3i} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{4}^{34} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{1}^{43} \Psi_{2}^{4i} \Psi_{3}^{32} \rangle + \\ \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{1} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{2}^{4i} \Psi_{3}^{32} \overline{Y}_{4} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | \overline{Y}_{2} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{1}^{42} Y_{3} \Psi_{4}^{3i} \rangle + \\ \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{3} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_{1}^{42} \overline{Y}_{2} \Psi_{4}^{3i} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | \overline{Y}_{4} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{1} \Psi_{2}^{4i} \Psi_{3}^{32} \rangle \right] + \\ \tilde{g}^{2} \Big[\langle \mathbf{h} | D_{1}^{43} D_{2}^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{3}^{34} D_{4}^{34} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{1}^{43} \overline{Y}_{2} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{3} D_{4}^{34} \rangle + \\ \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{1} D_{2}^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | D_{3}^{34} \overline{Y}_{4} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{1} \overline{Y}_{2} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_{3} \overline{Y}_{4} \rangle \Big] \end{split}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{L}_0 \ \mathcal{O}_1^L \ \mathcal{O}_2^L \rangle \to 4 \ \tilde{g}^2 \left(1 - 2 + 1\right) = 0$$

Future Applications?

Example: five-point function involving five protected operators Process at one-loop involving two **mirror excitations**



Hard to evaluate

[Fleury, Komatsu '17],

[de Leeuw, Eden, DIP, Meier, Sfondrini '19]

$$I = \sum_{a,b=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k,l=0}^{a-1,b-1} \int \frac{du_1 \, du_2 \, a \, b}{(u_1 + \frac{a}{4})^2 (u_2 + \frac{b}{4})^2} W_1 W_2 \Sigma^{ab} \mathcal{X}_k^{k,l}$$

 \rightarrow Can the Lagrangian insertion method simplify the evaluation?

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Future Applications?

Colour-dressed hexagons allow to tessellate the torus

 \rightarrow Non-planar two point functions

[Eden, DIP, Sfondrini, Jiang '17]

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- \rightarrow Many length 0 edges
- \rightarrow Can the Lagrangian insertion method help?

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Conclusions and Outlook

- \blacksquare Powerful tool to calculate correlation functions in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM
- Maintain the hexagon operator for higher-rank sectors
 - importing the g-coefficients from the nested Bethe ansatz
 - Iocal details of the wave functions eclipsed
- Marginal deformations for certain classes of correlators involving psu(1,1|2) operators → Is there a hexagon operator for deformed theories?
- Lagrangeoperator using double excitations
 - Four fermions on the hexagon
- Simplest test of Lagrangian insertion method with hexagons → Loop corrections for less simple two- and three-point functions? → Non-planar corrections?