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# A Happy 還曆 to Hermann !

(Kan-reki)

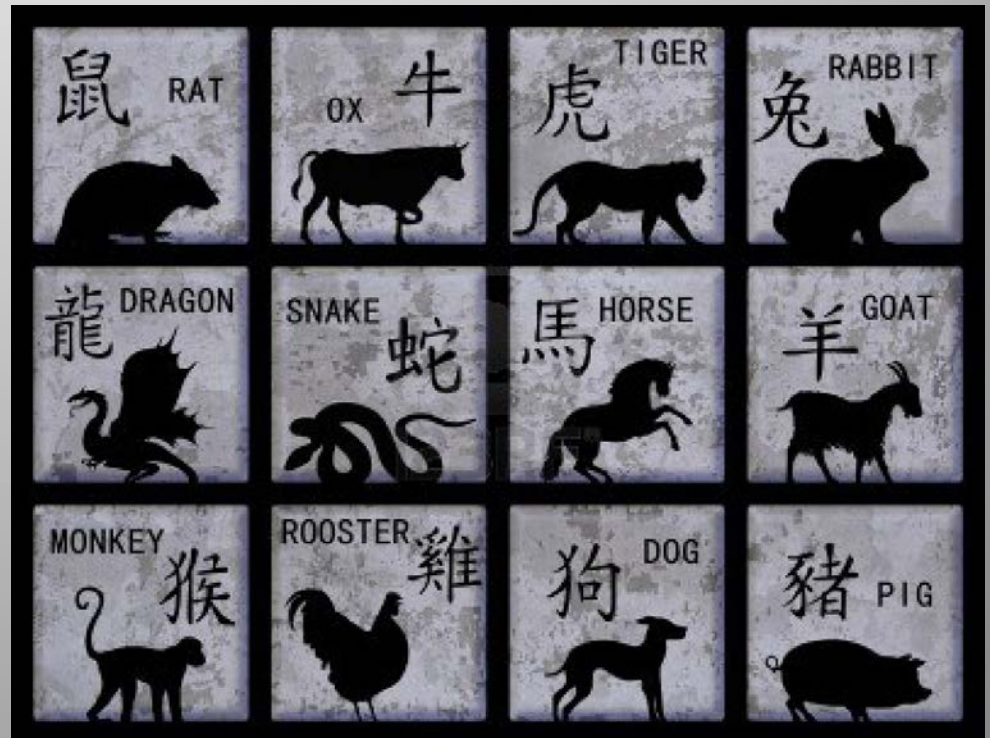
Animal - Zodiac

還 = Return

曆 = "Calendar"  
= sexagenary cycle  
= 5 cycles x 12 years



Re-born



At my 還曆 conference ( 'Komaba 2010' )

Hermann gave a nice talk



And after that • • • •

Of course

He was all over  
the piano  
with professional taste !

At the dinner party of  
Komaba 2010



Encore  
at my home



**Tomorrow we will surely be impressed  
by further progress**



**in a memorable place**



**Do not stop there !  
Keep practicing  
for the next celebration**

at

**古希**

(Ko-ki)

*70<sup>th</sup> birthday*

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based on arXiv:1110.3949, arXiv:1205.6060 with **Shota Komatsu**

# 1 Introduction

AdS/CFT 1997 ~

Diverse aspects in diverse set-ups

The most basic aspect in the most basic set-up

Structure of **CFT** in  $N = 4$  **SYM**/ $AdS_5 \times S^5$  **string duality**

Basic ingredients for CFT

◆ 2-point functions  $\Leftrightarrow$  spectrum

◆ 3-point functions  $\Leftrightarrow$  interaction

$\Rightarrow$  4-point functions : crossing symmetry, etc



## Correlation functions in the basic duality:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \cdots \mathcal{O}_n(x_n) \rangle$$
$$\mathcal{O}_i(x_i) = \begin{cases} \text{Tr}(\phi_1(x_i) \phi_2(x_i) \cdots) & \text{SYM side} \\ \int d^2 z_i V_i(z_i; x_i) & x_i \in \partial(AdS_5) \quad \text{string side} \end{cases}$$

Studies of the basic correlation functions have naturally evolved in the manner

<b>BPS (kinematical)</b>	$\implies$	<b>Non-BPS (dynamical)</b>
<b>2-point</b>	$\implies$	<b>3-point</b>

An enormous number of works have been done for this fascinating developments, using **integrability-based methods**: **integrable spin chains**, **Bethe ansatz**, **method of spectral curves**, etc.



Most recently, the focus has been on

# Non-BPS 3-point functions using integrability

## SYM side Technology to compute the overlaps of Bethe eigenstates

Okuyama, Tseng, Roiban, Volovich, Alday, Gava, Narain, . . . ,  
2011  $\sim$  Escobedo, Gromov, Sever, Vieira, Caetano, Foda, Serban, Wheeler,  
Kostov, Matsuo, . . .

## String side Use of semi-classical integrability for “heavy” states

- **Heavy-Heavy** : Tsuji, Janik-Surowka-Wereszczynski, Buchbinder-Tseytlin, . . .
- **Heavy-Heavy**  $\oplus$  **Light(BPS)** or **near BPS**  
2010  $\sim$  Zarembo, Costa-Monteiro-Santos-Zoakos, Roiban-Tseytlin, . . . ,  
2011 $\sim$  Klose-McLoughlin, Buchbinder-Tseytlin, . . .
- Genuine **Heavy-Heavy-Heavy**:  $\Leftarrow$  focus of this talk  
2011  $\sim$  Janik-Wereszczynski, Kazama-Komatsu

## Holographic 3-point function in the saddle-point approximation

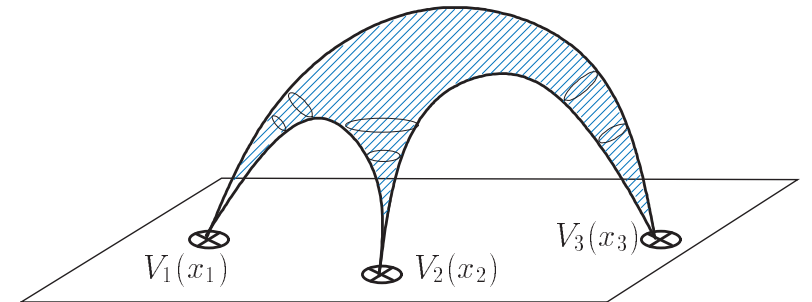
Structure

$$G(x_1, x_2, x_3) = e^{-S[\mathbf{X}_*]} \prod_{i=1}^3 V_i[\mathbf{X}_*; z_i, x_i, Q_i]$$

$x_i$  = Points on the boundary of  $AdS$

$$S \sim \log V_i[Q_i] \sim \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \mathbf{X}} \left( -S[\mathbf{X}] + \sum_i \log V_i[\mathbf{X}] \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{X}_*} = 0$$



- $V_i = (1, 1)$  primary  $\implies$  No  $z_i$  dependence.
- Near each  $x_i$ , the solution  $\mathbf{X}_* \sim$  the saddle point solution for  $\langle V_i(x_1) V_i(x_2) \rangle$

## Serious obstacles

- ◆ No systematic method to construct conformally invariant **vertex operators** of interest (even semi-classically) in curved spacetime.
- ◆ No three-pronged **saddle solutions** in curved spacetime are known.

## Nonetheless

It is possible to overcome these difficulties by exploiting the classical **integrability** of the string in  $AdS_{\star} \times S^*$

*Key: The **global** information is connected to the **local** information through underlying **integrability** and **analyticity***

◆ R. Janik and A. Wereszczynski, arXiv:1109.6262

- **Strings in  $AdS_2 \times S^k$**

Computed the contribution of the  $AdS_2$  part of the string  $\sim$  evaluation of the action. (Contribution of the vertex operators  $\sim$  trivial since **string is structureless on the boundary** )

Contribution of the (spinning)  $S^k$  part (action  $\oplus$  vertex) remains to be computed.

◆ Y.K. and S. Komatsu

– arXiv:1110.3949: **Part I**

- **Large spin limit of GKP spinning strings in  $AdS_3$  (LSGKP)**

Evaluated the finite part of the action  $S[X_*]$

– arXiv:1205.6060: **Part II:**

★ Developed a **general method** for evaluating **the contribution of the vertex operators**  $\Rightarrow$  Applied to GKP strings

★ **Complete finite result for the LSGKP 3-point function .**

# Part I

## Computation of the finite part of the action

(~ Calculation of the area of the Wilson loop for gluon-scattering)

- ◆ Integrability for strings in  $AdS_3$  and GKP string I
  - ★ *Method of Pohlmeyer reduction*
- ◆ *Action in terms of contour integrals*
  - Generalized Riemann bilinear identity*
- ◆ Analysis of the **auxiliary linear problem** from two directions
  - *Monodromy matrices and their eigenfunctions*
  - *WKB analysis of eigenfunctions*
- ◆ Computation of the finite part of the **action**

# Part II

## Contribution of the vertex operators

- ◆ *state-operator correspondence*

*vertex operators*  $\Rightarrow$  **wave functions**

in terms of *action-angle variables*

- Integrability for strings in  $AdS_3$  and GKP string II

- ★ *Framework of spectral curve and finite gap solution*

- *Sklyanin's method*  $\oplus$  *global symmetry transformations*

to construct and evaluate the **action-angle variables**:

$\Rightarrow$  **contributions of wave functions**

- ◆ Complete computation of the **three point function** for LSGKP strings

# Part I

Computation of the finite part of the action



## 2 Integrability for strings in $AdS_3$ and GKP strings I

### Method of Pohlmeyer reduction

#### 2.1 String in Euclidean $AdS_3$

String in **Euclidean  $AdS_3$**  (radius set to 1)

$$\vec{X} = (X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \subset AdS_5$$

$$\vec{X} \cdot \vec{X} = -X_{-1}^2 + X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_4^2 = -1$$

Poincaré coordinates:

Boundary of  $AdS_3$  at  $z = 0$ , described by  $(x, \bar{x})$

$$\begin{aligned} X_+ &\equiv X_{-1} + X_4 = \frac{1}{z}, & X_- &\equiv X_{-1} - X_4 = z + \frac{x\bar{x}}{z} \\ X &\equiv X_1 + iX_2 = \frac{x}{z}, & \bar{X} &\equiv X_1 - iX_2 = \frac{\bar{x}}{z} \end{aligned}$$

Convenient **matrix representation** and **global symmetry transformation**

$$\mathbb{X} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} X_+ & X \\ \bar{X} & X_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det \mathbb{X} = 1$$
$$\mathbb{X}' = V_L \mathbb{X} V_R$$
$$V_L \in SL(2, C)_L, \quad V_R \in SL(2, C)_R$$

**Global symmetry:**  $G \equiv SO(4, C) = SL(2, C)_L \times SL(2, C)_R$ ,

**Action**

$$S = T \cdot \text{Area} = 2T \int d^2 z \partial \vec{X} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{X}, \quad \vec{X} \cdot \vec{X} = -1$$

**Eq. of motion and Virasoro conditions**

$$\partial \bar{\partial} \vec{X} = (\partial \vec{X} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{X}) \vec{X}, \quad \partial \vec{X} \cdot \partial \vec{X} = \bar{\partial} \vec{X} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{X} = 0$$

## 2.2 Pohlmeyer reduction

Describe the system with  **$G$ -invariant fields  $\alpha, p, \bar{p}$**  ( $\vec{N} \perp \vec{X}, \partial\vec{X}, \bar{\partial}\vec{X}$ )

$$e^{2\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \partial\vec{X} \cdot \bar{\partial}\vec{X}, \quad p = \frac{1}{2} \vec{N} \cdot \partial^2\vec{X}, \quad \bar{p} = -\frac{1}{2} \vec{N} \cdot \bar{\partial}^2\vec{X}$$

**Eq. of motion + Virasoro  $\Leftrightarrow$  Flatness of certain left and right connections**

$$[\partial + B_z^L, \bar{\partial} + B_{\bar{z}}^L] = 0, \quad [\partial + B_z^R, \bar{\partial} + B_{\bar{z}}^R] = 0$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\partial\bar{\partial}\alpha - e^{2\alpha} + p\bar{p}e^{-2\alpha} = 0$$
$$p = p(z), \quad \bar{p} = \bar{p}(\bar{z})$$

**Integrability**  $\Rightarrow$  Extend to **flat Lax connections**  $B_z(\xi), B_{\bar{z}}(\xi)$   
with  $\xi =$  **complex spectral parameter**

$$B_z(\xi) = \frac{1}{\xi} \Phi_z + A_z, \quad B_{\bar{z}}(\xi) = \xi \Phi_{\bar{z}} + A_{\bar{z}}$$

They are expressed in terms of  $\alpha, p$  and  $\bar{p}$  as

$$A_z \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \partial \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \partial \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_{\bar{z}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\partial} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \bar{\partial} \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_z \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -e^\alpha \\ -pe^{-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{\bar{z}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\bar{p}e^{-\alpha} \\ -e^\alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$B^L$  and  $B^R$  are identified as

- $B_z^L = B_z(\xi = 1), \quad B_{\bar{z}}^L = B_{\bar{z}}(\xi = 1)$
  - $B_z^R = \mathcal{U}^\dagger B_z(\xi = i) \mathcal{U}, \quad B_{\bar{z}}^R = \mathcal{U}^\dagger B_{\bar{z}}(\xi = i) \mathcal{U}$
- $$\mathcal{U} = e^{i\pi/4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

□ Auxiliary linear problem and reconstruction formula:

Flatness condition  $\Leftrightarrow$  compatibility of the set of linear equations:

### Auxiliary linear problem

$$(\partial + B_z(\xi))\psi(\xi, z, \bar{z}) = 0, \quad (\bar{\partial} + B_{\bar{z}}(\xi))\psi(\xi, z, \bar{z}) = 0$$

Two independent solutions for  $\psi(\xi, z, \bar{z})$  contain all the important information

$\Rightarrow$  Two sets of independent solutions for the left and the right problems

$$\psi_a^L = \psi_a(\xi = 1), \quad \psi_{\dot{a}}^R = U^\dagger \psi_{\dot{a}}(\xi = i), \quad a, \dot{a} = 1, 2$$

## **$SL(2)$ -invariant product**

$$\langle \psi, \chi \rangle \equiv \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \psi_\alpha \chi_\beta, \quad (\epsilon^{\alpha\beta} = -\epsilon^{\beta\alpha}, \quad \epsilon^{12} \equiv 1)$$

$\psi^{L,R}$  are normalized as

$$\langle \psi_a^L, \psi_b^L \rangle = \epsilon_{ab}, \quad \langle \psi_{\dot{a}}^R, \psi_{\dot{b}}^R \rangle = \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}$$

**Reconstruction formula** for the string coordinates

$$\mathbb{X}_{a\dot{a}} = \psi_{1,a}^L \psi_{\dot{1},\dot{a}}^R + \psi_{2,a}^L \psi_{\dot{2},\dot{a}}^R$$

## 2.3 GKP string spinning in $X_1$ - $X_2$ plane

“Reference” (elliptic) GKP solution (Gubser-Klebanov-Polyakov, 2002)

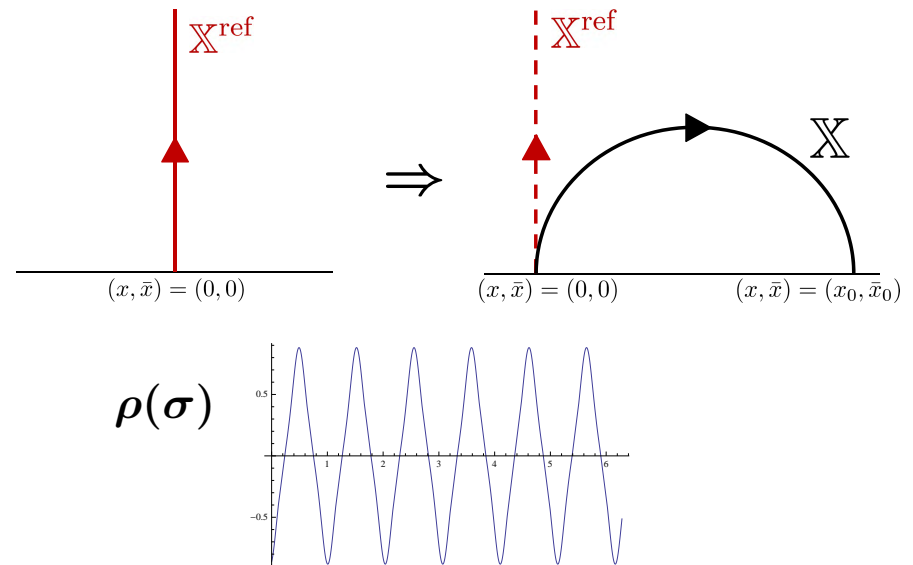
$$\mathbb{X}_{GKP}^{\text{ref}} = \begin{pmatrix} X_+ & X \\ \bar{X} & X_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\kappa\tau} \cosh \rho(\sigma) & e^{\omega\tau} \sinh \rho(\sigma) \\ e^{-\omega\tau} \sinh \rho(\sigma) & e^{\kappa\tau} \sinh \rho(\sigma) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau = it$$

It can be expressed in terms of the Jacobi elliptic functions<sup>a</sup>  $\text{dn}$  and  $\text{cn}$

$$\kappa \equiv \omega k, \quad \omega \equiv \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{K}(k^2), \quad k \leq 1$$

$$\cosh \rho(\sigma) \equiv \frac{\text{dn}(\omega(\sigma + \pi/2))}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}}$$

$$\sinh \rho(\sigma) \equiv \frac{k \text{cn}(\omega(\sigma + \pi/2))}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}}$$



<sup>a</sup> $\mathcal{K}(k^2)$  = complete elliptic integral of the first kind.

**Large spin limit of GKP (LSGKP) :**  $k \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \omega \rightarrow \kappa$

$$\mathbb{X}_{LSGKP}^{\text{ref}} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\kappa\tau} \cosh \rho(\sigma) & e^{\kappa\tau} \sinh \rho(\sigma) \\ e^{-\kappa\tau} \sinh \rho(\sigma) & e^{\kappa\tau} \cosh \rho(\sigma) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Dilatation charge and spin in terms of  $\kappa$**

$$\Delta = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \kappa \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \cosh^2 \rho = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} (\kappa\pi + \sinh \kappa\pi)$$

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \kappa \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \sinh^2 \rho = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} (-\kappa\pi + \sinh \kappa\pi)$$

$$SL(2)_L \text{ (left) charge } \ell^+ \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\Delta + S) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \sinh \kappa\pi$$

$$SL(2)_R \text{ (right) charge } \ell^- \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\Delta - S) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \kappa\pi \ll \ell^+ \text{ for large } \kappa$$



□ View from the Pohlmeyer reduction:

From the definitions of  $p$ ,  $\bar{p}$  and  $\alpha$ ,

$$p(z) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{4z^2}, \quad \bar{p}(\bar{z}) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{4\bar{z}^2}$$
$$e^{2\alpha(z, \bar{z})} = \sqrt{p\bar{p}}$$

**Auxiliary linear problem:**  $(\partial + B_z(\xi))\psi = 0$  and  $(\bar{\partial} + B_{\bar{z}}(\xi))\psi = 0$

**Solution**

$$\psi = \mathcal{A}\tilde{\psi}, \quad \mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p^{-1/4}e^{\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & p^{1/4}e^{-\alpha/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\pm} = \exp\left(\pm\frac{\kappa i}{2}(\xi^{-1}\ln z - \xi\ln \bar{z})\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Monodromy around the origin

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\psi}'_+ \\ \tilde{\psi}'_- \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\psi}_+ \\ \tilde{\psi}_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\hat{p}(\xi)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\hat{p}(\xi)} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\hat{p}(\xi) = i\kappa\pi (\xi^{-1} + \xi)$$

This characterizes the behavior around each singularity (leg).

### 3 Action in terms of contour integrals

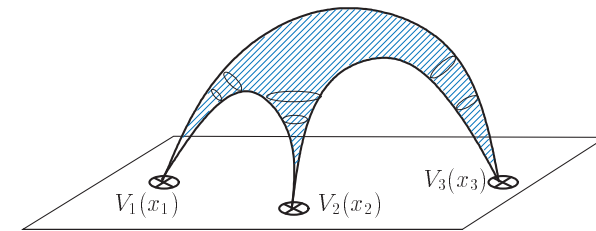
#### 3.1 Finite part of the area

Definition of the “regularized area” (for  $N$ -point function)

$$A = 2 \int d^2 z \partial \vec{X} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{X} = 4 \int d^2 z e^{2\alpha} = A_{fin} + A_{div}$$

$$A_{div} = 4 \int d^2 z \sqrt{p\bar{p}} \ni 4 \int d^2 z \frac{|\delta_i|^2}{|z - z_i|^2} \sim \text{log divergent}$$

$$A_{fin} = 4 \int d^2 z (e^{2\alpha} - \sqrt{p\bar{p}}) \stackrel{EoM}{=} 2A_{reg} + \pi(N - 2)$$



$$A_{reg} \equiv \int d^2 z \left( e^{2\alpha} + p\bar{p} e^{-2\alpha} - 2\sqrt{p\bar{p}} \right)$$

We can write  $A_{reg}$  as (cf. gluon scattering problem (Alday-Maldacena, ...))

$$A_{reg} = \frac{i}{4} \int_D \lambda dz \wedge \omega$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{p}$$

$$\omega = u d\bar{z} + v dz = \text{closed 1-form}$$

where

$$u = 2\sqrt{p}(\cosh 2\hat{\alpha} - 1), \quad v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}(\partial\hat{\alpha})^2, \quad \hat{\alpha} = \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \ln p\bar{p}$$

Behavior of  $p(z)$  near the insertion points

$$p(z) \underset{z \rightarrow z_i}{\sim} \frac{-\kappa_i^2}{4(z - z_i)^2}$$

For **three point function**,  $p(z)$  is actually **uniquely determined**

$$p(z) = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\kappa_1^2 z_{12} z_{13}}{z - z_1} + \frac{\kappa_2^2 z_{21} z_{23}}{z - z_2} + \frac{\kappa_3^2 z_{31} z_{32}}{z - z_3} \right) \frac{1}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)(z - z_3)}$$

$$z_{ij} \equiv z_i - z_j$$

Define the function

$$\Lambda(z) \equiv \int_{z_0}^z \lambda(z') dz' = \int_{z_0}^z \sqrt{p(z')} dz'$$

$\Lambda(z)$  has

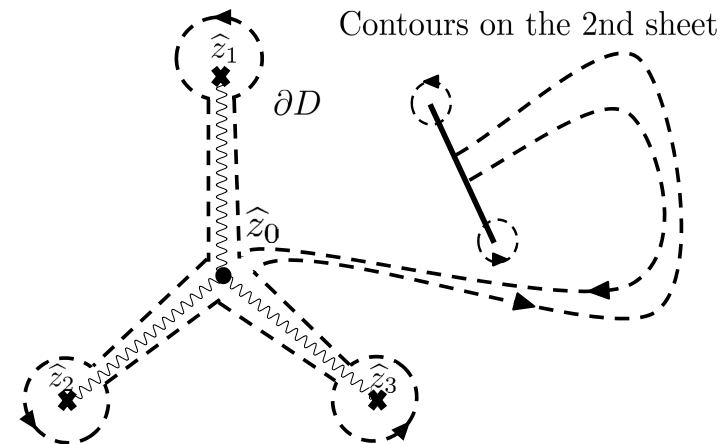
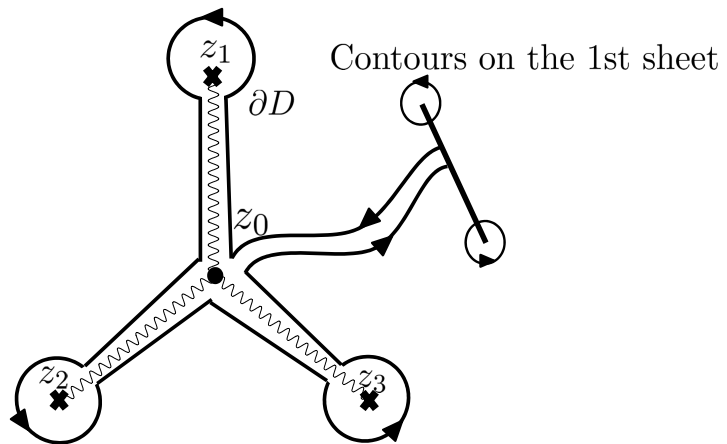
- **three log branch cuts** running from the singularities  $z_i$
- **one square-root cut** connecting 2 zeros of  $p(z)$

$\Lambda$  is single-valued on the **double cover  $D$**  of the world-sheet.

Stokes theorem  $\Rightarrow$   $A_{reg}$  as a contour integral

$$A_{reg} = \frac{i}{4} \int_D d\Lambda \wedge \omega = \frac{i}{4} \int_D d(\Lambda\omega) = -\frac{i}{4} \int_{\partial D} \Lambda\omega$$

The contour  $\partial D$  for the LSGKP three-point function

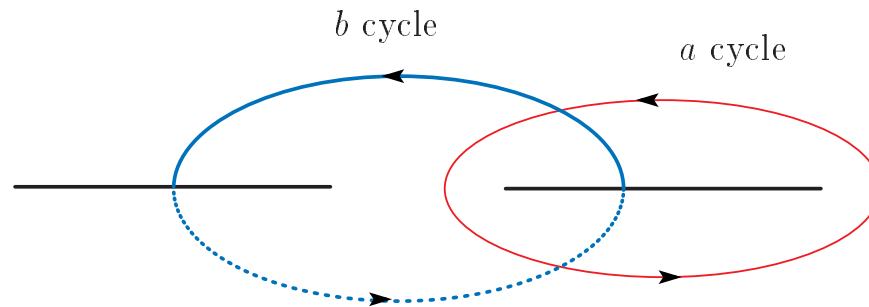


Further, we can re-express  $\int_{\partial D} \Lambda\omega$  more explicitly by using the generalization of the Riemann bilinear identities.

## 3.2 Generalized Riemann bilinear identities

**Usual Riemann bilinear identity** for closed 1-forms  $\lambda$  and  $\omega$ :

Example: Hyperelliptic Riemann surface with  $g = 1$



$$\int_{\partial D} \Lambda \omega = \oint_b \lambda \oint_a \omega - \oint_a \lambda \oint_b \omega$$

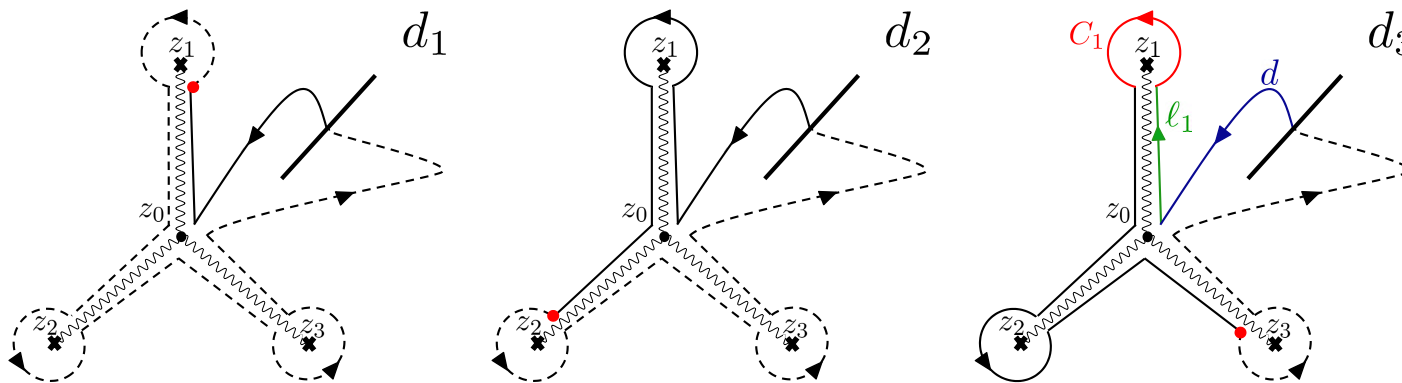
One can derive a generalization for the case with additional **log branch cuts**

The full identity is rather complicated.

- For LSGKP strings, substantial simplification occurs. The most convenient form is

$$A_{reg} = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{i}{4} \sum_{j=1}^3 \oint_{C_i} \lambda dz \oint_{d_j} \omega$$

The contours  $d_j$ 's





- The major task will be the evaluation of **the integral**  $\oint_{d_j} \omega$ .

This information is contained in the behavior of the **eigenfunctions** of the auxiliary linear problem around  $z_i$  and **along paths connecting**  $\{z_i, z_j\}$

## 4 Analysis of the auxiliary linear problem

### 4.1 Monodromy matrices and their eigenfunctions

**Globally** we do not know the saddle point solution.

**Locally** around each  $z_i$ , the solution  $\sim$  LSGKP solution

Characterized by the **local monodromy matrix**  $M_i \in SL(2, C)$ .

Each  $M_i$ , separately, can be diagonalized as

$$U_i M_i U_i^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\hat{p}_i(\xi)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\hat{p}_i(\xi)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{p}_i(\xi) = i\kappa_i\pi (\xi^{-1} + \xi)$$

**Eigenvectors**  $i_{\pm}$  of  $M_i$

$$i_{\pm} \sim \exp \left[ \pm \left( \frac{1}{\xi} \int \sqrt{p(z)} dz + \xi \int \sqrt{\bar{p}(\bar{z})} d\bar{z} \right) \right]$$

★  $M_i$ 's cannot be diagonalized simultaneously.

◆  $\det M_i = 1$

◆ Global consistency  $M_1 M_2 M_3 = 1$

⇒  $M_i$  and the eigenvectors  $i_{\pm}$  can be determined in terms of  $\hat{p}_i(\xi)$  up to some unknown constants.

• These constants cancel in some combinations of  $\langle i_{\pm}, j_{\mp} \rangle$

### Example

$$\log \langle 2_-, 1_+ \rangle + \log \langle 1_-, 2_+ \rangle = \log \left( \frac{\sin \frac{\hat{p}_1(\xi) - \hat{p}_2(\xi) + \hat{p}_3(\xi)}{2} \sin \frac{-\hat{p}_1(\xi) + \hat{p}_2(\xi) + \hat{p}_3(\xi)}{2}}{\sin \hat{p}_1(\xi) \sin \hat{p}_2(\xi)} \right)$$

To separate out the individual terms, we need to know the global analyticity property of  $\langle i_{\pm}, j_{\mp} \rangle$  as a function of  $\xi$ .

## 4.2 WKB analysis of eigenfunctions

For this purpose, **solve the auxiliary linear problem in powers of  $\xi$  (and  $1/\xi$ )**

$$(\partial + B_z(\xi))\psi(\xi) = 0, \quad (\bar{\partial} + B_{\bar{z}}(\xi))\psi(\xi) = 0$$

$$\psi = \mathcal{A}\tilde{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\psi}_1 \\ \tilde{\psi}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_1 = \exp \left[ \frac{S_{-1}}{\xi} + S_0 + \xi S_1 + \xi^2 S_2 + \dots \right]$$

We can solve for  $S_{-1}, S_0, S_1, \dots$

In the vicinity of each  $z_i$ , classify the two independent solutions as

$s_i =$  **small solution**: exponentially decreasing, **unambiguous**

$b_i =$  big solution: exponentially increasing, ambiguous  $b'_i = b_i + a s_i$

## 5 Computation of the finite part of the action

Combine the analysis of monodromy eigenstates and the WKB eigenstates:

**Relate  $s_i$  with  $i_{\pm}$ :** This depends on the **sign of  $\text{Im } \xi$**  ( $S_{-1}$  is imaginary)

Im  $\xi > 0$  region (with  $\kappa_2 > \kappa_1, \kappa_3$ ,  $\kappa_1 + \kappa_3 > \kappa_2$ .)

$\Rightarrow$  Identification:  $s_1 \sim 1_+, s_2 \sim 2_-, s_3 \sim 3_+$

Contour integrals  $\int_{d_i} \omega$  appear in ratios of  $\langle s_i, s_j \rangle$

$$\frac{\langle s_2, s_3 \rangle}{\langle s_2, s_1 \rangle \langle s_1, s_3 \rangle} = \frac{\langle 2_-, 3_+ \rangle}{\langle 2_-, 1_+ \rangle \langle 1_+, 3_+ \rangle} = \exp \left[ \frac{1}{\xi} \int_{d_1} \lambda dz + \xi \int_{d_1} \sqrt{\bar{p}} d\bar{z} + \frac{\xi}{2} \int_{d_1} \omega + \dots \right]$$

Im  $\xi < 0$  region Identification with  $i_{\pm}$  are reversed.

Thus one finds

$$\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle 1_+, 2_- \rangle & \text{Im } \xi > 0 \\ \langle 1_-, 2_+ \rangle & \text{Im } \xi < 0 \end{cases}, \quad \textit{etc.}$$

Apply **Wiener-Hopf decomposition formula**

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi' \frac{1}{\xi' - \xi} (F(\xi') + G(\xi')) = \begin{cases} F(\xi), & (\text{Im } \xi > 0) \\ -G(\xi), & (\text{Im } \xi < 0) \end{cases}$$

to the previously obtained relation

$$\log \langle 2_-, 1_+ \rangle + \log \langle 1_-, 2_+ \rangle = \log \left( \frac{\sin \frac{\hat{p}_1(\xi) - \hat{p}_2(\xi) + \hat{p}_3(\xi)}{2} \sin \frac{-\hat{p}_1(\xi) + \hat{p}_2(\xi) + \hat{p}_3(\xi)}{2}}{\sin \hat{p}_1(\xi) \sin \hat{p}_2(\xi)} \right)$$

⇒ We obtain  $\log \langle 2_-, 1_+ \rangle$  and  $\log \langle 1_-, 2_+ \rangle$  **separately in terms of  $\hat{p}_i(\xi)$** .

So we can now evaluate  $A_{reg}$  in terms of  $\kappa_i$  in the manner

$$A_{reg} \Leftarrow \int_{d_j} \omega \Leftarrow \text{ratios of } \langle s_i, s_j \rangle \sim \langle i_{\pm}, j_{\pm} \rangle \Leftarrow \hat{p}_i(\xi) \ni \kappa_i$$

Result for  $A_{reg}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{reg} = & \frac{\pi}{12} + \pi \left[ -\kappa_1 K(\kappa_1) - \kappa_2 K(\kappa_2) - \kappa_3 K(\kappa_3) \right. \\
 & + \frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3}{2} K\left(\frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3}{2}\right) \\
 & + \frac{|-\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3|}{2} K\left(\frac{|-\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3|}{2}\right) \\
 & + \frac{|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2 + \kappa_3|}{2} K\left(\frac{|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2 + \kappa_3|}{2}\right) \\
 & \left. + \frac{|\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_3|}{2} K\left(\frac{|\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_3|}{2}\right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $K(x)$

$$K(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\theta e^{-\theta} \log(1 - e^{-4\pi x \cosh \theta})$$

# Part II

## Contribution of the vertex operators

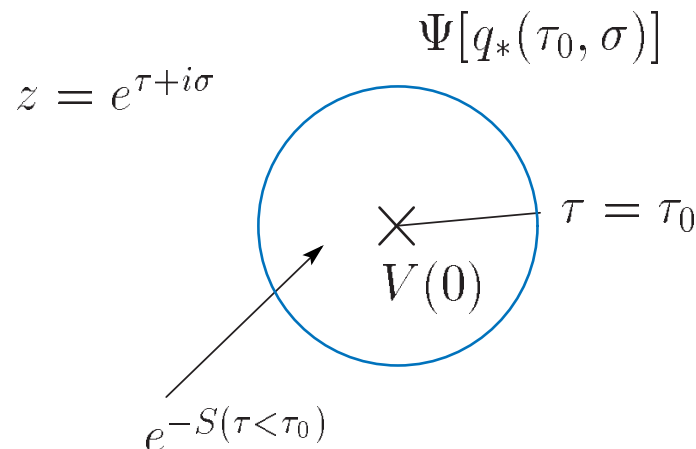


## 6 Evaluating the contribution of the vertex operators via state-operator correspondence

### ★ State-operator correspondence

In the saddle point approximation

$$V[q_*(z=0)]e^{-S_{q_*}(\tau<\tau_0)} = \Psi[q_*(\tau_0, \sigma)]$$



$q_*(\tau, \sigma)$  = saddle point configuration in some canonical variable  $q(\tau, \sigma)$

If we can employ the **action-angle variables**  $(J_n, \theta_n)$ , the **wave function** can be expressed simply as

$$\Psi[\theta] = \exp \left( i \sum_n J_n \theta_n - \mathcal{E}(\{J_n\}) \tau \right)$$

♠ Extremely hard to construct action-angle variables for non-linear systems by solving Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

★ For integrable systems, we may use **Sklyanin's method** to construct action-angle variables

## 6.1 Integrability for strings in $AdS_3$ and GKP strings II

### Framework of spectral curve and finite gap methods

To make use of the Sklyanin's method, we need to use the framework of spectral curve and finite gap methods.

□ Right and left Lax connections:

Basic object = **right flat current** ( $SL(2)_R$ -covariant,  $SL(2)_L$ -invariant)

$$j_z = \mathbb{X}^{-1} \partial \mathbb{X}, \quad j_{\bar{z}} = \mathbb{X}^{-1} \bar{\partial} \mathbb{X}$$

Right Lax connection with spectral parameter  $x$  :  $\exists$  **singularities at  $x = \pm 1$**

$$J_z^r(x) \equiv \frac{1}{1-x} j_z, \quad J_{\bar{z}}^r(x) \equiv \frac{1}{1+x} j_{\bar{z}}$$

$$[\partial + J_z^r(x), \bar{\partial} + J_{\bar{z}}^r(x)] = 0$$

Relation between  $x$  and the previous parameter  $\xi$  :  $x = \frac{1-\xi^2}{1+\xi^2}$

Similarly, we will need **left flat current** and left Lax connection

$$l_z = \partial \mathbb{X} \mathbb{X}^{-1}, \quad l_{\bar{z}} = \bar{\partial} \mathbb{X} \mathbb{X}^{-1}$$

$$[\partial + J_z^l(x), \bar{\partial} + J_{\bar{z}}^l(x)] = 0$$

$$J_z^l(x) \equiv -\frac{1}{1 - (1/x)} l_z, \quad J_{\bar{z}}^l(x) \equiv -\frac{1}{1 + (1/x)} l_{\bar{z}}$$

**Most important object: Monodromy matrix  $\Omega(x, z_0)$**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x; z_0) &= \mathcal{P} e^{-\oint (J_z^r(x) dz + J_{\bar{z}}^r(x) d\bar{z})} \\ &= u(x; z_0)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\hat{p}(x)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\hat{p}(x)} \end{pmatrix} u(x; z_0) \\ \hat{p}(x) &= \text{quasi-momentum} \end{aligned}$$

Properties of  $\Omega$  is encoded in

**Spectral curve  $\Gamma$**  : hyperelliptic Riemann surface with singularities

$$\Gamma : \quad \Gamma(x, y) \equiv \det (y\mathbf{1} - \Omega(x; z_0)) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \left( y - e^{i\hat{p}(x)} \right) \left( y - e^{-i\hat{p}(x)} \right) = 0$$

Property of  $\Gamma \Leftrightarrow$  behavior at  $x = \infty, 0$  and at  $x = \pm 1$ .

◆ Conserved right and left global charges from the behaviors at  $x = \infty, 0$

$$\hat{p}(x) = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}x} S_\infty + O\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \quad (x \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\hat{p}(x) = 2\pi m + \frac{4\pi x}{\sqrt{\lambda}} S_0 + O(x^2) \quad (x \rightarrow 0)$$

◆ Leading singular behavior of  $\hat{p}(x)$  around  $x = \pm 1$  is dictated by the Virasoro condition

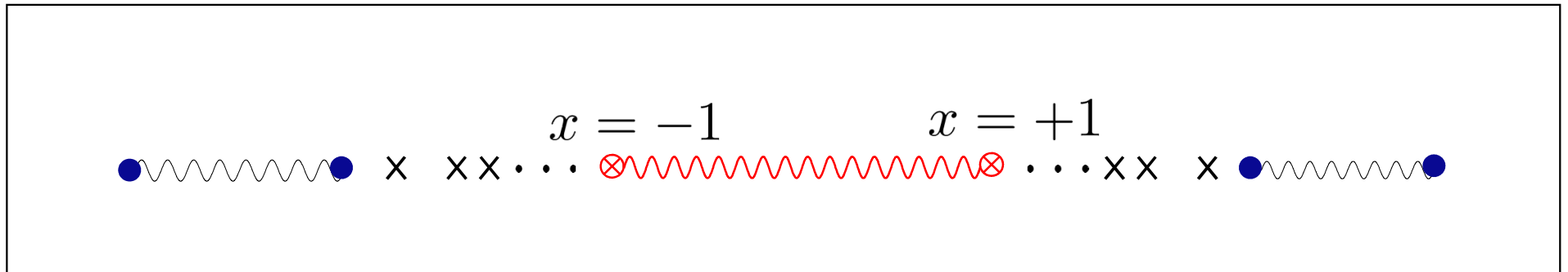
$$\text{Tr} (j_z j_z) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad j_z = u \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} u^{-1} = \text{special Jordan block}$$

Diagonalizing  $\Omega(x)$  carefully,

$$\hat{p}(x) = \pm \frac{\kappa_{\pm}}{\sqrt{1 \mp x}} + O((x \mp 1)) \quad (x \rightarrow \pm 1)$$

“Half-poles” at  $x = \pm 1$ , as opposed to simple poles for  $\mathcal{R} \times S^3$  case.

### Structure of the spectral curve for $g = 1$



(X's denote node-like singularities ( $e^{i\hat{p}(x)} = e^{-i\hat{p}(x)}$ ) accumulating to  $\pm 1$ .)

**Spectral curve with finite  $g \Rightarrow$  construct “finite gap” solution**

## 6.2 Construction of the action-angle variables

### Sklyanin's method

Normalized Baker-Akhiezer eigenvector  $\vec{h}(x; \tau)$  of  $\Omega(x; \tau, \sigma = 0)$

$$(\star) \quad \Omega(x; \tau, \sigma = 0) \vec{h}(x; \tau) = e^{i\hat{p}(x)} \vec{h}(x; \tau)$$

$$\boxed{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{h} = 1}, \quad \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{h} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\vec{h}(x; \tau)$  has  $g+1$  poles, as a function of  $x$ .

Their positions on  $\Gamma : (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_g, \gamma_\infty)(\tau)$

$\gamma_i(\tau)$  depends on  $\vec{n}$

$\Omega(x)$  (hence  $\hat{p}(\gamma_i)$ ) = dynamical variables  $\Rightarrow \{\Omega(x), \Omega(x')\}_P$

Through  $(\star)$ ,  $\gamma_i(\tau)$ 's become dynamical variables.

**Sklyanin constructed canonical variables associated to these poles**<sup>1</sup>

**Canonical pairs “ $(q, p)$ ”  $\sim (z(\gamma_i), \hat{p}(\gamma_i))$**

$$\{z(\gamma_i), \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi i} \hat{p}(\gamma_j)\}_P = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\{z(\gamma_i), z(\gamma_j)\}_P = \{\hat{p}(\gamma_i), \hat{p}(\gamma_j)\}_P = 0$$

$$z = x + \frac{1}{x} = \text{Zhukovski variable}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Applied to string in  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{S}^3$  by Dorey and Vicedo. Applicable to Euclidean  $\mathbf{AdS}_3$  case as well.

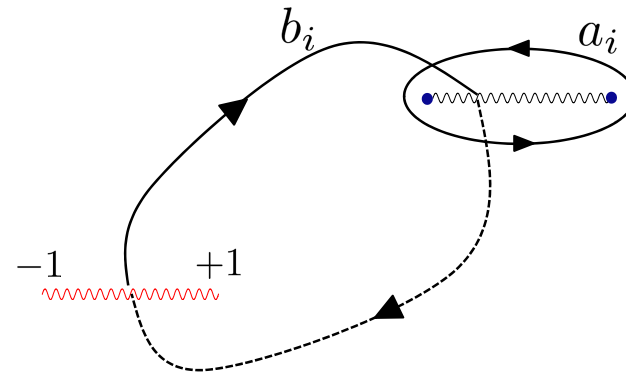


## Action variables $S_i$ ( $\sim \oint pdq$ )

$$S_i \equiv \frac{i\sqrt{\lambda}}{8\pi^2} \int_{a_i} \hat{p}(x) dz$$

= "filling fraction"

( $i = 1, 2, \dots, g, \infty$ )



**Angle variables  $\phi_i$**  conjugate to  $S_i$ :

Generating function  $F(S_i, z(\gamma_i))$  for the canonical transformation

$$(*) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z(\gamma_i)} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi i} \hat{p}(\gamma_i), \quad (**) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_i} = \phi_i$$

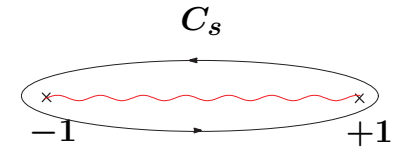
Integrating (\*)

$$F(S_i, z(\gamma_i)) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi i} \sum_i \int_{z(x_0)}^{z(\gamma_i)} \hat{p}(x') dz'$$

To compute  $\phi_i$  from (\*\*), vary  $S_i$  with all other  $S_j$ 's fixed

$\Leftrightarrow$  Add to  $\hat{p}dz$  a 1-form whose period integral along  $a_i$  is non-vanishing  $\propto \omega_i$  with the properties

$$\oint_{a_j} \omega_i = \delta_{ij}, \quad \oint_{C_s} \omega_i = -1$$



Using this we get

$$\phi_i(\tau) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_i} = 2\pi \sum_k \int_{x_0}^{\gamma_k(\tau)} \omega_i = \text{Abel map}$$

- $\phi_i(\tau)$  indeed evolves linearly in  $\tau$  for classical solutions.
- Need **one more angle variable**  $\tilde{\phi}_0$  conjugate to the **left global charge**  $S_0$ . This is obtained from the **left connection**  $J^l$  by the same procedure.

## 6.3 Evaluation of the angle variables and the wave function

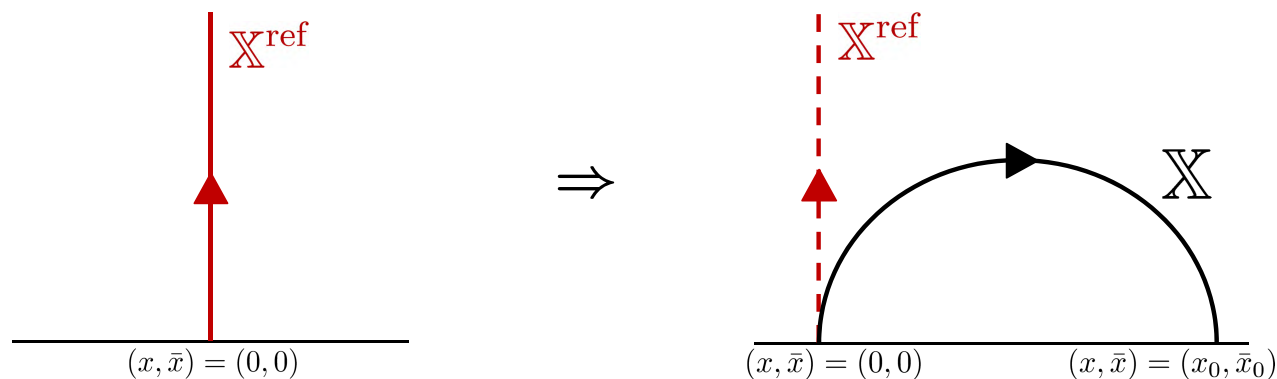
Need to **evaluate** the angle variables for a general “finite gap” solution  $\mathbb{X}$

Main idea:

- ◆ Produce the solution of interest  $\mathbb{X}$  from a suitable reference solution  $\mathbb{X}^{\text{ref}}$

by a **global transformation**  $\mathbb{X} = V_L \mathbb{X}^{\text{ref}} V_R$

- ◆ Compute the shift of angle variables  $\Delta\phi_i$  under this transformation



## Explicit formula:

- Case of the angle variables  $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_g, \phi_\infty\}$  describable by the **right-current**.

Angle variables  $\Leftrightarrow$  Positions of the poles of BA vector

$\Rightarrow$  **How do the poles move under the global transformations ?**

Under a global right transformation  $V_R$ , the **normalized Baker-Akhiezer vector** gets transformed as

$$\vec{h}'(x; \tau) = \frac{1}{f(x; \tau)} V_R^{-1} \vec{h}^{\text{ref}}(x; \tau)$$

$f(x; \tau)$  is needed to keep  $\vec{h}'(x; \tau)$  normalized.

Under this transformations, **the positions of poles change**  $\{\gamma_i\} \longrightarrow \{\gamma'_i\}$

$1/f(x; \tau)$  **must remove the poles**  $\{\gamma_i\}$  **and add the poles**  $\{\gamma'_i\}$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Divisor of  $f$  is  $(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{g+1} (\gamma'_i - \gamma_i)$ .

Meromorphic differential which encodes this is

$$\varpi = d(\log f) = \frac{df}{f} \ni \text{poles at } \gamma'_i \text{ and } \gamma_i \text{ with residues } 1 \text{ and } -1$$

By studying the structure of  $\varpi$ , one can prove

- ◆  $\phi_i$  with  $i = 1 \sim g$  do not change under the global transformation  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Only  $\phi_\infty$  can possibly change.**
- ◆ The change of  $\phi_\infty$  can be expressed as

$$\int_{b_\infty} \varpi = \log \left( \frac{f(\infty^+)}{f(\infty^-)} \right) = 2\pi i \sum_{i=1}^{g+1} \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma'_i} \omega_\infty = i \Delta \phi_\infty$$

One can explicitly evaluate this from the asymptotic behavior of  $\vec{h}^{\text{ref}}(x; \tau)$  at  $x = \pm\infty$

- ◆ Similar analysis with the **left-current**  $\Rightarrow$  **Similar formula for  $\Delta \tilde{\phi}_0$**

Altogether we obtain

Master formula

$$\Delta\phi_\infty = -i \log \left( \frac{v_{22} - \frac{n_2}{n_1} v_{21}}{-\frac{n_1}{n_2} v_{12} + v_{11}} \right), \quad \Delta\tilde{\phi}_0 = -i \log \left( \frac{\tilde{v}_{11} + \frac{\tilde{n}_2}{\tilde{n}_1} \tilde{v}_{21}}{\frac{\tilde{n}_1}{\tilde{n}_2} \tilde{v}_{12} + \tilde{v}_{22}} \right)$$

$v_{ij}$  = components of  $V_R$ ,  $\tilde{v}_{ij}$  = components of  $V_L$

- **Normalization vectors  $\vec{n}$  and  $\vec{\tilde{n}}$**  are fixed by the requirement that the wave function

$$\Psi[\tilde{\phi}_0[\vec{\tilde{n}}], \phi_i[\vec{n}], \phi_\infty[\vec{n}]] \equiv e^{iS_0\tilde{\phi}_0[\vec{\tilde{n}}] + iS_\infty\phi_\infty[\vec{n}] + i\sum_i S_i\phi_i[\vec{n}]}$$

carrying definite  $\Delta$  and  $S \iff$  conformal primary  $\mathcal{O}^{\Delta,S}(x=0) \Leftrightarrow$  **Invariant under the special conformal transformation**

## Practical master formula

$$\Delta\phi_\infty = -i \log \left( \frac{v_{22}}{v_{11}} \right), \quad \Delta\tilde{\phi}_0 = -i \log \left( \frac{\tilde{v}_{11}}{\tilde{v}_{22}} \right)$$

They depend only on the **diagonal elements**

$\Leftrightarrow$  Effects of **dilatations** and **rotations**, as expected.

Dilatation

$$X_+ \rightarrow \lambda X_+, \quad X_- \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} X_-, \quad X, \bar{X} : \text{invariant}$$
$$V_L^d(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad V_R^d(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation

$$X \rightarrow \xi X, \quad \bar{X} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\xi} \bar{X}, \quad X_\pm : \text{invariant}$$
$$V_L^r(\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\xi} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad V_R^r(\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\xi} \end{pmatrix}$$

# 7 Computation of the three point function for LSGKP strings

## Theme: Interlacing of local and global information

Around each vertex insertion point  $z_i$

- we can compute the **local eigensolutions**  $i_{\pm}^L$  and  $i_{\pm}^R$  for the left and right auxiliary problems.
- We can **expand the unknown global solutions**  $\psi_a^L$  and  $\psi_{\dot{a}}^R$  as

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_a^L &= \langle \psi_a^L, i_-^L \rangle i_+^L - \langle \psi_a^L, i_+^L \rangle i_-^L \\ \psi_{\dot{a}}^R &= \langle \psi_{\dot{a}}^R, i_-^R \rangle i_+^R - \langle \psi_{\dot{a}}^R, i_+^R \rangle i_-^R\end{aligned}$$

Plug into the reconstruction formula

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} X_+ & X \\ \bar{X} & X_- \end{array} \right)_{a,\dot{a}} = (\psi_a^L, \psi_{\dot{a}}^R) \equiv \psi_{1,a}^L \psi_{1,\dot{a}}^R + \psi_{2,a}^L \psi_{2,\dot{a}}^R$$

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Local string solutions around  $z_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_+ &\simeq e^{\hat{\kappa}_i \tau} \beta_i^- (\alpha_i^+ \sinh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma - \alpha_i^- \cosh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma) \\
 &\quad + e^{-\hat{\kappa}_i \tau} \beta_i^+ (\alpha_i^- \sinh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma - \alpha_i^+ \cosh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma) \\
 X &\simeq e^{\hat{\kappa}_i \tau} \bar{\beta}_i^- (\alpha_i^+ \sinh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma - \alpha_i^- \cosh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma) \\
 &\quad + e^{-\hat{\kappa}_i \tau} \bar{\beta}_i^+ (\alpha_i^- \sinh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma - \alpha_i^+ \cosh \hat{\kappa}_i \sigma) \\
 \bar{X} &\simeq \dots \\
 X_- &\simeq \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Coefficients contain the **local** information about of the **global solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_i^\pm &\equiv \langle \psi_1^L, \hat{i}_\pm^L \rangle, & \beta_i^\pm &\equiv \langle \psi_1^R, i_\pm^R \rangle, & \hat{i}_\pm^L &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\pm i_+^L + i_-^L), \\
 \bar{\alpha}_i^\pm &\equiv \langle \psi_2^L, \hat{i}_\pm^L \rangle, & \bar{\beta}_i^\pm &\equiv \langle \psi_2^R, i_\pm^R \rangle \\
 \hat{\kappa}_{1,3} &= \kappa_{1,3}, & \hat{\kappa}_2 &= -\kappa_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Location of the vertex operators:

$$x^{(i)} = \frac{X}{X_+} \Big|_{\tau=-\infty, \sigma=0} = \begin{cases} \bar{\beta}_i^+ / \beta_i^+ & \text{for } i = 1, 3 \\ \bar{\beta}_i^- / \beta_i^- & \text{for } i = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{x}^{(i)} = (\beta, \bar{\beta}) \rightarrow (\alpha, \bar{\alpha})$$

□ Computation of the contribution of the wave functions:

(1) Translate each leg to the origin by

$$\tilde{X}_i = T_{-x^{(i)}} X$$

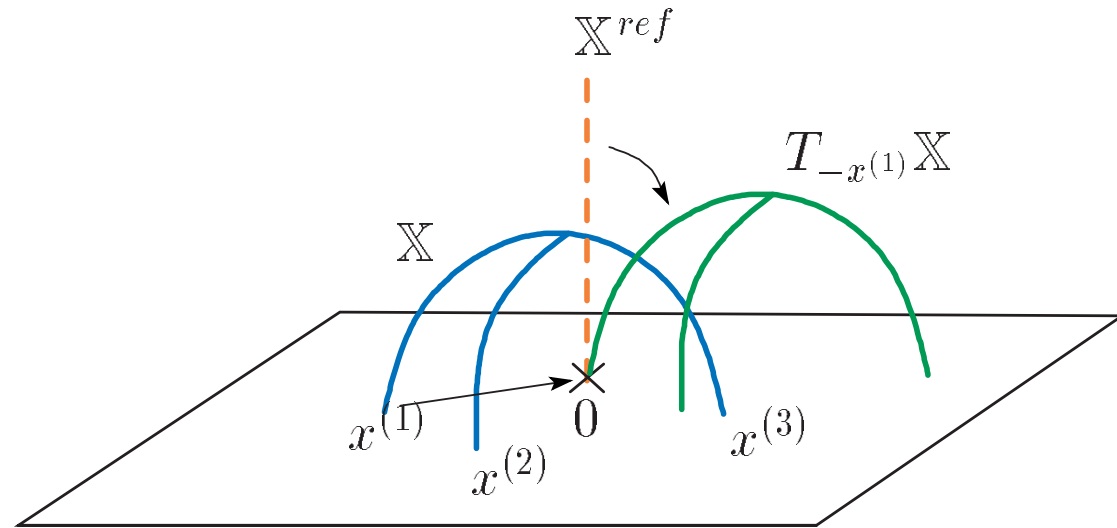
(2) Compare with  $X^{\text{ref}}$ :

Find  $V_L$  and  $V_R$  such that

$$\tilde{X}_i = V_L X^{\text{ref}} V_R$$

(3) Use the master formula to find

$\Delta\phi_0^{(i)}$  and  $\Delta\phi_\infty^{(i)}$  from  $V_L$  and  $V_R$



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Contribution of the wave functions:

$$\Psi_1 \Psi_2 \Psi_3 \Big|_{\mathbb{X}} = \exp \left( i \sum_{i=1}^3 S_0^{(i)} \Delta \phi_0^{(i)} + S_\infty^{(i)} \Delta \phi_\infty^{(i)} \right) \prod_{i=1}^3 \Psi \Big|_{\mathbb{X}^{\text{ref}}} (\log \epsilon_i)$$

(★)  $\Delta \phi_0^{(i)}$  and  $\Delta \phi_\infty^{(i)}$ : Expressed in terms of  $\alpha_i^\pm$ 's and  $\beta_i^\pm$ 's

(★★) They can be expressed in the extremely useful form, such as

$$(\beta_1^+)^2 = - \frac{(x^{(2)} - x^{(3)})}{(x^{(1)} - x^{(2)})(x^{(3)} - x^{(1)})} \frac{\langle 1_+^R, 2_-^R \rangle \langle 3_+^R, 1_+^R \rangle}{\langle 2_-^R, 3_+^R \rangle}$$

Local information of the global solution  $\psi$  is written as

**(info. about relative positions)**  $\times$  **(overlaps of local solutions)**

Moreover,

$$\frac{\langle 1_+^R, 2_-^R \rangle \langle 3_+^R, 1_+^R \rangle}{\langle 2_-^R, 3_+^R \rangle} \propto \frac{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \langle s_3, s_1 \rangle}{\langle s_2, s_3 \rangle} (\xi = i)$$

: computed in Part I

Substitution of the results for various parts gives

$$\Psi_1 \Psi_2 \Psi_3 \Big|_{\mathbb{X}} = \frac{C_{\text{w.f.}}}{(\mathbf{x}^1 - \mathbf{x}^2)^{\ell_1^- + \ell_2^- - \ell_3^-} (\mathbf{x}^2 - \mathbf{x}^3)^{\ell_2^- + \ell_3^- - \ell_1^-} (\mathbf{x}^3 - \mathbf{x}^1)^{\ell_3^- + \ell_1^- - \ell_2^-}} \times \frac{\left( \Psi \Big|_{\mathbb{X}^{\text{ref}}(0)} \right)^3}{(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^2)^{\ell_1^+ + \ell_2^+ - \ell_3^+} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}^2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^3)^{\ell_2^+ + \ell_3^+ - \ell_1^+} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}^3 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^1)^{\ell_3^+ + \ell_1^+ - \ell_2^+}}$$

where

$$\ell_i^- = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta^{(i)} - S^{(i)}), \quad \ell_i^+ \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\Delta^{(i)} + S^{(i)})$$

$$\log C_{\text{w.f.}} = H_- [h(x, \xi = i)] + H_+ [h(x, \xi = 1)]$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{i\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{\kappa}_j \left( \int_{d_j} \sqrt{p} dz - \int_{d_j} \sqrt{\bar{p}} d\bar{z} \right)}_{\text{cancel with } \log A_{\text{div}}} + \sum_j \ell_j^+ \log \tilde{c},$$

$$H_{\pm} [f(x)] \equiv 2 \sum_{j=1}^3 \ell_j^{\pm} f(\kappa_j) - (\ell_1^{\pm} + \ell_2^{\pm} + \ell_3^{\pm}) f\left(\frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3}{2}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{(i,j,k)=(1,2,3)+\text{cyclic}} (-\ell_i^{\pm} + \ell_j^{\pm} + \ell_k^{\pm}) f\left(\frac{-\kappa_i + \kappa_j + \kappa_k}{2}\right)$$

$$h(x, \xi) \equiv -\frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^{\infty} d\xi' \frac{1}{\xi'^2 - \xi^2} \log \left( 1 - e^{-2\pi x(\xi'^{-1} + \xi')} \right)$$

$$\tilde{c} = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\prod_{(i,j,k)=(1,2,3)+\text{cyclic}} \sinh(\pi(-\kappa_i + \kappa_j + \kappa_k))}{\sinh(\pi(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3))}}$$

In this notation the contribution from the finite part of the action can be written as

$$\log \mathbf{C}_{\text{action}} = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} A_{\text{fin}} = -\frac{7\sqrt{\lambda}}{12} + \mathbf{H}_- [K(x)]$$

$$K(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\theta e^{-\theta} \log (1 - e^{-4\pi x \cosh \theta})$$

- Final result for the 3-point function of LSGKP string
- *Despite the lack of knowledge of  $V_i$  and  $X_*$ , one can obtain a completely explicit result.*
- *Integrability is quite powerful, beyond the spectral problem.*

3pt function for LSGKP

$$= e^{-A} \Psi_1 \Psi_2 \Psi_3$$

$$= \frac{C^{LSGKP}(\{\kappa_i\})}{\prod_{i \neq j \neq k} (x^{(i)} - x^{(j)})^{\ell_i^- + \ell_j^- - \ell_k^-} (\bar{x}^{(i)} - \bar{x}^{(j)})^{\ell_i^+ + \ell_j^+ - \ell_k^+}}$$

3pt coupling

$$\log C^{LSGKP}(\{\kappa_i\}) = -\frac{7\sqrt{\lambda}}{12} + \sum_j \ell_j^+ \log \tilde{c} \\ + H_-[\tilde{K}(x)] + H_+[h(x, \xi = 1)]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{K}(x) &\equiv K(x) + h(x, \xi = i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\theta \frac{\cosh 2\theta}{\cosh \theta} \log (1 - e^{-4\pi x \cosh \theta}) , \\ h(x, \xi = 1) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log (1 - e^{-4\pi x})\end{aligned}$$

- Corresponding result on the SYM side is not yet available.
- **Consistency check:** In the limit  $\kappa_3 \rightarrow 0, \kappa_2 \rightarrow \kappa_1$ , the three point function above reduces to the properly normalized two point function.



## 8 Discussions and perspectives

□ What have been achieved :

- We have developed a general method to compute semi-classical correlation functions at strong coupling for non-BPS string states with large quantum numbers, when they are describable by the “finite gap method” of integrable systems.

**Our method is quite powerful in that it can be applied to cases where neither the vertex operators nor the saddle point configurations are explicitly known.**

- As an important example, we applied it to the three point function of the large spin limit of the GKP folded spinning strings and obtained **completely finite answer** with the expected dependence of the target space coordinates on  $\Delta$  and  $S$ .

□ Some future projects:

- ◆ Apply our method to correlation functions for other types of strings .

In particular, it is important to study the case of the string in  $AdS_2 \times S^3$  , for which the computation on the SYM side, in the  $SU(2)$  sector, should be easier. (Work in progress)

- ◆ Computation of the 4 point functions <sup>2</sup>

Study how the crossing symmetry is realized.

**Hope to report progress on this and related matters  
in the near future**

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<sup>2</sup>For 4 points on a line on the boundary of  $AdS_2$ : Caetano and Toledo, arXiv:1208.4548