

Supersymmetric 1D sigma models

on coadjoint orbits

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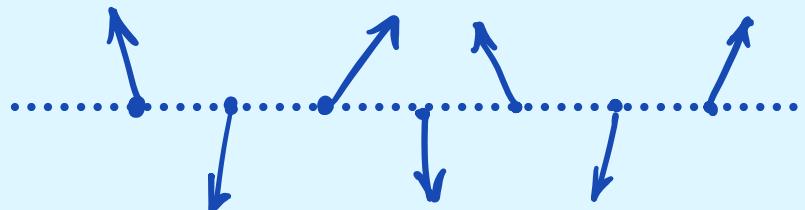
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1. Some history & Geometry

A bit of history

SU(2) Spin chains



classical

$$H = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha (S_i, S_{i+1}) + \beta (S_i, S_{i+1})^2 + \dots$$

quantum

$$(S, T) = \sum_{d=1}^3 S^d \otimes T^d$$

SU₂ generators
in some representation

1970[±] Integrable spin chains

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| Baxter | Yang |
| Faddeev | Kulish |
| Sklyanin | Takhtajan |

spin- $\frac{1}{2}$, $\beta=0$: Heisenberg Bethe '1931

spin- $\frac{1}{2}$, $\beta=-\omega$: Takhtajan-Babujian '1982

Gapped or gapless?

solvable by Bethe ansatz

- The above two spin chains^V are gapless

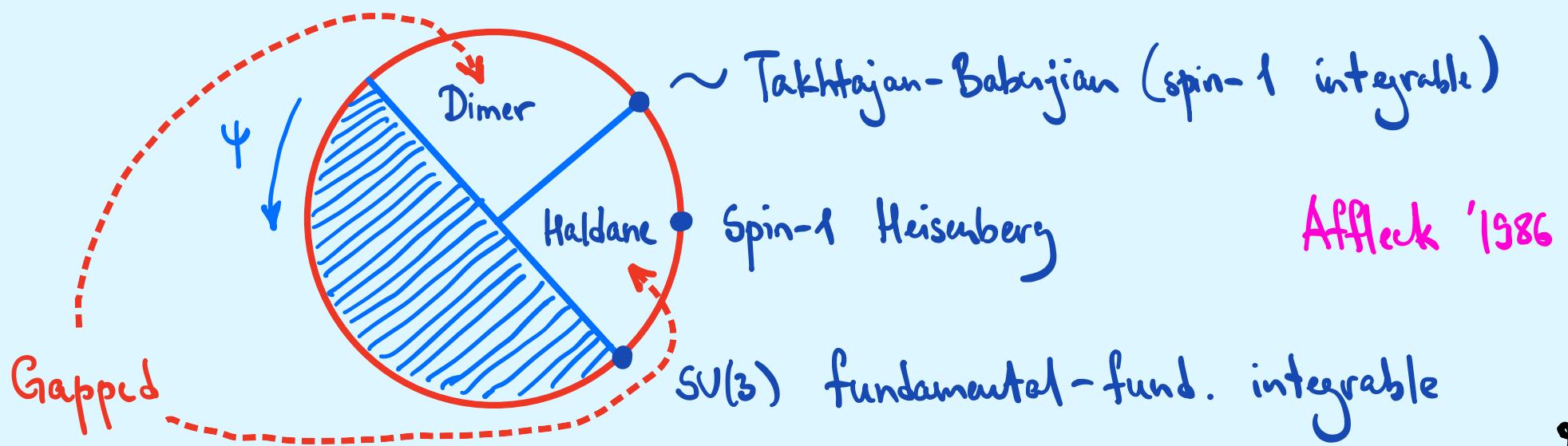


- So maybe always so?

NO! Haldane '1983 Mapping to a $S^2 \simeq \mathbb{CP}^1$ sigma model

"Phase diagram"

$$\frac{B}{2} = -\tan \Psi$$



Haldane meets symplectic geometry

Path integral for spin chain: $Z = \int D\psi e^{-S[\psi]}$

$S[\psi]$ = classical action

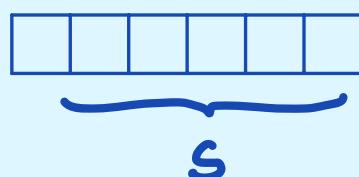
geometric quantization / coherent states

Berezin '1975

Perelomov '1977

$SU(2)$:

One spin $\frac{S}{2}$



$$\varphi \in S^2 \simeq \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_{\text{classical}} = \int dt \frac{iS}{2} \frac{\sum \bar{z}_i \dot{z}_i - \bar{z}_i \dot{z}_i}{\sum_j \bar{z}_j z_j}$$

$$dA = p \Omega_{FS}$$

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Two spins

$$V_s := \boxed{}$$

and

$$\boxed{}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} s/2 \\ \nearrow \quad \searrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} z_1^{(1)} \\ z_2^{(1)} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} s/2 \\ \nearrow \quad \searrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} z_1^{(2)} \\ z_2^{(2)} \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

$$\tilde{S}_{\text{classical}} = S^{(1 \text{ spin})} + S^{(2 \text{ spin})} + S^{(\text{int})}$$

spin-spin coupling

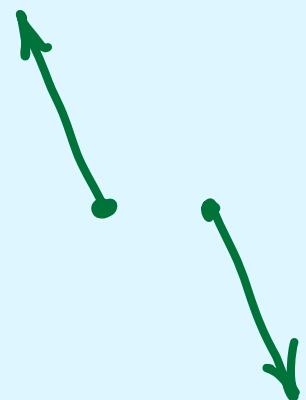
$$H = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 S_1^\alpha \otimes S_2^\alpha \in \text{End}(V_s \otimes V_s)$$

quantum



$$H_{\text{classical}} = s^2 \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = s^2 \left(2 \frac{|z^{(1)}|^2 \circ |z^{(2)}|^2}{|z^{(1)}|^2 |z^{(2)}|^2} - 1 \right)$$

Antiferromagnetic \ Néel vacuum



Min (McLachlan):

$$\vec{n}_2 = -\vec{n}_1$$

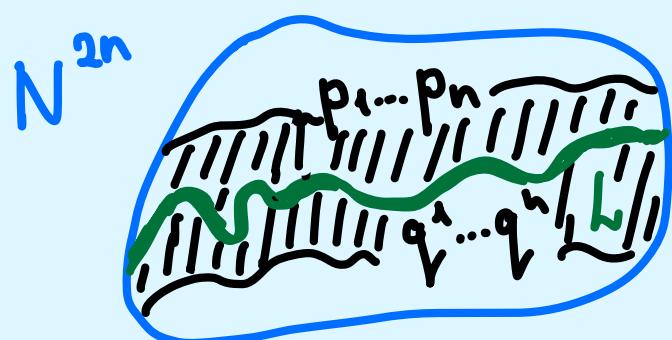
$$z^{(1)+} \cdot z^{(2)} = 0$$

$$S^2 \hookrightarrow S^2 \times S^2$$

Key point: embedding is Lagrangian

$$\Omega_{FS}^{(1)} + \Omega_{FS}^{(2)} \Big|_{S^2} = 0$$

Weinstein 1971: In a neighborhood of $L \subset (N^{2n}, \Omega)$



$$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dq_i$$

The sigma model

$$\text{Near } b : H_{\text{classical}} = \text{const.} + s^2 \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} p_i p_j + s^2 O(p^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{classical}} = \int dt \left(s \sum p_i \dot{q}_i - s^2 \frac{1}{2} g^{ij}(q) p_i p_j + s^2 O(p^3) \right)$$

limit $p \rightarrow \frac{p}{s}$, $s \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ sigma model

$$S_{\text{classical}} \mapsto \int dt \frac{1}{2} g^{ij}(q) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j$$

Metric

$$g_{ij} = \Omega_{ik} \left(\frac{\partial^2 H_{\text{classical}}}{\partial x^2} \right)^{-1}_{km} \Omega_{mj}$$

'DB 2012

Back to spin chains

Generalize

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$$

$$z^{(1)+} \circ z^{(2)} = 0$$

DB '2011

$$S_3 = \frac{U(3)}{U(1)^3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$$

Flag manifold

$$H_{\text{classical}} = \sum_{A < B} d_{AB}^2 \frac{|z^{(A)+} \circ z^{(B)}|^2}{|z^{(A)}|^2 |z^{(B)}|^2}$$

Minima:

$$z^{(1)+} \circ z^{(2)} = z^{(1)+} \circ z^{(3)} = z^{(2)+} \circ z^{(3)} = 0$$

SU(n) spin chains \rightarrow generalized Haldane conjecture

'Affleck et.al. 2017

'Affleck, DB, Wamer 2022

Field theory avatars: discrete 't Hooft anomalies

'Tanizaki, Sebjmansasic 2018

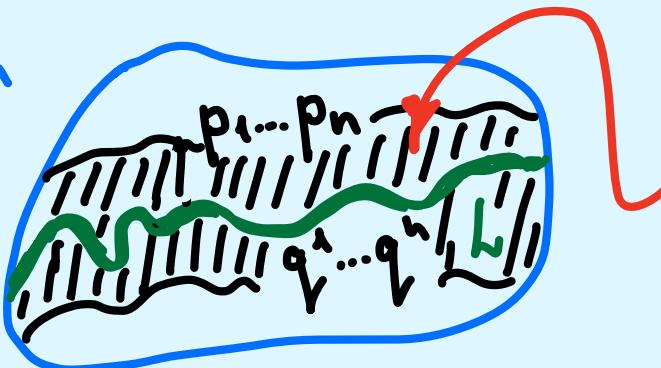
'Ohmori, Seiberg, Shao

Some more geometry

DB, Kuzarchikov 2024

Recall

N^{2n}



How big is this neighborhood?

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$$

Consider the divisor $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 : \{\vec{n}_1 = \vec{n}_2\}$

Then $(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 / \mathcal{D}, s(S_{FS}^{(1)} + S_{FS}^{(2)}))$

\simeq open subset in $T^*\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$

↑ sympleomorphic

$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty}$ $\simeq T^*\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$, Hessian = Geodesic

Construct the map: $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 / D \rightarrow T^*\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 / D & \rightarrow T^*\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \\ & \uparrow & \\ (\vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2) & & \left\{ \vec{n}^2=1, \vec{p}\vec{n}=0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^6 \end{array}$$

$$\vec{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2)}} (\vec{n}_1 - \vec{n}_2); \quad \vec{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2)}} \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$$

$$H = \vec{p}^2 = \frac{1 + \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{2} \quad \text{'spin chain'}$$

geodesic flow

Generalization: $N := \underbrace{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{h-1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{h-1}}_{n \text{ times}}, \text{ divisor}$

$$D = \left\{ \text{Det}(z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(n)}) = 0 \right\}$$

$N/D \simeq \text{open subset in } T^*\mathcal{S}_n$

2. 1D sigma models,

Representations

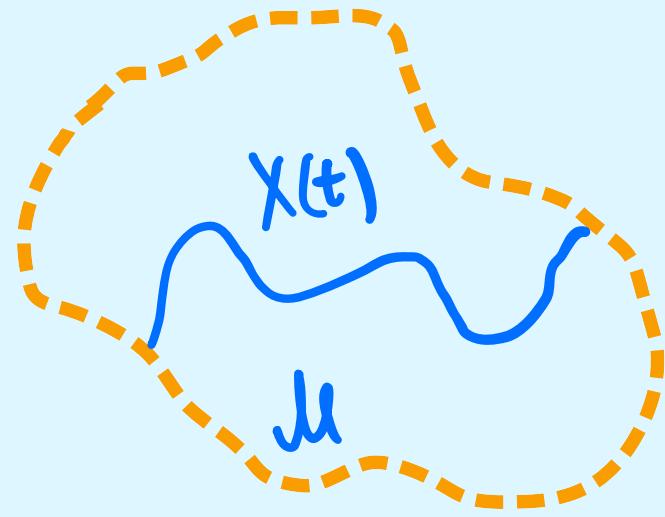
& SUSY

extensions

1D sigma models

$(\mathcal{M} | G, A)$

Manifold Metric Gauge field



$$L = \int dt \frac{1}{2} G_{IJ}(x) \dot{x}^I \dot{x}^J - \int dt A_I(x) \dot{x}^I + \text{SUSY}$$

Classical: (Magnetic) geodesics

Novikov, Schmitz '1981
Kordyukov, Taimanov
'2020

Quantum: (Generalized) Laplacians Δ

Bochner, Dolbeault, de Rham

Integrable?

compact (semi) simple

$M = \text{Homogeneous } G/H$

- Symmetric space: YES

Geodesic $g(t) = e^{At} g(0)$, $A \in \text{Lie}(G)$.

- Non-symmetric: YES for NORMAL metric

$$\text{Lie}(G) = h \oplus m, m = h^\perp$$

$$g \in G \Rightarrow ds^2 = - \langle (\bar{g}^{-1} \bar{d}g)_m, (\bar{g}^{-1} \bar{d}g)_m \rangle$$

Manakov '1976

Bolsinov
Jovanović '2004

Miščenko, Fomenko '1978

Thimm '1981

Arvanitoyeorgos
Souris '2016

- In general, open question

Target space

$M = \text{Homogeneous}$

(Co) adjoint orbit

$$\frac{\text{SU}(n)}{H}$$

symplectic
complex
Kähler

$$g \Lambda g^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda \in \text{su}_n, g \in \text{SU}(n)$$

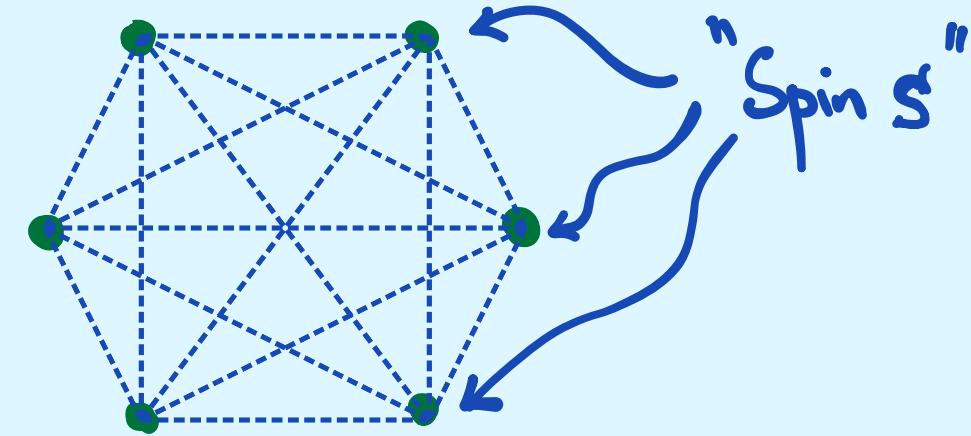
$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & \lambda_1 & \dots & \lambda_1 & & n_1 \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \lambda_2 & \dots & \lambda_2 & n_2 \\ & & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & \lambda_m & \dots & \lambda_m & n_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\text{SU}(n)}{S(\text{U}(n_1) \times \dots \times \text{U}(n_m))}$$

Flag
manifold

SUSY Spin chain

H_s



Exact truncation of Δ

* Oscillator variables

Nicolai '1976-77

* Witten index of spin chain

Witten '1982
Alvarez-Gaume
'1983

↔ index theorems on flags

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \approx S^2$$

Recall $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$

Spectrum: $E_e = \ell(\ell+1), \quad \ell=0,1,2,\dots$

$$Y_e^m$$

spherical harmonics

$$V_{ze} := \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}}_{2\ell}$$

su_2 representation

Truncate to first ' $s+1$ ' harmonics $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, s$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} s \\ \oplus \\ \ell=0 \end{array} \quad V_{ze} = V_s \otimes V_s}$$

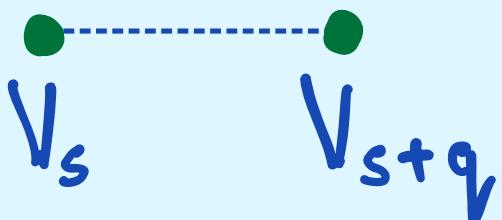
\Rightarrow 'Spin chain'



Schwinger-Wigner oscillators

$q = \text{monopole charge}$

'Spin chain'



Tamm '1931

Wu-Yang '1976

$$\text{Hamiltonian} = \text{Casimir} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 S_{1\alpha} S_{2\alpha} \equiv (S_1, S_2)$$

$$S_{A\alpha} = a_{Ai}^+ (\zeta_\alpha)_{ij} a_{Aj}$$

$$[a_{Ai}, a_{Bj}^+] = \delta_{AB} \delta_{ij}$$

$$a_1^+ \circ a_1 = S, \quad a_2^+ \circ a_2 = S + q$$

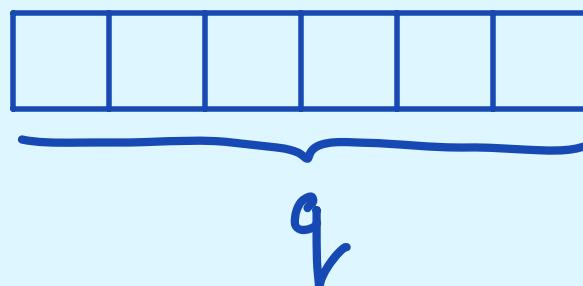
Hamiltonian

$$H = (a_1^+ \circ a_2) (a_2^+ \circ a_1)$$

Let $q \geq 0$. Construct ground state
with $H=0$:

$$|\text{ground state}\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_q=1}^2 \Psi_{i_1 \dots i_q} (a_2)_{i_1}^+ \dots (a_2)_{i_q}^+ * \\ * \left(\epsilon_m (a_1)_e^+ (a_2)_m^+ \right)^S |0\rangle$$

Representation



1D sigma models with $N=2$ SUSY

- 2a model / de Rham

' Hull 1999

' Ivanov, Smilga 2012

X^A = real superfields

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^2\theta [G_{AB} D X^A \bar{D} X^B - W(X)]$$

$$Q \leftrightarrow e^{-W} \partial^+ e^W$$

- 2b model / Dolbeault

Z^A = complex chiral superfields

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^2\theta [G_{AB} D Z^A \bar{D} \bar{Z}^B - W(Z, \bar{Z})]$$

$$Q \leftrightarrow e^{-W} \partial^- e^W$$

SUSY extension : harmonic oscillator

La model, $\mathcal{L} = \int^2 \theta [DX\bar{D}X - \frac{1}{2}X^2]$

$$H_{\text{SUSY}} = \{Q, Q^+\}$$

'Nielsen 1976

Let $a, a^+ = \text{bosonic}$ $\psi, \psi^+ = \text{fermionic}$

$$[a, a^+] = 1$$

$$\{\psi, \psi^+\} = 1$$

Set $Q = a^+ \psi, Q^+ = a \psi^+$

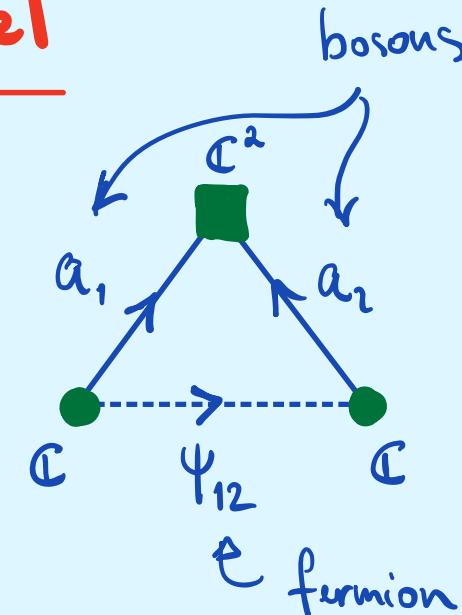
$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{SUSY}} = a^+ a + \psi^+ \psi$$

SUSY extension N=2 / D-model

Now set

$$Q = \alpha_{12} \Psi_{12} \alpha_1^+ \circ \alpha_2$$

\uparrow real parameter



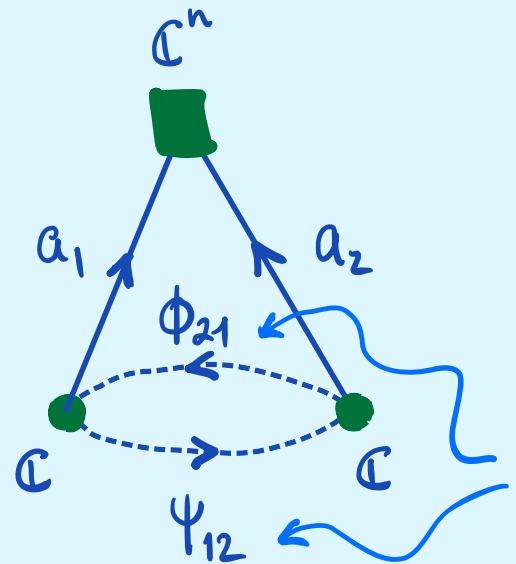
Constraints: $C_1 = \alpha_1^+ \circ \alpha_1 + \Psi_{12}^+ \Psi_{12} - s = 0$

$$C_2 = \alpha_2^+ \circ \alpha_2 - \Psi_{12}^+ \Psi_{12} - (s+q) = 0$$

$[C_1, Q] = [C_2, Q] = 0$

$H_{\text{SUSY}} = \text{Truncation of Dolbeault } \Delta \text{ on } \mathbb{CP}^1$

Kähler-de Rham $N=4$ / K-model



$$Q_1 = d_{12} \Psi_{12} a_1^+ \circ a_2$$

$$Q_2 = d_{12} \Phi_{21}^+ a_1^+ \circ a_2$$

$SU(2)$
doublet

twice as many fermions:
 Ψ_{12}, Φ_{21}

No monopoles!

Constraints: $C_1 = a_1^+ \circ a_1 + \Psi_{12}^+ \Psi_{12} - \Phi_{21}^+ \Phi_{21} - S = 0$

$$C_2 = a_2^+ \circ a_2 - \Psi_{12}^+ \Psi_{12} + \Phi_{21}^+ \Phi_{21} - S = 0$$

$$\{Q_A, Q_B\} = 0, \quad \{Q_A, Q_B^+\} = \delta_{AB} H \uparrow$$

Truncation of de Rham Δ on \mathbb{CP}^1

D-model in $N=2$ superspace

Superderivatives

$$D, \bar{D} \mapsto D^2 = \bar{D}^2 = 0$$

Superfields

$$A_{1i} = \varphi_{1i} + \dots, A_{2i} = \varphi_{2i} + \dots$$

$$\bar{D} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_1 & \star \Psi_{12} \\ 0 & \Lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{:= B} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

" Superconnection "

Ivanov
Krivonos '1997
Toppan

Flatness:

$$\bar{D}B - BB = 0$$

$$L = \int d^2\theta \left[\bar{A}_i \circ A_i + \bar{A}_i \circ A_2 + \bar{\Psi}_{12} \Psi_{12} \right] +$$

"Free" Lagrangian

$$+ \left(s \int d\theta \Lambda_1 + (s+q) \int d\theta \Lambda_2 + \text{c.c.} \right)$$

K-model in $N=2$ superspace

Same fields A_{1i}, A_{2i} Coupling

$$\bar{D} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \alpha \Psi_{12} \\ \alpha \Phi_{21} & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Only $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ is chiral: $\bar{D}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) = 0$.

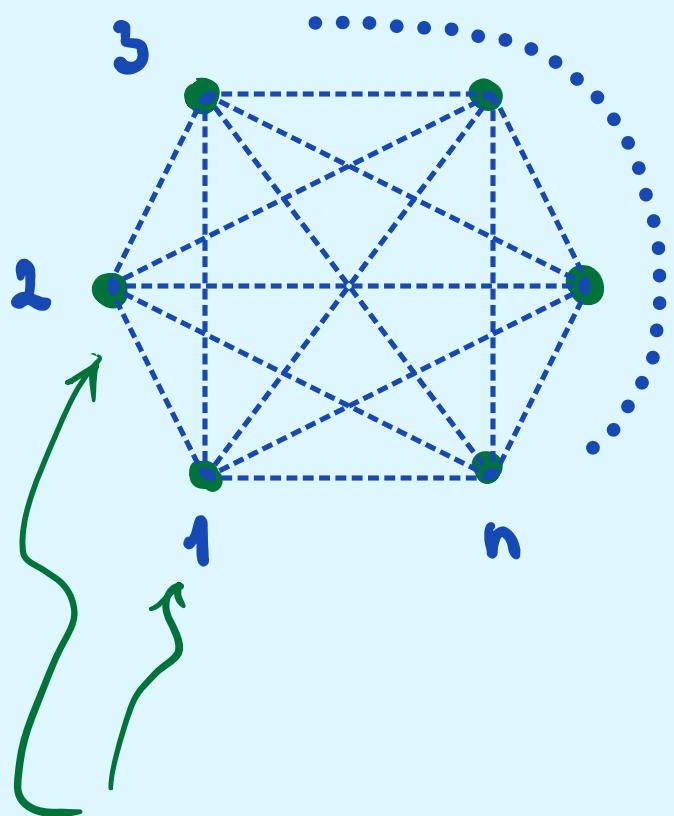
$$L = \int d^2\theta [\bar{A}_1 \circ A_1 + \bar{A}_2 \circ A_2 + \bar{\Psi}_{12} \Psi_{12} + \bar{\Phi}_{21} \Phi_{21}] +$$

$$+ S \left(\int d\theta (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + \text{c.c.} \right)$$

Single FI term

Flags: the spin chain

DB '2024
Kuzovchikov



$$F_n := \frac{SU(n)}{S(U(1)^n)} \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{n-1})^{xn}$$

($n=2$: $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$)

$$H = \sum_{A < B} d_{AB}^2 (S_A, S_B)$$

$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ parameters

Representations $V_{S_1}, V_{S_2} \dots$



Metric

$$ds^2 = \sum_{A < B} \frac{1}{d_{AB}^2} |\bar{u}_A \circ du_B|^2$$

$$S_i = S + q_i \leftarrow \text{magnetic charges}$$

$$\bar{u}_A \circ u_B = \delta_{AB}$$

Supercharges

D-model:

$$Q = \sum_{A < B} d_{AB} \Psi_{AB} a_A^+ a_B - \sum_{A < B < C} \frac{d_{AB} d_{BC}}{d_{AC}} \Psi_{AB} \Psi_{BC} \Psi_{AC}^+$$

cubic terms needed for $Q^2 = 0$

K-model:

$$\xi_{AB} := \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{AB} \\ \Phi_{BA}^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

SU(2) doublets

$$Q = \sum_{A < B} d_{AB} \xi_{AB} a_A^+ a_B + \sum_{A < B < C} \left(\frac{d_{AB} d_{AC}}{d_{BC}} \xi_{AB} (\xi_{AC}^+ \xi_{BC}) - \frac{d_{AC} d_{BC}}{d_{AB}} \xi_{BC} (\xi_{AC}^+ \xi_{AB}) \right)$$

SUSY algebra \Rightarrow Kähler constraint

$$\frac{1}{d_{AC}^2} = \frac{1}{d_{AB}^2} + \frac{1}{d_{BC}^2}$$

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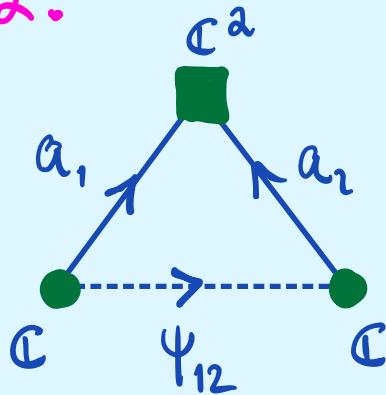
The Witten index / D-model

$$W = S\text{Tr} \left(g e^{-\beta H} \right), \quad g \in \text{SU}(n)$$

Independent of β : $\beta \rightarrow \infty \quad W = \text{STr}(g) \Big|_{H=0}$

$\beta \rightarrow 0 \quad W = \text{STr}(g) \Big|$ constrained Fock space.

$n=2$:



$$C_1 = a_1^+ \circ a_1 + \Psi_{12}^+ \Psi_{12} - s = 0$$

$$C_2 = a_2^+ \circ a_2 - \Psi_{12}^+ \Psi_{12} - (s+q) = 0$$

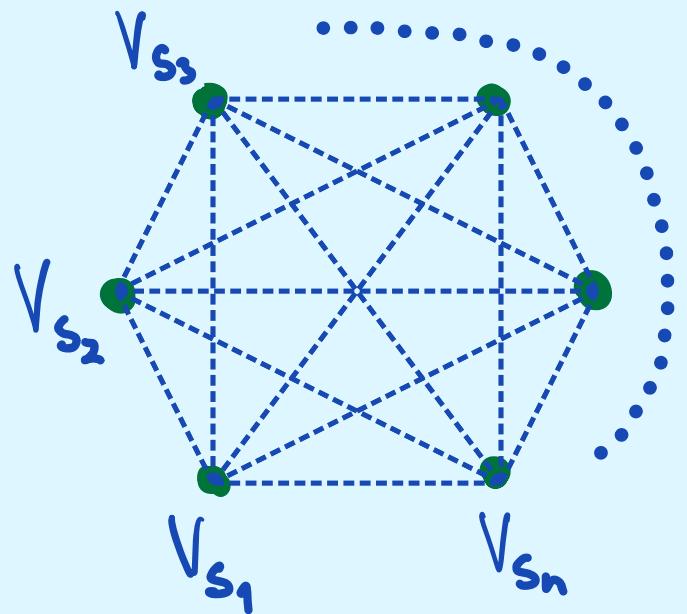
Fermion number 0: $V_s \otimes V_{s+q}$ Fermion number 1: $V_{s-1} \otimes V_{s+q+1}$

$$W = \chi_s \chi_{s+q} - \chi_{s-1} \chi_{s+q+1} = \chi_q$$

Independent of s (of the truncation)

$\nearrow q+1$ zero energy states

Index: general case



$$S_A = S + q_A$$

$$W = \text{STr}(g) \Big|_{\substack{\text{constrained} \\ \text{Fock space}}} = ?$$

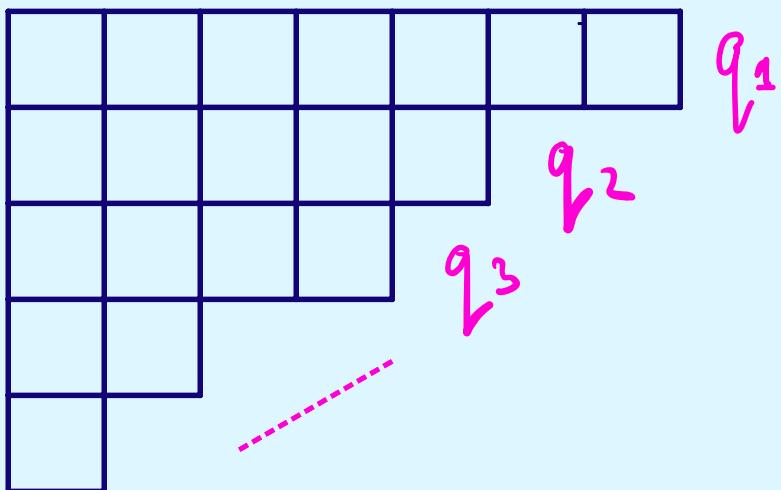
i) Oscillator partition function

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t|\lambda) &= \text{STr} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{J_i} \prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j^{c_j} \right) = \\ &= \prod_{i,j=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - t_i \lambda_j} \times \prod_{K \in \ell} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_K}{\lambda^e} \right) \frac{1}{\lambda_1^{p_1} \lambda_2^{p_2} \lambda_3^{p_3}} \end{aligned}$$

constraints
 J_i
 c_j
 $u(i)^n c u(n)$ generators

2) Set $C_j = 0$ by residues

$$W = \oint \frac{d\lambda_1}{2\pi i \lambda_1} \dots \oint \frac{d\lambda_n}{2\pi i \lambda_n} Z(t|\lambda) = \begin{matrix} \text{Weyl formula} \\ \text{for} \\ \chi_{q_1, \dots, q_n} \end{matrix}$$



Borel - Bott - Weil theorem

K-model: $W = \text{Euler characteristic} = n!$

Conclusion & Outlook

- * Computing spectra of $\nabla\Delta$ on flags
 - = Diagonalizing spin chains
 - (infinite spin limit $p \mapsto \infty$)
- * SUSY extension: nonlinear chiral multiplets
 - | Ivanov, Krivonos, Toppan '1997
- * Index theorems via oscillator partition function
 - (magnetic) | Yamaguchi '57g
Kuwayara '58g

- * Is this an integrable problem?
Explicit solution?
| DB, Kuzovchikov '2024
- * Generalization to ∞ -dim. groups
(loop groups etc.)
- * Relation to 2D sigma models
(Gross-Neveu models, ...)
| DB '2020+

THANK

You!