

Introduction to
Integrability in AdS/CFT:
Lecture 3

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Introduction

Recall:

- 1-loop anomalous dimensions in $SU(2)$ subsector of $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM are given by Bethe ansatz

key to solution: **R-matrix** \Rightarrow commuting transfer matrix
U
Hamiltonian

Would like to understand:

- other operators? \leftarrow other R-matrices!
- higher loops? \leftarrow R-matrix approach seems not to work !?

Alternative approach: **S-matrix** & coordinate Bethe ansatz!

(Techniques from previous lecture still useful!)

Plan

- Today: still 1 loop
 - $SO(6)$ scalar sector
 - all (single-trace) operators at 1 loop
 - S-matrix & coordinate Bethe ansatz
 - higher-rank generalization
- Subsequent: higher loops

$SO(6)$ sector

1-loop mixing matrix for $\mathcal{O}[\psi] \equiv \psi_{I_1 \dots I_L} \text{tr} \phi^{I_1}(x) \dots \phi^{I_L}(x)$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} H, \quad H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^L (K_{l,l+1} + 2 - 2\mathcal{P}_{l,l+1}) \quad L+1 \equiv 1$$

SO(6)-invariant R-matrix:

[Zamolodchikov² 79]

$$R(u) = \frac{1}{2} [uK + u(u-2)I - (u-2)\mathcal{P}]$$

Acts on $V^6 \otimes V^6$ (vector reps) Obeys YBE

monodromy matrix: $T_0(u) = R_{0L}(u) \cdots R_{01}(u)$

transfer matrix: $t(u) = \text{tr}_0 T_0(u) \quad [t(u), t(u')] = 0$

$$H \sim \frac{d}{du} \ln t(u) \Big|_{u=0} \quad \text{integrable!}$$

$$t(u) |\Lambda\rangle = \Lambda(u) |\Lambda\rangle$$

Eigenvalues?

Analytical Bethe ansatz

[Reshetikhin 83]

Vacuum: all spins "up"

$$\Lambda_0(u) = \frac{1}{2^L} \left[(u-2)^L (u-1)^L + (u-1)^L u^L + 4(u-2)^L u^L \right]$$

Assume general eigenvalue is "dressed" vacuum eigenvalue:

$$\Lambda(u) = \frac{1}{2^L} \left\{ (u-2)^L (u-1)^L \frac{Q_1(u + \frac{1}{2})}{Q_1(u - \frac{1}{2})} + (u-1)^L u^L \frac{Q_1(u - \frac{5}{2})}{Q_1(u - \frac{3}{2})} \right. \\ \left. + (u-2)^L u^L \left[\frac{Q_1(u - \frac{3}{2}) Q_2(u) Q_3(u)}{Q_1(u - \frac{1}{2}) Q_2(u-1) Q_3(u-1)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{Q_1(u - \frac{1}{2}) Q_2(u-2) Q_3(u-2)}{Q_1(u - \frac{3}{2}) Q_2(u-1) Q_3(u-1)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{Q_2(u) Q_3(u-2)}{Q_2(u-1) Q_3(u-1)} + \frac{Q_2(u-2) Q_3(u)}{Q_2(u-1) Q_3(u-1)} \right] \right\}$$

$$Q_a(u) = \prod_{k=1}^{M_a} (u - iu_{a,k}), \quad a = 1, 2, 3$$

zeros $u_{a,k}$ still to be determined

$\Lambda(u)$ must not have poles \Rightarrow Bethe equations

$$e_1(u_{1,k})^L = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^{M_1} e_2(u_{1,k} - u_{1,j}) \prod_{j=1}^{M_2} e_{-1}(u_{1,k} - u_{2,j}) \prod_{j=1}^{M_3} e_{-1}(u_{1,k} - u_{3,j})$$

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$$e_n(u) = \frac{u + in/2}{u - in/2} \quad \gamma \propto \left. \frac{d}{du} \ln \Lambda(u) \right|_{u=0} = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \sum_{k=1}^{M_1} \frac{1}{u_{1,k}^2 + \frac{1}{4}}$$

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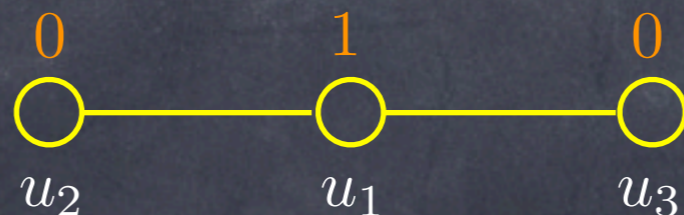
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Cartan matrix
for $\mathfrak{so}(6) = \mathfrak{su}(4)$:

$$e_n(u) = \frac{u + in/2}{u - in/2}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lie (super)algebra symmetry & representation content \Rightarrow Bethe equations!

$$e_{V_l}(u_{l,j})^L = \prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^{M_l} e_{A_{l,l}}(u_{l,j} - u_{l,k}) \prod_{l' \neq l} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{l'}} e_{A_{l,l'}}(u_{l,j} - u_{l',k})$$

$A_{l,l'}$ Cartan matrix of Lie (super)algebra

V_l Dynkin labels ("coefficients") of representation

[review: Cahn 84]

cyclicity \Rightarrow

$$\gamma = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \sum_l \sum_{k=1}^{M_l} \frac{V_l}{u_{l,k}^2 + \frac{1}{4} V_l^2}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{i} \sum_l \sum_{k=1}^{M_l} \ln e_{V_l}(u_{l,k}) = 0$$

All operators at 1 loop

$$\text{tr } O_1(x)O_2(x) \cdots O_L(x), \quad O_i \in \{D^n \phi, D^n \psi, D^n F\}$$

fundamental rep of PSU(2,2|4)

infinite dimensional!

• 1-loop dilatation operator determined

[Beisert 03]

• Can be derived from R-matrix \therefore integrable!

PSU(2,2|4) symmetry \implies Bethe equations

[Beisert & Staudacher 03]

rank 7 \implies 7 BEs

superalgebra \implies Cartan matrix not unique \implies BEs not unique

physically: different choices of vacuum

$$1 = \prod_k^{M_2} e_1(u_{1,j} - u_{2,k})$$

$$1 = \prod_k^{M_1} e_1(u_{2,j} - u_{1,k}) \prod_{j \neq k}^{M_2} e_{-2}(u_{2,j} - u_{2,k}) \prod_k^{M_3} e_1(u_{2,j} - u_{3,k})$$

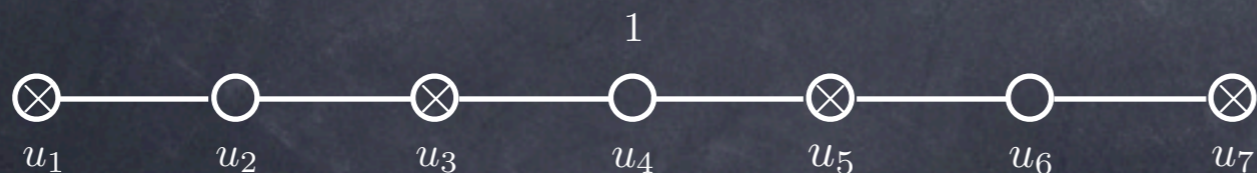
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$$e_1(u_{4,j})^L = \prod_k^{M_3} e_{-1}(u_{4,j} - u_{3,k}) \prod_{k \neq j}^{M_4} e_2(u_{4,j} - u_{4,k}) \prod_k^{M_5} e_{-1}(u_{4,j} - u_{5,k})$$

$$1 = \prod_k^{M_4} e_{-1}(u_{5,j} - u_{4,k}) \prod_k^{M_6} e_1(u_{5,j} - u_{6,k})$$

$$1 = \prod_k^{M_5} e_1(u_{6,j} - u_{5,k}) \prod_{j \neq k}^{M_6} e_{-2}(u_{6,j} - u_{6,k}) \prod_k^{M_7} e_1(u_{6,j} - u_{7,k})$$

$$1 = \prod_k^{M_6} e_1(u_{7,j} - u_{6,k})$$



S-matrix
&
coordinate Bethe ansatz

As we shall see, at higher loops,
this R-matrix approach does not seem to work.

Another approach,
that does not assume knowledge of R-matrix,
is needed.

Fortunately, such an approach was already known:
the one originally discovered by Bethe!

So, we now return to $SU(2)$ -invariant chain,
and solve it in a different way
"coordinate Bethe ansatz"

key new ingredient: **S-matrix**

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L (I - \mathcal{P}_{n,n+1}) \quad \text{PBCs } L+1 \equiv 1$$

$\{H, P, S^z\}$ pairwise commute \therefore can diagonalize simultaneously

$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle, \quad P|\psi\rangle = P|\psi\rangle, \quad S^z|\psi\rangle = m|\psi\rangle$$

vacuum state (all L spins up): $|0\rangle = |Z \cdots Z\rangle$

$\mathcal{P}_{n,n+1}$ interchanges spins at sites $n \leftrightarrow n+1$ $\therefore E = 0, \quad P = 0, \quad m = \frac{L}{2}$

1 particle ("impurity" or "magnon"):

$$|\psi(p)\rangle = \sum_{x=1}^L e^{ipx} | \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \cdots \overset{x}{\downarrow} X \cdots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \rangle$$

$$E = \epsilon(p) = 4 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}, \quad P = p, \quad m = \frac{L}{2} - 1$$

2 particles:

“in”

“out”

$$|\psi(p_1, p_2)\rangle = A_{XX}(12)|X(p_1)X(p_2)\rangle + A_{XX}(21)|X(p_2)X(p_1)\rangle$$

$$|X(p_i)X(p_j)\rangle \equiv \sum_{x_1 < x_2} e^{i(p_i x_1 + p_j x_2)} \left| \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \cdots \overset{x_1}{\downarrow} X \cdots \overset{x_2}{\downarrow} X \cdots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \right\rangle$$

$$H|\psi(p_1, p_2)\rangle = E|\psi(p_1, p_2)\rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad E = \epsilon(p_1) + \epsilon(p_2)$$

$$A_{XX}(21) = S(p_2, p_1) A_{XX}(12)$$

S-matrix

$$S(p_2, p_1) = \frac{u_2 - u_1 + i}{u_2 - u_1 - i}$$

$$u_j = u(p_j), \quad u(p) = \frac{1}{2} \cot\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)$$

Note: For $p_1 = p_2 \equiv p$ $|\psi(p, p)\rangle = 0$ \therefore p_i must be distinct!

M particles: Introduce ZF operators:

[Zamolodchikov² 79, Faddeev 80]

$$A^\dagger(p_1) A^\dagger(p_2) = S(p_1, p_2) A^\dagger(p_2) A^\dagger(p_1)$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{1 \leq x_{Q_1} < \dots < x_{Q_M} \leq L} \Psi^{(Q)}(x_1, \dots, x_M) | \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \cdots \overset{x_{Q_1}}{\downarrow} X \cdots \overset{x_{Q_M}}{\downarrow} X \cdots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \rangle$$

In the sector $Q = (Q_1, \dots, Q_M)$ where $x_{Q_1} < \dots < x_{Q_M}$

$$\Psi^{(Q)}(x_1, \dots, x_M) = \sum_P A^P e^{ip_P \cdot x_Q}$$

Sum over all permutations of $P = (P_1, \dots, P_M)$

$$p_P \cdot x_Q = \sum_{k=1}^N p_{P_k} x_{Q_k}$$

Amplitudes related by $A^P \sim A^\dagger(p_{P_1}) \dots A^\dagger(p_{P_M})$

Example: $M=2$

In the sector $Q = (1, 2)$ where $x_1 < x_2$

$$\Psi^{(12)}(x_1, x_2) = A^{12} e^{i(p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2)} + A^{21} e^{i(p_2 x_1 + p_1 x_2)}$$

$$A^{21} \sim A^\dagger(p_2) A^\dagger(p_1) = S(p_2, p_1) A^\dagger(p_1) A^\dagger(p_2) \sim S(p_2, p_1) A^{12}$$

Recover previous results upon identifying

$$A_{XX}(12) = A^{12}, \quad A_{XX}(21) = A^{21}$$

key point: multi-particle wave function is constructed
using just 2-particle S-matrix!
(Not possible if H is not integrable)

$$E = \sum_{k=1}^M \epsilon(p_k), \quad P = \sum_{k=1}^M p_k, \quad m = \frac{L}{2} - M$$

In terms of u :

$$\epsilon(p) = 4 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2} = \frac{1}{u^2 + \frac{1}{4}}, \quad p = \frac{1}{i} \ln \left(\frac{u + \frac{i}{2}}{u - \frac{i}{2}} \right)$$

same as before!

But where are the Bethe equations?

Come from PBCs, which we have so far neglected!

PBCs:

$$\Psi(1, x_2, \dots, x_M) = \Psi(L + 1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\Psi^{(1\dots M)}(1, x_2, \dots, x_M) = \Psi^{(2\dots M1)}(L + 1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$$

$$A^{1\dots M} e^{i(p_1 + p_2 x_2 + \dots + p_M x_M)} + \dots = A^{2\dots M1} e^{i(p_1 L + p_1 + p_2 x_2 + \dots + p_M x_M)} + \dots$$

\Rightarrow

$$A^{1\dots M} = \boxed{A^{2\dots M1} e^{ip_1 L}} \longleftarrow \text{equal!}$$

But $A^{1\dots M} \sim A^\dagger(p_1) A^\dagger(p_2) \cdots A^\dagger(p_M)$

$$= \left[\prod_{j=2}^M S(p_1, p_j) \right] A^\dagger(p_2) \cdots A^\dagger(p_M) A^\dagger(p_1) \sim \boxed{\left[\prod_{j=2}^M S(p_1, p_j) \right] A^{2\dots M1}}$$

\Rightarrow

$$e^{ip_1 L} = \prod_{j=2}^M S(p_1, p_j)$$

Similarly for \dots terms \therefore

$$e^{ip_k L} = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M S(p_k, p_j), \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

“Bethe–Yang equations”

In terms of u :

$$\left(\frac{u_k + \frac{i}{2}}{u_k - \frac{i}{2}} \right)^L = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M \frac{u_k - u_j + i}{u_k - u_j - i}, \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

Our previous BEs!

R-matrix versus S-matrix

Has symmetry of
Hamiltonian

Has symmetry of
vacuum

XXX:

4 x 4 matrix
SU(2)-invariant

phase
U(1)-invariant

Gives higher
conserved charges;
integrability is manifest

higher-rank generalization

Example: SU(3) subsector

Z, X, Y

$$C^3 \otimes \dots \otimes C^3$$

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L (I - \mathcal{P}_{n,n+1})$$

PBCs $L+1 \equiv 1$

vacuum state: $|0\rangle = |Z \dots Z\rangle$

1-particle states:

$$|X(p)\rangle = \sum_{x=1}^L e^{ipx} | \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \dots \overset{x}{\downarrow} X \dots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \rangle$$

$$|Y(p)\rangle = \sum_{x=1}^L e^{ipx} | \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \dots \overset{x}{\downarrow} Y \dots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \rangle$$

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2-particle states I:

one X & one Y:

$$|\psi\rangle = A_{XY}(12)|X(p_1)Y(p_2)\rangle + A_{XY}(21)|X(p_2)Y(p_1)\rangle \\ + A_{YX}(12)|Y(p_1)X(p_2)\rangle + A_{YX}(21)|Y(p_2)X(p_1)\rangle$$

$$|\phi_1(p_i)\phi_2(p_j)\rangle = \sum_{x_1 < x_2} e^{i(p_i x_1 + p_j x_2)} | \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \cdots \overset{x_1}{\downarrow} \phi_1 \cdots \overset{x_2}{\downarrow} \phi_2 \cdots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{XY}(21) \\ A_{YX}(21) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R(p_2, p_1) & T(p_2, p_1) \\ T(p_2, p_1) & R(p_2, p_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{XY}(12) \\ A_{YX}(12) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(p_2, p_1) = \frac{u_2 - u_1}{u_2 - u_1 - i}, \quad R(p_2, p_1) = \frac{i}{u_2 - u_1 - i}$$

2-particle states II:

including also XX & YY states:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{XX}(21) \\ A_{XY}(21) \\ A_{YX}(21) \\ A_{YY}(21) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{S} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} A_{XX}(12) \\ A_{YX}(12) \\ A_{XY}(12) \\ A_{YY}(12) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} S & & & \\ & T & R & \\ & R & T & \\ & & & S \end{pmatrix}}_{\frac{1}{u_2 - u_1 - i} [(u_2 - u_1)I + i\mathcal{P}]} \begin{pmatrix} A_{XX}(12) \\ A_{YX}(12) \\ A_{XY}(12) \\ A_{YY}(12) \end{pmatrix}$$

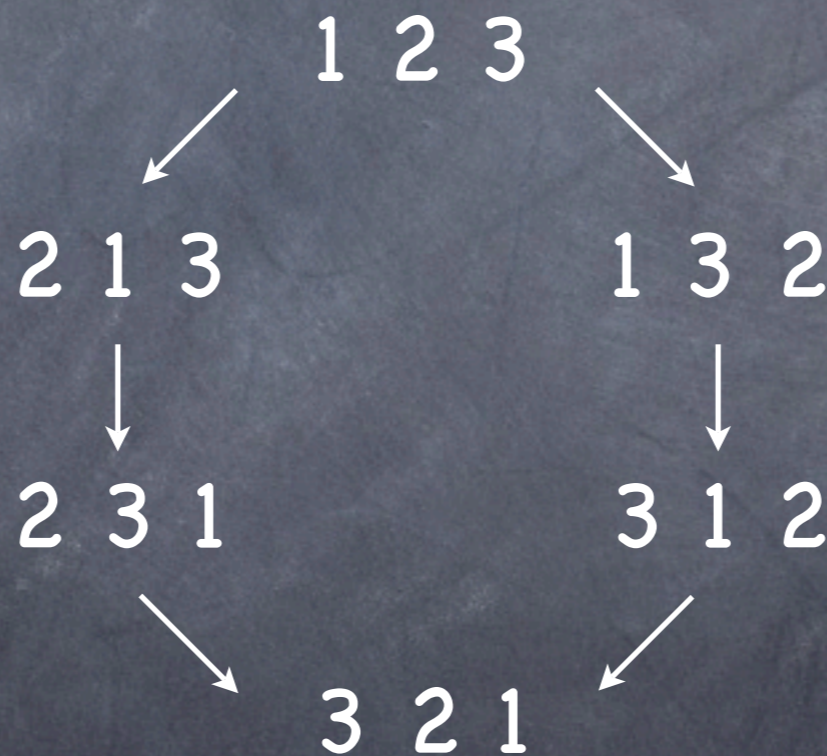
- S-matrix is now really a matrix!
- SU(2)-invariant solution of YBE!

M-particle states: ZF operators now have index!

$$A_i^\dagger(p), \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$A_i^\dagger(p_1) A_j^\dagger(p_2) = S_{ij}^{i'j'}(p_1, p_2) A_{j'}^\dagger(p_2) A_{i'}^\dagger(p_1)$$

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$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{1 \leq x_{Q_1} < \dots < x_{Q_M} \leq L} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_M = 1}^2 \Psi_{i_1 \dots i_M}^{(Q)}(x_1, \dots, x_M) | \overset{1}{\downarrow} Z \cdots \overset{x_{Q_1}}{\downarrow} \phi_{i_1} \cdots \overset{x_{Q_M}}{\downarrow} \phi_{i_M} \cdots \overset{L}{\downarrow} Z \rangle$$

$$\Psi_{i_1 \dots i_M}^{(Q)}(x_1, \dots, x_M) = \sum_P A_{i_1 \dots i_M}^{P|Q} e^{ip_P \cdot x_Q}$$

$$A_{i_1 \dots i_M}^{P|Q} \sim A_{i_{Q_1}}^\dagger(p_{P_1}) \dots A_{i_{Q_M}}^\dagger(p_{P_M})$$

PBCs:

$$\Psi_{i_1 \dots i_M}(1, x_2, \dots, x_M) = \Psi_{i_1 \dots i_M}(L + 1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$$

Generalizing steps of SU(2) case,

[review: Ahn & N 10]

$$e^{ip_k L} = -\Lambda(p_k; p_1, \dots, p_M), \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

Bethe-Yang
equations

$\Lambda(p; p_1, \dots, p_M)$ eigenvalues of (inhomogeneous) transfer matrix

$$t(p; p_1, \dots, p_M) = \text{tr}_0 S_{01}(p, p_1) \cdots S_{0M}(p, p_M)$$

But we already determined these eigenvalues using algebraic Bethe ansatz:

$$\Lambda(p; p_1, \dots, p_M) = \frac{1}{\prod_{l=1}^M (u - u_l - i)} \left\{ \prod_{l=1}^M (u - u_l + i) \prod_{l=1}^m \left(\frac{u - \lambda_l - \frac{i}{2}}{u - \lambda_l + \frac{i}{2}} \right) + \prod_{l=1}^M (u - u_l) \prod_{l=1}^m \left(\frac{u - \lambda_l + \frac{3i}{2}}{u - \lambda_l + \frac{i}{2}} \right) \right\}$$

where

$$\prod_{l=1}^M \frac{\lambda_k - u_l + \frac{i}{2}}{\lambda_k - u_l - \frac{i}{2}} = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^m \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_j + i}{\lambda_k - \lambda_j - i}$$

\ddots

$$e^{ip_k L} = -\Lambda(p_k; p_1, \dots, p_M) = - \prod_{l=1}^M \frac{u_k - u_l + i}{u_k - u_l - i} \prod_{l=1}^m \frac{u_k - \lambda_l - \frac{i}{2}}{u_k - \lambda_l + \frac{i}{2}}$$

SU(3)
Bethe
eqs

Epilogue

- 1-loop dilatation operator for all single-trace operators in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM is integrable



- 1-loop anomalous dimensions are given by a set of Bethe equations

Higher loops?

Next time:

- all-loop S-matrix!
- all-loop Bethe equations!