

Scaling dimensions from the mirror TBA

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- 1 Mirror TBA
- 2 Excited states
- 3 Two-particle states
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“Harmonic oscillator” of AdS/CFT:

Maldacena '97

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ $SU(N_c)$ SYM \iff IIB strings in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ geometry

YM coupling g_{YM} \iff string coupling $g_s = \frac{g_{YM}^2}{4\pi}$

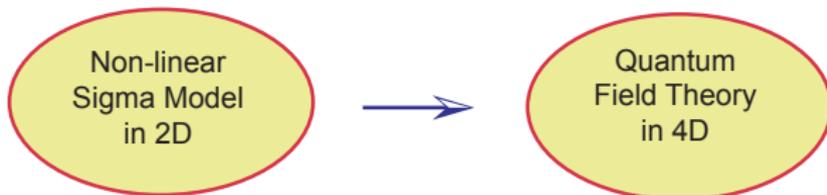
't Hooft coupling $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$ \iff String tension $\frac{R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} \equiv g = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$

SYM operators \iff String states

Scaling dimension $\Delta(\lambda)$ = String energy $E(g)$

Exact spectra of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and strings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

From sigma models to four-dimensional QFT



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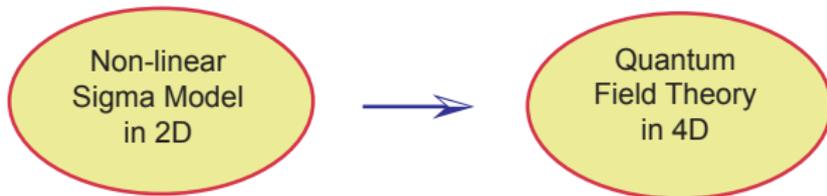
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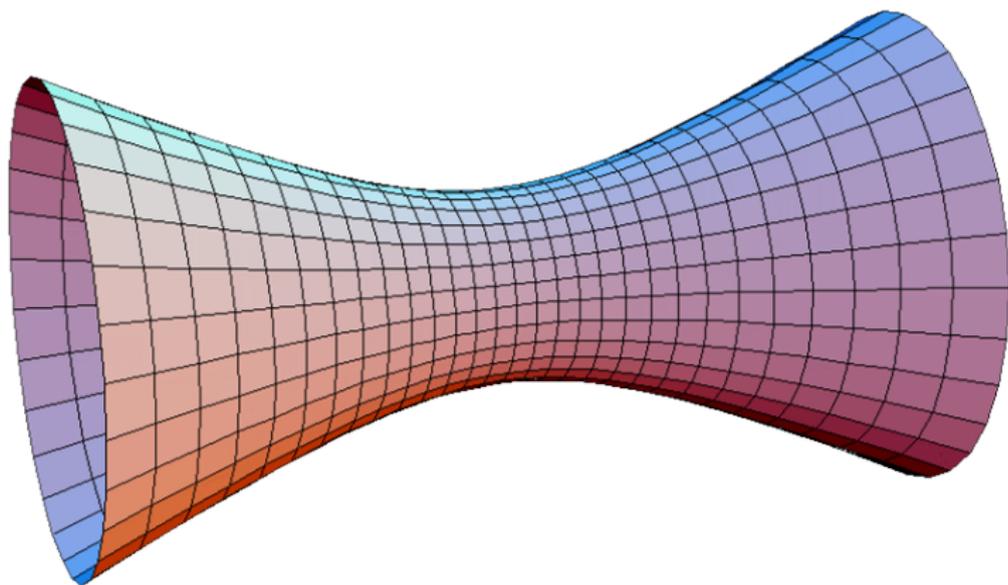
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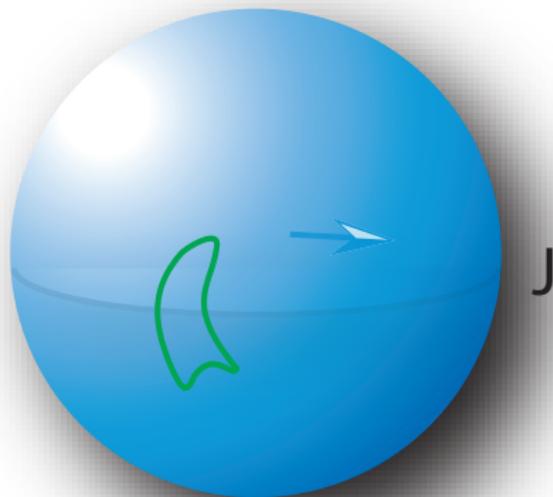
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Anti-de Sitter space

Space of constant negative curvature

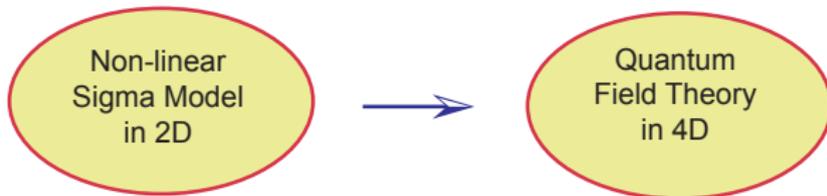


String energy E is a conserved Noether charge corresponding to the $SO(2)$ subgroup of the conformal group $SO(4,2)$



J is a conserved Noether charge corresponding to one of the Cartan generators of $SO(6)$

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- To compute $E(g)$ and therefore $\Delta(g)$, one needs to solve the 2-dim quantum sigma model on a cylinder!
- String integrability is the key to the solution

N=4 super Yang-Mills theory

- Maximally supersymmetric gauge theory in 4dim:

$$A_\mu, \quad \phi^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 6 \quad \text{and} \quad 4 \text{ Weyl fermions}$$

- Introduce $X = \phi^1 + i\phi^2$, $Y = \phi^3 + i\phi^4$, $Z = \phi^5 + i\phi^6$, $D = D_+$
- The $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -sector consists of linear combinations of operators

$$\text{Tr} \left(\prod_{k=1}^J D^{n_k} Z \right), \quad \sum_{k=1}^J n_k = N, \quad n_k \geq 0$$

J is the twist, and N is the spin.

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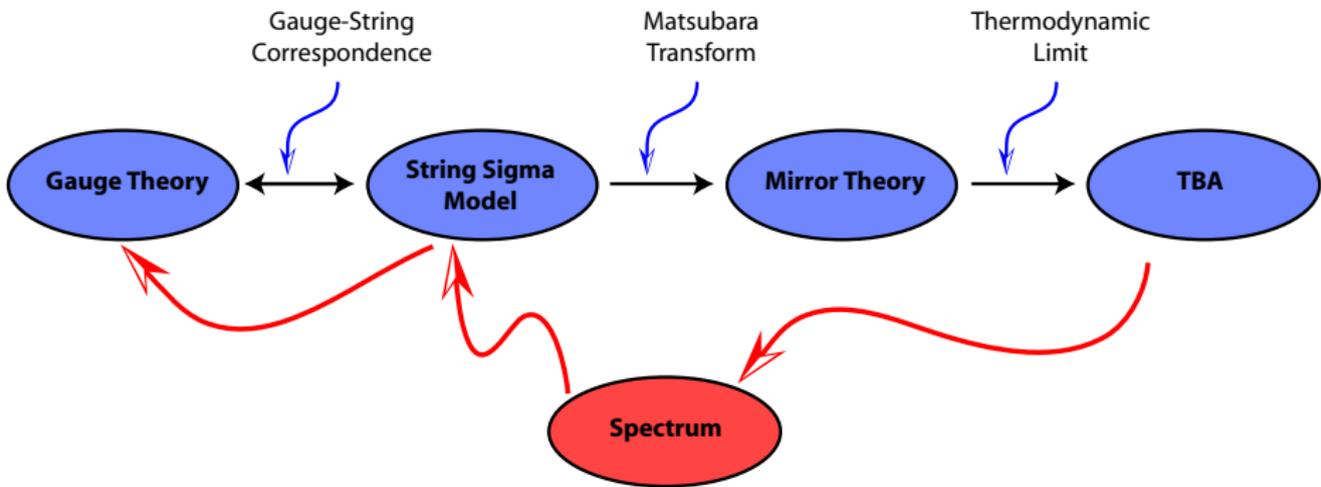
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Summary of the TBA approach



String theory and N=4 SYM results

- Semi-classical strings
 - Berenstein, Maldacena, Nastase '02;
 - Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov '02;
 - Frolov, Tseytlin '02, '03;
 - Bena, Polchinski, Roiban '03;
 - Kazakov, Marshakov, Minahan, Zarembo '04;
- L.c. strings in $AdS_5 \times S^5$
 - Arutyunov, Frolov '04, '05; Frolov, Plefka, Zamaklar '06;
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- Decompactification: $J \rightarrow \infty$
- Symmetry algebra
 - Ambjorn, Janik, Kristjansen '05; Janik '06;
 - Arutyunov, Frolov '06; Hofman, Maldacena '06;
- Dispersion relations
 - Beisert '05, '06; Arutyunov, Frolov, Plefka, Zamaklar '06;
- S-matrix
 - Beisert, Dippel, Staudacher '04; Beisert '05; N.Dorey '06;
 - Staudacher '04;
 - Beisert '05;
 - Arutyunov, Frolov, Zamaklar '06;
- Dressing factor and crossing eqs
 - Arutyunov, Frolov, Staudacher '04;
 - Beisert, Tseytlin '05;
 - Janik '06;
 - Hernandez, Lopez '06;
 - Arutyunov, Frolov '06;
 - Beisert, Hernandez, Lopez '06;
 - Beisert, Eden, Staudacher '06;
- Bethe ansatz
 - Minahan, Zarembo '02;
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Comparison chart

Arutyunov, Frolov '07

	Strings	Mirrors
Dispersion relation	$\mathcal{E}_Q = \sqrt{Q^2 + 4g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$	$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_Q = 2 \operatorname{arcsinh} \left(\frac{1}{2g} \sqrt{Q^2 + \tilde{p}^2} \right)$
Momentum	$-\pi \leq p < \pi$	$-\infty < \tilde{p} < \infty$
Type of theory	Lattice model	Continuum model
Giant magnon	Soliton in $\mathbb{R} \times S^5$	Soliton in AdS_5
Bound states	Symmetric irrep $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ sector	Antisymmetric irrep $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ sector
Physical region	"Fish" (?)	"Leaf" (?)
S – matrix	$\mathcal{S}(z_1, z_2)$	$\mathcal{S}(z_1 + \frac{\omega_2}{2}, z_2 + \frac{\omega_2}{2})$
Bethe – Yang eqs	BS; $P = 0$	extra $\sqrt{x^+/x^-}$
Dressing factor	$\sigma(1, 2)^* \sigma(1, 2) = 1$	$\sigma(1, 2)^* \sigma(1, 2) = \frac{x_1^+ x_2^-}{x_1^- x_2^+}$

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- Q-particles (sum over $\alpha = -, +$):

$$\begin{aligned} \log Y_Q = & -L \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_Q + \log(1 + Y_M) * c_M (K_{s1(2)}^{MQ} + 2s * K_{vwx}^{M-1,Q}) \\ & + \log(1 + Y_{1|vw}^{(\alpha)}) * c_{1|vw}^{(\alpha)} s \hat{*} K_{yQ} + \log(1 + Y_{Q-1|vw}^{(\alpha)}) * c_{Q-1|vw}^{(\alpha)} s \\ & - \log \frac{1 - Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}}{1 - Y_{+}^{(\alpha)}} * c_{\pm}^{(\alpha)} s * K_{vwx}^{1Q} + \log(1 - \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}}) * c_{-}^{(\alpha)} K_{-}^{yQ} + \log(1 - \frac{1}{Y_{+}^{(\alpha)}}) * c_{+}^{(\alpha)} K_{+}^{yQ} \end{aligned}$$

- y-particles: $\log \frac{Y_{+}^{(\alpha)}}{Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}} = \log(1 + Y_Q) * c_Q K_{Qy}$,

$$\log Y_{+}^{(\alpha)} Y_{-}^{(\alpha)} = 2 \log \frac{1 + Y_{1|vw}^{(\alpha)}}{1 + Y_{1|w}^{(\alpha)}} * c_{1|(v)w}^{(\alpha)} s - \log(1 + Y_Q) * c_Q K_Q + 2 \log(1 + Y_Q) * c_Q K_{xv}^{Q1} * s$$

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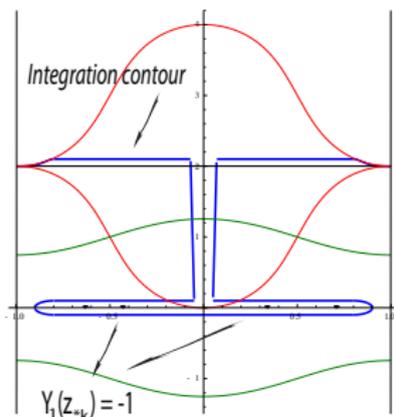
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- **TBA equations for excited states differ from each other only by a choice of the integration contour \implies contour deformation trick**
- If $Y(z_*) = -1$ (or ∞) then taking the contour back to real mirror line produces driving term $-\log S(z_*, z)$ from $\log(1 + Y) * K$; $K(w, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{dw} \log S(w, z)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log(1 + Y) * K &\implies \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{z_*} \log(1 + Y(w)) \frac{d}{dw} \log S(w, z) = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{z_*} \frac{d}{dw} \log(w - z_*) \log S(w, z) = \underbrace{-\log S(z_*, z)}_{\text{new driving term}}
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Beisert '06

Arutyunov, de Leeuw, Suzuki, Torrielli '09

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Known excited state TBA equations

Almost all states are from the $sl(2)$ sector

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- Canonical TBA eqs for two-particle Konishi-like states, $\lambda < \lambda_{\text{cr}}$

Gromov, Kazakov, Kozak, Vieira '09v3;

- Hybrid, simplified and canonical TBA eqs for arbitrary two-particle states

Arutyunov, Frolov, Suzuki '09;

- Hybrid TBA eqs for twist-2 N -particle lightest state, $\lambda < \lambda_{\text{cr}}$

Balog, Hegedus '10;

- TBA eqs for a subsector of the $sl(2)$ sector, $\lambda < \lambda_{\text{cr}}$

Balog, Hegedus '11;

- TBA eqs for the two states not from the $sl(2)$ sector which are degenerate asymptotically, $\lambda < \lambda_{\text{cr}}$

Sfondrini, van Tongeren. '11;

Two-particle states in perturbation theory

- dual to spin-2 operators

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- Log of the BY equation for two-particle states with $p_1 + p_2 = 0$

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Types of states

At $g \sim 0$ the following classification of two-particle states in the $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -sector takes place

Arutyunov, Frolov, Suzuki '09

Type of a state	Y-functions	Number of zeros
I	$Y_{1 vw}$	2
II	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}$	2+2
III	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}$	4+2+2
IV	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}, Y_{4 vw}$	4+4+2+2
⋮	⋮	⋮
$k \rightarrow \infty$	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, \dots$	4+4+ ...

Type of a state depends on how many Y_{vw} -functions have zeroes in the rescaled analyticity strip $|\text{Im}(u)| < 1$

Evolution of asymptotic Y-functions

Arutyunov, Frolov, Suzuki '09

Initial cond. \rightarrow	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}$	2+2
	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}$	4+2+2
$g \downarrow$	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}, Y_{4 vw}$	4+4+2+2
	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, Y_{3 vw}, Y_{4 vw}, Y_{5 vw}$	4+4+4+2+2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
	$Y_{1 vw}, Y_{2 vw}, \dots$	4+4+ ...

The change of analytic properties of Y's in the analyticity strip changes the TBA equations. This leads to the issue of critical values of the coupling.

Strong coupling expansion

$$E_{(J,n)}(\lambda) = c_{-1} \sqrt[4]{n^2 \lambda} + c_0 + \frac{c_1}{\sqrt[4]{n^2 \lambda}} + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{n^2 \lambda}} + \frac{c_3}{(n^2 \lambda)^{3/4}} + \frac{c_4}{n^2 \lambda} + \frac{c_5}{(n^2 \lambda)^{5/4}} + \dots$$

- Expansion is in $1/\sqrt[4]{n^2 \lambda}$, n is the string level of a 2-particle state
- $c_{-1} = 2$ from the flat space string spectrum and BYE Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov '98
Arutyunov, Frolov, Staudacher '04
- $c_0 = 0$ from BYE and free fermion model Arutyunov, Frolov '05
- Other coefficients are functions of J and n
- $c_2 = 0$??? due to supersymmetry Roiban, Tseytlin '09
- $c_{2k} = 0$!?!?!? Gromov, Kazakov, Vieira '09(b)

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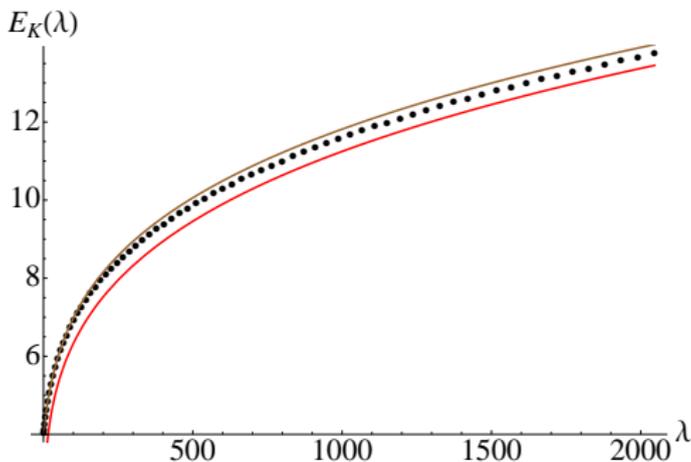
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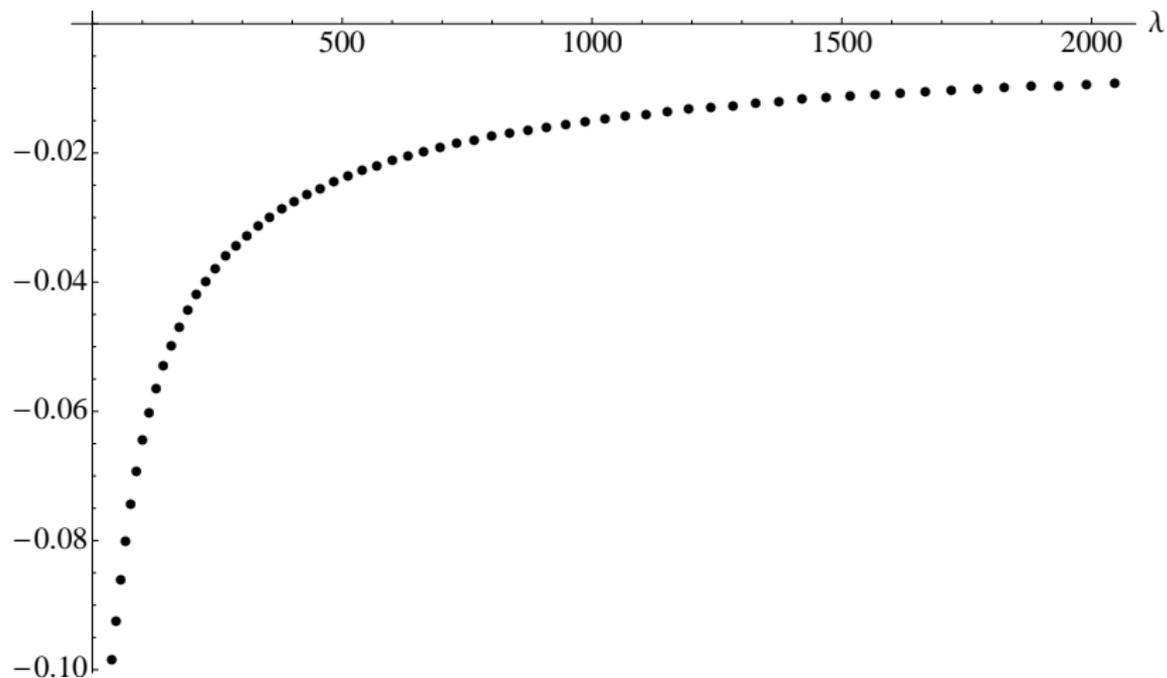
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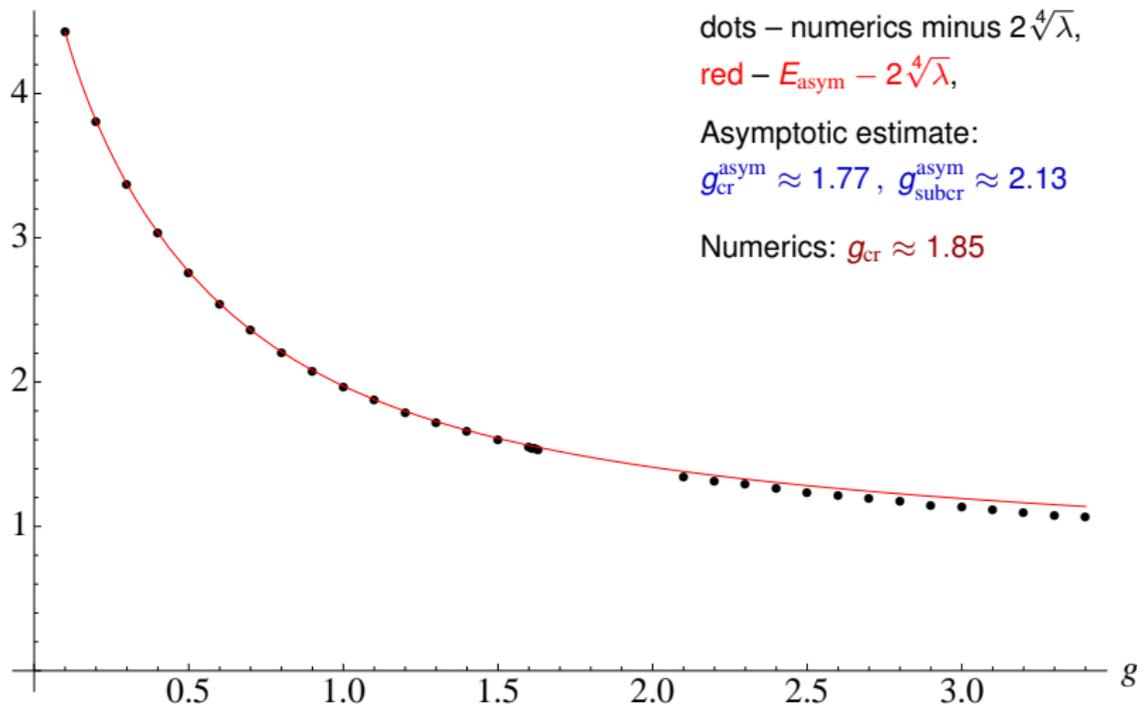
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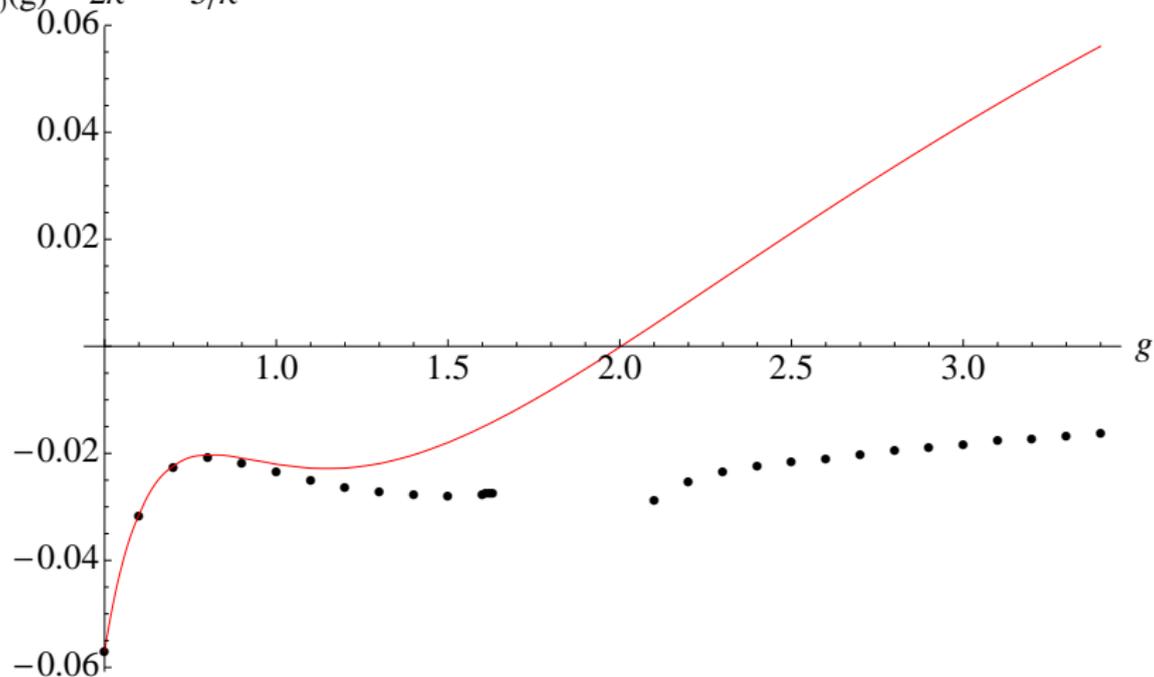
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J=4, n=1 state

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- 3 TBA eqs are written for the whole superconformal multiplet.
PSU(2, 2|4) invariance is built-in Arutyunov, Frolov '11
- 4 TBA eqs for states composed of particles with *real momenta* can be obtained
- 5 States containing particles with *complex momenta* (e.g. bound states) require special treatment Arutyunov, Frolov, van Tongeren (to appear)
- 6 The form of the equations depends on λ . For infinitely many states *there are critical values of λ* , crossing which the TBA eqs must be modified.
- 7 For a given operator, is the number of critical values *infinite* or *finite* (or even 0)?
- 8 We found *no evidence* that up to the overall factor $2^4 n^2 \lambda$ the large λ expansion is in powers of $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$. Is the expansion in powers of $1/\sqrt[4]{\lambda}$?
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- 1 Quantum integrability of l.c. string theory and its mirror
- 2 Symmetry algebra of l.c. string theory and its mirror in the decompactification limit Beisert '05; Arutyunov, Frolov, Plefka, Zamaklar '06
- 3 BES dressing factor Beisert, Eden, Staudacher '06
- 4 Bajnok-Janik asymptotic solution Bajnok, Janik '08
- 5 String hypothesis for the mirror model Arutyunov, Frolov '09
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