Asymptotic spectrum via Bethe-Yang equations

On the plane momenta p_i are unrestricted. Compactifying the theory on a circle of large but finite circumference L, one naturally requires the Bethe wave function to be periodic. Periodicity condition leads to a system of equations for particle momenta which can be regarded as quantisation thereof.

$$x_{\sigma(1)} < x_{\sigma(2)} < \dots < x_{\sigma(N)}$$

$$p_1 > p_2 > \dots > p_N$$

$$\Psi^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N | \sigma) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \mathcal{A}^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(\sigma | \tau) e^{ix_{\sigma} \cdot p_{\tau}}$$

flavor index is attached to a particle coordinate

The wave function satisfies the following symmetry condition

$$\Psi^{i_1 \cdots i_k i_{k+1} \cdots i_N} (x_1, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_N | \sigma) =$$

$$= (-)^{\epsilon_{i_k} \epsilon_{i_{k+1}}} \Psi^{i_1 \cdots i_{k+1} i_k \cdots i_N} (x_1, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_k, \dots, x_N | \alpha_{k,k+1} \sigma)$$

$$\epsilon_i = 0 \text{ for boson}$$

$$\epsilon_i = 1 \text{ for fermion}$$

Because of the symmetry condition it is sufficient to determine the wave function only in one domain which we take to be $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_N$. To simplify the notations we omit the subscript $\sigma = e$, and write the wave function as

$$\Psi^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_N} e^{i x \cdot p_\tau} \mathcal{A}^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(\tau), \quad x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N$$

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The amplitudes $\mathcal{A}^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(\tau)$ are related to $\mathcal{A}^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(e) \equiv \mathcal{A}^{i_1 \cdots i_N}$ through the S-matrix

Example: two-body wave function

$$\Psi^{ij}(x_1, x_2) = \langle 0 | A^j(x_2) A^i(x_1) A^{\dagger}_k(p_1) A^{\dagger}_l(p_2) | \rangle \mathcal{A}^{kl}$$

= $\int dk_2 dk_1 e^{ik_2 x_2 + ik_1 x_1} \langle 0 | A^j(k_2) A^i(k_1) A^{\dagger}_k(p_1) A^{\dagger}_l(p_2) | 0 \rangle \mathcal{A}^{kl}$

$$A^{i}(k_{1})A^{\dagger}_{k}(p_{1}) = A^{\dagger}_{m}(p_{1})S^{mi}_{ks}(p_{1},k_{1})A^{s}(k_{1}) + \delta^{k}_{i}\delta(k_{1}-p_{1})$$

$$\Psi^{ij}(x_1, x_2) = \mathcal{A}^{ij} e^{ip_1 x_1 + ip_2 x_2} + \underbrace{S^{ji}_{kl}(p_1, p_2)\mathcal{A}^{kl}}_{\mathcal{A}^{ij}((12))} e^{ip_2 x_1 + ip_1 x_2} + \underbrace{S^{ji}_{kl}(p_1, p_2)\mathcal{A}^{kl}}_{\mathcal{A}^{ij}((21))} e^{ip_2 x_1 + ip_1 x_2}$$

Example: two-body wave function

We rederive the same result but with a different emphasis

$$\begin{split} \Psi^{ij}(x_{1},x_{2}) &= \left[\int_{k_{1}>k_{2}} + \int_{k_{1}k_{2}} \mathrm{d}k_{1} \mathrm{d}k_{2} \, e^{ik_{1}x_{1} + ik_{2}x_{2}} \, \langle 0|A^{j}(k_{2})A^{i}(k_{1})A^{\dagger}_{k}(p_{1})A^{\dagger}_{l}(p_{2})|0\rangle \, \mathcal{A}^{kl} \\ &+ \int_{k_{1}>k_{2}} \mathrm{d}k_{1} \mathrm{d}k_{2} \, e^{ik_{2}x_{1} + ik_{1}x_{2}} \, \langle 0|A^{j}(k_{1})A^{i}(k_{2})A^{\dagger}_{k}(p_{1})A^{\dagger}_{l}(p_{2})|0\rangle \, \mathcal{A}^{kl} \\ &+ e^{ip_{2}x_{1} + ip_{1}x_{2}} \, \langle 0|A^{j}(p_{2})A^{i}(p_{1})A^{\dagger}_{k}(p_{1})A^{\dagger}_{l}(p_{2})|0\rangle \, \mathcal{A}^{kl} \\ &+ e^{ip_{2}x_{1} + ip_{1}x_{2}} \, \langle 0|A^{j}(p_{1})A^{i}(p_{2})A^{\dagger}_{k}(p_{1})A^{\dagger}_{l}(p_{2})|0\rangle \, \mathcal{A}^{kl} \end{split}$$

Prescription: to compute this amplitude, use the ZF algebra to permute A and A^{\dagger} with different momenta, and the rule that

$$A^i(p)A^{\dagger}_j(p) = \delta^i_j$$

$$\Psi^{ij}(x_1, x_2) = \mathcal{A}^{ij} e^{ip_1 x_1 + ip_2 x_2} + S^{ji}_{kl}(p_1, p_2) \mathcal{A}^{kl} e^{ip_2 x_1 + ip_1 x_2}$$

General case

$$\Psi^{i_1\cdots i_N}(x_1,\ldots,x_N) = \sum_{\tau\in\mathfrak{S}_N} e^{i\,p_\tau\cdot x}\,\mathcal{A}^{i_1\cdots i_N}(\tau)\,,$$

where the amplitude \mathcal{A}_{τ} is

$$\mathcal{A}^{i_1 \cdots i_N}(\tau) = \langle 0 | A^{i_N}(p_{\tau(N)}) \dots A^{i_1}(p_{\tau(1)}) A^{\dagger}_{j_1}(p_1) \dots A^{\dagger}_{j_N}(p_N) | 0 \rangle \mathcal{A}^{j_1 \cdots j_N}$$

Prescription: to compute this amplitude, use the ZF algebra to permute A and A^{\dagger} with different momenta, and the rule that $A^i(p)A^{\dagger}_j(p) = \delta^i_j$

Periodicity condition for the Bethe wave function \equiv Coordinate Bethe Ansatz

$$\Psi^{i_1 \dots i_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k = 0, \dots, x_N) = \Psi^{i_1 \dots i_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k = L, \dots, x_N)$$

L is the size of the box (length of a circle)

Two-body case

$$\Psi^{ij}(0,x) = \Psi^{ij}(L,x) = (-1)^{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} \Psi^{ji}(x,L)$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{ij} e^{ip_2 x} + S^{ji}_{kl}(p_1, p_2) \mathcal{A}^{kl} e^{ip_1 x} = (-1)^{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} \left(\mathcal{A}^{ji} e^{ip_1 x_1 + ip_2 L} + S^{ij}_{kl}(p_1 p_2) \mathcal{A}^{kl} e^{ip_2 x + ip_1 L} \right)$$

These relations are equivalent to the following equations on the amplitude \mathcal{A}^{kl}

It is convenient to introduce the graded identity $I^g = (-1)^{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} E_i^i \otimes E_j^j$ and introduce $S_{12}(p_1, p_2) = S_{ij}^{kl}(p_1, p_2) E_k^i \otimes E_l^j, \qquad \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{mn} E_m \otimes E_n, \qquad E_k^i E_m = \delta_m^i E_k$

$$I_{12}^{g} S_{12}(p_{1}, p_{2}) \mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{1}L} \mathcal{A}$$

$$S_{21}(p_{2}, p_{1}) I_{21}^{g} \mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{2}L} \mathcal{A}$$

matrix Bethe – Yang equations

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$$\Psi^{i_1 i_2 i_3}(0, x_2, x_3) = \Psi^{i_1 i_2 i_3}(L, x_2, x_3) = (-1)^{\epsilon_{i_1} \epsilon_{i_2}} (-1)^{\epsilon_{i_1} \epsilon_{i_3}} \Psi^{i_2 i_1 i_3}(x_2, x_3, L)$$

This yields the matrix Bethe-Yang equations

$$I_{13}^{g}I_{12}^{g}S_{13}(p_{1},p_{3})S_{12}(p_{1},p_{2})\mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{1}L}\mathcal{A}$$

$$S_{21}(p_{2},p_{1})I_{21}^{g}I_{23}^{g}S_{23}(p_{2},p_{3})\mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{2}L}\mathcal{A}$$

$$S_{32}(p_{3},p_{2})S_{31}(p_{3},p_{1})I_{32}^{g}I_{31}^{g}\mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{3}L}\mathcal{A}$$

 $T_1 = I_{13}^g I_{12}^g S_{13}(p_1, p_3) S_{12}(p_1, p_2)$

 $T_2 = S_{21}(p_2, p_1) I_{21}^g I_{23}^g S_{23}(p_2, p_3)$

 $T_3 = S_{32}(p_3, p_2)S_{31}(p_3, p_1)I_{32}^gI_{31}^g$

For \mathcal{A} to exist, T_1, T_2, T_3 must mutually commute

- $T_1 = I_{13}^g I_{12}^g S_{13}(p_1, p_3) S_{12}(p_1, p_2)$
- $T_2 = S_{21}(p_2, p_1) I_{21}^g I_{23}^g S_{23}(p_2, p_3)$
- $T_3 = S_{32}(p_3, p_2)S_{31}(p_3, p_1)I_{32}^gI_{31}^g$

Compatibility of scattering with statistics implies that

$$S_{ij}^{kl}(p_1, p_2) = (-1)^{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j + \epsilon_k + \epsilon_l} S_{ij}^{kl}(p_1, p_2)$$
$$I_{12}^g I_{23}^g S_{13} = S_{13} I_{12}^g I_{23}^g$$

Exercise

Check, for instance, commutativity of T_1 and T_2

$$[T_{1}, T_{2}] = I_{13}^{g} I_{12}^{g} S_{13} \overline{S_{12}} \overline{S_{21}} I_{21}^{g} I_{23}^{g} S_{23} - S_{21} I_{21}^{g} I_{23}^{g} S_{23} I_{13}^{g} I_{12}^{g} S_{13} S_{12}$$

$$= I_{13}^{g} I_{12}^{g} S_{13} I_{21}^{g} I_{23}^{g} S_{23} - S_{21} I_{23}^{g} I_{13}^{g} S_{23} S_{13} S_{12}$$

$$= I_{13}^{g} I_{23}^{g} S_{13} S_{23} - I_{13}^{g} I_{23}^{g} S_{21} \underbrace{S_{23}}_{YB} S_{13} S_{12}$$

$$= I_{13}^{g} I_{23}^{g} S_{13} S_{23} - I_{13}^{g} I_{23}^{g} \overline{S_{21}} \underbrace{S_{23}}_{YB} S_{13} S_{23} = 0$$

Analogously,

$$[T_1, T_3] = 0 = [T_2, T_3]$$

General case

$$\Psi^{i_1...i_k...i_N}(x_1,...,x_k=0,...,x_N) = \Psi^{i_1...i_k...i_N}(x_1,...,x_k=L,...,x_N)$$

Generalisation to the twist boundary conditions

$$\Psi^{i_1\dots i_k\dots i_N}(x_1,\dots,x_k=0,\dots,x_N) = \Psi^{i_1\dots n\dots i_N}(x_1,\dots,x_k=L,\dots,x_N)W_n^{i_k}$$

$$\downarrow$$
twist

where the diagonal matrix W is equal to the identity matrix if the fermions are periodic, and it is $W = (-1)^{\epsilon_i} E_i^{\ i}$ if the fermions are anti-periodic.

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{k,k-1} \cdots S_{k1} I_{k,k-1}^g \cdots I_{k1}^g W_k I_{kN}^g \cdots I_{k,k+1}^g S_{kN} \cdots S_{k,k+1} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_k L} \mathcal{A}$$

matrix Bethe – Yang equations
$$I_{13}^g I_{12}^g S_{13}(p_1, p_3) S_{12}(p_1, p_2) \mathcal{A}$$

 $I_{13}^{g}I_{12}^{g}S_{13}(p_{1},p_{3})S_{12}(p_{1},p_{2})\mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{1}L}\mathcal{A}$ $S_{21}(p_{2},p_{1})I_{21}^{g}I_{23}^{g}S_{23}(p_{2},p_{3})\mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{2}L}\mathcal{A}$ $S_{32}(p_{3},p_{2})S_{31}(p_{3},p_{1})I_{32}^{g}I_{31}^{g}\mathcal{A} = e^{-ip_{3}L}\mathcal{A}$

Why the operators

$$T_k \equiv S_{k,k-1} \cdots S_{k1} I_{k,k-1}^g \cdots I_{k1}^g W_k I_{kN}^g \cdots I_{k,k+1}^g S_{kN} \cdots S_{k,k+1}$$

mutually commute?

$$T_k \equiv S_{k,k-1} \cdots S_{k1} I_{k,k-1}^g \cdots I_{k1}^g W_k I_{kN}^g \cdots I_{k,k+1}^g S_{kN} \cdots S_{k,k+1}$$

The matrices T_k are related to the transfer matrix

$$T(p_A) = -\operatorname{str}_A W_A S^f_{AN}(p_A, p_N) S^f_{A,N-1}(p_A, p_{N-1}) \cdots S^f_{A1}(p_A, p_1)$$

auxiliary

where A = N + 1, and S_{jk}^{f} is the so-called <u>fermionic R-operator</u> defined as follows

$$S_{jk}^{f}(p_{j}, p_{k}) = \begin{cases} I_{j\dots N}^{g} I_{k\dots N}^{g} I_{jk}^{g} S_{jk}(p_{j}, p_{k}) I_{j\dots N}^{g} I_{k\dots N}^{g} & \text{if } j < k ; \\ I_{j\dots N}^{g} I_{k\dots N}^{g} S_{jk}(p_{j}, p_{k}) I_{jk}^{g} I_{j\dots N}^{g} I_{k\dots N}^{g} & \text{if } j > k . \end{cases} \qquad I_{j\dots N}^{g} \equiv I_{j,j+1}^{g} I_{j,j+2}^{g} \cdots I_{jN}^{g}$$

The fermionic R-operator satisfies the graded Yang-Baxter equation which formally looks the same as the ordinary Yang-Baxter equation

As a consequence of the graded Yang-Baxter equation, the transfer matrix obeys

$$T(u)T(v) = T(v)T(u), \quad \forall u, v$$

One can show that

$$T(p_A) = -\operatorname{str}_A W_A S_{AN} \cdots S_{A1} I^g_{AN} \cdots I^g_{A1}$$

$$T(p_A) = -\operatorname{str}_A W_A \, S_{AN} \cdots S_{A1} \, I^g_{AN} \cdots I^g_{A1}$$

Choose $p_A = p_k$ and use the fact that $S_{Ak}(p_k, p_k) = -P_{Ak}$ to show that

permutation

 $T(p_k) = T_k$

Since
$$T(u)T(v) = T(v)T(u)$$
, $\forall u, v$
 $[T_k, T_m] = 0$, $\forall k, m$

 $j \neq k$

Denoting the eigenvalues of the monodromy matrix $T(p_A)$ by $\Lambda(p_A, \{p_i\})$, the set of Bethe-Yang equations can be written as

$$e^{ip_k L} \Lambda(p_k, \{p_i\}) = 1$$

$$Bethe - Yang equations$$

$$e^{ip_k L} \prod^N S(p_k, p_j) = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{ conventional Bethe equations}$$

Example: scalar S-matrices

Finding the eigenvalues of $T(p_A)$ is a complicated problem which can be solved by using either the algebraic Bethe ansatz or the nested Bethe ansatz technique.

Bethe -Yang equations for $AdS_5 \times S^5$ superstring

$$x_k^{\pm} \equiv x^{\pm}(p_k)$$

$$1 = e^{iJp_k} \prod_{l \neq k}^{K^{\mathrm{I}}} S_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)}(p_k, p_l) \prod_{l=1}^{K_{-}^{\mathrm{II}}} \frac{x_k^- - y_l^{(-)}}{x_k^+ - y_l^{(-)}} \sqrt{\frac{x_k^+}{x_k^-}} \prod_{l=1}^{K_{+}^{\mathrm{II}}} \frac{x_k^- - y_l^{(+)}}{x_k^+ - y_l^{(+)}} \sqrt{\frac{x_k^+}{x_k^-}}$$

These equations are supplied with auxiliary Bethe equations for the roots $y^{(\alpha)}$ and $w^{(\alpha)}$, $\alpha = \pm$,

$$\begin{split} \prod_{i=1}^{K^{\mathrm{I}}} \frac{y_{k}^{(\alpha)} - x_{i}^{-}}{y_{k}^{(\alpha)} - x_{i}^{+}} \sqrt{\frac{x_{i}^{+}}{x_{i}^{-}}} &= \prod_{i=1}^{K_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{III}}} \frac{w_{i}^{(\alpha)} - \nu_{k}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{i}{g}}{w_{i}^{(\alpha)} - \nu_{k}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{i}{g}}, \\ \prod_{i=1}^{K_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{II}}} \frac{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - \nu_{i}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{i}{g}}{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - \nu_{i}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{i}{g}} &= -\prod_{i=1}^{K_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{III}}} \frac{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{i}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{2i}{g}}{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{i}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{2i}{g}}. \end{split}$$

Five excitation numbers



$$\begin{array}{ll} q_1 = K_-^{\rm II} - 2K_-^{\rm III} & s_1 = K^{\rm I} - K_-^{\rm II} \\ p = J - \frac{1}{2}(K_-^{\rm II} + K_+^{\rm II}) + K_-^{\rm III} + K_+^{\rm III} & s_2 = K^{\rm I} - K_+^{\rm II} \\ q_2 = K_+^{\rm II} - 2K_+^{\rm III} & \end{array}$$

Large spin anomalous dimensions of operators from the sl(2)-sector

$$S_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)}(x_1, x_2) = \sigma_{12}^{-2} s_{12}, \quad s_{12} = \frac{x_1^+ - x_2^-}{x_1^- - x_2^+} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_1^- x_2^+}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_1^+ x_2^-}}$$

 $K^{\mathrm{I}} = S$

$$e^{iJp_k} = \prod_{l \neq k}^{S} \frac{x_k^- - x_l^+}{x_k^+ - x_l^-} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^+ x_l^-}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^- x_l^+}} \sigma_{kl}^2$$

Excitations correspond to gauge-theory operators



The energy is

canonical

$$E = J + H = \overline{J + S} + \sum_{k=1}^{S} \left(\frac{ig}{x_k^+} - \frac{ig}{x_k^-}\right)$$
anomalous

$$e^{iJp_k} = \prod_{l \neq k}^{S} \frac{x_k^- - x_l^+}{x_k^+ - x_l^-} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^+ x_l^-}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^- x_l^+}} \sigma_{kl}^2$$

Technicalities

$$\begin{cases} u_{k} - \frac{i}{g} = x_{k}^{-} + \frac{1}{x_{k}^{-}}, & u_{k} + \frac{i}{g} = x_{k}^{+} + \frac{1}{x_{k}^{+}}, \\ u_{k} + \frac{i}{g} = x_{l}^{+} + \frac{1}{x_{l}^{+}}, & u_{l} - \frac{i}{g} = x_{l}^{-} + \frac{1}{x_{l}^{-}} \end{cases}$$
$$u_{k} - u_{l} - \frac{2i}{g} = x_{k}^{-} + \frac{1}{x_{k}^{-}} - x_{l}^{+} - \frac{1}{x_{l}^{+}} = (x_{k}^{-} - x_{l}^{+})\left(1 - \frac{1}{x_{k}^{-}x_{l}^{+}}\right)$$
$$u_{k} - u_{l} + \frac{2i}{g} = x_{k}^{+} + \frac{1}{x_{k}^{+}} - x_{l}^{-} - \frac{1}{x_{l}^{-}} = (x_{k}^{+} - x_{l}^{-})\left(1 - \frac{1}{x_{k}^{+}x_{l}^{-}}\right)^{*}$$

$$\frac{x_k^- - x_l^+}{x_k^+ - x_l^-} = \frac{u_k - u_l - \frac{2i}{g}}{u_k - u_l + \frac{2i}{g}} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^+ x_l^-}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^- x_l^+}} \right)$$

$$e^{iJp_k} = \prod_{l \neq k}^{S} \frac{x_k^- - x_l^+}{x_k^+ - x_l^-} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^+ x_l^-}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^- x_l^+}} \sigma_{kl}^2$$

Technicalities

$$u + \frac{i}{g} = x^{+} + \frac{1}{x^{+}}$$
$$u - \frac{i}{g} = x^{-} + \frac{1}{x^{-}}$$

Dividing one equation by the other one gets

$$\frac{u+\frac{i}{g}}{u-\frac{i}{g}} = \frac{x^{+}+\frac{1}{x^{+}}}{x^{-}+\frac{1}{x^{-}}} = \frac{x^{+}}{x^{-}}\frac{1+\frac{1}{x^{+2}}}{1+\frac{1}{x^{-2}}}$$
$$e^{ip} = \frac{x^{+}}{x^{-}} = \frac{u+\frac{i}{g}}{u-\frac{i}{g}}\frac{1+\frac{1}{x^{-2}}}{1+\frac{1}{x^{+2}}}$$

The all-loop Bethe ansatz takes the form

$$\left(\frac{u_k + \frac{i}{g}}{u_k - \frac{i}{g}}\right)^J \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{x_k^{-2}}}{1 + \frac{1}{x_k^{+2}}}\right)^J = \prod_{l \neq k}^S \frac{u_k - u_l - \frac{2i}{g}}{u_k - u_l + \frac{2i}{g}} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^{+}x_l^{-}}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^{-}x_l^{+}}}\sigma_{kl}\right)^2$$

Rescale $u \to u/g$

$$x(u) = \frac{u}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4}{u^2}} \right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad x(u) = \frac{u}{2g} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4g^2}{u^2}} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{u_k+i}{u_k-i}\right)^J \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{x_k^{-2}}}{1+\frac{1}{x_k^{+2}}}\right)^J = \prod_{l\neq k}^S \frac{u_k-u_l-2i}{u_k-u_l+2i} \left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{x_k^{+}x_l^{-}}}{1-\frac{1}{x_k^{-}x_l^{+}}}\sigma_{kl}\right)^2$$

$$x(u) = \frac{u}{2g} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4g^2}{u^2}} \right)$$

First one needs to find a distribution of roots at one loop.

In the limit $g \to 0$ one has

$$x^{\pm} \to \frac{u \pm i}{g}$$

The Bethe-Yang equations turn into

$$\left(\frac{u_k+i}{u_k-i}\right)^J = \prod_{l\neq k}^S \frac{u_k-u_l-2i}{u_k-u_l+2i}$$

The one-loop energy is

$$\Delta^{(1)} = g^2 \sum_{k=1}^{S} \frac{2}{u_k^2 + 1}$$

and the level matching condition is

$$\prod_{k=1}^{S} \frac{u_k + i}{u_k - i} = 1$$

Bethe-Yang equations for sl(2)-sector at one loop and $S \rightarrow \infty$

- For all J and S the roots are always real
- The case J = 2 can be solved exactly
- The roots are real and symmetrically distributed around zero
- The root distribution density has a peak at the origin, no gap around zero
- The outermost roots grow linearly with the spin $\{|u_k|\} \to S/2$

Take the logarithm of the Bethe equations

$$-iJ\log\frac{u_k+i}{u_k-i} = 2\pi n_k - i\sum_{l\neq k}^S \log\frac{u_k-u_l-2i}{u_k-u_l+2i}$$
$$n_k \in \mathbb{Z} - \text{quantum mode numbers}$$

Rescale the roots $\frac{u_k}{S} \to v_k$ and expand the Bethe equations in the limit $S \to \infty$

$$\frac{2J}{v_k S} = 2\pi n_k - \sum_{l \neq k}^{S} \frac{1}{S} \frac{1}{v_k - v_l} + \mathcal{O}(1/S^2)$$

for the lowest state all roots have $n_k = \pm 1$ for any J

Introduce the normalised root density

$$\rho(v) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{k=1}^{S} \delta(v - v_k), \qquad \int_{-a}^{a} \mathrm{d}v \rho(v) = 1$$



$$0 = 2\pi\epsilon(v) - 4 \int_{-a}^{a} \mathrm{d}v' \,\frac{\rho(v')}{v - v'}$$

Solution





The anomalous one-loop energy is

$$\Delta^{(1)} = g^2 \sum_{k=1}^{S} \frac{2}{u_k^2 + 1} \xrightarrow{S \to \infty} \frac{2}{S} \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}v \, \frac{\rho(v)}{v^2 + 1/S^2} \xrightarrow{S \to \infty} 2g^2 \log S$$
regularization

[Korchemsky 1995] [Eden & Staudacher 2006]

Exercise

A general solution of the singular integral equation

$$\int_{a}^{b} \frac{\rho(t) \mathrm{d}t}{t - v} = f(v), \quad a < v < b$$

is given by

$$\rho(v) = \frac{1}{\pi^2 \sqrt{(v-a)(b-v)}} \left[\int_a^b dt \frac{\sqrt{(t-a)(b-t)}}{v-t} f(t) + \pi c \right], \quad c = \int_a^b dt \, \rho(v)$$

By using this general formula reconstruct the solution of the one-loop Bethe equation

$$0 = 2\pi\epsilon(v) - 4 \int_{-a}^{a} \mathrm{d}v' \,\frac{\rho(v')}{v - v'}$$

Recall

$$\left(\frac{u_k+i}{u_k-i}\right)^J \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{x_k^{-2}}}{1+\frac{1}{x_k^{+2}}}\right)^J = \prod_{l\neq k}^S \frac{u_k-u_l-2i}{u_k-u_l+2i} \left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{x_k^{+}x_l^{-}}}{1-\frac{1}{x_k^{-}x_l^{+}}}\sigma_{kl}\right)^2$$
dressing factor

We change the choice of the branches of the logarithm by means of the formulae

$$\log \frac{u+i}{u-i} = i\pi - 2i \arctan u, \qquad u > 0,$$
$$\log \frac{u+i}{u-i} = -i\pi - 2i \arctan u, \qquad u < 0,$$

and relabel k so it runs the set $\{-S/2, \ldots, -1, 1, \ldots, S/2\}$

Taking the logarithm of the Bethe equations and multiplying by i yields

$$\begin{split} 2J \arctan(u_k) + iJ \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{x_k^{-2}}}{1+\frac{1}{x_k^{+2}}}\right) &= 2\pi \tilde{n}_k - 2\sum_{\substack{j=-S/2\\j\neq 0}}^{S/2} \arctan\frac{1}{2}(u_k - u_l) \\ &+ 2i\sum_{\substack{j=-S/2\\j\neq 0}}^{S/2} \log\left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{x_k^{+}x_l^{-}}}{1-\frac{1}{x_k^{-}x_l^{+}}}\sigma_{kl}\right) \\ \tilde{n}_k &= k' + \frac{J-2}{2}\epsilon(k) \text{ for } k' = \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{3}{2}, \dots, \pm\frac{S-1}{2} \end{split}$$

After replacing $k' \to k$

$$2J \arctan(u_k) + iJ \log\left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{x_k^{-2}}}{1 + \frac{1}{x_k^{+2}}}\right) = 2\pi k + \pi (J - 2)\epsilon(k) - 2\sum_{\substack{j = -S/2 \\ j \neq 0}}^{S/2} \arctan\frac{1}{2}(u_k - u_l) + 2i\sum_{\substack{j = -S/2 \\ j \neq 0}}^{S/2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^{+}x_l^{-}}}{1 - \frac{1}{x_k^{-}x_l^{+}}}\sigma_{kl}\right),$$

Introduce the so-called counting function



solution of the Bethe equations

 η is monotonically increasing, in the limit $S \to \infty$ the variable x = k/S becomes continuous

$$u_k \longrightarrow u(x) \implies x = x(u)$$

Introduce the density as derivative of the counting function

$$\rho(u) = \lim_{S \to \infty} \frac{\eta(u_{k+1}) - \eta(u_k)}{u_{k+1} - u_k} = \frac{d\eta(u)}{du} = \frac{dx}{du}$$

Divide Bethe equation by S and take the limit $S \to \infty$

$$\frac{2J}{S}\frac{1}{u^2+1} + \frac{iJ}{S}\frac{d}{du}\log\left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{x^{-2}(u)}}{1+\frac{1}{x^{+2}(u)}}\right) = 2\pi\rho(u) + \frac{2\pi}{S}(J-2)\delta(u) - 4\int_{-b}^{b}\mathrm{d}v\frac{\rho(v)}{(u-v)^2+4} + 2i\int_{-b}^{b}\mathrm{d}v\rho(v)\frac{d}{du}\log\left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{x^{+}(u)x^{-}(v)}}{1-\frac{1}{x^{-}(u)x^{+}(v)}}\sigma(u,v)\right)$$

$$\rho(u) = \rho_0(u) + g^2 \tilde{\sigma}(u)$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$
one - loop higher - loop

The one-loop contribution splits off

$$\frac{2J}{S}\frac{1}{u^2+1} = 2\pi\rho_0(u) + \frac{2\pi}{S}(J-2)\delta(u) - 4\int_{-S/2}^{S/2} \mathrm{d}v \,\frac{\rho_0(v)}{(u-v)^2+4}$$

In the limit $S \to \infty$ this equation turns into the derivative of the one-loop equation

Exercise check that this is the case

For the fluctuation density one has

The equation can be solved perturbatively in g^2 by the Fourier transform

Energy in the large spin limit $E = S + f(g) \log S + \mathcal{O}(S^0)$

$$f(g) = 2g^2 - \frac{1}{6}\pi^2 g^4 + \frac{11}{360}\pi^4 g^6 - \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{73}{630}\pi^6 + 4\zeta(3)^2\right) g^8 + \frac{1}{32} \left(\frac{887}{14175}\pi^8 + \frac{4}{3}\pi^2 \zeta(3)^2 + 40\zeta(3)\zeta(5)\right) g^{10} + \dots$$

[Beisert, Eden & Staudacher 2006]

The main idea



The mirror TBA - a tool to solve the spectral problem of AdS/CFT



One Euclidean theory – two Minkowski theories. One is related to the other by the double Wick rotation:

$$\tilde{\sigma} = -i\tau, \qquad \tilde{\tau} = i\sigma$$

The Hamiltonian \tilde{H} w.r.t. $\tilde{\tau}$ defines the *mirror theory*.



- When $R \to \infty$ one gets $\log Z(R, L) \sim -RE(L)$, where E(L) is the ground state energy
- $\log \tilde{Z}(R, L) = -LF(L)$, where F(L) is the free energy of the mirror theory at the temperature T = 1/L
- Ground state energy is related to the free energy of its mirror











Example: 2dim relativistic QFT

Minkowski dispersion relation is

$$H^2 - p^2 = m^2$$
 $p_0 = H$

The Wick rotation to the Euclidean theory is

$$H = iH_E \,, \quad p = p_E$$

The dispersion relation of the Euclidean theory

$$\begin{aligned} H_E^2 + p_E^2 + m^2 &= 0 \\ \text{the mirror theory is performed by declaring that} \\ H_E &= \widetilde{p}, \qquad p_E = i\widetilde{H} \end{aligned} \qquad \text{inverse Wick rotation} \end{aligned}$$

We have

The passage to

$$\tilde{p}^2 - \tilde{H}^2 + m^2 = 0 \implies \tilde{H}^2 - \tilde{p}^2 = m^2$$

The dispersion relation of a relativistic two-dimensional theory and of its mirror has the one and the same form. The passage to the mirror theory can be considered as the analytic continuation

$$p \to i \sqrt{\widetilde{p}^2 + m^2} \,, \qquad H \to i \widetilde{p}$$



Allow for complex θ and consider the shift

$$\theta = \theta + \frac{i\pi}{2}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ on the right hand side is real, then

$$\widetilde{H} = \frac{1}{i}m\sinh(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2}) = m\cosh\theta, \qquad \widetilde{p} = \frac{1}{i}m\cosh(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2}) = m\sinh\theta$$

Thus, transition to the mirror theory corresponds to the shift of the real rapidity variable of the original theory by the quarter of imaginary period: $\frac{i\pi}{2} = \frac{2\pi i}{4}$.

Dispersion of the $AdS_5 \times S^5$ mirror theory



Thus, the passage from the original (Minkowski) theory to the mirror (Minkowski) theory can be considered as the following analytic continuation of momentum

$$p \to 2i \operatorname{arcsinh} \frac{1}{2g} \sqrt{1 + \widetilde{p}^2}$$

Some notations

- J momentum carried by string along the equator of S⁵,
 L "length" (will be related to J)
- p momentum of a string particle
- \mathcal{E} energy of a string particle: $\mathcal{E} = \sqrt{1 + 4g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$
- $\tilde{\rho}$ momentum of a mirror particle
- $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ energy of a mirror particle: $\tilde{\mathcal{E}} = 2 \operatorname{arcsinh}\left(\frac{1}{2g}\sqrt{1+\tilde{p}^2}\right)$
- String S-matrix $S(p_1, p_2)$
- Mirror S-matrix $\tilde{S}(\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2)$

S-matrix on z-torus

$$\begin{split} S(z_1, z_2) &= \left(E_1^1 \otimes E_1^1 + E_1^2 \otimes E_2^1 + E_2^1 \otimes E_1^2 + E_2^2 \otimes E_2^2 \right) \\ &+ \frac{(x_1^- - x_2^-)(x_1^+ x_2^- - 1)x_2^+}{(x_1^- - x_2^+)(x_1^+ x_2^+ - 1)x_2^-} \left(E_1^1 \otimes E_2^2 - E_1^2 \otimes E_2^1 - E_2^1 \otimes E_1^2 + E_2^2 \otimes E_1^1 \right) \\ &- \frac{x_1^+ - x_2^-}{x_1^- - x_2^+} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_1 \tilde{\eta}_2}{\eta_1 \eta_2} \left(E_3^3 \otimes E_3^3 + E_3^4 \otimes E_4^3 + E_4^3 \otimes E_3^4 + E_4^4 \otimes E_4^4 \right) \\ &- \frac{(x_1^- - x_2^-)(x_1^- x_2^+ - 1)x_1^+}{(x_1^- - x_2^+)(x_1^+ x_2^+ - 1)x_1^-} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_1 \tilde{\eta}_2}{\eta_1 \eta_2} \left(E_3^3 \otimes E_4^4 - E_3^3 \otimes E_4^3 - E_4^3 \otimes E_3^4 + E_4^4 \otimes E_3^3 \right) \\ &+ \frac{x_1^+ - x_2^+}{x_1^- - x_2^+} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_2}{\eta_2} \left(E_1^1 \otimes E_3^3 + E_1^1 \otimes E_4^4 + E_2^2 \otimes E_3^3 + E_2^2 \otimes E_4^4 \right) \\ &+ \frac{x_1^- - x_2^-}{x_1^- - x_2^+} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_1}{\eta_1} \left(E_3^3 \otimes E_1^1 + E_3^3 \otimes E_2^2 + E_4^4 \otimes E_1^1 + E_4^4 \otimes E_2^2 \right) \\ &- \frac{i(x_1^- - x_1^+)(x_2^- - x_2^+)(x_1^- - x_2^-)}{(x_1^- - x_2^+)(x_1^+ x_2^+ - 1)\eta_1 \eta_2} \frac{x_1^+ x_2^+}{x_1^- x_2^-} \left(E_1^3 \otimes E_2^4 - E_1^4 \otimes E_3^2 - E_2^3 \otimes E_1^4 + E_2^4 \otimes E_1^3 \right) \\ &+ \frac{x_1^- - x_2^-}{(x_1^- - x_2^-)(x_1^+ x_2^+ - 1)} \left(E_3^1 \otimes E_4^2 - E_3^2 \otimes E_4^1 - E_4^1 \otimes E_3^2 + E_4^2 \otimes E_3^1 \right) \\ &+ \frac{x_1^- - x_2^+}{x_1^- - x_2^+} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_2}{\eta_1} \left(E_1^3 \otimes E_3^1 + E_4^4 \otimes E_4^1 + E_2^3 \otimes E_3^2 + E_4^4 \otimes E_4^2 \right) \\ &+ \frac{x_1^- - x_2^+}{x_1^- - x_2^+} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_2}{\eta_1} \left(E_1^3 \otimes E_3^1 + E_4^3 \otimes E_3^2 + E_4^4 \otimes E_4^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Foliation of z-torus







$$x = \operatorname{Re}(\frac{2}{\omega_1}z), \quad y = \operatorname{Re}(\frac{4}{\omega_2}z)$$

















g=50

String and mirror regions on z-torus



Mirror and string regions on the *z*-torus. The boundaries are mapped onto the cuts on the *u*- and u_* -planes, respectively

Gluing torus out of four planes



Derivation of the TBA equation

Step 1: Construct the mirror Bethe equations for fundamental particles. Apply the Wick rotation to the world-sheet S-matrix:

 $S(p_1,p_2)
ightarrow ilde{S}(ilde{p_1}, ilde{p_2})$

$$1 = e^{i \widetilde{p}_k R} \prod_{j
eq k} \widetilde{S}(\widetilde{p_k}, \widetilde{p_j})$$

Step 2: Identify configurations of Bethe roots which contribute in the thermodynamic limit $R \rightarrow \infty$

This is known as "the string hypothesis", but a priory it has nothing to do with string theory!

Step 3: Construct TBA equations for excited states

Bethe-Yang equations for mirror particles

$$1 = e^{i\tilde{p}_{k}R} \prod_{\substack{l=1\\l\neq k}}^{K^{I}} S(\tilde{p}_{k}, \tilde{p}_{l}) \prod_{\alpha=1}^{2} \prod_{l=1}^{K^{II}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{x_{k}^{-} - y_{l}^{(\alpha)}}{x_{k}^{+} - y_{l}^{(\alpha)}} \sqrt{\frac{x_{k}^{+}}{x_{k}^{-}}}$$
$$-1 = \prod_{l=1}^{K^{I}} \frac{y_{k}^{(\alpha)} - x_{l}^{-}}{y_{k}^{(\alpha)} - x_{l}^{+}} \sqrt{\frac{x_{l}^{+}}{x_{l}^{-}}} \prod_{l=1}^{K^{III}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{v_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{i}{g}}{v_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{i}{g}}$$
$$1 = \prod_{l=1}^{K^{III}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - v_{l}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{i}{g}}{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - v_{l}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{i}{g}} \prod_{\substack{l=1\\l\neq k}}^{K^{IIII}_{(\alpha)}} \frac{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{2i}{g}}{w_{k}^{(\alpha)} - w_{l}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{2i}{g}}$$

follow from $\tilde{S}(\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2)$

Auxiliary roots $-w^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}; v = y + 1/y$

Bound states

In terms of particle rapidities u_1 and u_2 the S-matrix involves

$$\mathcal{S}(ilde{p}_1, ilde{p}_2)\sim rac{u_1-u_2+rac{2i}{g}}{u_1-u_2-rac{2i}{g}}$$

which has a pole at $u_1 - u_2 - \frac{2i}{g} = 0$

In general, a multi-particle S-matrix will have poles at

$$u_j - u_{j+1} - \frac{2i}{g} = 0, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, Q-1$$

which gives a pattern of a "Bethe string"

$$u_j = u + (Q+1-2j)\frac{i}{g}, \quad j = 1,\ldots,Q, \quad u \in \mathbf{R}$$

regarded as the *Q*-particle bound state.

Bethe strings



$$u_j = u + (Q+1-2j)rac{i}{g}, \quad j=1,\ldots,Q, \quad u\in \mathbf{R}$$

Auxiliary roots v = y + 1/y and w participate in building up Bethe strings!

String hypothesis

String hypothesis suggests the existence of nine types of TBA vacuum particles ($\alpha = 1, 2$):

• Q-particles (Q-particle bound states) carrying momentum $\tilde{p}_Q \implies Y_Q^{(\alpha)}(u)$

- $y^{\pm(\alpha)}$ -particles corresponding to fermionic Bethe roots $\implies Y_{\pm}^{(\alpha)}(u), |u| < 2$
- $M|vw^{(\alpha)}$ -strings $\implies Y^{(\alpha)}_{M|vw}(u)$
- $M|w^{(\alpha)}$ -strings $\implies Y^{(\alpha)}_{M|w}(u)$

Y-functions of the mirror TBA



Mirror TBA for the ground state

•
$$M|w$$
-strings: $\log Y_{M|w}^{(\alpha)} = \log(1 + Y_{M-1|w}^{(\alpha)})(1 + Y_{M+1|w}^{(\alpha)}) \star s + \delta_{M1} \log \frac{1 - \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}}}{1 - \frac{1}{Y_{+}^{(\alpha)}}} \star s$

• *M*|*vw*-strings:

$$\log Y_{M|vw}^{(\alpha)} = \log(1 + Y_{M-1|vw}^{(\alpha)})(1 + Y_{M+1|vw}^{(\alpha)}) \star s - \log(1 + Y_{M+1}) \star s + \delta_{M1} \log \frac{1 - Y_{-}^{(\alpha)}}{1 - Y_{+}^{(\alpha)}} \star s$$

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

 $\log Y_{+}^{(\alpha)} Y_{-}^{(\alpha)} = \log(1 + Y_Q) \star (-K_Q + 2K_{XV}^{Q1} \star s) + 2\log \frac{1+Y_1|_{VW}}{1+Y_1|_{W}} \star s$
• Q-particles for $Q \ge 2$ $\log Y_Q = \log \frac{(1 + \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{(1)}})(1 + \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{(2)}})}{(1 + \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{-1}})(1 + \frac{1}{Y_{Q+1}})} \star s$
• $Q = 1$ -particle $\log Y_1 = \log \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{(1)}})(1 - \frac{1}{Y_{-}^{(2)}})}{1 + \frac{1}{Y_2}} \star s - \Delta(L) \star s, \quad s(u) = \frac{g}{4\cosh \frac{g\pi u}{2}}$

$$E(L) = J - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{Q=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \frac{d\tilde{p}^Q}{du} \log(1 + Y_Q)$$

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Excited states



TBA's for excited states differ only by a choice of the integration contour

• Taking the contour back to the real mirror line produces extra contributions $-\log S(z_*, z)$ from $\log(1 + Y_1) \star K$, where $K(w, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{dw} \log S(w, z)$

Large J (asymptotic) solution

 $L \rightarrow \infty$: Bethe-Yang (all 1/L powers) + Lüscher corrections (leading e^{-mL} corrections)

(standing 1-particle states)

(general *N*-particle states)

Lüscher '86

Bajnok, Janik '08

$$Y_Q^o(v) = \Upsilon_Q(v) T_{Q,-1}(v) T_{Q,1}(v)$$

Transfer matrix

$$T_{Q,1}(u) = \operatorname{Tr}_Q \Big[S_{Q,1}(u, u_1) \dots S_{Q,N}(u, u_N) \Big]$$

The prefactor

$$\Upsilon_Q^+ \Upsilon_Q^- = \Upsilon_{Q-1} \Upsilon_{Q+1}, \quad \Upsilon_Q(v) \sim e^{-J\widetilde{\mathcal{E}}_Q(v)}$$

Bethe-Yang equations are equivalent to

$$Y_{1_*}^o(u_k) = -1, \qquad k = 1, \ldots, N$$

Solve the BY equations for a fixed set of integers

 $J, \quad N = K^{\mathrm{I}}, \quad (K_{-}^{\mathrm{III}}, K_{-}^{\mathrm{II}}, K_{+}^{\mathrm{II}}, K_{+}^{\mathrm{III}})$

Pick up a solution. It is characterized by a definite set of *g*-dependent momenta.

Auxiliary roots are completely fixed by the momenta p_k and play no independent role in the description of a state

- 2 Compute asymptotic Y-functions and find zeroes and poles of 1 + Y and Y
- Obout the state of the state

Exact momenta p_k are found from the *exact Bethe equations* (quantization cond.)

$$Y_{1_*}^0(p_k) = -1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad Y_{1_*}(p_k) = -1$$

5 Energy spectrum:
$$E = J + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathcal{E}(p_i) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{Q=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \frac{d\tilde{p}^Q}{du} \log(1 + Y_Q)$$

Bethe-Yang finite-size corr.