

AdS Virasoro-Shapiro from single-valued periods

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How to bootstrap a string amplitude?

Veneziano (1968) and Virasoro/Shapiro (1969/1970) made assumptions on amplitude $A(S, T)$ (from pheno):

- 1 crossing symmetry
- 2 IR: only simple poles: on linear Regge trajectories
- 3 UV: Regge behaviour: $\lim_{|S| \rightarrow \infty} A(S, T) \sim S^{\alpha' T + \alpha_0}$
- 4 superconvergence sum rules relating IR and UV

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The birth of string theory

Tree-level 4 graviton amplitude in type IIb superstring ($g_s \ll 1$)

$$A(S, T) = -\frac{\Gamma(-S)\Gamma(-T)\Gamma(-U)}{\Gamma(S+1)\Gamma(T+1)\Gamma(U+1)}$$

$$S = -\frac{\alpha'}{4}(p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad T = -\frac{\alpha'}{4}(p_1 + p_3)^2, \quad U = -\frac{\alpha'}{4}(p_1 + p_4)^2$$

Low energy expansion ($g_s \ll \alpha' \ll 1$)

$$A(S, T) = \frac{1}{STU} + 2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(S^2 + T^2 + U^2), \quad \hat{\sigma}_3 = STU, \quad S + T + U = 0$$

type IIB string theory in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

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$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory
with $SU(N)$ gauge group

- worldsheet theory unknown
- We want to derive the genus 0, 4pt amplitude (Virasoro-Shapiro of AdS)

- CFT provides rigid structure

Dictionary:
$$g_s = \frac{g_{YM}^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\lambda}{N}, \quad \alpha' = \frac{R_{AdS}^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

Tree level string theory at low energy

$$g_s \ll \alpha' \ll 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad N \gg \sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$$

The correlator and its Mellin transform

Consider the four-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle \sim \mathcal{T}(u, v) = \text{reduced correlator}$$

\mathcal{O}_2 = superconformal primary of stress-tensor supermultiplet in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory

We will concentrate on

$$M(s_1, s_2) = \text{Mellin transform of } \mathcal{T}(u, v)$$

Crossing symmetry:

$$M(s_1, s_2) = M(s_2, s_1) = M(s_1, s_3), \quad s_1 + s_2 + s_3 = 0$$

$M(s_1, s_2)$ has analytic structure similar to a scattering amplitude.

OPE and poles of $M(s_1, s_2)$

Operator product expansion (OPE)

$$\mathcal{O}_2(x)\mathcal{O}_2(0) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}_{\tau,\ell} \text{ primaries}} C_{\tau,\ell}^2 c_{\tau,\ell}(x, \partial_y) \mathcal{O}_{\tau,\ell}(y)|_{y=0}$$

OPE data

- $\ell = \text{spin}$
- $\tau = \Delta - \ell = \text{twist}$
- $C_{\tau,\ell}^2 = \text{OPE coefficients}$

$M(s_1, s_2)$ has only simple poles, given by [Mack;2009], [Penedones,Silva,Zhiboedov;2019]

Poles and residues of $M(s_1, s_2)$

$$M(s_1, s_2) \sim \frac{C_{\tau,\ell}^2 Q_{\ell,m}^{\tau+4,d=4} (s_2 - \frac{8}{3})}{s_1 - \tau - 2m + \frac{4}{3}}$$

The low energy expansion

Low energy expansion in flat space

$$A(S, T) = \frac{1}{STU} + 2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$$

Low energy expansion of Mellin amplitude

$$M(s_1, s_2) = \frac{8}{(s_1 - \frac{2}{3})(s_2 - \frac{2}{3})(s_3 - \frac{2}{3})} + \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2a + 3b + 6)}{8^{a+b} \lambda^{\frac{3}{2} + a + \frac{3}{2}b}} \sigma_2^a \sigma_3^b \left(\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{\alpha_{a,b}^{(2)}}{\lambda} + \dots \right)$$

$$\sigma_2^a \sigma_3^b = \text{contact diagrams} \quad , \quad \sigma_2 = s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2 \quad , \quad \sigma_3 = s_1 s_2 s_3$$

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(k)} = \text{Wilson coefficients}$$

- AdS: expand also in dimensionless parameter $1/\sqrt{\lambda} = \alpha'/R_{\text{AdS}}^2$
- $\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$ are the same due to flat space limit [Penedones;2010]

How to bootstrap a string amplitude in AdS?

Constraints on $M(s_1, s_2)$ (from CFT):

- 1 superconformal and crossing symmetry
- 2 IR: only simple poles: positions and residues \leftrightarrow CFT data
- 3 UV: bound on chaos: $\lim_{|s_1| \rightarrow \infty} |M(s_1, s_2)| \lesssim |s_1|^{-2}$, $\text{Re}(s_2) < \frac{2}{3}$
[Maldacena, Shenker, Stanford; 2015]
- 4 low energy expansion

Dispersive sum rules

\Rightarrow

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(k)} = \sum_{\tau, \ell} f(\text{OPE data of stringy operators})$$

stringy operators: single-trace, $\Delta \propto \lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}$

Flat space Wilson coefficients

Extract $\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$ from the flat space amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(S^2 + T^2 + U^2) \\ \hat{\sigma}_3 &= STU\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{STU} + 2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} &= - \frac{\Gamma(-S)\Gamma(-T)\Gamma(-U)}{\Gamma(S+1)\Gamma(T+1)\Gamma(U+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{STU} \exp\left(2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\zeta(2n+1)}{2n+1} (S^{2n+1} + T^{2n+1} + U^{2n+1})\right)\end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\alpha_{a,0}^{(0)} = \zeta(3+2a), \quad \alpha_{a,1}^{(0)} = \sum_{\substack{i_1, i_2=0 \\ i_1+i_2=a}}^a \zeta(3+2i_1)\zeta(3+2i_2), \quad \dots$$

$\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$ is in the ring of single-valued MZVs of weight $3+2a+3b$ and depth $\leq b+1$.

One can solve the dispersive sum rule for leading OPE data (in $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$ expansion).

The next sum rule

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)} = \sum_{\tau,\ell} f(\text{OPE data})$$

has unknown data on both sides. We find a unique solution by assuming:

- $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ is in the ring of single-valued MZVs of weight $4 + 2a + 3b$ and depth $\leq b + 2$
- an ansatz for $f(\text{OPE data})$ in terms of Euler-Zagier sums

Solution agrees with integrability and passes various consistency checks!

Summing the low energy expansion

$$-\frac{\Gamma(-S)\Gamma(-T)\Gamma(-U)}{\Gamma(S+1)\Gamma(T+1)\Gamma(U+1)} = \frac{1}{STU} + 2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$$

Sum for flat space [Zagier,Zerbini;2019]

$$2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\delta^3} \frac{y+2}{1-x-y} \binom{z+\delta-1}{\delta-1}^2 \quad (\text{poles at } S, T, U = \delta)$$

Sum for $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$ correction

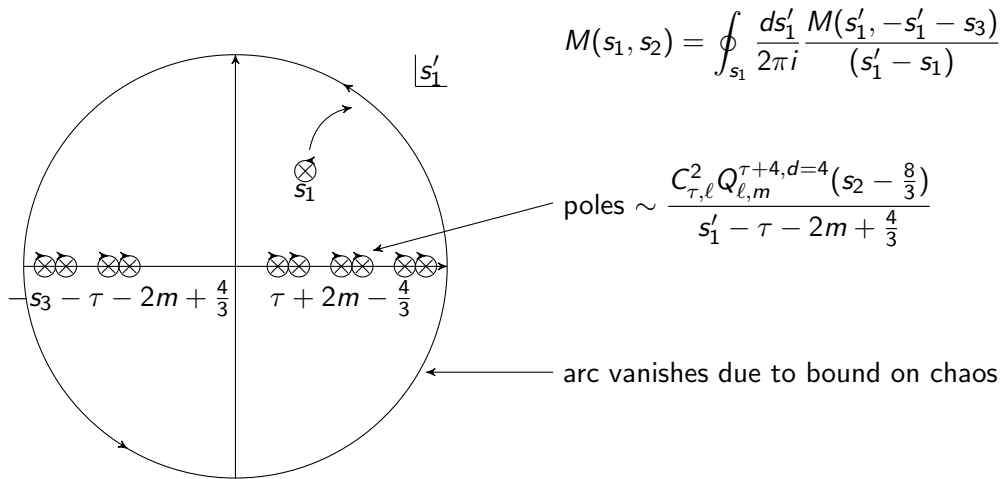
$$2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(1)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\delta-1} \frac{1}{\delta^4} \mathcal{D}_n(\delta) \frac{y+2}{1-x-y} \binom{z+\delta-\frac{n}{2}-1}{\delta-n-1}^2$$

$$x = \hat{\sigma}_2/\delta^2, \quad y = \hat{\sigma}_3/\delta^3, \quad z = \delta \left(\sqrt{1-4y} - 1 \right) / 2$$

$\mathcal{D}_n(\delta) =$ degree 3 differential operator in x, y, z

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Dispersion relation



$$M(s_1, s_2) = \oint_{s_1} \frac{ds'_1}{2\pi i} \frac{M(s'_1, -s'_1 - s_3)}{(s'_1 - s_1)}$$

poles $\sim \frac{C_{\tau,l}^2 Q_{l,m}^{\tau+4,d=4} (s_2 - \frac{8}{3})}{s'_1 - \tau - 2m + \frac{4}{3}}$

arc vanishes due to bound on chaos

Result:
$$M(s_1, s_2) = \sum_{\tau,l} C_{\tau,l}^2 \omega_{\tau,l}(s_1, s_2)$$

Imposing

$$\text{low energy expansion} = M(s_1, s_2) = \sum_{\tau, \ell} C_{\tau, \ell}^2 \omega_{\tau, \ell}(s_1, s_2)$$

relates Wilson coefficients and OPE data:

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(k)} = \sum_{\tau, \ell} f(\text{OPE data of stringy operators})$$

The stringy operators must have $\tau \sim \lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}$ to produce string states of mass $m \sim 1/\sqrt{\alpha'}$ in the flat space limit.

$r =$ quantum numbers

OPE coefficients

$$C^2(r; \lambda) = \frac{\pi^3}{4^{6+\ell+\tau(r;\lambda)}} \frac{\tau(r; \lambda)^6}{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi\tau(r;\lambda)}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{\ell+1} f(r; \lambda)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{cancels factor in } \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{\tau, \ell}(s_1, s_2)}$

Expansion in $1/\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}$

$$\tau(r; \lambda) = \tau_0(r)\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}} + \tau_1(r) + \tau_2(r)\lambda^{-\frac{1}{4}} + \dots$$

$$f(r; \lambda) = f_0(r) + f_1(r)\lambda^{-\frac{1}{4}} + f_2(r)\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \dots$$

Quantisation of the twists

First dispersive sum rule:

$$\zeta(3+2a) \stackrel{\text{flat space}}{=} \alpha_{a,0}^{(0)} = \sum_r \left(\frac{4}{\tau_0^2(r)} \right)^{3+2a} f_0(r)$$

Expand at large a :

$$\frac{1}{1^{3+2a}} + \frac{1}{2^{3+2a}} + \frac{1}{3^{3+2a}} + \dots = \left(\frac{4}{\tau_0^2(r_1)} \right)^{3+2a} \sum_{r_1} f_0(r_1) + \left(\frac{4}{\tau_0^2(r_2)} \right)^{3+2a} \sum_{r_2} f_0(r_2) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_0(r) = 2\sqrt{\delta}, \quad \delta \in \mathbb{N}$$

Agrees with [\[Gubser,Klebanov,Polyakov;1998\]](#)!

Quantum numbers

In terms of spin ℓ and Regge trajectory n :

$$\tau_0(r) = 2\sqrt{\delta} = 2\sqrt{\ell/2 + n + 1}$$

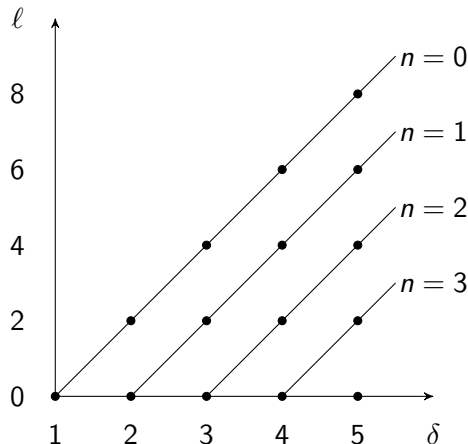
$$\ell = 0, 2, \dots, 2(\delta - 1)$$

Our quantum numbers:

$$r = (\delta, \ell, \hat{r})$$

\hat{r} not accessible from $\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle$ alone:

$$\sum_{\hat{r}} \dots = \langle \dots \rangle$$



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First dispersive sum rule

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^b \frac{c_{a,b,m}^{(0)}}{\delta^{3+2a+3b}} F_m^{(0)}(\delta), \quad F_m^{(0)}(\delta) = \sum_{\ell=0,2,\dots}^{2(\delta-1)} (\ell - m + 1)_m (\ell + 2)_m \langle f_0(\delta, \ell) \rangle$$

$\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$ is known from flat space in terms of multiple zeta values (MZVs):

$$\zeta(s_1, \dots, s_d) = \sum_{n_1 > \dots > n_d > 0} \frac{1}{n_1^{s_1} \dots n_d^{s_d}} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \frac{Z_{s_2, s_3, \dots}(\delta - 1)}{\delta^{s_1}}$$

Euler-Zagier sums:
$$Z_{s_1, \dots, s_d}(N) = \sum_{\substack{n_1, \dots, n_d \\ N \geq n_1 > \dots > n_d > 0}} \frac{1}{n_1^{s_1} \dots n_d^{s_d}}$$

Sum rules implies:
$$F_m^{(0)}(\delta) = \sum_{d=\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}^m \sum_{\substack{s_1, \dots, s_d \in \{1,2\} \\ s_1 + \dots + s_d = m}} 2^{\sum_i \delta_{s_i, 1}} \delta^m Z_{s_1, \dots, s_d}(\delta - 1)$$

Resulting $\langle f_0(\delta, \ell) \rangle$ agrees with [\[Costa, Goncalves, Penedones;2012\]](#).

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Second dispersive sum rule

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^b \frac{1}{\delta^{4+2a+3b}} \left(c_{a,b,m}^{(0)} \left(F_m^{(2)}(\delta) - (3 + 2a + 3b) T_m^{(2)}(\delta) \right) + c_{a,b,m}^{(2)} F_m^{(0)}(\delta) \right)$$

$$T_m^{(2)}(\delta) = \sum_{\ell=0,2,\dots}^{2(\delta-1)} \sqrt{\delta} (\ell - m + 1)_m (\ell + 2)_m \langle f_0(\delta, \ell) \tau_2(\delta, \ell) \rangle$$

$$F_m^{(2)}(\delta) = \sum_{\ell=0,2,\dots}^{2(\delta-1)} (\ell - m + 1)_m (\ell + 2)_m \left(\delta \langle f_2(\delta, \ell) \rangle - \frac{39}{4} \ell \langle f_0(\delta, \ell) \rangle \right)$$

$$c_{a,b,m}^{(2)} = c_{a,b,m}^{(0)} \times \text{degree 3 polynomial in } a, b, m$$

Now: Unknown data on both sides of equation.

Constraints at negative a

The dispersive sum rules hold for

$$b = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad a = -b, -b + 1, \dots$$

Low energy expansion requires

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(k)} = 0, \quad \text{for } a = -b, \dots, -1$$

One can check that this holds for $\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$.

Constrains $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$, but not enough to fix it.

We will demand that $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ for $a \geq 0$ is in the ring of single-valued MZVs.

Single-valued multiple zeta values

weight = $s_1 + \dots + s_d$, depth = d

Multiple polylogarithms

$$\text{Li}_{s_1, \dots, s_d}(z) = \sum_{n_1 > \dots > n_d > 0} \frac{z^{n_1}}{n_1^{s_1} \dots n_d^{s_d}}$$

Multiple zeta values (MZVs)

$$\zeta(s_1, \dots, s_d) = \text{Li}_{s_1, \dots, s_d}(1) = \sum_{n_1 > \dots > n_d > 0} \frac{1}{n_1^{s_1} \dots n_d^{s_d}}$$

Francis Brown constructed single-valued multiple polylogarithms $\text{Li}_{s_1, \dots, s_d}^{\text{sv}}(z)$

Single-valued MZVs

$$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(s_1, \dots, s_d) = \text{Li}_{s_1, \dots, s_d}^{\text{sv}}(1)$$

$$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(2k) = 0, \quad \zeta^{\text{sv}}(2k+1) = 2\zeta(2k+1), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Vector space of MZVs

MZVs of given weight form a finite-dimensional vector space over the rational numbers. We expand in a basis to take into account relations between MZVs of the same weight.

weight	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
generators	$\zeta(2)$	$\zeta(3)$		$\zeta(5)$		$\zeta(7)$	$\zeta(5, 3)$
basis	$\zeta(2)$	$\zeta(3)$	$\zeta(2)^2$	$\zeta(5)$	$\zeta(3)^2$	$\zeta(7)$	$\zeta(5, 3)$
				$\zeta(3)\zeta(2)$	$\zeta(2)^3$	$\zeta(5)\zeta(2)$ $\zeta(3)\zeta(2)^2$	$\zeta(5)\zeta(3)$ $\zeta(3)^2\zeta(2)$ $\zeta(2)^4$

Example: $\zeta(3, 2, 1) = 3\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{29}{30}\zeta(2)^3$

Single-valued MZVs form a much smaller vector space. All generators have odd weight.

weight	3	5	7	9	11	13
generators	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(3)$	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(5)$	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(7)$	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(9)$	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(11)$	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(13)$
					$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(5, 3, 3)$	$\zeta^{\text{sv}}(7, 3, 3)$ $\zeta^{\text{sv}}(5, 5, 3)$

Example: $\zeta^{\text{sv}}(5, 3, 3) = 2\zeta(5, 3, 3) - \frac{8}{7}\zeta(5)\zeta(2)^3 + \frac{12}{5}\zeta(7)\zeta(2)^2 + 90\zeta(9)\zeta(2) - 5\zeta(3)^2\zeta(5)$

We make the assumptions:

- $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ is in the ring of single-valued MZVs and has uniform weight $4 + 2a + 3b$.
- $T_m^{(2)}(\delta)$: Euler-Zagier sums (and svMZVs) of weight $\leq m + 2$ and depth $\leq m + 1$
- $F_m^{(2)}(\delta)$: Euler-Zagier sums (and svMZVs) of weight $\leq m + 3$ and depth $\leq m + 1$

Fixing $\alpha_{a,0}^{(1)}$

Ansatz for unknown terms in $\alpha_{a,0}^{(1)}$ (8 parameters):

$$T_0^{(2)}(\delta) = d_0 + d_1\delta Z_1(\delta - 1) + d_2\delta^2 Z_2(\delta - 1)$$

$$F_0^{(2)}(\delta) = c_0 + c_1\delta Z_1(\delta - 1) + c_2\delta^2 Z_2(\delta - 1) + c_3\delta^3 Z_3(\delta - 1) + \tilde{c}\delta^3\zeta(3)$$

Demand convergence:

$$\alpha_{0,0}^{(1)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\tilde{c}\zeta(3) + c_3 Z_3(\delta - 1)}{\delta} + O(\delta^{-2}) \right) \Rightarrow \tilde{c} = -c_3$$

Demand single-valuedness:

$$\alpha_{0,0}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{10} (4c_0 + c_1 + 3c_2 - 5c_3 - 12d_0 - 3d_1 - 9d_2 - 44) \zeta(2)^2,$$

$$\alpha_{1,0}^{(1)} = (\dots) \zeta(2)^3 + (\dots) \zeta(3)^2, \quad \alpha_{2,0}^{(1)} = (\dots) \zeta(2)^4 + (\dots) \zeta(3)\zeta(5) + (\dots) \zeta(5, 3),$$

$$\alpha_{3,0}^{(1)} = (\dots) \zeta(2)^5 + (\dots) \zeta(3)\zeta(7) + (\dots) \zeta(5)^2 + (\dots) \zeta(7, 3).$$

Use localisation result: $\alpha_{1,0}^{(1)} = -2\zeta(3)^2$ [Chester,Pufu;2020]

All parameters fixed!

The result is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{a,0}^{(1)} &= 2\zeta(2a+1)\zeta(3) - 2\zeta(2a+1, 3) - (2a+1)\zeta(2a+2, 2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3}(6a^2 + 23a + 3)\zeta(2a+3, 1) - \frac{1}{3}(4a^3 + 16a^2 + 13a + 6)\zeta(2a+4) \end{aligned}$$

Can be rewritten as

$$\alpha_{a,0}^{(1)} = -\left(a^2 + \frac{35}{6}a + \frac{1}{2}\right) \sum_{\substack{i_1, i_2=0 \\ i_1+i_2=a-1}}^{a-1} \zeta(3+2i_1)\zeta(3+2i_2) - 2 \sum_{\substack{i_1, i_2=0 \\ i_1+i_2=a-1}}^{a-1} i_1 i_2 \zeta(3+2i_1)\zeta(3+2i_2)$$

This shows it is in the ring of single-valued MZVs for all values of a .

More $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ solutions

In the same way we find unique solutions for $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ with $b = 1, \dots, 6$

Can not be written in terms of single zeta values, example:

$$\alpha_{3,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{209279}{300}\zeta(13) - 166\zeta(3)^2\zeta(7) - 174\zeta(3)\zeta(5)^2 + \frac{2}{25}\zeta^{\text{sv}}(5, 5, 3)$$

Examples for $T_m^{(2)}(\delta)$: (Z's are evaluated at $\delta - 1$)

$$T_0^{(2)}(\delta) = \delta^2 Z_2 + \frac{1}{4}\delta Z_1 + 2$$

$$T_1^{(2)}(\delta) = \delta^3 (Z_3 + 2Z_{1,2} + 3Z_{2,1}) + \delta^2 \left(\frac{7}{4}Z_2 + Z_{1,1}\right) + \frac{9}{2}\delta Z_1$$

$$T_2^{(2)}(\delta) = \delta^4 (2Z_{1,3} + 3Z_{3,1} + 3Z_{2,2} + 4Z_{1,1,2} + 6Z_{1,2,1} + 8Z_{2,1,1}) \\ + \delta^3 \left(2Z_3 + \frac{15}{4}Z_{1,2} + \frac{23}{4}Z_{2,1} + 3Z_{1,1,1}\right) + \delta^2 (2Z_2 + 9Z_{1,1})$$

Similar for $F_m^{(2)}(\delta)$

All $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ solutions

Based on the results for $b = 0, \dots, 6$:

$$T_m^{(2)}(\delta) = \sum_{w=m}^{m+2} \sum_{d=\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}^{m+1} \sum_{\substack{s_1, \dots, s_d \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ s_1 + \dots + s_d = w}} t_{s_1, \dots, s_d}^m \delta^w Z_{s_1, \dots, s_d}(\delta - 1)$$

$$F_m^{(2)}(\delta) = 2\delta^3 \zeta(3) F_m^{(0)}(\delta) + \sum_{w=m}^{m+3} \sum_{d=\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}^{m+1} \sum_{\substack{s_1, \dots, s_d \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ s_1 + \dots + s_d = w}} f_{s_1, \dots, s_d}^m \delta^w Z_{s_1, \dots, s_d}(\delta - 1)$$

Found general formula for coefficients t_{s_1, \dots, s_d}^m and $f_{s_1, \dots, s_d}^m \rightarrow$ solution for all $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$!

$$r_n(\delta) = \frac{4^{2-2\delta} \delta^{2\delta-2n-1} (2\delta - 2n - 1)}{\Gamma(\delta) \Gamma(\delta - \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)}$$

Leading Regge trajectory $\ell = 2(\delta - 1)$ (non-degenerate)

$$f_0(\delta, 2(\delta - 1)) = \frac{r_0(\delta)}{\delta}, \quad \tau_2(\delta, 2(\delta - 1)) = \frac{3\delta^2 - \delta + 2}{2\sqrt{\delta}}$$

$$f_2(\delta, 2(\delta - 1)) = -\frac{r_0(\delta)}{96\delta^2} (112\delta^3 - 1872\delta^2 + 344\delta + 201) + 2\delta^2 \zeta(3) f_0(\delta, 2(\delta - 1))$$

$\tau_2(\delta, 2(\delta - 1))$ agrees with integrability result [Gromov, Serban, Shenderovich, Volin; 2011]!

Next Regge trajectory

$$\langle f_0 \tau_2 \rangle(\delta, 2(\delta - 2)) = \frac{r_1(\delta)}{18\sqrt{\delta}} (18\delta^4 + 25\delta^3 - 57\delta^2 + 50\delta - 72) \quad \text{etc.}$$

We determine $\langle f_0 \tau_2 \rangle$ and $\langle f_2 \rangle$ for many Regge trajectories.

- 1 Single-valuedness (and zeros for $a < 0$) of $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$:
 - imposed for $b = 0, \dots, 6$ and $a = 0, 1, 2, 3$
 - checked for $b \leq 6$, $4 + 2a + 3b \leq 28$ and $b \leq 12$, $4 + 2a + 3b \leq 25$ (using HyperlogProcedures by Oliver Schnetz)
- 2 Equations for OPE data are overconstrained, with solution, e.g.

$$T_m^{(2)}(\delta)|_{\text{definition}} = T_m^{(2)}(\delta)|_{\text{solution}}, \quad \delta \text{ fixed}$$

- δ unknowns: $\ell = 0, 2, \dots, 2(\delta - 1)$
- $2\delta - 1$ equations: $m = 0, 1, \dots, 2(\delta - 1)$

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- 5 Resumming the low energy expansion

The flat space transform

Flat space transform achieves Borel summation of low energy expansion.

$$M(s_1, s_2) = \frac{8}{(s_1 - \frac{2}{3})(s_2 - \frac{2}{3})(s_3 - \frac{2}{3})} + \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2a + 3b + 6)}{8^{a+b} \lambda^{\frac{3}{2} + a + \frac{3}{2}b}} \sigma_2^a \sigma_3^b \left(\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) + O(1/\lambda)$$

Flat space transform [Penedones;2010]

$$A(S, T) = \text{FS}(M(s_1, s_2)) = 2\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}c} \int_{\kappa-i\infty}^{\kappa+i\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{2\pi i} e^{\alpha} \alpha^{-6} M\left(\frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}S}{\alpha}, \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}T}{\alpha}\right)$$

Result:

$$\begin{aligned} A(S, T) &= A^{(0)}(S, T) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} A^{(1)}(S, T) + O(1/\lambda) \\ &= \frac{1}{STU} - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_2}{\hat{\sigma}_3^2} + 2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \left(\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) + O(1/\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Summing $\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)}$

Recall sum rule:

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^b \frac{c_{a,b,m}^{(0)}}{\delta^{3+2a+3b}} F_m^{(0)}(\delta)$$

We use the generating series [Zagier,Zerbini;2019]:

$$\sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} c_{a,b,m}^{(0)} x^a y^b = \frac{1}{2} \frac{y+2}{1-x-y} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-4y}-1}{2} \right)^m, \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_m^{(0)}(\delta) \left(\frac{z}{\delta} \right)^m = \binom{z+\delta-1}{\delta-1}^2$$

Sum over a, b, m

$$2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(0)} = \sum_{a,b,m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\delta^3} x^a y^b c_{a,b,m}^{(0)} F_m^{(0)}(\delta) = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\delta^3} \frac{y+2}{1-x-y} \binom{z+\delta-1}{\delta-1}^2$$

$$x = \hat{\sigma}_2/\delta^2, \quad y = \hat{\sigma}_3/\delta^3, \quad z = \delta \left(\sqrt{1-4y} - 1 \right) / 2, \quad \frac{y+2}{1-x-y} = 2 - \frac{S}{S-\delta} - \frac{T}{T-\delta} - \frac{U}{U-\delta}$$

Summing $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$

Recall sum rule:

$$\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^b \frac{1}{\delta^{4+2a+3b}} \left(c_{a,b,m}^{(0)} \left(F_m^{(2)}(\delta) - (3 + 2a + 3b) T_m^{(2)}(\delta) \right) + c_{a,b,m}^{(2)} F_m^{(0)}(\delta) \right)$$

We find the generating series:

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_m^{(2)}(\delta) \left(\frac{z}{\delta} \right)^m = \sum_{n=0}^{\delta-1} h_n(\delta) \binom{z + \delta - \frac{n}{2} - 1}{\delta - n - 1}^2, \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} T_m^{(2)}(\delta) \left(\frac{z}{\delta} \right)^m = \sum_{n=0}^{\delta-1} g_n(\delta) \binom{z + \delta - \frac{n}{2} - 1}{\delta - n - 1}^2$$

Sum over a, b, m

$$2 \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_2^a \hat{\sigma}_3^b \alpha_{a,b}^{(1)} = \sum_{\delta=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\delta-1} \frac{1}{\delta^4} \mathcal{D}_n(\delta) \frac{y+2}{1-x-y} \binom{z + \delta - \frac{n}{2} - 1}{\delta - n - 1}^2$$

Using $ax^a = x\partial_x x^a$ etc:

$$\mathcal{D}_n(\delta) = h_n(\delta) - g_n(\delta) (3 + 2x\partial_x + 3y\partial_y) + \delta_{n,0} \text{ (third order differential operator in } x, y, z)$$

$\Rightarrow A^{(1)}(S, T)$ has poles up to 4th order at $S, T, U = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- bound on chaos
 - ⇒ dispersive sum rules
 - ⇒ operators with $\Delta \sim \lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}$ in planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM at large λ
- assumption that $\alpha_{a,b}^{(1)}$ are single-valued periods
 - ⇒ solution of sum rules
- low energy expansion can be Borel summed
 - analytic structure generalises the flat space Virasoro-Shapiro amplitude

Future directions

- Next order (WIP): it looks like $\alpha_{a,b}^{(2)}$ can be fixed after we determine $\langle f_0 \tau_2^2 \rangle$. This requires solving a mixing problem by studying $\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle$.
- $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory is modular invariant in the gauge coupling. Can we identify modular functions that have $\alpha_{a,b}^{(k)}$ as perturbative terms? The first few are the same as in flat space: $E(\frac{3}{2}, \tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s)$, $E(\frac{5}{2}, \tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s)$, $\varepsilon(3, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s)$
[\[Green, Gutperle, Kwon, Vanhove; 1997-2006\]](#), [\[Chester, Green, Pufu, Wang, Wen; 2019, 2020\]](#)
- What is the worldsheet theory for strings in AdS?
First step: find single-valued integral representation for $A^{(1)}(S, T)$, generalising

$$(S + T)^2 A^{(0)}(S, T) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})} |z|^{-2S-2} |1-z|^{-2T-2} dz d\bar{z}$$

Thank you!

Questions?

$T_m^{(2)}(\delta)$ formula

$$T_m^{(2)}(\delta) = \sum_{w=m}^{m+2} \sum_{d=\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}^{m+1} \sum_{\substack{s_1, \dots, s_d \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ s_1 + \dots + s_d = w}} t_s^m \delta^w Z_s(\delta - 1)$$

$$\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_d)$$

$$t_s^m = \begin{cases} 2^{n_1^s} (Q_w^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, n_3^s) + p_w^m P_s), & n_3^s \in \{0, 1\}, \\ 0, & n_3^s > 1, \end{cases}$$

$$n_k^s = \# \text{ of } k\text{'s in } \mathbf{s}$$

Q_w^m = result for lexicographically ordered \mathbf{s}

$$Q_{m+2}^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, 1) = 1, \quad Q_{m+2}^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, 0) = \frac{n_2^s(n_2^s + 1)}{2},$$

$$Q_{m+1}^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, 1) = 2, \quad Q_{m+1}^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, 0) = \frac{n_1^s + n_2^s(8n_2^s + 6)}{8},$$

$$Q_m^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, 1) = 0, \quad Q_m^m(n_1^s, n_2^s, 0) = 2 - \frac{n_1^s(n_1^s + 4n_2^s - 3)}{8} - \frac{n_2^s(n_2^s - 1)}{2},$$

$p_w^m P_s$ = extra term for unordered \mathbf{s}

$$p_{m+2}^m = \frac{1}{2}, \quad p_{m+1}^m = 1, \quad p_m^m = 0, \quad P_s = \sum_{i=1}^d \delta_{s_i, \max(\mathbf{s})} \sum_{j=i+1}^d s_j (1 - \delta_{s_j, \max(\mathbf{s})})$$