

# Rational Q-systems and Linear Quiver Gauge Theories

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- Bethe/gauge duality: SUSY vacua of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory on  $S^1$  are given by solutions to BAEs.
- Best way to solve BAEs are through the rational Q-systems.
- Lesson for SUSY field theorists: We generalise construction of rational Q-systems to generic A-type quivers.
- Lesson for integrability experts: We give quick criteria for bispectral duality.

Overview of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theories

3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theories and Bethe/gauge correspondence

Rational Q-systems

From QQ-relations to BAEs

Solving Q-system

Mirror symmetry and bispectral duality

Conclusion and outlook

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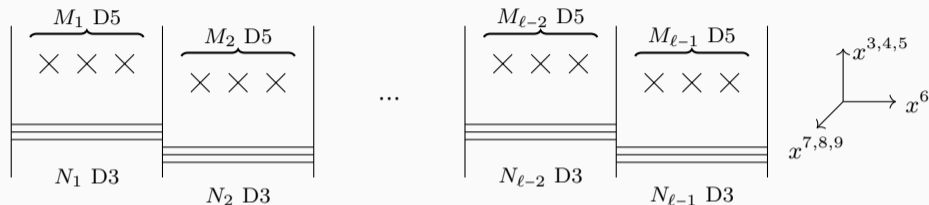
# Why 3d $N = 4$ theories?

- Relatively easy to understand.
  - ▶ Different constructions
  - ▶ Moduli spaces
  - ▶ Hilbert series
  - ▶ Monopole operators, defects
  - ▶ Partition functions
  - ▶ ...
- Interesting properties: Mirror symmetry, etc.
- Deep connections to quantum integrable systems.

- Brane construction in type IIB superstring theory

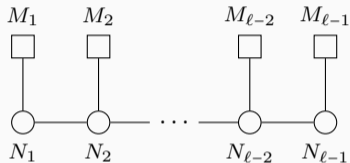
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# $T[SU(n)]$ theories



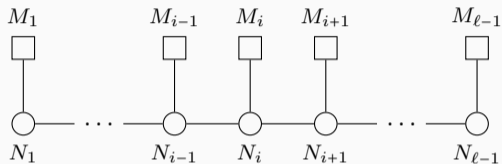
- $\ell$  NS5 separated along  $x^6$
- $N_i$  D3 suspended between  $i$ -th and  $(i+1)$ -th NS5 branes
- $M_i$  D5 in between  $i$ -th and  $(i+1)$ -th NS5 branes
- 3d  $N=4$  theory lives on  $x^{0,1,2,3}$ .

# Field theory contents



- Round node: dynamic  $U(N_i)$  vector multiplets
- Square node: background  $U(M_i)$  vector multiplets
- Black lines: hypermultiplets in bifundamental representation





- Flow to interacting SCFT in IR if for each gauge node

$$e_i = N_{i-1} + N_{i+1} + M_i - 2N_i \geq 0$$

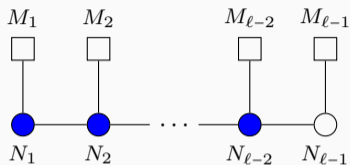
These theories are referred to as “good” in [Gaiotto-Witten].

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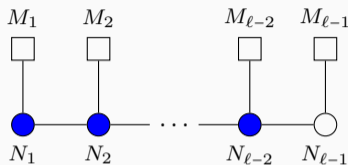
- $\mathcal{N} = 4$  R-symmetry:  $SO(4)_R \cong SU(2)_H \times SU(2)_C$ , geometrically realised as
  - ▶ rotation group  $SU(2)_H \cong SO(3)_{7,8,9}$
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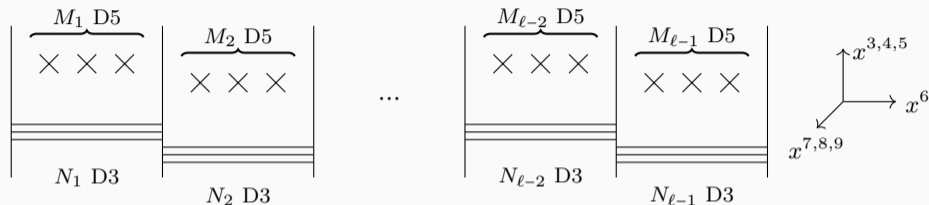
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- Coulomb branch symmetry  $G_C^{\text{IR}}$ 
  - ▶  $G_C^{\text{UV}} = U(1)_J^{\ell-1}$  : topological symmetry  $U(1)_J$  from each  $U(N_i)$
  - ▶ May be enhanced in IR by monopole operators as ladder operators. [Gaiotto-Witten], [Aharony-Hanany-Intriligator-Seiberg-Strassler], [Borokhov-Kapustin-Wu], [Bashkirov]
  - ▶ The subset of balanced gauge nodes yield Dynkin diagram of non-Abelian part of  $G_C^{\text{IR}}$ .
  - ▶ Example above:  $G_C^{\text{IR}} = SU(\ell - 1) \times U(1)$ .

# Deformation parameters



- A triplet of masses  $\vec{m} = (m^1, m^2, m^3)$ 
  - ▶ Corresponding to  $CSA(G_H)$ ,  $\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{3}$  of  $SU(2)_H \times SU(2)_C$
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- A triplet of FI parameters  $\vec{\omega} = (\omega^1, \omega^2, \omega^3)$ 
  - ▶ Corresponding to  $CSA(G_C)$ ,  $\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{1}$  of  $SU(2)_H \times SU(2)_C$
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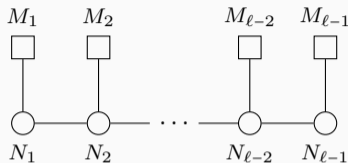
## Two partitions

- The linear quiver can be described by **two partitions**  $\rho, \sigma$ ; the 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theory denoted by  $T_{\rho}^{\sigma}[SU(n)]$  [Gaiotto-Witten]

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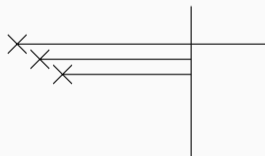
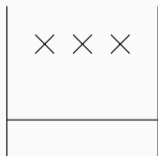
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- $\rho$  is a partition function if the quiver theory is “good”

$$\rho_i = e_i + e_{i+1} + \dots + e_{\ell-1} + N_{\ell-1}$$

# Two partitions

- Physically, we can move all D5 to the left, taking into account brane creation/annihilation [Hanany-Witten]
  - ▶  $\rho_j$  are the net numbers D3 ending on NS5
  - ▶  $\sigma_j$  are the net numbers D3 ending on D5
  - ▶  $|\rho| = |\sigma| = n$  is the total number of D3 branes
- Example: SQED w/  $\rho = (2, 1)$ ,  $\sigma = (1, 1, 1)$ .





**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theories and  
Bethe/gauge correspondence**

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- To make connection with quantum integrable systems, we **softly break supersymmetry**  
 $\mathcal{N} = 4 \rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 2^*$ ;
- and **compactify** on  $S^1$  to get 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)^*$  KK theory

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- $j_\eta = j_H^3 - j_C^3$  generates add'l global non-R-symmetry  $U(1)_\eta$  from  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  POV
- Breaking  $\mathcal{N} = 4 \rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 2^*$  by turning on real mass  $\tilde{\eta}$ , by coupling  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  background  $U(1)_\eta$  vector multiplet

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- Summary:
  - ▶ Global non-R symmetry:  $G_H \times G_C \times U(1)_\eta$
  - ▶ Ass'ted real parameters:  $m, \omega, \tilde{\eta}$

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- 3d dynamic  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  vector multiplets contain real scalar  $\sigma_k \equiv \varphi_{3,k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, \text{rk}(G)$ ), which can be combined with Wilson line  $a_{0,k}$  along  $S^1$  and exponentiated

$$x_k = e^{2\pi i u_k}, \quad u_k = iR(\sigma_k + ia_{0,k}).$$

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- To find the supersymmetric vacua:
  - ▶ Move into Coulomb branch of moduli space
  - ▶ The dynamics of 2d Abelian field strength is controlled by effective twisted superpotential  $\widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}}(u_k)$
  - ▶ Turn on twisted masses  $\mathbf{z} = (\theta_j, t_s, \eta)$ , integrate out massive fields, compute contributions to  $\widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}}(u_k; \mathbf{z})$
  - ▶ Find SUSY vacua by minima of  $\widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}}(u_k; \mathbf{z})$ .

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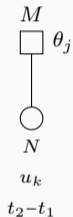
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- Supersymmetry vacua [Nekrasov-Shatashvili]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_k} \widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exp 2\pi i \frac{\partial \widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}}}{\partial u_k} = 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \text{rk}(G).$$

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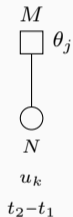
$$\begin{aligned}
 \widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}} = & \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \ell(u_k - \theta_j + \frac{1}{2}\eta) + \ell(-u_k + \theta_j + \frac{1}{2}\eta) && \leftarrow \text{chirals in hyper} \\
 & + \sum_{k,l=1}^N \ell(u_k - u_l - \eta) && \leftarrow \text{chirals in vector} \\
 & + (t_2 - t_1) \sum_{k=1}^N u_k && \leftarrow \text{FI terms}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Color coding: gauge charge, flavor charge,  $U(1)_\eta$  charge

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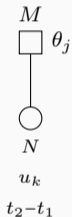




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- Alternatively formulation by Baxter's  $Q$ -functions

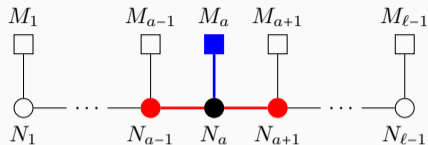
$$-1 = \tau \frac{Q^{++}(x_k) B^-(x_k)}{Q^{--}(x_k) B^+(x_k)},$$

with  $\tau = \epsilon_2/\epsilon_1$  and

$$Q(x) = \prod_{l=1}^N \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{x_l}} - \sqrt{\frac{x_l}{x}} \right), \quad B(x) = \prod_{j=1}^M \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{y_j}} - \sqrt{\frac{y_j}{x}} \right),$$

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# Generic A-type quiver



- For generic A-type quiver ( $a = 1, \dots, \ell - 1; k = 1, \dots, N_a$ )

$$\tau^{(a)} \frac{Q_a^{++}(x_k^{(a)})}{Q_a^{--}(x_k^{(a)})} \frac{Q_{a-1}^-(x_k^{(a)}) Q_{a+1}^-(x_k^{(a)})}{Q_{a-1}^+(x_k^{(a)}) Q_{a+1}^+(x_k^{(a)})} \frac{B_a^-(x_k^{(a)})}{B_a^+(x_k^{(a)})} = -1$$

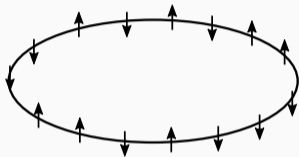
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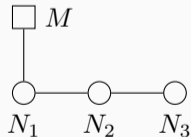
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# Bethe Ansatz Equations

- These are [Bethe Ansatz Equations \(BAEs\)](#) for XXZ Heisenberg spin chains



$SU(2)$  spin chain with  $M$  sites  
and  $N$  magnons



$SU(4)$  spin chain with  $M$  sites

# Difficulty with BAEs

- BAEs are **difficult** to solve in practise: numerical instability, unphysical solutions (coinciding Bethe roots, some singular solutions,...)
- The best way to solve BAEs is through rational Q-systems [Marboe-Volin]
  - ▶ Originally constructed for  $GL(M|N)$  invariant XXX spin chain
  - ▶ Various generalisation to XXZ spin chain: triangular quivers
- We construct rational Q-systems for **generic** A-type quivers

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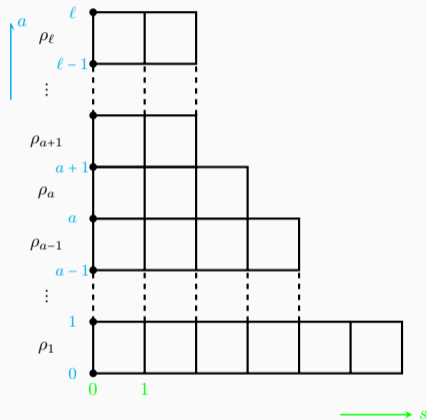
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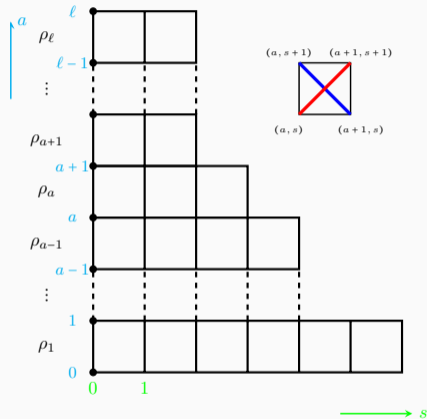




- Place  $Q_{a,s}(x)$  at each point  $(a, s)$ : a Laurent polynomial in  $x$
- QQ-relations: at each box

$$Q_{a+1,s}Q_{a,s+1} = Q_{a+1,s+1}^+Q_{a,s}^- - \epsilon_a Q_{a+1,s+1}^-Q_{a,s}^+$$

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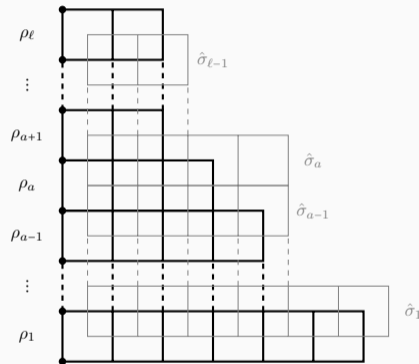
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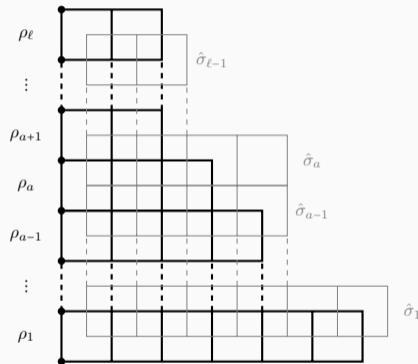
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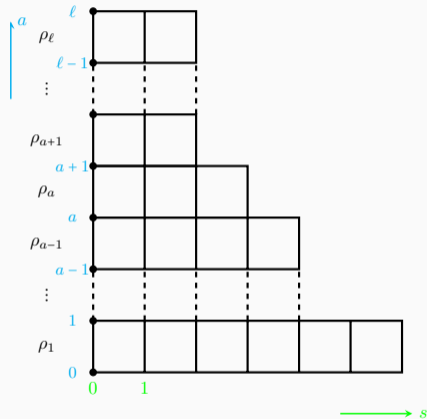
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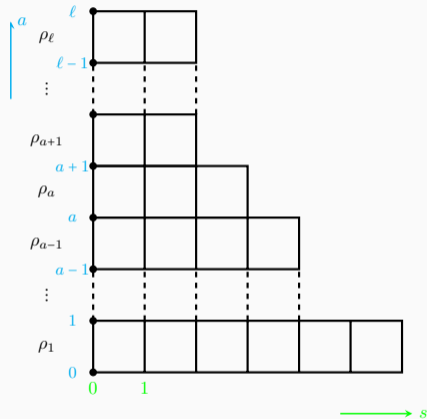
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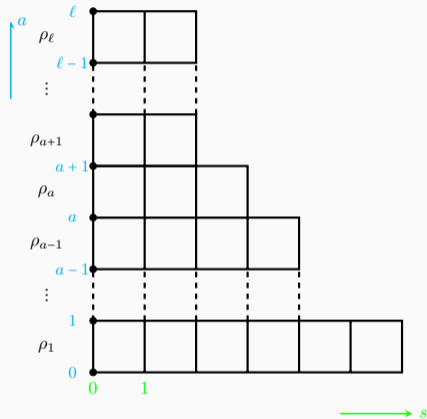
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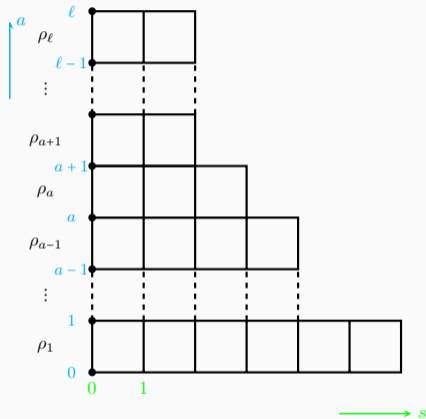
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- Take ratio

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- Combining two results

$$\frac{\epsilon_a}{\epsilon_{a-1}} \frac{Q_{a,0}^{++}(x_k^{(a)})}{Q_{a,0}^{--}(x_k^{(a)})} \frac{Q_{a-1,0}^-(x_k^{(a)})}{Q_{a-1,0}^+(x_k^{(a)})} \frac{Q_{a+1,0}^-(x_k^{(a)})}{Q_{a+1,0}^+(x_k^{(a)})} = -1$$

- Use  $Q_{a,0}(x) = f_a(x)Q_a(x)$

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- The construction of  $f_a(x)$  guarantees that

$$\frac{f_a^{++}(x_k^{(a)})f_{a-1}^-(x_k^{(a)})f_{a+1}^-(x_k^{(a)})}{f_a^{--}(x_k^{(a)})f_{a-1}^+(x_k^{(a)})f_{a+1}^+(x_k^{(a)})} = \frac{B_a^-(x_k^{(a)})}{B_a^+(x_k^{(a)})}$$

- We then get back to the desired BAEs

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- They are not necessarily Laurent polynomials of  $x$ . Imposing this condition leads to algebraic equations for  $\{c_k^{(a)}\}$ , called “Zero Remainder Conditions” (ZRC).

# Solving Q-system

- Top row:  $a = \ell, Q_{\ell,s} = 1$
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$Q_{\ell-1,s}$  can be solved recursively from  $Q_{\ell-1,0}$ .

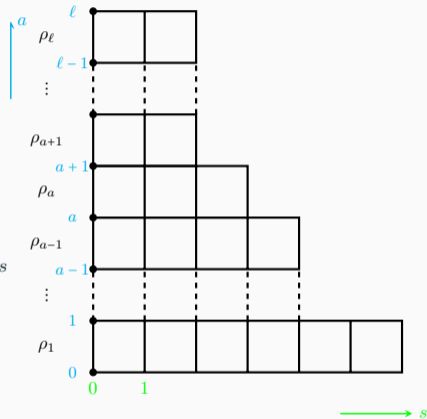
- N-Next row:  $a = \ell - 2$ , QQ-relation

$$Q_{\ell-1,s} Q_{\ell-2,s+1} = Q_{\ell-1,s+1}^+ Q_{\ell-2,s}^- - \epsilon_{\ell-2} Q_{\ell-1,s+1}^- Q_{\ell-2,s}^+$$

leads to

$$Q_{\ell-2,s+1} = \frac{Q_{\ell-1,s+1}^+ Q_{\ell-2,s}^- - \epsilon_{\ell-2} Q_{\ell-1,s+1}^- Q_{\ell-2,s}^+}{Q_{\ell-1,s}}$$

Requiring polynomial  $Q_{\ell-2,s+1}(x)$  leads to ZRCs.



- Solving  $x_k^{(a)}$  from Q-system is much more superior than from BAEs
  - ▶ Unphysical solutions are automatically eliminated.
  - ▶ Numerically stable.
  - ▶ Much faster.
- Symmetry of  $x_k^{(a)}$  is exploited in Q-system.

$$Q_a(x) = \prod_{j=1}^{N_a} \left( \left( \frac{x}{x_j^{(a)}} \right)^{1/2} - \left( \frac{x_j^{(a)}}{x} \right)^{1/2} \right) = c_0^{-1/2} x^{-N_a/2} (x^{N_a} + c_{N_a-1} x^{N_a-1} + \dots + c_0)$$

Permutations of  $x_k^{(a)}$  for fixed  $a$  do not change the solution to the Q-system, but lead to different solutions to BAEs.



$(M, N)$	BAEs	$Q$ -systems
(4, 2)	0.238	0.105
(5, 2)	0.512	0.155
(6, 3)	199.7	0.385
(7, 3)	1803	2.092
(8, 4)	—	6.322
(9, 4)	—	29.85
(10, 5)	—	1145

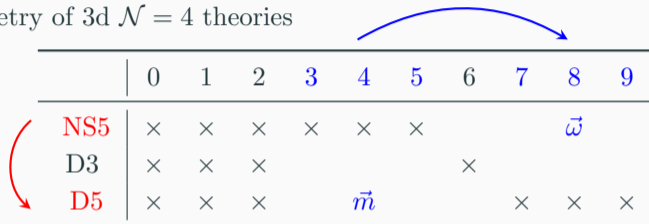
# Mirror symmetry and bispectral duality

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# Mirror symmetry

- S-duality in type IIB superstring theory:  $D5 \leftrightarrow NS5$ ,  $D3 \leftrightarrow D3$ .
- Mirror symmetry of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theories



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NS5	×	×	×	×	×	×			$\vec{\omega}$	
D3	×	×	×				×			
D5	×	×	×		$\vec{m}$			×	×	×

- Mapping of parameters

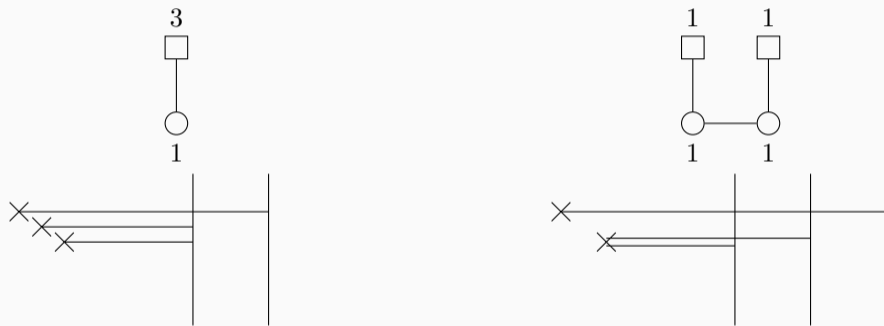
$$\vec{m} \leftrightarrow \vec{\omega}$$

$$SU(2)_C \leftrightarrow SU(2)_H$$

$$G_C \leftrightarrow G_H$$

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- Mirror symmetry:  $D5 \leftrightarrow NS5$ ,  $x^6 \leftrightarrow -x^6$  [Hanany-Witten]



- Mirror symmetry by exchange of partitions:  $\rho \leftrightarrow \sigma$ ,  $T_\rho^\sigma[SU(n)] \leftrightarrow T_\sigma^\rho[SU(n)]$ .

# Mirror symmetry for $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ theory on $S^1$

- Exponentiated complex parameters

$$y = e^{2\pi i \theta_j}, \quad \epsilon_s = e^{2\pi i t_s}, \quad q = e^{\pi i \eta}.$$

with

$$\theta_j = iR(m_j + ia_{0,j}^H), \quad t_s = iR(\omega_s + ia_{0,s}^C), \quad \eta = iR(\tilde{\eta} + ia_0^\eta).$$

- Mapping of parameters under mirror symmetry between theory  $\mathcal{T} = T_{\rho}^{\sigma}[SU(n)]$  and theory  $\mathcal{T}^{\vee} = T_{\sigma}^{\rho}[SU(n)]$ : (Recall  $j_{\eta} = j_H^3 - j_C^3$ )

$$y_i \leftarrow \epsilon_i^{\vee}, \quad \epsilon_a \leftarrow y_a^{\vee}, \quad q \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{q^{\vee}}$$

## A-, B-twisted indices

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[Closset-Kim],[Closset-Kim-Willet], [Benini-Zaffaroni]

$$I_{g,A/B}(q, z_i) = \text{Tr}_{\Sigma_g^{A/B}} \left( (-1)^F q^{Q_\eta} \prod_i z_i^{Q_i} \right)$$

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- Reduces via localisation to summation over Bethe roots [Closset-Kim], [Closset-Kim-Willet]

$$I_{g,A/B} = \frac{1}{|W_G|} \sum_{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{S}_{BE}} \mathcal{H}_{A/B}(\hat{\mathbf{x}})^{g-1}$$

with

$$\mathcal{H}_{A/B}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{2\pi i \Omega_{A/B}(\mathbf{x})} \det_{a,b} \frac{\partial^2 \widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}}}{\partial u_a \partial u_b}$$

# Mirror symmetry for A-, B-twisted indices

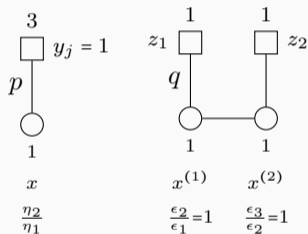
- For two mirror theories  $\mathcal{T} = T_{\rho}^{\sigma}[SU(n)]$  and theory  $\mathcal{T}^{\vee} = T_{\rho}^{\rho}[SU(n)]$

$$I_{g,A}^{\mathcal{T}}(q, z_i) = I_{g,B}^{\mathcal{T}^{\vee}}(q^{\vee}, z_i^{\vee}), \quad \forall g$$

- In particular

$$\mathcal{H}_A^{\mathcal{T}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}; q, z_i) \Big|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{S}_{BE}} = \mathcal{H}_B^{\mathcal{T}^{\vee}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{\vee}; q^{\vee}, z_i^{\vee}) \Big|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{\vee} \in \mathcal{S}_{BE}^{\vee}}$$

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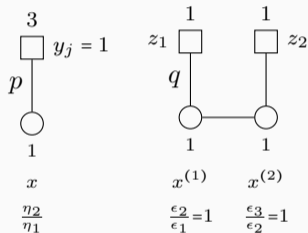
$$\mathcal{H}_A^{\text{quiver}}(\mathbf{x}_1) = \frac{3(p^2 - 1)^4 z^{2/3}}{p^2 (\sqrt[3]{z} - p)^2 (p \sqrt[3]{z} - 1)^2}, \quad \mathcal{H}_A^{\text{quiver}}(\mathbf{x}_{2,3}) = \dots$$

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# Implication for QISs

- Quantum integrable systems associated to mirror dual 3d  $N = 2^*$  theories are very **different**.
- Bispectral duality: the spectra of the two QISs are one-to-one correspondent.  
[Gaiotto-Koroteev]
- $\mathcal{H}_A^T(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_a), \mathcal{H}_B^{T^\vee}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_a^\vee)$  may be identified with certain conserved charges in QISs, which are then also identified.
- Our construction leads to quick determination of bispectral dual integrable systems: Q-systems with partitions exchanged.

## Conclusion and outlook

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- Rational Q-systems are more suited than BAEs to describe Bethe/gauge correspondence.
- For gauge theorists: We constructed rational Q-systems for quickly solving SUSY vacua of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  A-type quiver on  $S^1$ .
- For integrability experts: We give easy criteria for bispectral dual integrable systems based on rational Q-systems.

## Outlook

- Efficient calculation of A-,B-twisted indices using algebraic methods.
- Generalisation to orthosymplectic quivers and open spin chains.

Thank you for your attention!