

# SUSY Gauge Theories and Quantum Many Body Systems

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We start with  $YMH$ -theory, topological twist of 2d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  massive gauge theory (four supercharges), pure  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  with massive adjoint matter, on  $\Sigma_g$  and the correspondence of MNS '97; GS '07, '08.

This topological field theory computes the intersection numbers on the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g^H$  of Hitchin equations on  $\Sigma_g$ :

$$F_{z\bar{z}}(A) - [\Phi_z, \Phi_{\bar{z}}] = 0$$

$$\nabla_z(A)\Phi_{\bar{z}} = 0; \quad \nabla_{\bar{z}}(A)\Phi_z = 0$$

Symmetries - unitary gauge transformations and  $U(1)$  action:

$$\Phi_z \rightarrow e^{i\alpha}\Phi_z; \quad \Phi_{\bar{z}} \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha}\Phi_{\bar{z}}$$

Here  $F(A)$  is a curvature of unitary connection  $\nabla_A$  ( $A$  - gauge field) and  $\Phi$  is adjoint valued 1-form; we assume  $G = U(N)$ .

$\mathcal{M}_g^H$  is non-compact - intersection theory depends on one (equivariant) parameter  $c$  (regularization).  $c = 0$  or  $\infty$  - special.

The generating function of special, "chiral ring", operators  $O^i$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_{\Sigma_g}(t) &= \langle e^{-t_i O^i} \rangle = \sum_{n; \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}} \frac{t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_n}}{n!} \langle O^{i_1} \dots O^{i_n} \rangle = \\
 &= \sum_{n; \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}} \frac{t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_n}}{n!} \int_{\mathcal{M}_g^H} w_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{i_n} = \\
 &= \sum_{\sigma \in BA} D(\sigma)^{2-2g} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^N t_i p^i(\sigma)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$D(\sigma) = \mu(\sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{i < j} (\sigma_i - \sigma_j) \left(1 + \frac{(\sigma_i - \sigma_j)^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\mu(\sigma) = \det \left\| \frac{\partial^2 W(\sigma)}{\partial \sigma_i \partial \sigma_j} \right\|$$

$$\sigma \in BA: \quad e^{2\pi i \sigma_j} \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{\sigma_k - \sigma_j - ic}{\sigma_k - \sigma_j + ic} = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exp \left( \frac{\partial W(\sigma)}{\partial \sigma^i} \right) = 1$$

where  $p^i(\sigma)$  is  $i$ -th order symmetric polynomial of  $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N)$ .

$\Phi$  in Hitchin is a matter field (adjoint), no matter -  $F(A) = 0$ .

Adding new matter fields in gauge theory  $\Leftrightarrow$  corrections to the right hand side of Hitchin equations  $\Leftrightarrow$  other Bethe Eq.'s.

Topologically theory  $\Leftrightarrow$  vacuum sector of Physical Theory.  $g = 1$ :

$$Z_{\Sigma_1}(t) = \text{Tr}(-1)^F e^{-\beta H} e^{-\sum_i t_i O^i} = \text{Tr}_{vac} e^{-\sum_i t_i O^i}$$

$$\{Q_A, Q_A^\dagger\} = \{Q_B, Q_B^\dagger\} = 4H$$

$$Q_A^2 = Q_B^2 = 0; \quad H|vacuum\rangle = 0$$

Simpler question -  $Q_A$  ( $Q_B$ )-cohomology:

$$Q_{A(B)}|\Psi\rangle = 0; \quad |\Psi\rangle \sim |\Psi\rangle + Q_{A(B)}|\dots\rangle$$

$|vacuum\rangle$  is a “harmonic” representative in this cohomology.

If  $|0\rangle$  is some vacuum state and operator  $O_i$  is in  $Q$ -cohomology

$$\{Q, O_i\} = 0, \quad O_i \sim O_i + \{Q, \dots\}$$

$|i\rangle = O_i|0\rangle$  is also a vacuum state.

Operator-state correspondence would relate the complete basis for vacuum states  $|i\rangle$  to operators from cohomology  $O_i$ .

- These operators are independent of position up to  $Q$ -comm.

$$dO_i = \{Q, \dots\}$$

- They form a commutative ring called (twisted) chiral ring:

$$O_i O_j |0\rangle = c_{ij}^k O_k |0\rangle; \quad \Rightarrow \quad O_i O_j = c_{ij}^k O_k + \{Q, \dots\}$$

- SUSY vacua form the representation of chiral ring.

Basically, for every  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory there is a quantum integrable system (assuming all good conditions - discrete spectrum ...).

For  $YMH$  this quantum integrable system is (GS '07, '08) Yang's system of  $N$ -particles on  $S^1$  with Hamiltonian ( $x_i \sim x_i + 1$ ):

$$H_2 = - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + c \sum_{i \neq j} \delta(x_i - x_j)$$

This can be written in terms of Dunkle operators  $D_i$ :

$$D_i = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + i \frac{c}{2} \sum_{j=i+1}^N (\epsilon(x_i - x_j) + 1) s_{ij}$$

Commuting  $H_k$ 's & spectrum ( $N$ -particle sector of  $NLS$ ):

$$H_k = \sum_{j=1}^N D_j^k; \quad H_k \Psi(\lambda) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j^k \right) \Psi(\lambda)$$

with  $\lambda$  solving Bethe Equations. For each  $(n_1 \geq n_2 \geq \dots \geq n_N)$  - one solution  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ ; Yang-Yang '69, using  $W(\lambda)$ .

$G/G$   $WZW$  generalization of  $YMH$  introduces extra parameter, level of KM algebra  $k$ , in BA -  $s \rightarrow i\infty$  limit of XXZ.

## Gauge theory data:

- Gauge group (for us it will be  $U(N)$ ), or products for various  $N$ 's
- Supermultiplets ("representations" of super-Poincare algebra)
  1. Gauge field is in Vector multiplet (Coulomb Branch); also has complex scalar  $\sigma$ , adjoint representation of gauge group
  2. Matter fields (Higgs Branch) form Chiral multiplets - some representation of gauge group  $R = \oplus_i M_i \otimes R_i$ ;  $R_i$  - irrep.
- Global (unbroken) symmetry group  $H \subset \times_i U(M_i)$
- Twisted masses  $\tilde{m}_i$  - belong to the complexification of the Lie algebra of the maximal torus of  $H$
- For each  $U(1)$  component of gauge group -  $t_b = \frac{\theta_b}{2\pi} + ir_b$

## These data determines:

- Twisted effective superpotential  $\tilde{W}^{eff}(\sigma)$  (holomorphic) as function of eigenvalues of  $\sigma$ :  $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N)$  and all above parameters

General formula for  $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}^{eff}(\sigma)$  ( $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \alpha$ ):

$$\tilde{\mathcal{W}}^{eff}(\sigma) =$$

$$= - \sum_{\mathbf{b}} 2\pi i t_{\mathbf{b}} tr_{\mathbf{b}} \sigma + tr_R(\sigma + \tilde{\mathbf{m}}) (\log(\sigma + \tilde{\mathbf{m}}) - 1) - 2\pi \langle \rho, \sigma \rangle$$

Chiral ring operators can be chosen to be  $O^k = tr \sigma^k$  and:

$$Z_{\Sigma_g}(t) = \sum_{\sigma \in BA} D(\sigma)^{2-2g} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^N t_i p^i(\sigma)}$$

where sum is over:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{W}}^{eff}(\sigma)}{\partial \sigma^i} = n_i$$

Or equivalently - SUSY vacua ( $g = 1$ ) correspond to solution of:

$$\exp\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{W}}^{eff}(\sigma)}{\partial \sigma^i}\right) = 1$$

$D(\sigma)$  is known explicitly - is determined by same data.



For every quantum integrable system, solved by BA, there is a SUSY gauge theory with 4 supercharges  $(Q_A, Q_B, Q_A^+, Q_B^+)$  s.t.

a) exact Bethe eigenstates correspond to SUSY vacua

b) ring of commuting Hamiltonians  $\Leftrightarrow$  (twisted) chiral ring

Converse is also true but it is not always easy to recognize the quantum integrable system.

SUSY vacuum equations in gauge theory  $\Leftrightarrow$  Bethe equations

VEVs of chiral ring operators  $\Leftrightarrow$  eigenvalues = energies

Vacuum Ward Identity  $\Leftrightarrow$  Baxter equation

- **Vacua**: “critical” pts of effective twisted superpotential  $\tilde{W}^{eff}(\sigma)$
- **Bethe** equations: spectrum, critical points of Yang function  $Y(\lambda)$
- *The effective twisted superpotential corresponds to Yang function*

$$\tilde{W}^{eff}(\sigma) = Y(\lambda)$$

$$\sigma_i = \lambda_i; \quad i = 1, \dots, N; \quad G = U(N)$$

- **VEV** of chiral ring operators  $O_k \Leftrightarrow$  eigenvalues of Hamiltonians:

$$\langle \lambda | O_k | \lambda \rangle = E_k(\lambda)$$

$$H_k \Psi(\lambda) = E_k(\lambda) \Psi(\lambda)$$

$\tilde{W}^{eff}(\sigma)$  - effective twisted superpotential on Coulomb branch  
 $Y(\lambda)$  - Yang's function as a function of rapidities  $\lambda_i$

Details worked out  $\Leftrightarrow$  gauge theories identified (NS '09 -1,2):

- $XXX$  spin chain - 2d gauge theory on  $\Sigma$
- $XXZ$  spin chain - 3d gauge theory on  $\Sigma \times S^1$  (Higgs Branch infinite-dim.,  $H$  contains translations along  $S^1$  - KK:  $\tilde{m}_n = n$ )
- $XYZ$  spin chain - 4d gauge theory on  $\Sigma \times T^2$
- Arbitrary spin group, representation, impurities, limiting models

IN THIS TALK WE FOCUS ON (NS '09-3)

- Periodic Toda - 4d pure  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory on  $\Sigma \times R_\epsilon^2$
- Elliptic Calogero-Moser - 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory on  $\Sigma \times R_\epsilon^2$

For global group  $H$  instead of translation along  $S^1$  in KK we use rotation of  $R^2$  with angle  $\epsilon$  (complexified).

## Four-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Gauge Theory

Low energy effective theory of  $U(N)$ ,  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ , gauge theory in 4d is abelian  $U(1)^N$  gauge theory. In two derivative approximation it is described by one function  $\mathcal{F}(\{a\}; \Lambda)$ , SW '94, KLTY '94, AF '94.

For any given set  $\{a\} = (a_1, \dots, a_N)$  we expect a vacuum; more precisely - vacua are labeled by symmetric polynomials of these:

$$\{u\} : \quad (u_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i; \quad u_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^2, \quad \dots \quad u_N = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^N)$$

They correspond to the vacuum expectations of  $tr\Phi^k$  where  $\Phi$  is a complex scalar in the 4d vector multiplet.  $\{u\}$  is called “ $u$ ” plane.

Once  $\mathcal{F}(\{a\}; \Lambda)$  is found the Lagrangian is written by simple rules.

$\mathcal{F}(\{a\}; \Lambda)$  is sum of perturbative  $\mathcal{F}^{pert}$  (tree level and 1-loop only contribute) and non-perturbative  $\mathcal{F}^{inst}$  terms;  $\Lambda$  counts instantons.

$\mathcal{N} = 2^* \Rightarrow$  pure  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory plus massive adjoint matter.

“Mass”  $m$  is some complex number.

Instanton counting parameter is  $q = e^{i\tau}$ ;  $\tau = i/g^2 + \theta$ . In  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory  $\tau$  doesn't run.

Pure  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory is a limit when  $m \rightarrow \infty$  - matter decouples.

$\Lambda$ , instanton counting parameter in this limit is:  $m^{2N}q = \Lambda^{2N}$ ;  $\Lambda$  is kept finite when  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ;  $q \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\mathcal{F}^{pert}(a; \tau, m) = \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^2 + \frac{3N^2 m^2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^N [(a_i - a_j)^2 \log(a_i - a_j) - (a_i - a_j + m)^2 \log(a_i - a_j + m)]$$

Non-perturbative part is of course an infinite sum of the type:

$$\mathcal{F}^{non-pert}(a; \tau, m) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^k \mathcal{F}_k(a; m), \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

# Classical Algebraic Integrable System

$\mathcal{F}(\{a\} : \Lambda)$  has nice interpretation in terms of classical ACIS  
-pToda, eCM,... (GKMMM '95, MW '95, DW '96, G '09,...):

- A complex algebraic manifold  $M$  of complex dimension  $2r$
- Everywhere non-degenerate, closed holomorphic  $(2, 0)$ -form  $\Omega_C^{2,0}$
- A holomorphic map  $H : M \rightarrow C^r$ , fibers  $J_h = H^{-1}(h)$  are (polarized) abelian varieties (complex tori),  $\{H_i, H_j\}_{\Omega_C^{2,0}} = 0$

Polarization is a Kahler form  $\omega$  whose restriction on each fiber is integral class:  $[w] \in H^2(J_h, Z) \cap H^{1,1}(J_h)$

Using the polarization introduce A and B-cycles ( $\langle A_i, B^j \rangle = \delta_i^j$ , bases in  $H_1(J_h, Z)$ ) define "action variables" on base via periods:

$$a_i = \int_{A_i} \Theta_C, \quad a_D^i = \int_{B^i} \Theta_C, \quad \Omega_C = d\Theta_C$$

In real case,  $C^r \leftrightarrow R^r$ , fibers are real tori  $T^r$ , exactly  $r$  real periods - usual action variables; angular variables -  $r$  angles of tori.

Since we get twice as many as the (complex) dimension of the base these variables must be related. Locally:

$$a_D^i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(a)}{\partial a^i} \Rightarrow \theta = \sum_i a_D^i da_i = d\mathcal{F}(a)$$

The base can be supplied with the **Rigid Special Geometry** structure - locally a Lagrangian submanifold (holomorphic) in  $C^{2r}$ .

There is a notion of prepotential in Gauge Theory and in ACIS.

- For every  $4d \mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theory there is **ACIS** with same  $\mathcal{F}(a)$ .

Important **ACIS**'s - **pToda** and **eCM**, particular cases of more general **ACIS** - Hitchin integrable systems.

## $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ and Elliptic Calogero-Moser

$U(N)$  4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory has prepotential  $\mathcal{F}(a_1, \dots, a_N; \tau, m)$  which comes from Elliptic Calogero-Moser (eCM) ACIS.

eCM -  $N$  particles  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N$  on the circle of circumference  $\beta$ ,  $q_i \sim q_i + \beta$ , which interact with the pair-wise potential:

$$H_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + U(q); \quad U(q) = m^2 \sum_{i < j} \mathcal{P}(q_i - q_j)$$

$$\mathcal{P}(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\sinh^2(x + n\beta)} = u_0(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^k u_k(x)$$

$$q = e^{-2\beta}; \quad u_0 = \frac{1}{\sinh^2 x} = \sum_k n e^{-kx}; \quad u_k(x) = 4 \sum_{d|k} d(e^{dx} + e^{-dx})$$

In order to describe Poisson commuting  $H_i$ 's - introduce the Lax operator on phase space  $T^*(\mathbb{C}^\times)^N$  with  $\Omega_C^{2,0} = \sum_i dp_i \wedge dq_i$ :



$$\Phi_{ij}(z|p, q) = p_i \delta_{ij} + m \frac{\Theta(z + q_i - q_j) \Theta'(0)}{\Theta(q_i - q_j) \Theta(z)} (1 - \delta_{ij})$$

$$\Theta(x) = - \sum_{k=Z+\frac{1}{2}} (-1)^k q^{\frac{k^2}{2}} e^{2kx}; \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}; \quad \tau = \frac{i\beta}{\pi}$$

Invariants of matrix  $\Phi(z)$ , coefficients of the polynomial  $\det(x - \Phi(z))$ , give  $H_i$ 's. For example  $\text{tr} \Phi(z)^2 = H_2 - \mathcal{P}(z)$ .

*Spectral curve:*  $\mathcal{C}_h \subset C \times C^\times$  is defined as zero locus of characteristic polynomial:  $\det(x - \Phi(z)) = 0$ .

$H^{-1}(h)$  is given by the product  $C \times J_h$ . The  $C$ -factor corresponds to the center-of-mass mode  $\sum_i q_i$ , while the compact factor  $J_h = \text{Jac}(\tilde{C}_h)$  is the Jacobian of the compactified curve  $C_h$ .

$a_i, a_D^i$  are periods of differential  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi} x dz \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}(a)$

**Note:** periods of  $\Theta = \sum_i p_i dq_i$  are same as periods of  $\lambda$ .

# Quantization $\Leftrightarrow$ Deformation of SYM

Now we are going to do two things:

1) Quantize integrable system - Planck constant we denote by  $\epsilon$

2)  $\epsilon$ -deform 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theory - s.t. vacua  $\Leftrightarrow$  eigenstates

1. Suppose we choose  $a_i^D$  as action variables - BS (we also need to choose half-dimensiona submanifold, real slice):

$$a_i^D = \epsilon \times n_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(a)}{\partial a_i} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial Y(a)}{\partial a_i} = n_i \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Y(a) = \frac{\mathcal{F}(a)}{\epsilon}$$

This semi-classical picture it is very suggestive to lead to the exact formula in the form of Bethe equation with some  $Y(a; \epsilon)$ :

$$\frac{\partial Y(a; \epsilon)}{\partial a_i} = n_i$$

Semiclassical formula suggests to look for quantization when:

$$Y(a; \epsilon) = \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + O(\epsilon)}{\epsilon}$$

2. We need to  $\epsilon$ -deform the original 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory in such way that the effective low energy theory becomes two-dimensional.

- 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory has continuous spectrum of vacua - “ $u$ ”-plane.
- $\epsilon$ -deformed theory - must have four supercharges and discrete spectrum of vacua given by critical points of  $\tilde{W}(a; \epsilon) = Y(a; \epsilon)$

Thus the residue of a single pole in  $\epsilon$  for  $\tilde{W}(a; \epsilon)$  should be given by 4d superpotential  $\mathcal{F}(a)$ .

In fact we know such theory - 4d gauge theory on  $R^2 \times R_\epsilon^2$ .

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theory on  $R^2 \times R_\epsilon^2$  is a deformation of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory on  $R^2 \times R^2$  with one, equivariant, parameter  $\epsilon$  which corresponds to the rotation of second  $R^2$  around its origin.

- Denote corresponding vector field  $V = \epsilon(x^2\partial_3 - x^3\partial_2)$ .
- $z_1 = x_0 + ix_1, z_2 = x_2 + ix_3$ .  $\epsilon$  rotates  $z_2$  by a phase.

$$L = \frac{1}{g_0^2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} F \star F + \text{Tr}(D_A \phi - i_V F) \star (D_A \bar{\phi} - i_{\bar{V}} F) + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}([\phi, \bar{\phi}] + i_V D_A \bar{\phi} - i_{\bar{V}} D_A \phi)^2 + \frac{\theta_0}{2\pi} \text{Tr} F \wedge F + \text{fermions} \right)$$

Only 2d (first  $R^2$ ) super-Poincare invariance is unbroken, four  $Q$ 's.

$$\Phi(z_1, \bar{z}_1; z_2, \bar{z}_2) = \sum_{l, \bar{l}} \Phi_{l, \bar{l}}(z_1, \bar{z}_1) z_2^l \bar{z}_2^{\bar{l}} e^{-(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)}$$

All fields with non-zero  $l, \bar{l}$  are massive (+ usual massive fields) and can be integrated out.

These are data for our theory in 2d on  $R^2$  at the origin of transverse  $R_\epsilon^2$ . Instead of shift symmetry along  $T^2$  for KK we have rotation symmetry in transverse  $R_\epsilon^2$ .

$R^2$  can be replaced by any 2d manifold  $\Sigma$ , for example  $R \times S^1$ .

Effective theory is 2d and is abelian,  $U(1)^N$ ,  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theory on  $\Sigma = R \times S^1$  with exactly computable twisted effective superpotential and vacuum equation:

$$\tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon); \quad \text{Vacua} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial \tilde{W}^{eff}}{\partial a^i} = n_i$$

**Twisted effective superpotential:** One could rotate both  $R^2$ 's:  $R^4 \Rightarrow R_{\epsilon_1}^2 \times R_{\epsilon_2}^2$ .

This deformation gives effectively 0-dimensional theory with action:

$$\mathcal{A}(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = -\log Z(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$$

where  $Z(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  is full partition function.

$$Z(\{a\}; q, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = Z^{pert}(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) Z^{inst}(\{a\}; q, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$$

$Z^{inst}$  is an expansion in the powers of  $q$  where  $n$ -th order term is an integral over moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_n$  of instanton number  $n$ .

$(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  were introduced, MNS '97, to regularize these integrals over  $\mathcal{M}_n$  since  $\mathcal{M}_n$  is non-compact. We can take the formula from MNS '97-'98, LNS '97-'98, N '02 for  $Z^{inst}$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^k}{k!} \int_{R^k} \prod_{1 \leq I < J \leq k} \frac{R_+(\phi_{IJ})}{R_-(\phi_{IJ})} \prod_{I=1}^k Q(\phi_I) \frac{\epsilon(m + \epsilon_1)(m + \epsilon_2)}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 m(m + \epsilon)} \frac{d\phi_I}{2\pi i}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2; \quad \phi_{IJ} = \phi_I - \phi_J$$

$$R_+(x) = x^2(x^2 - \epsilon^2)(x^2 - (m + \epsilon_1)^2)(x^2 - (m + \epsilon_2)^2)$$

$$R_-(x) = (x^2 - \epsilon_1^2)(x^2 - \epsilon_2^2)(x^2 - m^2)(x^2 - (m + \epsilon)^2)$$

$$Q(x) = \frac{P(x - m)P(x + m + \epsilon)}{P(x)P(x + \epsilon)}; \quad P(x) = \prod_{l=1}^N (x - a_l)$$

- According LNS '98  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  correspond to  $Q_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2} = Q + \epsilon_\mu J^\mu \rightarrow$  can test *SW* prepotential directly from instanton calculus.

- UV Lagrangian in  $\Omega$ -background - N '02, interpreted in terms of boundary conditions/branes in NW '10

$Z(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  defines many important things, among others:

- Prepotential for theory with  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0$  - N '02

$$\mathcal{F}(\{a\}; \tau, m) = \lim_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0} \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \log Z(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$$

- Superpotential  $\tilde{W}^{eff}(\epsilon)$  for the theory with  $\epsilon_2 = 0$  - NS '09-3:

$$\tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon) = \lim_{\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0} \epsilon_2 \log Z(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon_1 = \epsilon, \epsilon_2)$$

and importantly  $\tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; \tau, m, \epsilon) = \frac{\mathcal{F}(\{a\}; \tau, m)}{\epsilon} + \dots$

What is exactly the **eCM** quantization problem for which this  $\tilde{W}^{eff}$  gives the Yang's function and SUSY vacua - the exact spectrum?

- For **eCM** replace  $p_i = \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i}$ , and  $q_i, m^2, \epsilon$  - complex
- Write the eigenvalue problem for all Hamiltonians, parametrize eigenvalues  $E_1, \dots, E_N$  in terms of  $a_1, \dots, a_N$  - e. g. for  $H_2$ :

$$\left[ \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q_i^2} + m(m + \epsilon) \sum_{i < j} \mathcal{P}(q_i - q_j; \beta) \right] \Psi(q) = E_2(a) \Psi(q)$$

$$\epsilon = -i\hbar, \quad m = i\hbar\nu \quad \Rightarrow \quad m(m + \epsilon) = -\hbar^2\nu(\nu - 1)$$

- Look for solutions in affine Weyl chamber with asymptotics at  $(q_i - q_j) \rightarrow 0$  of  $\Psi \rightarrow (q_i - q_j)^\nu$ , and extend outside this domain by symmetry condition with respect to shift in  $\beta$ .



- Spectrum is discrete and is determined by our superpotential:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; q, m, \epsilon)}{\partial a_i} = n_i; \quad E_2(a) = q \frac{d}{dq} \tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; q, m, \epsilon)$$

Checked in  $q$ -expansion for **eCM** knowing  $\tilde{W}^{eff}$  for  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ .

In the limit when **eCM** becomes **pToda** (thus for pure  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory) - one can borrow the Bethe Ansatz solution from **Gu '81, S '85, GP '92, KL '99** and make more precise comparison.

**NS '09-3** gave a precise identification of variables of gauge theory with that of **KL '99** for which  $\tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; q, m, \epsilon)$  gives Bethe equation and Yang-Yang function for **pToda** - very recently checked exactly in **KT '10**.

Most effective description of  $\tilde{W}^{eff}(\{a\}; q, m, \epsilon)$  given in **NS '09-3** is through **TBA-like** construction :

$\tilde{W}^{eff} = \tilde{W}_{pert}^{eff} + \tilde{W}_{inst}^{eff}$ . Perturbative part leads to Bethe Equation:

$$1 = \exp\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{W}_{pert}^{eff}}{\partial a_i}\right) = e^{\frac{\pi i \tau a_i}{\epsilon}} \prod_{j \neq i} S(a_i - a_j)$$

$$S(x) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{-m+x}{\epsilon}\right) \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{x}{\epsilon}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{-m-x}{\epsilon}\right) \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{x}{\epsilon}\right)}$$

Non-perturbative part is determined through integral equation:

$$\chi(x) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} dy G_0(x-y) \log\left(1 - qe^{-\chi(y)} Q(y)\right)$$

$$G_0(x) = \partial_x \log \frac{(x+\epsilon)(x+m)(x-m-\epsilon)}{(x-\epsilon)(x-m)(x+m+\epsilon)}$$

On solutions of this equation evaluate the functional:

$$\tilde{W}_{inst}^{eff} = \int_{\mathcal{C}} dx \left[ -\frac{\chi(x)}{2} \log\left(1 - qQ(x)e^{-\chi(x)}\right) + \text{Li}_2\left(qQ(x)e^{-\chi(x)}\right) \right]$$