

# Integrability for higher-point functions in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

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## Motivation

Quantum field theories (QFT): mathematical framework for elementary particles and interactions

**Goal:** develop non-perturbative methods using **integrability**

⇒ Consider toy models: **CFT** characterised by  $\{\Delta_i, C_{ijk}\}$

Two-point function:

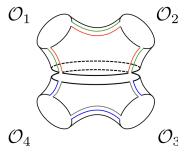
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x) \mathcal{O}_2(y) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{12}}{|x-y|^{2\Delta}}$$

Three-point function:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{123}}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_1+\Delta_2-\Delta_3} |x_{23}|^{\Delta_2+\Delta_3-\Delta_1} |x_{31}|^{\Delta_3+\Delta_1-\Delta_2}}$$

Operator product expansion (OPE) for four-point functions:

(depends on conformal cross ratios)



# AdS/CFT correspondence

[Maldacena '97]

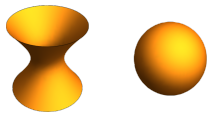
AdS<sub>d</sub> String theory



(d - 1)-dim CFT

strings on AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM in  $d = 4$



$\Phi^{IJ}, \Psi^I_\alpha, \bar{\Psi}_{I\dot{\alpha}}, \mathcal{A}^\mu$   
 coupling constant  $g_{\text{YM}}$   
 gauge group  $SU(N)$

consider planar limit  $\frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} = \lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N$   
 $g_{\text{YM}} \rightarrow 0, N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\lambda$  finite [t Hooft '74]

strong coupling  $\alpha'$



weak coupling  $\lambda$   
 in the following:  $g^2 = \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2}$

# The spectral problem and integrability in AdS/CFT

Anomalous dimension in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  $\longleftrightarrow$  Energy of string states  
 $\Delta = \Delta_0 + g^2 \gamma_1 + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$

Spectral problem can be mapped to an **integrable** spin chain

[Minahan, Zarembo '02]

**Example: SU(2) sector**

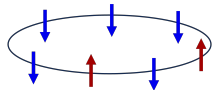
Choose vacuum  $Z$  ( $\downarrow$ ) and excitations  $X$  ( $\uparrow$ )

→ **BMN-operator** with two scalar excitations  $\text{Tr}(Z^{L-k-2} X Z^k X)$

→ planar one-loop **dilatation operator**  $\leftrightarrow$  Spin chain Hamiltonian  $H_0 = 1 - \mathbb{P}$

**Bethe Ansatz** leads to **energy** and **S matrix** in terms of **rapidity**  $u$ :

$$E = \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{1}{u_j^2 + \frac{1}{4}} \quad \text{and} \quad S(u_j, u_k) = \frac{u_j - u_k - i}{u_j - u_k + i}.$$



For  $M$  excitations, the **Bethe equations** are given by

$$\left( \frac{u_j + \frac{i}{2}}{u_j - \frac{i}{2}} \right)^L \prod_{j \neq k} S(u_j, u_k) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{j=1}^M \left( \frac{u_j + \frac{i}{2}}{u_j - \frac{i}{2}} \right) = 1.$$

## Hexagon-like formula from the spin chain

Bethe state:

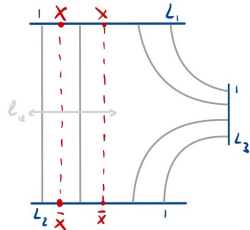
$$|\Psi(p_1, p_2)\rangle = \sum_{1 \leq n < m \leq L} \underbrace{\left( e^{ip_1 n + ip_2 m} + S(p_1, p_2) e^{ip_2 n + ip_1 m} \right)}_{\psi(n, m)} |n, m\rangle$$

Normalized cyclic state given by [Gaudin '76][Korepin '82]

$$\mathcal{O}_L = \frac{|\Psi(p_1, p_2)\rangle}{\sqrt{\mathcal{G} L S_{12} \prod_j (u_j^2 + \frac{1}{4})}}$$

Overlap:

$$c_{123} \propto \sum_{1 \leq n < m \leq \ell_{12}} \psi_1(n, m) \psi_2(L_2 - m + 1, L_2 - n + 1)$$



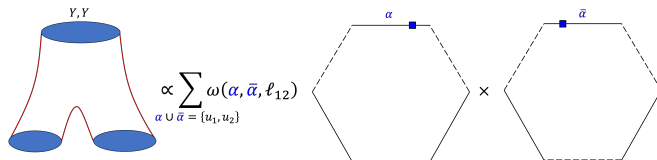
→ **Tailoring tools** for three-point functions

[Escobedo, Gromov, Sever, Vieira '10]

## Three-point functions from integrability

Three-point functions by **hexagon operators**

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]



$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{v_1, v_2, \dots} \int d\mu_{\{v\}} \sum_{\alpha \cup \bar{\alpha}} \omega(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \ell) \langle \mathbf{h} | \alpha, v \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \bar{v}, \bar{\alpha} \rangle$$

The **splitting factor**  $\omega(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \ell)$  is given by

$$\omega(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \ell) = (-1)^{|\bar{\alpha}|} \prod_{j \in \bar{\alpha}} e^{ip_j \ell} \prod_{\substack{k \in \alpha \\ j < k}} S(p_j, p_k).$$

**Mirror corrections** are hard to evaluate

$$\mathbf{1} = |0\rangle \langle 0| + \sum_i \int d\mu_p |p, i\rangle \langle p, i| + \dots$$

## Symmetries of the three-point function

Choosing  $Z$  as the vacuum



Take 1/2-BPS operator  $\mathcal{O}(0)$  at  $x = 0$

→ want to construct *three* translated operators  $\mathcal{O}(x)$

→ should preserve as much (super)symmetry as possible

Introduce the **supertranslation generator**

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]

$$\mathcal{T} = -i\epsilon_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} P^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \epsilon_{\dot{a}a} R^{a\dot{a}},$$

Use  $\mathcal{T}$  to construct one parameter family of operators starting from  $\mathcal{O}(0)$

$$\mathcal{O}_t = e^{t\mathcal{T}} \mathcal{O}(0) e^{-t\mathcal{T}}.$$

## Constraining the hexagon form factor by symmetry

Charges commuting with  $\mathcal{T}$  form diagonal subalgebra  $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2)_D$

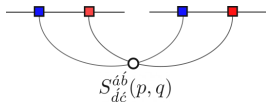
Write  $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2)^2$  excitations as  $\chi^{a\dot{a}} = \xi^a \otimes \dot{\xi}^{\dot{a}}$

Use **bootstrap principle**  $\langle \mathbf{h} | g | \Psi \rangle = 0$ ,  $g \in \mathfrak{psu}(2|2)_D$

→ non-vanishing one-particle form factors for  $Y$ ,  $\bar{Y}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{3\dot{4}}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{4\dot{3}}$

→ two-particle form factors given by Beisert S matrix elements [Beisert '06]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{h} | \chi^{a_1 \dot{a}_1} \chi^{a_2 \dot{a}_2} \rangle &= (-1)^f \langle \xi^{a_2} \xi^{a_1} | \mathcal{S} | \dot{\xi}^{\dot{a}_1} \dot{\xi}^{\dot{a}_2} \rangle \\ &= (-1)^f \dot{S}_{\dot{a}_1 \dot{a}_2}^{b_1 b_2} h_{\chi^{a_1 b_1}} h_{\chi^{a_2 b_2}} . \end{aligned}$$



→ Multi-particle form factor:

$$\langle \mathbf{h} | \chi^{a_1 \dot{a}_1} \chi^{a_2 \dot{a}_2} \dots \chi^{a_N \dot{a}_N} \rangle = (-1)^f \langle \xi^{a_N} \dots \xi^{a_2} \xi^{a_1} | \mathcal{S} | \dot{\xi}^{\dot{a}_1} \dot{\xi}^{\dot{a}_2} \dots \dot{\xi}^{\dot{a}_N} \rangle .$$

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]



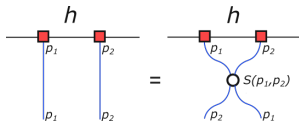
# Constraining the scalar $h$ -factor

Scalar factor  $h$  in the hexagon  $\longleftrightarrow$  dressing phase  $S_0$  in the S matrix

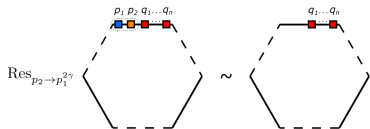
■ **Watson equation**

Scattering with the full S matrix

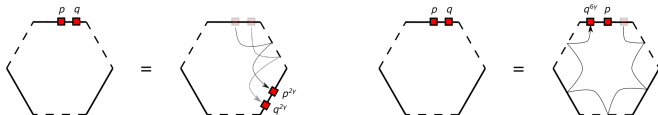
$$\langle \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{S} | \chi^{A\dot{A}}(p_1) \chi^{B\dot{B}}(p_2) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{h} | \chi^{A\dot{A}}(p_1) \chi^{B\dot{B}}(p_2) \rangle$$



■ **Decoupling condition** for a singlet



■ **Cyclicity**



$\Rightarrow$  Fixes the  $h$ -factor!

$\Rightarrow$  Similar construction in  $AdS_3$

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]

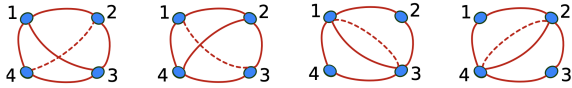
[Eden, D\ell P, Sonfdrini '21]

# Higher-point functions

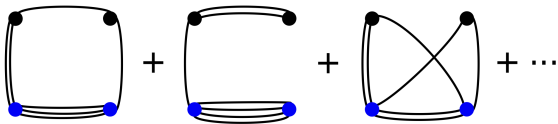
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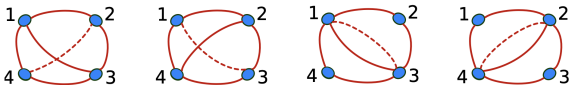


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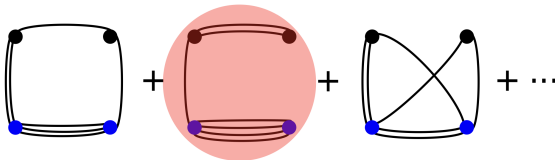
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→ Need to include **colour factors**

[Eden, Jiang DℓP, Sfondrini '17]

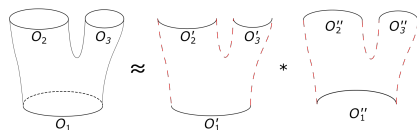
# Hexagon program

- **Spectrum** is fairly well-understood

- Three-point functions by **hexagon operators** for AdS<sub>5</sub> for AdS<sub>3</sub>

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]

[Eden, DŁP, Sfondrini '21]



- In principle:

→ **higher-point functions**

[Eden, Sfondrini '17] [Fleury, Komatsu '17]

→ **non-planar correlators**

[Eden, Jiang, DŁP, Sfondrini '17]

[Bargheer, Caetano, Fleury, Komatsu, Vieira '17]

[Bargheer, Coronado, Vieira '19] ...

→ **gluing corrections**

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15] [Eden, Sfondrini '15]

[Fleury, Komatsu '17] ...

So far: Operators in rank-one sectors

→ How to generalise formalism to **higher-rank** sectors?

→ replace hexagon by nested wave function

[Basso, Coronado, Komatsu, Lam, Vieira, Zhong '17]

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## Higher-rank models

Consider the  $SU(3)$  sector at tree level with excitations  $X$  and  $Y$

Consider the wave function  $|\Psi(X_1, Y_2)\rangle$ , with the scattering

$$|X_1 Y_2\rangle \rightarrow T_{12} |Y_2 X_1\rangle + R_{12} |X_2 Y_1\rangle ,$$

with **transmission** and **reflection** amplitudes

$$T_{12} = \frac{A_{12} - B_{12}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{12} = \frac{A_{12} + B_{12}}{2} .$$

Introduce a second wave function  $|\Psi(Y_1, X_2)\rangle$  with initial ordering  $X, Y$ , scattering to

$$|Y_1 X_2\rangle \rightarrow T_{12} |X_2 Y_1\rangle + R_{12} |Y_2 X_1\rangle ,$$

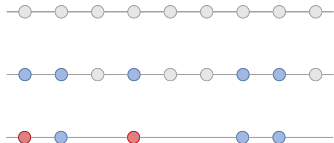
and consider the sum

$$|\Psi_{XY}(p_1, p_2)\rangle = g_{XY} |\Psi(X_1, Y_2)\rangle + g_{YX} |\Psi(Y_1, X_2)\rangle ,$$

with yet to be determined **coefficients**  $g_{XY}$  and  $g_{YX}$ .

## Extracting the coefficients from nesting

- **Level-0** vacuum of length  $L$
- $M$  **level-1** excitations move on level-0 vacuum with  $S^{10} = e^{ip}$  and  $S_{jk}^{11} = S(u_j, u_k)$
- $k$  **level-2** excitations move on level-1 vacuum of length  $M$  with  $S^{21}$ , are scattered by  $S^{22}$  and have a creation amplitude  $f^{21}$



$$|Y(v)\rangle^2 = f^{21}(v, u_1) |Y_1 X_2\rangle + f^{21}(v, u_2) S^{21}(v, u_1) |X_1 Y_2\rangle .$$

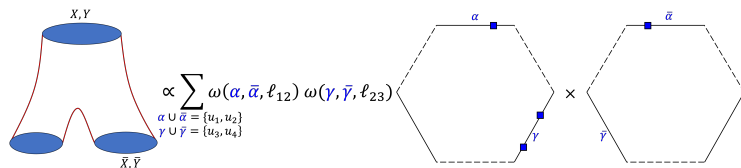
Scattering leads to

$$g_{XY} T_{12} + g_{YX} R_{12} = f^{21}(v, u_2) S^{11}(u_1, u_2) ,$$

$$g_{XY} R_{12} + g_{YX} T_{12} = f^{21}(v, u_1) S^{21}(v, u_2) S^{11}(u_1, u_2) .$$

⇒ **Coefficients**  $g_{XY}$  and  $g_{YX}$  inherit dependence on the auxiliary Bethe roots  $v$ .

# The nested hexagon



Cutting the SU(3) state

$$\omega(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \ell) \psi_{\{\alpha\}} \psi_{\{\bar{\alpha}\}} = \begin{cases} g_{XY} \psi_{\{X_{u_1}, Y_{u_2}\}} \psi_{\{\}} + g_{YX} \psi_{\{Y_{u_1}, X_{u_2}\}} \psi_{\{\}} + \\ e^{ip_2 \ell} \left( g_{XY} \psi_{\{X_{u_1}\}} \psi_{\{Y_{u_2}\}} + g_{YX} \psi_{\{Y_{u_1}\}} \psi_{\{X_{u_2}\}} \right) + \\ e^{ip_1 \ell} (g_{YX} T_{12} + g_{XY} R_{12}) \psi_{\{X_{u_2}\}} \psi_{\{Y_{u_1}\}} + \\ e^{ip_1 \ell} (g_{XY} T_{12} + g_{YX} R_{12}) \psi_{\{Y_{u_2}\}} \psi_{\{X_{u_1}\}} + \\ e^{i(p_1+p_2)\ell} \left( g_{XY} \psi_{\{\}} \psi_{\{X_{u_1}, Y_{u_2}\}} + g_{YX} \psi_{\{\}} \psi_{\{Y_{u_1}, X_{u_2}\}} \right) . \end{cases}$$

⇒ **Agreement** with free field theory

[Eden, DŁP, Spiering '22]

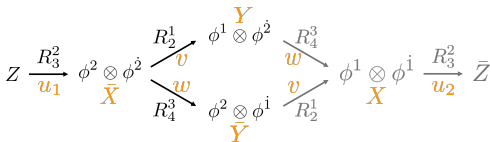


## Double excitations

Consider the Konishi operator  $\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{Tr}(X\bar{X} + Y\bar{Y} + Z\bar{Z})$

How can we describe  $\bar{Z}$ ?

→ **double** excitations!



$$|Y\rangle = \mathfrak{R}_2^1 \mathfrak{R}_3^2 |Z\rangle = \mathbf{c}^{1\dagger} \mathbf{c}_3 |Z\rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad |\bar{Y}\rangle = \mathfrak{R}_4^3 \mathfrak{R}_3^2 |Z\rangle = \mathbf{c}_4 \mathbf{c}^{2\dagger} |Z\rangle.$$

$$|\bar{Y}\rangle = \mathfrak{R}_2^1 \mathfrak{R}_3^2 \mathfrak{R}_4^3 \mathfrak{R}_3^2 |Z\rangle = \mathbf{c}^{1\dagger} \mathbf{c}^{2\dagger} |0\rangle = |\bar{Z}\rangle,$$

Can introduce **double excitations** with creation amplitude  $\hat{f}(u_1, u_2, v, w)$  in the nested picture and  $\hat{e}(u_1, u_2)$  in the matrix ansatz

Computations makes no further reference to the local structure of the state

→ cut the wave function in the usual way

[Eden, D'Elia, Spiering '22]

## Konishi example

Let us evaluate  $\langle \mathcal{K} \mathcal{O}^{L_2} \mathcal{O}^{L_3} \rangle$  with  $\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{Tr}(X\bar{X} + Y\bar{Y} + Z\bar{Z})$ .

This yields at tree-level

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{QFT}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{L_2 L_3}.$$

Using  $g_{X\bar{X}} = g_{\bar{X}X} = -g_{Y\bar{Y}} = -g_{\bar{Y}Y}$  and  $u_2 = -u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $w = 0$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{hexagon}}^{\ell_{12}=1}(-u, u) = \frac{8 g_{X\bar{X}} u}{(u - \frac{i}{2})(u + \frac{i}{2})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

We find agreement

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{QFT}} = \left( u^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right) L_1 \sqrt{L_2 L_3} \mathcal{A}_{\text{hexagon}}.$$

→ Analogous results for  $L_1 = 3, 4, \dots$  with  $u = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}}, \dots$

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## Lagrangian insertion method

Consider  $n$ -point function

[Eden, Howe, West '99] [Eden, Petkou, Schubert, Sokatchev '01]...

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = \int D\phi DA D\psi e^{\frac{i}{g^2} \int d^4x_0 \mathcal{L}(x_0)} \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n.$$

It follows that

$$g^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial g^2} \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = -\frac{i}{g^2} \int d^4x_0 \langle \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle.$$

→ Introduce **Lagrange operator** as  $L = 2$  vacuum descendant

Integrability picture:

- Introduce **double excitations**, eg.  $|\frac{Y}{\bar{Y}}\rangle = |\bar{Z}\rangle$ ,  $|\frac{\Psi^{\alpha 4}}{\Psi_{\beta 3}}\rangle = |F^{\alpha\beta}\rangle$ , ...
- Yang-Mills Lagrangian  $\text{Tr}(F^2)$  build from four fermions

$$\Psi_1^{4\dot{2}}, \quad \Psi_2^{4\dot{1}}, \quad \Psi_3^{3\dot{2}}, \quad \Psi_4^{3\dot{1}},$$

with (infinite) rapidities  $u_1, \dots, u_4$  and auxiliary rapidities

**Idea:** Cut correlators into hexagons

## On-shell Lagrangian

[Eden, Heslop, Korchemsky, Sokatchev '11]

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{tr} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{F}^{\alpha\beta} + \sqrt{2}g \Psi^{\alpha I} [\Phi_{IJ}, \Psi^J_{\alpha}] - \frac{1}{8} g^2 [\Phi^{IJ}, \Phi^{KL}] [\Phi_{IJ}, \Phi_{KL}] \right) .$$

We aim to recover the **Yang-Mills term**

$$|\mathcal{F}^{11} \mathcal{F}^{22}\rangle - 2 |\mathcal{F}^{12} \mathcal{F}^{12}\rangle + |\mathcal{F}^{22} \mathcal{F}^{11}\rangle .$$

We can build the field strength as double excitations

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{23}^{14}\rangle &= \mathfrak{L}_2^1 \Omega_3^2 \mathfrak{R}_4^3 \Omega_3^2 |Z\rangle &= \mathbf{a}^{1\dagger} \mathbf{a}^{2\dagger} &= |\mathcal{F}^{12}\rangle , \\ |\Psi_{13}^{14}\rangle &= \mathfrak{L}_2^1 \Omega_3^2 \mathfrak{L}_2^1 \mathfrak{R}_4^3 \Omega_3^2 |Z\rangle &= \mathbf{a}^{1\dagger} \mathbf{a}^{1\dagger} &= |\mathcal{F}^{11}\rangle , \\ |\Psi_{23}^{24}\rangle &= \Omega_3^2 \mathfrak{R}_4^3 \Omega_3^2 |Z\rangle &= \mathbf{a}^{2\dagger} \mathbf{a}^{2\dagger} &= |\mathcal{F}^{22}\rangle . \end{aligned}$$

$$Z \xrightarrow{Q_3^2} \psi^2 \otimes \phi^{\dot{2}} \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{L_2^1} \psi^1 \otimes \phi^{\dot{2}} \\ \xrightarrow{R_4^3} \psi^2 \otimes \phi^{\dot{1}} \end{cases}$$

## Lagrangian insertion: A first test

⇒ First test: **protected** two-point function  $\langle \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{O}_1^L \mathcal{O}_2^L \rangle = 0$

[Eden, D&P, Spiering '23]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{O}_1^L \mathcal{O}_2^L \rangle &= 2 \left[ \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_1^{42} \Psi_2^{41} \Psi_3^{32} \Psi_4^{31} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_1^{42} \Psi_3^{31} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_2^{41} \Psi_3^{32} \rangle \right] + \\
 &\tilde{g} \left[ \langle \mathbf{h} | D_1^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_2^{41} \Psi_3^{32} D_4^{34} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | D_2^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_1^{42} D_3^{34} \Psi_4^{31} \rangle + \right. \\
 &\quad \langle \mathbf{h} | D_3^{34} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_1^{42} D_2^{43} \Psi_4^{31} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | D_4^{34} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | D_1^{43} \Psi_2^{41} \Psi_3^{32} \rangle + \\
 &\quad \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_2^{41} \Psi_3^{32} \bar{Y}_4 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | \bar{Y}_2 \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_1^{42} Y_3 \Psi_4^{31} \rangle + \\
 &\quad \left. \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_3 \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | \Psi_1^{42} \bar{Y}_2 \Psi_4^{31} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | \bar{Y}_4 \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_1 \Psi_2^{41} \Psi_3^{32} \rangle \right] + \\
 &\tilde{g}^2 \left[ \langle \mathbf{h} | D_1^{43} D_2^{43} \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | D_3^{34} D_4^{34} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h} | D_1^{43} \bar{Y}_2 \rangle \langle \mathbf{h} | Y_3 D_4^{34} \rangle + \right. \\
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 \\
 \langle \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{O}_1^L \mathcal{O}_2^L \rangle &\rightarrow 4 \tilde{g}^2 (1 - 2 + 1) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

## Anomalous dimension

Consider two-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{B}_1^L \mathcal{B}_2^L \rangle = \frac{1}{(a_1 - a_2)^{2(\Delta_0 + g^2 \gamma_1 + \dots)}} = \frac{1}{(a_1 - a_2)^{2\Delta_0}} - 2\gamma_1 \frac{\log(a_1 - a_2)}{(a_1 - a_2)^{2\Delta_0}} g^2 + \dots,$$

⇒ Reproduce **anomalous dimension**  $\langle \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{B}_1^L \mathcal{B}_2^L \rangle \propto \gamma_1$  [Eden, Gottwald, DLP, Scherdin '23]

Finite momenta of physical excitations

- length changing effects become apparent: introduce **Z markers**
- distribution of Z is not important here!
- likely to be important for more complicated tessellations
- cancellation of **particle creation poles**

Finally, we obtain

$$\langle \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{B}_1^L \mathcal{B}_2^L \rangle = -\frac{\gamma_1}{\sqrt{4!}},$$

for lengths  $L = 4, \dots, 9$ .

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## Conclusions and Outlook

- Powerful tool to calculate correlation functions in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM
- Maintain the hexagon operator for **higher-rank** sectors
  - import the  $g$ -coefficients from the nested Bethe ansatz
  - local details of the wave functions are eclipsed
- **Marginal deformations** for certain classes of correlators  
→ Is there a hexagon operator for deformed theories?
- Lagrangeoperator in integrability formalism using **double excitations**
  - four fermions build the Yang-Mills term
- First tests of **Lagrangian insertion** method for hexagon tessellations
  - protected two-point functions
  - anomalous dimension from two-point functions

→ Loop corrections for more general two- and three-point functions?  
→ Non-planar corrections?