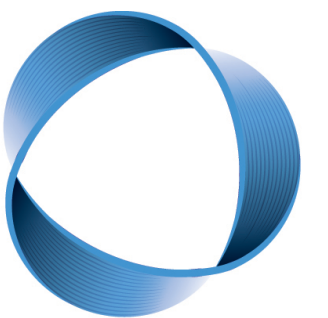


Exact g-functions

based on 2004.05071 with Shota Komatsu

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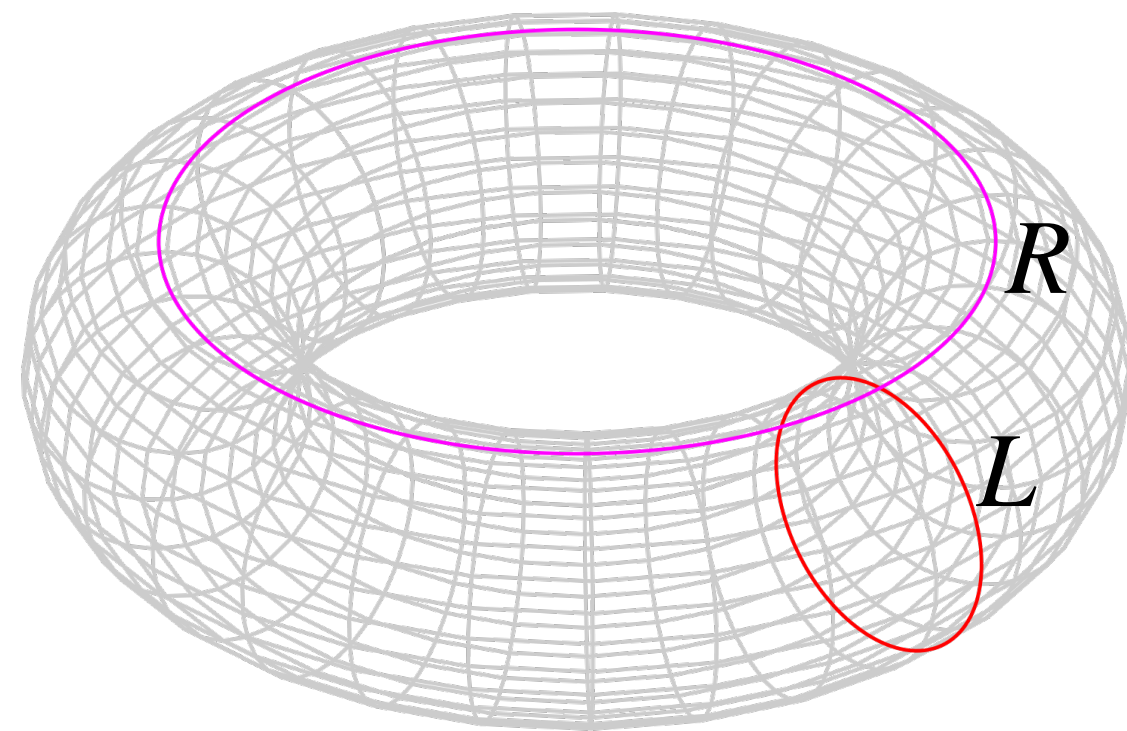
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Functional Equations in Integrable Field Theories

Asymptotic
Bethe Ansatz
(periodic)

$$e^{ip_i L} = \prod_{j \neq i}^N S(p_i, p_j) \quad E = \sum_j \epsilon(p_j) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-L})$$

Finite volume: theory on a torus ($T = 1/R$)



Saddle point $R \rightarrow \infty$: $Z \sim e^{-RE_0(L)}$

Swap space \leftrightarrow time: $E_0 = Lf$

Free energy density at finite temperature:
Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz

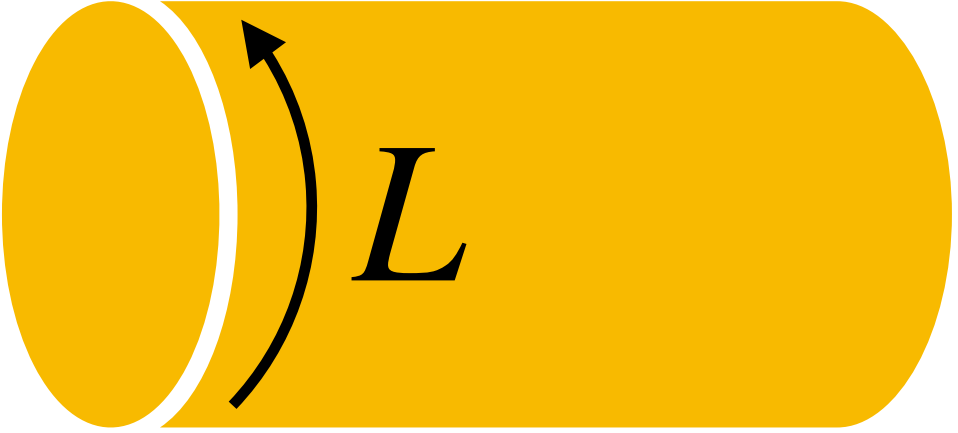
Other quantities: form factors, correlation functions etc.

no such prescription: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ pieces of partition function, or partition function with insertions...

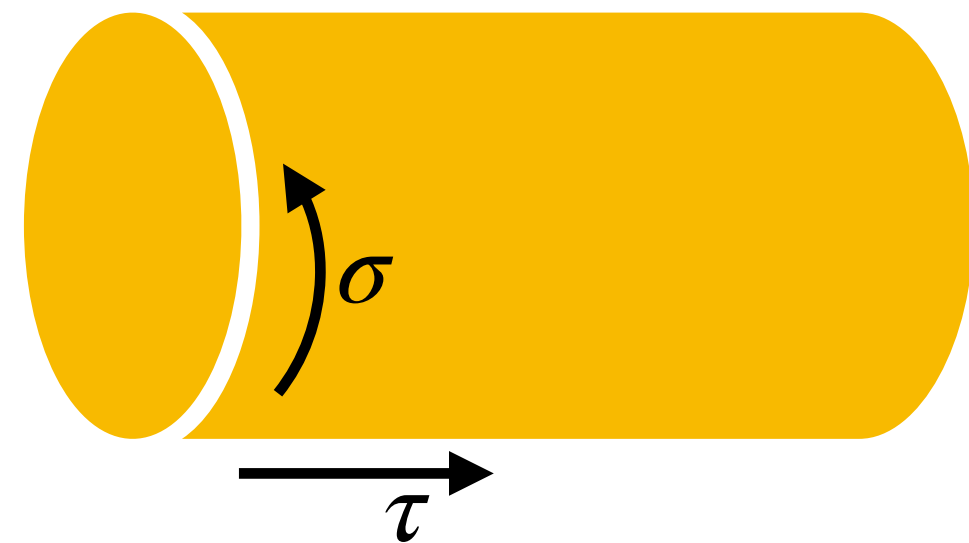
g-function

- Next to simplest quantity: simplest generalization of the analysis of the spectrum
- $\mathcal{O}(1)$ quantity exactly computable in any integrable field theory at finite volume.
- No TBA directly for the g-function.

g-function

$$Z = \langle B | \text{Cylinder}(L, R) | B \rangle$$


Closed string channel:



$$Z = \sum_{\psi_c} e^{-RE_{\psi_c}(L)} \frac{\langle B | \psi_c \rangle \langle \psi_c | B \rangle}{\langle \psi_c | \psi_c \rangle}$$

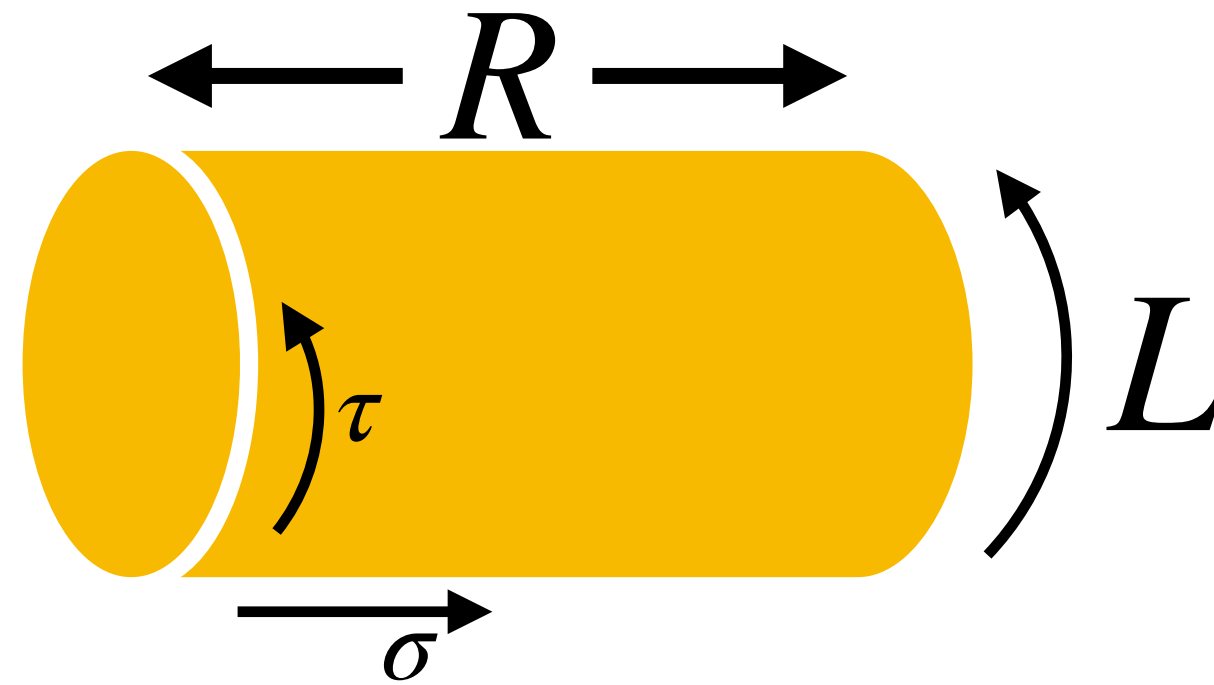
As $R \rightarrow \infty$ $Z \sim e^{-RE_{\Omega}} |g|^2$

g-function:

$$g \equiv \frac{\langle B | \Omega \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \Omega | \Omega \rangle}}$$

Also known as **ground state degeneracy** or **boundary entropy**

Open string channel:



$$Z = \sum_{\psi_0} e^{-LE_{\psi_0}(R)}$$

$$e^{-RE_{\Omega}} |g|^2 = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\psi_0} e^{-LE_{\psi_0}(R)}$$

Thermal partition function in
infinite volume at finite
temperature $1/L$

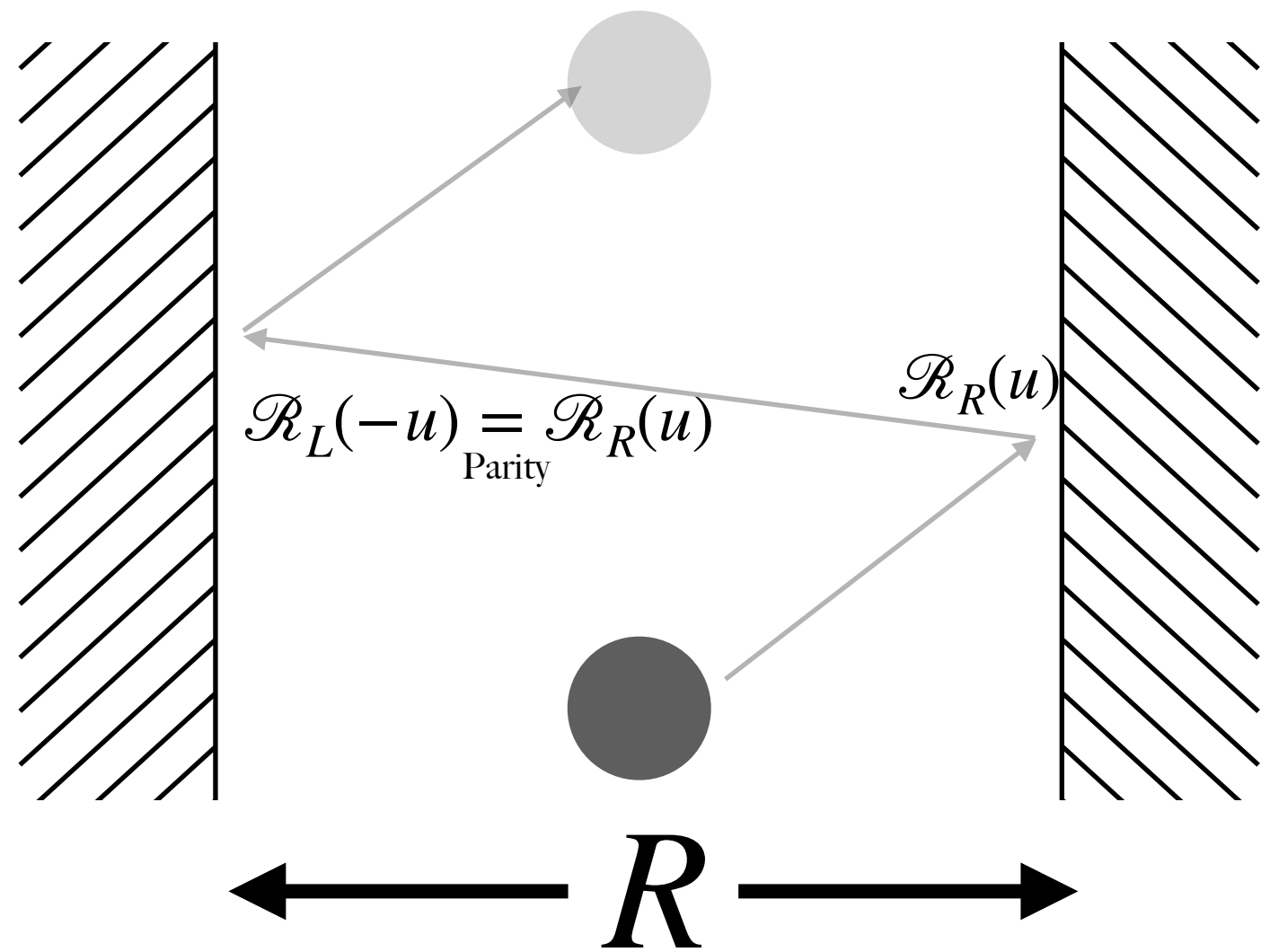
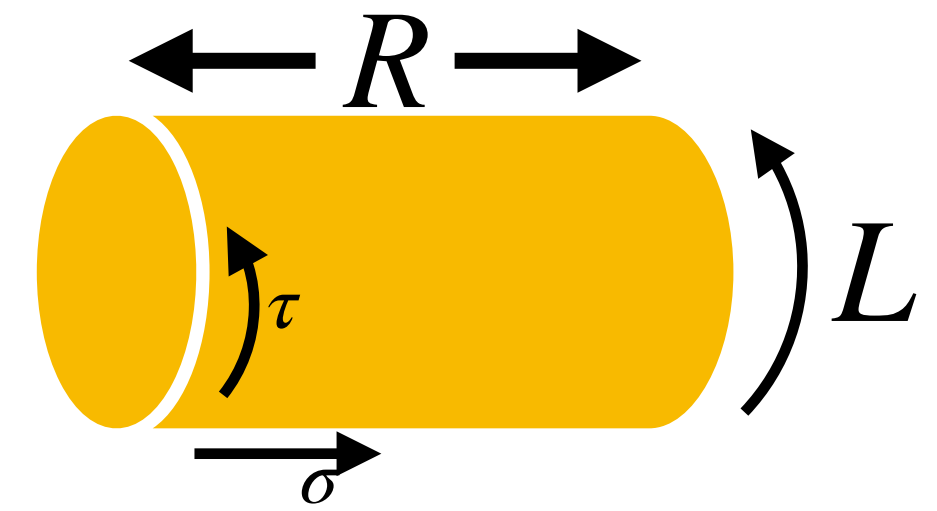
Outline

- g -function as a Fredholm determinant from TBA
- Tracy-Widom TBA for Sinh-Gordon
- UV limit and Liouville FZZT states
- Separation of Variables
- Outlook

Exact g-function = Fredholm Det

- [A. LeClair, G. Mussardo, H. Saleur and S. Skorik '95]: First attempt.
- [F. Woynarovich '04] pointed out incompleteness of the previous and proposed modification.
- [P. Dorey, D. Fioravanti, C. Rim and R. Tateo '04] proposed yet another modification to the previous.
- [B. Pozsgay'10] verified and re-derived previous result from a different approach.
- [I. Kostov, D. Serban and D.-L. Vu '18] rigorously re-derived previous result.
- [I. Kostov '19] re-re-derived previous result as an effective QFT whose path integral can be localized.
- [Jiang, Komatsu, Vescovi'20] offers yet another derivation.

Open string channel



Massive relativistic theory with single type particle :

$$E = m \cosh u \quad p = m \sinh u$$

$$e^{2im \sinh(u_i)R} \left[\prod_{j \neq i}^N S(u_i - u_j) S(u_i + u_j) \right] \mathcal{R}_a(u_i) \mathcal{R}_b(u_i) = 1 \quad u_i > 0$$

$$e^{2im \sinh(u_i)R} \left[\prod_{j \neq i}^{2N} S(u_i - u_j) \right] \mathcal{R}_{ab}(u_i) = 1 \quad u_{2N-j} = -u_j$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{ab}(u) \equiv \mathcal{R}_a(u) \mathcal{R}_b(u) S(2u)$$

Thermodynamic limit

$$e^{2im \sinh(u_i)R} \left[\prod_{j \neq i}^{2N} S(u_i - u_j) \right] \mathcal{R}_{ab}(u_i) = 1$$

Rapidity density:

$$2\pi(\rho^o(u) + \rho^h(u)) = m \cosh u - 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \mathcal{K}_s(u - v) \rho^o(v) + \frac{\Theta_{ab}}{2R}$$

$$\Theta_{ab}(u) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{du} \log (\mathcal{R}_a(u) \mathcal{R}_b(u)) - \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{du} \log(S(2u)) - 2\pi\delta(u)$$

Z at the saddle point:

$$\log Z \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du (2mR \cosh u + \Theta_{ab}(u)) \log(1 + e^{-\epsilon(u)})$$

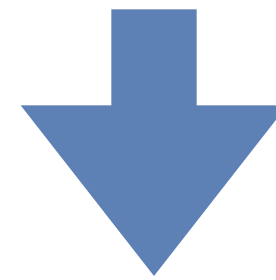
R-independent

saddle point equation (closed system TBA):

$$\epsilon(u) = mL \cosh(u) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \mathcal{K}_s(u - v) \log(1 + e^{-\epsilon(v)})$$

Open-closed channel match: g-function

$$e^{-RE_\Omega} |g|^2 = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\psi_0} e^{-LE_{\psi_0}(R)}$$



$$\log(g) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \Theta_{ab}(u) \log(1 + Y(u))$$

[LeClair, Mussardo, Saleur, Skorik '95]

Incomplete!

- Assumption: $\sum_{\psi_0} \rightarrow \int R \Delta u d\rho_0(u)$

- Neglected fluctuations around the saddle point

Corrections

$$\sum_{\psi_0} = \mathcal{N} \int R \Delta u d\rho_0(u)$$

Jacobian for the transformation of
momentum quantum numbers to rapidities

$$Z = \text{Det}(1 - \hat{G})^{1/2} \text{Det}(1 - \hat{G}_+)^{-1} e^{-RF_{\text{saddle}}}$$

quadratic fluctuations
around the saddle point [Wojnarovich '04]

Det = Fredholm Determinants

Final expression

$$\log g = \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{2\pi} \Theta(u) \log(1 + e^{-\epsilon(u)}) + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\text{Det}(1 - \hat{G})}{\left(\text{Det}(1 - \hat{G}_+)\right)^2}.$$

$$\hat{G}_+ \cdot f(u) := \int_0^\infty \frac{dv}{2\pi} \frac{\mathcal{K}_+(u, v)}{1 + e^{\epsilon(v)}} f(v),$$

$$\hat{G} \cdot f(u) := \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{dv}{4\pi} \frac{\mathcal{K}_s(u, v)}{1 + e^{\epsilon(v)}} f(v)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_+(u, v) = \frac{1}{i} (\partial_u \log S(u, v) + \partial_u \log S(u, -v))$$

$$\mathcal{K}_s(u, v) = \frac{1}{i} (\partial_u \log S(u, v))$$

Fredholm determinants

Representation as a multiple integral:

$$\log \frac{\text{Det}(1 - \hat{G})}{\left(\text{Det}(1 - \hat{G}_+)\right)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{du_i}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 + e^{\epsilon(u_i)}} \mathcal{K}_s(u_1 + u_2) \prod_{j=2}^n \mathcal{K}_s(u_j - u_{j+1}),$$

Not very efficient, especially if one is aiming at generalizations:

- Nesting [P. Dorey, A. Lishman, C. Rim, R. Tateo '05, I. Kostov, D. Serban and D.-L. Vu '19, Jiang, Komatsu, Vescovi '20];
- Excited states [I. Kostov, D. Serban and D.-L. Vu '19, Jiang, Komatsu, Vescovi '20]
- 3-point functions with two Giant Gravitons and a non-BPS single trace in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM given as a g-function: involves nesting, excited states etc. [Jiang, Komatsu, Vescovi '20]

Goal: derive a TBA to compute these Fredholm determinants

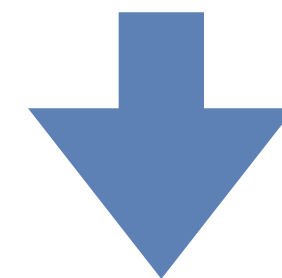
Towards functional equations

Relation between Fredholm determinants and TBA:

- $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric index in two dimensions [Cecotti, Fendley, Intriligator, Vafa '92]
- The partition function of 2d polymers [Zamolodchikov]
- Relations proven in Tracy-Widom '94
- S^3 partition functions supersymmetric gauge theories [Calvo, Grassi, Hatsuda, Marino, Moriyama, Okuyama...]

Two layered system:

Solve standard TBA
with source $m \cosh(u)$
to get $Y(u) \equiv e^{-\epsilon(u)}$



Tracy-Widom TBA
with source $Y(u)$ to get g

Simplest example: sinh-Gordon

One single type of particle of mass m $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4\pi}(\partial\phi)^2 + 2\mu \cosh(2b\phi)$

$$S(u, v) = \frac{\sinh(u - v) - i \sin(\pi p)}{\sinh(u - v) + i \sin(\pi p)} \quad p = b^2(1 + b^2)^{-1}$$

Consider self-dual point $b = 1$, for which $\mathcal{K}_s(u, v) \sim \frac{1}{\cosh(u - v)}$

Boundary Sinh-Gordon (open string): $\mathcal{L} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi}(\partial\phi)^2 + 2\mu \cosh(2b\phi) \right) + 2\mu_B (\cosh(b\phi - b\phi_0)|_{x=0} + \cosh(b\phi - b\phi_0)|_{x=R})$

Also integrable, and reflection matrices are known

Class of kernels

Derivation in principle valid for any kernel of the type: $K(u, v) = \frac{E(u) E(v)}{M(u) + M(v)}$

Use $\text{Det}(\dots) = e^{\text{tr log}(\dots)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det}(1 - z \hat{G}) &= \exp \left(- \sum_n \frac{z^n}{n} \int \prod_i du_i \frac{\mathcal{K}_s(u_i, u_{i+1})}{1 + e^{\epsilon(u_i)}} \right) \\ &= \exp \left(- \sum_n \frac{z^n}{n} \int \prod_i du_i K_s(u_i, u_{i+1}) \right) \\ &\equiv \exp \left(- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n} \text{tr } K_s^{*n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$K_s(u, v) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{K}_s(u, v)}{\sqrt{1 + e^{\epsilon(u)}} \sqrt{1 + e^{\epsilon(v)}}} \quad E(u) \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2} e^u}{\sqrt{1 + e^{\epsilon(u)}}} \quad M(u) \equiv e^{2u}$$

In the case of K_+ :

$$E(u) \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2} \cosh u}{\sqrt{1 + e^{\epsilon(u)}}} \quad M(u) \equiv \cosh(2u)$$

Derivation of Tracy-Widom TBA

Start by deriving a recursion relation for K^{*n}

$$K(u, v) = \frac{E(u) E(v)}{M(u) + M(v)}$$

Interpret $E(u)$ as a sort of “wave-function”: $\langle u | E \rangle = E(u)$

Define \hat{M} as an operator: $\hat{M} | u \rangle = M(u) | u \rangle$

Then the kernel becomes: $\hat{M}\hat{K} + \hat{K}\hat{M} = | E \rangle \langle E |$

For higher powers of \hat{K}

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}\hat{K}^2 - \hat{K}^2\hat{M} &= (\hat{M}\hat{K} + \hat{K}\hat{M})\hat{K} - \hat{K}(\hat{M}\hat{K} + \hat{K}\hat{M}) \\ &= | E \rangle \langle E | \hat{K} - \hat{K} | E \rangle \langle E | \end{aligned}$$

Recursively:

$$\hat{M}\hat{K}^n - (-1)^n \hat{K}^n \hat{M} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^l \hat{K}^l | E \rangle \langle E | \hat{K}^{n-1-l}$$

$$\hat{M}\hat{K}^n - (-1)^n\hat{K}^n\hat{M} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^l\hat{K}^l|E\rangle\langle E|\hat{K}^{n-1-l}$$

Sandwich both sides with $\langle u |$ and $|v\rangle$

$$K^{*n}(u, v) = \frac{E(u)E(v)}{M(u) + (-1)^{n-1}M(v)} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^l \underbrace{\langle u | \hat{K}^l | E \rangle}_{\equiv \phi_l(u)} \underbrace{\langle E | \hat{K}^{n-l-1} | v \rangle}_{\equiv \phi_{n-l-1}(v)}$$

With $\phi_j(u) = \frac{1}{E(u)} \int dv K(u, v) E(v) \phi_{j-1}(v) \quad \phi_0(u) = 1$

Baxter-like equations

$$\phi_j(u) = \frac{1}{E(u)} \int dv \boxed{K(u, v)} E(v) \phi_{j-1}(v) \quad \phi_0(u) = 1$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\cosh(u \pm v)}$$

Use $\frac{1}{\cosh\left(u + \frac{i(\pi - \epsilon)}{2}\right)} + \frac{1}{\cosh\left(u - \frac{i(\pi - \epsilon)}{2}\right)} = 2\pi\delta(u)$

To get something like

Shift by $\pm i\pi/2$

$$\tilde{\phi}_j^{++} + \tilde{\phi}_j^{--} = \frac{2\pi}{1 + e^\epsilon} \tilde{\phi}_{j-1}$$

Sum on both sides $\sum_j z^j(\dots)$

$$\begin{aligned} P^{++} + P^{--} &= 2\pi v z Q \\ Q^{++} + Q^{--} &= 2\pi v z P \end{aligned}$$

$$v = (1 + e^\epsilon)^{-1/2} (1 + e^{\epsilon^{++}})^{-1/2}$$

$$\tilde{\phi}_j = \frac{\sqrt{1 + e^{\epsilon(u)}}}{\sqrt{2}} E(u) \phi_j$$

$$P(u) \propto \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^{2j+1} \phi_{2j+1}(u)$$

$$Q(u) \propto \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^{2j} \phi_{2j}(u)$$

Back to the kernel

Split the kernel into odd & even parts:

$$\hat{R}_o \equiv \hat{K}(I - z^2 \hat{K}^2)^{-1}, \quad \hat{R}_e \equiv \hat{K}^2(I - z^2 \hat{K}^2)^{-1}$$

The kernels can then be expressed in terms of the Baxter functions Q, P

$$R_o(u, v) = \frac{Q(u)Q(v) - P(u)P(v)}{M(u) + M(v)} \quad R_e(u, v) = \frac{Q(u)P(v) - Q(v)P(u)}{M(u) - M(v)}$$

Goal: derive a closed system of equations for R_o and R_e .

Closed system of equations

R_o and R_e only: no closed system of equations

Need one additional function η

$$\eta(u) - i \equiv -i \frac{(Q^+ - P^+)(Q^- + P^-)}{E^+ E^-}$$

Baxter-like equations

$$R_o(u) = \lim_{v \rightarrow u} \frac{Q(u)Q(v) - P(u)P(v)}{M(u) + M(v)}$$

+

$$\begin{aligned} P^{++} + P^{--} &= 2\pi v z Q \\ Q^{++} + Q^{--} &= 2\pi v z P \end{aligned}$$

$$R_e(u) = \lim_{v \rightarrow u} \frac{Q(u)P(v) - Q(v)P(u)}{M(u) - M(v)}$$

“Y-system” for Tracy-Widom TBA

For \mathcal{K}_s :

$$\log(1 + \eta^2) = \log(1 + e^{\epsilon^+}) + \log(1 + e^{\epsilon^-}) + \log R_e^+ + \log R_e^-$$

$$\frac{2i\eta'}{\eta^2 + 1} = 2i \arctan(\eta)' = \frac{R_o^+}{R_e^+} - \frac{R_o^-}{R_e^-}$$

$$\eta^+ + \eta^- = 2\pi R_e(u)$$

Invert to obtain Tracy-Widom TBA:

For \mathcal{K}_s :

$$\eta_s = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{R_{e_s}(v)}{\cosh(2(u-v))}$$

$$R_{e_s}(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\epsilon(u)}} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\log(1 + \eta_s^2(v))}{\cosh(2(u-v))} \right)$$

$$R_{o_s}(u) = \frac{R_{e_s}(u)}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\arctan(\eta_s(v))}{\cosh(2(u-v))^2}$$

For \mathcal{K}_+ :

$$\eta_+ = 4 \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\coth(2v) R_{e_+}(v)}{\cosh(2(u-v))}$$

$$R_{e_+}(u) = \frac{\cosh(u)^2}{\cosh(2u) (1 + e^{\epsilon(u)})} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\log(1 + \eta_+^2(v))}{\cosh(2(u-v))} \right)$$

$$R_{o_+}(u) = \frac{2 R_{e_+}(u) \coth(2u)}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\arctan(\eta_+(v))}{\cosh(2(u-v))^2}$$

Solving TBA

$$\eta_s = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{R_{e_s}(v)}{\cosh(2(u-v))}$$

$$R_{e_s}(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\epsilon(u)}} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\log(1 + \eta_s^2(v))}{\cosh(2(u-v))} \right)$$

$$R_{o_s}(u) = \frac{R_{e_s}(u)}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv \frac{\arctan(\eta_s(v))}{\cosh(2(u-v))^2}$$

Expand in z : $\eta = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \eta^{(k)} z^k$ $R_e = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} R_e^{(2k)} z^{2k}$ $R_o = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} R_o^{(2k+1)} z^{2k+1}$

Easy to solve iteratively: $e^{-\epsilon} \rightarrow R_e^{(0)} \rightarrow \eta^{(1)} \rightarrow R_o^{(1)} \rightarrow R_e^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots$

$$\text{tr } K^{*2n+1} = \frac{1}{\pi^{2n+1}} \int du R_e^{(2n)}(u)$$

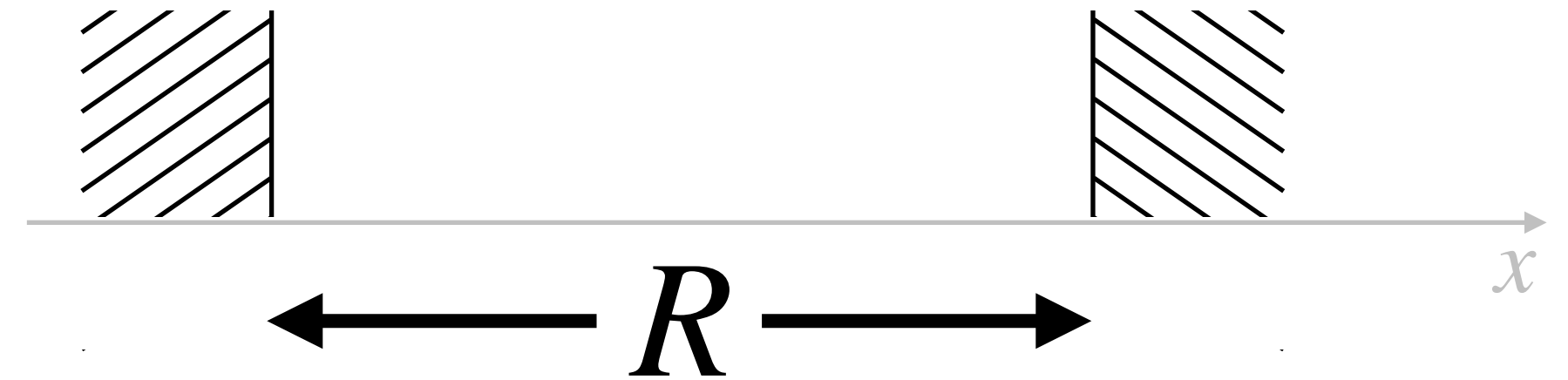
$$\text{tr } K^{*2n} = \frac{1}{\pi^{2n}} \int du R_o^{(2n-1)}(u)$$

Easy to compute arbitrarily high powers of n in contrast with multiple nested integrals.

Physical limits

CFT or UV limit of sinh-Gordon: Liouville CFT

Open string Lagrangian defined on a strip



$$L = \int_0^R dx \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} (\partial\phi)^2 + 2\mu \cosh(2b\phi) \right) + 2\mu_B \left(\cosh(b\phi) \Big|_{x=0} + \cosh(b\phi) \Big|_{x=R} \right)$$

Rescale width of the strip to 2π

$$L = \int_0^{2\pi} dx \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} (\partial\phi)^2 + \mu \left(\frac{R}{2\pi} \right)^{2+2b^2} (e^{2b\phi} + e^{-2b\phi}) \right) + \mu_B \left(\frac{R}{2\pi} \right)^{1+b^2} \left((e^{b\phi} + e^{-b\phi}) \Big|_{x=0} + (e^{b\phi} + e^{-b\phi}) \Big|_{x=2\pi} \right)$$

UV limit $R \rightarrow 0$, neglect one of the exponentials: **boundary Liouville**

Closed string channel: g -function in UV \leftrightarrow disc one point function in boundary Liouville

States in Liouville/Sinh-Gordon

In Liouville

Consider the classical limit $b \rightarrow 0$

Consider a field configuration constant in space $\phi(t, x) = \phi_0(t)$ (minisuperspace)

States characterized by canonical momentum P conjugate to ϕ_0

In Sinh-Gordon

Same approximation but $P = P(L)$

In the UV limit, ground state energy

$$E(L) = -\pi c_{\text{eff}}/6L \rightarrow \text{CFT behaviour with } c_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow c_L = 1 - 24P^2$$

Close to it, we take

$$c_{\text{eff}} = 1 - 24P(L)^2 + \mathcal{O}(L^2)$$

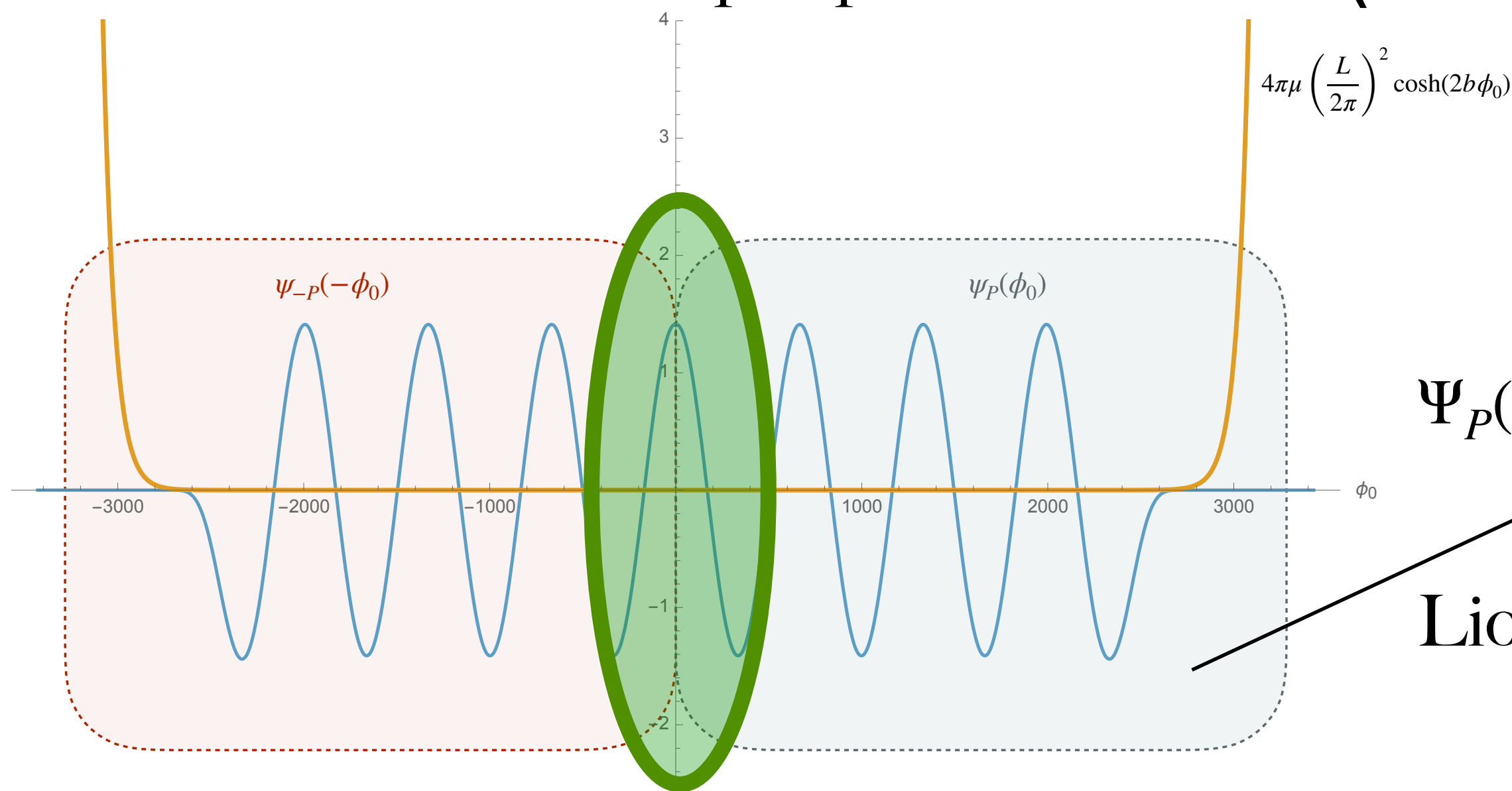
← define $P(L)$ in terms of c_{eff}

[Zamolodchikov, Zamolodchikov' 95]

Schrödinger equation

Sinh-Gordon ground-state wave-function in minisuperspace:

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{d\phi_0^2} + 4\pi\mu \left(\frac{L}{2\pi} \right)^2 \cosh(2b\phi_0) - 2P^2 \right) \Psi_P(\phi_0) = 0.$$



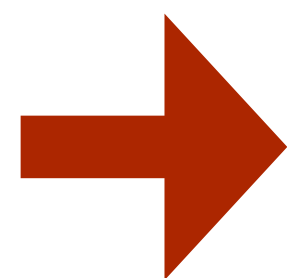
$$\Psi_P(\phi_0) \simeq \frac{2}{\Gamma(-2iP/b)} \left(\frac{\pi\mu L^2}{4\pi^2 b^2} \right)^{-iP/b} K_{2iP/b} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi\mu} L}{2\pi b} e^{b\phi_0} \right) \equiv \psi_P(\phi_0)$$

Liouville wave-function Bessel K

Compatibility \rightarrow quantization condition:

$$S_{\text{cl}}(P)^2 \left(\frac{L}{2\pi} \right)^{-8iP/b} = 1$$

Classical reflection matrix



$$P \sim -\frac{1}{\log(L/2\pi)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\log(L/2\pi)^2}\right) \text{ as } L \rightarrow 0$$

Ground state of Sinh-Gordon in CFT limit \leftrightarrow Liouville $P = 0$ state

Liouville Boundary Data

Compare with one-point function of the boundary Liouville (also known as FZZT states)

$$\langle B_s | \psi_P \rangle_L = (\pi\mu\gamma(b^2))^{-iP/b} \Gamma(1 + 2ibP) \Gamma(1 + 2iP/b) \frac{\cos(2\pi Ps)}{iP}$$

Need to subtract the pole! Back to the classical limit:

IR singularity!

$$\langle B_s | \Psi_P \rangle_{\text{shG}}^{\text{cl}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\phi_0 \underbrace{\Psi_P(\phi_0)}_{\text{Bulk wave-function}} \underbrace{\varphi_B(\phi_0)}_{\text{Boundary wave-function: } \varphi_B(\phi_0) = \exp(-2\mu_B \cosh(b\phi_0))}$$

Split integration regions, and approximate each region by Liouville:

$$\langle B_s | \Psi_P \rangle_{\text{shG}}^{\text{cl}} \simeq \langle B_s | \psi_{-P} \rangle_L^{\text{cl}} + \langle B_s | \psi_P \rangle_L^{\text{cl}} - \frac{i}{2P} \left(S_{\text{cl}}(P) - \frac{1}{S_{\text{cl}}(P)} \right) + \mathcal{O}(L)$$

Independent of boundary parameter

$$U_{s_1, s_0}(P) \equiv \frac{\langle B_{s_1} | \Psi_P \rangle_{\text{shG}} - \langle B_{s_0} | \Psi_P \rangle_{\text{shG}}}{\sqrt{\langle \Psi_P | \Psi_P \rangle}}$$

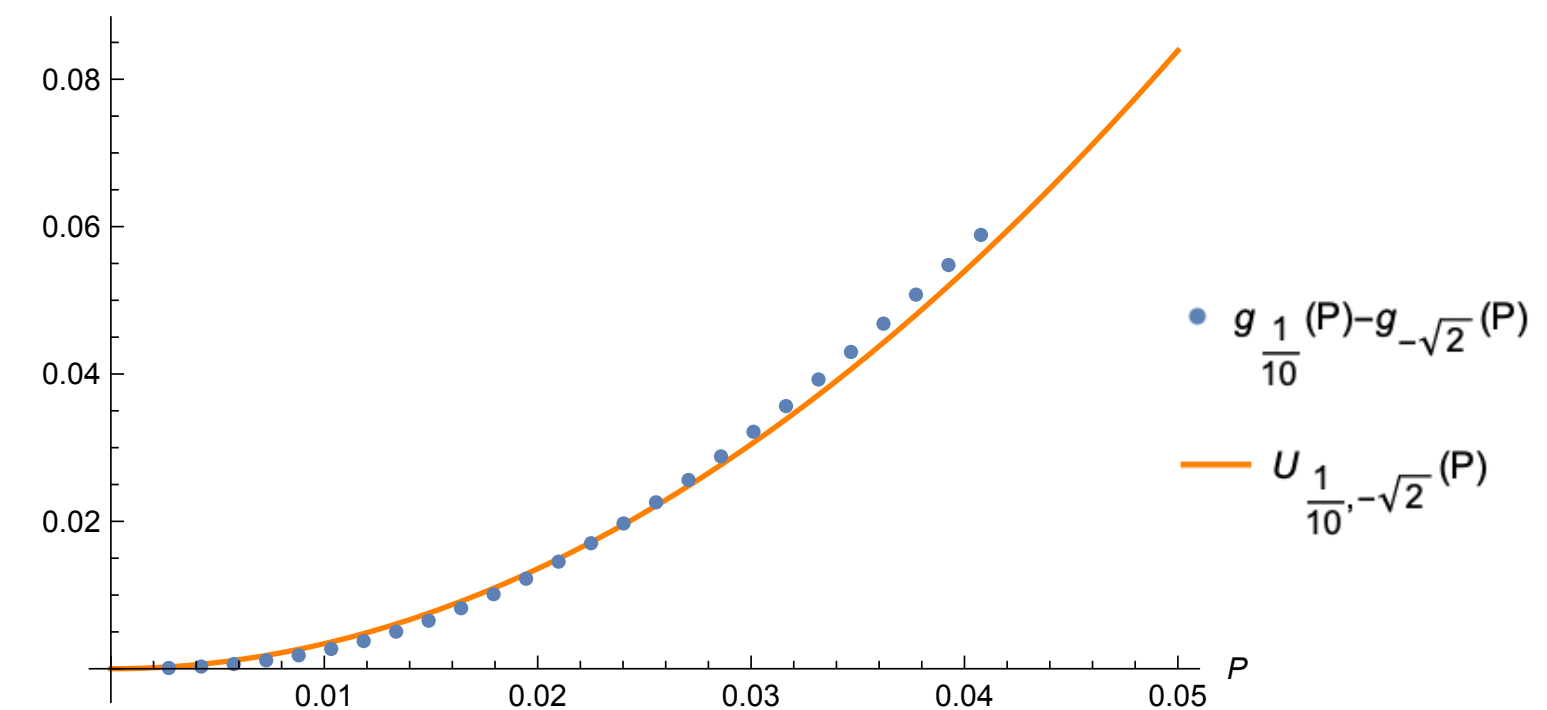
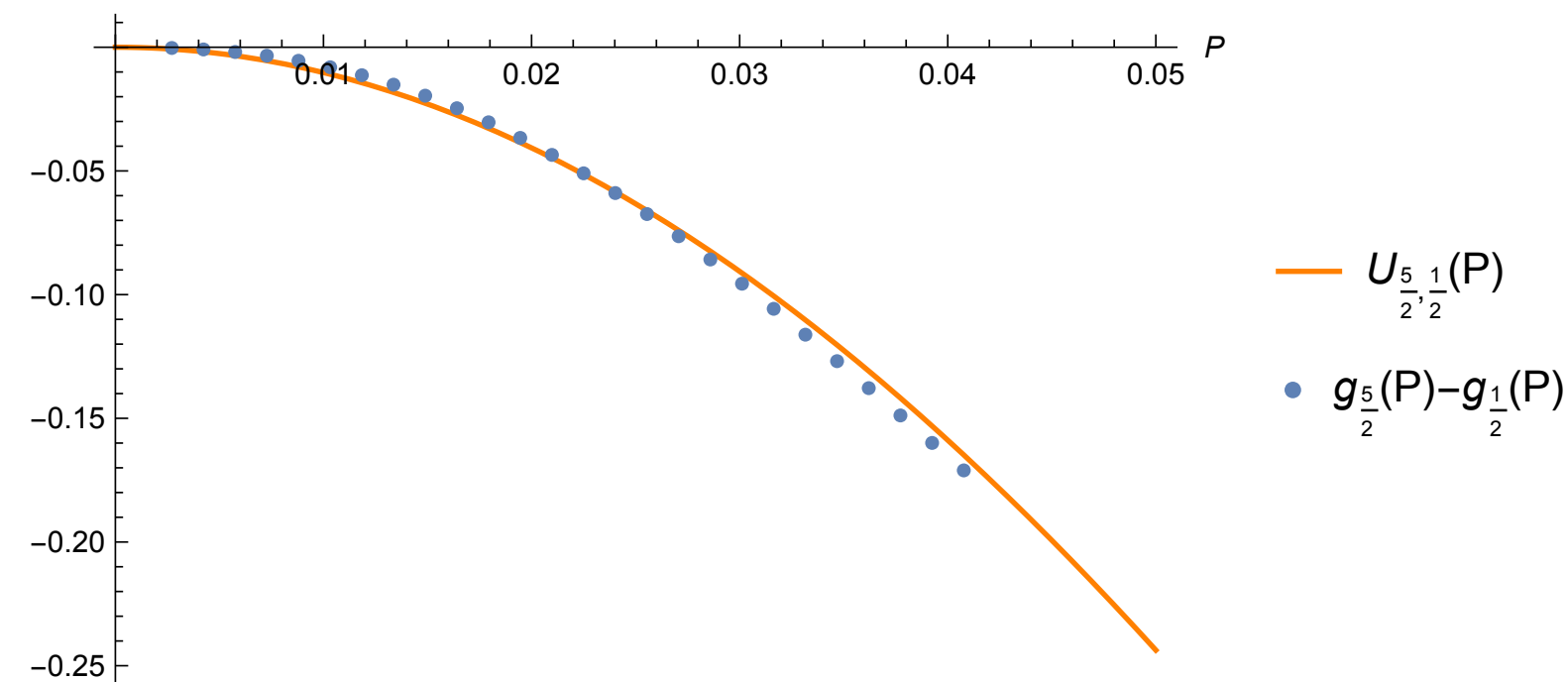
Reference one-point function

Comparison with Liouville

Solve Tracy-Widom TBA in the UV limit and compare with

$$U_{s_1, s_0}(P) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\langle B_{s_1} | \psi_{-P} \rangle_L + \langle B_{s_1} | \psi_P \rangle_L \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\langle B_{s_0} | \psi_{-P} \rangle_L + \langle B_{s_0} | \psi_P \rangle_L \right)$$

For any boundary parameters:



Should be useful to study excited states and test [Kostov, Serban, Vu '19; Jiang, Komatsu, Vescovi '20]

Separation of Variables

Lukyanov found a formula for one-point function in sinh-Gordon at finite volume. [Lukyanov'01]

For the identity operator:

$$\langle \Omega | \Omega \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_N$$

$$\mathcal{F}_N \equiv \frac{1}{(2N+1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{k=-N}^N \frac{d\theta_k (Q(\theta_k))^2}{2\pi} \prod_{-N \leq j < k \leq N} \Delta(\theta_j, \theta_k)$$

$$1 + e^{-\epsilon(u)} = Q^{++}(u) Q^{--}(u)$$

$$\Delta(\theta_j, \theta_k) \equiv \left(2 \sinh \nu(\theta_j - \theta_k) \right) \left(2 \sinh \tilde{\nu}(\theta_j - \theta_k) \right)$$

$$\nu \equiv 1 + b^2 \quad \tilde{\nu} \equiv 1 + b^{-2}$$

From the Vandermonde determinant formula we can rewrite

$$\langle \Omega | \Omega \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \det \left[M_{j,k} \right]_{-N \leq j,k \leq N} \quad M_{j,k} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} (Q(\theta))^2 e^{2(\nu k + \tilde{\nu} j)\theta}$$

For parity symmetric Q -function $Q(-\theta) = Q(\theta)$, determinant factorizes

$$\det M = \frac{1}{2} \det M^- \det M^+ \quad \begin{aligned} (M^-)_{s,t} &= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} Q(\theta) Q(-\theta) \sinh(2\nu s\theta) \sinh(2\tilde{\nu} t\theta) & (1 \leq s, t \leq N) \\ (M^+)_{s,t} &= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} Q(\theta) Q(-\theta) \cosh(2\nu s\theta) \cosh(2\tilde{\nu} t\theta) & (0 \leq s, t \leq N) \end{aligned}$$

Analogy: Gaudin norm for parity symmetric states $\det G = \det G^+ \det G^-$
 $\sim \langle \text{MPS} | \mathbf{u} \rangle$ [Buhl-Mortensen, de Leeuw, Kristjansen, Zarembo '15]

Conjecture:

$$\langle B | \Omega \rangle \propto \det M^-$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\text{Det}(1 - \hat{G})}}{\text{Det}(1 - \hat{G}_+)} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{N} \times \frac{\det M^-}{\sqrt{\det M}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{N} \times \frac{\overline{\mathcal{F}}_N}{\sqrt{\mathcal{F}_N}}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{F}}_N = \frac{1}{N!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \frac{d\theta_k \sinh(2\nu\theta_k) \sinh(2\tilde{\nu}\theta_k) Q(\theta_k) Q(-\theta_k)}{\pi} \right) \prod_{1 \leq j, k \leq N} \overline{\Delta}(\theta_j, \theta_k)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\Delta}(\theta_j, \theta_k) &\equiv \left[2 \cosh(2\nu\theta_j) - 2 \cosh(2\nu\theta_k) \right] \left[2 \cosh(2\tilde{\nu}\theta_j) - 2 \cosh(2\tilde{\nu}\theta_k) \right] \\ &= \left(\sinh^2(\nu\theta_j) - \sinh^2(\nu\theta_k) \right) \left(\sinh^2(\tilde{\nu}\theta_j) - \sinh^2(\tilde{\nu}\theta_k) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- **Selection rule:** $\det M^-$ vanishes if the Q -function is not parity-symmetric, $Q(\theta) \neq Q(-\theta)$.
(Boundary state is annihilated by the action of odd conserved charger under parity)
- Still need to fix \mathcal{N}
- Same trick works in XXX spin-chain: from the norm one can get SoV representation for $\langle \text{Néel} | \mathbf{u} \rangle$
- Does this trick works for higher-rank cases?

Future directions

- Extend to more general types of kernels and theories with bound-states/internal degrees of freedom.
- $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM g-function.
- Physical interpretation of the equations
- Analytically solution of these equations in UV/ IR?
- Excited States? Dorey-Tateo analytic continuation for Tracy-Widom TBA? Use Liouville to test.
- Sharpen/improve SoV conjecture. Guess higher-rank overlaps from norms?
- Applications in the computation of S^3 partition function of superconformal Chern-Simons with OSp gauge groups, where \mathcal{K}_+ appear.

Thank you