

Integrable structure emerges from gauge theories

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- ▶ Possible others..

One of my goals in this talk is to convince you that the third point is a fact, then it explains why the three “different subjects” are inherently related.

Integrability in the 2D compact BF Theory

Let us start from a simple situation

- ▶ Fields: U(1) gauge field A and compact scalar $\phi \sim \phi + 2\pi$.
- ▶ Action:

$$S = \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_{\Sigma} \phi F, \quad F = dA.$$

- ▶ Level $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ensures gauge invariance (compactness of A and ϕ).
- ▶ No local degrees of freedom: the theory is topological.

Classical Structure & Constraints

- ▶ Equations of motion:

$$F = dA = 0, \quad d\phi = 0.$$

- ▶ A is flat $\Rightarrow$ only holonomy around cycles survives.
- ▶ ϕ is constant on each connected component of the spatial slice.
- ▶ All degrees of freedom are global/topological.

BF theory on $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$

Consider spacetime $M = \mathbb{R}_t \times S^1_x$.

- ▶ Integrate out A_0 gives that $\phi = \phi(t)$
- ▶ define the spatial zero modes:

$$a(t) := \oint_{S^1} A_1, \quad \phi_0(t).$$

- ▶ then we have

$$L_{\text{eff}} = \frac{k}{2\pi} \phi_0(t) \dot{a}(t).$$

- ▶ First-order system $\Rightarrow$ symplectic structure is directly visible from L_{eff} .

Action–angle coordinates

See Nekrasov Witten 2010 for more

- ▶ Momentum conjugate to a :

$$p_a = \frac{\partial L_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \dot{a}} = \frac{k}{2\pi} \phi_0.$$

- ▶ Define action–angle variables:

$$\theta := a, \quad I := p_a.$$

- ▶ Canonical one-form:

$$\Theta = I d\theta.$$

- ▶ Symplectic form:

$$\omega = d\Theta = dI \wedge d\theta.$$

Phase Space & Quantization

- ▶ Periodicities:

$$\theta \sim \theta + 2\pi, \quad \phi_0 \sim \phi_0 + 2\pi \Rightarrow I = \frac{k}{2\pi} \phi_0 \sim I + k.$$

- ▶ Phase space:

$$\mathcal{P} \simeq S^1_\theta \times S^1_I \quad (\text{a 2-torus}).$$

- ▶ Symplectic area:

$$\int_{\mathcal{P}} \omega = 2\pi k.$$

- ▶ Quantization $\Rightarrow$ finite-dimensional Hilbert space,

$$\dim \mathcal{H} = k.$$

- ▶ Pure BF: $H = 0 \Rightarrow$ frozen dynamics (no time evolution).

Summary

- ▶ 2D compact BF theory is exactly solvable and topological.
- ▶ On S^1 it reduces to a single effective mechanical degree of freedom.
- ▶ Natural action–angle description (θ, I) with torus phase space. It has the holomorphic/algebraic integrable systems
- ▶ **To get the usual quantum integrable system, the above is certainly not enough, we need more..**

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The k spin-up configuration corresponds to the configuration of k-magnons.

We will see that these can be mapped to the supersymmetric gauge theory. Magnons map to the vacuum states of supersymmetric gauge theory, and the interaction $S_{+,i} S_{-,i-1}$ and $S_{-,i} S_{+,i-1}$ map to the fundamental domain walls ...

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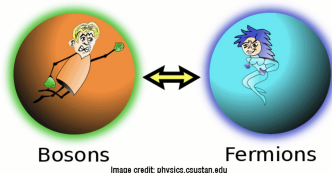


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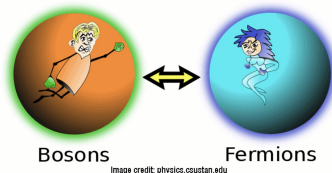


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► Phases $\simeq$ ground states in a semi-classical region. Symmetries are important.

- Lorentz symmetry: $U(t; \phi_i, F_{01})$. Perturbative RG-flow $r = \sum_i \rho_i \log \frac{\mu}{\Lambda}$.
- SUSY: $U = 0$.
- One-form symmetries: F_{01} was missed in the previous studies. It is important! See my work '21 on the emergent dynamical decomposition.
- If the semi-classical analysis is not trustful, then we consider the effective theory by integrating out matters:

$$\widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}} = -(t + i(k-1)\pi) \sum_{a=1}^k \Sigma_a - \sum_{i,a} \rho_i^a \Sigma_a (\log(\rho_i^a \Sigma_a) - 1).$$

Embed the compact BF theory into the GLSM

Let us focus on the abelian situation first. The bosonic part of the the twisted effective action has the following term

$$NF_{01} \arg(\sigma/\Lambda)$$

If we map

$$\sigma\Lambda^{-1} \mapsto e^{i\phi},$$

then we get the Lagrangian of the compact BF model. One can also do this for a nonabelian group.

Gauged linear sigma model for $\text{Gr}(k;N)$ is well-studied. See Witten '93, Gu-Sharpe '18. It is a $U(k)$ gauge theory with N fundamental fields.

- ▶ When $r \gg 0$, the semi-classical vacuum configuration is the geometry: $\text{Gr}(k;N)$.
- ▶ When $r \ll 0$, the vacuum structure is described by a twisted effective superpotential

$$\widetilde{W}_{eff} = -(t + i(k-1)\pi) \sum_{a=1}^k \Sigma_a - \sum_a N \Sigma_a (\log(\Sigma_a) - 1).$$

The vacuum equations

$$e^{\frac{\partial \widetilde{W}_{eff}}{\partial \sigma_a}} = 1$$

give

$$(\sigma_a)^N = \widetilde{q}, \quad \widetilde{q} = e^{-t - i\pi(k-1)}, \quad a \in \{1, \dots, k\}, \quad \sigma_a \neq \sigma_b.$$

We will see the above equations are also the Bethe-ansatz equations of the N -sites XX-spin chain.

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It has a finite mass, so, unlike the bosonic theory, $2d \mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ massive theory is not confined. More generally, we have

$$Z_{\ell_1 \ell_2} = W|_{\ell_2} - W|_{\ell_1}, \quad \ell \text{ labels the vacua.}$$

See Hannay-Hori '97 and Hori-Vafa '20 for abelian theories. See also Dorey '98 about the similarity to the BPS-spectrum in Seiberg-Witten theory. For nonabelian theories, see Gu '22. If turning on the twisted mass, the central charge expression will be modified.

An intermediate scale

In quantum field theory, the physics depends on scale. Now if we consider a scale

$$\Lambda \ll e(\mu),$$

where e is the gauge coupling. The mass of the perturbative spectrum is proportional to the gauge coupling e . At this scale, the physics degrees of freedom are domain walls. We will show that this is the theory for spin chains.

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From the structure, we can enlarge the fermionic degrees of freedom as

$$\bar{\lambda}_{\pm,j} := \int d^2\sigma \delta^2(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}_j) \bar{\lambda}_{\pm}, \quad \lambda_{\pm,j} := \int d^2\sigma \delta^2(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}_j) \lambda_{\pm},$$

and their canonical commutation relations

$$\{\bar{\lambda}_{\pm,j}, \lambda_{\pm,i}\} = \delta_{ji}.$$

State space

If we replace the formal state

$$|0\rangle \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^{N-k} \bar{\lambda}_{-,i} |\Omega\rangle$$

Now we can represent the state-space by a formal notation, for example, for $k=2$

$$|-, \dots, +, -, \dots, -, +, -, \dots, -\rangle.$$

This notation is not necessary for quantum field theory, however, it would be useful for presenting the data of the spin chain.

Spin operators

One can construct local spin operators on each site as

$$S_{+,i} = \bar{\lambda}_{+,i} \lambda_{-,i}, \quad S_{-,i} = \bar{\lambda}_{-,i} \lambda_{+,i}, \quad S_{z,i} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\lambda}_{+,i} \lambda_{+,i} - \bar{\lambda}_{-,i} \lambda_{-,i}).$$

It is readily to show that

$$[S_+, S_-] = 2S_z.$$

This explains why we need $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ supersymmetry for getting a spin chain. For more general global symmetry in gauge theory, it would have one more index for defining the local spin operators, see Gu '22.

The correspondence of domain walls in spin chain

The domain wall can be regarded as a map such as

$$|-, \dots, -_{i-1}, +_i, -_{i+1} \dots\rangle \mapsto |-, \dots, -_{i-2}, +_{i-1}, -_i \dots\rangle$$

$$\phi : \mapsto \mathcal{D}_i = S_{-,i} S_{+,i-1}.$$

One can similarly define the anti-domain wall. For more general domain walls, a similar construction applies.

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$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma^i | \cdots +_i \cdots \rangle.$$

This is actually the state for one “magnon” in the spin chain if we replace σ with e^{ip} , where p is the momentum of the magnon.

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where we have used the fact that $\mathcal{T}i\mathcal{T}^{-1} = -i$ for $i^2 + 1 = 0$. From the above, one can observe that $\mathcal{P}$ and $\mathcal{T}$ may be violated individually unless $\tilde{q} = \pm 1$. However, we will see that the scattering factor could also break the $\mathcal{T}$ -symmetry if it is not a pure phase factor.

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- Write the ground states as the Hilbert space formula, and (isomorphic-)map them to the magnon's configuration in the spin chain.
- Kinetic and dynamics of magnons map to the kinetic and dynamics of domain walls.

So the above similarities found by Nekrasov and Shatashvili between the integrable systems and the gauge theories are just a consequence of our framework.

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The eigenstates are k -magnons

$$|k\rangle := A_k \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq N} \prod_{a=1}^k \sum_{\mathcal{W} \in S_k} (\hat{\sigma}_{\mathcal{W}(a)})^{j_a} |j_1, \dots, j_k\rangle_k.$$

The eigenvalue is

$$H \cdot |k\rangle := (e_1(\sigma) + e_1(\bar{\sigma})) |k\rangle$$

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This factor means the magnons interacts each other. Since this factor of this case is not a pure phase, the spin chain of this case is always an open one regardless of what the value of $\tilde{q}$ is.

This is because if we regard

$$1 - x_a := e^{ip_a}$$

The momentum p_a is not real.

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$$h = \sum_i^N \mathcal{D}_i - \sum_{|i_1 - i_2| \bmod N > 1}^N \mathcal{D}_{i_1} \mathcal{D}_{i_2} + \sum_{|i_a - i_b| \bmod N > 1}^N \mathcal{D}_{i_1} \mathcal{D}_{i_2} \mathcal{D}_{i_3} + \dots.$$

The number of sites is N , so only finitely many terms act non-trivially, and the series therefore terminates.

Let us check whether the ground state wave functions proposed in our paper for this case are indeed the eigenstates of the Hamiltonian. To shorten the notation, we denote the ground state as $|\omega\rangle_2 = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq N} a(j_1, j_2) |j_1 < j_2\rangle_2$, where

$$a(j_1, j_2) = A \left(e^{i(p_1 j_1 + p_2 j_2)} + S_{21} e^{i(p_2 j_1 + p_1 j_2)} \right).$$

The boundary condition is $a(j_1, j_2 + N) = q \cdot a(j_2, j_1)$, which gives

$$e^{i(p_1 j_1 + p_2 j_2)} e^{ip_2 N} + S_{21} e^{ip_1 N} e^{i(p_2 j_1 + p_1 j_2)} = q \left(e^{i(p_1 j_2 + p_2 j_1)} + S_{21} e^{i(p_2 j_2 + p_1 j_1)} \right).$$

The vacuum equations can be read from the above as

$$e^{ip_1 N} = q S_{12}, \quad e^{ip_2 N} = q S_{21}.$$

So it is consistent.

To compute $H | \omega \rangle_2$, special care is needed when two overturned spins are sitting next to each other. We find

$$\begin{aligned} H | \omega \rangle_2 &= \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq N} (a(j_1 + 1, j_2) + a(j_1, j_2 + 1) - a(j_1 + 1, j_2 + 1)) | j_1 < j_2 \rangle_2 \\ &\quad - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq N} (a(j + 1, j + 1) - a(j + 1, j + 2)) | j < j + 1 \rangle_2. \end{aligned}$$

In order to obey the eigenstate condition, the contact terms in the last line of the above equation should be vanishing:

$$a(j + 1, j + 1) - a(j + 1, j + 2) = 0.$$

If we test the coefficient as $a(j_1, j_2) = Ce^{i(p_1 j_1 + p_2 j_2)} + De^{i(p_1 j_2 + p_2 j_1)}$, the vanishing contact terms all give

$$\frac{C}{D} = -\frac{x_1}{x_2}.$$

This is certainly consistent with our scattering factor S_{12} in the vacuum equations. The procedure applies to a general Grassmannian.

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For example, if $k=2$ the factor in the above equation is

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where the coefficient $(z_1 + z_2 - z_1 z_2) = 1 - x_1 x_2$ (where $z = 1 - x$) is indeed the first Schubert class of $Gr(2, N)$. Thus, one may naturally expect that higher Schubert classes are the eigenvalues of the higher Hamiltonian as well. Quantum K-theory of $Gr(k; N)$ from the integrable model has been investigated by Gorbounov and Korff '2014, although their construction was based on a five-vertex model rather than a spin chain.

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But from the spin chain, it is a P -symmetry. To see this, we notice that the spin up/down maps to the spin down/up under the P symmetry.

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This says that the k -magnons map to the $N-k$ magnons. This is exactly the Seiberg(-like) duality between two gauge theories.

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Example: For the Grassmannian, we have the R-matrix

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So two options for a generic $\tilde{q}$: c or $\tilde{c}$ is vanishing. They are the so-called five-vertex models.

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For XYZ model, we also have domain wall configurations:

$$| -, - \rangle \mapsto | +, + \rangle, \quad \text{or} \quad | +, + \rangle \mapsto | -, - \rangle.$$

The R-matrix for this model should be enlarged as

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & & & d \\ & b & c & \\ & c & b & \\ d & & & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can derive the Yang-Baxter equation from the dynamic constraint of domain walls. See Gu '22.

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If we regard the GLSM as an effective theory of 4d $\mathcal{N}=1$ gauge theory on $\Sigma \times C$, and the operator F_A depends on the shape of C , which is exactly what the 4d-CS theory suggested. There should be more deep connections...

Bosonic chain

There are bosonic integrable systems.. For example, there is a q -deformed bosonic integrable system. The previous study for wave-function was using the algebraic Bethe ansatz. From quantum field theory, we can give a new ansatz and the q -deformed algebra will be emerged from this new ansatz. See Gu 2023.

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Thanks!