

Three-dimensional Bosonization and Higher-Spin AdS/CFT

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Main Messages

Chern-Simons vector-models is a rich class of $3d$ conformal (and not only) field theories, which capture some physics too

CS-matter theories exhibit $3d$ bosonization when CS-boson and CS-fermion stay on the opposite sides of CS-coupling

Maldacena, Zhiboedov; Giombi et al; Aharony et al; Karch, Tong; Seiberg, Senthil, Wang, Witten; ...

We would like to study these theories and make some tests of the bosonisation conjecture. The results can also be phrased as predictions for quantum higher-spin theories

According to (Klebanov, Polyakov; Sezgin, Sundell; Leigh, Petkou; Giombi et al) CS-matter CFT's should be dual to higher-spin theories in AdS_4

We also confirm the general higher-spin AdS/CFT duality for the CS-matter theories.

On the Higher-Spin Spectrum in Large N Chern-Simons Vector Models, Simone Giombi, V.Gurucharan, Volodya Kirilin, Shiroman Prakash, E.S., 1610.08472

Chern-Simons Matter Theories and Higher Spin Gravity, Ergin Sezgin, E.S., Yaodong Zhu, 1705.03197

Bose/Fermi Duality in Three Dimensions

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The list of the simplest $U(N)$ -singlet operators is

scalar :	$J_0 = \bar{\phi}^i \phi_i$	$\Delta = 1$
current :	$J_1 = \bar{\phi}^i \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \phi_i$	$\Delta = 2$
stress-tensor :	$J_2 = \bar{\phi}^i \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \phi_i + \dots$	$\Delta = 3$
	...	
HS current :	$J_s = \bar{\phi} \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^s \phi + \dots$	$\Delta = s + 1$

Free theories have exact higher-spin symmetry manifested by conserved tensors. The opposite is also true (Maldacena, Zhiboedov; Boulanger et al; Alba, Diab)

HS Currents and Where to Find Them

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$$S = \int \partial \bar{\phi}^i \partial \phi_i$$

HS currents are given by two fields properly decorated by s derivatives (Todorov et al):

$$J = (\hat{\partial}_1 + \hat{\partial}_2)^s C_s \frac{d-3}{2} \left(\frac{\hat{\partial}_1 - \hat{\partial}_2}{\hat{\partial}_1 + \hat{\partial}_2} \right) \bar{\phi}(x_1) \phi(x_2) \Big|_{x_1=x_2=x}$$

where $\hat{\partial}_i = \xi \cdot \partial_i$ and $\xi \cdot \xi = 0$ makes them traceless:

$$J(\xi|x) = \sum_s J_{a_1 \dots a_s}(x) \xi^{a_1} \dots \xi^{a_s}$$

Decoration is provided by Gegenbauer polynomials

free boson

Critical Boson. Is the interacting IR fixed-point under $(\bar{\phi}\phi)^2$

$$S = \int \partial\bar{\phi}\partial\phi + \frac{1}{N}(\bar{\phi}\phi)\sigma$$

Can be treated by $1/N$ or $4 - \epsilon$ expansions (Ising model etc).
In $N = \infty$ limit the spectrum of singlets is almost the same:

scalar : $J_0 = \sigma$ $\Delta = 2 + O(\frac{1}{N})$

current : $J_1 = \bar{\phi}^i \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \phi_i$ $\Delta = 2$

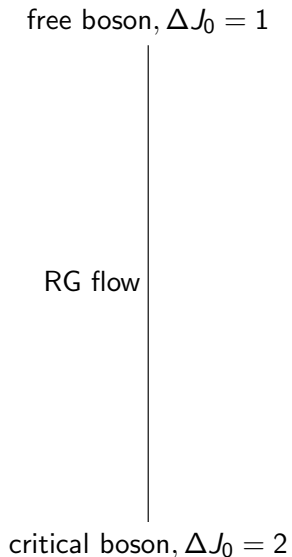
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Higher-spin symmetry is broken by loops

Web of Dualities and Bosonization



Free Fermion. The next to the simplest theory

$$S = \int \bar{\psi}^i \not{\partial} \psi_i$$

The list of the simplest $U(N)$ -singlets is

scalar :	$J_0 = \bar{\psi}^i \psi_i$	$\Delta = 2$
current :	$J_1 = \bar{\psi}^i \gamma \psi_i$	$\Delta = 2$
stress-tensor :	$J_2 = \bar{\psi}^i \gamma \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \psi_i + \dots$	$\Delta = 3$
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free boson, $\Delta J_0 = 1$

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Critical Fermion (Gross-Neveu). UV fixed-point under $(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$

$$S = \int \bar{\psi} \not{\partial} \psi + \frac{1}{N} (\bar{\psi}\psi) \sigma$$

Can be treated by $2 + \epsilon$ or large- N methods (chiral phase transition). In $N = \infty$ limit the singlets are almost the same:

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The theories group in pairs: all have HS currents, but $\Delta J_0 = 1, 2$.

Chern-Simons without Matter

Action for $U(N)$ Chern-Simons at level k is

$$S = \frac{ik}{4\pi} S_{\text{CS}}$$
$$S_{\text{CS}} = \int d^3x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr} \left(A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\rho - \frac{2i}{3} A_\mu A_\nu A_\rho \right).$$

- this is a topological field theory \rightarrow the spectrum of local operators should not change much;
- k does not renormalize;
- breaks parity;
- is a building block of many other theories;
- level rank duality;

CS Boson.

$$S = \frac{ik}{4\pi} S_{\text{CS}} + \int d^3x \left(D_\mu \bar{\phi} D^\mu \phi + \frac{\lambda_6}{N^2} (\bar{\phi} \phi)^3 \right)$$

Critical CS-Boson.

$$S_{\text{crit}} = \frac{ik}{4\pi} S_{\text{CS}} + \int d^3x \left(D_\mu \bar{\phi} D^\mu \phi + \frac{1}{N} \sigma_b \bar{\phi} \phi \right)$$

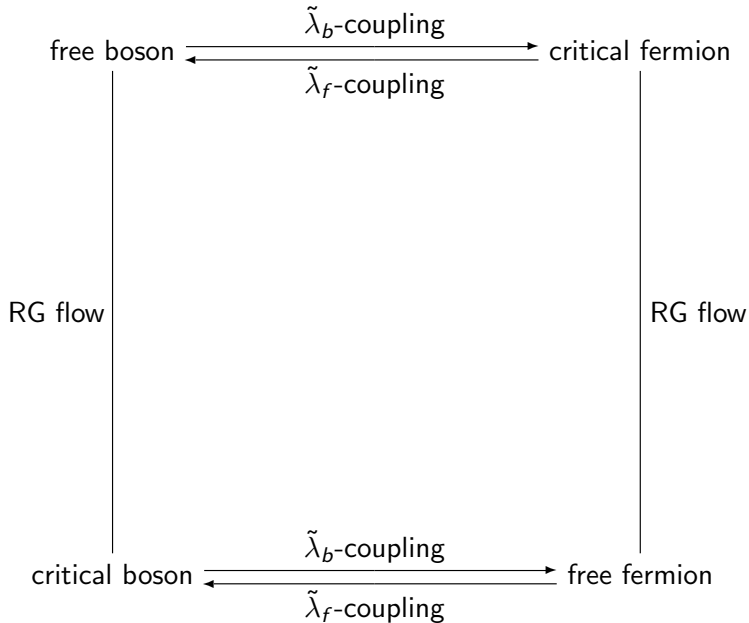
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Basic Properties of CS-Matter

- have large- N expansion for t'Hooft $\lambda = N/k$ fixed;
- non-SUSY CFT's with a line of fixed-points;
- solvable for any λ at large N (Giombi et al; many others);
- the spectrum of single trace operators is the 'same':

$$J_0 : \Delta_0 = 1(2) + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \quad J_s : \Delta_s = s + 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

- have an approximate higher-spin symmetry;
- parity is broken in general;
- describe some physics sometimes;
- exhibit a phenomenon of three-dimensional bosonization: CS-boson goes over into CS-fermion;
- should be dual to higher-spin theories in AdS_4 with $g \sim \frac{1}{N}$ and a parameter θ responsible for the violation of parity.

Higher-Spin Currents

We will study higher-spin currents at LO in $1/N$ but to all orders in $\lambda = N/k$. HS currents are responsible for their own non-conservation:

$$\partial \cdot J_s = \sum_{s_1, s_2} C_{s, s_1, s_2}(\lambda) \frac{1}{N} J_{s_1} J_{s_2} + F(\lambda) \frac{1}{N^2} JJJ$$

which is an exact non-perturbative quantum equation.

We will use the results of [Maldacena-Zhiboedov](#) and explicit computations of the two-point functions in order to recover the λ -dependence in $C(\lambda)$.

Then we will work out the spin-dependence using the equations of motion of CS-matter theories and compute anomalous dimensions with the help of [Anselmi](#) trick:
[one-loop result from zero-loop](#)

Slightly Broken HS Symmetry

In $3d$ any 3-point function of HS currents can be decomposed

$$\langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle = \langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle_b + \langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle_f + \langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle_o$$

into structures built from free boson, fermion and an odd one.

Maldacena, Zhiboedov found out that there can be two coupling constants only $\tilde{\lambda}$, \tilde{N} ($\cos^2 \theta = 1/(1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2)$):

$$\langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle = \tilde{N} (\cos^2 \theta \langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle_b + \sin^2 \theta \langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle_f + \cos \theta \sin \theta \langle J_{S_1} J_{S_2} J_{S_3} \rangle_o)$$

where $\langle TT \rangle \sim \tilde{N}$ counts effective degrees of freedom and $\tilde{\lambda}$ is a measure of the HS symmetry violation:

$$\partial \cdot J_4 = \tilde{\lambda} \left(J_2 \partial J_0 - \frac{2}{5} \partial J_2 J_0 \right)$$

Anomalous dimensions

CS-matter are well-defined QFT and anomalous dimensions of J_s can be computed by standard methods

We can gain one-loop if multiplet recombination occurs

$$\partial \cdot J = g K \quad K \sim JJ \quad \text{in CS-matter}$$

Non-conservation can be checked in to different ways

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle JJ \rangle \sim \frac{1}{(x^2)^{\Delta_0 + g\gamma}} & \xrightarrow{\text{conservation}} & \vec{\partial} \cdot \langle JJ \rangle \cdot \overleftarrow{\partial} \sim g\gamma \\ \downarrow \text{non-conservation} & & \downarrow \\ \langle \partial \cdot J \partial \cdot J \rangle = g^2 \langle KK \rangle & \longrightarrow & \gamma \sim g \frac{\langle KK \rangle}{\langle JJ \rangle} \end{array}$$

Anomalous Dimensions: Regular CS-Boson/Fermion

Combining everything together we find for $\Delta = s + 1 + \gamma_s$:

$$\gamma_s = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}} \left(a_s \frac{\tilde{\lambda}^2}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} + b_s \frac{\tilde{\lambda}^2}{(1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2)^2} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$$

where

$$a_s = \begin{cases} \frac{16}{3\pi^2} \frac{s-2}{2s-1}, & \text{for even } s, \\ \frac{32}{3\pi^2} \frac{s^2-1}{4s^2-1}, & \text{for odd } s, \end{cases}$$
$$b_s = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \left(3g(s) + \frac{-38s^4 + 24s^3 + 34s^2 - 24s - 32}{4s^4 - 5s^2 + 1} \right), & \text{for even } s, \\ \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \left(3g(s) + \frac{20 - 38s^2}{4s^2 - 1} \right), & \text{for odd } s, \end{cases}$$

with

$$g(s) = \sum_{n=1}^s \frac{1}{n - 1/2} = \gamma - \psi(s) + 2\psi(2s) = H_{s-1/2} + 2 \log(2),$$

Anomalous Dimensions: Critical CS-Boson/Fermion

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$$\gamma_s = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}} \left(a_s \frac{1}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} + b_s \frac{\tilde{\lambda}^2}{(1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2)^2} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$$

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- independent computations for bosons and fermions give the same answer! Therefore the bosonization is confirmed;
- $b_s \sim J_{s_1} J_{s_2}$ the computations are identical in free/critical cases — σ -lines are suppressed;
- more non-trivially, a_s are the same in the dual theories;
- even strongly, the full non-conservation operators $\partial \cdot J = JJ + \dots$ can be mapped into each other;
- there is $\gamma_s \sim \log s$ behaviour, which is expected for gauge theories in general (Alday, Maldacena);

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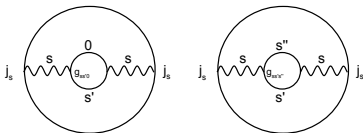
The answer for the critical cases is dual under $\lambda \leftrightarrow \lambda^{-1}$:

$$\gamma_s = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}} \left(a_s \frac{1}{1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2} + b_s \frac{\tilde{\lambda}^2}{(1 + \tilde{\lambda}^2)^2} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$$

At weak coupling $\tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow 0$ we recover the Wilson-Fisher and Gross-Neveu anomalous dimensions:

$$\gamma_s^{\text{W.F.}} = \gamma_s^{\text{GN}} = \frac{1}{2N} a_s = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{3N\pi^2} \frac{s-2}{2s-1}, & \text{for even } s, \\ \frac{16}{3N\pi^2} \frac{s^2-1}{4s^2-1}, & \text{for odd } s. \end{cases}$$

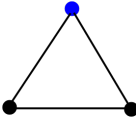

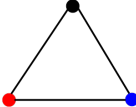
which is the same as the strong limit $\tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow \infty$ of the regular CS-matter theories.



This should correspond to one-loop corrections to the masses of higher-spin fields on the AdS side.

Three-Point Functions

in $3d$ correlators of tensor operators can always be expressed in terms of conformally-invariant P, Q, S :

$Q_{jk}^i :$		$\langle OOJ_s \rangle \sim Q^S$
$P_{ij} :$		$\langle J_s J_s \rangle \sim P^S$
$S_{jk}^i :$		parity-odd

we fixed the parity-odd structures as we had to deal with them:

$$\langle j_2 j_0 j_4 \rangle = -\tilde{N} \tilde{\lambda} \frac{1}{|x_{12}| |x_{23}| |x_{31}|} \frac{iQ_3^2 S_2 (4P_2^2 + Q_1 Q_3)}{16\pi^4}$$

AdS/CFT

Chern-Simons Matter vs. Higher-Spin Theories

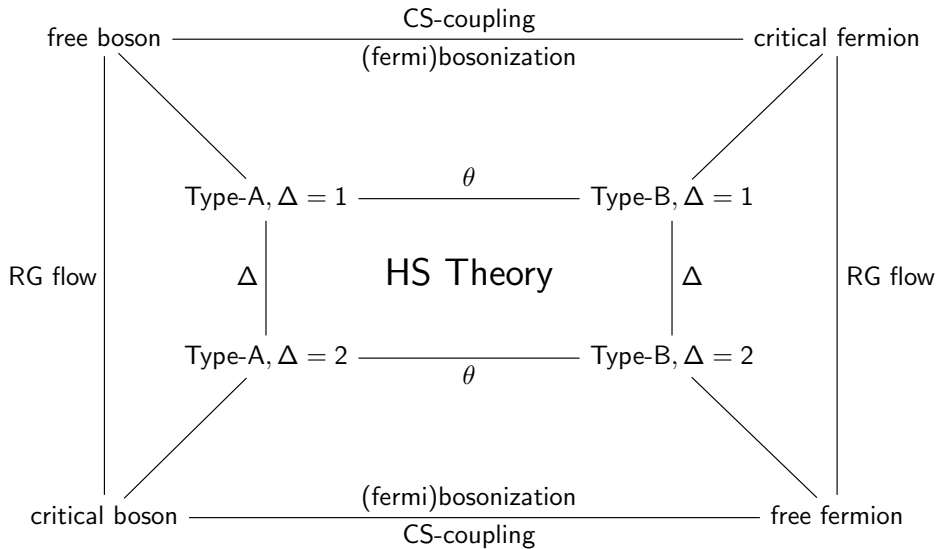
Higher-spin theories

AdS/CFT dictionary between CS-matter and HS theories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} O & \rightarrow & \phi \\ J_a & \rightarrow & A_\mu \\ T_{ab} & \rightarrow & g_{\mu\nu} \\ j_{a_1 \dots a_s} & \rightarrow & \Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} \end{array}$$

- the minimal multiplet is still infinite $s = 0, (1), 2, (3), 4, \dots$, but much smaller than in string theory;
- within AdS/CFT paradigm, higher-spin theories should be dual to CFT with vectorial matter: free/critical bosonic/fermionic vector-models. Klebanov, Polyakov; Sezgin, Sundell; Leigh, Petkou; Giombi et al.

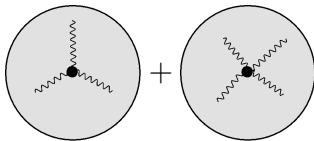
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Higher-Spin AdS/CFT

Higher-Spin Theories: Action

There are encouraging results on the action principle: (Kessel, Lucena-Gómez, E.S., Taronna; Bekaert, Ponomarev, Sleight, Erdmenger); in particular, the full cubic action is known in any d for the dual of Free Boson (Sleight, Taronna) and $0 - 0 - 0 - 0$ in $4d$ (Bekaert, Ponomarev, Sleight, Erdmenger)



This can be combined with off-shell vertices of Francia, Lo Monaco, Mkrtchyan

Higher-Spin Theories

Formally consistent equations are **unfolded** e.o.m. that are available directly at the 2nd order (Vasiliev, 88, 89) or can be extracted from the Vasiliev equations (Vasiliev, 90, 91)

$$d\omega = \omega \star \omega + \mathcal{V}(\omega, \omega, C) + \mathcal{V}_2(\omega, \omega, C, C) + \dots$$

$$dC = \omega \star C - C \star \tilde{\omega} + \mathcal{U}(\omega, C, C) + \dots$$

ω — one-form in HS algebra; contains Yang-Mills potential A_μ , vielbein e_μ^a , spin-connection $\omega_\mu^{a,b}$, ...;

C — zero-form in HS algebra; contains scalar field, Maxwell $F_{\mu\nu}$, Weyl tensor, ...

HS algebra is $2d$ free QM particle or $2d$ QM harmonic oscillator $f(q, p)$: $[q^i, p_j] = \delta_j^i$, $i, j = 1, 2$

Correlators from Equations

Tree-level AdS/CFT correlators can be extracted from e.o.m.

The equations are overdetermined, it is enough to look at

$$dC^{(2)} = \omega \star C - C \star \tilde{\omega} + \mathcal{U}(h, C, C)$$

Upon solving for auxiliary fields

$$\Phi_s, \dots, \nabla^{s-1} \Phi_s \in \omega \qquad \nabla^{s+\dots} \Phi_s \in C$$

we have almost Φ^3 -theory e.o.m.:

$$(\square - \Lambda)\Phi^{(2)} = \Phi \nabla \dots \nabla \Phi = V(\Phi, \Phi)$$

$$\langle JJJ \rangle = \text{Diagram} \sim \int_{AdS} \Phi V(\Phi, \Phi)$$

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the CC part of the equations is too non-local to be treated by field theory methods (Boulanger, Kessel, E.S., Taronna, 2015), which is consistent with above; after non-local redefinition e.o.m. (Vasiliev, 16) are free of non-localities; non-local redefinitions are dangerous (Prokushkin, Vasiliev, 98; Taronna, 16) and can give any desired or undesired result

New Results

Scalarizing the bulk integral, using the inversion trick we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} j_0 \rangle_{Q.B.} &= \tilde{N} [\cos \theta \langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} j_0 \rangle_{f.b.} + \sin \theta \langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} j_0 \rangle_{odd}] , \\ \langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} \tilde{j}_0 \rangle_{Q.F.} &= \tilde{N} [\cos \theta \langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} \tilde{j}_0 \rangle_{f.f.} + \sin \theta \langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} \tilde{j}_0 \rangle_{odd}] .\end{aligned}$$

where the free CFT's correlators are easy to give, e.g.

$$\langle j_{s_1} j_{s_2} j_0 \rangle_{f.b.} = \frac{1}{X_{12} X_{13} X_{23}} \exp \left(\frac{i}{2} Q_1 + \frac{i}{2} Q_2 \right) \cos P_{12}$$

and the 'odd' correlators — critical vector model and Gross-Neveu — are also correctly reproduced!

The CC terms for $0 - s - s$ from the new HS (Vasiliev, 16) equations agree with AdS/CFT too

Recent results: (Didenko, Vasiliev) and (Bonezzi, Boulanger, De Filippi, Sundell)

Summary

There is a rich class of bosonic/fermionic models — Chern-Simons matter theories that exhibit bose/fermi duality and we confirmed the duality based on anomalous dimensions of higher-spin currents

These theories are AdS/CFT dual to $4d$ higher-spin theories that contains massless fields with spins $s = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

The modified at the 2nd order HS equations seem to be ok, but still should be extended to all orders and other dimensions

The tests of the higher-spin AdS/CFT dualities are extended to the parity odd cases including the full structure of the correlators in free/critical boson/fermion models

Indicates that n -point, $n > 3$ correlators in CS-matter are of the same form: $\cos \theta / \sin \theta$ in front of several fixed structures