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Integrability and chaos in SYM theories from anomalous-dimension spectra

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Anomalous dimensions from the dilatation operator

- Goal: understand universal statistical properties of YM theories
here: one-loop anomalous dimensions in conformal SYM theories

$$[\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{O}(x)] = (\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^0 + \gamma_{\mathcal{O}} + x^\mu \partial_\mu) \mathcal{O}(x)$$

- $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ sector of $SU(N)$ $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory

$$D \psi \bar{\psi} \textcircled{\phi} \longrightarrow X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_1 + i\phi_2), Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_5 + i\phi_6) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{tr}(Z^\ell) \quad \text{tr}(X Z^{\ell_1} X Z^{\ell_2} \dots) \\ \text{tr}(X Z^{\ell_1}) \text{tr}(X Z^{\ell_2} X X) \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{D} = : \text{Tr}(Z\check{Z} + X\check{X}) : - \frac{2\lambda}{N} : \text{Tr}([X, Z][\check{X}, \check{Z}]) : + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

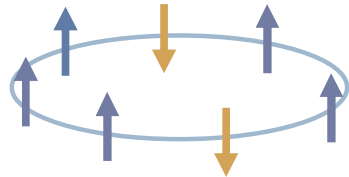
Planar integrability and finite N

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = -\frac{2\lambda}{N} : \text{Tr}([X, Z][\check{X}, \check{Z}]) :$$

planar limit

\mathcal{D}_2 maps to integrable XXX Hamiltonian
→ diagonalisation via Bethe ansatz
techniques [Minahan, Zarembo '02].

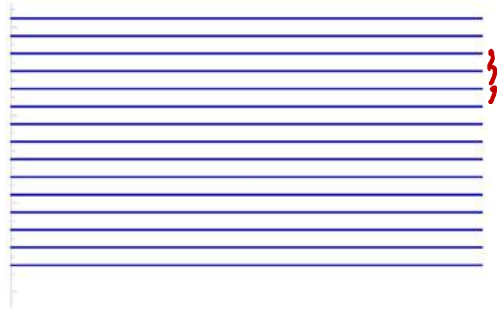
$\text{tr}(ZZZXZZX)$



finite N

Do not know how to analytically
diagonalise in general case.
Here: analyse *numerical* spectrum
obtained from direct diagonalisation.

Integrability & chaos from the spectrum



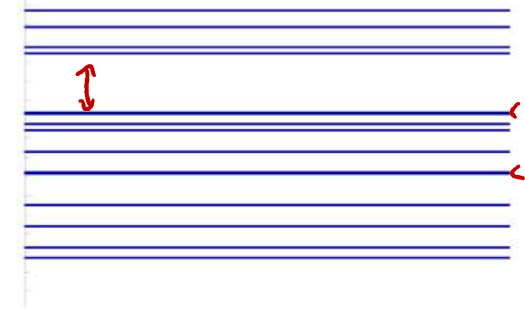
uniform spectrum
e.g. harmonic oscillator



RMT (GOE)
e.g. heavy nuclei
[Wigner '51]



quantum chaos



uncorrelated spectrum
e.g. XXX spin chain
[Poilblanc, Ziman, Bellissard,
Mila, Montabaux '93]



[Berry, Tabor '77]

integrability

Correlations in spectra give insight into the nature of the underlying model, in particular the existence/absence of integrability and chaos.

β -deformed $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory

For better statistics and an interesting generalisation also study less symmetric β -deformed $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory:

- special case of an $\mathcal{N} = 1$ four-dimensional CFT [Leigh, Strassler '95]
- planar integrability for $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and planar dilatation operator known [Roiban '04] [Berenstein, Cherkis '04] [Beisert, Roiban '05] [Fokken, Sieg, Wilhelm '15]
- gravity dual [Lunin, Maldacena '05]
- planar amplitudes inherited from undeformed amplitudes up to phase [Khoze '06]
non-planar amplitudes already at tree-level contain multi-trace contributions [Jin, Roiban '12]
- Introduce deformed structure constants: $f_{\beta}^{abc} = |\tilde{g}_{\beta}| \text{Tr}([T^a, T^b]_{\beta} T^c)$

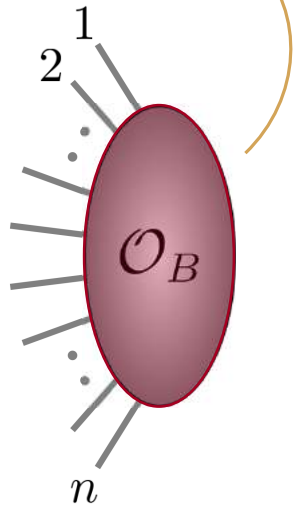
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Anomalous dimensions from on-shell methods

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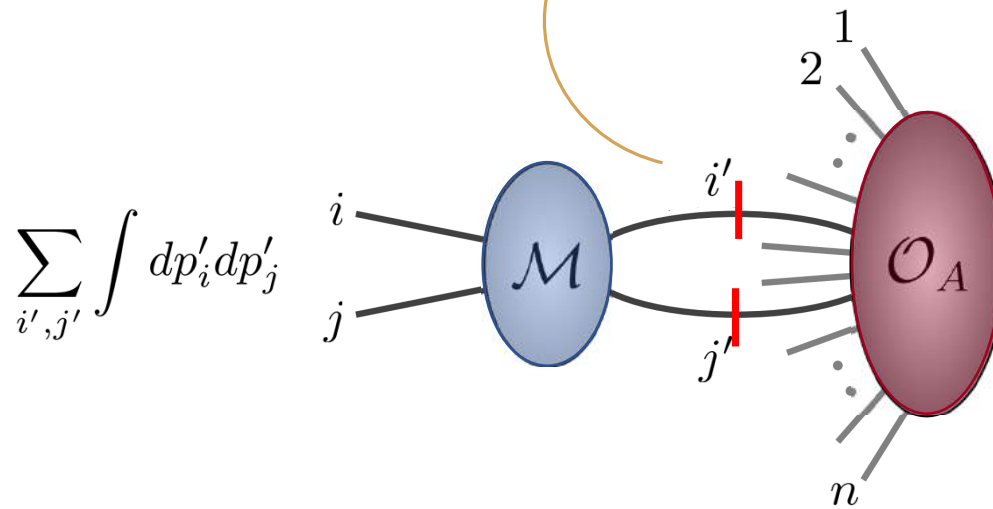


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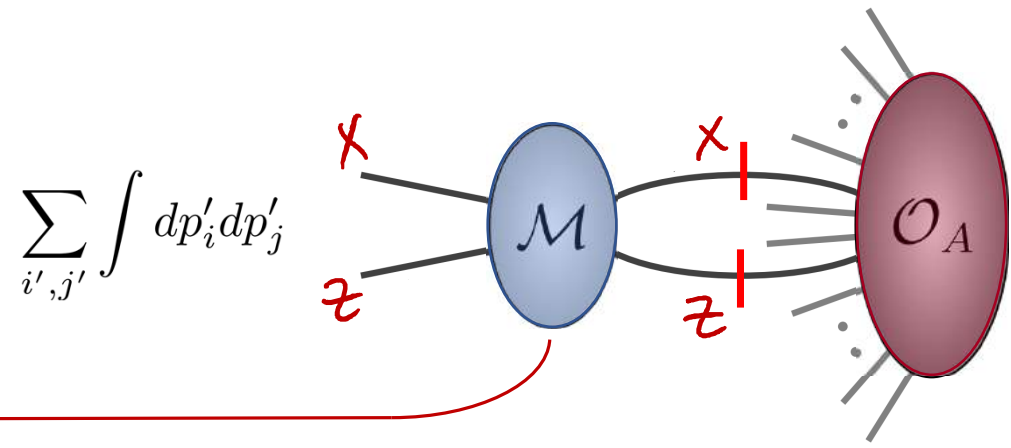


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$$\sum_{i', j'} \int dp'_i dp'_j$$

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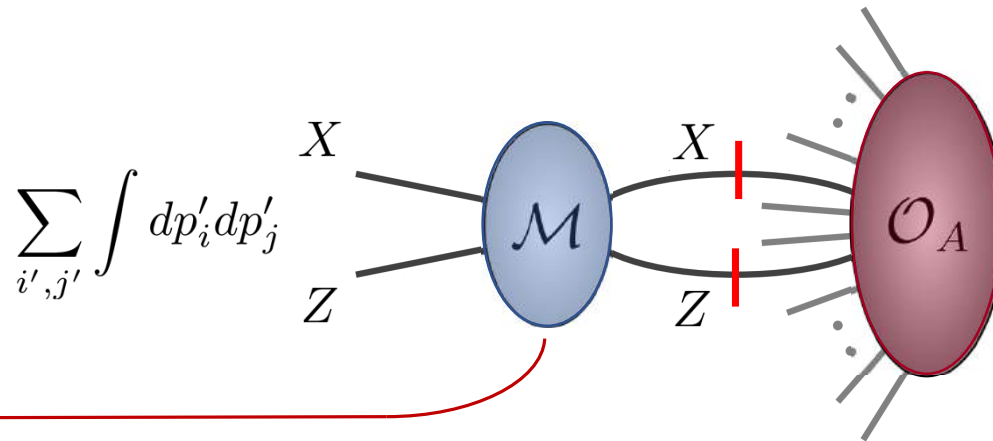
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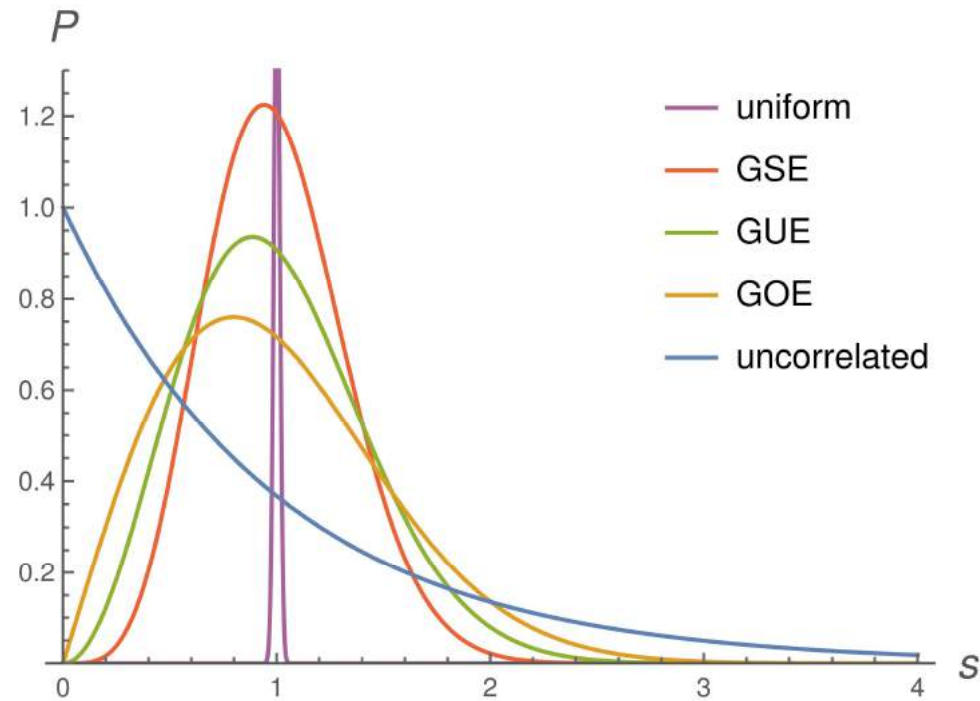
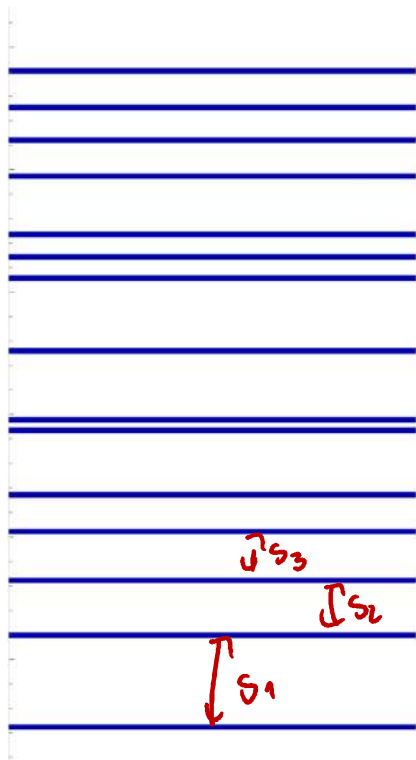


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Short-range correlations from level spacings

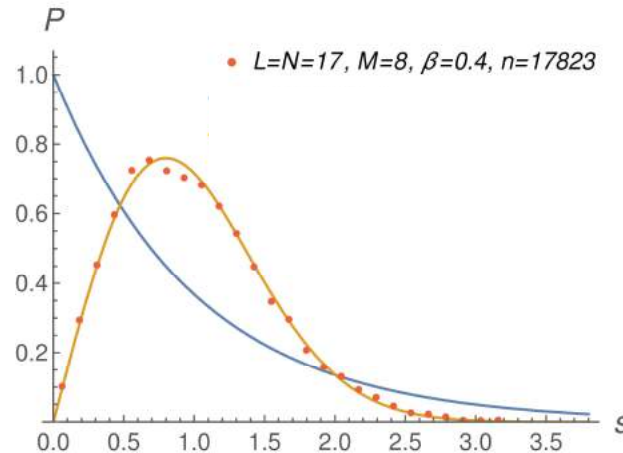
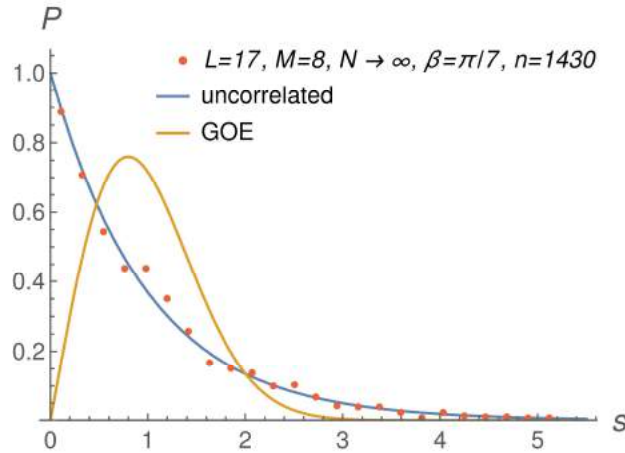
- Measure for level correlations: nearest-neighbour spacing distribution



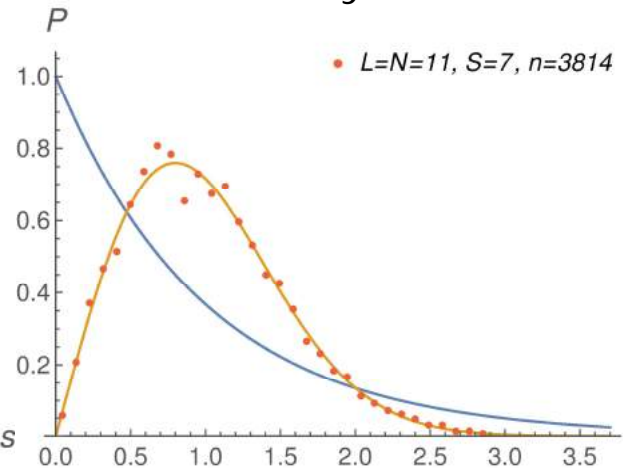
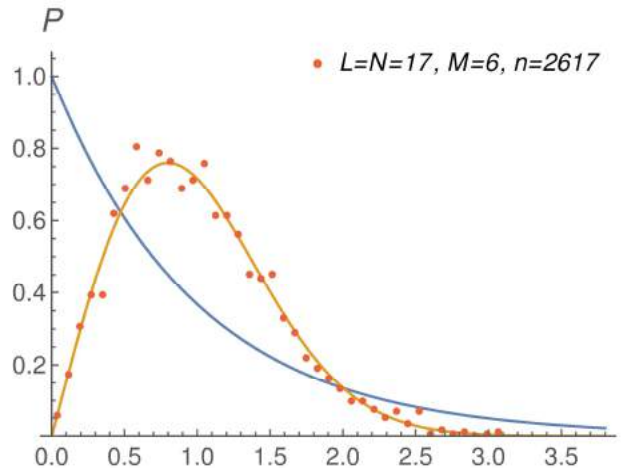
Gaussian
symplectic
unitary
orthogonal
ensemble

Integrability and chaos in SYM theories

- Results for β -deformed $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory



- Results for undeformed $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory



planar spectrum
~ Poisson distribution



integrability

non-planar spectrum
~ RMT (GOE)



quantum chaos

Conclusions & Outlook

- Short-range correlations of planar one-loop anomalous dimension spectra compatible with planar integrability
- At finite N spectrum well described by RMT
also from long-range correlations and statistics of eigenvectors

Conjecture: $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory and its β -deformed version are chaotic at finite N
and described by GOE RMT

- Connect with properties of the dual gravity theory?
e.g. late-time fluctuations of large AdS black holes in SYK model described by RMT
[\[Cotler et al '16\]](#)
- Chaos directly from the scattering amplitudes?
[\[Rosenhaus '20\]](#) [\[Gross, Rosenhaus '21\]](#)