

On the scaling limit of the inhomogeneous six-vertex model

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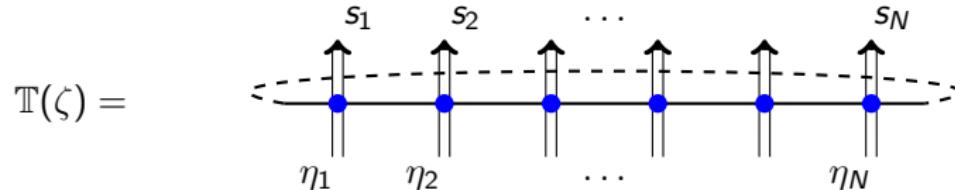
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Motivation

- Inhomogeneous six-vertex model [**Baxter'71**]
(multiparametric exactly solvable model of 2D classical Stat Mech)
- **The model exhibit many interesting types of universal behaviour**
- Homogeneous six-vertex model/Heisenberg spin $\frac{1}{2}$ chain:
 - scaling limit: Gaussian model (free massless boson)
- Mostly studied: “staggered” inhomogeneous 6v model, with pioneering contributions due to
Hubert & collaborators, e.g.,
 - continuous spectrum of conformal dims [**Jacobsen, Saleur'05**]Further study showed scaling limit closely tied to 2D Euclidean/Lorentzian black hole sigma model

Outline



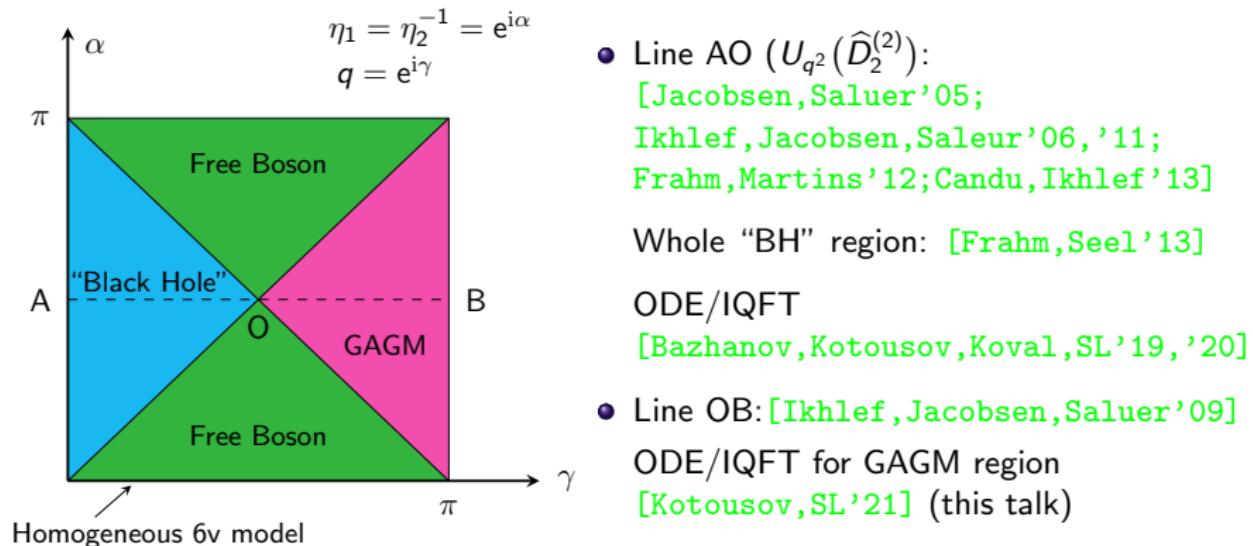
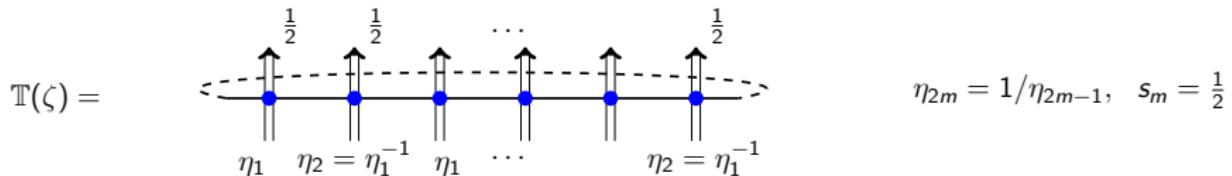
the transfermatrix $\mathbb{T}(\zeta)$ acts in $\mathbb{C}^{2s_1+1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2s_2+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2s_N+1}$
($\mathbb{C}^{2s+1} \leftarrow$ spin- s irrep of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$; $s = \frac{1}{2}$ for the six vertex model)

[Kotousov, Lukyanov '21]: Conjecture for scaling limit of $\mathbb{T}(\zeta)$ in certain domain of anisotropy parameter $q = e^{i\gamma}$ and inhomogeneities $\eta_m = e^{i\alpha_m}$.

Plan:

- Homogeneous six-vertex model/Heisenberg XXZ spin 1/2 chain in the scaling limit incl. ODE/IQFT correspondence
- ODE/IQFT for the inhomogeneous model

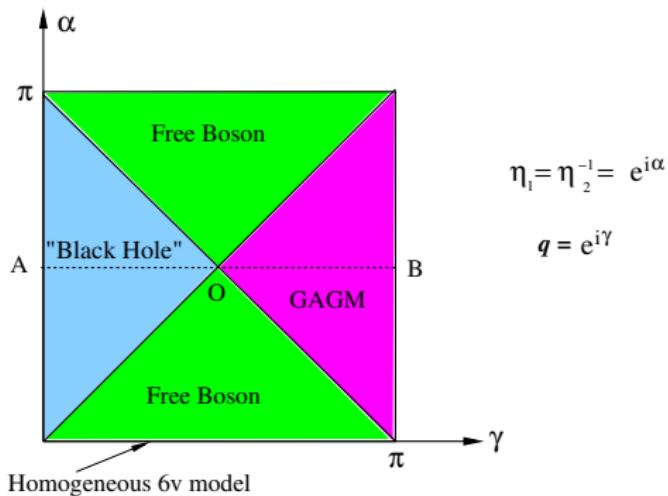
Staggered 6v model



Hamiltonian for the staggered 6v model

$$[\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{T}(\zeta)] = 0$$

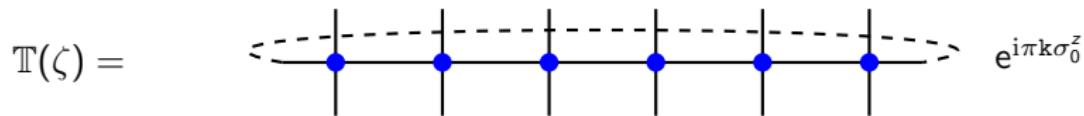
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{H} = & \frac{\cot(\gamma)}{4\sin(\alpha - \gamma)\sin(\alpha + \gamma)} \sum_{m=1}^N \left[-2\sin^2(\alpha) (\sigma_m^x \sigma_{m+2}^x + \sigma_m^y \sigma_{m+2}^y + \sigma_m^z \sigma_{m+2}^z) \right. \\ & + 4\sin^2(\gamma) \left\{ \sigma_m^z \sigma_{m+1}^z + \frac{\cos(\alpha)}{\cos(\gamma)} (\sigma_m^x \sigma_{m+1}^x + \sigma_m^y \sigma_{m+1}^y) \right\} + 2i (-1)^m \sin(\gamma) \sin(\alpha) \\ & \times \left. \left\{ (\sigma_m^x \sigma_{m+1}^y - \sigma_m^y \sigma_{m+1}^x)(\sigma_{m-1}^z - \sigma_{m+2}^z) - \frac{\cos(\alpha)}{\cos(\gamma)} (\sigma_{m-1}^x \sigma_{m+1}^y - \sigma_{m-1}^y \sigma_{m+1}^x) \sigma_m^z \right\} \right]\end{aligned}$$



Homogeneous 6v model/Heisenberg XXZ spin 1/2 chain

One-row transfermatrix

$$\mathbb{T}(\zeta) = \text{Tr} \left(e^{i\pi k \sigma_0^z} R_1(\zeta) R_2(\zeta) \dots R_N(\zeta) \right)$$



$R_m(\zeta)$ – trigonometric solution of Yang-Baxter equation

$$R_m(\zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} q^{\frac{1}{2}(1+\sigma_m^z)} + q^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma_m^z)} \zeta & -(q - q^{-1}) q \zeta \sigma_m^- \\ (q - q^{-1}) \sigma_m^+ & q^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma_m^z)} + q^{\frac{1}{2}(1+\sigma_m^z)} \zeta \end{pmatrix}$$

Heisenberg spin $\frac{1}{2}$ chain lies in the integrability class of six-vertex model:

$$\mathbb{H}_{XXZ} = 2i\zeta \partial_\zeta \log (\mathbb{T}(-q^{-1}\zeta))|_{\zeta=1} + const$$

Heisenberg XXZ spin 1/2 chain

$$\mathbb{H}_{XXZ} = -\frac{1}{2 \sin(\gamma)} \sum_{m=1}^N \left(\sigma_m^x \sigma_{m+1}^x + \sigma_m^y \sigma_{m+1}^y + \cos(\gamma) \sigma_m^z \sigma_{m+1}^z \right)$$

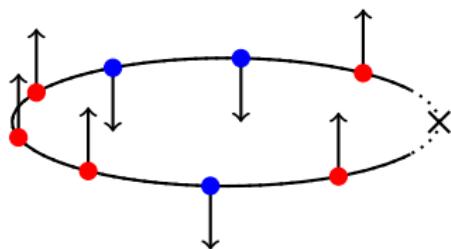
σ_m^a – Pauli matrices acting on site m of lattice

Quasi-periodic BC:

$$\sigma_{N+1}^z = \sigma_1^z$$

$$\sigma_{N+1}^x \pm i\sigma_{N+1}^y = e^{\pm 2\pi i k} (\sigma_1^x \pm i\sigma_1^y)$$

Twist parameter $k \in (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$



Lattice system critical in disordered regime with

$$q = e^{i\gamma} :$$

$$\gamma = \pi\beta^2$$

$$(0 < \beta^2 < 1)$$

Low energy spectrum

Low energy spectrum [Luther,Peschel'75;Kadanoff,Brown'79;Cardy'86,
Alcaraz,Barber,Batchelor'87]

$$\mathcal{E} \asymp N e_\infty + \frac{2\pi v_F}{N} \left(P^2 + \bar{P}^2 + L + \bar{L} - \frac{1}{12} \right) + o(N^{-1})$$

with

$$P = \frac{1}{2} (\beta S^z + \beta^{-1} (k + w)), \quad \bar{P} = \frac{1}{4} (\beta S^z - \beta^{-1} (k + w))$$

$$S^z = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \text{ eigenvalue of } \mathbb{S}^z = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1^z + \sigma_2^z + \dots + \sigma_N^z)$$

$$w = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \text{ winding number (vorticity)}$$

$$L, \bar{L} = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ levels}$$

Scaling limit governed by free massless boson

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{w, S^z \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{F}_P \otimes \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\bar{P}} \quad (\mathcal{F}_P \text{ -- Fock space})$$

Bethe ansatz

XXZ Hamiltonian part of large family of commuting matrices:

$$[\mathbb{H}_{xxz}, \mathbb{T}(\zeta)] = [\mathbb{H}_{xxz}, \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)] = 0$$

Operator valued relations, e.g., TQ relation

$$\mathbb{T}(\zeta) \mathbb{Q}(\zeta) = (1 + q^{-1} \zeta)^N \mathbb{Q}(q^{+2} \zeta) + (1 + q^{+1} \zeta)^N \mathbb{Q}(q^{-2} \zeta)$$

Eigenvalue of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ can be bootstrapped:

$$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) \Psi = \zeta^{S^z + \frac{k}{\beta^2}} \prod_{n=1}^{\frac{N}{2} - S^z} (1 - \zeta/\zeta_m) \Psi$$

with

$$\left(\frac{1 + q^{+1} \zeta_m}{1 + q^{-1} \zeta_m} \right)^N = -e^{2i\pi k} q^{2S^z} \prod_{j=1}^{\frac{N}{2} - S^z} \frac{\zeta_j - q^{+2} \zeta_m}{\zeta_j - q^{-2} \zeta_m}$$

General strategy

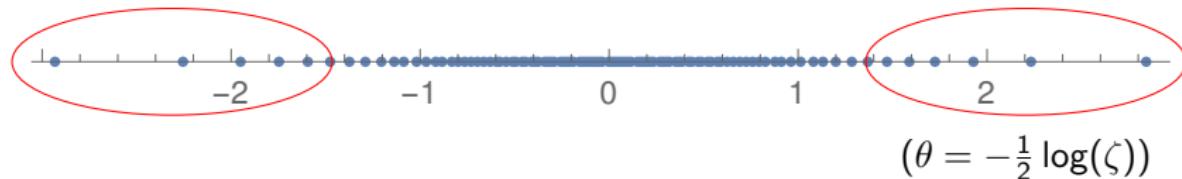
- For small lattice size $N \sim 20$ construct \mathbb{H}_{XXZ} and obtain first few low energy eigenvectors $\Psi = \Psi_N$
- Compute eigenvalue of matrix $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$,

$$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) \Psi_N = \zeta^{S^z + \frac{k}{\beta^2}} \prod_{n=1}^{\frac{N}{2}-S^z} (1 - \zeta/\zeta_m) \Psi_N ,$$

and extract Bethe roots $\{\zeta_m\}$ corresponding to Ψ_N

- Using Bethe ansatz equations one can continue RG trajectory Ψ_N to $N \gg 1$ without explicit construction/diagonalization of \mathbb{H} and \mathbb{Q}

Bethe state in the scaling limit



$N \gg 1$ bulk roots become distributed with density

$$\frac{2}{N(\theta_{n+1} - \theta_n)} \approx \frac{1}{\pi(1 - \beta^2) \cosh(\frac{\theta}{1 - \beta^2})} \quad (q = e^{i\pi\beta^2})$$

Roots at edges develop scaling behaviour:

$$r_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{2(1-\beta^2)} \zeta_n, \quad \bar{r}_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{2(1-\beta^2)} (\zeta_{M-n})^{-1}$$

$$(M = N/2 - S^z)$$

Bethe state in scaling limit characterized by S^z , w , L , \bar{L} as well as two infinite sets:

$$\Psi_N(\{\zeta_j\}) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \psi(\{r_n\}) \otimes \bar{\psi}(\{\bar{r}_n\}) \in \mathcal{F}_P \otimes \mathcal{F}_{\bar{P}}$$

ODE/IQFT correspondence

[Voros'94; Dorey, Tateo'98; Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov'98; '03]

Remarkable interpretation of $\{r_n\}$ ($\{\bar{r}_n\}$):

$$r_n = \text{const} \times E_n$$

where E_n are energy eigenvalues of Schrödinger operator

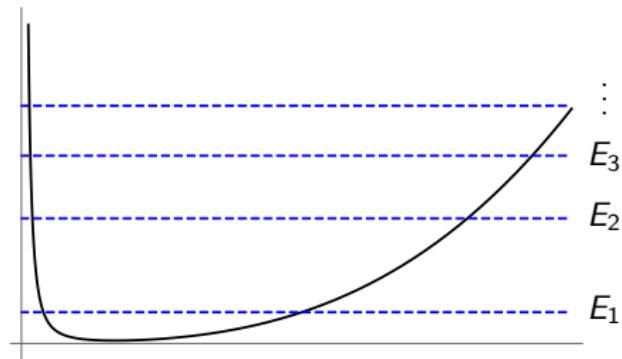
$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) - E \right) \Phi = 0$$

Primary state ($L = \bar{L} = 0$):

$$V(x) = \frac{4(\alpha + 1)P^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{x^2} + x^{2\alpha}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2} (\beta S^z + \beta^{-1} (k + w))$$

$$\alpha = \beta^{-2} - 1$$

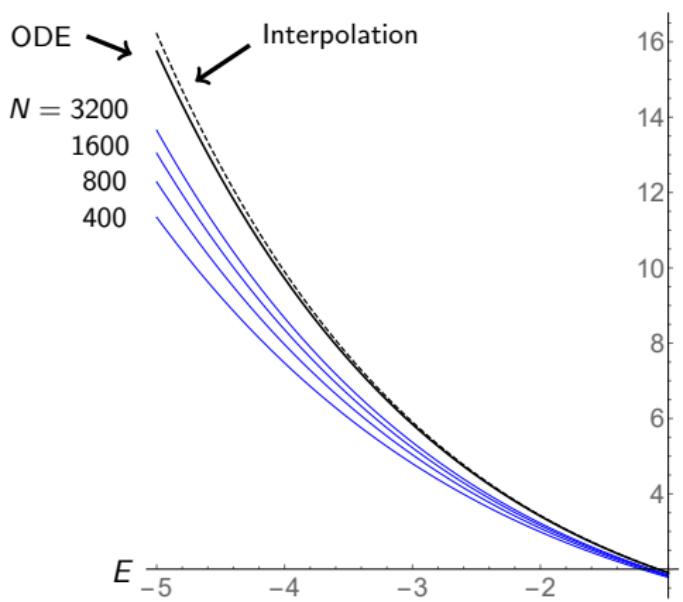


Scaling limit of eigenvalues of Q operator (vacuum)

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-2(\beta^2 - 1)(S^z + \frac{k}{\beta^2})} Q(N^{2(\beta^2 - 1)} \zeta) = E^P D(E|P) \quad (E = \text{const} \times \zeta)$$

Spectral determinant:

$$D(E | P) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{E}{E_n}\right)$$



Scaling limit of eigenvalues of Q operator

General low energy state with quantum numbers S^z, w, L, \bar{L} :

$$\Psi_N(\{\zeta_j\}) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \psi(\{r_n\}) \otimes \bar{\psi}(\{\bar{r}_n\}) \in \mathcal{F}_P \otimes \mathcal{F}_{\bar{P}}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-2(\beta^2 - 1)(S^z + \frac{k}{\beta^2})} Q(N^{2(\beta^2 - 1)} \zeta) = E^P D(E|P)$$

Add “Monster potential” [Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov’03]

$$V(x) = \frac{4(\alpha + 1) P^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{x^2} + x^{2\alpha} - 2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sum_{b=1}^L \log \left(x^{2\alpha+2} - \frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha} v_b \right)$$

(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L) obey coupled algebraic system which makes all singularities of ODE apart from $x = 0, \infty$ apparent (monodromy free)

of solutions $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^L$ = dim of level L subspace of \mathcal{F}_P

[Conti, Masoero’20]

Quantum KdV theory

Field theory interpretation:

$D(E|P)$ – eigenvalues of Q operator for quantum KdV theory:

$$\hat{Q} : \mathcal{F}_P \mapsto \mathcal{F}_P, \quad \hat{Q}(E|P) \psi = E^P D(E|P) \psi$$

Generating function of all integrals of motion [BLZ'96]

$$\hat{Q}(E) \asymp R \exp \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n (-E)^{\frac{1-2n}{2-2\beta^2}} I_{2n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (-E)^{-\frac{n}{\beta^2}} \tilde{H}_n \right)$$

as $(-E) \rightarrow \infty$

R – reflection operator

I_{2n-1} – local IM

\tilde{H}_n – dual non-local IM

Finite size corrections

Knowledge of quantum KdV IM useful for characterizing scaling behaviour, e.g., finite size corrections:

$$\mathbb{H}_{xxz} \asymp N e_\infty + \frac{2\pi v_F}{N} (I_1 + \bar{I}_1) + \frac{1}{N^3} \left(\lambda_+ I_1 \bar{I}_1 + \lambda_- (I_3 + \bar{I}_3) \right)$$

+ higher order corrections involving local and non-local IM

λ_{\pm} some known constants [Lukyanov '97]

Local IM have simple form:

$$I_1 = \int_0^{2\pi} du (\partial\varphi)^2, \quad I_1|_{\mathcal{F}_P} = P^2 - \frac{1}{24} + L$$

$$I_3 = \int_0^{2\pi} du \left((\partial\varphi)^4 + (3 - \beta^2 - \beta^{-2}) (\partial^2\varphi)^2 \right)$$

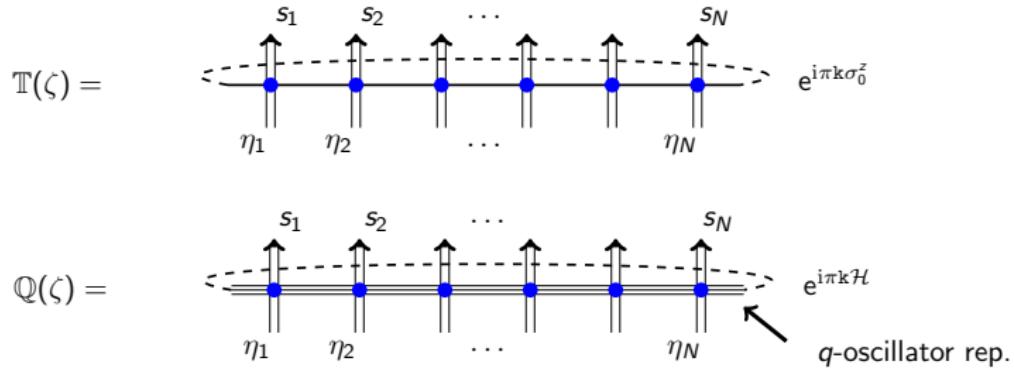
$$I_5 = \dots$$

Recap

- Scaling limit of Heisenberg spin 1/2 chain and connection to quantum KdV hierarchy
- Important tool: ODE/IQFT correspondence

Yang-Baxter integrability formalism allows one to generate many different spin chains that could have interesting universal behaviour

Scaling limit of the inhomogeneous model



r-site periodicity condition:

$$\eta_{m+r} = \eta_m, \quad s_{m+r} = s_m \quad (N/r = \text{integer})$$

$$\mathbb{T}(\zeta), \mathbb{Q}(\zeta) \xrightarrow{\text{scaling limit with } N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mu), \hat{\mathbf{Q}}(\mu)$$

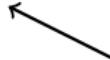
Regime: $|q| = 1, \quad 2\pi(1 - \frac{1}{K}) < \arg(q^2) < 2\pi \quad (K = 2 \sum_{a=1}^r s_a)$

Parameterization: $q = -e^{\frac{i\pi}{K}(\beta^2 - 1)} \quad (0 < \beta < 1); \quad k_a = 2s_a = 1, 2, \dots, r$

The ODE

$$\left[-\partial_z^2 + \kappa^2 z^{-2+\xi K} \prod_{a=1}^r (z - z_a)^{k_a} - \frac{A^2 + \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} + \sum_{a=1}^r \left(\frac{j_a(j_a+1)}{(z - z_a)^2} + \frac{z_a \gamma_a}{z(z - z_a)} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{\alpha=1}^L \left(\frac{2}{(z - w_\alpha)^2} + \frac{w_\alpha \Gamma_\alpha}{z(z - w_\alpha)} \right) \right] \Phi = 0$$

Parameters:

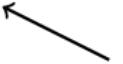


~ Monster potential

- (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r) positive integers: $k_a = 2s_a$ ($K = \sum_{a=1}^r k_a$)
- $\xi = \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2}$ (anisotropy parameter $q = -e^{\frac{i\pi}{K}(\beta^2-1)}$)
- $\kappa \propto \mu^{1+\xi}$ “spectral parameter” entering scaling operator $\hat{Q}(\mu)$
- $(z_1, \dots, z_r) \leftrightarrow (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_r)$ (inhomogeneities)
- A is similar to the zero-mode momentum P
- $\{j_a\}, \{\gamma_a\}, \{w_\alpha\}, \{\Gamma_\alpha\}$ fixed by requirement that $z = z_a$ and $w = w_\alpha$ are apparent singularities

ODE/IQFT correspondence

$$\left[-\partial_z^2 + \kappa^2 z^{-2+\xi K} \prod_{a=1}^r (z - z_a)^{k_a} - \frac{A^2 + \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} + \sum_{a=1}^r \left(\frac{j_a(j_a+1)}{(z - z_a)^2} + \frac{z_a \gamma_a}{z(z - z_a)} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{\alpha=1}^L \left(\frac{2}{(z - w_\alpha)^2} + \frac{w_\alpha \Gamma_\alpha}{z(z - w_\alpha)} \right) \right] \Phi = 0$$

 ~ Monster potential

$$\mathbb{T}(\zeta), \mathbb{Q}(\zeta) \xrightarrow{\text{scaling limit with } N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mu), \hat{\mathbf{Q}}(\mu)$$

Stokes coefficients and spectral determinant of ODE encode
eigenvalues of $\hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mu)$ and $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}(\mu)$ for

Generalized Affine Gaudin Model (GAGM) [Kotousov, Lukyanov '21]

Local IM $\mathbf{I}_1^{(a)}$ ($a = 1, 2, \dots, r$) for GAGM

r -independent copies of the Kac-Moody algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_{k_a}(2)$:

$$J_A^{(a)}(u) J_B^{(b)}(0) = -\delta_{ab} \left(\frac{k_a}{2u^2} \eta_{AB} + \frac{i}{u} f_{AB}{}^C J_C^{(a)} \right) + O(1)$$

$f_{AB}{}^C$ and η_{AB} – structure constants and Killing form for \mathfrak{sl}_2 algebra

$$G^{(a)} = \frac{1}{4(k_a + 2)} \left(J_0^{(a)} J_0^{(a)} + 2 J_+^{(a)} J_-^{(a)} + 2 J_-^{(a)} J_+^{(a)} \right)$$

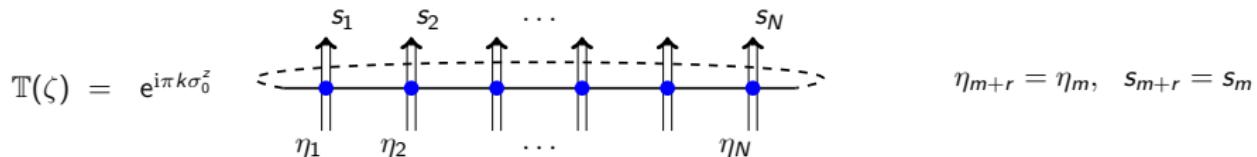
Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I}_1^{(a)} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{du}{2\pi} \left[\frac{\beta^2 K}{1 - \beta^2} G^{(a)} + \frac{1}{4K} \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \left(k_a (J_0^{(\text{tot})})^2 - K J_0^{(a)} J_0^{(\text{tot})} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ b \neq a}}^r \frac{1}{z_a - z_b} \left(\frac{1}{4} (z_a + z_b) J_0^{(a)} J_0^{(b)} + z_a J_+^{(b)} J_-^{(a)} + z_b J_+^{(a)} J_-^{(b)} - k_a z_b G^{(b)} - k_b z_a G^{(a)} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

with

$$J_0^{(\text{tot})} = \sum_{a=1}^r J_0^{(a)}$$

Conclusion



Summary:

- Scaling limit of the inhomogeneous model with the anisotropy

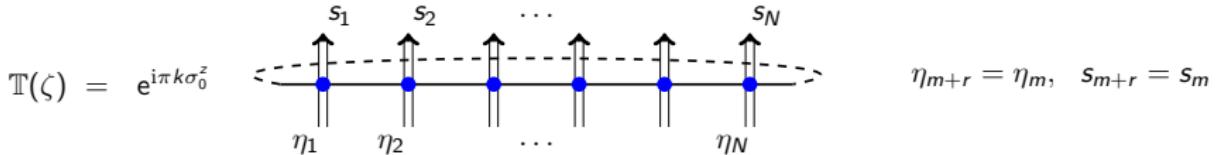
$$2\pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right) < \arg(q^2) < 2\pi \quad (K = 2 \sum_{a=1}^r s_a)$$

and subject of r -site periodicity condition:

$$\eta_{m+r} = \eta_m, \quad s_{m+r} = s_m \quad (N/r = \text{integer})$$

- For $r = 2$, $s_1 = s_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, $\eta_1 = 1/\eta_2 = i$, $\pi < \arg(q^2) < 2\pi$
the model was studied in [Ikhlef, Jacobsen, Saleur '09]

In this case the GAGM can be formulated in terms of one boson and two Majorana fermions



Future directions:

- Study of inhomogeneous model in complementary regimes:

$$\frac{2\pi}{K} (m-1) < \arg(q^2) < \frac{2\pi}{K} m \quad (m = 1, \dots, K-1)$$

- For $r=2$, $0 < \arg(q^2) < \pi$, $s_{2m} = s_{2m+1} = \frac{1}{2}$, $\eta_{2m} = 1/\eta_{2m+1}$

[Jacobsen, Saleur '05, Ikhlef, Jacobsen, Saleur '06, '11;

Frahm, Martins '12; Candu, Ikhlef '13; Frahm, Seel '13]

ODE/IQFT in [Bazhanov, Kotousov, Koval, Lukyanov '19; '20]

The older you become, the sweeter
the life.

Happy 60th Hubert!