

# Partition Function of superconformal CS Theory by Fermi Gas Approach

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## Summary

- We studied the partition function of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  superconformal quiver Chern-Simons theories in "M theoretical region".  
(M2 branes in non-trivial background) (without  $k \rightarrow \infty$ )
- Applying Fermi Gas formalism, we analysed grand potential  $J(\mu) = \log \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{\mu N} Z(N)$  and explicitly obtained
  - All-order** perturbative corrections in  $1/\mu$  and  $k$
  - Two kinds of non-perturbative corrections, "**worldsheet instantons**" and "**membrane instantons**".
  - Non-trivial **cancellation of divergences** among instanton correction

## $\mathcal{N} = 4$ quiver Chern-Simons Theory

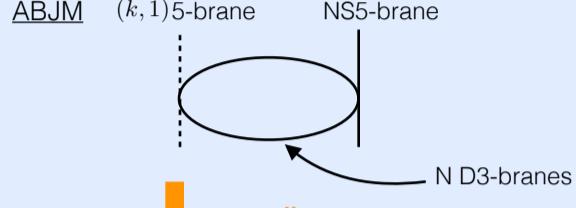
[Gaiotto-Witten, Hosomichi-Lee-Lee-Park, Imamura-Kimura]

- Characterized by M signs:  
 $\{s_a\}_{a=1}^M = \{(+1)^{q_1}, (-1)^{p_1}, \dots, (+1)^{q_m}, (-1)^{p_m}\}$

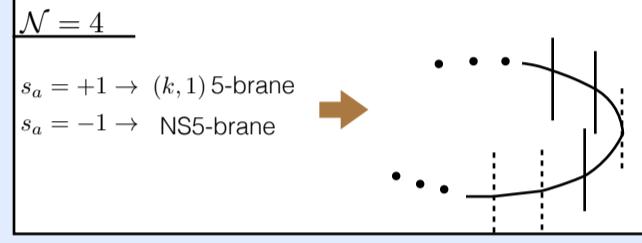
- Field Contents:

$$\begin{cases} U(N)_{k_a} \text{ vector multiplet: } (A_\mu^a, \sigma^a, \lambda^a, D^a) & \text{level: } k_a = \frac{k}{2}(s_a - s_{a-1}) \\ \text{matter: } (Y^a, \psi_Y^a, F_Y^a), (X^a, \psi_X^a, F_X^a) & \text{bifund. of } U(N)_{k_a} \times U(N)_{k_{a+1}} \end{cases}$$

brane construction:



generalize



## Partition function by localization [Kapustin-Willet-Yaakov]

localization locus:  $\sigma^a = \text{diag}(\lambda_{a,i}), D^a = \text{diag}(-\lambda_{a,i}), \text{others} = 0$

$$Z(N) = \frac{1}{(N!)^M} \int \prod_{a=1}^M \prod_{i=1}^N d\lambda_{a,i} e^{\frac{i k_a}{4\pi} \lambda_{a,i}^2} \prod_{a=1}^M \frac{\prod_{i>j} 2 \sinh \frac{\lambda_{a,i} - \lambda_{a,j}}{2} \prod_{i>j} 2 \sinh \frac{\lambda_{a+1,i} - \lambda_{a+1,j}}{2}}{\prod_{i,j} 2 \cosh \frac{\lambda_{a,i} - \lambda_{a+1,j}}{2}}$$

$Z_{1\text{-loop}}$  of vector multiplets       $Z_{1\text{-loop}}$  of hyper multiplets

$$\frac{\prod_{i>j} 2 \sinh(x_i - x_j) \prod_{i>j} 2 \sinh(y_i - y_j)}{\prod_{i,j} 2 \cosh(x_i - y_j)} = \det_{i,j} \frac{1}{2 \cosh(x_i - y_j)}, \quad \int \prod_{i=1}^N dy_i \det_{i,j} A(x_i, y_j) \det_{i,j} B(y_i, z_j) = \det_{i,j} \left[ \int dy A(x_i, y) B(y, z_j) \right]$$

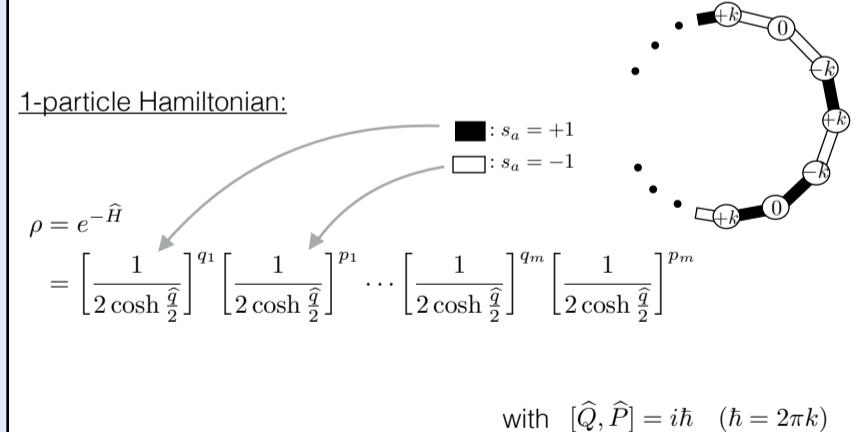
## Fermi Gas formalism [Marino-Putrov]

$$Z(N) = \frac{1}{N!} \int \prod_{i=1}^N d\lambda_{1,i} e^{\frac{i k_1}{4\pi} \lambda_{1,i}^2} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} (-1)^\sigma \prod_{i=1}^N \rho(\lambda_{1,i}, \lambda_{1,\sigma(i)})$$



$$J(\mu) = \log \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{\mu N} Z(N) = \text{tr} \log(1 + e^\mu \rho)$$

Inverse trsf:  $Z(N) = \int \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i} e^{J-\mu N}$



Merits:

- $k \rightarrow 0$  (complemental against 't Hooft limit) is easy : "classical limit!"
- Very quick derivation of  $F \approx N^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$\left( \text{In inverse trsf. integration is dominated by } \mu^* \text{ s.t. } \frac{dJ}{d\mu} = N \approx \# \text{ of states with } \hat{H} < \mu \approx \mu^2 \Rightarrow \mu^* \approx \sqrt{N}, J \approx \mu^3 \Rightarrow Z(N) \approx e^{N^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)$$

## Three methods of analysis:

	$k$	$1/\mu$
1. Volume inside Fermi surface:	perturbative	perturbative
2. WKB expansion:	perturbative	non-perturbative
3. Direct calculation of $Z_k(N)$ :	non-perturbative	non-perturbative

- $Z_{\text{pert}}(N) = e^A C^{-\frac{1}{3}} \text{Ai}(C^{-\frac{1}{3}}(N - B))$  with explicit form of  $B, C$
- $A, \mathcal{O}(e^{-\mu})$  in  $J(\mu)$  : we call "**membrane instanton**"
- $\mathcal{O}(e^{-\frac{\mu}{k}})$  in  $J(\mu)$  : we call "**worldsheet instanton**"

## Method 1. Volume Inside the Fermi Surface

- Semi-classical  $\hat{H}$  is calculated by Baker-Champbell-Hausdorff formula:

$$\hat{H} = -q\hat{U} - p\hat{T} + \dots \left( U = \log 2 \cosh \frac{Q}{2}, T = \log 2 \cosh \frac{P}{2} \right) \xrightarrow{E: \text{large}} \hat{H} < E$$

Here we restrict on the cases of  $\{s_a\}_{a=1}^M = \{(+1)^q, (-1)^p\}$   
For general  $N=4$  quiver, please ask me.

$$J(\mu) = \int_0^\infty dE \frac{dn}{dE} \log(1 + e^{\mu-E})$$

$$Z(N)_{\text{pert}} = \int \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i} e^{\frac{C}{3}\mu^3 + B\mu + A - \mu N}$$

: contains all-order perturbative corrections.

$n(E)$ : phase space volume of  $\hat{H} < E$

$$n(E) = CE^2 + B - \frac{\pi^2 C}{3} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-E})$$

: deviation from the polygon

$$\text{with } C = \frac{2}{k\pi^2 qp}$$

$$B = \frac{\pi^2 C}{3} - \frac{1}{6k} \left[ \frac{q}{p} + \frac{p}{q} \right] + \frac{kqp}{24}$$

## Method 2. WKB expansion of J

For ABJM( $q=p=1$ )

$$J(\mu) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} e^{n\mu} \text{tr} e^{-n\hat{H}}$$

$$\cdot \text{tr} \rightarrow \int \frac{dQdP}{2\pi\hbar}$$

Each coefficients in  $\hbar$ -expansion can be integrated by the formula  $\int dx \frac{1}{(2 \cosh \frac{x}{2})^n} = \frac{\sqrt{4\pi}}{2^n} \frac{\Gamma[\frac{n}{2}]}{\Gamma[\frac{n+1}{2}]}$

For  $\mathcal{N}=4$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(2 \cosh \frac{x}{2})^{qn}} = \frac{\sqrt{4\pi}}{2^{qn}} \frac{\Gamma[\frac{nq}{2}]}{\Gamma[\frac{nq+1}{2}]}$$

generalize

$$\int dx \frac{1}{(2 \cosh \frac{x}{2})^n} = \frac{\sqrt{4\pi}}{2^n} \frac{\Gamma[\frac{n}{2}]}{\Gamma[\frac{n+1}{2}]}$$

Sum over n

generalized hypergeometric series

$${}_4F_3 \left[ \bullet, \bullet, \frac{e^{2\mu}}{16} \right]$$

generalize

generalize

Example of results:

$$\Sigma(q) = 2, \Sigma(p) = 1 : J(\mu) = \frac{\mu^3}{3\pi^2 k} + \left[ -\frac{1}{12k} + \frac{k}{12} \right] \mu + \frac{9\zeta(3)}{2\pi^2 k} - \frac{k}{4} - \frac{\pi^2 k^3}{720} + \dots + \left[ -\frac{4}{\pi k} + \frac{\pi k}{3} + \frac{\pi^3 k^3}{180} + \dots \right] e^{-\mu} + \dots$$

: C

: B

: A

: "membrane instantons"

Expand around  $\mu = \infty$

## Method 3. Direct calculation of $Z_k(N)$

- $\Sigma(q) = 2, \Sigma(p) = 1, k$  is fixed to an integer  $\rightarrow$  possible to calculate  $\text{tr} \rho^n$  recursively with n

- Read off  $(Z_k(1), Z_k(2), \dots)$  from  $J = \text{tr} \log(1 + e^\mu \rho) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{\mu N} Z_k(N)$

Fit with

$$Z \left[ J = \frac{C}{3}\mu^3 + B\mu + A + \gamma e^{-\frac{2\mu}{k}} + \dots \right] = e^A C^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left[ \text{Ai}[C^{-\frac{1}{3}}(N-B)] + \gamma \text{Ai} \left[ C^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left( N - B + \frac{2}{k} \right) \right] + \dots \right]$$

to determine unknown coefficients ( $\gamma, \dots$ )

Results:

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{non-pert}}^{k=2} &= \frac{2\mu + 2}{\pi} e^{-\mu} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2\mu}), & J_{\text{non-pert}}^{k=3} &= \frac{8}{3} e^{-\frac{2\mu}{3}} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\frac{4\mu}{3}}), \\ J_{\text{non-pert}}^{k=4} &= 2\sqrt{2} e^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\mu}), & J_{\text{non-pert}}^{k=5} &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}} e^{-\frac{2\mu}{5}} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\frac{4\mu}{5}}), \\ J_{\text{non-pert}}^{k=6} &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-\frac{\mu}{3}} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\frac{2\mu}{3}}) \end{aligned}$$

: "worldsheet instantons"

## Cancellation of divergences among non-perturbative effects

Philosophy:

- The coefficient of "worldsheet/membrane instanton" alone may diverge at some  $k$
- Matrix model itself is well defined, so must be finite. But how?

Ans: At such  $k$ , however, the exponents coincide and divergences cancel.

[Hatsuda-Moriyama-Okuyama]

Demonstration:

- Extrapolate the results in Method 2 and 3:

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{non-pert}}^{\text{membrane}} &= -\frac{2}{\tan \frac{\pi k}{2}} e^{-\mu} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2\mu}) & \approx^{k \sim 2} & \left[ -\frac{4}{\pi(k-2)} + \frac{\pi(k-2)}{3} + \dots \right] e^{-\mu} + \dots \\ J_{\text{non-pert}}^{\text{worldsheet}} &= \frac{4 \cos \frac{\pi}{k}}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{k}} e^{-\frac{2\mu}{k}} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\frac{4\mu}{k}}) & \approx^{k \sim 2} & \left[ \frac{4}{\pi(k-2)} + \frac{2(1+\mu)}{\pi} + \dots \right] e^{-\mu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Both has pole at  $k=2$ ,

but sum up into finite value.

finite  $J_{\text{non-pert}}^{k=2}$  in Way 3. is reproduced!

## Future Works

- Extend to more general theory (Method 2 and 3 for general  $\mathcal{N}=4; \mathcal{N}=3$ )

- SUGRA interpretation for  $\begin{cases} \text{quiver-dependence of } A, B \\ \text{"instantons"} \end{cases}$

- Directly interpretate non-perturbative effects from the original Chern-Simons theories