

Plane partitions and BPS state counting in diverse dimensions

To the memory of Prof. Tohru Eguchi

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Joint works with Eguchi-san

1. $W(\infty)$ algebra in two-dimensional black hole

with S.-K.Yang, [hep-th/9209122](#) (Cambridge)

2. Topological strings, flat coordinates and gravitational descendants

with Y. Yamada, S.-K.Yang, [hep-th/9302048](#) (Cambridge)

3. Toda lattice hierarchy and the topological description
of the $c = 1$ string theory

[hep-th/9404056](#) (Hiroshima)

4. Five-dimensional gauge theories and local mirror symmetry

[hep-th/0005008](#) (Hiroshima)

5. Topological strings and Nekrasov's formulas

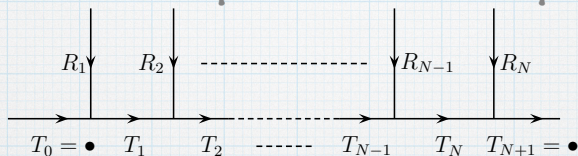
[hep-th/0310235](#) (Nagoya)

6. Geometric transitions, Chern-Simons gauge theory
and **Veneziano type amplitudes**

[hep-th/0312234](#) (Nagoya)

Topological string and plane partition

Veneziano type amplitudes as a building block of Nekrasov partition function ($q=t$).



$$K_{\{R_i\}}^{SU(N)} = \prod_{i=1}^N \dim_q R_i \cdot \langle 0 | \prod_{k=1}^N V_-^{[R_k^t]} V_+^{[R_k]} Q_k^{L_0} | 0 \rangle$$

$$V_{\pm}^{[R]}(q) := V_{\pm}(x_i = q^{\mu_i^R - i + 1/2}), \quad V_{\pm}(x_i) := \exp \left(\sum_n \frac{p_n(x_i)}{n} \alpha_{\pm} \right)$$

Inspired by [Okounkov-Reshetikhin-Vafa \(hep-th/0309208\)](#)

Topological string and plane partition

Counting of plane partitions by discrete time evolution of the Young diagram

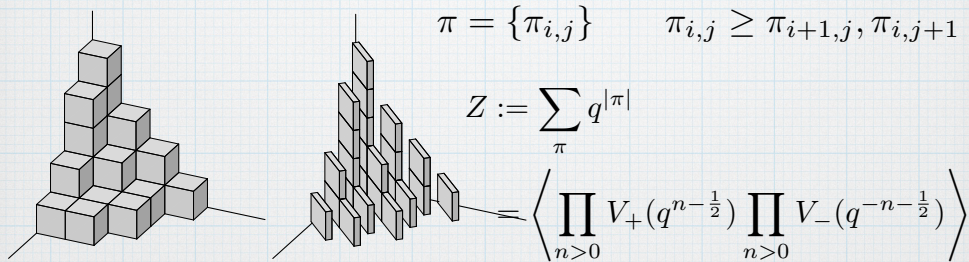


Figure 3: A 3d partition and its diagonal slices

from hep-th/0309208

$$V_+(z)V_-(w) = \left(1 - \frac{z}{w}\right)^{-1} V_-(w)V_+(z)$$

Topological string and plane partition

Generating function of the numbers of plane partitions

$$\mathcal{M}_3(q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - q^n)^n} = \exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \frac{q^k}{(1 - q^k)^2} \right)$$

MacMahon function and the Hodge integral

$$Z_{\text{top}} = \exp \left(\frac{\chi}{2} \sum_g g_s^{2g-2} \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_g} c_{g-1}^3(\mathcal{H}) \right) = \mathcal{M}_3(q)^{\frac{\chi}{2}}$$

$q := e^{-g_s}$

Derivation of topological vertex (hep-th/0309208)

Refined MacMahon function

MacMahon function of degree d

$$\mathcal{M}_d(q) = \text{P.E.}[f_d(q)], \quad f_d(q) = \frac{q}{(1-q)^{d-1}}$$

Unfortunately $d=4$ fails to count solid partitions

Plethystic exponential : Character of symmetric algebra

$$\text{P.E.}[F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\ell)] = \exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} F(t_1^k, t_2^k, \dots, t_\ell^k) \right).$$

$$F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\ell) = \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{n_1 \dots n_\ell} t_1^{n_1} \dots t_\ell^{n_\ell}$$

$$\text{P.E.}[F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\ell)] = \prod_{n_1, \dots, n_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 - t_1^{n_1} \dots t_\ell^{n_\ell})^{-a_{n_1 \dots n_\ell}}$$

Refined MacMahon function

Let us introduce the following “refinement”

$$\mathcal{M}_d^{(k)} \left[\begin{array}{c} \vec{t} \\ \vec{q} \end{array} \right] (\mathbf{q}) = \text{P.E.} \left[f_d^{(k)}(q_1, \dots, q_{d+k}, t_1, \dots, t_k, \mathbf{q}) \right]$$

$$f_d^{(k)} = \frac{\mathbf{q}[t_1] \cdots [t_k]}{[q_1] \cdots [q_{d+k-1}]}, \quad [X] := X^{\frac{1}{2}} - X^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

We will see the generating functions of BPS state counting are expressed in terms of refined MacMahon functions

Generalized ADHM equations

ADHM description of 4d Yang-Mills Instanton

ADHM = BPS condition for D0-D4 system

Introduce two vector spaces = "Chan-Paton bundles"

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} N = n$$

for D4 brane

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} K = k$$

for D0 brane

$$B_{1,2} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(K, K)$$

$$I, J^{\dagger} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(N, K)$$

$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}} = [B_1, B_2] + IJ = 0$$

F term condition

D-term condition can be traded with the stability condition

Generalized ADHM equations

One can consider BPS condition for D0-D6 and D0-D8 systems

D0-D6 BPS condition

$$B_{1,2,3}, Y \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(K, K) \quad I = J^\dagger \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(N, K)$$
$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}} = [B_i, B_j] + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} [B_k^\dagger, Y] = 0, \quad \mu_B = Y \cdot I = 0$$

D0-D8 BPS condition (only for Calabi-Yau)

$$B_{1,2,3,4} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(K, K) \quad I = J^\dagger \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(N, K)$$
$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}} = [B_a, B_b] + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{abcd} [B_c^\dagger, B_d^\dagger] = 0$$

I is required for imposing the stability condition

Generalized ADHM equations

(Virtual) Dimensions of the moduli space

$$\underbrace{\{GL(k, \mathbb{C})\}}_{\text{symmetry}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{\{(B_i, I)\}}_{\text{Variables}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{\{\text{ADHM}\}}_{\text{Constraints}}$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{4D} = 2nk, \quad \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{6D} = 0, \quad \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{8D} = nk,$$

Only $\mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{4D}$ has regular tangent space

$\mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{8D}$ cannot be hyperKähler

The action of (q_1, \dots, q_d) on \mathbb{C}^d and the maximal torus of

$U(n) : (e^{a_1}, \dots, e^{a_n})$ induce the toric action on $\mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{2dD}$

Equivariant characters

Fixed points of the toric action are labelled by partitions (d=2), plane partitions (d=3) and solid partitions (d=4)

At each fixed point the (virtual) tangent space of $\mathcal{M}_{\text{ADHM}}^{2dD}$ is decomposed into the rep. space of the toric action

This is the equivariant character and it gives the weight of the localization computation of path integral

Localization = sum over the fixed points

Topological partition function

$$Z_{\text{top}}(q_i; \mathbf{q}) := \langle \text{P.E.}[\chi_\pi(q_i)] \rangle = \text{P.E.}[F(q_i; \mathbf{q})]$$

$$\langle \text{P.E.}[\chi_\pi(q_i)] \rangle = \sum_{\pi} \mathbf{q}^{|\pi|} \text{P.E.}[\chi_\pi(q_i)] \quad \text{Localization}$$

$$Z_{\text{top}, U(1)}^{6D} = \mathcal{M}_3^{(3)} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} \hbar q_1^{-1} & \hbar q_2^{-1} & \hbar q_3^{-1} & & \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & \hbar^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q} & \hbar^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q}^{-1} \end{array} \right] \quad (1)$$

Nekrasov (2008), Okounkov (2015)

M theoretic! $q_4 := \hbar^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q}, \quad q_5 := \hbar^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q}^{-1}$

$$q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4 q_5 = 1$$

The coupling const is on an equal footing with q_i

Topological partition function

$$Z_{\text{top},U(n)}^{6D} = \mathcal{M}_3^{(4)} \begin{bmatrix} \hbar q_1^{-1} & \hbar q_2^{-1} & \hbar q_3^{-1} & \hbar^{-n} \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & \hbar \\ \hbar^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q} & \hbar^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q} & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Awata-H.K. (2009)

It does NOT depend on the Coulomb moduli (a_1, \dots, a_n)

$$Z_{\text{top},U(1),adj}^{8D} = \mathcal{M}_3^{(4)} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 q_2 & q_2 q_3 & q_3 q_1 & \mu \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 \\ \mu^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q} & \mu^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q}^{-1} & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Nekrasov (2017)

It is NOT $\mathcal{M}_4^{(k)}$ but $\mathcal{M}_3^{(4)}$ which appears

$$Z_{\text{top},U(1),adj}^{8D} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_3(\mathbf{q}) \frac{m(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2)(\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3)(\epsilon_3 + \epsilon_1)}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 \epsilon_4} .$$

BPS/VOA correspondence ??

$$\sum q^{|\pi|} (\text{Infinite Product}) = \text{Infinite Product}$$

“Super-Integrability” ?

Exchange relation of VOA

$$g_{ij}(z, w) V_+^{(i)}(z) V_-^{(j)}(w) = g_{ji}(w, z) V_-^{(j)}(w) V_+^{(i)}(z)$$

E.g. $g(z, w) = (z - qw)(z - t^{-1}w)(z - tq^{-1}w)$

Ding-Iohara-Miki algebra

VEV of vertex operators, screening operators
→ Infinite product

BPS/VOA correspondence ??

M theory vertex $V(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = \sum_{\pi \rightarrow (\lambda, \mu, \nu)} (-q)^{|\pi|} \hat{\mathbf{a}}(\chi_\pi)$

is proposed for computing Z_{top}^{6D} Nekrasov-Okounkov (2014)

In a particular limit

$$q_1, q_3 \rightarrow 0, (|q_1| \ll |q_3|); \quad q_2 \rightarrow \infty; \quad \hbar = \text{fixed}$$

$V_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$ reduces to the refined TV (intertwiner of DIM)

Awata-Feigin-Shiraishi (2012)

Is there any underlying VOA for M theory vertex?

Concerning Z_{top}^{8D}

Is there any VOA acting on the space of solid partitions?