

Matching the Hagedorn Temperature in AdS/CFT

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Plan of the talk:

I Introduction

I Gauge theory side:

Hagedorn temperature for thermal $N = 4$ SYM on $\mathbb{R} \times S^3$ with non-zero chemical potentials

Decoupling limit

Hagedorn temperature

I String theory side:

Decoupling limit of string theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Penrose limit, matching of spectra

Computation and matching of the Hagedorn temperature

I Conclusions & Future directions

Introduction

- **AdS/CFT** correspondence \longrightarrow a **strong/weak** coupling duality
- different route: compute the deconfinement temperature of planar $N=4$ SYM on $R \times S^3$ with chemical potentials at weak coupling in a certain decoupling limit and match the result to the Hagedorn temperature of weakly coupled string theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ in the corresponding dual decoupling limit
- **Confinement/deconfinement** transition in $N = 4$ SYM on $R \times S^3$ believed to be dual to the **Hagedorn** transition in the dual string theory
(Witten, Sundborg, Polyakov, Aharony et al.)
- planar $N=4$ SYM on $R \times S^3$ at weak coupling and at large energies exhibits a **Hagedorn density of states** $\rho(E) \sim E^{-1} \exp(T_H E)$
- A successful matching of the deconfinement temperature of the gauge theory should be done with the Hagedorn temperature of string theory on a **pp-wave** background
(Pando Zayas et al., Green et al., Sugawara, Brower et al., Grignani et al., Hyun et al, Bigazzi et al.)
- find a limit where the AdS/CFT correspondence is a **weak/weak** coupling duality

Gauge Theory side

Thermal partition function of U(N) N = 4 SYM on $\mathbb{R} \times S^3$ with chemical potentials

$$Z(\beta, \Omega_i) = \text{Tr}_M \left(e^{-\beta D + \beta(\Omega_1 J_1 + \Omega_2 J_2 + \Omega_3 J_3)} \right)$$

$\beta = 1/T$: inverse temperature

D : Dilatation operator

J_i : R-charges for SU(4)

Ω_i : Chemical potentials

R-symmetry of N = 4 SYM

M : The set of gauge invariant operators, given by linear combinations of all possible multi-trace operators $\text{Tr}(\dots)\text{Tr}(\dots)\dots\text{Tr}(\dots)$

Introduce $x = e^{-\beta}$, $y_i = e^{\beta\Omega_i}$

Multi-trace partition function in the planar limit N=1 is given by

$$\rightarrow \log Z(x, y_i) = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \log \left[1 - z(\omega^{k+1} x^k, y_i^k) \right]$$

$\omega = e^{2\pi i}$ is -1 when uplifted to half-integer

letter partition function

Free thermal N = 4 SYM on R x S³

$D = D_0$ The dilatation operator is just the bare scaling dimension

The partition function for free planar N = 4 SYM on R x S³ is

$$\log Z(x, y_i) = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \log \left[1 - z(\omega^{k+1} x^k, y_i^k) \right]$$

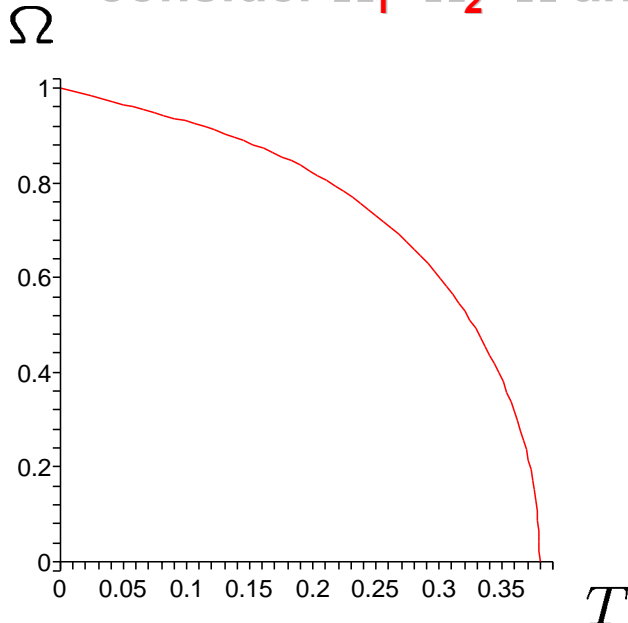
Sundborg. Polyakov. Aharony et al.
Yamada and Yaffe. MO and T. Harmark

$Z(x, y_i)$ has a singularity when $z(x, y_i) = 1$! **The Hagedorn singularity**

define the Hagedorn temperature $T_H(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3)$

consider $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \Omega$ and $\Omega_3 = 0$

$$\Omega \rightarrow 1 : T_H(\Omega) \simeq \frac{1 - \Omega}{\log 2}$$



we are interested in the limit:

$$T \rightarrow 0, \quad \Omega \rightarrow 1, \quad \tilde{T} \equiv \frac{T}{1 - \Omega} \text{ fixed}$$

The Hagedorn temperature in the limit is:

$$\tilde{T}_H = \frac{1}{\log 2} \longrightarrow \text{same as in the } \mathbf{SU(2)} \text{ sector}$$

Interacting $N = 4$ SYM on $R \times S^3$:

consider weakly coupled $U(N)$ $N = 4$ SYM on $R \times S^3$
and $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \Omega$ and $\Omega_3 = 0$

$$\lambda = \frac{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N}{4\pi^2}$$

Decoupling limit

$$T \rightarrow 0, \Omega \rightarrow 1, \lambda \rightarrow 0, \tilde{T} \equiv \frac{T}{1 - \Omega} \text{ fixed}, \tilde{\lambda} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{1 - \Omega} \text{ fixed}, N \text{ fixed}$$

Full partition function: $Z(\beta, \Omega) = \text{Tr}_M \left(e^{-\beta D + \beta \Omega J} \right) \longrightarrow J = J_1 + J_2$

Dilatation operator: $D = D_0 + \lambda D_2 + \lambda^2 D_4 + \dots$ (E.g. Beisert's thesis)

Consider the weight factor:

$$e^{-\beta D + \beta \Omega J} = \exp \left(-\beta(D_0 - J) - \beta(1 - \Omega)J - \beta\lambda D_2 - \beta \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \lambda^n D_{2n} \right)$$

Since $\beta \rightarrow 1$, only the states with $D - J$ being of order $1 - \Omega$ survive
! Effective truncation to states with $D_0 = J$! The **SU(2) sector**

Decoupling limit

$$T \rightarrow 0, \Omega \rightarrow 1, \lambda \rightarrow 0, \tilde{T} \equiv \frac{T}{1 - \Omega} \text{ fixed}, \tilde{\lambda} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{1 - \Omega} \text{ fixed}, N \text{ fixed}$$

From the analysis before we see that the full partition function in this limit is

$$Z(\tilde{\beta}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \left(e^{-\tilde{\beta}H} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{\beta} \equiv \beta(1 - \Omega)$$

SU(2) sector



$$\text{Hilbert space: } \mathcal{H} = \{ \alpha \in M \mid (D_0 - J)\alpha = 0 \}$$

Hamiltonian: $H = D_0 + \tilde{\lambda}D_2$

The Hamiltonian truncates
! has only the bare + one-loop term

Note also: $\tilde{\lambda}$ can be finite, i.e. it does not have to be small

➡ N = 4 SYM is weakly coupled in this limit

Planar limit $N = 1$! we can focus on the single-trace sector

$$\text{Tr}(XZZX \cdots Z) \longrightarrow |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow \cdots \uparrow\rangle \quad \text{spin chain}$$

$Z : \uparrow, X : \downarrow$

$$D_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^L (I_{i,i+1} - P_{i,i+1}) \quad \tilde{\lambda} D_2 : \text{Hamiltonian of ferromagnetic XXX}_{1/2} \text{ Heisenberg spin chain}$$

L is the length of single-trace operator / spin chain (Minahan & Zarembo)

Total Hamiltonian: $H = D_0 + \tilde{\lambda} D_2 = L + \tilde{\lambda} D_2$

In the limit $T \rightarrow 0, \Omega \rightarrow 1, \lambda \rightarrow 0, \tilde{T} \equiv \frac{T}{1-\Omega}$ fixed, $\tilde{\lambda} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{1-\Omega}$ fixed

planar $N = 4$ SYM on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{S}^3$ has the partition function

$$\log Z(\tilde{\beta}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} e^{-nL\tilde{\beta}} Z_L^{(\text{XXX})}(n\tilde{\beta}) \quad \tilde{\beta} \equiv \beta(1-\Omega)$$

$$Z_L^{(\text{XXX})}(\tilde{\beta}) = \text{Tr}_L \left(e^{-\tilde{\beta}\tilde{\lambda} D_2} \right) \longleftarrow \text{Partition function for the ferromagnetic XXX}_{1/2} \text{ Heisenberg spin chain}$$

The ferromagnetic Heisenberg model is obtained as a limit of weakly coupled planar $N = 4$ SYM

Spectrum of gauge theory from Heisenberg chain

The Hamiltonian of planar N=4 SYM in the decoupling limit is

$$\rightarrow H = D_0 + \tilde{\lambda} D_2 = L + \tilde{\lambda} D_2$$

we want to find the spectrum of $\tilde{\lambda} D_2$

Define the total spin S_z and the length L of the single trace operator:

$$S_z = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{2} \qquad L = J_1 + J_2$$

Spectrum \longrightarrow Vacua ($D_2 = 0$) plus excitations (magnons)

Vacua are given by: $D_2 = 0$

Exists a vacuum for each value of S_z :

$$|S_z\rangle_L \sim \text{Tr}(\text{sym}(Z^{J_1} X^{J_2})) \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} J_1 = \frac{1}{2}L + S_z \\ J_2 = \frac{1}{2}L - S_z \end{cases}$$

These $L+1$ states are all the possible states for which $D_2 = 0$, i.e. all the possible vacua

The vacua $|S_z\rangle_L$ are the chiral primaries of N = 4 SYM obeying $D_0 = J_1 + J_2 (=L)$! The low energy excitations are 'close' to BPS

Low energy excitations: Magnons

In the thermodynamic limit (large L) the spectrum of the magnons, determined using Bethe ansatz technique + integrability, is

$$E = \frac{2\pi^2\tilde{\lambda}}{L^2} \sum_{n \neq 0} n^2 M_n, \quad \sum_{n \neq 0} n M_n = 0$$

Hagedorn temperature from Heisenberg chain:

Consider the partition function $\log Z(\tilde{\beta}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} e^{-nL\tilde{\beta}} \text{Tr}_L \left(e^{-n\tilde{\beta}\tilde{\lambda}D_2} \right)$

Define $V(t) \equiv \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L} \log \text{Tr}_L \left(e^{-t^{-1}D_2} \right)$

Notice: $f(t) = -tV(t)$ ← $f(t)$ is the thermodynamic limit of the free energy per site for the Heisenberg chain

so we have that

$$e^{-nL\tilde{\beta}} \text{Tr}_L \left(e^{-n\tilde{\beta}\tilde{\lambda}D_2} \right) \simeq \exp \left(-nL\tilde{\beta} + LV \left((n\tilde{\beta}\tilde{\lambda})^{-1} \right) \right) \quad \text{for } L \rightarrow \infty$$

$n=1$ gives the first singularity

the Hagedorn singularity is given by:

$$\tilde{T}_H = \left[V \left(\tilde{\lambda}^{-1} \tilde{T}_H \right) \right]^{-1} \quad \text{general relation between thermodynamics of Heisenberg chain and Hagedorn temperature}$$

$$\tilde{T}_H = \frac{1}{V(\tilde{\lambda}^{-1}\tilde{T}_H)} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Defines } \tilde{T}_H \text{ as function of } \tilde{\lambda}$$

$\tilde{\lambda} \ll 1 \longleftrightarrow$ High temperatures
 $t \dot{\sim} 1$

$\tilde{\lambda} \gg 1 \longleftrightarrow$ Low temperatures
 $t \dot{\sim} 1$

Large $\tilde{\lambda}$ /low temperatures:

Using the low-energy spectrum $E = \frac{2\pi^2\tilde{\lambda}}{L^2} \sum_{n \neq 0} n^2 M_n$, $\sum_{n \neq 0} n M_n = 0$

we find for $t \dot{\sim} 1$: $V(t) = \zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \sqrt{\frac{t}{2\pi}}$

This gives \longrightarrow $\tilde{T}_H = (2\pi)^{1/3} \left[\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right]^{-2/3} \tilde{\lambda}^{1/3}$ for $\tilde{\lambda} \gg 1$

Hagedorn temperature of weakly coupled planar $N = 4$ SYM on $\mathbb{R} \times S^3$ in the limit

$$T \rightarrow 0, \Omega \rightarrow 1, \lambda \rightarrow 0, \tilde{T} \equiv \frac{T}{1-\Omega} \text{ fixed}, \tilde{\lambda} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{1-\Omega} \text{ fixed}$$

Correction computed in the Heisenberg chain, gives the following correction

(Takahashi) \longrightarrow

$$\tilde{T}_H = \frac{(2\pi)^{1/3}}{\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{2/3}} \tilde{\lambda}^{1/3} + \frac{4\pi}{3\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\lambda}^{-1/3})$$

String Theory side

Consider type IIB superstring theory in the pp-wave background:

$$ds^2 = -4dx^+ dx^- - \mu^2 \sum_{I=3}^8 x^I x^I (dx^+)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^8 dx^i dx^i + 4\mu x^2 dx^1 dx^+ \quad \leftarrow \text{Michelson}$$

$$F_{(5)} = 2\mu dx^+ (dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 dx^4 + dx^5 dx^6 dx^7 dx^8)$$

x¹ a flat direction

Penrose limit: Bertolini, de Boer, Harmark, Imeroni & Obers

with currents: $H_{\text{lc}} = i\partial_{x^+} = \mu(E - J)$, $p^+ = \frac{i}{2}\partial_{x^-} = \frac{E + J}{2\mu R^2}$, $p_1 = -i\partial_{x^1} = \frac{2S_z}{R}$

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{2}J + S_z, \quad J_2 = \frac{1}{2}J - S_z \quad \text{angular momenta of the strings on the 3-sphere}$$

Light-cone string spectrum:

$$l_s^2 p^+ H_{\text{lc}} = 2fN_0 + \sum_{n \neq 0} [(\omega_n + f)N_n + (\omega_n - f)M_n] + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{I=3}^8 \omega_n N_n^{(I)} \\ + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[\sum_{b=1}^4 \left(\omega_n - \frac{1}{2}f \right) F_n^{(b)} + \sum_{b=5}^8 \left(\omega_n + \frac{1}{2}f \right) F_n^{(b)} \right]$$

$$\text{with } f = \mu l_s^2 p^+, \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{n^2 + f^2}$$

Level-matching condition: $\sum_{n \neq 0} n \left[N_n + M_n + \sum_{I=3}^8 N_n^{(I)} + \sum_{b=1}^8 F_n^{(b)} \right] = 0$

! The pp-wave has the right vacuum structure due to the flat direction

$$H_{lc} = 0 \quad \& \quad E = J$$

A vacuum for each p_1 & a vacuum for each S_z

the limit is

$$\mu \rightarrow \infty, \quad T \rightarrow 0, \quad \Omega \rightarrow 1, \quad \tilde{T} \equiv \frac{T}{1-\Omega} \text{ fixed, } l_s p^+ \text{ fixed}$$

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{H_{lc}}{\sqrt{1-\Omega}} \text{ fixed, } \tilde{g}_s = \frac{g_s}{1-\Omega} \text{ fixed, } \tilde{\mu} = \mu\sqrt{1-\Omega} \text{ fixed}$$

take the limit on the spectrum (only the bosonic part)

$$l_s^2 p^+ \tilde{H}_{lc} = 2fN_0 + \sum_{n \neq 0} [(\omega_n + f)N_n + (\omega_n - f)M_n] + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{I=3}^8 \omega_n N_n^{(I)}$$

For $f = \mu l_s^2 p^+ \rightarrow \infty \quad \longrightarrow \quad \omega_n \sim f + \frac{n^2}{2f}$

! Only the modes with number operator M_n survive

$$l_s^2 p^+ \tilde{H}_{lc} = \sum_{n \neq 0} (\omega_n - f)M_n \sim \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{n^2}{2f} M_n$$

! Presence of flat direction gives non-trivial spectrum after limit,

in terms of gauge theory quantities

$$\frac{\tilde{H}_{lc}}{\tilde{\mu}} = \frac{2\pi^2 \tilde{\lambda}}{J^2} \sum_{n \neq 0} n^2 M_n, \quad \sum_{n \neq 0} n M_n = 0$$

Matches spectrum of weakly coupled gauge theory!

Computation of Hagedorn temperature

1) Using the spectrum after the decoupling limit

$$\tilde{H}_{\text{IC}} \sim \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{n^2}{2l_s^2 p^+ f} M_n$$

the partition function has singularity for $\tilde{\beta}_H^{3/2} = \zeta(3/2) \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\tilde{\lambda}}}$

we get

$$\tilde{T}_H = (2\pi)^{1/3} \left[\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right]^{-2/3} \tilde{\lambda}^{1/3}$$

Matches the Hagedorn temperature of gauge theory / Heisenberg chain

2) Using the full spectrum before the limit. The eq. for the Hagedorn is

$$\tilde{\beta}_H \pi \sqrt{\tilde{\lambda}} = 2 \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p} \left[3 + \cosh\left(\frac{\tilde{\beta}_H p}{1-\Omega}\right) - 4(-1)^p \cosh\left(\frac{\tilde{\beta}_H p}{2(1-\Omega)}\right) \right] K_1\left(\frac{\tilde{\beta}_H p}{1-\Omega}\right)$$

Sugawara

taking now the limit we get again

$$\tilde{T}_H = (2\pi)^{1/3} \left[\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right]^{-2/3} \tilde{\lambda}^{1/3}$$

Check on the validity of the decoupling limit



verifies commutativity of limits

Conclusions...

I A solvable sector of AdS/CFT

Ferromagnetic
Heisenberg
spin chain



Limit of
weakly coupled
planar N = 4 SYM



Limit of
free strings
on AdS₅ × S⁵

A spin chain/gauge theory/string theory correspondence

I Explicit matching for large $\tilde{\lambda}/L$ spectrum and Hagedorn temperature

$$E = \frac{2\pi^2 \tilde{\lambda}}{L^2} \sum_{n \neq 0} n^2 M_n, \quad \sum_{n \neq 0} n M_n = 0 \quad \tilde{T}_H = (2\pi)^{1/3} \left[\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right]^{-2/3} \tilde{\lambda}^{1/3}$$

...& Future directions

I Heisenberg chain with magnetic field, (work in progress with T.Harmark and K.R.Kristjánsson)

I λ corrections to spectrum/thermodynamics

I $\tilde{\lambda}^{-1/3}$ corrections on the string side

I SU(2|3) sector: Which pp-wave?