

Instantons in 5 and 6 Dim Quantum Field Theories

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QFT on R^{1+3}

Quantum Field Theory

- Theory of Identical Particles
- James Clerk Maxwell: Atoms in Encyclopedia Britannica, 9th Ed. (year 1875) Atoms have been compared by Sir John Herschel to manufactured articles, on account of their uniformity.
- Planck (1900), Einstein (1905): photon
- Dirac (1927): quantization of electromagnetic field by using quantum harmonic oscillators and introducing photon as field quanta

Quantum Field Theories

- QFT as a modern calculus (Seiberg)
 - discovered for physics problem
 - enormously useful in diverse fields of science: particle physics, condensed matter physics, cosmology and string theory, mathematics
 - do not know the right formulation
 - sign of a deep idea

Feynman Path Integral

- 4d Yang-Mills theory of gauge group SU(N): A , $F=dA+A^2$

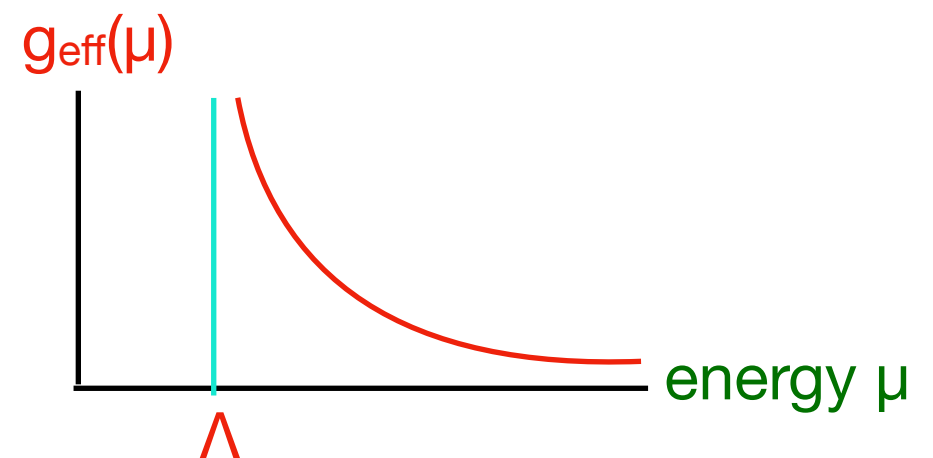
$$S_E = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{4g^2} \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{i\theta}{32\pi^2} \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu} {}^*F_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

- Euclidean time path integral

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-HT} = \int [dA_\mu] \exp(-S_E)$$

- weakly coupled perturbative region:
 - ultraviolet physics: asymptotic freedom

- strongly coupled nonperturbative region
 - infrared physics: color confining, mass gap



instantons in R^4_E

- saddle point method: stationary point A^s such that $\delta S_E = 0$

$$Z = \sum_{A^s} e^{-S_E(A^s)} \int [d\delta A_\mu] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \delta^2 S_E(A^s) \delta A^2\right)$$

- stationary points: self-dual instantons and anti-selfdual instantons such that $*F = \pm F$

$$k = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{tr} F \wedge F, \quad k \in \mathbf{Z}$$

- Counting instantons:
- for $U(N)$: the second Chern class
- instantons contribution to the vacuum energy of Yang-Mill theory with θ -therm

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = K e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g^2}} \cos(\theta)$$

- Highly nonperturbative, not yet color confining or mass gap.....

instantons in R^4_E

- N=2 supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory
- vector multiplet in the Coulomb branch: A^r, λ^r, a^r
- Coulomb branch: complex space of dimension $r=\text{rank}$ of the gauge group
- The quantum correction to the moduli space metric: 1-loop exact + non-perturbative instanton corrections
- Free potential captures it well.

$$F(a), \quad a_i^D = \partial F / \partial a^i, \quad \tau_{ij} = \partial a_i^D / \partial a_j$$

$$\mathcal{L}_K = \frac{1}{2} \tau(a)_{ij} \partial_\mu a^i \partial^\mu a^j$$

- For SU(2) SYM,

$$F = \frac{i}{2\pi} a^2 \ln \frac{a^2}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k a^2 \left(\frac{\Lambda^4}{a^4} \right)^k$$

Quantum Field Theories

- How to extend QFTs
- Lower dimensions ($0, 1, 2=1+1, 3=1+1+1$)
- Higher dimensions ($5=1+4, 6=1+5$)

4 dim

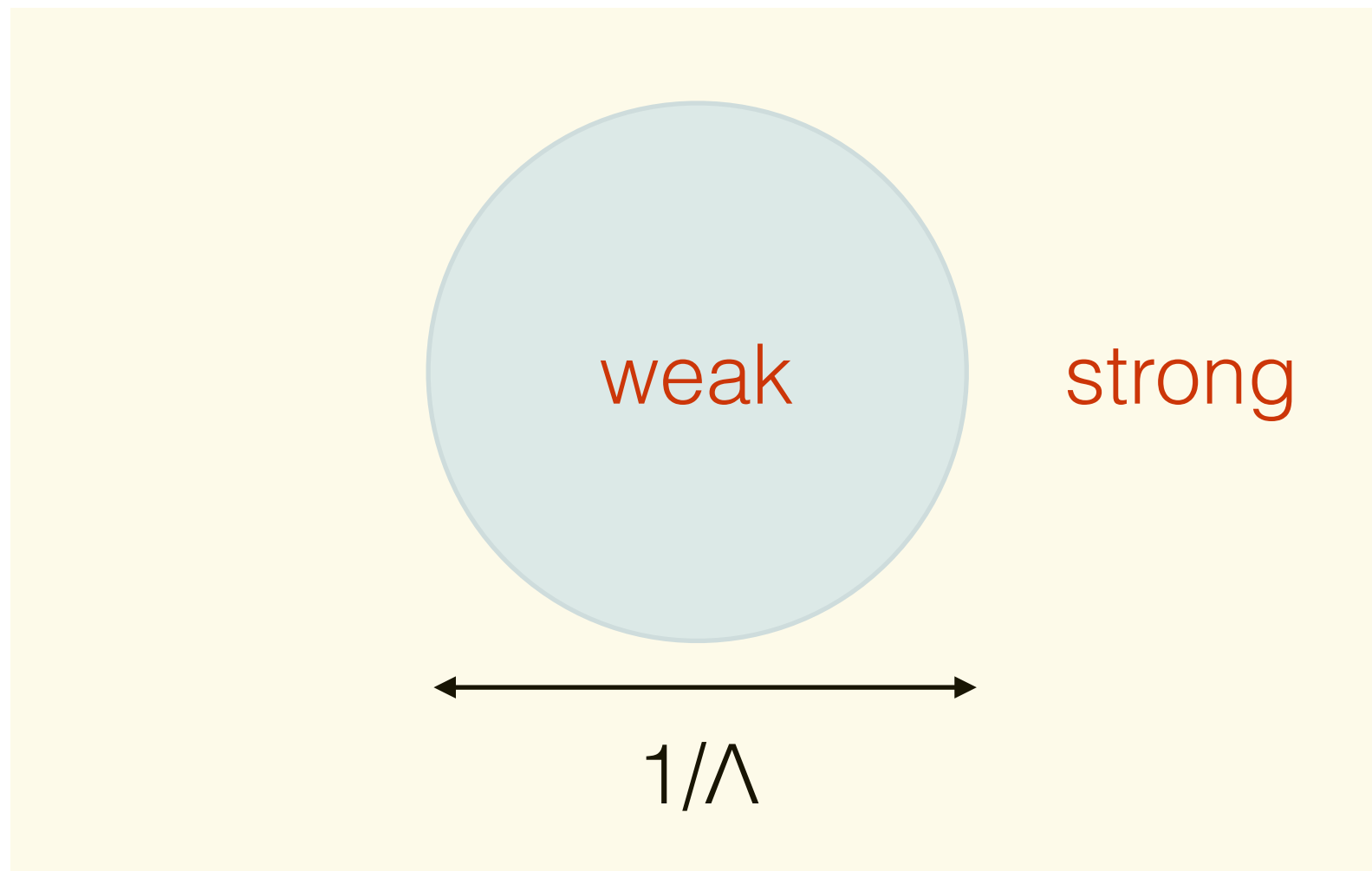
- Yang-Mills theory: $[g^2] = 0$
 - running coupling constant: $1/g^2(p) \propto \ln(p/\Lambda)$
 - QCD: asymptotically free (UV free), confinement
 - QED: IR free, Landau pole
- 2,3 dim: well-defined, many relation to condensed matter physics

5 dim & 6 dim

- Yang-Mills theory: $[1/g^2] = M$ (5d), M^2 (6d)
 - coupling expansion = $1/M$ or $1/M^2$ expansion
 - non-renormalizable
 - IR free, UV strong, Landau pole?
- How to complete the physics of UV region?
 - 7,8,9,10: 10-dim superstring theory completion
 - 11-dim M theory completion
- 5,6 dim: 5,6 superconformal field theories and little string theories
 - **instantons and instanton(self-dual) strings** play a crucial role.

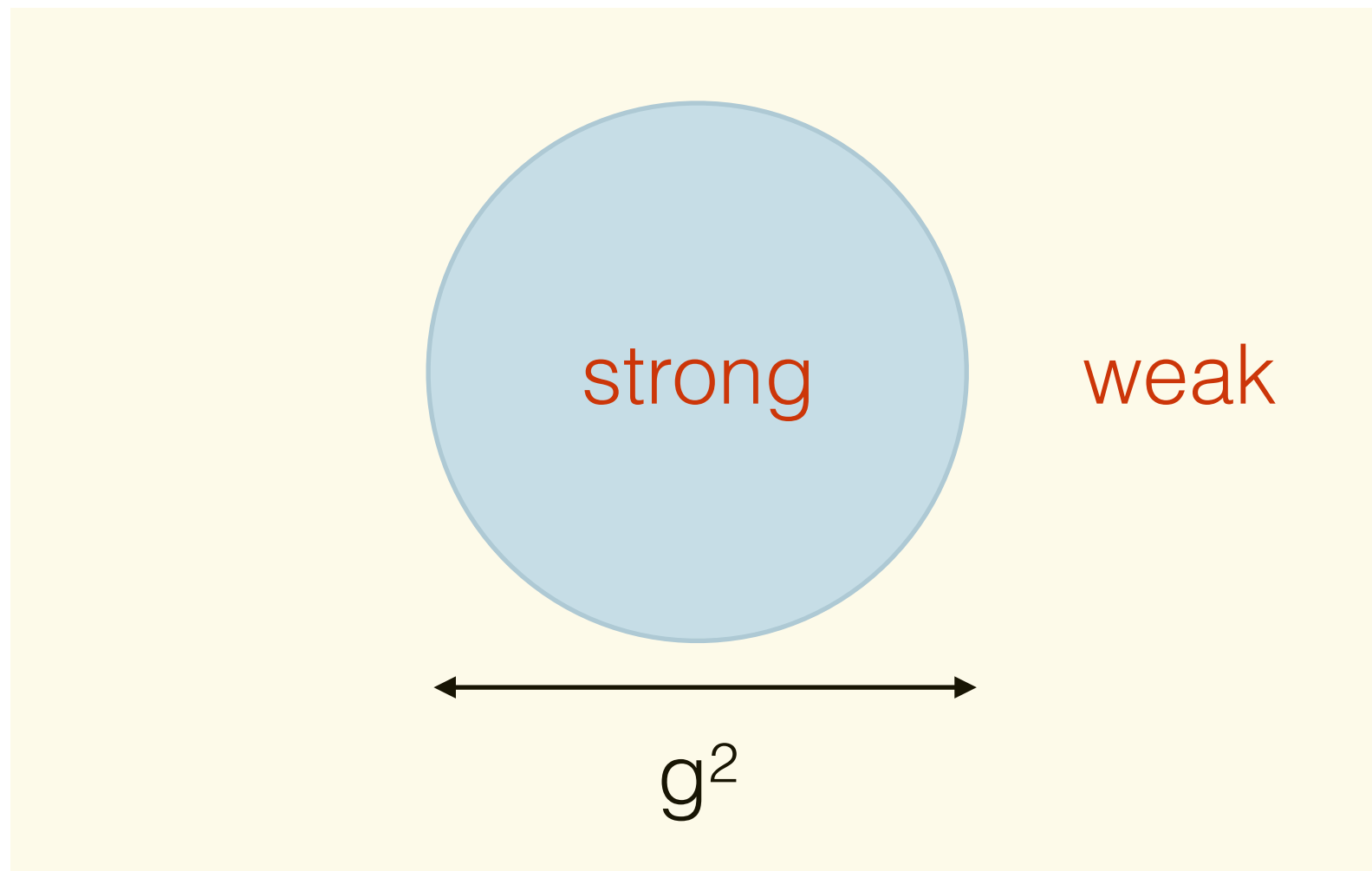
d=4 dim

- Yang-Mills theory: $[1/g^2](p) = c \ln (p/\Lambda)$, $c>0$
- weak interaction in short distance (asymptotically free)
- strong interaction in long distance (confinement)



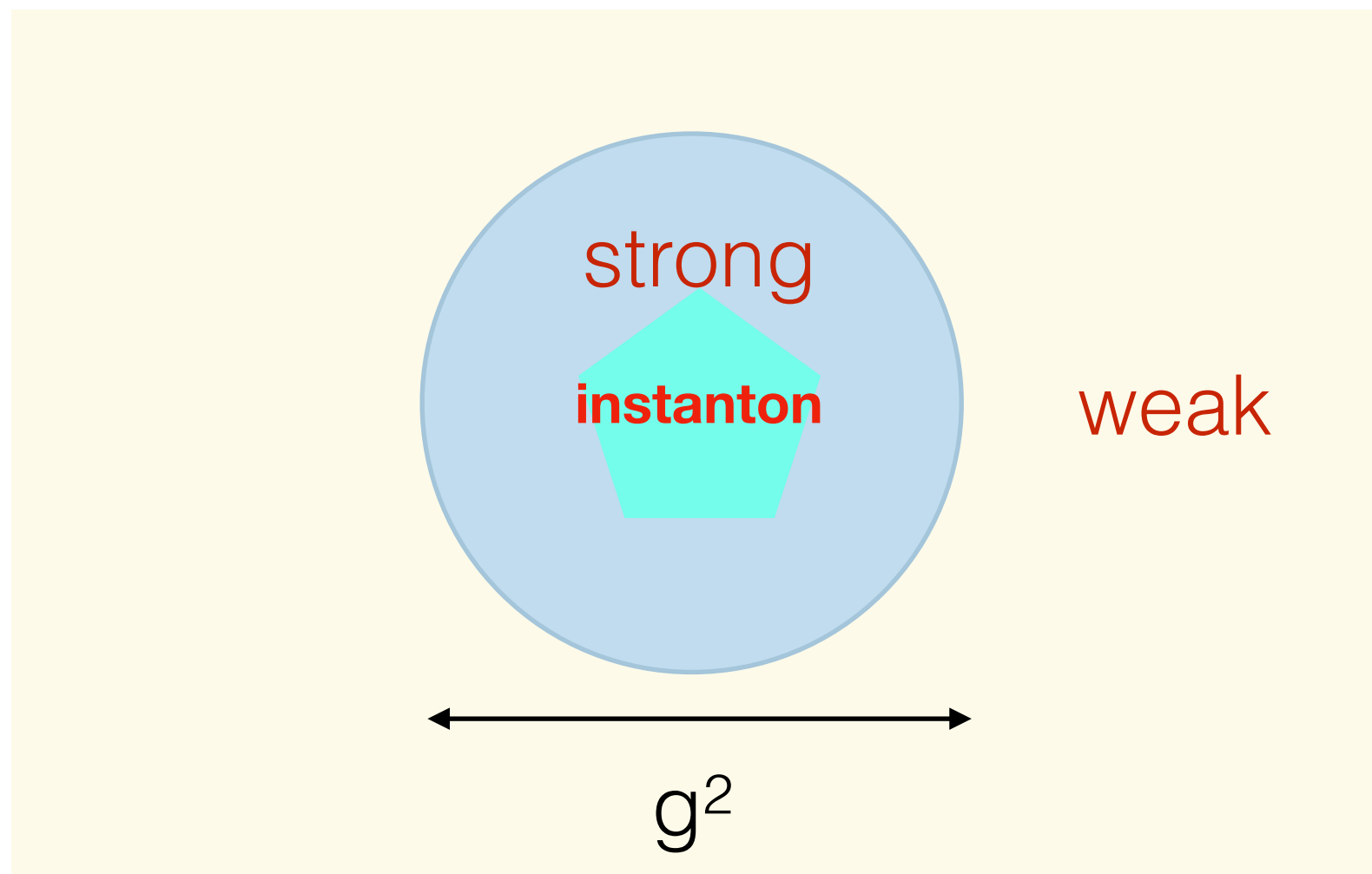
d=5,6 dim

- Yang-Mills theory: $[1/g^2] = M$ (5d), M^2 (6d)
- strong interaction in short distance
- weak interaction in long distance



d=5,6 dim

- Instanton solitons in 5d and Instanton (self-dual) strings in 6d provide the short distance completion of these theories.



5 and 6 Dim QFTs

5 & 6 dim superconformal group

W. Nahm 1978

- 5d: $N=1$ SCFTs with $F(4)$ supergroup
- 6d: $(1,0)$ SCFTs with $OSp(2,6|1)$ supergroup
- 6d: $(2,0)$ SCFTs with $OSp(2,6|2)$ supergroup

conformal symmetry

- $p_\mu = \partial_\mu$ (space-time translation)
- $m_{\mu\nu} = x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu$ (space-time translation)
- $d = x^\mu \partial_\mu$ (dilatation) $x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu$
- $k_\mu = 2x_\mu(x^\nu \partial_\nu) - x^2 \partial_\mu$ (special conformal transformation)

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu(x) = \frac{x^\mu - a^\mu x^2}{1 - 2(a \cdot x) + a^2 x^2}$$

No dimensionful parameter

5d $N=1$
SCFTs

5 dim N=1

$$S_M = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^5x \left(\frac{1}{4} \text{tr} F_{AB} F^{AB} + \frac{1}{2} D_A \Phi D^A \Phi \dots \right), \quad [g^2] = \text{Length}$$

- vector multiplet: A_μ, Φ, λ_A (symplectic Majorana)
- hyper multiplet: q_A, ψ (symplectic Majorana)

5 dim N=1

- Seiberg (9608111):
 - 5d N=1 SYM theories with $SU(2)=Sp(1)$ gauge group and N_f fundamental hyper multiplets have a UV fixed point with enhanced global symmetry $E_{n+1} \supset SO(2N_f) \times U(1)_I$
 - type I', HE, HO T-duality
- instantons: the number of 1/2 BPS instantons is $U(1)_I$ charge

5 dim $N=1$

- Morrison, Seiberg (9609070):
 - For $N_f=0$, discrete $\theta=0,\pi$ with $E_1, \bar{E}_1$ enhanced symmetry.
 - non-Lagrangian theory of rank 1 E_0 without any global symmetry.
- $E_0, \bar{E}_1=U(1), E_1=SU(2), E_2=SU(2)\times U(1), E_3=SU(3)\times SU(2), E_4=SU(5), E_5=SO(10), E_6, E_7, E_8$
- $\tilde{E}_8$: $SU(2) + 8$ fundamental hypermultiplets: completed in 6d (1,0) SCFT (E-string theory)
 - M5 branes exploring the Horava-Witten E_8 Wall in Heterotic $E_8\times E_8$ theory

Dyonic Instantons

Lambert-Tong(9907), Kim-KL(0111)

- Dyonic Instantons

- $$E = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + F_{\mu 0}^2 + (D_0 \Phi)^2 + (D_\mu \Phi)^2 + \dots \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu} \mp {}^* F_{\mu\nu})^2 + (F_\mu \mp D_\mu \Phi)^2 + (D_0 \Phi)^2 \right) \pm M_{\text{central}}$$

- Instantons: $F = {}^* F$ (self-dual), and mass = $8\pi^2/g^2 \ k$

- zero modes for SU(2) case: $8k = 4$ (c.m. position) + 4(overall scale + SU(2) global symmetry)

- Dyonic one: $E_\mu = D_\mu \Phi$, $D_0 \Phi = 0$

- Gauss law: $D_\mu E_\mu = D_\mu D_\mu \Phi = 0$
 - Boundary condition $\langle \Phi \rangle = \mu \sigma_3 / 2$

Dyonic Instantons

Lambert-Tong(9907), Kim-KL(0111)

- The zeros of Φ is gauge invariant and depend on the instanton moduli space ([supertube](#), [Townsend 0103.](#)): composition of D4,D0,F1,D2 loop.
- Nontrivial angular momentum (generalization of monopole-electric charge)
- For a given instanton number k , and electric charge Q with the given boundary condition, there is a huge degeneracy with many different angular momentum (J_+, J_-) of $SO(4)=SU(2) \times SU(2)$ spatial rotation.

Dyonic Instantons

- The zeros of Φ is gauge invariant and depend on the instanton moduli space parameters

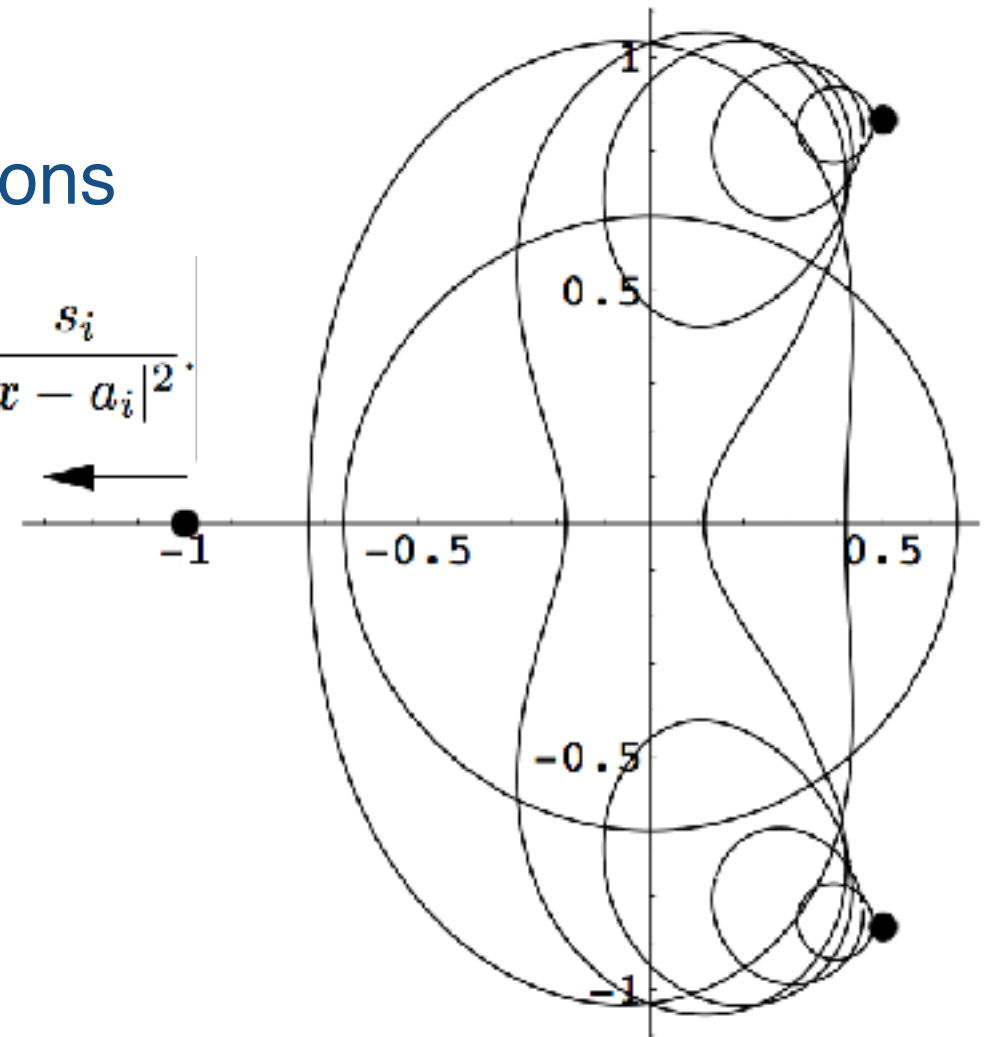
- Jackiw-Nohl-Rebbi (77)** for two instantons

$$A_\mu(x) = \frac{i}{2} \sigma^a \bar{\eta}_{\mu\nu}^a \partial_\nu \log H(x), \quad H(x) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{\kappa} \frac{s_i}{|x - a_i|^2}.$$

- Kim-Lee (0111)**

$$D_\mu D_\mu \Phi = 0, \quad \langle \Phi \rangle = \frac{v}{2} \sigma_3$$

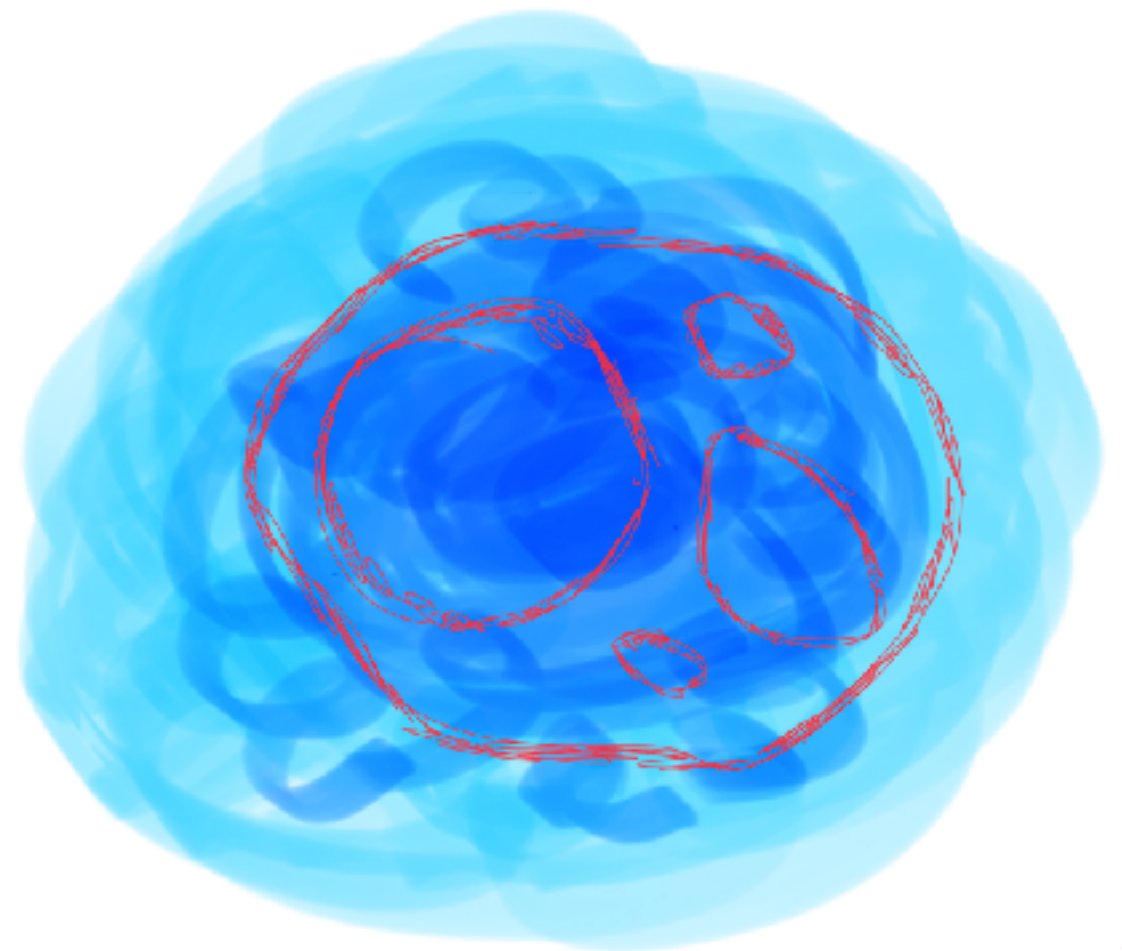
- Circle of D2 = the zeroth of Φ
- For a given instanton configuration and $\langle \Phi \rangle$, the electric charge is fixed.
- For a given number of instanton and electric charge there is a huge degeneracy with different angular momentum.



SU(2) Dyonic Instantons

Lambert-Tong(9907), Kim-KL(0111)

- k instanton with $8k$ zero modes
- 4 position, 3 overall SU(2) orientation, 1 overall size
- $8k-8$: internal zero modes: relative size and orientations
- For a given number of instanton and electric charge there is a huge degeneracy with different angular momentum.



5 dim N=1 SU(2) gauge

- Supercharge $Q_{\alpha A}, Q_{\dot{\alpha} A}$

- $SO(4)=SU(2)_- \times SU(2)_+ : (\alpha, \dot{\alpha})$

- $SU(2)_R : A$

- Supersymmetric Algebra

$$\{Q_M^A, Q_N^B\} = P_\mu (\Gamma^\mu C)_{MN} \epsilon^{AB} + i \frac{4\pi^2 k}{g_{YM}^2} C_{MN} \epsilon^{AB} + i \text{tr}(v\Pi) C_{MN} \epsilon^{AB}$$

- BPS states in the Coulomb phase: instantons, electric charges and magnetic monopole strings

$$M_{central} = \frac{8\pi^2 k}{g^2} + v Q_{electric}$$

Quantum dyonic instantons

- Testing the enhancement of the global symmetry
- BPS states are invariant under the continuous deformation
- Counting the BPS states with a given supercharge

$$Q = \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}A} Q_{\dot{\alpha}A}$$

- Generalized Witten Index=Index partition function

$$Z = \text{Tr}(-1)^F e^{-\beta\{Q, Q^\dagger\}} e^{-i\epsilon_+(J_+ + J_R) - i\epsilon_- J_- - i\alpha_i \Pi_i}$$

- ϵ_1, ϵ_2 Ω -deformation, localize the instanton on $\mathbb{R}^4$
 - chemical potential for the angular momentum J_1, J_2
- α_i : localize the instanton size
 - chemical potential for the electric charge Π_i

5 dim $N=1$

- Fermion zero modes (gaugino λ and higgsinos ψ)
- Partition functions in the path integral is composed of perturbative and nonperturbative contributions
 - $Z = Z_{\text{perturbative}} Z_{\text{non-perturbative}}$
- perturbative: W-bosons and matter hyper
- nonperturbative: dyonic instantons = solitons with nontrivial angular momentum

Partition Function

- Ω -deformation, localized on R^4 : $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_+ + \varepsilon_-$, $\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_+ - \varepsilon_-$
- localized on the size of instantons: $\mu = \alpha$ (Coulomb parameter)

- Z_k : Nekrasov partition function

$$Z_{non-pert} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^k Z_k, \quad q = e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g^2}}$$

- ADHM supersymmetric quantum mechanics for instantons
- localization: $O(k)$ gauge theory, vector, hyper, fermi
(Kim, Kim, Lee 1206....)

$$I_{Sp(N)}^{k=1} = \frac{1}{32i^2} \left[\frac{\prod_{l=1}^{N_f} 2i \sin \frac{m_l}{2} \prod_{i=1}^N 2i \sin \frac{m \pm \alpha_i}{2}}{\sinh \frac{\gamma_1 \pm \gamma_2}{2} \sin \frac{m \pm i\gamma_1}{2} \prod_{i=1}^N 2i \sin \frac{i\gamma_1 \pm \alpha_i}{2}} + \frac{\prod_{l=1}^{N_f} 2 \cos \frac{m_l}{2} \prod_{i=1}^N 2 \cos \frac{m \pm \alpha_i}{2}}{\sinh \frac{\gamma_1 \pm \gamma_2}{2} \sin \frac{m \pm i\gamma_1}{2} \prod_{i=1}^N 2 \cos \frac{i\gamma_1 \pm \alpha_i}{2}} \right] - I_{D0}^{k=1}$$

Partition Function (Gopakumar-Vafa Invariants)

- the free energy F : $Z = \exp(-F) = \text{PE}(F_s)$
- F_s = single particle free energy

$$\begin{aligned} Z_b &= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \\ &= \exp(-\ln(1-x)) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}\right) \\ &= \text{PE}(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_f &= 1 - x = \exp(-\ln(1-x)) \\ &= \exp\left(-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}\right) \\ &\equiv \text{PE}(-x) \end{aligned}$$

- $A = e^{-\mu} q^{2/(8-Nf)}$ **Mitev,Pomoni,Taki,Yagi,1411**

$$F_s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j_L, j_R=0} N_{(j_L, j_R)} f(j_L, j_R) A^n$$

$$f(j_L, j_R; t, q) \equiv f(j_L, j_R) = \frac{(-1)^{2j_L+2j_R+1} \left((tq)^{-j_L} + \dots + (tq)^{j_L} \right) \left(\left(\frac{t}{q}\right)^{-j_R} + \dots + \left(\frac{t}{q}\right)^{j_R} \right)}{(t^{1/2} - t^{-1/2})(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})},$$

$$t = e^{\epsilon_1}, q = e^{-\epsilon_2},$$

Partition Function

- some examples

$$f(0,0) = -\frac{\sqrt{qt}}{(1-t)(1-q)},$$

$$f(0,\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{t+q}{(1-t)(1-q)},$$

$$f(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{(t+q)(1+qt)}{\sqrt{qt}(1-t)(1-q)},$$

$$f(\frac{1}{2},1) = -\frac{(1+qt)(q^2+qt+t^2)}{qt(1-t)(1-q)}.$$

- $SU(2)+N_f=5 : E_6$

$$F_{E_6} = -\frac{\sqrt{qt}}{(1-t)(1-q)}\chi_{\mathbf{2\bar{7}}}\tilde{A} + \frac{t+q}{(1-t)(1-q)}\chi_{\mathbf{27}}\tilde{A}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{A}^3)$$

- $\overline{27} = 10_0 + 16_1 + 1_2, \quad 27 = 1_0 + 16_1 + 10_2$

- $\tilde{A}$ measures the charge
- F_s has a simple pole in t and q .

6d (2,0)
SCFTs

6d (2,0) SCFTs

Witten'95, Seiberg Witten '96

- superconformal symmetry: $OSp(2,6|2) \supset O(2,8) \times Sp(2)_R$
 - * fields: B, Φ_I, Ψ
 - * selfdual strength $H=dB=*H$, purely quantum $\hbar=1$
 - * superconformal symmetry: $OSp(2,6|2) \supset O(2,8) \times Sp(2)_R$
- tensor branch: M2 branes connecting M5 branes = selfdual
- We do not know how to write down the theory for nonabelian case.
- N^3 degrees of freedom
- A, D, E type: (type IIB on ADE singularity)

Counting BPS states on $R^{1+4} \times S^1$

- $x^5 \sim x^5 + 2\pi R$
- small R limit: 5d N=2 SYM with instanton being KK modes
- instanton counting $Z = Z_{\text{pert}} Z_{\text{inst}}$
- $Z_{\text{inst}} = 1 + q Z_1 + q^2 Z_2 + \dots$
- large R limit: 6d self-dual elliptic genus in tensor branch
- elliptic genus of self-dual strings
- $Z = Z'_{\text{pert}} Z_{\text{stri}}$

Kim², Koh, Lee², 1110

$$Z_{\text{string}} = 1 + \sum_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r} w_1^{k_1} w_2^{k_2} \dots w_r^{k_r} Z_{k_1, \dots, k_r}$$

Haghighat, Iqbal, Kozcaz,
Lockhart, Vafa, 1305

Counting BPS states on $R^{1+4} \times S^1$

Nekrasov'02, Nekrasov, Okounkov '03

- U(1) theory

$$Z_1 = \frac{\sin \frac{m \pm \epsilon_-}{2}}{\sin \frac{\epsilon_+ \pm \epsilon_-}{2}} \quad Z_{\text{inst}} = 1 + qZ_1 + q^2 Z_2 + \dots = \exp\left(\frac{q}{1-q} Z_1\right)$$

Kim², Koh, Lee², 1110

- sum over Young tableau Y

- U(N) theory

$$I_{k=1} = \left(\frac{\sin \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma_1 - \gamma_2}{2}}{\sin \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_R}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma_1 - \gamma_R}{2}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^N \prod_{j(\neq i)} \frac{\sinh \frac{\mu_{ij} + i\gamma_2 - i\gamma_R}{2} \sinh \frac{\mu_{ij} - i\gamma_2 - i\gamma_R}{2}}{\sinh \frac{\mu_{ij}}{2} \sinh \frac{\mu_{ij} - 2i\gamma_R}{2}}$$

- Colored Young tableaux

$$I_{\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_N\}} = \prod_{i,j=1}^N \prod_{s \in Y_i} \frac{\sinh \frac{E_{ij} - i(\gamma_2 + \gamma_R)}{2} \sinh \frac{E_{ij} + i(\gamma_2 - \gamma_R)}{2}}{\sinh \frac{E_{ij}}{2} \sinh \frac{E_{ij} - 2i\gamma_R}{2}}$$

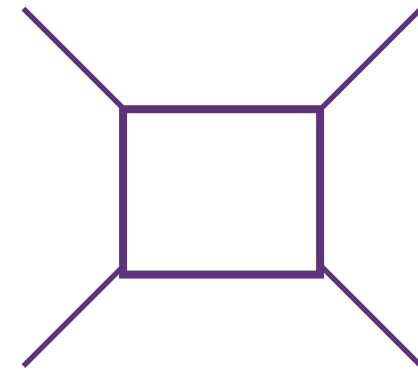
$$E_{ij} = \mu_i - \mu_j + i(\gamma_1 - \gamma_R)h_i(s) + i(\gamma_1 + \gamma_R)(v_j(s) + 1)$$

6d (1,0)
SCFTs & LSTs

6d (1,0) SCFTs

Seiberg'96, Danielsson et.al.'97

- supercharge Q (1,0), ε -spinor (0,1)
- (1,0) vector multiplet: gaugino (0,1)
- (1,0) hypermultiplet: higgsino (1,0)
- tensor multiplet: (1,0)
- gauge anomaly due to vector and matter 1-loop
- anomaly polynomial



$$\text{Tr}_R F^4 = \alpha_R \text{tr} F^4 + c_R (\text{tr} F^2)^2$$

$$\alpha_R = 0 \text{ for } SU(2), SU(3), G_2, SO(8), F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8$$

$$c_{\text{tot}} = \left[c_{Ad} - \sum_{R \text{ matter}} c_R \right] \geq 0$$

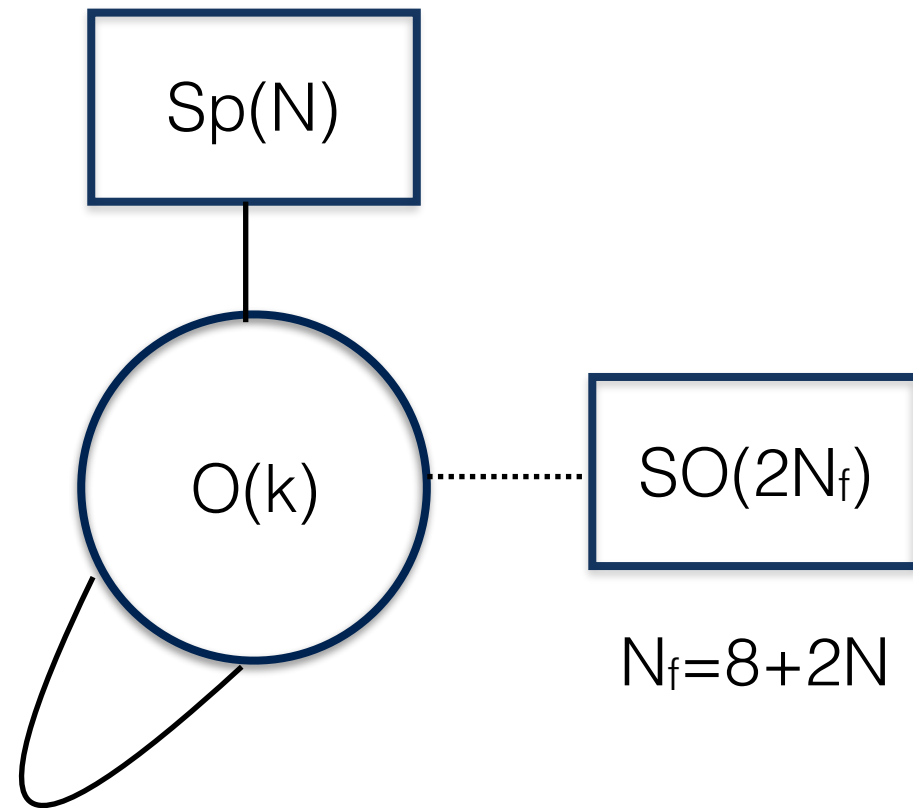
6d (1,0) rank 1 with E_8 global symmetry

- M5 branes on Horava-Witten M9 Wall
 - $O8^-+8D8$ branes + 1 NS5 brane + $2N$ D6 branes:
 - two $1/2$ NS5 branes on $O6^-$ plane + $(4+N)D6$ branes
 - $Sp(N)_T - [SO(2N+16)]$
 - k instanton strings= self-dual strings: 2d $O(k)$ group
- $1/2$ NS5 branes on $O8^-+8D8+1$ NS5 brane + N D6 branes
 - $SU(N)_T-[SU(N+8)]+$ antisymmetric hyper:
 - tensor multiplet: (1,0)
 - k instanton strings= self-dual strings: 2d $U(k)$ gauge group

6d (1,0) rank 1 with E_8 global symmetry

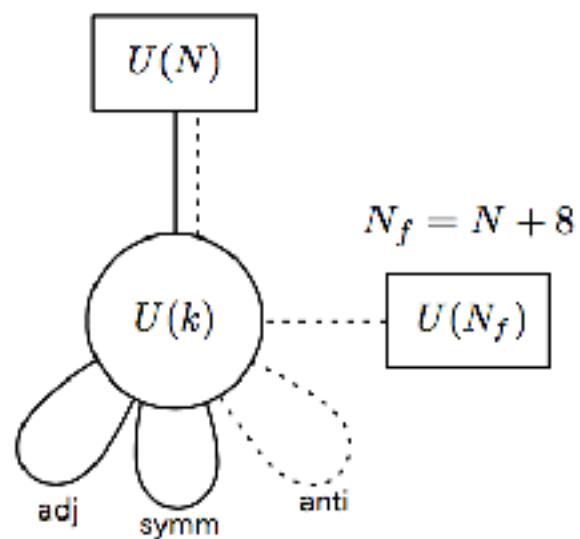
- a part of E_6 conformal matter
 - a single M5 brane on E_6 singularity
 - fractionalization: $[E_6]-T-SU(3)_T-T-[E_6]$
 - $[E_6]-T-[SU(3)]$
- a part of E_7 conformal matter : $[E_7]-T-SU(2)_T-SO(7)_T-SU(2)_T-T-[E_7]$
 - $[E_7]-T-[SU(2)]$
- a part of E_8 conformal matter k instanton strings= self-dual strings: 2d $U(k)$ gauge group

6d (1,0) rank 1 with E_8 global symmetry



Kim²,KL,Park,Vafa '14
Kim²,KL'15

symm hyper



(a)

Field	Type	$U(k)$	$U(N)$	$U(N_f)$	$U(1)_A$
$(A_\mu, \lambda^{\dot{\alpha}A})$	vector	adj	—	—	0
$(a_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}, \chi_\alpha^A)$	hyper	adj	—	—	0
$(q_{\dot{\alpha}}, \psi^A)$	hyper	k	$\bar{\mathbf{N}}$	—	0
(Ξ_l)	Fermi	k	—	$\bar{\mathbf{N}}_f$	0
$(\varphi_A, \Phi^{\dot{\alpha}})$	twisted hyper	sym	—	—	+1
(Ψ_α)	Fermi	anti	—	—	+1
(ψ)	Fermi	k	$\mathbf{N}$	—	+1

(b)

6d (1,0) rank 1 with E_8 global symmetry

- Partition function $Z = Z_{\text{pert}} Z_{\text{string}}$, $Z_{\text{string}} = 1 + w Z_1 + w^2 Z_2 + \dots$
- single string partition function

Klemm, Mayr, Vafa '96

$$Z_1 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{Z_{1(i)}}{2} = -\frac{\Theta(q, m_l)}{\eta^6 \theta_1(\epsilon_1) \theta_1(\epsilon_2)}, \quad \Theta(\tau, m_l) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^4 \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_n(\tau, m_l).$$

- two strings

Haghighat, Lockhart, Vafa, 1406

$$Z_2 = \frac{1}{576 \eta^{12} \theta_1(\epsilon_1) \theta_1(\epsilon_2) \theta_1(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1) \theta_1(2\epsilon_1)} \left[4A_1^2(\phi_{0,1}(\epsilon_1)^2 - E_4 \theta_{-2,1}(\epsilon_1)^2) \right. \\ \left. + 3A_2(E_4^2 \phi_{-2,1}(\epsilon_1)^2 - E_8 \phi_{-2,1}(\epsilon_1) \phi_{0,1}(\epsilon_1)) + 5B_2(E_8 \phi_{-2,1}(\epsilon_1)^2 - E_4 \phi_{-2,1}(\epsilon_1) \phi_{0,1}(\epsilon_1)) \right] + (\epsilon_1 \leftrightarrow \epsilon_2) \quad (3.26)$$

- multi-strings (eg. four strings)

$$Z_{4(1)} = - \oint \left[\eta^4 du_1 du_2 \cdot \frac{\theta_1(2\epsilon_+)^2 \theta_1(2\epsilon_+ \pm u_1 \pm u_2) \theta_1(\pm u_1 \pm u_2)}{\eta^{10}} \right]_{\text{vec}} \quad (3.43) \\ \cdot \left[\frac{\eta^{20}}{\theta_1(\epsilon_{1,2})^2 \theta_1(\epsilon_{1,2} \pm u_1 \pm u_2) \theta_1(\epsilon_{1,2} \pm 2u_1) \theta_1(\epsilon_{1,2} \pm 2u_2)} \right]_{\text{sym}} \cdot \left[\prod_{l=1}^8 \frac{\theta_1(m_l \pm u_1) \theta_1(m_l \pm u_2)}{\eta^4} \right]_{\text{Fermi}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\theta_1(2\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2) \theta_1(-\epsilon_1) \prod_l \theta_i(m_l \pm (\epsilon_1 - \frac{\epsilon_2}{2})) \theta_i(m_l \pm \frac{\epsilon_2}{2})}{2\eta^{24} \theta_1(\epsilon_{1,2})^2 \theta_1(2\epsilon_1) \theta_1(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1) \theta_1(2\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2) \theta_1(2\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1) \theta_1(3\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2) \theta_1(2\epsilon_2 - 2\epsilon_1)} + (\epsilon_1 \leftrightarrow \epsilon_2)$$

Issues

Find some general principle for Z_{string}

- Anomaly polynomial on the string dynamics delZotto, Lockhart 1609
 - Holomorphic anomaly equation on partition function
 - employ the ring structure of Jacobi forms
- Find the bound on the angular momentum, use the modularity Gu, Huang, Kashini-Poor, Klemm 1701
- Find some smart way to write the instanton string dynamics H. Kim, S. Kim, J. Park 1608
- many more....

Conclusion

5, 6 d Quantum Field Theories

- Ultra-violet physics of these theories is not well-defined unless the detail of the instanton dynamics is provided.
- One has to supply the detail of instanton dynamics or the self-dual strings (some highly nontrivial cases have been attacked very successfully but much remain to be done.)
- Not only interesting by their own, they imply that many new insights to the 4d quantum field theories A lot of them have been discovered but still a lot more to be discovered.