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ABJM Theory

ABJM is a N=6 3d SCFT Chern-Simons-matter-theory: 2 CS + 4 hypers bifundamental [Aharony, Bergman, Jafferis, Maldacena]



It describes the low energy physics of NM2-branes on $\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k$

Dual to M-theory on AdS4

By AdS/CFT, conjecturally dual to M-theory on $AdS_4 \times S^7 / \mathbb{Z}_k$ $\int_{S^7 / \mathbb{Z}_k} *F_4 = N$

Large k, it is dual to $II A \text{ on } AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$ $S^7 \simeq \mathbb{CP}^3 \times S^1 \qquad g_s \propto \frac{1}{k}$

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 $\sigma_{N\times N} = \operatorname{diag}(\mu')$

In a large N expansion we can systematically compute corrections to the free energy $F = \ln Z_{S^3}$

't Hooft expansion

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$$N \gg 1, \lambda, \qquad F(g_s, \lambda) = \sum_{g \ge 0} g_s^{2g-2} F_g(\lambda) \qquad g_s = rac{2\pi i}{k}$$

M-theory expansion

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- Matrix model is similar to pure CS on Lens space L(2,1) ~ ~topological string via large N duality [Marino, Drukker, Putrov; Marino, Putrov]
- 2. Fermi gas approach: one-dim ideal Fermi gas of N particles [Marino, Putrov]

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Large N, λ

The perturbative part, on the other hand, can be exactly resummed to obtain an Airy function!

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$$\propto Ai \left[\left(\frac{\pi^2 k}{2} \right)^{1/3} \left(N - \frac{k}{24} - \frac{1}{3k} \right) \right] Also valid in M-theory limit: small k!!$$
[Fuji, Hirano, Moriyama; Marino, Putrov]
$$Ai(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{e^{-i\pi/3}\infty}^{e^{i\pi/3}\infty} dt \exp \left[\frac{t^3}{3} - zt \right]$$

Since by AdS/CFT

ABJM
$$(N, k) \sim M$$
-theory on $AdS_4 \times S^7/Z_k$

We can use the *master equation*

$$Z_{AdS_4} = Z_{CFT_3}$$

...to extract important information about quantum corrections in M-theory/String theory

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[JG, Dabholkar, Drukker]













STEP 1

Localization in Supergravity

Localization & Black hole entropy

Recently we have assisted to spectacular progress in the computation of *exact Black Hole entropy using Localisation techniques in Supergravity!*

$$d(q) = Z_{AdS_2}$$
 [Sen

Path integral in Supergravity *localizes onto finite dimensional integral!* In the case of *N=8 SUGRA* we can actually recover *integers!! (Cf Dabholkar's talk)*

$$Z_{AdS_2} = \int_{\varepsilon - i\infty}^{\varepsilon + i\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{9/2}} e^{t + \frac{\pi^2 q^2}{4t}} + \dots \in \mathbb{N}$$
[JG, Dabholkar, Murthy]^3

[Murthy, Gupta; Murthy, Reys]

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M-theory truncation on S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k

Use a 4-dim consistent truncation down to AdS4 and apply localization at the level of the **Off-shell theory.**

N=2 truncation consists of two vector multiplets coupled to a tensor multiplet. *Prepotential is cubic* (*CP*^3 cohomology).

Dualise the theory to obtain *square root prepotential plus a hypermultiplet charged under the gauge group.*

Same truncation for Sasaki-Einstein $SE_7 \simeq KE_6 \times S^1$, relevant for less supersymmetric quivers [Gauntlett, Kim, Varela, Waldram]

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[de Wit, Lauers, Proeyen,...]

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2-derivative bosonic Lagrangian with square root prepotential

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$$N_{IJ} = \frac{1}{2i}(F_{IJ} - \bar{F}_{IJ})$$

Couplings are derivatives of prepotential which give rise to intricate couplings.

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AdS4 Metric:
$$ds^2 = L^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{r^2 - 1} + (r^2 - 1)d\Omega_3^2 \right)$$

$$\int_{S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k} *F_4 = (2\pi)^6 N \Rightarrow N = \frac{6L^6 \text{vol}(\hat{S}^7)}{k(2\pi)^6}$$

For symmetry reasons:
$$F_{\mu
u}=T_{\mu
u}=0$$

Attractor solution: all scalars are functions of N,k

Vec:
$$X' = iJ', J = \text{const}$$

 $Y' = -2i\frac{J'}{L},$ Hyper: $A_i^a \propto \delta_i^a$
 $F_i^a = 0$
Gauging leads to hyperbolic space: $2gJ'P_I = -\frac{1}{L}$

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Exact matching with ABJM!
[Marino, Drukker, Putrov]



Off-shell instanton solutions

Deform action by introducing Q-exact term

$$S \rightarrow S - t \sum Q \left[(Q \Psi)^{\dagger} \Psi \right] \quad Q^2 = \partial_{Hopf}$$

Bosonic part of deformation is definite positive!

$$QV|_{bosonic} = (Q\Psi)^{\dagger}Q\Psi \ge 0$$

Theory localizes very off-shell



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context of black hole entropy

[JG, Dabholkar, Murthy] Cf Dabholkar's talk

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Remark: the hyper solution still solves all BPS equations! On the contrary, for vectors, only half of them are satisfied!

STEP 3

The Airy function

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[JG, Dabholkar, Drukker]

Comparison with exact answer

We obtain

$$\propto Ai\left((\frac{\pi^2}{2}k)^{1/3}N\right)$$

but exact answer contains **renormalizations of N**

$$\propto Ai\left(\left(\frac{\pi^2}{2}k\right)^{1/3}\left(N-\frac{k}{24}-\frac{1}{3k}\right)\right)$$
 [Bergman, Hirano

These are easy to implement once we know the **renormalized value of N** already at the **"classical level"**

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Comments & Remarks

- More general quiver diagrams which preserve at least N=3 SUSY (12 Q's) also show Airy function behaviour. This is consistent with our computation which only relies on N=2 SUGRA (8 Q's)!
- ABJ matrix model (U(N)xU(N+M)) can also be solved exactly; the perturbative partition function is given by same Airy function but with additional renormalizations to N.
- On the M-theory side we can turn on **torsion** on S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k . This corresponds to **fractional holonomy** $\int C_3 \propto \frac{M}{k}$; The same computation will follow and **Airy function** is found.
- The bulk computation was done in a frame where all *gaugings are electric*. However, the truncation corresponds to mixed *magnetic-electric gaugings*. This might explain measure (work in progress...).
- It should be possible to do the computation from the world-sheet and argue using localisation that the partition function is a topological string partition function (work in progress...).