

TYPE IIB solutions with 16 Supersymmetries

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- Exact half-BPS Type IIB interface solutions I,
Local solutions and supersymmetric Janus, [arXiv:0705.0022](#)
- Exact half-BPS Type IIB interface solutions II,
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- Gravity duals of half-BPS Wilson loops, [arXiv:0705.1004](#)

Supersymmetry as a problem in geometry

- Supersymmetry = existence of “covariantly constant spinors”
 - Calabi-Yau manifolds C_6 : at least 4 susys on $M_4 \times C_6$
 - Sasaki-Einstein manifolds SE_5 : at least 4 susys on $AdS_5 \times SE_5$
- Here : Type IIB 10-dim solution manifolds preserving 16 supersymmetries
 - with a generalized connection
 - on certain classes of manifolds, (\times_w is a warped product over Σ)

$$AdS_p \times S^{q_1} \times S^{q_2} \times_w \Sigma$$

- we solve exactly two cases with $\dim \Sigma = 2$
- but a more general set of problems is probably solvable as well

The AdS/CFT Correspondence

The AdS/CFT correspondence is a **conjectured** equivalence between,

$$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ Super Yang-Mills} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{Type IIB string theory}$$

on flat Minkowski \mathbf{R}^4 on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$$\text{Yang-Mills Theory} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{A Theory of gravity}$$

Maldacena (1997);

Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov (1998);

Witten (1998)

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang-Mills

- Yang-Mills theory with gauge group $SU(N)$ on flat Minkowski \mathbf{R}^4 ;

A	$SU(N)$ connection	1 of $SU(4)_R$
$\psi^a \quad a = 1, \dots, 4$	4 Weyl gauginos	4 of $SU(4)_R$
$\phi^i \quad i = 1, \dots, 6$	6 real scalars	6 of $SU(4)_R$

- The theory is invariant under extended Poincaré supersymmetry,

$$\{Q_\alpha^a, \bar{Q}_\beta^b\} = \delta^{ab} \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu P_\mu \quad a, b = 1, \dots, \mathcal{N} = 4$$

which maps the fields as follows, $A \xrightarrow{Q} \psi \xrightarrow{Q} \phi \xrightarrow{Q} \psi \xrightarrow{Q} A$

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$ is the **maximal** Poincaré supersymmetry (= 8 susys) in YM theory.
 - $SU(4)_R$ is the automorphism group of the superalgebra.
 - Invariant under conformal transformations $SO(2, 4) \sim SU(2, 2)$,
 - this adds conformal supersymmetries S_α^a and \bar{S}_α^a
- Full invariance group is $SU(2, 2|4) \supset SO(2, 4) \times SU(4)_R$

Type IIB String Theory

- Maximal number of 32 supersymmetries;
 - Massless forms of rank 0,2,4, which couple to $D-1$, $D1$, $D3$ branes
- The massive string states are heavy $(\alpha')^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sim 10^{19} \times$ proton mass.
 - At energy scales $\ll (\alpha')^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, only the massless states matter;
- At low energy, Type IIB string theory reduces to Type IIB supergravity.
 - Advantage : supergravity may be described by local fields.

Type IIB Supergravity

g_{MN}	metric	$M, N = 0, 1, \dots, 9$
B	axion/dilaton	contains χ, ϕ
$B_{(2)}$	antisymm	$G_{(3)} \sim dB_{(2)} - BdB_{(2)}^*$
$C_{(4)}$	antisymm	$F_{(5)} \sim dC_{(4)} + \text{Im}(\bar{B}_{(2)}dB_{(2)})$
ψ_M/λ	gravitino/dilatino	Weyl spinors

$$F_{(5)} = *F_{(5)}$$

- Susy variation eqs for the spinors (Γ, \mathcal{B} generators of $\text{Cliff}(1,9)$)

$$\delta\lambda = i(dB) \cdot \Gamma \mathcal{B}^{-1} \varepsilon^* - \frac{i}{4} (G_{(3)} \cdot \Gamma) \varepsilon$$

$$\delta\psi_M = D_M \varepsilon + \frac{i}{4} (F_{(5)} \cdot \Gamma) \Gamma_M \varepsilon - \frac{1}{16} \left(\Gamma_M (G_{(3)} \cdot \Gamma) + 2(G_{(3)} \cdot \Gamma) \Gamma_M \right) \mathcal{B}^{-1} \varepsilon^*$$

AdS/CFT – mapping

SYM in d=4 \Leftrightarrow Type IIB strings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$SO(2, 4)$ conformal	=	$SO(2, 4)$	isometry of AdS_5
$SU(4)_R$ automorph.	=	$SU(4) \sim SO(6)$	isometry of S^5
$SU(2, 2 4)$ superconf.	=	$SU(2, 2 4)$	“isometry”

states \sim operators	\Leftrightarrow	supergravity solutions
(susy inv)	\Leftrightarrow	(susy inv solutions)

- Solving the BPS equations $\delta\lambda = \delta\psi_M = 0$ on $AdS_5 \times S^5$
 - maximal number of 32 solutions ε
 - accounts for the 32 odd Grassmann generators of $SU(2, 2|4)$

Generalizing the AdS/CFT correspondence

- Still conformal $SO(2,4)$ invariant, $AdS_5 \times SE_5$,
 - At least 4 susy requires SE_5 Sasaki-Einstein
- Only Poincaré invariance and asymptotically AdS_5
 - Physically the most interesting
 - Even with supersymmetry, this is hard – no exact solutions known
- We obtain general exact solution for geometries with 16 supersymmetries
 - $AdS_4 \times S^2 \times S^2 \times_w \Sigma$ with symmetry $SO(2,3) \times SO(3) \times SO(3)$
 CFT side : $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills with susy planar interface
 - $AdS_2 \times S^4 \times S^2 \times_w \Sigma$ with symmetry $SO(2,1) \times SO(5) \times SO(3)$
 CFT side : $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills with susy Wilson loop

Geometries with 16 susys and CFT duals

- Can one construct all solutions with 16 susys to Type IIB sugra ?
- Can one construct all solutions with 16 susys which have a CFT dual ?
 - View as AdS duals to deformations of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM
 - Expect a subgroup H of $SU(2, 2|4)$ with 16 susys to be preserved
 - Semi-simple H , with bosonic subgroup H_B

H	H_B	space-time	sol's
$SU(2 2) \times SU(2 2)$	$SO(4) \times SO(4) \times R$	$M_4 \times S^3 \times S^3$	LLM
$OSp(4 4^*)$	$SO(2, 3) \times SO(3) \times SO(3)$	$AdS_4 \times S^2 \times S^2 \times \Sigma$ $AdS_4 \times S^3 \times \Sigma$	DEG ?
$OSp(4^* 4)$	$SO(2, 1) \times SO(3) \times SO(5)$	$AdS_2 \times S^2 \times S^4 \times \Sigma$	DEG
$SU(2 4)$	$SO(3) \times SO(5)$	$M_3 \times S^2 \times S^4$?
$SU(1, 1 4)$	$SO(2, 1) \times SO(5)$	$AdS_2 \times S^5 \times E_3$?
$SU(2, 2 2)$	$SO(2, 4) \times SO(3)$	$AdS_5 \times S^2 \times E_3$?

AdS dual to Interface with 16 susys

- Symmetry $SO(2, 3) \times SO(3) \times SO(3)$
- Space-time is $AdS_4 \times S_1^2 \times S_2^2$ warped over a 2-dim parameter space Σ

$$ds^2 = f_1^2 ds_{S_1^2}^2 + f_2^2 ds_{S_2^2}^2 + f_4^2 ds_{AdS_4}^2 + ds_{\Sigma}^2$$

$$G_{(3)} = \mathcal{G} \wedge f_1^2 V_{S_1^2} + i\mathcal{H} \wedge f_2^2 V_{S_2^2}$$

$$F_{(5)} = -\mathcal{F} \wedge f_4^4 V_{AdS_4} + *_{\Sigma} \mathcal{F} \wedge f_1^2 f_2^2 V_{S_1^2} \wedge V_{S_2^2}$$

- $ds_{S_{1,2}^2}^2$ and $ds_{AdS_4}^2$ unit radius metrics, $V_{S_{1,2}^2}$ and V_{AdS_4} volume forms
- f_1, f_2, f_4 are real functions, $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}$ are 1-forms on Σ
- choose local complex coordinates w, \bar{w} on Σ with $ds_{\Sigma}^2 = \rho^2 |dw|^2$

Solving via a new integrable system

- Reduce BPS eqs $\delta\lambda = \delta\psi = 0$ to the above Ansatz
 - Reduced eqs are equivalent to an integrable system on Σ ,

$$\partial_{\bar{w}} \left(\partial_w \vartheta - 2(\cos \mu)^{-1} (\partial_w \mu) e^{-i\vartheta} \right) + \text{c.c.} = 0$$

- May be exactly integrated in terms of 2 harmonic fcts h_1, h_2 on Σ ,
- We obtain the general **local** solution in terms of h_1, h_2 , e.g.

$$e^{4\phi} = \frac{2h_1 h_2 |\partial_w h_2|^2 - h_2^2 W}{2h_1 h_2 |\partial_w h_1|^2 - h_1^2 W} \quad W \equiv \partial_w h_1 \partial_{\bar{w}} h_2 + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\rho^8 = \frac{W^2}{h_1^4 h_2^4} \left(2h_1 h_2 |\partial_w h_2|^2 - h_2^2 W \right) \left(2h_1 h_2 |\partial_w h_1|^2 - h_1^2 W \right)$$

- Type IIB supergravity field equations automatically solved, **locally**.

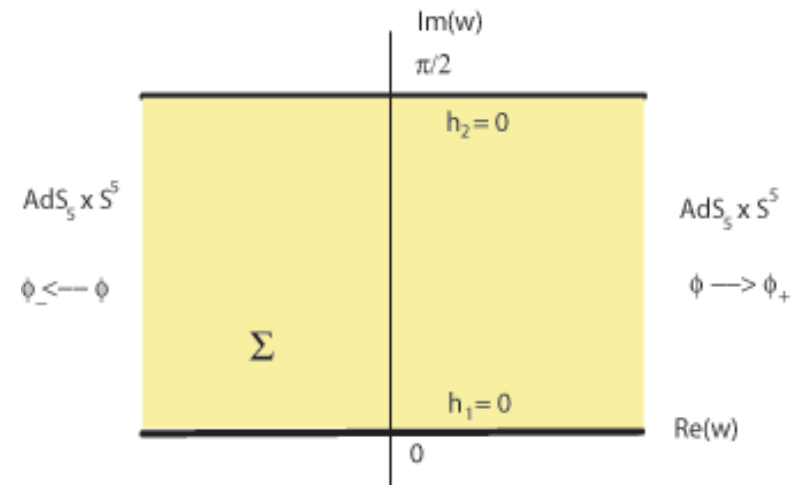
AdS₅ × S⁵ and an interface generalization

- These regularity conditions inside Σ are obeyed by $AdS_5 \times S^5$
 - and an immediate generalization thereof
 - We readily obtain a 2-parameter family of regular solutions,

$$h_1 = \text{Im} (e^{w-\phi_+} - e^{-w-\phi_-})$$

$$h_2 = \text{Re} (e^{w+\phi_+} + e^{-w+\phi_-})$$

- For $\phi_+ = \phi_-$ gives $AdS_5 \times S^5$
- For $\phi_+ \neq \phi_-$, dilaton varies
 - = interface solution with 16 susys
 - inside Σ : $W \leq 0, h_1, h_2 \geq 0$
 - on $\partial\Sigma$: $h_1 h_2 = 0$



Regularity conditions

- Adopt regularity conditions on $f_1, f_2, f_4, \rho, \phi$ and on the forms $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}$
 - (R1) non-singular inside Σ
 - (R2) non-singular on $\partial\Sigma$, except possibly at isolated points

- Regularity inside Σ requires that

$$0 < e^{4\phi} = \frac{2h_1h_2|\partial_w h_2|^2 - h_2^2 W}{2h_1h_2|\partial_w h_1|^2 - h_1^2 W} \quad W \equiv \partial_w h_1 \partial_{\bar{w}} h_2 + \text{c.c.}$$

$$0 \leq \rho^8 = \frac{W^2}{h_1^4 h_2^4} \left(2h_1h_2|\partial_w h_2|^2 - h_2^2 W \right) \left(2h_1h_2|\partial_w h_1|^2 - h_1^2 W \right)$$

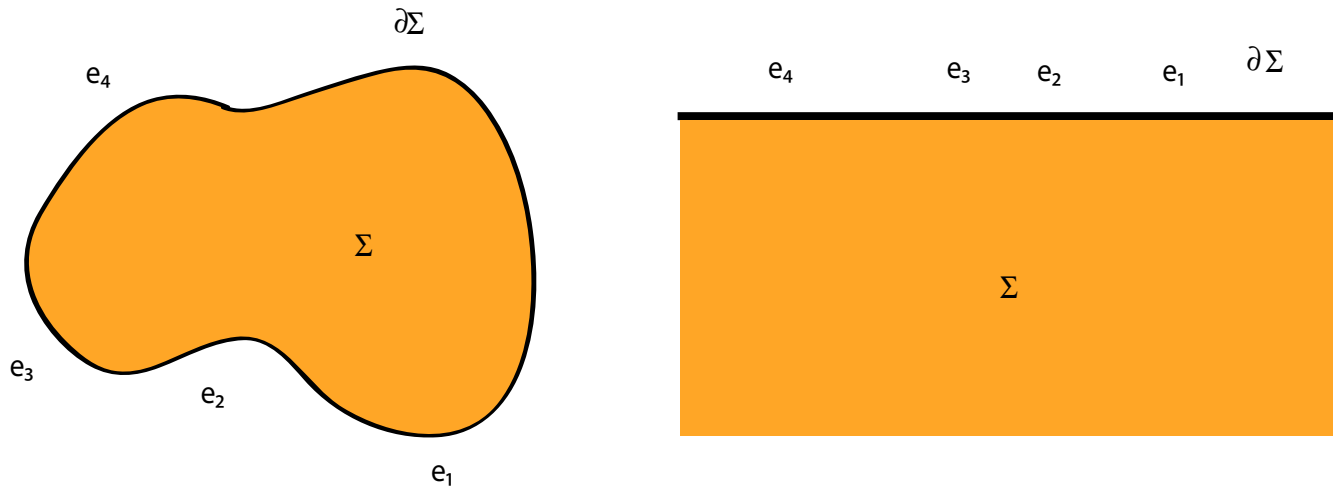
- How to satisfy the regularity conditions most generally ??
- Set of manifestly sufficient conditions inside Σ ,

$$h_1 > 0 \quad h_2 > 0 \quad W \leq 0$$

Regularity conditions cont'd

- Still need regularity conditions on the boundary $\partial\Sigma$.
- ★ $AdS_5 \times S^5$ regions have isolated singularities for ρ, f_4 on $\partial\Sigma$,
 - but correspond to regular 10-dimensional geometry
- ★ The probe limit of certain D-branes may be singular on $\partial\Sigma$
 - We want to retain such possible solutions
- Additional assumptions :
 - ONLY singularities e_i on $\partial\Sigma$ correspond to $AdS_5 \times S^5$ regions
 - These isolated points divide the boundary into segments
 - The points on each segment must be interior points in 10-dim
 - Assume $\partial\Sigma$ connected, i.e. just a single boundary

Regularity conditions cont'd



- Map single boundary to real axis
- Segments $]e_{i+1}, e_i[$ correspond to interior points of 10 dim solution
 - \Rightarrow Either S_1^2 or S_2^2 must shrink to zero on $\partial\Sigma$ (but never AdS_4)
 - \Rightarrow Either $f_1 = 0$ or $f_2 = 0$ on $\partial\Sigma$ (but f_4 is never zero);

Linearizing the regularity conditions

- The form of the solution imposes boundary conditions on h_1, h_2 ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 4W^4 &= \rho^4 f_1^2 f_2^2 & W &= 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Sigma \\
 f_1^2 f_4^2 &= 4e^{+2\phi} h_1^2 & f_1 = 0 &\Rightarrow (h_1 = 0 \ \& \ \partial_n h_2 = 0) \\
 f_2^2 f_4^2 &= 4e^{-2\phi} h_2^2 & f_2 = 0 &\Rightarrow (h_2 = 0 \ \& \ \partial_n h_1 = 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Equivalent to two coupled electro-statics problems with
 - alternating Neumann and vanishing Dirichlet conditions on $\partial\Sigma$
 - $\partial_w h_1, \partial_w h_2$ alternating real or imaginary on $\partial\Sigma = \mathbf{R}$
 - $h_1, h_2 > 0$ and $W \leq 0$ inside Σ

Solving regularity conditions by hyperelliptic surfaces

- Map the domain Σ onto the lower half-plane with complex coordinate u .
 - The boundary $\partial\Sigma$ is then the real axis \mathbf{R} .
 - Points e_i on $\partial\Sigma$ where Dirichlet \leftrightarrow Neumann, $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2g + 2$.
- Construction of $\partial h_1, \partial h_2$ via hyperelliptic curve of genus g , defined by

$$s(u)^2 = (u - e_1)(u - e_2) \cdots (u - e_{2g+1})$$

$$e_{2g+1} < \cdots < e_1 < e_0 = \infty$$

- $s(u)^2$ changes sign across each branch point e_i
 - $s(u)$ alternates between real and imaginary on $\partial\Sigma = \mathbf{R}$
- The holó differential $du/s(u)$ alternates between real and imaginary
 - but it does not have the proper asymptotics at e_i

Solving regularity conditions cont'd

- The meromorphic differentials $\partial h_1, \partial h_2$ may be written down explicitly,

$$\partial h_1 = -i \frac{P_1(u) du}{s(u)^3} \qquad \partial h_2 = -\frac{P_2(u) du}{s(u)^3}$$

- for two real polynomials P_1, P_2 ,
 - Neumann and Dirichlet conditions satisfied by construction,
 - $W = 0$ on $\partial\Sigma$
 - behavior at branch points $du/(u-e_i)^{3/2}$ guarantees asymptotic $AdS_5 \times S^5$
 - behavior at branch point $e_0 = \infty$ requires degrees of P_1, P_2 equal $3g+1$
- It remains to enforce
 - $W \leq 0$ inside Σ
 - $h_1 > 0, h_2 > 0$ inside Σ
 - the vanishing of the Dirichlet boundary conditions

Solving regularity conditions cont'd

- $W \leq 0$ inside Σ
 - All complex zeros of $P_1(u), P_2(u)$ must be common
 - Otherwise $W \leq 0$ cannot maintain constant sign near a zero
 - $P(u) = \prod_{a=1}^p (u - u_a)(u - \bar{u}_a)$ with $\text{Im}(u_a) < 0$
 - $$\partial h_1 = -i \frac{P(u)Q_1(u)du}{s(u)^3} \qquad \partial h_2 = -\frac{P(u)Q_2(u)du}{s(u)^3}$$
 - $Q_1(u)$ has only real zeros $\alpha_q < \dots < \alpha_2 < \alpha_1$ $2p + q = 3g + 1$
 - $Q_2(u)$ has only real zeros $\beta_q < \dots < \beta_2 < \beta_1$
 - condition $W \leq 0$ reduces to $\text{Im}(Q_1(u)Q_2(\bar{u})) > 0$
 - solved uniquely by ordering α, β ,
 - $$\alpha_q < \beta_q < \alpha_{q-1} < \beta_{q-1} < \dots < \alpha_2 < \beta_2 < \alpha_1 < \beta_1$$

Solving regularity conditions cont'd

- $h_1 > 0, h_2 > 0$ near the branch points e_i requires
 - $Q_1(e_{4j}), Q_1(e_{4j+1}), Q_2(e_{4j}), Q_2(e_{4j+3}) > 0$
 - $Q_1(e_{4j+2}), Q_1(e_{4j+3}), Q_2(e_{4j+1}), Q_2(e_{4j+2}) < 0$
- $h_1 > 0, h_2 > 0$ near entire $\partial\Sigma$ gives further conditions
 - uniquely solved by relative ordering of e, α, β

$$\alpha_{g+1} < e_{2g+1} < \beta_{g+1} < e_{2g} < \cdots < e_2 < \alpha_1 < e_1 < \beta_1$$

- It only remains to ensure that the Dirichlet conditions VANISH,

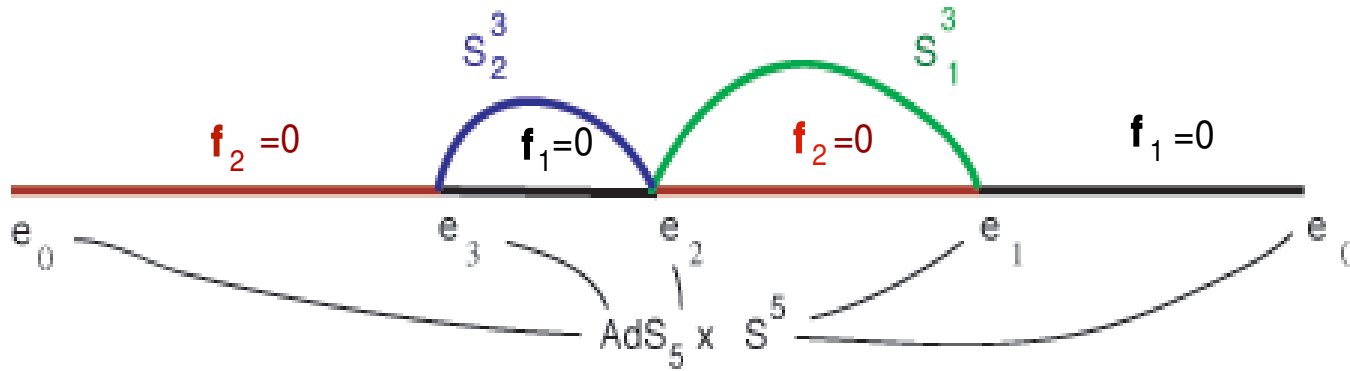
$$\operatorname{Re} \int_{e_{2j}}^{e_{2j-1}} \partial h_1 = \operatorname{Re} \int_{e_{2j+1}}^{e_{2j}} \partial h_2 = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, g$$

- Given the branch points e_i and the ordered real zeros α_b, β_b ,
 - Period relations determine g complex zeros u_α IF a solution exists
 - ⇒ mathematical problem of determining the moduli space of solutions
 - The geometry of the allowed moduli space is known explicitly for $g = 1$

Topology of regular solutions

- $2g + 2$ branch points = different asymptotic boundary $AdS_5 \times S^5$ regions
 - each with its independent constant dilaton limit
 - Number of free parameters of solution is $4g + 6$
- There are g independent pairs of homology 3-spheres, $j = 1, \dots, g$
 - $S_{1j}^3 = [e_{2j}, e_{2j-1}] \times_f S_1^2$ NSNS 3-form charges $\int_{S_{1j}^3} H_{(3)}$
 - $S_{2j}^3 = [e_{2j+1}, e_{2j}] \times_f S_2^2$ RR 3-form charges $\int_{S_{2j}^3} F_{(3)}$
- The presence of 3-form fluxes reveals underlying D5 and NS5 branes
 - These solutions are fully back-reacted D5 and NS5 branes
 - in the presence of D3 branes in the near-horizon limit

– e.g. genus 1



The Genus 1 Solution

- On the lower half-plane, u ,

$$Q_1(u) = (u - \alpha_1)(u - \alpha_2)$$

$$s(u)^2 = (u - e_1)(u - e_2)(u - e_3)$$

$$Q_2(u) = (u - \beta_1)(u - \beta_2)$$

$$P(u) = (u - u_1)(u - \bar{u}_2)$$

– with the ordering $\alpha_2 < e_3 < \beta_2 < e_2 < \alpha_1 < e_1 < \beta_1 < e_0 = \infty$

- View the vanishing Dirichlet conditions as eqs for unknown u_1 ,

$$a_0|u_1|^2 - a_1(u_1 + \bar{u}_1) + a_2 = 0$$

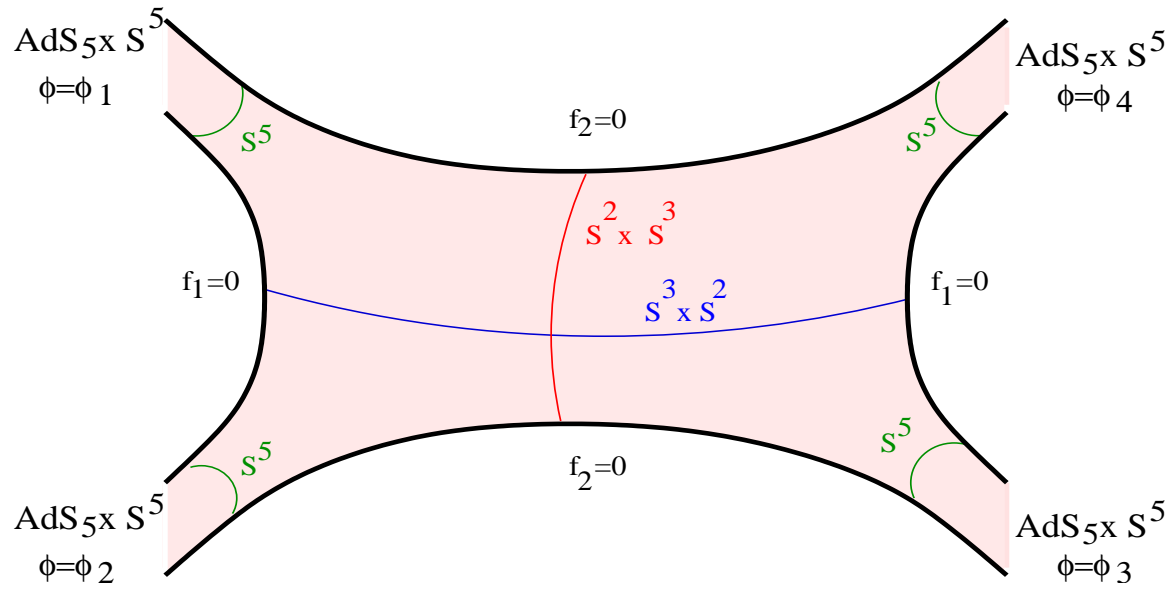
$$b_0|u_1|^2 - b_1(u_1 + \bar{u}_1) + b_2 = 0$$

- The $a_0, a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, b_2$ are modular connections,

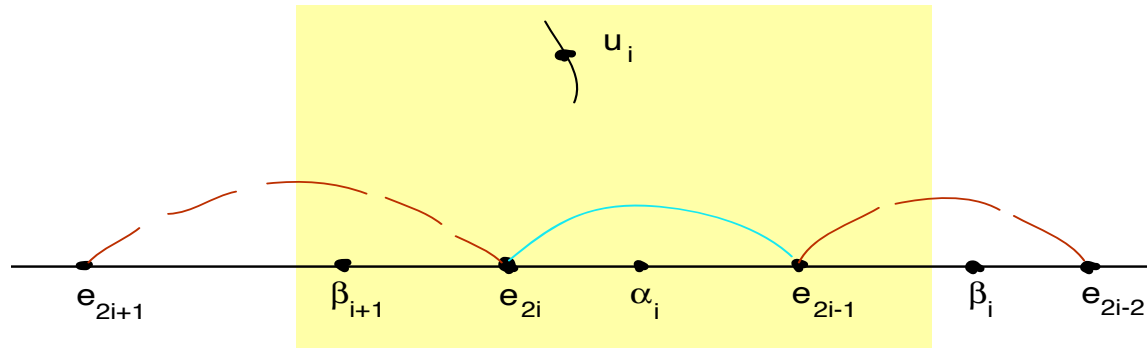
$$a_n = \delta_{n,1} + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \zeta_3)\delta_{n,2} + \sum_{i=1}^3 e_i^n (e_i + \zeta_3) Q_1(e_i) / E_i^2$$

– with $\zeta_i = \zeta(\omega_i)/\omega_i$, $E_i = (e_i - e_j)(e_i - e_k)$ and (ijk) is a perm. of (123)

Genus 1 solution cont'd



Topology change : a collapsing branch cut



$$\partial h_1 = \frac{(u - u_i)(u - \bar{u}_i)(u - \alpha_i)}{(u - e_{2i})^{3/2}(u - e_{2i-1})^{3/2}} (\partial h_1)_{g-1} \quad \partial h_2 = \frac{(u - u_i)(u - \bar{u}_i)(u - \beta_{i+1})}{(u - e_{2i})^{3/2}(u - e_{2i-1})^{3/2}} (\partial h_2)_{g-1}$$

- As $e_{2i-1} \rightarrow e_{2i}$ we must have $\alpha_i \rightarrow e_{2i}$, and $\text{Im} \int \partial h_1 = 0$ forces $u_i \rightarrow e_{2i}$
- Two possibilities
 - (A) $\beta_{i+1} \rightarrow e_{2i}$ gives topology change $(\partial h_{1,2})_g \rightarrow (\partial h_{1,2})_{g-1}$
 - (B) $\beta_{i+1} \not\rightarrow e_{2i}$ gives $\partial h_1 \rightarrow (\partial h_1)_{g-1}$ but leaves a singular ∂h_2
 \sim the probe limit: a D5 (or NS5) brane remains

Total branch cut collapse

- Collapse of all branch cuts produces limit with singular branes,
 - m_R D5 branes and m_{NS} NS5 branes with $m_R + m_{NS} = g$
 - leads to a simple explicit solution, for all genera g ,

$$h_1 = -2i(w - \bar{w}) \left(1 + \frac{C_0}{|w|^2} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{m_R} \frac{C_j}{\ell_j} \ln \left| \frac{w + i\ell_j}{w - i\ell_j} \right|^2$$

$$h_2 = -2(w + \bar{w}) \left(1 + \frac{D_0}{|w|^2} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{m_{NS}} \frac{D_i}{k_i} \ln \left| \frac{w + k_i}{w - k_i} \right|^2$$

- for arbitrary real positive $k_i, \ell_j, C_j, D_i, C_0, D_0$,
- RR and NSNS 3-form charges given by $\mathcal{F}_j = C_j/\ell_j$ and $\mathcal{H}_i = D_i/k_i$

Physicist's proof of existence of solutions for all genera:

- regularize all poles into branch cuts (local !)
- ⇒ there exists an open set of regular solutions
in the moduli space around these singular solutions

CFT dual to AdS_4 solutions (in progress)

- The AdS_4 factor indicates the presence of an interface.
- For $g = 0$, CFT dual has interface operators (built from bulk fields).
- For $g \geq 1$, several gauge groups
 - different species of $\mathcal{N}=4$, decoupled away from interface
 - interact only via the interface
 - are coupled via extra massless fields on the interface
 - On AdS side, extra massless fields arise from S^3 shrinking to zero
- For $g \geq 1$, as branch cuts collapse,
 - and we approach the limit with probe branes,
 - recover massless string excitations from probe D5/NS5 branes
of De Wolfe, Freedman, Ooguri – Skenderis, Taylor
- Our solutions are fully back-reacted geometries with D5 and NS5 branes

Open Mathematical Problems

- Half-BPS solutions to Type IIB supergravity are surprisingly manageable;
- How to describe the moduli space of genus $g > 1$ solutions ?
- Regular solutions with different 10-dim topologies ?
- Unified approach to 16 susy solutions from subgroups of $SU(2, 2|4)$?