

Isomonodromic defs,
Painlevé eqs
Integrable systems
and
Gauge Theory

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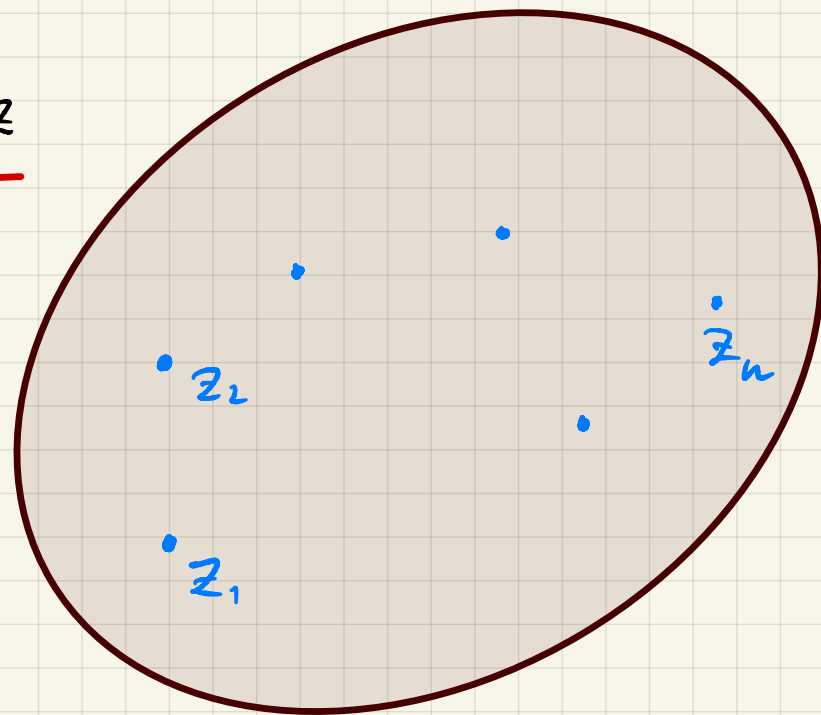
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Isomonodromic deformations in genus zero

$$\nabla = \partial_z + A_z$$

$$A(z) = \sum_i \frac{A_i dz}{z - z_i}$$

Moving z_i without changing the gauge equivalence class of ∇



$$\mathcal{P} = \left(\mathcal{O}_1 \times \mathcal{O}_2 \times \dots \times \mathcal{O}_n \right) // G$$

↙ adjoint orbits

$$\left\{ \left(A_i \right) \mid \sum_i A_i \in \mathcal{O}_i = 0 \quad \left(A_i \right) \sim \left(h^{-1} A_i h \right) \right\}$$

Schlesinger
flows on \mathcal{P}

generated by $H_i^{(2)} = \oint_{\text{around } z_i} \text{tr } \mathbf{A}^2(z)$

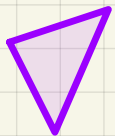
obeying

$$\frac{\partial H_i^{(2)}}{\partial z_j} = \frac{\partial H_j^{(2)}}{\partial z_i}$$

$$\{H_i^{(2)}, H_j^{(2)}\} = 0$$

one can also study the "higher" flows,
generated by

$$H_i^{(k,l)} = \oint_{\text{around } z_i} \text{tr } \mathbf{A}^k(z) (z-z_i)^l$$



meaning is unclear

(Hitchin) Gaudin integrable system
 $g \geq 0$

$$\phi(z) = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i}{z - z_i}$$

fixed orbits

↓
 $\phi_i \in \mathcal{O}_i$

↑
fixed

Given (z_i) $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{O}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{O}_n) // G$
↪ algebraic integrable system

$$R(\lambda, z) = \det(\phi(z) - \lambda) = 0$$

Encodes Hamiltonians

For $G = SL(2)$ we can parametrize

\mathcal{P} in several ways

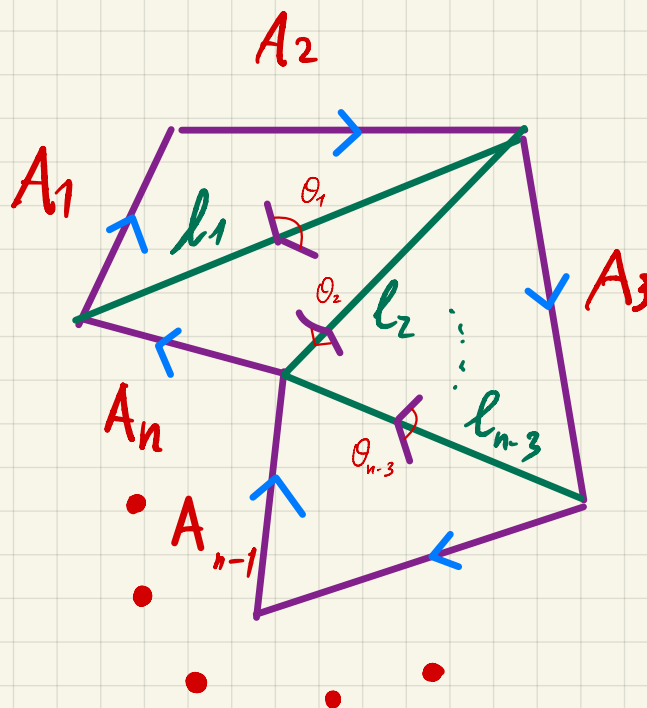
$$\omega = \sum_{a=1}^{n-3} dl_a d\theta_a$$

$$A_i \in \mathbb{C}^3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_i & v_i + \sqrt{-1} w_i \\ v_i - \sqrt{-1} w_i & -u_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_i^2 + v_i^2 + w_i^2 = s_i^2$$

↑
fixed $\in \mathbb{C}$



\mathbb{C} -Klyachko coordinates

rational relativistic integrable system

Separated variables (Sklyanin, Krichever)

"Tyurin parameters"

Choose a gauge

$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} s_n & 0 \\ 0 & -s_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z_n \rightarrow \infty$$

("the other")
 $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

$$A(z) = \sum_i \frac{A_i}{z - z_i} = \begin{pmatrix} a(z) & b(z) \\ c(z) & -a(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Garnier -
Painlevé
Hamiltonians

$$b(z) = 6 \frac{\prod_{a=1}^{n-3} (z - w_a)}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (z - z_i)}$$

$$a(w_a) = p_a$$

$$\omega = \sum_{a=1}^{n-3} d \log a = \sum_{a=1}^{n-3} dp_a + dw_a$$

These well-known stories are

two opposite quasiclassical limits

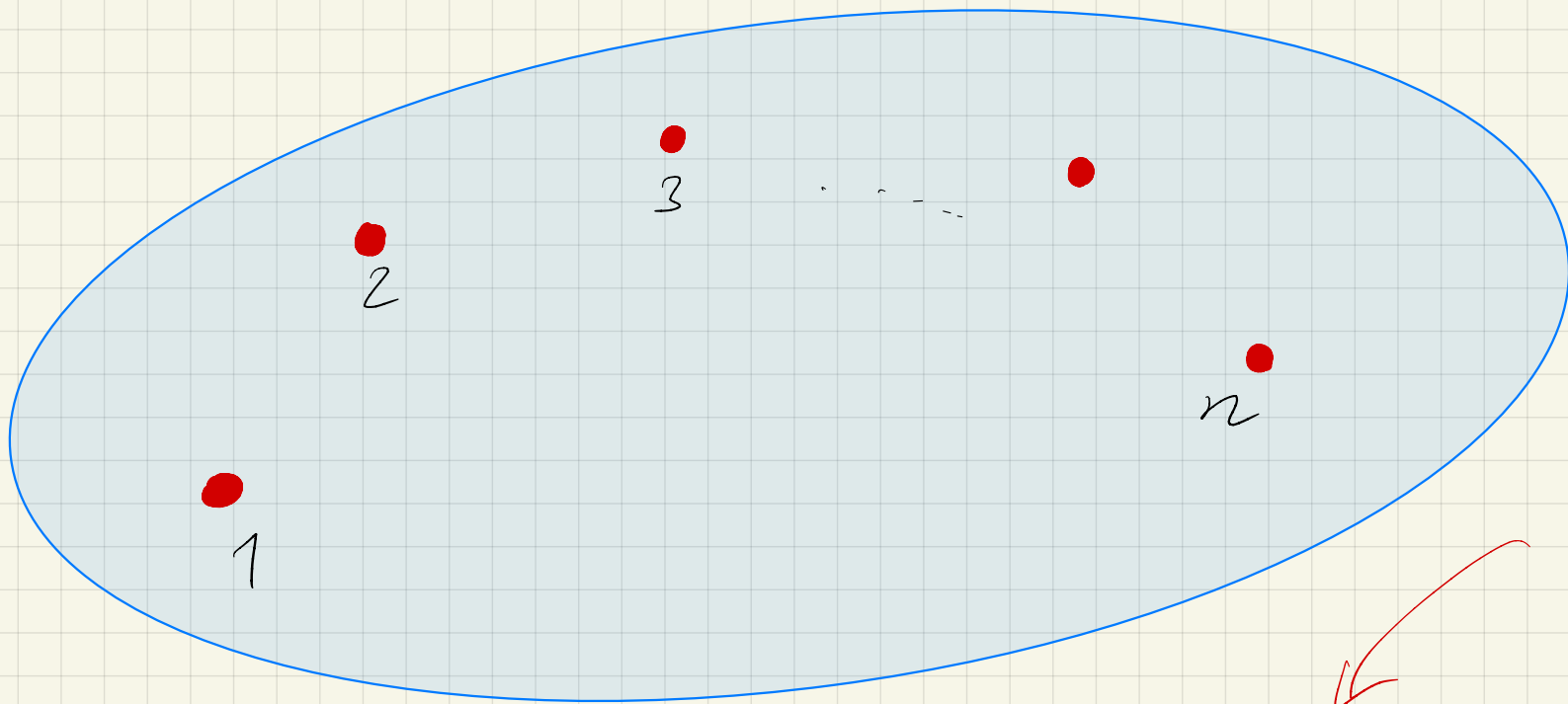
of KZ/BPZ system

$$(k+h^{\vee}) \frac{d}{dz_i} \Psi = \hat{H}_i \Psi$$

$$\hat{H}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{T_i^a \otimes T_j^a}{z_i - z_j}$$

In two dimensional CFT where

ψ are conformal blocks



$k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$
Integrable
 $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -reps
 k

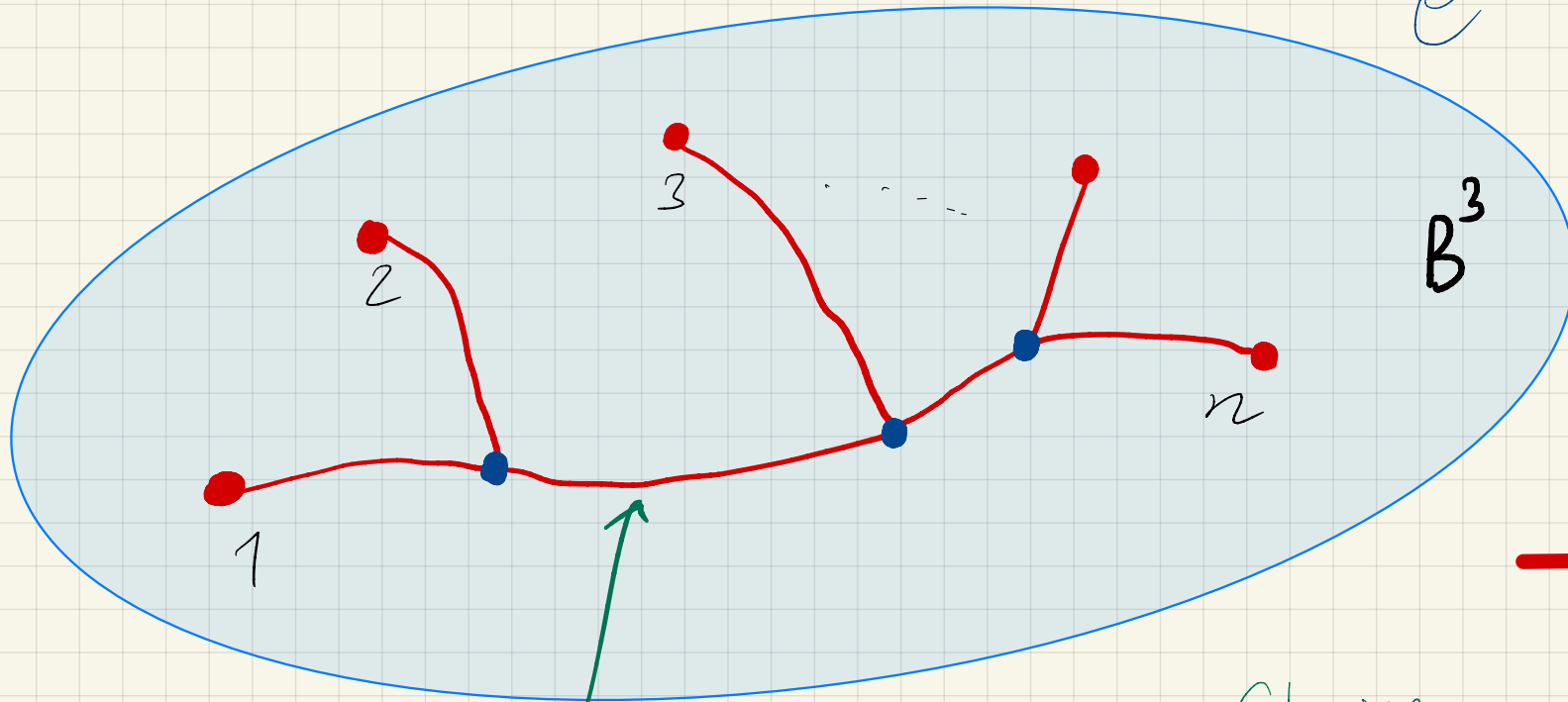
Some \mathfrak{g} modules

$$\psi \in \left(V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_n \right)^{\mathfrak{g}}$$

Related to 3d TFT (Chern-Simons)

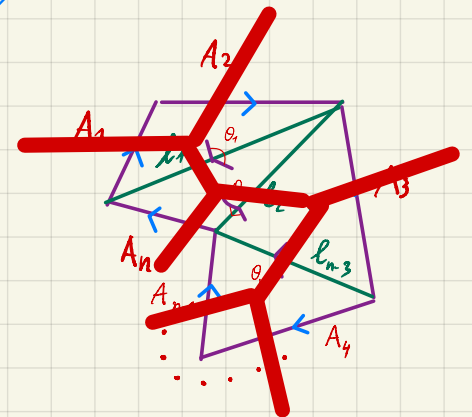
$$S^2 = \partial B^3$$

$$e^{\frac{i}{4\pi} k \int \text{Tr}(A dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3)}$$



Wilson graph

Choice of diagonals



Integrable system arises in the non-unitary domain

$$k + h^V \rightarrow 0$$

Somonodromy is OK $k \rightarrow \infty$

KZ Reshetikhin' 91
Harnad' 93

Teichner

BPZ Lukyanov $\cong 12$
Litvinov
MN
Zamolodchikov

Most of interesting things happen
when $k, s_i \in \mathbb{C}$

CS does not make sense

Wilson graph is not defined

Nevertheless, there is a theory
which analytically continues
conformal blocks of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$
to complex level, spins etc.

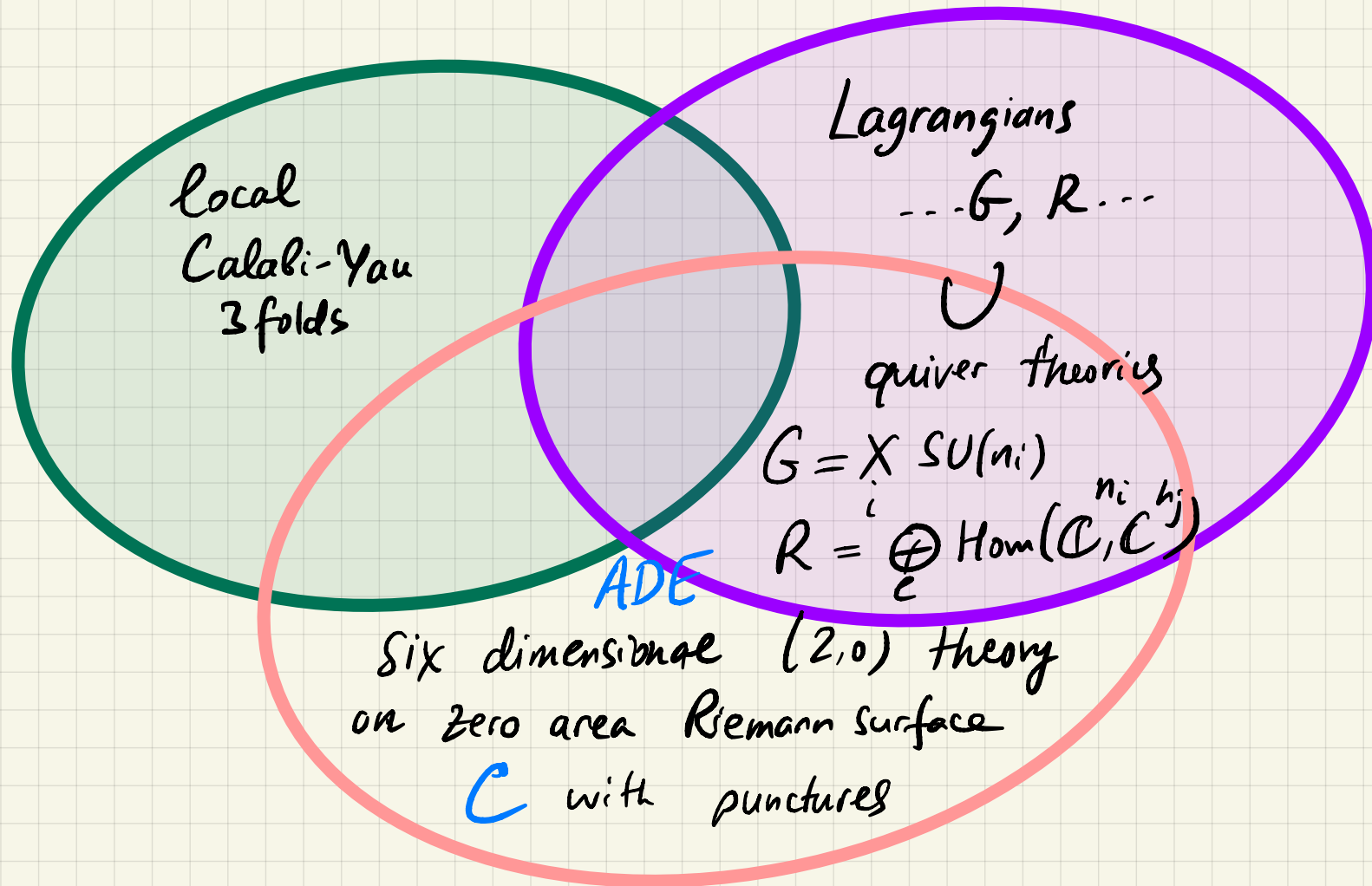
Allows to study Langlands duality

$$G \longleftrightarrow {}^L G$$

$$(k+h^\vee)(k^\vee+h) = 1$$

Four dimensional "super-Yang Mills"

(a class of $\mathcal{N}=2$ $d=4$ theories)



Computability

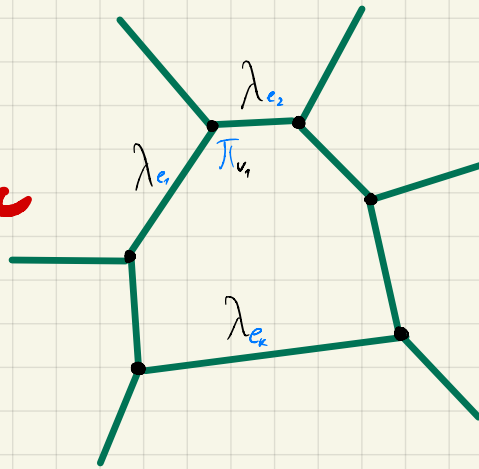
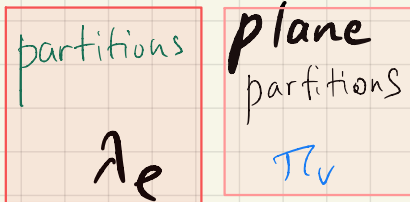
on CY_3 side

for toric CY_3 X

DT/GW

count of holomorphic curves on X

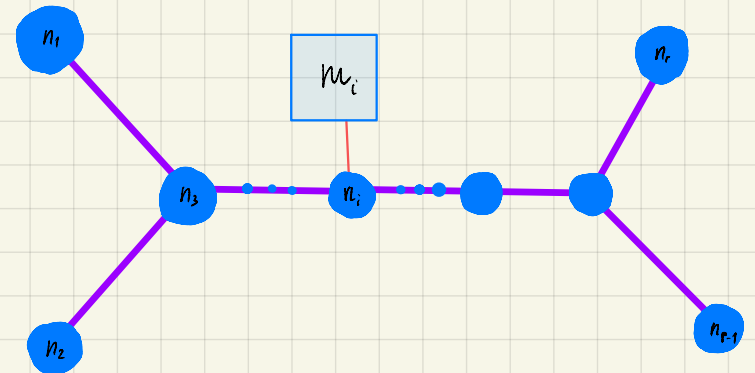
$$Z(t_e, h, \varepsilon) = \sum e^{-t_e |\lambda_e|} e^{-h |\pi_v|}$$

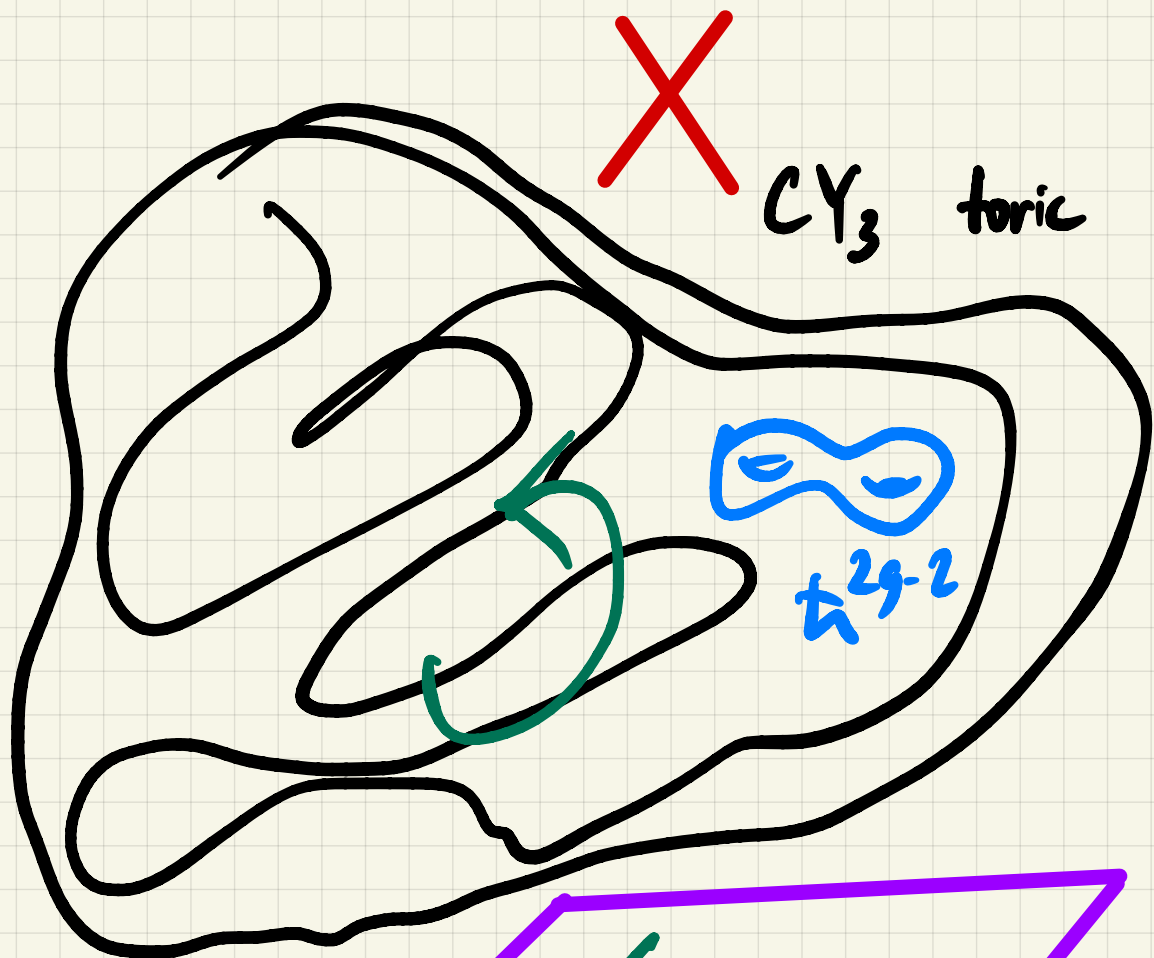


Complicated rational function of ε

on quiver gauge theory side

$$Z(\vec{a}_i, \vec{m}_i, \tau_i, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = \sum_{\vec{\lambda}_i = (\lambda_i^{(a)})_{a=1}^{n_i}} e^{2\pi i \tau_i (|\lambda_i^{(a)}| + \dots + |\lambda_i^{(n_i)}|)} \times \prod_{\text{edges}} \text{rational function}(\vec{\lambda}_i, \vec{\lambda}_j) \times \prod_{\text{vertices}} \text{rational function}(\vec{\lambda}_i)$$



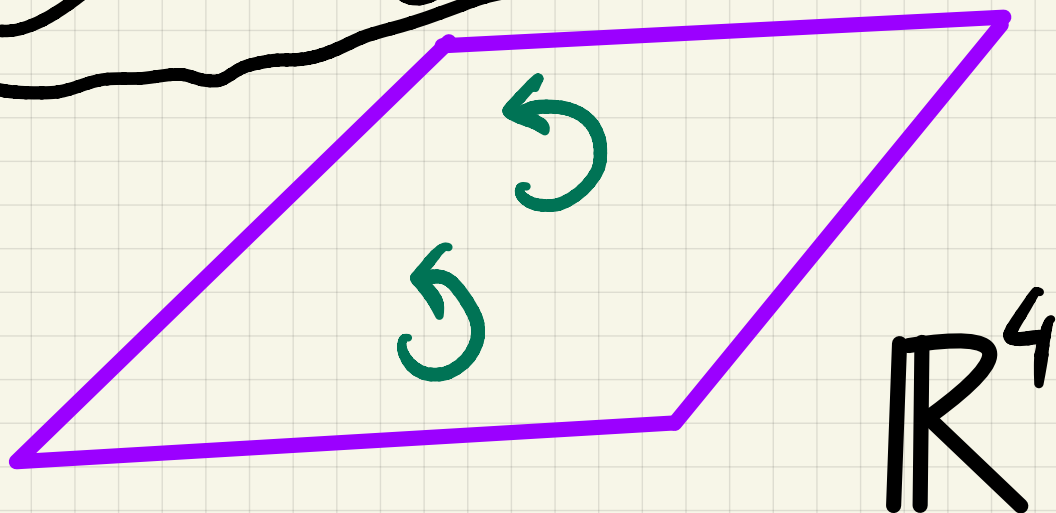


X CY_3 toric

ϵ parameters
 \rightarrow scales Ω_X
 $\mathbb{C}^x \hookrightarrow \mathbb{T}^x$ $-\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$

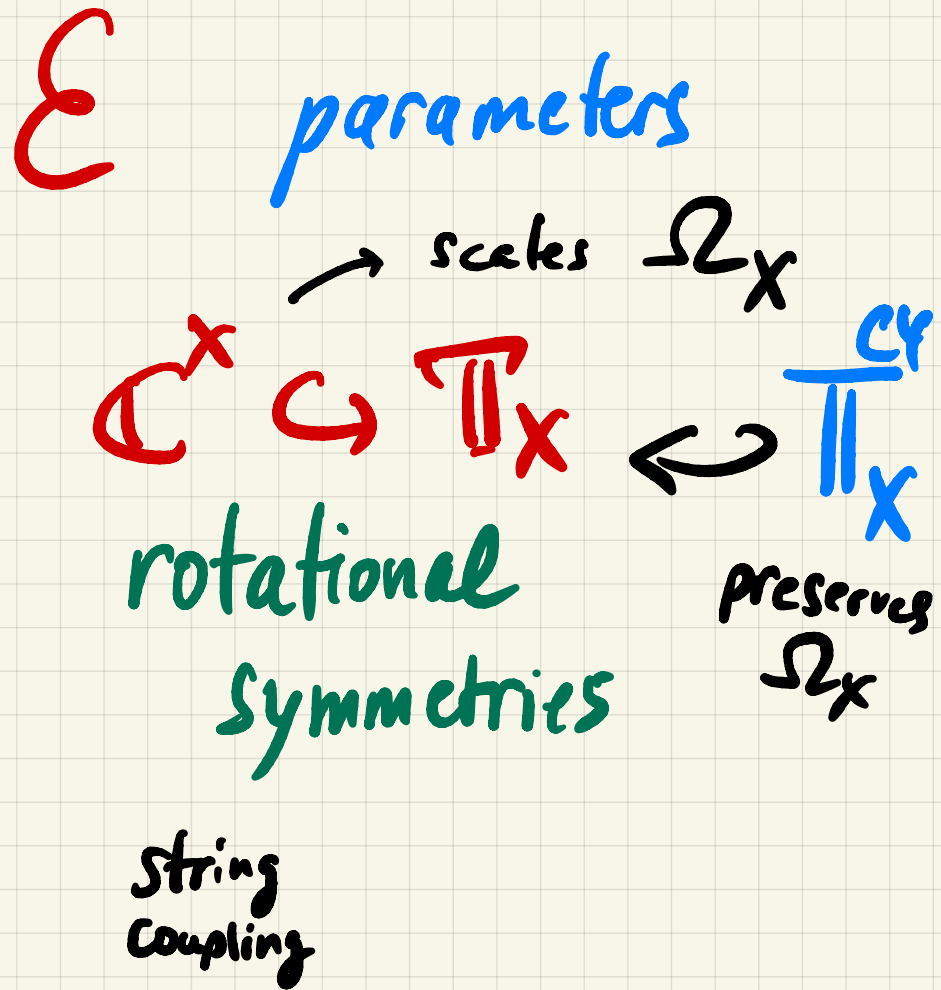
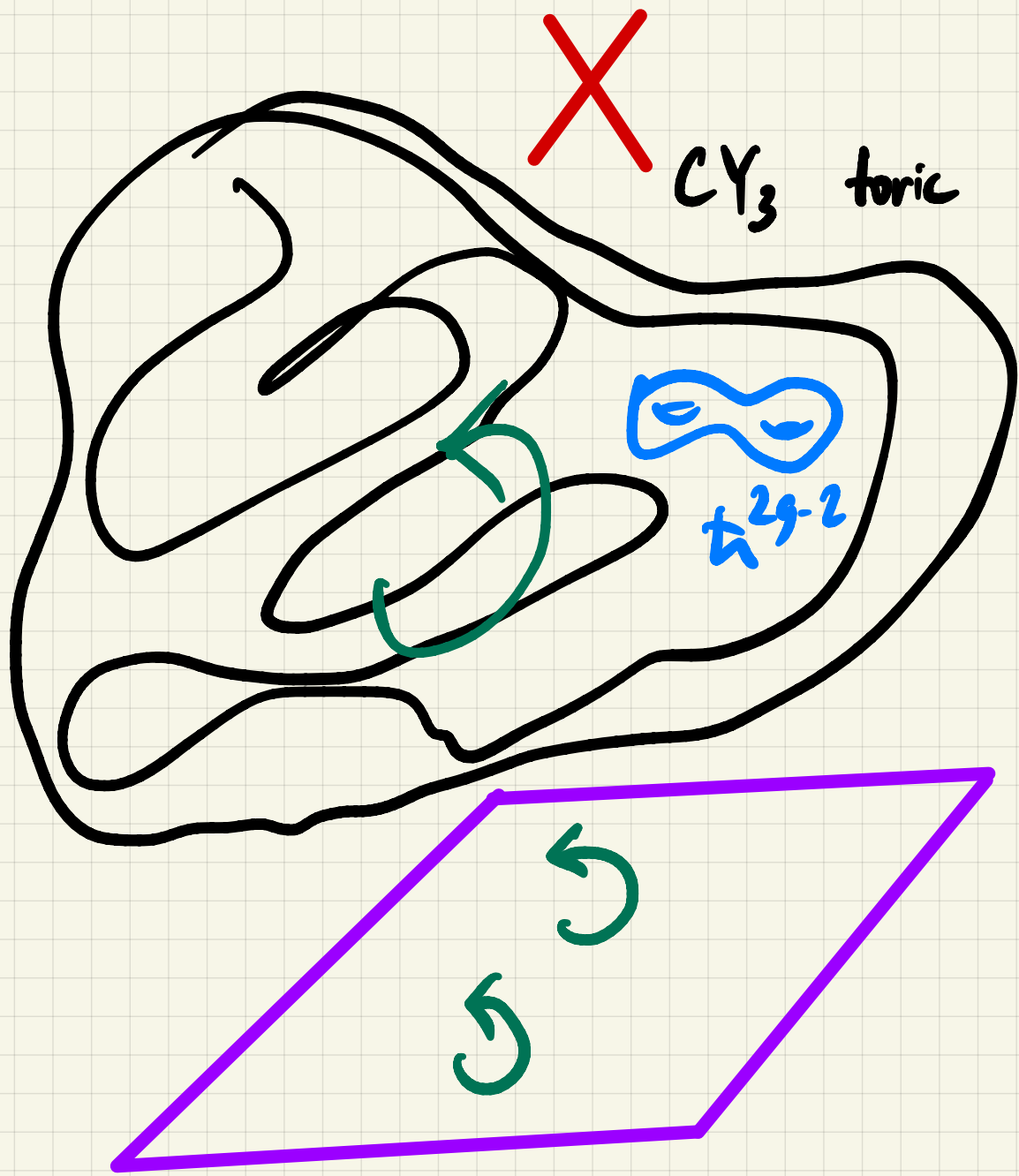
rotational
 symmetries

String Coupling $h^2 \sim \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2$



\mathbb{R}^4

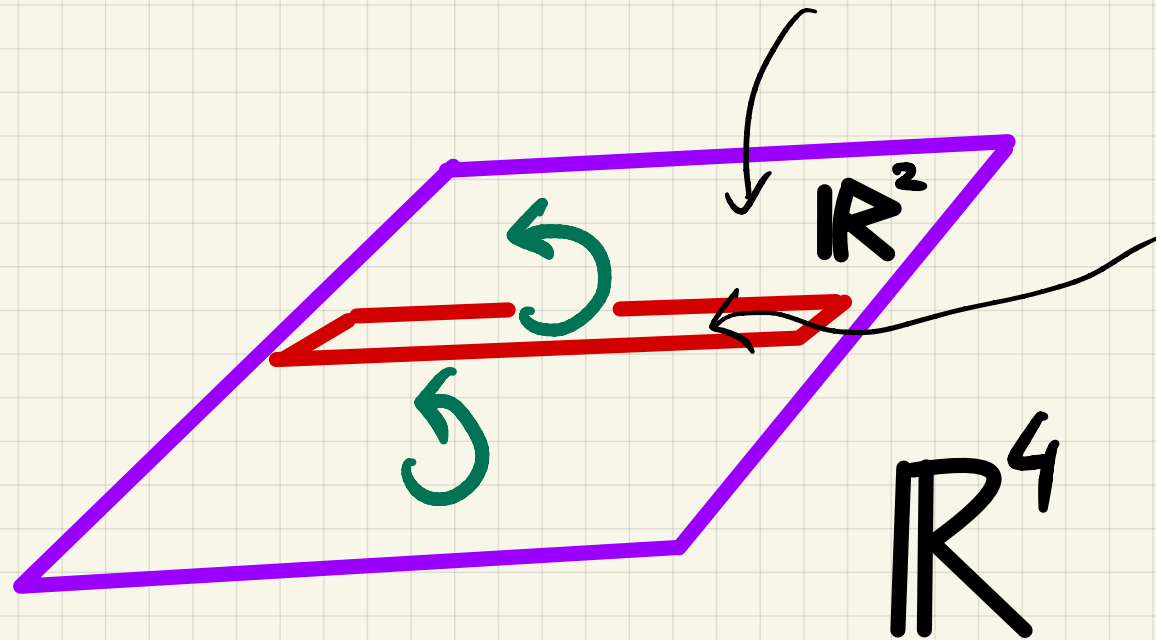
$\approx \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{C}^x_{\epsilon_1} \times \mathbb{C}^x_{\epsilon_2}$



Back to Ψ

Surface defects

G
gauge theory in the bulk



two dimensional
sigma model on

$\Psi \leftarrow G$

Coupled to
 Ψ gauge
fields

Back to $\Psi(\vec{q}, \vec{a}, \vec{m}, \tau, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$

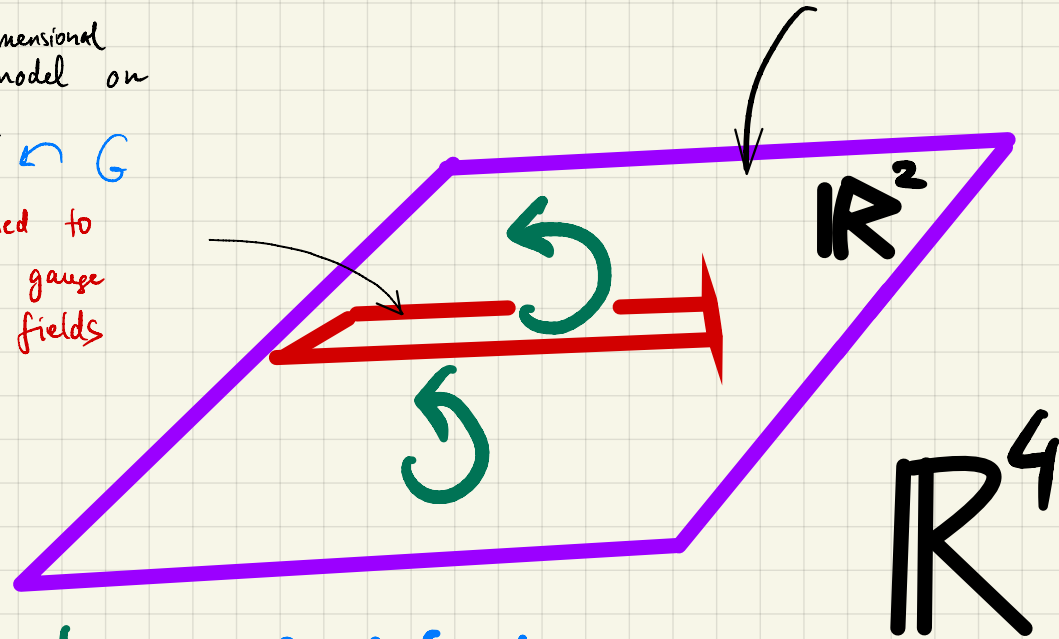
Surface defect

Bulk gauge theory

parameters

two dimensional
sigma model on

$Y \leftarrow G$
coupled to
gauge
fields



$\vec{a}, \vec{m}, \tau, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$

choice of vacuum
masses R
gauge coupling G

parameters of defect

\vec{q}

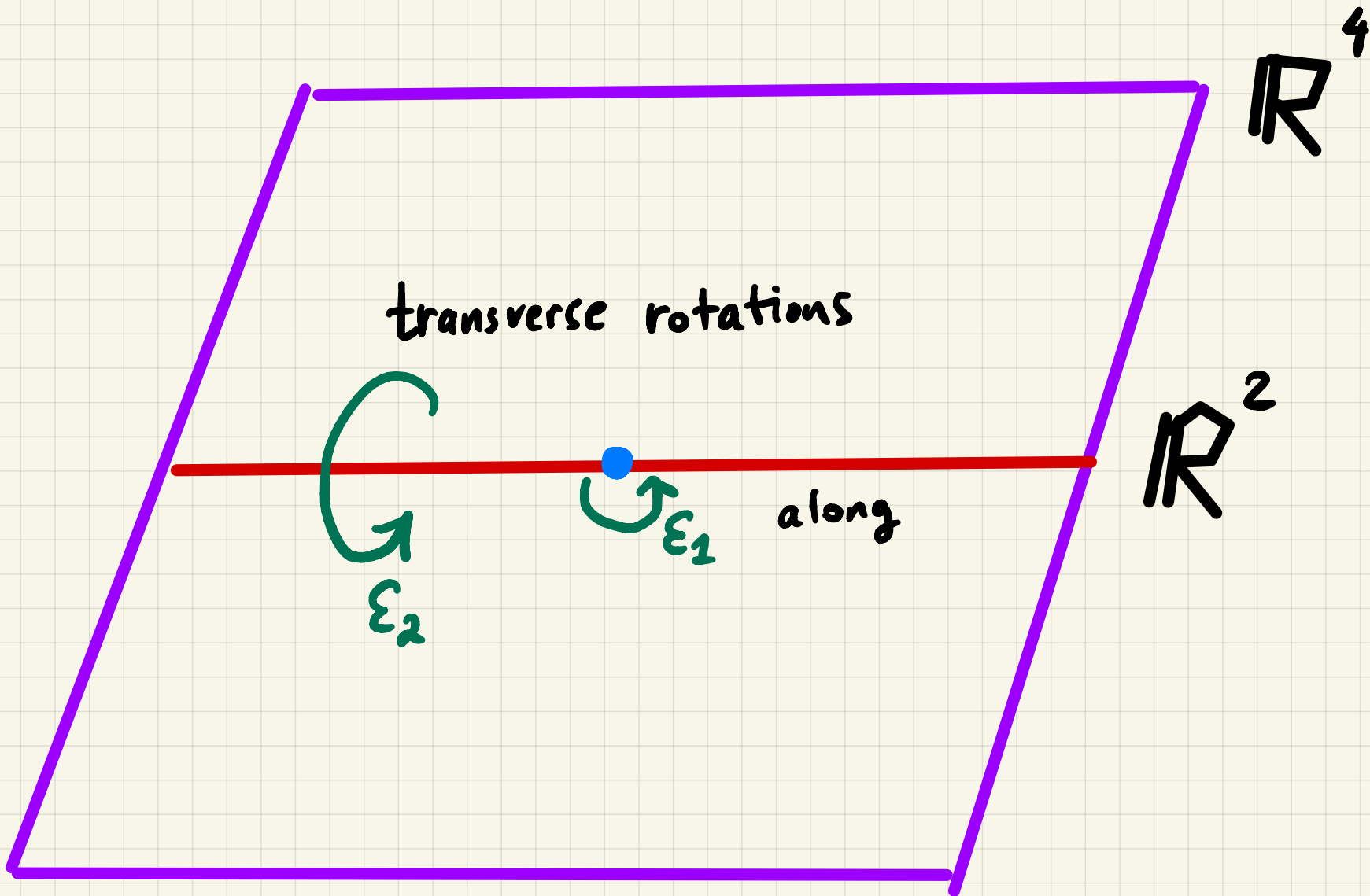
Complexified
 θ -angles

$\langle \mathcal{O}_k \rangle$

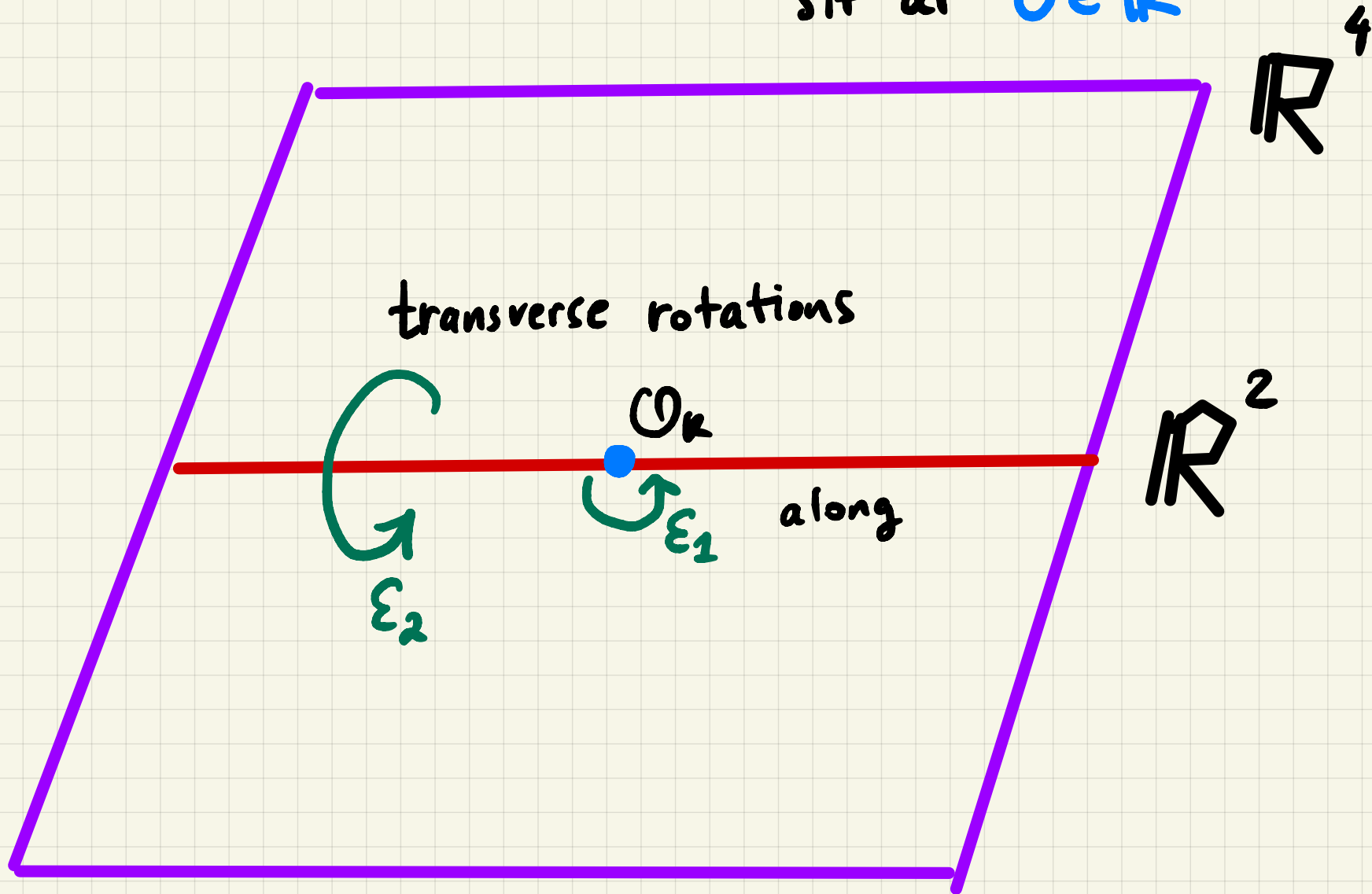
local operators

\mathcal{L}
Lagrangian

Fully equivariant situation



Fully equivariant situation all local operators sit at $0 \in \mathbb{R}^4$



Partly

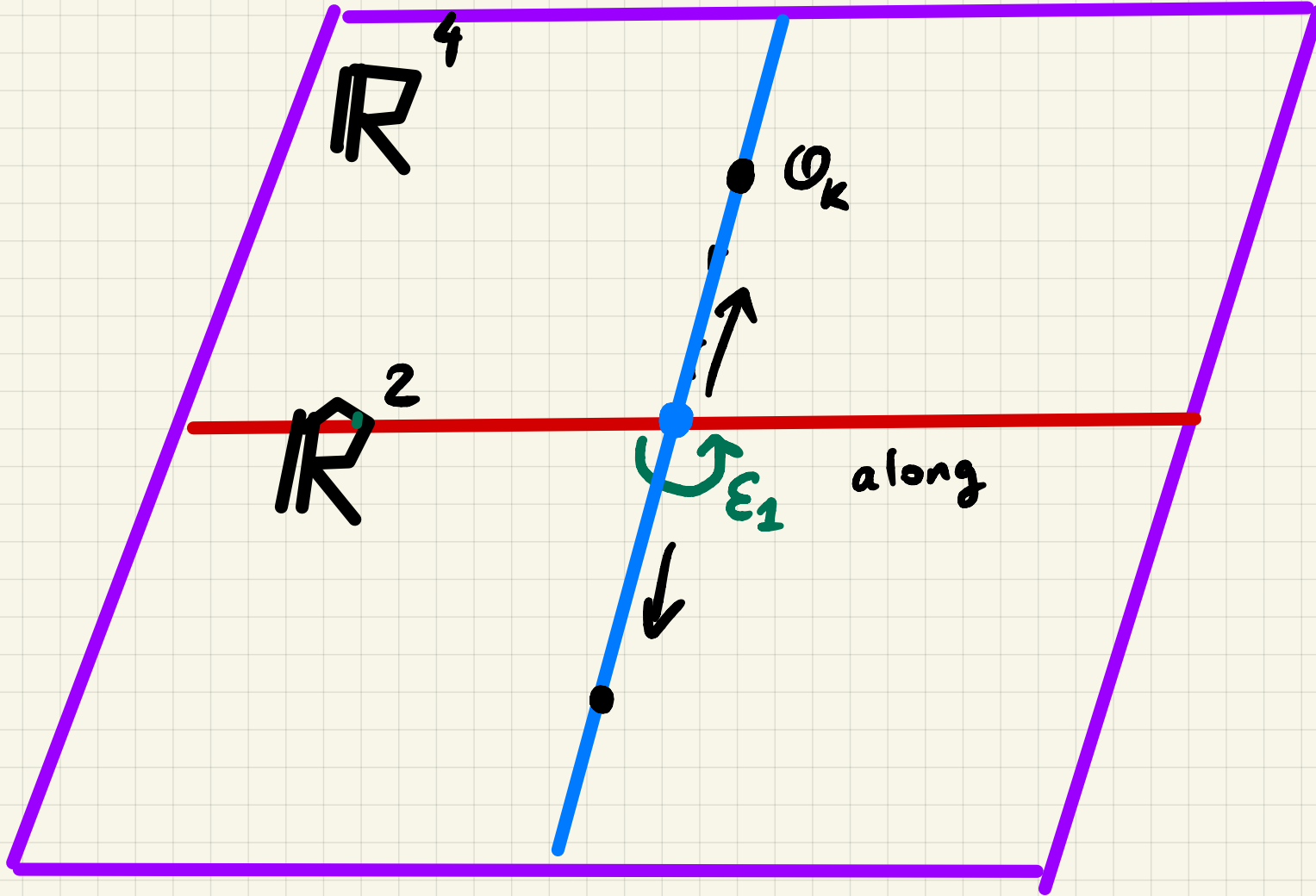
equivariant situation
 $\mathcal{E}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$

local operators

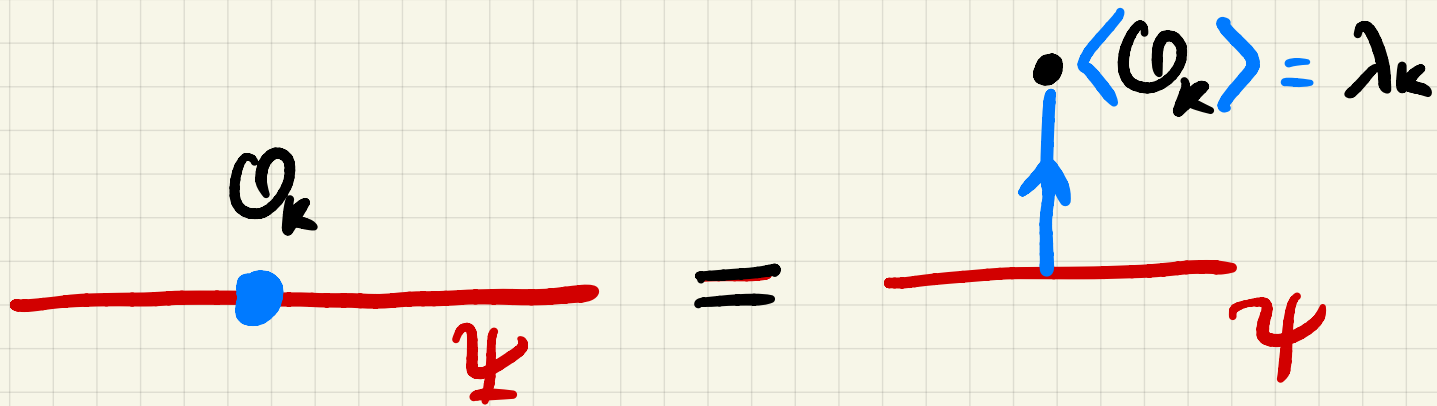
can move in $\mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow$

commute

\Rightarrow integrability



$$\hat{O}_k \Psi = \lambda_k \Psi$$



Localization / Compactification of
appropriate moduli
spaces



Equation

$$\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_1 \frac{d}{d\tau_i} \Psi = \hat{H}_i \left(\varepsilon, \frac{\partial}{\partial g}, g; \tau_i \right) \Psi$$

Best understood cases $SU(N)$ theories

A_1

$2N$

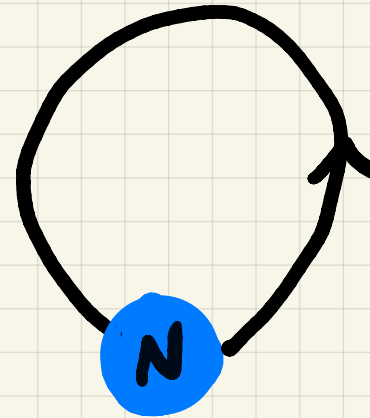


m_1, \dots, m_{2N}

a_1, \dots, a_N

τ

\hat{A}_0



m

a_1, \dots, a_N

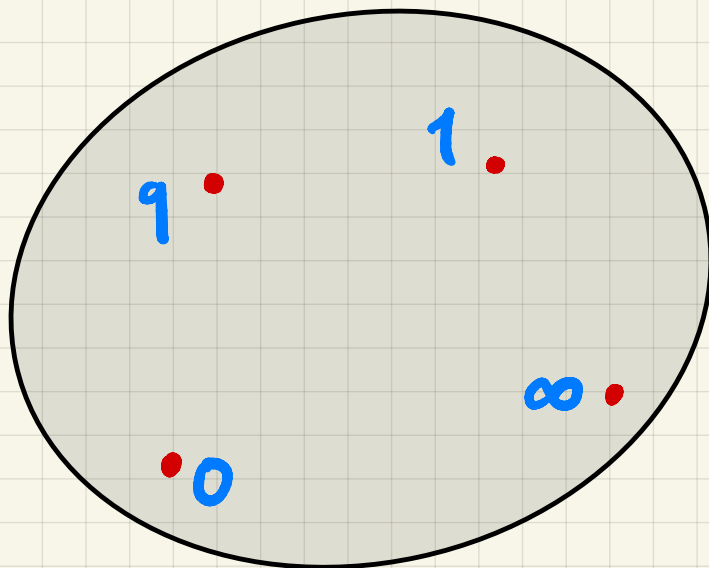
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$$q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

$$\Psi \in \left(V_{(0)}^+ \otimes V_{(q)} \otimes V_{(1)} \otimes V_{(\infty)}^- \right)^{\mathfrak{sl}_N}$$

m_1, \dots, m_{2N}

a_1, \dots, a_N

τ

$$\vec{\mu}_{(0)} = \left(\frac{m_1 - m^+}{\epsilon_1}, \dots, \frac{m_N - m^+}{\epsilon_1} \right)$$

lowest weight

$V_{(0)}^+$

$$\vec{\mu}_{(\infty)} = \left(\frac{m_{N+1} - \bar{m}}{\epsilon_1}, \dots, \frac{m_{2N} - \bar{m}}{\epsilon_1} \right)$$

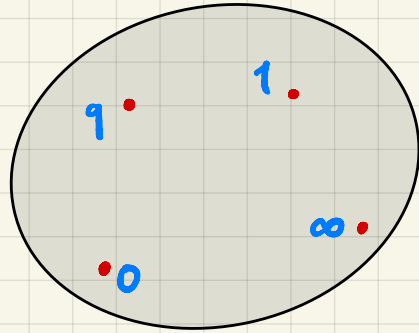
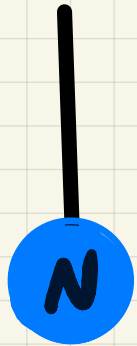
highest weight

$V_{(\infty)}^-$

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$q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$

NN
Tsymbolik

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$\vec{\mu}_{(\infty)} = \left(\frac{m_{N+1} - m^-}{\epsilon_1}, \dots, \frac{m_{2N} - m^-}{\epsilon_1} \right)$

highest weight

$V_{(\infty)}^-$

m_1, \dots, m_{2N}

a_1, \dots, a_N

τ

$m^+ = \frac{m_1 + \dots + m_N}{N}$

$m^- = \frac{m_{N+1} + \dots + m_{2N}}{N}$

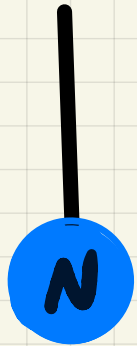
$V_{(q)} = \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{\frac{m^+ + a_i}{\epsilon_1}} \mathcal{O}[x, x^{-1}]^0$

$V_{(1)} = \prod_{i=1}^N \bar{x}_i^{\frac{m^- - a_i}{\epsilon_1}} \mathcal{O}[\bar{x}, \bar{x}^{-1}]^0$

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m_1, \dots, m_{2N}

a_1, \dots, a_N

τ

in the limit $\epsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$
isomonodromic deformation of $\nabla = \partial + A$

$$A = \frac{A_{(0)}}{z} + \frac{A_{(q)}}{z-q} + \frac{A_{(1)}}{z-1}$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues}(A_{(0)}) = (m_1, \dots, m_N) - m^+ \cdot \mathbb{1}$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues}(A_{(q)}) = m^+ (1, \dots, 1, 1-N)$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues}(A_{(1)}) = m^- (1, \dots, 1, 1-N)$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues}(A_{(\infty)}) = (m_{N+1}, \dots, m_{2N}) - m^- \cdot \mathbb{1}$$

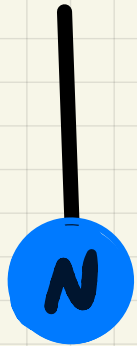
$$A_{(0)} + A_{(q)} + A_{(1)} + A_{(\infty)} = 0$$

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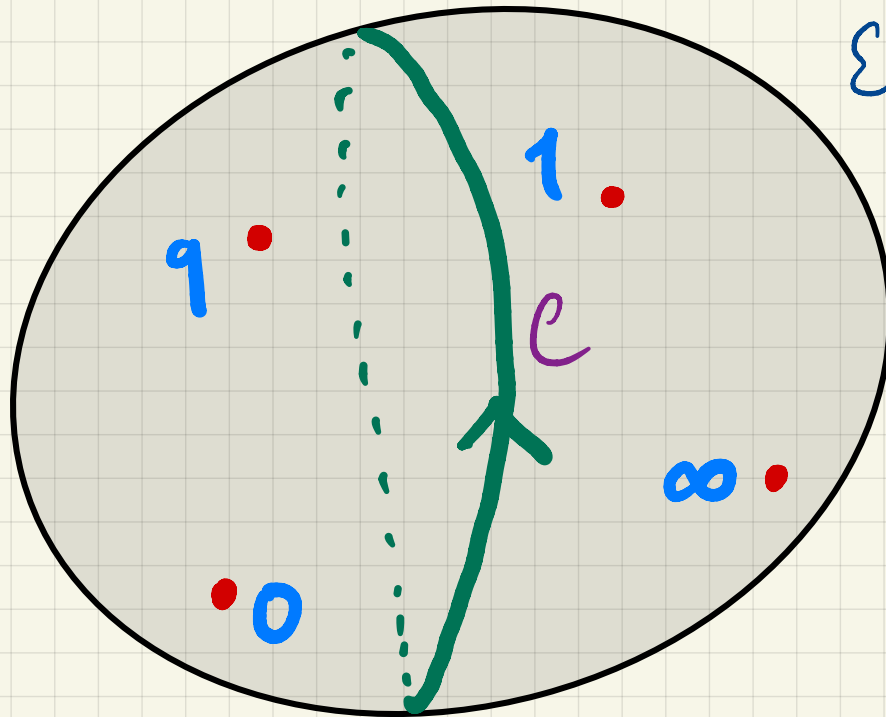
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$$A = \frac{A_{(0)}}{z} + \frac{A_{(q)}}{z-q} + \frac{A_{(1)}}{z-1}$$

Eigen $\left(\text{Pexp} \int_A \right)_c =$
 $= \left(\exp 2\pi i \frac{a_k}{\epsilon_2} \right)_{k=1}^N$



m_1, \dots, m_{2N}

a_1, \dots, a_N

τ

The horizontal section

$$\tilde{\Psi}_z \sim e^{\frac{S}{\epsilon_1}} \chi$$

$$\nabla \chi = 0$$

is a quasiclassical limit of the
5-point conformal block

$$\tilde{\Psi}_z \in \left(V_{(0)}^+ \otimes V_{(q)} \otimes V_{(1)} \otimes V_{(\infty)}^- \otimes \mathbb{C}_z^N \right)^{\mathfrak{sl}_N}$$

Obeys KZ eqs

$$\nabla_z \tilde{\Psi}_z = 0 \rightarrow \text{"horizontal"}$$

$$\nabla_q \tilde{\Psi}_z = 0 \rightarrow \text{"isomonodromy"}$$

5-point conformal block

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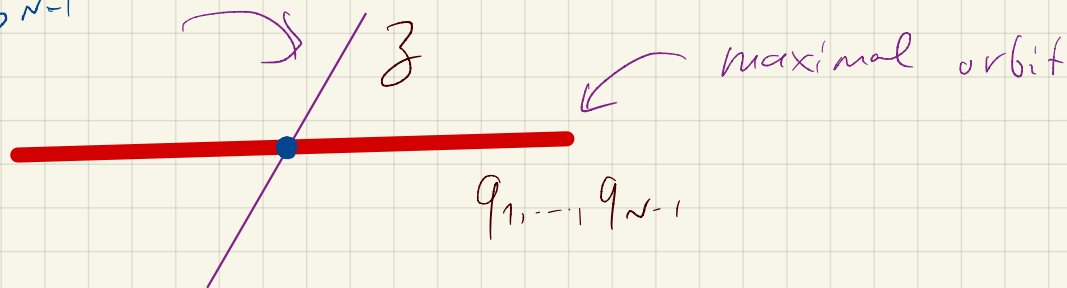
Obeysing KZ eqs

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_z \Psi_z &= 0 \rightarrow \text{"horizontal"} \\ \Delta_q \Psi_z &= 0 \rightarrow \text{"isomonodromy"} \end{aligned}$$

||


expectation value of intersecting surface defects

$Y \simeq$ Vector bundle $\downarrow \mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$




$Y =$ vector bundle over complete flag variety

\hat{A}_0 theory (aka $\mathcal{N}=2^*$ aka softly broken)
 $\mathcal{N}=4$

Ψ solves (1-point conformal block on )

$$\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \frac{d}{d\tau} \Psi = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\varepsilon_i \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} \right)^2 + m(m+\varepsilon_1) \sum_{i < j} P(q_i - q_j; \tau) \right) \Psi$$

At the moment the gauge theory construction of the 2-point block (horizontal section)

is UNKNOWN
isomonodromy problem is known, of course (Krichever) 

Some uses of gauge theory

Separation of variables

Formulas for Ψ

Quantization conditions

New types of vertex operators

Hecke operators of (analytic) geometric

Langlands and their $k \neq \mathbb{N}$ generalizations

Some uses of gauge theory

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Blowup formulas in $4d \Rightarrow$

relations between conformal blocks of

current algebras and W -algebras

$k \rightarrow (k_1, k_2) \rightarrow$ Kyiv formula (GIL)

Some uses of gauge theory

Interesting questions

- 5-categorification (what replaces CS?)
- $4d \rightarrow 5d$ (q-analogues)

Liouville \longrightarrow $\Delta u = \sinh u$??

$4d \rightarrow 6d$ (elliptic)

??

Bobenko's
talk

Some uses of gauge theory

Interesting questions

- 5-categorification (what replaces CS?)
- Knots, defects, relation to smooth structures, volume conjecture?

- What replaces Isomonodromy for higher rank?

(add higher times in \mathbb{Z})
 $\sim t_k \text{Tr } \phi^{k+2}$

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for general quiver theories?

Hitchin (G, C) \rightarrow
 \cup
opers \rightsquigarrow ?? \subset

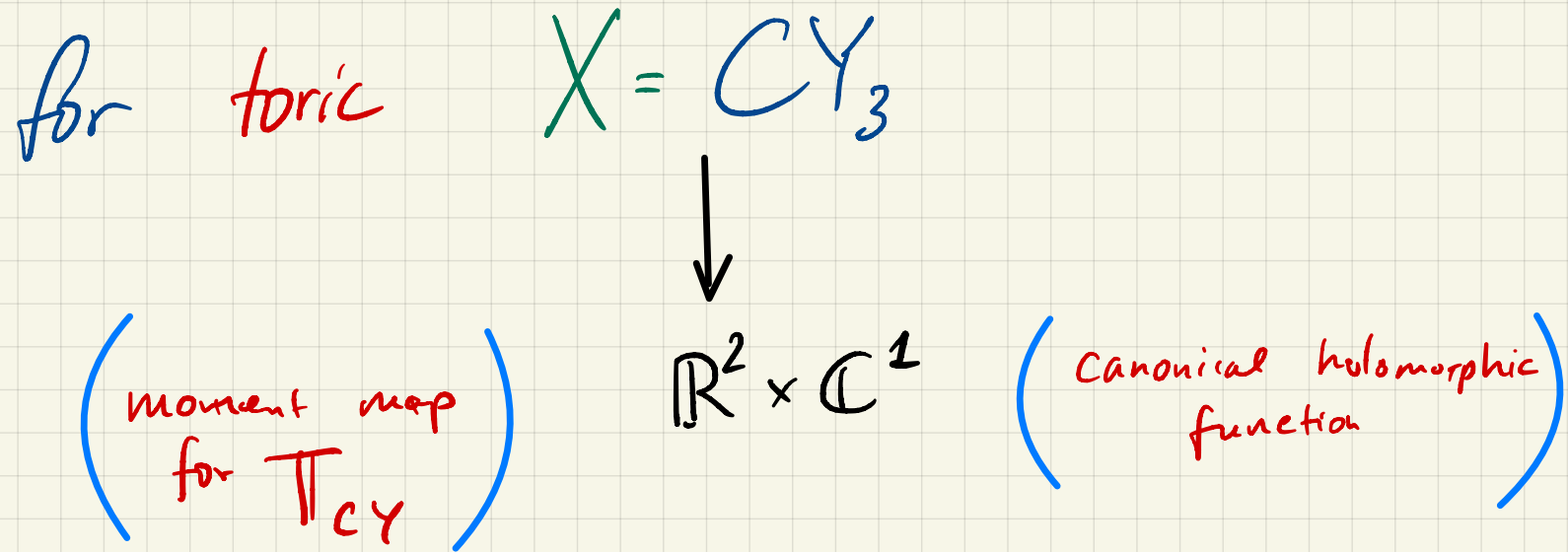
moduli spaces of ADE
instantons / monopoles on
 $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{T}^2$ $\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$

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- for CY_3 ?
dimers and integrable systems
(Goncharov - Kenyon
Fock
Marshakov
Bershtein, Semenov, ...)

Some uses of gauge theory/string theory



T-duality along π_{CY} $X \rightarrow T^2 \times \text{hyperkähler } \mathcal{S}$
+ NS5 wrapping
a curve C

Phase space = $\{ \text{branes wrapping } C \subset \mathcal{S} \}$

Thank you!