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Seiberg Witten Theory

$N=2$ $SU(2)$ SYM

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1. Brief Monopole Review

1.1 Preliminaries

U(1) gauge theory $A_\mu (\phi, \vec{A})$, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$, $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma}$

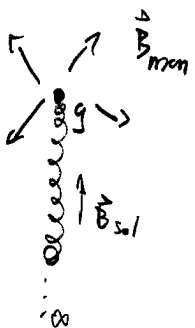
Define electric & magnetic currents $j^\mu = (\rho, \vec{j})$ $k^\mu = (\sigma, \vec{k})$

\Rightarrow Maxwell Eqs $\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = -j^\mu$, $\partial_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -k^\mu$

are invariant under $(F, j) \rightarrow (\tilde{F}, k)$
 $(\tilde{F}, k) \rightarrow -(F, j)$

actually $SO(2)$
 symmetry:
E-M DUALITY

1.2 Monopoles \Rightarrow Charge Quantization



• Imagine monopole @ origin. To satisfy $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ need to introduce Dirac string (no solenoid) so that the singularities in A^μ cancel

$$\vec{B} = \frac{g}{4\pi r^2} + g \theta(-z) \delta(x) \delta(y) \hat{z}$$

• position of singularity in $A^\mu \leftrightarrow$ orientation of Dirac string is GAUGE DEP.

\hookrightarrow observable consequence: Aharonov-Bohm Phase

\hookrightarrow REQUIRE TO VANISH: $eg = 2\pi n$

More generally, for two dyons (q_i, g_i) : $q_1 g_2 - q_2 g_1 = 2\pi n_{12}$

Note: the above is what we call an **ELEMENTARY MONOPOLE**

\hookrightarrow "put in by hand" as opposed to a solitonic gauge field configuration (TOPOLOGICAL MONOPOLE, requires SSB)

\hookrightarrow can have any mass (at least w/o SUSY)

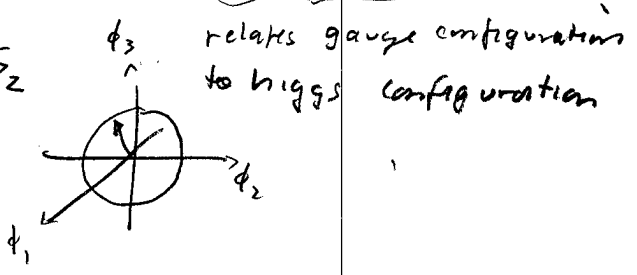
1.3 Topological Monopoles: Georgi - Glashow Model

• topological monopoles can arise dynamically in theories with SSB.
 ↳ solitonic field solutions, stable due to preserved topological charge

• GUT Model: $SU(3) \rightarrow SU(2) \sim U(1)$ by Higgs $\phi^a \sim \square$

↳ vacuum is defined by $\vec{\phi}_{vac} \cdot \vec{\phi}_{vac} = a^2$, $D_\mu \phi_{vac} = 0$

↳ $\phi_{vac} \in M = \text{vacuum manifold} \simeq S^2$

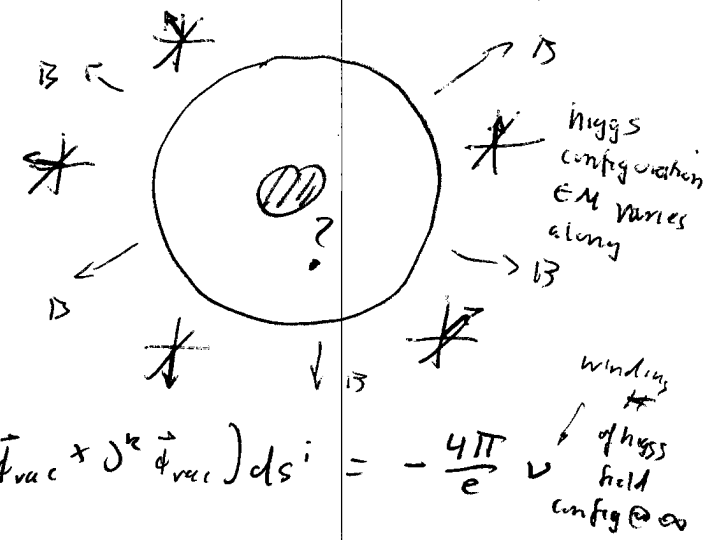


In general, for $G \rightarrow H$ SSB,
 $\phi_{vac} \in M \simeq G/H$

• topological monopole solutions:

↳ define $S^2 @ \infty = \Sigma$. On Σ , fields take vacuum configuration $D\phi = 0, \phi^2 = a^2$

↳ $\phi \in M$ can vary across Σ .
 some configurations have non zero **WINDING NUMBER** and are stable with non zero magnetic charge



$$g_\Sigma^\nu = \int_\Sigma B^i ds^i = -\frac{1}{2\pi e a} \int_\Sigma \epsilon_{ijk} \vec{\phi}_{vac}^i \cdot (\partial^j \vec{\phi}_{vac}^k \times \partial^l \vec{\phi}_{vac}^m) ds^i = -\frac{4\pi}{e} \nu$$

↳ ϕ_0 at ∞ defines a map: $\phi_0 : M \rightarrow S^2$

this map is a member of a certain **HOMOTOPY CLASS** (labelled by winding #)

(two field configs are homotopic if they can be ctsly deformed into each other)

$\Pi_2(G/H) \simeq$ group of homotopy classes of these maps

↳ Specific Soln: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{t'Hooft-Polyakov Monopole} \\ \text{Julia-Zee Dyon} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} - \text{set } g, q \text{ by } \int B, E \text{ over } \Sigma \\ - \text{set } M \text{ by } \int \text{energy density} \\ - \text{OBEY CHARGE QUANT.} \end{array}$

1.4 The Bogomol'nyi Bound & BPS states

• Applies to topological monopoles/dyons (more important in $N=2$ SUSY)

• can show that $M \geq M_B = a \sqrt{q^2 + g^2}$ in GCS model (for example)

↳ t'Hooft-Polyakov monopole $M \geq a \frac{4\pi}{e} = \frac{v}{\alpha} M_W \leftarrow$ HEAVY

↳ $M = M_B$: "BPS States". VERY important in $N=2$ SUSY

1.5 Miscellaneous Remarks

• Can show $\pi_2(G/H) \cong \pi_1(H)_{G_0}$ = paths in H that, upon embedding in $G \supset H$, are deformable to the trivial path

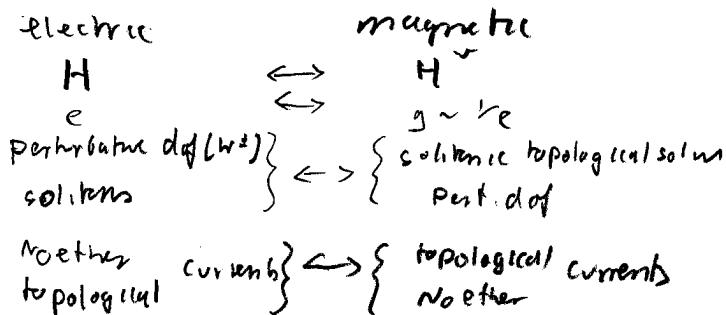
↳ Not all theories allow for topological dyons!

Rule of thumb: if H does not have more U(1) factors than G , then $\pi_1(H)_{G_0} = 0 \rightarrow$ no top. monopoles

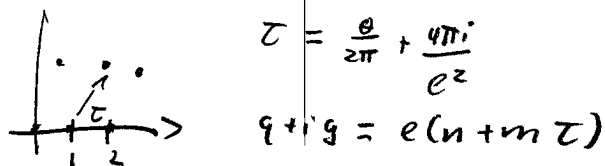
↳ $SU(2) + U(1) \rightarrow U(1)$ does NOT have top. mon. (only elements, w/ Dirac strings)

• Charge quantization for color triplets is generalized to all our $\frac{1}{3}$ -charges!

Manton-Olive Conjecture:



• Useful for later: arrange allowed states in $(q + ig)$ -plane



$$M \geq M_B = \sqrt{2} |ae(n+m\tau)|/3$$

2. Necessary $N=2$ SUSY Facts

SUSY reps w/o central charges:

$N=1$

χ SF (ψ, ϕ) : 4 dof	$m\chi$ SF : 4 dof
ν SF $(A_\mu, 1)$: 4 dof	$m\nu$ SF : 8 dof

$N=2$:

hyper = χ SF \oplus $\overline{\chi}$ SF	: 8 dof	} maintain
vector = χ SF \oplus ν SF	: 8 dof	
massive : 16 dof		

$N=2$ algebra w/ central charge:

$$\begin{aligned} \{Q, \bar{Q}\} &= 2\sigma\cdot P \\ \{Q, Q\} &= 2\sqrt{z} \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \{\bar{Q}, \bar{Q}\} &= 2\sqrt{z} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

single Real central charge (JUST A NUMBER)

↳ NOTE: the eigenvalues of z can be different for each particle !!!!

↳ Massive states must obey BPS bound $M \geq 2|z|$

↳ if $M = 2|z|$, the algebra looks like massless case \rightarrow SHORT MULTIPLETS
 ↳ $M > 2|z|$: LONG MULTIPLETS

Short multiplets = BPS States \rightarrow Their relationship between M and z does NOT get modified by quantum corrections
 ↳ VERY IMPORTANT

↳ massive hypers have $|z| = M/2$

↳ SUSY CS model: $z = a(q + i'g) = a e^{(n + im)\tau}$

is DYNAMICALLY generated

(calculated by solving field configs \rightarrow calculating super currents

in terms of fields \rightarrow \int to get Q, \bar{Q} \rightarrow $\{Q, \bar{Q}\}$ anticommutator $\rightarrow z$)

• $N=1$: local reps & Lagrangians:

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{8\pi} \text{Im} \left(\tau \text{Tr} \int d^2\theta W^\alpha W_\alpha \right)}_{\text{gauge kinetic}} + \underbrace{\left(\int d^4\theta W + \text{hc} \right)}_{\text{superpot}} + \underbrace{\int d^4\theta \Phi e^{-2V} \Phi}_{\text{canonical Kähler term}}$$

$$V = \sum_i \frac{\partial W}{\partial A_i} - \frac{1}{2} g^2 (A^\dagger T^a A)^2$$

• $N=2$ SYM Lagrangian (in $N=1$ SF language)

non-canonical Kähler for SF in vector is enforced by $N=2$ susy

↳ microscopic theory: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \text{Im} \text{Tr} \left\{ \tau \left(\int d^2\theta W^\alpha W_\alpha^\dagger + 2 \int d^4\theta \Phi^\dagger e^{-2V} \Phi \right) \right\}$
 with $V = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} ([A^\dagger, A]^2)$ where A is the scalar in the SF in the $N=2$ vector (so $N=2$ SYM actually has a higgs that can SSB!)

↳ IN GENERAL, THEORY IS SPECIFIED BY **PREPOTENTIAL \mathcal{F}**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \text{Im} \left(\int d^2\theta \mathcal{F}_{ab}(\Phi) W^\alpha W_\alpha^\dagger + 2 \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} \left(\Phi^\dagger e^{2gV} \right)^a \mathcal{F}_a(\Phi) \right)$$

↳ $\mathcal{F}_a(\Phi) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \Phi^a} \text{ck}$

$K = \text{Im} \left(\Phi^\dagger \mathcal{F}_a(\Phi) \right)$

$g_{ab} = \text{Im} (J_a J_b \mathcal{F})$ is the special Kähler metric

↳ $F(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \tau \Phi^2$ for microscopic theory.

For IR theory, could be ANYTHING

FOUND BY SW
 → exactly solve low-E SYM theory!

↳ In the microscopic theory, for topological dyons $Z = a(n_e + i a_D n_m)$

for $\tau_D = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{g^2}$

for a more general effective action,

$Z = a n_e + a_D n_m$ where $a_D = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial a}$

3. The SW Analysis of $N=2$ $SU(2)$ SYM

3.1 Overview

• $SU(2)$ $N=2$ SYM: known microscopic Lagrangian. Moduli space, parameterized by $v = \text{Tr} A^2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2$ where $a = \text{eigenvalue of } \phi$
 ↳ this relation holds classically!

→ just need to know instanton coefficients!

• to know low-energy theory we must find $u(a)$ and $\mathcal{F}(u(a))$
 ↳ since only derivatives of \mathcal{F} are physical, can also use $h(a) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial a}$: $u(a), h(a)$

• EM Duality: $A, F_{uv}, h(A) \leftrightarrow A_0, F_{uv}, h_0(A_0)$
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 $h(A)$ " $-A$
 $\tau = \frac{jk}{ja} \rightarrow \tau' (SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \text{ transformed})$

→ instead of $u(a), h(a)$ can describe theory with $a(u), a_D(u)$

• Monodromies are transformations of quantities as we walk around a singularity in Moduli Space.

↳ FIND TWO SINGULARITIES NEAR ORIGIN OF MS → MASSLESS DYONS!
 ↳ softly break $N=2 \rightarrow N=1$ SUSY: vacuum degeneracy is lifted and $\langle u \rangle$ is pushed towards region where dyon or monopole becomes massless.

MONOPOLES GET A VEV → GAUGINO CONDENSATION IN $N=1$ SYM!!!

• Solving for explicit $a(u), a_D(u)$: Identify MS of SYM vacua with MS of genus $- (rank/6)$ Riemann surfaces. a, a_D are related to the PERIODS of these surfaces and can be calculated using "(?) Selberg-Witten Curves. → COMPLETELY SOLVE LOW-E THEORY?

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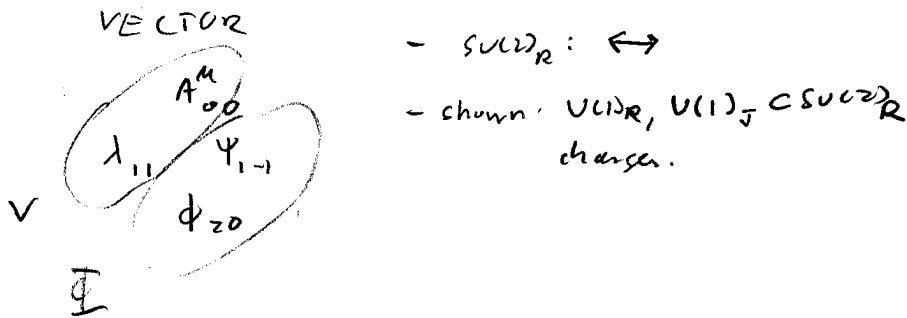
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3.2 Parametrization of Moduli Space: coordinate v

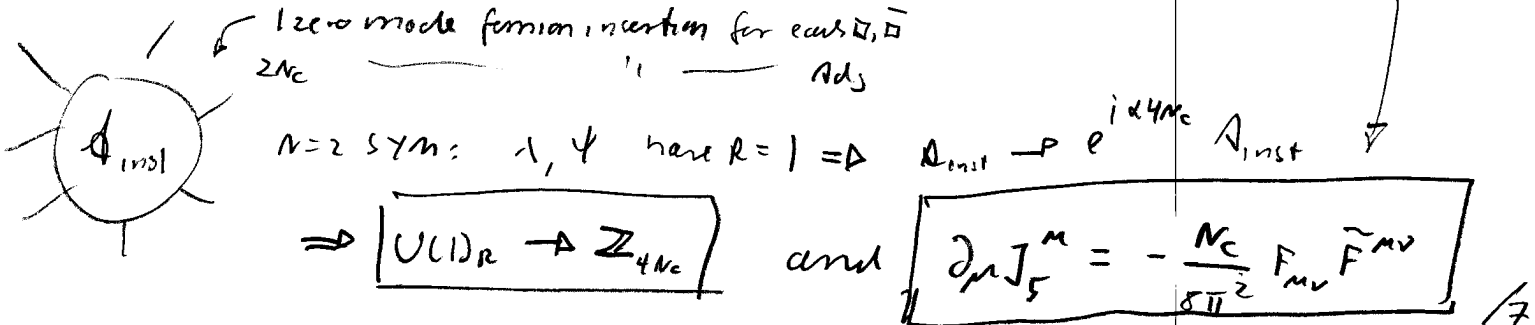
- $N=2$ SYM has classical potential $V = \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr}([A_i, A_j]^2)$ for adjoint scalars
 $\Rightarrow [A_{vac}^+, A_{vac}] = 0 \Rightarrow A = A^a T^a \in$ Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{H} of group G
- different choices of A^a give different physical theories, MODULO WEYL REFLECTIONS
 ("mirroring" of Generators)
- \Rightarrow MS is parametrized by Weyl inv. functions of $A \in \mathfrak{H} \subset G$
- $SU(2): v = \text{Tr}(A^2) = \frac{1}{2} a^2$ $a = e\text{-value of } A$
- $L_v = \frac{1}{2} a^2$ holds classically and can only be trusted far away from the origin. We do not know $v(a)$ in general.

3.3 $U(1)_R$ - breaking by the chiral anomaly

- This will be important in constraining the form of $\mathcal{F}(a)$
- $N=2$ SYM has $U(1)_R = SU(2)_R \times U(1)_R$ sym of generators.



- $U(1)_R$ is broken by instantons (chiral anomaly)



3.4 Write down low-energy Effective Action

• $SU(2) \rightarrow U(1)$ by CA

$$Z_{eff} = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \ln \left[\int d^4\theta \frac{\partial F(A)}{\partial A} \bar{A} + \int d^2\theta \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial A^2} W^\mu W_\mu \right]$$

metric on field space: $ds^2 = \ln \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial A^2} dA d\bar{A} = (\ln \tau) dA d\bar{A}$

$$F(A) = \frac{i}{2\pi} A^2 \ln \frac{A^2}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_{k=1}^n F_k \left(\frac{1}{A}\right)^{4k} A^2 \quad (F_k \text{ indep of fields})$$

1st term: Perturbative contributions

$\hookrightarrow J_\mu J_\nu^M = -\frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow$ under $U(1)_R$, $\delta Z = -\frac{dN_c}{8\pi^2} F \tilde{F}$

\hookrightarrow shifts θ -angle: $\theta \rightarrow \theta + \log$

$\hookrightarrow \delta Z = \delta Z_{eff} \Rightarrow$ only comes from $\mathcal{O}(D^2)$ terms, get ODE for F

$$F'''(A) = \frac{N_c i}{\pi A} \rightarrow \boxed{F_{1-loop} = \frac{i}{2\pi} A^2 \ln \frac{A^2}{\Lambda^2}}$$

(No higher loop corrections due to $N=2$ holomorphy)

2nd term: NP contributions

\hookrightarrow instanton contribution $\propto e^{k(-8\pi^2/g^2)} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{4k}$

\hookrightarrow can restore $U(1)_R$ by $R(A) = 2 = R(A) \Rightarrow R(F) = 4$

$\Rightarrow \sim A^2$

$\Rightarrow F_{inst} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k \left(\frac{1}{A}\right)^{4k} A^2$

FINDING F_k is the goal of SW Analysis

3.5 Electric - Magnetic Duality

• WHY do we need duality?

↳ far out in field space $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{1-loop} \Rightarrow \tau(u) = \frac{2\pi i}{g^2} = \frac{i}{u} (\ln \frac{u^2}{\Lambda^2} + 3)$

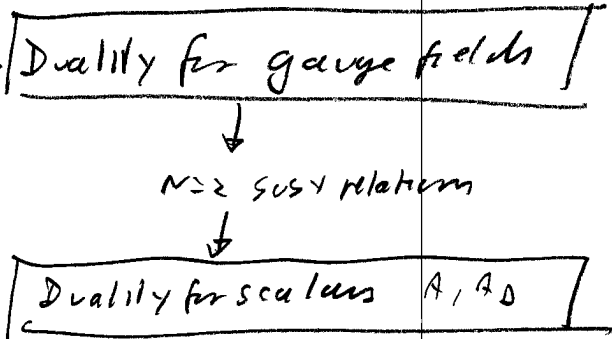
↳ $\text{Im} \tau$ is harmonic fn (twice diff'ble) \Rightarrow NO GLOBAL MAX/MIN

↳ $\text{Im} \tau < 0$ gives -ve KE \Rightarrow **NEED DUAL DESCRIPTION OF THEORY WHEN $\text{Im} \tau < 0$**

• How do we DERIVE the duality for $N=2$ SYM?

Bosonic gauge field action

↳ enforce Bianchi identity $\partial F = 0$ by introducing dual vector field V_D^μ as Lagrange multiplier coupled to $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\nu\rho}$ (= $8\pi g^3(\pm)$ for monopoles) and integrate out original gauge fields



Duality for gauge fields

$F_{\mu\nu}$ coupling to charges $\rightarrow F_{D\mu\nu}$ coupling to monopoles

$\tau \rightarrow \tau_D = -1/\tau$

Full duality is larger, since $\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$ also leaves action invariant

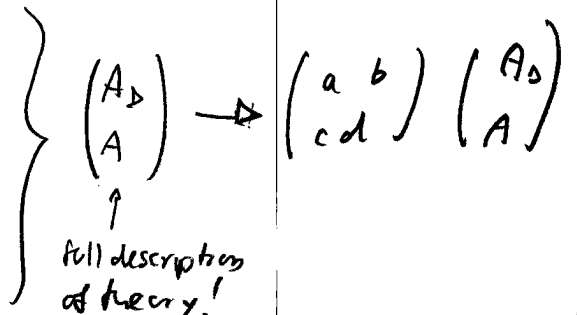
\Rightarrow Full Duality transformation is $\tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$ $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$
 $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $ad - bc = 1$

Duality for Scalars

• Introduce $h(A) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial A}$, $\tau(A) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial A}$

• dual description $A_D, \mathcal{H}_D, h_D(A_D)$:

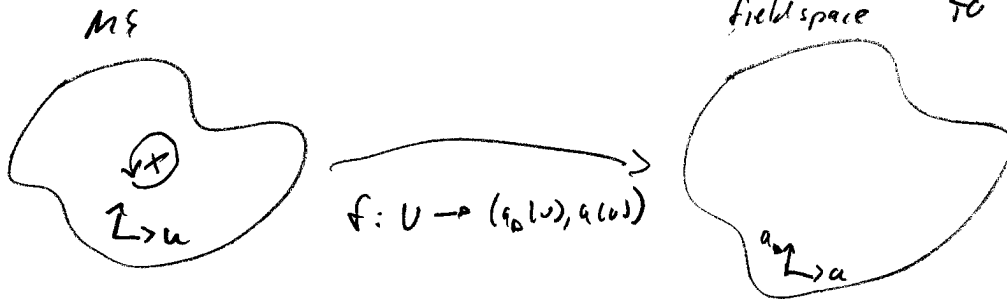
$\tau_D = -1/\tau = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial h} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_D}{\partial A_D} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{matrix} A_D = h(A) \\ h_D = -A \end{matrix}}$



3.6 Monodromies on the MS of $SU(2)$ SYM

- The field space is parameterized by (a_D, a) (or "theory space")
 The vacuum manifold is parameterized by coord u (the moduli space)
 and defines a subspace of the field space $(a_D(u), a(u))$

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO FIND LOW-E THEORY



$x = \text{singularity}$

$\odot = \text{path around sing}$

MONODROMY OF SINGULARITY



As you walk around singularity in MS, $v = \begin{pmatrix} a_D(u) \\ a(u) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v' = Mv$

where $M \in \text{monodromy group} \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

- WE CAN USE MONODROMIES TO EXPLORE SINGULARITIES OF MS \rightarrow LEARN ABOUT WHERE WHICH PARTICLES BECOME MASSLESS

Monodromy of a

\hookrightarrow large $|a| \rightarrow u = \frac{1}{2} a^2$ is valid, $\gamma = \gamma_{\text{loop}} \Rightarrow a_D = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial a} = \frac{2ia}{\pi} \log \frac{a}{\Lambda} + \frac{ia}{\pi}$

\hookrightarrow loop around $u=0$: $u \rightarrow e^{2\pi i} u$
 $\ln u \rightarrow \ln u + 2\pi i$
 $\ln a \rightarrow \ln a + i\pi$

$$\Rightarrow v = \begin{pmatrix} a_D \\ a \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -a_D + 2a \\ -a \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{M_\infty = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

• Show there are at least two singularities at finite u

↳ $M_{\infty} \neq \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow$ at least one singularity of M_S in u -plane

↳ Say \exists only one singularity $\rightarrow \forall$ paths, $M = M_{\infty}$ or $\mathbb{1}$

$\rightarrow a^2$ is invariant \rightarrow good global coord

$\rightarrow \tau(a)$ is globally defined ~~\times~~ .

\rightarrow AT LEAST 2 SINGULARITIES!

• Origin of Singularities: Massless Dyons

↳ integrate out heavy particles. their loops give non-trivial Kähler metric.

singularity of the coordinate on $M_S =$ particle becomes MASSLESS!

↳ (u ceases to be a good coordinate)

↳ nature of singularity depends on massless particle.

↳ Massless gauge bosons are not consistent!

$U(1)$ w/o matter is CFT

↳ CFT + SUSY = SCFT \rightarrow vanishing instanton anomaly?

\Rightarrow MASSLESS DYONS

• What is the monodromy associated with a massless dyon?

↳ Find M for massless electric hyper, then use duality to get $M(n_m, n_e)$ for general dyons

↳ massless electric hyper: low-E theory is $U(1)$ hyper

- near $u = u_q$, $a(u) \approx c_1 (u - u_q)$ since $a \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow u_q$ to satisfy $M = M_{\text{dys}} = 2|z|$
with $z = n_e a + n_m a_0$

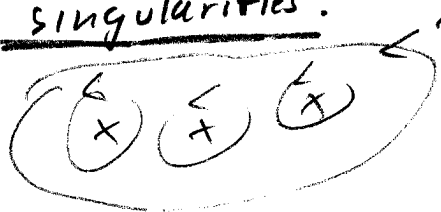
- $2\pi E$ gives $\tau \propto -\frac{i}{\pi} \ln \frac{a}{\Lambda} = \frac{\partial a_0}{\partial a} \Rightarrow a_D = -\frac{i}{\pi} a \frac{\ln a}{\Lambda} + \frac{i}{\pi}$

- go around path $(u - u_q) \rightarrow e^{2\pi i} (u - u_q)$: $u = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_0 + 2\pi i \\ a \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow M_{(0,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

↳ Do duality transformation $(0,1) \rightarrow (n_m, n_e) : M_{(n_m, n_e)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2n_e n_m & 2n_e^2 \\ 2n_m^2 & 1 - 2n_e n_m \end{pmatrix}$

• What are the individual singularities?

- $M_\infty = \prod M_i(n_i, n'_i)$



NO SOLUTION FOR MORE THAN TWO MASSLESS DYONS

⇒ EXACTLY TWO

- solve $M_\infty = M_{(m,n)} M_{(m',n')}$

↳ **get massless dyon, monopole**

↳ Hypothesis: $v_{sing} = \pm 1$ (confirmed by exact calculation)

$v = -1$

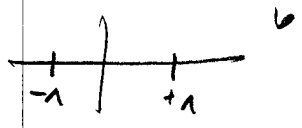
massless dyon $(m, n) = (1, -1)$

$a_D = a$

$v = +1$

massless monopole $(m, n) = (1, 0)$

$a_D = 0$



as required by
 $M_{BPS} = 2|z| \rightarrow 0$
 $z = q n_e + q_D n_m$

3.8 Monopole Condensation & Confinement

• we can softly break $N=2$ susy to $N=1$ to understand gaugino condensation in $N=1$ SYM as a dual Meissner effect from magnetic higgs mechanism due to monopoles getting a VEV.

• $N=2 \rightarrow N=1$: add $W = m A^2$ mass to XSF in $N=2$ vector
 \rightarrow low-E theory will be pure $N=1$ SYM below scale m .

• near point where monopoles are massless:

$W = \sqrt{2} A_D M \tilde{M} + m U(A_D) \rightarrow \frac{\partial W}{\partial A_D} = 0 = \sqrt{2} M \tilde{M} + m \frac{\partial U}{\partial A_D}$

from $N=2$ susy

$\rightarrow \langle M \tilde{M} \rangle \neq 0$

$\frac{\partial W}{\partial M} = 0 = \sqrt{2} A_D \tilde{M} \rightarrow \langle A_D \rangle = 0$