

Finite size giant magnon redux

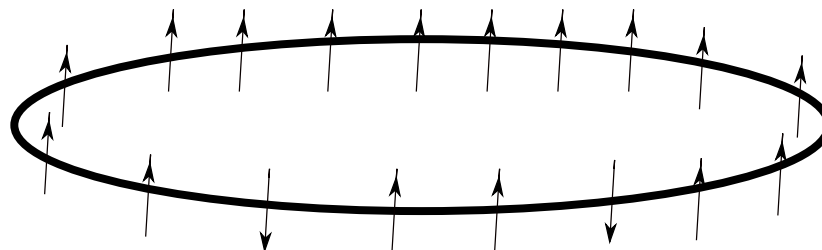
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Problem of finding the spectrum of planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills has a spin-chain analogy

(J.Minahan and K.Zarembo [hep-th/0212208](#))



For example: scalar fields of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super-conformal YM: Φ^1, \dots, Φ^6

$$Z = \Phi^1 + i\Phi^2 \quad , \quad \Phi = \Phi^3 + i\Phi^4 \quad , \quad \Psi = \Phi^5 + i\Phi^6$$

Large N planar limit: conformal dimensions of composite operators

$$\text{Tr} [Z(0)Z(0)\Phi(0)Z(0)\Phi(0)Z(0)\dots] \quad J Z's + M \Phi's$$

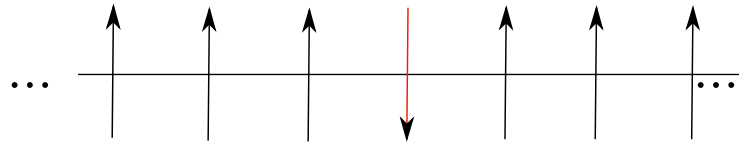
Classical limit $\Delta = J + M$

YM interactions: $\Delta = J + M + \lambda(\text{one loop}) + \lambda^2(\text{two loops}) + \dots$

Resolving degeneracy \sim spin chain

- The spin chain is thought to be integrable and solvable using a Bethe Ansatz
- Problem is simpler in the large volume (magnon) limit
 - planar Yang-Mills theory $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N$ fixed
 - infinite volume $J \rightarrow \infty$ with magnon momenta and λ fixed
- Bethe Ansatz has distinct quasi-particles. In magnon limit integrability implies scattering with a factorized S-matrix.
- quasi-particle is a magnon
- 2-body S-matrix almost completely determined by (super-)symmetry.
- once infinite J spectrum is known – reconstruct finite J
- properties of single magnon

Magnon



$$\sum_x e^{ipx} \dots ZZZ\Phi ZZZ\dots$$

infinitely long spin chain – isolate a single magnon

Spectrum:

$$E = \Delta - J = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2}}$$

p_{mag} =magnon momentum

Spectrum of magnon:

$$E = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2}}$$

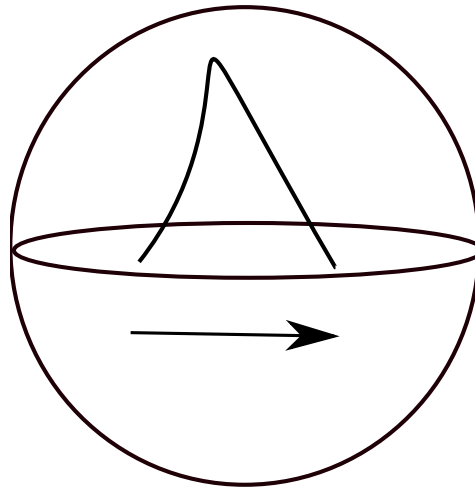
- Compatible with perturbative YM to three loops
- integrability Ansätze at large J
- agrees with BMN limit $p_{\text{mag}} = k/J$ $\lambda' = \frac{\lambda}{J^2}$, k, λ' finite.
- Beisert: magnon is $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS state of centrally extended superalgebra $SU(2|2) \times SU(2|2) \times R^3$
- $\lambda \rightarrow f(\lambda)???$

Strong coupling limit $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ from string dual \longrightarrow

Hofman and Maldacena [hep-th/0604135](#) identified string dual:

Giant Magnon:

Soliton solution of classical string on $R^1 \times S^2$



angle coordinate open $\phi(r) - \phi(-r) = p_{\text{mag}} \quad \phi'$, all others periodic

$$J \quad (= -i\partial/\partial\phi) \rightarrow \infty \quad \theta(\pm r) \rightarrow \pi/2$$

$$E = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left| \sin \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} \right| \quad \leftarrow \quad \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2}} \quad \text{at large } \lambda$$

What about corrections to the large J limit?

Finite size corrections?

- Perturbative gauge theory – none! – at least for $J > \#\text{loops}$.
- Bethe Ansatz – maybe? – the integrable **Hubbard model** agrees with perturbation theory to a few loops, then is extrapolated to large λ and large J ,

$$E_H = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left| \sin \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} \right| \cdot \left[1 - \frac{2\pi^2}{\lambda \sin^2 p_{\text{mag}}/2} e^{-2\pi J/\sqrt{\lambda} |\sin p_{\text{mag}}/2|} + \dots \right]$$

- finite size and strong coupling from string – apparently yes!
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$$E = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left| \sin \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} \right| \cdot \left[1 - \frac{4}{e^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} e^{-\mathcal{R}} + \dots \right]$$

- Hubbard model matches exponent,
 $\mathcal{R} = 2\pi J/\sqrt{\lambda} |\sin p_{\text{mag}}/2| + a p_{\text{mag}} \cot p_{\text{mag}}/2$ but not prefactor
- wrapping interactions (e.g. R.Janik, this conference)

- **Finite size corrections are interesting:**
- exponential suppression at large J non-perturbative in Yang-Mills., $\sim e^{-J/\sqrt{\lambda}}$
- **but depend on gauge-fixing parameter a**
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$$\begin{aligned}
E &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left| \sin \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} \right| \cdot \left[1 - \frac{4}{e^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} e^{-\mathcal{R}} - \right. \\
&- \frac{4}{e^4} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} \left(\mathcal{R}^2 (1 + \cos p) + 2\mathcal{R} (2 + 3 \cos p_{\text{mag}} + \right. \\
&+ \left. a p_{\text{mag}} \sin p_{\text{mag}}) + 7 + 6 \cos p_{\text{mag}} + 6 a p_{\text{mag}} \sin p_{\text{mag}} + \right. \\
&\left. \left. + a^2 p_{\text{mag}}^2 (1 - \cos p_{\text{mag}}) \right) e^{-2\mathcal{R}} + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

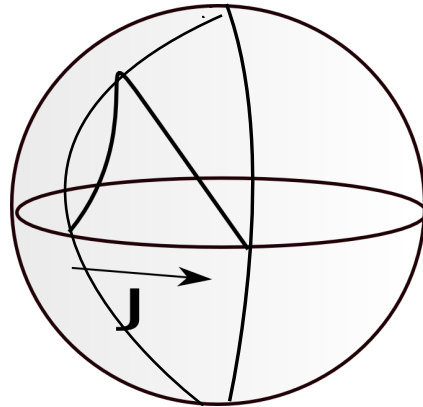
$$\mathcal{R} = 2\pi J / \sqrt{\lambda} \left| \sin p_{\text{mag}} / 2 \right| + a p_{\text{mag}} \cot p_{\text{mag}} / 2$$

There is no state of $N = 4$ SYM dual to a giant magnon with $J < \infty$. **Gauge theory dual of finite size giant magnon?**

Orbifold $AdS_5 \times S^5 \rightarrow AdS_5 \times S^5 / Z_M$

Identify longitude on 2-sphere by the action of a discrete group

$$Z_M: \phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi/M$$



Non-interacting strings:

- choose subset of momenta $J = \text{integer} \cdot M$ (rather than $J = \text{integer}$ in un-orbifold)
- Include wrapped strings $\Delta\phi = 2\pi m/M$

Giant magnon = wrapped closed string

Open ends of magnon are identified identified: $p_{\text{mag}} = 2\pi m/M$.

(subset of giant magnon states with $J = kM$)

Orbifold $AdS_5 \times S^5/Z_M$ is dual to $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superconformal quiver gauge theory (with $SU(2, 2|2)$ superalgebra).

Begin with $\mathcal{N} = 4$: Embed regular representation of Z_M into $SU(N)$ gauge group, $N = N' M$

$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \omega^{M-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega = \exp(2\pi i/M)$$

(each entry is multiplied by $N' \times N'$ unit matrix)

Keep only those components of fields which are invariant under combined gauge transformation and R-symmetry

$$(Z, \Psi, \Phi, A^\mu) = (\omega\gamma Z\gamma^{-1}, \omega^{-1}\gamma\Psi\gamma^{-1}, \gamma\Phi\gamma^{-1}, \gamma A^\mu\gamma^{-1})$$

$$J : Z \rightarrow e^{i\theta} Z, \quad J' : \psi \rightarrow e^{-i\theta'} \Psi, \quad J + J' = kM$$

For each $N \times N$ matrix field in the parent $\mathcal{N} = 4$ theory,
 M $N' \times N'$ -dimensional blocks survive

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & Z_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & Z_{M-1} \\ Z_M & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Phi_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Phi_{M-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \Psi_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \Psi_M & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^\mu = \begin{bmatrix} A_1^\mu & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2^\mu & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_3^\mu & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & A_{M-1}^\mu \end{bmatrix}$$

Single trace operators from $\mathcal{N} = 4$ notation $\text{Tr} \gamma^m \mathcal{O}$

planar $m = 0$ sector = planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$

(M.Bershadsky, A.Johansen, hep-th/9803249)

Field content:

- Gauge group

$$U(MN') \rightarrow U_1(N') \times \dots \times U_M(N')$$

- Bi-fundamental fields

$$Z \rightarrow \{Z_1, \dots, Z_M\} \quad , \quad Z_I \rightarrow U_I Z_I U_{I+1}^\dagger$$

$$\Psi \rightarrow \{\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_M\} \quad , \quad \Psi_I \rightarrow U_{I+1}^\dagger \Psi_I U_I$$

M bi-fundamental chiral hypermultiplets $(Z_I, \bar{\Psi}_I, \chi_{Z_I}, \bar{\chi}_{\Psi_I})$

- Adjoint fields

$$\Phi \rightarrow \{\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_M\} \quad , \quad \Phi_I \rightarrow U_I \Phi_I U_I^\dagger$$

M adjoint rep. vector multiplets $(A_I^\mu, \Phi_I, \psi_I, \psi_{\Phi_I})$

Spin chain ground state with $\Delta - J = 0$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma^m Z^J = \delta_{m,0} \text{Tr} [(Z_1 \dots Z_M)^k] \quad , \quad J = kM$$

One-magnon state with $p_{\text{mag}} = 2\pi m/M$, $J = kM$:

$$\text{Tr} \gamma^m \Phi Z^{kM} = \sum_I e^{2\pi \frac{m}{M} iI} \text{Tr} Z_1 \dots Z_I \Phi_I Z_{I+1} \dots Z_M (Z_1 \dots Z_M)^{k-1}$$

magnon multiplet $\Delta - J = 1$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma^m D_\mu Z Z^{kM-1} \quad , \quad \text{Tr} \gamma^m \Phi Z^{kM} \quad , \quad \text{Tr} \gamma^m \bar{\Phi} Z^{kM}$$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma^m \bar{\Psi} Z^{kM-1} \quad , \quad \text{Tr} \gamma^m \Psi Z^{kM+1}$$

$SU(2) \times U(1)$ R-symmetry $\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ \bar{\Psi} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \bar{Z} \\ \Psi \end{pmatrix}$ $SU(2)$ doublets

$SU(2, 2|2)$ supersymmetry $\rightarrow SU(2|1)^2$

Magnon limit $J \rightarrow \infty$: Since $J = kM$, either $k \rightarrow \infty$ or $M \rightarrow \infty$

enhanced supersymmetry $SU(2|2)^2 \times R^1$

String Loops:

k=1

$$\text{Tr} \gamma^m \Phi Z^M = \sum_I e^{2\pi \frac{m}{M} i I} \text{Tr} Z_1 \dots Z_{I-1} \Phi_I Z_I \dots Z_M$$

is an exact eigenstate of the full dilatation operator.

k=2

$$(\text{Tr} \gamma^m \Phi Z^{2M}) \pm (\text{Tr} \gamma^m \Phi Z^M) (\text{Tr} Z^M)$$

are eigenstates with eigenvalues

$$\Delta - J = 1 + \frac{\lambda(1 \pm M/N)}{2\pi^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} + \dots$$

$$N = MN'$$

k=3

States are

$$\{\text{Tr}\gamma^m Z^{3M}, \text{Tr}\gamma^m Z^{2M}\text{Tr}Z^M, \text{Tr}\gamma^m Z^M\text{Tr}Z^{2M}, \text{Tr}\gamma^m Z^M\text{Tr}Z^M\text{Tr}Z^M\},$$

eigenvalues are

$$\Delta - J = 1 + \frac{\lambda(1 \pm 2M/N)}{2\pi^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} + \dots$$

$$\Delta - J = 1 + \frac{\lambda(1 \pm M/N)}{2\pi^2} \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} + \dots$$

Planar theory n'th order of perturbation theory

$$\sim (g_{\text{YM}}^2 N)^n (\nabla^2)^n + \text{contact terms}$$

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Classical string

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$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d\tau \int_{-r}^r d\sigma \sqrt{-h} h^{ab} \partial_a X^M G_{MN}(X) \partial_b X^N$$

$$-r \leq \sigma \leq r \quad , \quad p_M = -2\pi\alpha' G_{MN}(X) \sqrt{-h} h^{0a} \partial_a X^N$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\tau \int_{-r}^r d\sigma \left[p_M \dot{X}^M + \frac{h^{01}}{h^{00}} V_1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-h}h^{00}} V_2 \right]$$

$$V_1 = P_M \partial_\sigma X^M \quad , \quad V_2 = G^{MN} p_M p_N + G_{MN} \partial_\sigma X^M \partial_\sigma X^N$$

Classical string on 2-sphere $R^1 \times S^2 \subset R^1 \times S^5$

$$ds^2 = \sqrt{\lambda}\alpha' \left[-dt^2 + (1 - z^2)d\phi^2 + \frac{1}{1 - z^2} dz^2 \right]$$

Noether charges for translations along t and ϕ ,

$$E = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int_{-r}^r d\sigma p_t \quad , \quad J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int_{-r}^r d\sigma p_\phi$$

Uniform light-cone gauge: parameter a

$$x_- = \phi - t \quad , \quad x_+ = (1 - a)t + a\phi$$

$$p_- = p_\phi + p_t \quad , \quad p_+ = (1 - a)p_\phi - ap_t$$

$$P_- = J - E \quad , \quad P_+ = (1 - a)J + aE$$

light cone gauge (remember $\phi(\tau, r) = \phi(\tau, -r) + p_{\text{mag}}$)

$$x_+ = \tau + a \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2r} \sigma \quad , \quad p_+ = 1$$

Length of worldsheet $\sim P_+$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} P_+ = \int_{-r}^r d\sigma p_+ = 2r \rightarrow r = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} P_+$$

Level matching condition $\int d\sigma p_M \partial_\sigma X^M = 0$

$$\Delta x_- = p_{\text{mag}} = - \int_{-r}^r d\sigma \left(a \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2r} p_- + p_z \partial_\sigma z \right)$$

solve V_1 for $\partial_\sigma x_-$, V_2 for $p_-(p_z, z, \partial_\sigma z)$

Light-cone gauge fixed action

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int d\tau \int_{-r}^r d\sigma [p_z \dot{z} + p_-(p_z, z, \partial_\sigma z)]$$

Back to configuration space $\dot{z} = -\frac{\partial p_-}{\partial p_z}$

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int d\tau \int_{-r}^r d\sigma L[z, \partial_\sigma z, \dot{z}]$$

$$L = \frac{1 - (1 - a)z^2}{1 - 2a - (1 - a)^2 z^2} -$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{(1 - z^2)^2 + [1 - 2a - (1 - a)^2 z^2][(\partial_\sigma z - a \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2r} \dot{z})^2 - \dot{z}^2 / (1 - z^2)]}}{1 - 2a - (1 - a)^2 z^2}$$

giant magnon is a right-moving soliton

$$z(\tau, \sigma) = z(\sigma - v\tau - av \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2r} \sigma) \quad , \quad \partial_\sigma z - a \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2r} \dot{z} = z'$$

$$L = \frac{1 - (1 - a)z^2}{1 - 2a - (1 - a)^2 z^2} - \frac{\sqrt{(1 - z^2)^2 + [1 - 2a - (1 - a)^2 z^2][(1 - v^2/(1 - z^2))(z')^2]}}{1 - 2a - (1 - a)^2 z^2}$$

“conservation of energy” $\frac{\omega - 1}{1 - a + a\omega} = z' \frac{\partial L}{\partial z'} - L$

turning points: $z_{\max}^2 = 1 - v^2$, $z_{\min}^2 = 1 - 1/\omega^2$

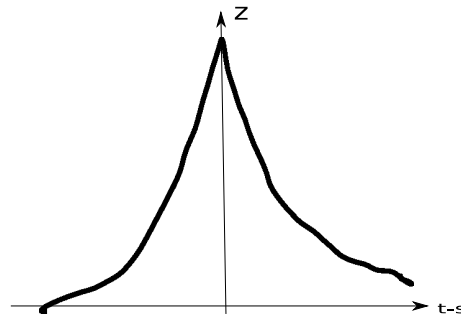
$$\frac{1}{|z'|} = \left[1 - a + \frac{a}{\omega(1 - z^2)} \right] \sqrt{\frac{z_{\max}^2 - z^2}{z^2 - z_{\min}^2}}$$

solution:

$$\sigma - v\tau - av \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2r} \sigma = \int_{z_{\text{max}}}^z dz \left[1 - a + \frac{a}{\omega(1 - z^2)} \right] \sqrt{\frac{z_{\text{max}}^2 - z^2}{z^2 - z_{\text{min}}^2}}$$

$$\frac{\sigma - v\tau}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} = (F - E) \left(\sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1 - z^2/z_{\text{max}}^2}{1 - z_{\text{min}}^2/z_{\text{max}}^2}}, \sqrt{1 - z_{\text{min}}^2/z_{\text{max}}^2} \right)$$

$F(\phi, k)$ and $E(\phi, k)$ are incomplete elliptic functions of 1'st, 2nd kind



In the conformal gauge

$$\frac{\sigma - v\tau}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} = F \left(\sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1 - z^2/z_{\text{max}}^2}{1 - z_{\text{min}}^2/z_{\text{max}}^2}}, \sqrt{1 - z_{\text{min}}^2/z_{\text{max}}^2} \right)$$

Integrate to find observables:

$$\frac{1}{|z'|} = \left[1 - a + \frac{a}{\omega(1 - z^2)} \right] \sqrt{\frac{z_{\max}^2 - z^2}{z^2 - z_{\min}^2}}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} [J + (E - J)] = r = \int_0^r d\sigma = \frac{1}{1 - avp_{\text{mag}}/2r} \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz}{|z'|}$$

$$E - J = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int_{-r}^r d\sigma p_z \partial_\sigma z = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz p_z$$

$$p_{\text{mag}} = -\frac{2ap_{\text{mag}}}{2r - ap_{\text{mag}}v} \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz \frac{p_-}{|z'|} + 2 \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz |p_z|$$

*complicated dependence on gauge parameter **a***

non-linear $r = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} P_+$

can solve for observables and the solution is a-independent

Result: , $\eta = \frac{1/\omega^2 - v^2}{1 - v^2} = \frac{z_{\max}^2 - z_{\min}^2}{z_{\max}^2}$

$$E - J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left[\sqrt{1 - v^2} (K(\eta) - E(\eta)) \right]$$

$$J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left[\sqrt{1 - v^2} E(\eta) - (\omega - 1) \frac{(1 + \omega v^2) K(\eta)}{\omega \sqrt{1 - v^2}} \right]$$

$$p_{\text{mag}} = -2 \frac{\omega^2 v^2 K(\eta) - \Pi(\eta - \eta/v^2, \eta)}{v \omega \sqrt{1 - v^2}}$$

E, K, Π are complete elliptic functions of 1'st, 2nd, 3rd kind.

Right-hand-side depends of v, ω . Eliminate these in terms of J and p_{mag} , then obtain the equation for the spectrum: $E - J$ as a function of J, p_{mag}

can be done explicitly when J is large

Conclusions:

- Finite size corrections are computable by asymptotic expansion in J

$$E - J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left| \sin \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} \right| \left[1 - 4 \sin^2 \frac{p_{\text{mag}}}{2} e^{-2 - 2\pi \frac{J}{\sqrt{\lambda} |\sin p_{\text{mag}}/2|}} + \dots \right]$$

orbifold $p_{\text{mag}} = 2\pi m/M$

- Can be interpreted as magnon of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ quiver SYM.
- Where would exponentially small finite size corrections arise on the gauge theory side? Wrapping interactions.
- Quantization of the string sigma model – asymptotic expansion in $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$ about the giant magnon is also possible.