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# A double-well SUSY matrix model for 2D type IIA superstrings in RR background

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## 1 Introduction

◇ Solvable matrix models for 2D quantum gravity or noncritical string theories were vigorously investigated around 1990.

- as toy models for critical string theories, in particular focused on nonperturbative aspects.
- But, little has been known about (solvable) matrix models corresponding to noncritical superstrings with **target-space SUSY**.  
*We would like to consider such matrix models.*
- We hope our analysis helpful to analyze Yang-Mills type matrix models for critical strings.

◇ We previously considered a simple SUSY matrix model: [Kuroki-F.S. 2009]

$$S_{\text{MM}} = N \text{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} B^2 + iB(\phi^2 - \mu^2) + \bar{\psi}(\phi\psi + \psi\phi) \right],$$

where

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} B, \phi : \text{Bosonic} \\ \psi, \bar{\psi} : \text{Fermionic} \end{array} \right\} N \times N \text{ hermitian matrices.}$$

• SUSY:

$$\begin{aligned} Q\phi &= \psi, & Q\psi &= 0, & Q\bar{\psi} &= -iB, & QB &= 0, \\ \bar{Q}\phi &= -\bar{\psi}, & \bar{Q}\bar{\psi} &= 0, & \bar{Q}\psi &= -iB, & \bar{Q}B &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q^2 = \bar{Q}^2 = 0 \text{ (nilpotent)}$$

•  $B, \psi, \bar{\psi}$  integrated out

$$S_{\text{MM}} \rightarrow N \text{tr} \frac{1}{2} (\phi^2 - \mu^2)^2 - \ln \det(\phi \otimes \mathbf{1}_N + \mathbf{1}_N \otimes \phi)$$

↑

Double-well scalar potential

◇ Large- $N$  saddle point equation for  $\rho(x) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \delta(x - \phi)$ :

$$\int dy \rho(y) \text{P} \frac{1}{x-y} + \int dy \rho(y) \text{P} \frac{1}{x+y} = x^3 - \mu^2 x$$

SUSY preserving large- $N$  solution with filling fraction  $(\nu_+, \nu_-)$ :

$$(\nu_+ + \nu_- = 1) \quad [\text{Kuroki-F.S. 2009}]$$

$$\rho(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\nu_+}{\pi} x \sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)(b^2 - x^2)} & (a < x < b) \\ \frac{\nu_-}{\pi} |x| \sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)(b^2 - x^2)} & (-b < x < -a) \end{cases}$$

with  $a = \sqrt{\mu^2 - 2}$ ,  $b = \sqrt{\mu^2 + 2}$ .

- Exists for  $\mu^2 > 2$ .

(SUSY breaking one-cut solution for  $\mu^2 < 2$ . [Kuroki-F.S. 2010])

- $a$  and  $b$  are independent of  $\nu_{\pm}$ !  $\Leftarrow$  Characteristic of SUSY model

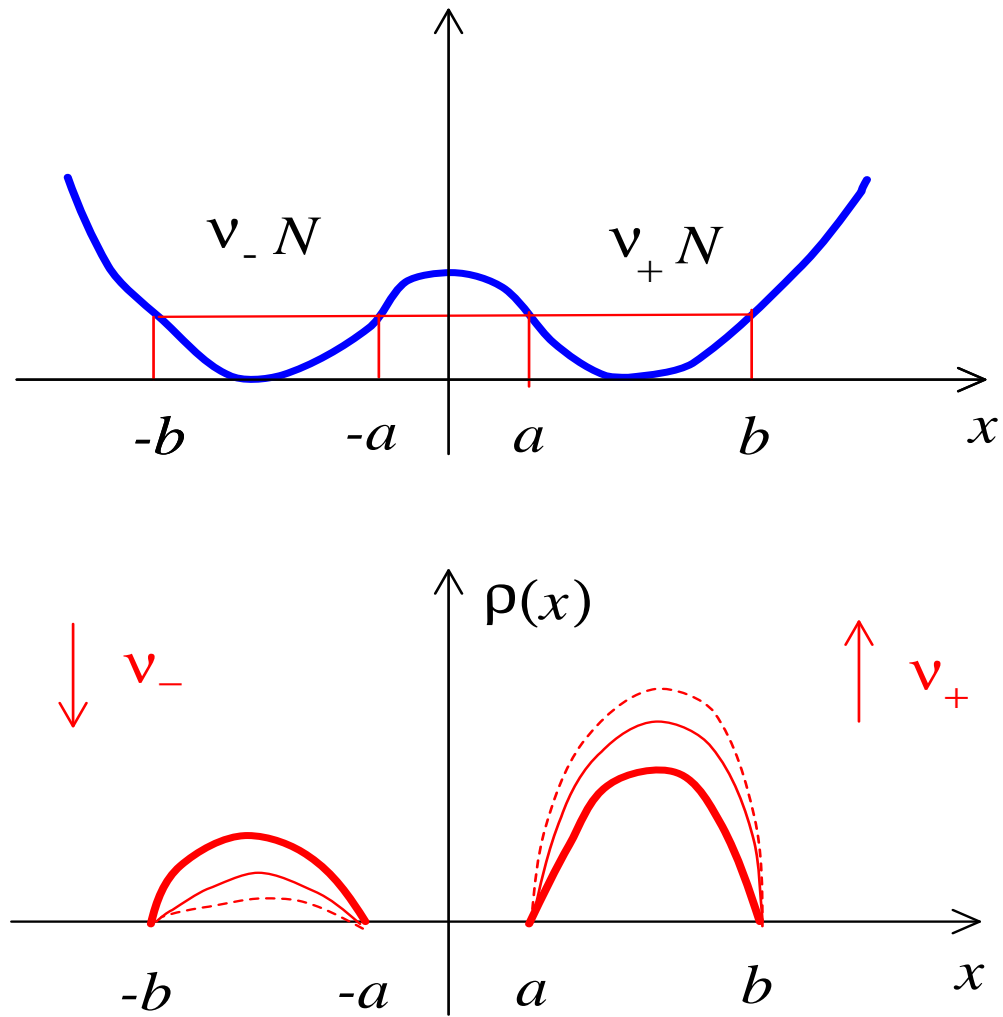


Figure 1: Double-well scalar potential (upper panel) and the eigenvalue distribution for  $\nu_+ > \nu_-$  (lower panel).

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Effect from fermions

- LHS

⇒ An eigenvalue at  $x \in [-b, -a] \cup [a, b]$  feels repulsive force from the other eigenvalues as well as from their mirror images.

⇒ The force independent of  $\nu_{\pm}$ !

(Characteristic of SUSY, No analog in bosonic double-well matrix models)

- (large- $N$  free energy) = 0,  $\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} B^n \rangle = 0$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ )  
strongly suggest that SUSY is preserved.

$$\text{Note that } \text{tr} B^n = Q \text{tr} (i\bar{\psi} B^{n-1}) = \bar{Q} \text{tr} (i\psi B^{n-1}).$$

$\Rightarrow$  The SUSY minima are infinitely degenerate, parametrized by  $(\nu_+, \nu_-)$ .

◇ In this talk,

- we compute correlation functions of this matrix model (in sections 2–5).  
(→ Logarithmic critical behavior)
- We discuss correspondence between the matrix model and 2D type IIA superstring theory on a nontrivial RR background (in sections 6 & 7).

◇ The logarithmic critical behavior is somewhat reminiscent of the  $c = 1$  matrix model (matrix quantum mechanics) [Kazakov-Migdal 1988] or the Penner model (zero-dimensional matrix model). [Distler-Vafa 1991]

$$Z_{\text{Penner}} = \int d^{N^2} M \exp[Nt \operatorname{tr}\{M + \ln(1 - M)\}]$$

⇒ Our matrix model  $\sim$  a SUSY version of the Penner model  
 $\sim$  2D superstring with target-space SUSY.



Note:

- This matrix model is equivalent to the  $O(n = -2)$  model on a random surface [Kostov 1989]:

$$Z_{O(n)} = \int d^{N^2} \phi e^{-N \text{tr} V(\phi)} \det(\phi \otimes \mathbb{1}_N + \mathbb{1}_N \otimes \phi)^{-n/2}$$

with  $V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}(\phi^2 - \mu^2)^2$ .

- Its critical behavior is described by  $c = -2$  topological gravity (i.e. Gaussian one-matrix model). [Kostov-Staudacher 1992]

- It is easily seen by the Nicolai mapping  $H = \phi^2$ .

[Gaiotto-Rastelli-Takayanagi 2004]

Partition function in the  $(\nu_+, \nu_-)$  sector becomes

$$Z_{\text{MM}}^{(\nu_+, \nu_-)} \Rightarrow (-1)^{\nu_- N} \int d^{N^2} H e^{N \text{tr} \frac{1}{2}(H - \mu^2)^2}.$$

But, the  $H$ -integration is over positive definite hermitian matrices.

For  $\text{tr} \phi^{2n}$  or  $\text{tr} B^n$ , this approach is applicable at least in  $\frac{1}{N}$ -expansion.

However,  $\text{tr } \phi^{2n+1}$ ,  $\text{tr } \psi^{2n+1}$ ,  $\text{tr } \bar{\psi}^{2n+1}$ , ... are not observables in the topological gravity.

- $\text{tr } \phi^{2n+1} = \text{tr } H^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$  is singular at the origin.
- Note that  $\text{tr } \psi^{2n} = \text{tr } \bar{\psi}^{2n} = 0$ .

Actually, we see nontrivial logarithmic critical behavior for these operators.

### Curious observation:

◇ Suppose that  $\psi$  and  $\bar{\psi}$  correspond to target-space fermions in the corresponding superstring theory.

$$\psi \Leftrightarrow (\text{NS}, \text{R}) \text{ sector}, \quad \bar{\psi} \Leftrightarrow (\text{R}, \text{NS}) \text{ sector}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^{F_L} : \quad \psi &\rightarrow \psi, & \bar{\psi} &\rightarrow -\bar{\psi}, \\ (-1)^{F_R} : \quad \psi &\rightarrow -\psi, & \bar{\psi} &\rightarrow \bar{\psi}. \end{aligned}$$

In order for the matrix model action to be invariant under  $(-1)^{F_L}$  and  $(-1)^{F_R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^{F_L} : \quad B &\rightarrow B, & \phi &\rightarrow -\phi, \\ (-1)^{F_R} : \quad B &\rightarrow B, & \phi &\rightarrow -\phi. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Recall } S_{\text{MM}} = N \text{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} B^2 + iB(\phi^2 - \mu^2) + \bar{\psi}\{\phi, \psi\} \right].$$

This means

$$B \Leftrightarrow (\text{NS}, \text{NS}) \text{ sector}, \quad \phi \Leftrightarrow (\text{R}, \text{R}) \text{ sector}.$$

## 2 Planar one-point functions

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^n \right\rangle_0 &= \int dx x^n \rho(x) \\ &= (\nu_+ + (-1)^n \nu_-) (2 + \mu^2)^{n/2} F\left(-\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 3; \frac{4}{2 + \mu^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- reduces to a polynomial of  $\mu^2$  for  $n$  even:

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^2 \right\rangle_0 = \mu^2, \quad \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^4 \right\rangle_0 = 1 + \mu^4, \quad \dots$$

( $c = -2$  topological gravity)

- exhibits logarithmic singular behavior as  $\mu^2 \rightarrow 2$  for  $n$  odd:

$$\omega \equiv \frac{1}{4}(\mu^2 - 2)$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^{2k+1} \right\rangle_0 = (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \left[ (\text{const.}) \omega^{k+2} \ln \omega + (\text{less singular}) \right].$$

Explicit form for a first few expectation values:

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \phi \right\rangle_0 = (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \left[ \frac{64}{15\pi} + \frac{16}{3\pi} \omega + \frac{2}{\pi} \omega^2 \ln \omega + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2) \right],$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \phi^3 \right\rangle_0 = (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \left[ \frac{1024}{105\pi} + \frac{128}{5\pi} \omega + \frac{16}{\pi} \omega^2 + \frac{4}{\pi} \omega^3 \ln \omega + \mathcal{O}(\omega^3) \right],$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \phi^5 \right\rangle_0 = (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \left[ \frac{8192}{315\pi} + \frac{2048}{21\pi} \omega + \frac{128}{\pi} \omega^2 + \frac{160}{3\pi} \omega^3 + \frac{10}{\pi} \omega^4 \ln \omega + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4) \right].$$

$$F \left( -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 3; \frac{1}{1+\omega} \right) = F_{\text{non}} + F_{\text{univ}} \quad \text{for } n \text{ odd.}$$

Nonuniversal part  
("lattice artifact")

Universal part  
(relevant to "continuum physics")

### 3 Planar two-point functions (Bosons)

It turns out that they take a quadratic form of  $F$ .

- “Even-even” correlators:

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^{2k} \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^{2\ell} \right\rangle_{C,0} = (\text{polynomial of } \omega \text{ indep. of } (\nu_+ - \nu_-))$$

( $c = -2$  topological gravity)

- “Even-odd” correlators:

$$\left\langle \Phi_{2k+1} \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^{2\ell} \right\rangle_{C,0} = (\nu_+ - \nu_-)(\text{const.}) \omega^{k+1} \ln \omega \\ + (\text{less singular})$$

- “Odd-odd” correlators:

$$\langle \Phi_{2k+1} \Phi_{2\ell+1} \rangle_{C,0} = (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^2 (\text{const.}) \omega^{k+\ell+1} (\ln \omega)^2 \\ + (\text{less singular}),$$

where in order to subtract nonuniversal contribution we took a basis of the “odd” operators (operator mixing):

$$\Phi_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \phi^{2k+1} + (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_{2k+1,2i}(\omega) \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \phi^{2i}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \updownarrow & \updownarrow & \updownarrow \\ \mathbf{F}_{\text{univ}} & \mathbf{F} \left( \cdot, \cdot, \cdot; \frac{1}{1+\omega} \right) & -\mathbf{F}_{\text{non}} \end{array}$$

with  $\alpha_{2k+1,2i}(\omega)$  being a regular function at  $\omega = 0$ .

- From the previous observation ( $\phi \Leftrightarrow (R, R)$  sector),  
 $(\nu_+ - \nu_-) \Leftrightarrow$  RR charge
- $\Phi_{2k+1}$  has RR charge.

## 4 Planar three-point functions (Bosons)

Cubic form of  $F$ .

We obtain

$$\langle \Phi_1 \Phi_1 \Phi_1 \rangle_{C,0} = (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^3 \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi^3} (\ln \omega)^3 + \mathcal{O}((\ln \omega)^2) \right],$$

$$\langle \Phi_1 \Phi_1 \Phi_3 \rangle_{C,0} = (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^3 \left[ \frac{2}{\pi^3} + \frac{3}{8\pi^3} \omega (\ln \omega)^3 + \mathcal{O}(\omega (\ln \omega)^2) \right].$$



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- The results so far suggest

$$\langle \Phi_{2k_1+1} \cdots \Phi_{2k_n+1} \rangle_{C,0} = (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^n (\text{const.}) \omega^{2-\gamma+\sum_{i=1}^n (k_i-1)} (\ln \omega)^n \\ + (\text{less singular})$$

with  $\gamma = -1$ .  $\leftarrow$  string susceptibility of  $c = -2$  topological gravity

Gravitational scaling dimension of  $\Phi_{2k+1}$  is  $k$ , besides the logarithmic factors  $(\ln \omega)^n$ .

## 5 Planar two-point functions (Fermions)

For fermions, we obtain

$$\langle \Psi_{2k+1} \bar{\Psi}_{2\ell+1} \rangle_{C,0} = \delta_{k,\ell} (\text{const.}) (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^{2k+1} \omega^{2k+1} \ln \omega \\ + (\text{less singular})$$

with

$$\Psi_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \psi^{2k+1} + (\text{mixing}), \\ \bar{\Psi}_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \bar{\psi}^{2k+1} + (\text{mixing}).$$

$\Rightarrow \Psi_{2k+1}$  and  $\bar{\Psi}_{2k+1}$  have the dimension  $k$  same as  $\Phi_{2k+1}$ , besides the logarithmic factor.

## 6 2D type IIA superstring

[Kutasov-Seiberg 1990, Ita-Nieder-Oz 2005]

- (Target space) =  $(x, \varphi)$ ,

where  $x \in S^1$  with self-dual radius ( $R = 1$ ) and  $\varphi$ : Liouville.

( $\swarrow$  Same as the Penner model!)

- Holomorphic EM tensor (except ghost part) on string world-sheet:

$$T_m = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial x)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\psi_x \partial \psi_x - \frac{1}{2}(\partial \varphi)^2 + \frac{Q}{2}\partial^2 \varphi - \frac{1}{2}\psi_\ell \partial \psi_\ell$$

with  $Q = 2$ .

- Target-space SUSY is nilpotent.

$$q_+(z) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\phi - \frac{i}{2}H - ix(z)}, \quad Q_+ = \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} q_+(z),$$

$$\bar{q}_-(\bar{z}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\bar{\phi} + \frac{i}{2}\bar{H} + i\bar{x}(\bar{z})}, \quad \bar{Q}_- = \oint \frac{d\bar{z}}{2\pi i} \bar{q}_-(\bar{z}),$$

where  $\psi_\ell \pm i\psi_x = \sqrt{2}e^{\mp iH}$ .

$$\Rightarrow Q_+^2 = \bar{Q}_-^2 = 0. \quad (\swarrow \text{ Same as the matrix model!})$$

- Vertex operators (holomorphic sector):

$$\text{NS sector } (-1)\text{-picture : } T_k(z) = e^{-\phi + ikx + p_\ell \varphi}(z)$$

$$\text{R sector } (-\frac{1}{2})\text{-picture : } V_{k, \epsilon}(z) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\phi + \frac{i}{2}\epsilon H + ikx + p_\ell \varphi}(z)$$

with  $\epsilon = \pm 1$ .

Locality with supercurrents, mutual locality, superconformal inv., level matching

$\Rightarrow$  physical vertex operators

$$p_\ell = 1 - |k| \quad (\leftarrow \text{conformal inv. \& Seiberg's locality bound})$$

$$k = \epsilon |k| \quad (\leftarrow \text{Dirac equation constraint})$$

## Note

The branch of  $p_\ell = 1 + |k|$  does not satisfy Seiberg's locality bound ( $p_\ell < 1$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  Insertion of such “nonlocal” vertex operators cannot be regarded as a local disturbance on string world-sheet.

Corresponding wave function (disk with the vertex op. inserted) peaks at  $\varphi$  large:

$$\Psi \sim \frac{1}{g_{st}} (\text{Vertex op.}) \sim e^{-\frac{Q}{2}\varphi} e^{p_\ell \varphi} = e^{(p_\ell - 1)\varphi}.$$

Dynamical metric on string world-sheet :  $g_{ab} = \hat{g}_{ab} e^{\frac{2}{Q}\varphi}$

- $\varphi \sim +\infty$  : large geometry (nonlocal, macroscopic)
- $\varphi \sim -\infty$  : small geometry (local, microscopic)

Winding background:

[Ita-Nieder-Oz 2005]

$$(NS, NS) : \quad T_k(z) \bar{T}_{-k}(\bar{z}) \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{“tachyon”}$$

winding

$$(R+, R-) : \quad V_{k,+1}(z) \bar{V}_{-k,-1}(\bar{z}) \quad (k = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots)$$

$$(R-, R+) : \quad V_{-k,-1}(z) \bar{V}_{k,+1}(\bar{z}) \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

RR 2-form field strength

$$(NS, R-) : \quad T_{-k}(z) \bar{V}_{-k,-1}(\bar{z}) \quad (k = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots) \quad \text{fermion(-)}$$

winding  
momentum

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winding  
momentum

Interesting observation:

Let us assume the correspondence of supercharges between the matrix model and the type IIA theory:

$$(Q, \bar{Q}) \Leftrightarrow (Q_+, \bar{Q}_-).$$

$\Rightarrow$  SUSY transformation properties & the observation before lead to

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \phi \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z V_{\frac{1}{2}, +1}(z) \bar{V}_{-\frac{1}{2}, -1}(\bar{z}) \quad (\text{R}+, \text{R}-),$$

$$\Psi_1 = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \psi \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z T_{-\frac{1}{2}}(z) \bar{V}_{-\frac{1}{2}, -1}(\bar{z}) \quad (\text{NS}, \text{R}-),$$

$$\bar{\Psi}_1 = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \bar{\psi} \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z V_{\frac{1}{2}, +1}(z) \bar{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}(\bar{z}) \quad (\text{R}+, \text{NS}),$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(-iB) \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z T_{-\frac{1}{2}}(z) \bar{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}(\bar{z}) \quad (\text{NS}, \text{NS}).$$

$$\text{Quartet w.r.t. } (Q, \bar{Q}) \Leftrightarrow \text{Quartet w.r.t. } (Q_+, \bar{Q}_-)$$

Furthermore, it is natural to extend it to higher  $k(= 1, 2, \dots)$  as

$$\Phi_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \phi^{2k+1} + (\text{mixing}) \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z V_{k+\frac{1}{2}, +1}(z) \bar{V}_{-k-\frac{1}{2}, -1}(\bar{z}),$$

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$$\bar{\Psi}_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \bar{\psi}^{2k+1} + (\text{mixing}) \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z V_{k+\frac{1}{2}, +1}(z) \bar{T}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}(\bar{z}),$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (-iB)^{k+1} + (\text{mixing}) \Leftrightarrow \int d^2 z T_{-k-\frac{1}{2}}(z) \bar{T}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}(\bar{z}).$$

(Single trace operators in the matrix model)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (Integrated vertex operators in IIA)

(Powers of matrices)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (Windings or Momenta)



Note:

- RR 2-form field strength in  $(R-, R+)$  is a singlet under the target-space SUSYs  $Q_+$ ,  $\bar{Q}_-$ , and appears to have no matrix-model counterpart.
- Expectation values of operators with nonzero Ramond charge (e.g.  $\langle \Phi_{2k+1} \rangle_0$ ) are nonvanishing in the matrix model.

$\Rightarrow$  The matrix model is considered to correspond to IIA on a background of the RR 2-form.

Let us check the correspondence by computing amplitudes in IIA theory.

## 7 Correspondence between the matrix model and the IIA theory

◇ Correlation functions among integrated vertex operators in IIA on the trivial background:

$$\left\langle \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\text{Vol.}(\text{CKV})} \int \mathcal{D}(x, \varphi, H, \text{ghosts}) e^{-S_{\text{CFT}}} e^{-S_{\text{int}}} \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i,$$

$$S_{\text{CFT}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2z \left[ \partial x \bar{\partial} x + \partial \varphi \bar{\partial} \varphi + \frac{Q}{4} \sqrt{\hat{g}} \hat{R} \varphi + \partial H \bar{\partial} H + (\text{ghosts}) \right],$$

$$S_{\text{int}} = \omega \int d^2z T_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{(0)}(z) \bar{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}^{(0)}(\bar{z}) \quad (\leftarrow \text{0-picture (NS, NS) "tachyon"})$$

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◇ Correlation functions in IIA on (R−, R+) background:

$$\left\langle \left\langle \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i \right\rangle \right\rangle \equiv \left\langle \left( \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i \right) e^{W_{\text{RR}}} \right\rangle,$$

where  $W_{\text{RR}}$  is invariant under the target-space SUSYs:

$$W_{\text{RR}} = (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} a_k \omega^{k+1} \mathcal{V}_k^{\text{RR}}, \quad (a_k : \text{numerical consts.})$$

$$\mathcal{V}_k^{\text{RR}} \equiv \begin{cases} \int d^2 z V_{k, -1}(z) \bar{V}_{-k, +1}(\bar{z}) & (p_\ell = 1 - |k|, k = 0, -1, -2, \dots) \\ \int d^2 z V_{-k, -1}^{(\text{nonlocal})}(z) \bar{V}_{k, +1}^{(\text{nonlocal})}(\bar{z}) & (p_\ell = 1 + |k|, k = 1, 2, \dots). \end{cases}$$

### Note

- We treat the RR background for  $(\nu_+ - \nu_-)$  small as exponentiated vertex operators:

$$\langle\langle \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i \rangle\rangle \equiv \left\langle \left( \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i \right) e^{W_{\text{RR}}} \right\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \left( \prod_i \mathcal{V}_i \right) (W_{\text{RR}})^n \right\rangle.$$

- Liouville-like interaction

$$S_{\text{int}} = \omega \int d^2 z T_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{(0)}(z) \bar{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}^{(0)}(\bar{z}) \Leftrightarrow N(\mu^2 - 2) \text{tr}(-iB) \in S_{\text{MM}}$$

◇ Standard Liouville theory computation for amplitudes leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bullet \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(-iB) \Phi_{2k+1} \right\rangle_0 &= -\frac{1}{4} \partial_\omega \langle \Phi_{2k+1} \rangle_0 \sim (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \omega^{k+1} \ln \omega \Leftrightarrow \\
&-\frac{1}{4} (\nu_+ - \nu_-) \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} a_\ell \omega^{\ell+1} \left\langle \left( \int T_{-\frac{1}{2}} \bar{T}_{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left( \int V_{k+\frac{1}{2}, +1} \bar{V}_{-k-\frac{1}{2}, -1} \right) \mathcal{V}_\ell^{\text{RR}} \right\rangle \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (\nu_+ - \nu_-) a_k \omega^{k+1} \ln \omega,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bullet \langle \Phi_{2k_1+1} \Phi_{2k_2+1} \rangle_{C,0} &\sim (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^2 \omega^{k_1+k_2+1} (\ln \omega)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\
&\frac{1}{2} (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^2 \sum_{\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{\ell_1} a_{\ell_2} \omega^{\ell_1+\ell_2+2} \\
&\times \left\langle \left( \int V_{k_1+\frac{1}{2}, +1} \bar{V}_{-k_1-\frac{1}{2}, -1} \right) \left( \int V_{k_2+\frac{1}{2}, +1} \bar{V}_{-k_2-\frac{1}{2}, -1} \right) \mathcal{V}_{\ell_1}^{\text{RR}} \mathcal{V}_{\ell_2}^{\text{RR}} \right\rangle \\
&= (\nu_+ - \nu_-)^2 2\pi a_{k_1+k_2} a_{-1} \left( \frac{(k_1+k_2)!}{k_1!k_2!} \right)^2 \omega^{k_1+k_2+1} (\ln \omega)^2,
\end{aligned}$$

...

with appropriate regularization by the Liouville volume  $V_L = -2 \ln \omega$ .

- Computation in the type IIA side reproduces the  $(\nu_+ - \nu_-)$ -dependence and the  $\omega$ -dependence in the matrix model result!
- Higher powers of  $\ln \omega$  comes from resonances to the  $(R-, R+)$  background.

## 8 Summary and discussions

◇ We computed correlation functions in the double-well SUSY matrix model, and discussed its correspondence to 2D type IIA superstring theory on  $(R-, R+)$  background by computing amplitudes in both sides.

This is an interesting example of matrix models for superstrings with target-space SUSY, in which various amplitudes are explicitly calculable.

◇ Matrix-model counterpart of positive-winding “tachyons”  $T_{k-\frac{1}{2}} \bar{T}_{-k+\frac{1}{2}}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ )?

Similar to the Kontsevich-Penner model (introducing an external matrix source)?

[Imbimbo-Mukhi 1995]

◇ Higher genus amplitudes?

◇ D-brane interpretation of the matrix model?

◇ Case of  $(\nu_+ - \nu_-)$  not small?  
Related to black-hole (cigar) target space?

cf. [Hori-Kapustin 2001]

Thank you very much for your attention!



## A The Penner model

[Distler-Vafa 1991]

- Partition function

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \mathcal{N}_P \int d^{N^2} M \exp[Nt \operatorname{tr}\{M + \ln(1 - M)\}] \\ &= \mathcal{N}_P \int d^{N^2} M \exp\left[-Nt \operatorname{tr} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} M^k\right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_P} = \int d^{N^2} M \exp\left[-Nt \operatorname{tr} \frac{1}{2} M^2\right]$ .

- Free energy

$$\ln Z = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} N^{2-2g} \mathcal{F}_g,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_g = \frac{B_{2g}}{2g(2g-2)} t^{2-2g} \left( (1+t)^{2-2g} - 1 \right) \quad \text{for } g \geq 2$$

$\Rightarrow$  Double scaling limit:  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $t \rightarrow -1$  with  $N(1+t) = -\nu$  fixed.

After putting  $\nu = -i\mu$ , the free energy of  $c = 1, R = 1$  string is obtained.

$$\mathcal{F}_g = \frac{|B_{2g}|}{2g(2g-2)} \mu^{2-2g} \quad (g \geq 2)$$

$$|B_{2g}| = (-1)^{g-1} B_{2g}$$

## B The Kontsevich-Penner model ( $W_\infty$ matrix model)

Extension of the Penner model to include source terms for “tachyon” operators in 2D string (with  $\nu \rightarrow -\nu$ ). [Imbimbo-Mukhi 1995]

- Partition function (solution of the  $W_\infty$  constraint):

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t, \bar{t}) &= (\det \mathbf{A})^\nu \int d^{N^2} M \exp \left[ \text{tr} \left\{ -\nu M \mathbf{A} + (\nu - N) \ln M \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \nu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \bar{t}_k M^k \right\} \right] \\ &= \int d^{N^2} M \exp \left[ \text{tr} \left\{ -\nu M + (\nu - N) \ln M - \nu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \bar{t}_k (M \mathbf{A}^{-1})^k \right\} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- $\bar{t}_k$  is a source for “tachyons” of negative momentum  $-k$  ( $\sim \text{tr } M^k$ ).
- $\mathbf{A}$ : external  $N \times N$  matrix  
Source for positive-momentum “tachyons”  $t_k$  is given by the

Kontsevich-Miwa transformation of  $A$ :

$$t_k = \frac{1}{\nu k} \text{tr } A^{-k}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Asymmetric treatment for positive/negative-momentum “tachyons”

- “Tachyon” amplitude

$$\langle \mathcal{T}_{k_1} \cdots \mathcal{T}_{k_n} \mathcal{T}_{-l_1} \cdots \mathcal{T}_{-l_m} \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{k_n}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{t}_{l_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{t}_{l_m}} \ln Z(t, \bar{t}) \Big|_{t=\bar{t}=0}$$