FROM ASYMPTOTICS TO EXACT RESULTS IN STRING AND GAUGE THEORIES

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 $E_n g^n$ n=0

PERTURBATION THEORY

Perturbation theory: fundamental in computation of observables

- Ground state energies in quantum mechanical problems
- Beta-functions in quantum field theories
- Genus expansion of string theory
- Large-N expansions in gauge theories
- Late-time behaviour of strongly correlated systems

BUT: expansions are often divergent, **asymptotic**!

ASYMPTOTIC EXPANSIONS

Perturbation theory often leads to divergent asymptotic expansions

Surprisingly, this asymptotic behaviour carries crucial information about exponentially small, *non-perturbative (NP) phenomena* governing the global analytic properties of physical observables

Global Analytic properties of observables beyond perturbation theory

In this talk: Focus on late-time behaviour of the energy density of strongly coupled plasma

Goal:

OUTLINE

- I. A primer on resurgent transseries (?)
- 2. Late-time behaviour for strongly coupled plasma
 - Microscopic description and dual gravity solution
 - Asymptotic analysis and QNMs
- 3. A simpler case: Müller-Israel-Stuart hydrodynamics
 - Transseries, asymptotics and summation prescriptions
 - The attractor solution from asymptotic late-times?
- 4. Further applications

A PRIMER ON RESURGENT TRANSSERIES (?)

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[IA,Basar,Schiappa' | 8]

PERTURBATION THEORY IN QM



Why asymptotic? Existence of instantons Corrections to $E_{g.s.} \sim e^{-A/g} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(1)} g^n$ Suppressed!



[Vanstein'64;Bender,Wu'73;Bogomolny,Zinn-Justin'80]

TRANSSERIES SOLUTION



requires all instantons to be well defined

[Edgar'08]

 $E_{q.s.}(g,\sigma)$

RESURGENCE

$$E^{(k)} \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)} g^n$$

Coefficients between different sectors are related through large-order relations

Look at perturbative coefficients for large enough \boldsymbol{n}

$$E_n^{(0)} \sim \frac{n!}{A^n} \left(E_1^{(1)} + \frac{A}{n-1} E_2^{(1)} + \cdots \right) + \frac{n!}{(2A)^n} \left(E_1^{(2)} + \frac{2A}{n-1} E_2^{(2)} + \cdots \right) + \cdots$$

Same is true for all instanton coefficients

Using Resurgence

large order relations encode NP information in the perturbative series

BOREL TRANSFORMS

Determine NP phenomena from an asymptotic series



$$B_E(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_n^{(0)}}{n!} s^n$$



BOREL TRANSFORM

- •Non-perturbative phenomena: singularities in Borel plane
- Singularities usually will be branch cuts
- Singular directions: Stokes lines
- Structure of singularities can be very complex







Via Borel resummation: Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{S}E_{g.s.}(g) = \int_0^\infty \mathrm{d}s B_E(s) \mathrm{e}^{-s/g}$$

BOREL RESUMMATION
$$SE_{g.s.}(g) = \int_{0}^{\infty} ds B_{E}(s) e^{-s/g}$$
 $B_{E}(s) = \frac{A}{A-s}$

How do we integrate with along a singular direction?



BORELRESUMMATION

- Borel resummation straightforward in the directions without singularities
- Re-summation along Stokes directions: ambiguities



Stokes constant (imaginary)

Ambiguities in the transseries

- all sectors have ambiguities
- Use resurgence to fix σ s.t.

$$\left(\mathcal{S}_{+} - \mathcal{S}_{-}\right) E_{g.s.}(g, \sigma_{0}) = 0$$

[Delabaere'99][IA,Schiappa' | 3]

The full transseries is unambiguous, and we can construct an analytic solution in **any** direction

STOKES PHENOMENA



At anti-Stokes line

 $\mathbb{R}e(A/g) = 0$ All terms of same order! **Different physics**

INSUMMARY

• Obtain NP completion in the form of transseries

$$E_{g.s.} \simeq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sigma^k e^{-kA/g} E^{(k)}(g) \qquad E^{(k)} \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)} g^n$$

- Re-sum all asymptotic sectors $S_+E^{(k)}(g)$
- Determine σ from external data (boundary/initial conditions)
- This can be done for any value of g and encodes:

Analytic data (poles, zeros, branch cuts) Phase transitions (Stokes phenomena)

LATE-TIME ASYMPTOTIC FOR STRONGLY COUPLED PLASMA IN $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

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RELATIVISTIC HYDRODYNAMICS

It provides a reliable description of strongly coupled systems

- real life: strongly coupled quark-gluon plasma in particle accelerators;
- To determine the kinetic parameters of hydrodynamic equations (e.g. shear viscosity): study the associated microscopic theory

The associated microscopic theory can be a QFT, such as strongly coupled $\mathcal{N}=4$ Super Yang-Mills (SYM)

 $N \rightarrow \infty$ gauge/gravity duality: determine hydrodynamic parameters, time dependent processes of the SYM plasma from dual geometry

[Policastro et al '01-'04; Nastase '05]

STRONGLY COUPLED SYSTEMS

Kinematic regime: **expanding plasma** in the so-called central rapidity region, where one assumes **longitudinal boost invariance** (Bjorken flow) [Bjorken '83]

In hydrodynamic theories the energy-momentum tensor is given by

Energy density

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{E} u^{\mu} u^{\nu} + \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})(\eta^{\mu\nu} + u^{\mu}) u^{\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu}$$
Shear stress tensor:
theories given by:

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{E}/3$$
flow velocity

Symmetries: <u>conformal invariance</u>, <u>transversely homogeneous</u>, invariance under longitudinal Lorentz boosts

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Strongly coupled SYM boost invariant plasma: **all physics encoded in** $\mathcal{E}(\tau)$. Obtaining this function is in general too difficult: perform a **large proper time expansion** $\tau \gg 1$.

LATE TIME BEHAVIOUR

Starting from highly non-equilibrium initial conditions, the microscopic theory will reveal the transition to hydrodynamic behaviour at late times

Conformal theories: late-time behaviour of energy density highly constrained

$$\mathcal{E}(\tau) = \frac{\Lambda}{\left(\Lambda\tau\right)^{1/3}} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\epsilon_k}{\left(\Lambda\tau\right)^{2k/3}}\right), \ \tau \gg 1$$

- Λ is a dimensionful parameter encoding initial non-eq. conditions
- Leading behaviour predicted by boost-invariant perfect fluid
- Subleading terms: dissipative hydrodynamic effects



SYMPLASMA FROM ADS/CFT

Equilibrium states of the microscopic theory (CFT)

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black hole solutions [Witten '98]

flat space at boundary: planar horizons

Perturbative non-equilibrium phenomena

 $n \leftarrow \rightarrow$

Non-hydrodynamic d.o.f.



black branes

linearised perturbations of black brane solution

exp. decaying black branes' quasi-normal modes

[Janik, Peschanski '05][Janik '05]

Dual geometry given by boost invariant 5D metric

$$ds^{2} = \frac{1}{z^{2}} \left(dz^{2} - e^{-A} d\tau^{2} + \tau^{2} e^{B} dy^{2} + e^{C} d\boldsymbol{x}_{\perp}^{2} \right) = \frac{1}{z^{2}} \left(G_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + dz^{2} \right)$$

Solve Einstein equations with negative cosmological constant (asymptotic behaviour is AdS)

- metric components depend on $z,\, au$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}G_{\mu\nu}R - 6G_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

• boundary condition at z = 0:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + z^4 g^{(4)}_{\mu\nu} + \cdots$$

Energy density $\mathcal{E}(\tau) = -\lim_{z \to 0} \frac{A(z, \tau)}{z^4}$

[Hare et al '00][Skenderis '02][Fefferman,Graham '85]

SYMPLASMA FROM ADS/CFT

Metric ansatz: multi-parameter transseries with exponential decaying sectors and perturbative expansions in proper time

The most general solution for the energy density of the SYM plasma is:

$$\mathcal{E}\left(u \equiv \tau^{2/3}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}\right) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{n} \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{\infty}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\boldsymbol{n}} e^{-\boldsymbol{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{u}} \Phi_{\boldsymbol{n}}\left(\boldsymbol{u}\right), \quad \Phi_{\boldsymbol{n}}\left(\boldsymbol{u}\right) = u^{-\beta_{\boldsymbol{n}}} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \varepsilon_{k}^{(\boldsymbol{n})} \, u^{-k}$$
exponentially decaying perturbative late-time coupled QNMs $\omega_{k} = -\frac{2\mathrm{i}}{3}A_{k}$ expansions

- Infinite number of QNMs
- Parameters encoding non-hydro initial conditions

$$\boldsymbol{A} = (A_1, \bar{A}_1, A_2, \bar{A}_2, \cdots)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_{A_1}, \sigma_{\bar{A}_1}, \sigma_{A_2}, \sigma_{\bar{A}_2}, \cdots)$$

All expansions in the energy density are **asymptotic**!

[Heller, Janik, Witaszcyk' | 5; |A et al' | 8]

ASYMPTOTIC ENERGY DENSITY

Hydrodynamic expansion:

$$\Phi_0(u) = u^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \varepsilon_k^{(0)} u^{-k} \qquad \qquad \varepsilon_k^{(0)} \sim \frac{k!}{|A_1|}$$

Singularities in Borel plane:



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- Asymptotic analysis predicted coupled QMN solutions in gravity
- Agreement between gravity calculations and resurgence large-order predictions



- Can we recover the non-equilibrium behaviour of early times?
- Dependence of the transseries parameters on initial conditions?

Study a simpler relativistic hydrodynamic system

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A SIMPLER EXAMPLE: MÜLLER-ISRAEL-STUART HYDRODYNAMICS

MIS CAUSAL HYDRODYNAMICS

Solve evolution equations of the Energy momentum tensor

 $\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

- Assume boost invariant flow, conformal invariance
- Hydrodynamic gradient expansion: approximate shear stress tensor by corrections to ideal fluid

Müller-Israel-Stuart (MIS) equations

$$z C_{\tau\Pi} f f' + 4C_{\tau\Pi} f^2 + \left(z - \frac{16C_{\tau\Pi}}{3}\right) f - \frac{4C_{\eta}}{9} + \frac{16C_{\tau\Pi}}{9} - \frac{2z}{3} = 0$$

- Non-linear ODE describing the energy density
- $C_{\tau\Pi}, C_{\eta}$ are phenomenological parameters

MIS CAUSAL HYDRODYNAMICS

- We are interested in the late time regime $z \gg 1$
- It has a single, purely decaying non-hydrodynamic mode

Write the general solution as a transseries, sectors asymptotic. Study resurgent properties



[Heller, Spalinski' 15; Basar, Dunne' 15; IA, Spalinski' 15]

SOLUTION AT EARLY TIMES

Attractor solution: Stable solution, converging to a finite value at early times

Generic solution: divergent at early times, but will decay rapidly towards the attractor solution

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Att}}(z) = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{C_{\eta}}{C_{\tau\Pi}}} + \mathcal{O}(z)$$

Calculate attractor solution: Taylor expansion



[Heller,Spalinski '15]

SOLUTION AT EARLY TIMES

$$\mathcal{F}(z,\sigma) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \sigma^n e^{-nAz} \Phi_n(z)$$

$$\Phi_n(z) = z^{-n\beta} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k^{(n)} z^{-k}$$

Can we recover the attractor solution from the transseries expansion?

Need to fix the value of $\sigma = \sigma_R + i\sigma_I$

- Ambiguity cancelation fixes its imaginary part
- Comparison with attractor fixes its real part

AMBIGUITY CANCELATION

$$\mathcal{F}(z,\sigma) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \sigma^n e^{-nAz} \Phi_n(z) \qquad \Phi_n(z) = z^{-n\beta} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k^{(n)} z^{-k}$$

- positive real axis is a Stokes line
- Fix $\sigma = \sigma_R + i\sigma_I$ such that summation below axis is

$$S_{-}\mathcal{F}\left(z,\sigma_{R}+\frac{S}{2}\right)$$
 with Stokes const: $S=-0.036537\,\mathrm{i}$

Ambiguity cancelation
$$\Rightarrow \sigma_I = \frac{S}{2}$$

ANALYTIC TRANSSERIES SUM

The order of transmonomials in the transseries can be rearranged:

$$\mathcal{F}(z,\sigma) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} z^{-k} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left(\sigma z^{-\beta} e^{-Az}\right)^n a_k^n$$

Define a new variable: $\tau = \sigma z^{-\beta} e^{-Az}$

We want to sum the transseries in a new regime: $z^{-1} \ll \tau \ll 1$

The sum over powers of τ can be done exactly!

$$\mathcal{F}(z,\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} z^{-k} F_k(\tau) \qquad F_k(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \tau^n a_k^n$$

[Costin et al'01-13; IA, Schiappa, Vonk 'to appear]

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Recursive calculation:

$$F_{0}(\tau) = \frac{2}{3} \left(1 + W\left(\frac{3}{2}\tau\right) \right)$$

$$F_{1}(\tau) = \frac{1}{F_{0}(\tau)} \sum_{r=0}^{3} f_{1}^{(r)}(C_{\eta}, C_{\tau\Pi})F_{0}(\tau)^{r}$$

$$W(x) e^{W(x)} = x$$

$$\vdots$$

$$F_{k}(\tau) = \frac{P_{k}\left(F_{0}(\tau)\right)}{Q_{k}\left(F_{0}(\tau)\right)}$$
Polynomials

CONNECTION TO ATTRACTOR

$$\mathcal{F}(z,\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} z^{-k} F_k(\tau) \qquad z^{-1} \ll \tau \ll 1$$

Choose z large enough to be in above regime, but small enough to compare to attractor solution $\mathcal{F}_{Att}(z)$ at early times

- Choose z off the real axis $z = z_R + i z_I$
- Analytically continue attractor solution to complex plane

Solve
$$\mathcal{F}(z,\tau) = \mathcal{F}_{Att}(z)$$
 to obtain $\tau(z) = \sum_{r \ge 0} \tau_r z^{-r}$

Transseries parameter:
$$\sigma = z^{\beta} e^{Az} \sum \tau_r z^{-r}$$

CONNECTION TO ATTRACTOR

We obtain:

 $\sigma \sim -0.245 - 0.0128\mathrm{i}$

Imaginary part approximates the value from ambiguity cancelation



EARLY AND LATE TIMES

We can use the value obtained and perform Borel resummation:

 $\mathcal{SF}(z,\sigma) = \mathcal{S}_{-}\Phi_{0}(z) + \sigma e^{-Az} \mathcal{S}_{-}\Phi_{1}(z) + \sigma^{2} e^{-2Az} \mathcal{S}_{-}\Phi_{2}(z) + \cdots$

with $\sigma \sim -0.245 - 0.0128i$





 $\mathcal{S}_{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{P}}}\mathcal{F}$

FURTHER APPLICATIONS

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2D GRAVITY AND PAINLEVÉ I

• Free energy of 2d gravity obeys Painlevé I ODE

$$F''(z) = -u(z) \qquad \qquad u^2(z) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z) = z$$

• Phase transitions: study Lee-Yang zeros of partition function

$$Z(z) = e^{F(z)}$$

 Method: analytic prediction of poles of Painlevé transcendents from analytic transseries summation and Stokes phenomena



Structure of poles of tritronquée, tronquée and general solutions

[IA,Schiappa,Vonk]

PHASE DIAGRAM: MATRIX MODELS

• Study the partition function of quartic matrix model

$$Z(N,g_s) \propto \int dM \, \exp\left(-\frac{1}{g_s} \text{Tr}V(M)\right) \,, \quad V(z) = \frac{1}{2}z^2 - \frac{1}{24}\lambda z^4$$

- Large N expansion, phase diagram dependent on 't Hooft moduli
- Phase transitions: study Lee-Yang zeros of partition function
- Analytic transseries summation: determine position of zeros



phase diagram and position of zeros in anti-Stokes region

[IA,Schiappa,Vonk]

COLLECTION OF OPEN QUESTIONS

Transseries in gauge theories and matrix models

- asymptotics with multi-parameters
- interpretation of non-perturbative contributions

Determining Stokes constants

- play an essential role in ambiguity cancelation
- problem specific
- very few known analytically

Analytic properties of asymptotic observables

- phase transitions
- role of initial conditions
- boundary asymptotic matching

THANK YOU!

 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n g^n e^{-A/g}$