

Topological String Theory and S-duality

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Motivation and Plan

Any original result I will discuss today is based on a joint work in progress with *Surya Raghavendran*. Here are my motivations:

- S-duality is an equivalence between two different-looking physical theories. I wanted to understand a general principle.
- Based on works with C. Elliott, I conjectured a physical setup for geometric Langlands correspondence in a way different from Kapustin–Witten; I wanted to find the evidence.
- A study of twisted supersymmetric theory led to rich mathematics. Ours is a first step for twisted supergravity.

Here is an outline:

- ① Type IIB Superstring theory and Topological String Theory
- ② Main Definitions and Justification
- ③ Applications

Summary: What have we done?

- Ⓟ mathematical understanding of S-duality of (a part of) massless sector of the physical type IIB supergravity;
- Ⓜ recovering old conjectures and formulating new conjectures in geometric representation theory;
- ⓘ easy calculation of how S-duality acts on further deformations of twists of supersymmetric gauge theory;
- ⓘ setting up a framework that can be useful for future works; e.g., introducing a modified version of Kodaira–Spencer theory of gravity of Bershadsky–Cecotti–Ooguri–Vafa, and constructing $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ action on it

Disclaimer: I am a string theory newbie!

P Type IIB Superstring Theory

- Type IIB superstring theory on a 10-manifold M^{10} ; need to consider the moduli spaces of Riemann surfaces;
- D-brane gauge theory for D_{2k-1} -branes wrapping on $N^{2k} \subset M^{10}$; a $2k$ -dimensional field theory; e.g.,
 - ▶ D3 branes on $\mathbb{R}^4 \subset \mathbb{R}^{10}$ yield 4d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory;
 - ▶ D5 branes on $\mathbb{R}^6 \subset \mathbb{R}^{10}$ yield 6d $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory;
- Closed string field theory on M^{10} ; field theory on M^{10} describing string theory;
- Type IIB supergravity theory on a 10-manifold M^{10} ; classical field theory on M^{10} realized as a low-energy limit of closed string field theory;
- Coupling between closed string field theory and D-brane gauge theory; closed string state yields a deformation of D-brane gauge theory; e.g., a twist of D-brane gauge theory;
- Existence of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ symmetry or S-duality

Question: How much can we capture mathematically?

Answer: Most of it, for topological string theory.

Topological Quantum Field Theory

Definition

A d -dimensional TQFT is a symmetric monoidal functor

$$Z: (\underline{\text{Bord}}_d, \amalg) \rightarrow (\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}, \otimes)$$

Here $(\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}, \otimes)$ is a symmetric monoidal category of \mathbb{C} -vector spaces and $\underline{\text{Bord}}_d$ is a category where

- ▶ an object is a closed $(d - 1)$ -manifold;
- ▶ a morphism is a cobordism up to diffeomorphism;
- ▶ the composition is a gluing of cobordisms;
- ▶ the monoidal structure is a disjoint union \amalg .

2d TQFT

A closed 1-manifold is copies of S^1 . Let us write $Z(S^1) = A$.

Theorem

A 2d TQFT is the same as a commutative Frobenius algebra.

morphism in $\underline{\text{Bord}}_2$	morphism in $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$
$\emptyset \rightarrow S^1$	$u: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A$
$S^1 \rightarrow \emptyset$	$\text{Tr}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
$S^1 \amalg S^1 \rightarrow S^1$	$m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A$
$S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \amalg S^1$	$\Delta: A \rightarrow A \otimes A$

One should think of this as (baby) (topological) string theory, where $Z(S^1)$ is the space of string states.

To be more precise, $Z(S^1)$ is the space of *closed* string states, where closed refers to the fact that our string S^1 has no boundary. We want to see an open string (interval) floating around as well.

Extended 2d TQFT

Roughly, an *extended 2d TQFT* is a symmetric monoidal functor

$$Z: (\text{Bord}_2, \amalg) \rightarrow (\text{DGCat}_{\mathbb{C}}, \otimes)$$

Bord_2	$\text{DGCat}_{\mathbb{C}}$
closed 2-manifold	complex number
closed 1-manifold cobordism of 1-manifolds	\mathbb{C} -vector space \mathbb{C} -linear map
closed 0-manifold cobordism of 0-manifolds	\mathbb{C} -linear category \mathbb{C} -linear functor

Theorem (Costello, Hopkins–Lurie, Lurie)

An extended 2d TQFT Z is the same as a Calabi–Yau category
 $Z(\text{pt}) = \mathcal{C}$.

Physically speaking, $Z(\text{pt}) = \mathcal{C}$ captures where an open string can end; hence the name of \mathcal{C} is the category of boundary conditions; then $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ is to be interpreted as the space of open string states which end at \mathcal{B}_1 and \mathcal{B}_2 .

Topological String Theory as 2d Extended TQFT

By topological string, we mean such a 2d extended TQFT determined by CY 5-category. In this case, a boundary condition is also called a D-brane. Let X be a CY 5-fold with a holomorphic volume form Ω_X . Here are the two main examples:

	A-model	B-model
$Z(\text{pt}) = \mathcal{C}$	$\text{Fuk}(X)$	$\text{Coh}(X)$
$Z(S^1) = \text{HH}(\mathcal{C})$	$\text{QH}(X)$	$\text{PV}(X)$

Here $\text{PV}(X) = \bigoplus \text{PV}^{i,j}(X)$ is the space of polyvector fields, where $\text{PV}^{i,j}(X) = \Omega^{0,j}(X, \wedge^i T_X)$, with a differential $\bar{\partial}: \text{PV}^{i,j} \rightarrow \text{PV}^{i,j+1}$. For future reference, note that using the isomorphism $(-)\vee\Omega_X: \text{PV}^{i,j}(X) \cong \Omega^{d-i,j}(X)$, one has $\partial: \text{PV}^{i,j} \rightarrow \text{PV}^{i-1,j}$.

Type IIB string theory on $M^{10} \rightsquigarrow$ Calabi–Yau 5-category \mathcal{C}

Example

- $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}(X^5)$ for CY 5-fold X
- $\mathcal{C} = \text{Fuk}(T^*N) \otimes \text{Coh}(X^3)$ for a smooth 2-manifold N

M Classical Field Theory and BV Formalism

A d -dimensional classical field theory is described by

- ▶ a spacetime manifold $M = M^d$;
- ▶ a space of fields \mathcal{F} ;
- ▶ an action functional $S: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

In what follows, we use the BV formalism, where space of fields \mathcal{E} is a (-1) -shifted “symplectic” space with a differential Q and a Lie bracket $[-, -]$, giving $S(\phi) = \int_M \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi, Q\phi \rangle + \frac{1}{6} \langle \phi, [\phi, \phi] \rangle$.

Example

- Free scalar field theory has $\mathcal{E} = C^\infty(M) \oplus C^\infty(M)[-1]$ with $Q = \Delta$. This means $S(\phi) = \int_M \langle \phi, \Delta\phi \rangle$.
- Chern–Simons theory has $\mathcal{E} = \Omega^\bullet(M^3) \otimes \mathfrak{g}[1]$ with $Q = d$ and natural $[-, -]$, giving $S(A) = \int_M \frac{1}{2} \langle A, dA \rangle + \frac{1}{6} \langle A, [A, A] \rangle$.

For us, things will be mostly $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded, although we write in such a manner that a \mathbb{Z} -grading is respected when possible.

D-brane Gauge Theory

- (P) Open strings ending on branes \mathcal{B} yield D-brane gauge theory.
- (M) [Brav–Dyckerhoff] The moduli $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{C}}$ of objects is $(2-d)$ shifted symplectic and $\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{B}}[-1]\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{C}} \cong \mathbb{R} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B})$ for $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{C}$.

D-brane gauge theory on $N^{2k} \subset M^{10} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{E} = \mathbb{R} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B})[1]$

\mathcal{C} a DG category \rightsquigarrow associative and hence Lie on $\mathbb{R} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B})$

\mathcal{C} a CY category \rightsquigarrow a shifted symplectic structure on $\mathbb{R} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B})[1]$

Example

- If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}(X)$, then N D-branes on $Y \subset X$, or $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{O}_Y^N \in \text{Coh}(X)$, gives $\mathcal{E} = \Omega^{0,\bullet}(Y, \wedge^{\bullet} N_{X/Y}) \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1]$. N D3 on $\mathbb{C}^2 \subset \mathbb{C}^5$ give $\mathcal{E}_{\text{D3}}^{\text{Hol}}(\mathbb{C}^2) := \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}^2)[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1]$, or the holomorphic twist of 4d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ \mathfrak{gl}_N gauge theory.
- If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Fuk}(\mathbb{R}^4) \otimes \text{Coh}(X^3)$, a D-brane should be of the form $\mathbb{R}^2 \times Y \subset \mathbb{R}_A^4 \times X_B$. Then N D3 branes on $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{C}^3$ yield $\mathcal{E}_{\text{D3}}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}) := \Omega^{\bullet}(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C})[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1]$, or the holomorphic-topological twist.

Closed String Field Theory

Recall $Z(S^1)$ is the space of closed string states, but note that

- (P) The worldsheet theory, being coupled with gravity theory, should be invariant under $\text{Diff}(S^1)$. This motivates $Z(S^1)^{S^1}$.
- (M) Here $Z(S^1) = \text{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ admits an S^1 -action which corresponds to so-called Connes' B operator, so $Z(S^1)^{S^1} = \text{Cyc}(\mathcal{C})$.
- (M) [Brav–Rozenblyum] $\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{C}}[-1]\mathcal{M}_{\text{CY}} \cong \text{Cyc}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C})[1]$ where \mathcal{M}_{CY} is the moduli space of Calabi–Yau categories.

Closed string field theory on $M^{10} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{E} = \text{Cyc}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C})[2]$
where \mathcal{E} is understood in the framework of [Butson–Y.].

Example (Bershadsky–Cecotti–Ooguri–Vafa, Costello–Li)

If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}(X^5)$, then $Z(S^1) \cong \text{PV}(X)$ and $B = \partial$; hence the corresponding closed string field theory is given by $(\ker \partial \subset \text{PV}(X)[2], \bar{\partial})$ or $\mathcal{E} = (\text{PV}(X)[[t]][2], \bar{\partial} + t\partial)$.

Supergravity

(P) Supergravity is a theory of low-energy limit of closed string field theory where we see neither non-perturbative effects nor non-propagating fields.

Supergravity on $M^{10} \rightsquigarrow$ non-propagating part of $\text{Cyc}^\bullet(\mathcal{C})[2]$

The non-propagating part of BCOV theory can be identified:

Definition

Let (X, Ω_X) be a Calabi–Yau d -fold. A minimal BCOV theory is $\mathcal{E}_m(X) = \mathcal{E}_{m\text{BCOV}}(X) = \bigoplus_{i+k \leq d-1} t^k \text{PV}^{i, \bullet}(X)$.

Example

If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}(X^3)$ (or $\mathcal{C} = \text{Fuk}(\mathbb{R}^4) \otimes \text{Coh}(X^3)$), then it is $\mathcal{E}_m(X^3)$ (or $\Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{R}^4) \otimes \mathcal{E}_m(X^3)$), where $\mathcal{E}_m(X^3)$ is

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \underline{-2} & \underline{-1} & \underline{0} & \underline{1} & \underline{2} & \\ \text{PV}^{0, \bullet} & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{PV}^{1, \bullet} \rightarrow t \text{PV}^{0, \bullet}$$

$$\text{PV}^{2, \bullet} \rightarrow t \text{PV}^{1, \bullet} \rightarrow t^2 \text{PV}^{0, \bullet}$$

Coupling of Open and Closed Sectors

Coupling of closed string field theory and D-brane gauge theory
 \rightsquigarrow closed-open map $\text{Cyc}^\bullet(\mathcal{C})[1] \dashrightarrow \text{Cyc}^\bullet(\mathbb{R} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F}))[1]$

Theorem (Kontsevich, Willwacher–Calaque)

The formality $\text{PV}(X) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{HH}(\text{Coh}(X))$ gives
 $\text{PV}(X) \dashrightarrow \text{HH}(\mathbb{R} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F}))$ for $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$, or its cyclic version.

Example

- If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}(X^5)$, for N D3 branes on $\mathbb{C}_{z_1, z_2}^2 \subset \mathbb{C}_{z_1, z_2, w_1, w_2, w_3}^5$, or $\mathcal{E}_{\text{D3}}^{\text{Hol}} = \Omega^{0, \bullet}(\mathbb{C}_{z_1, z_2}^2)[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1]$, the CO map is

$$\text{PV}(\mathbb{C}_{z_1, z_2}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_{w_1, w_2, w_3}^3) \rightarrow \text{HH}(\Omega^{0, \bullet}(\mathbb{C}_{z_1, z_2}^2)[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3]),$$

where the RHS is $\text{HH}(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^{2|3})) \cong \mathbb{C}[z_i, \partial_{z_i}, \varepsilon_j, \partial_{\varepsilon_j}]$, is given by
 $z_i, \partial_{z_i}, w_j, \partial_{w_j} \mapsto z_i, \partial_{z_i}, \partial_{\varepsilon_j}, \varepsilon_j$.

- If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Fuk}(\mathbb{R}^4) \otimes \text{Coh}(X)$, for $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z \subset \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{C}_{z, w_1, w_2}^3$, or $\mathcal{E}_{\text{D3}}^{\text{HT}} = \Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \Omega^{0, \bullet}(\mathbb{C}_z)[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1]$, the CO map is
 $\text{PV}(\mathbb{C}_z \times \mathbb{C}_{w_1, w_2}^2) \rightarrow \text{HH}(\Omega^{0, \bullet}(\mathbb{C}_z)[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2])$ given by
 $z, \partial_z, w_j, \partial_{w_j} \mapsto z, \partial_z, \partial_{\varepsilon_j}, \varepsilon_j$.

Modification of BCOV Theory

Definition

Minimal BCOV theory with potential $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m(X)$ is a cochain complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \underline{-2} & \underline{-1} & \underline{0} & \underline{1} & \underline{2} & & \\ \text{PV}^{0,\bullet} & & & & & & \\ & & \text{PV}^{1,\bullet} \rightarrow & t \text{PV}^{0,\bullet} & & & \\ & & & \text{PV}^{3,\bullet} & & & \\ & & & & \text{PV}^{2,\bullet} \rightarrow & t \text{PV}^{1,\bullet} \rightarrow & t^2 \text{PV}^{0,\bullet} \end{array}$$

with additional structures.

- (M) There is a “map” $\Phi: \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_m$ that has $\partial: \text{PV}^{3,\bullet} \rightarrow \text{PV}^{2,\bullet}$, respecting structures of interest.
- (P) The modification amounts to introducing Ramond–Ramond forms as a potential for Ramond–Ramond field strengths.

S-duality

Definition/Theorem (Raghavendran–Y.)

Let (X, Ω_X) be a Calabi–Yau 3-fold. Recall

$$\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\langle S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid S^4 = 1, (ST)^3 = S^2 \right\rangle.$$

Then there is an action of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ on

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m(X) = \mathrm{PV}^{0,\bullet}(X)[2] \oplus (\mathrm{PV}^{1,\bullet}(X)[1] \rightarrow t\mathrm{PV}^{0,\bullet}(X)) \oplus \mathrm{PV}^{3,\bullet}(X):$$

$$S \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} & & -(-) \vee \Omega_X \\ & \mathrm{Id} & \\ (-) \wedge \Omega_X^{-1} & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad T \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathrm{Id} & & (-) \vee \Omega_X \\ & \mathrm{Id} & \\ & & \mathrm{Id} \end{pmatrix}$$

For example, $\alpha \in \mathrm{PV}^{0,\bullet}(X) \rightsquigarrow S(\alpha) = \alpha \wedge \Omega_X^{-1} \in \mathrm{PV}^{3,\bullet}(X)$ and $\gamma \in \mathrm{PV}^{3,\bullet}(X) \rightsquigarrow T(\gamma) = \alpha + \gamma \in \mathrm{PV}^{0,\bullet}(X) \oplus \mathrm{PV}^{3,\bullet}(X)$ where α is such that $\gamma = \alpha \wedge \Omega_X^{-1}$.

Consistency Checks

- (P) S-duality is an action of $S \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ on type IIB string theory induced from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) & & \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \\ \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowright \\ \text{M}[S_M^1 \times S_r^1 \times M^9] & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{red}_M} & \text{IIA}[S_r^1 \times M^9] & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\mathbf{T}} & \text{IIB}[S_{1/r}^1 \times M^9] \end{array}$$

- ▶ M stands for M-theory;
- ▶ IIA stands for type IIA string theory;
- ▶ red_M is an equivalence from the “fact” that a circle reduction of M-theory is equivalent to type IIA theory;
- ▶ T-duality \mathbf{T} is an equivalence between type II string theories;
- ▶ $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -action on M-theory is on $S_M^1 \times S_r^1$;
- ▶ $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -action on IIB string theory is transferred from the $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -action on M-theory through equivalences.

We find its twisted versions (based on [\[Costello–Li\]](#)).

- (P) We have some further consistency checks with “twisted supergravity”.

Summary

- S-duality is a duality of type IIB string theory.
- By simplifying type IIB string theory to topological string theory, we construct S-duality operation on closed string states or supergravity theory. In particular, we obtain $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ action on a version of BCOV theory.
- Our interest is duality between D-brane gauge theories, or more precisely, deformations of D-brane gauge theory.
- Through closed-open map as well as the map from modified BCOV theory to minimal BCOV theory, modified BCOV theory and deformations of D-brane gauge theory are related.

From now on, we let $\mathcal{C} = \text{Fuk}(\mathbb{R}^4) \otimes \text{Coh}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ and consider N D3 branes on $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z \subset \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{C}_{z,w_1,w_2}^3$ to get

$$\mathcal{E}_{D3}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z) = \Omega^{\bullet}(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C})[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1].$$

Then for

$$\begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m \end{array} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathcal{E}_m \xrightarrow{\text{CO}} \text{HH}(\mathcal{E}_{D3}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z))$$

we compare deformations of HT twist by S-dual elements.

S-duality gives Geometric Langlands: $F = w_1$

Based on [Elliott-Y.]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathcal{E}_m \xrightarrow{\text{CO}} \text{HH}(\mathcal{E}_{D_3}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z)) \\ \\ w_1 & \longmapsto & w_1 \longmapsto \partial_{\varepsilon_1} \\ \downarrow \nabla S & & \\ w_1 \partial_z \partial_{w_1} \partial_{w_2} & \mapsto & \partial_{w_2} \wedge \partial_z \longmapsto \varepsilon_2 \partial_z \end{array}$$

Recall $\mathcal{E}_{D_3}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z) = \Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C})[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N[1]$.

Globalizing with replacing $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}$ by $\Sigma \times C$, one has

$\text{EOM}_{D_3}^{\text{HT}}(\Sigma \times C) = \underline{\text{Map}}(\Sigma_{\text{dR}}, T^*[1] \text{Higgs}_G(C))$, aka B-model with target Hitchin moduli. Here ε_1 is responsible for $T^*[1]$ and ε_2 makes C into C_{Dol} . Hence we have the following deformations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (\text{B}, \text{Higgs}_G(C)) & \\ \swarrow \partial_{\varepsilon_1} & & \searrow \varepsilon_2 \partial_z \\ (\text{B}, \text{Bun}_G(C)_{\text{dR}}) & & (\text{B}, \text{Flat}_G(C)) \end{array}$$

giving an equivalence between $D(\text{Bun}_G(C)) := \text{QCoh}(\text{Bun}_G(C)_{\text{dR}})$ and $\text{QCoh}(\text{Flat}_G(C))$ for $G = \text{GL}_N$. This gives geometric Langlands without considering A-model at all.

S-duality between Superconformal Deformations: $F = zw_2$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	u		v		z		w_1		w_2	
K D5		×	×		×	×	×	×		
N D3	×	×			×	×				

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathcal{E}_m \xrightarrow{\text{CO}} \text{HH}(\mathcal{E}_{\text{D5}}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_{z,w_1}^2))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} zw_2 \vdash & \longrightarrow & zw_2 \vdash \longrightarrow z\partial_{\varepsilon_2} \\ \downarrow \nabla S & & \\ zw_2\partial_z\partial_{w_1}\partial_{w_2} \vdash & \mapsto & w_2\partial_{w_1}\partial_{w_2} + z\partial_z\partial_{w_1} \vdash \longrightarrow \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2\partial_{\varepsilon_2} + \varepsilon_1z\partial_z \end{array}$$

The deformation $z\partial_{\varepsilon_2}$ turns HT twist of 6d $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ theory to 4d CS theory on $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_{w_1}$ [Costello–Yagi]: it follows from

$$\Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}_{w_1}) \otimes \left(\Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}_z)_{\varepsilon_2} \xrightarrow{z\partial_{\varepsilon_2}} \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}_z) \right) \cong \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}_{w_1})$$

The appearance of (truncated) Yangian on the 1d defect can be understood as its S-dual 3d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ theory configuration, where the Yangian is the quantized Coulomb branch algebra.

New Examples of S-dual Theories: $F = w_1 w_2$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathcal{E}_m \xrightarrow{\text{CO}} \text{HH}(\mathcal{E}_{D_3}^{\text{HT}}(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_z))$$

$$w_1 w_2 \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} w_1 w_2 \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} \partial_{\varepsilon_1} \partial_{\varepsilon_2}$$

$\downarrow \nabla_S$

$$w_1 w_2 \partial_z \partial_{w_1} \partial_{w_2} \mapsto w_1 \partial_z \partial_{w_1} - w_2 \partial_z \partial_{w_2} \mapsto \pi = \partial_{\varepsilon_1} \partial_z \varepsilon_1 - \partial_{\varepsilon_2} \partial_z \varepsilon_2$$

- ▶ As $(\mathbb{C}[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2], \partial_{\varepsilon_1} \partial_{\varepsilon_2})$ is Clifford algebra $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}^2) \cong \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^{1|1})$, the element $\partial_{\varepsilon_1} \partial_{\varepsilon_2}$ deforms $\Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C})[\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_M[1]$ into $\Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \Omega^{0,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_{M|N}[1]$ which is 4d Chern–Simons theory with gauge group $\text{GL}_{M|N}$.
- ▶ The category of line defects of 4d Chern–Simons theory is known, in terms of modules over Yangian, quantum affine algebras, and elliptic quantum groups for $C = \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^\times$, and E .
- ▶ The element π gives a particular deformation $\text{Coh}(\text{Higgs}_G(C), \pi)$ of $\text{Coh}(\text{Higgs}_G(C))$ in terms of difference modules as a category of boundary conditions.
- ▶ There should be an action of monoidal category of line defects on category of boundary conditions.

Thanks for your attention!