

Heavy-Heavy-Light Three-Point Functions from D-branes Revisited

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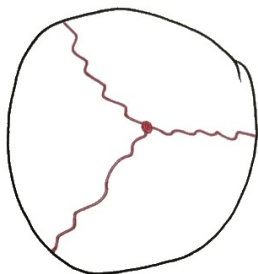
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- The three point function of single trace light operators (dual to supergravitons) are computed holographically using Witten diagrams. [\[GKP, 98\]](#)[\[Witten, 98\]](#).



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where $\delta_{p,q}$ is **manifestation of the $U(1)$ charge conservation.**

Two lessons on boundary term

- First, when the bra and ket states are different, there is a nontrivial (boundary-term) contribution from the wave functions.
- Second, such contributions, together with the orbit average, are essential for reproducing a correct charge conservation $\delta_{p,q}$.

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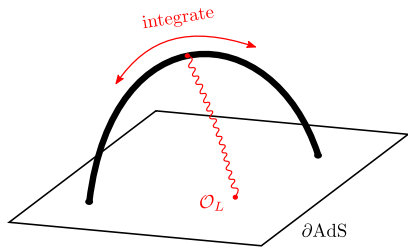
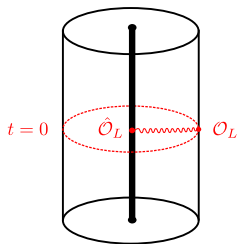


Figure: Comparison of new and old approaches.

- We consider the following sub-determinant operator in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills

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$$\delta_{[a_1 \dots a_M]}^{[b_1 \dots b_M]} \equiv \sum_{\sigma \in S_M} (-1)^{|\sigma|} \delta_{a_{\sigma_1}}^{b_1} \dots \delta_{b_{\sigma_M}}^{a_M}. \quad (18)$$

and the following single trace operator

$$\mathcal{O}_L \equiv \text{tr} \tilde{Z}^L, \quad \tilde{Z} = \frac{Z + \bar{Z} + Y - \bar{Y}}{2}, \quad (19)$$

The metric of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ with unit radius and in terms of the global coordinates,

$$ds^2 = ds_{\text{AdS}}^2 + ds_{S^5}^2, \quad (20)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} ds_{\text{AdS}}^2 &= -\cosh^2 \rho dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\tilde{\Omega}_3^2, \\ ds_{S^5}^2 &= d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \cos^2 \theta d\Omega_3^2. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

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- The D-brane dual to \mathcal{D}_M is localized at $\theta = \theta_0$ and extended along $\chi_{1,2,3}$ directions. It is rotating along the ϕ direction at the speed of light. The worldvolume coordinates of the D3 brane σ^μ ($\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$) are identified with the target space coordinates as follows:

$$\rho = 0, \quad \sigma^0 = t, \quad \phi = t, \quad \sigma^i = \chi_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (23)$$

- The value of θ_0 is related to the charge of the giant graviton as;

$$\cos^2 \theta_0 = \frac{M}{N}, \quad (24)$$

- Note that the classical D3-brane equations of motion lead to $\phi = t$.
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with the relation among M , N and α is

$$\frac{M}{N} = \sqrt{1 - 4\alpha^4} - 4\alpha^4 \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\alpha^4}}{2\alpha^2} \right). \quad (27)$$

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Thanks for Your Attention !