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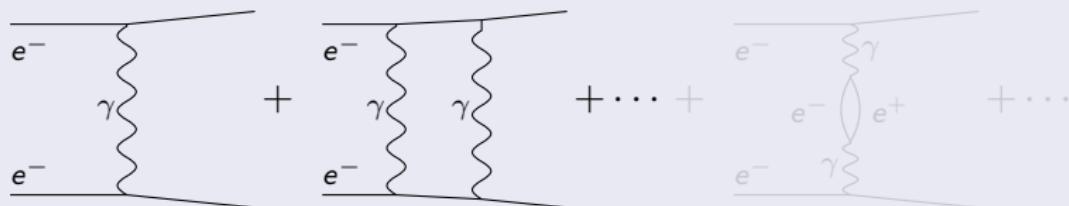
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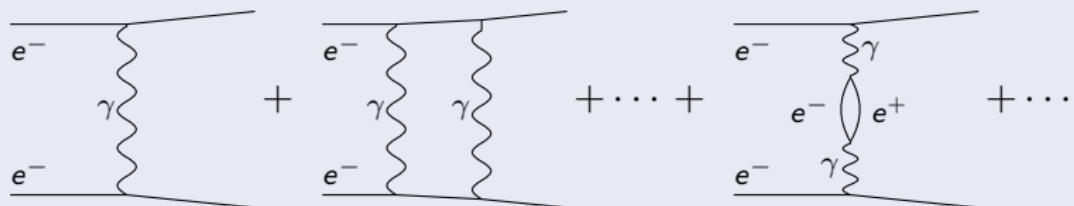
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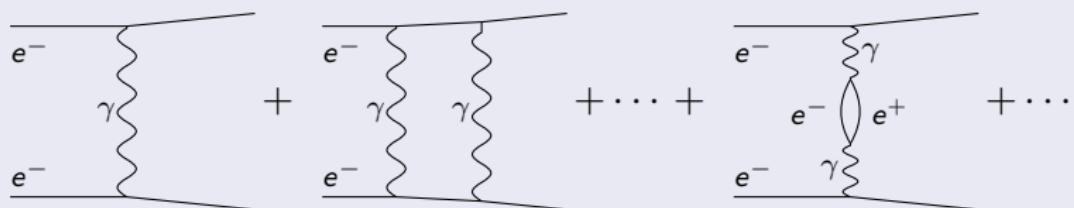
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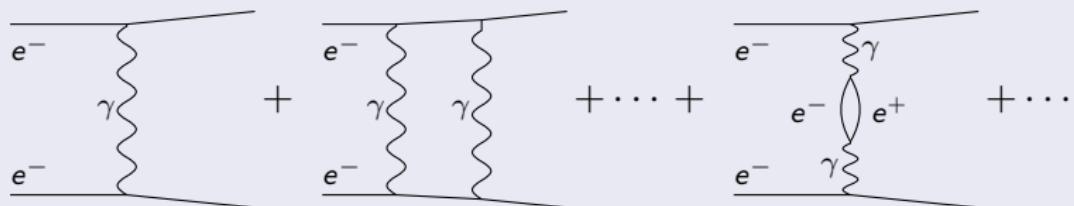
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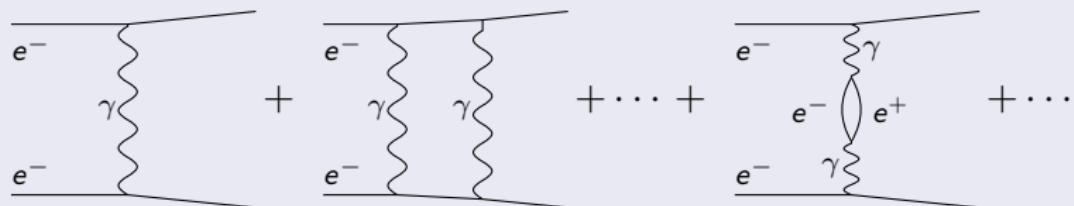
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## Perturbative description

The (truncated) sum provides a good approximation only in a specific energy domain (the perturbative domain)

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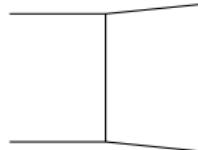
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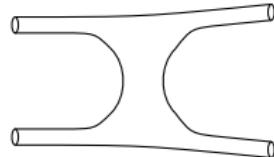
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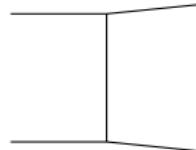
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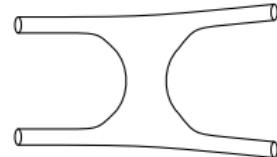
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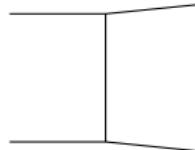
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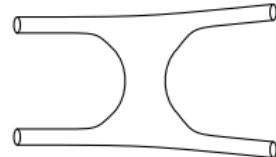
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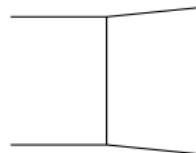
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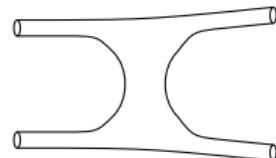
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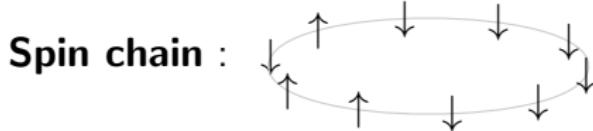
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- Heisenberg spin chain : “state” = quantum superposition:  
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_M \leq L}} \psi(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_M) |n_1, n_2, \dots, n_M\rangle$$
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- Bethe equation :  $\forall 1 \leq k \leq M, e^{i L p_k} = \prod_{j \neq k} S(p_k, p_j)$ .  
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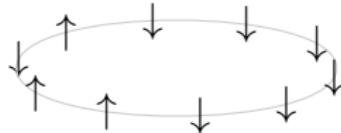
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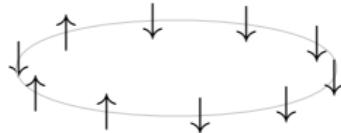
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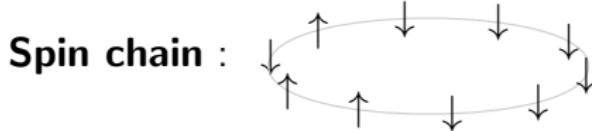
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- The space is one-dimensional and there are periodic boundary conditions.
- The interactions are local.
- A factorization formula holds :



One can argue that it is sufficient to have infinitely many conserved charges [Zamolodchikov & Zamolodchikov 79]

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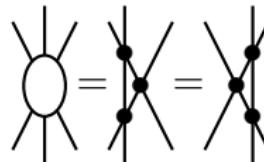
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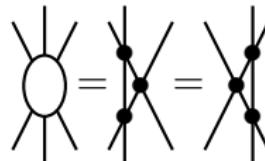
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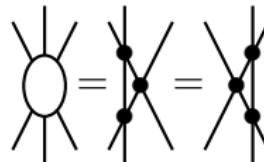
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The “Bethe Ansatz”  $\psi(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_M) \equiv \sum_{\sigma \in S^M} A_\sigma e^{i \sum_k p_{\sigma(k)} n_k}$  gives the eigenstates of several theories such that

- The space is one-dimensional and there are periodic boundary conditions.
- The interactions are local.
- A factorization formula holds :



One can argue that it is sufficient to have infinitely many conserved charges [Zamolodchikov & Zamolodchikov 79]

- “Locality” requires a large spatial period  
 $\leadsto$  Question of the Finite size effects

# Integrable systems and AdS/CFT duality

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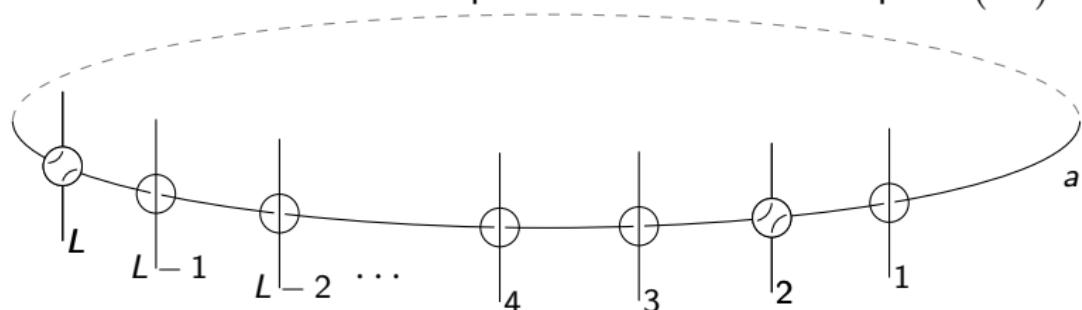
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operator on the Hilbert space  $(\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes L}$



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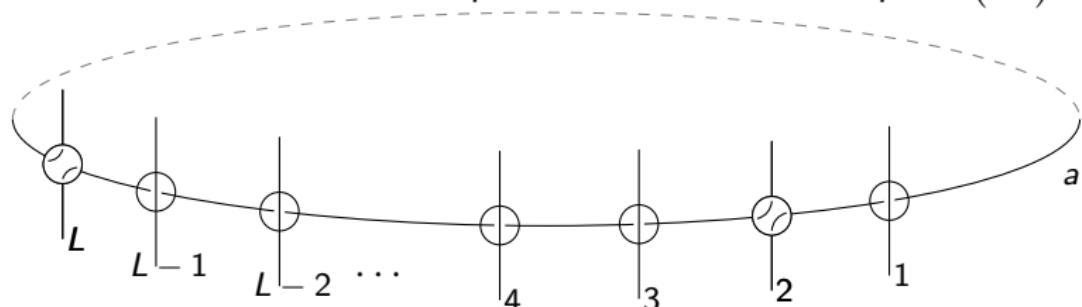
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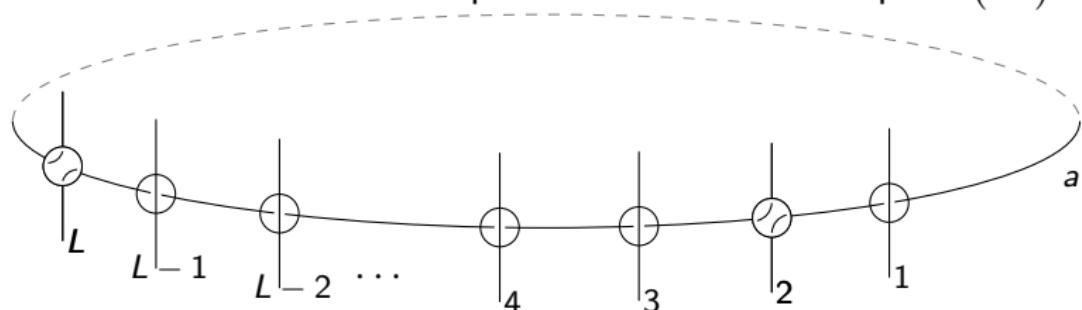
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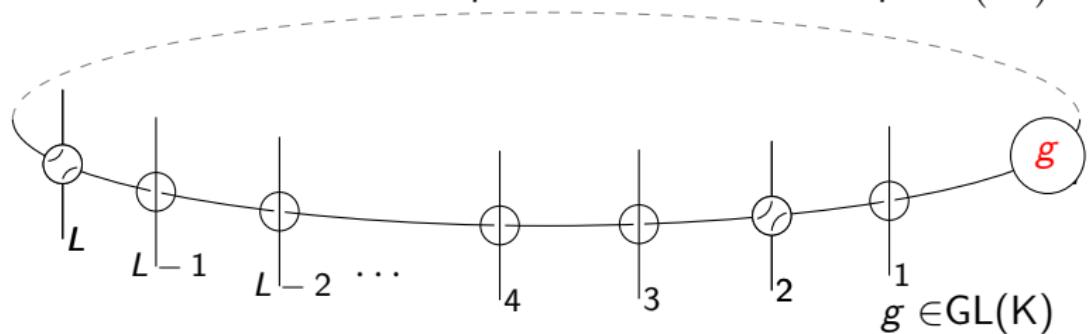
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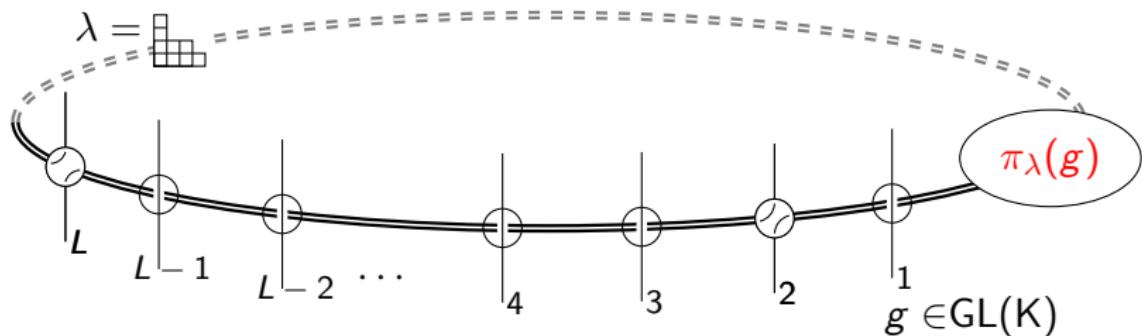
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$$T^\lambda(u) = \text{tr}_a (((\textcolor{red}{u} - \xi_L) \mathbb{I} + \mathcal{P}_{L,a}) \cdots ((\textcolor{red}{u} - \xi_1) \mathbb{I} + \mathcal{P}_{1,a}) \cdot \pi_\lambda(g))$$

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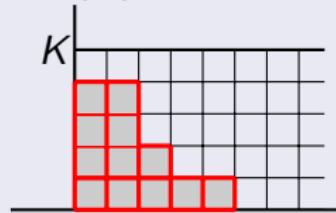
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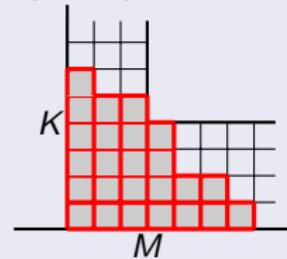
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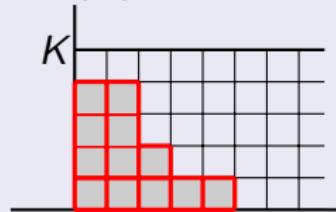
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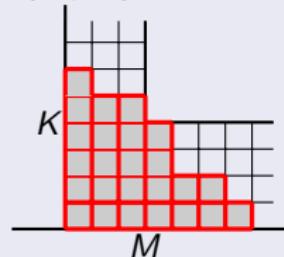
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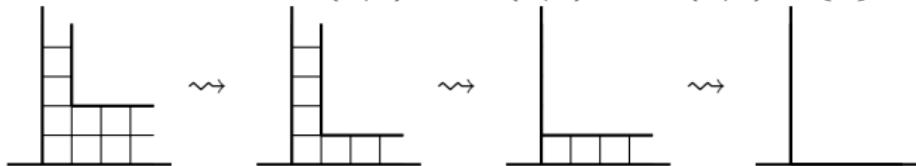


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For “typical solutions” of Hirota, each step in the Bäcklund flow allows to define a Q-operator, and we obtain (for  $GL(K)$ )

[Krichever, Lipan, Wiegmann & Zabrodin 97]

$$T^\lambda(u) = Q_\emptyset(u - K) \cdot \frac{\det \left( x_j^{1-k+\lambda_k} Q_j(u - k + 1 + \lambda_k) \right)_{1 \leq j, k \leq K}}{\Delta(x_1, \dots, x_K) \prod_{k=1}^K Q_\emptyset(u - k + \lambda_k)}$$

where  $x_1, \dots, x_K$  are the eigenvalues of  $g$  (they are distinct)

$$\text{and } \Delta(x_1, \dots, x_K) = \det \left( x_j^{1-k} \right)_{1 \leq j, k \leq K}$$

Diagonalization of the Hamiltonian

For  $GL(K)$  (and  $GL(K|M)$ ), the above determinant expression allows to recover

- the Bethe equation
- the spectrum

assuming that the Q-operators are polynomial functions of  $u$

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## Other constructions

Many other constructions exist for several integrable models in the literature, and the analyticity properties often play a key role.

For the present spin chains, see also

[Bazhanov Łukowski Meneghelli Staudacher Tsuboi 08-12]

# Integrable systems and AdS/CFT duality

[arXiv:1206.4061]

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Field theories with a finite interaction range are usually integrable only when the space period is large enough.

$\rightsquigarrow$  Finite size effects ?



short space-period

infinite time periodicity  $R \rightarrow \infty$

Path integral  $Z \sim e^{-RE_0(L)}$



Long operators

finite time-periodicity

$\Rightarrow$  finite temperature

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“free Energy” :  $f(L) = E_0(L)$

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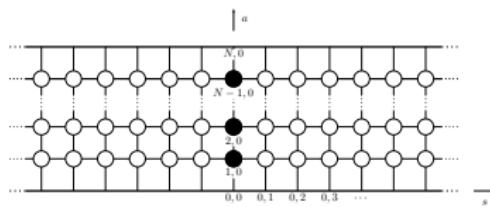
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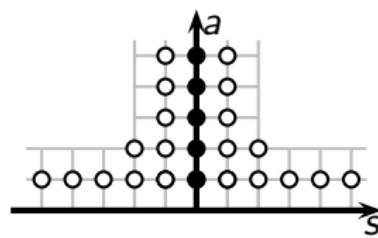
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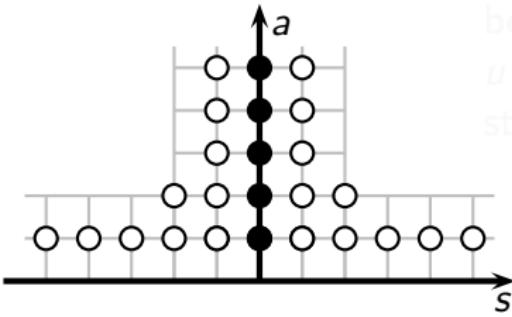
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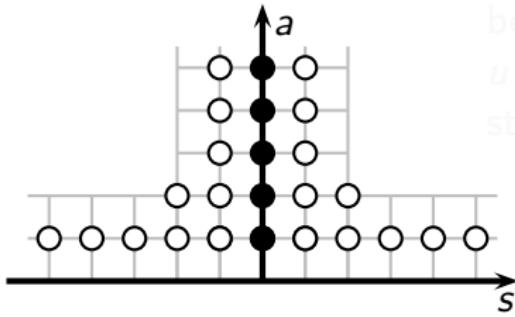
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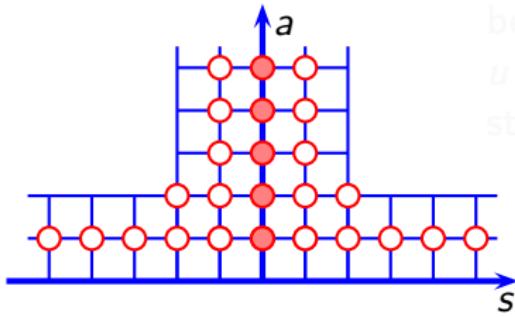
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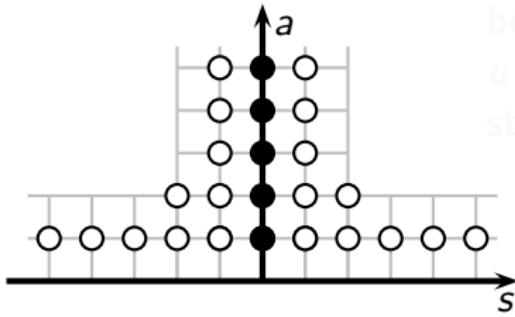
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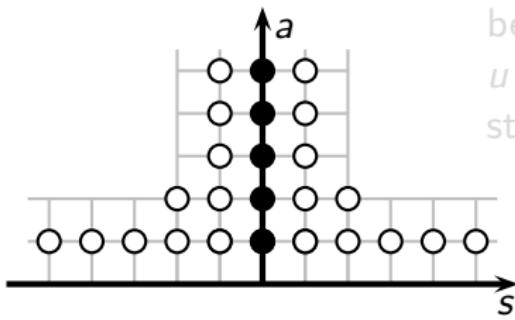
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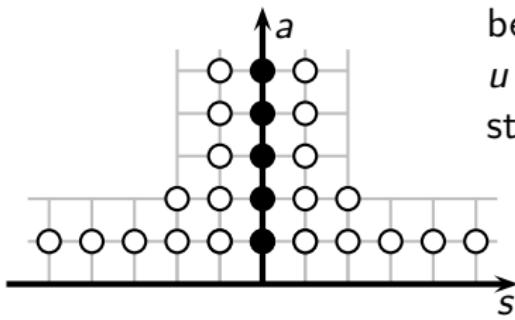
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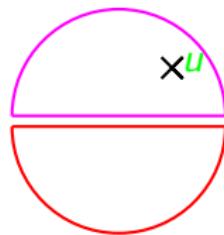
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## General statement

If  $F(u)$  and  $G(u)$  are analytic when  $\text{Im}(u) \geq 0$  (resp  $\text{Im}(u) \leq 0$ ) and  $F(u), G(u) \xrightarrow[|u| \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$  at least as a power law,

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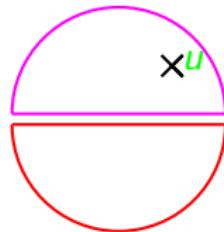
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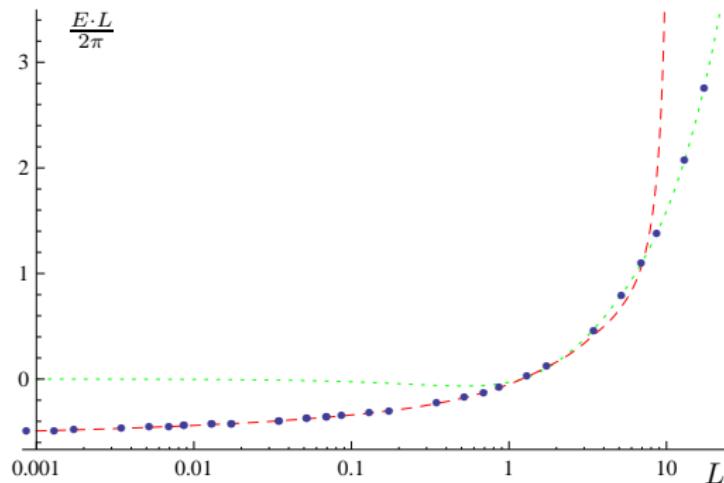
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For the principal chiral field, the Q-functions have a known polynomial behavior at  $u \rightarrow \infty$ , and are analytic in the upper-half-plane.

$\Rightarrow$  parameterization in terms of  $N - 1$  densities

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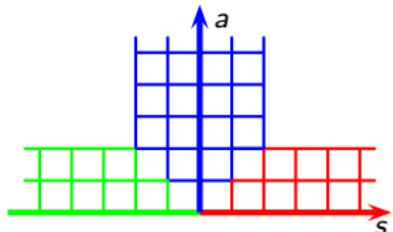
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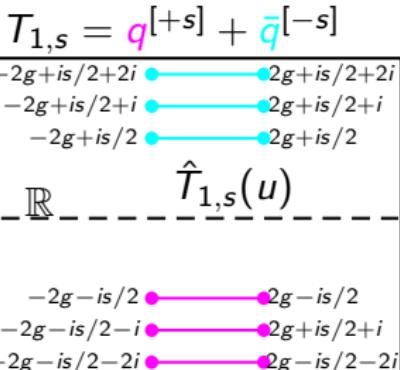
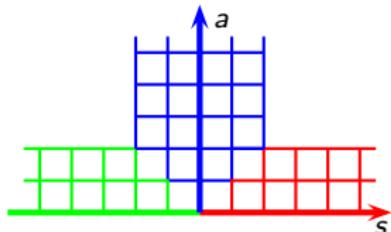
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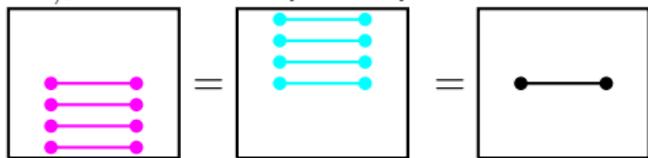
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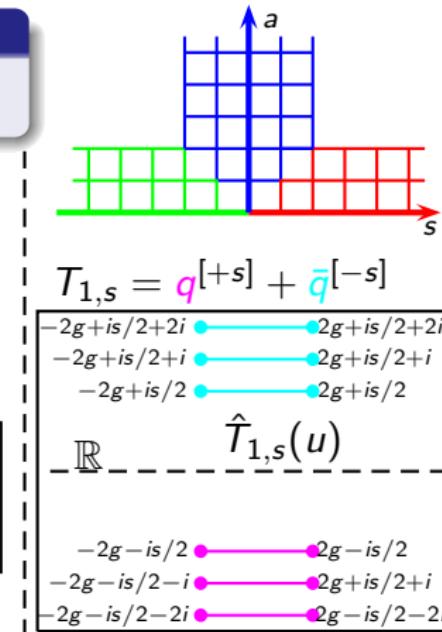
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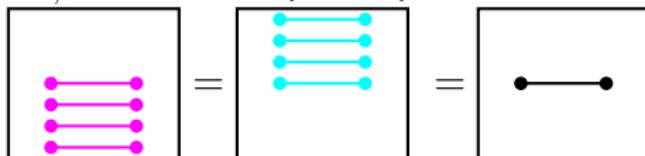
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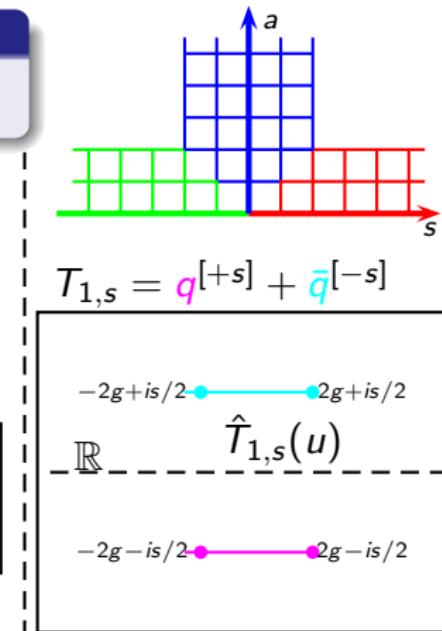
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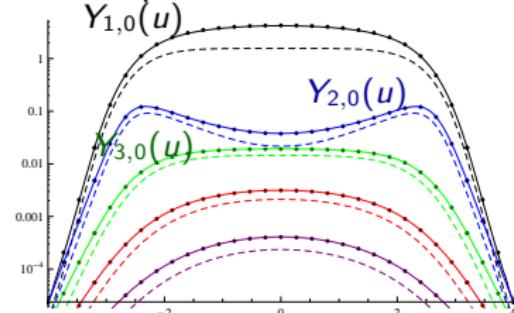
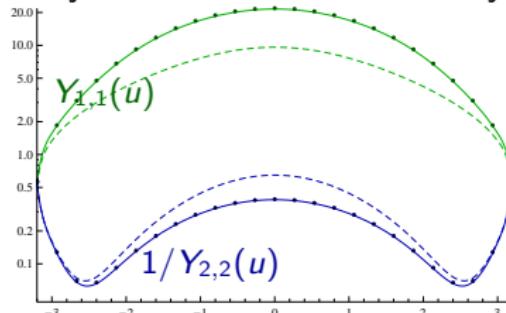
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These analyticity properties allow to derive a finite set of non-linear integral equations

- Proved to be equivalent to previous Y-system
- In particular these Y-system results allow to obtain non-trivial expansion coefficients for SYM or Strings.

## Numerical Y-functions for Konishi state ( $g = 1.6$ ):

Dots are obtained from FiNLIE and lines from standard Y-system iterations. The asymptotic expression is dashed.



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