BPS-State Counting:

Quiver Invariant, Abelianisation & Mutation

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WARM UP

a topology exercise





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BPS Index

 $\mathcal{N}=2$ Basics

- We consider $\mathcal{N}=2$ Abelian gauge theories.
- States have integer charges: $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^{2r} \equiv \Gamma$
- Poincare extends to N=2 super-Poincare:
 M gets bounded by Z.
- $M=|Z| \square A \subseteq E$: "short" repre, $S_j=[j] \otimes r_{hh}$, where $r_{hh}=2[0] \oplus [1/2]$ is the 4-dim^l irrep of the odd alg.
- M>Z CASE: "long" repre, $L_j=[j]\otimes r_{hh}\otimes r_{hh}$

BPS Index

• For the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}^1_{\gamma} = \left[\bigoplus_{j \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} S_j^{\oplus \mathbf{n}_j(\gamma)} \right] \oplus \left[\bigoplus_{l \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} L_l^{\oplus \mathbf{m}_l(\gamma)} \right],$

define the BPS index as:

$$\Omega(\gamma) := \sum_{j \in \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} (-1)^{2j} (2j+1) \mathbf{n}_j(\gamma)$$
$$= \operatorname{Tr}'_{\mathcal{H}^1_{\gamma}} (-1)^{2J_3}$$

- Only genuine short reps contribute to $\ \Omega(\gamma)$.
- The little super-algebra contains $SU(2)_R$ and hence one can define the refined index as:

$$\Omega(\gamma; \boldsymbol{y}) = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{\gamma}^{1}}^{\prime}(-1)^{2J_{3}} \boldsymbol{y}^{2I_{3}+2J_{3}} \xrightarrow{\boldsymbol{y}=1} \Omega(\gamma) = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{\gamma}^{1}}^{\prime}(-1)^{2J_{3}}$$

RUDIMENTS

Wall-crossing

Wall-Crossing

- $\Omega(\gamma)$ is invariant under arbitrary deformations of \mathcal{H}^1_{γ} , but may change under deformations of the theory.
- The index is ill-defined when \mathcal{H}^1_{γ} mixes with the multi-ptl spectrum, i.e., if γ can split into γ_1 and γ_2 s.t. $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = \gamma$, $Z_1/Z_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$.
- Thus, in the parameter space, there appears a wall, across which the BPS index jumps.

Wall-Crossing

• Generic BPS one-particle states as loose bound states of charge centers, balanced by classical forces.

[Lee, Yi `98; Bak, Lee, Lee, Yi `99; Gauntlett, Kim, Park, Yi `99; Stern, Yi `00; Gauntlett, Kim, Lee, Yi `00]

• The equilibrium distances become infinite as one approaches the wall [Denef `02]:

$$R = \frac{\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle}{2} \frac{|Z_1 + Z_2|}{\operatorname{Im}[\bar{Z}_1 Z_2]}$$

RUDIMENTS

BPS Quivers

BPS Quivers

- BPS states ~ D-branes wrapping various cycles.
- Low-energy D-brane dynamics by a $\mathcal{D}=4$, $\mathcal{N}=1$ quiver gauge theory reduced to the eff. particle world-line.
- E.g. IIB on CY₃: one-particle BPS states seen as a D3-brane wrapping a SLag.
- Two pictures arise for the same BPS bound state of branes:
 (1) SET OF PARTICLES AT EQUILIBRIUM
 (2) FUSION OF D-BRANES

related via quiver quantum mechanics [Denef `02]

BPS Quivers

• U(I) vectors include $\mathbf{x}_v = (\mathbf{x}_v^1, \mathbf{x}_v^2, \mathbf{x}_v^3)$ and bi-fund. chirals include $Z_{vw}^{k=1,...,a_{vw}}$, where $a_{vw} = \langle \gamma_v, \gamma_w \rangle$



BPS Index

• For large x_v - x_w , chirals are massive and eff. dynamics leads to

$$\mathcal{K}_{v} \equiv \sum_{w \neq v} \frac{\langle \gamma_{w}, \gamma_{v} \rangle}{|\mathbf{x}_{w} - \mathbf{x}_{v}|} - \theta_{v}(u) = 0 \text{ for } \forall v, \text{ with } \theta_{v} = 2 \operatorname{Im}\left[e^{-i\alpha} Z_{\gamma_{v}}(u)\right]$$

- By studying the solⁿ space $\mathcal{M} = \{\mathbf{x}_v \mid \mathcal{K}_v = 0, \forall v\} \setminus \mathbb{R}^3$, one can obtain the COULOMB INDEX $\Omega_{\text{Coulomb}}(\{\gamma_v\}; y)$ [de Boer, El-Showk, Messamah, van Den Bleeken `09], [Manschot, Pioline, Sen `11]
- Dialing the coupling to 0, one can describe the system as QM on the variety $\mathcal{M}_H = \{Z_{vw}^k \mid D_v = \theta_v, \forall v\} / \prod U(1).$
- The HIGGS INDEX is given as:

$$\Omega_{\text{Higgs}}(\{\gamma_v\}; y) = \sum_{p,q} (-1)^{p+q-d} y^{2p-d} h^{p,q}(\mathcal{M}_H)$$

Coulomb vs Higgs

- It has been shown [Denef `02; Sen `11]: $\Omega_{\rm Coulomb} = \Omega_{\rm Higgs}$
- Multi-center picture has a smooth transition into the fused D-brane picture at a single point.
- The two pictures might become very different if the quivers have a loop [Denef, Moore `07]:

 $\Omega_{\rm Coulomb}$ << $\Omega_{\rm Higgs}$

QUIVER INVARIANTS

Intrinsic Higgs States

- The Higgs phase might in general have more states than the Coulomb phase multi-center states.
- We may call these additional ones "intrinsic" Higgs states.
- Thus, the Higgs index can be written as: $\Omega_{\rm Higgs} = \Omega_{\rm Coulomb} + "\Omega_{\rm Inv}$ "
- The intrinsic Higgs states are expected not to experience wall-crossing.

Cyclic Example

- Consider a 3-node quiver with superpotential $\mathcal{W}(\{Z_{12}^k\}, \{Z_{23}^k\}, \{Z_{31}^k\}) = \sum C_{k_1k_2k_3} Z_{12}^{k_1} Z_{23}^{k_2} Z_{31}^{k_3}$
- There arise 3 different quiver varieties, in each of which one set of chirals vanishes.

 $Z_{23}^{k=}$

 γ_3

,a₂₃

7₂₁k=1

 The moduli space is embedded by F-terms in D-term variety.

$$\mathcal{M}_H \stackrel{i}{\hookrightarrow} \mathcal{A}$$

Characterisation of Ω_{Inv}

• Embedding structure $\mathcal{M}_H \stackrel{i}{\hookrightarrow} \mathcal{A}$

 \implies Naturally splits the Higgs phase states:



[**S.-J.L.**, Z.-L.Wang, P.Yi `12]

(cf.) [Bena, Berkooz, de Boer, El-Showk, van Den Bleeken `12]



NONABELIAN QUIVERS

Abelianisation





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The Prescription in a Nutshell

[Martin, `00], [Ciocan-Fontanine, Kim, Sabbah, `06]

(cf.) [Hori, Vafa, `00]

Quivers with a Potential

$$Y = \mu_G^{-1}(0)/T \longrightarrow \tilde{X} = \mu_T^{-1}(0)/T$$

$$\downarrow \pi$$

$$M \longrightarrow X = \mu_G^{-1}(0)/G$$

$$\underline{Index}: \ \Omega(y) = \frac{1}{|W|} \int_{\tilde{X}} \omega_y(\mathcal{T}\tilde{X}) \wedge \frac{e(\tilde{\mathcal{N}})}{\omega_y(\tilde{\mathcal{N}})} \wedge \frac{e(\Delta)}{\omega_y(\Delta)},$$
where $\omega_y \leftarrow f_{\omega_y}(x) = \frac{x}{(1 - e^{-x})} \cdot (ye^{-x} - y^{-1})$

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- Works in principle for any quivers but practically hard
 - Asymptotic behavior?
 - Another path towards Non-Abelian Quivers?

NONABELIAN QUIVERS

Mutation

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• Relate the index of a complicated quiver to that of a simpler one via mutation: μ

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\{N_i\}; [b_{ij}])_{\zeta_i} \xrightarrow{\mu} \widehat{\mathbf{Q}} = (\{\widehat{N}_i\}; [\widehat{b}_{ij}])_{\widehat{\zeta}_i}$$

- With respect to a node k, either Left or Right: μ_k^L or μ_k^R
- The action on charges $\gamma_i's$ characterises the mutation:

$$\mu_k^L(\gamma_i) = \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma_k & i = k \\ \gamma_i + [b_{ki}]_+ \gamma_k & \text{otherwise} \end{pmatrix} \mu_k^R(\gamma_i) = \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma_k & i = k \\ \gamma_i + [b_{ik}]_+ \gamma_k & \text{otherwise} \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Trade off between vectors and chirals could be made.
- Would all mutations preserve the Witten index?

Mutation as a viewpoint change in how BPS particles are distinguished from anti-BPS particles

[Alim, Cecotti, Cordova, Espahdodi, Rastogi, Vafa `11]













Thus, $\mu_3^L(Q)(\mu_3^R(Q))$ must reproduce $\Omega_Q(II)$ and $\Omega_Q(III)$ ($\Omega_Q(I)$ and $\Omega_Q(IV)$).



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For example, take a=7, b=5, c=4 and N=2.



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In principle one can compute all these indices via the Abelianisation. But the toric varieties involved here are of dimension 20-ish, meaning that one needs to deal with such high-rank lattices.

Furthermore, the analytical structure for Witten index is encoded only implicitly as one needs to extract the intersection numbers in a combinatorial manner.

Index of d=1 GLSM via Path Integral

[K.Hori, H.Kim, P.Yi `14]

(cf.) [Benini, Eager, Hori, Tachikawa `13], [Cordova, Chao `14], [Hwang, Kim, Kim, Park `14]

Compact expression has been obtained:

$$\Omega(y;\zeta) = \frac{1}{|W|} \text{JK-Res}_{\zeta} \left[g(u) d^{r} u \right]$$

where $u = x_3 + iA_0 \mid_{\text{zero-mode}}$ are the zero modes of Cartan part, and the "integrand" is

$$g(u) = \prod_{A} g_{\text{vector}}^{(A)}(u) \prod_{I} g_{\text{chiral}}^{(I)}(u)$$
with $g_{\text{vector}}^{(A)}(u) = \left(\frac{1}{2\sinh\frac{z}{2}}\right)^{r_{A}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_{A}} \frac{\sinh\frac{\alpha(u)}{2}}{\sinh\frac{\alpha(u)-z}{2}} \text{ and } g_{\text{chiral}}^{(I)}(u) = -\frac{\sinh\frac{q_{I}(u) + (\frac{R_{I}}{2} - 1)z}{2}}{\sinh\frac{q_{I}(u) + \frac{R_{I}}{2}z}}$

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• The JK-Res is a sum over all co-dim "r" singularities in (\mathbb{C}^*) , defined as intersection of hyperplanes via $\{Q_{i_1}, \dots, Q_{i_r}\}$

$$JK-\operatorname{Res}_{\zeta:\{Q_{i_1},\cdots,Q_{i_r}\}}\frac{\mathrm{d}^r u}{(Q_1\cdot u)\cdots(Q_r\cdot u)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|\det(Q)|} & \text{if } \zeta\in\operatorname{Span}_+\langle Q_{i_1},\cdots,Q_{i_r}\rangle \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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$\Omega(\mathrm{I}) = 50 \; ,$
$\Omega(\text{II}) = 1/\mathbf{y}^4 + 2/\mathbf{y}^2 + 87 + 2\mathbf{y}^2 + \mathbf{y}^4$,
$\Omega(\text{III}) = 1/\mathbf{y}^6 + 2/\mathbf{y}^4 + 4/\mathbf{y}^2 + 89 + 4\mathbf{y}^2 + 2\mathbf{y}^4 + \mathbf{y}^6 ,$
$\Omega(IV) = 1/\mathbf{y}^6 + 2/\mathbf{y}^4 + 4/\mathbf{y}^2 + 54 + 4\mathbf{y}^2 + 2\mathbf{y}^4 + \mathbf{y}^6 .$

$$\begin{split} \Omega(\widehat{\mathbf{I}}) &= 1/\mathbf{y}^{6} + 2/\mathbf{y}^{4} + 4/\mathbf{y}^{2} + 89 \xrightarrow{3}{4} 4\mathbf{y}^{2} + 2\mathbf{y}^{4} + \mathbf{y}^{6}, \\ \Omega(\widehat{\mathbf{II}}) &= 35, \\ \Omega(\widehat{\mathbf{III}}) &= 1/\mathbf{y}^{4} + 2/\mathbf{y}^{2} + 37 + 2\mathbf{y}^{2} + \frac{13}{3}\mathbf{y}^{4}, \\ \Omega(\widehat{\mathbf{IV}}) &= 1/\mathbf{y}^{4} + 2/\mathbf{y}^{2} + 87 + 2\mathbf{y}^{2} + \mathbf{y}^{4}. \end{split}$$



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