

Title: All point correlation functions in SYK

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Abstract:

The SYK model and its variants are a new class of large N conformal field theories. In this talk, we solve SYK, computing all connected correlation functions. Our techniques and results for summing all leading large N Feynman diagrams are applicable to a significantly broader class of theories.

All point correlation functions in SYK

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SYK is 0+1 dimensional theory of N fermions with 4 body (or, more generally, q body) random all-to-all interactions. It flows to a CFT in the infrared, at strong coupling.

SYK

$$L = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} \chi_i \frac{d}{d\tau} \chi_i - \sum_{i,j,k,l} J_{ijkl} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \chi_l$$

fermion dimension in infrared (large J):

$$\Delta = 1/q, \quad q = 4$$

Kitaev introduced SYK as a solvable
model of holography

In this talk we will solve SYK

We will compute all correlation functions, at strong coupling, to leading nontrivial order in $1/N$

Why do we want to solve SYK?

Let us recall the two canonical examples
of AdS/CFT

$\mathcal{N} = 4$, maximally supersymmetric
SU(N) Yang-Mills, is a CFT, for any value of
the 't Hooft coupling

$\mathcal{N} = 4$, at large N , is dual to string theory in AdS. At large 't Hooft coupling, there is a gap, leading to Einstein gravity and black holes.

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ is incredibly rich, and is integrable.
Over the last decade, major progress has
been made in solving $\mathcal{N} = 4$, enriching our
understanding of AdS/CFT.

The free/critical vector $O(N)$ model is another solvable, large N , CFT

The $O(N)$ model is dual to Vasiliev
higher spin theory

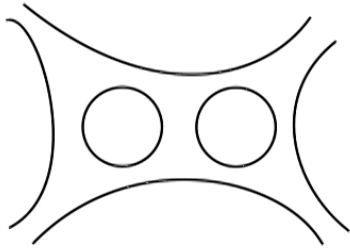
$\mathcal{N} = 4$ and the vector $O(N)$ model are very different theories

Correspondingly, the bulk duals, string theory and Vasiliev theory, are very different.

SYK is a new class of solvable, strongly coupled, large N , CFTs.

SYK is harder than the $O(N)$ model, but
easier than $\mathcal{N} = 4$.

Matrix model



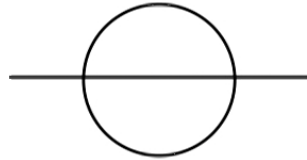
planar diagrams

$$\mathcal{N} = 4$$

Bulk: Large gap

String theory

SYK



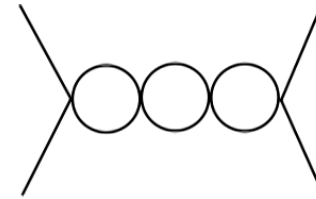
melon diagrams

SYK

Tower massive particles

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Vector model



bubble diagrams

$O(N)$

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One could, for instance, add flavor [Gross, VR '16](#) or supersymmetry [Fu, Gaiotto, Maldacena, Sachdev, '16](#)

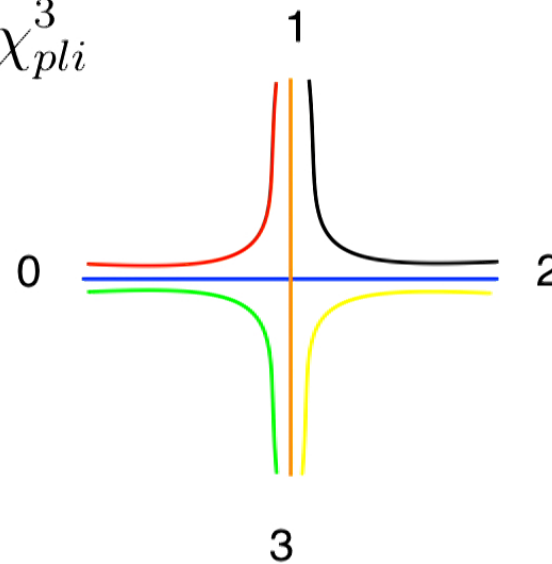
The two canonical examples of AdS/CFT that I mentioned were maximally supersymmetric $SU(N)$ Yang-Mills (a matrix model), and the $O(N)$ vector model (a vector model)

We generally don't discuss tensor models.
One might assume they would be too difficult
to study.

Melonic Tensor Models

Bonzom, Gurau, Riello, Rivasseau
Gurau
Witten

$$H = \sum \chi_{ijk}^0 \chi_{klm}^1 \chi_{mjp}^2 \chi_{pli}^3$$



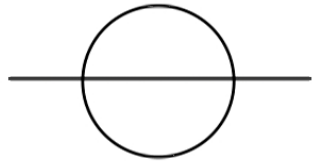
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In fact, there are arguments that the description of M2 branes stretching between M5 branes should be described by tensors

Beccaria, Tseytlin, '17
Klebanov Tseytlin, '96

Tensor model



melon diagrams

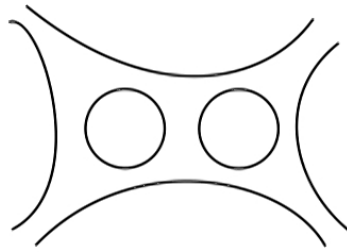
Gurau-Witten
Klebanov-Tarnopolsky

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Matrix model



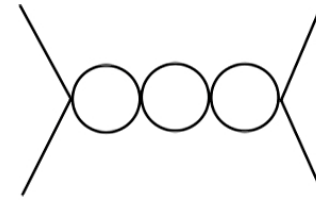
planar diagrams

$$\mathcal{N} = 4$$

Large gap

String theory

Vector model



bubble diagrams

$$O(N)$$

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Vasiliev

SYK and the melonic tensor models have the same large N fermion correlation functions.

For the rest of the talk we will focus on SYK,
but the results trivially extend to tensor
models and all variations and generalizations
of SYK.

1) To better understand holography
and black holes

2) To find the AdS dual of SYK

3) SYK is also a model of a strange metal, and of a maximally chaotic quantum system

4) Our solution applies to all melonic tensor models

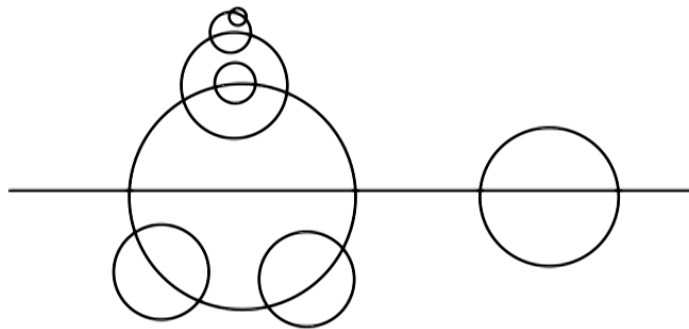
The computation of SYK correlation functions will be direct. We sum all Feynman diagrams.

The result will be interesting.

All higher-point functions will follow from the six-point function through simple rules.

2-point function

Melons



IR dimension: Δ

Sachdev Ye '93

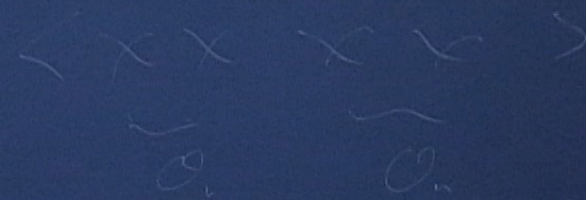
4-point function

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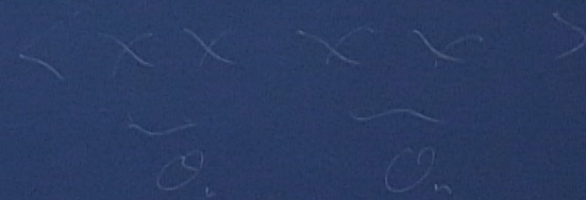
$$\mathcal{F}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_4) = \frac{b^2}{J^{4\Delta}} \sum_{h_n} c_n^2 \mathcal{F}_\Delta^{h_n}(x) \quad ; \quad x = \frac{\tau_{12}\tau_{34}}{\tau_{13}\tau_{24}}$$

These are the conformal blocks of the primary, fermion bilinear, $O(N)$ invariant singlets, \mathcal{O}_n with dimension h_n

$$\mathcal{O}_n \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_i \partial_\tau^{1+2n} \chi_i$$



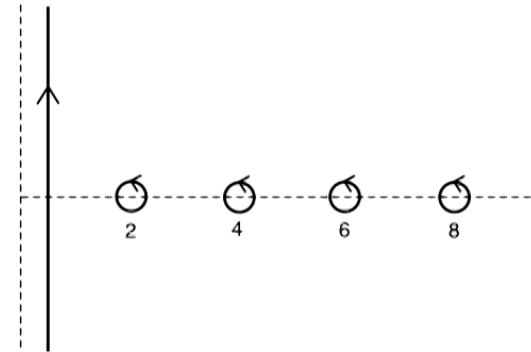
$$X^h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-h}^h F(h, h, 2h, X)$$



$$F_h(X) = \frac{1}{|T_{12}|^{2\Delta} |T_{24}|^{2\Delta}} X^h F_h(X)$$



We may also write this as,



$$\mathcal{F}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_4) = G(\tau_{12})G(\tau_{34}) \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{dh}{2\pi i} \rho(h) \Psi_h(x)$$

$$\frac{2}{|\tau_{12}|^{2\Delta} |\tau_{34}|^{2\Delta}} \Psi_h(x) = \beta(h, 0) \mathcal{F}_{\Delta}^h(x) + \beta(1-h, 0) \mathcal{F}_{\Delta}^{1-h}(x)$$

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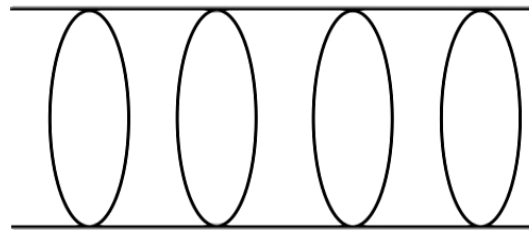
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This was general

For SYK, the four-point function is a sum of ladder diagrams



So we know $\rho(h)$

Maldacena, Stanford '16

Polchinski, V.R., '16

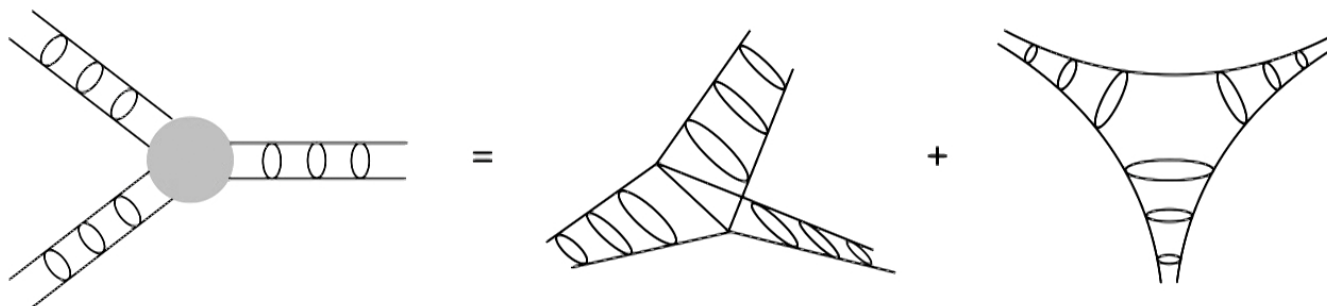
Kitaev, '16

Summary

2-point function: Δ

4-point function: $\rho(h)$

6-point function



The fermion 6-point function has the same information as the bilinear 3-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(\tau_1) \mathcal{O}_2(\tau_2) \mathcal{O}_3(\tau_3) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{c_{123}}{|\tau_{12}|^{h_1+h_2-h_3} |\tau_{23}|^{h_2+h_3-h_1} |\tau_{13}|^{h_1+h_3-h_2}}$$

$$c_{123} = c_1 c_2 c_3 (\mathcal{I}_{123}^{(1)} + \mathcal{I}_{123}^{(2)})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{123}^{(1)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{h_1+h_2+h_3-1} \Gamma(1-h_1)\Gamma(1-h_2)\Gamma(1-h_3)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3-h_1-h_2-h_3}{2}\right)} [\rho(h_1, h_2, h_3) + \rho(h_2, h_3, h_1) + \rho(h_3, h_1, h_2)]$$

$$\rho(h_1, h_2, h_3) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{h_2+h_3-h_1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2-h_1-h_2+h_3}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{2-h_1-h_3+h_2}{2}\right)} \left(1 + \frac{\sin(\pi h_2)}{\sin(\pi h_3) - \sin(\pi h_1 + \pi h_2)}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{I}_{123}^{(2)} &= \alpha_1 {}_4F_3 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-h_1 & h_1 & 2\Delta-h_3 & 1-h_3 \\ 1+h_2-h_3 & 2\Delta & 2-h_2-h_3 \end{matrix} ; 1 \right] \\
&+ \alpha_2 {}_4F_3 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-h_1-h_2+h_3 & h_1-h_2+h_3 & 2\Delta-h_2 & 1-h_2 \\ 2-2h_2 & 1-h_2+h_3 & 2\Delta-h_2+h_3 \end{matrix} ; 1 \right] \\
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&+ \alpha_4 {}_4F_3 \left[\begin{matrix} h_2+h_3-h_1 & h_1+h_2+h_3-1 & h_2-1+2\Delta & h_2 \\ 2h_2 & h_2+h_3-1+2\Delta & h_2+h_3 \end{matrix} ; 1 \right].
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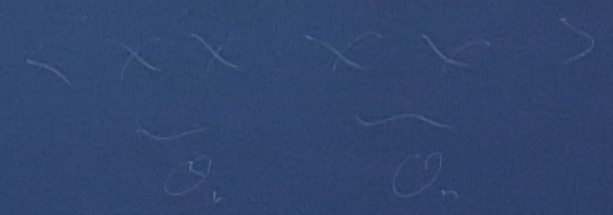
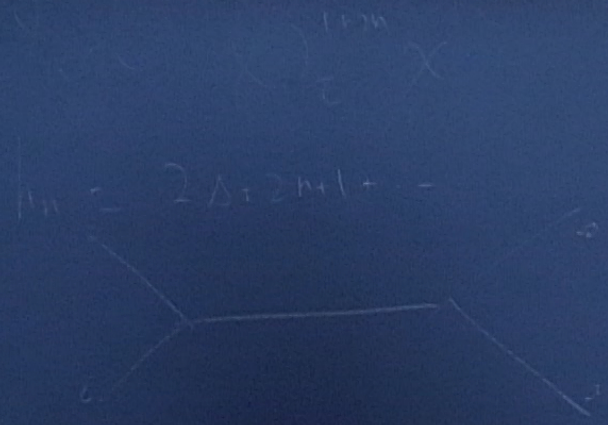
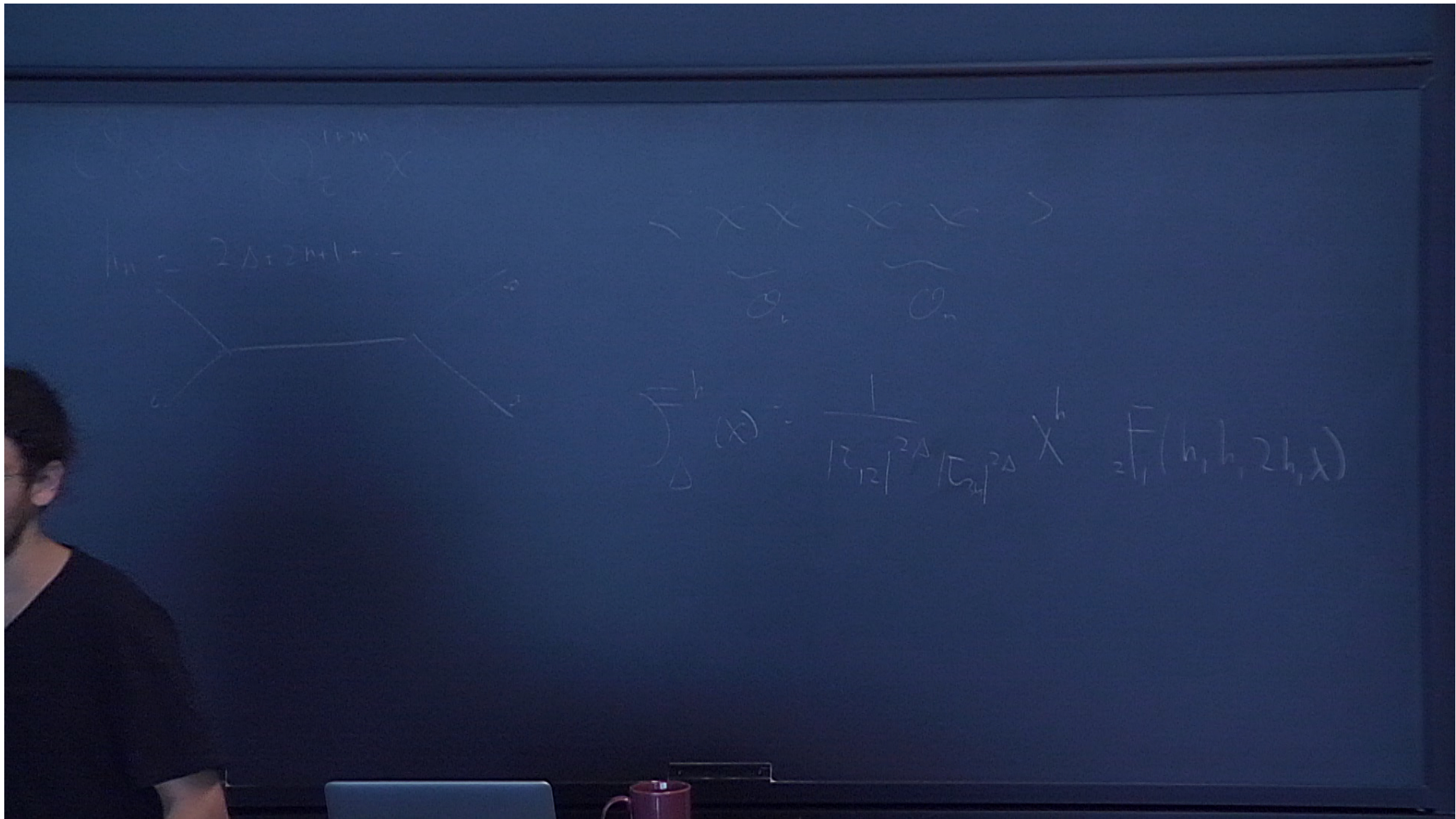
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- Viewed as a function of h_1 , there are poles at,

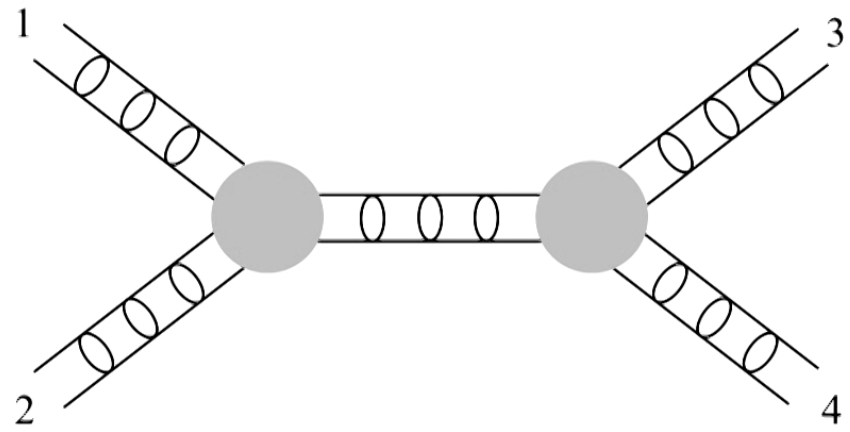
$$h_1 = h_2 + h_3 + 2n$$

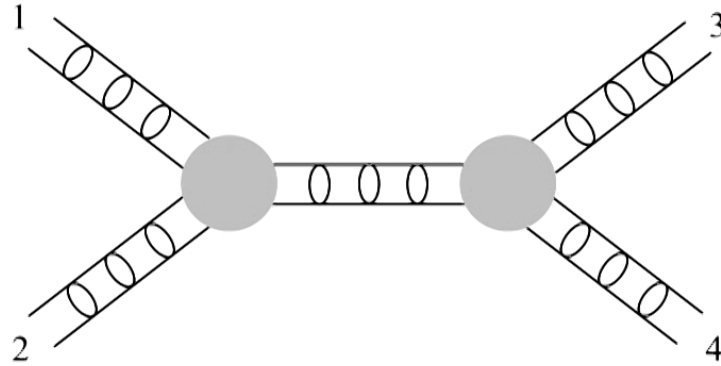
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Closing the contour,

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$$\theta_1, \theta_2 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathcal{O}_3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} [\mathcal{O}_3, \mathcal{O}_4]_n$$

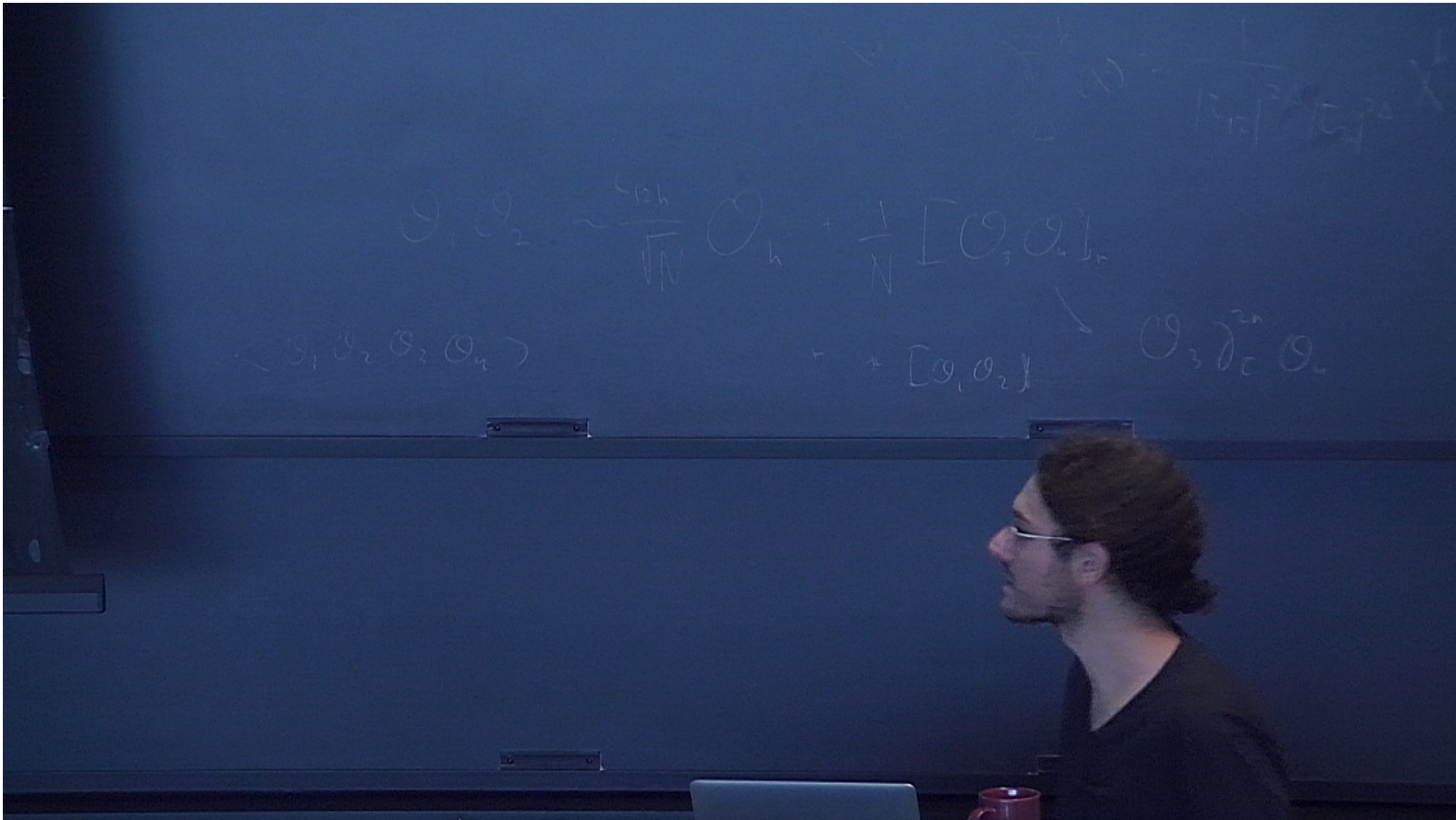
$$\mathcal{O}_3 \partial_\tau \mathcal{O}_4$$



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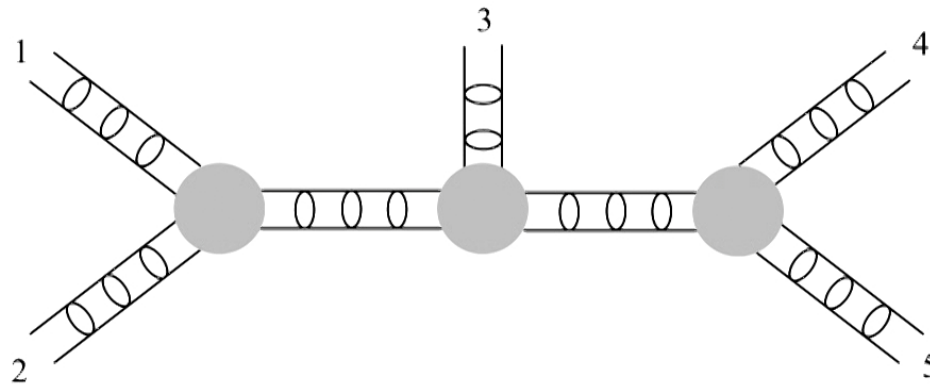


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The Bulk Dual

We have solved SYK at large N . So we have, in principle, determined the tree level bulk Lagrangian.

The bulk has a tower of fields dual to the primary fermion bilinear $O(N)$ singlets

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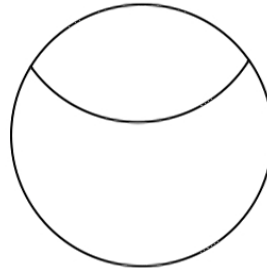
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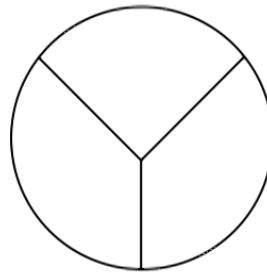
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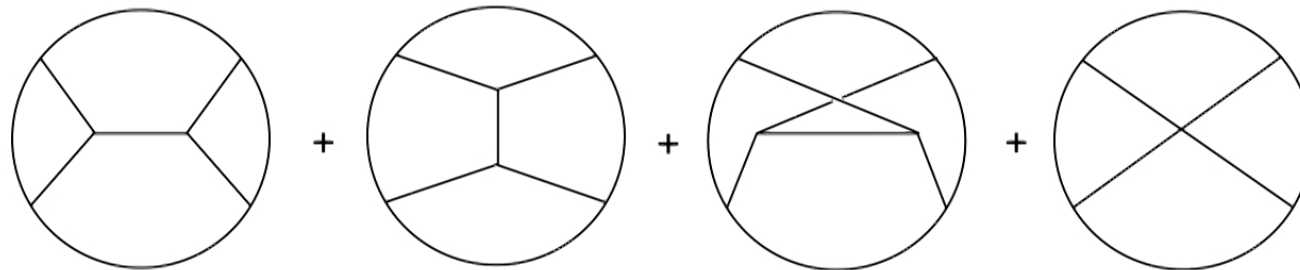
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We have written it in a form that is suggestive of a string bit like interpretation, but we have no concrete statement.

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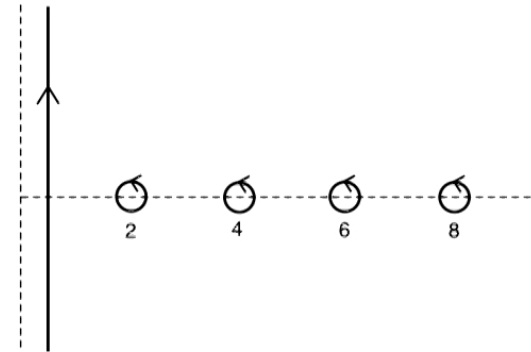
From preliminary studies of the Mellin transform, this gives bulk quartic couplings that can not be obtained from a local theory. This is not surprising.

The dual of large N $\mathcal{N} = 4$, at large 't Hooft coupling, has:

- a) Einstein gravity
- b) Stringy modes

- The dual of SYK contains dilaton gravity. This is related to the breaking of conformal invariance in the four-point function.
- The dual of cSYK does not contain dilaton gravity. The lowest dimension operator is just dual to the lightest bulk scalar. cSYK is quantum field theory on a fixed AdS background

We wrote the fermion four-point function as:



$$\mathcal{F}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_4) = G(\tau_{12})G(\tau_{34}) \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{dh}{2\pi i} \rho(h) \Psi_h(x)$$

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The shadow formalism allows us to write,

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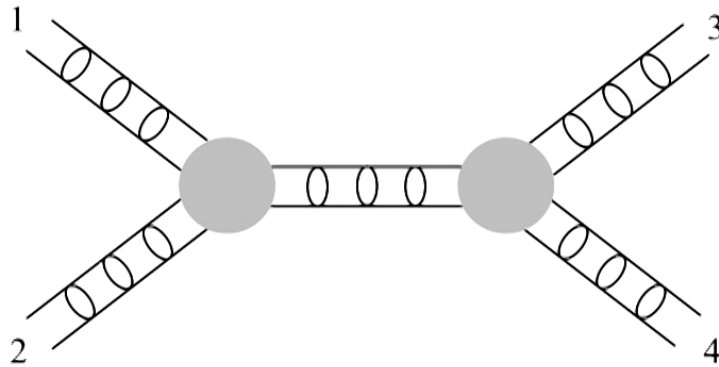


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