More on bootstrapping matrix quantum mechanics

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See also:

[Han, Harnoll, Kruthoff '20] (reviewed in David Berenstein's talk) [Kazakov & Zheng '21] [Anderson & Kruczenski '16, HL '20, ...]

Bootstrap: a timeline



- 1. CFT bootstrap [Ferrara '73], [Polyakov '74], [Belavin, Polyakov, Zamolodchikov '84]
- 2. Lattice Yang Mills bootstrap [Anderson & Kruczenski '16, Kazakov & Zheng '22]
- 3. Matrix bootstrap [HL '20]
- 4. Quantum mechanical bootstrap [Han, Hartnoll, Kruthoff '20]
- 5. Virial bound [Polchinski '99]
- 6. BFSS [today]

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 - ▷ MC ♥ bootstrap: complementary tools

Matrix model

$$\begin{split} Z &= \lim_{N \to \infty} \int \mathrm{d}M \, e^{-N^2 \, \mathrm{tr} \, V(M)} \\ \left\langle \mathrm{tr} \, M^2 \right\rangle &= \lim_{N \to \infty} Z^{-1} \int \mathrm{d}M \, e^{-N^2 \, \mathrm{tr} \, V(M)} \, \mathrm{tr} \, M^2 \end{split}$$

- 0. Does it exist?
- 1. Determine its values as a function of couplings

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$$\mathcal{M} = \left(egin{array}{ccc} N & \mathrm{Tr}\,A & \mathrm{Tr}\,B \ \mathrm{Tr}\,A & \mathrm{Tr}\,A^2 & \mathrm{Tr}\,AB \ \mathrm{Tr}\,B & \mathrm{Tr}\,BA & \mathrm{Tr}\,B^2 \end{array}
ight)$$

For a single matrix model $A = M, B = M^2, \cdots$.

Loop equations



- relates lower-pt correlators to higher-pt correlators
- uses large N factorization ('t Hooft)

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 - 3. handily solves single particle QM and single matrix QM. Strong constraints on 2-matrix QM with $tr[A, B]^2$ interaction.

Hilbert space: 9 bosonic matrices and 16 fermionic matrices. Transform as a fundamental and spinor of SO(9).

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left(g^2 P_I^2 - \frac{1}{2g^2} \left[X_I, X_J \right]^2 - \psi_\alpha \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^I \left[X_I, \psi_\beta \right] \right)$$

Most of what we know due to heroic Monte Carlo simulations [Kabat et al., Anagnostopoulos et al., Hanada et al., ..., Berkowitz et al., Pateloudis et al.]

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 S_8 shrinks with r. At $r \sim \lambda^{1/3} \Rightarrow$ string scale curvature.



Euclidean cigar $r > r_H \propto T^{2/5}$. At $E/N^2 \sim \lambda^{1/3}$ geometry is nowhere reliable.

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Next: replace $\operatorname{Tr} P^2$ (kinetic energy) with potential energy.

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Recall $V = -\frac{1}{4g^2} \operatorname{Tr} [X', X']^2$. Relate to $\operatorname{Tr} X^4$ using

$$\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} X^4 & \operatorname{Tr} X^2 Y^2 \\ \operatorname{Tr} X^2 Y^2 & \operatorname{Tr} X^4 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} X^2 Y^2 & \operatorname{Tr} XYXY \\ \operatorname{Tr} XYXY & \operatorname{Tr} X^2 Y^2 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0$$

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Comments:

- Setting E = 0 recovers Polchinski point. Assuming parametric saturation of the bd implies that ``typical eigenvalue'' $r \sim \lambda^{1/3}$, which is the size of the gravity region.
- Scale at which the bd varies is E/N² ∼ λ^{1/3}, regime of validity of gravity.
- No good bound on $\langle \operatorname{Tr} X^2 \rangle$.

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Fermionic term $F \sim \psi \psi X$. The operator $\psi \psi$ is bounded because it is made of Majorana fermions $\psi^2 = 1$. Therefore, if F > 0, X cannot be too small.

Constraints on $\langle \operatorname{tr} X^2 \rangle$



Large N extrapolation of Monte Carlo simulations $_{\rm [Pateloudis\ et\ al.]}$ are $\sim 1/2$ from the lower bound.

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In the remainder of the talk, I will comment on 2 questions:

- 1. Is there hope that numerics will lead to precision estimates?
- 2. What could we hope to learn by measuring $\langle \operatorname{tr} X^2 \rangle$ precisely?

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Introduce new variable $y = p^2$. Relax this to $y \le p^2$ which can be written as $\begin{pmatrix} y & p \\ p & 1 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0$.



Dashed line is the exact solution g = 1. Excellent convergence near the ground state. With more constraints, we expect rapid convergence $E > E_0$.

Suppose that one day we have high precision measurements of 1-pt functions like $\langle \operatorname{Tr} X^n \rangle$. What can we learn?

The semiclassical BH geometry and its stringy corrections

In principle, this includes properties that are currently inaccessible by worldsheet methods. See [Hanada *et al.*, Berkowitz *et al.*, Pateloudis, *et al.*] for similar

discussions involving the BH thermodynamics.

A generic SO(9) singlet

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The first 3 operators are the only single trace SO(9) supergravity singlets in this IIA background. Dual to h_{++} , h_{+-} , h_{--} in the M-theory picture.

The mode $\chi = h_{--}$ has scaling dimension $\Delta = 28/5$. [Sekino & Yoneya '00, Biggs & Maldacena '23] To estimate $\langle T_{--} \rangle$ at low energies, in principle we need the leading α'^3 corrections to supergravity. Schematically of the form $\frac{(\alpha')^3}{G_N} \int \sqrt{g} e^{-2\phi} \chi \left(\#_1 R^4 + \#_2 e^{2\phi} R^3 F^2 + \dots + \right)$

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We also estimated the stringy contribution \Rightarrow

$$\langle \operatorname{tr} X^2 \rangle \sim a_0 + a_1 T^{14/5} + c a_1 T^{23/5} + a_2 T^{46/5} + b_m T^{\nu} \exp\left\{-2\sqrt{m\gamma} T^{-3/10}\right\} + \cdots$$

[WIP w/ Gauri Batra]

If we were willing to measure $\langle T_{--} \rangle$ directly using MC/bootstrap, we could learn about the α'^3 corrections to IIA SUGRA.

Matrix model expression for T_{--} can be obtained by expanding the DBI action of D0 branes [Van Raamsdonk and Taylor] in a weak background. Schematically,

 $\mathcal{T}_{--} \sim \operatorname{Tr} P^I P^J P^J P^J + \operatorname{Tr}[X_I, X_J][X_J, X_K] P^K P^I + \dots + \text{fermions}$

More complicated but doable (in principle). However, do to operator mixing we expect that T_{--} makes a contribution to $\langle \operatorname{Tr} X^2 \rangle$.

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Use $\frac{1}{9} \langle \operatorname{Tr} O_I O_I \rangle \leq 16 N^3$.