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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Matrix model

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$$

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\langle \text{tr } M^2 \rangle = \lim_{N \to \infty} Z^{-1} \int dM e^{-N^2 \text{ tr } V(M)} \text{ tr } M^2
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- 0. Does it exist?
- 1. Determine its values as a function of couplings

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$$
\mathcal{M} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} N & \text{Tr}\,A & \text{Tr}\,B \\ \text{Tr}\,A & \text{Tr}\,A^2 & \text{Tr}\,AB \\ \text{Tr}\,B & \text{Tr}\,BA & \text{Tr}\,B^2 \end{array} \right)
$$

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 $\text{tr}[A, B]^2$ interaction.

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

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

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 $r \sim \lambda^{1/3}$ ⇒ *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 $\text{Tr } P^2$ (kinetic energy) with potential energy.

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 $\mathsf{Recall}\;\; \mathsf{V}=-\frac{1}{4\mathsf{g}^2}\mathop{\mathrm{Tr}}\bigl[\mathsf{X}^{\mathsf{I}},\mathsf{X}^{\mathsf{J}}\bigr]^2.$ Relate to $\mathop{\mathrm{Tr}}\mathsf{X}^4$ using

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}\operatorname{Tr} X^4&\operatorname{Tr} X^2Y^2\\ \operatorname{Tr} X^2Y^2&\operatorname{Tr} X^4\end{array}\right)\succeq 0,\quad \left(\begin{array}{cc}\operatorname{Tr} X^2Y^2&\operatorname{Tr} XYXY\\ \operatorname{Tr} XYXY&\operatorname{Tr} X^2Y^2\end{array}\right)\succeq 0
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Comments:

- \triangleright 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 $E/N^2 \sim \lambda^{1/3}$, regime of validity of gravity.
- \blacktriangleright No good bound on $\langle \text{Tr } X^2 \rangle$.

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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 $\langle \text{tr} \, X^2 \rangle$

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

Lower bounds on $\langle \text{tr } X^4 \rangle$

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 $\langle {\rm tr}\, X^2\rangle$ precisely?

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

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 〈Tr*Xn*〉. 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.

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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]

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We also estimated the stringy contribution \Rightarrow

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$$

+ $b_m T^{\nu} \exp \left\{-2\sqrt{m} \gamma T^{-3/10}\right\} + \cdots$

[WIP w/ Gauri Batra]

If we were willing to measure 〈*T*−−〉 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 $N_{\text{an Raamsdonk and Taylor}}$ in a weak background. Schematically,

 $T_{--} \sim \text{Tr } P^I P^J P^J P^J + \text{Tr}[X_I, X_J][X_J, X_K] P^K P^J + \cdots + \text{fermions}$

More complicated but doable (in principle). However, do to operator mixing we expect that *T*_{−−} makes a contribution to $\langle \text{Tr}\, \mathsf{X}^2 \rangle$.

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$$

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