AdS_6/CFT_5 in Type IIB Part I: Warped AdS_6 solutions and 5-brane webs

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Theories in d > 4 crucial part in general understanding of QFT. Often reduce to interesting $d \le 4$ theories \rightarrow new theories and dualities, geometric realizations of known dualities.

Defining interacting QFTs in d > 4 challenging. In particular, Yang-Mills theories non-renormalizable ($\sim \sqrt{-gR}$ in d = 4).

Evidence from Strings, Branes and Gauge theories suggests many interacting d > 4 QFTs exist, challenging perturbative arguments.

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Suitable superconformal algebras in $d \leq 6$; maximal ones with $16_Q + 16_S = 32$ supercharges



- unique superconf. algebra F(4), 16 supercharges $\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} d = 6 \\ d = 5 \\ d = 4 \end{array} \end{array} - \text{strongly-coupled UV fixed points for large classes} \\ \text{of gauge theories w/ } 8_Q \text{ supercharges [Seiberg '96;...]} \\ - \text{ no standard Lagrangian, existence from Coulomb} \end{array}$
 - branch analysis and string theory

Asymptotically safe gauge theories, exceptional global symmetries, dualities, parents to isolated 4d theories, relations to 6d, ...

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Large classes of 5d SCFTs, with and without gauge theory deformations, quivers, flavors, Chern-Simons terms,...

[Aharony,Hanany,Kol '97]



SU(3), CS=0



 ${\it E}_0$, no global symmetry

SU(2) + 1 flavor





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General picture: any planar 5-brane junction realizes a 5d SCFT on the intersection point



Characterized entirely by external 5-brane charges. No standard Lagrangian. May or may not have gauge theory deformations.

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One well known AdS_6 solution from type I' construction:

D4•
$$N$$
 D4 probing O8+ N_f D8: USp (N)
with antisymmetric and N_f flavors
O8 + N_f D8

 $\rightarrow \mathsf{warped} \ \mathsf{AdS}_6 \times \mathrm{S}^4 \ \text{in massive IIA} \qquad \qquad [\mathsf{Brandhuber, Oz]}$

Locally unique [Passias], orbifolds dual to quiver gauge theories [Rodriguez-Gomez, Bergman], T-duals in IIB [Cvetic et al.; Lozano et al.]

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Part I: Warped AdS_6 solutions in Type IIB (today) Part II: AdS_6/CFT_5 – Tests and applications (next week)

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Warped AdS₆ solutions in Type IIB

- Ansatz and general local $AdS_6 \times S^2 \times \Sigma$ solution
- Global solutions on the disc and 5-brane webs
- Solutions with more general Σ ?
- Solutions with $SL(2,\mathbb{R})$ monodromy \rightarrow 7-branes

 AdS_6 solutions in Type IIB – ansatz and local solution –

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Remaining bosonic fields: $C_{(4)} = 0$ $C_{(2)} \propto \text{vol}_{\text{S}^2}$ $\tau = \chi + i e^{-2\phi}$

With complex coordinate w on Σ

$$ds^{2} = f_{6}(w, \bar{w})^{2} ds^{2}_{AdS_{6}} + f_{2}(w, \bar{w})^{2} ds^{2}_{S^{2}} + 4\rho(w, \bar{w})^{2} |dw|^{2}$$
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Decomposing Killing spinors, reducing BPS eq. on AdS₆ and S² \rightarrow coupled PDEs on Σ for supergravity fields & Killing spinors

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- $AdS_6 \times S^2$ gravitino eq. \rightarrow radii in terms of Killing spinors
- dilatino eq. \rightarrow 3-form in terms of *B*, Killing spinors
- Killing spinors in terms of ho^2 , B, holomorphic $\partial_w {\cal A}_\pm$
- decouple and integrate remaining equations for ho^2 , B

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 $\mathcal{A}_{\pm}:\Sigma\to\mathbb{C}$

yield metric functions f_6^2 , f_2^2 , ρ^2 , axion-dilaton B, two-form field Cand Killing spinors solving BPS eq.

 $\mathsf{SU}(1,1)\otimes\mathbb{C}$ transf. of \mathcal{A}_\pm induce $\mathsf{SL}(2,\mathbb{R})$ on supergravity fields

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$$\begin{aligned} \kappa^2 &= -|\partial_w \mathcal{A}_+|^2 + |\partial_w \mathcal{A}_-|^2 & \partial_w \mathcal{B} &= \mathcal{A}_+ \partial_w \mathcal{A}_- - \mathcal{A}_- \partial_w \mathcal{A}_+ \\ \mathcal{G} &= |\mathcal{A}_+|^2 - |\mathcal{A}_-|^2 + \mathcal{B} + \bar{\mathcal{B}} & R + \frac{1}{R} = 2 + 6 \frac{\kappa^2 \mathcal{G}}{|\partial_w \mathcal{G}|^2} \end{aligned}$$

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For 10d geometry w/o boundary, collapse S² on $\partial \Sigma$ (AdS₆ finite):

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Not all independent, $\mathcal{G}|_{int(\Sigma)} > 0$ implied by the other conditions.

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- 2) $\mathcal{G}|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0$: constraints on $\{s_n, r_\ell, \mathcal{A}^0_\pm\}$

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$$\mathcal{A}_{\pm} = \mathcal{A}_{\pm}^{0} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} Z_{\pm}^{\ell} \ln(w - r_{\ell})$$
$$Z_{\pm}^{\ell} = \sigma \prod_{n=1}^{L-2} (r_{\ell} - s_n) \prod_{k \neq \ell}^{L} \frac{1}{r_{\ell} - r_k}$$
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Solutions regular everywhere, except for possibly the poles...



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$$\sum_{r_m} \sum_{r_m} \sum_{r$$

Entire near-pole solution matches (p,q) 5-branes of [Lu,Roy '98]

$$q + ip \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad Z^m_+$$

Solutions regular with isolated poles corresponding to 5-branes \checkmark

AdS₆ solutions in Type IIB – connection to 5-brane webs –









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Supergravity solutions for fully localized 5-brane intersections

"Large N"

Classical supergravity: $Z_{+}^{\ell} \sim q_{\ell} + ip_{\ell} \in \mathbb{C}$. Limit of string theory with large 5-brane charges \rightarrow effectively continuous.

Large numbers of like-charged coincident 5-branes at each pole



In particular: generally large D5 and NS5 brane charges.

$\mathsf{SCFT}/\mathsf{gauge}$ theory connections



 \leftrightarrow 4-pole solution with $~Z^1_+ = -Z^3_+ \sim i N$, $~Z^2_+ = -Z^4_+ \sim M$

large D5 and large NS5 charge \leftrightarrow large number of nodes in quiver deformation and (at least some) large-rank gauge groups

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Potential subtlety: s-rule constraints from 5-branes on 7-branes



Supergravity sol. \sim unconstrained junctions (details next week).

Global solutions on the disc

Physically regular solutions for $\Sigma = \text{disc}$, $L \ge 3$ poles on $\partial \Sigma$, 2L - 2 real parameters = residues at poles with zero sum.

Poles required by regularity, correspond to (p,q) 5-branes with $q+ip\sim Z_+^\ell.$ Natural identification with 5-brane junctions.

Recipe for $\Sigma w/$ arbitrary numbers of handles and boundaries.

AdS₆ solutions in Type IIB – More general Riemann surfaces? –

Construction of regular κ^2 works for general Riemann surfaces. Boundary condition $\mathcal{G}_{\partial\Sigma} = 0$ not automatic.

Two natural options: (i) add handles (ii) add further boundaries

Technically more challenging. Charge distribution on doubled surface + Green's function $\rightarrow \kappa^2$, Green's functions not as simple.

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Main challenge: $\mathcal{G} = 0$ on two boundaries \Rightarrow non-local condition.

Necessary for $\mathcal{G}|_{\partial \Sigma} = 0$: \mathcal{G} constant along regular boundary segments, no monodromy around poles \sim local conditions.

This is sufficient for a single boundary component:

$$\mathcal{G} = |\mathcal{A}_+|^2 - |\mathcal{A}_-|^2 + \mathcal{B} + \bar{\mathcal{B}} \qquad \partial \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}_+ \partial \mathcal{A}_- - \mathcal{A}_- \partial \mathcal{A}_+$$

 \mathcal{B} defined up to integration constant \rightarrow use it to set $\mathcal{G} = 0$.

Annulus needs extra constraint, connecting both boundaries. Found <u>no solutions</u> for L = 2, 3, 4, 5

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In conformal and "near-horizon" limit, (ii) should be represented in corresponding supergravity solution.

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Encode branch cut structure in $f = \sum_{i=1}^{I} \frac{n_i^2}{4\pi} \ln \left(\gamma_i \frac{w - w_i}{w - \bar{w}_i} \right).$

Differentials $\partial \mathcal{A}_{\pm} = \partial \mathcal{A}^{s}_{\pm} + \eta_{\pm} f \left(\eta_{-} \partial \mathcal{A}^{s}_{+} - \eta_{+} \partial \mathcal{A}^{s}_{-} \right)$, $\eta_{\pm} = p \mp iq$.

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 \rightarrow regular solutions for disc with punctures and commuting parabolic $SL(2,\mathbb{R})$ monodromies
At punctures, solution as expected for 7-brane wrapping $AdS_6 \times S^2$. Infinitesimal monodromy: recover probe D7 (DBI, κ symmetry) \checkmark

Additional parameters due to punctures:

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Consistent with 5-brane webs just shown. Confirmation: next week.

Summary & Outlook



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