Bootstrapping Matrices

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Bootstrap

- Inequalities are (almost) as good as equalities when we have many of them
- Bootstrap
 - 1. Restricted set of "data"
 - 2. Some positive norm
 - 3. Another relation (e.g. crossing) which does not obviously satisfy (2)

see also Anderson Kruczenski 2017 Jevicki Rodrigues 1983

$$(Multi-)Matrix Model$$

$$(Nulti-)Matrix Model$$

$$Z = \lim_{N \to \infty} \int dA \, dB \, e^{-N \operatorname{Tr} V(A,B)}$$

$$(\operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{O}(A,B)) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{Z} \int dA \, dB \, e^{-N \operatorname{Tr} V(A,B)} \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{O}(A,B)$$

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

Positivity constraints

Let ϕ be an arbitrary superposition of matrices.

 $\left< \mathrm{tr}\, \phi^\dagger \phi \right> \geq 0$

For single matrix model,

$$\phi = \sum \alpha_i A^i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{M} \succeq 0$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{ij} = \langle \operatorname{tr} A^{i+j} \rangle$$

For multi-matrix models, take all possible 'strings,' e.g.,

$$\phi = A + B + AB + \dots + AB^2ABAB + \dots$$

Loop equations

 $0 = \int_{A,B} \frac{\partial}{\partial A_{ij}} \left[\mathcal{O}(A,B)_{ij} e^{-S(A,B)} \right] = \int_{A,B} \frac{\partial}{\partial B_{ij}} \left[\mathcal{O}'(A,B)_{ij} e^{-S(A,B)} \right]$ factorizations



Search space

Loop equations relate low-pt functions to higher-pt functions. "Initial conditions"

search space $S = \min$ set of correlators such that the loop equations fully determine the rest

- 1-matrix model: potential of degree D, dim S = D 2
- *m*-matrix model:

$$k m^k / k \sim m^{k+D} / (k+D) \quad \Rightarrow k \sim m^D$$

1-matrix



 $V = \frac{1}{2}M^2 + \frac{g}{4}M^4$



Peninsula



2-cut model





dim S \geq # filling fractions

dim S = # unphysical filling fractions

$$S_{\text{eff}}[\rho]/N = \int dx \rho(x) V(x) - \int dx dx' \rho(x) \rho(x') \log|x - x'|$$

Why does the method work well?

The space of positive semi-definite matrices forms a high-dim convex cone.

We expect the method to work well if the exact solution lies near the bd of the cone

$$\mathcal{M}_{jk} = \begin{bmatrix} t_{2j} & t_{j+k} \\ t_{j+k} & t_{2k} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$













Multi-matrix, W quartic



Future directions

Search for new string worldsheet theories?

Fermions/complex couplings

1/N corrections see Anderson Kruczenski 2017 / Higher dimensions (c=1, BFSS/BMN, ..., Large N QCD?)

QM discussion

Han, Hartnoll, Kruthoff; 2004.10212 + WIP

$$\int dM e^{-S}(\cdots)$$

We have only been using positivity of the measure

Alternatively, *reflection positivity*

No problem with fermions

Time translation symmetry $0 = \langle \partial_t O \rangle = \langle [H, O] \rangle$



BFSS matrix model
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left(P_I^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left[X^I, X^J \right]^2 - \frac{1}{2} \psi \gamma^I \left[\psi, X^I \right] \right)$$

SUSY-invariant ground states:

$$\langle 0|\{Q_{\alpha}, \mathcal{O}_F\}|0\rangle = \langle 0|[Q_{\alpha}, \mathcal{O}_B]|0\rangle = 0$$

Bound on size of matrices

Take
$$\mathcal{O}_F \sim Q_\alpha \Rightarrow K + V + F = 0$$

 $\mathcal{O}_F \sim \operatorname{Tr} P^I \psi \gamma^I \Rightarrow K + F/2 = 0$
 $\mathcal{O}_F \sim \operatorname{Tr} X^I \psi \gamma^I$

BFSS matrix model

Apply gauge invariance + Large N + positivity

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \operatorname{Tr} \left(X^1 X^1 \right) \right| 0 \right\rangle \left\langle 0 \left| \operatorname{Tr} \left(X^1 X^1 X^1 X^1 \right) \right| 0 \right\rangle \ge \frac{N^4 \pi^2}{2}$$

Polchinski '99

Size of matrices ~ size of gravity region ~ $N^{1/3}$

Can we derive an upper bound?

Higher moments?