

# Loop Operators in three-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ fishnet theories

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- It can also be studied using integrability, especially for the cusped Wilson loops. [\[Drukker, 12\]](#)[\[Correa, Maldacena, Sever, 12\]](#)

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- These WLs can be understood as marginal deformation of half-BPS WLs. This is consistent of classification of superconformal lines as defects. [Agmon, Wang, 20]

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- Flavored ABJM theory: [Bai, Chen, He, JW Yang, Zhu, 17]

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- By taking special double scaling limit, the gauge fields are decoupled and one lead to integrable theories with only scalars (and fermions).[Gurdogan, Kazakov, 15][Caetano, Gurdogan, Kazakov, 16]

# Fishnet diagrams

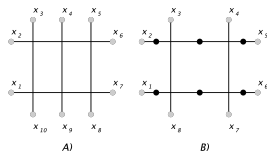


Figure: Examples of fishnet diagrams. Figure from [Bork et al., 20].

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# The action of ABJM theory

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{ABJM} &= \mathcal{L}_{CS} + \mathcal{L}_k + \mathcal{L}_p + \mathcal{L}_Y, \\ \mathcal{L}_{CS} &= \frac{k}{4\pi} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr} \left( A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\rho + \frac{2i}{3} A_\mu A_\nu A_\rho - B_\mu \partial_\nu B_\rho - \frac{2i}{3} B_\mu B_\nu B_\rho \right), \\ \mathcal{L}_k &= \text{Tr} \left( -D_\mu \bar{\phi}^I D^\mu \phi_I + i \bar{\psi}_I \gamma^\mu D_\mu \psi^I \right), \\ \mathcal{L}_p &= \frac{4\pi^2}{3k^2} \text{Tr} \left( \phi_I \bar{\phi}^I \phi_J \bar{\phi}^J \phi_K \bar{\phi}^K + \phi_I \bar{\phi}^J \phi_J \bar{\phi}^K \phi_K \bar{\phi}^I + 4\phi_I \bar{\phi}^J \phi_K \bar{\phi}^I \phi_J \bar{\phi}^K \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 6\phi_I \bar{\phi}^J \phi_J \bar{\phi}^I \phi_K \bar{\phi}^K \right), \\ \mathcal{L}_Y &= \frac{2\pi i}{k} \text{Tr} \left( \phi_I \bar{\phi}^I \psi^J \bar{\psi}_J - 2\phi_I \bar{\phi}^J \psi^I \bar{\psi}_J - \bar{\phi}^I \phi_I \bar{\psi}_J \psi^J + 2\bar{\phi}^I \phi_J \bar{\psi}_I \psi^J \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \epsilon^{IJKL} \phi_I \bar{\psi}_J \phi_K \bar{\psi}_L - \epsilon_{IJKL} \bar{\phi}^I \psi^J \bar{\phi}^K \psi^L \right).\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Here  $A_\mu, B_\mu$  are the gauge fields corresponding to the first and the second  $U(N)$ , respectively. (Here  $N_1 = N_2 \equiv N$ )

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$$\mathbf{q}_A \wedge \mathbf{q}_B = \mathbf{q}_A^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{q}_B, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\gamma_3 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_3 & 0 & -\gamma_1 \\ -\gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

## Three global $U(1)$ 's

The  $U(1)$  charges of the fields are given by the table below:

$f$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_2$	$\phi_3$	$\phi_4$	$\bar{\psi}_1$	$\bar{\psi}_2$	$\bar{\psi}_3$	$\bar{\psi}_4$
$q_1$	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
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where  $\pm \equiv \pm \frac{1}{2}$  (Note that the gauge fields  $A_\mu$  and  $B_\mu$  are neutral under these three  $U(1)$ 's.).

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- The Yukawa-like terms involving the interactions among the scalars and the fermions are

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_Y = & -2\pi i \frac{\sqrt{\xi}}{N} \text{Tr}(-2\bar{\phi}^1 \phi_3 \bar{\psi}_1 \psi^3 - 2\bar{\phi}^2 \phi_4 \bar{\psi}_2 \psi^4 \\ & -2\bar{\phi}^3 \phi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \psi^2 - 2\bar{\phi}^4 \phi_1 \bar{\psi}_4 \psi^1 + 2\phi_1 \bar{\phi}^3 \psi^1 \bar{\psi}_3 + 2\phi_2 \bar{\phi}^4 \psi^2 \bar{\psi}_4 \\ & +2\phi_3 \bar{\phi}^2 \psi^3 \bar{\psi}_2 + 2\phi_4 \bar{\phi}^1 \psi^4 \bar{\psi}_1 + 2\bar{\phi}^1 \psi^4 \bar{\phi}^2 \psi^3 - 2\bar{\phi}^3 \psi^1 \bar{\phi}^4 \psi^2 \\ & -2\phi_1 \bar{\psi}_4 \phi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 + 2\phi_3 \bar{\psi}_1 \phi_4 \bar{\psi}_2).\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

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$$W_{cir.} = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{P} \exp(-i \oint d\tau L_{cir.}(\tau))), \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{cir.} &= B + F, \quad B = -i(\bar{M}_Z N_{\bar{Z}} + N_{\bar{Z}} \bar{M}_Z), \quad F = \bar{M}_\zeta - N_{\bar{\zeta}}, \\ [\bar{M}_Z]_{(ab)} &= \bar{m}_i^{ab} Z_{(ab)}^i, \quad [N_{\bar{Z}}]_{(ab)} = n_{ab}^i \bar{Z}_i^{(ab)}, \\ [\bar{M}_\zeta]_{(ab)} &= \bar{m}_i^{ab} \zeta_{(ab)+}^i, \quad [N_{\bar{\zeta}}]_{(ab)} = n_{ab}^i \bar{\zeta}_i^{(ab)}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Note that  $\zeta_{(ab)+}^i = i u_+ \zeta_{(ab)}^i$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_i^{(ab)} = i \bar{\zeta}_i^{(ab)} u_-$ .

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$$W_{cir.} - (N_1 + N_2) \quad (16)$$

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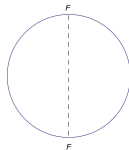


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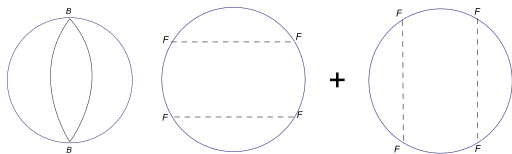


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The first equation is a Killing spinor equation along the auxiliary contour.

- Demanding that when  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  these spinors go back to the spinors in eq. (13), we get that

$$u_{\eta}(\tau)_{+\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\tau}{2}} (1 - \frac{i}{2}\eta \sin \tau) + \frac{\eta}{2} e^{\frac{i\tau}{2}} \\ e^{\frac{i\tau}{2}} (1 + \frac{i}{2}\eta \sin \tau) - \frac{\eta}{2} e^{-\frac{i\tau}{2}} \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2),$$
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## New regularization scheme

- Now, consider an unregularized integral from the computations of VEV of the loop operator,

$$\oint d\tau_{1>\dots>n} I(x(\tau_m), u(\tau_m)), \quad (23)$$

where  $x(\tau_m) = (\cos \tau_m, \sin \tau_m, 0)$  and  $u(\tau_m)$  being given in eq. (13), and  $\oint d\tau_{1>\dots>n}$  means

$$\int_{2\pi > \tau_1 > \dots > \tau_n > 0} \prod_{i=1}^n d\tau_i. \quad (24)$$



- To regularize it, we replace  $x(\tau_m), u(\tau_m)$  with

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and

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with  $\delta$  the regularization parameter (it is just the  $\eta$  in the previous discussions).

- The result for  $u_m(\tau_m)_{-\alpha}$  can be found in our paper.

# Results

We give numerical evidence that all the above one-loop and two-loop diagrams give vanishing contributions. This is consistent with the prediction from localization

$$\langle W_{cir.} \rangle = N_1 + N_2, \quad (29)$$

and gives supports that these loops are BPS at quantum level.

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- So we plan to study cusped Wilson lines in the simpler setup of 3d fishnet theories.

# Cusped Line Operators in Fishnet Theory

- We also constructed cusped line operators in fishnet theory such that the left/right wing is half-BPS.
- But the cusped line operators are non-BPS as a whole.

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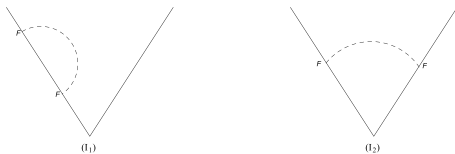


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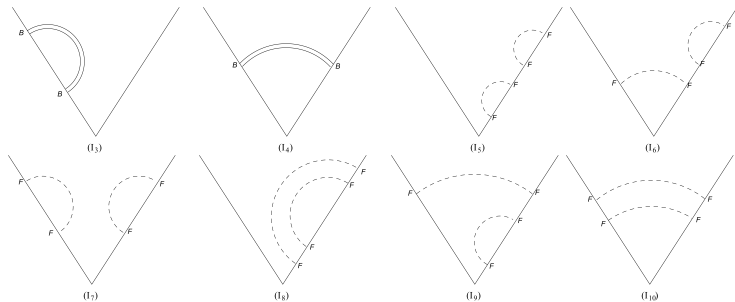


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- We computed the vev of this cusped line operator and using the prescription

$$\langle W \rangle = N_1 \exp(V_{N_2}) + N_2 \exp(V_{N_1}), \quad (30)$$

in [Griguolo etal, 2012] to extract the generalized potential,

$$\begin{aligned} V_N &= N \bar{m}_i^{12} n_{21}^i (\mu L)^{2\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)}{4\pi^{3/2-\epsilon}} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{\sec \phi}{2\epsilon} + \sec \phi \log(1 + \sec \phi) \right) \\ &+ N^2 (\bar{m}_i^{12} n_{21}^i)^2 \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)^2}{16\pi^{3-2\epsilon}} (\mu L)^{4\epsilon} \left( \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} - \frac{\sec \phi}{4\epsilon^2} \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sec \phi \log(1 + \sec \phi) + \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \sec \phi \log \cos \phi \right). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

- Notice that there are  $1/\epsilon^2$  terms in part the with  $(\mu L)^{4\epsilon}$  factor even in the straight line limit. This is different from the ABJM case and is related to the fact that no diagrams with vertices appears at two loops in the fishnet theory. It indicates that there may be a better way to extract  $V_N$  from  $\langle W \rangle$ .

- It was found in [Bonini etal, 16] that the prescription in [Griguolo etal, 12] fails starting at three-loop order. An alternative prescription which works better at higher-loop order in the ladder limit was provided in [Bonini etal, 16]. This prescription is identical to the one in [Griguolo etal, 12] up to two-loop order.
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$$\begin{aligned}
 V_N^{ren} &= V_N - V_N|_{\phi=0} \\
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# The universal cusp anomalous dimension

The so-called universal cusp anomalous dimension,  $\gamma_{cusp}$ , is obtained from the large imaginary  $\phi$  limit [Griguolo et al, 2012]:

$$\gamma_{cusp} = - \lim_{\phi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\epsilon(V_N^{ren}|_{\phi \rightarrow i\phi})}{\phi}. \quad (33)$$

If we still use prescription despite of the existence of  $1/\epsilon^2$  terms, we get  $\gamma_{cusp} = 0$  at two-loop order in our fishnet theory.

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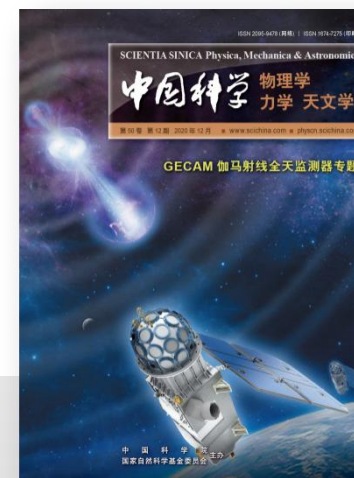
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# Cusped Lines Operators in Fishnet Theory

We consider a cusp which is parametrized by

$$x^1 = \tau \cos \phi, \quad x^2 = |\tau| \sin \phi, \quad x^3 = 0, \quad -L \leq \tau \leq L. \quad (34)$$

$$W_{cusp} = \mathcal{P} \exp(-i \int d\tau L_{line}(\tau)), \quad (35)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} L_{line} &= B + F, \quad B = i(\bar{M}_Z N_{\bar{Z}} + N_{\bar{Z}} \bar{M}_Z), \quad F = \bar{M}_\zeta + N_{\bar{\zeta}} \\ [\bar{M}_Z]_{(ab)} &= \bar{m}_i^{ab} Z_{(ab)}^i, \quad [N_{\bar{Z}}]_{(ab)} = n_{ab}^i \bar{Z}_i^{(ab)} \\ [\bar{M}_\zeta]_{(ab)} &= \bar{m}_i^{ab} \zeta_{(ab)+}^i, \quad [N_{\bar{\zeta}}]_{(ab)} = n_{ab}^i \bar{\zeta}_{i-}^{(ab)} \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Note that  $\zeta_{(ab)+}^i = iu_+\zeta_{(ab)}^i$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_{i-}^{(ab)} = i\bar{\zeta}_i^{(ab)}u_-$  with  $u_{\pm}$  being

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where we have defined  $s_{\pm} = \exp(\pm i\phi/2)$ .

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