Novel BPS Wilson Loops in Quiver Chern-Simons-matter theories

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- Taken home message of this talk is that both these two speculations are *incorrect*.

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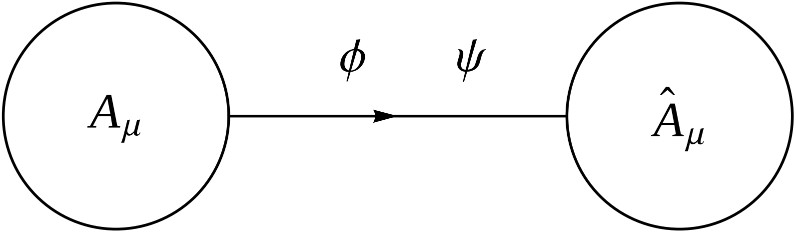
- The chiral multiplet in the bifunamental representation of $U(N_1) \times U(N_2)$ includes the scalar ϕ, the spinor ψ and the auxiliary field F.



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- To make it preserve the SUSY in (4) at least classically, it is enough to require that *[K. Lee, S. Lee, 2010]*

$$\delta L_{\mathrm{DT}} = \partial_\tau G + \mathrm{i}[L_{\mathrm{DT}}, G], \tag{6}$$

for some Grassmann odd matrix

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} & \bar{g}_1 \\ g_2 & \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7}$$

DT-type Wilson loops - II

- We find that the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of such $\bar{g}_1$ and g_2 are

$$\bar{\zeta}^\alpha = \bar{\alpha}(1, \mathrm{i}), \quad \eta_\alpha = (1, -\mathrm{i})\beta,$$
$$m = n = 2\mathrm{i}\bar{\alpha}\beta. \tag{8}$$

Such DT type Wilson loop is 1/2 BPS, and the preserved SUSY is the same as (4). Note that there are two free complex parameters $\bar{\alpha}$ and β in the Wilson loop, and they can be any complex constants. When $\bar{\alpha} = \beta = 0$, it becomes the GY type Wilson loop.

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- This is just the Wilson loop that was constructed in *[DPY][Chen JW][RSY]*. Here we show that this is the only form of GY type 1/6 BPS Wilson loops up to some $SU(4)$ transformation. Especially, we find that we do not need to require that $R^I{}_J$ or $S_I{}^J$ is a hermitian matrix *a priori*, and we show that it is the result of supersymmetry.

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- We turn to constructing a DT type Wilson loop along a straight line that preserves at least the supersymmetries (10). A general DT type Wilson loop is

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- The supersymmetry conditions give that

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- Generically, these $1/6$-BPS DT-type Wilson loops are not locally $SU(3)$ invariant. This is different from the Wilson loops constructed in *[Cardinali, Griguolo, Martelloni, Seminara, 12]*.

Discussions

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