



Universality & All N gauge/string duality

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But first a little personal intro ...



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- ✦ Martial arts





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✦ And some Tec related projects in my remaining spare-time ...

```
/**
 * @param target : target value
 */
public void FORCE_training(double target) { // Currently only for one output !

    E = Ao_o.getQuick(0) - target;

    DenseDoubleMatrix1D Ar = mt.concat(Ar_o, Ai_o);
    DenseDoubleMatrix2D mAr = mt.Matrix1Dto2D(Ar);

    // Compute new Wo
    P_o.zMult(mAr, Wo, -E, 1, false, false);

    // Compute new P matrix
    double d = 1 + Ar.zDotProduct(P_o.zMult(Ar, null, 1, 0, false));

    DenseDoubleMatrix2D tmp = (DenseDoubleMatrix2D) P_o.zMult(mAr.zMult(mAr, null, 1, 0, false, true).zMult(P_o, null, 1,
    mt.multiplyConst(tmp, -1/d);

    P_o = (DenseDoubleMatrix2D) mt.add(P_o, tmp);

    //System.out.println(P_o);
}

/**
```

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magma_init();

// Vars
double aux_work[1];
double *w1, *h_R, *h_work;
magma_int_t info, lwork, liwork, *iwork, aux_iwork[1];

double *G = NULL; // GPU data pointer
double *E = NULL;

magma_dmalloc( &G, d*d );
magma_dmalloc_cpu( &E, d*d );
magma_dmalloc_cpu( &h_R, d*d );
magma_dmalloc_cpu( &w1, d );

// Copy M to GPU
magma_dsetmatrix( d, d, M, d, G, d );

// Query for workspace sizes
magma_dsyevd_gpu( MagmaVec, MagmaLower,
                 d, G, d, w1,
                 h_R, d,
                 aux_work, -1,
                 aux_iwork, -1,
                 &info
                 );

lwork = (magma_int_t) aux_work[0];
liwork = aux_iwork[0];

magma_dmalloc_cpu( &h_work, lwork );
iwork = ( magma_int_t *) malloc ( liwork * sizeof ( magma_int_t ));
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Back to physics ...



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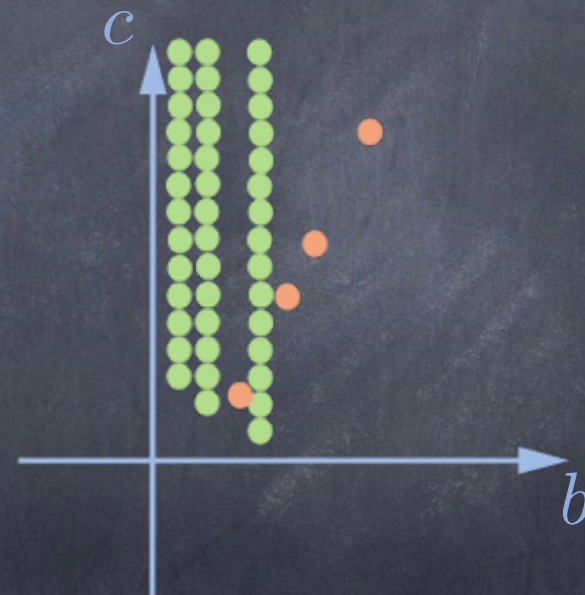
Less known that there exists a notion of "universal Lie algebra".
(Technically, it is a certain tensor category) [Vogel '99]



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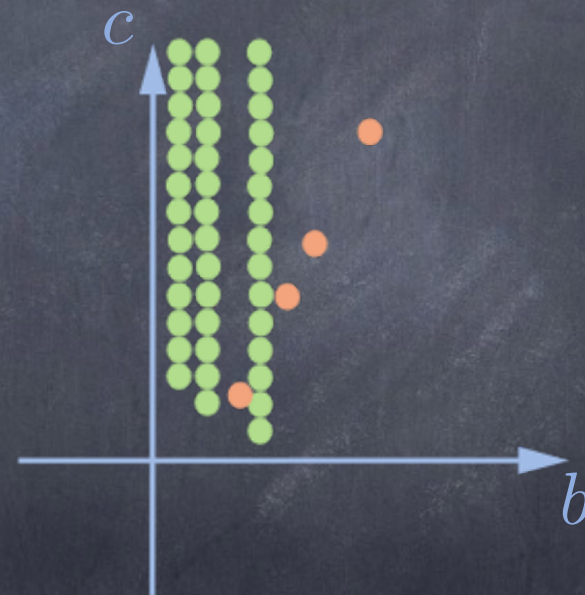
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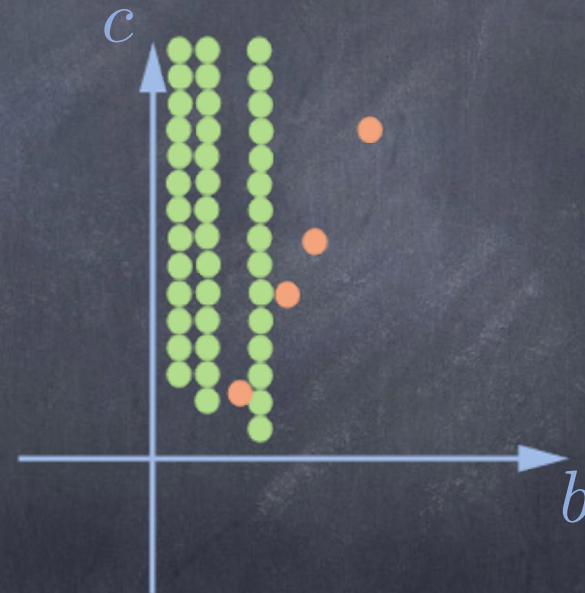
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→ Idea: "Universal" gauge theory
[Mkrtchyan+Veselov '12]
(Categorification)





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(see also previous related expressions of [Mkrtchyan+Veselov '12])



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↗ This expression is actually striking !
(i.e. provides an analytic continuation in ALL parameters)



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↗ Sheds some light on the refined Chern-Simons theory
[D.K.+Schwarz '13]



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↗ A powerful application: Finite N duality
[D.K.+Mkrtchyan '15; D.K. '15]



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[Gopakumar+Vafa '98]

Well known that in the t'Hooft large N limit (for SU, Sp/SO):

$$Z(N, \delta) \rightarrow Z_{\text{Conif}}(t, g_s)$$



Topological string partition function for the conifold
(respectively, orientifold thereof)

Gauge/string duality at large N



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Allows us to easily go to finite (but continuous) N !

(Essentially boils down to sum over residue, but a bit tricky to arrive there ...)



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↗ Non-perturbative expansion (valid at all continuous N)



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[D.K. '15]

Using some Mellin-Barnes integral tricks, one can calculate as well Z_{Coni} non-perturbatively.

↗ for U(N):

$$\log Z_{CS}(N, \delta) = \log Z_{Coni}(1/\delta, e^{-2\pi i N}) - \frac{i\pi N^2}{4} + \frac{i\pi N(N^2 - 1)}{6\delta} - \frac{i\pi N}{12} \left(\frac{1}{\delta} + \delta \right)$$

This holds for all N !

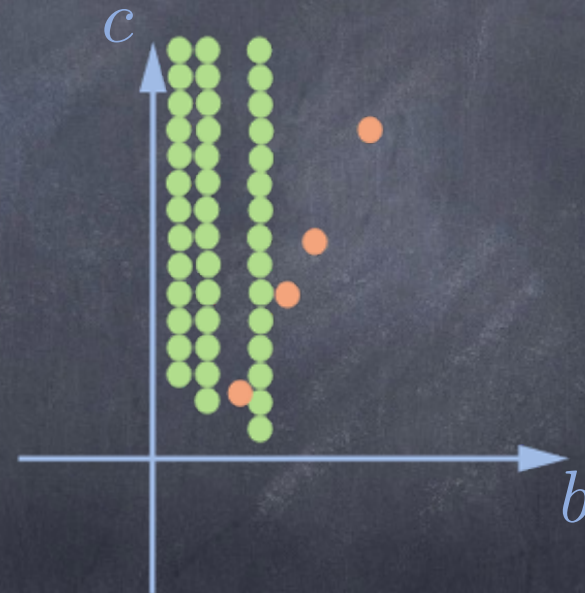
(The derivation is completely analytical, hence constitutes a proof of non-perturbative equivalence between CS and Top. strings on the conifold)



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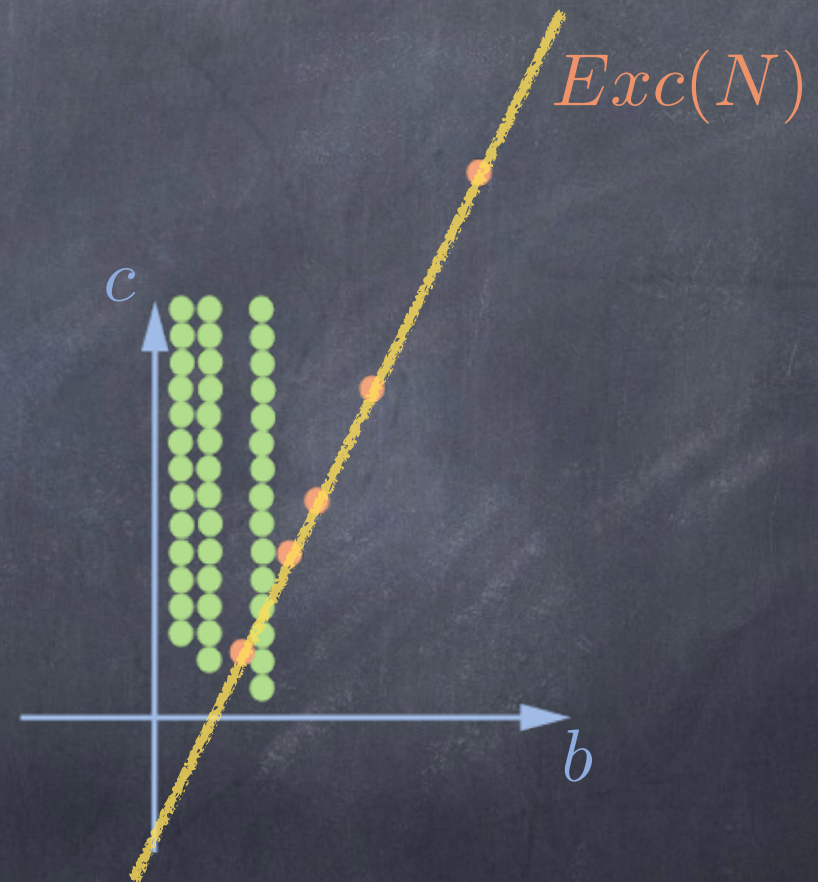


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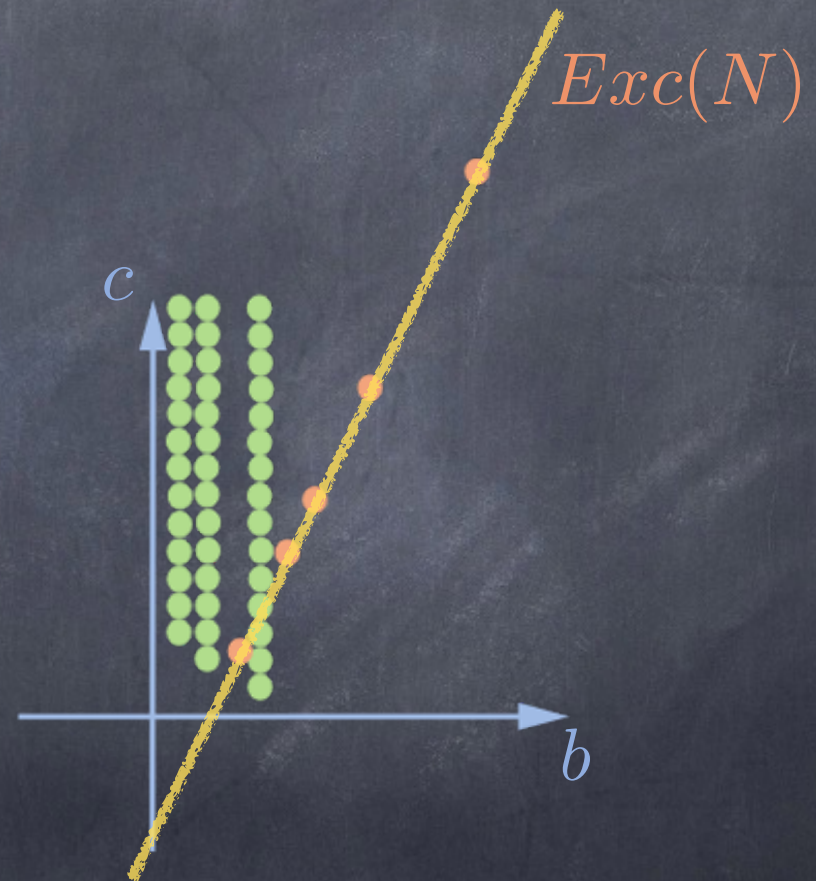




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In general:

This provides a hint that there may exist a powerful re-formulation of gauge theory !





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