

Adjoint fields transform as follows

$$X \rightarrow U X U^{-1}$$

where $U \in U(N)$ and X hermitean $N \times N$ matrix

Also covariant derivatives & field strengths

$$D \rightarrow U D U^{-1}, \quad F \rightarrow U F U^{-1}$$

All possible "letters" W of this sort

$$W \in \{ D^n \underline{\Phi}, D^n \bar{\Psi}, D^n F \}$$

Words transform alike

$$W_1 \dots W_L \rightarrow U W_1 \dots W_L U^{-1}$$

and traces are invariant due to cyclicity.

$$\text{tr } W_1 \dots W_L \rightarrow \text{tr } W_1 \dots W_L U^{-1} \cdot U$$

Sectors of $N=4$ SYM

All fields are quite complicated.
 Can restrict to subset to simplify? Sectors!
 Hamiltonian preserves $SO(6)$, Lorentz, ct. dimension.

W	$SO(6)$	rank	dim
ϕ	1	0	1
ψ	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$
D	0	1	1

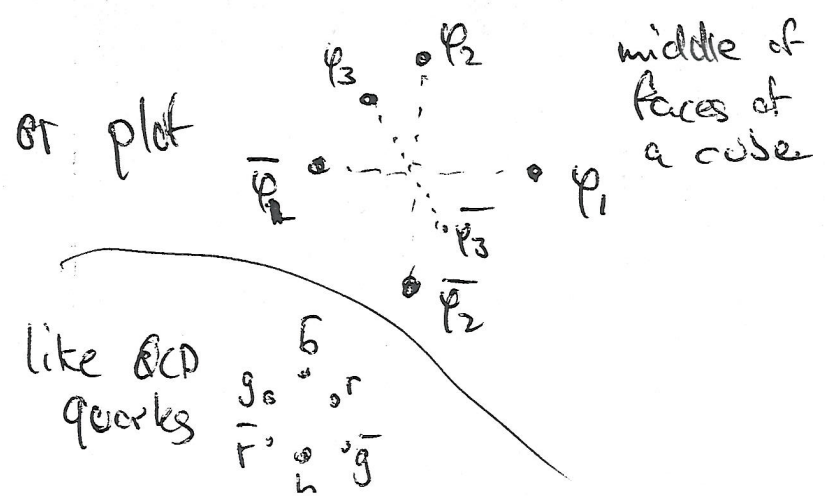
One-loop Hamiltonian is NN. $2 \rightarrow 2$

eg. $\phi\phi \rightarrow ?$ $\phi\phi$ scalar sector
 $\phi\psi \rightarrow$ $\psi\psi, \psi\phi$
 $\psi\psi \rightarrow$ $\psi\psi, \phi\psi, D\phi\phi$

Scalar ($so(6)$) sector:

three Cartan generators \mathbb{C} charges: $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & * \end{smallmatrix} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{smallmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & * \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
 $so(2)^3$
 definite charges for $\psi_1 = \phi_1 + i\phi_2$
 $\bar{\psi}_1 = \phi_1 - i\phi_2$ etc.

\mathbb{P}	J_1	J_2	J_3
ϕ_1	1	+1	
$\bar{\psi}_1$	1	-1	
ϕ_2		1	
$\bar{\psi}_2$		-1	
ϕ_3			+1
$\bar{\psi}_3$			-1



Relation among conserved charges

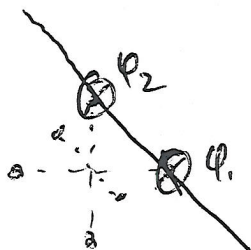
Tc

$$D = J_1$$



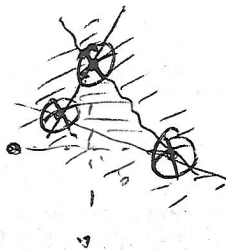
only ψ_1 is allowed.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS sector

$$D = J_1 + J_2$$



ψ_1 and ψ_2 are allowed
 SU(2) sector

$$D = J_1 + J_2 + J_3$$



ψ_1, ψ_2, ψ_3 are allowed
 SU(3) sector

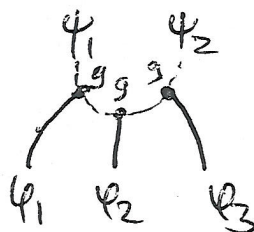
however also ψ_1 and ψ_2 satisfy

$$\frac{3}{2} = D = J_1 + J_2 + J_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

larger sector at higher loops

$\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_1, \psi_2 =$ SU(2|3) sector

mixing at $O(g^3)$



and many more