

# Three-point extremal correlators in Kerr/CFT

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# Introduction and Motivation

- New correspondence
  - way to construct new CFTs?
  - new insights for construction of similar types of dualities
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- What is different/common compared to AdS/CFT?
  - finite temperature, not clear what is the ground state of the dual CFT
  - no supersymmetry (related to finite temperature)
  - position of the boundary
  - even simple checks of the duality are difficult

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## gravity side computation[near NHEK]

bulk: assume  $\mathcal{G} \int \Phi_{h_1} \Phi_{h_2} \Phi_{h_3}$

this talk, we consider only *extremal limit*  $h_3 = h_1 + h_2$

$$\begin{aligned} V_3 &= \langle O(t_1, \phi_1) O(t_2, \phi_2) O(t_3, \phi_3) \rangle \\ &\sim \int d\phi' dt' dr K_1(r, t', \phi'; t_1, \phi_1) K_2(r, t', \phi'; t_2, \phi_2) K_3(r, t', \phi'; t_3, \phi_3) \end{aligned}$$

taking the scalar field to be of the form

$$\Phi(t, r, \phi, \theta) = e^{-i\omega t + im\phi} \psi(r) S(\theta)$$

one can solve the Klein-Gordon equation in near-NHEK background.

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# bulk-to-boundary propagator

From

$$\psi(r, t, \phi) = \int dt' d\phi' K(r, t, \phi; t', \phi') \psi_0(t', \phi')$$

we read up the bulk-to-boundary propagator

$$K(r, t', \phi'; t, \phi) = \int dm \int d\omega \psi(r, m, \omega) e^{-im(\phi - \phi')} e^{i\omega(t - t')}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= Nr^{-\frac{i}{2}(m + \frac{2\omega}{\tau_H})} \left(1 + \frac{r}{\tau_H}\right) \times \\ &\times {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2} + \beta - im, \frac{1}{2} - \beta - im, 1 - i\left(m + \frac{2\omega}{\tau_H}\right), -\frac{r}{\tau_H}\right) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\beta^2 = K_l - 2m^2 + 1/4$

$\psi$  is bulk-to-boundary propagator in momentum space

The wave function has an asymptotic expansion of the form

$$\psi_{m,\omega}^{in} \sim N \left[ \mathcal{A} \left( r^{-\frac{1}{2}+\beta} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-3/2+\beta}) \right) + \mathcal{B} \left( r^{-\frac{1}{2}-\beta} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-3/2-\beta}) \right) \right]$$

with  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  given by

$$N = \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}},$$
$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{\Gamma(2\beta) \Gamma(1 - im - i\frac{2\omega}{\tau_H})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \beta - im) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \beta - i\frac{2\omega}{\tau_H})} \tau_H^{\frac{1}{2}-\beta-\frac{i}{2}(m+\frac{2\omega}{\tau_H})},$$
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$$\begin{aligned} V_3 &\equiv \langle O(t_1, \phi_1) O(t_2, \phi_2) O(t_3, \phi_3) \rangle \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^3 \left( \int dm_i e^{-im_i \phi_i} \int d\omega_i e^{i\omega_i t_i} \right) \int_0^{r_c} dr \psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3 \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{i(m_1+m_2+m_3)\phi'} \int_0^{1/T_R} dt e^{-i(\omega_1+\omega_2+\omega_3)t'} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^3 \left( \int dm_i e^{-im_i \phi'_i} \int d\omega_i e^{i\omega_i t'_i} \right) \int_0^{r_c} dr \psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3 \\ &\quad \times \delta(m_1 + m_2 + m_3) \delta(\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_3^{m.s.} &= \langle O(m_1, \omega_1) O(m_2, \omega_2) O(m_3, \omega_3) \rangle \\&= \delta(m_1 + m_2 + m_3) \delta(\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3) \int_0^{r_c} dr \psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3 \\&= \delta(m_T) \delta(\omega_T) N_1 N_2 N_3 \int dr r^{\frac{m_T}{2} - \frac{\omega_T}{\tau_H}} \left(1 + \frac{r}{\tau_H}\right)^{\frac{m_T}{2} + \frac{\omega_T}{\tau_H}} \times \\&\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^3 F\left(\frac{1}{2} + \beta_i + m_i, \frac{1}{2} - \beta_i + m_i, 1 + m_i - \frac{2\omega_i}{\tau_H}, -\frac{r}{\tau_H}\right)\end{aligned}$$

# Solving the integral in the extremal limit $h_3 = h_1 + h_2$

introduce three regions

- region I:  $\frac{r}{\tau_H} \ll 1$

$$V_I^{\text{extr}} = \delta(m_T) \delta(\omega_T) \frac{1}{A_1 A_2 A_3} \tau_H^{2h_1+2h_2-2} \left( \frac{r_0}{\tau_H} \right),$$

- region II:  $1 - \epsilon < \frac{r}{\tau_H} < 1 + \epsilon$  with  $\epsilon < \tau_H$

$$\psi_{II} = \frac{1}{A} \tau_H^{h-1-m+\frac{2\omega}{\tau_H}} [C_1 + (z-1)C_2 + (z-1)^2 C_3]$$

- region III:  $\frac{r}{\tau_H} \gg 1$

$$V_{III} \sim \tau_H^{2h_1+2h_2-2} \left[ \frac{1}{1-2h_1-2h_2} \frac{B_1 B_2 B_3}{A_1 A_2 A_3} \left(\frac{\tau_H}{r_1}\right)^{2h_1+2h_2-1} + \frac{1}{h_3-h_1-h_2} \frac{B_1 B_2}{A_1 A_2} \left(\frac{\tau_H}{r_1}\right)^0 - \frac{1}{2h_1} \frac{B_1 B_3}{A_1 A_3} \left(\frac{\tau_H}{r_1}\right)^{2h_1} - \frac{1}{2h_2} \frac{B_2 B_3}{A_2 A_3} \left(\frac{\tau_H}{r_1}\right)^{2h_2} + \dots \right] \quad (1)$$

taking limit  $h_3 \rightarrow h_1 + h_2$  before integrating gives logarithmic term

$$V_3^{m.s.} \sim \tau_H^{2h_1+2h_2-2} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{h_3 - h_1 - h_2} \right) \frac{B_1 B_2}{A_1 A_2} + \text{finite terms} \right] \delta(m_T) \delta(\omega_T)$$

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## CFT side computation

three point function at zero temperature

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1^+, x_1^-) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2^+, x_2^-) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3^+, x_3^-) \rangle = C_{123} \frac{1}{(x_{12}^+)^{h_1+h_2-h_3} (x_{23}^+)^{h_2+h_3-h_1} (x_{13}^+)^{h_3+h_1-h_2}} \\ \times \frac{1}{(x_{12}^-)^{\bar{h}_1+\bar{h}_2-\bar{h}_3} (x_{23}^-)^{\bar{h}_2+\bar{h}_3-\bar{h}_1} (x_{13}^-)^{\bar{h}_3+\bar{h}_1-\bar{h}_2}}$$

finite temperature: map the infinite plane to a torus

$$x^- = e^{2\pi i T_L t^-}, \quad x^+ = e^{2\pi i T_R t^+}$$

after Fourier transformation the frequencies are forced to be integers

$$\omega = 2\pi k T$$

after choosing  $h_3 = h_1 + h_2$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\omega_{L1}, \omega_{R1}) \mathcal{O}(\omega_{L2}, \omega_{R2}) \mathcal{O}(\omega_{L3}, \omega_{R3}) \rangle = (2\pi)^2 \delta(\omega_{L1} + \omega_{L2} + \omega_{L3}) \delta(\omega_{R1} + \omega_{R2} + \omega_{R3}) \\ \times \langle \mathcal{O}(\omega_{L1}, \omega_{R1}) \mathcal{O}(0, 0) \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}(\omega_{L2}, \omega_{R2}) \mathcal{O}(0, 0) \rangle$$

we do the identification

$$\omega_L = \omega, \quad \omega_R = m$$

we can write the CFT two point function as

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