A Yangian Double for the AdS/CFT Classical r-matrix

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Abstract

We express the classical r-matrix of AdS/CFT in terms of tensor products involving an infinite family of generators, which takes a form suggestive of the universal expression obtained from a Yangian double. This should provide an insight into the structure of the infinite dimensional symmetry algebra underlying the integrability of the model, and give a clue to the construction of its universal R-matrix. We derive the commutation relations under which the algebra of these new generators close.

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1 Introduction

Motivated by the AdS/CFT correspondence, integrable structures were discovered on both the gauge theory side [1] and the string theory side [2] (see [3] for reviews). Among the main results has come the derivation of a scattering matrix [4, 5] whose tensorial structure turns out to be completely fixed by the centrally extended $\mathfrak{su}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2|2)$ symmetry of the problem in its fundamental $(2|2)$ matrix representation. The additional scalar (dressing) factor [6] is constrained by the Hopf-algebraic analog of crossing symmetry [7]. Remarkable advances in the exact determination of this phase factor have been recently made [8, 9], as well as progress in understanding the nature of the infinite dimensional symmetry algebra underlying the planar integrability of the model [10, 11, 12]. In [13], in particular, a Yangian symmetry has been advocated, and the hope for the existence of a universal R-matrix which could reproduce the AdS/CFT scattering matrix upon choosing an appropriate representation, has been put on somewhat firmer grounds. The importance of having a universal form for the R-matrix, namely, an expression purely in terms of generators of the corresponding symmetry algebra independent of the specific representation chosen, comes from two basic facts. The first one, is a better insight into the underlying symmetry responsible for the integrability of the model. In particular, factorizing the R-matrix explicitly into an infinite sum of tensor products of abstract generators allows to directly read off the symmetry algebra. The operators appearing respectively on the left and on the right hand side of the tensor product are dual to each other, and form a double in Drinfeld’s sense. The second useful fact, is the accessibility to all possible scattering matrices for any representations with a single expression. In other words, when taken in the appropriate representation, the universal R-matrix can reduce to the one for the scattering of a bound state from an elementary excitation, or between two bound states. The representations for bound states have been studied in [14].

The presence of the Hopf algebra structure found in [15] precisely leads to the expectation of the existence of an infinite dimensional bialgebra equipped with a triangular structure by the above R-matrix. In order to gain a better insight into this construction, it is useful to study the classical limit of the R-matrix, namely a deformation around the identity: the so-called classical r-matrix, which is a solution of the classical Yang-Baxter equation. The relevance of the classical r-matrix relies on the fact that traditionally one can reconstruct the full quantum R-matrix from the information encoded in its classical limit. This is done by means of powerful theorems [16], which also allow a classification of the possible symmetry structures arising. Roughly speaking, this procedure should correspond to some analog of the exponential map between Lie algebras and Lie groups. For a detailed explanation and motivations of the importance of the classical Yang-Baxter equation, the reader is referred to [17].

The program of analyzing the algebraic structure of the classical r-matrix was initiated in [18], where also the residue at its simple pole at the origin was computed. This revealed the
appearance of the Casimir of the \( \mathfrak{gl}(2|2) \) superalgebra. Even though a rigorous application of the above mentioned theorems is elusive, the properties of the residue suggest that some version of the standard reconstruction theorems might still work. The plan of this paper is precisely to extract from the classical r-matrix as much information as possible about its universal form. The idea is to obtain a rewriting, which allows us to read the form of the symmetry generators directly from the r-matrix.

In order to do that, we will look for what is called Drinfeld’s second realization of Yangians \cite{19}. That is, instead of a realization of the type discussed in \cite{13}, given in terms of Lie algebra generators and additional generators constructed recursively (Drinfeld’s first realization), we will look for a set of generators parametrized by an integer label, which simultaneously realize the whole Yangian algebra. These generators are traditionally the ones which are employed for constructing the universal R-matrix. For further details about such construction we refer to \cite{20}, and to \cite{21} for recent progress along these lines. The goal of the present paper is to read these generators from a rewriting of the classical r-matrix in a form suggestive of a Yangian double, and compute the commutation relations they satisfy, which should become the defining relations of the desired Yangian algebra. We remind that only on the double of the Yangian one can have a well-defined quasi-triangular structure \cite{20}.

Let us explain the method we will use in a simple example, namely Yang’s classical r-matrix. This is a solution of the classical Yang-Baxter equation of the form

\[
r = \frac{C}{x_2 - x_1},
\]

where \( C \) is the Casimir of \( \mathfrak{g} \), with \( \mathfrak{g} \) being a Lie algebra\footnote{It is very simple to realize that \cite{12} is a solution of \([r_{12}, r_{13}] + [r_{12}, r_{23}] + [r_{13}, r_{23}] = 0\), when one remembers that the Casimir operator commutes with the trivial coproduct of the Lie algebra generators, and \( r \) lives in \( \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \).}. One can extract information about the generators of the infinite dimensional symmetry algebra by factorizing it in a geometric sum, \( 1/(x_2 - x_1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_1^n x_2^{-n-1} \). If we now express the Casimir in terms of an orthonormal basis \( C = T^a \otimes T^a \), we can see that \( r \) takes the form

\[
r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^a_n \otimes T^a_{-n-1},
\]

where the generators \( T^a_n = T^a x^n \) are taken in the evaluation representation on both factors of the tensor product. We refer to \cite{17} for a description of the mathematical consequences of such construction in the theory of Lie bialgebras.

We would like to follow the same strategy for the present case. The main difference is that we will have sometimes to expand two denominators, according to the two poles discussed in
one at \(1/(x_2 - x_1)\), one at \(1/(x_1 x_2 - 1)\). Nevertheless, we will find that the complicated-looking expressions can be put into a rather simple and suggestive form:

\[
\begin{align*}
r &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \Omega^a_{a,n} \otimes \tilde{\Omega}^a_{a,-n-1} - \Omega^a_{a,n} \otimes \tilde{\Omega}^a_{a,-n-1} + C_n \otimes \tilde{C}_{-n-1} + J_n \otimes \tilde{J}_{-n-1} \\
&+ \left( \mathcal{R}^a_{b,n} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{R}}^b_{a,-n-1} - \mathcal{R}^a_{b,-n-1} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{R}}^b_{a,n} \right) - \left( \mathcal{L}^a_{\beta,n} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^\beta_{\alpha,-n-1} - \mathcal{L}^a_{\beta,-n-1} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^\beta_{\alpha,n} \right) \right),
\end{align*}
\]

(1.3)

where the generators will be defined in the main text. This form is reminiscent of what one expects from the structure of a Yangian double. We will derive these infinite families of generators in a particular representation, which directly emerges from the classical r-matrix. We call the subscript \(n\) the level of the Yangian. At level-zero we recover the original Lie superalgebra generators.

The generator \(J\) appearing in (1.3) is proportional to \(\text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)\), and extends the Cartan subalgebra of \(\mathfrak{sl}(2|2)\) to \(\mathfrak{gl}(2|2)\). Such an extension needs to be introduced on general grounds. Whenever, in fact, the Cartan matrix of a Lie superalgebra is degenerate (as in the present case for \(\mathfrak{su}(2|2)\)), one needs to introduce an additional Cartan generator in order to make such matrix non-degenerate, and be able to invert it. The inverse of the Cartan matrix extended in this way will appear in the universal R-matrix, together with the additional Cartan generator \[20\]. In the present case, we follow the discussion in [23]; in that paper, the original \(\mathfrak{sl}(2|2)\) Cartan subalgebra consists of the generators \(H_1 = \text{diag}(-1, 0, -1, 0),\ H_2 = \text{diag}(0, 1, 1, 0)\) and \(H_3 = \text{diag}(0, -1, 0, -1)\). One has to introduce an additional \(H_4 = \text{diag}(-1, 0, 0, 1)\) which completes the algebra to \(\mathfrak{gl}(2|2)\). Then the extended Cartan matrix reads:

\[
a = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

(1.4)

If we re-express these generators in more familiar notation in terms of \(\mathcal{R} = \text{diag}(1, -1, 0, 0),\ \mathcal{L} = \text{diag}(0, 0, 1, -1),\ \mathcal{C} = 1/2 \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1)\) and \(\mathcal{J} = 1/2 \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)\), the quadratic form reduces to

\[
(a^{-1})^{ij} H_i H_j = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{R}^2 - \mathcal{L}^2) + 2 \mathcal{C} \mathcal{J},
\]

(1.5)

which is reminiscent of the form (1.3). We will find that the coefficient of \(\mathcal{J}_n\) vanishes for \(n = 0\). This is consistent with the result of [18]. There, an analysis of the poles of the classical r-matrix was performed, and the appearance of the Casimir of the superalgebra \(\mathfrak{gl}(2|2)\) in the residue at \(x_1 = x_2\) was shown. One thing to notice is that, nevertheless, the terms of

\[2\] An alternative extension by \(\mathfrak{sl}(2)\) automorphisms has been considered in [5, 22, 13]. In particular in [22] the Casimir operator for such an extension was considered.
the R-matrix responsible for the exchange between two bosons and two fermions, namely $C_{12}$ and $F_{12}$ in \cite{1}, do not contribute to the residue at this pole. Therefore, the residue has an additional symmetry, corresponding to the \emph{trivial} coproduct of the generator $\text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)$, which enhances the algebra to $\mathfrak{gl}(2|2)$. However, this symmetry is neither of the full R-matrix, nor of the classical r-matrix, precisely due to these terms.

The plan of the paper is as follows: In section 2 we review the properties of the classical r-matrix, introducing the conventions needed. In section 3 we perform our rewriting of the entries of the classical r-matrix in terms of generators of a Yangian double, starting from the easier non-diagonal part, and ending with the diagonal one. The new generators are also introduced, whose commutation relations are presented in section 4. We conclude with comments on the main directions of future development.

\section{Review of the classical r-matrix}

Our starting point for the rewriting \cite{13} is the classical r-matrix given in \cite{18}. Though the $\text{su}(1|2)$ basis was adopted there, it turned out to be the so-called string basis \cite{11} that makes direct contact with the string theory computation. Here we would like to briefly review the classical r-matrix in the string basis. The R-matrix $\mathcal{R} = \Pi \circ \mathcal{S}$ is constructed from the graded permutation $\Pi$ and the S-matrix $\mathcal{S}$ given in \cite{11} (see also the comments in \cite{13}):

\begin{align}
\mathcal{R}_{12}|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}(A_{12} - B_{12})\frac{U_1}{U_2}|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle + \frac{1}{2}(A_{12} + B_{12})\frac{U_1}{U_2}|\phi_1^b\phi_2^a\rangle + \frac{1}{2}C_{12}U_1\epsilon^{ab}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle , \\
\mathcal{R}_{12}|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle &= -\frac{1}{2}(D_{12} - E_{12})|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle - \frac{1}{2}(D_{12} + E_{12})|\psi_1^\beta\psi_2^\alpha\rangle - \frac{1}{2}F_{12}\frac{1}{U_2}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle , \\
\mathcal{R}_{12}|\phi_1^a\psi_2^\beta\rangle &= G_{12}\frac{1}{U_2}|\phi_1^a\psi_2^\beta\rangle + H_{12}|\psi_1^\beta\phi_2^a\rangle , \\
\mathcal{R}_{12}|\psi_1^\alpha\phi_2^b\rangle &= L_{12}U_1|\psi_1^\alpha\phi_2^b\rangle + K_{12}\frac{U_1}{U_2}|\phi_1^b\psi_2^\alpha\rangle ,
\end{align}

(2.1)
with $U = \sqrt{x^+/x^-}$ and $A_{12}, B_{12}, \ldots$ given by

\begin{align*}
A_{12} &= \frac{x_2^+ - x_1^-}{x_2 - x_1^+}, \quad B_{12} = \frac{x_2^+ - x_1^-}{x_2 - x_1^+} \left( 1 - 2 \frac{1 - g^2/2x_1^- x_2^+ x_2^- - x_1^+}{1 - g^2/2x_1^- x_2^+ x_2^- - x_1^+} \right), \\
C_{12} &= \frac{g^2 \gamma_1 \gamma_2}{\alpha x_1^+ x_2^+} \frac{1}{1 - g^2/2x_1^- x_2^+ x_2^- - x_1^+}, \\
D_{12} &= -1, \quad E_{12} = - \left( 1 - 2 \frac{1 - g^2/2x_1^- x_2^+ x_2^- - x_1^+}{1 - g^2/2x_1^- x_2^+ x_2^- - x_1^+} \right), \\
F_{12} &= - \frac{2\alpha(x_1^+ - x_1^-)(x_2^+ - x_2^-)}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 x_1^- x_2^-} \frac{1}{1 - g^2/2x_1^- x_2^+ x_2^- - x_1^+}, \\
G_{12} &= \frac{x_2^+ - x_1^+}{x_2 - x_1^+}, \quad H_{12} = \frac{\gamma_1 x_2^+ - x_2^-}{\gamma_2 x_2^+ - x_1^+}, \\
L_{12} &= \frac{x_2^- - x_1^-}{x_2^+ - x_1^+}, \quad K_{12} = \frac{\gamma_2 x_1^- - x_1^+}{\gamma_1 x_2^+ - x_1^+}.
\end{align*}

We adopt the parametrization of [8] for the variables $x^\pm$:

\begin{equation}
x^\pm(x) = \frac{x}{2\zeta} \left( \sqrt{1 - \frac{\zeta^2}{(x - x^-)^2}} \pm i \frac{\zeta}{x - x^-} \right),
\end{equation}

and we take $\zeta = 1/(\sqrt{2}g) = 2\pi/\sqrt{\lambda}$ in terms of the 't Hooft coupling constant $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$ as a deformation parameter, namely expand all formulas around $\zeta = 0$ keeping $x$ fixed. This corresponds to the near BMN limit [24]. The classical r-matrix is defined by the infinitesimal deviation from unity of the R-matrix:

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{R}_{12} = 1 + i \zeta r_{12}.
\end{equation}

After some computations we find that it is given by

\begin{align*}
r_{12}|\phi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle &= \frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(x_1^2 x_2^2 + 1) - 4x_1^2 x_2^2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\phi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle + \frac{2x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}|\phi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}{i \zeta \alpha} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 - 1} e^{\alpha \beta} \epsilon_{\alpha \beta} |\psi_1^a \psi_2^b\rangle, \\
r_{12}|\psi_1^a \psi_2^b\rangle &= \frac{2x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}|\psi_1^a \psi_2^b\rangle - \frac{2x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}|\psi_1^a \psi_2^b\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{4 \alpha}{i \gamma_1 \gamma_2} \frac{x_1^2 x_2^2}{x_1^2 - 1} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 - 1} e^{\alpha \beta} \epsilon_{\alpha \beta} |\phi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle, \\
r_{12}|\phi_1^a \psi_2^b\rangle &= \frac{x_1 (x_2 + x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}|\phi_1^a \psi_2^b\rangle + \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \frac{2x_2^2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\psi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle, \\
r_{12}|\psi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle &= \frac{x_1 (x_2 + x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}|\psi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle + \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} \frac{2x_1^2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1^2 - 1)}|\phi_1^a \phi_2^b\rangle.
\end{align*}
We would like to rewrite this classical r-matrix in terms of the $\mathfrak{su}(2|2)$ generators $\mathfrak{R}^a_b$, $\mathfrak{L}^a_{\beta}$, $\mathfrak{Q}^\alpha_{a}$, $\mathfrak{S}^a_{\alpha}$ with the central element $\mathfrak{C}$, and their infinite Yangian partners labeled by an integer $n$, whose fundamental representation for $n=0$ is given by

\begin{align}
\mathfrak{R}^a_b|\phi^c\rangle &= \delta^c_b|\phi^a\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\delta^c_b|\phi^c\rangle, \\
\mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\beta}|\psi^\gamma\rangle &= \delta^\gamma_{\beta}|\psi^\alpha\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\delta^\gamma_{\beta}|\psi^\gamma\rangle,
\end{align}

and

\begin{align}
\mathfrak{Q}^a_{a}|\phi^b\rangle &= a\delta^b_a|\psi^a\rangle, \\
\mathfrak{Q}^\alpha_{a}|\psi^\beta\rangle &= b\epsilon^{a\beta}\epsilon_{a\alpha}|\phi^b\rangle, \\
\mathfrak{S}^a_{\alpha}|\phi^b\rangle &= c\epsilon^{ab}\epsilon_{a\alpha}|\psi^\beta\rangle, \\
\mathfrak{S}^a_{\alpha}|\psi^\beta\rangle &= d\delta^\beta_{\alpha}|\phi^a\rangle,
\end{align}

as well as

\begin{align}
\mathfrak{C}|\phi^a\rangle &= C|\phi^a\rangle, \\
\mathfrak{C}|\psi^\alpha\rangle &= C|\psi^\alpha\rangle,
\end{align}

with $a, b, c, d$ defined by the limit $\zeta \to 0$ of the corresponding variables introduces in [4] (see also [18])

\begin{align}
a &= \gamma, \quad b = \frac{2\zeta\alpha}{i\gamma} \frac{x}{x^2 - 1}, \quad c = \frac{i\gamma}{2\zeta\alpha} \frac{1}{x}, \quad d = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1}.
\end{align}

It is understood that $\alpha$ scales as $\zeta^{-1}$ and $\gamma$ is of order 1 in the classical limit. An additional operator $\mathfrak{I}$ whose eigenvalue vanishes for $n = 0$ will be introduced later.

## 3 Classical r-matrix as a Yangian double

After reviewing the expression for the classical r-matrix in the previous section, here we would like to embark on our project of rewriting the classical r-matrix (2.5)–(2.8) in terms of generators as in (1.3). Since each sector is independent, we shall start with the easier off-diagonal sector, and then turn to the diagonal sector.

### 3.1 Fermionic sector

First, let us concentrate on the combination of two fermionic generators, which only affect the last terms in (2.5)–(2.8). For this purpose we note that half of the coefficients from each term
can be expressed as

\[
\frac{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}{i 2 \alpha x_1 x_2 - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_1 x_1^n \cdot c_2 x_2^{n+1} = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_1 x_1^{-n} \cdot a_2 x_2^{-n-1},
\]

\[
- \frac{2 \zeta}{i \gamma_1 \gamma_2 (x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)} = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_1 x_1^{-n} \cdot d_2 x_2^{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_1 x_1^n \cdot b_2 x_2^{n+1},
\]

\[
\frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2 (x_1 - x_2)(x_2 - 1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_1 x_1^n \cdot d_2 x_2^{n+1} = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_1 x_1^{-n} \cdot b_2 x_2^{n+1},
\]

\[
\frac{2 \zeta}{ \gamma_1 (x_1 - x_2)(x_2^2 - 1)} = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_1 x_1^{-n} \cdot c_2 x_2^{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_1 x_1^n \cdot a_2 x_2^{n+1},
\]

in an appropriate domain of convergence. Since the action of two fermionic generators on two excitations goes as

\[
\Omega^a \otimes S^a |\phi^b \phi^c_2 \rangle = a_1 c_2 \epsilon b c \epsilon \beta \gamma |\psi^\beta \psi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
S^a \otimes \Omega^a |\phi^b \phi^c_2 \rangle = c_1 a_2 \epsilon b \epsilon \gamma |\psi^\beta \psi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
\Omega^a \otimes S^a |\psi^\beta \phi^c_2 \rangle = -b_1 d_2 \epsilon b \epsilon \gamma |\phi^b \phi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
S^a \otimes \Omega^a |\psi^\beta \phi^c_2 \rangle = -d_1 b_2 \epsilon b \epsilon \gamma |\phi^b \phi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
\Omega^a \otimes S^a |\phi^b \phi^c_2 \rangle = a_1 d_2 |\psi^\beta \phi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
S^a \otimes \Omega^a |\psi^\beta \phi^c_2 \rangle = c_1 b_2 |\phi^b \phi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
\Omega^a \otimes S^a |\phi^b \phi^c_2 \rangle = -b_1 c_2 |\phi^\beta \phi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

\[
S^a \otimes \Omega^a |\psi^\beta \phi^c_2 \rangle = -d_1 a_2 |\phi^\beta \phi^\gamma_2 \rangle,
\]

we find that in the fermionic sector the classical r-matrix can be expressed as

\[
\left. r \right|_{\Omega^a} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \Omega^a_{a,n} \otimes \tilde{S}^a_{a,-n-1} - S^a_{a,n} \otimes \tilde{\Omega}^a_{a,-n-1} \right),
\]

with \( \Omega^a_{a,n}, \tilde{\Omega}^a_{a,n}, S^a_{a,n} \) and \( \tilde{S}^a_{a,n} \) defined by

\[
\Omega^a_{a,n} = \tilde{\Omega}^a_{a,n} = \Omega^a_a (x^n \Pi_b + x^{-n} \Pi_l),
\]

\[
S^a_{a,n} = \tilde{S}^a_{a,n} = S^a_a (x^{-n} \Pi_b + x^n \Pi_l).
\]

The operators \( \Pi_b \) and \( \Pi_l \) are projectors in the bosonic and fermionic subspaces respectively, namely in matrix notation \( \Pi_b = \text{diag}(1, 1, 0, 0) \) and \( \Pi_l = \text{diag}(0, 0, 1, 1) \). Note that both operators without hats \( \Omega^a_{a,n}, S^a_{a,n} \) and operators with hats \( \tilde{\Omega}^a_{a,n}, \tilde{S}^a_{a,n} \) have the same expressions, though the operators without hats are only defined for \( n \geq 0 \) while the operators with hats are only defined for \( n < 0 \). Note also that the expression in (3.3) should be regarded as a formal series. After acting on states, we interpret the summation as an analytical continuation from the result obtained in an appropriate domain of convergence. Equivalently, one could act on the r-matrix with the operator \( (D_\rho \otimes 1) \), where the operator \( D_\rho \) multiplies any generator at level \( n \) by the representation-independent parameter \( \rho^{[n]} \), perform the series in a domain of \( \rho \) where one has convergence, and analytically continue to \( \rho = 1 \) at the end.
3.2 Bosonic off-diagonal sector

Now let us turn to the bosonic off-diagonal sector. We would like to rewrite the second terms in (2.5) and (2.6) into the operator doubles. Here the coefficient can be rewritten as

\[
\frac{2x_1x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1x_2 - 1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( [n+1]_x [n+2]_x - [n+2]_x [n+1]_x \right),
\]

because of

\[
\frac{x_1x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1x_2 - 1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n+1]_x x_2^{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n+1]_x x_2^{-n-1}
\]

\[
= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_1^{n+1} [n+1]_x - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_1^{-n-1} [n+1]_x.
\]

Here we have introduced a \( q \)-number \([n]_q\) by

\[
[n]_q = \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}}.
\]

Since the action of the operators \( R_{ab} \otimes \hat{R}_{ab} \) and \( L_{\alpha \beta} \otimes \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta} \) takes the form

\[
R_{ab} \otimes \hat{R}_{ab} |\phi_1^{d} \phi_2^{c}\rangle = |\phi_1^{d} \phi_2^{c}\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |\phi_1^{c} \phi_2^{d}\rangle, \quad L_{\alpha \beta} \otimes \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta} |\psi_1^{d} \psi_2^{c}\rangle = |\psi_1^{d} \psi_2^{c}\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |\psi_1^{c} \psi_2^{d}\rangle,
\]

we can rewrite the classical r-matrix in this sector as

\[
\left. r \right|_{\mathcal{R}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( (R_{b,n} \otimes \hat{R}_{a,-n-1} - R_{b,n-1} \otimes \hat{R}_{a,n}) \right.
\]

\[
\left. - (L_{\alpha \beta,n} \otimes \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta,-n-1} - L_{\alpha \beta,n-1} \otimes \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta,n}) \right),
\]

with \( R_{b,n}, \hat{R}_{b,n}, L_{\alpha \beta,n} \) and \( \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta,n} \) defined by

\[
R_{b,n} = [n+1]_x R_{b}, \quad \hat{R}_{b,n} = -[n-1]_x \hat{R}_{b},
\]

\[
L_{\alpha \beta,n} = [n+1]_x L_{\alpha \beta}, \quad \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta,n} = -[n-1]_x \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta}.
\]

In this case, all of \( R_{b,n}, \hat{R}_{b,n}, L_{\alpha \beta,n} \) and \( \hat{L}_{\alpha \beta,n} \) are defined for both \( n \geq 0 \) and \( n < 0 \). Note that there are ambiguities in this rewriting because of various expressions in (3.7). Our current choice is partially motivated by its rather symmetric form, and partially by the closure of the commutation relations, which will be the subject of our next section.
3.3 Bosonic diagonal sector

Finally let us consider the diagonal sector. We assume that the Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{su}(2) \times \mathfrak{su}(2)$ (generators $\mathfrak{R}_a$ and $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^\beta$) is already taken care of in (3.10) by suitably completing the set of indices contracted. This is simply due to $\mathfrak{su}(2) \times \mathfrak{su}(2)$ covariance of the string basis. The remaining diagonal part we would like to rewrite into the form of a Yangian double is therefore

\[
\begin{align*}
    r_{12}|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle &= \left[\frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(x_1^2 x_2^2 + 1) - 4x_1^2 x_2^2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)} + \frac{x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}\right]|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle + \cdots , \\
    r_{12}|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle &= \left[\frac{2x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)} - \frac{x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)}\right]|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots , \\
    r_{12}|\phi_1^a\psi_2^\beta\rangle &= \frac{x_2(x_2 + x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\phi_1^a\psi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots , \\
    r_{12}|\psi_1^\alpha\phi_2^b\rangle &= \frac{x_1(x_2 + x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1^2 - 1)}|\psi_1^\alpha\phi_2^b\rangle + \cdots .
\end{align*}
\]

(3.13)

The extra term in the squared parentheses comes from rearranging the operator action as (3.9). Note that the phase of the S-matrix was undetermined in [4]. Hence the diagonal sector has the ambiguity of an overall shift, corresponding to an overall scalar factor at the level of the full quantum R-matrix. In this paper, we will still freely add and subtract such terms when needed, but they should later be determined by some generalized crossing symmetry emerging from the construction.

Inspired by the argument in the introduction, we would like to make use of the following generators

\[
\begin{align*}
    \mathfrak{c}_n|\phi^a\rangle &= C_n|\phi^a\rangle, & \mathfrak{c}_n|\psi^\alpha\rangle &= C_n|\psi^\alpha\rangle, \\
    \mathfrak{J}_n|\phi^a\rangle &= I_n|\phi^a\rangle, & \mathfrak{J}_n|\psi^\alpha\rangle &= -I_n|\psi^\alpha\rangle.
\end{align*}
\]

(3.14) (3.15)

If we assume the classical $r$-matrix can be expressed as

\[
    r\bigg|_{\mathfrak{c}_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\mathfrak{c}_n \otimes \hat{\mathfrak{J}}_{-n-1} + \mathfrak{J}_n \otimes \hat{\mathfrak{c}}_{-n-1}\right),
\]

(3.16)

this means we have to match (3.13) to

\[
\begin{align*}
    r_{12}|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle &= \sum (C_n \hat{\mathfrak{J}}_{-n-1} + I_n \hat{\mathfrak{C}}_{-n-1})|\phi_1^a\phi_2^b\rangle + \cdots , \\
    r_{12}|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle &= \sum (-C_n \hat{\mathfrak{J}}_{-n-1} - I_n \hat{\mathfrak{C}}_{-n-1})|\psi_1^\alpha\psi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots , \\
    r_{12}|\phi_1^a\psi_2^\beta\rangle &= \sum (-C_n \hat{\mathfrak{J}}_{-n-1} + I_n \hat{\mathfrak{C}}_{-n-1})|\phi_1^a\psi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots , \\
    r_{12}|\psi_1^\alpha\phi_2^b\rangle &= \sum (C_n \hat{\mathfrak{J}}_{-n-1} - I_n \hat{\mathfrak{C}}_{-n-1})|\psi_1^\alpha\phi_2^b\rangle + \cdots .
\end{align*}
\]

(3.17)
up to an overall shift. Here the first factors $C_n$ or $I_n$ are understood in the representation labeled by $x_1$ while the second factors $\widehat{I}_{-n-1}$ or $\widehat{C}_{-n-1}$ are in the $x_2$ one. For this to be possible, we need a rather non-trivial identity:

$$\frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(x_1^2 x_2^2 + 1) - 4x_1^2 x_2^2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)} + \frac{2x_1 x_2}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)} = \frac{x_2(x_2 + x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1^2 - 1)} + \frac{x_1(x_2 + x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 - 1)}. \quad (3.18)$$

In fact, this identity holds! Subtracting half of the above quantity to normalize the classical r-matrix properly, we find

$$r_{12}^\alpha \phi_1^\alpha \phi_2^\beta = \frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(x_1^2 x_2^2 + 1) - 4x_1^2 x_2^2}{2(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\phi_1^\alpha \phi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots,$$

$$r_{12}^\alpha \psi_1^\alpha \psi_2^\beta = -\frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(x_1^2 x_2^2 + 1) - 4x_1^2 x_2^2}{2(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\psi_1^\alpha \psi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots,$$

$$r_{12}^\alpha \phi_1^\alpha \psi_2^\beta = -\frac{(x_1 x_2 + 1)(x_2 + x_1)}{2(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\phi_1^\alpha \psi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots,$$

$$r_{12}^\alpha \psi_1^\alpha \phi_2^\beta = \frac{(x_1 x_2 + 1)(x_2 + x_1)}{2(x_1^2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)}|\psi_1^\alpha \phi_2^\beta\rangle + \cdots. \quad (3.19)$$

with

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \widehat{I}_{-n-1} = \frac{x_2^2(x_2^2 - 1)}{2(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_1^2 - 1)}, \quad (3.20)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n \widehat{C}_{-n-1} = \frac{x_2^2(x_1^2 - 1)}{2(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 x_2 - 1)(x_2^2 - 1)}. \quad (3.21)$$

Choosing

$$C_n = \widehat{C}_n = \frac{x^{n+1} + x^{-n-1}}{2(x - x^{-1})}, \quad (3.22)$$

$$I_n = \widehat{I}_n = \frac{1}{2}(x^n - x^{-n}), \quad (3.23)$$

we find that formula (3.17) holds. Again, there are ambiguities in rescaling $C_n$ and $I_n$. Our definition is motivated by the commutation relations in the next section. Note that $I_0$ vanishes identically, which is expected from the argument in the introduction.

## 4 Commutation relations

In the previous section we have rewritten the classical r-matrix in terms of generators of a tentative Yangian double. In the process, we have defined level-$n$ operators $Q^{a}_{\alpha,n}$, $S^{a}_{\alpha,n}$,

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3It would be interesting to understand the relation between this subtraction and the dressing factor.
\( \mathcal{R}^a_{b,n}, \mathcal{L}^\alpha_{\beta,n}, \mathcal{C}_n \) (and \( \mathfrak{J}_n \)) and their duals, which reduce to the original \( \mathfrak{su}(2|\mathfrak{z}) \) generators \( \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a}}, \mathfrak{S}^a_{\mathfrak{a}}, \mathfrak{R}^a_{\mathfrak{b}}, \mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\mathfrak{\beta}}, \mathfrak{C} \) at level-zero. Here we would like to investigate their commutation relations.

Originally the operators \( \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n}, \mathfrak{S}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n}, \mathfrak{C}_n \) and \( \mathfrak{J}_n \) are defined only for \( n \geq 0 \) while their duals are defined only for \( n < 0 \). Since both these operators and their duals share the same expressions as can be seen in (3.4), (3.5), (3.22) and (3.23), let us combine the formula by extending their definition for \( n < 0 \). On the other hand, the duals of the operators \( \mathcal{R}^a_{b,n} \) (3.11) and \( \mathcal{L}^\alpha_{\beta,n} \) (3.12) can be obtained from the original operators by substituting \( n \) with \(-n\). We will not consider them in the commutation relations. To summarize, we would like to study the commutation relations between the operators \( \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n}, \mathfrak{S}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n}, \mathfrak{R}^a_{b,n}, \mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\mathfrak{\beta},n}, \mathfrak{C}_n \) and \( \mathfrak{J}_n \), where the indices run over positive and negative integers.

We would like to remark that at the present stage it is difficult to exclude that the following commutation relations could be accidental to our representation, and need to be modified later. In particular, it is impossible from (3.11), (3.12), (3.22) and (3.23) to distinguish between \( \mathfrak{R}^a_{b,n} \) and \( -\mathfrak{R}^a_{b,-n-2} \), between \( \mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\beta,n} \) and \( -\mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\beta,-n-2} \), between \( \mathfrak{C}_n \) and \( \mathfrak{C}_{-n-2} \) and between \( \mathfrak{J}_n \) and \( -\mathfrak{J}_{-n} \). Here we have chosen to present them in the most compact form as we could find.

Acting the operators \( \{ \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},m}, \mathfrak{S}^b_{\mathfrak{b},n} \} \) on the bosonic state \( |\phi^{\mathfrak{c}}\rangle \) and the fermionic state \( |\psi^{\mathfrak{\gamma}}\rangle \) respectively using (2.11) and (2.12) and reinterpreting the result as the action of a single bosonic operator with the help of (2.9) and (2.10), we find

\[
\{ \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},m}, \mathfrak{S}^b_{\mathfrak{b},n} \} = \delta_{a}^{b} \mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\mathfrak{\beta},m+n} + \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \mathfrak{R}^b_{a,m+n} + \delta_{a}^{b} \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \mathfrak{C}_{m+n} .
\] (4.1)

This is the higher level analogue of the commutation relation:

\[
\{ \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a}}, \mathfrak{S}^b_{\mathfrak{b}} \} = \delta_{a}^{b} \mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\mathfrak{\beta}} + \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \mathfrak{R}^b_{a} + \delta_{a}^{b} \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \mathfrak{C} .
\] (4.2)

This result justifies our definition of \( \mathfrak{R}^a_{b,n}, \mathfrak{L}^\alpha_{\beta,n} \) and \( \mathfrak{C}_n \) in (3.11), (3.12) and (3.22). Similarly, we find

\[
\{ \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},m}, \mathfrak{Q}^b_{\mathfrak{b},n} \} = \frac{2\zeta_{\alpha}}{t} \left[ \epsilon^{ab}_{\alpha\beta} \mathfrak{C}_{m-n-1} + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathfrak{R}^c_{\mathfrak{b},m-n-1} + \epsilon_{ab} \epsilon^{\gamma}_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathfrak{L}^{\gamma}_{\mathfrak{\gamma},m-n-1} \right] ,
\] (4.3)

\[
\{ \mathfrak{S}^a_{\mathfrak{a},m}, \mathfrak{S}^b_{\mathfrak{b},n} \} = \frac{i}{2\zeta_{\alpha}} \left[ \epsilon^{ab}_{\alpha\beta} \mathfrak{C}_{m-n-1} + \epsilon_{ab} \epsilon^{\gamma}_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathfrak{L}^{\gamma}_{\mathfrak{\gamma},m-n-1} \right] ,
\] (4.4)

where parentheses enclosing indices denote symmetrization (dividing by two). In the computation the following formula is useful.

\[
\epsilon^{ab}_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{cd} = \delta_{c}^{a} \delta^{b}_{d} - \delta^{a}_{c} \delta^{b}_{d} , \quad \delta^{d}_{a} \epsilon_{b} \epsilon_{c} + \delta^{d}_{b} \epsilon_{a} \epsilon_{c} + \delta^{d}_{c} \epsilon_{a} \epsilon_{b} = 0 .
\] (4.5)

At level zero, one recovers from (1.3), (1.4), (3.22) and (2.11) the two central extensions \( \mathfrak{P} = ab \) and \( \mathfrak{K} = cd \) of the superalgebra \( \mathfrak{su}(2|\mathfrak{z}) \). The reader might find unpleasant the appearance of the factor \( 2\zeta_{\alpha} \) in the commutation relations. We can always get rid of it by rescaling the generators by \( \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Q}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n}/\sqrt{2\zeta_{\alpha}} \) and \( \mathfrak{S}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n} \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}^a_{\mathfrak{a},n}/\sqrt{2\zeta_{\alpha}} \).
The commutation relations between one bosonic and one fermionic operator read

\[
[R_{a,b,m}, Q_{c,n}^\gamma] = \text{sign}(m + 1) \sum_{l=-|m+1|+1}^{|m+1|-1} \left( -\delta_{c}^a Q_{b,l+n}^{\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{c}^b Q_{a,l+n}^{\gamma} \right),
\]

(4.6)

\[
[R_{a,b,m}, S_{c,n}^\gamma] = \text{sign}(m + 1) \sum_{l=-|m+1|+1}^{|m+1|-1} \left( \delta_{c}^a S_{b,l+n}^{\gamma} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{c}^b S_{a,l+n}^{\gamma} \right),
\]

(4.7)

\[
[L_{\alpha\beta,m}, Q_{c,n}^\gamma] = \text{sign}(m + 1) \sum_{l=-|m+1|+1}^{|m+1|-1} \left( -\delta_{\gamma}^\alpha Q_{\beta,l+n}^{\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\gamma}^\beta Q_{\alpha,l+n}^{\gamma} \right),
\]

(4.8)

\[
[L_{\alpha\beta,m}, S_{c,n}^\gamma] = \text{sign}(m + 1) \sum_{l=-|m+1|+1}^{|m+1|-1} \left( -\delta_{\gamma}^\alpha S_{\beta,l+n}^{\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\gamma}^\beta S_{\alpha,l+n}^{\gamma} \right).
\]

(4.9)

Here we have to expand the \( q \)-number \([m + 1]_x\) attached to the bosonic operators \( R_{a,b,m} \) and \( L_{\alpha\beta,m} \) by

\[
[m]_x = \text{sign}(m) \sum_{l=-|m|+1}^{|m|-1} x^l,
\]

(4.10)

because only monomials are attached to the fermionic operators \( Q_{c,n}^{\gamma} \) and \( S_{c,n}^{\gamma} \). Note that \( \text{sign}(n) \) is defined to be 1, 0, −1 for \( n > 0, n = 0, n < 0 \) respectively, and the prime ′ in the summation symbol \( \sum' \) indicates that the summation is taken by steps of two.

Now let us turn to the commutation relations between two bosonic operators.

\[
[R_{a,b,m}, R_{c,d,n}] = \text{sign}(m + 1)(n + 1) \sum_{l=||m+1|+|n+1||}^{||m+1|+|n+1|} \left( -\delta_{c}^a R_{b,l}^{d,n} + \delta_{d}^a R_{b,l}^{c,n} \right),
\]

(4.11)

\[
[L_{\alpha\beta,m}, L_{\gamma\delta,n}] = \text{sign}(m + 1)(n + 1) \sum_{l=||m+1|+|n+1||}^{||m+1|+|n+1|} \left( -\delta_{\gamma}^\alpha L_{\beta,l}^{\delta,n} + \delta_{\delta}^\alpha L_{\beta,l}^{\gamma,n} \right).
\]

(4.12)

Here we have to expand the product of two \( q \)-numbers in terms of the following summation of \( q \)-numbers:

\[
[m]_x[n]_x = \text{sign}(mn) \sum_{l=||m|−|n||+1}^{||m|+|n||} [l]_x.
\]

(4.13)

Finally the commutation relations between the fermionic operators \( Q_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m} \) and \( S_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m} \) and our parity operator \( I_n \) are non-trivial:

\[
[Q_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m}, I_n] = Q_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m+n} - Q_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m-n},
\]

(4.14)

\[
[S_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m}, I_n] = -S_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m+n} + S_{\alpha\beta}^{a,m-n}.
\]

(4.15)
5 Conclusions

We have expressed the classical r-matrix of the AdS/CFT correspondence in terms of a Yangian double, or an infinite series of tensor products of operators. We have also studied the commutation relations among these new generators. We hope our result will clarify the underlying symmetry, and give a clue to the construction of the universal R-matrix of the model.

We shall list some of the main future directions to prosecute our work.

- The most important development will be to obtain along these lines a universal expression for the full quantum R-matrix. We believe that the formula in this paper can be rather suggestive of the appropriate completion, but a full derivation is still to be worked out.

- The appropriate coproduct and Hopf algebra structure have to be defined for the generators we constructed, in order to study the infinite dimensional symmetry of the R-matrix. This is traditionally presented in the Chevalley basis, rather than in the Cartan-Weyl one.

- One should make contact with Beisert’s formulation of the Yangian symmetry given in Drinfeld’s first realization in [13], and show the relationship with the one presented in this paper.

- The question whether our expression (1.3) is truly “universal” can also be addressed by studying the double structure of the classical r-matrix for the bound states [14]. We would like to see whether the classical r-matrix for the bound states can also be rewritten as the same Yangian double satisfying the same algebra.

- So far the main results on the integrable structure of the dilatation operator in the Super Yang-Mills theory are restricted to the sector of the single trace operators or the single string states. It would be interesting if this integrable structure can be lifted to multi-trace operators or multi-string states. The correspondence between the symmetry generators of matrix string theory (gauge theory) and those of light-cone string field theory on the flat space (string theory) given recently in [25] may give a clue to this question.

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