Object picture, quasinormal modes and long time tails of fermion perturbations in stringy black hole with U(1) charges

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Abstract

The aim of the present report is to study massless fermion perturbations outside five-dimensional stringy black holes with U(1) charges. The Dirac equation was numerically solved to obtain the time profiles for the evolving fermion fields, and the quasinormal frequencies at intermediate times are computed by numerical Prony fitting and semi-analytical WKB expansion at sixth order. We also computed numerically the late-time power law decay factors, showing that there are in correspondence with previously reported results for the case of boson fields in higher dimensional odd space-times. The dependence of quasinormal frequencies with U(1) compactification charges are studied, and the stability of this class of higher dimensional black holes under fermion perturbations is established.

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1. Introduction

The study of test field perturbations in a black hole background gives the opportunity to consider such questions as stability of the compact object under such fluctuations, as well as the form in which the field relaxes at very late times. The characteristic oscillation frequencies of the black hole solution that carried information about the particular properties of the space-time can also be found. These frequencies, called quasinormal frequencies, have been widely studied by several analytical, semi-analytical and numerical methods since the pioneer work of Regge and Wheeler [1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 4, 3].

To study test fields of fermion character is always motivated. Fermions are universally describing matter fields, neutrinos, gravitinos and most of this fields are essential for the structure of black hole solutions coming from string/M theories. In this sense, a careful analysis of the quasinormal spectrum of this solutions in provides a way to fix the parameters of the black hole and consequently of string/M theories [10, 11, 12, 13]. Another important fact is related with the stability of this black hole solutions, that is in direct relation with its reliability in nature. Also fermion perturbations of the gravitational bulk field equations for asymptotically AdS string/M theory black hole solutions turn out to be fundamental matter fields in the boundary conformal field theory, providing an important class of objects relevant for condensed matter physics in a frame of the AdS/CFT correspondence [15, 16, 17].

We take into account the above facts as motivations to this paper, in which we consider the evolution of a spin-1/2 massless Dirac field in the space-time of a black hole solution in five dimensions with three U(1) charges [13]. This solution can also be obtained, along general lines, considering intersection of branes and strings [18, 17, 12], and in this sense the describe a family of compact objects coming from string/M theory.

The structure of the paper is the following. After the section dedicated to the introduction, we proceed in Section 2 to present the general line element considered as well as to write the fundamental equations to use for a study of Dirac perturbations in five dimensional space-times, obtaining a general expression for the effective potential that describes the perturbation. Section 3 is devoted to...
the numerical study of the evolution of the considered perturbations, as well as to present numerical and semi-analytical WKB results obtained for the quasinormal frequencies and its dependence on the charges of the black hole background, including the limit of large angular multipole numbers. In section 4 we present the numerical results concerning the relaxation of the perturbation at very late times, and propose an analytical form for the decay factors. Section 5 is devoted to the conclusions.

2. Fundamental equations

In five dimensions, we can obtain black hole solutions with three independent charges by the intersection of three 2-branes at a point, or from an intersection of one 2-brane and a 5-brane with a boost, i.e., with a momentum along the common string. Upon toroidal compactification, the metric reads in both cases as:

$$ds^2 = A(r)dt^2 + B(r)dr^2 + C(r)d\Omega_3^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where $d\Omega_3^2$ describes the round 3-sphere and $A(r) = f^{-2/3}(1 - r^2)$, $B(r) = f^{1/3}(1 - r^2)^{-1}$, $C(r) = r^2 f^{1/3}$.

$$f = (1 + \frac{r_H^2}{r^2})(1 + \frac{r_H^2}{r^2})(1 + \frac{r_H^2}{r^2}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

In the above solution if at least one of the charges $Q_i$ is zero, the point $r = 0$ is space-time singularity covered by the event horizon of the five dimensional black hole located at $r_H$. Moreover the case in which all the charges are non-zero, correspond to a regular black hole with an event horizon at $r = r_H$ and an inner horizon at $r = 0$.

The evolution of a massless spin $1/2$ fermion field in a five dimensional curved background is described by the generalization of the Dirac equation:

$$\nabla \Psi = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

where $\nabla = \Gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu$ is the Dirac operator that acts on the five-spinor $\Psi$, $\Gamma_\mu$ are the curved space Gamma matrices, and the covariant derivative is defined as $\nabla_\mu = \partial_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \omega_\mu^{ab} \gamma_a \gamma_b$, with $\mu$ and $\alpha$ being tangent and space-time indices respectively, related by the basis of orthonormal one forms $e^a = e^\mu a$. The associated connection one-forms $\omega_\mu^{ab} = \omega^{ab}$ obey $\nabla e^a + \omega_\mu^{ab} \wedge e^b = 0$, and $\gamma^a$ are flat space-time gamma matrices related with curved-space ones by $\Gamma^\mu = e^\mu a \gamma^a$. They form a Clifford algebra in five dimensions, i.e., they satisfy the anti-commutation relations $\gamma^a \gamma^b = -2\eta^{ab}$, with $\eta^{00} = -1$.

Under a conformal transformation of the metric of the form:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 \delta_{\mu\nu},$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

the five-spor $\psi$ and the Dirac operator transforms as $[14, 19]$:

$$\psi = \Omega^{-2} \tilde{\psi},$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)

$$\nabla \tilde{\psi} = \Omega^{-3} \tilde{\nabla} \psi,$$  \hspace{1cm} (6)

For a line element in the form $ds^2 = ds_1^2 + ds_2^2$, where $ds_1^2 = g_{ab}(x)dx^a dx^b$ and $ds_2 = g_{mn}(y)dy^m dy^n$ the Dirac operator $\tilde{\nabla}$ satisfies the direct sum decomposition

$$\tilde{\nabla} = \tilde{\nabla}_x + \tilde{\nabla}_y.$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)

For two conformally related metrics, the validity of massless Dirac equation in one implies the validity of the same equation in the other. Then, it is possible to solve the Dirac equation in the curved space with the line element $[11]$ by performing successive conformal transformations that isolate the metric components that depend of the angular variables, and applied successively the direct sum decomposition of Dirac operator, until obtain an equivalent problem in a spacetime of the form $M^2 \times \Sigma^3$, where $M^2$ is two-dimensional Minkowsky spacetime in $(t, r_*)$ coordinates (where $r_*$ is the tortoise coordinate defined by $dr_* = \sqrt{\frac{\eta^{00}}{\Omega}}(dr)$ and $\Sigma^3$ is the metric describing the 3-sphere, in which the spectrum of massless Dirac operator is known. This procedure is general and has been applied previously to four dimensional stringly black hole by one of the authors $[12]$.

The above method allow us to obtain, for each component of a Dirac spinor in the manifold $M^2$ defined as:

$$\tilde{\psi}_\ell(t, r) = \begin{pmatrix} i\xi_\ell(t, r) \\ \chi_\ell(t, r) \end{pmatrix},$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

the following equations:

$$i \frac{\partial \xi_\ell}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \chi_\ell}{\partial r_*} + \Lambda \chi_\ell = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

and

$$i \frac{\partial \chi_\ell}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \xi_\ell}{\partial r_*} + \Lambda \xi_\ell = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)
where
\[ \Lambda_{\ell}(r) = \sqrt{\frac{A}{C}}(\ell + 1) \] (11)
This equation can be separated to obtain:
\[ \frac{\partial^2 \zeta_{\ell}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \zeta_{\ell}}{\partial r^2} + V_+(r)\zeta_{\ell} = 0 \] (12)
and
\[ \frac{\partial^2 \chi_{\ell}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \chi_{\ell}}{\partial r^2} + V_-(r)\chi_{\ell} = 0 \] (13)
where:
\[ V_\pm = \pm \frac{d\Lambda_{\ell}}{dr} + \Lambda_{\ell}^2. \] (14)

The above equations gives the temporal evolution of Dirac perturbations outside the black hole spacetime [20]. As the potentials \( V_+ \) and \( V_- \) are supersymmetric to each other in the sense considered by Chandrasekhar in [21], then \( \zeta_{\ell}(t, r) \) and \( \chi_{\ell}(t, r) \) will develop similar time evolutions and then they will have the same spectra, both for scattering and quasi-normal. At this point it should be stressed that for the spinor \( \tilde{\phi}_{\ell} \), we have these two potentials again. In the following we will work with equation (12) and we eliminate the subscript (+) for the effective potential, defining \( V(r) \equiv V_+(r) \).

Figure 1: Effective potential for a (4+1)-stringy black hole with \( \ell \) from 0(bottom) to 5(top) and \( Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 = 1 \).

For the stringy black hole solution considered in this report we have for the effective potential \( V(r) \) the following expression:
\[ V(r) = \frac{\lambda_{\ell} f^{-1}}{r^2} \left( 1 + \frac{r_H}{r^2} \right) \left[ \lambda_{\ell} - \sqrt{1 - \frac{r_H}{r^2}} \right] \] (15)
where \( \lambda_{\ell} = \ell + \frac{3}{2} \).

Figure 2 shows the effective potential for different multipole numbers \( \ell \) in the case of stringy black holes with \( Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 = 1 \). The form of the effective potential is similar for other values of compactification charges, and as we can see, this assures the stability of the solution under fermion perturbations, due to its definite positive character.

3. Time evolution of Dirac perturbations and quasinormal modes

To integrate the equation (12) numerically we use the technique developed by Gundlach, Price and Pullin [2].

The obtained results in the case of massless Dirac fields in (4+1)-dimensional stringy black hole background can be observed as the time-domain profiles showed in Figures 2 to 5. In such profiles \( r = 3r_H \) and the time is measured in units of black hole event horizon.

As is easily seen, the time evolution of Dirac perturbations in olive dimensional stringy black holes space-time follows the usual dynamics for fields in other black hole backgrounds. After a first transient stage strongly dependent on the initial conditions and the point where the wave profile is computed, we observe the characteristic exponential damping of the perturbations associate with the quasinormal ringing, followed by a so-called power law tails at asymptotically late times.

To compute the quasi-normal frequencies that dominated at intermediate times, we assume for the
In this report we proceed to compute the quasinormal frequencies using two different methods. The first method uses directly the numerical data obtained previously, and fit this data by superposition of damping exponents. This numerical fitting scheme, known as Prony method, allows us to obtain very accurate results for the fundamental and first overtones. For higher overtones it is very difficult to be implemented, because we need to do a fitting with a great number of exponentials, and also we need to know very well the particular time in which quasinormal ringing begins, a difficult point to be solved in general. For this reason in the following we only present the quasinormal frequencies, using this method, for the first two overtone numbers.

The second method that we employed is a semi-analytical approach to solve equation (17) with the required boundary conditions, based in a WKB-type approximation, that can give accurate values of the lowest (that is longer lived) quasinormal frequencies, and was used in several papers for the determination of quasinormal frequencies in a variety of systems.

Tables 1 and 2 present the values obtained for the quasinormal frequencies for some multipole number $\ell$ and different set of charges. We also present the result for a particular stringy black hole with $Q_1 = 1$, $Q_2 = Q_3 = 1$ in Figure (6). As it is observed, the sixth order WKB approach gives results in agreement with those obtained by fitting the numerical integration data using Prony technique. As it is expected the oscillation frequency
Table 1: Dirac quasinormal frequencies $\omega_{rH}$ in (4+1) -stringy black hole with $Q_1=0.5$, $Q_2=1$, $Q_3=1.8$ for $\ell = 0$ to $\ell = 4$ (results from sixth order WKB approximation and Prony fitting of time domain data). The frequencies are measured in units of the black hole horizon radius $r_H$.

| $\ell$ | $n$ | Sixth order WKB | Prony |
|-------|-----|------------------|-------|
| 0     | 0   | 0.5101 - 0.2063i | 0.5098 - 0.2059i |
| 1     | 0   | 0.8702 - 0.2152i | 0.8700 - 0.2151i |
| 2     | 0   | 1.2270 - 0.2161i | 1.2270 - 0.2161i |
| 2     | 1   | 1.1789 - 0.6579i | 1.1788 - 0.6578i |
| 3     | 0   | 1.5829 - 0.2163i | 1.5829 - 0.2163i |
| 3     | 1   | 1.5445 - 0.6547i | 1.5445 - 0.6547i |
| 3     | 2   | 1.4720 - 1.1106i | - |
| 4     | 0   | 1.9379 - 0.2163i | 1.9379 - 0.2163i |
| 4     | 1   | 1.9063 - 0.6530i | 1.9063 - 0.6530i |
| 4     | 2   | 1.8452 - 1.1014i | - |
| 4     | 3   | 1.7590 - 1.5689i | - |

Table 2: Dirac quasinormal frequencies $\omega_{rH}$ in (4+1)-stringy black hole with $Q_1=0$, $Q_2=1$, $Q_3=1$ for $\ell = 0$ to $\ell = 4$ (results from sixth order WKB approximation and Prony fitting of time domain data). The frequencies are measured in units of the black hole horizon radius $r_H$.

| $\ell$ | $n$ | Sixth order WKB | Prony |
|-------|-----|------------------|-------|
| 0     | 0   | 0.4349 - 0.1712i | 0.4346 - 0.1709i |
| 1     | 0   | 0.7445 - 0.1795i | 0.7443 - 0.1792i |
| 2     | 0   | 1.0518 - 0.1806i | 1.0518 - 0.1806i |
| 2     | 1   | 1.0073 - 0.5489i | 1.0072 - 0.5488i |
| 3     | 0   | 1.3571 - 0.1809i | 1.3571 - 0.1809i |
| 3     | 1   | 1.3224 - 0.5409i | 1.3224 - 0.5409i |
| 3     | 2   | 1.2540 - 0.9263i | - |
| 4     | 0   | 1.6623 - 0.1810i | 1.6623 - 0.1810i |
| 4     | 1   | 1.6335 - 0.5458i | 1.6335 - 0.5458i |
| 4     | 2   | 1.5769 - 0.9196i | - |
| 4     | 3   | 1.4942 - 1.3083i | - |

Figures 6 and 7 show the dependence of the quasinormal modes with compactification charges. As one of the charges increases, leaving the other two, the real part and the absolute value of the imaginary part of the quasinormal frequencies decreases, but the rates of decreasing are different. Then, as the charges increases, the modes labeled by the same angular multipole numbers quickly becomes less damped and are long lived.

An interesting case arises when the angular multipole number becomes very large because in this case the first order WKB approximation becomes exact and we can obtain some analytical results. The effective potential $U(r)$ for large multipole number can be written as

$$U(r) = \ell^2 \Delta(r)$$

(18)
where \( \Delta(r) = \frac{\Gamma(r)}{r^D} \) and \( \Gamma(r) = 1 - \frac{r^2}{2D} \). Then the first order WKB approximation gives for the quasinormal frequencies in this limit the result:

\[
\omega^2 = \ell^2 \Delta(r_m) - i\ell(n + \frac{1}{2}) \sqrt{-2\frac{d^2\Delta(r)}{dr^2}}|_{r=r_m}, \tag{19}
\]

being \( r_m \) the point in which the asymptotic effective potential \( \Omega \) reach its peak. This value can be determined as the maximum root of the equation

\[-\Gamma(r) \left[ 2f(r) + r\frac{df(r)}{dr} \right] + rf(r)\frac{d\Gamma(r)}{dr} = 0. \tag{20}\]

In the particular case of equal charges \( Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 = Q \) we obtain the result:

\[
r_m = r_H \sqrt{1 + Q + \sqrt{1 + Q + Q^2}} \tag{20}
\]

4. Long Time Tails

Another important point to study is the relaxation of the perturbing fermion field outside the black hole. It is a known result that in higher dimensional Schwarzschild black hole neutral massless boson fields had a late-time behavior dominated (for a fixed \( r \) and each multipole moment \( \ell \)) by a factor \( t^{-(2\ell+D-2)} \) for odd \( D \)-dimensions and a more rapid decay factor \( t^{-(2\ell+3D-8)} \) for even \( D \)-dimensions.

To study the late-time behavior, we numerically fit the profile data obtained in the appropriate region of the time domain, to extract the power law exponents that describe the relaxation. As a test of our numerical fitting scheme, we obtained the power law exponents for the massless Dirac field considered in this paper in the space-time corresponding to higher dimensional Schwarzschild black hole. As we expected, the results obtained are consistent with the power law falloff mentioned in the previous paragraph.

![Figure 8](image1.png)

Figure 8: Dependence upon charge \( Q_i \), \( i = 1, 2, 3 \) of the imaginary part of the massless Dirac quasinormal frequencies of stringly black hole with the other two charges fixed \( Q_j = 1. \) The results correspond to the first overtone for multipolar number from \( \ell = 0 \) to \( \ell = 4 \).

![Figure 9](image2.png)

Figure 9: Tail for \( \ell = 0 \) and \( Q_1 = 0, Q_2 = Q_3 = 1 \). The power-law coefficients were estimated from numerical data represented in the dotted line. The full red line is the possible analytical result.

![Figure 10](image3.png)

Figure 10: Tail for \( \ell = 4 \) and \( Q_1 = 0, Q_2 = Q_3 = 1 \). The power-law coefficients were estimated from numerical data represented in the dotted line. The full red line is the possible analytical result.
if $D$ is the dimension of the space time then the late time tail is described by the power-low falloff $\Psi \sim t^{-(2f+D-2)}$ for odd $D$\cite{25}. It seems that the fermion or boson character of the test field have no influence in the late falloff of the perturbations also in higher dimensions. Then, we can conclude that, outside five dimensional stringy black holes, as well as Schwarzschild black hole, the massless Dirac field shows identical decay at late times.

However, we remark at this point that this dependance is only a result consistent with our numerical data. A simple analytical argument to support this late time behaviour do not exist, in contrast to the case for boson fields, in which the general form of the effective potential is suitable to expand for large values of the tortoise coordinate\cite{25} and then extract the above power law behavior directly from this asymptotic expansion. The problem related with the analytical determination of the decay factors for fermion perturbations in higher dimensional stringy black holes remains open.

5. Concluding remarks

In this report we considered the evolution of massless Dirac test field in the space time corresponding to five dimensional black hole solutions coming from intersecting branes in string theories.

After the initial transient epoch, the evolutions is dominated by quasinormal modes, and at late times by a power-low falloff. We computed the quasinormal frequencies for different values of compactification charges using two different approaches, 6th order WKB and time domain integration with Prony fitting of the numerical data, obtaining by both methods very close numerical results. The obtained results for the dependence of the quasinormal frequencies with charges appears to be universal for all values of this parameter.

We also computed the decay factors for the late times relaxation of fermion perturbations in five dimensional stringy black holes and show that the result is similar for those obtained for boson field in higher odd dimensional space-times.

It should be interesting to study the case of more higher dimensions, when open if the fermion decay picture and very late times obey the same power law behaviour of boson fields. Another important question is the analytical study of this late decay factors, taking into account that for potentials typical of fermion fields do not exist a simple analytical argument to approach this problem, as in the case of boson fields.

Stringy black holes obtained by intersection of branes are known for dimensions up to $D=9$, and then it would be interesting to analyse the evolution of test fields in this higher dimensional backgrounds. In future reports we will complete this studies to gain a more complete knowledge about the evolution of fermion as well as boson perturbations in this interesting physical systems.

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