

# Lunin-Maldacena backgrounds from the classical Yang-Baxter equation — towards the gravity/CYBE correspondence

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**ABSTRACT:** We consider  $\gamma$ -deformations of the  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  superstring as Yang-Baxter sigma models with classical  $r$ -matrices satisfying the classical Yang-Baxter equation (CYBE). An essential point is that the classical  $r$ -matrices are composed of Cartan generators only and then generate abelian twists. We present examples of the  $r$ -matrices that lead to real  $\gamma$ -deformations of the  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  superstring. Finally we discuss a possible classification of integrable deformations and the corresponding gravity solution in terms of solutions of CYBE. This classification may be called the gravity/CYBE correspondence.

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## 1 Introduction

The AdS/CFT correspondence [1–3] has been well investigated and there would be no doubt for its validity at least in the planar limit. However, it is still important to consider the fundamental structure of the duality in order to make our understanding much deeper and look for a clue of new physics. The discovery of the integrable structure behind it [4] would play an important role along this direction. The integrability provides a guiding principle to extend the AdS/CFT correspondence by elaborating integrable deformations of it.

Our concern here is the integrable structure of type IIB superstring on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ . The Green-Schwarz string action is constructed from the following supercoset [5]:

$$PSU(2, 2|4) / [SO(1, 4) \times SO(5)].$$

The  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -grading of this coset ensures the classical integrability [6]. For similar argument based on another coset representation [7], see [8, 9]. Possible supercosets, which lead to classically integrable and consistent string theories, are classified in [10, 11].

A recent interest is to consider  $q$ -deformations of the  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  superstring. There are two kinds of  $q$ -deformations, 1) standard  $q$ -deformations [12–14] and 2) non-standard  $q$ -deformations (also called Jordanian deformations) [15, 16]. Both of them are based on the Yang-Baxter sigma model approach proposed by Klimcik [17–19],<sup>1</sup> where linear R-operators

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<sup>1</sup>For quantum aspects of Yang-Baxter sigma models, see [20].

constructed from classical  $r$ -matrices play the central role in constructing deformed classical actions. As a characteristic property, the former is based on the modified Yang-Baxter equation (mCYBE) and the latter is on the classical Yang-Baxter equation (CYBE).

For standard  $q$ -deformations of sigma models, many works have been done so far. Although deformed target spaces are not represented by symmetric cosets<sup>2</sup> and there is no general prescription to argue the integrability, many techniques have been developed and various aspects have been revealed. Especially for squashed  $S^3$ , the Lax pair was presented in [22] and the classical integrable structure has been elaborated in the subsequent works [23–34]. As a possible way toward higher-dimensional cases, the Yang-Baxter sigma model approach was proposed by Klimcik [17–19]. Though it was originally argued for principal chiral models, Delduc, Magro and Vicedo succeeded to generalize it to symmetric coset cases [35], where the standard  $q$ -deformed algebra is presented as a generalization of [27, 28]. Then they have constructed a standard  $q$ -deformed  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring action with a linear R-operator satisfying mCYBE [36]. The coordinate system was introduced and the metric in the string frame and NS-NS two-form have been determined so far [37]. However the full solution has not been obtained yet in type IIB supergravity. For further discussion with specific values of the deformation parameter, see [38]. A related mirror TBA is also discussed in [39]. It would be an important task to compare the results with the deformed S-matrices [40–47].

For non-standard  $q$ -deformations, deformed  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring actions have been constructed with linear R-operators satisfying CYBE [48]. A remarkable point is that partial deformations are possible in comparison to the standard  $q$ -deformation. For a simple example of the classical  $r$ -matrices deforming only  $AdS_5$ , the metric and NS-NS two-form are obtained by a coset construction with an appropriate coordinate system. Then the complete type IIB gravitational solution has been found [49]. In particular, the solution is real and there is no curvature singularity, while the tidal force diverges at the boundary except for a specific surface. It also contains the three-dimensional Schrödinger spacetime as a subspace and, for the subsector analysis, one can use the results obtained in a series of works [50–53]. All of the results are consistent to the recent analysis [54].

In this note, we consider  $\gamma$ -deformations of the  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring as Yang-Baxter sigma models with classical  $r$ -matrices satisfying CYBE. An essential point is that the classical  $r$ -matrices are composed of Cartan generators only and do not satisfy the nilpotency condition in comparison to Jordanian deformations considered in [48]. These generate abelian twists which are particular examples of the Drinfeld-Reshetikhin twists [12, 13, 55]. We present examples of the  $r$ -matrices that lead to real  $\gamma$ -deformations of the  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring. Our analysis is concerned with the metric and NS-NS two-form only. The coincidence gives a strong evidence in favor of the equivalence of the Yang-Baxter sigma models and the gravity solutions. For the definiteness, it is also necessary to show the coincidence of the R-R fields. However, it would be very complicated to extract them from the fermionic sector of the Yang-Baxter sigma models with the supercoset construction. It is an important issue in the future. Finally we discuss a possible classification of integrable

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<sup>2</sup>For some examples of non-symmetric cosets, see [21].

deformations and the corresponding gravity solution in terms of solutions of CYBE. This classification may be called the gravity/CYBE correspondence.

This note is organized as follows. In section 2 we introduce skew-symmetric classical R-operators composed of Cartan generators only. These are solutions of CYBE, but do not satisfy the nilpotency condition. With the R-operators, we present classically integrable and  $\kappa$ -invariant string actions. Section 3 presents simple examples. We show a relation between a classical  $r$ -matrix and a TsT transformation which leads to a real  $\gamma$ -deformed  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ . It is straightforward to generalize the classical  $r$ -matrix for three-parameter  $\gamma$ -deformations. As a result, the Lunin-Maldacena background is contained as a particular case. Section 4 is devoted to conclusion and discussion. Appendix A explains our notation and convention. In appendix B the metric of the three-parameter  $\gamma$ -deformed  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  is rewritten for our convenience. Appendix C describes in detail the derivation of the metric and the NS-NS two-form from the Yang-Baxter sigma model approach.

## 2 Abelian twists of the $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ superstring

In this section, after reviewing the formulation of the Yang-Baxter sigma models for the  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  superstring action with CYBE [48], we consider a particular class of  $r$ -matrices composed of Cartan generators only. These generate abelian twists, which are examples of the Drinfeld-Reshetikhin twists [12, 13, 55].

### 2.1 Deformed $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ string actions with CYBE

We are concerned here with the deformed Green-Schwarz string action [48],

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \gamma^{\alpha\beta} - \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \text{Str} \left( A_\alpha d \circ \frac{1}{1 - \eta R_g \circ d} A_\beta \right), \quad (2.1)$$

where the left-invariant one-form  $A_\alpha$  is defined as

$$A_\alpha \equiv g^{-1} \partial_\alpha g, \quad g \in \text{SU}(2, 2|4). \quad (2.2)$$

Here  $\gamma^{\alpha\beta}$  and  $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}$  are the flat metric and the anti-symmetric tensor on the string world-sheet. The operator  $R_g$  is defined as

$$R_g(X) \equiv g^{-1} R(gXg^{-1})g, \quad (2.3)$$

where a linear operator  $R$  satisfies CYBE rather than mCYBE [36]. Note that the scaling factor  $\eta$  may be chosen as  $\eta = 1$  in our later arguments, due to a peculiarity of CYBE. The  $R$  operator is related to the tensorial representation of classical  $r$ -matrix through

$$R(X) = \text{Tr}_2[r(1 \otimes X)] = \sum_i a_i \text{Tr}(b_i X) \quad \text{with} \quad r = \sum_i a_i \otimes b_i. \quad (2.4)$$

The operator  $d$  is given by the following,

$$d = P_1 + 2P_2 - P_3, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $P_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ ) are the projections to the  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -graded components of  $\mathfrak{su}(2, 2|4)$ .  $P_0, P_2$  and  $P_1, P_3$  are the projectors to the bosonic and fermionic generators, respectively. In particular,  $P_0(\mathfrak{su}(2, 2|4))$  is nothing but  $\mathfrak{so}(1, 4) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(5)$ .

For the action (2.1) with a Jordanian R-operator, the Lax pair has been constructed [48] and the classical integrability is ensured in this sense. The  $\kappa$ -invariance has been proven as well [48]. Here it is worth noting that the nilpotency condition is not necessary for the  $\kappa$ -invariance and the classical integrability, though it is a sufficient condition to ensure the existence of  $1/(1 - \eta R_g \circ d)$ . This will be a key observation for our later discussion.

## 2.2 Classical R-operators for abelian twists

In the previous work [48], we have studied classical  $r$ -matrices of Jordanian type, which satisfy the following properties: 1) solutions of the classical Yang-Baxter equation (CYBE), 2) the skew-symmetry, 3) the nilpotency. The nilpotency condition is a characteristic property of Jordanian type. A simple example to deform only the  $\text{AdS}_5$  part [49] is

$$r_{\text{Jor}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} E_{24} \wedge (E_{22} - E_{44}), \tag{2.6}$$

where  $(E_{ij})_{kl} \equiv \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl}$  and the skew-symmetrized symbol  $\wedge$  is defined as

$$a \wedge b \equiv a \otimes b - b \otimes a. \tag{2.7}$$

In fact, the associated linear R-operator exhibits the nilpotency  $R_{\text{Jor}}^n = 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

One may adopt “the abelian condition” as the third property, instead of the nilpotency. It is easy to construct such  $r$ -matrices by using Cartan generators. A typical example is

$$r_{\text{Abe}} = \sum_{i \neq j} \mu_{ij} h_i \wedge h_j, \tag{2.8}$$

where  $\mu_{ij} = -\mu_{ji}$  are arbitrary parameters and  $h_i$  are Cartan generators. We refer the  $r$ -matrices of this type as to abelian  $r$ -matrices because these generate abelian twists which are particular examples of the Drinfeld-Reshetikhin twists [12, 13, 55]. These commute with each other and hence satisfy CYBE obviously. Note that abelian  $r$ -matrices are intrinsic to higher rank cases (rank  $\geq 2$ ). For example, for  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ , these become trivial, i.e.,  $r_{\text{Abe}} = 0$ . A remarkable point is that the  $\kappa$ -invariance and the classical integrability are ensured for abelian  $r$ -matrices, according to the observation denoted in section 2.1.

## 3 $\gamma$ -deformed $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ from classical $r$ -matrix

We present here a relation between abelian classical  $r$ -matrices and  $\gamma$ -deformed  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ .

### 3.1 $\gamma$ -deformed $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ with three parameters

First of all, we give a brief review of gravitational duals of marginal deformations of the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $\text{SU}(N)$  super Yang-Mills (SYM) theory in four dimensions.

For a particular class of marginal deformations of  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM [56] called  $\beta$ -deformations, the gravitational duals were presented by Lunin and Maldacena [57]. Their original construction is based on an  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry and a single parameter is contained.

Then the solutions were generalized so that three parameters are contained by performing three TsT transformations [58]: 1)  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)_{\text{TsT}}$ , 2)  $(\phi_2, \phi_3)_{\text{TsT}}$  and 3)  $(\phi_3, \phi_1)_{\text{TsT}}$ . Here  $\phi_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are the Cartan directions in the  $S^5$  metric and the symbol  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)_{\text{TsT}}$ , for example, means the following. First, a T-duality is performed along  $\phi_1$ . Then  $\phi_2$  is shifted as  $\phi_2 + \hat{\gamma}_3 \phi_1$  with a constant parameter  $\hat{\gamma}_3$ . Finally a T-duality is taken for  $\phi_1$  again.

The resulting metric of three-parameter deformed  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  (in the string frame) and the NS-NS B-field are given by

$$ds^2 = ds_{AdS_5}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 (d\rho_i^2 + G\rho_i^2 d\phi_i^2) + G\rho_1^2 \rho_2^2 \rho_3^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \hat{\gamma}_i d\phi_i \right)^2, \tag{3.1}$$

$$B_2 = G (\hat{\gamma}_3 \rho_1^2 \rho_2^2 d\phi_1 \wedge d\phi_2 + \hat{\gamma}_1 \rho_2^2 \rho_3^2 d\phi_2 \wedge d\phi_3 + \hat{\gamma}_2 \rho_3^2 \rho_1^2 d\phi_3 \wedge d\phi_1). \tag{3.2}$$

Here there is a constraint  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \rho_i^2 = 1$  and a scalar function  $G$  is defined as

$$G^{-1} \equiv 1 + \hat{\gamma}_3^2 \rho_1^2 \rho_2^2 + \hat{\gamma}_1^2 \rho_2^2 \rho_3^2 + \hat{\gamma}_2^2 \rho_3^2 \rho_1^2. \tag{3.3}$$

For the other field components, see [58]. This solution is often called the three-parameter real  $\gamma$ -deformed  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  background.<sup>3</sup> When  $\hat{\gamma}_1 = \hat{\gamma}_2 = \hat{\gamma}_3 \equiv \hat{\gamma}$ , the original Lunin-Maldacena background for the real  $\beta$ -deformation is reproduced.

In section 3.2, we will present a classical  $r$ -matrix corresponding to one of the TsT transformations used above.

### 3.2 One-parameter case

As a warm-up, let us consider a simple example of classical  $r$ -matrix,

$$r_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)} = \mu h_1 \wedge h_2. \tag{3.4}$$

Here  $\mu$  is a deformation parameter and the fundamental representation of Cartan generators of  $\mathfrak{su}(4)$ ,  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are defined as

$$h_1 \equiv \text{diag}(-1, 1, -1, 1), \quad h_2 \equiv \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, -1). \tag{3.5}$$

The action of the associated linear  $R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)}$  operator is given by

$$R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)}(h_1) = -\mu h_2, \quad R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)}(h_2) = \mu h_1, \quad R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)}(\text{other}) = 0, \tag{3.6}$$

and hence only the  $S^5$  part of  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  is deformed.

Since we are interested in deformations of  $S^5$ , it is convenient to restrict the current  $A_\alpha \in \mathfrak{su}(2, 2|4)$  to the  $\mathfrak{su}(4)$  subalgebra as follows:

$$A_\alpha = g^{-1} \partial_\alpha g \quad \text{with} \quad g \in SU(4)/SO(5). \tag{3.7}$$

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<sup>3</sup>In [57–59], one can see the classical potential in the corresponding deformed  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory. This potential gets quantum corrections and conformal invariance is broken at quantum level [60, 61]. For this point, we would like to thank J. Fokken, C. Sieg and M. Wilhelm, and D. Giataganas.

With this setup, the  $S^5$  part of the classical action (2.1) is reduced to

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma (L_G + L_B), \\
 L_G &= +\frac{1}{2} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} \text{Tr} \left[ A_\alpha P_2 \circ \frac{1}{1 - 2 \left[ R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)} \right]_g \circ P_2} A_\beta \right], \\
 L_B &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \text{Tr} \left[ A_\alpha P_2 \circ \frac{1}{1 - 2 \left[ R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu)} \right]_g \circ P_2} A_\beta \right],
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.8}$$

where  $L_G$  is the sigma model part and  $L_B$  represents the coupling to the NS-NS two-form. Here  $\eta$  has been taken as  $\eta = 1$ .

Then the classical Lagrangian given in (3.8) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_G &= -\frac{\gamma^{\alpha\beta}}{2} \left[ \partial_\alpha r \partial_\beta r + \sin^2 r \partial_\alpha \zeta \partial_\beta \zeta + \cos^2 r \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \partial_\beta \phi_3 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{\sin^2 r}{1 + 16\mu^2 \sin^4 r \sin^2 2\zeta} (\cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \partial_\beta \phi_1 + \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \partial_\beta \phi_2) \right],
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.9}$$

$$L_B = \frac{2\mu \sin^4 r \sin^2 2\zeta}{1 + 16\mu^2 \sin^4 r \sin^2 2\zeta} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \partial_\beta \phi_2.
 \tag{3.10}$$

For the derivation, see appendix C.

By imposing a parameter relation,

$$0 = \hat{\gamma}_1 = \hat{\gamma}_2, \quad 8\mu = \hat{\gamma}_3,
 \tag{3.11}$$

and performing the following coordinate transformation,

$$\rho_1 = \sin r \cos \zeta, \quad \rho_2 = \sin r \sin \zeta, \quad \rho_3 = \cos r,
 \tag{3.12}$$

we find that the Lagrangian (3.9) and (3.10) are nothing but the ones obtained from the  $\gamma$ -deformed metric (3.1) and the NS-NS two-form (3.2), respectively. Thus we have shown that the classical  $r$ -matrix (3.4) corresponds to a TsT transformation  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)_{\text{TsT}}$ .

It would be interesting to reinterpret this result from the viewpoint of a twisted boundary condition by following [62]. In particular, there should be some relation between the classical  $r$ -matrix and the boundary condition. Along this direction, the correspondence of the Lax pairs would play an important role. The Lax pair constructed in [48] with the  $r$ -matrix (3.4) should be related to the one constructed in [58], up to a coordinate transformation. Then, it may be possible to find out the relation between the  $r$ -matrix (3.4) and the twisted boundary condition through the result [62].

### 3.3 Three-parameter case

Now it would be easy to deduce the classical  $r$ -matrix that corresponds to the three-parameter deformed solution, according to the result obtained in the previous subsection.

The candidate  $r$ -matrix is represented by

$$r_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)} = \mu_3 h_1 \wedge h_2 + \mu_1 h_2 \wedge h_3 + \mu_2 h_3 \wedge h_1, \quad (3.13)$$

where  $\mu_i$  and  $h_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are deformation parameters and the Cartan generators of  $\mathfrak{su}(4)$ . For  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ , see (3.5). The remaining  $h_3$  is defined as

$$h_3 \equiv \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1). \quad (3.14)$$

Then the action of the associated linear  $R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)}(h_1) &= \mu_2 h_3 - \mu_3 h_2, & R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)}(h_2) &= \mu_3 h_1 - \mu_1 h_3, \\ R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)}(h_3) &= \mu_1 h_2 - \mu_2 h_1, & R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)}(\text{other}) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

With the following parameter identification,

$$8\mu_1 = \hat{\gamma}_1, \quad 8\mu_2 = \hat{\gamma}_2, \quad 8\mu_3 = \hat{\gamma}_3, \quad (3.16)$$

and the normalization  $\eta = 1$ , the deformed Lagrangians  $L_G$  and  $L_B$  turn out to be

$$\begin{aligned} L_G = -\frac{\gamma^{\alpha\beta}}{2} & \left[ \sin^2 r \partial_\alpha r \partial_\beta r + (\cos r \sin \zeta \partial_\alpha r + \sin r \cos \zeta \partial_\alpha \zeta)(\cos r \sin \zeta \partial_\beta r + \sin r \cos \zeta \partial_\beta \zeta) \right. \\ & + (\cos r \cos \zeta \partial_\alpha r - \sin r \sin \zeta \partial_\alpha \zeta)(\cos r \cos \zeta \partial_\beta r - \sin r \sin \zeta \partial_\beta \zeta) \\ & + G \left[ \sin^2 r (\cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \partial_\beta \phi_1 + \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \partial_\beta \phi_2) + \cos^2 r \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \partial_\beta \phi_3 \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \cos^2 r \sin^4 r \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 \zeta (\sum_i \hat{\gamma}_i \partial_\alpha \phi_i) (\sum_j \hat{\gamma}_j \partial_\beta \phi_j) \right] \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_B = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} G & \left[ \hat{\gamma}_3 \sin^4 r \sin^2 \zeta \cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \partial_\beta \phi_2 \right. \\ & \left. + \sin^2 r \cos^2 r (\hat{\gamma}_1 \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \partial_\beta \phi_3 + \hat{\gamma}_2 \cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \partial_\beta \phi_1) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

where the function  $G$  is rewritten as

$$G^{-1} = 1 + \cos^2 r \sin^2 r (\hat{\gamma}_1^2 \sin^2 \zeta + \hat{\gamma}_2^2 \cos^2 \zeta) + \hat{\gamma}_3^2 \sin^4 r \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 \zeta. \quad (3.19)$$

Finally, with the coordinate transformation (3.12), the deformed metric and NS-NS two-form obtained from (3.17) and (3.18) exactly agree with the three parameter  $\gamma$ -deformed metric (3.1) and (3.2), respectively. The derivation of them is described in detail in appendix C. Thus the classical  $r$ -matrix (3.13) corresponds to three TsT transformations  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)_{\text{TsT}}$ ,  $(\phi_2, \phi_3)_{\text{TsT}}$  and  $(\phi_3, \phi_1)_{\text{TsT}}$ .

The gravity dual for the real  $\beta$ -deformation is realized as a particular case with  $\hat{\gamma}_1 = \hat{\gamma}_2 = \hat{\gamma}_3 = \hat{\gamma}$ . It is worth noting that complex  $\beta$ -deformations are argued to yield non-integrable backgrounds [63]. Probably, there would be no classical  $r$ -matrix for the complex  $\beta$ -deformations within the class that allows the Lax pair construction. It may be intriguing to look for the corresponding classical  $r$ -matrix by admitting that the integrability is broken.

Now the relation between classical  $r$ -matrices and the  $\gamma$ -deformed geometries has been clarified. For the  $\gamma$ -deformed geometries, various things are understood such as the deformed potential in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM [57–59], the twisted Bethe ansatz [64, 65] and the worldsheet S-matrix [66]. The mirror TBA with twisted boundary conditions is also investigated in [67, 68]. It would be interesting to argue the relation between them and the classical  $r$ -matrices used in the Yang-Baxter sigma model approach.



Operations in SUGRA	Integrable deformations	Classical $r$ -matrices
TsT transformations	Abelian twists	CYBE, skew-symm., abelian
Null Melvin twists	Jordanian twists	CYBE, skew-symm., nilpotent

**Table 1.** Relations among operations in SUGRA, integrable deformations and classical  $r$ -matrices.

## 4 Conclusion and discussion

In this note, we have considered  $\gamma$ -deformations of the  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  superstring as Yang-Baxter sigma models with classical  $r$ -matrices satisfying CYBE. An essential point is that the classical  $r$ -matrices are composed of Cartan generators only and generate abelian twists. They do not satisfy the nilpotency condition in comparison to Jordanian deformations considered in [48]. We have presented examples of the  $r$ -matrices that lead to real  $\gamma$ -deformations of the  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  superstring.

Based on our result, one may expect that TsT transformed  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$  geometries could be classified in terms of classical  $r$ -matrices satisfying CYBE. The conjectured relations are summarized in table 1, though it is still necessary to make efforts to get supporting evidence. A support is that the type IIB supergravity solution constructed with a Jordanian twist [49] may be regarded as a null Melvin twist, basically following the argument in appendix C of [69]. We will report on the details in the near future [70]. There are many gravitational solutions obtained as TsT transformed or null Melvin twisted  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ . There should be a classical  $r$ -matrix for each of them.

At the beginning, the Yang-Baxter sigma model approach has been regarded as a prescription for standard  $q$ -deformations. Now it seems likely that it potentially contains much broader applications to study integrable deformations. It would provide a guiding principle for classifying possible integrable deformations and the corresponding gravity solutions in terms of solutions of CYBE, which should be called the gravity/CYBE correspondence.

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## A Our notation and convention

Our notation is summarized here. We basically follow the one used in [71].

An element of  $\mathfrak{su}(2, 2|4)$  is identified with an  $8 \times 8$  supermatrix:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m & \xi \\ \zeta & n \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Here  $m$  and  $n$  are  $4 \times 4$  matrices with Grassmann even elements, while  $\xi$  and  $\zeta$  are  $4 \times 4$  matrices with Grassmann odd elements. These matrices satisfy a reality condition. Then  $m$  and  $n$  belong to  $\mathfrak{su}(2, 2) = \mathfrak{so}(2, 4)$  and  $\mathfrak{su}(4) = \mathfrak{so}(6)$ , respectively.

In this note we are concerned with deformations of the  $S^5$  part. Hence it is helpful to prepare an explicit basis of  $\mathfrak{su}(4)$ .

Let us first introduce the following  $\gamma$  matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \gamma_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \gamma_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \gamma_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \gamma_5 &= -\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

It is easy to see that

$$n_{ij} = \frac{1}{4} [\gamma_i, \gamma_j] \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, 5) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

generate  $\mathfrak{so}(5)$  by using the Clifford algebra

$$\{\gamma_i, \gamma_j\} = 2\delta_{ij}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Note that  $\mathfrak{so}(6)$  is spanned by the set of the generators,

$$n_{ij}, \quad n_{i6} = -n_{6i} = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_i. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

## B Rewriting $\gamma$ -deformed backgrounds

For our purpose, it is convenient to rewrite the metric (3.1) and the NS-NS B-field (3.2) in terms of angle variables;

$$\rho_1 = \sin r \cos \zeta, \quad \rho_2 = \sin r \sin \zeta, \quad \rho_3 = \cos r. \quad (\text{B.1})$$

With the above coordinates, the metric and the NS-NS two-form are given by

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= ds_{\text{AdS}_5}^2 + \sin^2 r dr^2 + (\cos r \sin \zeta dr + \sin r \cos \zeta d\zeta)^2 + (\cos r \cos \zeta dr - \sin r \sin \zeta d\zeta)^2 \\ &+ G \left[ \sin^2 r (\cos^2 \zeta d\phi_1^2 + \sin^2 \zeta d\phi_2^2) + \cos^2 r d\phi_3^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \cos^2 r \sin^4 r \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 \zeta (\sum_i \hat{\gamma}_i d\phi_i)^2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_2 &= G \left[ \hat{\gamma}_3 \sin^4 r \sin^2 \zeta \cos^2 \zeta d\phi_1 \wedge d\phi_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sin^2 r \cos^2 r (\hat{\gamma}_1 \sin^2 \zeta d\phi_2 \wedge d\phi_3 + \hat{\gamma}_2 \cos^2 \zeta d\phi_3 \wedge d\phi_1) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$

where the scalar function  $G$  is also rewritten as

$$G^{-1} = 1 + \cos^2 r \sin^2 r (\hat{\gamma}_1^2 \sin^2 \zeta + \hat{\gamma}_2^2 \cos^2 \zeta) + \hat{\gamma}_3^2 \sin^4 r \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 \zeta. \quad (\text{B.4})$$

### C Derivation of deformed actions

Here we describe in detail the derivation of the deformed action with the classical  $r$ -matrix (3.13). The  $\text{AdS}_5$  part is not deformed and hence we will concentrate on the  $S^5$  part hereafter.

Let us adopt the following coset parametrization [37]:

$$g = \Lambda(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) \Xi(\zeta) \check{g}_r(r) \in \text{SU}(4)/\text{SO}(5) \quad (\text{C.1})$$

with the matrices  $\Lambda, \Xi$  and  $\check{g}_r$  defined as

$$\Lambda(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) = \exp \left[ \frac{i}{2} (\phi_1 h_1 + \phi_2 h_2 + \phi_3 h_3) \right], \quad (\text{C.2})$$

$$\Xi(\zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\zeta}{2} & \sin \frac{\zeta}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \frac{\zeta}{2} & \cos \frac{\zeta}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \frac{\zeta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\zeta}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \frac{\zeta}{2} & \cos \frac{\zeta}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \check{g}_r(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{r}{2} & 0 & 0 & i \sin \frac{r}{2} \\ 0 & \cos \frac{r}{2} & -i \sin \frac{r}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -i \sin \frac{r}{2} & \cos \frac{r}{2} & 0 \\ i \sin \frac{r}{2} & 0 & 0 & \cos \frac{r}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $h_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are diagonal matrices given by

$$h_1 = \text{diag}(-1, 1, -1, 1), \quad h_2 = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, -1), \quad h_3 = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1). \quad (\text{C.3})$$

These correspond to the Cartan generators of  $\mathfrak{su}(4)$ .

With this parametrization, the  $S^5$  part of the Lagrangian (2.1) can be rewritten as

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^{\alpha\beta} - \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}) \text{Tr} \left[ A_\alpha P_2 \circ \frac{1}{1 - 2 \left[ R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)} \right]_g \circ P_2} A_\beta \right], \quad (\text{C.4})$$

where  $A_\alpha = g^{-1} \partial_\alpha g$  is restricted to  $\mathfrak{su}(4)$  and the R-operator is defined in (3.15) and we have set that  $\eta = 1$  in (2.1). For later argument, it is convenient to divide the Lagrangian  $L$  into the two parts like  $L = L_G + L_B$ , where  $L_G$  is the metric part and  $L_B$  is the coupling to the NS-NS two-form, respectively:

$$L_G \equiv -\frac{1}{2} [\text{Tr}(A_\tau P_2(J_\tau)) - \text{Tr}(A_\sigma P_2(J_\sigma))],$$

$$L_B \equiv -\frac{1}{2} [\text{Tr}(A_\tau P_2(J_\sigma)) - \text{Tr}(A_\sigma P_2(J_\tau))]. \quad (\text{C.5})$$

Here the deformed current  $J_\alpha$  is defined as

$$J_\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{1 - 2 \left[ R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)} \right]_g \circ P_2} A_\alpha. \quad (\text{C.6})$$

This current contains  $\mu_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and the normalization factor  $\eta$ .

To derive the explicit form of the deformed Lagrangian, it is sufficient to compute the projected current  $P_2(J_\alpha)$  rather than  $J_\alpha$  itself. Hence the problem is boiled down to solving the following equation,

$$\left(1 - 2P_2 \circ \left[ R_{\text{Abe}}^{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)} \right]_g \right) P_2(J_\alpha) = P_2(A_\alpha). \quad (\text{C.7})$$

Note that  $P_2(A_\alpha)$  is expanded with gamma matrices  $\gamma_i$  as follows:

$$P_2(A_\alpha) = -\frac{i}{2} (\gamma_1 \partial_\alpha r + \sin r (\gamma_2 \cos \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 + \gamma_3 \partial_\alpha \zeta + \gamma_4 \sin \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2) - \gamma_5 \cos r \partial_\alpha \phi_3). \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Then, by combining the expression (C.8) with (C.7), the projected deformed current  $P_2(J_\alpha)$  can be obtained as

$$P_2(J_\alpha) = \gamma_1 j_\alpha^1 + \gamma_2 j_\alpha^2 + \gamma_3 j_\alpha^3 + \gamma_4 j_\alpha^4 + \gamma_5 j_\alpha^5, \quad (\text{C.9})$$

with the coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} j_\alpha^1 &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial_\alpha r \\ j_\alpha^2 &= -\frac{i}{2} \frac{\sin r \cos \zeta}{1 + 16 [\mu_1^2 \sin^2 2\zeta \sin^4 r + (\mu_2^2 \sin^2 \zeta + \mu_3^2 \cos^2 \zeta) \sin^2 2r]} \\ &\quad \times \left[ (1 + 16\mu_2^2 \sin^2 2r \sin^2 \zeta) \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 8 (\mu_1 + 8\mu_2 \mu_3 \cos^2 r) \sin^2 r \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 8 (-\mu_3 + 8\mu_1 \mu_2 \sin^2 r \sin^2 \zeta) \cos^2 r \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \right], \\ j_\alpha^3 &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial_\alpha \zeta \sin r \\ j_\alpha^4 &= -\frac{i}{2} \frac{\sin r \sin \zeta}{1 + 16 [\mu_1^2 \sin^2 2\zeta \sin^4 r + (\mu_2^2 \sin^2 \zeta + \mu_3^2 \cos^2 \zeta) \sin^2 2r]} \\ &\quad \times \left[ (1 + 16\mu_3^2 \sin^2 2r \cos^2 \zeta) \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 8 (-\mu_1 + 8\mu_2 \mu_3 \cos^2 r) \sin^2 r \cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 8 (\mu_2 + 8\mu_1 \mu_3 \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 r) \cos^2 r \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \right], \\ j_\alpha^5 &= \frac{i}{2} \frac{\cos r}{1 + 16 [\mu_1^2 \sin^2 2\zeta \sin^4 r + (\mu_2^2 \sin^2 \zeta + \mu_3^2 \cos^2 \zeta) \sin^2 2r]} \\ &\quad \times \left[ (1 + 16\mu_1^2 \sin^4 r \sin^2 2\zeta) \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 8 (\mu_3 + 8\mu_1 \mu_2 \sin^2 r \sin^2 \zeta) \sin^2 r \cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 8 (-\mu_2 + 8\mu_1 \mu_3 \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 r) \sin^2 r \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.10})$$

Finally,  $L_G$  and  $L_B$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_G = & -\frac{\gamma^{\alpha\beta}}{2} \left[ \sin^2 r \partial_\alpha r \partial_\beta r + (\cos r \sin \zeta \partial_\alpha r + \sin r \cos \zeta \partial_\alpha \zeta) (\cos r \sin \zeta \partial_\beta r + \sin r \cos \zeta \partial_\beta \zeta) \right. \\
 & + (\cos r \cos \zeta \partial_\alpha r - \sin r \sin \zeta \partial_\alpha \zeta) (\cos r \cos \zeta \partial_\beta r - \sin r \sin \zeta \partial_\beta \zeta) \\
 & + G \left[ \sin^2 r (\cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \partial_\beta \phi_1 + \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \partial_\beta \phi_2) + \cos^2 r \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \partial_\beta \phi_3 \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \cos^2 r \sin^4 r \cos^2 \zeta \sin^2 \zeta (\sum_i \hat{\gamma}_i \partial_\alpha \phi_i) (\sum_j \hat{\gamma}_j \partial_\beta \phi_j) \right] \right], \tag{C.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_B = & \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} G \left[ \hat{\gamma}_3 \sin^4 r \sin^2 \zeta \cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_1 \partial_\beta \phi_2 \right. \\
 & \left. + \sin^2 r \cos^2 r (\hat{\gamma}_1 \sin^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_2 \partial_\beta \phi_3 + \hat{\gamma}_2 \cos^2 \zeta \partial_\alpha \phi_3 \partial_\beta \phi_1) \right]. \tag{C.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here the deformation parameters  $\mu_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) in the classical  $r$ -matrix (3.13) are identified with those of  $\gamma$ -deformations  $\hat{\gamma}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) through the relations

$$8\mu_i = \hat{\gamma}_i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3). \tag{C.13}$$

Now one can derive the metric and the NS-NS two-form from (C.11) and (C.12). The resulting metric and two-form exactly agree with the metric (B.2) and two-form (B.3) for the three-parameter  $\gamma$ -deformed  $S^5$ .

As a particular case, the one-parameter deformed Lagrangian given by (3.9) and (3.10) is given by taking the following parameters:

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_3 = \mu. \tag{C.14}$$

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