



# Quantisation via the $Q$ -top recursion and the Nekrasov-Shatashvili Limit.

main reference      arXiv: 2305.02494 ... 

Note: some formulae are too lengthy to write down here,  
so I often give eq. # in 

- see also 2204.12431 w/ O. Kidwai
- Advertisement: I will post one more paper to arXiv soon

# Where is the $Q$ -top recursion coming from?

Story of Topological recursion & its refinement.

Topological recursion  
of Chekhov-Eynard-Orantin  
'05 '06 '07.



Virasoro algebra  
with  $c = 1$ .

$\downarrow$   $\beta$ -deformation

self-dual limit

$\beta = 1, \underline{Q = 0}$ .

$\downarrow$   
Refined TR.  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{CE '06} \\ \text{Kidwai-O '22} \\ \text{O '23} \end{array} \right)$



$\beta$ -deformed Virasoro algebra.

$\uparrow$  computations are hard

$$c = 1 - 6Q^2, \quad Q = \beta^{\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{\beta}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$Q$ -top recursion.



Nekrasov-Shatashvili  
limit.

$\downarrow$   $Q \rightarrow \infty$   
( $\beta \rightarrow \infty, 0$ ).

What can we do with the  $Q$ -top rec.?

if you want to compute the Nek. Sha. effective twisted superpotential  $W$

①  $Z_{\text{Nek}}(E_1, E_2)$  from  $\mathcal{M}_{n, r=2}$  = moduli space of instantons

$$W_{4D}^{\text{eff}} := \lim_{E_2 \rightarrow 0} E_1 E_2 \cdot \log Z_{\text{Nek}}(E_1, E_2).$$

② 4pt function  $\langle \phi(w) \phi(1) \phi(\tau) \phi(\infty) \rangle =: Z_{\text{CB}}(E_1, E_2)$  from conformal blocks (CB)

$$W_{\text{CB}}^{\text{eff}} := \lim_{E_2 \rightarrow 0} E_1 E_2 \cdot \log Z_{\text{CB}}(E_1, E_2)$$

③  $F_g^{Q\text{-top}}$ : free energy from the  $Q$ -top rec. on

$$S(\text{refined spectral curve}) = \{Z, x, y, \dots\}$$

$$W_{Q\text{-top}}^{\text{eff}} := \sum_{g \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} E_1^{2g} F_g^{Q\text{-top}}$$

AGT  
correspondence

?

Relation to Painleve I.

$$y^2 = 4x^3 + 2tx + u$$

(refined) spectral curve  $S = \{ \overset{g(x)=1}{\underset{\downarrow}{z}}, x, y, \dots \}$

refinement parameter

(R) TR

$Q=0$   
CEO TR

Iwaki '19

$$\left( \hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - 2\hbar^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - (4x^3 + 2tx + \frac{\partial F^{TR}}{\partial t}) \right) \psi^{TR} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \textcircled{1} \right) \cdot \psi^{TR} = 0.$$

$Z^{TR}$ : partition function of TR

is related to the  $t$ -function of Painleve I.

$Q$ -top.

$W_{Q-top}^{eff}$

$$\left( \epsilon_1^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - (4x^3 + 2tx + \frac{\partial F^{Q-top}}{\partial t}) \right) \psi^{Q-top} = 0$$

To appear  $\rightarrow$  • Then if  $u$  is chosen s.t.  
 $\Sigma = \mathbb{P}^1$  i.e. singular limit.

• Conj. for a generic  $u$ .

• No  $\epsilon_1^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ , expected from CB perspective.



# Definitions

$C = (\Sigma, x, y)$  : normalised & compactified hyperelliptic curve

i.e.  $\Sigma$  : compact RS of genus  $\tilde{g}$

$(x, y)$  : mono. func. on  $\Sigma$  s.t.

$$y^2 = Q(x) \quad \text{for some } Q \in \mathbb{C}(x)$$

$R =$  { set of ramification pts of  $x: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  }

$\sigma =$  hyperelliptic invol. i.e.  $\sigma: y \mapsto -y, x \mapsto x$ .

Def: A (hyperelliptic) refined spectral curve  $S_{K, \mu}$  consists of the following three data.

- $(\Sigma, x, y)$  : hyperelliptic curve.

• choice of  $\{A_i, B_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{U}, \dots, \tilde{g}} \in H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z})$  & for each  $i$   $K_i \in \mathbb{C}$

• choice of  $P = P_+ \cup \sigma(P_+)$  &  $p \in P_+$   $\mu_p \in \mathbb{C}$

where  $P =$  set of un-ramified zeroes & poles of  $g$  de.

Def. Fix  $Q \in \mathbb{C}$ . Given  $S_{n,\mu}$ , the (hyperelliptic) refined TR is a recursive definition of an infinite sequence of multidifferentials mero.  $\{\omega_{g,n}\}$  on  $(\Sigma)^n$  labelled by  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $g \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  by the following formulae.

•  $\omega_{0,1} := g$  de

•  $\omega_{0,2}(p_0, p_1) := -B(\sigma(p_0), p_1)$  ↖  $B$ : fundamental bidifferential of the 2nd kind

•  $\omega_{\frac{1}{2},1}(p_0) := \frac{Q}{2} \left( -\frac{d^2 g(p_0)}{g(p_0)} + \sum_{p \in P_+} \mu_p \int_{\sigma(p)}^p \omega_{0,2}(p_0, \cdot) \right.$  (Sec 2.1.3 in my paper)  
 $\left. + \sum_{i=1}^{\tilde{g}} K_i \int_{B_i} \omega_{0,2}(p_0, \cdot) \right)$

For  $2g-2+n \geq 0$ ,  $\omega_{g,n+1}$  is defined as

$$\omega_{g,n+1}(p_0, \overset{(p_1, \dots, p_n)}{J}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \underbrace{\int_{C_+}}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{some specific contour} \\ \text{defined in Sec 2 in my paper}}} - \underbrace{\int_{C_-}}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{some specific contour} \\ \text{defined in Sec 2 in my paper}}} \right) \cdot \frac{\int_{\text{loop}} \omega_{0,2}(p_0, \cdot)}{4\omega_{0,1}(p)} \cdot \text{Rec}_{g,n+1}(p, J)$$

Def 2.9 in my paper.

↑  
Quadratic differential  
in  $p$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rec}_{g,n+1}^Q(p_0; J) &:= \sum_{\substack{g_1+g_2=g \\ J_1 \sqcup J_2 = J}}^* \omega_{g_1, n_1+1}(p_0, J_1) \cdot \omega_{g_2, n_2+1}(p_0, J_2) + \sum_{t \sqcup I = J} \frac{dx(p_0) \cdot dx(t)}{(x(p_0) - x(t))^2} \cdot \omega_{g,n}(p_0, I) \\ &\quad + \omega_{g-1, n+2}(p_0, p_0, J) + \underbrace{Q}_{\substack{\text{explicit.} \\ \text{explicit.}}} \cdot dx \cdot d_0 \frac{\omega_{g-\frac{1}{2}, n+1}(p_0, J)}{dx(p_0)}, \end{aligned}$$

This formula is recursive in  $2g-2+n = -\infty$

Prop (023, Kidwai-023).

I:  $\omega_{g,n}|_{Q=0} = \omega_{g,n}^{\text{CEO}}$

II:  $\omega_{\frac{g}{2},2}$  is sym. bidiff, no residue,  $\int_{A_i} \omega_{\frac{g}{2},2}(p_0, \cdot) = 0$ .

III: When  $\Sigma = \mathbb{P}^1$ , then all  $\omega_{g,n}$  are sym., no residue

Conj. II holds for any  $\Sigma$ .

Important Observation.

$\omega_{g,n}$  polynomially depend on  $Q$  up to deg  $2g$ .

$$\omega_{g,n} = \sum_{k=0}^{2g} Q^k \omega_{g,n}^{(k)}$$

$$\overline{\omega}_{g,n} := \omega_{g,n}^{(2g)} \quad \checkmark \text{ } Q\text{-top deg. part of } \omega_{g,n}$$

the recursion for  $\varpi_{g,n}$  is self-closed,

$\varpi_{g,n}$  can be recursively determined without info of  $\varpi_{g,n}$  ( $k < 2g$ ).

In particular,  $\varpi_{g,n}$  are given by

$$\varpi_{g,n+1} = \frac{c}{2\pi i} \left( \int_{C_+} - \int_{C_-} \right) \cdot \frac{\int_{C_+} \omega_{g,2}(p, \cdot)}{4 \omega_{0,1}(p)} \cdot \text{Rec}^{\text{Q-top}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rec}_{g,n+1}^{\text{Q-top}}(p_0; J) &:= \sum_{\substack{g_1+g_2=g \\ J_1 \sqcup J_2=J}}^* \varpi_{g_1,n_1+1}(p_0, J_1) \cdot \varpi_{g_2,n_2+1}(p_0, J_2) \\ &+ \sum_{t \sqcup I=J} \frac{dx(p_0) \cdot dx(t)}{(x(p_0) - x(t))^2} \cdot \varpi_{g,n}(p_0, I) + dx \cdot d_0 \frac{\varpi_{g-\frac{1}{2},n+1}(p_0, J)}{dx(p_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

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Because there is NO  $w_{g-1, n \geq 2}$ , the  $w_{g,n}$ -recursion is recursively Separately in  $g$  &  $n$ .

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Q-top recursion

$\Rightarrow \{w_{g,1}\}_{g \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_+}$  is determined w/o  $\{w_{g,n \geq 2}\}$ .

Thm (0.23) :  $\{w_{g,1}\}$  for all  $g$  is residue-free,  $\oint_{A_2} w_{g,1} = 0 \quad g \geq 1$ .  
&  $\exists$  2<sup>nd</sup> order-diff. equ. s.t.  $\swarrow$  Q-top Quantum Curve.

$$\left( \varepsilon_1^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - Q_0(x) - \sum_{k \geq 1} \varepsilon_k Q_k(x) \right) \cdot \psi^{Q\text{-top}} = 0$$

where  $d \log \psi^{Q\text{-top}} = \sum_{g \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_+} \varepsilon^{2g} w_{g,1} \iff$  in CEO formalism  $\sum \frac{\hbar^{2g-2+n}}{n!} \int \dots \int w_{g,n}$

$Q_k$  explicitly derived.

if one applies to  $g^2 = 4x^3 + 2tx + 8g_0^3$   $g_0 = \sqrt{-\frac{t}{6}}$

$\Rightarrow Q_K(x)$  is related to  $F_g^{Q-top}$  s.t.

$$Q_K(x)|_{\mu=\mu_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_{\frac{K}{2}}^{Q-top}$$

$\rightarrow$  consistent with results from Conformal blocks.