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Gaiotto Conjecture

$d=4$ $N=2$ $U(N)$ gauge theory

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 compactify $d=6$ $N=(2,0)$ theory on a Riemann surface C

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 low energy limit
 of N coincident M5 branes

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 have punctures
 labeled by Young

• Seiberg-Witten curve Σ on C : N -folded cover

$$x^N + \phi_2(z) x^{N-2} + \dots + \phi_N(z) = 0$$

ϕ_k : deg. k differential

AGT conjecture : $N=2$

2d conformal block
 on C

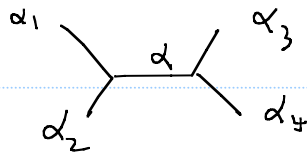
vs instanton partition function

(ex) 4-pt Virasoro conf. block
 of LFT

vs $N=2$ SUSY quiver $U(2)$
 with $N_f = 4$

ext. $\Delta_k = \alpha_k (Q - \alpha_k)$

with $\epsilon_1 = b, \epsilon_2 = \frac{1}{b}, Q = b + \frac{1}{b}$



int.

$$\alpha = \frac{Q}{2} + a$$

$$\mu_1 = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = m_1 - \tilde{m}_2$$

$$\mu_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} = m_1 + \tilde{m}_2$$

$$\mu_3 = \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = m_3 - \tilde{m}_4$$

$$\mu_4 = \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} = m_3 + \tilde{m}_4$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 = Q$$

scalar condensate

$$a = a_1 = -a_2$$

$$z = \frac{0}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{g^2}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{2\alpha_1(Q-\alpha_1)}{(1-g)} \prod_{i=1}^4 \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha} (g) = \sum_{U(2), N_f=4} \text{inst}(a, \mu_i, g) \quad g = e^{2\pi i z}$$

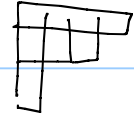
$$\alpha_1 = m_0 \quad \tilde{m}_0 + \frac{Q}{2} = \alpha_2 \rightarrow "d_0"$$

$$m_1 = \alpha_3 \quad \tilde{m}_1 + \frac{Q}{2} = \alpha_4 \rightarrow "d_1"$$

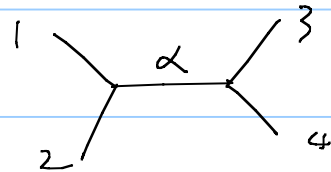
$$\sum_{U(2), N_f=4} \text{inst}(a, \mu_i, g) = \sum_{\vec{Y}} g^{|\vec{Y}|} Z_{\text{vector}}(\vec{a}, \vec{Y}) Z_{\text{a.f.}}(\vec{a}, \vec{Y}, \mu_1) \dots Z_{\text{f.u.}}(\vec{a}, \vec{Y}, \mu_4)$$

$$Z_f(\vec{a}, \vec{Y}, \mu) = \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{s \in Y_i} (\phi(a_{i,s}) - \mu + \epsilon), \quad \phi(a, s) \equiv a + G_1(i-1) + \epsilon_{ij}$$

$$Z_{\text{a.f.}}(\vec{a}, \vec{Y}, \mu) = Z_f(\vec{a}, \vec{Y}, a - \mu)$$



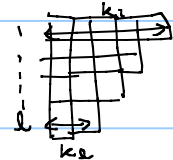
$$\int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha} \frac{\alpha_4}{\alpha} (g) = \sum_{|\vec{Y}|=|\vec{Y}'|} g^{|\vec{Y}|} \gamma_{\alpha\alpha_1\alpha_2}(\vec{Y}) Q_{\alpha}^{-1}(\vec{Y}, \vec{Y}') \gamma_{\alpha\alpha_3\alpha_4}(\vec{Y}')$$



kernel

$$Q_{\alpha}(\vec{Y}, \vec{Y}') \equiv \langle \Delta_{\alpha} | \mathcal{L}_{\vec{Y}} \mathcal{L}_{-\vec{Y}} | \Delta_{\alpha} \rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \text{grid with diagonal lines} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{-\vec{Y}} \equiv L_{-k_2} \dots L_{-k_2} L_{-k_1} \quad \vec{Y} = (k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_2 > 0)$$



3-pt

$$\gamma_{\alpha\alpha_1\alpha_2}(\vec{Y}) = \prod_{i=1}^l(\vec{Y}) \left(\Delta_{\alpha} + k_i \Delta_1 - \Delta_2 + \sum_{j < i} k_j \right)$$

* conformal ward id

E-M tensor $T(z) = \sum L_n \bar{z}^{-n-2}$

$$\langle T(z) \prod_i \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) \rangle = \sum_j \left[\frac{h_j}{(z-z_j)^2} + \frac{\partial_j}{z-z_j} \right] \langle \prod_i \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) \rangle$$

Define quadratic differential $\chi^2 = \phi_2(z)$

$$\phi_2(z) = \frac{\langle T(z) \prod_i \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) \rangle}{\langle \prod_i \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) \rangle}$$

as $\epsilon_{1,2} \ll a_i, \mu_i$

$$\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_2^{sw}$$

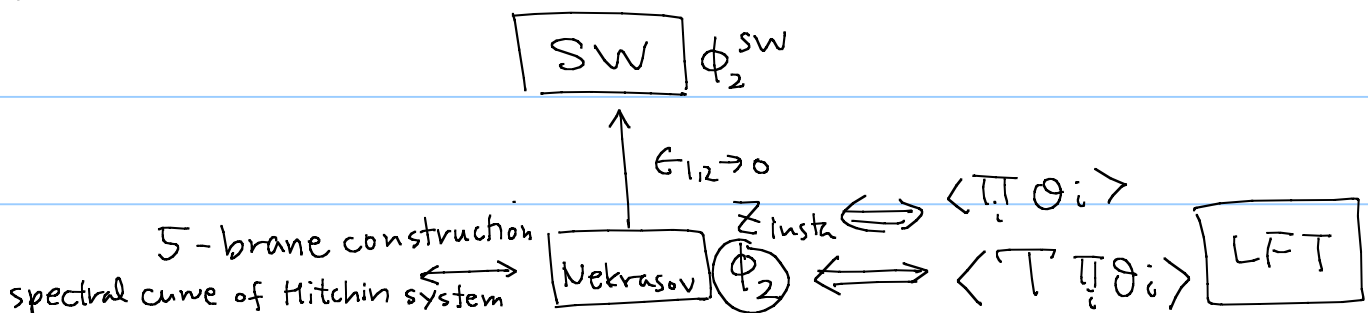


where $m_a = \oint_{\beta_a} \sqrt{\phi_2^{sw}} dz$

$$a_i = \oint_{\gamma_i} \sqrt{\phi_2^{sw}} dz \quad \text{moduli}$$

$$\sqrt{\phi_2} \sim \frac{\sqrt{h_a}}{z-z_a} \quad \therefore \oint_{\beta_a} \sqrt{\phi_2} dz \sim \sqrt{h_a} \rightarrow m_a$$

$$h_a = m_a(Q - m_a) \quad a=1,3$$



* Matter decoupling limit :

some $\mu_k \rightarrow \infty$

non conformal
(Asymp. free)
 $\beta < 0$

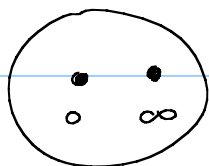
\rightarrow free pure gauge $\mathcal{N}=2$ theory

$$\underbrace{Z(\Upsilon)} \sim \lim_{\mu_k \rightarrow \infty} Z(\Upsilon)$$

* What is a corresponding LFT correlator?

ANS "matrix element" of "coherent" states

① $N_f = 0$



Λ : scale of asymptotic theory

$$\phi_2 = \frac{\Lambda^2}{z^3} + \frac{2u}{z^2} + \frac{\Lambda^2}{z}$$

associate with
2-pt function

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda^2 | \Delta, \Lambda^2 \rangle$$

poles of order 3 at $z=0, \infty$
us: "Coulomb branch moduli"

$$T(z) = \sum L_n z^{-n-2} \sim L_1 z^{-3} + \text{higher order}$$

we need to find $|\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle$ s.t. $\begin{cases} L_{n \geq 2} |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = 0 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{L_2 |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = 0}} \\ L_1 |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = \Lambda^2 |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle \end{cases}$

$$[L_2, L_1] = L_3 \rightarrow L_3 |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = 0 \text{ etc.}$$

$$\text{let } |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = |v_0\rangle + \Lambda^2 |v_1\rangle + \Lambda^4 |v_2\rangle + \dots$$

" $|\Delta\rangle$ " $|v_{i>0}\rangle \Rightarrow$ descendent

$$\Lambda^{2n} L_1 |v_n\rangle = \Lambda^2 \Lambda^{2(n-1)} |v_{n-1}\rangle \rightarrow \boxed{\begin{matrix} L_1 |v_n\rangle = |v_{n-1}\rangle \\ L_2 |v_n\rangle = 0 \end{matrix}}$$

$$|v_0\rangle = |\Delta\rangle$$

$$L_1 |v_1\rangle = |\Delta\rangle \rightarrow |v_1\rangle = \frac{1}{2\Delta} L_{-1} |\Delta\rangle \quad L_1 L_{-1} = 2L_0$$

$$|v_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\dots} ((C + 8\Delta) L_{-1}^2 - 12\Delta L_{-2}) |\Delta\rangle \quad \text{etc}$$

$$\boxed{\langle \Delta, \Lambda^2 | \Delta, \Lambda^2 \rangle = \sum_n \Lambda^{4n} \langle v_n | v_n \rangle} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{z-point} \\ = \sum_{\text{inst}} (\text{pure gauge}) \end{array}$$

② $N_f = 1$;  poles of order 3 at $z=0$
order 4 at $z=\infty$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{\Lambda^2}{2z^3} + \frac{2u}{z^2} - \frac{2\Lambda m}{z} - \Lambda^2$$

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda, m | T | \Delta, \frac{\Lambda^2}{z} \rangle$$

$(z=\infty)$ $(z=0)$

$$T = L_{-2} + \frac{L_{-1}}{z} + \frac{L_0}{z^2} + \frac{L_1}{z^3}$$

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda, m | L_{-2} = -\Lambda^2 \langle \Delta, \Lambda, m |$$

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda, m | L_{-1} = -2\Lambda m \langle \Delta, \Lambda, m |$$

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda, m | L_{-n} = 0$$

$$L_1 |\Delta, \frac{\Lambda^2}{z}\rangle = \frac{\Lambda^2}{z} |\Delta, \frac{\Lambda^2}{z}\rangle$$

let $|\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle = |\omega_0\rangle + \Lambda |\omega_1\rangle + \Lambda^2 |\omega_2\rangle + \dots$

$$L_1 |\omega_n\rangle = -2m |\omega_{n-1}\rangle \quad L_1 |\omega_0\rangle = L_2 |\omega_0\rangle = 0$$

$$L_2 |\omega_n\rangle = -|\omega_{n-2}\rangle$$

$$|\omega_0\rangle = |\Delta\rangle, \quad |\omega_1\rangle = -\frac{m}{\Delta} L_{-1} |\Delta\rangle,$$

$$|\omega_2\rangle = \dots (\dots L_{-1}^2 + \dots L_{-2}) |\Delta\rangle \quad \text{etc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \Delta, \Lambda, m \mid \Delta, \frac{\Lambda^2}{2} \rangle = \sum_n \underbrace{\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{2}\right)^n \Lambda^n}_{\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^n} \langle \omega_n \mid \psi_n \rangle$$

(note) $\langle \omega_m \mid \psi_n \rangle = 0$ if $m \neq n$

\equiv instanton partition function for $SU(2)$ $N_f=1$ w/ $\beta=\Lambda^3$ with m .

③ $N_f=2$ pole order 4 at $z=0, \infty$

$$\phi_2 = -\frac{\Lambda^2}{z^4} - \frac{2\Lambda m_1}{z^3} + \frac{2u}{z^2} - \frac{2\Lambda m_2}{z} - \Lambda^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \Delta, \Lambda, m_2 \mid T \mid \Delta, \Lambda, m_1 \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

$$T = L_{-2} + \frac{L_{-1}}{z} + \frac{L_0}{z^2} + \frac{L_1}{z^3} + \frac{L_2}{z^4}$$

$$L_2 \mid \Delta, \Lambda, m \rangle = -\Lambda^2 \mid \Delta, \Lambda, m \rangle$$

$$L_1 \mid \Delta, \Lambda, m \rangle = -2\Lambda m \mid \Delta, \Lambda, m \rangle$$

$\circ \circ \langle \Delta, \Lambda, m_2 \mid \Delta, \Lambda, m_1 \rangle \equiv$ "inst. part. funct" for $SU(2)$ $N_f=2$ w/ $\beta=4\Lambda^2$ (m_1, m_2)

$$\sum_n \underbrace{\Lambda^{2n}}_{\left(\frac{\beta}{4}\right)^n} \langle \omega_n(m_2) \mid \omega_n(m_1) \rangle$$

upto overall function of Λ^2
(conjecture) $e^{2\Lambda^2}$

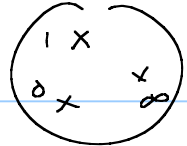
$$\beta \sim \left(\frac{\Lambda}{M}\right)^{4+N_f} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(1-\beta)^{2\tilde{m}_0(Q-\tilde{m}_1)} \xrightarrow{(\tilde{m}_0, \tilde{m}_1 \sim M)} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } N_f < 2 \\ \text{const} & \text{if } N_f \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

④ 2nd realization : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{regular punctures at } z=0, 1 \\ \text{(poles of order 2)} \\ \text{pole of order 3 at } z=\infty \end{array} \right.$

$$\phi_2 = -\frac{m_+^2}{z^2} - \frac{m_-^2}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{2\tilde{w}}{z(z-1)} + \frac{\Lambda^2}{z}$$

given by 3-point function



$$\phi_2 = \langle \Delta, \Lambda^2 | \underbrace{T \phi_{(\Delta_-, \Lambda^2)}^{(z=1)}}_{z=\infty} | \Delta_+, \Lambda^2 \rangle_{z=0}$$

conformal ward id

$$\frac{\Delta_-}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{\Delta_+}{z^2} + \dots$$

$$\Delta_{\pm} = \left(\frac{Q}{z}\right)^2 - m_{\pm}^2$$

$$m_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 \pm m_2)$$

$$T \sim \frac{L_{-1}}{z} + \frac{L_0}{z^2} + \dots$$

at $z=\infty$

Instanton part. Funct. should be given by the 3-pt fct.

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda^2 | \phi_{(\Delta, \Lambda^2)}^{(1)} | \Delta_+, \Lambda^2 \rangle$$

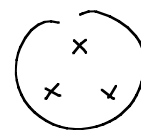
with $g = \Lambda^2$

One can use

$$[L_n, \phi_{\Delta}(z, \bar{z})] = \Delta(n+1)z^n \phi + z^{n+1} \partial \phi$$

to evaluate 3-pt fct.

⑤ $N_f = 3$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{regular at } z=0,1 \\ \text{a pole of order 4 at } z=\infty \end{array} \right.$



$$\phi_2 = -\frac{m_+^2}{z^2} - \frac{m_-^2}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{z(z-1)} - \frac{2m_3\Lambda}{z} - \Lambda^2$$

$$= \langle \Delta_-, \Lambda, m_3 | \overline{T} \Phi_{(\Delta_-, \Lambda^2)}(z=1) | \Delta_+, \Lambda^2 \rangle$$

$$T = L_{-2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$$

inst. part. funct: $\langle \Delta_-, \Lambda, m_3 | \overline{\Phi}_{(\Delta_-, \Lambda^2)} | \Delta_+, \Lambda^2 \rangle$
with $\xi = -2\Lambda$

Conclusion

for asymp free gauge theory with $\mathcal{N}=2$
($\beta < 0$)

$$\mathbb{Z}_{\text{inst}} \iff \langle \overline{\Phi} \overline{\Phi} \overline{\Phi} \rangle$$



special puncture op.
or coherent states

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can we get these "coherent states" correlators
as limits $\mu_i \rightarrow \infty$ of "primary" correlators?

① when all $\mu_i \rightarrow \infty, i=1-4$ let $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\exists: \quad \delta \prod_{i=1}^4 \mu_i = \Lambda^4 \text{ finite}$$

Since $\Delta_i \gg \Delta, 1$

3-pt

$$\gamma_{\alpha\alpha_1\alpha_2}(Y) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(Y)}{\prod_{i=1}^4 (\Delta_\alpha + k_i \Delta_1 - \Delta_2 + \sum_{j < i} k_j)}$$
$$\approx \frac{\mathcal{L}(Y)}{\prod_{i=1}^4 (k_i \Delta_1 - \Delta_2)}$$

$Y = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \vdots \\ \hline \end{array} \updownarrow |Y|$ dominates ($k_i \equiv 1$)

$$\delta^{\frac{|Y|}{2}} \gamma_{\alpha\alpha_1\alpha_2}(Y) \sim \left(\sqrt{\delta} (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2) \right)^{|Y|} \delta(Y - \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \vdots \\ \hline \end{array})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_1 = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ \mu_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1(\epsilon - \alpha_1) - \alpha_2(\epsilon - \alpha_2) \\ = \epsilon(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \\ = \left(\mu_1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2} - \mu_2\right) \approx -\mu_1 \mu_2 \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{\delta} \mu_1 \mu_2 = \Lambda^2 = \sqrt{\delta} \mu_3 \mu_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F} = \sum_{|Y|=|Y'|} \Lambda^{4|Y|} Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(Y, Y') \delta(Y - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) \delta(Y' - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\cong \sum_n \Lambda^{4n} Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$$

Define a coherent state

$$|\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle \equiv \sum_Y C_Y \mathcal{L}_{-Y} |\Delta\rangle$$

$$\langle \Delta, \Lambda^2 | \Delta, \Lambda^2 \rangle = \sum_{Y, Y'} C_Y Q(Y, Y') C_{Y'}$$

$$\text{if } C_Y = \Lambda^{2|Y|} Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, Y)$$

$$\therefore |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = \sum_Y \underbrace{\Lambda^{2|Y|} Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, Y)}_{C_Y} \mathcal{L}_{-Y} |\Delta\rangle$$

& one can check

$$\begin{cases} L_1 |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = \Lambda^2 |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle \\ L_k |\Delta, \Lambda^2\rangle = 0 \quad k \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

② if some $\mu_i \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{(ex) } \mu_{2,3,4} \rightarrow \infty \quad ; \quad \text{let } \mu_2 \mu_3 \mu_4 = \Lambda_1^3$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mu_1 = \text{finite} \rightarrow \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \rightarrow \infty \\ \mu_2 = \infty \end{array} \quad (\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \rightarrow \infty) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta_1 - \Delta_2}{\sqrt{\Delta_1}} = \text{finite}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \Delta_1 - \Delta_2 = -(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \epsilon) \\ \approx (2\mu_1 - \epsilon) \sqrt{\Delta_1} \end{array} \right)$$

in $\gamma_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4}(\gamma)$ $\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}$ dominates

but in $\gamma_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}(\gamma)$, it does NOT

$$\left(\begin{matrix} \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ \end{matrix} \right) \quad k_i \Delta_1 - \Delta_2 \sim \sqrt{\Delta_1} \ll \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \text{ if } k_i = 1$$

instead $\gamma = \begin{matrix} p \uparrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} \\ \uparrow q \\ \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$, $l(\gamma) = p+q$ dominates

$$|\gamma| = 2p+q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}(\gamma) &\sim (2\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)^p (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)^q \\ &\sim (2\mu_1 - \epsilon)^q \Delta_1^{p + \frac{q}{2}} \sim \underbrace{(2\mu_1 - \epsilon)}_{2m}^q \left(\frac{\mu_2}{2}\right)^{|\gamma|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F} &\cong \sum_{|\gamma|=|\gamma'|} \sum_p (2m)^{|\gamma|-2p} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\mu_2 \mu_3 \mu_4}{2}\right)^{|\gamma|}}_{\frac{\Lambda_1^3}{2}} Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(\gamma, \gamma') \delta(\begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} - \gamma) \delta(\begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}, \gamma) \\ &= \sum_{n,p} (2m)^{n-2p} \left(\frac{\Lambda_1^3}{2}\right)^n Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(\begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle \Delta, \frac{\Lambda_1}{2}, 2m | \Delta, \Lambda_1^2 \rangle$$

if we define

$$|\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle = \sum_{\gamma} \sum_p m^{|\gamma|-2p} \Lambda^{|\gamma|-1} Q_{\Delta}^{-1}(\begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}, \gamma) L_{-\gamma} |\Delta\rangle$$

and can show

$$L_1 |\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle = m \Lambda |\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle$$

$$L_2 |\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle = \Lambda^2 |\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle$$

$$L_k |\Delta, \Lambda, m\rangle = 0 \quad k \geq 3$$