Anomalies and marginal deformations in brane tilings

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Brane tiling



(p,q) brane = bound state of p D5 and q NS5

Boundaries of NS5 divide the torus into faces

Due to the NS5 charge conservation, some of faces become (N,+1) or (N,-1) branes

SU(N) can live only on (N,0)

Open strings stretched between two (N,0) faces

bi-fundamental chiral multiplets

Bipartite graph

Brane tilings are usually represented as Bipartite Graphs drawn on tori



A bipartite graph is a graph consisting of two kinds of vertices and edges connecting different kinds of vertices.

Superpotential



The superpotential can be read off from a brane tiling.

The superpotential

$$W = \sum_{k} \pm h_k \mathcal{O}_k, \quad \mathcal{O}_k = \operatorname{tr} \prod_{I \in k} \Phi_I$$

k : label of (N,±1) faces I : label of intersection (chiral multiplets)

 $I \in k$ means I is a corner of k

If h_k=1, the moduli space is toric CY (hep-th/0601063 S.Franco and D.Vegh) In this talk, I discuss anomalies and marginal deformations in gauge theories.

Three kinds of anomalies

gauge anomalies SU(N)³

global U(1) anomalies U(1)SU(N)²

't Hooft anomalies U(1)³

All these anomalies (or anomaly cancellation conditions) should be reproduced by brane configuration.

In what follows I focus on the anomaly free global U(1) symmetries

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Global symmetries of N=1 quiver SQCD



We here discuss only the baryonic symmetries.

Anomaly free U(1)_B



What in the brane configuration correspond to these constraints?

Charge assignment and gauge fields on branes

Gauge fields on branes

$$A^{a}_{\mu}(x^{\mu}, y^{i}) = S_{a}(y^{i})V_{\mu}(x^{\mu})$$

a: label of faces A_{μ}^{a} : gauge fields on branes V_{μ} : gauge field in 4-dim

Masslessness \rightarrow S_a is constant on the face a



The charges are given as differences of S_a

$$Q = S_a - S_b$$

This guarantees that the symmetry does not rotate mesonic operators. Especially the superpotential is invariant under the U(1).

 \longrightarrow This U(1) is a classical symmetry.

Anomaly cancellation \longrightarrow Constraints on S_a

Boundary condition



+ constantness of gauge fields on each face.

We refer to number assignments S_A to faces satisfying the above condition as baryonic charges.

It will turn out later that baryonic charges are useful in the analysis Of exactly marginal deformations.

Exactly marginal deformations

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In the low energy limit, the gauge theories flow into IR fixed points.

Conformal manifold	⊂ p	arameter space
$\beta_a = \beta_k = 0$		$({g}_a, h_k)$
# of conditions = # of couplings		g _a : gauge couplings

h_k: superpotential couplings

Generically we have isolated IR fixed points in non-supersymmetric gauge theories

This is, however, not the case in supersymmetric gauge theories.

The β -functions are given with the anomalous dimensions γ_1

NSVZ exact β functions for gauge couplings g_a

$$\beta_a \propto 3 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \in a} (1 - \gamma_I)$$

 β functions for superpotential couplings h_k

$$\beta_k \propto -3 + \sum_{I \in k} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_I \right)$$

There are identically vanishing d-1 linear combinations



$$\beta[S_A] \equiv \sum_a S_a \beta_a + \sum_k S_k \beta_k = 0 \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{a: (N,0)} \\ \text{k: (N,\pm1)} \end{array}$$

 $(S_A are the baryonic charges)$

a: (N,0) faces <: (N,±1) faces

These d-1 relations effectively decreases the number of conditions.

of conditions = # of couplings
$$- (d-1)$$

The dimension of the conformal manifold is d-1.

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The conformal submanifold is parameterized by RG invariant parameters associated with vanishing linear combinations $\beta[S_A]$

d-1 deformations
$$\begin{cases} 1 \text{ diagonal gauge coupling} \\ 1 \beta \text{-like deformation} \\ d-3 \text{ deformations} \end{cases}$$

What are the corresponding deformations in the brane system?

Deformations of the brane system

For the analysis of deformations, you should take account of equations of motion.



We also have d-3 degrees of freedom associated with the Wilson lines on the NS5-branes.

→ d-3 complex parameters for brane configuration.

We also have background supergravity fields.

More detailed analysis shows the following relations



Summary Brane configuration Gauge theory Brane configuration U(1)_B anomaly cancellation Boundary condition of vector fields Exactly marginal deformations Deformation of branes & background fields

open questions

- How to get superconformal $U(1)_R$?
- How to realize the a-maximization?
- Solitons and BPS operators
- Breaking conformal sym. and cascading
- SUSY breaking
- Relation to the dimer model

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