

Problem set #8

1) Magnetic Monopoles in Type I'

- a) Find the brane realization of all the BPS 't Hooft Polyakov magnetic monopoles of a D_{n-1} gauge theory, for $n=2, \dots, 9$. Pay attention to the cases D_1 , D_2 , and D_3 . Remember that these are special cases of groups in a different series: $D_1=U(1)$, $D_2=A_1 \times A_1$ and $D_3=A_3$.
- b) Find the brane realization of BPS monopoles for a E_n gauge theory. Use the results you got in a).

2) $SL(2, Z)$ duality and $N=4$ supersymmetric gauge theory on a circle

- a) Consider a 4d $N=4$ supersymmetric $U(1)$ gauge theory on $R^3 \times S^1$, with R the radius of S^1 . (The theory of the D3 brane when one of the world-volume directions is on a circle). Using the scaling relations of the gauge couplings find a relation between the 3 dimensional coupling and the 4 dimensional coupling.
- b) Denote the circle direction by 3. There is a scalar field which is a Wilson line coming from A_3 . This scalar is compact. Find its radius in terms of R . Re-scale A_3 to define a new dimensionless field which has a radius 1.
- c) Dualize the gauge field into a compact scalar with radius 1.
- d) Write down the action for all the bosonic fields in the problem, with care on the coefficients of the kinetic terms.
- e) Find the moduli space of vacua for this theory.
- f) Find the action of the S generator of $SL(2, Z)$ (Montonen Olive duality) on the two compact scalars that you found and on the 4 dimensional gauge coupling. Remember the duality between M theory on a T^2 and Type IIB on S^1 . Show that the action of d) is invariant under this S generator.
- g) How does this generalize to the full $SL(2, Z)$.
- h) Consider now an $SU(2)$ gauge theory instead of a $U(1)$. Write down the moduli space of vacua. How many singular points are there.
- i) Determine which singular point is a free theory and which singular point is an interacting, non-trivial 3 dimensional SCFT (Superconformal Field Theory).

3) UV completion of the 5 dimensional theory with 16 supercharges living on the D4 brane.

- a) Recall problem 4) in PS7. How does the gauge coupling scale in 5 dimensions?
- b) How does the theory behave in the IR? Is it free or interacting?
- c) How does the theory behave in the UV? Will the theory hit a Landau pole? At what scale?
- d) Using the results of problem 4) comment on the UV completion of this theory. How many dimensions does this UV completion have?

4) The splitting of an $O3$ plane

- a) Consider a Type IIB background with a single $O3$ plane. Compactify one of the directions of the world volume of the $O3$ plane on a circle S^1 . Describe the resulting Type IIA configuration after T duality along the circle. How many $O2$ planes are there?
- b) Using charge considerations only find how does an $O3^-$ split.
- c) Repeat this analysis for $O3^+$ and for $\tilde{O3^-}$.
- d) Lift the Type IIA configuration to M theory and describe the resulting configuration. How many $OM2$ planes are there?
- e) Find the splitting of the $O3$ planes into $OM2$ planes in each of the case: $O3^-$, $O3^+$, $\tilde{O3^-}$.