

# Invariant solutions to the Strominger system on solvmanifolds

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The  $G$ -invariance of the solution implies:

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## Theorem [FIUV09,Iva10]

A solution to Strominger satisfies heterotic eq. motion  $\Leftrightarrow \nabla$  is  $SU(3)$ -instanton.

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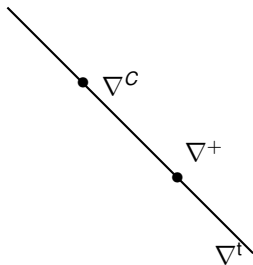
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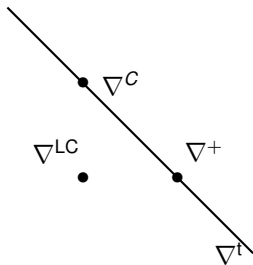
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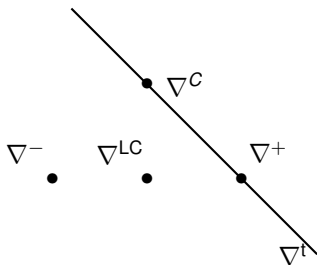
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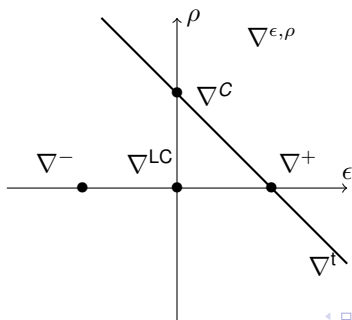
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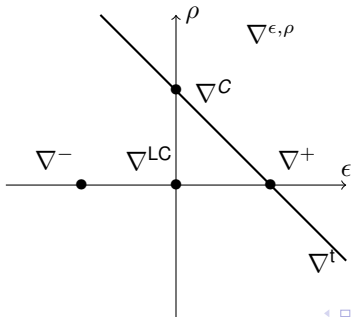


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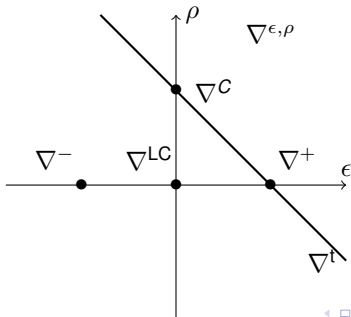


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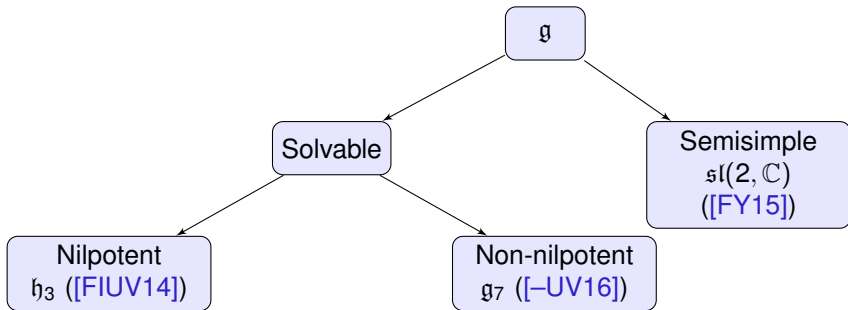
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There are solutions to the Strominger system on  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ :

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- ▶ We are mainly interested in considering Strominger + motion equations.
- ▶ We revisit the  $\mathfrak{h}_3$  and  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .
- ▶ We provide the new solvable non-nilpotent example  $\mathfrak{g}_7$ .



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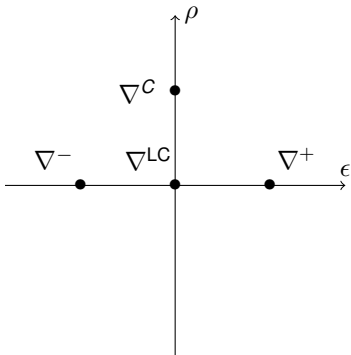
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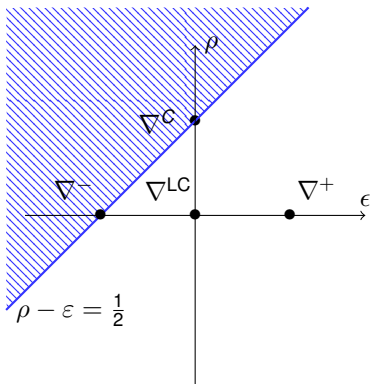


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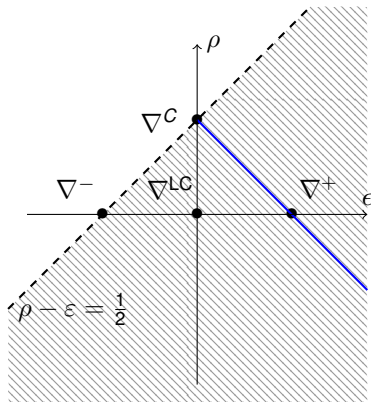


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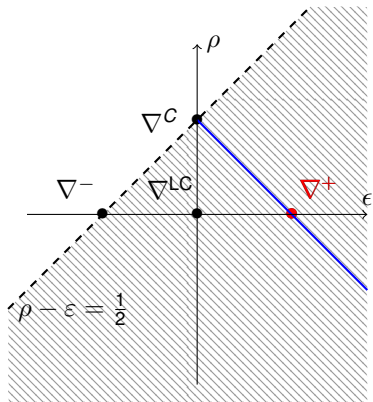
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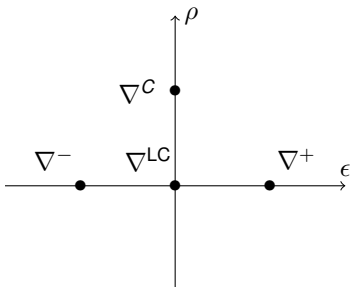
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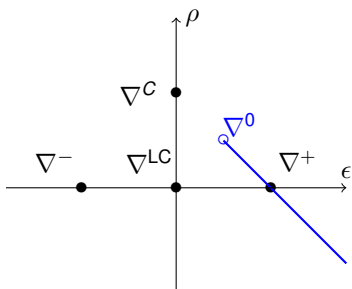
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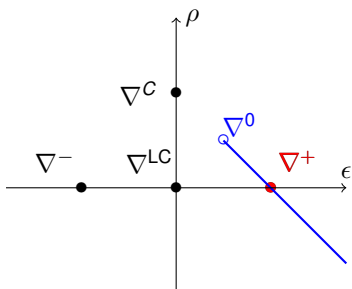
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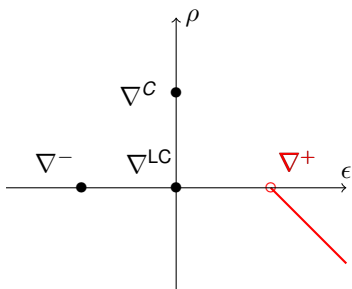
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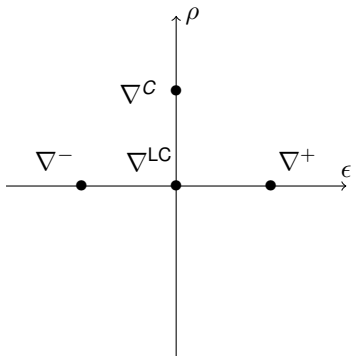
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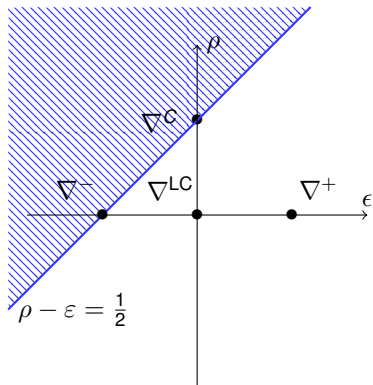


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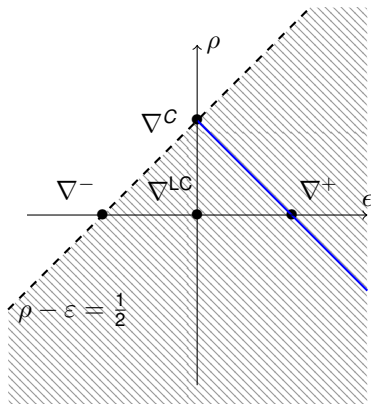
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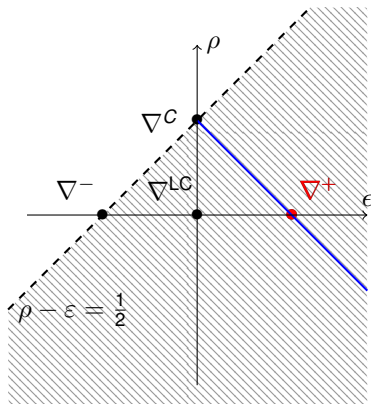
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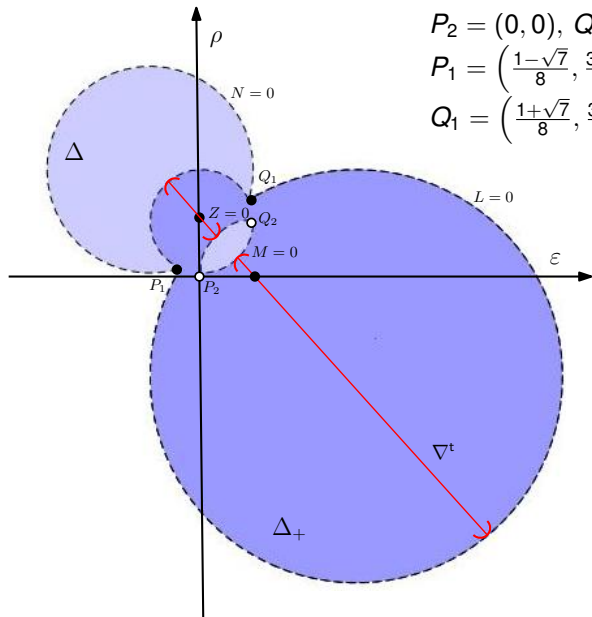
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Let  $M$  be a  $\mathfrak{g}_7$ -solvmanifold. There are  $SU(3)$ -str.  $(J_\delta, F_{r,t,u}^\delta, \Psi_{r,t,u}^\delta)$  with  $u \neq 0$ , providing solutions to the Strominger system with respect to a connection  $\nabla^{\epsilon,\rho}$  in the following cases:

- (i) For  $(\epsilon, \rho) \in \{P_1, Q_1\}$ , there exist solutions with  $\alpha' > 0$  and flat instanton.
- (ii) For any  $(\epsilon, \rho) \in \Delta$ , there exist solutions to the Strominger system with non-flat instanton. Moreover,  $\alpha' > 0$  if and only if  $(\epsilon, \rho) \in \Delta_+$ .

## Corollary [–UV16]

A solvmanifold with underlying Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_7$  provides invariant solutions to the Strominger system with  $\alpha' > 0$  and non-flat instanton with respect to a Hermitian connection  $\nabla^t$  for

$$t \in (-5 - 4\sqrt{2}, 1 - \sqrt{2}) \cup (\frac{5-\sqrt{17}}{2}, 1 + \sqrt{2}).$$

In particular, there are solutions for the Bismut connection ( $t = -1$ ) and for the Chern connection ( $t = 1$ ).

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Concluding  $\mathfrak{g}_7$ ...

$\mathfrak{g}_7$  has a very rich space of solutions:  $\nabla = \nabla^{LC}$ ,  $\nabla^+$ ,  $\nabla^C$ , heterotic motion equations. Comparing with the NLA's:

- ▶  $\mathfrak{h}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{h}_6$  have solutions to Strominger for  $\nabla^{LC}$ ,  $\nabla^+$ , but not for  $\nabla^C$ .
- ▶  $\mathfrak{h}_{19}^-$  has solutions to Strominger for  $\nabla^+$ ,  $\nabla^C$  but not to the heterotic motion equations.