

From tensor hierarchies to new supersymmetric solutions

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4. The coupling of **domain-wall** sources to **supergravity** requires the introduction of a **local** coupling “constant” that gives rise to interesting effects.

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In 4-d one can define magnetic (dual) 1-forms A_Λ : if the Maxwell equations are

$$dG_\Lambda = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad G_\Lambda^+ \equiv f_{\Lambda\Sigma} F^{\Sigma+},$$

then we can replace them by the duality relations (+ Bianchi identity)

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The T_A matrices either belong to $\mathfrak{sp}(2n_V, \mathbb{R})$ or vanish (Gaillard & Zumino). We introduce the **symplectic** notation

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ϑ_M^A is subject to several constraints. First of all, the electric and magnetic charges must be *mutually local* (de Wit, Samtleben & Trigiante, arXiv:hep-th/0507289) satisfying the *second quadratic constraint*:

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Finally, we must impose another (*linear* or *representation constraint*) on top of the two quadratic ones $Q_{MN}^A = Q^{AB} = 0$:

$$L_{MNP} \equiv \vartheta_{(M}^A T_{ANP)} = 0.$$

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In this way, for any 4-d Field Theory, we always obtain a tower of $(p+1)$ -forms $A^M, B_A, C_C^M, D_{AB}, D^{NPQ}, D_E^{NP}$ related by **gauge** transformations:

The (generic, **bosonic**, 4-dimensional) **tensor hierarchy**.

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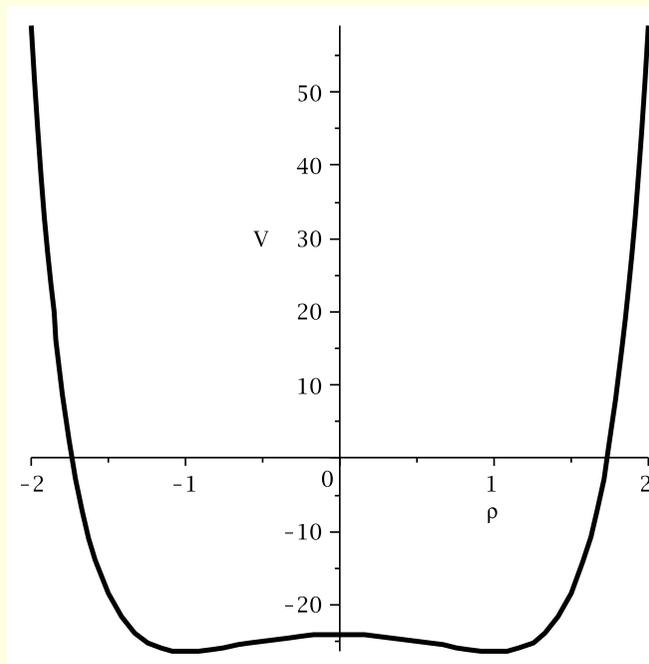
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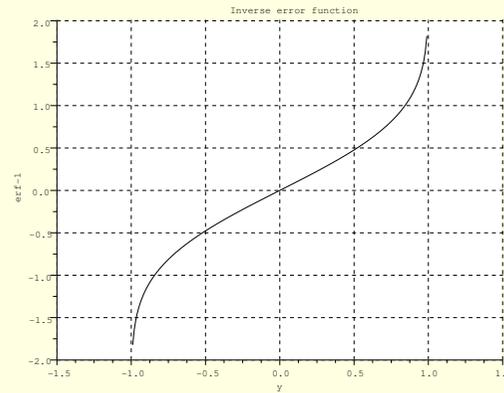
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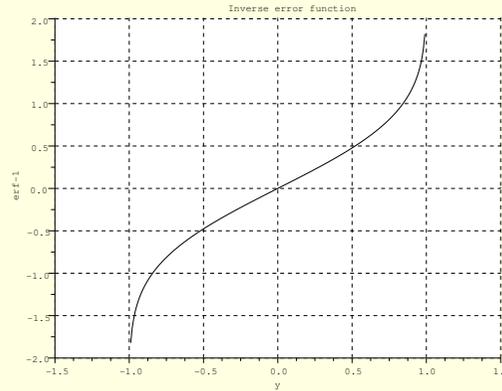
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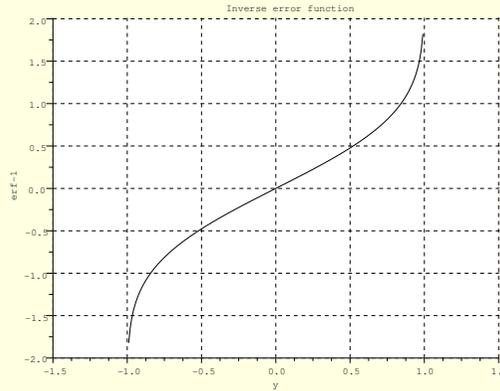


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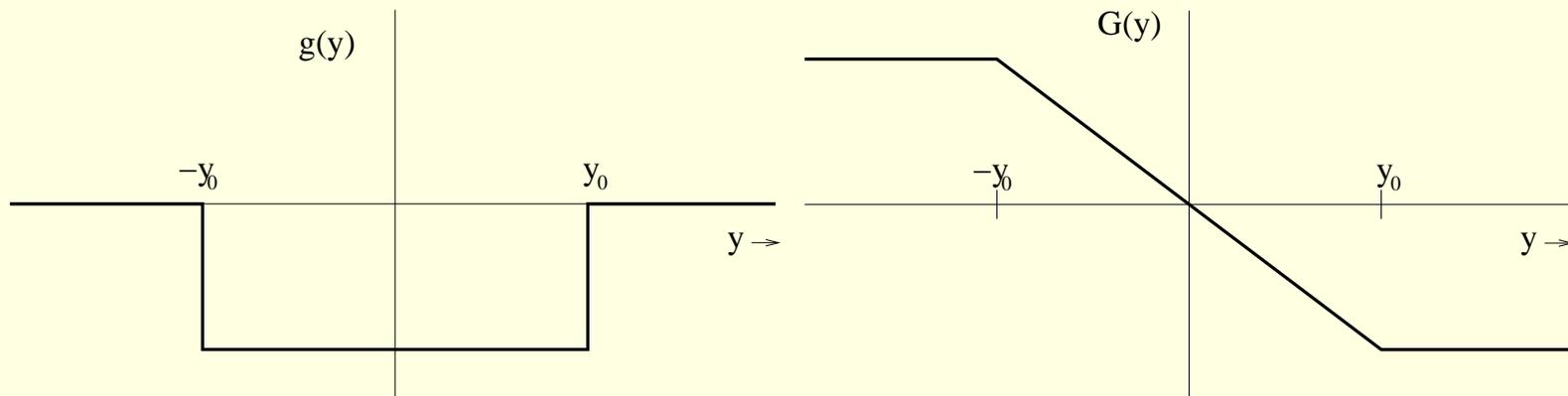
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A possible solution: we introduce two parallel **domain walls** with opposite tension (a **Randall-Sundrum**-like construction) and charge at a different point ($y = -y_0$ with $y_0 > 0$ for simplicity) so

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Choosing $d = \sqrt{\frac{c}{8\pi}} \kappa^2 q y_0$ we can set $\mathbf{G}(+\infty) = \mathbf{G}(+y_0) = 0$ and $\rho(y) = \rho(+y_0) = 0$ for $y > y_0$.

In the interior of the $\mathbf{g}(y) \neq 0$ region ρ approaches zero as $\rho \sim \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{c}\kappa^2 q(y_0 - y)$ so the metric approaches AdS_4

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The value $\mathbf{G}(-y_0) = \sqrt{\frac{c}{2\pi}}\kappa^2 q y_0 = \mathbf{G}(-\infty)$, can be tuned by varying distance between the **domain-wall** sources (y_0). It has to be smaller or equal than 1.

If $\mathbf{G}(-y_0) < 1$ then $\rho(-y_0)$ is finite and ρ approaches $y = -y_0$ from the interior of the $\mathbf{g}(y) \neq 0$ region as

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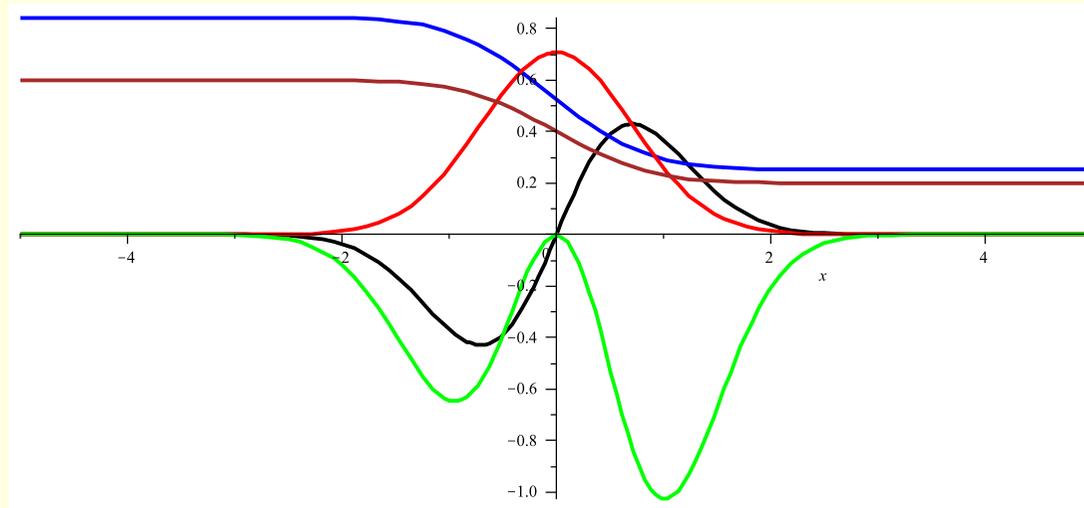
so the metric approaches another AdS_4 region.

This solution we have obtained smoothly interpolates between two AdS_4 regions one of which (the $\rho = 0$ one) corresponds to a **supersymmetric vacuum** of the theory.

The two **infinitely-thin domain-wall** system can be understood as an approximation to a configuration with **domain-wall** sources of **finite thickness** such as this:

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in which $\mathbf{g}(y)$ only vanishes asymptotically.



The profiles of some of the functions occurring in this solution: the **black line**: the source, $\mathbf{f}(y)$, **red line**: the coupling constant $\mathbf{g}(y)$, **brown line** $\mathbf{G}(y)$, **blue line**: the scalar $\rho(y)$, **green line**: the effective potential as seen by the solution, *i.e.* $\mathbf{g}^2(y)V$.

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