# Comments on anomalies and charges of toric-quiver duals 

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Abstract: We obtain a simple expression for the triangle 't Hooft anomalies in quiver gauge theories that are dual to toric Sasaki-Einstein manifolds. We utilize the result and simplify considerably the proof concerning the equivalence of $a$-maximization and $Z$ minimization. We also resolve the ambiguity in defining the flavor charges in quiver gauge theories. We then compare coefficients of the triangle anomalies with coefficients of the current-current correlators and find perfect agreement.

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, a large number of new examples of $\mathrm{AdS}_{5} / \mathrm{CFT}_{4}$ correspondence [1] have been constructed and studied extensively. IIB string theory on $\mathrm{AdS}_{5} \times Y$ preserves $\mathcal{N}=2$ supersymmetry ( 8 supercharges) when $Y$ is a Sasaki-Einstein (SE) manifold [2-5]. Soon after the discovery of new SE metrics [6, 7], it was realized that many of the SE manifolds are toric [8-10]. When $Y$ is toric, most geometric quantities such as its volume can be computed without knowledge of the explicit metric (9). The toric description also helped identifying $\mathcal{N}=1$ superconformal gauge theory duals [11-14, the quiver gauge theories. Using new techniques to analyze quiver gauge theories, very detailed checks have been made for toric-quiver dual pairs [15]-[25].

One such issue concerns identifying the correct $R$-symmetry at the conformal fixed point. The superconformal $U(1)_{R}$ symmetry is in general a nontrivial linear combination of all nonanomalous global $U(1)$ symmetries. In gauge theory dual, it was found in [26] that maximizing $a$-function determines uniquely the correct combination. Denoting the
global charges as $Q_{I}$, the definition of $a$ as a function of the trial $R$-charge contains the triangle 't Hooft anomaly, whose coefficient is given by ${ }^{1}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{I J K}=\operatorname{Tr}\left(Q_{I} Q_{J} Q_{K}\right) . \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The rule of $a$-maximiation in $\mathcal{N}=1$ supersymmetric gauge theory and its geometric dual have played a crucial role throughout the development [27]-[37]. The conserved currents $J_{I}$ associated with the charges $Q_{I}$ are mapped to $U(1)$ gauge fields $A^{I}$ in supergravity via AdS/CFT correspondence. Then the anomaly coefficient $C_{I J K}$ is encoded 32] as the coefficient of the Chern-Simons term in the five-dimensional gauged supergravity action

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{C S} \sim \int C_{I J K} A^{I} \wedge F^{J} \wedge F^{K} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The anomaly coefficients $C_{I J K}$ is also suggested intimately related to the coefficients $\tau_{I J}$ of the two-point correlators among conserved currents via $\tau_{R R}$ minimization [33].

While the gauge theory expression for $C_{I J K}(1.1)$ is now available from [12, 28], the supergravity expression in terms of geometric data on SE manifold has been lacking so far (see, however, the paragraphs below). On the contrary, the expression for $\tau_{I J}$ is known in supergravity [30 but not in the gauge theory. To make a connection between $C_{I J K}$ and $\tau_{I J}$ as suggested in [33], one thus needs a more geometric understanding of $C_{I J K}$. In fact, from the supergravity viewpoint, the connection ought to exist since $\tau_{I J}$ and $C_{I J K}$ are both derivable from an underlying prepotential $\mathcal{F}$ (34].

In this work, we report progress in comparing global charges and anomalies from gauge theory and those from supergravity. In particular, we identify the flavor charges in gauge theory unambiguously and use the identification to compare the expression for triangle ' t Hooft anomalies in supergravity and gauge theory.

Our work begins in section 2 with a simple observation that the gauge theory result for the triangle ' $t$ Hooft anomaly coefficients as derived in [12, 28] is nothing but the area of a triangle connecting three vertices on the toric diagram:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{I J K}=\frac{1}{2}\left|\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle\right| . \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

After deriving this formula, we illustrate its use by re-deriving the equivalence [28] of $a$ maximization and its geometric counterpart, $Z$-minimization [9]. Although our proof is similar to the original one [28], the use of (1.3) reduces the amount of needed computation considerably. We also resolve the ambiguity in defining the non- $R$ 'flavor' charges in the gauge theory so as to facilitate the comparison with supergravity results.

Clearly, the next logical step is to compute $C_{I J K}$ in supergravity by performing perturbative Kaluza-Klein (KK) reduction up to cubic order. While we were making progress in that direction, ref. 40] appeared, in which a supergravity formula for $C_{I J K}$ valid for any (not necessarily toric or Sasakian) Einstein manifold, as well as the gauge theory

[^0]result (1.3), were obtained. Section 3 of our paper is organized accordingly. After reviewing the linearized approximation to KK reduction and fixing the normalization of the charges, we show that the flavor charges computed in field theory in section 2 agrees perfectly with the supergravity result [30]. Finally, we make an explicit check of the relation $\tau_{I J}=-3 C_{R I J}$ (33) using the result from [30, 40] and again find perfect agreement.

## 2. Toric quiver gauge theory side

It is by now well-known that the global $U(1)$ symmetries of a gauge theory with an SE dual are divided into two kinds. One is called baryon symmetry, and corresponds to D3-branes wrapping calibrated three-cycles of the SE manifold $Y$. The other is often called flavor symmetry and is associated with the isometry of $Y$. How the gauge fields for each $U(1)$ symmetry arise in the $\mathrm{AdS}_{5}$ gauged supergravity will be reviewed in section 3 .

In the toric case, $Y$ has three isometries by definition, and the number of independent three-cycles are given by the toric data. Both symmetries are most efficiently described in the language of toric geometry, not only on the supergravity side but also in the quiver gauge theory. So, we shall begin with a quick review of well-known facts about the toric geometry of $Y$, mainly to establish our notations and summarize some results pertinent to discussion in later sections. See [8, 9] for more information on toric geometry in this context.

### 2.1 A short review of toric SE manifolds

It is useful to define the SE manifold $Y$ in terms of the cone $X=C(Y)$ with the metric

$$
\begin{equation*}
d s_{X}^{2}=d r^{2}+r^{2} d s_{Y}^{2} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The manifold $Y$ being Sasakian is equivalent to the cone $X$ being Kähler. The Reeb Killing vector field defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{R}=\mathcal{I}\left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $I$ denotes the complex structure on $X$, is translated to the $R$-symmetry of the field theory dual. The manifold $Y$ is Sasaki-Einstein if $X$ is Kähler and Ricci-flat, i.e., CalabiYau (CY). It is known that when $Y$ is SE , it can be locally described as the $U(1)_{R}$ fibration over a Kähler-Einstein base $B$. The following relations will be useful when we prove some identities in section 3: ${ }^{2}$

$$
\begin{align*}
d s_{X}^{2} & =d r^{2}+r^{2}\left(\left(e^{0}\right)^{2}+d s_{B}^{2}\right), \quad e^{0} \equiv \frac{1}{3} d \psi+\sigma, \quad K_{R}=3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \\
J_{X} & =r^{2} J_{B}+r d r \wedge e^{0}, \quad \Omega_{X}=e^{i \psi} r^{2} \Omega_{B} \wedge\left(d r+i r e^{0}\right)  \tag{2.3}\\
R_{\mu \nu}^{(B)} & =6 g_{\mu \nu}^{(B)}, \quad d \sigma=2 J_{B}, \quad d \Omega_{B}=3 i \sigma \wedge \Omega_{B}
\end{align*}
$$

[^1]In physics terminology, a toric cone $X$ is conveniently described by the gauged linear sigma model (GLSM). For $X$, the GLSM takes a D-term Kähler quotient of $\left\{Z^{I}\right\} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$ with respect to integer charges $Q_{a}^{I}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{I=1}^{d} Q_{a}^{I}\left|Z^{I}\right|^{2}=0, \quad Z^{I} \sim e^{i Q_{a}^{I} \theta^{a}} Z^{I} \quad(a=1, \cdots, d-3), \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

leaving a three-dimensional complex cone. The CY condition sets $\sum_{I} Q_{a}^{I}=0$ for each $a$.
Let $\left\{v^{i}\right\}(i=1,2,3)$ be a basis of the kernel of the map $Q_{a}: \mathbb{Z}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{d-3}$, i.e., $Q_{a}^{I} v_{I}^{i}=0$. One can regard $v_{I}^{i}$ as $d$ lattice vectors in $\mathbb{Z}^{3}$ and use them to parameterize $\left|Z^{I}\right|^{2}=v_{I} \cdot y \equiv v_{I}^{i} y_{i}\left(y \in \mathbb{R}^{3}\right)$. The allowed values of $y$ form a polyhedral cone $\Delta$ defined by $\left\{v_{I} \cdot y \geq 0\right\}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. The cone $X$ is then a fibration of three angles $\left\{\phi^{i}\right\}$ over the base $\Delta$. Using the CY condition $\sum_{I} Q_{a}^{I}=0$, one can set $v_{I}^{1}=1$ for all $I$, as this assignment satisfies $Q_{a}^{I} v_{I}^{1}=0$ automatically. We will always set $v_{I}^{1}=1$. The polygon drawn on $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ with the remaining components of $v_{I}$ 's is usually called the toric diagram.

By definition, a toric $Y$ has three isometries $K_{i}=\partial / \partial \phi^{i}$. The Reeb vector $K_{R}$ is in general a linear combination of them, $K_{R}=b^{i} K_{i}$. In (9), it was shown that the Reeb vector characterizes all the essential geometric properties of $Y$. The manifold $Y$ is embedded in $X$ as $Y=X \cap\{b \cdot y=1 / 2\}$. Supersymmetric cycles of $Y$ are given by $\Sigma^{I}=Y \cap\left\{v_{I} \cdot y=0\right\}$.

The Reeb vector also determines a unique Sasakian metric on $Y$. The volume of $Y$ is computable by summing over the volume of the supersymmetric cycles 9:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Vol}(Y)=\frac{\pi^{3}}{b^{1}} \sum_{I} \frac{\left\langle v_{I-1}, v_{I}, v_{I+1}\right\rangle}{\left\langle b, v_{I-1}, v_{I}\right\rangle\left\langle b, v_{I}, v_{I+1}\right\rangle} . \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, $\langle u, v, w\rangle$ denotes the determinant of the $(3 \times 3)$ matrix made out of vectors $u, v, w$. The CY condition on $X$ fixes $b^{1}=3$. The metric of $Y$ becomes Einstein at the minimum of $\operatorname{Vol}(Y)$ as $b^{2}, b^{3}$ are varied inside the polyhedral cone: $b \in \Delta$.

As explained in [13], when $Y$ is simply-connected, which we assume for the rest of this paper, the homology group of $Y$ is given by $H_{3}(Y, \mathbb{Z})=\mathbb{Z}^{d-3}$. If $\left\{C^{a}\right\}(a=1, \cdots, d-3)$ form a basis of three-cycles of $Y$, it can be shown that $\Sigma^{I}=Q_{a}^{I} C^{a}$, where $Q_{a}^{I}$ is precisely the GLSM data (2.4) of $Y$. The harmonic three-forms $\omega_{a}$ dual to $C^{a}$ measure the baryon charges of $\Sigma^{I}$, so

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{a}\left[\Sigma^{I}\right]=\int_{\Sigma^{I}} \omega_{a}=Q_{a}^{I} . \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

As one can see from the torus action in the GLSM description (2.4), the baryon charges $Q_{a}^{I}$ and the flavor charges $F_{i}^{I}$ together span $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$ (for simply connected $Y$ ). This means that the toric relation $Q_{a}^{I} v_{I}^{i}=0$ can be extended to

$$
\binom{Q_{a}^{I}}{F_{i}^{I}}\left(\begin{array}{ll}
u_{I}{ }^{b} & v_{I}^{j}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\delta_{a}^{b} & 0  \tag{2.7}\\
0 & \delta_{i}^{j}
\end{array}\right),
$$

for some integer-valued matrices $F_{i}^{I}$ and $u_{I}^{b}$. One may want to interpret $F_{i}^{I}$ as the $i$-th flavor charges of $\Sigma^{I}$, i.e., $F_{i}\left[\Sigma^{I}\right]=F_{i}^{I}$. However, even after choosing a fixed basis for $v_{I}^{i}$,


Figure 1: Triangle anomaly coefficient as the area of a triangle on the toric diagram.
the relation (2.7) does not fix $F_{i}^{I}$ uniquely, as one may shift $F_{i}^{I}$ and $u_{I}^{b}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{i}^{I} \rightarrow F_{i}^{I}+N_{i}^{a} Q_{a}^{I}, \quad u_{I}^{b} \rightarrow u_{I}^{b}-v_{I}^{i} N_{i}^{b} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

This freedom is called the mixing ambiguity in the literature; flavor symmetry is unique up to mixing with baryon symmetries. This immediately poses a question: in comparing the gauge theory results with the supergravity results, how are the flavor charges on both sides to be identified? Later in this section, we will show that there is a unique, preferred choice of (non-integer) $F_{i}^{I}$ which matches with the supergravity result.

### 2.2 Triangle anomaly from triangle area

We shall now derive a formula for the triangle 't Hooft anomaly of quiver gauge theories dual to $Y$. The formula states that the anomaly coefficient $C_{I J K}=\operatorname{Tr}\left(Q_{I} Q_{J} Q_{K}\right)$ is simply the area of the triangle connecting the three vertices $v_{I, J, K}$ on the toric diagram:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{I J K}=\frac{1}{2}\left|\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle\right| . \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The derivation of (2.9) is built upon some known features of the quiver gauge theories 28:

1. The number of gauge group $F$ is twice the area of the toric diagram.
2. Let $w_{I} \equiv\left(v_{I+1}-v_{I}\right)$ denote the edges of the toric diagram. Associated with each pair of edges $\left(w_{I}, w_{J}\right)$, there are bifundamental chiral superfields $\Phi_{I J}^{r}$ with the same charges (see below) and multiplicity given by $\left|\left\langle w_{I}, w_{J}\right\rangle\right| \equiv\left|w_{I}^{2} w_{J}^{3}-w_{I}^{3} w_{J}^{2}\right|$.

See 28] and references therein for more details. The formula (2.9) is then derivable from the expression for the $a$-function for the quiver gauge theories.

An explicit expression for the $a$-function was given in 28. First, a trial $R$-charge $h^{I}$ is assigned to each vertex of the toric diagram subject to the constraint, $\sum_{I} h^{I}=2$. The vertex $v_{I}$ is associated to a $D 3$-brane wrapped on the calibrated three-cycle $\Sigma^{I}$ in $Y$ through
$v_{I} \cdot y=0$. Then, the $R$-charge of $\Phi_{I J}$ is $R\left(\Phi_{I J}\right)=\sum_{K=I+1}^{J} h^{K}$ or $R\left(\Phi_{I J}\right)=\sum_{K=J+1}^{I} h^{K}$ depending on the sign of $\left\langle w_{I}, w_{J}\right\rangle$. The trial $a$-function is given by 28

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{32}{9} a=C_{I J K} h^{I} h^{J} h^{K} & =F\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum h^{I}\right)^{3}+\sum_{I<J}\left\langle w_{I}, w_{J}\right\rangle\left(\sum_{K=I+1}^{J} h^{K}-\frac{1}{2} \sum h^{I}\right)^{3} \\
& \equiv F x^{3}+\sum_{I<J}\left\langle w_{I}, w_{J}\right\rangle\left(y_{I J}-x\right)^{3} \tag{2.10}
\end{align*}
$$

The first term is the contribution of gaugini while the other terms account for the fermionic components of $\Phi_{I J}^{r}$. We replaced 1's appearing in the formula of 28] by $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{I} h^{I}$ using the constraint $\sum_{I} h^{I}=2$ as we want to express $a$ as a homogeneous cubic function of $h^{I}$ 's and read off the anomaly coefficients.

In the simplest case, $d=3$, we can check (2.9) explicitly,

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{32}{9} a & =F\left(x^{3}+\left(h^{1}-x\right)^{3}+\left(h^{2}-x\right)^{3}+\left(h^{3}-x\right)^{3}\right) \\
& =3 F h^{1} h^{2} h^{3}=6 \times \frac{1}{2}\left|\left\langle v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}\right\rangle\right| h^{1} h^{2} h^{3} \tag{2.11}
\end{align*}
$$

where we used $\left\langle w_{1}, w_{2}\right\rangle=\left\langle w_{2}, w_{3}\right\rangle=\left\langle w_{3}, w_{1}\right\rangle=\left|\left\langle v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}\right\rangle\right|=F$. Now, we proceed by induction. Assume the relation (2.9) holds for a toric diagram with $d$ vertices, and then add another vertex $v_{d+1}$. We distinguish the objects for the new diagram by putting tilde above them.

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{32}{9} \tilde{a}= & \tilde{F} \tilde{x}^{3}+\sum_{I<J}^{d+1}\left\langle\tilde{w}_{I}, \tilde{w}_{J}\right\rangle\left(\tilde{y}_{I J}-\tilde{x}\right)^{3} \\
= & \left(F+\left\langle\tilde{w}_{d}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle\right)\left(x+\frac{1}{2} h^{d+1}\right)^{3}+\sum_{I<J}^{d-1}\left\langle w_{I}, w_{J}\right\rangle\left(y_{I J}-x-\frac{1}{2} h^{d+1}\right)^{3}  \tag{2.12}\\
& +\sum_{I=1}^{d-1}\left\langle w_{I}, \tilde{w}_{d}\right\rangle\left(y_{I d}-x-\frac{1}{2} h^{d+1}\right)^{3}+\sum_{I=1}^{d-1}\left\langle w_{I}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle\left(y_{I d}-x+\frac{1}{2} h^{d+1}\right)^{3} \\
& +\left\langle\tilde{w}_{d}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle\left(-x+\frac{1}{2} h^{d+1}\right)^{3}
\end{align*}
$$

By collecting terms with $\left(h^{d+1}\right)^{n}(n=0,1,2,3)$, one can show that (2.9) holds for all $d+1$ vertices. ${ }^{3}$ The simplest one turns out to be the $\left(h^{d+1}\right)^{0}$ term. Setting $h^{d+1}=0$, we readily find

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\tilde{a}\right|_{h^{d+1}=0}=a \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

since the $\left\langle\tilde{w}_{d}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle$ terms cancel out and $\left\langle w_{I}, \tilde{w}_{d}\right\rangle+\left\langle w_{I}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle=\left\langle w_{I}, w_{d}\right\rangle$. In fact, we can use (2.13) to reverse the direction of the mathematical induction. That is, we can begin with $d>3$ vertices and choose any three for which we want to compute $C_{I J K}$. Then (2.13) allows us to remove the rest of the vertices successively until we finally reach $d=3$. The value of $C_{I J K}$ does not depend on the other vertices.

[^2]

Figure 2: The Reeb vector as a point $B$ inside the polygon 28 .

### 2.3 Applications

To demonstrate the utility of the compact formula (2.9), we shall now apply it to rederive two known results.

First, let us show that the triangle 't Hooft anomaly of baryon symmetries always vanishes [28]: $\operatorname{Tr} B^{3}=C_{I J K} B^{I} B^{J} B^{K}=0$, where $B^{I}$ is an arbitrary linear combination of the baryon charges only: $B^{I}=t^{a} Q_{a}^{I}$. For example, when $d=4$,

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{3} C_{I J K} B^{I} B^{J} B^{K} & =\left\langle B^{1} v_{1}, B^{2} v_{2}, B^{3} v_{3}\right\rangle+\langle 2,3,4\rangle+\langle 3,4,1\rangle+\langle 4,1,2\rangle \\
& =\langle(1+2+3+4), 2,3\rangle+\langle(1+2+3+4), 4,1\rangle \\
& =0 \tag{2.14}
\end{align*}
$$

In the last step, we used the toric relation $\sum_{I} Q_{a}^{I} v_{I}^{i}=0$. Similarly, for arbitrary $d$, vanishing of $\operatorname{Tr} B^{3}$ follows from $\sum_{I} B^{I}\left(B^{J} B^{K}\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle\right)=0($ no sum over $J, K)$. We relegate the general proof to appendix 因.

Second, let us show the equivalence of $a$-maximization in a quiver gauge theory and $Z$-minimization of the dual toric SE manifold proposed in [9] and proven in [28. Following [28], we parameterize the Reeb vector by $\left(b^{1}, b^{2}, b^{3}\right)=3\left(1, x^{2}, x^{3}\right)$ and define

$$
\begin{gather*}
r_{I}=\left(x^{2}, x^{3}\right)-\left(v_{I}^{2}, v_{I}^{3}\right), \quad A_{I}=\left\langle r_{I}, w_{I}\right\rangle,  \tag{2.15}\\
L^{I}\left(x^{2}, x^{3}\right)=\frac{\left\langle w_{I-1}, w_{I}\right\rangle}{A_{I-1} A_{I}}, \quad S=\sum_{I} L^{I} . \tag{2.16}
\end{gather*}
$$

Then the results of [9] can be translated to the following forms of trial $R$-charges and $a$-function:

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{M S Y}^{I} \equiv \frac{2 L^{I}}{S} \quad \text { and } \quad a_{M S Y}=\frac{9}{32}\left(\frac{24}{S}\right) \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

In [28], it was shown that maximization of $a_{C F T}$ with respect to trial $R$ charges is equivalent to maximization of $a_{M S Y}$ with respect to the Reeb vector components $\left(x^{2}, x^{3}\right)$. The first step of the proof asserts that the baryon charges decouple from the maximization process:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\operatorname{Tr} B R^{2}\right|_{h^{I}=h_{M S Y}^{I}}=0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad C_{I J K} B^{I} L^{J} L^{K}=0 \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then it remains to prove that the maximization process yields the same result. In fact, $a_{C F T}$ and $a_{M S Y}$ are shown to be equal even before maximization:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.a_{C F T}\right|_{h^{I}=h_{M S Y}^{I}}=a_{M S Y} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad C_{I J K} L^{I} L^{J} L^{K}=3 S^{2} . \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

A complete proof of these two steps were presented in the (rather long) appendix of [28].
Here we note that (2.9) offers a shorter and perhaps more intuitive proof. As we prove in the appendix, both of the above statements follow from a single lemma:

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{I} \equiv C_{I J K} L^{J} L^{K}=3 S+\left\langle r_{I}, u\right\rangle, \tag{2.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $u$ is some vector independent of the label $I$. If the lemma is true, (2.18) follows from $\sum_{I} Q_{a}^{I}=0=\sum_{I} Q_{a}^{I} v_{I}$ and (2.19) from $\sum_{I} L^{I} r_{I}=0$. The proof of the lemma is quite straightforward if we combine (2.9) with the original reasoning of [28]. See appendix $B$.

### 2.4 More on the flavor charges and decoupling

In gauge theory, we maximize the $a$-function

$$
\begin{equation*}
a=\frac{9}{32} C_{I J K} h^{I} h^{J} h^{K}, \tag{2.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

subject to the constraint $\sum h^{I}=2$. As the $R$-charge is a linear combination of baryon and flavor charges, we can write

$$
\begin{equation*}
h^{I}=t^{a} Q_{a}^{I}+s^{i} F_{i}^{I} \tag{2.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this new basis, the constraint means $s^{1}=2$, as one can see from the extended toric relation (2.7) and $v_{I}^{1}=1$. In fact, $s^{i}$ are related to the Reeb vector simply as $s^{i}=(2 / 3) b^{i}$. At this stage, as discussed in section 2.1, $F_{i}^{I}$ is ambiguous. The values of $t^{a}$ at the maximum of the $a$-function depend on the choice of $F_{i}^{I}$, while the values of $s^{i}$ and the $a$-function do not.

As discussed less explicitly in [28], we can perform the maximization process in two steps.

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{a}(s, t) \equiv \frac{1}{3} C_{I J K} h^{I} h^{J} h^{K} & =C_{i a b} s^{i} t^{a} t^{b}+C_{i j a} s^{i} s^{j} t^{a}+\frac{1}{3} C_{i j k} s^{i} s^{j} s^{k}  \tag{2.23}\\
& \equiv m_{a b}(s) t^{a} t^{b}+2 n_{a}(s) t^{a}+\frac{1}{3} C_{i j k} s^{i} s^{j} s^{k} . \tag{2.24}
\end{align*}
$$

This is a quadratic function of $t^{a}$, so maximization with respect to $t^{a}$ is done trivially to give $\bar{t}^{a}(s)=-m^{a b}(s) n_{b}(s)$. Inserting it back to (2.22),

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{h}^{I}(s) & =-Q_{a}^{I} m^{a b}(s) n_{b}(s)+F_{i}^{I} s^{i},  \tag{2.25}\\
\bar{a}(s) & =-m^{a b}(s) n_{a}(s) n_{b}(s)+\frac{1}{3} C_{i j k} s^{i} s^{j} s^{k} . \tag{2.26}
\end{align*}
$$

The result discussed in the last subsection suggests the following identification:

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{M S Y}^{I}\left(x^{2}, x^{3}\right)=\left.\bar{h}^{I}(s)\right|_{s=2\left(1, x^{2}, x^{3}\right)}, \quad a_{M S Y}\left(x^{2}, x^{3}\right)=\left.\frac{27}{32} \bar{a}(s)\right|_{s=2\left(1, x^{2}, x^{3}\right)} . \tag{2.27}
\end{equation*}
$$

We checked explicitly that this relation holds in many examples. If proven in general, (2.27) will establish the equivalence $a_{C F T}=a_{M S Y}$ in a somewhat more direct way than the approach of [28] rederived in section 2.3.

For the rest of this paper, we shall assume that (2.27) holds, and examine its implications. It is convenient to reinstate the $s^{1}$-dependence of the quantities we defined earlier. For example,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{L}^{I}(s) \equiv \frac{\left\langle v_{I-1}, v_{I}, v_{I+1}\right\rangle}{\left\langle s, v_{I-1}, v_{I}\right\rangle\left\langle s, v_{I}, v_{I+1}\right\rangle}, \quad \bar{S}(s) \equiv \frac{1}{s^{1}} \sum_{I} \bar{L}^{I}(s), \quad h_{M S Y}^{I}(s) \equiv \frac{\bar{L}^{I}(s)}{\bar{S}(s)} \tag{2.28}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that $h^{I}(s)$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
h^{I}(s) v_{I}^{j}=s^{j} . \tag{2.29}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $\bar{h}^{I}$, this holds due to the toric relation (2.7), while for $h_{M S Y}^{I}$ it has a geometric explanation, which we review in appendix B Differentiating, we find

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial h^{I}}{\partial s^{i}} v_{I}^{j}=\delta_{i}^{j} . \tag{2.30}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus ( $\partial h^{I} / \partial s^{i}$ ) satisfy the same relation as $F_{i}^{I}$ in (2.7). We therefore define the 'canonical' flavor charge as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\hat{F}_{i}^{I} \equiv \frac{\partial h^{I}}{\partial s^{i}}\right|_{s=s_{*}} \quad(i=1,2,3) \tag{2.31}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $s_{*}$ denotes the value of $s$ which maximizes the $a$-function. We will show in the next section that this is precisely the flavor charge captured by supergravity.

An important feature of the canonical flavor charge is that it makes $\hat{C}_{R i a} \equiv s_{*}^{j} \hat{F}_{j}^{I} \hat{F}_{i}^{J} \times$ $Q_{a}^{K} C_{I J K}$ vanish. Suppose we work in the 'canonical frame', that is, we substitute $\hat{F}_{i}^{I}$ for $F_{i}^{I}$ in (2.22) and proceed. Since $h^{I}$ is a homogeneous function of $s$ of degree 1, we can always write $h^{I}(s)=s^{i} \frac{\partial h^{I}}{\partial s^{i}}$. In the canonical frame, this implies that $\bar{t}^{a}\left(s_{*}\right)=0$. Next, by differentiating (2.25) in the canonical frame, and recalling (2.31),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial h^{I}}{\partial s^{i}}=Q_{a}^{I} \frac{\partial \bar{t}^{a}}{\partial s^{i}}+\left.\hat{F}_{i}^{I} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \bar{t}^{a}}{\partial s}\right|_{s_{*}}=0 . \tag{2.32}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, combining $\bar{t}^{a}\left(s_{*}\right)=0=\left.\frac{\partial \bar{t}^{a}}{\partial s^{2}}\right|_{s_{*}}$ with $\bar{t}^{a}(s)=-m^{a b}(s) n_{b}(s)$, we find that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\frac{\partial n_{a}}{\partial s^{i}}\right|_{s_{*}}=C_{a i j} s_{*}^{j}=C_{R a i}=0 . \tag{2.33}
\end{equation*}
$$

This demonstrates the decoupling property among the global charges.

## 3. Comparison with Supergravity

In this section we compare our main results from the previous section with the supergravity computation. First, we work out the KK reduction at the linearized level. It was already done in [30] where a covariant action in ten dimensions was assumed. To avoid the usual difficulty with the self-dual five form of IIB supergravity, we follow the common path [36, 37] of using only the equations of motion.

Second, we compare the flavor charges between field theory and supergravity. The agreement is perfect. We emphasize that both field theory and supergravity pick out a unique value of flavor charge and the mixing ambiguity is resolved.

Finally, we would like to compare $C_{I J K}$ of field theory (2.9) with supergravity by extending the KK reduction to the cubic order. This has been carried out in a very recent paper 40]. In the last subsection of this paper, we check the relation $\tau_{I J}=-3 C_{R I J}$ (33] using the results of [30, 40] and find complete agreement.

### 3.1 Massless vectors from linearized equations

We shall follow the conventions of (37]. The IIB supergravity equations of motion relevant to our analysis are

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{m n}=\frac{4}{4!} F_{m i_{1} i_{2} i_{3} i_{4}} F_{n}^{i_{1} i_{2} i_{3} i_{4}}, \quad F=* F, \quad d F=0 . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In units in which the 'radius' $l=\left(4 \pi^{4} g_{s} N / \operatorname{Vol}(Y)\right)^{1 / 4} l_{s}$ is set to be unity, the background solution with $N$ units of $F$-flux is

$$
\begin{equation*}
d s^{2}=d s_{A d S}^{2}+d s_{Y}^{2} \quad \text { and } \quad F=\operatorname{vol}_{A d S}+\operatorname{vol}_{Y} . \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The metric is normalized such that $R_{\mu \nu}=-4 g_{\mu \nu}$ for $A d S_{5}$ and $R_{\alpha \beta}=+4 g_{\alpha \beta}$ for $Y$. We shall now perturb around the background solution and obtain equations of motion for massless vector gauge fields up to linear order.

The gauge fields for baryon symmetries arise from fluctuations of the RR five-form field strength,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta F=F^{a} \wedge \omega_{a}-* F^{a} \wedge * \omega_{a}, \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

around the background (3.2). The second term ensures that the self-duality constraint $F=* F$ is satisfied. Here, the Hodge duals are factorized to $\operatorname{AdS}_{5}$ and $Y$, respectively. At the linearized level, no other perturbation is needed.

The gauge fields for flavor symmetries arise from fluctuations along the isometries. We take the following ansatz for the fluctuations:

$$
\begin{align*}
d s^{2} & =d s_{A d S}^{2}+g_{\alpha \beta}\left(d y^{\alpha}+K_{i}^{\alpha} A^{i}\right)\left(d y^{\beta}+K_{j}^{\beta} A^{j}\right),  \tag{3.4}\\
F & =\operatorname{vol}_{A d S}+\operatorname{vol}_{Y}+d C, \quad C=\frac{1}{8}\left(B^{i} \wedge * d K_{i}+* d B^{i} \wedge K_{i}\right) . \tag{3.5}
\end{align*}
$$

The metric part of the ansatz is the standard one in KK reduction. The vector $B^{i}$ from the RR five-form field-strength must be turned on also because $A^{i}$ and $B^{i}$ mix already
at linearized order [36]. As the ansatz for $F$ is written in terms of the potential $C$, the Bianchi identity holds automatically. Again, the Hodge duals are factorized to $\mathrm{AdS}_{5}$ and $Y$, respectively.

The mixed components of the Einstein equation and the self-duality equation give, respectively,

$$
\begin{equation*}
(\square-8) A^{i}=(\square+8) B^{i} \quad \text { and } \quad(\square-8) B^{i}=8 A^{i} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where we defined $\square \equiv(* d * d)_{A d S}$. We also used the fact that $d * K_{i}=0, d * d K_{i}=8 * K_{i}$ on $Y$, which follows from the Killing equation $\nabla_{\alpha} K_{\beta}+\nabla_{\beta} K_{\alpha}=0$ and $R_{\alpha \beta}=4 g_{\alpha \beta}$. We can easily diagonalize the two equations to obtain the mass eigenstates:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\square\left(A^{i}+B^{i}\right)=24\left(A^{i}+B^{i}\right), \quad \square\left(A^{i}-2 B^{i}\right)=0 \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

To keep the massless fields only, we set $B^{i}=-A^{i}$.
Now, we can read off the gauge kinetic term of the massless gauge fields from the $\mathrm{AdS}_{5}$ components of the field equations (3.1). They yield via AdS/CFT the coefficients $\tau_{I J}$ of the two-point correlators for conserved global currents $J_{I}$ in gauge theory. The result is to be compared with 30. A precise comparison, however, requires normalization of the gauge fields, which is related to the normalization of the charges on the gauge theory side. So, we shall first discuss how to find the correct normalization.

### 3.2 Charges

As stated in (2.6), a natural normalization for the baryon charges is

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{a}\left[\Sigma^{I}\right]=\int_{\Sigma^{I}} \omega_{a}=Q_{a}^{I} \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left\{\omega_{a}\right\}$ form an integral basis of $H^{3}(Y, \mathbb{R})$. The KK analysis of the previous subsection suggests that the flavor charges can be measured with the replacement of $\omega_{a}$ by $* d K_{i}$ modulo an arbitrary multiplicative constants. The correct normalization turns out to be

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{i}^{I}=\frac{2 \pi}{V} \int_{\Sigma^{I}}\left(* d K_{i}\right) / 8 \quad(i=1,2,3) \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $V$ denotes $\operatorname{Vol}(Y)$. As a first check, note that the R-charge is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
R^{I}=\frac{2}{3} b^{i} F_{i}^{I}=\frac{\pi}{6 V} \int_{\Sigma^{I}} * d K_{R}=\frac{\pi}{3 V} \operatorname{Vol}\left(\Sigma^{I}\right) \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

in agreement with the well-known result in the literature 35]. Note that we are abusing the notations a bit and use $K_{i}$ to denote both the Killing vector and its dual one-form. In the last step of $(\widehat{3.10})$, we used the local $U(1)_{R}$ fibration description of the SE manifold $Y$ (see also (2.3)):

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
d s_{Y}^{2}=\left(e^{0}\right)^{2}+d s_{B}^{2}, & e^{0} \equiv \frac{1}{3} d \psi+\sigma, & K_{R}=3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \\
R_{\mu \nu}^{(B)}=6 g_{\mu \nu}^{(B)}, & d \sigma & =2 J_{B}, & \operatorname{vol}_{\Sigma}=e^{0} \wedge J_{B} \tag{3.12}
\end{array}
$$

It is instructive to compare (3.9) with known results. On the supergravity side, generalizing the analysis for the $R$-charge in [35], the authors of 30] showed that, for non- $R$ flavor charges,

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{i}^{I}=-\frac{\pi}{V} \int_{\Sigma^{I}}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \operatorname{vol}_{\Sigma}=-\frac{2 \pi}{V} \int_{\Sigma^{I}} y_{i} \operatorname{vol}_{\Sigma}=-\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial v_{I}^{i}} \quad(i=2,3) \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where in the last expression, the volume $V$ is regarded as a function of the toric data $v_{I}^{i}$. On the other hand, as we reviewed in the last section the field theory result is

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{i}^{I}=\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} h_{M S Y}^{I}(\vec{x}) \quad(i=2,3) \tag{3.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

We now show that all three expressions for the flavor charges (3.9), (3.13) and (3.14) are in fact the same. To see (3.14) is the same as the last expression in (3.13), we note that

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{M S Y}^{I}=\frac{2 L^{I}}{S},\left.\quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial x^{i}}\right|_{x_{*}}=0, \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial v_{I}^{i}}=-\frac{\partial L^{I}}{\partial x^{i}} \tag{3.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $x_{*}$ denotes the value of $\vec{x}$ that minimizes $S$ which is proportional to $V=\operatorname{Vol}(Y)$. The last identity in (3.15) holds for arbitrary values of $\vec{x}$, as can be checked by explicit computation.

To see that the first expression in $(\widehat{3.13})$ is the same as $(\sqrt[3.9]{ })$, it suffices to show the equality:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\Sigma^{I}} *_{5} d K_{i}=-4 \int_{\Sigma^{I}}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \operatorname{vol}_{\Sigma} \tag{3.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

This can be proven using (3.11), (3.12). The one-form dual to the flavor Killing vector $K_{i}=\partial / \partial \phi^{i}(i=2,3)$ can be decomposed into the base $B$ and the local $U(1)_{R}$ fiber:

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{i}=\bar{K}_{i}+\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) e^{0} \quad \text { such that } \quad d K_{i}=d \bar{K}_{i}+2\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) J_{B}-2\left(i_{K_{i}} J_{B}\right) e^{0} \tag{3.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, the relation $\mathcal{L}_{K_{i}} \sigma \equiv d\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right)+i_{K_{i}}(d \sigma)=0$ was used. Splitting the three-cycle $\Sigma^{I}$ into the $U(1)_{R}$ fiber and a 2-cycle $B^{I}$ in the base $B$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\Sigma^{I}} *_{5} d K_{i}=\int e^{0} \int_{B^{I}} *_{4} d \bar{K}_{i}+2 \int_{\Sigma^{I}}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \operatorname{vol}_{\Sigma} \tag{3.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

The final step of the proof follows from the identity:

$$
\begin{equation*}
d \bar{K}_{i}+*_{4} d \bar{K}_{i}=-6\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) J_{B} \tag{3.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

The left-hand side of (3.19) is manifestly a self-dual $(1,1)$ form, so it must be proportional to the Kähler form $J_{B}$. To see if (3.19) is consistent, take an exterior derivative to (3.19). We find that $d *_{4} d \bar{K}_{i}=12 *_{4} \bar{K}_{i}$ from the left-hand side is indeed equal to

$$
-6 d\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \wedge J_{B}=12\left(i_{K_{i}} J_{B}\right) \wedge J_{B}=12 *_{4} \bar{K}_{i}
$$

from the right-hand side. This still leaves a room for a term proportional to the Kähler form $J_{B}$ on the right-hand side of (3.19). To show that such a term does not appear, let
us now integrate (3.19) over the base $B$. The left-hand side vanishes by integration parts and $d J=0$, while

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \propto \int_{Y}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \propto \frac{\partial V}{\partial b^{i}}=0 \tag{3.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

as a result of volume-minimization [9, 30].

### 3.3 Gauge kinetic coefficient $\tau_{I J}$ revisited

With the normalization for the flavor charges fixed, from the KK reduction analysis in section 3.1, we can compute the gauge field kinetic term coefficient $\tau_{I J}$ and compare them with [30]. To do so in uniform manner along with the flavor charges (3.9), we rescale the harmonic three-forms by $2 \pi / V$ relative to (3.8), viz.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{2 \pi}{V} \int_{\Sigma^{I}} \omega_{a}=Q_{a}^{I} \tag{3.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, the expressions for $\tau_{I J}$ are

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{a b}=\frac{16 \pi^{3}}{V^{2}} \int_{Y} \omega_{a} \wedge * \omega_{b}, \quad \tau_{a i}=0, \quad \tau_{i j}=\frac{3 \pi^{3}}{V^{2}} \int_{Y} K_{i} \wedge * K_{j} . \tag{3.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

The baryon components $\tau_{a b}$ are precisely the same as in (30]. As for the flavor components, the coefficient of gravi-photon ( $R$-symmetry) is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{R R}=\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2} b^{i} b^{j} \tau_{i j}=\frac{3 \pi^{3}}{V^{2}}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2} \int_{Y_{5}} K_{R} \wedge * K_{R}=\frac{4 \pi^{3}}{3 V}=\frac{16}{3} a, \tag{3.23}
\end{equation*}
$$

in agreement with [30]. For the other flavor symmetries, the expression from [30] looks slightly different:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{i j}=\frac{12 \pi^{3}}{V^{2}} \int_{Y}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right)\left(i_{K_{j}} \sigma\right) \operatorname{vol}_{Y} \quad(i, j=2,3) \tag{3.24}
\end{equation*}
$$

It agrees with (3.22) if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{Y_{5}} K_{i} \wedge * K_{j}=4 \int_{Y}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right)\left(i_{K_{j}} \sigma\right) \operatorname{vol}_{Y} \quad(i, j=2,3) . \tag{3.25}
\end{equation*}
$$

This identity was stated in (30] without proof. We note that it can be verified using (3.19), and other relations we used in section 3.2. See appendix $\square$ for details.

### 3.4 Chern-Simons coupling $C_{I J K}$

The Chern-Simons coupling $C_{I J K}$ is obtainable in KK reduction by using the ansatz of subsection 3.1 and computing the fluctuation up to cubic order along the line of [37[39]. While this work was in progress, ref. 40] appeared, where the full computation was performed using a slightly different approach. The difference is that our ansatz manifestly satisfy $d F=0$ but the self-duality equation is non-trivial, while an alternative ansatz was used in 40], where $F$ is manifestly self-dual but not necessarily closed.

A central step in 40 was to combine the baryon symmetries and flavor symmetries together into some three-forms $\omega_{I}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\Sigma^{I}} \omega_{J}=\delta_{J}^{I} . \tag{3.26}
\end{equation*}
$$

Comparing with our charge normalizations (3.9), (3.21) and the toric relation (2.7), we find that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{I}=\frac{2 \pi}{V}\left(u_{I}^{a} \omega_{a}+v_{I}^{i} * d K_{i} / 8\right) . \tag{3.27}
\end{equation*}
$$

We can use it to re-express the result of [40] in a more convenient form:

$$
\begin{align*}
C_{i j k} & =\frac{3 \pi^{3}}{8 V^{2}} \int_{Y} K_{i} \wedge d K_{j} \wedge d K_{k} \\
C_{i j a} & =\frac{2 \pi^{3}}{V^{2}} \int_{Y} *\left(K_{i} d K_{j}\right) \wedge \omega_{a} \\
C_{i a b} & =\frac{8 \pi^{3}}{V^{2}} \int_{Y} \omega_{a} \wedge i_{K_{i}} \omega_{b} . \tag{3.2}
\end{align*}
$$

As a consistency check, we compute the $a$-function, which is proportional to $C_{R R R}$, and obtain the expected result:

$$
\begin{align*}
a=\frac{9}{32} C_{i j k} b^{i} b^{j} b^{k}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3} & =\frac{\pi^{3}}{32 V^{2}} \int_{Y} K_{R} \wedge d K_{R} \wedge d K_{R} \\
& =\frac{\pi^{3}}{32 V^{2}} \int_{Y} e^{0} \wedge\left(2 J_{B}\right) \wedge\left(2 J_{B}\right)=\frac{\pi^{3}}{4 V} . \tag{3.29}
\end{align*}
$$

## $3.5 \tau_{I J}=-3 C_{R I J}$ relations

Utilizing the supergravity expressions for the gauge kinetic coefficients (3.22) and the Chern-Simons coefficients (3.28), we can now demonstrate the relation suggested in 33] between the two-point correlators and the triangle 't Hooft anomalies involving conserved currents in the gauge theory:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{I J}=-3 \operatorname{Tr} R F_{I} F_{J} \equiv-3 C_{R I J} . \tag{3.30}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, $F_{I}$ include both baryon and non- $R$ flavor charges.
First, $\tau_{a b}=-3 C_{R a b}$ follows from the fact that, in the local $U(1)_{R}$ fibration description of $Y$ given in (3.11), (3.12), $\omega_{a}=e^{0} \eta_{a}$ for some anti-self-dual two-form $\eta_{a}$ on $B$ [30]. Next, $\tau_{i a}=0$ implies that $C_{\text {Ria }}$ must also vanish. It is indeed so because $K_{R}=e^{0}, \omega_{a}=e^{0} \eta_{a}$ as mentioned above, and $\omega_{a}$ is harmonic. This also agrees with the field theory computation (2.33). The last relation $\tau_{i j}=-3 C_{R i j}$ amounts to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int K_{R} \wedge d K_{i} \wedge d K_{j}=-4 \int K_{i} \wedge * K_{j} . \tag{3.31}
\end{equation*}
$$

This simply follows from (3.25), as explained in appendix G .

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A. $\operatorname{Tr}\left(B^{3}\right)=0$

We prove that $C_{I J K} B^{I} B^{J} B^{K}=0$ for any linear combination of baryon symmetries. The proof consists of a combination of our formula $C_{I J K}=\left|\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle\right| / 2$, the toric relation $B^{I} v_{I}=0$, and some combinatoric manipulations. More concretely, we show that

$$
\begin{align*}
0 & =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(J, K)}\left[\sum_{I}\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle B^{I} B^{J} B^{K} \times(d-2(K-J))\right] \\
& =\sum_{(J, K)}\left[\sum_{I}(-1)^{(I, J, K)} C_{I J K} B^{I} B^{J} B^{K} \times(d-2(K-J))\right]  \tag{A.1}\\
& =\frac{d}{6} \sum_{I, J, K} C_{I J K} B^{I} B^{J} B^{K} .
\end{align*}
$$

The notations require some clarification. The ( $J, K$ ) sum runs over all possible pairs with $0<K-J \leq d / 2(\bmod d)$. The $I$ sum then runs over all vertices. The first line is a trivial consequence of $B^{I} v_{I}=0$. The second line simply says that $C_{I J K}$ is equal to $\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle / 2$ up to a sign depending on whether $I$ lies on the long(+) or short(-) path between $J$ and $K$. The weight factor $d-2(K-J)$ ensures that if we choose some fixed triangle ( $I, J, K$ ) and collect all terms proportional to $C_{I J K}$ from the second line, the net coefficient always turns out to be $d$, independent of the choice of the triangle.

Let us check the last statement. Let $l_{1}, l_{2}, l_{3}$ be the number of edges between $(I, J)$, $(J, K)$ and $(K, I)$ respectively, so that $l_{1}+l_{2}+l_{3}=d$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $l_{1} \leq l_{2} \leq l_{3}$. We collect the terms in two separate cases:

1. $l_{3} \leq d / 2$ : The sign is positive for all three contributions from the second line of (A.1). The net coefficient is $\left(d-2 l_{1}\right)+\left(d-2 l_{2}\right)+\left(d-2 l_{3}\right)=d$.
2. $l_{3}>d / 2$ : The sign is negative in one of the three contributions from the second line of A.1). The net coefficient is $\left(d-2 l_{1}\right)+\left(d-2 l_{2}\right)-\left(d-2\left(d-l_{3}\right)\right)=d$.
This completes the proof.

## B. Equality of $a_{C F T}$ and $a_{M S Y}$

We prove the lemma (2.20):

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{I} \equiv C_{I J K} L^{J} L^{K}=3 S+\left\langle r_{I}, u\right\rangle . \tag{B.1}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 3: The sign assignment in the second line of (A.1).
As explained in section 2.3, this lemma is sufficient to establish the equality between $a_{C F T}$ and $a_{M S Y}$. The main idea for the proof is the same as in the original one [28], but our formula $C_{I J K}=\left|\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle\right| / 2$ simplifies the computation involved considerably.

The definition of $w_{I}, r_{I}$, etc. are the same as in section 2.3. In what follows, we will need the following identity [28]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
L^{I} r_{I}=\frac{w_{I-1}}{A_{I-1}}-\frac{w_{I}}{A_{I}}, \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \sum_{I} L^{I} r_{I}=0 \quad \text { or } \quad \sum_{I} L^{I} v_{I}=\left(1, x^{2}, x^{3}\right) \sum_{I} L^{I} . \tag{B.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Geometrically, the last equation follows from integrating the 'gradient of a constant function' over the polyhedral cone $\Delta$ and applying Stokes' theorem; see (2.91) of [9].

Getting back to the lemma, we write $c_{1}$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{1}=\sum_{2 \rightarrow d}\left\langle v_{1}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle L^{J} L^{K} . \tag{B.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here the notation $(2 \rightarrow d)$ means that the sum is taken over $2 \leq J<K \leq d$. In the following, we will use notations like ( $2 \rightarrow 1$ ), which means the range $2 \leq J<K \leq d+1$ with $v_{d+1} \equiv v_{1}$.

As in [28], we first compute the difference between two adjacent $c_{I}$ 's. Using the relation $\left\langle v_{I}, v_{J}, v_{K}\right\rangle=\left\langle r_{I}, r_{J}\right\rangle+\left\langle r_{J}, r_{K}\right\rangle+\left\langle r_{K}, r_{I}\right\rangle$, we find, for example,

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{2}-c_{1}=\left\langle w_{1}, u_{1}\right\rangle, \quad u_{1} \equiv \sum_{2 \rightarrow 1}\left(r_{J}-r_{K}\right) L^{J} L^{K}-2 S \frac{w_{1}}{A_{1}} . \tag{B.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The second term in the definition of $u_{1}$ does not affect the value of $c_{2}-c_{1}$. We include it (and similar terms for all $u_{I}$ ) to make all the $u_{I}$ 's the same ( $u_{1}=u_{2}=\cdots=u_{d} \equiv u$ ):

$$
\begin{align*}
u_{2}-u_{1} & =-2 \sum_{3 \rightarrow 1}\left(r_{2}-r_{K}\right) L^{2} L^{K}-2 S\left(\frac{w_{2}}{A_{2}}-\frac{w_{1}}{A_{1}}\right) \\
& =-2\left[r_{2} L^{2}\left(S-L^{2}\right)+r_{2}\left(L^{2}\right)^{2}\right]-2 S\left(\frac{w_{2}}{A_{2}}-\frac{w_{1}}{A_{1}}\right)=0 \tag{B.5}
\end{align*}
$$

where we used (B.2). This implies that $c_{I}-\left\langle r_{I}, u\right\rangle$ is independent of the index $I$. Performing the subtraction and using ( $\overline{B .2}$ ) once again, we find

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{1}-\left\langle r_{1}, u\right\rangle=2 S+\sum_{2 \rightarrow d}\left\langle r_{J}, r_{K}\right\rangle L^{J} L^{K} \equiv 2 S+T \tag{B.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally, we show that $T=S$ by mathematical induction. To begin with, we note that for $d=3$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
T=\left\langle r_{2}, r_{3}\right\rangle L^{2} L^{3}=A_{2} \times \frac{\left\langle w_{1}, w_{2}\right\rangle}{A_{1} A_{2}} \times \frac{\left\langle w_{2}, w_{3}\right\rangle}{A_{2} A_{3}}=\frac{\left\langle w_{1}, w_{2}\right\rangle}{A_{1} A_{2}}+\frac{\left\langle w_{2}, w_{3}\right\rangle}{A_{2} A_{3}}+\frac{\left\langle w_{3}, w_{1}\right\rangle}{A_{3} A_{1}}=S \tag{B.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where we used the fact that, when $d=3,\left\langle w_{1}, w_{2}\right\rangle=\left\langle w_{2}, w_{3}\right\rangle=\left\langle w_{3}, w_{1}\right\rangle=A_{1}+A_{2}+A_{3}$. Now, assume that $T=S$ holds for a toric diagram with $d$ vertices. As we add another vertex $v_{d+1}$, most of the terms in $S$ and $T$ remain unchanged. The only differences are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tilde{S}-S=\tilde{L}_{d}+\tilde{L}_{d+1}+\tilde{L}_{1}-\left(L_{d}+L_{1}\right)  \tag{B.8}\\
& \tilde{T}-T=\left\langle r_{d}, r_{1}\right\rangle \tilde{L}^{d} \tilde{L}^{1}+\left\langle r_{d}, r_{d+1}\right\rangle \tilde{L}^{d} \tilde{L}^{d+1}+\left\langle r_{d+1}, r_{1}\right\rangle \tilde{L}^{d+1} \tilde{L}^{1}-\left\langle r_{d}, r_{1}\right\rangle L^{d} L^{1} \tag{B.9}
\end{align*}
$$

where we distinguished the objects for the new diagram by adding tilde above them. Using the identity again ( B.2), we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\langle r_{d}, r_{1}\right\rangle L^{d} L^{1} & =L_{d}+L_{1}-\frac{\left\langle w_{d-1}, w_{1}\right\rangle}{A_{d-1} A_{1}}  \tag{B.10}\\
\left\langle r_{d}, r_{d+1}\right\rangle \tilde{L}^{d} \tilde{L}^{d+1} & =\tilde{L}_{d}+\tilde{L}_{d+1}-\frac{\left\langle w_{d-1}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle}{A_{d-1} \tilde{A}_{d+1}}  \tag{B.11}\\
\left\langle r_{d+1}, r_{1}\right\rangle \tilde{L}^{d+1} \tilde{L}^{1} & =\tilde{L}_{d+1}+\tilde{L}_{1}-\frac{\left\langle\tilde{w}_{d}, w_{1}\right\rangle}{\tilde{A}_{d} A_{1}}  \tag{B.12}\\
\left\langle r_{d}, r_{1}\right\rangle \tilde{L}^{d} \tilde{L}^{1} & =-\tilde{L}_{d+1}+\frac{\left\langle w_{d-1}, \tilde{w}_{d+1}\right\rangle}{A_{d-1} \tilde{A}_{d+1}}+\frac{\left\langle\tilde{w}_{d}, w_{1}\right\rangle}{\tilde{A}_{d} A_{1}}-\frac{\left\langle w_{d-1}, w_{1}\right\rangle}{A_{d-1} A_{1}} . \tag{B.13}
\end{align*}
$$

Therefore, $T=S$ implies $\tilde{T}=\tilde{S}$. This completes the proof.

## C. Some identities

In this appendix, we prove two identities that we needed in section 3 to establish the relation between $\tau_{i j}$ and $C_{i j k}$. Recall that the one-form dual to the Killing vector $K_{i}$ is decomposed under the local $U(1)_{R}$ fibration description of $Y(3.11)$, (3.12) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{i}=\bar{K}_{i}+\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) e^{0} \tag{C.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The integral appearing in $\tau_{i j}$ splits accordingly:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{Y} K_{i} \wedge *_{5} K_{j}=\int_{B} \bar{K}_{i} \wedge *_{4} \bar{K}_{j}+\int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right)\left(i_{K_{j}} \sigma\right) \operatorname{vol}_{B} \equiv A_{i j}+B_{i j} \tag{C.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The first identity (3.25) follows from a straightforward computation:

$$
\begin{align*}
A_{i j} & =\int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} J_{B}\right) \wedge *_{4}\left(i_{K_{j}} J_{B}\right)=-\frac{1}{2} \int_{B} d\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) \wedge *_{4}\left(i_{K_{j}} J_{B}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) d *_{4}\left(i_{K_{j}} J_{B}\right)=-\frac{1}{2} \int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) d\left(\bar{K}_{j} \wedge J_{B}\right)  \tag{C.3}\\
& =-\frac{1}{2} \int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right)\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(d \bar{K}_{j}+*_{4} d \bar{K}_{j}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\left(d \bar{K}_{j}-*_{4} d \bar{K}_{j}\right)\right] \wedge J_{B} \\
& =3 \int_{B}\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right)\left(i_{K_{j}} \sigma\right) \frac{1}{2} J_{B} \wedge J_{B}=3 B_{i j} .
\end{align*}
$$

We used (3.19) in going from the third to the last line. The second identity (3.31) follows, since

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{Y} K_{R} \wedge d K_{i} \wedge d K_{j} & =\int_{B}\left(d \bar{K}_{i}+2\left(i_{K_{i}} \sigma\right) J_{B}\right) \wedge\left(d \bar{K}_{j}+2\left(i_{K_{j}} \sigma\right) J_{B}\right)  \tag{C.4}\\
& =-8 A_{i j}+8 B_{i j}=-16 B_{i j}=-4\left[\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{Y_{5}} K_{i} \wedge *_{5} K_{j}\right]
\end{align*}
$$

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Throughout this paper, we work in the usual large $N$ limit and suppress the dependence on $N$. It can be easily reinstated so that $a$ is proportional to $N^{2}, F_{i}^{I}$ is proportional to $N$, etc.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Generically, $B$ is an orbifold rather than a smooth manifold. Some of the proofs in section 3 involve integration by parts over $B$, hence they are not strictly valid. But, we expect that similar proofs will work with mild modifications.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ We thank Eunkyung Koh for carrying out this 'forward' proof completely.

