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Research Summary:

My work during April 2020 - March 2021 has been mainly on the analysis of D-instanton contribution to string amplitudes. I developed a general procedure for dealing with the infrared divergences that appear in the computation of D-instanton amplitudes in string theory and showed how we can use string field theory to extract unambiguous results for these apparently divergent quantities. I used this to discuss unitarity of the D-instanton amplitudes and possible failure of unitarity when tachyonic modes are present on the D-instanton. I also used open string field theory to compute the overall normalization of the D-instanton amplitudes – a task not attempted earlier due to the infrared divergences that plague this computation.

In a separate work with Nabamita Banerjee, Ajit Bhand, Suvankar Dutta and Ranveer Singh, I showed how Bhargava's cube can be used to classify the duality orbits of the STU model.

Publications:

1. A. P. Saha, B. Sahoo and A. Sen, *Proof of the classical soft graviton theorem in $D = 4$* , JHEP **06** (2020), 153 doi:10.1007/JHEP06(2020)153 [arXiv:1912.06413 [hep-th]].
2. A. Sen, *D-instanton Perturbation Theory*, JHEP **08** (2020), 075, doi:10.1007/JHEP08(2020)075 [arXiv:2002.04043 [hep-th]].
3. A. Sen, *Divergent \implies complex amplitudes in two dimensional string theory*, JHEP **02** (2021), 086 doi:10.1007/JHEP02(2021)086 [arXiv:2003.12076 [hep-th]].

Preprints:

1. N. Banerjee, A. Bhand, S. Dutta, A. Sen and R. K. Singh, *Bhargava's Cube and Black Hole Charges*, [arXiv:2006.02494 [hep-th]].
2. A. Sen, *Cutkosky Rules and Unitarity (Violation) in D-instanton Amplitudes*, [arXiv:2012.00041 [hep-th]].
3. A. Sen, *D-instantons, String Field Theory and Two Dimensional String Theory*, [arXiv:2012.11624 [hep-th]].
4. A. Sen, *Normalization of D-instanton Amplitudes*, [arXiv:2101.08566 [hep-th]].

Invited zoom talks at Conferences / Workshops / Schools

1. *Divergent to Complex Amplitudes in Two Dimensional String Theory*, at 'String field theory and related topics', Sao Paolo, June 2020
2. *D-instanton Perturbation Theory*, Strings 2020, Cape Town, June 2020
3. *Soft Theorem and its Classical Limit*, at 'Recent Developments in S-matrix theory', ICTS, Bangalore, July 2020