
Conformal Blocks: solutions to most of the exercises

2. Generalities on conformal transformations

2.1 Special conformal transformations

Problem:

Show that the general quadratic solution $\epsilon_\mu = \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} x^\nu x^\rho$ to the equation $\partial_\mu \epsilon_\nu + \partial_\nu \epsilon_\mu = \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) \delta_{\mu\nu} (\delta^{\sigma\tau} \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau)$, in flat d -dimensional Euclidean space is $\epsilon^\mu = 2x^\mu (b \cdot x) - b^\mu x^2$.

Solution

We start from the most general quadratic term $\epsilon_\mu = \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} x^\nu x^\rho$, where $\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} = \gamma_{\mu\rho\nu}$. (Any part of γ antisymmetric in the last two indices would not actually contribute anything to ϵ so we can take it to be zero).

We have to substitute this into the equation

$$\partial_\mu \epsilon_\nu + \partial_\nu \epsilon_\mu = \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) \delta_{\mu\nu} (\delta^{\sigma\tau} \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau). \quad (*)$$

We first calculate (using $\gamma_{\tau\sigma\nu} = \gamma_{\tau\nu\sigma}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau &= \partial_\sigma (\gamma_{\tau\nu\rho} x^\nu x^\rho) = \gamma_{\tau\nu\rho} (\delta_\sigma^\nu x^\rho + x^\nu \delta_\sigma^\rho) = \gamma_{\tau\sigma\rho} x^\rho + \gamma_{\tau\nu\sigma} x^\nu = 2\gamma_{\tau\sigma\rho} x^\rho \\ \Rightarrow \delta^{\sigma\tau} \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau &= 2\gamma^\tau{}_{\tau\rho} x^\rho \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gamma^\tau{}_{\tau\rho}$ will occur quite a lot in the calculation, let's give it a name, $a_\rho = \gamma^\tau{}_{\tau\rho}$ and so we have

$$\delta^{\sigma\tau} \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau = 2a_\rho x^\rho.$$

Now the equation (*) that we have to solve becomes

$$2\gamma_{\nu\mu\rho} x^\rho + 2\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} x^\rho = \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) \delta_{\mu\nu} 2a_\rho x^\rho$$

We now want to get rid of the x on the left hand side. We can do this by differentiating with respect to σ and using $\partial_\sigma x^\rho = \delta_\sigma^\rho$ to get

$$\Rightarrow 2\gamma_{\nu\mu\sigma} + 2\gamma_{\mu\nu\sigma} = \left(\frac{4}{d}\right) \delta_{\mu\nu} a_\sigma \quad \Rightarrow \gamma_{\nu\mu\sigma} + \gamma_{\mu\nu\sigma} = \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) \delta_{\mu\nu} a_\sigma$$

This is just the sort of combination that occurs when calculating the Christoffel symbols in GR, and we use the same trick here: we take three version of this equation with different permutations of the indices and use the symmetry on the last pair of indices:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\gamma_{\nu\mu\sigma} + \gamma_{\mu\nu\sigma}) \\ -(\gamma_{\mu\sigma\nu} + \gamma_{\sigma\mu\nu}) \\ +(\gamma_{\sigma\nu\mu} + \gamma_{\nu\sigma\mu}) \end{array} \right\} &= \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_\sigma \delta_{\mu\nu} \\ -a_\nu \delta_{\mu\sigma} \\ +a_\mu \delta_{\nu\sigma} \end{array} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow 2\gamma_{\nu\mu\sigma} &= \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) (a_\sigma \delta_{\mu\nu} - a_\nu \delta_{\mu\sigma} + a_\mu \delta_{\nu\sigma}) \\ \Rightarrow 2\gamma_{\nu\mu\sigma} &= \left(\frac{2}{d}\right) (a_\sigma \delta_{\mu\nu} - a_\nu \delta_{\mu\sigma} + a_\mu \delta_{\nu\sigma}) \\ \epsilon_\mu = \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} x^\nu x^\rho &= \left(\frac{1}{d}\right) (a_\rho x^\rho x_\sigma + a_\nu x^\nu x_\mu - a_\mu x^\rho x_\rho) \end{aligned}$$

Putting $a^\rho = db^\rho$ we get the general solution

$$\epsilon^\mu = (2b^\sigma x_\sigma) x^\mu - b^\mu (x^2).$$

Problem:

Consider the coordinate transformation of flat space

$$x'^{\mu} = \frac{x^{\mu} - (x^2)b^{\mu}}{1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b} + x^2b^2}, \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{b} is a constant vector. Show that $\frac{x'^{\mu}}{(x')^2} = \frac{x^{\mu}}{x^2} - b^{\mu}$.

Solution

We follow the hint and first find

$$(x')^2 = \frac{1}{(1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b} + x^2b^2)^2} (x^2 - 2(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b})x^2 + (x^2)^2b^2) = \frac{x^2}{(1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b} + x^2b^2)}$$

so that

$$\frac{x'^{\mu}}{(x')^2} = \frac{(1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b} + x^2b^2)}{x^2} \left[\frac{x^{\mu} - x^2b^{\mu}}{1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b} + x^2b^2} \right] = \frac{x^{\mu}}{x^2} - b^{\mu}$$

Problem:

Consider now the vector $y^{\mu}(t)$ with real parameter t defined by $y(t)^{\mu} = \frac{x^{\mu} - (x^2)te^{\mu}}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2}$, where $\mathbf{e} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$ is the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{b} . We denote $|\mathbf{b}| = b$ so that $\mathbf{b} = b\mathbf{e}$. Show that

$$(a) \ \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{x} - tx^2}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2}, (b) \ y^2 = \frac{x^2}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2}, (c) \ \frac{dy^{\mu}}{dt} = 2(\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{y})y^{\mu} - y^2 e^{\mu}.$$

Solution:

(a)

$$\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{e} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{x} - (x^2)t\mathbf{e}}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{x} - (x^2)t\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2} = \frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{x} - (x^2)t}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2}$$

since \mathbf{e} is a unit vector, $\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e} = 1$.

(b) We have already done this in part (a) where we calculated $(x')^2$. If, for the moment, we substitute $\mathbf{b} = t\mathbf{e}$ then we get $x'^{\mu} = y^{\mu}$ and so, (using $\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e} = 1$)

$$y^2 = \frac{x^2}{(1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot (t\mathbf{e}) + x^2(t\mathbf{e})^2)} = \frac{x^2}{(1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2)}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy^{\mu}}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\mathbf{x} - (x^2)t\mathbf{e}}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2} \right] = \left[\frac{-(x^2)\mathbf{e}}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2} \right] - \left[\frac{(-2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + 2x^2t)(\mathbf{x} - (x^2)t\mathbf{e})}{(1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2)^2} \right] \\ &= y^{\mu} \left[\frac{2(\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{x} - x^2t)}{1 - 2t\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e} + x^2t^2} \right] - y^2 y^{\mu} = 2(\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{y})y^{\mu} - y^2 e^{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

as required.

2.2 Classical scale invariant Lagrangians

Consider a scalar field which transforms under an infinitesimal coordinate transformation $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu$ as $\phi(x) = |\partial x'^\mu / \partial x^\nu|^{\Delta/d} \phi(x')$, where $|\partial x'^\mu / \partial x^\nu|$ is the Jacobian of the transformation.

- (a) Show that under a scale transformation $x'^\mu = \lambda x^\mu$, the field ϕ has scale dimension Δ .
 (b) Show that if $\delta x^\mu = \alpha^\mu$, the variation of ϕ is $\delta\phi = \frac{\Delta}{d}(\partial_\mu \alpha^\mu)\phi + \alpha^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi$.
 (c) Show for an infinitesimal scale transformation $\delta x^\mu = \epsilon x^\mu$, $\delta_\epsilon \phi = \epsilon(\Delta\phi + x^\nu \partial_\nu \phi)$.
 (d) Show that the variation of the Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\sigma \phi \partial^\sigma \phi - V(\phi)$, is a total derivative under an infinitesimal scale transformation provided $\Delta = (d/2) - 1$, and $V = c\phi^{D/\Delta}$ for some constant c . [What are these potentials?]

Solution:

- (a) If $x'^\mu = \lambda x^\mu$ then $\partial x'^\mu / \partial x^\nu = \lambda \delta_\nu^\mu$, or $(\partial x'^\mu / \partial x^\nu) = \lambda \mathbf{I}$, where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix.

This means that

$$\det\left(\frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu}\right) = \det(\lambda \mathbf{I}) = \lambda^d \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi(x) = (\lambda^d)^{\Delta/d} \phi(x') = \lambda^\Delta \phi(x').$$

We see that the field ϕ has scale dimension Δ .

- (b) If $\delta x^\mu = \alpha^\mu$ then

$$x'^\mu = x^\mu + \delta x^\mu = x^\mu + \alpha^\mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} (x^\mu + \alpha^\mu) = \delta_\nu^\mu + \partial_\nu \alpha^\mu$$

We can write the Jacobian matrix of partial derivatives as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} (x^\mu + \alpha^\mu) = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}$$

where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix and the elements of the matrix \mathbf{A} are $\partial \alpha^\mu / \partial x^\nu$. Since α^μ is an infinitesimal transformation, the entries in \mathbf{A} are small and so

$$\det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) = 1 + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}) + O(A^2) = 1 + \partial_\mu \alpha^\mu$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \right|^{\Delta/d} \phi(x + \delta x) &= \phi(x^\mu + \alpha^\mu) (1 + \partial_\nu \alpha^\nu + O(\alpha^2))^{\Delta/d} \\ &= (\phi(x) + \alpha^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi + O(\alpha^2)) (1 + \frac{\Delta}{d} \partial_\nu \alpha^\nu + O(\alpha^2)) = \phi(x) + (\alpha^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi + \frac{\Delta}{d} \partial_\mu \alpha^\mu \phi) + O(\alpha^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\delta\phi = \frac{\Delta}{d}(\partial \cdot \alpha)\phi + \alpha \cdot \partial\phi}$$

- (c) If we have an infinitesimal scale transformation $\delta x^\mu = \epsilon x^\mu$, then

$$\partial \cdot \alpha = \partial_\mu (\epsilon x^\mu) = \epsilon \delta_\mu^\mu = \epsilon d, \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha \cdot \partial = \epsilon x^\mu \partial_\mu,$$

and so

$$\delta\phi = \epsilon(\Delta\phi + x^\nu \partial_\nu \phi). \quad (\dagger)$$

(d) We have

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \partial_\sigma(\delta\phi)\partial^\sigma\phi - \delta\phi\frac{\partial V}{\partial\phi}$$

where we have written $\partial V/\partial\phi = V'$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \Delta\partial_\sigma\phi\partial^\sigma\phi + \delta_\sigma^\tau\partial_\tau\phi\partial^\sigma\phi + x^\tau\partial_\tau\partial_\sigma\phi\partial^\sigma\phi - \Delta\phi V' - x^\tau\partial_\tau V \\ &= (\Delta + 1)\partial_\sigma\phi\partial^\sigma\phi + \frac{1}{2}x^\tau\partial_\tau(\partial_\sigma\phi\partial^\sigma\phi) - \partial_\tau(x^\tau V) + (\partial_\tau x^\tau)V - \Delta\phi V' \\ &= \partial_\tau\left(\frac{1}{2}x^\tau\partial_\sigma\phi\partial^\sigma\phi - x^\tau V\right) + \left[\Delta + 1 - \frac{d}{2}\right](\partial\phi)^2 + (dV - \Delta\phi V') \\ &= \partial_\tau(x^\tau\mathcal{L}) + \left[\Delta - \frac{d-2}{2}\right](\partial\phi)^2 + (dV - \Delta\phi V') \end{aligned}$$

This is a total derivative under an infinitesimal scale transformation provided $\Delta = (d/2) - 1$, and $dV = \Delta\phi V'$. This last equation is solved by $V = c\phi^{d/\Delta}$ for any constant c , as required.

$d/\Delta = \frac{2d}{d-2}$. This is an integer for $d = 3, 4, 6$ in which case the classically scale-invariant potentials are

$$\frac{d}{V} \left| \begin{array}{c|c|c} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline \phi^6 & \phi^4 & \phi^3 \end{array} \right.$$

We note that these are the renormalisable potentials.

2.3 Scale invariance is not conformal invariance

Consider the following Lagrangian in four dimensions

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_\phi + \mathcal{L}_A, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{L}_\phi = \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi, \quad \mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu},$$

where ϕ is a complex scalar field, $\bar{\phi}$ is its conjugate and $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ is the field strength of a gauge field A_μ . Under conformal transformations, the fields vary as

$$\delta\phi = \frac{1}{4}(\partial \cdot \epsilon)\phi + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi, \quad \delta\bar{\phi} = \frac{1}{4}(\partial \cdot \epsilon)\bar{\phi} + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi}, \quad \delta A_\mu = \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A_\mu + A_\sigma \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma.$$

(a) Show that

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_\phi = \partial_\mu \left[\epsilon^\mu (\partial\phi \cdot \partial\bar{\phi}) + \frac{1}{4} \phi \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \right] - \frac{1}{4} \phi \bar{\phi} \partial_\sigma \square \epsilon^\sigma + \left[\partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau + \partial_\tau \epsilon_\sigma - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \eta_{\sigma\tau} \right] \partial^\sigma \phi \partial^\tau \bar{\phi},$$

hence \mathcal{L}_ϕ is invariant (up to a total derivative) for conformal transformations (explain why).

(b) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta F_{\mu\nu} &= (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma) F_{\sigma\nu} + (\partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma) F_{\mu\sigma} + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma F_{\mu\nu}. \\ \delta\mathcal{L}_A &= \partial_\sigma \left(-\frac{1}{4} \epsilon^\sigma F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau + \partial_\tau \epsilon_\sigma - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \eta_{\sigma\tau} \right] F^\sigma{}_\nu F^{\tau\nu}, \end{aligned}$$

so again \mathcal{L}_A is invariant (up to a total derivative) for conformal transformations.

(c) Now consider the usual interaction term (up to a factor of $-ie$)

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = A^\mu J_\mu \quad \text{where} \quad J_\mu = (\bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi - \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}).$$

Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J_\mu &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) J_\mu + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma J_\mu + J_\tau \partial_\mu \epsilon^\tau. \\ \delta\mathcal{L}_1 &= \partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma A \cdot J) + \left[\partial_\tau \epsilon_\mu + \partial_\mu \epsilon_\tau - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \eta_{\mu\tau} \right] A^\tau J^\mu, \end{aligned}$$

and hence the interaction term is (classically) invariant (up to total derivatives) under both scale transformations and special conformal transformations.

(d). Consider now the interaction term

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = A^\mu K_\mu \quad \text{where} \quad K_\mu = (\bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi + \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}).$$

Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K_\mu &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) K_\mu + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma K_\mu + K_\tau \partial_\mu \epsilon^\tau + \frac{1}{2} \phi \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon). \\ \delta\mathcal{L}_2 &= \partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma A \cdot K) + \left[\partial_\tau \epsilon_\mu + \partial_\mu \epsilon_\tau - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \eta_{\mu\tau} \right] A^\tau K^\mu + \frac{1}{2} \phi \bar{\phi} A^\sigma (\partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \epsilon^\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this term is invariant (up to total derivatives) for conformal transformations for which $\partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \epsilon^\tau = 0$, ie for translations, rotations, scale transformations but not special conformal transformations (explain why).

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$$\delta\phi = \frac{1}{4}(\partial \cdot \epsilon)\phi + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi, \quad \delta\bar{\phi} = \frac{1}{4}(\partial \cdot \epsilon)\bar{\phi} + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi},$$

$$\delta A_\mu = \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A_\mu + A_\sigma \partial_\sigma \epsilon^\sigma$$

$$(a) \mathcal{L}_\phi = \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L}_\phi = \partial_\sigma (\delta \bar{\phi}) \partial^\sigma \phi + \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma (\delta \phi)$$

$$= \partial_\sigma \left(\frac{1}{4}(\partial \cdot \epsilon)\bar{\phi} + \epsilon^\tau \partial_\tau \bar{\phi} \right) \partial^\sigma \phi + \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \left(\frac{1}{4}(\partial \cdot \epsilon)\phi + \epsilon^\tau \partial_\tau \phi \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\bar{\phi} (\partial^\sigma \phi) \partial_\sigma (\partial \cdot \epsilon) + \phi (\partial^\sigma \bar{\phi}) \partial_\sigma (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi + \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi)$$

$$+ \partial_\sigma \epsilon^\tau (\partial_\tau \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi) + \epsilon^\tau \left[\partial_\tau (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi}) \partial^\sigma \phi + \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial_\tau (\partial^\sigma \phi) \right]$$

$$+ \partial_\sigma \epsilon^\tau (\partial^\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial_\tau \phi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \partial^\sigma (\bar{\phi} \phi) \partial_\sigma (\partial \cdot \epsilon) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi)$$

$$+ (\partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau + \partial_\tau \epsilon_\sigma) (\partial^\tau \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi) + \epsilon^\tau \partial_\tau (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \partial^\sigma (\bar{\phi} \phi \partial_\sigma (\partial \cdot \epsilon)) - \frac{1}{4} \bar{\phi} \phi \square (\partial \cdot \epsilon)$$

$$+ \partial_\tau (\epsilon^\tau (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi)) - (\partial \cdot \epsilon) (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) (\partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi)$$

$$+ (\partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau + \partial_\tau \epsilon_\sigma) (\partial^\tau \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi)$$

$$= \partial_\sigma \left(\frac{1}{4} \bar{\phi} \phi (\partial^\sigma (\partial \cdot \epsilon)) + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial \phi \right) - \frac{1}{4} \bar{\phi} \phi \square (\partial \cdot \epsilon)$$

$$+ (\partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau + \partial_\tau \epsilon_\sigma - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \eta_{\tau\sigma}) \partial^\tau \bar{\phi} \partial^\sigma \phi$$

This is a total divergence for conformal transformations in 4 dimensions as

$$(1) \quad \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau + \partial_\tau \epsilon_\sigma = \frac{2}{d} \eta_{\tau\sigma} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\tau\sigma} (\partial \cdot \epsilon)$$

$$(2) \quad \partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \epsilon_\rho \in \nu = 0 \Rightarrow \square (\partial \cdot \epsilon) = 0$$

$$(b) \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(F_{\mu\nu}) &= \partial_\mu(\delta A_\nu) - \partial_\nu(\delta A_\mu) \\ &= \partial_\mu(\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A_\nu + A_\sigma \partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma) - \partial_\nu(\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A_\mu + A_\sigma \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma) \\ &= (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma) \partial_\sigma A_\nu \overset{(1)}{+} \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \partial_\mu A_\nu \\ &\quad + (\partial_\mu A_\sigma) \partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma \overset{(3)}{+} \cancel{A_\sigma \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma} \\ &\quad - \partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A_\mu \overset{(4)}{-} - \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \partial_\nu A_\mu \\ &\quad + (\partial_\nu A_\sigma) \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma \overset{(2)}{-} - \cancel{A_\sigma \partial_\nu \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma} \\ &= (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma) (\partial_\sigma A_\nu \overset{(1)}{-} \partial_\nu A_\sigma \overset{(2)}) \\ &\quad + (\partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma) (\partial_\mu A_\sigma \overset{(3)}{-} \partial_\sigma A_\mu \overset{(4)}) \\ &\quad + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma F_{\sigma\nu} + \partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma F_{\mu\sigma} + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L}_A &= \delta \left(-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} F^{\mu\nu} \delta(F_{\mu\nu}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} F^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma F_{\sigma\nu} + \partial_\nu \epsilon^\sigma F_{\mu\sigma} + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma F_{\mu\nu}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}) \overset{(1)}{-} -\frac{1}{2} F^\mu{}_\nu F^{\sigma\nu} (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \partial_\sigma \epsilon^\mu) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}) + \frac{1}{4} (\partial_\sigma \epsilon^\sigma) F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{2} F^\mu{}_\nu F^{\sigma\nu} (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \partial_\sigma \epsilon^\mu) \\ &= \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} \partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu})}_{\partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma \mathcal{L}_A)} - \frac{1}{2} F^\mu{}_\nu F^{\sigma\nu} (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \partial_\sigma \epsilon^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\sigma\mu} \partial \cdot \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

This vanishes if e^μ is a conformal transformation in $d=4$.

$$(c) \quad \mathcal{L}_1 = A^\mu J_\mu, \quad J_\mu = \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi - \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J_\mu &= \delta \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi + \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu (\delta \phi) - \delta \phi (\partial_\mu \bar{\phi}) - \phi \partial_\mu (\delta \bar{\phi}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)} + \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \left(\frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \phi \right)^{(2)} - \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}^{(1)} \\ &\quad - \phi \partial_\mu \left(\frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \bar{\phi} \right)^{(3)} \\ &\quad + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi \cdot \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} + \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu (\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi) - \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi \cdot \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} - \phi \partial_\mu (\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) J_\mu^{(1)} + \frac{1}{4} \partial_\mu (\cancel{\partial \cdot \epsilon} \bar{\phi} \phi + \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi]_2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \partial_\mu (\cancel{\partial \cdot \epsilon} \bar{\phi} \phi - \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}]_3 \\ &\quad + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (\phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi})^{L3} + \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma \cdot \partial_\sigma \phi^{L4} \\ &\quad - \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (\bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi)^{L3} - \phi \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma \cdot \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi}^{L4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) J_\mu + \underbrace{\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma J_\mu}_3 + \underbrace{J_\sigma \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma}_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L}_1 &= \delta A^\mu \cdot J_\mu + A^\mu \cdot \delta J_\mu \\ &= \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A^\mu \cdot J_\mu^{L1} + A_\sigma \partial^\mu \epsilon^\sigma \cdot J_\mu^{L2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) A^\mu J_\mu + A^\mu \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma J_\mu^{L1} + A^\mu J_\sigma \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma^{L3} \\ &= \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (A^\mu J_\mu)^{L1} + \cancel{\partial^\mu \epsilon^\sigma} (A_\sigma J_\mu) (\partial^\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \partial^\sigma \epsilon^\mu)^{L2, L3} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) A^\mu J_\mu \\ &= \partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma A^\mu J_\mu) - A^\mu J_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon) + \frac{1}{2} A^\mu J_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \\ &\quad + A_\sigma J_\mu (\partial^\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \partial^\sigma \epsilon^\mu) \\ &= \underbrace{\partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma \mathcal{L}_1)}_{\text{Total Derivative}} + \underbrace{A^\sigma J^\mu (\partial_\mu \epsilon_\sigma + \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\sigma} (\partial \cdot \epsilon))}_{\text{vanishes if } \epsilon^\mu \text{ is a conformal transformation.}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad K_\mu = \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi + \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}$$

$$\delta K_\mu = \delta \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial_\mu \phi + \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu (\delta \phi) \\ + \delta \phi \cdot \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} + \phi \cdot \partial_\mu (\delta \bar{\phi})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu [(\partial \cdot \epsilon) \phi] \\ + \frac{1}{4} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} + \frac{1}{4} \phi \partial_\mu [(\partial \cdot \epsilon) \bar{\phi}]$$

$$+ \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial_\mu \phi + \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu (\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi) \\ + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \phi \cdot \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} + \phi \partial_\mu (\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \phi + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\phi} \phi \partial_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \phi \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\phi} \phi \partial_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon)$$

$$+ \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (K_\mu) + \bar{\phi} \partial_\sigma \phi \cdot \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \phi \partial_\sigma \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) K_\mu + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma K_\mu + K_\sigma \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \bar{\phi} \phi \partial_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon)}_{\text{extra term.}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = A^\mu K_\mu$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L}_2 = \delta A^\mu \cdot K_\mu + A^\mu \cdot \delta K_\mu \\ = (\epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma A^\mu + A^\sigma \partial^\mu \epsilon^\sigma) K_\mu \\ + A^\mu \left(\frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) K_\mu + \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma K_\mu + K_\sigma \partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma \right) + \frac{1}{2} A^\mu \bar{\phi} \phi (\partial_\mu \partial \cdot \epsilon) \\ = \epsilon^\sigma \partial_\sigma (A^\mu K_\mu) + A^\sigma K^\mu (\partial_\mu \epsilon^\sigma + \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\mu) \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \cdot \epsilon) A^\mu K_\mu + \frac{1}{2} A^\mu \bar{\phi} \phi \partial_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon) \\ = \underbrace{\partial_\sigma (\epsilon^\sigma A^\mu K_\mu)}_{\text{Total derivative}} + \underbrace{A^\sigma K^\mu (\partial_\mu \epsilon_\sigma + \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\sigma\mu} (\partial \cdot \epsilon))}_{\text{vanishes for coord. transf.}} \\ + \frac{1}{2} A^\mu \bar{\phi} \phi \partial_\mu (\partial \cdot \epsilon)$$

Vanishes for

Translations, Lorentz, & Poincaré transf. but not

ϵ^μ for Translations, Lorentz + ^{scale} special coord is linear Special coord. transf.

$\Rightarrow \partial_\sigma \partial_\rho \epsilon^\mu = 0$. ϵ^μ for special coord is quadratic & this doesn't vanish.

3. Specialisation to $d = 2$

3.1 Conformal transformations in two dimensions

We have to consider the equation

$$\partial_\mu \epsilon_\nu + \partial_\nu \epsilon_\mu = \delta_{\mu\nu} (\delta^{\sigma\tau} \partial_\sigma \epsilon_\tau),$$

for each choice of indices $\{\mu, \nu\}$ in Cartesian coordinates, that is for $\{\mu, \nu\} = \{x, x\}, \{x, y\}, \{y, y\}$.

$\{\mu, \nu\} = \{x, x\}$:

$$2\partial_x \epsilon_x = (\partial_x \epsilon_x + \partial_y \epsilon_y) \Rightarrow \partial_x \epsilon_x = \partial_y \epsilon_y$$

$\{\mu, \nu\} = \{x, y\}$:

$$\partial_x \epsilon_y + \partial_y \epsilon_x = 0$$

$\{\mu, \nu\} = \{y, y\}$:

$$2\partial_y \epsilon_y = (\partial_x \epsilon_x + \partial_y \epsilon_y) \Rightarrow \partial_y \epsilon_y = \partial_x \epsilon_x$$

If we now label the two components of ϵ as $\epsilon_x = f$ and $\epsilon_y = g$ we see that we have the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}. \quad (*)$$

These are the Cauchy-Riemanns equations for the f and g to be the real and imaginary parts of a complex function of $z = x + iy$. If we put

$$F = f + ig, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x - i\partial_y), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x + i\partial_y).$$

The equation that F is a differentiable function of z is

$$0 = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{z}} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) + i \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right),$$

which are exactly the equations (*).

3.2 Special conformal transformations of the complex plane

We start from

$$x'^{\mu} = \frac{x^{\mu} - (x^2)b^{\mu}}{1 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{b} + x^2b^2}, \quad (1)$$

In complex coordinates $z = x + iy, \bar{z} = x - iy$ we have $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = z\bar{z} \Rightarrow g_{z\bar{z}} = g_{\bar{z}z} = 1/2, g_{zz} = g_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} = 0$. Hence with $x^{\mu} = (z, \bar{z}), b^{\mu} = (b, \bar{b})$,

$$z' = \frac{z - (z\bar{z})b}{1 - (z\bar{b} + \bar{z}b) + z\bar{z}b\bar{b}} = \frac{z(1 - \bar{z}b)}{(1 - z\bar{b})(1 - \bar{z}b)} = \frac{z}{1 - z\bar{b}}.$$

Similarly, or by complex conjugation, we get the transformation for \bar{z} ,

$$z \mapsto \frac{z}{1 - \bar{b}z}, \quad \bar{z} \mapsto \frac{\bar{z}}{1 - b\bar{z}}.$$

If $b = \alpha + i\beta$ then

$$\delta z = \delta x + i\delta y = (\alpha + i\beta)(x + iy)^2 = (\alpha + i\beta)(x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy) = (\alpha(x^2 - y^2) - 2\beta xy) + i(\beta(x^2 - y^2) + 2\alpha xy),$$

generated by $Q = (\alpha + i\beta)L_1 + (\alpha - i\beta\bar{L}_1) = \alpha(L_1 + \bar{L}_1) + \beta i(L_1 - \bar{L}_1)$.

3.3 Möbius maps

A Möbius map is of the form

$$z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

The simplest way to show there is a unique map that sends $u \rightarrow u', v \rightarrow v', w \rightarrow w'$ is to show there is a unique map that sends $u \rightarrow \infty, v \rightarrow 1, w \rightarrow 0$ and then there is a unique composition that sends $u \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow u'$, etc.

Obviously to send $u \rightarrow \infty$ and $w \rightarrow 0$ we must have

$$z \mapsto A \frac{z - w}{z - u}$$

for some constant A and we choose A to send $v \rightarrow 1$,

$$z \mapsto \frac{v - u}{v - w} \frac{z - w}{z - u}$$

A Möbius map is infinitesimal if it is close to the identity map which has $a = d = 1, b = c = 0$ and so we require $a = 1 + \alpha, d = 1 + \delta, b = \beta, c = \gamma$ and get (ignoring second order terms)

$$\delta z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} - z = \frac{z + \alpha z + \beta}{1 + \delta + \gamma z} - z \approx (z + \alpha z + \beta)(1 - \delta - \gamma z) - z \approx \beta + (\alpha - \delta)z + (-\gamma)z^2 = A + Bz + Cz^2,$$

as required

3.4 Quasiprimary state

Let $L_0|\psi\rangle = h|\psi\rangle$ and $L_1|\psi\rangle = 0$.

Now consider $|\chi\rangle = (L_{-2} - (3/(4h+2))L_{-1}L_{-1})|\psi\rangle$.

Firstly, we can prove $L_0|\chi\rangle = (h+2)|\chi\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
L_0L_{-2}|\psi\rangle &= [L_0, L_{-2}]|\psi\rangle + L_{-2}L_0|\psi\rangle = 2L_{-2}|\psi\rangle + hL_{-2}|\psi\rangle \\
&= (h+2)L_{-2}|\psi\rangle \\
L_0L_{-1}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle &= [L_0, L_{-1}]L_{-1}|\psi\rangle + L_{-1}[L_0, L_{-1}]|\psi\rangle + L_{-1}L_{-1}L_0|\psi\rangle \\
&= L_{-1}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle + L_{-1}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle + hL_{-1}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle \\
&= (h+2)L_{-1}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle \\
\Rightarrow L_0|\chi\rangle &= (h+2)|\chi\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we consider $L_1|\chi\rangle$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_1L_{-2}|\psi\rangle &= [L_1, L_{-2}]|\psi\rangle + L_{-2}L_1|\psi\rangle = 3L_{-2}|\psi\rangle + 0 \\
&= 3L_{-2}|\psi\rangle \\
L_1L_{-1}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle &= [L_1, L_{-1}]L_{-1}|\psi\rangle + L_{-1}[L_1, L_{-1}]|\psi\rangle + L_{-1}L_{-1}L_1|\psi\rangle \\
&= 2L_0L_{-1}|\psi\rangle + 2L_{-1}L_0|\psi\rangle + 0 \\
&= 2[L_0, L_{-1}]|\psi\rangle + 4L_{-1}L_0|\psi\rangle \\
&= 2L_{-1}|\psi\rangle + 4hL_{-1}|\psi\rangle \\
&= (4h+2)L_{-1}|\psi\rangle \\
\Rightarrow L_1(L_{-2} - \frac{3}{4h+2}L_{-1}L_{-1})|\psi\rangle &= 3L_{-1}|\psi\rangle - (4h+2)\frac{3}{4h+2}L_{-1}|\psi\rangle \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

3.5 One-, two- and three-point functions

(a) We consider $\langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle$ and use $\langle 0 | L_{-1} = L_{-1} | 0 \rangle = 0$
 $\langle 0 | L_0 = L_0 | 0 \rangle = 0$

(i) $\langle 0 | L_{-1} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= \langle 0 | L_{-1} \phi(z) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | [L_{-1}, \phi(z)] | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \phi(z) L_{-1} | 0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle = \text{const} = c.$

(ii) $\langle 0 | L_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= \langle 0 | L_0 \phi(z) | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | [L_0, \phi(z)] | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \phi(z) L_0 | 0 \rangle \\ &= \left(h + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle \\ &= h \langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle \quad \text{since } \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow h = 0$ or $\langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow \langle 0 | \phi(z) | 0 \rangle = 0$ if $h \neq 0.$

(b) Consider $\langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad 0 &= \langle 0 | L_{-1} \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | [L_{-1}, \phi_h(z)] \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) [L_{-1}, \phi_h'(\omega)] | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) \cancel{L_{-1}} | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \right) \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

If we put $\xi = z + \omega$, $\eta = z - \omega$, then $z = \frac{\xi + \eta}{2}$, $\omega = \frac{\xi - \eta}{2}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \right)$$

So if $\langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle = F(\xi, \eta)$

We have found $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} F(\xi, \eta) = 0 \Rightarrow F(\xi, \eta) = f(\eta) = f(z - \omega)$

i.e. $\langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_h'(\omega) | 0 \rangle = f(z - \omega)$.

(ii)

$$0 = \langle 0 | L_0 \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(\omega) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0 | [L_0, \phi_h(z)] \phi_{h'}(\omega) | 0 \rangle$$

$$+ \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) [L_0, \phi_{h'}(\omega)] | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(\omega) L_0 | 0 \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \langle 0 | (h + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}) \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(\omega) | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) (h' + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega}) \phi_{h'}(\omega) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= (h + h' + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega}) \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(\omega) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= (h + h' + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega}) f(z, \omega)$$

$$= (h + h') f + z f' - \omega f'$$

$$= (h + h') f + (z - \omega) f' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (h + h') f(t) + t f'(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} = - \frac{(h + h')}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{df}{f} = - (h + h') \int \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln f = \text{const} - (h + h') \ln t$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \text{const. } t^{-(h + h')}$$

$$\approx \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(\omega) | 0 \rangle = \text{const. } (z - \omega)^{-h - h'}$$

(iii)

$$\langle 0 | L_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \langle 0 | L_1 \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(w) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0 | [L_1, \phi_h(z)] \phi_{h'}(w) | 0 \rangle$$

$$+ \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) [L_1, \phi_{h'}(w)] | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(w) L_1 | 0 \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \left(2hz + z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + 2h'w + w^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \right) f(z-w)$$

$$= \left(2hz + z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + 2h'w + w^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \right) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{const.}}}{c} (z-w)^{-h-h'}$$

$$= \text{const.} \left[(2hz + 2h'w)(z-w)^{-h-h'} + (-h-h')z^2(z-w)^{-h-h'-1} + w^2(-h-h')(-1)(z-w)^{-h-h'-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\text{const.}}{(z-w)^{h+h'+1}} \left[(2hz + 2h'w)(z-w) - (h+h')(z^2 - w^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\text{const.}}{(z-w)^{h+h'+1}} \left[(h-h')(z^2 - 2zw + w^2) \right]$$

$$= (h-h') \cdot \text{const.} (z-w)^{h-h'+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_{h'}(w) | 0 \rangle = 0 & \text{if } h \neq h' \\ \langle 0 | \phi_h(z) \phi_h(w) | 0 \rangle = \frac{\text{const.}}{(z-w)^{2h}} \end{cases}$$

4. Full infinite symmetry

4.1 Conformal invariance in light-cone coordinates

Light-cone coordinates for Minkowski space are defined as $x^+ = t + x$, $x^- = t - x$.

(a) The simplest way to find the metric is from the line element,

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dt^2 - dx^2 = \left(\frac{dx^+ + dx^-}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{dx^+ - dx^-}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= dx^+ dx^- = \eta_{++} dx^+ dx^+ + 2\eta_{+-} dx^+ dx^- + \eta_{--} dx^- dx^-, \end{aligned}$$

from which we can read off that $\eta_{++} = \eta_{--} = 0$, $\eta_{+-} = \eta_{-+} = \frac{1}{2}$ so that

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) We first find

$$T^\mu{}_\mu = T^+{}_+ + T^-{}_- = \eta^{+-} T_{-+} + \eta^{-+} T_{+-} = 4T_{+-} = 0.$$

Next,

$$\partial^\nu T_{\nu+} = \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu T_{\nu+} = 2\partial_+ T_{-+} + 2\partial_- T_{++} = 2\partial_- T_{++} = 0,$$

and finally

$$\partial^\nu T_{\nu-} = \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu T_{\nu-} = 2\partial_+ T_{--} + 2\partial_- T_{+-} = 2\partial_+ T_{--} = 0,$$

(c) Finally, we use the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial x^+}{\partial t} \partial_+ + \frac{\partial x^-}{\partial t} \partial_- = \partial_+ + \partial_-, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial x^+}{\partial x} \partial_+ + \frac{\partial x^-}{\partial x} \partial_- = \partial_+ - \partial_-,$$

to re-write

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f(x^+) T_{++} + g(x^-) T_{--}) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (f(x^+) T_{++} + g(x^-) T_{--}) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\partial_+ + \partial_-) (f(x^+) T_{++} + g(x^-) T_{--}) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\partial_+ (f(x^+) T_{++}) + \partial_- (g(x^-) T_{--})] dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(\partial_+ - \partial_-) (f(x^+) T_{++}) + (\partial_- - \partial_+) (g(x^-) T_{--})] dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [f(x^+) T_{++} - g(x^-) T_{--}] dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where we repeatedly used

$$\partial_- (f(x^+) T_{++}) = 0, \quad \partial_+ (g(x^-) T_{--}) = 0.$$

4.2 Highest weight states

To show that $L_1\psi = 0$ and $L_2\psi = 0$ implies $L_m|\psi\rangle = 0$ for all $m > 0$.

We have $[L_m, L_1] = (m - 1)L_{m+1}$, or

$$L_m = \frac{1}{m-2}[L_{m-1}, L_1] \quad m > 2,$$

and hence

$$L_m|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{m-2}(L_{m-1}L_1|\psi\rangle - L_1L_{m-1}|\psi\rangle).$$

This allows us to prove the result by induction.

Suppose that $L_p|\psi\rangle = 0$ for $p = 1, \dots, m-1$ with $m \geq 3$, then $L_m|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{m-2}(L_{m-1}L_1|\psi\rangle - L_1L_{m-1}|\psi\rangle) = 0$

However, by assumption $L_1|\psi\rangle = L_2|\psi\rangle = 0$.

Hence $L_p|\psi\rangle = 0$ for all $p \geq 1$.

5. Brute Force

5.1 Determinant

This was not asked for, but just for the record this is how to work out the matrix M_2 .

Let $|h\rangle$ be a primary state of weight h and we normalised it as $\langle h|h\rangle = 1$.

The space of descendants at level 2 is two dimensional with basis states

$$L_{-2}|h\rangle, \quad L_{-1}L_{-1}|h\rangle,$$

We can calculate their overlaps,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle h|L_2L_{-2}|h\rangle &= \langle h|L_{-2}L_2 + [L_2, L_{-2}]|h\rangle \\ &= \langle h|(4L_0 + \frac{c}{2})|h\rangle \quad (\text{using } L_2|h\rangle = 0) \\ &= (4h + \frac{c}{2})\langle h|h\rangle = (4h + \frac{c}{2}) \\ \langle h|L_2L_{-1}L_{-1}|h\rangle &= \langle h|L_{-1}L_{-1}L_2 + [L_2, L_{-1}]L_{-1} + L_{-1}[L_2, L_{-1}]|h\rangle \\ &= \langle h|0 + 3L_1L_{-1} + L_{-1}(3L_1)|h\rangle \\ &= \langle h|3L_{-1}L_1 + 3[L_1, L_{-1}] + 0|h\rangle \\ &= \langle h|0 + 6L_0|h\rangle = 6h \\ \langle h|L_1L_1L_{-2}|h\rangle &= (\langle h|L_2L_{-1}L_{-1}|h\rangle)^\dagger = 6h \\ \langle h|L_1L_1L_{-1}L_{-1}|h\rangle &= \langle h|L_1(L_{-1}L_{-1}L_1 + [L_1, L_{-1}]L_{-1} + L_{-1}[L_1, L_{-1}])|h\rangle \\ &= \langle h|L_1(0 + 2L_0L_{-1} + L_{-1}(2L_0))|h\rangle \\ &= \langle h|L_1(2(h+1)L_{-1} + 2hL_{-1})|h\rangle = (4h+2)\langle h|L_1L_{-1}|h\rangle \\ &= (4h+2)\langle h|L_{-1}L_1 + 2L_0|h\rangle = 2h(4h+2) = 4h(2h+1) \end{aligned}$$

This means the matrix of inner products is

$$M_2 = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4h(2h+1) & 6h \\ 6h & 4h + c/2 \end{pmatrix} = 4h(2h+1)(4h + c/2) - 36h^2 = 32h(h^2 + hc + c/16 - 5h/8)$$

Now we calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} (h - h_{12})(h - h_{21}) &= \left(h - \left[\frac{3}{4t} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \left(h - \left[\frac{3t}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \\ &= h^2 + h \left(1 - \frac{3t}{4} - \frac{3}{4t} \right) + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{3t}{8} - \frac{3}{8t} \\ &= h^2 + h \left(\frac{13 - 6t - 6/t}{8} - \frac{5}{8} \right) + \frac{13 - 6t - 6/t}{16} \\ &= h^2 + h(c/8 - 5/8) + c/16. \end{aligned}$$

where we used $c = 13 - 6t - 6/t$. So, in total, since $h_{11} = 0$,

$$\det(M_2) = 32(h - h_{11})(h - h_{12})(h - h_{21}).$$

We have

$$c = 13 - 6t - \frac{6}{t} \Rightarrow t = -\frac{13 + c \pm \sqrt{(1-c)(25-c)}}{12}.$$

This means that t is complex if $1 < c < 15$, in fact it will be a pure phase, $t = \exp(i\theta)$ so that

$$c = 13 - 12 \cos \theta.$$

Correspondingly, the only real values of h_{rs} will be when t appears symmetrically. We have

$$h_{rs} = \frac{r^2 - 1}{4t} + \frac{(s^2 - 1)t}{4} - \frac{rs - 1}{2} = \frac{r^2 + s^2 - 2}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{r^2 - s^2}{2i} \sin \theta - \frac{rs - 1}{2}$$

This is only real for positive r and s if $r = s$ and so the only vanishing curves in the region $1 < c < 25$ are

$$h = h_{rr} = \frac{r^2 - 1}{4} \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) - \frac{r^2 - 1}{2} = \frac{r^2 - 1}{2} (\cos \theta - 1) = \frac{r^2 - 1}{24} (1 - c)$$

which are straight lines.

6. Differential equations

6.1 Singular vectors

We have to find the conditions under which $|\phi\rangle = (L_{-2}L_{-2} - (3/5)L_{-4})|0\rangle$ is a highest weight state. We check

$$\begin{aligned} L_1|\phi\rangle &= L_1(L_{-2}L_{-2} - \frac{3}{5}L_{-4})|0\rangle \\ &= (L_{-2}L_{-2}L_1 + [L_1, L_{-2}]L_{-2} + L_{-2}[L_1, L_{-2}] - \frac{3}{5}L_{-4}L_{-1} - \frac{3}{5}[L_1, L_{-4}])|0\rangle \\ &= (0 + 3L_{-1}L_{-2} + 3L_{-2}L_{-1} - 0 - \frac{3}{5}(5L_{-3}))|0\rangle \\ &= (3L_{-2}L_{-1} + 3[L_{-1}, L_{-2}] + 0 - 3L_{-3})|0\rangle \\ &= (0 + 3L_{-1} - 3L_{-1})|0\rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and so we see that $|\phi\rangle$ is always a quasi-primary state.

We only have now to check

$$\begin{aligned} L_2|\phi\rangle &= L_2(L_{-2}L_{-2} - \frac{3}{5}L_{-4})|0\rangle \\ &= (L_{-2}L_{-2}L_2 + [L_2, L_{-2}]L_{-2} + L_{-2}[L_2, L_{-2}] - \frac{3}{5}L_{-4}L_2 - \frac{3}{5}[L_2, L_{-4}])|0\rangle \\ &= (0 + (4L_0 + \frac{c}{2})L_{-2} + L_{-2}(4L_0 + \frac{c}{2}) - 0 - \frac{18}{5}L_{-2})|0\rangle \\ &= (8 + c - \frac{18}{5})L_{-2}|0\rangle \\ &= (\frac{22}{5} + c)L_{-2}|0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

so that $|\phi\rangle$ is a highest weight state when $c = -22/5$.

This is the central charge of the Lee-Yang model, the minimal model with $t = 2/5$.

7. Recursion relations

7.1 For discussion in the live lecture.

8. AGT: an exact formula

8.1 Liouville theory

The standard parametrisation of c and h is

$$c = 1 + 6Q^2, \quad h = \alpha(Q - \alpha), \quad Q = b + 1/b.$$

If b is real then we can put $b = \pm e^u$ and so $Q = \pm 2 \cosh u$ and $c = 1 + 24 \cosh^2 u \geq 25$.

If b is pure imaginary then we can put $b = \pm i e^v$ and so $Q = \pm 2i \sinh v$ and $c = 1 - 24 \sinh^2 v \leq 1$.

If $\alpha = Q/2 + iP$ then $h = \alpha(Q - \alpha) = (Q/2 + iP)(Q/2 - iP) = Q^2/4 + P^2 = \frac{c-1}{24} + P^2$.

This means that there are no null states in any of the representations which occur in (real-coupling) Liouville theory.

9. "Old" Conformal Bootstrap

Ising model

We use $|4\rangle = \left(L_{-2} - \frac{4}{3} L_{-1} L_1 \right) |0\rangle$

and re-write it as: $= \left(L_{-2} - L_0 + \frac{1}{16} - \frac{4}{3} (L_{-1} - L_0 + \frac{17}{16})(L_{-1} - L_0 + \frac{1}{16}) \right) |0\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \sigma | \sigma(1) |4\rangle = \left(\frac{2}{16} - \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{17}{16} \right) \left(\frac{1}{16} \right) \right) \langle \sigma | \sigma(1) |0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{7}{196} \langle \sigma | \sigma(1) |0\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \sigma | \sigma(1) |0\rangle = 0.$$

Now $\langle h | \sigma(1) |4\rangle = \left[\left(\frac{3}{16} - h \right) - \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{18}{16} - h \right) \left(\frac{2}{16} - h \right) \right] \langle h | \sigma(1) |0\rangle$

$$= \left[-\frac{4}{3} h^2 + h \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{9}{6} - 1 \right) + \left(\frac{3}{16} - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{18}{16} \right) \right] \langle h | \sigma(1) |0\rangle$$

$$= -\frac{4}{3} h \left(h - \frac{1}{2} \right) \langle h | \sigma(1) |0\rangle$$

This can only be non zero if $h=0$ or $h=1/2$.

These are the two other entries in the 'Kac table' for $c=1/2$

h_{rs}	r	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	0
	\uparrow	0	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
		$\rightarrow s$		

Lee-Yang

Here we calculate the structure constant $C_{\phi\phi\phi}$ in the Lee-Yang model.

$$\langle \phi | \phi \phi | \phi \rangle = (C_{\phi\phi 0})^2 \left| \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right|^2 + (C_{\phi\phi\phi})^2 \left| \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ \hline -1/5 \end{array} \right|^2$$

$$= (C_{\phi\phi 0})^2 |z(1-z)|^{4/5} |F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; z)|^2 + (C_{\phi\phi\phi})^2 |z|^{2/5} |1-z|^{4/5} |F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; z)|^2 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ \hline -1/5 \end{array}} \right\} \text{from 5.6}$$

We can take $z \in \mathbb{R}$ to simplify matters.

This should be equal to

$$(C_{\phi\phi 0})^2 |(1-z)z|^{4/5} |F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; 1-z)|^2 + (C_{\phi\phi\phi})^2 |1-z|^{2/5} |z|^{4/5} |F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; z)|^2$$

From 3.5 we have

$$\bullet F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; 1-z) = \frac{\Gamma(6/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; z)$$

$$+ z^{-1/5} \frac{\Gamma(6/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(4/5)} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; z)$$

$$\bullet F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; 1-z) = \frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(1/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; z)$$

$$+ z^{-1/5} \frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; z)$$

Need extra identity:

$$F(a, b, c, z) = (1-z)^{c-a-b} F(c-a, c-b, c; z)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; 1-z) = (1-z)^{1/5} \frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(1/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; z)$$

$$+ z^{-1/5} (1-z)^{1/5} \frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; z)$$

We get (z real $0 < z < 1$)

$$(C_{\phi\phi 0})^2 z^{4/5} (1-z)^{4/5} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; iz)^2$$

$$+ (C_{\phi\phi\phi})^2 z^{2/5} (1-z)^{4/5} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; iz)^2$$

$$= (C_{\phi\phi 0})^2 z^{4/5} (1-z)^{4/5} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(6/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; iz) + z^{-1/5} \frac{\Gamma(6/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(4/5)} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; iz) \right\}^2$$

$$+ (C_{\phi\phi\phi})^2 z^{4/5} (1-z)^{2/5} \left\{ (1-z)^{1/5} \frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(1/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; iz) + z^{-1/5} (1-z)^{-1/5} \frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; iz) \right\}^2$$

Comparing coefficients:

$$(i) z^{4/5} (1-z)^{4/5} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; iz)^2: \quad 1 = \left(\frac{\Gamma(6/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{C_{\phi\phi\phi}}{C_{\phi\phi 0}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(1/5)\Gamma(2/5)} \right)^2$$

$$(ii) z^{2/5} (1-z)^{4/5} F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; iz)^2: \quad 1 = \left(\frac{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(-1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)\Gamma(2/5)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{C_{\phi\phi 0}}{C_{\phi\phi\phi}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\Gamma(6/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(4/5)\Gamma(3/5)} \right)^2$$

$$(iii) z^{3/5} (1-z)^{4/5} F(3/5, 4/5; 6/5; iz) \cdot F(3/5, 2/5; 4/5; iz)$$

$$0 = \frac{\Gamma(6/5)^2 \Gamma(-1/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)^2 \Gamma(2/5)\Gamma(4/5)} + \frac{\Gamma(4/5)^2 \Gamma(-1/5)\Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(2/5)^2 \Gamma(1/5)\Gamma(3/5)} \left(\frac{C_{\phi\phi\phi}}{C_{\phi\phi 0}} \right)^2$$

n.b identities: $\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi x}$, $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$

If $C_{\phi\phi 0} = 1$, natural: $\langle \phi(z) \phi(0) \rangle = |z|^{-4/5}$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (C_{\phi\phi})^2 &= - \frac{\Gamma(6/5)^2 \Gamma(2/5) \Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5)^2 \Gamma(2/5) \Gamma(4/5)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2/5)^2 \Gamma(1/5) \Gamma(3/5)}{\Gamma(4/5)^2 \Gamma(2/5) \Gamma(1/5)} \\ &= - \frac{\Gamma(6/5)^2 \Gamma(2/5) \Gamma(1/5)}{\Gamma(3/5) \Gamma(4/5)^3} \\ &= - \frac{1}{25} \frac{\Gamma(2/5) \Gamma(1/5)^3}{\Gamma(3/5) \Gamma(4/5)^3} \end{aligned}$$

This solves the other eqns as well.

Note that $(C_{\phi\phi})^2 < 0$

Solution: $C_{\phi\phi}$ is purely imaginary

Better solution: We cannot normalise all fields to +1 and get real constants. So instead have a metric, $\langle \phi_i \phi_j \rangle = \frac{g_{ij}}{|z-w|^{2\Delta_i}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi | \phi | \phi \rangle &= (C_{\phi\phi}^\phi)^2 g_{\phi\phi} \left| \frac{1}{-1/5} \right|^2 \\ &+ (g_{\phi\phi})^2 \left| \frac{1}{0} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Take $g_{\phi\phi} = -1$, $(C_{\phi\phi}^\phi)^2 = + \frac{1}{25} \frac{\Gamma(2/5) \Gamma(1/5)^3}{\Gamma(3/5) \Gamma(4/5)^3}$

Can get real structure constants at cost of negative norm of $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle$

But the space of states $\prod_{m=1}^{n_m} \prod_{i=1}^{n_i} | \phi \rangle$ has an indefinite inner product so this is a small cost.

10. “New” Conformal Bootstrap

For discussion in the live lecture.