

HEP Seminar 2019: CFT

Outline:

Ref: Polchinski, 1511.04074
Vol. 1, Complex variables

Today we hope to cover,

- Primary fields & Radial Quantization (conserved currents/charges)
- Stress energy tensor & OPE's (Radial ordering to OPE)
- ~~Regge~~ Highest Weight states / Unitarity Bounds.
- Ward ID's

Notation $\delta_{m,n} \Rightarrow m=n \Rightarrow m-n=0 \Rightarrow \delta_{m-n,0} \equiv \delta_{m-n}$

- Primary fields & Radial Quantization

Definitions: Consider a field $\phi(z, \bar{z})$

if ϕ is harmonic $\partial\bar{\partial}\phi = 0$

Then $\phi(z, \bar{z}) = \underbrace{\phi(z)} + \underbrace{\bar{\phi}(\bar{z})}$

holomorphic
or chiral

anti-holomorphic
or anti-chiral

it is convenient to take a basis of local operators which are eigenstates of the rigid conformal trans $z \rightarrow z' = \lambda z$

Notation of 1511.04074

Then $A'(z', \bar{z}') = \lambda^{-h} \bar{\lambda}^{-\bar{h}} A(z, \bar{z})$

$\phi'(z, \bar{z}) = \lambda^h \bar{\lambda}^{\bar{h}} \phi(\lambda z, \bar{\lambda} \bar{z})$

Under a general conformal transformation

$$A'(z', \bar{z}') = (\partial_{z'} z)^{-h} (\partial_{\bar{z}'} \bar{z})^{-\bar{h}} A(z, \bar{z}) \quad *$$

(h, \tilde{h}) are known as weights.

- $h + \tilde{h}$ is the dimension of ϕ , (related to scaling)

- $h - \tilde{h}$ is the spin (related to rotations)

Primary fields: transform as $*$
 \forall conformal trans.

quasi-primary: if ϕ transforms as $*$ for only global conformal trans it is quasi-primary.

"A primary field is also a quasi-primary.

But a quasi-primary is not necessary to be a primary. A primary has an infinite set of quasi-primary descendants"

Under $z \rightarrow z' = f(z) = z + \epsilon(z)$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right)^{+h} = (1 + \partial\epsilon)^{+h} = 1 + h\partial\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\phi(z + \epsilon(z), \bar{z}) = \phi(z) + \epsilon(z)\partial\phi + \dots$$

Therefore

~~$\phi(z) = \dots$~~ with $\phi = (\partial f)^{-h} (\bar{\partial} f)^{-\tilde{h}} \phi$

$$\delta\phi = \phi' - \phi = (\partial f)^{+h} (\bar{\partial} f)^{+\tilde{h}} \phi - \phi$$

infinitesimal

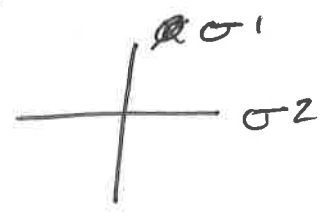
transformation
of z

Primary field

$$\delta\phi = (\epsilon\partial + h\partial\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\partial} + \tilde{h}\bar{\partial}\bar{\epsilon})\phi$$

Now lets continue our 2d investigations

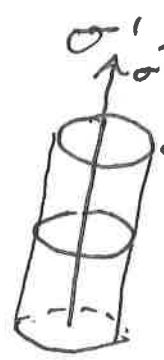
We take $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \sim (t, x)$
 $(\sigma_0, \sigma_1) \sim (t, x)$



2S Coordinates

Consider compactifying σ_1 on a circle of Radius $R=1$.

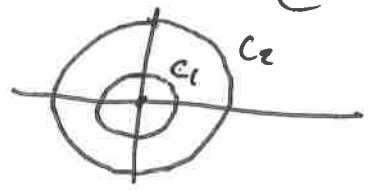
This Theory lives on an infinite cylinder



$\sigma_1 \sim \sigma_1 + 2\pi$
 easily accomplished
 with $\sigma_0 + i\sigma_1 = w$

We can map to The Complex Plane
 via

$$z = e^w = e^{\sigma_0 + i\sigma_1} = r e^{i\sigma_1}$$



• infinite past
 C_1 has $t = \sigma_1^0 < \sigma_1^2$

time translation

$$\sigma_0 \rightarrow \sigma_0 + a \quad e^a e^w \text{ (dilation)}$$

space translation

$$\sigma_1 \rightarrow \sigma_1 + a \quad e^{ia} e^w \text{ (rotation)}$$

recall

$$L_0 = -\frac{1}{2} r \partial_r + \frac{i}{2} \partial_\theta \quad \bar{L}_0 = -\frac{1}{2} r \partial_r - \frac{i}{2} \partial_\theta$$

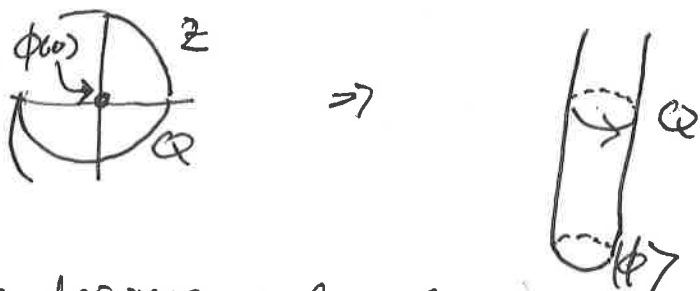
$$\therefore L_0 + \bar{L}_0 = -r \partial_r \quad \frac{1}{i} (L_0 - \bar{L}_0) = -\partial_\theta$$

(Think $L_m = -z^{m+1} \partial$)

Therefore, Recall from QM The Hamiltonian is the generator for time translation, we have

$$H = L_0 + \bar{L}_0, \quad P = i(L_0 - \bar{L}_0)$$

in order to define the path integral we will need to define initial states in the w coord. This corresponds to the bottom of the cylinder. In the $z = e^w$ coord. This corresponds to the point at the origin



This defines a local op at the origin known as the vertex op. associated with the state.

let
$$\phi(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_{n, m} z^{-m-h} \bar{z}^{-n-\bar{h}} \phi_{m, n} \quad -m-h \leq 0$$

The
$$|\phi\rangle_{in} = \lim_{z, \bar{z} \rightarrow 0} \phi(z, \bar{z}) |0\rangle, \quad \text{with}$$

$$\begin{cases} -h \leq m \\ -\bar{h} \leq n \end{cases}$$

The stress energy tensor \dagger op E's

Recall for $\sigma^\mu \rightarrow \sigma^\mu + \epsilon^\mu(x)$ we found $T_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^\mu$ as our current and found it to be conserved

$$\partial^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Consider

$$\delta S = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^2\sigma T^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \epsilon_\nu + \partial_\nu \epsilon_\mu)$$

Now Recall $\partial_\mu \epsilon_\nu + \partial_\nu \epsilon_\mu = \delta_{\mu\nu} \partial \cdot \epsilon$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^2\sigma T^{\mu\nu} (\delta_{\mu\nu} \partial \cdot \epsilon)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^2\sigma T^\mu{}_\mu \partial \cdot \epsilon = 0$$

implies $\boxed{T^\mu{}_\mu = 0}$

The stress-energy tensor in a conformal theory is traceless.

$$T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial x^\nu} T_{\alpha\beta}$$

\downarrow (use z instead.)
 $W = \sigma' + i\sigma_2$

$$\sigma', \sigma_2 \Rightarrow z = e^{\sigma'} e^{i\sigma_2} = z_1 + i z_2$$

$$\bar{z} = e^{\sigma'} e^{-i\sigma_2} = z_1 - i z_2$$

~~$$z \bar{z} = e^{2\sigma'}$$~~

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(z \bar{z}) = \sigma'$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma' = \frac{1}{2} (W + \bar{W})$$

$$\sigma_2 = -\frac{i}{2} (W - \bar{W})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{i}{2} & \frac{i}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-\frac{i}{2} \ln \frac{z}{\bar{z}} = \sigma_2$$

$$T^\mu{}_\mu = T^1_1 + T^2_2 = 0$$

$$T_{11} = -T_{22}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial x^\nu} T_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{11} = \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial x^1} T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4} (T_{11} - T_{22} - 2i T_{12}) = \frac{1}{2} (T_{11} - iT_{12})$$

$$T_{22} = \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial x^2} T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4} (T_{11} - T_{22} + 2i T_{12}) = \frac{1}{2} (T_{11} + iT_{12})$$

$$T_{12} = \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial x^2} T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{i}{4} (T_{11} + T_{22} - iT_{21} + iT_{12}) = 0$$

$$T_{21} = 0$$

Now we have \downarrow its Euclidean

$$\partial^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_1 T_{1\nu} + \partial_2 T_{2\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_1 T_{11} + \partial_2 T_{21} = 0 \\ \partial_1 T_{12} + \partial_2 T_{22} = 0 \end{cases}$$

What did we use?

- 1.) traceless.
- 2.) conserved
- 3.) complex coordinates

Now

$$T_{zz} \equiv T = \frac{1}{2} (T_{11} - iT_{12}) \Rightarrow T_{11} = T + \bar{T}$$

$$T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} = \bar{T} = \frac{1}{2} (T_{11} + iT_{12}) \Rightarrow T_{12} = i(T - \bar{T})$$

$$T_{z\bar{z}} = 0$$

$$T_{11} = -T_{22}$$

$$T_{22} = -(T + \bar{T})$$

we also have

$$\partial_1 = \partial + \bar{\partial}, \quad \partial_2 = i(\partial - \bar{\partial})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \partial_1 T_{11} + \partial_2 T_{21} &= (\partial + \bar{\partial})(T + \bar{T}) + i(\partial - \bar{\partial})(i(T - \bar{T})) = 0 \\ &= \underline{\partial T} + \underline{\partial \bar{T}} + \underline{\bar{\partial} T} + \underline{\bar{\partial} \bar{T}} + i[\underline{\partial T} - \underline{\partial \bar{T}} - \underline{\bar{\partial} T} + \underline{\bar{\partial} \bar{T}}] = 0 \\ &= \underline{\partial \bar{T}} + \underline{\bar{\partial} T} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_1 T_{12} + \partial_2 T_{22} &= i(\partial + \bar{\partial})(T - \bar{T}) + i(\partial - \bar{\partial})(-T - \bar{T}) = 0 \\ &= \underline{\partial T} - \underline{\partial \bar{T}} + \underline{\bar{\partial} T} - \underline{\bar{\partial} \bar{T}} - [\underline{\partial T} + \underline{\partial \bar{T}} - \underline{\bar{\partial} T} - \underline{\bar{\partial} \bar{T}}] = 0 \\ &= -\underline{\partial \bar{T}} + \underline{\bar{\partial} T} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\bar{\partial} T} = \underline{\partial \bar{T}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2 \underline{\partial \bar{T}} = 0 \\ 2 \underline{\bar{\partial} T} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\partial \bar{T}} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{T} = \bar{T}(\bar{z})$$

\therefore We have a Chiral & Anti-Chiral Piece of The energy momentum tensor. $T = T(z)$

Because $T_{\mu} = T_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\nu}$ is conserved
 There is a conserved charge

$$Q = \int dx^1 j_0 \text{ or } \int dx^2 j_1$$

and Q is the generator of the symmetry transformations.

$$\delta A = [Q, A]$$

← evaluated at equal times!

In radial quantization δA is evaluated at constant $|z|$. The space integral becomes a contour integral.

$$T_{\mu} = T_{\mu 1} \epsilon^1 + T_{\mu 2} \epsilon^2$$

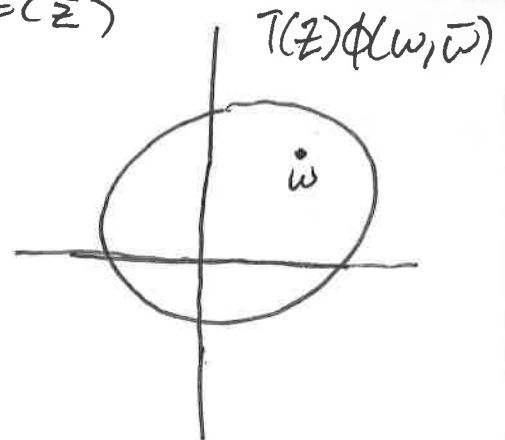
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$$J_0 = T_{11} \epsilon^1 + T_{12} \epsilon^2 = (T + \bar{T}) \epsilon^1 + i(T - \bar{T}) \epsilon^2$$

$$= T(\epsilon^1 + i\epsilon^2) + \bar{T}(\epsilon^1 - i\epsilon^2)$$

$$J_1 = T(z) \epsilon(z) + \bar{T}(\bar{z}) \bar{\epsilon}(\bar{z})$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C (dz T \epsilon + d\bar{z} \bar{T} \bar{\epsilon})$$

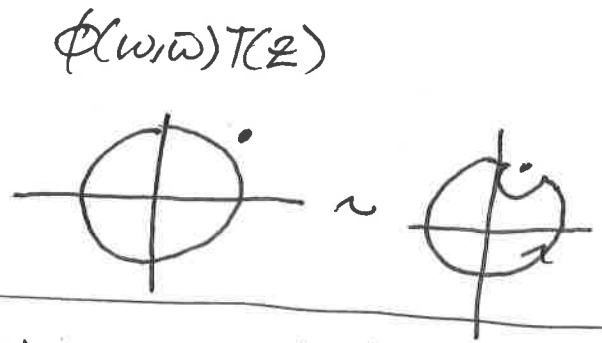
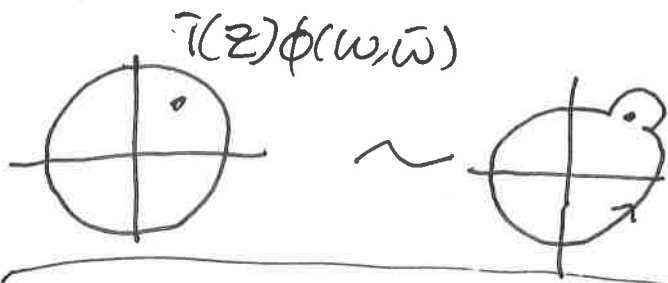


Now consider

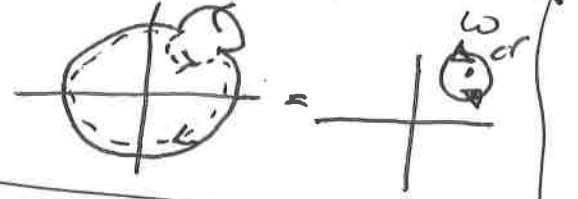
$$\delta \phi(w, \bar{w}) = [Q, \phi] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\int dz T \epsilon + d\bar{z} \bar{T} \bar{\epsilon}, \phi(w, \bar{w}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int dz T \epsilon \phi(w, \bar{w}) + d\bar{z} \bar{T} \bar{\epsilon} \phi(w, \bar{w}) + \phi(w, \bar{w}) \bar{T} \bar{\epsilon} + \phi(w, \bar{w}) d\bar{z} \bar{T} \bar{\epsilon}$$

Now introduce the radial ordering. This is synonymous with T ordered products in QFT



$$T(z)\phi(w, \bar{w}) - \phi(w, \bar{w})T(z)$$



$$R[A(z), B(w)] = \begin{cases} A(z)B(w) & |w| < |z| \\ B(w)A(z) & |z| < |w| \end{cases}$$

With this in mind we can rewrite as

$$\delta\phi(w, \bar{w}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(\oint_{|w| < |z|} - \oint_{|z| < |w|} \right) \left(dz \epsilon(z) R[T(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})] + d\bar{z} \bar{\epsilon}(\bar{z}) R[\bar{T}(\bar{z})\phi(w, \bar{w})] \right)$$

Expand and check, $d\tilde{z} = \epsilon(z) dz$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|w| < |z|} dz \epsilon(z) R[T(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})] + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|w| < |z|} d\tilde{z} R[\bar{T}(\tilde{z})\phi(w, \bar{w})] \\ & - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z| < |w|} dz \epsilon(z) R[T(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})] - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z| < |w|} d\tilde{z} R[\bar{T}(\tilde{z})\phi(w, \bar{w})] \\ & = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(- \oint \phi(w, \bar{w}) dz \epsilon(z) + \oint T(z) d\tilde{z} \phi(w, \bar{w}) + \oint d\tilde{z} \bar{T}(\tilde{z}) \phi(w, \bar{w}) - \oint d\tilde{z} \phi(w, \bar{w}) \bar{T}(\tilde{z}) \right) \\ & = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\oint dz T \epsilon + d\tilde{z} \bar{T} \bar{\epsilon}, \phi(w, \bar{w}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

lets simplify the boxed variation with boxed image what this does reduce

Where c' is a circle enclosing w

$$\oint_{|w| < |z|} - \oint_{|z| < |w|} = \oint_{c'}$$

$$\delta\phi(w, \bar{w}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{c'} dz \epsilon(z) R[T(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})] + d\bar{z} \bar{\epsilon}(\bar{z}) R[\bar{T}(\bar{z})\phi(w, \bar{w})]$$

However we know that

$$\delta\Phi = +h\partial\epsilon\Phi + \epsilon\partial\Phi + \bar{h}\bar{\partial}\bar{\epsilon}\Phi + \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\partial}\Phi$$

So we can use Cauchy's formula

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}}$$

$$\text{Clearly } +h\partial\epsilon\Phi = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{+h\epsilon(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)^2}$$

$$\epsilon\partial\Phi = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{\epsilon(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)}$$

Looking back we can see

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{+h\epsilon(z)\phi(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\epsilon(z)\partial_w\phi(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)} + \text{Reg} + \text{anti-ghost}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \in R[T(z), \phi(w, \bar{w})]$$

$$\Rightarrow [R[T(z), \phi(w, \bar{w})] = +h \frac{\phi(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\partial_w\phi(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)} + \text{Reg}]$$

This is an expression for the radial ordering in terms of an OPE!

→ Example Consider $\partial\phi(w)$ →

$$\delta \partial \phi = +h \partial^2 \epsilon \phi + (1+h) \partial \epsilon \partial \phi + \epsilon \partial^2 \phi$$

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$$\Rightarrow \oint_C R[TC(w)\phi(w)]\epsilon(z)dz = \oint_C + \frac{zh\epsilon(z)\phi(w)}{(z-w)^3} + \frac{(1+h)\epsilon\partial\phi}{(z-w)^2} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2\phi}{(z-w)}$$

$$\Rightarrow R[TC(z)\phi(w)] = + \frac{zh\phi(w)}{(z-w)^3} + \frac{(1+h)\partial\phi}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\partial^2\phi}{(z-w)}$$

A natural question to ask then is

The stress-energy tensor a Primary field?

We define

$$T(z) = \sum_n z^{-n-2} L_n, \quad L_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dz}{z} z^{n+2} T(z)$$

for

$$\epsilon(z) = +\epsilon_n z^{n+1}$$

$$Q_n = \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} T(z)\epsilon(z) = +\epsilon_n L_n$$

Put $\epsilon_n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} [L_n, L_m] &= \left[\oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} T(z)\epsilon(z), \oint \frac{dw}{2\pi i} T(w)\epsilon(w) \right] \\ &= \oint \frac{dzdw}{(2\pi i)^2} T(z)T(w) z^{n+1} w^{m+1} - T(w)T(z) z^{n+1} w^{m+1} \\ \text{or} \quad &= \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint dzdw R[T(z), T(w)] \end{aligned}$$

$$= (m-n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}(m^3-m)\delta_{m+n} = (m-n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}\delta_{m+n}m^3 - \frac{m}{12}\delta_{m+n}$$

first note that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^n = \delta_{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{12} \delta_{n+m} (m^3 - m) = \frac{c}{12} \oint_{2\pi i} dz z^{n+m-1} (m^3 - m)$$

$$z^{n+1+m-2}$$

$$= \frac{c}{12} \oint_{2\pi i} dz z^{n+1} z^{m-2} (m^3 - m)$$

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow z} \frac{c}{z} \oint_{2\pi i} dz d\omega z^{n+1} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \omega^3} \omega^{m+1}$$

$$= \frac{c}{z} \oint_{2\pi i} dz d\omega \frac{z^{n+1} \omega^{m+1}}{(z-\omega)^4}$$

So the central charge emerges as a term

$$T(z)T(w) \sim \frac{c/2}{(z-w)^4}$$

in the OPE.

$$(m-n) L_{m+n} = z(m+1) L_{m+n} - (m+n+2) L_{m+n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{m+n+1} T(z) z(m+1) - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{m+n+2} T(z) \times (m+n+2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z z^{n+1} z^m (m+1) T(z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{w \rightarrow z} \oint dz z z^{n+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \omega^{m+1} T(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint d\omega dz \frac{z z^{n+1} \omega^{m+1} T(z)}{(z-w)^2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{m+n+1} T(z) (m+z+n)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz \partial_z (z^{m+n+2}) T(z)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz \underbrace{\partial_z (z^{m+n+2} T(z))}_{=0} - z^{m+n+2} \partial_z T(z)$$

write $z = z_0 + e^{i\theta}$

$$dz = i e^{i\theta} d\theta$$

$$\partial_z = \frac{d\theta}{dz} \partial_\theta = -i e^{-i\theta} \partial_\theta$$

\Rightarrow

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \partial_\theta ((z_0 + e^{i\theta})^{m+n+2} T(z_0 + e^{i\theta}))$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[(z_0 + 1)^{m+n+2} T(z_0 + 1) - (z_0 + i)^{m+n+2} T(z_0 + i) \right]$$

$= 0$

Second piece

$$= +\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{m+n+2} \partial_z T(z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{n+1} z^{m+1} \partial_z T(z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz dw \frac{z^{n+1} z^m w^{m+1} \partial_z T(z)}{(z-w)}$$

all together

$$[L_{m+1}, L_m] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz dw z^{m+1} w^{m+1} \left[\frac{1}{(z-w)^4} + \frac{2T(z)}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\partial_z T(z)}{(z-w)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz dw R[T(z)T(w)]$$

∴ We have found the radial ordering for $T(z)$. by insisting $[L_m, L_n]$ obeyed the Virasoro algebra.

$$R[T(w)T(z)] = \frac{1/2}{(z-w)^4} + \frac{zT(z)}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\partial_z T(z)}{(w-z)}$$

The radial ordering is expressed in terms of the operator product expansion.

"The product of two operators can be expressed as a string series of operators at a single point".

Furthermore we see that $T(z)$ is not in general a primary field.

Why? Consider

$$[L_m, \phi_n], \text{ with } \phi_n = \sum_m z^{-m-h} \phi_m$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint z^{n+h-1} \phi dz = \sum_m \frac{1}{2\pi i} \phi_m \oint dz z^{n-m-1}$$

$$\phi_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint z^{n+h-1} \phi dz = \sum_m \phi_m \delta_{n-m} = \phi_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} [L_m, \phi_n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz d\omega R[T(z), \phi(\omega)] z^{m+1} \omega^{n+h-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz d\omega z^{m+1} \omega^{n+h-1} \left[\frac{h}{(z-\omega)^2} \phi(\omega) + \frac{1}{(z-\omega)} \partial_\omega \phi(\omega) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz dw z^{m+1} w^{n+k-1} \left[\frac{h\phi(w)}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{1}{z-w} \partial_w \phi(w) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dw (m+1)h w^{m+n+k-1} \phi(w) + w^{m+n+k} \partial_w \phi(w)$$

$$= h(m+1)\phi_{m+n} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dw \partial_w (w^{\alpha} \phi) - \partial_w w^{\alpha} \phi$$

$$= h(m+1)\phi_{m+n} - (m+n+h)\phi_{m+n}$$

$$= (h m + h - m - n - h)\phi_{m+n}$$

$$= (m(h-1) - n)\phi_{m+n} \quad \text{for all } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

if this only holds for $m = \pm 1$ ϕ is quasi-primary

T is not primary it is quasi-primary of dimension $(2,0)$

Highest weight states & descendants

Consider $|h\rangle = \phi(0)|0\rangle$ ϕ -chiral $(h,0)$

$$[L_m, \phi] = \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} z^{m+1} \left[\frac{h\phi(w)}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\partial_w \phi(w)}{z-w} \right] \quad (L_n|0\rangle = 0 \quad n \geq -1)$$

$$= (m+1)h w^m \phi(w) + w^{m+1} \partial_w \phi(w)$$

$$\Rightarrow [L_m, \phi(0)] = 0 \quad \forall m \geq 0 \quad \text{if } m=0 = h\phi(0) \quad n \leq -2$$

$$\Rightarrow L_0|h\rangle = L_0 \phi(0)|0\rangle = -\phi(0)L_0|0\rangle + h\phi(0)|0\rangle$$

$$L_0|h\rangle = h|h\rangle$$

$$\downarrow L_n |h\rangle = L_n \phi(0) |0\rangle = -\phi(0) L_n |0\rangle$$

$$L_n |h\rangle = 0 \quad \forall n > 0$$

A state satisfying

$$L_0 |h\rangle = h |h\rangle \quad ; \quad L_n |h\rangle = 0 \quad \forall n > 0$$

is a Highest Weight State.

To obtain the descendants we act with the Virasoro generators!

i.e. $L_{-n} |h\rangle = L_{-n} \phi(0) |0\rangle$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{1-n} T(z) \phi(0) |0\rangle$$

\therefore We can in general define the descendants of ϕ as

$$\phi^{-n}(w) \equiv (L_{-n} \phi)(w) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz \frac{T(z) \phi(w)}{(z-w)^{n-1}}$$

Finally consider

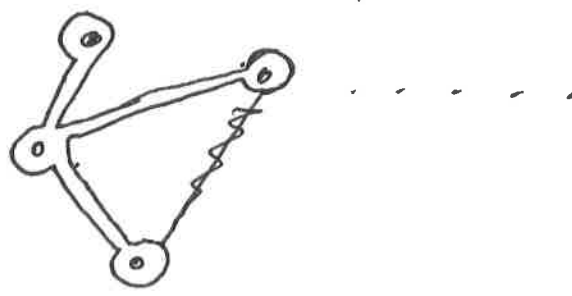


We perform a conformal transformation inside this region by integrating $\epsilon(z) T(z) = J(z)$ around the contour.

$$\langle \oint dz J(z) \phi(w_1) \phi(w_2) \dots \phi(w_n) \rangle$$

deform the contour

This becomes



$$= \sum_i \langle \phi(w_i) \dots \oint dz J(z) \phi(w_i) \dots \phi(w_n) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_i \langle \phi(w_i) \dots \delta \phi(w_i) \dots \phi(w_n) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_i \langle \phi(w_i) \dots \oint dz \left(-\frac{h_i}{(z-w_i)^2} + \frac{\partial w_i}{(z-w_i)} \right) \phi(w_n) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \oint dz \frac{1}{2\pi i} T(z) \phi(w_1) \dots \phi(w_n) \rangle = \sum_i \langle \phi(w_1) \dots \oint dz \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(-\frac{h_i}{(z-w_i)^2} + \frac{\partial w_i}{(z-w_i)} \right) \phi(w_n) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint dz \frac{1}{2\pi i} \epsilon(z) \left[\langle T(z) \phi(w_1) \dots \phi(w_n) \rangle - \sum_i \langle \phi(w_1) \dots \left(-\frac{h_i}{(z-w_i)^2} + \frac{\partial w_i}{(z-w_i)} \right) \phi(w_n) \rangle \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle T(z) \phi(w_1) \dots \phi(w_n) \rangle = \sum_i \langle \phi(w_1) \dots \left(-\frac{h_i}{(z-w_i)^2} + \frac{\partial w_i}{(z-w_i)} \right) \phi(w_n) \rangle$$

This is the conformal Ward ID!

This must hold so that the local conformal ~~operator~~ symmetry survives quantization!

Does there is a set of corresponding statements for the global transformations?