

Title: PSI 17/18 - Quantum Field Theory III - Lecture 5

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Abstract:

Operators in CFT (Primary or descendant)

Primaries transform under conformal transformation $x^M \rightarrow \hat{x}^M = (g_X)^M$ s.t. $ds^2 = e^{2\omega(x)} ds^2$

$$\theta_A(x) \rightarrow \hat{\theta}_A(x) = \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial \hat{x}} \right|^{\Delta/D} L_A^B(R) \theta_B(\hat{g}^{-1}x) \quad w/ \quad R_V^M = \frac{\partial \hat{x}^M}{\partial x^V} e^{-\omega(x)}$$

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1. $\langle \theta_A \rangle = 0$ unless $\theta_A = 1$.

2. $\langle \theta_A(x_1) \theta_B(x_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{\Delta_A, \Delta_B}}{|x_1 - x_2|^{2\Delta_A}}$

3. $\langle \theta_A(x_1) \theta_B(x_2) \theta_C(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{ABC}}{(x_{12}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta_3 - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2)} (x_{13}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta_2 - \Delta_1 - \Delta_3)} (x_{23}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 - \Delta_3)}}$

where $x_{ij} \equiv x_i - x_j$

what is Δ for a conserved current $\partial^\mu j_\mu = 0$?

$\partial^\mu \langle \quad \rangle = 0$ when?

with spin $\langle O_\mu(x_1) O_\nu(x_2) \rangle = \frac{I_{\mu\nu}(x_1 - x_2)}{|x_1 - x_2|^{2\Delta}}$

$I_{\mu\nu}(x) \equiv \delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{2x_\mu x_\nu}{x^2} = I_{\mu\nu}\left(\frac{x^\mu}{x^2}\right)$

4 pt. Functions

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4 pt of identical primaries.

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle = \frac{g(u, v)}{X_{12}^{2\Delta} X_{34}^{2\Delta}}$$

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 $\{ \Delta_A, C_{ABC} \}$.

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 \uparrow 0 \\
 \uparrow x_2'' \\
 \uparrow (10 \dots 0) \\
 \uparrow \infty \\
 \text{M}_{2j} \\
 j \geq 2 \\
 \uparrow \\
 (a, b, 0, 0)
 \end{array}$$

$x_1 \dots x_n$
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 $n-4$ is the number of cross-ratios $\rightarrow$ # of generators of conf trans in $D=4$ $SO(2,4)$

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- ## Operator Product Expansion

all primary PS
+
all its descendants

Diagram illustrating the Operator Product Expansion (OPE) of two operators:

$$\phi_i \phi_j = \sum_k f_{ijk}(x_{12}, z_2) \phi_k$$

The summation is labeled "OPE coefficients".

$$\langle \theta_i(x_1) \theta_j(x_2) \theta_k(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{ijk}}{x_{12}^{\Delta_i + \Delta_j - \Delta_k} x_{13}^{\Delta_i + \Delta_k - \Delta_j} x_{23}^{\Delta_j + \Delta_k - \Delta_i}} \quad (*)$$

$$\sum_{k'} f_{ijk'}(x_{12}, \partial_d) \langle \theta_{k'}(x_2) \theta_k(x_3) \rangle$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\delta_{kk'} x_{23}^{-2\Delta_k}$$

Expand (*) in $\frac{|x_{12}|}{|x_{23}|}$

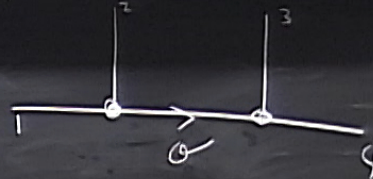
$$f_{ijk} = C_{ijk} x^{\Delta_k - \Delta_i - \Delta_j} (1 + \alpha x^M \partial_\mu + \beta x^M x^\nu \partial_\mu \partial_\nu + \dots)$$

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Determined

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Strategy: Apply sequentially to reduce correlator to

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle =$$

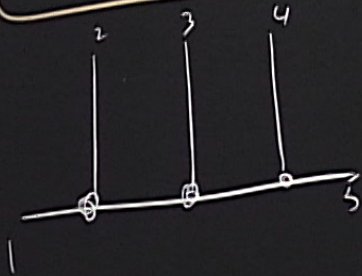


$$\sum_{\theta, \theta'} C_{\phi\phi\theta} C_{\phi\phi\theta'} \frac{C_a(x_{12}, \partial_2) C_b(x_{34}, \partial_4)}{\langle \theta^a(x_2) \theta'^b(x_4) \rangle}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{x_{12}^{2\Delta_\phi} x_{34}} \sum_{\theta} C_{\phi\phi\theta}^2 \frac{g_{\Delta_\theta, \ell_\theta}(x_i)}{\uparrow \text{conformal blocks}}$$

$$\delta_{\theta, \theta'} \frac{I^{ab}(x_2 - x_4)}{x_{24}^{2\Delta_\theta}}$$

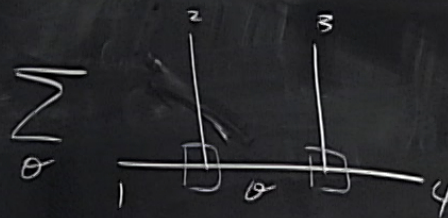
$$g(u, v) = \sum_{\theta} C_{\phi\phi\theta}^2 g_{\Delta\theta, l\theta}(u, v)$$



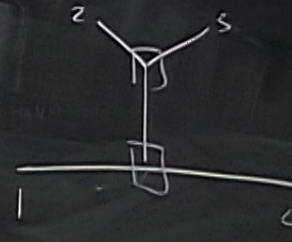
OPE is associative

$$(O_1 O_2) O_3 = O_1 (O_2 O_3)$$

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle = \langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle$$



$$= \sum_{\theta}$$



$$1 \leftrightarrow 3 \quad (\text{or } 2 \leftrightarrow 4)$$

$$u \leftrightarrow v$$

1)

$$\begin{array}{c} g(u, v) \\ \hline x_{12}^{\Delta} \quad x_{34}^{2\Delta} \end{array}$$

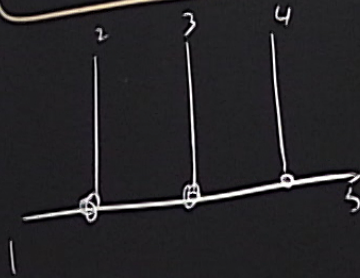
2)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{cone}(v, u) \\ \hline x_{23}^{2\Delta} \quad x_{14}^{2\Delta} \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{\phi} C_{\phi\phi\phi} \left[v^{\Delta} g_{\Delta\phi, \phi\phi}(u, v) - u^{\Delta} g_{\Delta\phi, \phi\phi}(v, u) \right] = 0$$

- Non-linear equation that constraints Δ 's and C 's.
 - In $D=2$, solve analytically this constraints
 - In $D \geq 3$ not known?
- conformal bootstrap

$$g(u, v) = \sum_{\theta} C_{\phi\phi\theta}^v g_{\Delta\theta, l\theta}(u, v)$$



In $D=3$ $\exists$ a special point $\simeq$

$D=3$ Ising
Model

$$\sim \Delta_{\varepsilon} \sim 5 \dots$$

$$\Sigma \Delta_{\varepsilon} \sim 1.5$$