

Title: Twisted superconformal algebras and representations of higher Virasoro algebras

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Abstract: (Super)conformal algebras on two-dimensional spacetimes play a ubiquitous role in representation theory and conformal field theory. In most cases, however, superconformal algebras are finite dimensional. In this talk, we introduce refinements of certain deformations of superconformal algebras which share many facets with the ordinary (super) Virasoro algebras. Representations of these refinements include the higher dimensional Kac-Moody algebras, and many more motivated by physics. Finally, we will show how these algebras enhance to higher dimensional chiral/factorization algebras which upon "localization" deform to well-studied chiral algebras on Riemann surfaces.

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Higher dimensional Virasoro algebras
and superconformal symmetry

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1910.04120 } w/ Ingmar Saberi
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[SW]

Superconformal algebras describe symmetries of physical systems
in d -dimensional spacetime.

$d = 2$ Superconformal algebras

$N = 1, 2, 4$

- Super enhancements $\checkmark$ of Virasoro Lie algebra.

Symmetry of states of the superstring.

- $N=2$ Superconformal index = elliptic genus.
(From BV quantization w/ Hott Szecseny and James Ladouce (BU))
- Symmetry alg of familiar vertex algebras (CDR on CY, Chiral polynuclear fields, ...)

$d > 2$ Superconformal algebras

- Superconformal index still a good invariant.

(Witten index = $S^3 \times S^1$ partition fn

Higher dim^l versions as well.)

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After a holomorphic twist, 4d superconformal algebras admit ∞ -dim² refinements. (Higher dim² Virasoro algebras)

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$$[Q, Q] = 0 \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Given a $(d\mathfrak{g})$ repⁿ $M \overset{p}{\hookrightarrow} \mathfrak{g}$, can twist

$$(M, d) \rightsquigarrow (M, d + p(Q))$$

twist

SUSY theory $\rightsquigarrow$ module for the $N=k$ super Lie algebra

$$g_{N=k} = \mathbb{C}^4 \oplus \prod \Sigma_{N=k}$$

$\uparrow$ complexified translations $\quad \uparrow$ $\text{Spin}(4)$ -rep.

complexified translations

$$\{\partial_{x_i}\}_{i=1,\dots,4}$$

$$\Sigma_{N=k} = (S_+ \oplus S_-) \otimes \mathbb{C}^k$$

- Mathematical formulation of (holomorphic) twisting is due to Costello,
w/ Elliott-Safnarov have characterised the hol. twist of SYM in
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$Q \in \pi\Sigma$, such that:

$$[Q, Q] = 0$$

$$\text{Im}([Q, -]) \cong \mathbb{C}^2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^4 = \text{space-time translations.}$$

This is called a holomorphic supercharge. Choose complex coord's

$(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$, then for such a Q :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_i} = [Q, \eta_i] \quad , \quad \text{for some } \eta_i$$

Theorem [SW] : Let $\mathcal{E}(N=k)$ be the 4d $N=k$ superconformal Lie algebra.
Lie algebra. Then $\exists$ embeddings :

$$H^{\bullet}_Q(\mathcal{E}(N=k)) \longleftrightarrow \text{Vect}^{\text{hol}}(\mathbb{C}^{2|k-1})$$

holomorphic supercharge
graded manifold w/ odd variables

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^{2|k-1}) = \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^2)[\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1}]$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{E}_X} : (\mathcal{E}(N=2), Q) \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(3|1), \text{ acts geometrically}$$

as :

Euler v.f.



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$$2\ell(3|1) \cong \text{span} \left\{ \overbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}, z_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}}^{\text{even}}, \overbrace{z_i \left(E + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right)}^{\text{Euler v.f.}}, \overbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon}, \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}}^{\text{odd}} \right\}.$$

 $N=k$

Suggests following generalizations of the ordinary Virasoro/④

Super Virasoro algebras : derivations of graded algebra :

 W_i

$$\left[\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^2, 0) [\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1}] \right]$$

↑ holomorphic fns.

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$H^i(\Lambda)$

Better (see also: Kapranov-Faonte-Hennion) Use a dg model

$$\mathbb{R}\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^2, 0, \mathcal{O}) =: \underline{(A_2, \bar{\partial})} \quad \text{cdga}$$

Then, the dg Lie alg of graded vector fields is

of the form : $\text{Der}(A_2[\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1}]) =$

$$A_2[\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1}] \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \right\} \oplus A_2[\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1}] \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_{k-1}} \right\} \dots$$

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$$\cdot \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_i}, A_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \right] = 0$$

• I'll refer to this as $\text{Witt}^{N=k}$, except when $k=1$
just use Witt.

• Central extensions

- $k=1$, we just have

$$\text{Witt}^* = \text{Der}(A_2^*)$$

Central ext. are parametrized by A, C -cycles in physics

V.f.'s on formal disk

$$H_{\text{GF}}^5(W_2; \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C} \{ \underbrace{\varphi_A, \varphi_C}_{\text{A, C-cycles}} \}$$

Define the following "2-cocycles":

$$\varphi_A(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \oint_{S^3} \text{Tr}(Jz_1) \wedge \partial \text{Tr}(Jz_2) \wedge \partial \text{Tr}(Jz_3) + \dots$$

S^3

- $k > 2$. Have additional cocycle:

$$\varphi_{vir} \in H^2(W; H^{N=k}; \mathbb{C})$$

Jacobian

of form:

$$i=1,2, \quad \varphi_{vir}^i(\underbrace{z}_{\text{even}}, \underbrace{\varepsilon z'}_{\text{odd}}) = \oint_{S^3} \text{Tr}(Jz) \wedge \underbrace{\partial \text{Tr}(Jz')}_{\text{hol. de Rham}} \wedge dz_i$$

$i=1,2$

$$z, z' \in A_2 \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \right\} \quad (\text{so, } \varepsilon z' \text{ is an odd v.f.})$$

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is the central extension:

$$\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \text{Vir}_{a,c} \longrightarrow \text{Witt}$$

↑
degree 2-cocycle $\underbrace{a \varphi_A + c \varphi_C}$

2) The higher (twisted) $N=2$ Virasoro algebra of
type (a, c, c_i) is:

$$\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \text{Vir}_{(a,c,c_i)}^{N=2} \longrightarrow \text{Witt}^{N=2}$$

degree 2-cocycle $\alpha \varphi_A + c \varphi_C + c_i \varphi_{vir}^i$

In the second part of the talk, we will see

how the higher $N=2$ Virasoro localizes to the ordinary

Virasoro Lie algebra.

For now, we indicate some natural representations of

the $(N=1)$ higher Virasoro algebra.

⑦

the following dg Lie alg:

electron dg hre alg

$$\Phi: \mathfrak{h} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h}_V \longrightarrow A_2^* \otimes (V \oplus V^* [1])$$

2-cycle :

$$(\gamma \otimes \sigma, \beta \otimes \sigma^*) \mapsto \langle \sigma, \sigma^* \rangle \int_{S^3} \gamma \wedge \beta \sim 1^2 z$$

Have (abelian) sub dg Lie alg:

$$\mathcal{H}_{V,+}^I = A_{\alpha,+}^{\cdot} \otimes \left(V \oplus V^* \Gamma \right) \oplus \mathbb{C}$$

quotient

quotient

when

$$A_{2,+} = \ker \left(A_2 \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} H^1(A_2) \right)$$

quotient

"positive modes of
Lax-Phillips polynomials"

Set :

$$V_v = \text{Ind}_{\mathcal{H}_{v,+}}^{\mathcal{H}_v} (\mathbb{C}_{n=1}) = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}_v) \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}_{v,+})} \mathbb{C}_{n=1}$$

central term acts by 1

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$\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus 0$ use $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ $\mathcal{H}_V$ ext. of $T^*T\mathbb{P}^1 \times M_7(\mathbb{C}^2, 0, V)$

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Hamill

check this is map of Lie algebras. Want to lift

this to "quantization" $U(\mathcal{H}_V)$ of $\text{gr } U(\mathcal{H}_V)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{U}(\text{Vir}_{(\alpha, c)}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}_V) \subset \mathcal{V}_V \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{U}(\text{Witt}) & \xrightarrow[\text{Poisson map}]{J} & \text{gr } \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}_V) \subset \text{gr } \mathcal{V}_V
 \end{array}$$

For some combination (α, c) :

$$\alpha \varphi_A + c \varphi_c = \dim(V) \times \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{"universal"} \\ \text{Todd class"} \end{array} \right) e \in H_{\text{GF}}^5(W_2).$$

The module $\mathcal{V}_V$ is a "Free field realization" of $\text{Vir}_{(\alpha, c)}$.

- Character: Cartan of $\text{Vir}_{(a,c)}$ gen by $\left\{ z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \right\}$

$U(1)_t$ Charge of $V = +1$.

$$\text{ch}(\gamma_V) = \prod_{n_1, n_2 \geq 0} \frac{1 - t^{-1} q_1^{n_1+1} q_2^{n_2+1}}{1 - t q_1^{n_1} q_2^{n_2}}$$

elliptic Γ -function

- Conjectural example: for $\mathfrak{g}$ any Lie algebra obtain

dg Lie alg: $A_2 \otimes \mathfrak{g}$.

For $\Theta \in \text{Sym}^3(\mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}}$ have a central extension

$$\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\Theta} \longrightarrow A_2 \otimes \mathfrak{g}$$

• Superconformal localization

Local enhancement: the Lie algebra of holomorphic
vf's on cplx surface X has natural local enhancement

$$\text{Vect}^{\text{hol}}(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathfrak{n}^{0,*}(X, T_X^{1,0})$$

↑
Dolbeault resolution

Obtain a factorization algebra on X :

$$\text{Vir}_{(a,c)} := C_{\bullet}^{\Psi}(\mathfrak{n}^{0,*}(X, T_X^{1,0}))$$

↑
Twisted Lie alg. homology

fact.
on cplx surface X

$$\psi = a \psi_A + c \psi_C$$

This is analog of "chiral enveloping algebra" of Beilinson-Drinfeld.

(Holomorphic fact alg's on Riem surfaces agree w/ the notions of chiral alg's / vertex alg's. In this case, the construction agrees w/ BD)

Can do same thing for $N=k$ version of Virasoro.

We are most interested in the factorization algebra

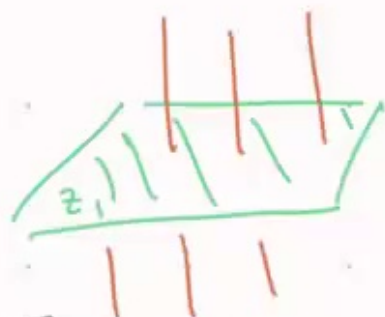
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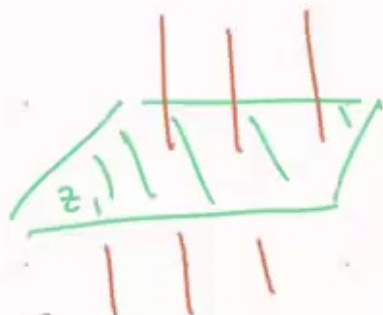
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Ex: Higher dim² KM also has a factorization
algebra enhancement:

$$\varphi \in \text{Sym}^3(\mathfrak{g})' \oplus \text{Sym}^2(\mathfrak{g})'$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{ir}^{N=2} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}_{g,\varphi}^{N=2} = C_{\bullet}(\underbrace{\mathfrak{n}^0(x, \mathfrak{g})}_{\text{Lie alg}}[\epsilon])$$

• Have deformation:

$$(\mathcal{F}_{g,\varphi}^{N=2}, d_{\mathcal{F}}) \rightsquigarrow (\mathcal{F}_{g,\varphi}^{N=2}, d_{\mathcal{F}} + z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z})$$

Koszul
resolution
 $\mathbb{C}_{z_1} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\varphi = \underbrace{\Theta}_{\mathfrak{S}^3(\mathfrak{g})} + \underbrace{\kappa}_{\mathfrak{S}^2(\mathfrak{g})}$$

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KM $\mathbb{C}_{z_1}$ $-\kappa/2$

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level

Lie alg

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$$\varphi = \underbrace{\Theta}_{\mathfrak{so}(g)} + \underbrace{K}_{\mathfrak{so}(g)}$$

$$i_{\kappa} \underbrace{KM}_{\mathbb{C}_{z_1}}^{-\kappa/2}$$

where $KM_{\mathbb{C}_{z_1}}$ is the ordinary KM factorization algebra supported on $\mathbb{C}_{z_1}$.

$$\mathcal{V}_{ir}^{N=2} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}_{g,\varphi}^{N=2} = C_{\bullet}^{\varphi}(\mathfrak{n}_{\epsilon}^{\bullet}(x, g) \mid \Gamma \in \Gamma)$$

Lie alg

level 4d

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Then: [SW] Let $\text{Vir}_{z_1}^c$ be the ordinary Virasoro vertex alg thought of as a fact. alg on $\mathbb{C}_{z_1} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$.

Then, there is an equiv. of fact alg's:

$$\left(\text{Vir}_{N=2}^{z_1}, \bar{\partial} + \left[z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, -1 \right] \right)$$

$\varphi = c \varphi_1^{\text{vir}}$

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$$z_1 \text{Vir}_{z_1}^{-12c}$$

the argument also works at the level

$$\left(\text{Vir}^1, \varphi = c \varphi_1^{\text{vir}} \right)$$

$$\left(\text{Vir}^2, -12c \right)$$

$$\left(\text{Vir}^3, z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} - 1 \right)$$

4d central charge $\nearrow$
 new central charge $\nwarrow$

A similar argument also works at the level of dg Lie algebras.

$$\text{Vir}^{N=2} \rightsquigarrow \left(\text{Vir}^{N=2}, \left[z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}, -1 \right] \right)$$

$$\text{Usual Virasoro Lie algebra.}$$

$$C_{z_1} = C$$

higher A/c
cycles

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4d central charge $\nearrow$

$$i \ll \frac{12}{-12c} \text{Vir}_{z_1}$$

$\nwarrow$ new central charge.

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$$\text{Vir}^{N=2}$$

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dg Lie $\nearrow$

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Vir

Usual Virasoro Lie algebra.

Remarks : • Can perform same type of localization
for $N=4$ version of higher Virasoro.
Get super versions of 2d Virasoro.

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Symmetry
enhancement
"Noether's Theorem
for CFT"

• Thm [SW] : Suppose an $N=k$ theory $\hat{\tau}^{N=k}$
has a global gauge symmetry by g ,
commuting w/ SUSY. Then, if $\hat{\tau}^{N=k}$
is superconformal

$$\text{Vir}^{N=k} \times \hat{\tau}_g^{N=k} \hookrightarrow (\hat{\tau}^{N=2}, Q)$$

$\uparrow$ $\uparrow$ $\uparrow$
 holomorphic holomorphic holomorphic twist

High
Virasoro

high KM algebra

holomorphic
supercharge

- At the level of holomorphic twist, the superconformal index is a character for

$Vir^{N=k}$

Eg: 4d $N=1$ SCFT $\rightarrow$ characters are elliptic τ -functions

|| [SW]

Partition f^n on Hopf algebras
 $(\mathbb{C}^2, 0) / \text{locus}$

conformal
blocks

||

global sections
over cplx surfaces.

- Higher vertex structure on $\mathcal{V}_{ir}^{N=k}$, $\mathcal{F}_g^{N=k}$. (14)

These factorization algebras define algebras
over the (colored) operad of holomorphic
2-disks. $\rightsquigarrow$ higher OPE.

Coefficients of holomorphic OPE $\leftarrow$? Higher Virasoro algebras
 $\nwarrow$ holomorphic gravitational anomalies $\nearrow$?

- Holomorphic twist of $\mathfrak{g} \downarrow \mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$
theory: