

Title: QFT III Lecture

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Diffeo.  $x \rightarrow x + \xi(x)$

$$\delta_{\xi} g_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_{\mu} \xi_{\nu} + \nabla_{\nu} \xi_{\mu}$$

that can be undone by a Weyl transformation  $\delta_{\sigma} g_{\mu\nu} = 2\sigma g_{\mu\nu}$

$$\delta_{\xi} g_{\mu\nu} + \delta_{\sigma} g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

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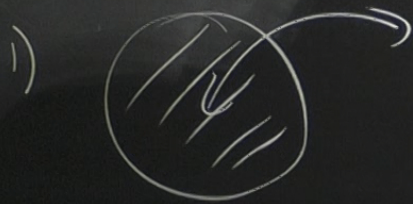
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Discrete conformal transformation



$$I: x^M \rightarrow x^M / x^2$$

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$$\delta_\xi g_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{CKV equation.}$$

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$$I P_\mu I = k_\mu$$

$$I k_\mu I = P_\mu$$

$$I M_{\mu\nu} I = M_{\mu\nu}$$

$$I \hat{D} I = -\hat{D}$$

$$I e^{a^\mu P_\mu} I = I \cdot P_\mu \left( \frac{x^\mu}{x^2} \right) = I \cdot \left( \frac{x^\mu / x^2 + a^\mu}{\left( \frac{x^\mu}{x^2} + a^\mu \right)^2} \right)$$

Conformal Group

$SO(2, D)$

↳ disconnected components

$P, I$ ,  $I$  is conjugate  $P$

• Any local QFT has a canonical operator:  $T_{\mu\nu}$

1. Translations,  $\partial^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$  (Noether's theorem)

2. Lorentz:  $T_{\mu\nu} = T_{\nu\mu}$

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^D x T_{\mu\nu} \delta \xi^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^D x T_{\mu\nu} (\partial^\mu \xi^\nu + \partial^\nu \xi^\mu)$$
$$\stackrel{\parallel}{=} \frac{1}{D} \eta^{\mu\nu} (\partial \cdot \xi)$$

$$\delta S \propto \int d^D x T_{\mu}^{\mu} (\partial \cdot \xi)$$

1) Scale invariance:  $T_{\mu}^{\mu} = 2\eta_{\mu}^{\mu} L_{\mu}$

2) Special conformal

$$T_{\mu}^{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} L^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\partial^M j_\mu = 0$$

$$\tilde{j}_\mu = j_\mu + \partial_\nu \theta^{[\mu\nu]}$$

$$\partial^M \tilde{j}_\mu = 0$$

$$Q = \int d^{D-1} j_0 = \int d^{D-1} \tilde{j}_0$$

$$Q = \tilde{Q}$$

$$\int A_\mu j^\mu + \int F_{\mu\nu} \theta^{\mu\nu}$$

It is always possible to improve  $T_{\mu\nu}$  such that

$$\hat{T}_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$j_\mu = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta A_\mu} \Big|_{A_\mu=0}$$

$$\int R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \theta^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

## Operators in a CFT

1 In representations of conformal algebras

2 Labeled by (a)  $M_{\mu\nu}$ :  $S$  - Lorentz spin

(b)  $\hat{D}$ :  $\Delta$  - scaling dimension

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Primary operator:  $[K_\mu \theta] = 0$

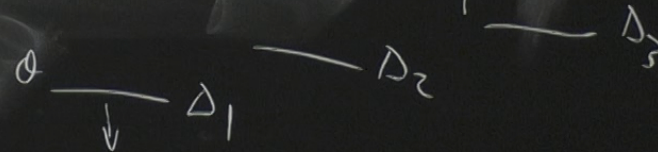
Lowest weight state

Representation

$\theta$  Primary  $\Delta$

$P_\mu \theta$   $\Delta + 1$

$P_{\mu_1} P_{\mu_2} \theta$   $\Delta + ?$



$x^M \rightarrow \tilde{x}^M = (\varphi \cdot x)^M$  causing  $g(a, \lambda, \omega, b)$   
Primaries:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Theta_{A, \Delta}(x) \longrightarrow \tilde{\Theta}_{A, \Delta} = \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial \tilde{x}} \right|^{\Delta/D} L_B^A(R) \Theta_B(\tilde{g}^{-1}x) \\
 \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\
 \text{Lorentz} \qquad \text{scaling} \\
 \text{spin} \qquad \text{dimension}
 \end{array}$$

$$R_\nu^M = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^M}{\partial x^\nu} e^{-u(x)}$$

$$R^T \eta R = \eta$$

dimension

$$K_\nu = \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial x^\nu} e$$

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Under infinitesimal  $\tilde{X} = X + \xi$ .

$$\delta \theta_{A,\Delta}(x) = \tilde{\theta}_{A,\Delta}(x) - \theta_{A,\Delta}(x) = -\xi^\mu \partial_\mu \theta_{A,\Delta}(x) + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\mu\nu}(x) (M^{\mu\nu}) \theta_{B,\Delta}(x)$$

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$$[\delta_{\xi_1} \theta, \delta_{\xi_2} \theta] = \delta_{[\xi_1, \xi_2]} \theta$$

$$\delta_{\xi_1} \delta_{\xi_2} \theta - \delta_{\xi_2} \delta_{\xi_1} \theta$$

## Constraint Observables

- Position dependence of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  pt functions is completely fixed

$$\langle \theta(x_1) \theta(x_2) \rangle = f(|x_1 - x_2|)$$

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$$\langle \theta_{\Delta_1}(x_1) \theta_{\Delta_2}(x_2) \rangle = \frac{C}{|x_1 - x_2|^{2\Delta_1}} \delta_{\Delta_1, \Delta_2}$$

$$\langle \theta_{\Delta_1}(x_1) \theta_{\Delta_2}(x_2) \theta_{\Delta_3}(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{123}}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - \Delta_3} |x_{23}|^{\Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - \Delta_1} |x_{13}|^{\Delta_1 + \Delta_3 - \Delta_2}}$$