

Title: QFT III Lecture

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Exact computation of correl

Last time: path integral \rightarrow operators & Hilbert space \mathcal{H}

• Construct states out of primaries $|\phi\rangle = \phi(a,0)|0\rangle$ CP=Curr

• Operators can be expanded in modes: $\langle\phi| = \lim_{z,\bar{z}\rightarrow\infty} z^{2h-2\bar{h}} \bar{z}^{-2\bar{h}} \langle 0|\phi(z,\bar{z})$

• To match corr. func. in path integral we need radial quantization

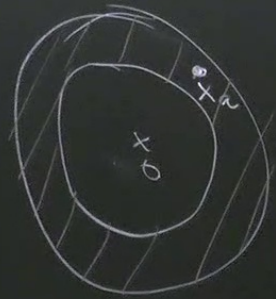
$$\mathcal{R} \phi_1(z) \phi_2(w) = \begin{cases} \phi_1(z) \phi_2(w) & \text{if } |z| > |w| \\ \phi_2(w) \phi_1(z) & \text{if } |w| > |z| \end{cases}$$

relation function from algebra!]

- It is important when we compute action of generators of symmetries:

If we have Ward id.: $\partial_\mu \langle j^\mu(\gamma) X \rangle = \sum_a \delta(\gamma - x_a) i G_a \langle X \rangle$

Take integral $\int d^2x$: $\int_{\partial\Omega} d\eta_\mu \langle j^\mu(\gamma) X \rangle = i G_a \langle X \rangle$



\Downarrow

$$\langle \dots [Q, \phi_a] \dots \rangle = \langle \dots i G_a \phi_a \dots \rangle$$

$$Q = \oint_{|\partial| = R} d\eta_\mu j^\mu$$

Last time we applied this to conformal symmetry:

$$Q = \oint_{|z|=R} dz \epsilon(z) T(z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \epsilon_k L_k \quad T(z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{-k-2} L_k$$

using
OPEs:

$$[L_n, L_m] = (n-m)L_{n+m} + \frac{c}{12}(n^2-1)\hbar \delta_{n+m,0}$$

- Virasoro algebra

We can interpret generators L_0, \bar{L}_0 in a useful way:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_0 = -z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \bar{L}_0 = -\bar{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} z = e^{\frac{2\pi}{L}(t+ix)} \\ \bar{z} = e^{\frac{2\pi}{L}(t-ix)} \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_0 + \bar{L}_0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \\ L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_0 + \bar{L}_0 = H \\ i(L_0 - \bar{L}_0) = P \end{array} \right.$$

So how does the symmetry acts on primary fields?

$$[L_n, \phi(z, \bar{z})] = \oint_z \frac{dw}{2\pi i} w^{n+1} T(w) \phi(z) = \oint_z \frac{dw}{2\pi i} w^{n+1} \left(\frac{h \phi(z)}{(w-z)^2} + \frac{\partial \phi(z)}{w-z} \right) =$$

$$= h(n+1) z^n \phi(z) + z^{n+1} \partial \phi(z)$$



or in terms of modes: $[L_n, \phi_m] = (h(h-1) - m) \phi_{n+m}$

• What about action of L_n on asymptotic states?

$$|h, h\rangle = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \phi(z, \bar{z}) |0\rangle = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n, m \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{-n-h} \bar{z}^{-m-h} \phi_{n, m} |0\rangle = \left| \begin{array}{l} \phi_{h, m} |0\rangle = 0 \\ \text{if } \begin{array}{l} h > -h \\ m > -h \end{array} \end{array} \right. = \phi_{-h, -h} |0\rangle$$

$T(z)|0\rangle$ is non-singular at $z \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow L_n |0\rangle = 0 \text{ for } n \geq -1$$

$$L_0 = -\bar{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \quad \bar{z} = e^{\frac{i}{c}(t-x)} \quad L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad i(L_0 - \bar{L}_0) = P$$

$$|h, t\rangle : \quad L_0 |h, t\rangle = h |h, t\rangle \quad L_n |h, t\rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\bar{L}_0 |h, t\rangle = t |h, t\rangle \quad \bar{L}_n |h, t\rangle = 0$$

In mathematical literature $\forall h, c$ - Verma modules, in physics - conformal f

$$L_n \phi_{-h, -t} |0\rangle = (\phi_{-h, -t} L_n + (n(h-t) \phi_{-h, -t})) |0\rangle$$

Important formula $L_0 |\lambda, h\rangle = (h + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i) |\lambda, h\rangle \quad \Leftarrow [L_0, L_n] = -n L_n$

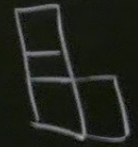
Sets λ are called Young diagrams in math:



$$\lambda = \{1\}$$



$$\lambda = \{1, 1\}$$



$$\lambda = \{3, 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_n |0\rangle = 0 \text{ for } n \geq -1$$

for $n \geq 1$

$$V_{h,0} = \left\langle \left[L_{-\mu_m} \dots L_{-\mu_1} L_{-\lambda_n} \dots L_{-\lambda_1} |h, h\rangle \right] \left| \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n > 0 \\ \mu_1 \geq \dots \geq \mu_m > 0 \end{array} \right. \right\rangle$$

$$\left(L_{-h-h} L_n + (n(h-1)+h) \phi_{-h+h, h} \right) |0\rangle$$

$| \lambda, h \rangle$
descendant states.

conformal family.

$$[L_0, L_n] = -n L_n$$



$$\lambda = \{3, 1\}$$

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

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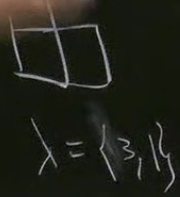
$$V_{h,c} = \left\langle \left[L_{-\mu_m} \dots L_{-\mu_1} L_{-\lambda_n} \dots L_{-\lambda_1} |h,h\rangle \right] \left| \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n > 0 \\ \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m > 0 \end{array} \right. \right\rangle$$

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"How many" states there are in $V_{h,c}$?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}_{V_{h,c}} (q^{L_0}) &= q^h \sum_{N \geq 0} \#_N q^N \\ &= q^h (1 + q + 2q^2 + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$(L_{-1})^2 \quad L_{-2}$

for $n \geq 1$

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- conformal family.

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$$\lambda = \{3, 1\}$$

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$(L_{-1})^2 \quad L_{-2} \quad L_{-3}, L_{-2}L_{-1}, (L_{-1})^3$

Hilbert space is : $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{h, \bar{h}} V_{h, \bar{h}, c}$: so the OPEs in general

Theory-dependent data :

- set of primaries (h, \bar{h})
- central charges c, \bar{c}
- Three-point functions C_{h_1, h_2, h_3}

s in general

$$\phi_{h_1}(z) \phi_{h_2}(w) = \sum_{h_3} \sum_{\lambda, \mu} C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_3, \lambda, \mu} (z-w)^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2 + |\lambda|} (\bar{z} - \bar{w})^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2 + |\mu|} \cdot (L_{-\lambda} L_{-\mu} \phi_{h_3})(w)$$

over all primaries.
in theory
this constants

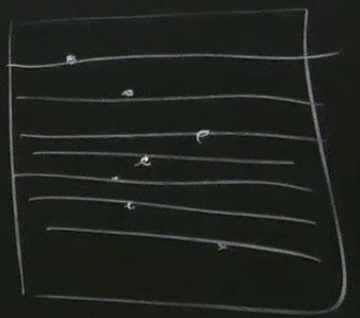
can be algorithmically computed

$$C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_3, \lambda, \mu} = C_{h_1, h_2, h_3} \cdot \beta^\lambda(h_1, h_2, h_3) \cdot \bar{\beta}^\mu(h_1, h_2, h_3)$$

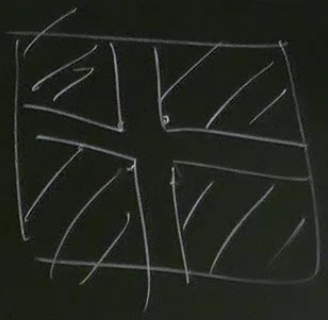
theory-dependent constant universal functions.

$$C_{h_1, h_2, h_3} = \langle h_1 | \phi_{h_2}(1) | h_3 \rangle$$

the OPEs in general



h_1, h_2, h_3



$$\phi_{h_1}(z) \phi_{h_2}(w) = \sum_{h_3} \sum_{\lambda, \mu} C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_3, \lambda, \mu} (z-w)^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2 + |\lambda|} (\bar{z}-\bar{w})^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2 + |\mu|} \cdot \left(\frac{L_{-\lambda}}{(-1)^{|\lambda|}} \frac{L_{-\mu}}{(-1)^{|\mu|}} \phi_{h_3} \right)(w)$$

over all primaries in theory
 these constants can be algorithmically computed

$$\langle \phi_{h_1} \phi_{h_2} \phi_{h_3} \phi_{h_4} \rangle =$$

$$= \sum C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_1, \lambda} \langle L_{-\lambda} \phi_{h_3} \phi_{h_4} \rangle$$

$$= \sum C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_1, \lambda} C_{h_3, h_4}^{h_1, \mu} \mathcal{F}$$

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theory-dependent constant
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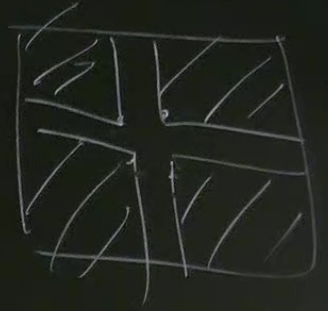
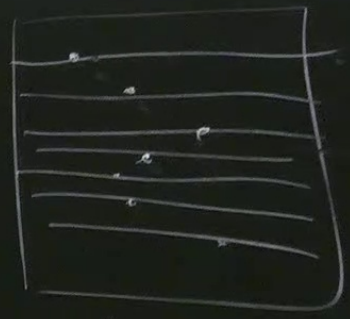
$$\phi_{h_1}(z) \phi_{h_2}(w) = \sum_{h_3} \sum_{\lambda, \mu} C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_3, \lambda, \mu} (z-w)^{h_3} \dots$$

over all primaries in theory
 these constants can be algorithmic

es (h, \bar{h})

functions C, \bar{C}

C_{h_1, h_2, h_3}



$$\langle \phi_{h_1} \phi_{h_2} \phi_{h_3} \phi_{h_4} \rangle = \sum_{h_1, \lambda} C_{h_1, h_2}^{h_1, \lambda} \langle L_{-\lambda} \phi_{h_3} \phi_{h_4} \rangle$$

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theory-dependent $C_{h_1, h_2, h_3} =$