

Higher Spin Theory
and Holography-3
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BRST, AdS/CFT, and conformal fields

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Plan

- 1) **Introduction**
- 2) **Modified Lorentz and de Donder gauges
and (global) BRST Lagrangian for AdS fields**
- 3) **Computation of BRST two-point functions
from BRST Lagrangian of AdS fields**
- 4) **BRST Lagrangian of conformal fields
from AdS/CFT**

General setup of gravity/gauge theory duality

$S_{\text{AdS}}(\Phi)$ type IIB superstring field action

$$\Phi = \phi, \quad \phi^A, \quad \phi^{AB}, \dots \phi^{A_1 \dots A_s}$$

fields in $\text{AdS}(5) \times S(5)$

Dirichlet problem

$$\frac{\delta S_{AdS}}{\delta \Phi} = 0$$

$$\Phi(x, z) \sim z^{d-\Delta} \Phi_{sh}(x)$$

Use solution corresponding Φ_{sh}

$$S_{AdS}(\Phi) \equiv S_{\text{eff}}(\Phi_{\text{sh}})$$

$$= \frac{\delta^n S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta\Phi_{\text{sh}}(x_1) \dots \delta\Phi_{\text{sh}}(x_n)}$$

$$\langle \Phi_{\text{cur}}(x_1) \dots \Phi_{\text{cur}}(x_n) \rangle$$

correlation functions from AdS

Long-term motivation

Computation of $S_{\text{eff}}(\Phi_{\text{sh}})$

for superstring theory

Superstring - theory of gauge fields

massive (higher) + massless(low)

Method for analysis of gauge theories ?

among others

Light-cone gauge approach

BRST approach

Light-cone gauge approach to closed superstring

$$\mathcal{L} = \Phi(\square - M^2)\Phi + \Phi^3$$

(Green Schwarz)

- 1) **simple Lagrangian**
- 2) **convenient for tree level**
- 3) **hard for loop computation**

BRST approach to closed string

$$\mathcal{L} = \Phi(\square - M^2)\Phi + \Phi^3 + \Phi^4 + \dots$$

1) **more complicated Lagrangian**

2) **Lorentz covariance \rightarrow
computation of tree and loop
diagrams is simpler**

BRST

Find helpful gauge conditions

de Donder like gauge ?

Goal

Find convenient gauges and compute

$$S_{\text{eff}}(\Phi_{\text{sh}})$$

for **arbitrary spin** fields

scalar

$$S = \int d^d x dz \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} (g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial_\nu \Phi + m^2 \Phi^2)$$

$$\Phi = z^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \phi$$

scalar

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} |\partial^a \phi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\mathcal{T}_\nu \phi|^2$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\nu \equiv \partial_z + \frac{\nu}{z}$$

$$\nu = \sqrt{m^2 + \frac{d^2}{4}}$$

scalar

Solution to Dirichlet problem

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi = 0$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, z) \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow 0} z^{-\nu + \frac{1}{2}} \phi_{\text{sh}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, z) \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

scalar

Solution to Dirichlet problem

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, z) = \int d^d y \mathbf{G}_\nu(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, z) \phi_{\text{sh}}(\mathbf{y})$$

$$\mathbf{G}_\nu(\mathbf{x}, z) = \frac{z^{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}}{(z^2 + |\mathbf{x}|^2)^{\nu + \frac{d}{2}}}$$

scalar

Effective action

$$S_{\text{eff}} = c_0 \int d^d x_1 d^d x_2 \Gamma_{12}$$

$$c_0 = \nu, \quad \nu = \sqrt{m^2 + \frac{d^2}{4}}$$

$$\Gamma_{12} = \frac{\phi_{\text{sh}}(x_1)\phi_{\text{sh}}(x_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2\nu+d}}$$

$$|x_{12}|^2 = (x_1 - x_2)^a (x_1 - x_2)^a$$

spin-1

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{AB}F^{AB}$$

$$F^{AB} = D^A\phi^B - D^B\phi^A$$

spin-1

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \phi^A \square_{AdS} \phi^A + \frac{1}{2} L^2$$

$$L = D^A \phi^A$$

$$\square_{AdS} \phi^A = 0$$

$$L = 0$$

Coupled EOM

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2}(dx^a dx^a + dz dz)$$

x^a boundary flat coordinates

z radial coordinate

spin-1

bulk $so(d, 1) \rightarrow$ boundary $so(d - 1, 1)$

$$\phi^{\mathbf{A}} = \phi^{\mathbf{a}} \oplus \phi^{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\phi \equiv \phi^{\mathbf{z}}$$

spin-1

standard Lorentz gauge

$$D^A \phi^A = 0$$

leads to coupled equations

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi^{\mathbf{a}} + \partial^a \phi = 0$$

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_0^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi + \partial^a \phi^{\mathbf{a}} = 0$$

spin-1

Modified Lorentz gauge

$$\mathbf{L} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{L} \equiv \mathbf{D}^A \phi^A + \frac{2}{R} \phi$$

RRM, 1999

Polchinski and
Strassler 2001

gives **decoupled equations**

spin-1

Decoupled equations

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi^a = 0$$

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_0^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi = 0$$

$$\nu_1 = \frac{d-2}{2}, \quad \nu_0 = \frac{d-4}{2}$$

spin-1

Solution to Dirichlet problem

$$\phi^a(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_1}(x - y, z) \phi_{\text{sh}}^a(y)$$

$$\phi(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_0}(x - y, z) \phi_{\text{sh}}(y)$$

$$G_{\nu}(x, z) \equiv \frac{z^{\nu+1/2}}{(z^2 + |x|^2)^{\nu+\frac{d}{2}}}$$

Modified Lorentz gauge for bulk AdS fields

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \phi^a \square_{\nu_1} \phi^a + \frac{1}{2} \phi \square_{\nu_0} \phi + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{L}^2$$

$$\mathbf{L} \equiv \mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{A}} \phi^{\mathbf{A}} + 2\phi$$

$$\square_{\nu} \equiv \square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2}$$

Faddeev-Popov procedure

$$\mathcal{L}_{tot} = \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{qu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{qu} = -b\mathbf{L} + \bar{c}\square_{\nu_1}c + \frac{1}{2}\xi b^2$$

$$\xi = 0$$

Landau gauge

$$\xi = 1$$

Feynman gauge

BRST

$$s\phi^a = \partial^a c \qquad s\phi = \mathcal{T}_{\nu_1} c$$

$$sc = 0$$

$$s\bar{c} = b$$

$$sb = 0$$

anti-BRST

$$\bar{s}\phi^a = \partial^a \bar{c} \qquad \bar{s}\phi = \mathcal{T}_{\nu_1} \bar{c}$$

$$\bar{s}c = -b$$

$$\bar{s}\bar{c} = 0$$

$$\bar{s}b = 0$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\nu \equiv \partial_z + \frac{\nu}{z}$$

$$s^2 = 0$$

$$\bar{s}^2 = 0$$

$$s\bar{s} + \bar{s}s = 0$$

OFF-SHELL

Feynman gauge $\xi = 1$

Integrate out field b

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \phi^a \square_{\nu_1} \phi^a + \frac{1}{2} \phi \square_{\nu_0} \phi + \bar{c} \square_{\nu_1} c$$

BRST

$$s\phi^a = \partial^a c \quad s\phi = \mathcal{T}_{\nu_1} c$$

$$sc = 0$$

$$s\bar{c} = L$$

anti-BRST

$$\bar{s}\phi^a = \partial^a \bar{c} \quad \bar{s}\phi = \mathcal{T}_{\nu_1} \bar{c}$$

$$\bar{s}c = -L$$

$$\bar{s}\bar{c} = 0$$

$$s^2 = 0$$

$$\bar{s}^2 = 0$$

$$s\bar{s} + \bar{s}s = 0$$

ON-SHELL for c and \bar{c}

spin-1

Decoupled equations

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi^a = 0$$

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_0^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \phi = 0$$

$$\nu_1 = \frac{d-2}{2}, \quad \nu_0 = \frac{d-4}{2}$$

spin-1

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \mathbf{c} = 0$$

$$\left(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2} \right) \bar{\mathbf{c}} = 0$$

$$\nu_1 = \frac{d-2}{2}$$

spin-1

Solution to Dirichlet problem

$$\phi^a(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, z) \phi^a(y)$$

$$\phi(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_0}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, z) \phi(y)$$

$$c(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, z) c(y)$$

$$\bar{c}(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, z) \bar{c}(y)$$

$$G_\nu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \equiv \frac{z^{\nu+1/2}}{(z^2 + |\mathbf{x}|^2)^{\nu+\frac{d}{2}}}$$

spin-1: Effective action

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int d^d x_1 d^d x_2 \Gamma_{12}$$

$$\Gamma_{12} = \frac{\phi^a(x_1)\phi^a(x_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(d-1)}}$$

$$+ \frac{\phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(d-2)}}$$

$$+ \frac{\bar{c}(x_1)c(x_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(d-1)}}$$

BRST

$$s\phi^a = \partial^a c \quad s\phi = -\square c$$

$$sc = 0$$

$$s\bar{c} = \partial^a \phi^a + \phi$$

anti-BRST

$$\bar{s}\phi^a = \partial^a \bar{c} \quad \bar{s}\phi = -\square \bar{c}$$

$$\bar{s}c = -\partial^a \phi^a - \phi$$

$$\bar{s}\bar{c} = 0$$

$$s^2 = 0$$

$$\bar{s}^2 = 0$$

$$s\bar{s} + \bar{s}s = 0$$

ON-SHELL for c and \bar{c}

regularization

$$d - [d] = -2\varepsilon,$$

$[d]$ – integer

$$\frac{1}{|x|^{2\nu+d}} \underset{\varepsilon \approx 0}{\sim} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \square^{\nu_{\text{int}}} \delta^{(d)}(x)$$

$$S_{\text{eff}} \stackrel{\varepsilon \approx 0}{\sim} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{\text{conf}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{conf}} = \frac{1}{2} \phi^a \square^{k+1} \phi^a + \frac{1}{2} \phi \square^k \phi + \bar{c} \square^{k+1} c$$

$$k \equiv \frac{d-4}{2}$$

$$b = \phi + \partial^a \phi^a$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{tot} = \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{qu}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{ab} \square^k F^{ab}, \quad F^{ab} \equiv \partial^a \phi^b - \partial^b \phi^a$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{qu} = -b \square^k \partial^a \phi^a + \frac{1}{2} b \square^k b + \bar{c} \square^{k+1} c$$

$$s\phi^a = \partial^a c$$

$$sb = 0$$

$$sc = 0$$

$$s\bar{c} = b$$

$$\bar{s}\phi^a = \partial^a \bar{c}$$

$$\bar{s}b = 0$$

$$\bar{s}c = -b$$

$$\bar{s}\bar{c} = 0$$

Arbitrary spin-s AdS field

$$\Phi^{A_1 \dots A_s}$$

Impose **modified** de Donder gauge

$$D^{A_1 A_2 \dots A_s} = 0$$

$$D^{A_1 A_2 \dots A_s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \equiv & D^A \Phi^A A_2 \dots A_s - \frac{1}{2} D^A A_2 \Phi^A A_3 \dots A_s \\ & + 2\Phi^z A_2 \dots A_s - \eta^z A_2 \Phi^A A_3 \dots A_s \end{aligned}$$

leads to coupled EOM

Decompose

$$\mathfrak{so}(d, 1) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{so}(d - 1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{A_1 \dots A_s} &= \Phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \\ &\quad \Phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\ &\quad \dots \dots \dots \\ &\quad \Phi^{a_1 a_2} \\ &\quad \Phi^{a_1} \\ &\quad \Phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} &= \Phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} + \dots \\
\phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} &= \Phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} + \dots \\
&\dots \dots \dots \\
\phi^{a_1 a_2} &= \Phi^{a_1 a_2} + \dots \\
\phi^a &= \Phi^a \\
\phi &= \Phi
\end{aligned}$$

Decoupled equations

$$(\square + \partial_z^2 - \frac{\nu_{s'}^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{z^2}) \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s'}} = 0$$

$$\nu_{s'} = s' + \frac{d-4}{2}$$

$$\phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s'}}(x, z) = \int d^d y G_{\nu_{s'}}(x - y, z) \phi_{sh}^{a_1 \dots a_{s'}}(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L &= \phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \square_{\nu_s} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \\
&+ \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \square_{\nu_{s-1}} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\
&+ \dots \\
&+ \phi \square_{\nu_0} \phi \\
&+ D^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} D^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\
&+ D^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} D^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \\
&+ \dots \\
&+ DD
\end{aligned}$$

$$D^{a_1 \dots a_k} = \partial^a \phi^{aa_1 \dots a_k} + g_k \mathcal{T}_{..} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_k} + f_k \mathcal{T}_{..} \phi^{aaa_1 \dots a_k}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\nu} = \partial_z + \frac{\nu}{z}$$

Apply Faddeev-Popov procedure

Faddeev-Popov fields

$$c^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}}, \quad c^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}}, \dots, c$$

$$\bar{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}}, \quad \bar{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}}, \dots, \bar{c}$$

Nakanishi-Lautrup fields

$$b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}}, \quad b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}}, \dots, b$$

$$L_{tot} = L + L_{qu}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{qu} &= \bar{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \square_{\nu_s} c^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\
&+ \bar{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \square_{\nu_{s-1}} c^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \\
&+ \dots \\
&+ \bar{c} \square_{\nu_1} c \\
&+ b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} D^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\
&+ b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} D^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \\
&+ \dots \\
&+ bD \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \xi b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \xi b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} b^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \\
&+ \dots \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \xi b b
\end{aligned}$$

Use Feynman gauge $\xi = 1$

Integrate out Nakanishi-Lautrup fields

$$\begin{aligned} L_{tot} = & \phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \square_{\nu_s} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \\ & + \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \square_{\nu_{s-1}} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\ & + \dots \\ & + \phi \square_{\nu_0} \phi \\ & + \bar{\mathbf{c}}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \square_{\nu_s} \mathbf{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\ & + \bar{\mathbf{c}}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \square_{\nu_{s-1}} \mathbf{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \\ & + \dots \\ & + \bar{\mathbf{c}} \square_{\nu_1} \mathbf{c} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int dx_1^d dx_2^d \Gamma_{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{12} = & \frac{\phi^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_s}(\mathbf{x}_1) \phi^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_s}(\mathbf{x}_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(s+d-2)}} \\ & + \frac{\phi^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_{s-1}}(\mathbf{x}_1) \phi^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_{s-1}}(\mathbf{x}_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(s+d-3)}} \\ & + \dots \\ & + \frac{\phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \phi(\mathbf{x}_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(d-2)}} \\ & + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{c}}^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_{s-1}}(\mathbf{x}_1) \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_{s-1}}(\mathbf{x}_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(s+d-2)}} \\ & + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{c}}^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_{s-2}}(\mathbf{x}_1) \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_{s-2}}(\mathbf{x}_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(s+d-3)}} \\ & + \dots \\ & + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}_1) \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x}_2)}{|x_{12}|^{2(d-2)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{conf} = \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{conf}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{conf} = & \phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \square^{\nu_s} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_s} \\ & + \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \square^{\nu_{s-1}} \phi^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\ & + \dots \\ & + \phi \square^{\nu_0} \phi \\ & + \bar{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \square^{\nu_s} c^{a_1 \dots a_{s-1}} \\ & + \bar{c}^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \square^{\nu_{s-1}} c^{a_1 \dots a_{s-2}} \\ & + \dots \\ & + \bar{c} \square^{\nu_1} c \end{aligned}$$