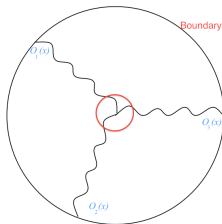


Semiclassical 3-point functions for short operators



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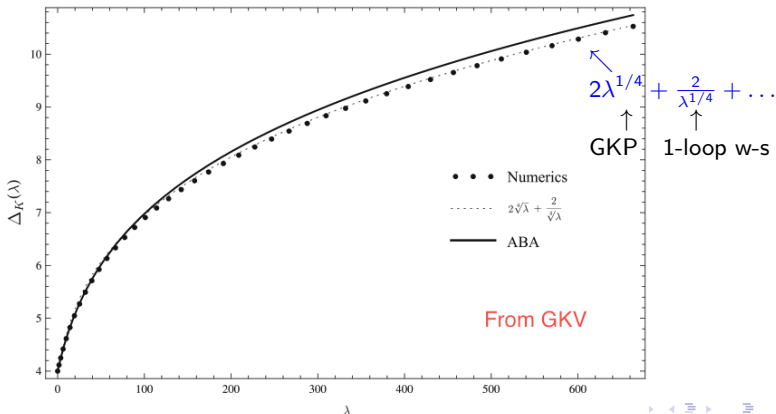
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- ▶ Konishi is neither classical nor light. It is a short heavy string state.
Can one find the 3-point function ($\lambda \gg 1$) for three Konishi operators?

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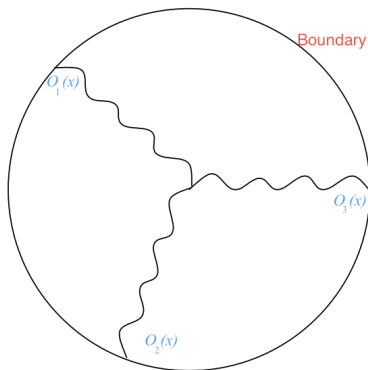
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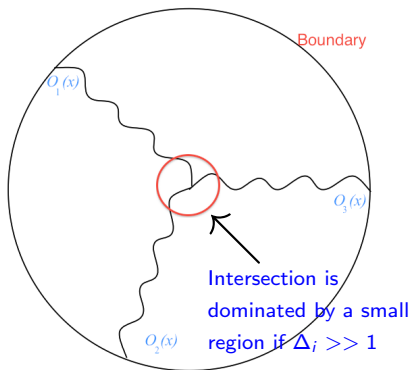


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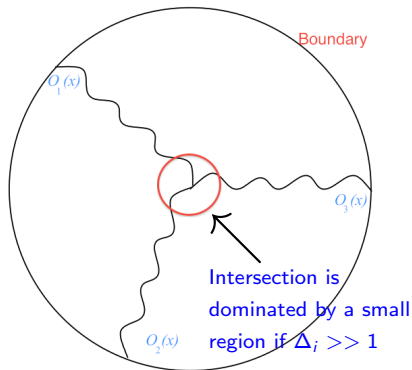
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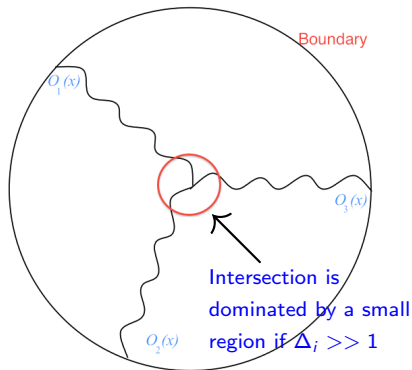
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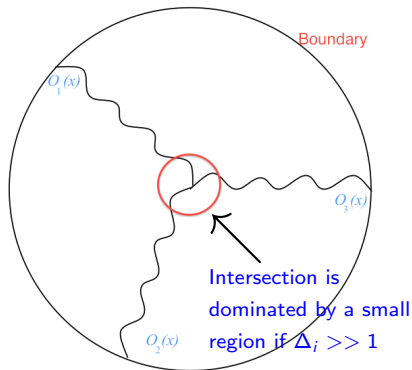
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- ▶ **But**
 - ▶ What are the momenta?
 - ▶ Which vertex operator?

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- ▶ Concluding remarks

2-point functions

Path integral for a point particle (boundary to boundary) (JSW (2010))

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\Delta(x_0) \mathcal{O}_\Delta(-x_0) \rangle =$$

Euclidean action in AdS_{d+1} :

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} ds \left[\frac{\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu + \dot{z}^2}{z^2} e^{-1} + \Delta^2 e \right]$$

n.b. We are using Δ^2 and not m^2 in S .

Reparam. inv.: Fix $e(s) = E$. $x(\pm 1) = \pm x_0$, $z(\pm 1) = \epsilon$.

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \prod_{s=-1}^{s=1} \frac{\mu \mathcal{D}x^\mu(s) \mathcal{D}z(s) \mathcal{D}e(s)}{V_{diff}} e^{-S} = \int dE \prod_{s=-1}^{s=1} \mu \mathcal{D}x^\mu(s) \mathcal{D}z(s) (Jac) e^{-S}$$

Minimizing S :

$$x(s) = R \tanh(\kappa s)$$

$$z(s) = R \operatorname{sech}(\kappa s)$$

$$x_{\perp}^\mu = 0$$

$$\lim \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$$R \approx x_0$$

$$\kappa \approx \log \left(\frac{2x_0}{\epsilon} \right)$$

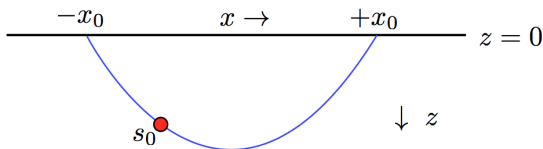
$$S_{cl} = \kappa^2 E^{-1} + \Delta^2 E$$

$$E = \kappa / \Delta, S_{cl} = 2\kappa\Delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z} \sim \left| \frac{2x_0}{\epsilon} \right|^{-2\Delta}$$

2-point functions

Break up the path integral into two parts: $x^\mu(s_0) = x^\mu$, $z(s_0) = z$.



$$\int \left(dE_- \prod_{s < s_0} \mu \mathcal{D}x^\mu(s) \mathcal{D}z(s) (Jac) \right) \frac{z^{-d-1} d^d x dz}{V_{Gauge}} \left(dE_+ \prod_{s > s_0} \mu \mathcal{D}x^\mu(s) \mathcal{D}z(s) (Jac) \right) e^{-S},$$

$$S_{cl} = -\Delta \log \left(\frac{z \epsilon}{z^2 + (x - x_0)^2 + x_\perp^2} \right) - \Delta \log \left(\frac{z \epsilon}{z^2 + (x + x_0)^2 + x_\perp^2} \right)$$

Minimize wrt x^μ and z gives a point on the previous trajectory
Fluctuations over the joining point give:

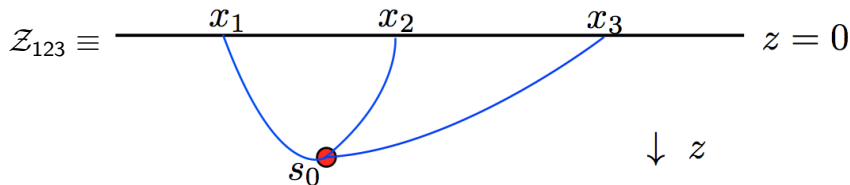
transverse: $\left(\frac{\pi}{\Delta}\right)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}$

longitudinal: $\left(\frac{\pi}{\Delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times$ **zero mode** (Zero mode is $\sim V_{gauge}$)

$$\mathcal{Z} \approx \mathcal{C}_- \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Delta^{d/2-1}} \mathcal{C}_+ \left| \frac{2x_0}{\epsilon} \right|^{-2\Delta}$$

3-point functions

Three incoming particles meeting at the joining point: $x^\mu(s_0) = x^\mu$, $z(s_0) = z$.



$$S_{\text{cl}}(x^\mu, z) = - \sum_{i=1}^3 \Delta_i \log \left(\frac{z \epsilon}{z^2 + (x - x_i)^2} \right)$$

$$\Pi_{\mu i} = -i E_i^{-1} \frac{\dot{x}^\mu}{z^2} \quad \Pi_{z i} = -i E_i^{-1} \frac{\dot{z}}{z^2}$$

Minimize wrt x^μ and z leads to conservation of momentum:

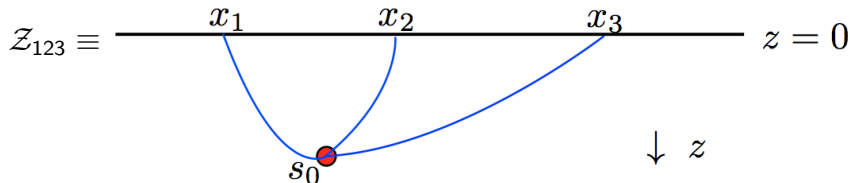
$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \Pi_{\mu, i} = 0 \quad \sum_{z, i} \Pi_{z, i} = 0$$

$$\Pi_i \cdot \Pi_j \equiv G^{mn} \Pi_{m i} \Pi_{n j} = -\Delta_i^2.$$

$$\Pi_1 \cdot \Pi_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta_1^2 + \Delta_2^2 - \Delta_3^2), \quad \Pi_2 \cdot \Pi_3 = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta_2^2 + \Delta_3^2 - \Delta_1^2), \quad \Pi_3 \cdot \Pi_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta_3^2 + \Delta_1^2 - \Delta_2^2)$$

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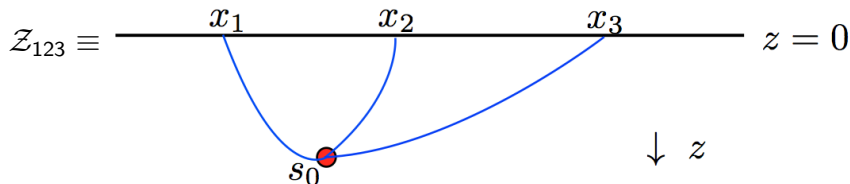
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where

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(See also Klose & McLoughlin (2011))

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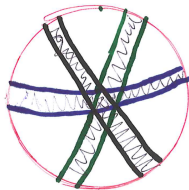
$$Z_{123} = \underbrace{\frac{\pi^{\frac{d+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3}{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \Sigma^{d+1}} \right)^{1/2} C_{1-} C_{2-} C_{3-}}_{\text{Fluctuations:}} \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_1^{\alpha_1} \alpha_2^{\alpha_2} \alpha_3^{\alpha_3} \Sigma^\Sigma}{\Delta_1^{\Delta_1} \Delta_2^{\Delta_2} \Delta_3^{\Delta_3}} \frac{1}{|x_{12}|^{2\alpha_3} |x_{23}|^{2\alpha_1} |x_{31}|^{2\alpha_2}}}_{e^{-S_{cl}}} \mathcal{G}_{123}$$

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$$C_{123} \approx \frac{\pi^{\frac{2-d}{4}}}{4} \frac{(\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3)^{d/4}}{(\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \Sigma^{d+1})^{1/2}} \frac{\alpha_1^{\alpha_1} \alpha_2^{\alpha_2} \alpha_3^{\alpha_3} \Sigma^\Sigma}{\Delta_1^{\Delta_1} \Delta_2^{\Delta_2} \Delta_3^{\Delta_3}} \mathcal{G}_{123}$$

Intersection region: $\Delta r_{AdS} \sim \left(\frac{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3}{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \Sigma^{d+1}} \right)^{1/2(d+1)} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta^{1/2}} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda^{1/8}} \ll 1$

S^5 contribution (see also Buchbinder and Tseytlin (2011))



← (Also intersects at antipode.)

Reduce to S^2 subspace, $\sum_{l=1}^3 X_l^2 = 1$. Choose three normalized wave-functions

$$\psi_{J_1}(\vec{X}) = \frac{\sqrt{(J_1+1)(J_1+2)}}{\sqrt{2\pi^3}} (X_1 + iX_2)^{J_1}$$

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Dominant where $\vec{J}_1 + \vec{J}_2 + \vec{J}_3 = 0$ $\langle \psi_{J_1} \psi_{J_2} \psi_{J_3} \rangle \approx \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{(J_1 J_2 J_3)^{3/2}}{(\tilde{\alpha}_1 \tilde{\alpha}_2 \tilde{\alpha}_3 \tilde{\Sigma}^5)^{1/2}}$

$\Delta r_{S^5} \sim \left(\frac{J_1 J_2 J_3}{\tilde{\alpha}_1 \tilde{\alpha}_2 \tilde{\alpha}_3 \tilde{\Sigma}^5} \right)^{1/10} \sim \frac{1}{J^{1/2}} \Rightarrow$ Intersection region small if $J_i \gg 1$

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- ▶ Which vertex operator do we use?
- ▶ At level one there are 128×128 physical states in the NS-NS sector and 128×128 physical states in the R-R sector!!!

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Which vertex operators to use:

Conformal algebra in d dimensions:

$$\begin{aligned} [D, P_\mu] &= -iP_\mu & [D, M_{\mu\nu}] &= 0 & [D, K_\mu] &= +iK_\mu \\ [M_{\mu\nu}, P_\lambda] &= -i(\eta_{\mu\lambda}P_\nu - \eta_{\lambda\nu}P_\mu) & [M_{\mu\nu}, K_\lambda] &= -i(\eta_{\mu\lambda}K_\nu - \eta_{\lambda\nu}K_\mu) \\ [P_\mu, K_\nu] &= 2i(M_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu}D). \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite: $[P_\mu \pm K_\mu, P_\nu \pm K_\nu] = \pm 4iM_{\mu\nu}$, $[P_\mu + K_\mu, P_\nu - K_\nu] = 4i\eta_{\mu\nu}D$
 $[D, P_\mu + K_\mu] = -i(P_\mu - K_\mu)$, $[D, P_\mu - K_\mu] = -i(P_\mu + K_\mu)$

Rescale: $\tilde{P}_\mu = \epsilon(P_\mu + K_\mu)/2$, $\tilde{P}_d = \epsilon D$, $M_{d\mu} = (P_\mu - K_\mu)/2$ lim $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$
 \Rightarrow Poincaré algebra in $d + 1$ dimensions:

$$[\tilde{P}_\mu, \tilde{P}_\nu] = 0, \quad [M_{\mu\nu}, \tilde{P}_\lambda] = -i(\eta_{\mu\lambda}\tilde{P}_\nu - \eta_{\lambda\nu}\tilde{P}_\mu) \quad \mu = 0 \dots d$$

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String vertex ops: $Q_L = Q_R$

Mixing of NS-NS and R-R modes:

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String vertex ops: Level one

Relevant vert. ops. can be found in the ancient literature

(FMS (1985); Kostecky et. al (1987); Koh, Troost, van Proeyen (1987))

NS sector (Left movers, (-1) picture): $\alpha_{LMN}\psi^L\psi^M\psi^N$ 84 states
 $\sigma_{MN}i\partial X^M\psi^N$ 44 states

R sector (Left movers, $(-\frac{1}{2})$ picture): $(V_M^A i\partial X^M \Theta_A + \rho_{MA} \psi^M \psi^A \Theta^A)$ 128 states

$$\rho^M = -\frac{1}{8} V^M \not{k} + \frac{1}{36} (V \cdot k) \Gamma^M$$

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$Q_L = Q_R$ requires all three combinations. Scalar vertex ops:

$$V_1^{(-1,-1)}(z, \bar{z}) = g_s \left(\frac{2}{\alpha'}\right) \sigma_{MN; \tilde{M}\tilde{N}} \psi^M(z) \partial X^N \tilde{\psi}^{\tilde{M}}(\bar{z}) \bar{\partial} X^{\tilde{N}} e^{ik \cdot X} e^{-\phi - \bar{\phi}},$$

$$V_2^{(-1,-1)}(z, \bar{z}) = g_s \alpha_{MNL; \tilde{M}\tilde{N}\tilde{L}} \psi^M(z) \psi^N(z) \psi^L(z) \psi^{\tilde{M}}(\bar{z}) \psi^{\tilde{N}}(\bar{z}) \psi^{\tilde{L}}(\bar{z}) e^{ik \cdot X} e^{-\phi - \bar{\phi}}.$$

$$\sigma_{MN; \tilde{M}\tilde{N}} = \left(\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\eta}_{M\tilde{M}}\hat{\eta}_{N\tilde{N}} + \hat{\eta}_{M\tilde{N}}\hat{\eta}_{N\tilde{M}}) - \frac{1}{9}\hat{\eta}_{MN}\hat{\eta}_{\tilde{M}\tilde{N}}\right)$$

$$\alpha_{MNL; \tilde{M}\tilde{N}\tilde{L}} = \frac{1}{3!}(\hat{\eta}_{M\tilde{M}}\hat{\eta}_{N\tilde{N}}\hat{\eta}_{L\tilde{L}} - \text{perms})$$

where $\hat{\eta}_{MN} \equiv \eta_{MN} - \frac{k_M k_N}{k^2}$.

$$V_3^{(-1/2,-1/2)}(z, \bar{z}) = g_s \left(\frac{2}{\alpha'}\right)^{1/2} e^{ikX} e^{-\phi/2 - \bar{\phi}/2}$$

$$\times (i \bar{\partial} X^M \tilde{\Theta}^A - \left(\frac{\alpha'}{16}\right) \tilde{\psi}^M \not{k} \tilde{\psi}^A) C \not{k} (\hat{\eta}_{MN} - \frac{1}{9} \hat{\Gamma}_M \hat{\Gamma}_N) (i \partial X^N \Theta^B - \left(\frac{\alpha'}{16}\right) \psi^N \not{k} \psi^B)$$

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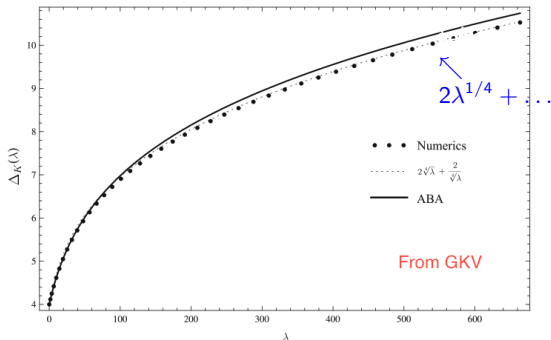
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String vertex ops: Massless example

Massless vertex ops. \Rightarrow Chiral Primary ops:

$$k^M = (\vec{\Delta}; \vec{J}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad k^2 = 0$$

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$$V^{0,0}(z, \bar{z}) = -g_s \varepsilon_{MN} \frac{2}{\alpha'} (i\partial X^M + \frac{\alpha'}{2} k \cdot \psi \psi^M) (i\bar{\partial} X^M + \frac{\alpha'}{2} k \cdot \tilde{\psi} \tilde{\psi}^M) e^{ik \cdot X},$$

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$$\Rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_{MN} (\not{k} \Gamma^M)^B{}_A = t^{BC} (C \Gamma_N)_{CA}$$

Only solution: $\varepsilon_{MN} = \eta_{MN} - \frac{k_M k_N}{k^2}, \quad t^{AB} = (\not{k} C)^{AB}$

n.b. This choice does not exactly satisfy $Q_L = Q_R$, but it is satisfied up to spurious terms (pure gauge)