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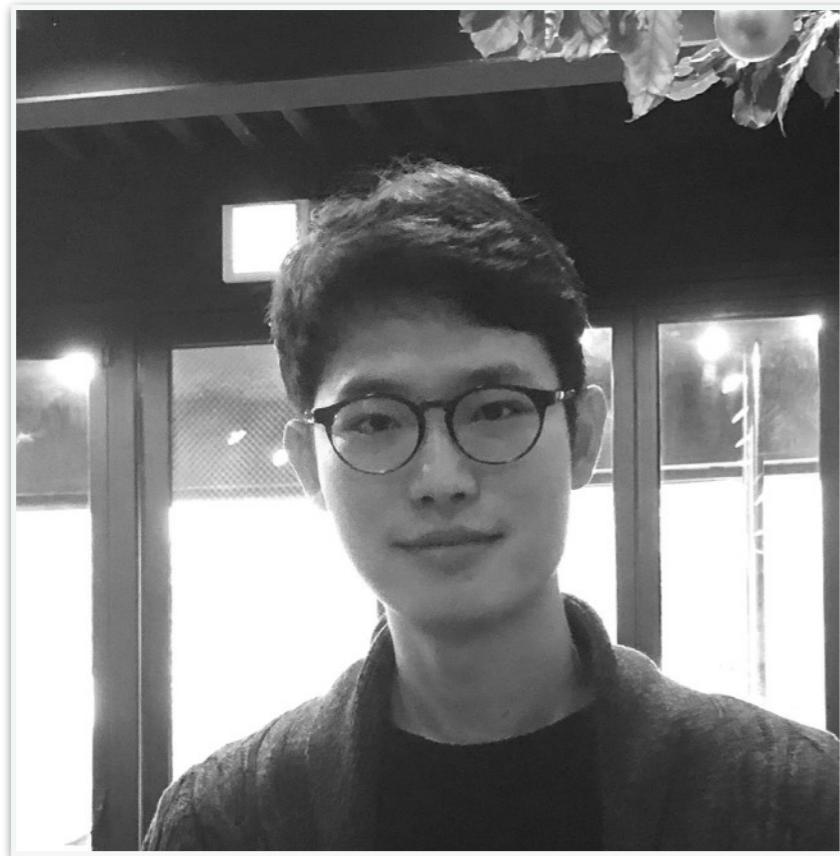
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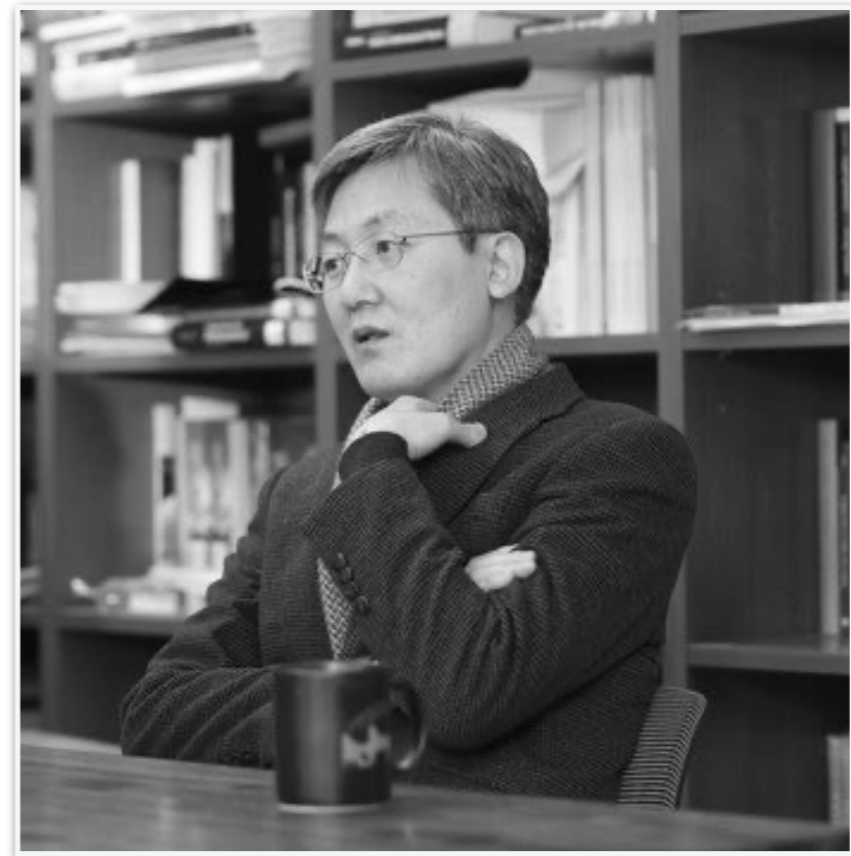
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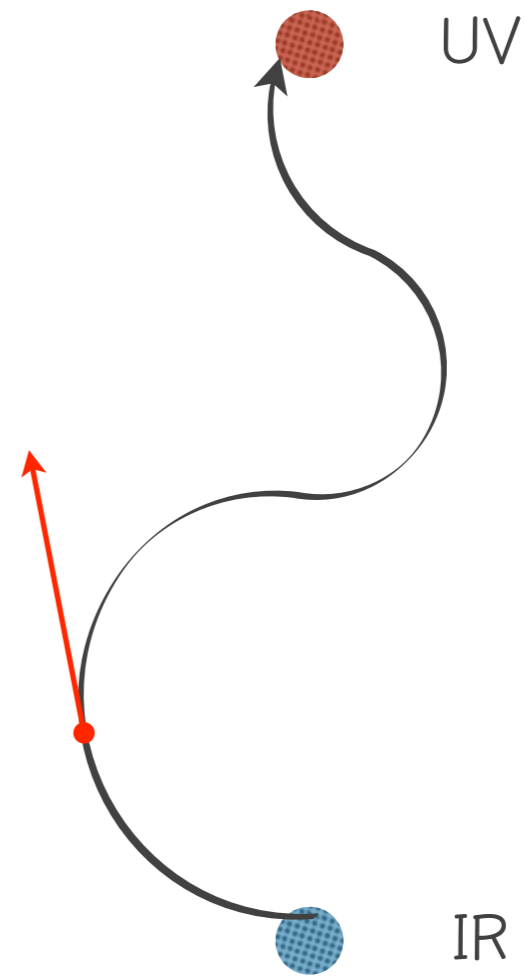
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Motivation

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation

* Flow equation for $T\bar{T}$ deformation

$$\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$$



Features 1: Deformed Spectrum

* Universal formula for $T\bar{T}$ Deformed Spectrum

$$E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$$

$$P_n(L, \lambda) = P_n(L)$$

E_n : Undeformed Energy

P_n : Undeformed Momentum

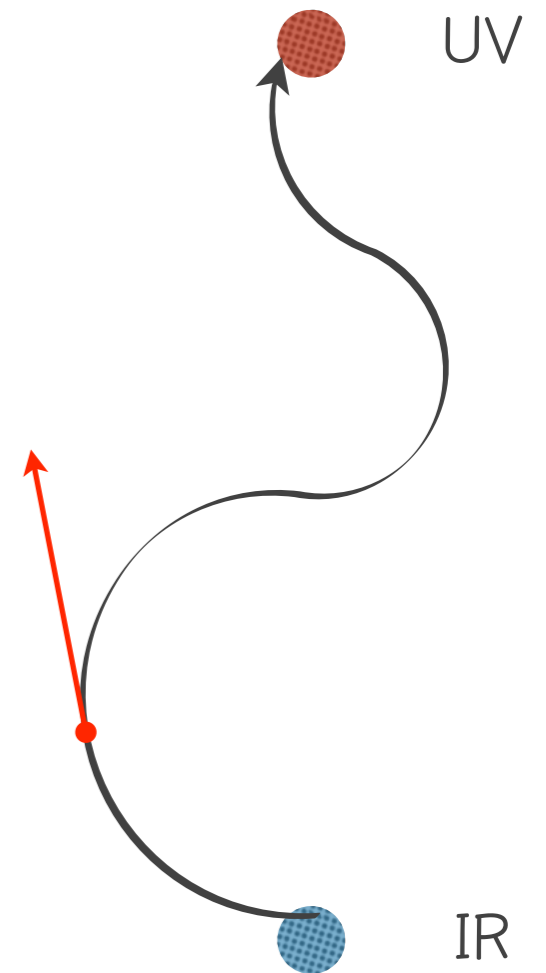


Figure 2: $T\bar{T}$ Deformed Lagrangian

- * Flow equation $\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$
 - ✓ EMT on RHS: Derivative of deformed Lagrangian w.r.t. field
 - ✓ This leads to differential equation of the Lagrangian
 - ✓ Can be solved perturbatively in principle. Mostly, we can find exact solutions.
 - ✓ Initial condition: $\mathcal{L}[\lambda = 0] = \mathcal{L}_{\text{undeformed}}$
 - ✓ e.g. Deformation of free scalar field: $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + 2\lambda(-\dot{\phi}^2 + \phi'^2)} - 1 \right]$
- * This is related to Nambu-Goto action for 3D target space with “static gauge”
 - ✓ usually difficult to quantize the NG action
- * Relation to dynamical coordinate transformation and 2D gravity

Bridge between Lagrangian and Spectrum

- * From the spectrum,

$$E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$$

one might guess the deformed Hamiltonian as follow

$$H = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_{(0)} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_{(0)}^2} - 1 \right]$$

- * Is it too good to be true?
- * “semi-classical” derivation of the above Hamiltonian from the string [Theisen, Jorjadze, 2020]: “gauge choice”
- * What is the concrete relation between $T\bar{T}$ deformed Lagrangian and the above Hamiltonian?

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + 2\lambda(-\dot{\phi}^2 + \phi'^2)} - 1 \right] \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad H = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_{(0)} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_{(0)}^2} - 1 \right]$$

Take-home Messages

Equivalence of Two Hamiltonians

* From $T\bar{T}$ deformed Lagrangian

✓ Flow equation: $\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$ $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + 2\lambda(-\dot{\phi}^2 + \phi'^2)} - 1 \right]$

✓ Legendre Transformation to Hamiltonian Density
→ **One integral** for Hamiltonian

* From deformed Energy: $E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$

✓ might conjecture $H = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_{(0)} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_{(0)}^2} - 1 \right]$

✓ One integral inside square-root
→ **Many integrals** in Taylor's expansion.

Noether vs Metric Variation?

- * Two ways to evaluate Energy-momentum tensor
 - ✓ Noether procedure: EMT is not symmetric in general. e.g. fermion
 - ✓ Variation w.r.t. metric: EMT is symmetric by construction.
 - ✓ Usually, they are related by the improvement term.
- * When we solve flow equation $\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$, two EMT give different solutions.
 - ✓ Are they equivalent? (e.g. field redefinition?)
 - ✓ No. doubling of d.o.f. $\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2} \psi_+ \dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2} \psi_- \dot{\psi}_- + \dots + \lambda \psi_+ \dot{\psi}_+ \psi_- \dot{\psi}_-$

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation and SUSY

- * $T\bar{T}$ deformation $\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$: Not SUSY completed
 - ✓ Does $T\bar{T}$ deformation break SUSY?
(perturbative check by [[Giraldo-Rivera et al, 2019](#)])
 - ✓ If not, what is the deformed supersymmetry transformation and the deformed supercharge Q?

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of Free Scalar Field
and Spectrum

Undeformed Free Scalar Field

* Undeformed Lagrangian

✓ $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\phi'^2$

* From Lagrangian (density) to Hamiltonian (density) by $\Pi = \frac{\delta\mathcal{L}}{\delta\dot{\phi}} = \dot{\phi}$

* Hamiltonian and Momentum

✓ $H_{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} \int dx [\Pi^2 + \phi'^2] = \frac{\pi}{L} \sum_k [\alpha_{-k}\alpha_k + \bar{\alpha}_{-k}\bar{\alpha}_k] = H_+ + H_-$

✓ $P_{(0)} = \int dx \Pi\phi' = \frac{\pi}{L} \sum_k [\alpha_{-k}\alpha_k - \bar{\alpha}_{-k}\bar{\alpha}_k] = H_+ - H_-$

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of Free Scalar Field

- * Deformed Lagrangian

- ✓ $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + 2\lambda(-\dot{\phi}^2 + \phi'^2)} - 1 \right]$

- * From Lagrangian (density) to Hamiltonian (density) by

$$\Pi = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \dot{\phi}} = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{1 + 2\lambda(-\dot{\phi}^2 + \phi'^2)}}$$

- * Hamiltonian and momentum of Deformed Theory

- ✓ $H = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \int_0^L dx \left[\sqrt{1 + 4\lambda \left(\frac{1}{2}\Pi^2 + \frac{1}{2}\phi'^2 \right) + 4\lambda^2(\Pi\phi')^2} - 1 \right]$

- ✓ $P = \int dx \Pi\phi'$

Canonical Transformation

- * Tempting to conjecture the deformed Hamiltonian (tilde)

$$\checkmark \quad \widetilde{H} = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_{(0)} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_{(0)}^2} - 1 \right] = H_+ + H_- + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_+ H_- + \dots$$

$$H_+ = \frac{\pi}{L} \sum_k \alpha_{-k} \alpha_k$$

$$H_- = \frac{\pi}{L} \sum_k \alpha_{-k} \alpha_k$$

- * Compare with the previous Hamiltonian

$$\checkmark \quad H = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \int_0^L dx \left[\sqrt{1 + 4\lambda \left(\frac{1}{2} \Pi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \phi^2 \right) + 4\lambda^2 (\Pi \phi')^2} - 1 \right] = H[A, \bar{A}]$$

$$A_k \equiv -\sqrt{\pi} i k \phi_k + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \Pi_k$$

$$\bar{A}_k \equiv -\sqrt{\pi} i k \phi_{-k} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \Pi_{-k}$$

- * For this, we need transformation from A_k, \bar{A}_k to $\alpha_k, \bar{\alpha}_k$ such that $H[A, \bar{A}] = \widetilde{H}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}]$

- ✓ **non-local**: one integral vs many integrals
- ✓ **canonical**: preserve canonical Poisson relations

Requirements

* The requirement for the map

$$A_k = \alpha_k + \frac{\lambda}{L^2} A_k^{(1)}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}] + \frac{\lambda^2}{L^4} A_k^{(2)}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}] + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$
$$\bar{A}_k = \bar{\alpha}_k + \frac{\lambda}{L^2} \bar{A}_k^{(1)}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}] + \frac{\lambda^2}{L^4} \bar{A}_k^{(2)}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}] + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

✓ Canonical Transformation

$$[A_k, A_q] = [\bar{A}_k, \bar{A}_q] = \delta_{k+q,0} \quad , \quad [A_k, \bar{A}_q] = 0$$
$$[\alpha_k, \alpha_q] = [\bar{\alpha}_k, \bar{\alpha}_q] = \delta_{k+q,0} \quad , \quad [\alpha_k, \bar{\alpha}_q] = 0$$

They lead to **inhomogeneous differential equations** for the map.

✓ Hamiltonian and momentum

$$H[A, \bar{A}] = \widetilde{H}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}]$$
$$P[A, \bar{A}] = \widetilde{P}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}]$$

From them, one can choose **homogeneous solution**.

Results

* Solution:
$$A_k = \alpha_k + \frac{\lambda}{L^2} A_k^{(1)}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}] + \frac{\lambda^2}{L^4} A_k^{(2)}[\alpha, \bar{\alpha}] + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

✓
$$A_k^{(1)} = 2\pi \sum_{\substack{r,s \\ r+s \neq 0}} \frac{k}{r+s} \alpha_{k-r-s} \bar{\alpha}_{-r} \bar{\alpha}_{-s}$$

✓
$$A_k^{(2)} = 2\pi^2 k \sum_{\substack{r,s,u,v \\ u+v \neq 0, r+s \neq 0}} \frac{k-r-s-u-v}{(u+v)(r+s)} \alpha_{k-r-s-u-v} \bar{\alpha}_{-u} \bar{\alpha}_{-v} \bar{\alpha}_{-r} \bar{\alpha}_{-s}$$

$$-4\pi k \sum_{\substack{u,v \\ u+v \neq 0}} \frac{1}{u+v} \alpha_{k-u-v} \bar{\alpha}_{-u} \bar{\alpha}_{-v} L(H_+ + H_-) + 4\pi^2 k \sum_{\substack{r,s,u,v \\ r+s \neq 0}} \frac{1}{r+s} \alpha_{k-r-s-u-v} \alpha_r \alpha_s \bar{\alpha}_{-u} \bar{\alpha}_{-v}$$

* This is calculated at **classical level** (up to order $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$).

* At **quantum level**, it is confirmed up to order $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of Free Fermion and Spectrum

Free Fermion Case

- * One can also repeat a similar analysis for the free fermion case.
 - ✓ The final result is similar, but the intermediate procedure is qualitatively different.
 - ✓ worthwhile to present for pedagogical reason.

* Free Fermion

- ✓
$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- - \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\psi_+' + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\psi_-'$$

* Conjugate momentum?

- ✓
$$\pi_+ = \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta}\mathcal{L}}{\overleftarrow{\delta}\dot{\psi}_+} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_- = \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta}\mathcal{L}}{\overleftarrow{\delta}\dot{\psi}_-} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_- : \text{There is no } \dot{\psi}_\pm \text{ on the RHS}$$

- ✓ forms the second class constraints:
$$\mathcal{C}_\pm = \pi_\pm - \frac{i}{2}\psi_\pm$$

Dirac Bracket

* Due to the 2nd class constraints $\mathcal{C}_\pm = \pi_\pm - \frac{i}{2}\psi_\pm$, we need to evaluate Dirac bracket.

✓ $\{\mathcal{C}_\pm, \mathcal{C}_\pm\} = -i$ and $\{\mathcal{C}_+, \mathcal{C}_-\} = 0$

✓ For example,

$$\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_+(x_2)\}_D = 0 - \{\psi_+(x_1), \mathcal{C}_+\} \mathcal{M}_{++}^{-1} \{\mathcal{C}_+, \psi_+(x_2)\} = -i\delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of Free Fermion

* For fermion case, the solution of flow equation is truncated.

✓ Due to the fermi statistics, non-vanishing term is very limited.

e.g. $\psi_+ \partial_{++} \psi_+ \psi_- \partial_{=} \psi_-$, $\psi_+ \partial_{=} \psi_+ \psi_- \partial_{++} \psi_-$

✓ This is because Noether procedure does not produce higher derivative terms

* Deformed Lagrangian

✓
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2} \psi_+ \dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2} \psi_- \dot{\psi}_- - \frac{i}{2} \psi_+ \psi'_+ + \frac{i}{2} \psi_- \psi'_- + \frac{\lambda}{2} (-\psi_+ \psi'_+ \psi_- \dot{\psi}_- + \psi_+ \dot{\psi}_+ \psi_- \psi'_-)$$

* Conjugate momentum?

✓
$$\pi_+ = \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta} \mathcal{L}}{\delta \dot{\psi}_+} = \frac{i}{2} \psi_+ + \frac{\lambda}{2} \psi_+ \psi_- \psi'_- \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_- = \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta} \mathcal{L}}{\delta \dot{\psi}_-} = \frac{i}{2} \psi_- - \frac{\lambda}{2} \psi_+ \psi'_+ \psi_- : \text{There is no } \dot{\psi}_{\pm}, \text{ either.}$$

✓ forms the second class constraints:

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \pi_+ - \frac{i}{2} \psi_+ - \frac{\lambda}{2} \psi_+ \psi_- \psi'_- \quad , \quad \mathcal{C}_2 = \pi_- - \frac{i}{2} \psi_- + \frac{\lambda}{2} \psi_+ \psi'_+ \psi_-$$

Dirac Bracket

- * Dirac bracket of the deformed theory.

$$i\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_+(x_2)\}_D = (1 + \lambda S_- + 2\lambda^2 S_+ S_-)\delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$i\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_-(x_2)\}_D = -i\lambda(\psi'_+ \psi_- + \psi_+ \psi'_-)\delta(x_1 - x_2) \quad S_{\pm} = i\psi_{\pm}\psi'_{\pm}$$

- * Hamiltonian of the deformed theory is

- ✓ $H = \frac{i}{2} \int dx [\psi_+ \psi'_+ - \psi_- \psi'_-]$: of the same form as free Hamiltonian

- ✓ no explicit λ dependence

- * Then, how does it produce the deformed spectrum?

Comparison

- * Scalar field case

- ✓ Deformed Hamiltonian has λ dependence
- ✓ The algebra of phase space variables is not changed.
: **canonical** transformation

- * Fermion case

- ✓ Deformed Hamiltonian does not have explicit λ dependence
- ✓ The algebra of phase space variables is changed.
- ✓ **Not canonical** transformation.
- ✓ This generates λ dependence for the spectrum

Transformation to Free Oscillators

* Want: Transformation from $T\bar{T}$ deformed Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{i}{2} \int dx [\psi_+ \psi'_+ - \psi_- \psi'_-]$$

$$i\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_+(x_2)\}_D = (1 + \lambda S_- + 2\lambda^2 S_+ S_-) \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$i\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_-(x_2)\}_D = -i\lambda(\psi'_+ \psi_- + \psi_+ \psi'_-) \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

to Hamiltonian in terms of free oscillators b_k, \bar{b}_k

$$\widetilde{H} = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_{(0)} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_{(0)}^2} - 1 \right] = H_+ + H_- + \frac{4\lambda}{L} H_+ H_- + \dots$$

$$\{b_k, b_q\} = \{\bar{b}_k, \bar{b}_q\} = \delta_{k+q,0}, \quad \{b_k, \bar{b}_q\} = 0$$

$$H_+ \equiv -\frac{\pi}{L} \sum_k k b_{-k} b_k$$
$$H_- \equiv \frac{\pi}{L} \sum_k k \bar{b}_{-k} \bar{b}_k$$

Requirement

* The requirement for the map

$$\psi_k = b_k + \frac{\lambda}{L^2} \psi_k^{(1)}[b, \bar{b}] + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

$$\bar{\psi}_k = \bar{b}_k + \frac{\lambda}{L^2} \bar{\psi}_k^{(1)}[b, \bar{b}] + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

✓ Algebra

$$i\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_+(x_2)\}_D = (1 + \lambda S_- + 2\lambda^2 S_+ S_-) \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$i\{\psi_+(x_1), \psi_-(x_2)\}_D = -i\lambda(\psi'_+ \psi_- + \psi_+ \psi'_-) \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$\{b_k, b_q\} = \{\bar{b}_k, \bar{b}_q\} = \delta_{k+q,0} \quad , \quad \{b_k, \bar{b}_q\} = 0$$

They lead to **inhomogeneous differential equations** for the map.

✓ Hamiltonian and momentum

$$H[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = \widetilde{H}[b, \bar{b}] \quad P[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = \widetilde{P}[b, \bar{b}]$$

From them, one can choose **homogeneous solution**.

Results

* Solution: $\psi_k = b_k + \frac{\lambda}{L^2} \psi_k^{(1)}[b, \bar{b}] + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$

✓ $\psi_{+,k}^{(1)} = 2\pi \sum_{\substack{r,s \\ r+s \neq 0}} \frac{(k-r-s)s}{r+s} b_{k-r-s} : \bar{b}_r \bar{b}_s : - \pi b_k \sum_r r : \bar{b}_{-r} \bar{b}_r :$

* This is confirmed at **classical level** as well as **quantum level** up to order $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$.

Negative Norm States

What happens with Symmetric Energy Momentum Tensor?

- * The deformed Lagrangian (by Noether EMT) is
 - ✓ $\mathcal{L} = i\psi_+\partial_-\psi_+ + i\psi_-\partial_+\psi_- + \lambda (-\psi_+\partial_+\psi_+\psi_-\partial_-\psi_- + \psi_+\partial_-\psi_+\psi_-\partial_+\psi_-)$
 - ✓ Coefficient of quartic term is special in that **it does not generate a term $\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_-$**
- * The symmetric EMT by metric variation has different coefficients of the quartic term.
 - ✓ And therefore, this **produces the term $\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_-$**
- * What's wrong with this term?

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of Free Fermion

* From Noether Energy-momentum tensor

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- - \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\psi'_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\psi'_- + \frac{\lambda}{2}(-\psi_+\psi'_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- + \psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\psi'_-)$$

* From Symmetric Energy-momentum tensor

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- - \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\psi'_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\psi'_- + \frac{3\lambda}{8}(-\psi_+\psi'_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- + \psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\psi'_-)$$

$$-\frac{\lambda}{8}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- + \frac{\lambda}{8}\psi_+\psi'_+\psi_-\psi'_-$$

Emergent D.o.F.

* $T\bar{T}$ deformation of free fermion:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- - \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\psi'_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\psi'_- - \frac{\lambda}{8}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- + \dots$$

* Conjugate momentum

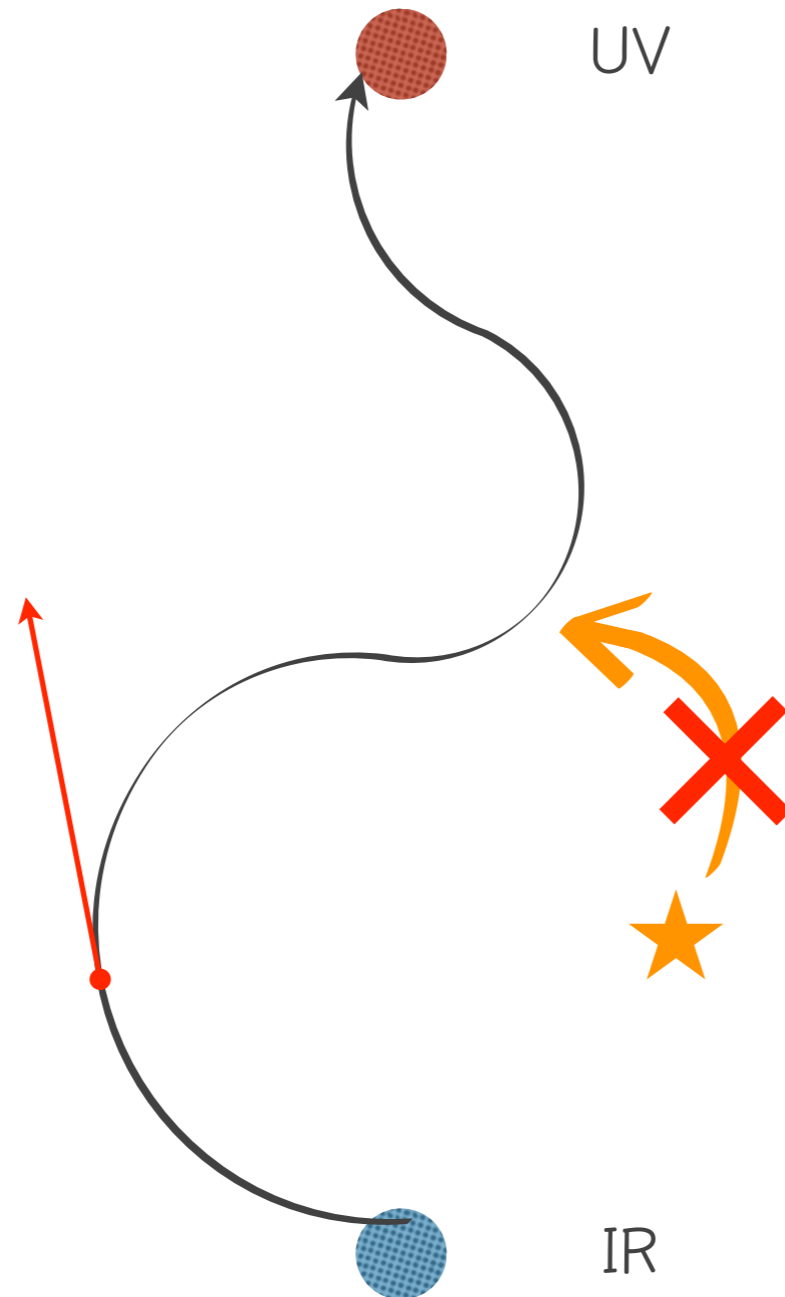
$$\pi_+ = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \dot{\psi}_+} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+ - \frac{\lambda}{8}\psi_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_-$$

$$\pi_- = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \dot{\psi}_-} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_- + \frac{\lambda}{8}\psi_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_+$$

Not constraints any more

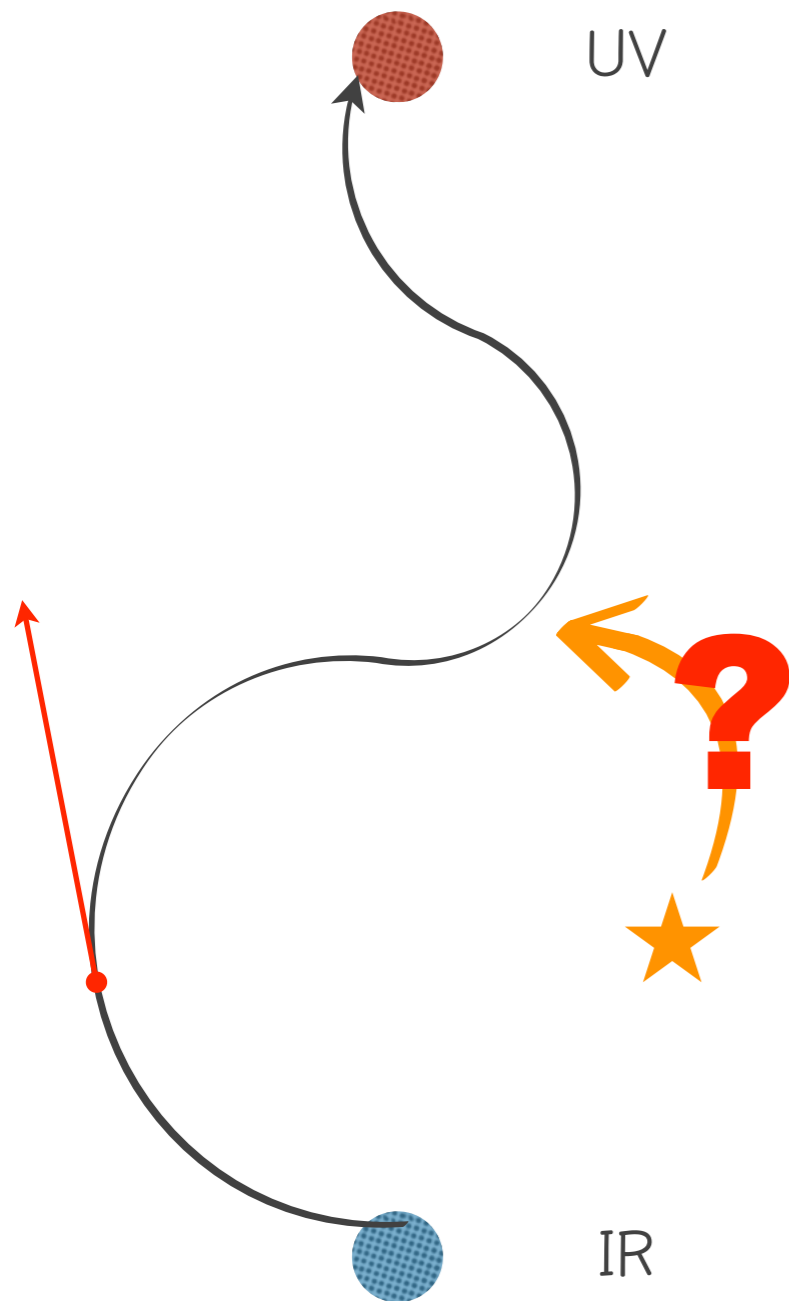
- ✓ **RHS contains $\dot{\psi}_-$** : Formally, it can be inverted. And it is not constraint any more.
- ✓ D.o.F, which would have been removed, is now coupled to the system.
- ✓ Doubling of fermionic D.o.F. : symplectic fermion [[A. LeClair and M. Neubert, 2007](#)]
cf) Ostrogradsky instability

Feature 3 of $T\bar{T}$ Deformation 2



No new D.o.F emerges

Emergent Extra D.o.F.



$$\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$$

$T_{\mu\nu}$ from Noether procedure

“Usually” **NO** emergent D.o.F

$T_{\mu\nu}$ from Metric variation

“Usually” emergent D.o.F with
negative norm

Toy Model for Negative Norm State

- * Quantum mechanical toy model

$$L = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} \dot{\psi} - \frac{i}{2} \dot{\bar{\psi}} \psi + m \bar{\psi} \psi - \lambda \dot{\bar{\psi}} \psi$$

Hello!

- * Phase space: $\psi, \bar{\psi}, \pi, \bar{\pi}$

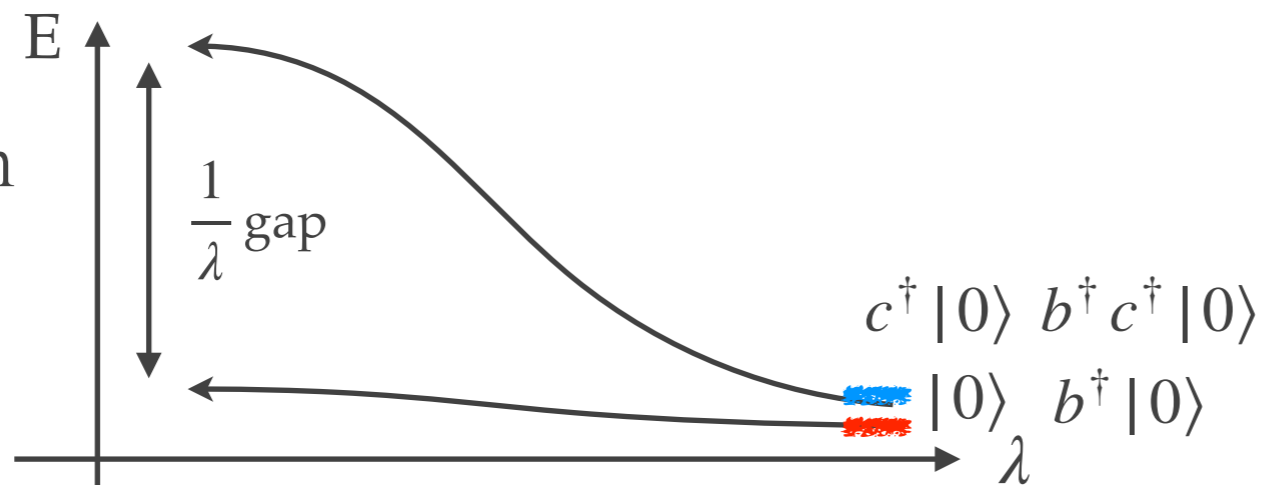
no constraints

$b, b^\dagger, c, c^\dagger$

$$\{b, b^\dagger\} = 1$$

$$\{c, c^\dagger\} = -1$$

- * Spectrum



- * Negative norm: $\langle 0 | c c^\dagger | 0 \rangle = -1$

✓ Non-unitary???

Recovery of Unitarity

* Define J operator: unitary and Hermitian

$$J \equiv 1 + 2c^\dagger c \qquad JcJ = -c \qquad JbJ = b$$
$$Jc^\dagger J = -c^\dagger \qquad Jb^\dagger J = b^\dagger$$

* Define J -inner product

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_J \equiv \langle J \mathcal{O} \rangle$$

* Positive-definite norm: $\langle cc^\dagger \rangle_J = 1$

Deformation of Spectrum

- * Based on the toy model, we expect that the extra D.o.F. would have **divergent energy gap** in $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ limit, and it will be decoupled at $\lambda = 0$.
- * However, the universal formula for the $T\bar{T}$ deformation tells us that there is **no divergent energy gap** in $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ limit.

$$E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$$

- * Then, what is going on?

Hermiticity

- * For the case of $T\bar{T}$ deformation, the analysis is very difficult because it is difficult to invert the relation for generic value of λ .

$$\pi_+ = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+ - \lambda\psi_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- + \lambda\psi_+\psi_-\psi'_-$$

- * In large λ , one can invert it to express $\dot{\psi}$ in terms of others perturbatively.

New J-inner product



New J-Hermitian

H and P cannot be J-Hermitian in general.

- * The operator J is not uniquely defined.
 - ✓ In quantum mechanical toy model, one can use Bogoliubov transformation to **define new J operator where Hamiltonian is J-Hermitian.**

Non-Hermiticity

- * In $T\bar{T}$ deformation of fermion, the operator J is not uniquely defined, and we can make either H or P J -Hermitian by Bogoliubov transformation. But, **we cannot make both H and P J -Hermitian at the same time!**

H and P cannot be J -Hermitian at the same time!!

- ➔ $|E, p\rangle$ is not orthogonal
- ➔ Formula for deformed spectrum is not valid

$$E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$$

Choice of Energy-momentum Tensor

- * From Noether Energy-momentum tensor

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\dot{\psi}_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- - \frac{i}{2}\psi_+\psi'_+ + \frac{i}{2}\psi_-\psi'_- + \frac{\lambda}{2}(-\psi_+\psi'_+\psi_-\dot{\psi}_- + \psi_+\dot{\psi}_+\psi_-\psi'_-)$$

- * From Symmetric Energy-momentum tensor

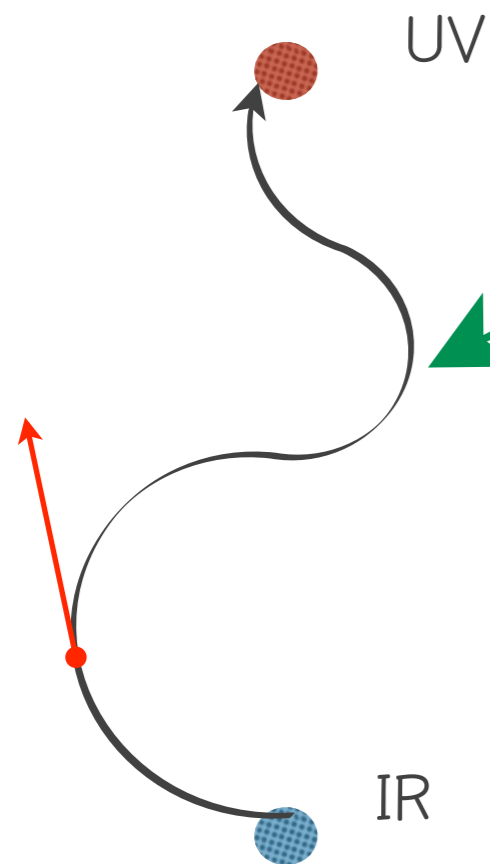
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What is the guideline for
“good” $T\bar{T}$ Deformation?

String action suggests answer.

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of
Free $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SUSY Model

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SUSY



$\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SUSY

Does $T\bar{T}$ deformation preserve
 $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SUSY?

$$\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$$

: Deformation operator is
not supersymmetric

Bose-Fermi Degeneracy

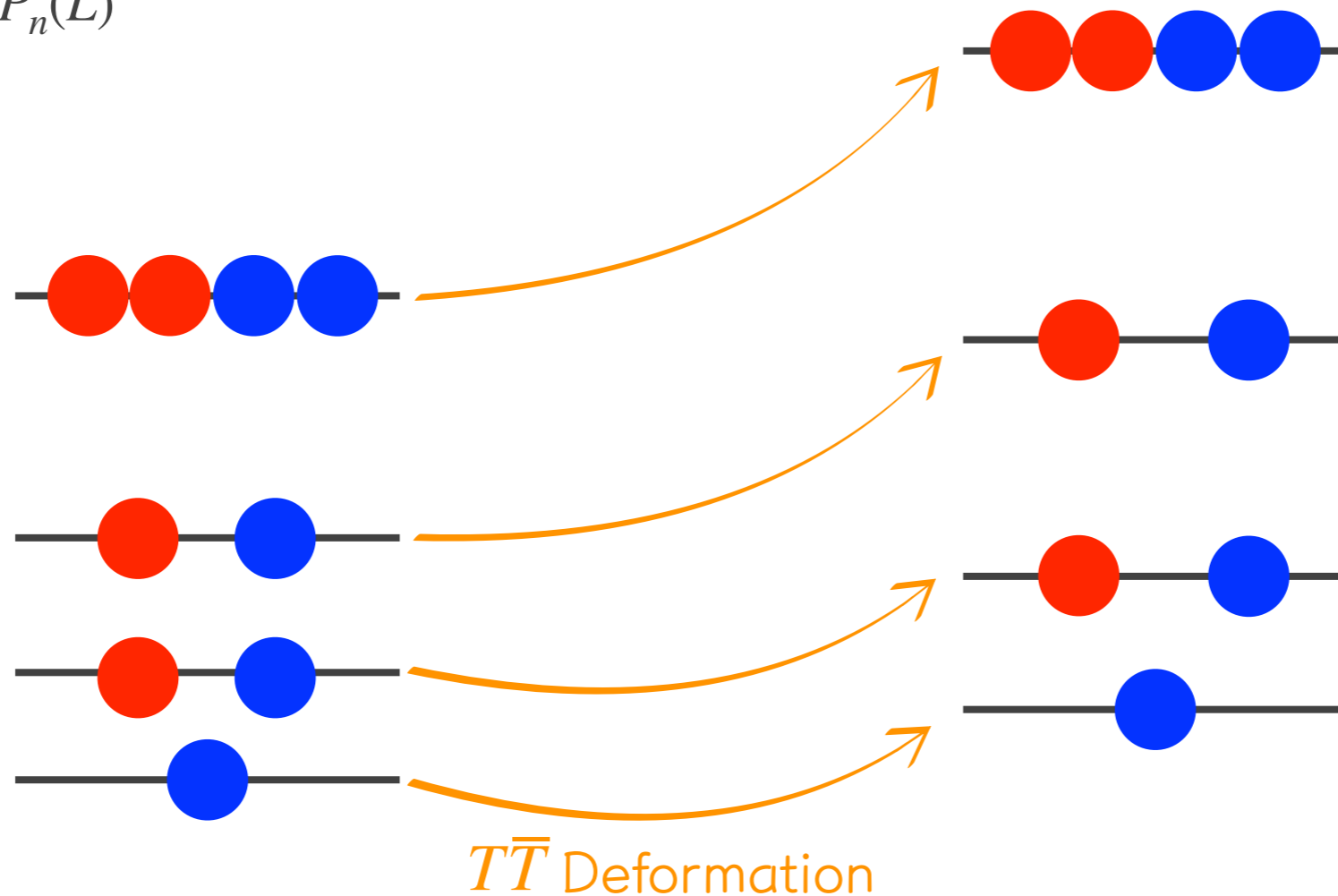
Deformed spectrum both **boson** and **fermion**

$$E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$$

E_n : Undeformed Energy

P_n : Undeformed Momentum

$$P_n(L, \lambda) = P_n(L)$$



Is there local expression for
supercharge Q?

What is the deformed
supersymmetry transformation?

$$\delta_+ \phi = -\frac{1}{2} \psi_+ + ?$$

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation of $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SUSY Model

* Undeformed Lagrangian

$$\checkmark \mathcal{L}_0 = 2\partial_{++}\phi\partial_-\phi + i\psi_+\partial_-\psi_+ + i\psi_-\partial_{++}\psi_-$$

* Solve the flow equation

$$\checkmark \partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} T^\mu{}_\rho T^\nu{}_\sigma$$

$T^\mu{}_\nu$ from Noether procedure

$$\checkmark \text{Solution: } \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1+2\chi} - 1 \right] + \frac{1+\chi+\sqrt{1+2\chi}}{2\sqrt{1+2\chi}} (S_{+,=} + S_{=,+}) + \dots$$

$$\chi \equiv -4\lambda\partial_{++}\phi\partial_-\phi, \quad S_{+,\mu} \equiv i\psi_+\partial_\mu\psi_+, \quad S_{=,\mu} \equiv i\psi_-\partial_\mu\psi_-$$

* Conjugate momenta

$$\checkmark \pi = \frac{\delta\mathcal{L}}{\delta\dot{\phi}} \quad \pi_\pm = \frac{\delta\mathcal{L}}{\delta\dot{\psi}_\pm}$$

Dirac Bracket

► $T\bar{T}$ deformation of $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ model

2nd class constraint:

$$\pi_+ - \frac{i}{4}\psi_+ \left(1 - 2\lambda\pi\phi' + \sqrt{(1 + 2\lambda\pi^2)(1 + 2\lambda\phi'^2)} \right) - \lambda \left[\frac{1 + \lambda(\pi^2 + \phi'^2)}{4\sqrt{(1 + 2\lambda\pi^2)(1 + 2\lambda\phi'^2)}} + \frac{1}{4} \right] \psi_+\psi_-\psi'_- = 0$$

► Dirac brackets

$$\{\phi(x), \pi(y)\}_D = \delta(x - y) \quad \{\phi(x), \phi(y)\}_D = \{\pi(x), \pi(y)\}_D = 0 \quad : \text{ same}$$

$$i\{\psi_+(x), \psi_+(y)\}_D = \frac{2\lambda\pi\phi' - 1 + \sqrt{(1 + 2\lambda\pi^2)(1 + 2\lambda\phi'^2)}}{\lambda(\pi + \phi')^2} \delta(x - y) + \dots$$

$$i\{\psi_+(x), \psi_-(x)\}_D = -\frac{i\lambda}{\sqrt{(1 + 2\lambda\pi^2)(1 + 2\lambda\phi'^2)}} (\psi_+\psi_-)' \delta(x - y)$$

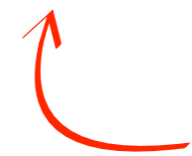
$$\{\phi(x), \psi_+(y)\}_D = \frac{-2\lambda\pi^2 - 1 + \sqrt{(1 + 2\lambda\pi^2)(1 + 2\lambda\phi'^2)}}{2(1 + 2\lambda\pi^2)(\pi + \phi')} \psi_+ \delta(x - y)$$

Supercharges

► Supercharges

$$Q_+^1 = \int dx \psi_+(\pi + \phi')$$

$$Q_-^1 = \int dx \psi_-(\pi - \phi')$$


$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{1+2\lambda\phi^2}}{\sqrt{1+2\lambda\pi^2}} + \dots \neq \pi$$

$$\{Q_+^1, Q_-^1\}_D = \{Q_{\pm}^1, H\}_D = \{Q_{\pm}^1, P\}_D = 0$$

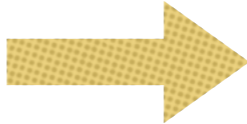
► Hamiltonian and momentum

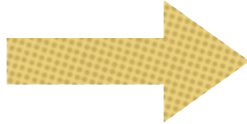
$$H = \frac{i}{4}\{Q_+^1, Q_+^1\}_D + \frac{i}{4}\{Q_-^1, Q_-^1\}_D$$

$$P = \frac{i}{4}\{Q_+^1, Q_+^1\}_D - \frac{i}{4}\{Q_-^1, Q_-^1\}_D$$

Global Symmetry

► Global symmetry

Shift **scalar field** $\phi(x) \longrightarrow \phi(x) + a$  $\mathbb{P}^2 = \frac{2\pi}{L} \int dx \pi$

Shift **fermion** $\psi_{\pm}(x) \longrightarrow \psi_{\pm}(x) + \eta_{\pm}$  $Q_{\pm}^2 = -\frac{8\pi i}{L} \int dx \pi_{\pm}$

$a, \eta_{\pm} : \text{constants}$

► Commute with Hamiltonian and momentum

$$\{Q_{\pm}^2, H\}_D = \{\mathbb{P}^2, H\}_D = \{Q_{\pm}^2, P\}_D = \{\mathbb{P}^2, P\}_D = 0$$

SUSY and Global Symmetry Algebra

SUSY

$$\{Q_{\pm}^1, Q_{\pm}^1\}_D = -2i(H \pm P)$$

$$\{Q_+^1, Q_-^1\}_D = 0$$

Global

$$\{Q_{\pm}^2, Q_{\pm}^2\}_D = -\frac{16\pi^2 i}{L} - \frac{16\pi^2 i \lambda}{L^2} (H \mp P)$$

$$\{Q_+^2, Q_-^2\}_D = 0$$

$$\{Q_{\pm}^1, Q_{\pm}^2\}_D = -2i \left(\mathbb{P}^2 \pm \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} \mathbb{W}^2 \right)$$

$$\{Q_{\pm}^1, Q_{\mp}^2\}_D = 0$$

$$\mathbb{W}^2 \equiv \frac{L}{2\pi} \oint dx \phi'$$

Two Approaches for Relation to String Action

- * Jorjadze-Theisen approach

- ✓ Give deformed spectrum (\widetilde{H} in the previous slide) explicitly.
- ✓ Some issues for SUSY (kappa sym fixing in GS superstring)
- ✓ λ appears as alpha-prime parameter

- * Sfondrini et al and Frolov's approach

- ✓ Give the deformed Hamiltonian (or equivalently Lagrangian)
- ✓ We don't know how to derive \widetilde{H} .
- ✓ λ appears as deformation of lightcone coordinates

Green-Schwarz Action

* $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Green-Schwarz Action for 3D target space

$$\mathcal{L}_{GS} = -\frac{1}{2}\gamma^{\alpha\beta}\Pi_\alpha^\mu\Pi_\beta^\nu G_{\mu\nu} - i\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha X^\mu(\bar{\Psi}_+\Gamma^\nu\partial_\beta\Psi_+ - \bar{\Psi}_-\Gamma^\nu\partial_\beta\Psi_-)G_{\mu\nu} - \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{\Psi}_+\Gamma^\mu\partial_\alpha\Psi_+)(\bar{\Psi}_-\Gamma^\nu\partial_\beta\Psi_-)G_{\mu\nu}$$

- ✓ $\Pi_\alpha^\mu \equiv \partial_\alpha X^\mu + i\bar{\Psi}_+\Gamma^\mu\partial_\alpha\Psi_+ + i\bar{\Psi}_-\Gamma^\mu\partial_\alpha\Psi_-$
- ✓ WZ term: topological
- ✓ spacetime supersymmetry
- ✓ Ψ_\pm : two component Majorana spinor

“Dictionary”

- ◆ Shifted Light-cone coordinates and target space metric

$$X^+ \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2} - \Lambda\right) X^1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \Lambda\right) X^0 \quad X^- \equiv X^1 - X^0$$

$$ds^2 = 2\Lambda(dX^-)^2 + 2dX^+dX^- + (dX^2)^2$$

$T\bar{T}$ Deformation parameter Λ

Condition $\Lambda \geq 0$ is required to demand that X^+ to be time-like or null

- ◆ 3D target coordinates and spinor

Light-cone gauge

$$X^+ = t \quad : \text{worldsheet time in } T\bar{T}$$

$$X^-$$

$$X^2 = \phi \quad : \text{scalar field in } T\bar{T}$$

$$\Psi_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\pm} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

fermion in $T\bar{T}$

gauge fixing of kappa symmetry

Solving Constraints

▶ Light-cone gauge : $X^+ = t$

Charge p_+ for translation of target coordinate $X^+ =$ Hamiltonian of $T\bar{T}$

▶ Discrete Light-cone quantization : X^- is compactified

non-trivial topological charge for winding mode

$$\mathbb{W}^- = \oint d\sigma \partial_\sigma X^- = -mR \quad \text{quantized}$$

▶ Identification of topological charge and momentum in $T\bar{T}$

$$P = -\frac{2\pi}{L} p_- \mathbb{W}^- \quad \text{: quantization of operator } P \text{ in } T\bar{T} \text{ deformation}$$

level-matching condition

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► $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY of 3D target space

Q_{\pm}^1 : $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ supercharge

Q_{\pm}^2 : fermionic global charge

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topological charge from WZ term

Hamiltonian

$$\Gamma^\mu C \mathbb{P}_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{H} & \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \mathbb{P}^2 & \frac{8\pi^2}{L} + 2\Lambda \textcircled{H} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \Gamma_\mu C \oint d\sigma \partial_\sigma X^\mu = \frac{L^2}{4\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} P & \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} W^2 \\ \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} W^2 & -2\Lambda P \end{pmatrix}$$

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: topological charge for compactified boson

Comments

* Partially broken rigid SUSY

$$\{Q_{\pm}^2, Q_{\pm}^2\}_D = -\frac{16\pi^2 i}{L} - \frac{16\pi^2 i \lambda}{L^2} (H \mp P)$$

- ✓ Due to topological charge
- ✓ fermionic global symmetry in $T\bar{T}$ deformation

* BPS States

- ✓ BPS states from the point of view of 3D $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY
- ✓ Protected along $T\bar{T}$ deformation

$$E = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} \left| P - \frac{1}{L} p_m p_w \right| + \frac{2\lambda}{L^2} \left(\frac{L^2}{4\pi^2} p_m^2 + \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} p_w^2 \right) + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P^2} - 1 \right]$$

Future Works

* More systematic way to find the map perturbatively.
cf [Theisen, Jorjadze, 2020]

✓ It will be useful to evaluate the deformation of correlation functions.

* It is tempting to relate extra negative norm state with the other branch of the deformation of spectrum which is divergent in $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ limit.

$$E_n(L, \lambda) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \left[-\sqrt{1 + \frac{4\lambda}{L} E_n + \frac{4\lambda^2}{L^2} P_n^2} - 1 \right]$$

✓ But, it might be “wishful” thinking.

* Further investigation on the relation to string actions.

✓ Other winding sectors, other backgrounds

Thank You