

# Higher-Rank Fields and Currents

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# Plan

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# $Sp(2M)$ invariant space

## Rank-one unfolded equation

Fronsdal (1986)

Bandos, Lukierski, Sorokin (2000)

$$\left( \xi^{AB} \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{AB}} \pm i\sigma_- \right) C^\pm(Y|X) = 0, \quad \sigma_- = \xi^{AB} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^A \partial Y^B},$$

$X^{AB}$  matrix coordinates of  $\mathcal{M}_M$ ,  $X^{AB} = X^{BA}$  ( $A, B = 1, \dots, M$ )

$Y^A$  - auxiliary commuting variables = twistor variables abusing terminology

$\xi^{MN} = dX^{MN}$  - anti-commuting variables  $\xi^{MN} = \xi^{NM}$ ,  $\xi^{MN} \xi^{AD} = -\xi^{AD} \xi^{MN}$ .

Rank-one primary (dynamical) fields :  $\sigma_- C(X|Y) = 0$  :  $C(X)$ ,  $C_A(X) Y^A$

Unfolded equations  $\Rightarrow$  dynamical equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mathbf{AE}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mathbf{BD}}} C(X) - \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mathbf{BE}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mathbf{AD}}} C(X) = 0 \quad \text{Klein-Gordon-like}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mathbf{BD}}} C_{\mathbf{A}}(X) - \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mathbf{AD}}} C_{\mathbf{B}}(X) = 0 \quad \text{Dirac-like}$$

# Rank- $r$ dynamical fields in $\mathcal{M}_M$

Rank- $r$  unfolded equations :  $r$  sets of twistor variables  $Y$ ,

$$\left( \xi^{AB} \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{AB}} \pm i\sigma_-^r \right) C^\pm(Y|X) = 0 ,$$

$$\sigma_-^r = \xi^{AB} \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y_j^A \partial Y_i^B} \delta_{ij} , \quad i, j, \dots = 1, \dots, r \text{ -color indices}$$

Rank- $r$  primary fields :  $\sigma_-^r C(Y|X) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$C(Y|X) = \sum_n C_{A_1; \dots; A_n}^{i_1; \dots; i_n}(X) Y_{i_1}^{A_1} \dots Y_{i_n}^{A_n} \Rightarrow \text{tracelessness: } \delta_{i_1 i_2} C_{\dots}^{i_1; i_2; \dots}(X) = 0.$$

$$Y_i^A \text{ commute} \Rightarrow C_{\dots A_m \dots A_k \dots}^{i_m \dots i_k \dots}(X) = C_{\dots A_k \dots A_m \dots}^{i_k \dots i_m \dots}(X) \Rightarrow$$

rank- $r$  primary fields – tensors  $C_{Y_0}(Y|X)$  described by

traceless  $\mathfrak{gl}_M$  Young diagrams  $Y_0[h_1, \dots]$  with respect

to Latin indices  $A, B = 1, \dots, M$ , *i.e.*,  $h_1 + h_2 \leq r$ ,  $h_1 \leq M$ .

$\sigma_-$ -cohomology analysis: Rank- $r$  primary fields and field equations

are represented by the cohomology groups  $H^0(\sigma_-^r)$  and  $H^1(\sigma_-^r)$ ,

respectively.

# Result: Rank-r dynamical equations

Rank-r primary fields  $C_{\mathbf{Y}_0}(Y|X)$  satisfy rank-r dynamical equations

$$\mathcal{E}_{i_1[h_1], A_1[r-h_2+1], i_2[h_2], A_2[r-h_1+1], i_3[h_3], \dots, i_n[h_n], A_n[h_n]} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial Y_{i_1}^{A_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_{i_1}^{A_1^{h_1}}}}_{h_1} \cdots \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial Y_{i_n}^{A_n}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_{i_n}^{A_n^{h_n}}}}_{h_n} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial X^{A_1^{h_1+1} A_2^{h_2+1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{A_1^{r-h_2+1} A_2^{r-h_1+1}}}}_{r+1-h_1-h_2}} C_{\mathbf{Y}_0}(Y|X) = 0$$

The symmetry properties of the parameter  $\mathcal{E}_{\dots}$  described by

$\mathbf{Y}_0[h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_n]$  with respect to the lower indices

and by its rank-r two-column dual

$\mathbf{Y}_1[r+1-h_2, r+1-h_1, h_3, \dots, h_n]$

with respect to the upper ones.



# 3d conformal fields and equations in $Sp(4)$ invariant space

Free 3d massless fields  $C(t, x)$  can be described in terms of

two-component spinors  $y^\alpha$  and symmetric matrix

$$x^{\alpha\beta} = x^{\beta\alpha} : \quad x^{\alpha\beta} = t\delta^{\alpha\beta} + x^1\sigma_1^{\alpha\beta} + x^2\sigma_3^{\alpha\beta} \quad , \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2,$$

where  $\sigma_{1,3}^{\alpha\beta}$  – traceless symmetric Pauli matrices.

Conformal invariant massless equations = Rank-1 unfolded equations

Shaynkman, Vasiliev (2001)

$$dx^{\alpha\beta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} \pm i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} \right) C^\pm(y|x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

**primaries** :  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} b(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} f_\beta(x) y^\beta = 0$

**boson**  $b(x)$  :  $\epsilon^{\beta\nu} \epsilon^{\alpha\gamma} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta} \partial x^{\gamma\nu}} b(x) = 0 \quad \sim 3d$  **Klein-Gordon**

**fermion**  $f_\beta(x)$  :  $\epsilon^{\alpha\gamma} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} f_\gamma(x) = 0 \quad \sim 3d$  **Dirac**

$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}$  –  $2 \times 2$  symplectic form .

# 3d conformal currents

**Rank-2 equations = Current equations**

O.G, M.Vasiliev (2003)

$$dx^{\alpha\beta} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^\alpha \partial u^\beta} \right\} \mathcal{J}(u, v|x) = 0, \quad v = \frac{1}{2}(y_1 + y_2), \quad u = \frac{1}{2}(y_1 - y_2)$$

**Closed differential forms = 3d conserved current**

$$\left( i dx^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^\beta} + dv^\alpha \right)^2 \mathcal{J}(u, v|x) \Big|_{u=0}$$

**Current equations are obeyed by generalized bilinear stress tensors**

$$\mathcal{J} = T_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}^{kl}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u^{\alpha_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial u^{\alpha_n}} \left( C_+^k(v - u|x) C_-^l(v + u|x) \right) \Big|_{u=0} :$$

$C_\pm(y|x)$  – rank-1 fields.

$u \leftrightarrow v$ :

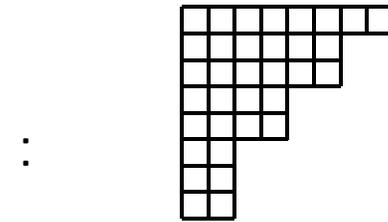
$$\left( i dx^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial v^\beta} + du^\alpha \right)^2 \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(u, v|x) \Big|_{v=0},$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{J}} = \tilde{T}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}^{kl}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial v^{\alpha_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial v^{\alpha_n}} \left( C_+^k(v - u|x) C_-^l(v + u|x) \right) \Big|_{v=0}$$

# $H^N(\sigma_-^r) : \text{polynomials } P(Y, \xi)$

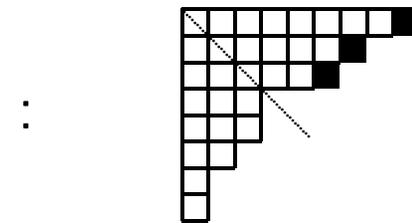
$\mathfrak{o}(\mathfrak{r})$ -module with respect to the color indices  $i$  carried by  $Y_i^A$   
 $\mathfrak{gl}_M$ -module with respect to the spinor indices  $A, B, \dots$  of  $Y_i^A$  and  $\xi^{AB}$   
 $\mathfrak{o}(\mathfrak{r})$ -module characterized by a traceless  $Y_0$  and a traceful part,  
 composed of the Kronecker symbols  $\delta^{ij} : \text{Kronecker YD } Y_\delta$

$Y_\delta \in \text{symmetrized } \left( \otimes^K \square \right)$



$(\xi)^N : \text{Almost symmetric Young diagrams } Y_A^N \text{ with } 2N \text{ cells}$

$Y_A^N \in \text{anti-symmetrized } \left[ \otimes^N \square \right]$



Given  $Y_0, Y_A^N \Rightarrow \exists Y_\delta : \exists Y_H \in Y_0 \otimes Y_\delta \otimes Y_A^N$  represents  $H^N(\sigma_-^r)$

$M$  is large enough: does not restrict  $\mathfrak{gl}_M$ -Young diagrams

# Homotopy operator

Standard homotopy trick : Conjugated linear operators

$\Omega$  and  $\Omega^*$ ,  $\Omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = \{\Omega, \Omega^*\}$  - semi-positive homotopy operator

If  $\Delta$  is diagonalizable  $\Rightarrow H(\Omega) \subset \ker \Delta \cap \ker \Omega$ .

$$\Omega := \sigma_-^r = T_{AB} \xi^{AB}, \quad \Omega^* = T^{AB} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^{CD}},$$

$$T_{AB} = \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_i^A} \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_j^B} \delta^{ij}, \quad T^{CD} = Y_i^C Y_j^D \delta^{ij}, \quad T_B^A = Y_j^A \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_j^B} = \mathfrak{sp}(2M)$$

$$\Delta = \{\Omega, \Omega^*\} = \frac{1}{2} \tau_{mk} \tau^{mk} + \nu_B^A \nu_A^B - (M + 1 - r) \nu_A^A$$

$$\tau_{mk} = Y_m^A \frac{\partial}{\partial Y^{kA}} - Y_k^A \frac{\partial}{\partial Y^{mA}} - \text{generators of } \mathfrak{o}(r),$$

$$\nu_B^A = \chi_B^A + T_B^A - \text{generators of } \mathfrak{gl}_M^{\text{tot}} \text{ that acts on } Y_i^A \text{ and } \xi^{AB}$$

$$\chi_B^A = 2\xi^{AD} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^{BD}} - \text{generators of } \mathfrak{gl}_M$$

# Young diagrams and Casimir operators

$$\mathbf{Y}_H[B_1, \dots] \in \mathbf{Y}_0[h_1, \dots] \otimes \mathbf{Y}_\delta[d_1, d_1, \dots] \otimes \mathbf{Y}_A[a_1, \dots]$$

Casimir operators:

$$\tau_{mk} \tau^{mk} = 2 \sum_j h_j (h_j - \mathbf{r} - 2(i - 1)),$$

$$\nu_B^A \nu_A^B = - \sum_i B_i (B_i - M - 1 - 2(i - 1))$$

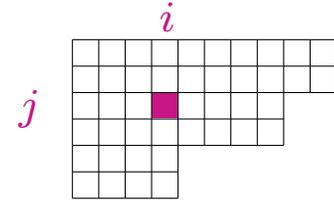
$\Rightarrow$  Homotopy operator

$$\Delta = - \sum_i B_i (B_i - 2(i - 1)) + \sum_j h_j (h_j - 2(i - 1)) + \mathbf{r} \sum_i (B_i - h_i)$$

# South-West principle

$\mathcal{S}(i, j)$  – a cell on the intersection of  $j$  – th row and  $i$  – th column

$$\mathbf{Y} = \bigcup_{\mathcal{S}(i,j) \in \mathbf{Y}} \mathcal{S}(i, j)$$



**Numerical characteristic**  $\chi^a(\mathcal{S}(i, j)) = i - j + a$ ,  $\chi^a(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{Y}} \chi^a(\mathcal{S}) \quad \forall a$

$\chi^a(\mathbf{Y}) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i h_i (h_i - 2i + 1 - 2a)$  since  $\mathbf{Y}[h_1, \dots]$  = unification of columns

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \chi^{\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{r}-1)}(\mathbf{Y}_H \setminus \mathbf{Y}_0)$$

$\mathcal{S}_1$  is situated the more South-West then  $\mathcal{S}_2 \Leftrightarrow \chi^a(\mathcal{S}_1) < \chi^a(\mathcal{S}_2)$

$\Delta$  semi-positive  $\Rightarrow \min(\Delta)$  is reached when all cells of  $\mathbf{Y}_H$

are maximally South-West . It allows us to find  $H^N(\sigma_-^{\mathbf{r}}) \forall N$

# Homotopy equation

$$\chi^{\frac{1}{2}(r-1)}(\mathbf{Y}_H \setminus \mathbf{Y}_0) = 0$$

## Higher $\sigma_-^r$ - cohomologies in $\mathcal{M}_M$ : Result

The full list of **YD** associated with  $H^N(\sigma_-^r)$  :

$$\mathbf{Y}_H [B_1, B_2, \dots] : \quad B_j = h_j + a_j + \sum_j s_{i j}(\mathbf{Y}_0, \mathbf{Y}_A)$$

arbitrary  $\mathbf{Y}_0[h_1, \dots]$  – traceless **YD**

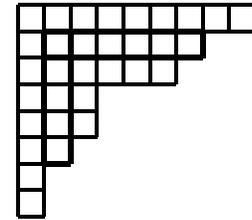
arbitrary  $\mathbf{Y}_A[a_1, \dots]$  – almost symmetric **YD** :  $\sum a_i = 2N$

resulting  $s(\mathbf{Y}_0, \mathbf{Y}_A)$  – shift matrix inherits the structure of  $\mathbf{Y}_A$

resulting  $\mathbf{Y}_\delta(\mathbf{Y}_0, \mathbf{Y}_A)$  – Kronecker **YD**

Example:

$$Y_A[8, 6, 5, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1] =$$



$\Rightarrow$

$$s(Y_0, Y_A) = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_0 & \Delta_0 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_3 & \Delta_4 & \Delta_5 & \Delta_6 & \Delta_7 & \Delta_8 \\ \Delta_2 & \Delta_1 & \Delta_1 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_3 & \Delta_4 & \Delta_5 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_3 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_0 & \Delta_0 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_4 & \Delta_3 & \Delta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_5 & \Delta_4 & \Delta_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_6 & \Delta_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_0 = r - h_1 - h_2$$

$$\Delta_k = h_k - h_{k+1} \quad (k > 0).$$

**Kronecker YD**  $Y_\delta[d_1, d_1, d_2, d_2, d_3, d_3]$  :

$$d_1 = \Delta_0 + \Delta_2 + \dots + \Delta_8, \quad d_2 = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_4 + \Delta_5, \quad d_3 = \Delta_0 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3$$

Odd and even "nested hooks" are different



## Conclusion

All higher  $\sigma_{-}^{\mathbf{r}}$  cohomologies are found  $\Rightarrow$

All primary fields, associated with differential forms of different degrees,  
and their equations are found, including usual  $3d$  and  $4d$  any rank

Minkowsky fields and field equations

Applications to the construction of interacting theories