

String Theory 1

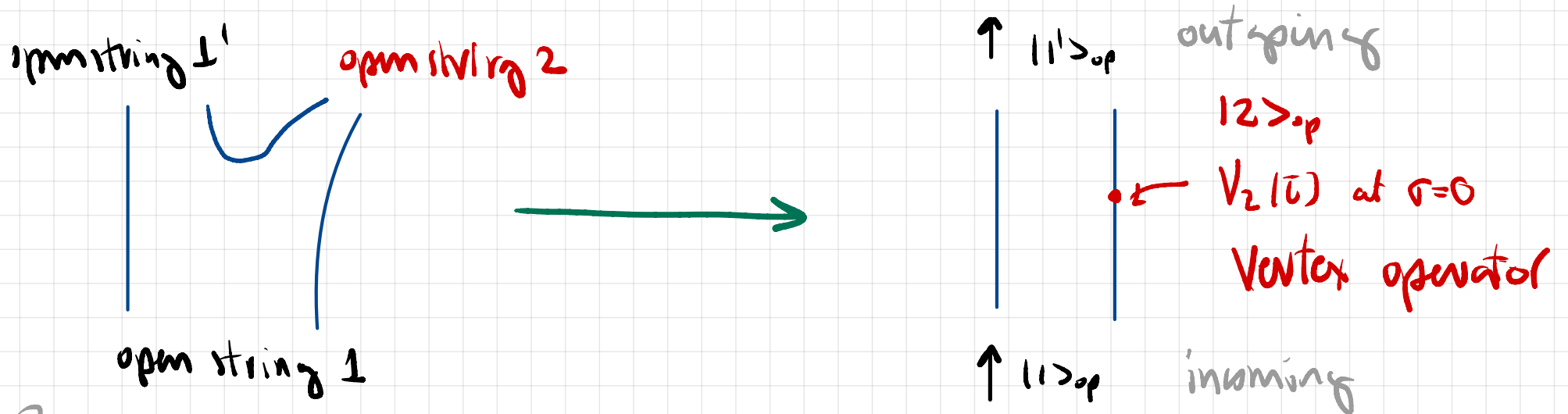
Lecture # 9

Chapter 3

Interactions

- 3.1 Generalities ✓
- 3.2 Vertex operators : introduction ✓
- 3.3 Construction of vertex operators for the open string
- 3.4 State-Vertex correspondence (open string)
- 3.5 Closed string

3.2 Introduction to vertex operators (summary)



not known
how to do this

we instead describe emission/absorption of a quantum physical state from a fixed string world sheet by the action of a local operator or vertex operator V st

$$\mathcal{H}_{phys} \xrightarrow{V} \mathcal{H}_{phys} \quad \mathcal{H}_{null} \xrightarrow{V} \mathcal{H}_{null}$$

Last lecture

$$\mathcal{H}_{phys} \xrightarrow{V} \mathcal{H}_{phys}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{null} \xrightarrow{V} \mathcal{H}_{null}$$

iff

$$[L_m, V(\tau)] = \partial_\tau \mathcal{O} \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

which is equivalent to the fact that $\int d\bar{\tau} V(\bar{\tau})$

is invariant under conformal transformations $\bar{\tau} \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}(\bar{\tau})$

Remark: $[L_m, V(\bar{\tau})] = \delta V(\bar{\tau})$ under conf transfs
is integrated vertex op is invariant under $\bar{\tau} \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}$

Next \rightarrow For the open string a **vertex operator** is a
primary operator of **weight $h=1$** .

Recall from last lecture

Definition: an operator $A(\tau)$ is a primary operator of weight h if under the transformation $\tau \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}(\tau)$ it transforms as

$$A(\tau) \longrightarrow \tilde{A}(\tilde{\tau}) = A(\tau) \left(\frac{d\tau}{d\tilde{\tau}} \right)^h$$

For an operator with $h=1$

$$\int \tilde{A}(\tilde{\tau}) d\tilde{\tau} = \int A(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{d\tilde{\tau}} d\tilde{\tau} = \int A(\tau) d\tau$$

the integrated operator is conformally invariant. ✓

For infinitesimal transformations $\tau \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} = \tau + \epsilon(\tau)$

$$\delta A(\tau) = -\partial_\tau(\epsilon A) - (h-1)\partial_\tau \epsilon A$$

This is a total derivative when $h=1$ ✓

But Virasoro generators generate

(Work now on set $\mathcal{L} = \left\{ \frac{2\pi}{\alpha'} \frac{L_0}{\alpha'} \right\}$)

$$\tau \rightarrow \bar{\tau} = \tau + \epsilon(\tau) \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon(\tau) = -\epsilon e^{im\tau}$$

Then

$$\delta \mathcal{A}(\bar{\tau}) = \epsilon e^{im\tau} (-i\partial_\tau \mathcal{A} + hm \mathcal{A})$$

Recall

$$\langle L_m, \mathcal{A}(\tau) \rangle_{\mathcal{P}_0} = \delta_{\epsilon_m} \mathcal{A}(\tau)$$

(PS 1)

$$\hookrightarrow \delta_\epsilon \mathcal{A}(\bar{\tau}) = i\epsilon [L_m, \mathcal{A}(\tau)]$$

So the action of the Virasoro operators on primary ops is

$$[L_m, \mathcal{A}(\tau)] = e^{im\tau} (-i\partial_\tau + mh) \mathcal{A}(\tau)$$

Equivalently, this is the condition for \mathcal{A} to have conformal weight h .

$$\text{For } h=1: [L_m, \mathcal{A}(\tau)] = \partial_\tau (-i e^{im\tau} \mathcal{A}(\tau)) \quad \forall \tau$$

The problem is to identify primaries of weight 1 which correspond to the emission/absorption of physical states in the string Hilbert space. Then we use this to compute string amplitudes!

3.3 Vertex operators for the open string

Consider the boundary scalar operator $X^M(\bar{\tau}, 0)$:
on the boundary of Σ

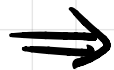
$$X^M(\bar{\tau}, 0) = x^M + 2\alpha' p^M \bar{\tau} + i\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\alpha_n^M}{n} e^{-in\bar{\tau}}$$

WL of the end of the string

Conformal transformations:

$$[L_m, X^M(\bar{\tau}, 0)] = -ie^{im\bar{\tau}} \frac{d}{d\bar{\tau}} (X^M(\bar{\tau}, 0))$$

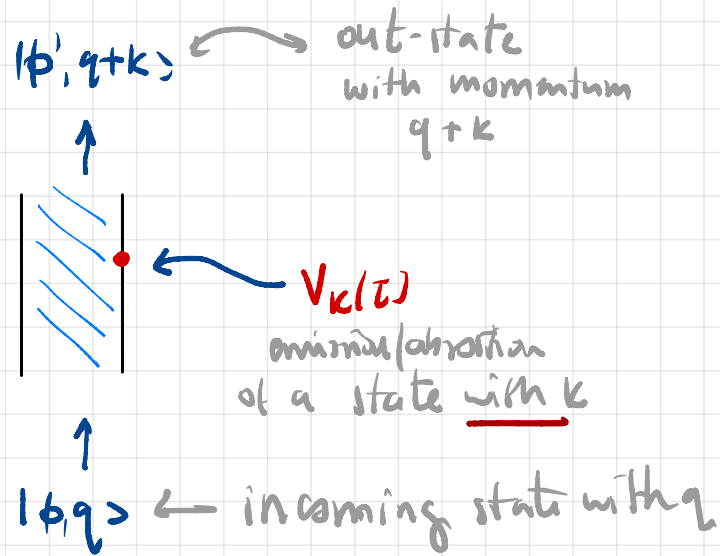
$$[L_m, \alpha_n^M] = -n \alpha_{m+n}^M$$



$X^M(\bar{\tau})$ is an operator with $h=0$
(indeed a WS scalar)

but it is not a VO

Building a VO associated to a state of momentum k



so $V_k(\tau) |\phi; q\rangle = |\phi'; q+k\rangle$
 (state with momentum k)

Thus we require $[P^M, V_k(\tau)] = K^M V_k(\tau)$ action of the momentum tensor on an operator $V_k(\tau)$

Then the operator must depend on $e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)}$ CM coordinates

(QFT: I know how to arrange this, this factor shifts momentum when acting on states)

A naive guess is: $V_k(\tau) \sim e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)}$ (simplest op built from X^M)

As it stands, it is not well defined: it still needs normal ordering.

Consider the normal ordered expression (convention: annihilation ops on the right!)

$$V_k(\tau) \equiv : e^{i k \cdot x(\tau)} : \equiv e^{\sqrt{2\alpha'} k \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{-n}}{n} e^{i n \tau}} e^{i k \cdot x(\tau)} e^{-\sqrt{2\alpha'} k \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} e^{-i n \tau}}$$

$$x^M(\tau, 0) = \underbrace{x^M + 2\alpha' p^M \tau}_{x^M(\tau)} + i\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{a_n^M}{n} e^{-i n \tau}$$

$$= x^M(\tau) + i\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (a_n^M e^{-i n \tau} - a_{-n}^M e^{i n \tau})$$

$$x^M(\tau) = x^M + 2\alpha' \hat{p}^M \tau$$

There is still room for reordering eg

$$e^{i k \cdot x} e^{i 2\alpha' \hat{p} \tau} \quad \text{vs} \quad e^{i k \cdot (x + 2\alpha' \hat{p} \tau)} \quad \text{etc}$$

we have chosen a particular ordering (the latter)

Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff

$$\text{and also: } \underline{e^{i k \cdot a_m} e^{i k \cdot a_n} = e^{i k \cdot (a_m + a_n)} e^{-\frac{1}{\alpha'} (k \cdot k^M m \delta_{m+n, 0})}}$$

$$k_\mu k_\nu [a_m^\mu, a_n^\nu] = m \delta_{m+n, 0} \eta^{\mu\nu}$$

so reordering is free for $k^2=0$ (useful soon!)

The normal ordering in the definition gives the right conformal transformation:

$$[L_m, :e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)}:] = e^{im\tau} (-i\partial_\tau + \alpha' m (K \cdot K)) :e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)}:$$

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from reordering,
gives $h = \alpha' (K \cdot K)$

This is a good vertex operator if $h=1$ i.e. $\alpha' K^2=1$
precisely the tachyon mass-shell condition ($\alpha' K^2=1$) !

This is the unique VO that describes emission/absorption of a tachyon.

Things get more interesting for $N=1$ states

Building vertex operators for level one states

For these states: $k^2=0$

so we are looking for the photon emission/absorption vertex operator

$$W(\tau) \sim \left(\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \uparrow \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \underbrace{: e^{i k \cdot X(\tau)} :}$$

some appropriate local operator

eg $W(\tau)$ has $h=1$ after carefully considering the normal ordering

$h = \alpha' (k \cdot k) = 0$
no normal ordering issues ✓
as $k^2 = 0$

Consider $\partial_\tau X^\mu$:

$$\begin{aligned} [L_m, \partial_\tau X^\mu(\tau)] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} [L_m, X^\mu(\tau)] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (-i (\partial_\tau X^\mu(\tau)) e^{im\tau}) = e^{im\tau} (-i \partial_\tau + m) \partial_\tau X^\mu(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

Then $\partial_\tau X^\mu(\tau)$ is primary of weight $h=1$ ✓

We could try, for the vertex operator for emission/absorption of a photon with polarisation S the operator

$$W_{S, k}(\tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\alpha'}} (S \cdot \partial_\tau X(\tau)) : e^{i k \cdot X(\tau)} : \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Naively } h=1 \\ \text{from } [L_m, A \cdot B] \end{array}$$

and deal with normal ordering issues.

Note however that $A \cdot B$ does not necessarily have $h_{AB} = h_A + h_B$...

Naively the VO for the tachyon has weight 0 but NO \Rightarrow it has $h=1$
 $h_{AB} = h_A + h_B$ only for ops unambiguously defined (no ring $\omega \tau \rightarrow \tau'$ in $\mathcal{A}_\tau \mathcal{B}_{\tau'}$)
Another example: $X^\mu(\tau) X^\nu(\tau)$: has no definite h .

In $\mathcal{S} \cdot \partial_\tau X(\tau)$: each oscillator operator is contracted with \mathcal{S}
In $e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)}$: each oscillator operator is contracted with K

thus, all potential ambiguities come from commutators of the form:

$$[d_m \cdot \mathcal{S}, d_n \cdot K] = m \delta_{m+n,0} (\mathcal{S} \cdot K).$$

Precisely when $\mathcal{S} \cdot K = 0$ (physical polarization)

$(\mathcal{S} \cdot \partial_\tau X(\tau)) : e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)}$: is well defined

it no normal ordering ambiguities!

We identify

$$W_{S,k}(\tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|k|}} (S \cdot \dot{X}(\tau)) : e^{iK \cdot X(\tau)} : , \quad k^2 = 0, S \cdot k = 0 \quad (h=1)$$

with the vertex operator for the emission/absorption of a photon.

Note that, for the longitudinal polarization,

$$(k \cdot \dot{X}) e^{iK \cdot X} = -i \partial_\tau (e^{iK \cdot X})$$

which vanishes after integrating over σ .

This means that the longitudinal mode decouples ✓ //

* It is not a coincidence that the rules for constructing vertex operators are closely parallel to the construction of physical states. *

In summary: $|\phi\rangle_{phys} \longmapsto V_\phi(\bar{t})$ conformal primary operator of weight $h=1$

For example, recalling that $:e^{ik \cdot X}:$ has $h = \frac{1}{\alpha'}(k \cdot k)\alpha'$

level 0: $|0; K\rangle$ tachyon $\longmapsto :e^{ik \cdot X(\tau)}:$ $h=1$ if $\alpha'k^2=1$

level 1: $|S; K\rangle$ photon of polarisation S $\longmapsto :S \cdot \dot{X}(\tau) e^{ik \cdot X(\tau)}:$ $h=1$ if $k^2=0$ & $S \cdot K=0$, transverse polarisation

(longitudinal mode decouples $K \cdot \dot{X} e^{ik \cdot X(\tau)} = -\partial_\tau (e^{ik \cdot X})$)

level 2: $\delta_{\mu\nu} \alpha_{-1}^\mu \alpha_{-1}^\nu |0; K\rangle$ massive spin 2 state (symmetric tensor, $\alpha_{\mu\nu}$) $\longmapsto \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu}{h=2} : \frac{e^{ik \cdot X}}{h=-1} :$ $h=1$ if $K^2 = -2\alpha'$ & $K \cdot S=0$, S traceless

One can show for $\forall N \geq 0$ that for every physical state in \mathcal{H}_{phys} one can construct a corresponding VO (by careful consideration of the normal ordering & demanding $h=1$)

The converse is also true: every VO corresponds to a physical state!

↳ Next: The state-operator correspondence (special feature of CFTs)

3.4 State-Vertex correspondence

(open strings)

We want to make this correspondence more explicit:

$$|\phi\rangle = \mathcal{A}|\phi\rangle_{\text{phys}} \quad \xleftrightarrow{h=1} \quad V\phi \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{primary operator} \\ \text{of weight } h=1 \\ \text{(ie Vertex operator)} \end{array}$$

We begin recalling that the Hamiltonian

$$H = L_0 = \alpha' p^2 + N$$

is a time evolution operator. So, if $V(\bar{t})$ is a vertex operator at the string end point $\sigma=0$, then we can write

$$V(\bar{t}) = e^{i\bar{t}L_0} V(0) e^{-i\bar{t}L_0}$$

Q $V(\bar{t})$ describes the emission/absorption of a physical state from the end of the open string ($\sigma=0$) at \bar{t} if $h=1$.

For the tachyon: $V_T(k, \tau) = : e^{ik \cdot X(\tau)} := e^{i\tau L_0} : e^{ik \cdot X(0)} : e^{-i\tau L_0}$
 $V_T(k, 0)$

The point now is that starting from this, one can recover the tachyon state $|k; 0\rangle$.

Consider the action of this operator on "zero momentum" state $|0; 0\rangle$:

$$V_T(k, \tau) |0; 0\rangle = e^{i\tau L_0} \left(: e^{ik \cdot X(0)} : e^{-i\tau L_0} \right) |0; 0\rangle$$

$L_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \alpha_0^2 + N$

$ik \cdot X(0, 0) = ik \cdot x - \sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n \neq 0}} \frac{1}{n} k \cdot \alpha_n$

$|0; 0\rangle$ as $L_0 |0; 0\rangle = 0$

$$V_T(k, \tau) |0; 0\rangle = e^{i\tau L_0} \left(e^{\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} k \cdot \alpha_{-n}} : e^{ik \cdot X(0)} : e^{-\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} k \cdot \alpha_n} \right) |0; 0\rangle$$

$|0; 0\rangle$ as $\alpha_n |0; 0\rangle = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$|0; k\rangle$

$$\text{so } V_{\tau}(K, \bar{t}) |0; 0\rangle = e^{i\tau L_0} e^{\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} K \cdot \alpha_{-n}} |0; K\rangle$$

Wick rotation: pass to imaginary, or Euclidean time on the WS

Define $z = e^{i\bar{t}} = e^t$ (where $\bar{t} = -it$)
 so t is Euclidean WS time

Then:

$$V_{\tau}(K, \bar{t}) |0; 0\rangle = z^{L_0} e^{\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} K \cdot \alpha_{-n}} |0; K\rangle$$

$L_0 = \alpha' p^2 + \hat{N}$

$$= z^{1 + \hat{N}} \left(1 + \sqrt{2\alpha'} K \cdot \alpha_{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2\alpha'} \left(K \cdot \alpha_{-2} + \sqrt{2\alpha'} (K \cdot \alpha_{-1})^2 \right) + \dots \right) |0; K\rangle$$

$\alpha' K^2 = 1$ $\rightarrow N=1$ $N=2$

$$= z \left(1 + \sqrt{2\alpha'} z K \cdot \alpha_{-1} + 2 \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2\alpha'} z^2 (K \cdot \alpha_{-2} + \sqrt{2\alpha'} (K \cdot \alpha_{-1})^2) + \dots \right) |0; K\rangle$$

We can recover the tachyon state $|0; K\rangle$ from V_{τ} in the limit:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{z} V_{\tau}(K, \underbrace{-i\log z}_t) |0; 0\rangle = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow -\infty \\ \text{past infinity}}} e^{-t} V_{\tau}(K; it) |0; 0\rangle = |0; K\rangle \quad \checkmark$$

For the photon

$$L_0 = \alpha' p^2 + N$$

$$V_S(K, T) = S \cdot \dot{X} e^{iK \cdot X}$$

normal ordering when $S \cdot K = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} V_S(K, T) |0; 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d|}} e^{iT L_0} V_S(K, 0) e^{-iT L_0} |0; 0\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d|}} e^{iT(\alpha' p^2 + N)} S \cdot \dot{X}(0) e^{iK \cdot X(0)} \underbrace{e^{-iT L_0} |0; 0\rangle}_{|0; 0\rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$|0; K\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{\text{as}}{z^1=0} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d|}} z^N (S \cdot \dot{X}(T=0)) |0; K\rangle = z^N \sum_{m \geq 0} (S \cdot \alpha_{-m}) e^{\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n} K \cdot \alpha_{-n}} |0; K\rangle \\ &= \left(\underbrace{z (S \cdot \alpha_{-1})}_{N=1} + \underbrace{z^2 (S \cdot \alpha_{-2} + (S \cdot \alpha_{-1})(S \cdot \alpha_{-1}))}_{N=2} + \dots \right) |0, K\rangle \end{aligned}$$

We then recover the state $|S; K\rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned} |S; K\rangle &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{z} W_{S, K}(-i \log z) |0; 0\rangle \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-t} W_{S, K}(it) |0; 0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

More generally,

$|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}} \xleftrightarrow{|-1} V_{\psi}(\tau)$ with

$$|\psi\rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} V_{\psi}(-ib_{\psi}t) |0;0\rangle$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-t} V_{\psi}(it) |0;0\rangle$$

We can treat analogously the "out going" states.
 For the tachyon, for example:

$$\langle 0; 0 | V_T(K, it) = \langle 0; K | e^{\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} K \cdot \alpha_n} e^{-i\bar{t} L_0} z^{-L_0} = z^{-1-N}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} \langle 0; K | \left(1 + \sqrt{2\alpha'} z^1 (\alpha_1 \cdot K) + 2 \sqrt{2\alpha'} \frac{1}{2} z^{-2} (\alpha_2 \cdot K + (K \cdot \alpha_1)(K \cdot \alpha_1)) + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 0; K | = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} z \langle 0; 0 | V_T(K, -i \ln z) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^t \langle 0; 0 | V_T(K, -i\bar{t})$$

In summary:

incoming state $|\psi\rangle = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{z} V_{\psi}(-i\log z) |0; 0\rangle$

(we recover an incoming state $|\psi\rangle$ by acting with a VO on $|0; 0\rangle$ & taking the Euclidean past infinite limit)

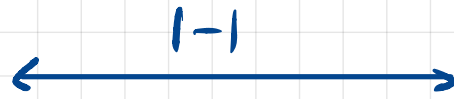
$$\langle\phi| = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} z \langle 0; 0 | V_{\psi}(-i\log z)$$

(we recover an outgoing state $\langle\phi|$ by acting with a VO on $\langle 0; 0 |$ & taking the Euclidean future infinite limit)

Remark: In 2dim CFT we have we have more generally
a state-operator correspondence where

$|\Psi_A\rangle$

irred reps of Vir-alg



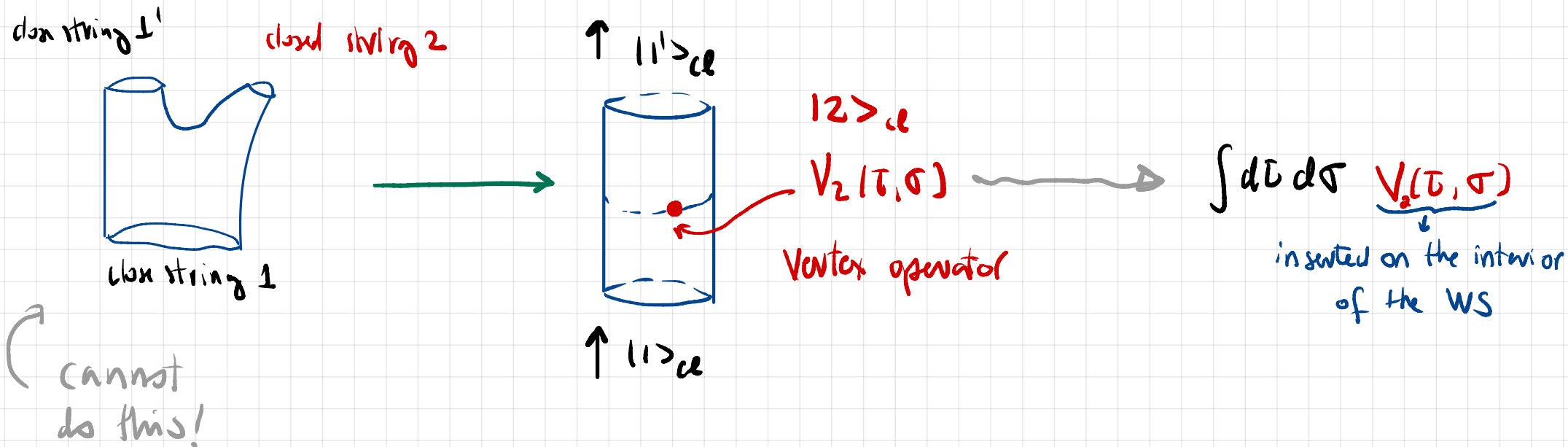
$A(t)$

primary operator
of weight h_A

$$|\Psi_A\rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} z^{h_A} A(it) |0,0\rangle$$

$$\langle \Psi_A | = \langle 0,0 | \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z^{-h_A} A(it)$$

3.5 Vertex operators for closed strings



we describe emission/absorption of a quantum physical state from a fixed string world sheet by the action of a local operator or vertex operator V at

$$\mathcal{H}_{phys} \xrightarrow{V} \mathcal{H}_{phys} \quad \mathcal{H}_{null} \xrightarrow{V} \mathcal{H}_{null}$$

A primary operator of dimension (h, \tilde{h}) is an operator transforming under conformal maps of the WS according to

$$\mathcal{A}(\xi^+, \xi^-) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{\xi}^+, \tilde{\xi}^-) = \left(\frac{d\xi^+}{d\tilde{\xi}^+} \right)^h \left(\frac{d\xi^-}{d\tilde{\xi}^-} \right)^{\tilde{h}} \mathcal{A}(\xi^+, \xi^-)$$

The corresponding infinitesimal transformations are

$$\delta \mathcal{A}(\xi, \sigma) = -\partial_+ (\tilde{\epsilon} \mathcal{A}) - (\tilde{h}-1)(\partial_+ \tilde{\epsilon}) \mathcal{A} - \partial_- (\epsilon \mathcal{A}) - (h-1)(\partial_- \epsilon) \mathcal{A}$$

This is a total derivative if $h = \tilde{h} = 1$

For $\tilde{\epsilon}_\lambda^\pm = \frac{i}{\alpha} e^{i\alpha \xi_\pm}$ this gives the action of L_m :

$$[L_m, \mathcal{A}(\xi^+)] = \frac{i}{\alpha} e^{i\alpha \xi^+} (-i\partial_+ + 2m\tilde{h}) \mathcal{A}(\xi^+)$$

$$[\tilde{L}_m, \mathcal{A}(\xi^+)] = \frac{i}{\alpha} e^{i\alpha \xi^+} (-i\partial_- + 2mh) \mathcal{A}(\xi^+)$$

Vertex operators : $h = \tilde{h} = 1$

The closed string operator $: e^{ik \cdot X(\xi^\pm)} :$

is primary with $h = \bar{h} = \frac{\alpha'}{4} K \cdot K$ so

$V_T(k; \xi^\pm) = : e^{ik \cdot X(\xi^\pm)} :$ $V_0 (h = \bar{h} = 1)$ corresponding to the tachyon $\alpha' k^2 = 4$

For higher levels

$V(k; \xi^\pm) = (\dots) : e^{ik \cdot X(\xi^\pm)} :$

$$L_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \alpha_0^2 + N \quad \alpha_0^\mu = \tilde{\alpha}_0^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} p$$

$$\alpha' M^2 = 2(N + \tilde{N} - 2\alpha)$$

As for the open string: with the appropriate normal ordering one can construct vertex operators $(h = \bar{h} = 1)$ for each $|\varphi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{open}}$

For the converse: given a Vertex operator ($\hbar = \hbar = 1$)
 One can recover a physical state.

If $V(\tau, \sigma)$ is a VO then we can write

$$V(\xi^\pm) = e^{2i\xi^- L_0 + i\xi^+ \tilde{L}_0} V(0,0;K) e^{-2i\xi^- L_0 - 2i\xi^+ \tilde{L}_0}$$

\uparrow
 translation of vertex at the origin $\xi^\pm = 0$

translation in ξ^\pm $\begin{cases} L_0 + \tilde{L}_0 \sim \partial_\tau \\ L_0 - \tilde{L}_0 \sim \partial_\sigma \end{cases}$

Wick rotation to Euclidean time $\tau = -it$:

light-cone coordinates: $\xi^\pm = -i(t \pm i\sigma)$

and let $\bar{z} = e^{+i\xi^+}$, $\bar{\tilde{z}} = e^{i\xi^-}$ $\bar{\xi}^+ = -\xi^-$

The state vertex correspondence is given by

$$|\psi\rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-\epsilon t} V_\psi(t, \sigma) |0, \bar{0}; 0\rangle$$

$$= \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 0} (z \bar{z})^{-2} V_\psi\left(-\frac{i}{2} \log(z \bar{z}), -\frac{i}{2} \log\left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)\right) |0, \bar{0}; 0\rangle$$

$$z = e^{i\sigma^+}, \quad \bar{z} = e^{i\sigma^-}$$

$$z \bar{z} = e^{2\sigma} \quad \frac{z}{\bar{z}} = e^{2i\sigma}$$

so $|\psi\rangle$ resolved by the insertion of V_0
at euclidean past-infinity

↳ 3 point interactions (tree level)