

Introduction to holography - Lecture IX

Last time: radial quantiz, state-operator corresp, unitarity bounds

- OPE, reducing n -pt. to lower-pt. f, conformal bootstrap

This time: 2d CFTs (very special, many universal prop. det. by c) ^{conf. anomaly}

- cov. f. of stress tensor, Schwarzian derivative, Casimir energy on the cylinder, Cardy's formula

- isometries of AdS_{d+1} spacetimes

Weyl invariance & the conformal anomaly

• usually conformally invariant theories are also Weyl inv. (\Leftarrow)

• Weyl: partition f. $Z[g]$ invariant under $g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}(x)$, $\Omega(x)$ _{local}

- defining the stress tensor as $T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta S_E}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}}$ (eud.).

$$\delta \ln Z = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle_g \delta g^{\mu\nu} = \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \langle T^{\mu}_{\mu} \rangle_g \sigma(x)$$

$\Omega = e^{\sigma} = 1 + \sigma$

- invariance $\Rightarrow T^{\mu}_{\mu} = 0$ (up to contact terms)

(by contrast, cond. for conformal invar is $T^{\mu}_{\mu} = 2\epsilon_{\mu\nu} \partial^{\mu} L^{\mu\nu}$ $d > 2$
 $= 0$ $d=2$)

$\Delta T_{\mu\nu} \sim \delta^3 \delta^0 (L_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})$ can be generated via the curvature couplings

$$S_{\text{imp}} \sim \int d^d x \sqrt{g} (R L + R_{\mu\nu} L^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} Y^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})$$

• in 2d, note that $T^\mu{}_\mu = 2T_{z\bar{z}} + 2T_{\bar{z}z} = 0$

$\Rightarrow T_{z\bar{z}}$ is holomorphic & $T_{\bar{z}z}$ is anti-holomorphic

Conformal / Weyl anomalies

- Weyl-invar theories are automatically conformally invar when restricted to flat sp.
- this is guaranteed by the vanishing of the trace of the stress tensor (in flat space)
- however, one may have a situation in which $T^\mu{}_\mu$ is a function of the background fields (i.e., the metric), times the identity operator \Rightarrow anomalous breaking of Weyl symm. (cls symm. that is broken by quantum effects)
- since $T^\mu{}_\mu(x)$ is a local, scalar operator of dimension d, so should be the R

central charge

($\&$ must vanish in flat sp)

• $d=2$ $T^\mu{}_\mu = + \frac{c}{24\pi} R[g]$

(incl. sign, - in Lorentzian)

$\&$ be diff. invar

$\&$ consistent w/ abelian nature of Weyl trans

• $d=4$ $T^\mu{}_\mu = \frac{a}{64\pi^2} E_4 + \frac{c}{64\pi^2} C_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} C^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} + e_1 R^2 + e_2 \square R$

comp of stress T.

d=2

in d=2, metric is rel to $\delta_{\mu\nu}$ by a diffeo + conformal transf. Fi

we can write

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = e^{2\sigma(x)} \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\omega / R = -2 e^{-2\sigma} \sigma_{,a}$$

since the Weyl anomaly \Rightarrow dep. of path int. on $\sigma \Rightarrow$ completely det. depen of Z on the 2d metric.

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \sigma} \ln Z [e^{2\sigma} \delta_{\mu\nu}] = \int d^2x e^{2\sigma} \langle T^{\mu}_{\mu} \rangle_{\sigma} = - \frac{c}{12\pi} \int d^2x \square \sigma + \frac{c}{24\pi} R$$

$$\Rightarrow Z [e^{2\sigma} \delta_{\mu\nu}] = e^{-\frac{c}{24\pi} \int d^2x \sigma(x) \square \sigma(x)} Z [\delta_{\mu\nu}] \quad \checkmark \text{ negative mod}$$

how the partition f. dep. on the scale factor

the prefactor can be rewritten

another thing one may deduce is how the transforms under conformal transform.

in the exercise you are asked to show that $\langle Tz, z \rangle = \frac{c}{12\pi} [\partial_z^2 \sigma - (\partial_z \sigma)^2]$

do finite directly: $z' = \partial_z z$

remember in 2d conf. transform are given by $z \rightarrow z + f(z)$ (f holomorphic)

under such a transform $\partial_z z = -\partial_z z - \partial_z z = -\frac{1}{z} (f' + \bar{f}') = -2\partial \sigma - \frac{z}{z}$

$z \in \mathbb{C}$: complex coord on \mathbb{R}^2 / legitimate coord. in $\mathbb{R}^{1,1}$

note, in part, that $\partial \bar{\partial} \sigma = 0$, so no trace is induced for T^m .

from the above

$$\partial^2 Tz = \frac{c}{12\pi} f''' - 2f' Tz - f \partial^2 Tz$$

Anomalous
transform. law.

effect of translation

normalization: (-2π)

in fact, in 2d it is useful to distinguish general conformal transform, however, by

arbitrary $f(z), \bar{f}(z)$ (infinitesimal) from global conformal transform, which

exponentiate to well-defined generators on the entire S^2 (Möbius transform)

$$f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \quad \text{with } ad-bc=1 \quad SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \cong SO(3,1)$$

finite!

eucledian conf. gp.

(Lorentzian: $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong SO(2,2)$ in $d=2$)

(infinitesimally global = $\{1, z, z^2\}$) note Schwarzian is zero for these

one may use a basis of $f: z \mapsto z^{n+1}$, w/ gm. $\chi_n = -z^{n+1} \partial_z$. global: e^{-1}, e_0, e_1

(acting on functions). (no central ext.)

composing a series of these infinitesimal transform, under a finite conformal

transform

transform. as

$$\tilde{T}(z) = \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{z}}{\partial z} \right)^2 \left[T(z) + \frac{c}{6} \{z, z, z\} \right]$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{z_1}{z_2} - \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{z_1}{z_2} \right)^2$$

Schwarzian deriv.

conf. gp
global
local
no

Physical applications / significance of c

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vacuum eng.
in presence of non-triv. bnd. cond.

we have $Z_{pe} = e^{\frac{W_{eff}}{R}}$ $\xrightarrow{z+i\sigma}$

$$T_{cyl}(w) = \left(z^2 T_{plane} + \frac{c}{24\pi} \right) \frac{1}{R^2} \quad \langle T_{pe} \rangle = 0$$

$$H_{cyl} = - \int_{\text{wick rot}} d\sigma T_{zz}^{cyl} = - \int d\sigma (T_{ww} + \bar{T}_{\bar{w}\bar{w}}) = - \frac{2\pi R}{R^2} \frac{c}{48\pi} \cdot 2 = - \frac{c}{12R}$$

- the central charge also enters the algebra of the conserved charges.

- simplest to work on the cylinder, w/ basis of functions $e^{in(\sigma \pm t)}$ (horizim)

- conserved charges are $L_n = \int_0^{2\pi R} d\sigma T_{tt} e^{in(t+\sigma)/R}$
 $T_{tt} = T_{++} + T_{--}$

$$\delta_m L_n = \int d\sigma \delta T_{++} e^{inx^+/R} = \int d\sigma e^{inx^+/R} \left[-e^{imx^+/R} \partial_t T_{++} - \frac{2im}{R} e^{imx^+/R} T_{++} + \frac{c}{24\pi} \left(\frac{im}{R} \right)^3 e^{imx^+/R} \right]$$

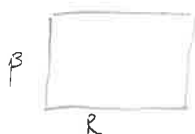
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$$= -i(m-n) L_{m+n} - \frac{im^3 c}{12R} \delta_{m+n} = -i[L_m, L_n]$$

\Rightarrow $[L_m, L_n] = (m-n) L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12} (m^3 - m) \delta_{m+n}$ Virasoro algebra

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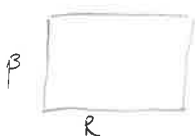
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switching the interpretation of time & space

$$\mathcal{Z}_\beta(R) = \mathcal{Z}_{2\pi R}(\beta) \stackrel{\text{scale invar}}{=} \mathcal{Z}_{\frac{2\pi R^2}{\beta}}(R)$$

$\mathcal{Z}_\beta(R) = \mathcal{Z}(R/\beta)$

relates low & high-temperature partition f.

• taking $\beta \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathcal{Z}_\beta(R) = \mathcal{Z}_{\frac{2\pi R^2}{\beta}}(R) \approx e^{-\frac{E_0(R) \frac{2\pi R^2}{\beta}}{-\frac{c}{12R}}} = e^{\frac{4\pi^2 R c}{12\beta}} = e^{\frac{\pi^2 c}{3} \frac{R}{\beta}} = e^{-\beta F}$$

thus the free energy is $F(\beta) = -\frac{\pi^2 c}{3} \frac{R}{\beta^2}$ extensive

$$\langle E \rangle = -\partial_\beta \ln Z = \frac{\pi^2 c}{3} \frac{R}{\beta^2}$$

$$S = \beta(E - F) = \frac{2\pi^2 c}{3} \frac{R}{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 c}{3} \frac{R}{E}}$$

$$S = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{3} R E}$$

Cardy's formula

We are now ready to perform our 4th few checks of the AdS/CFT corresp., following our derivation of an AdS₅/CFT₄ corresp. a few lectures back & the general intro to properties of CFTs.

The most basic check is that the symmetries on the two sides of the AdS_{d+1}/CFT_d correspondence are the same.

There are 2 levels @ which one may discuss the symm.

- symmetries of the vacuum state \leftrightarrow isometries of empty AdS
- symmetries of the theory \leftrightarrow asymptotic symm. of ^{AdS spt.} _{asympt.}

Anti-de Sitter spacetimes

AdS_{d+1} : maximally symm. spt. of constant negative curvature

\uparrow max. # Killing vect. $\frac{(d+1)(d+2)}{2}$

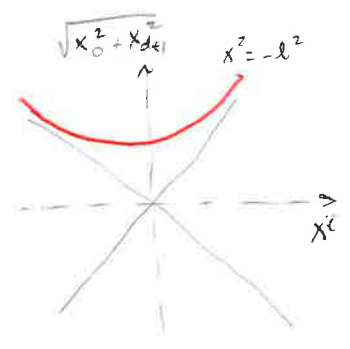
$$R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = -\frac{1}{l^2} (g_{\mu\rho}g_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\mu\sigma}g_{\nu\rho})$$

- isometry gp SO(d,2) (for Lorentzian AdS_{d+1}), as computed from K.V. alg.
 \uparrow same as "Lorentz" gp in $\mathbb{R}^{d,2}$ (\approx d-dim'l conformal gp.)

- simplest construction: embedding into $\mathbb{R}^{d,2}$, w/ metric

$$ds^2 = \tilde{\eta}_{MN} dx^M dx^N \quad \tilde{\eta}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} - & & & \\ & + & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & - \end{pmatrix}$$

restrict to hyperboloid $\tilde{\eta}_{MN} X^M X^N = -l^2$
 - manifestly $SO(d,2)$ preserving const.



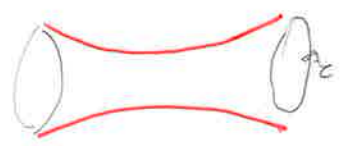
a metric on AdS_{d+1} can be obtained by writing down an explicit coord. system that solves this constraint, e.g.

global coord :
$$\begin{cases} X^0 = l \cosh \rho \cos \tau \\ X^{d+1} = l \cosh \rho \sin \tau \\ X^i = l \sinh \rho \Omega_i \end{cases} \quad \text{w/ } \sum_{i=1}^d \Omega_i^2 = 1$$

$\rho \in (0, \infty) \quad \tau \in (0, 2\pi)$

$$ds^2 = l^2 (-\cosh^2 \rho d\tau^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho \underbrace{d\Omega_{d-1}^2}_{\text{unit } S^{d-1}})$$

$SO(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ manifest $SO(d)$



after decompactifying the τ coord.

the isometry gen. are $J_{MN} = -i (X_M \frac{\partial}{\partial X^N} - X_N \frac{\partial}{\partial X^M})$ & are identif. w/ the conformal gen. as $J_{0,d+1} = -D$ $J_{\mu\nu} = M_{\mu\nu}$ $J_{\mu 0} = \frac{i}{2} (P_\mu + K_\mu)$ $J_{\mu,d+1} = \frac{i}{2} (P_\mu - K_\mu)$

the quadratic Casimir $\frac{1}{2} J_{MN} J^{MN} \leftrightarrow$ identified w/ the AdS Laplacian. (only isometry-invar 2nd order diff. op.)

$$\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{J_{AB} J^{AB}}_{\text{scalar}} \phi = - \underbrace{(X^2 \partial_x^2 + X \cdot \partial_x (d + X \cdot \partial_x))}_{\mathbb{R}^{d,2} \text{ Lapl.}} \phi$$

later

$\mathbb{R}^{d,2}$ (Mink ^{$d+1,1$}) can be foliated by (euclidean) AdS_{d+1} slices as $(\partial_{\tau} = \partial_e)$

$$d\tilde{s}^2 = -dl^2 + l^2 \overset{\text{rescaled}}{ds^2_{AdS_{d+1}}} \quad \text{w/ Laplacian } \partial_x^2 = -\partial_e^2 - \frac{d+1}{l} \partial_e + \underbrace{\Delta_{AdS}}_{\text{not rescaled}}$$

thus
$$\frac{1}{2} J_{AB} J^{AB} \Phi = [-l^2 \partial_e^2 - (d+1) l \partial_e + l^2 \Delta_{AdS} + (d+1) l \partial_e + l^2 \partial_x^2] \Phi = l^2 \Delta_{AdS} \Phi$$

later

for a free scalar $(\square_{\text{AdS}} - m^2)\phi = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{AB} \nabla^{AB} \phi = \underbrace{m^2 l^2}_{\text{Conininer}} \phi = \Delta(\Delta-d)$

\Rightarrow free scalar field in AdS \subset conf. family of a ^{primary} operator of dim $\Delta \ni \Delta(\Delta-d) = m^2 l^2$

AdS spt. is non-compact \rightarrow how can we represent it?

tool: conformal compactif: given (M, g) w/ M non compact, a conformal compactif is a choice of metric, \tilde{g} on M w/ $\tilde{g} = \Omega^2 g \ni (M, \tilde{g})$ can be embedded into a compact domain \tilde{M} of some (other) manifold.

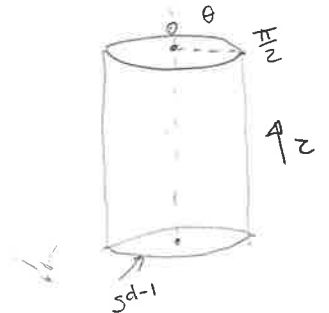
$$\partial \tilde{M} = \text{conformal } \infty. / \text{bnd.}$$

(want to bring ∞ to finite dist.)

in practice, we choose coord on M w/ finite ranges $\cosh \rho = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \in (1, \infty) \Rightarrow \theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$ds^2 = \frac{l^2}{\cos^2 \theta} (-d\tau^2 + \underbrace{d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\Omega_{d-1}^2}_{\text{metric on } \frac{1}{2} S^d \text{ (disk)}}$$

$$d\tilde{S}^2 = \cos^2 \theta ds^2 = \mathbb{R}_+ \times \text{disk}.$$



\Rightarrow Penrose diagram of $\text{AdS}_{d+1} = \infty$ solid cylinder w/ boundary $S^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R}$

since $\tilde{g} = \Omega^2 g$, the causal str. of \tilde{M} is the same as that of M .

Exercise i): Show that lightrays shot ^{radially outwards} from the center of AdS take a finite coord. time to reach the bnd. Compute it.

- thus, if one puts reflecting bnd. cond. for lightrays @ the bnd, they come back in finite coord time $(\pi \cdot l)$

note, however, that the proper dist. to the bnd along a spacelike geodesic is infinite $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\cos \theta}$

Exercise ii) Show that massive particles' geodesics never reach the end
 (assume for simplicity that the motion is just in the radial plane $d\Omega = 0$)

$\mathcal{I}_E =$ Killing vect \Rightarrow cons. quantity $E = - \xi^\mu g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{dT}$ proper time
eng. part. measured by obs @ $\theta=0$ $\Rightarrow \frac{l^2}{\cos^2\theta} \frac{dt}{dT}$
drop for dim'l reasons

$$ds^2 = -dT^2 = \frac{l^2}{\cos^2\theta} (d\theta^2 - dt^2) \Rightarrow \frac{l^2}{\cos^2\theta} \left(\frac{d\theta}{dT}\right)^2 = \frac{l^2}{\cos^2\theta} \left(\frac{E^2 \cos^2\theta}{l^2}\right)^2 - 1$$

$$= l^2 E^2 \cos^2\theta - 1 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow \cos\theta$ cannot become too small $(\cos\theta)_{\min} = \frac{1}{lE} \Rightarrow \theta_{\max} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta_{\max}}$

\Rightarrow AdS behaves as a confining box for massive part, indep. of initial energy.
into breaking of symm!

- consequ, Dirichlet bnd. cond. @ the AdS bnd are natural for massive fields, whereas they can be imposed for massless ones.

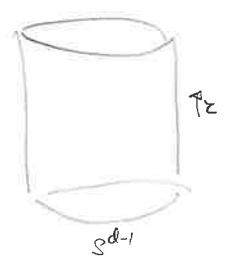
(in AdS, \exists causal fields w/ slightly negative m^2 - more precisely, $\Delta \in (\frac{d}{2}-1, \frac{d}{2})$ for which either Dirichlet or Neumann bnd. cond are possible.
unit. bnd normalizable

BF bound \rightarrow map to $-\psi'' + \left(\vec{k}^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} \left(m^2 - \frac{1-d^2}{4}\right)\right)\psi = u^2\psi$ $\lambda < -\frac{1}{4}$

Let us now go back to discussing the (action of) AdS isometries (\rightarrow pg 2). norm. neg-avg. states
(i.e. $\omega^2 - k^2 < 0$ bad) $\Rightarrow m^2 > -\frac{d^2}{4}$

- as noted the isometry gp of $AdS_{d+1} \cong$ conformal gp. d-dim.

- note in global coord, $D \leftrightarrow \frac{z}{2z}$ (extension into the bulk of time transl. on the cylinder).



\Rightarrow energy \leftrightarrow conformal dim.
spectrum (in global AdS!)

integer-spaced spectrum?
(in the free approx.)

• \exists other useful coord systems on AdS, e.g. Poincaré

$$\text{embedding: } X^0 = \frac{l^2 + x_\mu x^\mu + z^2}{2z}, \quad X^i = l \frac{x^i}{z}, \quad X^d = \frac{l^2 - x_\mu x^\mu - z^2}{2z}, \quad X^{d+1} = l \frac{t}{z}$$

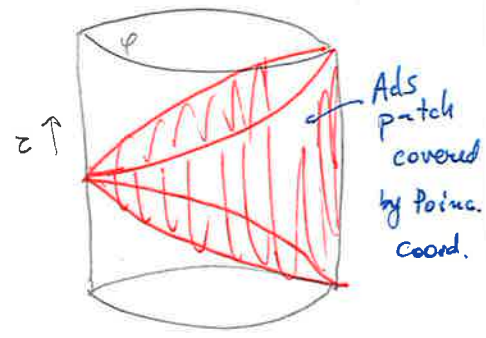
$i = 1, \dots, d-1$

$$\Rightarrow ds^2 = \frac{l^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2)$$

\uparrow makes Poincaré & dilatations
 $\mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$ manifest.

• Poincaré coord only cover a patch of the AdS spt.
 e.g. for $d=2$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} X^0 &= l \cos \tau \cosh \rho = \frac{l^2 + x^2 - t^2 + z^2}{2z} \\ X^1 &= l \sinh \rho \sin \varphi = \frac{x}{z} l \\ X^2 &= l \sinh \rho \cos \varphi = \frac{l^2 - x^2 + t^2 - z^2}{2z} \\ X^3 &= l \sin \tau \cosh \rho = \frac{t}{z} l \end{aligned} \right.$$



$$\tan \tau = \frac{z + t}{l^2 + x^2 - t^2 + z^2}$$

$$\tan \varphi = \frac{x}{l^2 - x^2 + t^2 - z^2}$$

$$\text{as } z \rightarrow 0 \quad \tan \frac{\varphi \pm \tau}{2} = \frac{x \pm t}{l}$$

Minkowski diamond on hnd. cylinder \Rightarrow range of $\varphi \pm \tau$ is compact. $(-\pi, \pi)$
 null



• can also obtain euclidean global / Poincaré AdS via $C \rightarrow \tau_E = i\tau$, or the appropriate embedding

• note for Poincaré AdS (eucl), the map is exponential

$$X^0 = l \cosh \tau_E \cosh \rho = \frac{l^2 + x^2 + t_E^2 + z^2}{2z}$$

$$X^1 = l \sinh \rho \sin \varphi = \frac{t_E}{z} l$$

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$$X^2 = l \sinh \rho \cos \varphi = \frac{x}{z} l$$

(more symm. identif. b/c both X^3 & X^2 are spacelike now)

$$l e^{\tau_E} \cosh \rho = \frac{l^2}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_E = l e^{-\tau_E} \tanh \rho \sin \varphi$$

$$x = l e^{-\tau_E} \tanh \rho \cos \varphi$$

over all.

• finally, we have the following coord system on eucl. AdS only

$$X^0 = l \cosh \rho$$

$$X^i = l \sinh \rho \Omega_{\pm}^i$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{i=1, \dots, d+1}$

} ⇒

$$ds^2 = l^2 (d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho \underbrace{d\Omega_d^2}_{\text{unit } S^d})$$

spt. looks like a hyperbolic ball ($SO(d+1)$ manifest)

• conformal compactif: let $u = \tanh \frac{\rho}{2} \in (0, 1)$, then $ds^2 = \frac{4}{(1-u^2)^2} (du^2 + u^2 d\Omega_d^2)$

ball of radius 1
in flat. sp.