

## 1. EXERCISES DAY 2

An SLE( $\kappa$ )-curve  $\gamma$  on the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Im z > 0\}$  can be described in terms of mapping out functions, which are (properly normalized) conformal maps  $g_t : H_t \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ , where  $H_t$  is the unbounded connected component of  $\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma[0, t]$ . With the so-called capacity parameterization,  $g_t$  satisfies the Loewner differential equation

$$\partial_t g_t(z) = \frac{2}{g_t(z) - W_t},$$

where the driving function is  $W_t = \sqrt{\kappa}B_t$ , and  $B$  is the standard Brownian motion. The domain Markov property together with conformal invariance can be used to show that for every  $s \geq 0$ , the curve  $\gamma_t^s := g_s(\gamma_{s+t}) - W_s$  is also an SLE( $\kappa$ ) curve in  $\mathbb{H}$  independent of  $\gamma[0, s]$ .

The sets  $K_t := \overline{\mathbb{H}} \setminus H_t$  are called hulls associated to  $\gamma$ . A swallowing time  $T_z$  of  $z \in \overline{\mathbb{H}}$  is the first time instance  $\gamma[0, t]$  hits  $z$  or disconnects  $z$  from  $\infty$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{H}}$ :

$$T_z = \inf\{t \geq 0 : z \in K_t\}.$$

**Exercise 1.** *This exercise is continuation of Exercise 1 from day one. Let  $\kappa \in (4, 8)$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$ .*

(a) *Let  $\gamma$  be an SLE( $\kappa$ ) curve starting from 0. Show that  $P(T_x \leq T_1) = 1$ .*

(b) *Consider the martingale  $M_t = P(T_x < T_1 \mid \gamma[0, t])$ . Using properties of SLE( $\kappa$ ), argue that*

$$M_t = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1}(T_x < T_1) & \text{if } t \geq T_x \wedge T_1, \\ F\left(\frac{g_t(x) - W_t}{g_t(1) - W_t}\right) & \text{if } t < T_x \wedge T_1, \end{cases}$$

where  $F(x) = P(T_x < T_1)$ .

**Solution.** (a) The curve  $\gamma$  disconnects 1 from  $\infty$  at time  $T_1$ . As  $\gamma$  starts at 0 and  $x \in [0, 1]$ , by topological reasons  $x$  also has to be disconnected from  $\infty$  at or before the time  $T_1$  – if this was not the case,  $\gamma$  should hug  $\mathbb{R}$  in a neighbourhood of  $x$  in a sense that for some  $0 \leq s < t \leq T_1$  we have  $x \in \gamma(s, t) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , which would imply  $H_u = H_s$  for  $u \in (s, t)$ , and consequently  $\partial_u g_u(z) = 0$  for  $u \in (s, t)$ , contradicting capacity parametrization. This shows that  $T_x \leq T_1$  almost surely.

(b) If  $t \geq T_x \wedge T_1$ , the event  $T_x < T_1$  is already contained in  $\mathcal{F}_t$ , hence we get

$$M_t | \{t \geq T_x \wedge T_1\} = P(T_x < T_1 | \mathcal{F}_t \cap \{t \geq T_x \wedge T_1\}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } T_x < T_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

which is just the indicator  $\mathbf{1}(T_x < T_1)$ . Next assume  $t < T_x \wedge T_1$ . By the domain Markov property and conformal invariance,  $s \mapsto g_t(\gamma_{t+s}) - W_t =: \gamma_s^t$  is an SLE( $\kappa$ ) curve independent of  $\mathcal{F}_t$ . When  $t < T_x \wedge T_1$ , the point  $x$  is swallowed before 1 by  $\gamma$  if and only if  $g_t(x) - W_t$  is swallowed before  $g_t(1) - W_t$  by  $\gamma^t$ . Writing  $T_z^t := \inf\{s \geq 0 : z \in K_s^t\}$  the swallowing time of  $z$  by  $\gamma^t$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_t | \{t < T_x \wedge T_1\} &= P(T_x < T_1 | \mathcal{F}_t \cap \{t < T_x \wedge T_1\}) \\ &= P(T_{g_t(x) - W_t}^t < T_{g_t(1) - W_t}^t | \mathcal{F}_t \cap \{t < T_x \wedge T_1\}). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma^t$  is independent of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  (and hence also of the event  $\{t < T_x \wedge T_1\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ ), we can drop the conditioning on the RHS:

$$M_t | \{t < T_x \wedge T_1\} = P(T_{g_t(x) - W_t}^t < T_{g_t(1) - W_t}^t).$$

By Brownian scaling of  $\text{SLE}(\kappa)$ , the curve  $\gamma'_s = (g_t(1) - W_t)^{-1} \gamma_{(g_t(1) - W_t)^2 s}^t$  is also  $\text{SLE}(\kappa)$  distributed. Writing  $T'_z := \inf\{s \geq 0 : z \in K'_s\}$  the swallowing time of  $z$  by  $\gamma'$  we have  $T'_z = (g_t(1) - W_t)^2 T_{(g_t(1) - W_t)^{-1} z}^t$ , so in particular  $T'_z < T'_w$  is equivalent with  $T_{(g_t(1) - W_t)^{-1} z}^t < T_{(g_t(1) - W_t)^{-1} w}^t$  for every  $z, w \in \overline{\mathbb{H}}$ . Applying this to the above equation yields

$$M_t | \{t < T_x \wedge T_1\} = P(T_{\frac{g_t(x) - W_t}{g_t(1) - W_t}} < T_1').$$

Finally, the random variables  $(T'_z)_{z \in \overline{\mathbb{H}}}$  have the same joint law as  $(T_z)_{z \in \overline{\mathbb{H}}}$ , so we can replace  $T'$  by  $T$  to get

$$M_t | \{t < T_x \wedge T_1\} = P(T_{\frac{g_t(x) - W_t}{g_t(1) - W_t}} < T_1) = F\left(\frac{g_t(x) - W_t}{g_t(1) - W_t}\right),$$

where

$$F(x) = P(T_x < T_1).$$

This finishes (b).

A stochastic process  $X_t$  satisfying the following stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$dX_t = \mu_t dt + \sigma_t dB_t$$

is a local martingale if and only if the finite variation part  $\mu_t$  is zero:  $\mu_t \equiv 0$ . If  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuously twice differentiable function, then by Ito's formula the process  $f(t, X_t)$  satisfies the following SDE:

$$(1) \quad df(t, X_t) = \left( \partial_1 + \mu_t \partial_2 + \frac{\sigma_t^2}{2} \partial_2^2 \right) f(t, X_t) dt + \frac{\sigma_t}{2} \partial_2 f(t, X_t) dB_t.$$

**Exercise 2.**

(a) Under the assumption  $F \in C^2([0, 1])$ , apply Equation (1) on  $F\left(\frac{g_t(x) - W_t}{g_t(1) - W_t}\right)$  to conclude that for  $M_t$  to be a local martingale,  $F$  should satisfy the differential equation

$$(2) \quad F'(x) \left( 2(x^{-1} - x) + \kappa(x - 1) \right) + \frac{\kappa}{2} F''(x) (x - 1)^2 = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1).$$

(b) Solve for  $F$ , and then (use the optional stopping theorem ( $\mathbb{E}[M_{T_x}] = \mathbb{E}[M_0]$ ) to) deduce that

$$P(T_x < T_1) = \frac{\int_x^1 (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}{\int_0^1 (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}.$$

(c) Show that  $P(T_{1/2} < T_1) = \frac{1}{2}$  if and only if  $\kappa = 6$ .

(d\*) Let  $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$  be the conformal map from the rhombus  $\Omega$  to the upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}$  such that when extended continuously on the boundary,  $\varphi$  satisfies

$$\varphi(p_1) = 0, \quad \varphi(p_3) = 1, \quad \varphi(p_4) = \infty.$$

Show that  $\varphi(p_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(e) Conclude that the only possible conformally invariant scaling limit for the critical percolation interface from Exercise 1 is  $\text{SLE}(6)$ . HINT: How does an LR-crossing crossing from Exercise 1 relate to  $P(T_x < T_1)$ ?

**Solution.** (a) Suppose that  $F \in C^2((0, 1))$ , and write  $\phi(s, u) = \frac{g_s(x) - u}{g_s(1) - u}$ , and  $f(s, u) = F(\phi(s, u))$ . By Equation (1)  $f(t, W_t)$  satisfies the following SDE:

$$df(t, W_t) = \left( \partial_1 + \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_2^2 \right) f(t, W_t) dt + \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_2 f(t, W_t) dB_t.$$

For  $M_t$  to be a martingale, the finite variation part of  $f(t, W_t)$  has to vanish, which happens if  $f$  satisfies the following PDE:

$$\left(\partial_1 + \frac{\kappa}{2}\partial_2^2\right)f(s, u) = 0.$$

By applying the chain rule to  $f(s, u) = F(\phi(s, u))$  we can write the above differential equation in terms of  $F$  and  $\phi$  as follows:

$$F'(\phi(s, u)) \left(\partial_s \phi(s, u) + \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_u^2 \phi(s, u)\right) + \frac{\kappa}{2} F''(\phi(s, u)) (\partial_u \phi(s, u))^2 = 0.$$

Calculate the following partial derivatives.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_s \phi(s, u) &= \frac{\frac{2}{g_s(x)-u} (g_s(1) - u) - (g_s(x) - u) \frac{2}{g_s(1)-u}}{(g_s(1) - u)^2} = \frac{2(\phi(s, u)^{-1} - \phi(s, u))}{(g_s(1) - u)^2} \\ \partial_u \phi(s, u) &= \frac{g_s(x) - g_s(1)}{(g_s(1) - u)^2} = \frac{g_s(x) - u + u - g_s(1)}{(g_s(1) - u)^2} = \frac{1}{(g_s(1) - u)} (\phi(s, u) - 1) \\ \partial_u^2 \phi(s, u) &= \frac{2(g_s(x) - u)}{(g_s(1) - u)^3} - \frac{2}{(g_s(1) - u)^2} = \frac{2}{(g_s(1) - u)^2} (\phi(s, u) - 1)\end{aligned}$$

Plugging in the partial derivatives from above yields that  $M_t$  on  $\{t < \min(T_x, T_1)\}$  is a local martingale on iff for all  $\phi \in (0, 1)$  one has

$$F'(\phi) \left(2 \frac{(\phi^{-1} - \phi)}{(g_t(1) - W_t)^2} + \frac{\kappa}{2} \frac{2}{(g_t(1) - W_t)^2} (\phi - 1)\right) + \frac{\kappa}{2} F''(\phi) \frac{1}{(g_t(1) - W_t)^2} (\phi - 1)^2 = 0.$$

which after multiplication by  $(g_t(1) - W_t)^2$  from both sides and rearranging becomes

$$-\frac{4}{\kappa} \left(\frac{\phi^{-1} - \phi}{(\phi - 1)^2} + \frac{\kappa}{2(\phi - 1)}\right) = \frac{F''(\phi)}{F'(\phi)} = \frac{d}{d\phi} \log(F'(\phi)).$$

Integrating with respect to  $\phi$  and exponentiating gives

$$F'(\phi) = C (1 - \phi)^{\frac{8}{\kappa-2}} \phi^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}},$$

which after another integration becomes

$$F(\phi) = C \int_{\phi}^1 (1 - u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du + B.$$

Applying our initial condition  $F(1) = 0$  yields that  $B = 0$  and further using  $F(0) = 1$  one has  $C = (\int_0^1 (1 - u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du^{-1})$ , which finally concludes that

$$F(\phi) = \frac{\int_{\phi}^1 (1 - u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}{\int_0^1 (1 - u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}.$$

This concludes (a).

(b) Note that we don't a priori know that the function  $F$  in the form of the martingale  $M_t$  is twice differentiable, so we need to work "backwards". Let  $\phi_t = \frac{g_t(x) - W_t}{g_t(1) - W_t}$ , and

$$\tilde{M}_t = \frac{\int_{\phi_t}^1 (1 - u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}{\int_0^1 (1 - u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}.$$

By the previous part,  $\tilde{M}_t$  is a martingale up to the stopping time  $T = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \phi_t \in \{0, 1\}\}$ . It is a fact that

$$\phi_T = 0 \iff T_x < T_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_T = 1 \iff T_x = T_1,$$

thus we get  $\tilde{M}_T = \mathbf{1}(T_x < T_1)$ . As  $\phi_0 = x$ , by optional stopping theorem we thus get

$$P(T_x < T_1) = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{M}_T] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{M}_0] = \frac{\int_x^1 (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}{\int_0^1 (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}.$$

(c) By the previous exercise, it suffices to show that  $F(1/2) = 1/2$ , which by the initial condition  $F(0) = 1$  is equivalent to showing  $F(1/2) = F(0) - F(1/2)$ , hence we are going to prove that

$$\frac{F(\frac{1}{2})}{F(0) - F(\frac{1}{2})} = 1 \quad \text{iff } \kappa = 6.$$

Observe that

$$\frac{F(\frac{1}{2})}{F(0) - F(\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{\int_{1/2}^1 (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}{\int_0^{1/2} (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du} = \frac{\int_0^{1/2} u^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} (1-u)^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du}{\int_0^{1/2} (1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}} du},$$

where in the last equality we made the change of variables  $u \mapsto 1-u$  to the top integral. To compare the integrand of the integrals, observe that for every  $u \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$  we have

$$\frac{u^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} (1-u)^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}}}{(1-u)^{\frac{8}{\kappa}-2} u^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}}} = \left( \frac{u}{1-u} \right)^{\frac{12}{\kappa}-2} \begin{cases} > 1, & \text{if } \frac{12}{\kappa} - 2 < 0, \\ = 1, & \text{if } \frac{12}{\kappa} - 2 = 0, \\ < 1, & \text{if } \frac{12}{\kappa} - 2 > 0. \end{cases}$$

From this we see that one of the integrands (hence the whole integral) is strictly greater than the other, unless  $\frac{12}{\kappa} - 2 = 0$ , which happens only for  $\kappa = 6$ . Since  $F(0) = 1$ , this implies that for only  $\kappa = 6$  we do get  $F(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(d\*) We give a complex analysis argument. Denote by  $\ell$  the vertical line connecting  $p_2$  and  $p_4$  in  $\Omega$  and let  $\Gamma_\ell: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be the reflections along  $\ell$ . This is an anticonformal map fixing  $\ell$ , hence  $\ell$  is the hyperbolic geodesic from  $p_2$  to  $p_4$  in  $\Omega$ . Since conformal maps preserve hyperbolic geodesics,  $\varphi(\ell)$  is the hyperbolic geodesic in  $\mathbb{H}$  from  $\varphi(p_2)$  to  $\varphi(p_4) = \infty$ , which is simply the vertical line  $L = \{\varphi(p_2) + iy \mid y > 0\}$ . The map  $\psi = \phi^{-1} \circ \Gamma_\ell \circ \phi$  is anticonformal and fixes all points in  $L$ , therefore  $\psi$  is the reflection of  $\mathbb{H}$  along  $L$ . Since we also have (after extending each map continuously to the boundary)

$$\psi(1) = \psi(\varphi(p_3)) = \varphi(\Gamma_\ell(p_3)) = \varphi(p_1) = 0,$$

we conclude that  $\varphi(p_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(e) By exercise (1(c)) we already know that if the scaling limit of the interface is conformally invariant it has to correspond to some SLE( $\kappa$ ), which we now denote by  $\gamma$ . Recall that in exercise (1(b)), we showed that the percolation admits a LR-crossing with probability 1/2 and occurs iff  $\gamma^\delta$  hits  $S_2$ . Therefore, in the limit as  $\delta \downarrow 0$ ,  $\gamma$  starts at  $p_1$ , hits  $S_2$  and terminates at  $p_4$  with probability 1/2. Using conformal invariance of SLE( $\kappa$ ) the probability of this event is the same as  $\gamma$  starting from 0, hitting between 1/2 and 1 and terminating at  $\infty$ . This event is given by  $\{T_{1/2} < T_1\}$ , which has probability 1/2 iff  $\kappa = 6$ . This finishes (e).

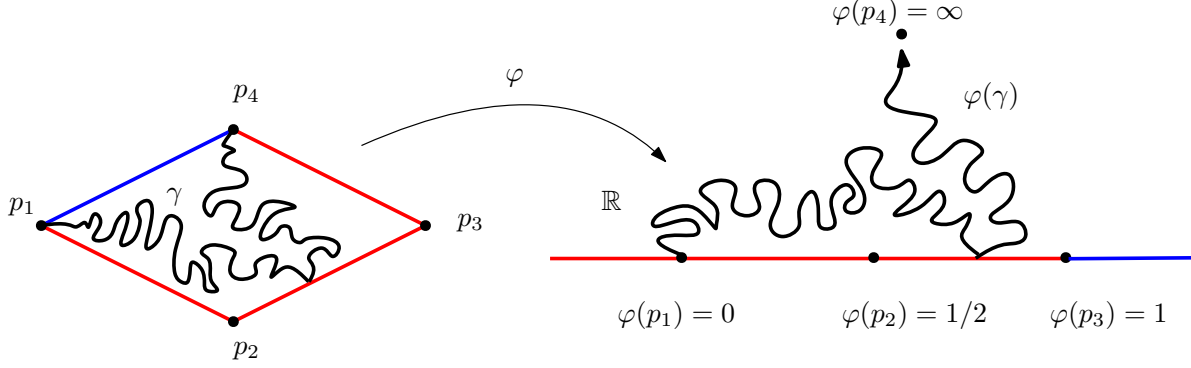


FIGURE 1. The event of percolation having an LR crossing on the left, while having the corresponding SLE event on the right.

The Verma module  $M_{c,h}$  of weight  $h$  and central charge  $c$  is the unique (up to isomorphism) highest weight module satisfying the following universality property: if  $V$  is another (non-zero) highest weight module of weight  $h$  and central charge  $c$ , then (unless  $V \cong M_{c,h}$ ) there exists a singular vector  $w \in M_{c,h}$  such that we have an isomorphism

$$V \cong M_{c,h}/(\mathfrak{Vir} w)$$

sending a highest weight vector of  $V$  to a highest weight vector of  $M_{c,h}$ .

**Physics postulate.** Suppose we have a family  $(\Phi_\iota(z))_{\iota \in I}$  of primary fields with conformal weights  $\Delta_\iota$ . Physics arguments show that each  $\Phi_\iota(z)$  is a highest weight vector of some irreducible Verma module  $V_{c,\Delta_\iota}$ . The Virasoro action on  $\Phi_\iota(z)$  manifests in the level of correlation functions as

$$(3) \quad \langle \Phi_{\iota_1}(z_1) \dots \Phi_{\iota_n}(z_n) \mathcal{L}_{-k}^m \Phi_\iota(z) \rangle = (L_{-k}^{(z)})^m \langle \Phi_{\iota_1}(z_1) \dots \Phi_{\iota_n}(z_n) \Phi_\iota(z) \rangle,$$

for  $\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n \in I$ , and  $k, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_{-k}^{(z)}$  is a first order differential operator given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{-k}^{(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{(k-1)}{(z_i - z)^k} \Delta_{\iota_i} - \frac{1}{(z_i - z)^{k-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \right).$$

**Exercise 3.** This is continuation of Exercises 2 and 3 from day 1. Let  $(\Phi_\iota(z))_{\iota \in I}$  be a family of primary fields with central charge  $c$  and conformal weights  $\Delta_\iota$ . Denote by  $V_{c,\Delta_\iota}$  the  $\mathfrak{Vir}$ -module generated by  $\Phi_\iota$ . Assume  $\Phi(z)$  is a primary field from the collection with conformal weight  $\Delta = h_-$ , where  $h_-$  is as in Exercise 3.

- Use Exercise 2 to show that the lowest level at which the Verma module  $M_{c,\Delta}$  has singular vectors is 2. Conclude that  $V_{c,\Delta} \cong M_{c,\Delta}/(\mathfrak{Vir} w_{c,\Delta})$ , where  $w_{c,\Delta}$  is the 2-level singular vector from Exercise 3.
- Assuming that the correlation function

$$F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n, z) = \langle \Phi_{\iota_1}(z_1) \dots \Phi_{\iota_n}(z_n) \Phi(z) \rangle$$

satisfies Equations (3), find a differential operator  $D$  expressed in terms of  $\mathcal{L}_{-k}^{(z)}$  such that the following differential equation is satisfied:

$$(4) \quad DF_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n, z) = 0.$$

*Hint: note that  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  is a linear operator.*

(c) Assuming translation invariance, i.e.

$$F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1 + \lambda, \dots, z_n + \lambda, z + \lambda) = F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n, z),$$

show that equation (4) becomes the following BPZ equation:

$$(5) \quad \left[ -\frac{3}{2(2\Delta + 1)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} - \frac{\Delta_{\iota_i}}{(z_i - z)^2} \right) \right] F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n, z) = 0.$$

(d) Consider the parameterization  $c = \frac{(3\kappa-8)(6-\kappa)}{2\kappa}$  from Exercise 3(c). Assuming  $\Delta_{\iota_i} = h_- = \frac{6-\kappa}{2\kappa}$  for every  $i$ , write down the BPZ-equation (5) in terms of  $\kappa$ .

**Solution.** (a) Since  $\Delta \neq 0$ , there are no 1-level singular vectors in  $M_{c,\Delta}$ , while  $w_{c,\Delta} = (L_{-2} + a_- L_{-1}^2)v_{c,\Delta}$  is the unique singular level vector of level 2 in  $M_{c,\Delta}$ . This shows the first claim. Since  $M_{c,\Delta}$  contains a 2-level singular vector, it is not irreducible, so in particular  $V_{c,\Delta} \neq M_{c,\Delta}$ . By the universality property of Verma modules, there thus exists a singular vector  $w \in M_{c,\Delta}$  such that  $J_{c,\Delta} \cong M_{c,\Delta}/(\mathfrak{Vir} w)$ . Since singular vectors of highest-weight modules generate non-trivial ideals, irreducibility of  $J_{c,\Delta}$  implies  $w_{c,\Delta} \in \mathfrak{Vir} w$ , and since  $w_{c,\Delta}$  is the lowest level singular vector of  $M_{c,\Delta}$ , we get  $w = w_{c,\Delta}$ , proving the second claim.

(b) Under the isomorphism  $V_{c,\Delta} \cong M_{c,\Delta}/(\mathfrak{Vir} w_{c,\Delta})$  we identify  $\Phi(z) \cong v_{c,\Delta}$ , thus we get

$$(L_{-2} + a_- L_{-1}^2)\Phi(z) \cong (L_{-2} + a_- L_{-1}^2)v_{c,\Delta} = w_{c,\Delta} \in \mathfrak{Vir} w_{c,\Delta},$$

therefore  $(L_{-2} + a_- L_{-1}^2)\Phi(z) = 0$ . By linearity of  $\langle \cdot \rangle$ , we thus get

$$0 = \langle 0 \rangle = \langle \Phi_{\iota_1}(z) \dots \Phi_{\iota_n}(z)(L_{-2} + a_- L_{-1}^2)\Phi(z) \rangle = (\mathcal{L}_{-2}^{(z)} + a_- (\mathcal{L}_{-1}^{-1})^2) \langle \Phi_{\iota_1}(z) \dots \Phi_{\iota_n}(z)\Phi(z) \rangle.$$

The differential operator  $D = \mathcal{L}_{-2}^{(z)} + a_- (\mathcal{L}_{-1}^{-1})^2$  thus satisfies (4). Recalling that  $a_- = -\frac{3}{2(2h_-+1)}$  and  $\Delta = h_-$ , using explicit formulas for  $\mathcal{L}_{-k}$  we can write

$$D = -\frac{3}{2(2h_{1,2}+1)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} - \frac{\Delta_{\iota_i}}{(z_i - z)^2} \right)$$

(c) Differentiating the translation invariance equation w.r.t.  $\lambda$  and evaluating at  $\lambda = 0$  yields

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n, z) = 0,$$

hence when acting on  $F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Doing this substitution to the equation in previous parts gives (5).

(d) Using the parametrization we get the following second order PDE:

$$\left[ \frac{\kappa}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} - \frac{2\Delta_{\iota_i}}{(z_i - z)^2} \right) \right] F_{\iota_1, \dots, \iota_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n, z) = 0,$$

and this finishes the exercise. Note that this is the equation for the drift terms in the drivers of interacting SLEs.