

# *Vortices and string/gauge theory correspondence*

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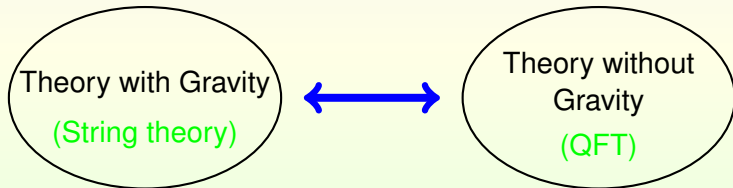
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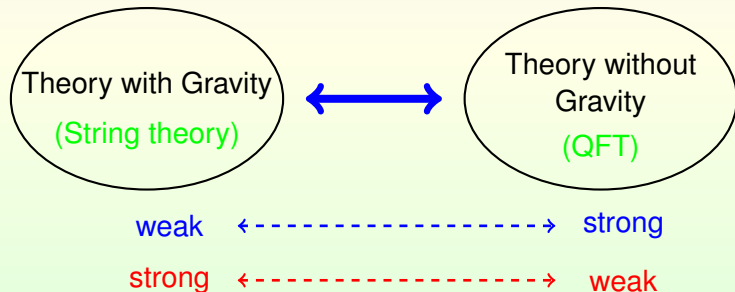
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- The energy-momentum tensor is:

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial_\beta X_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \partial^\rho X^\sigma \partial_\rho X_\sigma = 0.$$

- The conservation conditions

$$\partial^\alpha T_{\alpha\beta} = 0, \quad T^\alpha{}_\alpha = 0.$$

Define  $\Theta(z) = T^{00} + T^{01}$  and  $\bar{\Theta}(\bar{z}) = T^{00} - T^{01}$ . The algebra closed by  $\Theta(z)$  is the so-called **Virasoro algebra**

$$[L_n, L_m] = (n-m)L_{n+m} + \frac{c}{12} n(n^2-1)\delta_{n+m,0}, \quad \Theta(z) = \sum_n \frac{L_n}{z^{n+2}}.$$

- Requiring above symmetries of the  $\sigma$ -model string action, one ends up with the conditions ensuring the vanishing of the corresponding  $\beta$ -functions:

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The effective 10d action from closed strings

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^{10} X \sqrt{|G|} e^{-2\Phi} \left( R + 4(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} H^2 \right)$$

- ✓ should be understood as a universal one, i.e. any superstring background must satisfy the above equations
- ✓ the equations of motion following from this action coincide with the conditions ensuring vanishing of the  $\beta$ -functions.

# Open strings

- ▶ adding open string sector

In the case of boundaries of the world sheet one can write the action as

$$S = \frac{1}{1\pi\alpha'} \left( \int_{\Sigma} d^2\sigma \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\alpha} X_{\mu} \partial^{\alpha} X^{\mu} + \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} B_{\mu\nu} \partial_{\alpha} X^{\mu} \partial_{\beta} X^{\nu}) + \int_{\partial\Sigma} d\sigma^1 A_{\mu} \partial_1 X^{\mu} \right)$$

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- ▶ boundary conditions:

$$(\mathbf{NN}) : \partial_{\sigma} X|_{\sigma=0,\pi} = 0 \implies$$

$$X(\tau, \sigma) = q + 2\alpha' p\tau + i\sqrt{2\alpha'} \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{n} \cos n\sigma e^{-in\tau}$$

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- ▶ expanding the above action we get model dependent terms

$$S_{open}^{II} = -\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^{10}x \sum_p \frac{1}{2(p+2)!} F_{p+2}^2,$$

where  $F_{p+2}$  is the field strength of a  $p+1$  form gauge field. The couplings  $A_\mu$  get promoted to gauge fields on the subspace where string endpoints live.

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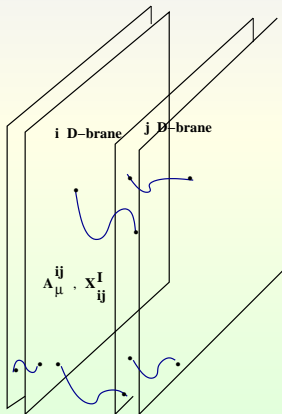


Figure: The degrees of freedom  $N$  parallel D-branes.

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## Effective open string action sources

To complete this discussion we list the various sources that arise in string theory in Table 1.

type	form	electric source	magnetic source
IIA	$F_{[2]}$	D0	D6
IIA	$F_{[4]}$	D2	D4
IIB	$F_{[1]}$	D(-1)	D7
IIB	$F_{[3]}$	D1	D5
IIB	$F_{[5]}$	D3	D3

**Table:** Field strengths and sources in type II strings

The main conclusion one can draw is that the  $(p + 1)$ -dimensional world-volume serves as source of  $(p + 2)$ -form field  $F_{[p+2]}$ .

## Gauge theories on Dp brane

$$S_{Dp} = S_{DBI} + S_{WZ} ,$$

$$S_{DBI} = -T_p \int_{Dp} d^{p+1}\xi \text{STr} \sqrt{-\det (\mathcal{P}_{ab}[G_{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu}] + 2\pi\alpha' F_{ab})} ,$$

$$S_{WZ} = T_p \int_{Dp} \sum_i \text{STr} \mathcal{P}[C_{(i)}] \wedge e^{\mathcal{P}[B] + 2\pi\alpha' F} ,$$

where  $T_p$  is the brane tension.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{g_S (2\pi)^p \alpha'^{(p+1)/2}} .$$

The pull-back of the background metric  $G_{\mu\nu}$  and Kalb-Ramond-field  $B_{\mu\nu}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{P}$ .  $\text{STr}$  is the symmetrized trace.

One can expand the brane action and obtain the leading contribution

$$S = T_p \int d^{p+1}\xi \sqrt{g} e^{-\phi} (2\pi\alpha')^2 \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right) + T_p \int \sum_r C^{(r)} \wedge \text{tr} e^{2\pi\alpha' F} + \dots, \quad (1)$$

where we have not written terms involving fermions and scalars. This action is the sum of

- ▶ a Yang-Mills term,
- ▶ a Wess-Zumino term,
- ▶ an infinite number of corrections at higher orders in  $\alpha'$  indicated by  $\dots$  in (1)

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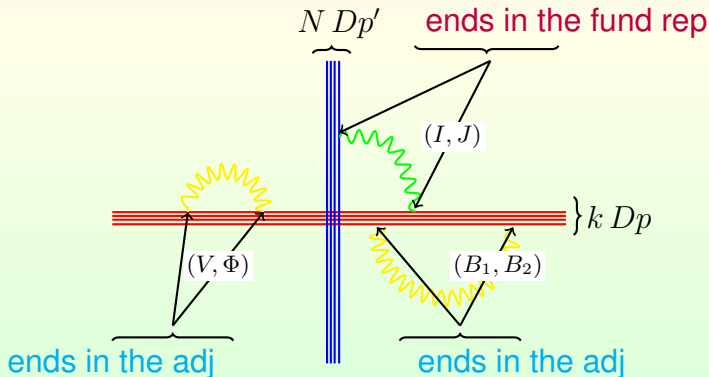
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The solution for the  $D3$  branes can be obtained under simple assumptions of Lorentz invariance, rotational symmetry in the transverse space and supersymmetry. It arises from solving the combined system

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int_M d^{10} \mathcal{L}_{(10)} + \int_{\Sigma} d^4 z \mathcal{L}_{D3} + S_{int}. \quad (2)$$

The explicit form of the  $D3$ -brane solution is

$$D3\text{-brane} = \begin{cases} ds^2 = H^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx_{(4)}^2 + H^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( dy^2 + y^2 d\Omega_{(5)}^2 \right), \\ H(y) = 1 + \left( \frac{R}{y} \right)^4, \\ F_{(5)} = d^4 x \wedge dH^{-1} + \star d^4 x \wedge dH^{-1}, \\ e^{\Phi} = g_s, \quad R^4 = 4\pi g_s N_c (\alpha')^2. \end{cases}$$

We note that all the elementary brane solutions for small  $y$  have the warp factor which on the near horizon limit determines the geometry of the background.

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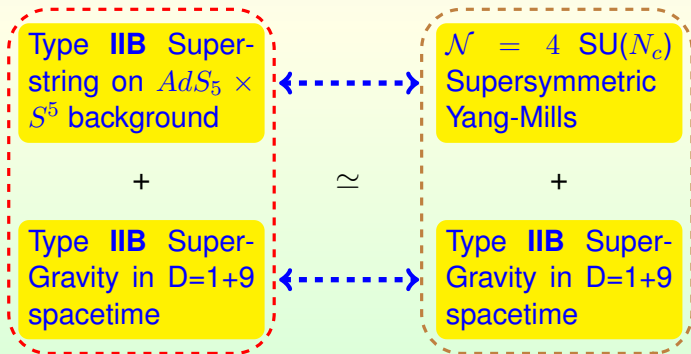
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- Consistent *Abelization* ansatz in bottom-up approach to ABJM  $\Rightarrow$  Abelian vortices and Toda system<sup>1</sup>.

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**The Lagrangian density.** We give below the lagrangian in 6d. The other cases can be obtained by trivial dimensional reduction<sup>2</sup>.

$$\mathcal{L}_{6d} = \text{tr} \left[ -\frac{1}{2g^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + D^\mu H^i (D_\mu H^i)^\dagger \right] - V, \quad (3)$$

where (we include the covariant derivative for eventual scalars  $\phi^r$  coming from the dimensional reduction)

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu \phi^r &= \partial_\mu \phi^r + i[A_\mu, \phi^r], & D_\mu H &= (\partial_\mu + iA_\mu)H, \\ F_{\mu\nu} &= -i[D_\mu, D_\nu]. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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The potential  $V$  is given by

$$V = \frac{g^2}{4} \text{tr} \left[ (H^1 H^{1\dagger} - H^2 H^{2\dagger} - c\mathbf{1})^2 + 4H^2 H^{1\dagger} H^1 H^{2\dagger} \right]. \quad (5)$$

- Dimensional reduction  $\Rightarrow$  additional terms:

$$\frac{1}{2g^2} [\phi^r, \phi^s]^2 + (H^2 H^{2\dagger} + H^1 H^{1\dagger}) \phi^r \phi^r. \quad (6)$$

The triplet of Fayet-Iliopoulos parameters is chosen to the third direction:  $(0, 0, c)$ .

- The SUSY requires vanishing of the vacuum energy. This means that the following equations must be satisfied

$$H^1 H^{1\dagger} - H^2 H^{2\dagger} = c\mathbf{1} \quad (7)$$

$$H^2 H^{1\dagger} = 0. \quad (8)$$

The additional terms coming from the dimensional reduction force  $\phi^r = 0$ ,  $r = 1, 2, 3$ .

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## Symmetries:

- ▶ Gauge symmetry:  $U(N_C)$
- ▶ Flavor symmetry:  $SU(N_F)$ .

The Higgs fields:  $H^1$  transforms as  $(\mathbf{N}, \bar{\mathbf{N}})$  while  $H^2$  transforms as  $(\bar{\mathbf{N}}, \mathbf{N})$ . The explicit matrix structure of these field is as follows:

$$H^1 \equiv H^1_a, \quad H^2 \equiv H^2_i, \quad a = 1, \dots, N_C, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_F$$

where  $a$  are  $U(N_C)$  index and  $i$  is  $SU(N_F)$  index.

*In either dimension, the vacuum is the so-called color-flavor locking phase, i.e. the ground state develop a gap.* This phase is characterized by

$$H^1 = \sqrt{c} \mathbf{1}_N, \quad \& \quad H^2 = 0. \quad (9)$$

In this phase the symmetry is broken

$$U(N_C) \times SU(N_F) \xrightarrow{c>0} SU(N)_{(C+F)}. \quad (10)$$

The symmetry is further broken by the presence of vortex:

$$SU(N)_{(C+F)} \xrightarrow{\text{vortex}} U(1)^N.$$

**Vortex equations.** To obtain the vortex equations we use the Bogomol'nyi completion trick. Namely, we write that energy (hamiltonian density) as complete square

$$\mathcal{E} = \text{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{g^2} (B_3 + \frac{g^2}{2} (c\mathbf{1}_N - HH^\dagger))^2 + (D_1H + iD_2H) \cdot (D_1H + iD_2H)^\dagger \right] + \text{tr} \left[ -cB_3 + 2i\partial_{[1} HD_{2]}H^\dagger \right], \quad (11)$$

where we set  $H^1 = H$ ,  $F_{12} = B_3$  is the third component of the magnetic field. All others are vanishing in order to satisfy the vacuum conditions.

We conclude that the Bogomol'nyi bound is saturated iff

$$D_1H + iD_2H = 0, \quad (12)$$

$$F_{12} = \frac{g^2}{2} (HH^\dagger - c\mathbf{1}_N). \quad (13)$$

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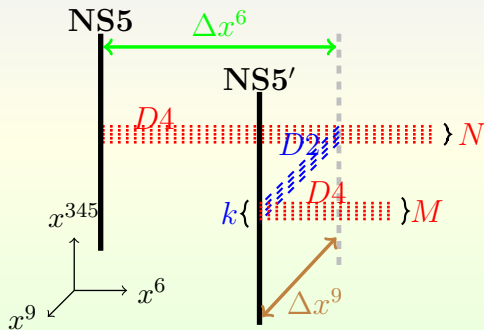
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the gauge coupling  $g$ :  $g = \frac{\Delta x^6 l_s}{2g_s}$ ; FI parameter:  $(c =) v^2 = \frac{\Delta x^9}{(2\pi)^3 g_s l_s^3}$

**Figure:** The brane construction of non-abelian vortices and the corresponding parameters (Hanany-Tong, Tong).

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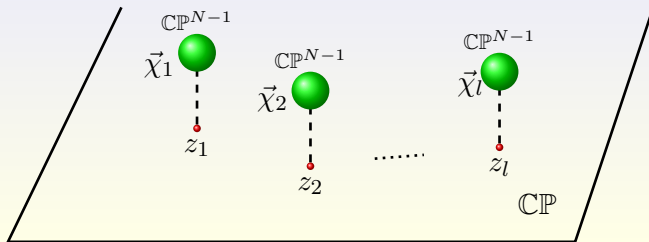


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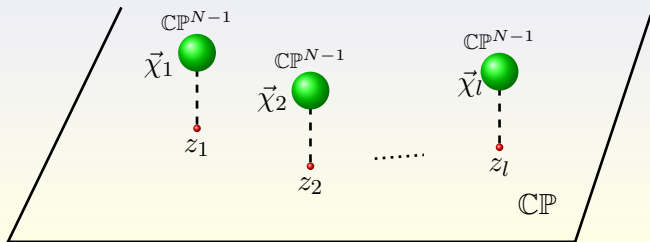


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In the case of arbitrary  $k$  the moduli space is more complicated. For instance in the case of  $N_C = N_F$

$$\mathcal{M}_{N,k} = \frac{\{H_0(z) \mid H_0(z) \in M_N, \deg(\det(H_0)) = k\}}{\{V(z) \mid \tilde{V}(z) \in M_N, \det \tilde{V}(z) = 1\}}, \quad (15)$$

where  $M_N = N \times N$  are matrices of polynomials of  $z$ :

- One can start with the moduli space of instantons which can be described by the following quotient

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{k,N} &= \{(B, I) \mid [B, B^\dagger] + II^\dagger = \zeta \mathbf{1}\} / U(k) \\ &= \{(B_{\mathbb{C}}, I_{\mathbb{C}})\} / GL(k; \mathbb{C}), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

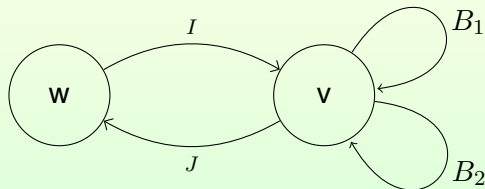
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( $I = (I_{k_1}, I_{k_2}, \dots, I_{k_N})$ ) (each  $I_{k_i}$  is a  $k$ -column).

- Where and how ( $B_{\mathbb{C}}, I_{\mathbb{C}}$ ) act  $\Rightarrow$

$$B_{\mathbb{C}} \in \text{Hom}(V, V); \quad B_{\mathbb{C}} : V \longrightarrow V \quad (\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V = k); \quad (17)$$

$$I_{\mathbb{C}} \in \text{Hom}(W, V); \quad I_{\mathbb{C}} : W \longrightarrow V \quad (\dim_{\mathbb{C}} W = N). \quad (18)$$



The ADHM construction uses the following data:

- ▶ complex vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  of dim  $k$  and  $N$ ,
- ▶  $k \times k$  complex matrices  $B_1, B_2$ , a  $k \times N$  complex matrix  $I$  and a  $N \times k$  complex matrix  $J$ ,
- ▶ a real moment map
$$\mu_r = [B_1, B_1^\dagger] + [B_2, B_2^\dagger] + II^\dagger - J^\dagger J,$$
- ▶ a complex moment map  $\mu_c = [B_1, B_2] + IJ$ .
- ▶ Given  $B_1, B_2, I, J$  such that  $\mu_r = \mu_c = \zeta \mathbf{1}$ , an anti-self-dual instanton in a  $SU(N)$  gauge theory with instanton number  $k$  can be constructed,
- ▶ All anti-self-dual instantons can be obtained in this way and are in one-to-one correspondence with solutions up to a  $U(k)$  rotation which acts on each  $B_i$  in the adjoint representation and on  $I$  and  $J$  via the fundamental and antifundamental representations
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**Vortices:** Setting  $B_2$  and  $J$  to zero, one obtains the classical moduli space of nonabelian vortices in a supersymmetric gauge theory with an equal number of colors and flavors. The Fayet-Iliopoulos term, which determines a squark condensate, plays the role of the noncommutativity parameter in the real moment map.

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The setup:

- ▶  $\phi$  is a complex smooth scalar field on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  ( $\equiv H^1$  above).
- ▶  $A_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  is a smooth real vector field.

We assume that the above two fields satisfy

$$D_{\pm}\phi := (\partial_1 \pm i\partial_2)\phi - i(A_1 \pm iA_2)\phi = 0.$$

For  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^2$  smooth and real, we have the invariance

$$\phi \rightarrow e^{\omega}\phi; \quad A_i \rightarrow A_i + \partial_i\omega,$$

- ▶ We assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is specified according to the Coulomb gauge, i.e. it is divergence-free

$$\partial_1 A_1 + \partial_2 A_2 = 0. \quad (19)$$

- ▶ We choose a real function,  $\xi$ , satisfying

$$\nabla\xi = \pm(-A_2, A_1), \quad (20)$$

$$\psi := e^{-\xi}\phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\partial_1 \pm i\partial_2)\psi = 0. \quad (21)$$

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The matrix  $\mathbf{H}_0(z, \bar{z})$  is called *moduli matrix*.

It is convenient to introduce a matrix  $\Omega(z, \bar{z})$  as

$$\Omega(z, \bar{z}) := S(z, \bar{z})S^\dagger(z, \bar{z}). \quad (24)$$

In terms of  $\Omega(z, \bar{z})$  (13) takes the form

$$\partial_z(\Omega^{-1}\partial_{\bar{z}}\Omega) = \frac{g^2}{2}(c\mathbf{1}_{N_c} - \Omega^{-1}H_0H_0^\dagger). \quad (25)$$



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• In the abelian case  $\phi(z)$  defines the Higgs (matter) sector. To make connection with Liouville theory let us define

$$\rho := \log |\phi|^2, \quad \& \text{ set of zeroes } \{z_1, \dots, z_N\}. \quad (34)$$

Then the field  $\phi(z)$  takes the form familiar from Liouville theory

$$\phi(z) = e^{\frac{1}{2}\rho(z) \pm i \sum_{j=1}^N \varphi_j}. \quad (35)$$

The equations (32) in terms of  $\rho$  are

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• **Non-abelian case:** Consider non-abelian Higgs-CS theory defined with the combined lagrangians

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \phi) &= k\mathcal{L}_{CS} + \text{tr} \left[ D_a \phi (D^a \phi)^\dagger \right] - V \\ \mathcal{A}_{CS} &= \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha}}{2} \text{tr} \left( A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\alpha + \frac{2}{3} A_\mu A_\nu A_\alpha \right) \\ V &= \frac{1}{k^2} \left| [[\phi, \phi^\dagger], \phi] - v^2 \phi \right|^2.\end{aligned}\quad (42)$$

Expanding explicitly on the generators of the gauge group,  $\phi = \phi^a E_a$  we find

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \frac{1}{k^2} \left| \phi^a (v^2 - C_{ba} |\phi^b|^2) \right|^2, \quad D_a D^a \phi = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi^\dagger} \\ \frac{k}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} &= -i J^\mu, \quad J^\mu = i \left( [D^\mu \phi, \phi^\dagger] - [\phi, (D^\mu \phi)^\dagger] \right).\end{aligned}$$

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where  $T_a$ : the generators of the gauge group,  $E_a$ : the simple roots generators,  $A_\alpha^a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\phi^a \in \mathbb{C}$ , a set of zeroes of  $\phi$ ,  $\{z_1, \dots, z_{N_a}\}$  where  $N_a \in \mathbb{N}$ . For the non-abelian generalization:

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