

Conserved currents of double field theory

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Introduction and outline

- ▶ Look for conserved currents in DFT associated to invariance under generalised diffeomorphisms
- ▶ Define conserved charges - study for solutions
- ▶ This talk:
 - ▶ Derivation of conserved current
 - ▶ Application to F1/pp-wave in DFT
 - ▶ Electric dual to 5_2^2
 - ▶ RR fields
 - ▶ Conclusions and discussion

Reminder of Noether's theorem: global

- ▶ Consider Lagrangian $L(\phi_A, \partial_i \phi_A)$, global symmetry $\delta L = \partial_i f^i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\delta S &= \int \left(\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_A} - \partial_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_i \phi_A)} \right) \delta \phi_A + \partial_i \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_i \phi_A)} \delta \phi_A \right) \right) \\ &= \int \partial_i f^i.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Hence on shell the current

$$J_1^i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_i \phi_A)} \delta \phi_A - f^i$$

is conserved.

Reminder of Noether's theorem: local

- ▶ Now assume local symmetry, then $\delta\phi_A$ contains derivatives of the symmetry parameters ξ^I . Integration by parts implies

$$0 = \int \left(\xi^I D_I \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} + \partial_i J^i \right),$$

where D_I represent some specific derivative operators acting on the equations of motion.

- ▶ Terms proportional to ξ^I give Bianchi identities.
- ▶ Rest gives off-shell conserved current, $\partial_i J^i = 0$. ($J^i = \partial_j J^{ij}$ with J^{ij} antisymmetric.)
- ▶ In GR,

$$J^i = \sqrt{|g|} \nabla_j J^{ij} \quad , \quad J^{ij} = 2 \nabla^{[i} \xi^{j]}.$$

Defines charges

$$Q = \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_i J^i = \int_{\partial\Sigma} d\Sigma_{ij} 2 \nabla^j \xi^i.$$

DFT

- ▶ DFT generalised metric \mathcal{H}_{MN} , dilaton d , $O(D, D)$ structure η_{MN} , projectors

$$P_M^N = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_M^N - S_M^N) \quad , \quad \bar{P}_M^N = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_M^N + S_M^N) \quad ,$$

with $S_M^N \equiv \mathcal{H}_{MP} \eta^{PN} = \eta_{MP} \mathcal{H}^{PN}$.

- ▶ Connection Γ_{MN}^P with covariant derivative ∇_M , annihilates \mathcal{H}_{MN} , η_{MN} , d , vanishing generalised torsion (Levi-Civita-like). Either semi-covariant or contains undetermined components - no ambiguities when appropriately projected. [Jeon, Lee, Park; Hohm, Zwiebach](#)
- ▶ Generalised Ricci tensor \mathcal{R}_{MN} of this connection gives the equations of motion of \mathcal{H}_{MN} , equation of motion of d is the generalised Ricci scalar \mathcal{R} .

The DFT action

- ▶ These eom are derived from an action [Hohm, Hull, Zwiebach](#)

$$S_{DFT} = \int dx d\tilde{x} e^{-2d} \mathcal{R},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} = & \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_M \mathcal{H}^{PQ} \partial_N \mathcal{H}_{PQ} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_M \mathcal{H}^{PQ} \partial_P \mathcal{H}_{QN} \\ & + 4 \partial_M \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_N d - 4 \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_M d \partial_N d \\ & - \partial_M \partial_N \mathcal{H}^{MN} + 4 \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_M \partial_N d. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Local symmetry: generalised diffeomorphisms on vector weight w

$$\delta_\xi V^M = \xi^N \partial_N V^M - V^N \partial_N \xi^M + \eta^{MN} \eta_{PQ} \partial_N \xi^P V^Q + w \partial_N \xi^N V^M.$$

Variation of the action

- ▶ Expect

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_\xi S_{DFT} &\equiv \int \partial_M (\xi^M e^{-2d} \mathcal{R}) \\ &= \int \delta_\xi (e^{-2d} \mathcal{R}) .\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Varying the Lagrangian density explicitly and integrating by parts we obtain an identity

$$0 = \int \xi^M e^{-2d} \mathcal{Z}_M + \int \partial_M J^M .$$

- ▶ The Bianchi identities come out as

$$\mathcal{Z}_P \equiv -P_P^Q \nabla_Q \mathcal{R} + 4\bar{P}^{MN} \nabla_M \mathcal{R}_{NP} - \bar{P}_P^Q \nabla_Q \mathcal{R} - 4P^{MN} \nabla_M \mathcal{R}_{NP} = 0 ,$$

agrees with [Siegel](#); [Kwak](#); [Hohm](#), [Zwiebach](#).

The current

- ▶ The current is

$$J^M = \nabla_N J^{MN} - 2\nabla_N \left(\eta^{MN} e^{-2d} S_P^Q \nabla_Q \xi^P \right),$$

where J^{MN} is antisymmetric

$$J^{MN} \equiv 4e^{-2d} \nabla_Q \xi^P \left(P_P^{[M} \bar{P}^{N]Q} - \bar{P}_P^{[M} P^{N]Q} \right).$$

- ▶ If we expand the covariant derivatives,

$$J^M = \partial_N J^{MN} + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{MN} \partial_N \mathcal{H}_{PK} S_L^P J^{KL} - 2\eta^{MN} e^{-2d} \partial_N (\partial_Q - 2\partial_Q d) \left(S_P^Q \xi^P \right).$$

Manifestly conserved off-shell (using section), $\partial_M J^M = 0$.

The current

- ▶ Note the general form

$$J^M = \partial_N J^{MN} + \phi \eta^{MN} \partial_N \phi' .$$

- ▶ Solving section condition

$$\partial_M J^M = \partial_i J^i \quad , \quad J^i = \partial_j J^{ij} ,$$

“section condition terms” modify J_i - no physical relevance of these components?

- ▶ Define charge by integrating over spatial hypersurface of physical section

$$Q \sim \int_{\Sigma_{D-1}} J^t .$$

The current and generalised Killing vectors

- ▶ For a generalised Killing vector $\delta_\xi \mathcal{H}_{MN} = 0, \delta_\xi d = 0$, the current simplifies to

$$J^M = -4\xi^P \mathcal{H}^{MN} \mathcal{R}_{NP}.$$

- ▶ Zero on-shell (in absence of sources)
- ▶ This is expected, need to add boundary terms [Berman, Musaev, Perry](#), see further discussions in [Park, Rey, Rim, Sakatani; Naseer](#)

Evaluating the current

- ▶ Solve the strong constraint so that $\partial_M J^M = \partial_i J^i = 0$. Usual parametrisation of metric and dilaton gives

$$J^i = \partial_j \left(\sqrt{|g|} e^{-2\phi} [\nabla^j \xi^i - \nabla^i \xi^j - (\lambda_k + \xi^p B_{pk}) H^{ijk}] \right) .$$

- ▶ $\partial_j \left(\sqrt{|g|} e^{-2\phi} [\nabla^j \xi^i - \nabla^i \xi^j] \right)$: usual current associated to diffeos in GR.
 - ▶ $-\partial_j \left(\sqrt{|g|} e^{-2\phi} \lambda_k H^{ijk} \right)$: electric current associated to gauge invariance.
- ▶ Of course, could calculate J^i directly in SUGRA. In DFT have access to: different parametrisations e.g. β -supergravity (talk by [Andriot](#)), non-geometric backgrounds, generalised Scherk-Schwarz, new interpretation of charges associated to gauge parameters.

The fundamental string in DFT

- ▶ Fundamental string appears in DFT as a generalised pp-wave. [Berkeley, Berman, Rudolph](#)
- ▶ Doubled coordinates $X^M = (t, z, y^\mu, \tilde{t}, \tilde{z}, \tilde{y}_\mu)$, with $\mu = 1, \dots, D - 2$. Generalised line element:

$$ds^2 = (H - 2)(dt^2 - dz^2) + 2(H - 1)(dtd\tilde{z} + d\tilde{t}dz) - H(d\tilde{t}^2 - d\tilde{z}^2) + \delta_{\mu\nu} dy^\mu dy^\nu + \delta^{\mu\nu} d\tilde{y}_\mu d\tilde{y}_\nu,$$

with $H = 1 + \frac{h}{r^{D-4}}$, $r = \sqrt{\delta_{\mu\nu} y^\mu y^\nu}$. Take $e^{-2d} = 1$.

The fundamental string: section choices

- ▶ Section choice: (t, z, y^μ) gives F1

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= -H^{-1} dt^2 + H^{-1} dz^2 + \delta_{\mu\nu} dy^\mu dy^\nu \\ B &= (1 - H^{-1}) dt \wedge dz \\ e^{-2\phi} &= H. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Section choice: (t, \tilde{z}, y^μ) gives pp-wave:

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= -(2 - H) dt^2 + 2(H - 1) dt d\tilde{z} + H d\tilde{z}^2 + \delta_{\mu\nu} dy^\mu dy^\nu, \\ B &= 0, \\ e^{-2\phi} &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Related by Buscher $z \leftrightarrow \tilde{z}$.

The fundamental string: current

- ▶ Assume isometry $\partial_t = \partial_z = 0$ (to compare with pp).
- ▶ In the F1 frame, we evaluate

$$J^t = \partial_\mu (\partial^\mu \xi^t - \partial^\mu H(\xi^t + \lambda_z)) .$$

If we specialise to the case where the gauge parameters are constant then

$$J^t = -(\xi^t + \lambda_z) \partial_\mu \partial^\mu H .$$

- ▶ $\partial_\mu \partial^\mu H \sim \delta(r)$ so when integrated this gives a non-zero charge.

The fundamental string: charge

- ▶ Take $D = 10$ here. Define

$$Q = \frac{e^{2\phi_0}}{16\pi G_N^{(10)}} \int_{\Sigma_9} J^t.$$

(Here $G_N^{(10)} = 8\pi^6 l_s^8 e^{2\phi_0}$, in DFT should have $e^{d_0} = e^{\phi_0}$, assumptions on asymptotics.)

- ▶ For the F1, we obtain

$$Q = (\xi^t + \lambda_z) \frac{R_z}{l_s^2}.$$

- ▶ Associated to (generalised) Killing vectors:
 - ▶ $\xi = \partial_t$, $\xi^t = 1$, $\lambda_z = 0$, **mass**
 - ▶ $\xi = \partial^z$, $\xi^t = 0$, $\lambda_z = 1$, **momentum in dual direction / winding charge**

The pp wave: charge

- ▶ Using $R_{\bar{z}} = l_s^2/R_z$, or calculating carefully in the pp-wave frame, find there

$$Q = (\xi^t + \xi^{\bar{z}}) \frac{1}{R_{\bar{z}}},$$

as expected for a KK state.

- ▶ T-duality gives $\xi^{\bar{z}} = \lambda_z$.

Electric vs magnetic

- ▶ F1 charged electrically under B_2 , pp-wave under $A_1^{(1)}$ (KK vector).
- ▶ NS5 charged magnetically under B_2 , KKM under $A_1^{(1)}$, exotic 5_2^2 under $\beta^{(2)}$ (bivector).
- ▶ Is there a solution charged electrically under the bivector?
[Bergshoeff, Ortin, Riccioni](#)
- ▶ An aside: note that we measure magnetic charge using generalised flux [Ellwood](#); [many others](#)

$$Q_m = \int_{\Sigma_3} f_{MNP} dX^M \wedge dX^N \wedge dX^P,$$

with $f_{MNP} = 3E_{\alpha[M} \partial_N E^{\alpha}_{P]}$ (generalised fluxes/generalised torsion of Weitzenböck connection).

- ▶ Gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int H_{ijk} dX^i dX^j dX^k &\rightarrow \int T_{ij}{}^k dX^i dX^j d\tilde{X}_k \\ &\rightarrow \int Q_i{}^{jk} dX^i d\tilde{X}_j d\tilde{X}_k \rightarrow \int R^{ijk} d\tilde{X}_i d\tilde{X}_j d\tilde{X}_k. \end{aligned}$$

Electric dual to 5_2^2

- ▶ Pick $(\tilde{t}, \tilde{z}, y^\mu)$ section

$$ds^2 = -\frac{1}{2-H} d\tilde{t}^2 + \frac{1}{2-H} d\tilde{z}^2 + \delta_{\mu\nu} dy^\mu dy^\nu,$$

$$B = \frac{H-1}{2-H} d\tilde{t} \wedge d\tilde{z},$$

$$e^{-2\phi} = |2-H|.$$

The metric, B -field and its field strength are now singular at $r = h^{1/(D-4)}$.

- ▶ Alternatively express using metric and bivector ([Sakatani](#))

$$ds^2 = -H d\tilde{t}^2 + H d\tilde{z}^2 + \delta_{\mu\nu} dy^\mu dy^\nu,$$

$$\beta = (1 - H^{-1}) \partial_{\tilde{t}} \wedge \partial_{\tilde{z}},$$

$$e^{-2\phi} = H^{-1}.$$

(Note $H \rightarrow \infty$ for $r \rightarrow 0$, c.f. [Berman, Rudolph](#))

Electric dual to 5_2^2 : charge

- ▶ Charge comes from $J^{\tilde{t}}$ (originally the J_t component) get assuming $\partial^{\tilde{t}} = 0$

$$J^{\tilde{t}} = \partial_\mu \left(\partial^\mu \xi^{\tilde{t}} + \partial^\mu H(-\lambda_{\tilde{z}} + \xi^{\tilde{t}}) \right).$$

- ▶ Thus

$$Q \sim \int \partial_\mu \partial^\mu H(-\lambda_{\tilde{z}} + \xi^{\tilde{t}}).$$

These charges correspond to momentum in the dual direction z , and the mass of this solution. Note $\xi^{\tilde{t}}$ appears with the opposite sign to ξ^t in the original $J^t \Rightarrow$ negative mass.

RR fields

- ▶ Can also include RR fields as $O(D, D)$ spinor [Hohm, Kwak, Zwiebach; Geissbuhler; Geissbuhler, Marques, Nunez, Penas](#) (see also [Jeon, Lee, Park](#)), and find conserved charges associated to generalised diffeomorphisms and also RR gauge transformations
- ▶ Exact expressions in paper, similar general form
$$J^M = \partial_N J^{MN} + \eta^{MN} \partial_N(\dots).$$
- ▶ Reduction to spacetime should give more complicated charges relevant to situations with multiple sources (Page charge?)
- ▶ Relevant for studying configurations involving exotic branes (subtleties with charge conservations). [de Boer, Shigemori; Okada, Sakatani](#)
- ▶ These are naturally suited to a DFT description - these charges may be interesting to use here.

Conclusions and applications: DFT

- ▶ Found conserved charge associated to generalised diffeomorphism in DFT.
- ▶ Can be used to study the properties of solutions - interesting interpretation of winding charge as momentum in dual direction, as conjectured previously.
- ▶ Could extend to SUSY DFT, find also supercharges.
- ▶ Algebra of asymptotic symmetries?

Conclusions and applications: EFT

- ▶ Obviously, could and should carry out same analysis of EFT.
- ▶ Particularly interesting as there electric and magnetic solutions (e.g. M2 and M5) are related by duality, so should appear on the same footing in the charge.

Thanks for listening.