

Symmetry currents associated with Poincaré:

S_{Pol} invariant under $X^\mu \rightarrow X^\mu(\tau\sigma) + \omega^\mu{}_\nu X^\nu(\tau\sigma) + a^\mu$

(1) Translations $\delta\varphi_k \rightarrow a^\mu$

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{T}{2} \sqrt{-h} h^{ab} \left(\underbrace{\partial_a X^\mu \partial_b a_\mu}_{=0} + \underbrace{\partial_a a_\mu \partial_b X^\mu}_{=0 \text{ trivially}} \right) = 0$$

Current

$$a^\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^\mu} = a^\mu P_\mu^a \Rightarrow \boxed{P_\mu^a = -T \sqrt{-h} h^{ab} \partial_b X_\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_a P_\mu^a &= 0 \text{ is just EOM} \\ &= \frac{\partial P_\mu^\tau}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial P_\mu^\sigma}{\partial \sigma} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Lorentz: $\delta\varphi_k \rightarrow \omega_{\mu\nu} X^\nu(\tau\sigma)$ $\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\omega_{\nu\mu}$

$$\omega^{\mu\nu} J_{\mu\nu}^a = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^\mu} \omega^{\mu\nu} X_\nu \Rightarrow J_{\mu\nu}^a \sim P_\mu^a X_\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned} J_{\mu\nu}^a &= -T \sqrt{-h} h^{ab} (X_\mu \partial_b X_\nu - X_\nu \partial_b X_\mu) \\ &= X_\mu P_\nu^a - X_\nu P_\mu^a \end{aligned}} \quad \text{can be antisymmetrised!}$$

Charges: $\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \int d\sigma_k J^0$ is conserved

$$P_\mu^a(\tau) = \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma P_\mu^a(\tau, \sigma) \quad \dot{P}_\mu^a(\tau) = \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma \frac{\partial P_\mu^a}{\partial \tau} = - \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma \frac{\partial P_\mu^a}{\partial \sigma}$$

$$J_{\mu\nu}^a(\tau) = \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma (X_\mu P_\nu^a - X_\nu P_\mu^a)$$

$$= P_\mu^a(\tau, 0) - P_\mu^a(\tau, \sigma_1)$$

= 0 for closed
open with Neumann BC

3.5 String EOM:

$$\nabla^2 X^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-h}} \partial_a (\sqrt{-h} h^{ab} \partial_b X^\mu) = 0$$

1) Choose h_{ab} :

Lots of symmetries = redundant dots.
Now reduce them as much as you can so that finally only physical dots remain!

Conformal gauge

$$h_{ab} \xrightarrow[\text{"diffeomorphism inv."}]{\text{reparam. inv.}} e^{2\omega(\sigma)} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Weyl}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \eta_{ab}$$

No problem classically!
Affects quantisation!

$$\Rightarrow S = -\frac{T}{2} \int d^2\sigma \partial^\alpha X^\mu \partial_\alpha X_\mu = \int d^2\sigma \frac{T}{2} [\dot{X}^2 - X'^2]$$

$$= \frac{T}{2} \int d^2\sigma (\partial_\tau X^\mu \partial_\tau X_\mu - \partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\sigma X_\mu)$$

really simple!

$$\boxed{(\partial_\tau^2 - \partial_\sigma^2) X^\mu = 0} + \text{boundary conditions}$$

We chose $h_{ab} = \eta_{ab}$ but still the constraint $T_{ab} = 0$ remains:

$$\left(\begin{matrix} \dot{X}^2 \equiv \frac{\partial X^\mu}{\partial \sigma^a} \frac{\partial X_\mu}{\partial \sigma^a} \\ \text{etc} \end{matrix} \right) \partial_a X \cdot \partial_b X - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ab} \partial^c X \cdot \partial_c X = 0$$

$$T_{\tau\tau} = \dot{X}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-\dot{X}^2 + X'^2) = \frac{1}{2}(\dot{X}^2 + X'^2) = T_{\sigma\sigma} = 0$$

$$T_{\sigma\tau} = \dot{X} \cdot X' = 0$$

for solutions

$$\begin{matrix} \dot{X}^2 + X'^2 = 0 \\ \dot{X} \cdot X' = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} P_\mu^\tau = T \dot{X}_\mu \\ P_\mu^\sigma = -T X'_\mu \end{matrix}$$

2) Choose X^μ :

(a) $X^0(\tau, \sigma) = \tau = t \Rightarrow \dot{X}^\mu = (1, \vec{X}) \quad X'^\mu = (0, \vec{X}')$

then imply

$$\left. \begin{matrix} -1 + \vec{X}^2 + \vec{X}'^2 = 0 \\ \dot{\vec{X}} \cdot \vec{X}' = 0 \\ \ddot{\vec{X}} - \vec{X}'' = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} T_{ab} = 0 \\ \text{EOM of } X^\mu \text{ after } X^0 = \tau \end{matrix}$$

remaining constraint after choosing $h_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

also:

$$P_\mu^\tau(\tau) = \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma_1} d\sigma P_\mu^\tau(\tau, \sigma)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = P^0_\tau(\tau) = \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma_1} d\sigma T \dot{X}^0 = T \sigma_1$$

$\Rightarrow \sigma_1 = \frac{E}{T}$ Interpret:

$$\left[\begin{matrix} \vec{X}'(\tau, \sigma=0) = \vec{X}'(\tau, \sigma=\sigma_1) = 0 \quad \text{open, NBC} \\ \dot{\vec{X}} \cdot \vec{X}' = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\vec{X}} = \frac{\partial \vec{X}}{\partial t} \equiv \vec{v}_\tau \quad \text{transversal velocity} \\ |\vec{X}'|^2 = \left| \frac{\partial \vec{X}}{\partial \sigma} \right|^2 \equiv \left(\frac{ds}{d\sigma} \right)^2 \quad s = \text{length parameter along string} \end{matrix} \right.$$

Conformal gauge continued: can parametrize length along string by $ds = d\sigma \sqrt{1-\dot{\sigma}^2}$

$$S = \int dt \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma \frac{T}{2} (\dot{X}^2 - X'^2)$$

$$P_\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{X}^\mu} = T \dot{X}_\mu \equiv P_\mu^\tau$$

$$\mathcal{H} = P_\mu \dot{X}^\mu - \mathcal{L} = T \dot{X}^2 - \frac{T}{2} (\dot{X}^2 - X'^2) = \frac{T}{2} (\dot{X}^2 + X'^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{T}{2} \int_0^{\sigma_1} d\sigma (\dot{X}^2 + X'^2) = 0$$

\uparrow conf gauge \uparrow for solutions

$$P_\mu^\sigma = -T X'_\mu = -T \frac{\partial X_\mu}{\partial \sigma} = -T \sqrt{1-\dot{\sigma}^2} \frac{\partial X_\mu}{\partial s}$$

Solve for motion of open strings:

EDM $\ddot{\vec{X}} - \vec{X}'' = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{X}(\tau, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{F}(\tau + \sigma) + \vec{G}(\tau - \sigma)]$

$$\vec{X}'(\tau, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{F}'(\tau + \sigma) - \vec{G}'(\tau - \sigma)]$$

End pts: $\begin{cases} \vec{X}'(\tau, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{F}'(\tau) = \vec{G}'(\tau) \Rightarrow \vec{F} = \vec{G} \\ \vec{X}'(\tau, \sigma_1) = 0 \quad \vec{F}'(\tau + \sigma_1) = \vec{F}'(\tau - \sigma_1) \Rightarrow \vec{F}'(u) \text{ periodic with period } 2\sigma_1 \end{cases}$

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 $\vec{F}(u + 2\sigma_1) = \vec{F}(u) + 2\sigma_1 \vec{v}$ \leftarrow some const

$$(\dot{\vec{X}} \pm \vec{X}')^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \dot{\vec{X}} \pm \vec{X}' = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{F}'(\tau + \sigma) + \vec{F}'(\tau - \sigma)] \pm \frac{1}{2} [\vec{F}'(\tau + \sigma) - \vec{F}'(\tau - \sigma)]$$
$$= \vec{F}'(\tau \pm \sigma) \Rightarrow |\vec{F}'(u)|^2 = 1$$

Summary:

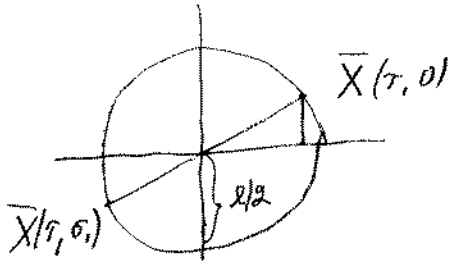
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{X}(\tau, \sigma) &= \frac{1}{2} [\vec{F}(\tau + \sigma) + \vec{F}(\tau - \sigma)] \\ |\vec{F}'(u)|^2 &= 1 \quad \vec{F}(u + 2\sigma_1) = \vec{F}(u) + 2\sigma_1 \vec{v} \end{aligned}$$

$\sigma = 0$: $\vec{X}(\tau, 0) = \vec{F}(\tau)$ = motion of starting point

$$\vec{X}(\tau + 2\sigma_1, 0) = \vec{F}(\tau + 2\sigma_1) = \vec{X}(\tau, 0) + 2\sigma_1 \vec{v}$$

motion of $\sigma = 0$ gives the entire motion!

Special case: Rotating string



$$\vec{X}(t, 0) = \frac{l}{2} (\cos \omega t, \sin \omega t) = \vec{F}(t)$$

$$\vec{F}'(t) = \frac{l}{2} (-\omega \sin \omega t, \omega \cos \omega t)$$

$$|\vec{F}'|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{lw}{2} = 1, \quad l = \frac{2}{\omega}$$

$$(v = \omega \frac{l}{2} = 1 \text{ end pts move with } v=c=1)$$

$$\vec{F}(t+2\sigma_1) = \vec{F}(t) \Rightarrow e^{i\omega(t+2\sigma_1)} = e^{i\omega t}$$

$$2\omega\sigma_1 = 2\pi n \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{\pi}{\sigma_1} n$$

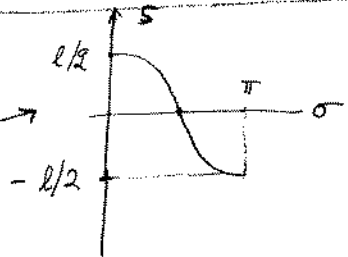
$$\vec{X}(t, 0) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\pi} \left(\cos \frac{\pi t}{\sigma_1}, \sin \frac{\pi t}{\sigma_1} \right) \quad l = \frac{2}{\omega} = \frac{2\sigma_1}{\pi} \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \Rightarrow m=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{X}(t, \sigma) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi \sigma}{\sigma_1} \left(\cos \frac{\pi t}{\sigma_1}, \sin \frac{\pi t}{\sigma_1} \right) = \cos \sigma \left(\cos t, \sin t \right)$$

$\sigma_1 = \pi, l=2$
 $= \frac{l}{2}$

Energy = ?
= Mass

parametrize $\sigma \rightarrow -\frac{l}{2} < s < \frac{l}{2}$



$$E(s) = \frac{T}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{s}{l/2})^2}} \Rightarrow E = \frac{\pi T}{2} \cdot l = \pi T \cdot \frac{l}{2} \geq T \cdot \frac{l}{2}$$

$$\frac{ds}{d\sigma} = \sqrt{1 - \bar{v}_r^2} \Rightarrow H = T \int d\sigma = \int ds \frac{T}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{v}_r^2}}$$

Regge trajectory

Ang. momentum: $J_{12} = \frac{\pi}{2} T \left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2 = \alpha' E^2 = \alpha' \pi T^2 \left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2$

if $\alpha' \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi T \hbar c}$ slope

