

Addenda:

(1) As usual in SUSy, to close SUSy algebra introduce an auxiliary non-dynamical field  $B_r$ : This also explains the dof count:

$$S = - \frac{I}{2} \int dt d\sigma \left[ \partial_a X \cdot \partial^a X - \bar{\psi} \cdot i \not{\partial} \psi - B \cdot B \right]$$

matter sector

$X^r, B^r$  2d bosonic dofs

$\psi^r$  2d fermionic dofs

2d gravity sector:

$e_a^{\mu}, A$  2 bosonic dofs

$\chi_a$  2 fermionic "

$$\begin{cases} \delta X^r = \bar{\epsilon} \psi^r \\ \delta \psi^r = -\epsilon i \not{\partial} X^r + \epsilon B^r \\ \delta B^r = -\bar{\epsilon} i \not{\partial} \psi^r \end{cases}$$

Superspace:

- 4d  $x^\mu, \theta^a, \theta^{\dot{a}}$   $a, \dot{a} = 1, 2$   $\theta^a = \epsilon^{ab} \theta_b$

left chiral superfield:

$$\phi(x^\mu, \theta^a) = \phi(x) + \theta^a \psi_a + \theta^a \theta_a F$$

$$\delta \bar{\psi}^r = \bar{\epsilon} i \not{\partial} X^r + \bar{\epsilon} B^r$$

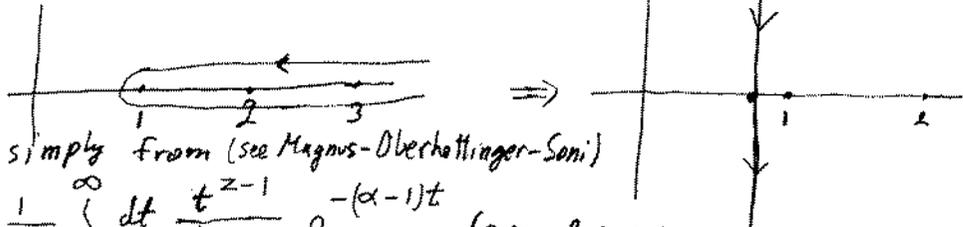
- 2d:  $\sigma, \theta^a$

$$Y^r(\sigma, \theta) = X^r(\sigma) + \bar{\theta} \psi^r + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\theta} \theta B^r$$

(2) To find  $\sum_0^\infty (m + \frac{1}{2}) \equiv \zeta(-1, \frac{1}{2})$   $\zeta(z, \alpha) \equiv \sum_0^\infty \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^z}$

one must study the analytic continuation

Probably use  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty f(n) = \int_C dz \frac{f(z)}{e^{2\pi iz} - 1}$



Or more simply from (see Magnus-Oberholtinger-Soni)

$$\zeta(z, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} \int_0^\infty dt \frac{t^{z-1}}{e^t - 1} e^{-(\alpha-1)t} \quad (\text{expand \& integrate!})$$

Proof:

$$\zeta(z, 1) = \zeta(z) = \frac{1}{z^z - 1} \zeta(z, \frac{1}{2}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\zeta(-1, \frac{1}{2}) = (\frac{1}{2} - 1) \zeta(-1) = \frac{1}{24}}$$

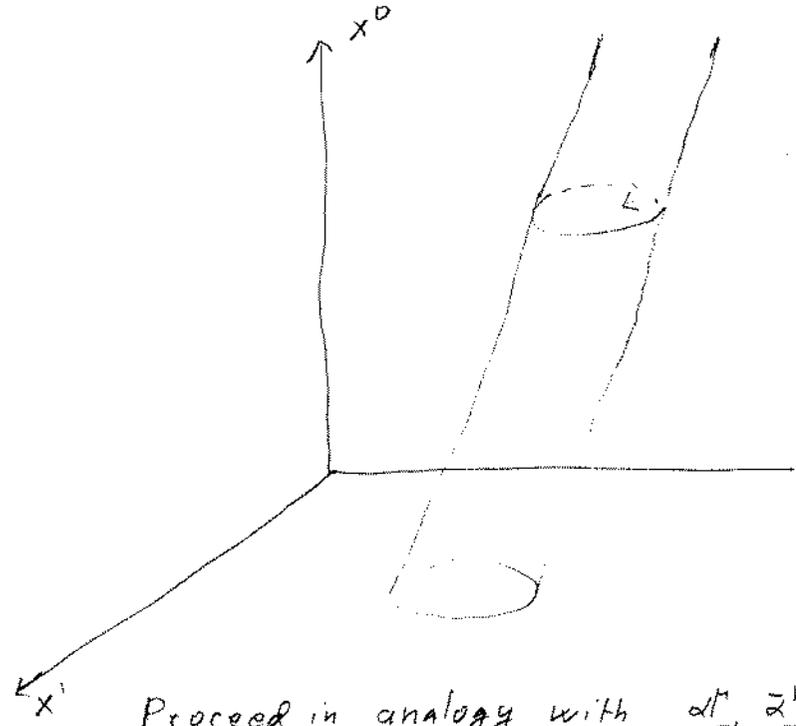
$$\zeta(z, \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} \int_0^\infty dt t^{z-1} \left[ \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}t}}{e^t - 1} = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}t} (e^{\frac{1}{2}t} - 1)}{(e^t - 1)(e^{\frac{1}{2}t} - 1)} = \frac{e^t - e^{\frac{1}{2}t}}{(e^t - 1)(e^{\frac{1}{2}t} - 1)} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}t} - 1} - \frac{1}{e^t - 1} \right]$$

$$= 2^z \zeta(z) - \zeta(z)$$

$$\zeta(-1, \alpha) = \sum_0^\infty (m + \alpha) = -\frac{1}{12} (1 - 6\alpha + 6\alpha^2) \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_1^\infty (m - \theta) = \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{8} (2\theta - 1)^2 \quad \text{Polchinski (2.9.19)}$$

note  $\longleftarrow$   $\longrightarrow$

# 6. Superstrings in space-time, supergravities



find massless states; interactions of which are described by supergravities  
 string  $\rightarrow$  point,  $\alpha' \sim \frac{1}{T} \rightarrow 0$   
 $x^{2,3,4,\dots,9}$   
 what to do with these?  
 $\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow G_{\mu\nu}(x) !!$

Proceed in analogy with  $\alpha_{-1}^\mu, \bar{\alpha}_{-1}^\nu |0, p\rangle$  (p. 46, 50) and separate

Closed:



$$M^2 = \frac{4}{l_s^2} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_{-m} \cdot \alpha_m + \bar{\alpha}_{-m} \cdot \bar{\alpha}_m) + \sum_{r=\frac{1}{2}}^{\infty} (r b_{-r} \cdot b_r + r \bar{b}_{-r} \cdot \bar{b}_r) - a_{NS} - \bar{a}_{NS} \right]$$

$a_{NS} = \frac{1}{2} !$

- $|0, p\rangle_{NS}^R \otimes |0, p\rangle_{NS}^L \quad M^2 = -\frac{4}{l_s^2}$  (out!)
- $b_{-\frac{1}{2}}^\mu |0, p\rangle_{NS}^R \otimes \bar{b}_{-\frac{1}{2}}^\nu |0, p\rangle_{NS}^L \quad M^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (G_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi)$   
 ( $b_{-\frac{1}{2}}^i, \bar{b}_{-\frac{1}{2}}^j |0, p\rangle_{NS}$  in light cone gauge)
- $\alpha_{-1}^\mu, \bar{\alpha}_{-1}^\nu |0, p\rangle_{NS} \quad M^2 = \frac{4}{l_s^2} = \frac{g}{\alpha'} (out!)$
- ⋮  
 bosonic graviton is now massive!

One finds that consistently states with even number of  $b_{-r}$ 's (or  $\bar{b}_{-r}$ 's) can be eliminated (meaning that if they are thrown out they do not reappear) = GSO projection



$$M^2 = \frac{4}{\alpha^2} \left[ \sum_1^{\infty} (\alpha_{-m} \cdot \alpha_m + \tilde{\alpha}_{-m} \cdot \tilde{\alpha}_m) + \sum_1^{\infty} (m d_{-m} \cdot d_m + m \bar{d}_{-m} \cdot \bar{d}_m) - 0 \right]$$

$$\boxed{a_R = \bar{a}_R = 0!}$$

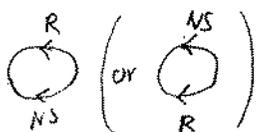
spinor index in 10 (or 8) dims

$$- |A, P\rangle_R^R \otimes |B, P\rangle_R^L \quad M^2 = 0$$

bosonic states, "bispinors"

$$C_{\mu}^8 + C_{\mu\nu}^{56} = 64 \quad \text{Type IIA}$$

$$C_0 + C_{\mu\nu}^{28} + C_{\mu\nu\lambda}^{35} = 64 \quad \text{Type IIB}$$



$$M^2 = \frac{4}{\alpha^2} \left[ N_R^2 + N_L^2 + \sum_1^{\infty} m d_{-m} \cdot d_m + \sum_1^{\infty} r \bar{b}_{-r} \cdot \bar{b}_r - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$- |A, P\rangle_R^R \otimes |0, P\rangle_{NS}^L \quad M^2 = -\frac{2}{\alpha^2}$$

tachyon again thrown out by GSO projection

$$- |A, P\rangle_R^R \otimes b_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\mu} |0, P\rangle_{NS}^L \quad M^2 = 0$$

spin 1/2                  spin 1

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \chi^8 + \psi^{56}$$

Here one has to discuss the chiralities of  $|A\rangle_R \otimes b_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\mu} |0\rangle_{NS}$

$$b_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\mu} |0\rangle_{NS} \otimes |A\rangle_R$$

opposite: type IIA

same: type IIB

Ramond vacuum  $|A, 0\rangle_R$

NS vacuum has no spinor index!

$$\{d_0^{\mu}, d_0^{\nu}\} = \eta^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \{\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu}\} = -2\eta^{\mu\nu} \quad \# \text{ of d.o.f. of a spinor in } d:$$

zero mode,  $(\delta\tau = i\sqrt{2}d_0^{\mu})$

$$\psi(\sigma) = d_0 + \sum_{m \neq 0} d_m$$

$$\text{like } X = x + \alpha^2 p \tau + \sum_{m \neq 0}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2^{d/2} & \text{Dirac spinor} \\ 2^{d/2-1} & \text{Majorana or Weyl} \\ 2^{d/2-2} & \text{" and "} \end{cases} \quad \gamma_{AB}^{\mu}$$

Spinor rep of  $SO(1, d-1)$ :

$$J_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4} [\gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\nu}] \text{ should satisfy p. 52}$$

$$P_{\mu} \gamma_{AB}^{\mu} |B, P\rangle_R = 0$$

↑ one of the constraint eqs.

Now that we have massless states of the string how do they interact?

⇒ Strings in Background Fields

↑ string coupl. const  
p. 74  
2d Einstein-Hilbert  $\int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-h} R_h$

Add two new terms:

$$S = -\frac{T}{2} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-h} \left\{ h^{ab} G_{\mu\nu}(X) \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu + \epsilon^{ab} B_{\mu\nu}(X) \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu + \frac{\alpha'}{2} R_h(X) \phi(X) \right\}$$

let  $X_0 = \text{some const BG}$

$\dim T X^2 = 1$

$\dim X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sim \sqrt{\alpha'}$

$$= \left[ G_{\mu\nu}(X_0) + (X - X_0)^\alpha \partial_\alpha G_{\mu\nu}(X_0) + \frac{1}{2!} (X - X_0)^\alpha (X - X_0)^\beta \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta G_{\mu\nu} + \dots \right] \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu$$

$$\approx \left[ 1 + \frac{X \cdot \partial}{1} + \frac{X^2 \partial^2}{2} + \dots \right] (\partial X)^2$$

$= \# \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{Radius}} = \# \frac{\alpha'}{\text{Radius}}$  perturbative for small  $\alpha'$

⇒ Interactions! ⇒ "Non-linear  $\sigma$  model"

or  $= \left[ \eta_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} e^{ik \cdot X} + \dots \right] \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu$

$= \left[ \eta_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \left( 1 + ik \cdot X - \frac{1}{2} k_\alpha k_\beta X^\alpha X^\beta + \dots \right) \right] \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu$

⇒ graviton vertex operator:  $\epsilon_{\mu\nu}(k) \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu e^{ik \cdot X}$

The above action is classically Lorentz-reparametrisation-Weyl invariant but quantisation destroys these unless  $d=26$  even if  $G_{\mu\nu}(X) = \eta_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $B_{\mu\nu} = \phi = 0$ . When  $G_{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu\nu}(X)$  this theory is a 2d interacting field theory, all the couplings start to "run":

$\beta_{\mu\nu}^G = \frac{\partial G_{\mu\nu}}{\partial \log \Lambda}$  ← regulator

and invariance is true only if  $\beta_{\mu\nu}^G = 0 = \beta_{\mu\nu}^B = \beta_{\mu\nu}^\phi$

These eqs generalise "d=26" to non-constant  $G_{\mu\nu}$ .

Paranthesis: String coupling  $g_s$

$$e^{-S} = e^{-\frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-h} \{ \dots + \alpha' R \phi \}} \sim [e^{-\langle \phi \rangle}]^{2-2\tilde{g}} \sim (g_s^2)^{\tilde{g}-1}$$

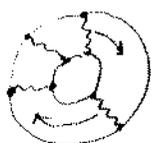
$$\chi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-h} R = \text{Euler number} = 2 - 2\tilde{g} \leftarrow \text{genus}$$

$\exists$  a potential for dilaton  $\Rightarrow \exists \langle \phi \rangle$ . Then  $g_s = e^{\langle \phi \rangle}$

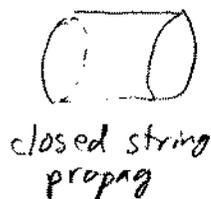
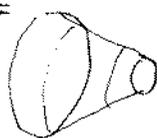
Why is this "string coupling"?

$$\begin{cases} \phi \rightarrow \phi - c \\ \Rightarrow g_s \rightarrow e^c g_s \end{cases}$$

open string loop



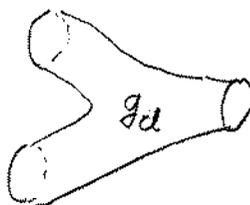
(pull out internal circle)



2 loop open string



$\Downarrow$  pull out



closed string vertex

$$\Rightarrow g_{\text{open}}^2 = g_{\text{cl}}$$

Adding one handle costs  $g_s^2$  (since  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g} + 1$ ) or  $g_{\text{cl}}^2$ :



$$\Rightarrow g_{\text{open}}^2 \equiv g_{\text{cl}} \equiv g_s \equiv e^{\langle \phi \rangle}$$

$\begin{cases} g_s^2 & \text{is handle exp parameter} \\ \frac{1}{N_c^2} & \text{--- " ---} \end{cases}$

Constants appear:

$$\begin{cases} g_{\text{open}}^2 = \frac{2\pi D/2}{2^{(10-D)/4}} g_{\text{cl}} \\ g_{\text{cl}} = (2\pi)^2 g_s \end{cases}$$

The equations  $\beta_{\mu\nu}^G = 0$ ,  $\beta_{\mu\nu}^B = 0$ ,  $\beta_{\mu\nu}^\phi = 0$  are the eqs. of motion following from <sup>the</sup> field theory action strings appear as point particles

$$(\alpha')^{d-2} S = \int d^d x \sqrt{G} e^{-\phi} \left[ R + (\nabla\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} H^2 + \frac{D-26}{3} \right] + O(\alpha')$$

↓  
 $\sqrt{G} R_E$  by  $G_{\mu\nu}^E = e^{-\frac{2\phi}{d-2}} G_{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{\alpha'} \beta_{\mu\nu}^B = \nabla^\alpha [e^{-\phi} H_{\mu\nu\alpha}] = 0 & \text{"Maxwell"} \\ \frac{1}{3\alpha'} \beta_{\mu\nu}^\phi = \frac{d-26}{3\alpha'} + (\nabla\phi)^2 - 2\Box\phi - R + \frac{1}{12} H^2 = 0 & \text{"scalar"} \\ \frac{1}{\alpha'} \beta_{\mu\nu}^G = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} H_{\mu\alpha\beta} H_{\nu}{}^{\alpha\beta} + \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi = 0 & \text{"gravity"} \end{cases}$$

Conformal transformation to Einstein frame:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} &= e^{2\Omega} G_{\mu\nu} \\ \Rightarrow \tilde{R} &= e^{-2\Omega} [R - 2(d-1)\nabla^2\Omega - (d-2)(d-1)\partial_\mu\Omega\partial^\mu\Omega] \end{aligned}$$

Try  $\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} = e^{\sigma\phi} G_{\mu\nu}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{G} e^{-\phi} R = \sqrt{\tilde{G}} e^{-\frac{[\sigma(d-2)+2]\phi}{2}} \left\{ \tilde{R} + \sigma(d-1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{g}}} \partial_\mu(\sqrt{\tilde{g}} \partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{4} \sigma^2 (d-1)(d-2) \partial_\mu\phi \partial^\mu\phi \right\}$$

require = 0

$$\sigma = -\frac{2}{d-2}$$

Gives the "Einstein frame":  $\sqrt{G} e^{-\phi} = \sqrt{\tilde{G}} e^{\frac{2}{d-2}\phi}$

$$(\alpha')^{d-2} S = \int d^d x \sqrt{\tilde{G}} \left[ R - \frac{1}{d-2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - e^{-\frac{4\phi}{d-2}} \frac{1}{12} H^2 + e^{\frac{2}{d-2}\phi} \frac{d-26}{3} \right]$$

cf Brans-Dicke

$$\int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left[ f(\phi) R + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^\mu \phi \nabla_\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

or Reissner-Nordström:

$$\int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ + \frac{1}{16\pi G} (R + 2\Lambda) - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

Type IIA sugra (non-chiral)

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu C_\nu - \partial_\nu C_\mu \equiv F_2$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-G} \left\{ R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} e^{-\phi} H_3^2 - \frac{1}{4} e^{\frac{3}{2}\phi} F_2^2 - \frac{1}{48} e^{\frac{1}{2}\phi} F_4^2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{9304} \frac{1}{\sqrt{-G}} \varepsilon^{M_0 \dots M_9} B_{M_0 M_1} \underbrace{F_{M_2 \dots M_5}^4}_{\text{field strength}} F_{M_6 \dots M_9}^4 \right\} + \text{fermions}$$

$$B_2 \wedge F_4 \wedge F_4$$

constructed from the R-R 3-form  $C_{\mu\nu\lambda} \equiv F_3$

Fields		# of physical dofs	
{ R: periodic BC for $\psi$ { NS: anti " " " $\psi$	NS-NS	$\phi$	1
		$B_{\mu\nu}$	28 ← couples to a string
		$G_{\mu\nu}$	35
bispinors	R-R	$C_\mu$	8 ← couples to point = D-branes
		$C_{\mu\nu\lambda}$	56 ← " " 2d surface carry RR charges $\binom{8}{3} = 56$
NS-R		$\chi_\alpha$ $s = \frac{1}{2}$	8 dilatino
		$\psi_\alpha^m$ $s = \frac{3}{2}$	56 gravitino
R-NS		$\chi'_\alpha$	8
		$\psi'_\alpha$	56
		128 <sub>b</sub> + 128 <sub>f</sub> dofs	

$$8^2 = 36 - 1 + 28 + 1 \quad d=10 \rightarrow 8$$

$$= 3 - 1 + 1 + 1 \quad 1 \rightarrow 2$$

dim = p, p even for IIA

Type II B sugra (chiral, more physical)

$$S_{\text{IIB}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{10}} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-G} \left\{ e^{-2\phi} \left[ R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} H^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2} (F_1^2 + \tilde{F}_3^2 + \tilde{F}_5^2) \right\} - \frac{1}{32\pi G_{10}} \left\{ C_4 \wedge H_3 \wedge F_3 + \text{fermions} \right\}$$

States:

RR 1- 3- 5- forms  $(C_4 \wedge H_3)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_7} = (C_4)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_4} (H_3)_{\mu_5 \mu_6 \mu_7}$

NS-NS	$\phi$	1
	$B_{\mu\nu}$	28
	$R_{\mu\nu}$	35
R-R	$C_0$	1
	$C_2 \rightarrow C_{\mu\nu}$	28
	$C_4 \rightarrow C_{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa}$	35

$H \equiv H_3 = dB$

$F_1 = dC_0$

$F_3 = dC_2 \quad \tilde{F}_3 = F_3 - C_0 \wedge H_3$

$F_5 = dC_4 \quad \tilde{F}_5 = F_5 - \frac{1}{2} C_2 \wedge H_3 + \frac{1}{2} B_2 \wedge F_3$

+ fermion states as for IIA

self-dual!  
 $*\tilde{F}_5 = \tilde{F}_5$

A general prototype action could be:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_d^2} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} e^{a_m \phi} F_m^2 + \dots \right\}$$

$a_m = -\frac{m-5}{2}$   
Lynch-Peterson hep-th/9909131 ch. 3.1  
 $F_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_m} \quad F^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_m}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d=10 \\ d=11 \quad a_m=0, \phi=0 \quad \text{M-theory!} \end{array} \right.$

p-brane: source of charge for the p+1 form RR gauge field  $C \Rightarrow m=p+2$  form  $F$

3-brane: source of  $C_{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa} \Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa\epsilon} \cong \partial_{[\mu} C_{\nu\lambda\kappa\epsilon]}$

$d = 1+p + \underbrace{d-(p+1)}_{\text{dims transverse to the p-brane}}$

$Z^M = (t, x^i, y^a)$   
 $= (z^0, x^1, \dots, x^p, \underbrace{y^1, \dots, y^{d-(p+1)}}_{\text{transverse}})$

$p=3: 10 = 4 + 6$