

D-branes and Deep Learning

Theoretical and Computational Aspects in String Theory

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Conformal symmetry:

- **vanishing** stress-energy tensor: $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha\beta} = 0$
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- **conformal gauge** $\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = e^\Phi \eta_{\alpha\beta}$

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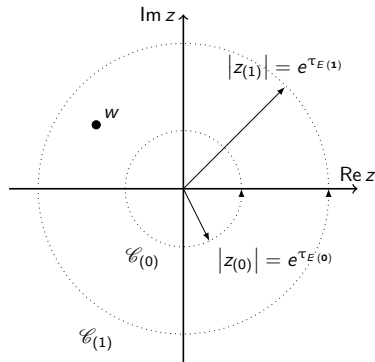
Let $z = e^{\tau_E + i\sigma} \Rightarrow \bar{\partial}\mathcal{T}(z) = \partial\bar{\mathcal{T}}(\bar{z}) = 0$:

$$\mathcal{T}(z) \Phi_h(w) \stackrel{z \rightarrow w}{\sim} \frac{h}{(z-w)^2} \Phi_h(w) + \frac{1}{z-w} \partial_w \Phi_h(w)$$

$$\mathcal{T}(z) \mathcal{T}(w) \stackrel{z \rightarrow w}{\sim} \frac{\frac{c}{2}}{(z-w)^4} + \mathcal{O}((z-w)^{-2})$$

Virasoro algebra $\mathcal{V} \oplus \bar{\mathcal{V}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\overset{(-)}{L}_n, \overset{(-)}{L}_m \right] &= (n-m) \overset{(-)}{L}_{n+m} + \frac{c}{12} n(n^2-1) \delta_{n+m,0} \\ [L_n, \bar{L}_m] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



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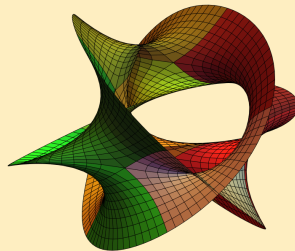
$$c_{\text{full}} = c + c_{\text{ghost}} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad D = 10.$$

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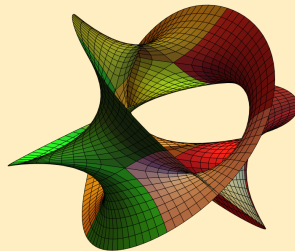


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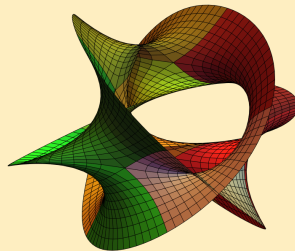
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Characterised by Hodge numbers

$$h^{r,s} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{\bar{\partial}}^{r,s}(M, \mathbb{C})$$

counting the no. of harmonic (r, s) -forms.

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Resulting effect (repeated $p \leq D - 1$ times) leads to Dirichlet b.c.:

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thus **open strings** can be **constrained** to $D(D - p - 1)$ -branes.

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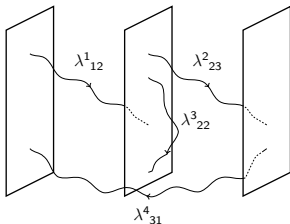
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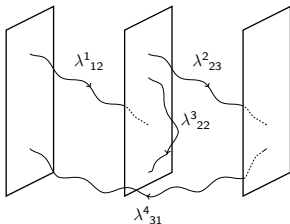
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Build gauge bosons, fermions and scalars.

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