

Polchinski 2.7 (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet X^\mu(z, \bar{z}) &\rightarrow X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \\ &= X^\mu(z(z'), \bar{z}(\bar{z}')) \\ &= X'^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \Rightarrow (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \partial X^\mu(z, \bar{z}) &\rightarrow \partial X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial z'}{\partial z} \right) \partial_{z'} X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \Rightarrow (1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \bar{\partial} X^\mu(z, \bar{z}) &\rightarrow \bar{\partial} X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \bar{z}'}{\partial \bar{z}} \right) \partial_{\bar{z}'} X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \Rightarrow (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \partial^2 X^\mu(z, \bar{z}) &\rightarrow \partial^2 X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \\ &= \partial \left[\left(\frac{\partial z'}{\partial z} \right) \partial_{z'} X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 z'}{\partial z^2} \right) \partial_{z'} X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') + \left(\frac{\partial z'}{\partial z} \right)^2 \partial_{z'}^2 X^\mu(z', \bar{z}') \end{aligned}$$

If $z' = \zeta z$, ζ constant, then $\left(\frac{\partial^2 z'}{\partial z^2} \right)$ vanish and we have a $(2, 0)$ weight conformal tensor. Otherwise, if $z' = f(z)$ for general f , this is not a conformal tensor.
 we get a 2nd derivative term

• $e^{i\vec{k}\cdot X}$ we don't plug in $z, \bar{z} \rightarrow z', \bar{z}'$ directly, instead consider

$$e^{i\vec{k}_1 X} e^{i\vec{k}_2 X} = |z|^{2\alpha' k_1 k_2} e^{i(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) X} \quad (2.2.13)$$

$$= z^{\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2} \bar{z}^{\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2} e^{i(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) X} \quad (2.2.14)$$

under $z \rightarrow \gamma z, \bar{z} \rightarrow \bar{\gamma} \bar{z}$,

$$|z|^{2\alpha' k_1 k_2} = z^{\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2} \bar{z}^{\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2} \rightarrow \gamma^{\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2} \bar{\gamma}^{\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2} |z|^{2\alpha' k_1 k_2}$$

or more cleanly

$$|z|^{2\alpha' k_1 k_2} \rightarrow |\gamma z|^{2\alpha' k_1 k_2}$$

So we must have if we let $h(k)$ denote the conformal weight of $e^{i\vec{k}\cdot X}$, ~~then~~ then we must have

$$h(k_1) + h(k_2) = h(k_1 + k_2) - \frac{\alpha'}{2} k_1 k_2$$

Letting $k_1 = k, k_2 = \delta k$,

$$h(k) + h(\delta k) = h(k + \delta k) - \frac{\alpha'}{2} k \delta k$$

$$\frac{h(k + \delta k) - h(k)}{\delta k} = \frac{\alpha'}{2} k + \frac{h(\delta k)}{\delta k}$$

we can write $h(\delta k) = h(0)$ as the δk is infinitesimal.

$$\frac{\partial h(k)}{\partial k} = \frac{\alpha'}{2} k + \frac{h(0)}{\delta k}$$

I forgot to mention, $h(\delta k)$ must be of order δk^2 or higher for this to make sense, so we can essentially treat it as 0 for δk infinitesimal

$$\frac{\partial h(k)}{\partial k} = \frac{\alpha' k}{2}$$

$$h(k) = \boxed{\frac{\alpha' k^2}{4}}$$

The same argument goes for $\boxed{\tilde{h}(k) = \frac{\alpha' k^2}{4}}$.

This operator is not necessarily
a tensor in the above derivation

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