Strong homotopy algebras in conformal field theory and higher spin gravity

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Main message: higher spin symmetry is new Virasoro



- Is there any symmetry behind (Chern-Simons) vector models like Ising model? Slightly-broken higher spin symmetry (Maldacena, Zhiboedov) is clearly not a usual Lie-type symmetry ...
- lacktriangledown The structure behind is L_∞ strong homotopy algebra, behind it is a simple associative algebra of fuzzy sphere. Invariants = correlators and are uniquely fixed, which implies the 3d bosonization duality
- On a different note: there has to be a closed subsector of vector models (including the Ising), which has a local AdS_4 description as Chiral Higher Spin Gravity, yet unknown formality ...

Symmetry

99.99%: Lie group G/Lie algebra $\mathfrak g$ acting on some physical states. Group/Algebra = transformations without any info on what they act

Yangian: deformation of $U(\mathfrak{g}[z])$ as a Hopf algebra. Spin-chains, planar $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and scattering amplitudes therein

Strong homotopy algebras: multi-linear products on graded spaces (Lie and associative algebras are examples). Nice organizing tool for QQ=0: BV-BRST, string field theory, higher spin gravities, ...

New: (Chern-Simons) vector models (e.g. 3d Ising, ...) have ∞ -many almost conserved tensors $\partial^m J_{ma_2...a_s} \approx 0$ — slightly-broken higher spin symmetry (Maldacena, Zhiboedov). The right structure are certain L_{∞} -algebras. Symmetry gets entangled with its representation. Explains 3d-bosonizationd duality

- ullet Higher spin symmetry: from canonical QFT/CFT to algebraic viewpoint on free/very large-N CFT's
- Chern-Simons vector models and bosonization duality
- ullet Slightly-broken higher spin symmetry as L_{∞}
- DQ of Poisson orbifolds, fuzzy sphere
- 3d bosonization duality via L_{∞} glasses
- Chiral Higher Spin Gravity and yet unknown formality

Higher spin symmetry

Unbroken higher spin symmetry: free CFT's

Let's take any free CFT, e.g. free boson or free fermion

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$$J_s = \phi \partial ... \partial \phi + ...$$
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$$Q_v = \int d^{d-1}x J_{0m}(x)v^m(x) \qquad \partial^n v^m + \partial^m v^n \sim \eta^{mn}$$

where conformal killing vector carries adjoint of so(d, 2)

$$v^{a} = \epsilon^{a} + x^{a}\epsilon + \epsilon^{a,b}x_{b} + \tilde{\epsilon}^{a}x^{2} - 2x^{a}(\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot x)$$

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What are higher spin currents responsible for?

Any symmetry is certainly useful unless too much ...



Imagine a CFT $d \geq 3$ with $J_2 \equiv T_{ab}$ and $J_s \equiv J_{a_1...a_s}$, all being traceless and conserved. Is it interesting?

One can show (Maldacena, Zhiboedov; Boulanger, Ponomarev, E.S, Taronna; Alba, Diab) that there are J_s with arbitrarily high spin (at least all even spins), and the correlators are

$$\langle J...J \rangle$$
 = some free CFT

In 3d there are two choices: free boson $\Box \phi = 0$ and free fermion $\partial \!\!\!/ \psi = 0$. Note: they have different correlators of J!

When something is completely fixed, usually it is thanks to some symmetry. What is the symmetry behind?

$\textbf{Conserved tensor} \rightarrow \textbf{current} \rightarrow \textbf{charge} \rightarrow \textbf{symmetry}$

$$j_m(v) = J_{ma_2...a_s}v^{a_2...a_s}$$
 $\partial^{(a_1}v^{a_2...a_s)} = \eta^{(a_1a_2}u^{a_3...a_s)}$

where $v^{a_1...a_{s-1}}$ is a conformal Killing tensor, - of so(d,2)

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Miracle 1: the Lie algebra $Q_s = \int J_s$ originates from an associative one

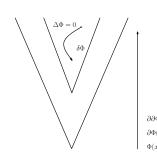
Free CFT = Associative algebra

Indeed, $\Box \Phi = 0$ is so(d, 2)-invariant:

$$\delta_v \Phi = v^m \partial_m \Phi + \frac{d-2}{2d} (\partial_m v^m) \Phi$$

We can multiply such symmetries due to linearity of $\Box\Phi=0$

$$\delta\Phi = \delta_{v_1}...\delta_{v_n}\Phi = \epsilon^{a_1...a_k}\partial_{a_1}...\partial_{a_k}\Phi + ...$$



Define $|V\rangle$ as the space of one-particle states $P_a...P_c|\phi\rangle$, where $|\phi\rangle \equiv \phi(0)|0\rangle$

Higher spin algebra \mathfrak{hs} is $\operatorname{gl}(V):V\to V$

 \mathfrak{hs} is DQ of the so(d,2) coadjoint orbit ϕ

Higher spin currents are bilinear in ϕ or ψ

Miracle 2: $J\leftrightarrow \mathfrak{hs}$ upon identifying $|\phi\rangle|\phi\rangle$ with $|\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$ by inversion R

$$J \sim |V\rangle \otimes |V\rangle$$

$$\iff$$

$$\mathfrak{hs} \sim |V
angle \otimes \langle V|$$

Unbroken higher spin symmetry: 3d specifics

In 3d the module of one-particle states of free boson/fermion CFT's is just the 2d harmonic oscillator (Dirac, 1963):

$$\begin{array}{lll} P_a...P_a|\phi\rangle & \sim & a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}a_{\beta}^{\dagger}...a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}a_{\beta}^{\dagger}|0\rangle \\ \\ P_a...P_a|\psi\rangle & \sim & a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}a_{\beta}^{\dagger}...a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}a_{\beta}^{\dagger}a_{\gamma}^{\dagger}|0\rangle \end{array}$$

This is thanks to $so(3,2)\sim sp(4,\mathbb{R})$ and thanks to the oscillator realization of sp(2n), e.g. $P_mP^m\sim 0$, $P_m=\sigma_m^{\alpha\beta}a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}a_{\beta}^{\dagger}$, $\alpha,\beta,...=1,2$

Now it is obvious that \mathfrak{hs} is formed by even functions $f(a^{\dagger},a)$. Formally, it is the even subalgebra of Weyl algebra A_2 . Passing to p_i , q^j the product on \mathfrak{hs} is the familiar Moyal-Weyl star-product:

$$(f \star g)(q, p) = f(q, p) \exp \frac{i\hbar}{2} (\overleftarrow{\partial}_q \overrightarrow{\partial}_p - \overleftarrow{\partial}_p \overrightarrow{\partial}_q) g(q, p)$$

Unbroken higher spin symmetry: correlators

Conserved tensor \rightarrow current \rightarrow symmetry \rightarrow invariants=correlators Is higher spin symmetry powerful enough to fix correlators?

All correlators are invariants (Sundell, Colombo; Didenko, E.S.; ...)

$$\langle J...J\rangle = \text{Tr}(\Psi \star ... \star \Psi) \qquad \qquad \Psi \leftrightarrow J$$

 Ψ are coherent states representing J in the higher spin algebra. The correlators are invariant under full higher spin symmetry, $\delta\Psi=[\Psi,\xi]_\star$, which contains the conformal symmetry

Easy to say, but can we compute them?

yes, why not (Sundell, Colombo; Didenko, E.S.; ...)

$$\langle JJJJ\rangle_{F.B.} \sim \cos(Q_{13}^2 + Q_{24}^3 + Q_{31}^4 + Q_{43}^1)\cos(P_{12})\cos(P_{23})\cos(P_{34})\cos(P_{41}) + \dots$$

Unbroken higher spin symmetry: Summary

In every free CFT one finds ∞ -many higher spin currents $J_s\equiv J_{a_1...a_s}$, which generate HS-charges $Q_s=\int J$. By construction, Q generate an ∞ -dim Lie algebra, an extension of so(3,2)

$$[Q,Q] = Q [Q,J] = J [Q,\phi] = \phi$$

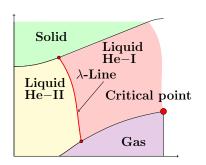
Miracle 1: the algebra originates from an associative HS-algebra \mathfrak{hs} via $[a,b]=a\star b-b\star a$. Free CFT = associative algebra. Miracle 2: HS-currents J are isomorphic to \mathfrak{hs} , representation twisted by inversion.

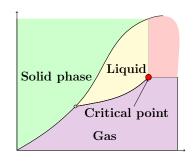
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Important: in 3d $\mathfrak{hs}_{F.B.} \sim \mathfrak{hs}_{F.F.} \sim$ Weyl algebra of $f(a_i^\dagger, a^j)$ and the invariants are the unique invariants of HS-algebra (Sharapov, E.S.)

Chern-Simons Matter Theories and bosonization duality





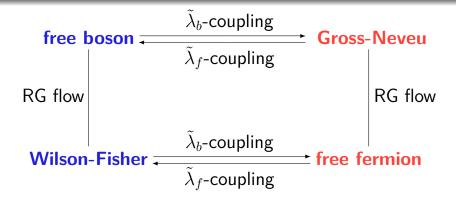
Chern-Simons Matter theories and dualities

 CFT_3 : there exists a large class of models, vector models, Chern-Simons Matter theories (extends to ABJ(M))

$$\frac{k}{4\pi}S_{CS}(A) + \mathsf{Matter} \begin{cases} (D\phi^i)^2 & \text{free boson} \\ (D\phi^i)^2 + g(\phi^i\phi^i)^2 & \mathsf{Wilson-Fisher (Ising)} \\ \bar{\psi} \not{\!\!D} \psi & \text{free fermion} \\ \bar{\psi} \not{\!\!D} \psi + g(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 & \mathsf{Gross-Neveu} \end{cases}$$

- describe physics (Ising, quantum Hall, ...)
- break parity in general (Chern-Simons)
- two parameters $\lambda = N/k$, 1/N (λ continuous for N large)
- exhibit remarkable dualities, e.g. 3d bosonization duality (Aharony, Alday, Bissi, Giombi, Karch, Maldacena, Minwalla, Prakash, Seiberg, Tong, Witten, Yacobi, Yin, Zhiboedov, ...)

Chern-Simons Matter theories and dualities



The simplest gauge-invariant operators are higher spin currents

$$J_s = \phi D...D\phi \qquad J_s = \bar{\psi}\gamma D...D\psi$$

which are AdS/CFT dual to higher spin fields

Slightly-broken higher spin symmetry

What is going on in Chern-Simons-matter theories?

HS-currents are responsible for their own non-conservation:

$$\partial \cdot J_s = \sum_{s_1, s_2} C_{s, s_1, s_2}(\lambda) \frac{1}{N} [J_{s_1} J_{s_2}]$$

which is an exact non-perturbative quantum equation. In the large-N we can use classical (representation theory) formulas for [JJ].

The worst case $\partial\cdot J=$ some other operator. The symmetry is gone, the charges are not conserved, do not form Lie algebra.

In our case the non-conservation operator $\left[JJ\right]$ is made out of J themselves, but charges are still not conserved.



Slightly-broken higher spin symmetry: what is it?

Initially we have well-defined charges and higher spin algebra \$\hs\$\$

$$\partial \cdot J_s = 0 \implies Q_s = \int J_s \implies [Q, Q] = Q \& [Q, J] = J$$

$$l(\xi_1, \xi_2) \& l(\xi, J)$$

The higher spin symmetry does not disappear completely:

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We should deform the algebra together with its action on the module, so that the module (currents) can 'backreact':

$$\delta_{\xi}J = l(\xi, J) + l(\xi, J, J) + \dots,$$
 $[\delta_{\xi_1}, \delta_{\xi_2}] = \delta_{\xi},$

where
$$\xi = l(\xi_1, \xi_2) + l(\xi_1, \xi_2, J) +$$

The consistency of such a structure leads to L_{∞} -algebras

Strong homotopy algebras

Strong homotopy algebra is a graded space, e.g. $V=V_{-1}\oplus V_0$ equipped with multilinear maps $l_k(x_1,...,x_k)$ of degree-one. In our case

$$l_k(\xi, \xi, J, ..., J) \qquad l_k(\xi, J, ..., J)$$

that allow us to encode the deformed action

$$\delta_{\xi} J = l_2(\xi, J) + l_3(\xi, J, J) + \dots, \qquad [\delta_{\xi_1}, \delta_{\xi_2}] = \delta_{\xi},$$

where $\xi=l_2(\xi_1,\xi_2)+l_3(\xi_1,\xi_2,J)+...$ The maps obey 'Jacobi' relations

$$\sum_{i+j=n} (\pm) l_i(l_j(x_{\sigma_1}, ..., x_{\sigma_j}), x_{\sigma_{i+1}}, ..., x_{\sigma_n}) = 0$$

 L_{∞} originates from A_{∞} constructed from a certain deformation of \mathfrak{hs} , which is related to para-statistics/fuzzy sphere (Sharapov, E.S.)

Deformations of Poisson Orbifold: Weyl Algebra

Everyone knows that the Weyl algebra A_1 is rigid

$$[q,p]=i\hbar \qquad \qquad \text{no deformation of} \qquad f(q,p)\star g(q,p)$$

Suppose that $\mathbf{R}f(q,p)=f(-q,-p)$, i.e. we can realize it as

$$R^2 = 1 RqR = -q RpR = -p$$

The crossed-product algebra $A_1 \ltimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ is soft (Wigner; Yang; Mukunda; ...):

$$[q, p] = i\hbar + i\nu \mathbf{R}$$

Also known as para-bose oscillators. Even R(f)=f lead to $gl_{\lambda}=U(sp_2)/(C_2-\lambda(\lambda-1))$ (Feigin), also (Madore; Bieliavsky et al) as fuzzy-sphere, NC hyperboloid, also (Plyushchay et al) as anyons.

Orbifold $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}_2$ admits 'second' quantization on top of the Moyal-Weyl *-product, (Pope et al; Joung, Mrtchyan; Korybut; Basile et al; Sharapov, E.S., Sukhanov)

Slightly broken higher spin symmetry: summary

- necessary for bosonization: \mathfrak{hs} (boson) $\sim \mathfrak{hs}$ (fermion) (Dirac, 1963)
- there exist exactly one invariant, $\operatorname{Tr}(\Psi\star\ldots\star\Psi)$, to serve as n-point correlator $\langle J...J\rangle$ for free/large-N limit
- L_{∞} depends on two pheno parameters, to be related to k, N
- invariants are unobstructed and have a quasi-free form

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{\circ} \log_{\circ} [1 - \Psi] \mod \operatorname{irr}, \qquad a \circ b = a \star b + \phi_1(a, b) \mathbf{R} + \dots$$

a simple consequence is that correlators are very special

$$\langle J...J \rangle = \sum \langle \mathsf{fixed} \rangle_i \times \mathsf{params}$$

This implies 3d bosonization since $\langle J...J \rangle$ know everything and it does not matter what matter J are made of, ϕ or ψ

Chiral higher spin gravity

Remarks on Higher Spin Gravity

AdS/CFT duals of (Chern-Simons) vector models are HiSGRA since conserved tensor J_s is dual to (massless) gauge field in AdS_4 (Sundborg; Klebanov, Polyakov; Sezgin Sundell; Leight, Petkou; Giombi, Yin, ...)

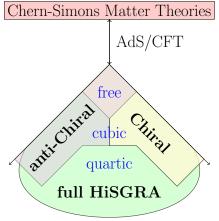
$$\partial^m J_{ma_2...a_s} = 0 \qquad \iff \delta \Phi_{\mu_1...\mu_s} = \nabla_{(\mu_1} \xi_{\mu_2...\mu_s)}$$

Instead of tedious quantum calculations in Chern-Simons matter one could do the standard holographic computation in the HiSGRA dual.

No free lunch: generic HiSGRA do not (want to $\begin{cases}\begin{ca$

Chiral HiSGRA (Metsaev; Ponomarev, E.S.): all spins s=0,(1),2,(3),...; at least one-loop UV-finite (E.S., Tran, Tsulaia); any sign of the cosmological constant is allowed, including zero; the smallest and the only local HiSGRA with propagating massless fields; specific predictions for higher derivative modifications of gravity; some kind of self-dual theory (Ponomarev); trivial S-matrix in flat space, but not in AdS...

Chiral HiSGRA and Chern-Simons Matter



Chiral HiSGRA is a local HiSGRA;

It has the right spectrum to be dual to Chern-Simons matter, but it cannot be;

Its very existence implies Chern-Simons matter have 2 closed subsectors;

Its very existence supports 3d bosonization duality;

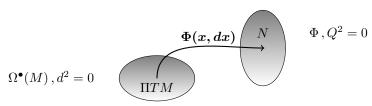
Bosonization is manifest!

(anti)-Chiral Theories provide a complete base for 3-pt amplitudes

$$V_3 = V_{chiral} \oplus \bar{V}_{chiral} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \langle JJJ \rangle$$

Chiral HiSGRA and Chern-Simons Matter

Let us be given a Q-manifold (better an L_{∞} -algebra)



then we can always write a sigma-model:

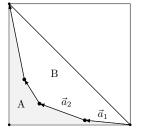
$$d\Phi = Q(\Phi) \equiv l_2(\Phi, \Phi) + l_3(\Phi, \Phi, \Phi) + ...$$

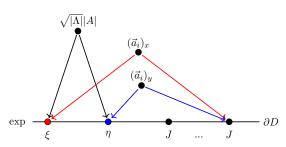
Any PDE can be cast into such a form ... (Barnich, Grigoriev)

Other names: Free Differential Algebras (Sullivan), in physics: (van Nieuwenhuizen; Fre, D' Auria); FDA=unfolding (Vasiliev), AKSZ (AKSZ), gauged-PDE (Grigoriev, Kotov)

A piece of a yet unknown formality

Moyal-Weyl, \mathfrak{hs} , 2d Poisson/Symplectic $\pi^{AB}=$ const, only boundary graphs survive in (Shoikhet-Tsygan)-Kontsevich formality. The first maps: $m(\xi,\eta)=\xi\star\eta$, $m(\xi,\eta,J)\sim\phi_1(\xi,\eta)\star JR$, but we need locality! Result for $m(\xi,\eta,J,...,J)$:





(Sharapov, E.S., Van Dongen) the configuration space is of convex polygons B or swallowtails A, related to Grassmannian. The maps exponentiate like for Moyal-Weyl.

Our A_{∞} is a pre-Calabi-Yau algebra (Kontsevich, ...). Formality? TFT?

Summary/Remarks/Comments/Speculations

• Higher spin symmetry is new (d = 3, ...) Virasoro $\stackrel{\smile}{\smile}$



- Slightly-broken symmetry should be understood as L_{∞}
- Uniqueness of L_{∞} -invariants implies the 3d bosonization duality
- New type of a physical symmetry where transformations (algebra) and the object (module) deform together
- Anomalous dimensions of HS-currents are small even for Ising model, N=1, e.g. $\Delta(J_4)=5.02$ instead of 5
- Chiral Higher Spin Gravity is dual to a closed subsector of (Chern-Simons) vector models. How to find it? It should extend to small N due to integrability, implications for Ising?
- Locality implies specific A_{∞} -maps that have (Shoikhet-Tsygan)-Kontsevich as first two layers. Biger Formality? TFT?
- More: Snowmass paper, ArXiv: 2205.01567

Thank you for your attention!

May the higher spin symmetry be with you

Two Poisson Brackets

Consider functions $f(q, p, \mathbb{R})$ on the phase space

1st Poisson bracket:

$$\{f,g\} = m \,\pi_1(f \otimes g)$$
 $\qquad \qquad \pi_1 = \partial_p \otimes \partial_q - \partial_q \otimes \partial_p$

2nd Poisson bracket:

$$\{f,g\} = m \,\pi_1 \int f(q_{(1-2u_1)}, p_{(1-2u_1)}) \otimes g(q_{(1-2u_2)}, p_{(1-2u_2)}) \,\mathbf{R}$$

the integral over simplex $0 < u_1 < u_2 < 1$ is a leftover of the Kontsevich-Shoikhet graph. It can be obtained (Feigin, Felder, Shoikhet) from Kontsevich-Shoikhet-Tsygan Formality

In the general case of $A_n \rtimes \Gamma$ the complete deformation can be obtained (Sharapov, E.S., Sukhanov) via Homological Perturbation Theory. There is a relation to Dunkl derivative for $\hbar=0$ (Tang)

L_{∞} from A_{∞} ; A_{∞} from soft associative algebras

We need to construct L_{∞} that 'deforms' our initial data = algebra + module, both originating from an associative algebra $A = \mathfrak{hs} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$.

One can show (Sharapov, E.S.) that such L_{∞} can be constructed as long as A is soft, i.e. can be deformed as an associative algebra:

$$a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$$
 $a \circ b = a \star b + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_k(a, b) \, \hbar^k$

The maps can be obtained from an auxiliary A_{∞}

$$m_3(a, b, u) = \phi_1(a, b) \star u \rightarrow l_3$$

$$m_4(a, b, u, v) = \phi_2(a, b) \star u \star v + \phi_1(\phi_1(a, b), u) \star v \rightarrow l_4$$

Our algebra can be deformed thanks to para-statistics/anyons ... otherwise, any soft associative algebra leads to a certain A_∞

Empty Flat Space

Any PDE can be cast into such a form ...

Flat space is still a flat connection $dA = \frac{1}{2}[A,A]$

$$de^a=\omega^{a,}{}_b\wedge e^b \qquad \qquad \text{no torsion}$$

$$d\omega^{a,b}=\omega^{a,}{}_c\wedge \omega^{c,b} \qquad \qquad \text{Riemann vanishes}$$

vielbein
$$e^a \equiv e^a_\mu \, dx^\mu$$
 ; spin-connection $\omega^{a,b} \equiv \omega^{a,b}_\mu \, dx^\mu$

Minkowski space = flat Poincare algebra connection*

How to add gravitational waves?

Einstein Equations

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$$de^a=\omega^{a,}{}_b\wedge e^b \qquad \qquad \text{no torsion}$$

$$d\omega^{a,b}=\omega^{a,}{}_c\wedge \omega^{c,b}+e_m\wedge e_nC^{ab,mn} \qquad \qquad \text{Einstein is here!}$$

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vielbein $e^a\equiv e^a_\mu\,dx^\mu$; spin-connection $\omega^{a,b}\equiv \omega^{a,b}_\mu\,dx^\mu$; Weyl tensor $C^{ab,cd}$; and more $C^{ab,cd,k}$, ... and nonlinear equations for them

We have to introduce auxiliary fields to parameterize the on-shell jet:

$$R_{ab,mn} = C_{ab,mn}$$
 (Riemann = its Weyl) \sim Einstein

Closed-form for SDYM and SDGR (E.S., Van Dongen), l_2 , l_3