

# Conformal Algebra

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# Conformal Transformations

A conformal transformation is a smooth, invertible map  $x \rightarrow x'$  which locally preserves the angle between any two lines:

$$g'_{\rho\sigma}(x') \frac{\partial x'^{\rho}}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x'^{\sigma}}{\partial x^{\nu}} = \Lambda(x) g_{\mu\nu}(x), \quad (1.1)$$

Let us next consider the infinitesimal coordinate transformations ( $\epsilon(x) \ll 1$ ):

$$x'^{\rho} = x^{\rho} + \epsilon^{\rho}(x) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2). \quad (1.2)$$

# Conformal Transformations

For  $d \geq 3$ , there are ONLY 4 classes of solutions for  $\epsilon_\mu(x)$  of  $x'_\mu = x_\mu + \epsilon_\mu(x) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ .

$$(\text{Infinitesimal Translation}) \quad \epsilon^\mu(x) = a^\mu \quad (\text{constant}) \quad (1.3)$$

$$(\text{Infinitesimal Rotation}) \quad \epsilon^\mu(x) = M^\mu_\nu x^\nu \quad (1.4)$$

$$(\text{Infinitesimal Scaling}) \quad \epsilon^\mu(x) = \lambda x^\mu \quad (1.5)$$

$$(\text{Infinitesimal SCT}) \quad \epsilon^\mu(x) = 2(b \cdot x)x^\mu - x^2 b^\mu \quad (1.6)$$

The Finite conformal transformations are:

$$(\text{translation}) \quad x'^\mu = x^\mu + a^\mu$$

$$(\text{rotation}) \quad x'^\mu = M^\mu_\nu x^\nu$$

$$(\text{dilatation}) \quad x'^\mu = \alpha x^\mu$$

$$(\text{SCT}) \quad x'^\mu = \frac{x^\mu - b^\mu x^2}{1 - 2b \cdot x + b^2 x^2}$$

Inversions are given by

$$\boxed{x^\mu} \longrightarrow \boxed{x'^\mu = \frac{x^\mu}{x^2}} \quad (1.7)$$

The SCTs can be understood as an inversion of  $x^\mu$ , followed by a translation  $b^\mu$ , and followed again by an inversion.

$$\boxed{x^\mu} \longrightarrow \boxed{x'^\mu = \frac{x^\mu}{x^2}} \longrightarrow \boxed{x''^\mu = \frac{x^\mu}{x^2} - b^\mu} \longrightarrow \boxed{x'''^\mu = \frac{\frac{x^\mu}{x^2} - b^\mu}{(\frac{x^\mu}{x^2} - b^\mu)^2} = \frac{x^\mu - b^\mu x^2}{1 - 2b \cdot x + b^2 x^2}}$$

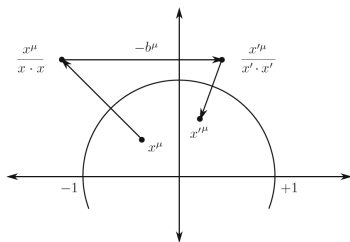


Figure 1: Illustration of a finite SCT

# Conformal algebra

The generators of conformal transformations are:  $P^\mu = i\partial^\mu$  (translation),  $M^{\mu\nu} = i(x^\mu\partial^\nu - x^\nu\partial^\mu)$  (rotation),  $D = ix_\mu\partial^\mu$  (dilation or scaling), and  $\mathfrak{K}^\mu = i(2x^\mu x_\nu\partial^\nu - x^2\partial^\mu)$  (SCT).

Therefore, the full Conformal algebra is given by

$$\begin{aligned}[P_\mu, P_\nu] &= 0; \quad [\mathfrak{K}_\mu, \mathfrak{K}_\nu] = 0; \\[D, P_\mu] &= -iP_\mu; \quad [D, \mathfrak{K}_\mu] = i\mathfrak{K}_\mu; \\[P_\rho, M_{\mu\nu}] &= i(g_{\rho\mu}P_\nu - g_{\rho\nu}P_\mu); \\[\mathfrak{K}_\rho, M_{\mu\nu}] &= i(g_{\rho\mu}\mathfrak{K}_\nu - g_{\rho\nu}\mathfrak{K}_\mu); \\[M_{\alpha\beta}, M_{\rho\sigma}] &= -i(g_{\beta\sigma}M_{\alpha\rho} - g_{\beta\rho}M_{\alpha\sigma} + g_{\alpha\rho}M_{\beta\sigma} - g_{\alpha\sigma}M_{\beta\rho}); \\[\mathfrak{K}_\mu, P_\nu] &= -2i(g_{\mu\nu}D + M_{\mu\nu}); \quad [D, M_{\mu\nu}] = 0.\end{aligned}$$

# Boost as Rotations in 4D

The 4D Angular momentum tensor is given by:

$$M_{\mu\nu} = i(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -K^1 & -K^2 & -K^3 \\ K^1 & 0 & J^3 & -J^2 \\ K^2 & -J^3 & 0 & J^1 \\ K^3 & J^2 & -J^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.1)$$

$$[M^{\alpha\beta}, M^{\rho\sigma}] = -i (g^{\beta\sigma} M^{\alpha\rho} - g^{\beta\rho} M^{\alpha\sigma} + g^{\alpha\rho} M^{\beta\sigma} - g^{\alpha\sigma} M^{\beta\rho}) \quad (3.2)$$

There are  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  number of planes in  $n$  dimension:

Dimension	# of planes
1D	0
2D	1
3D	3
4D	6
5D	10
6D	15

(3.3)

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (3 + 1)

We define the following  $6 \times 6$  tensor in the projective-space-time:

$$J_{a,b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -D & -\frac{\mathfrak{K}_0}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\mathfrak{K}_1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\mathfrak{K}_2}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\mathfrak{K}_3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ D & 0 & \frac{P_0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{P_1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{P_2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{P_3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\mathfrak{K}_0}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{P_0}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \mathcal{D}^{\hat{1}} & \mathcal{D}^{\hat{2}} & K^3 \\ \frac{\mathfrak{K}_1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{P_1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\mathcal{D}^{\hat{1}} & 0 & J^3 & -\mathcal{K}^{\hat{1}} \\ \frac{\mathfrak{K}_2}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{P_2}{\sqrt{2}} & -\mathcal{D}^{\hat{2}} & -J^3 & 0 & -\mathcal{K}^{\hat{2}} \\ \frac{\mathfrak{K}_3}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{P_3}{\sqrt{2}} & -K^3 & \mathcal{K}^{\hat{1}} & \mathcal{K}^{\hat{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{(6 \times 6)} \quad (3.4)$$

Then, the simplified conformal algebra  $SO(4 + 1, 1)$  is:

$$[J_{ab}, J_{cd}] = -i (g_{bd}J_{ac} - g_{bc}J_{ad} + g_{ac}J_{bd} - g_{ad}J_{bc}) \quad (3.5)$$

where,

$$g_{\hat{a}, \hat{b}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{6 \times 6} \quad (3.6)$$

where  $a, b \in \{-2, -1, 0, 3\}$ .

# Isomorphism with Dirac matrices

Dirac<sup>1</sup> has shown the existence of isomorphism between  $SO(4, 2)$  conformal group and Dirac matrices. Later, Hepner<sup>2</sup> has explicitly shown the isomorphism between the group of Dirac's four-row  $\gamma$ -matrices and the continuous conformal group in Euclidean space.

We show

$$J'_{a,b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma_5 & \frac{(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\gamma_5 & 0 & \frac{(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_0}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \gamma_0\gamma_1 & \gamma_0\gamma_2 & \gamma_0\gamma_3 \\ \frac{-(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_1}{\sqrt{2}} & \gamma_1\gamma_0 & 0 & \gamma_1\gamma_2 & \gamma_1\gamma_3 \\ \frac{-(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_2}{\sqrt{2}} & \gamma_2\gamma_0 & \gamma_2\gamma_1 & 0 & \gamma_2\gamma_3 \\ \frac{-(1-\gamma_5)\gamma_3}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-(1+\gamma_5)\gamma_3}{\sqrt{2}} & \gamma_3\gamma_0 & \gamma_3\gamma_1 & \gamma_3\gamma_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.7)$$

This  $J'_{a,b}$  obeys the  $SO(4+1, 1)$  algebra

$$[J_{ab}, J_{cd}] = -i(g_{bd}J_{ac} - g_{bc}J_{ad} + g_{ac}J_{bd} - g_{ad}J_{bc})$$

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<sup>1</sup>Dirac, P. A. M. Annals Math. 37, 429–442 (1936)

<sup>2</sup>Hepner, W. A. Nuovo Cim. 26, 351–368 (1962).



# Isomorphism with Dirac matrices

The representation of the conformal group in terms of  $4 \times 4$  gamma matrices are the following;

$$P_\mu = \frac{i}{2}(1 + \gamma_5)\gamma_\mu; \quad (3.8)$$

$$\mathfrak{K}_\mu = \frac{-i}{2}(1 - \gamma_5)\gamma_\mu; \quad (3.9)$$

$$K^1 = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_1\gamma_0; \quad K^2 = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_2\gamma_0; \quad K^3 = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_3\gamma_0; \quad (3.10)$$

$$J^1 = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_2\gamma_3; \quad J^2 = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_3\gamma_1; \quad J^3 = \frac{i}{2}\gamma_1\gamma_2; \quad (3.11)$$

$$D = \frac{-i}{2}\gamma_5. \quad (3.12)$$

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

We have:

$$J_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -D & -\frac{\mathfrak{K}_0}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\mathfrak{K}_3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ D & 0 & \frac{P_0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{P_3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\mathfrak{K}_0}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{P_0}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -K^3 \\ \frac{\mathfrak{K}_3}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{P_3}{\sqrt{2}} & K^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{(4 \times 4)} \quad (4.1)$$

Then, the 1 + 1 conformal algebra in LFD is given by

$$[J_{ab}, J_{cd}] = -i (g_{bd}J_{ac} - g_{bc}J_{ad} + g_{ac}J_{bd} - g_{ad}J_{bc}) \quad (4.2)$$

where,

$$g_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \quad (4.3)$$

From (4.2), one can write

$$J_{ab} = i(x_a \partial_b - x_b \partial_a) \quad (4.4)$$

where  $a, b \in \{-2, -1, 0, 3\}$ .

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

Let's say that  $A^a$  is hyper-4-vector; suppose  $A^a$  and  $B^a$  transform under 6d rotation:

$$A'^a = R^a_b A^b, \quad B'^a = R^a_b B^b. \quad (4.5)$$

Then the inner products  $A' \cdot B'$  and  $A \cdot B$  can be written as

$$A'_b B'^b = (g_{ab} R^a_c R^b_d) A^c B^d, \quad (4.6)$$

$$A_b B^b = g_{cd} A^c B^d. \quad (4.7)$$

In order for  $A' \cdot B' = A \cdot B$  to hold for any  $A$  and  $B$ , the coefficients of  $A^c B^d$  should be the same term by term:

$$g_{ab} R^a_c R^b_d = g_{cd}. \quad (4.8)$$

Let's start by looking at a hyper-4d rotation transformation, which is (has to be) infinitesimally close to the identity:

$$R^a_b = g^a_b + \omega^a_b, \quad (4.9)$$

where  $\omega^a_b$  is a set of small (real) numbers.

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

Inserting this into the defining condition, we get

$$g^{cd} = R^c_b R^{bd} , \quad (4.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (g^c_b + \omega^c_b)(g^{bd} + \omega^{bd}) , \\ &= g^{cd} + \omega^{cd} + \omega^{dc} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

Keeping terms to the first order in  $\omega$ , we then obtain

$$\omega^{ab} = -\omega^{ba} . \quad (4.12)$$

Thus, it has 6 independent parameters:

$$\omega^{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega^{-2,-1} & \omega^{-2,0} & \omega^{-2,3} \\ -\omega^{-2,-1} & 0 & \omega^{-1,0} & \omega^{-1,3} \\ -\omega^{-2,0} & -\omega^{-1,0} & 0 & \omega^{0,3} \\ -\omega^{-2,3} & -\omega^{1,3} & -\omega^{0,3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{(4 \times 4)} . \quad (4.13)$$

This can be conveniently parameterized using 6 anti-symmetric matrices as

$$\omega^{ab} = -i \sum_{c < d} \omega^{cd} (J_{cd})^{ab} , \quad (4.14)$$

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

where

$$(J_{cd})^{ab} = i(g^a_c g^b_d - g^b_c g^a_d). \quad (4.15)$$

then

$$\omega^{ab} = -i \sum_{c < d} \omega^{cd} (J_{cd})^{ab} = -i \sum_{c > d} \omega^{cd} (J_{cd})^{ab} = -\frac{i}{2} \omega^{cd} (J_{cd})^{ab}, \quad (4.16)$$

where in the last expression, the sum over all values of  $\hat{c}$  and  $\hat{d}$  is implied. The infinitesimal transformation (hyper-4d rotation) ((4.9)) can then be written a

$$R^a_b = g^a_b - \frac{i}{2} \omega^{cd} (J_{cd})^a_b, \quad (4.17)$$

The generator representation  $(J_{cd})^a_b$  can be obtained by

$$(J_{cd})^a_b = (J_{cd})^{af} g_{fb} \quad (4.18)$$

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

The representation matrices of conformal generators are defined by taking the first index to be superscript and the second subscript:

$$\frac{-\mathfrak{K}_\mu}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv (J_{-2\mu})^a_b ; \quad \frac{P_\mu}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv (J_{-1\mu})^a_b ; \quad -D \equiv (J_{-2-1})^a_b ; \quad K^3 \equiv (J_{3,0})^a_b. \quad (4.19)$$

where  $a, b \in \{-2, -1, 0, 3\}$  and  $\mu \in \{0, 3\}$ .

Explicitly<sup>3</sup>,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{K}_0 &= \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; & \mathfrak{K}_3 &= \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; & D &= \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ P_0 &= \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; & P_3 &= \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; & K^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

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# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

We define the conformal transformations as those transformations preserving the light cone. This is equivalent to preserving angles, and also equivalent to preserving ratios of lengths. Let's consider a hyper-4d vector;

$$\tilde{x}_{-1} = \frac{-\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad (4.21)$$

$$\tilde{x}_{-2} = \frac{-\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}(x^\mu . x_\mu); \quad (4.22)$$

$$\tilde{x}_\mu = \lambda x_\mu; \quad (4.23)$$

Now, let's consider the hyper-4d dot product,

$$g_{ab}\tilde{x}^a\tilde{x}^b = \tilde{x}^{-2}\tilde{x}_{-2} + \tilde{x}^{-1}\tilde{x}_{-1} + \tilde{x}^\mu\tilde{x}_\mu \quad (4.24)$$

$$\tilde{x}_a.\tilde{x}^a = -2\tilde{x}_{-2}\tilde{x}_{-1} + \tilde{x}^\mu\tilde{x}_\mu \quad (\text{since, } \tilde{x}_{-1} = -\tilde{x}^{-2} \text{ \& } \tilde{x}_{-2} = -\tilde{x}^{-1}) \quad (4.25)$$

$$\tilde{x}_a.\tilde{x}^a = -2\frac{-\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}(x^\mu . x_\mu)\frac{-\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \lambda^2 x^\mu x_\mu = -\lambda^2 x^\mu x_\mu + \lambda^2 x^\mu x_\mu \quad (4.26)$$

$$\tilde{x}_a.\tilde{x}^a = 0 \quad (4.27)$$

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

then,

$$x_\mu = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\tilde{x}_\mu}{\tilde{x}_{-1}} \quad (4.28)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x_\mu}{x^2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\tilde{x}_\mu}{\tilde{x}_{-1}} \frac{2\tilde{x}_{-1}\tilde{x}_{-1}}{\tilde{x}_\mu\tilde{x}^\mu} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\tilde{x}_\mu}{\tilde{x}_{-1}} \frac{2\tilde{x}_{-1}\tilde{x}_{-1}}{2\tilde{x}_{-2}\tilde{x}_{-1}} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\tilde{x}_\mu}{\tilde{x}_{-2}}} \quad (4.29)$$

Also,  $\boxed{x^2 = \frac{\tilde{x}_{-2}}{\tilde{x}_{-1}}}.$

Let's find the space-time transformation under each conformal generators in 1 + 1.



# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

For  $\mathfrak{K}_0$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}'_{-2} \\ \tilde{x}'_{-1} \\ \tilde{x}'_0 \\ \tilde{x}'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \exp(-ib^0 \mathfrak{K}_0) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}_{-2} \\ \tilde{x}_{-1} \\ \tilde{x}_0 \\ \tilde{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.30)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}'_{-2} \\ \tilde{x}'_{-1} \\ \tilde{x}'_0 \\ \tilde{x}'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (b^0)^2 & 1 & \sqrt{2}b^0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}b^0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}_{-2} \\ \tilde{x}_{-1} \\ \tilde{x}_0 \\ \tilde{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.31)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}'_{-2} \\ \tilde{x}'_{-1} \\ \tilde{x}'_0 \\ \tilde{x}'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}_{-2} \\ (b^0)^2 \tilde{x}_{-2} + \tilde{x}_{-1} + \sqrt{2}b^0 \tilde{x}_0 \\ \sqrt{2}b^0 \tilde{x}_{-2} + \tilde{x}_0 \\ \tilde{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.32)$$

# Manifestly Covariant Conformal Algebra (1 + 1)

On space-time, this transformation gives

$$x'_0 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\tilde{x}'_0}{\tilde{x}'_{-1}} \quad (4.33)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{2}b^0\tilde{x}_{-2} + \tilde{x}_0}{(b^0)^2\tilde{x}_{-2} + \tilde{x}_{-1} + \sqrt{2}b^0\tilde{x}_0} \quad (4.34)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{2}b^0 \frac{\tilde{x}_{-2}}{\tilde{x}_{-1}} + \frac{\tilde{x}_0}{\tilde{x}_{-1}}}{(b^0)^2 \frac{\tilde{x}_{-2}}{\tilde{x}_{-1}} + 1 + \sqrt{2}b^0 \frac{\tilde{x}_0}{\tilde{x}_{-1}}} \quad (4.35)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{2}b^0x^2 + (-\sqrt{2}x_0)}{(b^0)^2x^2 + 1 + \sqrt{2}b^0(-\sqrt{2}x_0)} \quad (4.36)$$

$$= \frac{-b^0x^2 + x_0}{(b^0)^2x^2 + 1 - 2b^0x_0} \quad (4.37)$$

$$x'_0 = \frac{x_0 - b_0x^2}{1 - 2b^0x_0 + (b^0)^2x^2} \checkmark \quad (4.38)$$

# Transformation of $x_0$ and $x_3$ under conformal transformation

In the instant form:

Generators	$x'_0$	$x'_3$
$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$x'_0 = \frac{x_0 - b_0 x^2}{1 - 2b_0 x_0 + (b_0)^2 x^2}$	$x'_3 = \frac{x_3}{1 - 2b_0 x_0 + (b_0)^2 x^2}$
$-\mathfrak{K}_3$	$x'_0 = \frac{x_0}{1 - 2b_3 x_0 - (b_3)^2 x^2}$	$x'_3 = \frac{x_3 + b_3 x^2}{1 - 2b_3 x_0 - (b_3)^2 x^2}$
$P_0$	$x'_0 = x_0 + a_0$	$x'_3 = x_3$
$-P_3$	$x'_0 = x_0$	$x'_3 = x_3 - a_3$
$D$	$x'_0 = e^{-\alpha} x_0$	$x'_3 = e^{-\alpha} x_3$
$K^3$	$x'_0 = (\cosh \eta_3) x_0 - (\sinh \eta_3) x_3$	$x'_3 = -(\sinh \eta_3) x_0 + (\cosh \eta_3) x_3$

## Combining $D$ and $K^3$

Under boosts along the z-axis,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'^0 \\ x'^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh \eta & -\sinh \eta \\ -\sinh \eta & \cosh \eta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^0 \\ x^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.39)$$

this gives,

$$x'^0 = x^0 \cosh \eta - x^3 \sinh \eta \quad (4.40)$$

$$x'^3 = -x^0 \sinh \eta + x^3 \cosh \eta \quad (4.41)$$

then the light-front coordinates under the boost,

$$x'^{\pm} = \frac{(x'^0 \pm x'^3)}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{((x^0 \cosh \eta - x^3 \sinh \eta)) \pm (-x^0 \sinh \eta + x^3 \cosh \eta))}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (4.42)$$

$$= (\cosh \eta \mp \sinh \eta) x^{\pm} \quad (4.43)$$

$$x'^{\pm} = e^{\mp \eta} x^{\pm} \quad (4.44)$$

Thus boost along the  $x^3$ -axis becomes a **scale transformation** for the variables  $x'^+$  &  $x'^-$  and  $x^+ = 0$  plane is invariant under the boost along  $x^3$ -axis.

# Combining $D$ and $K^3$

In IFD  $(1+1)$ , we have:

Table 1:  $1+1$  conformal algebra in IFD

	$P_0$	$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$D$	$-P_3$	$\mathfrak{K}_3$	$K^3$
$P_0$	0	$2iD$	$iP_0$	0	$2iK^3$	$-iP_3$
$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$-2iD$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_0$	$-2iK^3$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_3$
$D$	$-iP_0$	$i\mathfrak{K}_0$	0	$iP_3$	$i\mathfrak{K}_3$	0
$-P_3$	0	$2iK^3$	$-iP_3$	0	$2iD$	$iP_0$
$\mathfrak{K}_3$	$-2iK^3$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_3$	$-2iD$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_0$
$K^3$	$iP_3$	$i\mathfrak{K}_3$	0	$-iP_0$	$i\mathfrak{K}_0$	0

# Combining $D$ and $K^3$

In LFD,

Table 2:  $1 + 1$  conformal algebra in LFD<sup>4</sup>

	$P_+$	$\mathfrak{K}_+$	$D_+$	$P_-$	$\mathfrak{K}_-$	$D_-$
$P_+$	0	$2\sqrt{2}iD_+$	$\sqrt{2}iP_+$	0	0	0
$\mathfrak{K}_+$	$-2\sqrt{2}iD_+$	0	$-\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_+$	0	0	0
$D_+$	$-\sqrt{2}iP_+$	$\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_+$	0	0	0	0
$P_-$	0	0	0	0	$2\sqrt{2}iD_-$	$\sqrt{2}iP_-$
$\mathfrak{K}_-$	0	0	0	$-2\sqrt{2}iD_-$	0	$-\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_-$
$D_-$	0	0	0	$-\sqrt{2}iP_-$	$\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_-$	0

where,  $P_{\pm} = \frac{P_0 \pm P_3}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}_{\pm} = \frac{\mathfrak{K}_0 \mp \mathfrak{K}_3}{\sqrt{2}}$ , and  $D_{\pm} = \frac{D \mp K^3}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

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## Combining $D$ and $K^3$

We find<sup>5</sup> that  $SO(2, 2)$  splits into a direct sum of two identical algebras:

$$SO(2, 2) \simeq SO(1, 2) \oplus SO(1, 2) \quad (4.45)$$

Lets make two new  $3 \times 3$  anti symmetric tensors, namely  $J_{ab}^+$  and  $J_{ab}^-$ . Where,  $a, b \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

$$J_{ab}^+ = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_+ & D - K^3 \\ -P_+ & 0 & \mathfrak{K}_- \\ -D + K^3 & -\mathfrak{K}_- & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 3} ; \quad J_{ab}^- = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_- & D + K^3 \\ -P_- & 0 & \mathfrak{K}_+ \\ -D - K^3 & -\mathfrak{K}_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \quad (4.46)$$

and with the new metric  $g_{ab}$ ,

$$g_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \quad (4.47)$$

they fulfill the  $SO(1, 2)$  commutation relations;

$$[J_{ab}^\pm, J_{cd}^\pm] = -i (g_{bd}J_{ac}^\pm - g_{bc}J_{ad}^\pm + g_{ac}J_{bd}^\pm - g_{ad}J_{bc}^\pm) ; \quad [J_{ab}^+, J_{cd}^-] = 0$$

These are perfectly consistent with the above table in the LFD limit.

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<sup>5</sup>Daniel Meise's Relations between 2D and 4D Conformal Quantum Field Theory