

Homework 3

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1 Problem 1

a) It is not hard to show that under $z \rightarrow \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, the cross ratio becomes

$$\frac{\left(\frac{az_1+b}{cz_1+d} - \frac{az_2+b}{cz_2+d}\right) \left(\frac{az_3+b}{cz_3+d} - \frac{az_4+b}{cz_4+d}\right)}{\left(\frac{az_1+b}{cz_1+d} - \frac{az_3+b}{cz_3+d}\right) \left(\frac{az_2+b}{cz_2+d} - \frac{az_4+b}{cz_4+d}\right)} = \frac{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)(bc - ad)^2}{(z_1 - z_3)(z_2 - z_4)(bc - ad)^2} = \frac{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)}{(z_1 - z_3)(z_2 - z_4)}. \quad (1)$$

b) We set the transformation to be $z \rightarrow \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$. Solving the set of equations

$$az_1 + b = 0 \wedge az_2 + b = cz_2 + d \wedge cz_3 + d = 0 \wedge ad - bc = 1, \quad (2)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} a &\rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}}, b \rightarrow \frac{z_1 \sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}}, \\ c &\rightarrow \frac{z_2 - z_1}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}\sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}, d \rightarrow \frac{(z_1 - z_2)z_3}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}\sqrt{z_3 - z_2}} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} a &\rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}}, b \rightarrow -\frac{z_1 \sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}}, \\ c &\rightarrow \frac{z_1 - z_2}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}\sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}, d \rightarrow \frac{(z_2 - z_1)z_3}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)}\sqrt{z_3 - z_2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

2 Problem 2

We refer to the b c system as a $2D$ field theory with a Grassmann action

$$S = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2 z \, b \bar{\partial} c \quad (5)$$

The contraction of b and c field is

$$(b(z)c(\omega) - :b(z)c(\omega):)(-1)^\# = \frac{1}{z - \omega}. \quad (6)$$

a)

$$\begin{aligned}
T(z)T(w) &= (: (\partial_z b)c(z) : -\lambda \partial_z : bc(z) :) (: (\partial_w b)c(w) : -\lambda \partial_w : bc(w) :) \\
&= : (\partial_z b)c(z) :: (\partial_w b)c(w) : -\lambda \partial_z : bc(z) :: (\partial_w b)c(w) : \\
&\quad - \lambda : (\partial_z b)c(z) : \partial_w : bc(w) : + \lambda^2 \partial_z : bc(z) : \partial_w : bc(w) :
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The full contraction(quartic) part is

$$\lambda^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{1}{(z-\omega)(z-\omega)} - \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{1}{z-\omega}}{z-\omega} - \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{1}{z-\omega}}{z-\omega} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{1}{z-\omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{1}{z-\omega} = \frac{-6(\lambda-1)\lambda-1}{(z-\omega)^4} \tag{8}$$

The other terms are(omitting normal ordering symbols for simplicity)

$$\begin{aligned}
&c(\omega) \frac{\partial b(z)}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{1}{z-\omega} + c(z) \frac{\partial b(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{1}{z-\omega} = \frac{c(\omega)b''(\omega) - b'(\omega)c'(\omega)}{z-\omega} + O((z-\omega)^0) \\
&-\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(b(z)c(\omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{1}{z-\omega} + \frac{c(z)\frac{\partial b(\omega)}{\partial \omega}}{z-\omega} \right) = \frac{2\lambda b(\omega)c(\omega)}{(z-\omega)^3} + \frac{2\lambda c(\omega)b'(\omega)}{(z-\omega)^2} + O((z-\omega)^0) \\
&-\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left(b(\omega)c(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{1}{z-\omega} + \frac{c(\omega)\frac{\partial b(z)}{\partial z}}{z-\omega} \right) = \frac{2\lambda b(\omega)c(\omega)}{(z-\omega)^3} + \frac{2\lambda b(\omega)c'(\omega)}{(z-\omega)^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{\lambda(b(\omega)c''(\omega) - c(\omega)b''(\omega))}{z-\omega} + O((z-\omega)^0) \\
&\lambda^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left(\frac{b(\omega)c(z)}{z-\omega} + \frac{b(z)c(\omega)}{z-\omega} \right) = -\frac{4(\lambda^2 b(\omega)c(\omega))}{(z-\omega)^3} + \frac{\lambda^2(-2c(\omega)b'(\omega) - 2b(\omega)c'(\omega))}{(z-\omega)^2} \\
&\quad + O((z-\omega)^0)
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

In conclusion, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T(z)T(\omega) &\sim \frac{-6(\lambda-1)\lambda-1}{(z-\omega)^4} - \frac{4((\lambda-1)\lambda b(\omega)c(\omega))}{(z-\omega)^3} - \frac{2((\lambda-1)\lambda(c(\omega)b'(\omega) + b(\omega)c'(\omega)))}{(z-\omega)^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{-(\lambda-1)c(\omega)b''(\omega) - b'(\omega)c'(\omega) + \lambda b(\omega)c''(\omega)}{z-\omega}
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

b)

$$T(z) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{L_m}{z^{m+2}}, \quad L_m = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz z^{m+1} T(z) \tag{11}$$

We can just expand $T(z)$ in terms of b and c modes and pick up the power $-(m+2)$ terms.

$$\begin{aligned}
T(z) &= : (\partial_z b)c(z) : -\lambda \partial_z : bc(z) : = \sum_l \sum_k : \frac{-(k+\lambda)b_k}{z^{k+\lambda+1}} \frac{c_l}{z^{l+1-\lambda}} : \\
&\quad - : \lambda \left(\frac{-(k+\lambda)b_k}{z^{k+\lambda+1}} \frac{c_l}{z^{l+1-\lambda}} + \frac{b_k}{z^{k+\lambda}} \frac{-(l+1-\lambda)c_l}{z^{l+2-\lambda}} \right) :
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$