$$\delta W_{\mu\nu}(h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta}) \text{ in } g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \Omega^2(x)\eta_{\mu\nu} \text{ v1}$$

## 1 Transverse Tracless Projection $h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta}$

A general rank 2 scalar may be decomposed into transverse and longitudinal pieces, and further into transverse traceless, longitudinal traceless, and trace terms. The decomposition takes the form

$$h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu}^{T} + h_{\mu\nu}^{L}$$

$$= h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta} + h_{\mu\nu}^{L\theta} + \frac{1}{D-1} g_{\mu\nu} g^{\sigma\tau} h_{\sigma\tau} - \frac{1}{D-1} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} \int d^{D} y D^{(D)}(x-y) g^{\sigma\tau} h_{\sigma\tau}$$

$$\equiv h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta} + h_{\mu\nu}^{L\theta} + h_{\mu\nu}^{tr}, \qquad (1)$$

with the following properties:

$$\nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}^{T} = 0, \quad \nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}^{L} = \nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}, \quad \nabla^{\mu} \nabla^{\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{L} = \nabla^{\mu} \nabla^{\nu} h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{T} \equiv h^{T}, \quad g^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{L} \equiv h^{L}, \quad h = h^{T} + h^{L}$$

$$\nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta} = 0, \quad \nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}^{L\theta} = \nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}, \quad \nabla^{\mu} \nabla^{\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{L\theta} = \nabla^{\mu} \nabla^{\nu} h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta} = 0, \quad g^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{L\theta} = 0$$

$$\nabla^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu}^{tr} = 0, \quad g^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{tr} = g^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} = h.$$
(2)

The decomposition can be carried about through projectors. The transverse projector (E24) is

$$T_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} = \eta_{\mu\sigma}\eta_{\nu\tau} - \nabla_{\mu} \int d^{D}y D^{(D)}(x-y)\eta_{\nu\tau} - \nabla_{\nu} \int d^{D}y D^{(D)}(x-y)\eta_{\mu\sigma}\nabla_{\tau}$$
$$+ \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu} \int d^{D}y D^{(D)}(x-y)\nabla_{\sigma} \int d^{D}z D^{(D)}(y-z)\nabla_{\tau}, \tag{3}$$

where  $\nabla_i$  denotes the flat space derivative throughout this section. Together with a complementary trace projector (E29)

$$Q_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} = \frac{1}{D-1} \left[ \eta_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu} \int d^{D}y D^{(D)}(x-y) \right] \left[ \eta_{\sigma\tau} - \nabla_{\sigma} \int d^{D}z D^{(D)}(y-z) \nabla_{\tau} \right], \tag{4}$$

a transverse traceless projector may be composed as

$$P_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} = T_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} - Q_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau},\tag{5}$$

which may be used as

$$P_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}h^{\sigma\tau} = h_{\sigma\tau}^{T\theta}. (6)$$

As given in (C.72 Brane Gravity), the fluctuation of the flat  $\delta W_{\mu\nu}$  may be expressed entirely in terms of the gauge invariant  $h_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta}$ .

To see this, apply  $\Box^2$  to both  $T_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}$  and  $Q_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}$ :

$$\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}T_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}h^{\sigma\tau} = \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}h_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\sigma}h^{\sigma}_{\nu} - \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\nu}\nabla_{\sigma}h^{\sigma}_{\mu} + \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}\nabla_{\sigma}\nabla_{\tau}h^{\sigma\tau}$$
(7)

$$\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}Q_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}h^{\sigma\tau} = \frac{1}{3}\left(\eta_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}h - \eta_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\sigma}\nabla_{\tau}h^{\sigma\tau} + \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}h + \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}\nabla_{\sigma}\nabla_{\tau}h^{\sigma\tau}\right)$$
(8)

Summing the result gives

$$\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}(T_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} - Q_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau})h^{\sigma\tau} = \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}P_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}h^{\sigma\tau}$$

$$= \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}h_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\sigma}h^{\sigma}_{\nu} - \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\nu}\nabla_{\sigma}h^{\sigma}_{\mu}$$

$$+ \frac{2}{3}\nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}\nabla_{\sigma}\nabla_{\tau}h^{\sigma\tau} - \frac{1}{3}\eta_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla^{\beta}h - \frac{1}{3}\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}h$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3}\eta_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\sigma}\nabla_{\tau}h^{\sigma\tau}. \tag{9}$$

Comparison to  $\delta W_{\mu\nu}$  evaluated in a flat background

$$\delta W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla^{\alpha} h_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\alpha} h_{\nu}{}^{\alpha} - \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} \nabla_{\nu} \nabla_{\alpha} h_{\mu}{}^{\alpha} + \frac{2}{3} \nabla_{\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} h^{\alpha\beta} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{3} \eta_{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla^{\alpha} h + \frac{1}{3} \nabla_{\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla^{\alpha} h + \frac{1}{3} \eta_{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\gamma} \nabla^{\gamma} \nabla_{\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} h^{\alpha\beta} \right), \tag{10}$$

shows that  $\delta W_{\mu\nu}$  may be expressed in terms of  $\Box^2$  onto the transverse traceless projector,

$$\delta W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla^{\alpha} \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} (T_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} - Q_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}) h^{\sigma\tau}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla^{\alpha} \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} P_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} h^{\sigma\tau}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla^{\alpha} \nabla_{\beta} \nabla^{\beta} h^{T\theta}_{\mu\nu}.$$
(11)

Based on the properties of  $\delta W_{\mu\nu}$  under conformal transformation, namely  $\delta \bar{W}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^{-2} \delta W_{\mu\nu}$ , it follows that within a conformal to flat background the fluctuation equations can still be expressed in terms of  $\Box^2$  onto a transverse traceless projection, without an imposition of gauge.

## 2 $\delta W_{\mu\nu}(h_{\mu\nu})$

Starting with (APM 43), the direct perturbation of  $W_{\mu\nu}$ , we evaluate in a background  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \Omega^2(x)\eta_{\mu\nu}$  which yields the 153 term

$$\begin{split} \delta W_{\mu\nu}(h_{\mu\nu}) &= -6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}h_{\nu\eta}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\mu}\Omega - 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}h_{\mu\eta}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\nu}\Omega \\ &- 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\nu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}h_{\mu\beta} - 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\partial_{\nu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}h_{\mu\gamma} \\ &- 48\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-7}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\Omega\partial_{\eta}h_{\mu\nu} + 24\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\eta}h_{\mu\nu} \\ &- 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}h_{\nu\beta} - 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}h_{\nu\gamma} \\ &+ 20\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\kappa}\eta^{\eta\lambda}\eta_{\mu\nu}h_{\kappa\lambda}\Omega^{-8}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\Omega + 60\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}h_{\mu\nu}\Omega^{-8}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\Omega \\ &+ 2\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-5}\partial_{\alpha}\partial_{\nu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}h_{\mu\gamma} - 4\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-5}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}h_{\mu\nu} \\ &+ 2\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-5}\partial_{\alpha}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}h_{\nu\gamma} + 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}h_{\mu\nu}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega \\ &- 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}h_{\nu\alpha}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega - 6\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}h_{\mu\alpha}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\nu}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega \end{split}$$

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&-16\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}h_{\nu\alpha}D^{-7}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\nu}\Omega\partial_{\mu}\Omega-\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}D^{-5}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}h_{\alpha\gamma}\\ &+4\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}h_{\nu\alpha}D^{-7}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}h_{\gamma}+\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}D^{-5}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\nu}h_{\alpha\gamma}\\ &+\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}D^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\gamma}\Omega\partial_{\nu}h_{\eta\eta}+\eta^{\beta\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}D^{-5}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\nu}h_{\mu\eta}\\ &-8\eta^{\alpha\eta}\eta^{\alpha\eta}D^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\nu}h_{\mu\eta}-\theta^{\alpha\eta}\eta^{\alpha\gamma}D^{-5}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\nu}h_{\mu\eta}\\ 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In the above the trace is defined as

$$h = g_{(0)}^{\sigma\tau} h_{\sigma\tau} = \Omega^{-2} \eta^{\sigma\tau} h_{\sigma\tau}. \tag{13}$$

Now taking  $h_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 f_{\mu\nu}$  with trace

$$f = \eta^{\sigma\tau} f_{\sigma\tau} = \Omega^{-2} \eta^{\sigma\tau} h_{\sigma\tau} = h, \tag{14}$$

(??) evaluates to

$$\begin{split} \delta W_{\mu\nu}(f_{\mu\nu}) &= \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-2} \bigg( \frac{1}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} f + \frac{2}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} f_{\alpha\gamma} + \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} f_{\mu\nu} \\ &- \frac{1}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} f - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\mu} f_{\nu\alpha} - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\nu} f_{\mu\alpha} \end{split}$$

$$+\frac{1}{3}\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\eta^{\kappa\lambda}\eta_{\mu\nu}\partial_{\lambda}\partial_{\kappa}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}f_{\alpha\gamma}\bigg). \tag{15}$$

## $\delta W_{\mu\nu}(K_{\mu\nu})$

In terms of  $K_{\mu\nu}$ , we may start with (??) and substitute  $h_{\mu\nu} = K_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4}\Omega^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} h$ , which evaluates to the 151 term

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+4\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}K_{\alpha\gamma}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\beta}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{n}\partial_{\nu}\Omega - \frac{4}{2}\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-5}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{n}\partial_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}K_{\beta\gamma}
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-8\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\eta^{\kappa\lambda}\eta_{\mu\nu}\Omega^{-7}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\Omega\partial_{\lambda}K_{n\kappa}+4\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\eta^{\kappa\lambda}\eta_{\mu\nu}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\lambda}K_{n\kappa}
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-8\eta^{\alpha\gamma}\eta^{\beta\eta}\Omega^{-7}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\mu}K_{\gamma\eta}\partial_{\nu}\Omega + 40\eta^{\alpha\gamma}\eta^{\beta\eta}K_{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-8}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\nu}\Omega
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$$-16\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-7}\partial_{\alpha}\Omega\partial_{\eta}K_{\beta\gamma}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\nu}\Omega + 2\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}K_{\alpha\gamma}\partial_{\mu}\Omega\partial_{\nu}\Omega 
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+2\eta^{\alpha\beta}\eta^{\gamma\eta}K_{\alpha\gamma}\Omega^{-6}\partial_{\eta}\partial_{\beta}\Omega\partial_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\Omega.$$
(16)

The dependence upon h drops out as expected since  $W_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}=0.$ 

Now taking  $K_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 k_{\mu\nu}$  with trace

$$k = \eta^{\sigma\tau} k_{\sigma\tau} = \Omega^{-2} \eta^{\sigma\tau} K_{\sigma\tau} = 0, \tag{17}$$

(??) evaluates to

$$\delta W_{\mu\nu}(k_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{-2} \left( \frac{2}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} k_{\alpha\gamma} + \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} k_{\mu\nu} - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\mu} k_{\nu\alpha} \right. \\ \left. - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\nu} k_{\mu\alpha} + \frac{1}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \eta^{\kappa\lambda} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\kappa} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\beta} k_{\alpha\gamma} \right). \tag{18}$$

## Summary

Evaluated within a conformal to Minkowski background

$$ds^{2} = -(g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + h_{\mu\nu})dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} = -\Omega^{2}(x)(\eta_{\mu\nu} + f_{\mu\nu})dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu}, \tag{19}$$

the first order  $\delta W_{\mu\nu}$  may be expressed entirely in terms of the transverse traceless  $f_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta}$  as

$$\delta W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{-2} \partial_{\alpha} \partial^{\alpha} \partial_{\beta} \partial^{\beta} f_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta}. \tag{20}$$

I have not checked, but such an  $f_{\mu\nu}^{T\theta}$  should be gauge invariant.

Alternatively,  $\delta W_{\mu\nu}$  may be expressed within the same geometry of (??) in terms of the traceless  $k_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^{-2} K_{\mu\nu}$  as

$$\delta W_{\mu\nu}(k_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-2} \left( \frac{2}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} k_{\alpha\gamma} + \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} k_{\mu\nu} - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\mu} k_{\nu\alpha} \right. \\ \left. - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\nu} k_{\mu\alpha} + \frac{1}{3} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\gamma\eta} \eta^{\kappa\lambda} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\kappa} \partial_{\eta} \partial_{\beta} k_{\alpha\gamma} \right). \tag{21}$$

Imposing the conformal gauge such that  $\partial^{\nu} k_{\mu\nu} = 0$  reduces the fluctuation to

$$\delta W_{\mu\nu}(k_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-2}\partial_{\alpha}\partial^{\alpha}\partial_{\beta}\partial^{\beta}k_{\mu\nu}.$$
 (22)

These results coincide with the analogous (E37) and (E38).