## Homework III

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#### Problem 1

### 1.A)

For an operator  $\mathcal{O}$  to be BRST closed, it means  $[Q_{BRST}, \mathcal{O}] = 0$ , just remembering the usual BRST transformations<sup>1</sup>,

$$[Q_{\text{BRST}}, X^{\mu}] = (c\partial + \tilde{c}\bar{\partial})X^{\mu}$$
$$[Q_{\text{BRST}}, b] = T^{X} + T^{g}$$

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ We're using a graded commutator notation, that is, it's to be interpreted as either a commutator or an anti-commutator depending on the statistic of what is inside.

$$[Q_{\text{BRST}}, c] = c\partial c$$

with,

$$T^X = \frac{1}{\alpha'} : \partial X^{\mu} \partial X_{\mu} :, \quad T^g =: c \partial b : -2 : b \partial c :$$

so,

$$\begin{split} [Q_{\text{BRST}}, V^a] &= \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, c \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] \\ [Q_{\text{BRST}}, V^a] &= \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, c] \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] \\ [Q_{\text{BRST}}, V^a] &= \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial c \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \partial X^\mu] \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ [Q_{\text{BRST}}, V^a] &= \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial c \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial [Q_{\text{BRST}}, X^\mu] \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ [Q_{\text{BRST}}, V^a] &= \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial c \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial \left(c \partial + \tilde{c} \bar{\partial}\right) X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ [Q_{\text{BRST}}, V^a] &= \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial c \partial X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial \left(c \partial + \tilde{c} \bar{\partial}\right) X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial \left(c \partial + \tilde{c} \bar{\partial}\right) X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial \left(c \partial + \tilde{c} \bar{\partial}\right) X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \\ &\qquad \qquad - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial \partial X^\mu [Q_{\text{BRST}}, \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)}] - \lambda^a \epsilon_\mu c \partial \left(c \partial + \tilde{c} \bar{\partial}\right) X^\mu \exp{(\mathrm{i} k \cdot X)} \end{split}$$

- 1.B)
- 1.C)
- 1.D)

# Problem 2

- 2.A)
- 2.B)
- 2.C)
- 2.D)

# Problem 3

- 3.A)
- 3.B)
- 3.C)
- 3.D)
- 3.E)
- 3.F)

### A Faddeev-Popov Gauge Fixing

Our Action functional is,

$$S_X + \lambda \chi = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int_M d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} + \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \int_M d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} R + \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \int_{\partial M} ds K$$
 (A.1)

we would like to define the quantum theory by means of the path integral, that is, we expect that,

$$Z \stackrel{?}{=} \int \mathcal{D}X \mathcal{D}h \exp\left(-S_X[X, h] - \lambda \chi\right) \tag{A.2}$$

should give a well defined theory, but, already from A.2 there're several problems that arise, one of them is: What should be interpreted from the path integral itself? We haven't defined any manifold to our metric h and scalar fields X to live in, also, even if we had defined such, the path integral relies on explicit coordinate points,  $\mathcal{D}h = \prod_{\sigma} dh_{ab}(\sigma)$ , which are highly dependent on charts.

This is a valid claim, our way to avoid it is to define  $\mathcal{D}h$  to mean: Sum over all allowed two dimensional Riemannian manifolds, and all possible metric structures in these. Here, allowed requires a prescription, which manifolds are or aren't allowed impacts the obtained string theory. Happily, every two dimensional manifold has a definite value for the Euler Characteristic  $\chi$ , hence, we can sort them out by it,

$$Z \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{\{M\}_{\text{Met}(M)}} \int \mathcal{D}h \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X[X, h] - \lambda \chi\right)$$

$$Z \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda \chi\right) \sum_{\{M_X\}_{\text{Met}(M_\chi)}} \int \mathcal{D}h \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X[X, h]\right) \tag{A.3}$$

Where M is to be understood as a two dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $M_{\chi}$  is one with Euler Characteristic  $\chi$ ,  $\operatorname{Met}(M_{\chi})$  is the space of all metrics which can be assigned to  $M_{\chi}$ , we have written  $\sum_{\{M_{\chi}\}}$  in the special case of there being more than one manifold with same Euler Characteristic  $M_{\chi}$ .

teristic<sup>2</sup>, also, the functional integral over X should be read as integrating over all maps from  $M_{\chi}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{1,D-1}$ . While this is better defined than before, i.e. not coordinate dependent, we still have a few problems, first, it's know that A.1 has a Gauge Group of  $\mathrm{Diff}(M) \times \mathrm{Weyl}(M)$ , but, in our second try of a definition of the path integral, we're integrating the metrics over  $\mathrm{Met}(M_{\chi})$ , it's clear that may happen of two elements of  $\mathrm{Met}(M_{\chi})$  be equivalent under a  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_{\chi}) \times \mathrm{Weyl}(M_{\chi})$  transformation, to put in more clear terms, we're worried if exists  $h', h \in \mathrm{Met}(M_{\chi})$  such,

$$h'_{ab}(\sigma'(\sigma)) = \exp(2\omega(\sigma)) \frac{\partial \sigma^c}{\partial \sigma'^a} \frac{\partial \sigma^d}{\partial \sigma'^b} h_{cd}(\sigma)$$

the existence of those kinds of elements is troublesome, as  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$  is a infinite dimensional group of redundancies, this means we're over-counting physical configurations by a infinite amount. The solution is to look for an equivalence class of metrics under this Gauge Group action,

$$\mathcal{M}_{\chi} = \text{Met}(M_{\chi})/\text{Diff}(M_{\chi}) \times \text{Weyl}(M_{\chi})$$

 $<sup>^2</sup>$ As we're interested only in Differentiable Manifolds, more than manifold should read: More than one equivalence class of Differentiable Manifolds.

the equivalence class is to be understood as $^3$ ,

$$h' \sim h \Leftrightarrow h'_{ab}(\sigma'(\sigma)) = \exp(2\omega(\sigma)) \frac{\partial \sigma^c}{\partial \sigma'^a} \frac{\partial \sigma^d}{\partial \sigma'^b} h_{cd}(\sigma)$$

that is, two metrics are the same representative of an element of  $\mathcal{M}_{\chi}$  iff they differ by a composition of a Diffeomorphism and Weyl transformation. We'll denote a given composition of a Diffeomorphism followed by a Weyl transformation by  $\zeta$ ,

$$h' = \zeta \circ h$$

Notice that the set of equivalence class of metrics, or, the set of inequivalent  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$  metrics  $\mathscr{M}_\chi$  is highly dependent on the topology of  $M_\chi$ , for example, for  $M_\chi \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}$ , it's trivial, there is just one point in the set  $\mathscr{M}_\chi$ , in other words, every metric is equivalent, which isn't true for more complex topologies.

Thus, it's possible for us to set up a well defined version of the path integral, just replace  $\text{Met}(M_{\chi})$  by  $\mathscr{M}_{\chi}$ ,

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda\chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}} \int_{\mathscr{M}_\chi} \mathcal{D}h \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X[X, h]\right)$$
(A.4)

where the integration is to be understood as by choosing for each equivalence class in  $\mathcal{M}_{\chi}$  a representative element in  $\text{Met}(M_g)$ . While this is a satisfactory definition for the path integral, it feels a little clunky, we rather have an path integral over all the possible metrics — in the sense defined before —, well, this is achievable. First, for each equivalence class of  $\mathcal{M}_{\chi}$  elect one representative element of  $\text{Met}(M_{\chi})$ , we'll denote these elements as  $\hat{h}(\mathbf{t})$  — here  $\mathbf{t}$  is a parametrization of the correspondent equivalence class in  $\mathcal{M}_{\chi}$ , we haven't proved here, and won't, but  $\mathcal{M}_{\chi}$  is a finite N dimensional manifold, hence,  $\mathbf{t}$  is a N-tuple of real numbers —, by construction, these representatives are inequivalent under  $\text{Diff}(M_{\chi}) \times \text{Weyl}(M_{\chi})$ , hence,

$$\zeta_1 \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t}_1) = \zeta_2 \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t}_2) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{t}_1 = \mathbf{t}_2 \text{ and } \zeta_1 = \zeta_2$$

so that every element in  $\operatorname{Met}(M_g)$  can be written as a unique<sup>4</sup> composition of a given  $\zeta$  into a given  $\hat{h}(\mathbf{t})$ . Now, we rewrite the pictorial integral over  $\mathscr{M}_{\chi}$  is a more formal way, using the parametrization we just described,

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda \chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}_{\mathcal{M}_\chi}} \int d^N \mathbf{t} \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X \left[X, \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})\right]\right)$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda \chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}_{\mathcal{M}_\chi}} \int d^N \mathbf{t} \int_{\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}\zeta \delta(\zeta) \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X \left[X, \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})\right]\right)$$

in the last line we introduced a one by integrating<sup>5</sup> over the delta functional, as this integral picks only  $\zeta = 0$ , what should be understood as  $\zeta = \mathrm{id}$  in the group, we can deform a little the

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$ In all charts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The uniqueness or not depends on a few factors, here we'll always, unless specified otherwise, interpret  $\operatorname{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \operatorname{Weyl}(M_\chi)$  as the group generated by all possible compositions of Diffeomorphisms and Weyl transformations, but a element of it, ζ, is not to be interpreted as a unique composition of Diffeomorphism and Weyl factors, as there might be some Diffeomorphism which are equivalent to Weyl transformations, what is indeed true is that every element ζ of the Gauge Group is a unique combination of an element of  $\operatorname{Diff}(M_\chi)/\operatorname{Weyl}(M_\chi)$  and an element of  $\operatorname{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Again, following the same remarks made before, the integral over  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$  should not be interpreted as integrating over the whole of  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi)$  and after integrating over the whole  $\mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ , this would for sure be an over-counting, but rather should be interpreted as integrating over the whole group  $generated\ by$  compositions of  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi)$  and  $\mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ , which is equivalent of integrating over the whole  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi)/\mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ , and after integrating over the whole  $\mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ .

integration to,

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda \chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}} \int_{\mathcal{M}_\chi} d^N \mathbf{t} \int_{\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}\zeta \delta(\zeta) \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X \left[X, \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})\right]\right)$$
(A.5)

This is almost in the form that we would like, notice that we're integrating over the set of representative of the inequivalent metrics,  $d^N \mathbf{t}$ , and also over the whole group  $\mathrm{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \mathrm{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}\zeta$ , by construction, **every** metric in  $\mathrm{Met}(M_\chi)$  can be written uniquely<sup>6</sup> as,

$$h = \zeta_{\mathbf{t}} \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})$$

in other words, to integrate over  $d^N \mathbf{t} \mathcal{D}\zeta$  is to integrate over all metrics of the form  $\zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})$ , which is to integrate over all metrics  $h = \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})$  in  $\text{Met}(M_\chi)!$  We cannot yet make this change, due to the presence of an explicit dependence in  $\zeta$  at the functional delta. We'll eliminate it by means of a change of variable of the functional delta, notice that,

$$\delta \Big( \hat{h}(\mathbf{t}) - \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t}) \Big)$$

picks up just the contribution of  $\zeta = 0$ , so it's a good candidate for a change of variables,

$$\delta(\hat{h}(\mathbf{t}) - \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})) = \delta(\zeta) \left| \text{Det} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta \zeta} (\hat{h}(\mathbf{t}) - \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})) \right|_{\zeta=0} \right] \right|^{-1}$$

let's compute step by step the right-hand side of this equation, as we're only interested in the solution of  $\zeta = 0$ , what matters is just the connected component to the identity of the Gauge Group, this is parametrized by a function  $\omega$  related to the Weyl transformation, and a vector field  $\xi$  related to the connected component to the identity of the Diffeomorphisms — there is an additional requirement of  $\xi$  not generating any transformation which can be undone by a Weyl transformation —, also, for ease of our manipulation, we'll write the expression inside the delta with respect to h instead of  $\hat{h}(\mathbf{t})^7$ , that is,

$$\delta(\hat{h}(\mathbf{t}) - \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})) = \delta(\zeta^{-1} \circ h - h) = \delta(\zeta^{-1}) \left| \operatorname{Det} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta \zeta^{-1}} (\zeta^{-1} \circ h - h) \right|_{\zeta^{-1} = 0} \right] \right|^{-1}$$

one might worry about the  $\zeta^{-1}$  instead of the  $\zeta$ , but, the integration measure  $\mathcal{D}\zeta$  is formally a Haar measure in the Group, that means it's a group invariant measure, in other words,  $\mathcal{D}\zeta^{-1} = \mathcal{D}\zeta$ , so that we can forget about the inverse, now,

$$[\zeta \circ h]_{ab} = [h]_{ab} + 2\omega[h]_{ab} + [\pounds_{\xi}h]_{ab} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2, \xi^2, \omega\xi)$$
$$[\zeta \circ h]_{ab} = [h]_{ab} + 2\omega[h]_{ab} + 2\nabla_{(a}\xi_{b)} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2, \xi^2, \omega\xi)$$

of course  $\nabla$  here is with respect to the h metric,

$$[\zeta \circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab} = 2\omega[h]_{ab} + 2\nabla_{(a}\xi_{b)} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2, \xi^2, \omega\xi)$$
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}([\zeta \circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab}) = ????$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>With the remarks made before.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>We would have to carry out the **t** dependence in h also, but, soon it will disappear as matter of uniting the integrals  $d^N \mathbf{t} \mathcal{D} \zeta$  so we won't keep track of it anymore.

The  $\zeta$  derivative actually has two parts, the derivative with respect to  $\omega$  and the other with respect to  $\xi$ , let's do one by one,

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta\omega(\sigma')}([\zeta\circ h]_{ab}-[h]_{ab})(\sigma)\bigg|_{\zeta=0}=2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma-\sigma')h_{ab}(\sigma)$$

and for the  $\xi$ ,

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \xi^c(\sigma')} ([\zeta \circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab})(\sigma) \bigg|_{\zeta=0} = 2h_{c(b} \nabla_{a)} \delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}([\zeta\circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab})\bigg|_{\zeta=0} = 2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')h_{ab}(\sigma) + 2h_{c(b}\nabla_{a)}\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')$$

$$\operatorname{Det}\left[\frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}([\zeta\circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab})\bigg|_{\zeta=0}\right] = \operatorname{Det}\left[2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')h_{ab}(\sigma) + 2h_{c(b}\nabla_{a)}\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')\right]$$

the determinant can be computed by means of path integral of Grassmannian variables,

$$\operatorname{Det}\left[2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma-\sigma')h_{ab} + 2h_{c(b}\nabla_{a)}\delta^{(2)}(\sigma-\sigma')\right] = \int \mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\pi}\int d^{2}\sigma\sqrt{h}b^{ab}\left[h_{ab}d + h_{c(b}\nabla_{a)}c^{c}\right]\right)$$

$$\operatorname{Det}\left[\frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}(\left[\zeta\circ h\right]_{ab} - \left[h\right]_{ab})\Big|_{\zeta=0}\right] = \int \mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d\exp\left(-S_{\mathrm{gh}}[b,c,d,h]\right)$$

Substituting all of this back into our path integral,

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda\chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}_{\mathcal{M}_\chi}} \int_{\mathbb{D}iff(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}\zeta \delta(\zeta) \int \mathcal{D}X \exp\left(-S_X \left[X, \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})\right]\right)$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda\chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}_{\mathcal{M}_\chi}} \int_{\mathbb{D}iff(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}\zeta \delta(\zeta^{-1} \circ h - h) \int \mathcal{D}X \mathcal{D}b \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}d \exp\left(-S_X - S_{gh}\right)$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp\left(-\lambda\chi\right) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}_{\text{Met}(M_\chi)}} \int_{\mathbb{D}iff(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}b \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}d \exp\left(-S_X [X, h] - S_{gh}[b, c, d, h]\right)$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}h \mathcal{D}X \mathcal{D}b \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}d \delta\left(\hat{h} - h\right) \exp\left(-S_X [X, h] - S_{gh}[b, c, d, h] - \lambda\chi\right)$$

where  $\hat{h}$  is a family of choices of representatives of the equivalence classes of the Gauge equivalent metrics, of course this choice is dependent on the equivalence class h lies in, so, in a certain sense we have  $\hat{h} = \hat{h}[h]$ ,

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}h \mathcal{D}X \mathcal{D}b \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}d\delta \left(\hat{h}[h] - h\right) \exp\left(-S_X[X, h] - S_{gh}[b, c, d, h] - \lambda\chi\right)$$

we express the delta functional in terms of a path integral,

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}h \mathcal{D}X \mathcal{D}b \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}d \mathcal{D}B \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \sqrt{h} B^{ab} \left(\hat{h}_{ab}[h] - h_{ab}\right)\right) \exp\left(-S_X - S_{\mathrm{gh}} - \lambda \chi\right)$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}h \mathcal{D}X \mathcal{D}b \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}d \mathcal{D}B \exp\left(-S_X[X, h] - S_{\mathrm{gh}}[b, c, d, h] - S_{\mathrm{gf}}[B, h] - \lambda \chi\right)$$

where we lastly defined the Gauge Fixing Action. This is the final expression for our path integral with the identifications,

$$S_X[X,h] + \lambda \chi = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int_M d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} + \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \int_M d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} R + \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \int_{\partial M} ds K \qquad (A.6a)$$

$$S_{\rm gh}[b,c,d,h] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{M} d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} b^{ab} [h_{ab}d + \nabla_a c_b]$$
(A.6b)

$$S_{\rm gf}[B,h] = -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4\pi} \int_{M} \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \sqrt{h} B^{ab} \Big( \hat{h}_{ab}[h] - h_{ab} \Big)$$
 (A.6c)

### **B** BRST Quantization

Following the action principle derived from the Faddeev-Popov Gauge Fixing A.6, we can describe it's BRST symmetry by the transformations of the *matter fields* under Gauge, we know the following,

$$X^{\mu}(\sigma) \to X'^{\mu}(\sigma'(\sigma)) = X^{\mu}(\sigma)$$
$$h_{ab}(\sigma) \to h'_{ab}(\sigma'(\sigma)) = \exp(2\omega(\sigma)) \frac{\partial \sigma^{c}}{\partial \sigma'^{a}} \frac{\partial \sigma^{d}}{\partial \sigma'^{b}} h_{cd}(\sigma)$$

which have an *infinitesimal* form,

$$\delta X^{\mu} = \pounds_{\xi} X^{\mu} = \xi^{a} \partial_{a} X^{\mu}$$
  
$$\delta h_{ab} = 2\omega h_{ab} + \pounds_{\xi} h_{ab} = 2\omega h_{ab} + \nabla_{a} \xi_{b} + \nabla_{b} \xi_{a} = 2\omega h_{ab} + \xi^{c} \partial_{c} h_{ab} + h_{ac} \partial_{b} \xi^{c} + h_{bc} \partial_{a} \xi^{c}$$

the BRST transformation can be obtained from these by the substitution inferred from the Faddeev-Popov gauge fix, that is,  $\xi^a \to i\epsilon c^a$  and  $\omega \to i\epsilon d$ , where  $\epsilon$  is a Grassmannian parametrization of the BRST transformation,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}} X^{\mu} = i\epsilon c^a \partial_a X^{\mu} \tag{B.1a}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}} h_{ab} = 2i\epsilon \left( dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a} c_{b)} \right) = 2i\epsilon dh_{ab} + i\epsilon \left( c^{c} \partial_{c} h_{ab} + h_{ac} \partial_{b} c^{c} + h_{bc} \partial_{a} c^{c} \right)$$
(B.1b)

while the BRST transformation of the non-matter fields can be obtained by the BRST procedure, which are<sup>8</sup>,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}B_{ab}\right) = 0 \tag{B.1c}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\right) = -\epsilon\sqrt{h}B_{ab} \tag{B.1d}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}d = i\epsilon c^a \partial_a d \tag{B.1e}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}c^a = i\epsilon c^b \nabla_b c^a = i\epsilon c^b \partial_b c^a$$
 (B.1f)

the proof of nilpotency of these transformations is done in Appendix C. For the BRST quantization to be realized we need two things,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}(S_X + S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}) = 0$$
$$i\epsilon(S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}) = \delta_{\text{BRST}}\mathcal{O}$$

for  $\mathcal{O}$  some composition of fields, we'll check both of these, and for this it'll be necessary to know the BRST transformations of a few more fields,

h<sup>ab</sup>

$$0 = \delta_{\text{BRST}} \delta_a^{\ c}$$

$$0 = \delta_{\text{BRST}} (h_{ab} h^{bc})$$

$$0 = h_{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} + h^{bc} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h_{ab}$$

$$h_{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} = -2i\epsilon h^{bc} (dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a} c_{b)})$$

$$h^{da} h_{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} = -2i\epsilon (dh^{da} h^{bc} (dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a} c_{b)})$$

$$\delta_b^d \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} = -2i\epsilon (dh^{dc} + \nabla^{(d} c^c))$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{dc} = -2i\epsilon (dh^{dc} + \nabla^{(d} c^c))$$
(B.2a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The first two equations might look a bit odd, but they are in fact a consequence of normalization of  $\delta(f(\sigma)) \propto \int \mathcal{D}B \exp\left(\mathrm{i} \int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h}B(\sigma)f(\sigma)\right)$ , instead of choosing  $\delta(f(\sigma)) \propto \int \mathcal{D}B \exp\left(\mathrm{i} \int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma B(\sigma)f(\sigma)\right)$ .

• 
$$\sqrt{h} = \sqrt{\text{Det}[h_{ab}]}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\text{Det}[h_{ab}])$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\exp(\ln(\text{Det}[h_{ab}])))$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\exp(\text{Tr}[\ln(h_{ab})]))$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} (\exp(\text{Tr}[\ln(h_{ab})])) \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\text{Tr}[\ln(h_{ab})])$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} h \operatorname{Tr}[\delta_{\text{BRST}}(\ln(h_{ab}))]$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{h} h \operatorname{Tr}[h^{ca}\delta_{\text{BRST}}h_{ab}]$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{h} h^{ba}\delta_{\text{BRST}}h_{ab}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = i\epsilon\sqrt{h} h^{ba}(dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a}c_{b)})$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} = i\epsilon\sqrt{h}(2d + \nabla_{a}c^{a})$$
(B.2b)

•  $\sqrt{h}h^{ab}$ 

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}h^{ab}\right) = \delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}\right)h^{ab} + \sqrt{h}\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(h^{ab}\right)$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}h^{ab}\right) = i\epsilon\sqrt{h}(2d + \nabla_{c}c^{c})h^{ab} - 2i\epsilon\sqrt{h}\left(dh^{ab} + \nabla^{(a}c^{b)}\right)$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}h^{ab}\right) = 2i\epsilon\sqrt{h}\left(\frac{1}{2}h^{ab}\nabla_{c}c^{c} - \nabla^{(a}c^{b)}\right)$$
(B.2c)

So now we can proceed to compute the two conditions, we'll start by the second one, luckily, the BRST procedure already provides a natural candidate for  $\mathcal{O}$ ,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(-\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left(\hat{h}^{ab}-h^{ab}\right)\right) = -\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\right)\left(\hat{h}^{ab}-h^{ab}\right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\delta_{\text{BRST}}\hat{h}^{ab}$$

$$+\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(h^{ab}\right)$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(-\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left(\hat{h}^{ab}-h^{ab}\right)\right) = \epsilon\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}B_{ab}\left(\hat{h}^{ab}-h^{ab}\right)$$

$$+i\epsilon\frac{1}{2\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left(dh^{ab}+\nabla^a c^b\right)$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(-\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left(\hat{h}^{ab}-h^{ab}\right)\right) = i\epsilon S_{\text{gf}} + i\epsilon S_{\text{gh}}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(-\frac{1}{4\pi}\int d^2\sigma \,\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left(\hat{h}^{ab}-h^{ab}\right)\right) = i\epsilon (S_{\text{gf}}+S_{\text{gh}})$$

so what remains to be *checked* is the first condition, actually we have to *impose* it, let's do it part by part, starting with,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_M d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b \delta_{\text{BRST}} X_{\mu} + \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int_M d^2\sigma \, \delta_{\text{BRST}} \left(\sqrt{h} h^{ab}\right) \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu}$$

$$\begin{split} \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b [c^c \partial_c X_{\mu}] + \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \left(\frac{1}{2} h^{ab} \nabla_c c^c - \nabla^{(a} c^b)\right) \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} ((\nabla_b c^c) \partial_c X_{\mu} + c^c \nabla_b \nabla_c X_{\mu}) \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \left(\frac{1}{2} h^{ab} \nabla_c c^c - \nabla^a c^b\right) \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \nabla^a c^b + \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} c^c \partial_a X^{\mu} \nabla_c \nabla_b X_{\mu} \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \left(\frac{1}{2} h^{ab} \nabla_c c^c - \nabla^a c^b\right) \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{2\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} c^c \partial_a X^{\mu} \nabla_c \partial_b X_{\mu} + \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \nabla_c c^c \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} c^c \nabla_c \left( h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \right) + \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \nabla_c c^c \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \nabla_c \left( c^c h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \right) \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_X &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi\alpha'} \int\limits_{M} \mathrm{d}^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \nabla_c \left( c^c h^{ab} \partial_a X^{\mu} \partial_b X_{\mu} \right) \end{aligned}$$

now,

$$\begin{split} \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_{\text{gh}} &= \delta_{\text{BRST}} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ h^{ab} d + \nabla^a c^b \big] \right) \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_{\text{gh}} &= \delta_{\text{BRST}} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ h^{ab} d + \frac{1}{2} \big( -c^c \partial_c h^{ab} + h^{ac} \partial_c c^b + h^{bc} \partial_c c^a \big) \big] \right) \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_{\text{gh}} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \delta_{\text{BRST}} \Big( \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \Big) \big[ h^{ab} d + \nabla^a c^b \big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( h^{ab} \big) d + h^{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( d \big) \big] \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( c^c \big) \partial_c h^{ab} + c^c \partial_c \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( h^{ab} \big) \big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( h^{ac} \big) \partial_c c^b + h^{ac} \partial_c \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( c^b \big) \big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( h^{bc} \big) \partial_c c^a + h^{bc} \partial_c \delta_{\text{BRST}} \big( c^a \big) \big] \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} S_{\text{gh}} &= -\frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ h^{ab} d + \nabla^a c^b \big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ -2 \mathrm{i} \epsilon \big( d h^{ab} + \nabla^{(a} c^b \big) \big) d + h^{ab} \mathrm{i} \epsilon c^d \partial_d d \big] \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ \mathrm{i} \epsilon c^d \partial_d c^c \partial_c h^{ab} + 2 \mathrm{i} \epsilon c^c \partial_c \big( d h^{ab} + \nabla^{(a} c^b \big) \big) \big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \sigma \, \sqrt{h} b_{ab} \big[ -2 \mathrm{i} \epsilon \big( d h^{ac} + \nabla^{(a} c^c \big) \big) \partial_c c^b + \mathrm{i} \epsilon h^{ac} \partial_c \big( c^d \partial_d c^b \big) \big] \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &+\frac{1}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[-2\mathrm{i}\epsilon\left(dh^{bc}+\nabla^{(b}e^{b)}\right)\partial_{c}e^{\beta}+\mathrm{i}\epsilon h^{bc}\partial_{c}\left(e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{a}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}B_{ab}\left(-\mathrm{i}\epsilon\right)\left[h^{ab}d+\nabla^{a}e^{b}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{c}\partial_{c}h^{ab}+2e^{c}\left(d\partial_{c}h^{ab}+\partial_{c}\nabla^{(a}e^{b)}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{c}\partial_{c}h^{ab}+2e^{c}\left(d\partial_{c}h^{ab}+\partial_{c}\nabla^{(a}e^{b)}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[2\left(dh^{bc}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b)}\right)\partial_{c}e^{b}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}\left(e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{b}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[2\left(dh^{bc}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b)}\right)\partial_{c}e^{b}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}\left(e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{b}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[2\left(dh^{bc}+\nabla^{(b}e^{b)}\right)\partial_{c}e^{b}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}\left(e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{b}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[2\left(dh^{bc}+\nabla^{(b}e^{b)}\right)\partial_{c}e^{b}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}\left(e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{b}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[2\left(dh^{bc}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b)}\right)\partial_{c}e^{b}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}\left(e^{\beta}\partial_{d}e^{b}\right)\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\beta}\partial_{e}e^{\beta}\partial_{c}e^{b}-h^{ab}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}e^{\beta}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}e^{\beta}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\partial_{c}e^{b})\partial_{c}e^{b}+e^{\beta}\partial_{c}e^{\beta}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}e^{\beta}\partial_{c}e^{b}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\partial_{c}e^{b})\partial_{c}e^{b}+e^{\beta}\partial_{c}e^{\beta}-h^{bc}\partial_{c}e^{\alpha}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\partial_{c}e^{b})\partial_{c}e^{b}+e^{\beta}\partial_{c}e^{\alpha}+e^{\beta}\nabla^{(a}e^{b})\nabla_{c}e^{a}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[\nabla^{(a}e^{c}\partial_{c}e^{b}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\partial_{c}e^{b})+\nabla^{(b}e^{c}\partial_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{a}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\alpha}\nabla_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{b}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\nabla_{c}e^{b}+\nabla^{(b}e^{c}\nabla_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{a}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\alpha}\nabla_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{b}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\nabla_{c}e^{b}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\alpha}\nabla_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{b}+\nabla^{(a}e^{b}\nabla_{c}e^{b}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}\left[e^{\alpha}\nabla_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{b}+e^{\alpha}\nabla_{c}\nabla_{c}e^{b}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}e^{c}\left[R_{d}^{ba}_{a}+R_{d}^{ab}_{c}\right]e^{d}\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}e^{c}\left[R_{d}^{ba}_{a}-R_{d}^{ab}_{c}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{i}\epsilon}{4\pi}\int \mathrm{d}^2\sigma\sqrt{h}b_{ab}e^{c}\left[R_{d}^{ba}_{a}-R_{d}^{ab}_{c}\right]\\ &+\frac{\mathrm{$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}(S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}) = -\frac{i\epsilon}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} b_{ab} c^c c^d \left[ R^a_{cd}{}^b - R^a_{dc}{}^b + R^{ab}_{dc} - R^{ab}_{cd} \right]$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}(S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}) = -\frac{i\epsilon}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} b_{ab} c^c c^d \left[ R^{ab}_{cd} - R^{ab}_{dc} + R^{ab}_{dc} - R^{ab}_{cd} \right]$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}(S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}) = 0$$

so that the imposition  $\delta_{\text{BRST}}(S_X + S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}) = 0$ , is equivalent to,

#### C Closure of BRST transformations

Nilpotency of BRST,

$$\begin{split} \delta_1 X^\mu &= \mathrm{i} \epsilon_1 c^a \partial_a X^\mu \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= \mathrm{i} \epsilon_1 \delta_2(c^a) \partial_a X^\mu + \mathrm{i} \epsilon_1 c^a \partial_a (\delta_2(X^\mu)) \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= \mathrm{i} \epsilon_1 (\mathrm{i} \epsilon_2) c^c \nabla_c(c^a) \partial_a X^\mu + \mathrm{i} \epsilon_1 c^a \partial_a \left( (\mathrm{i} \epsilon_2 c^b \partial_b) X^\mu \right) \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= -\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^c \nabla_c(c^a) \partial_a X^\mu + \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^a \partial_a \left( c^b \partial_b X^\mu \right) \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= -\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^c \nabla_c(c^a) \nabla_a X^\mu + \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^a \nabla_a \left( c^b \nabla_b X^\mu \right) \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= -\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^c \nabla_c(c^a) \nabla_a X^\mu + \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^a \nabla_a \left( c^b \right) \nabla_b X^\mu + \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^a c^b \nabla_a \nabla_b X^\mu \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^a c^b \nabla_a \nabla_b X^\mu, \quad \text{using the ghost statistics} \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^a c^b \nabla_{[a} \nabla_{b]} X^\mu, \quad \text{as } X^\mu \text{ is a world-sheet scalar: } \nabla_a \nabla_b X^\mu = \nabla_b \nabla_a X^\mu \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 X^\mu &= 0 \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \delta_1 h_{ab} &= 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 dh_{ab} + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 (c^c \partial_c h_{ab} + h_{ac} \partial_b c^c + h_{bc} \partial_a c^c) \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 h_{ab} &= 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \delta_2 (d) h_{ab} + 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 d\delta_2 (h_{ab}) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 (\delta_2 (c^c) \partial_c h_{ab} + c^c \partial_c \delta_2 (h_{ab})) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 (\delta_2 (h_{ac}) \partial_b c^c + h_{ac} \partial_b \delta_2 (c^c)) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 (\delta_2 (h_{bc}) \partial_a c^c + h_{bc} \partial_a \delta_2 (c^c)) \\ \delta_2 \delta_1 h_{ab} &= 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h_{ab} c^c \partial_c d + 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 d2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a}c_b)) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 (\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 c^d \partial_a c^c \partial_c h_{ab} + c^c \partial_c \left(2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a}c_b)\right))) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \left(2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(a}c_c)\right) \partial_b c^c + h_{ac} \partial_b \left(\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 c^d \partial_a c^c\right) \right) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \left(2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(a}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c + h_{bc} \partial_a \left(\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 c^d \partial_a c^c\right) \right) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \left(2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(bc_c)}) \partial_a c^c + h_{bc} \partial_a \left(\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 c^d \partial_a c^c\right) \right) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \left(2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(a}c_c)\right) \partial_b c^c + h_{ac} \partial_b \left(\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 c^d \partial_a c^c\right) \right) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_1 \left(2\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 (dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(a}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c + h_{bc} \partial_a \left(\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 c^d \partial_a c^c\right) \right) \\ &\quad - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^d \partial_d c^c \partial_c h_{ab} + 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 c^c \partial_c \left(dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a}c_b\right) \right) \\ &\quad - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(a}c_c)\right) \partial_b c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{ac} \partial_b \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left(dh_{bc} + \nabla_{(b}c_c)\right) \partial_a c^c - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 h_{bc} \partial_a \left(c^d \partial_d c^c\right) \right. \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \partial_b \nabla_{(a}c_b) c^c - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \nabla_{(a}c_b) \partial_c c^c - 2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \nabla_{(b}c_c) \partial_a c^c \right. \\ &\quad - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \left[c^d \partial_d c^c \partial_c h_$$

$$\begin{split} \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[ \nabla_a(c^c\nabla_c c_b) + \nabla_b(c^c\nabla_c c_a) + \nabla_c\nabla_a c_b c^c + \nabla_c\nabla_b c_a c^c \right. \\ &\quad + \nabla_a c_c \nabla_b c^c + \nabla_b c_c \nabla_a c^c + \nabla_c c_a \nabla_b c^c + \nabla_c c_b \nabla_a c^c \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[ c^c\nabla_a\nabla_c c_b + c^c\nabla_b\nabla_c c_a + \nabla_c\nabla_a c_b c^c + \nabla_c\nabla_b c_a c^c \right. \\ &\quad + \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b + \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a + \nabla_a c_c \nabla_b c^c + \nabla_b c_c \nabla_a c^c + \nabla_c c_a \nabla_b c^c + \nabla_c c_b \nabla_a c^c \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[ c^c\nabla_a\nabla_c c_b + c^c\nabla_b\nabla_c c_a - c^c\nabla_c\nabla_a c_b - c^c\nabla_c\nabla_b c_a \right. \\ &\quad + \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b + \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a - \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a - \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[ c^c\nabla_a\nabla_c c_b + c^c\nabla_b\nabla_c c_a - c^c\nabla_c\nabla_a c_b - c^c\nabla_c\nabla_b c_a \right. \\ &\quad + \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b + \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a - \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a - \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[ c^c\nabla_a\nabla_c c_b + c^c\nabla_b\nabla_c c_a - c^c\nabla_c\nabla_a c_b - c^c\nabla_c\nabla_b c_a \right. \\ &\quad + \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b + \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a - \nabla_b c^c\nabla_c c_a - \nabla_a c^c\nabla_c c_b \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 c^c \left[ R^d_{bac} c_d + R^d_{abc} c_d \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 c^c \left[ R^d_{bac} c_d + R^d_{abc} c_d \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 c^c c^d \left[ R_{dbac} - R_{cbad} + R_{dabc} - R_{cabd} \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 c^c c^d \left[ R_{dbac} - R_{cbad} + R_{bcda} - R_{bdca} \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 c^c c^d \left[ R_{dbac} - R_{cbad} + R_{cbad} - R_{dbac} \right] \\ \delta_2\delta_1h_{ab} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} \delta_2\Gamma^d_{be} &= \delta_2 \bigg\{ \frac{1}{2} h^{df} (\partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \bigg\} \\ \delta_2\Gamma^d_{be} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( dh^{df} + \nabla^{(d}c^f) \big) \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h^{df} \big( \partial_b \big[ dh_{ef} + \nabla_{(e}c_f) \big] + \partial_e \big[ dh_{bf} + \nabla_{(b}c_f) \big] - \partial_f \big[ dh_{be} + \nabla_{(b}c_e) \big] \big) \\ \delta_2\Gamma^d_{be} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \nabla^{(d}c^f) \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h^{df} \big( h_{ef}\partial_b d + \partial_b \nabla_{(e}c_f) + h_{bf}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_f) - h_{be}\partial_f d - \partial_f \nabla_{(b}c_e) \big) \\ h_{da}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{be} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h_{da} \nabla^{(d}c^f) \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h_{da} h^{df} \big( h_{ef}\partial_b d + \partial_b \nabla_{(e}c_f) + h_{bf}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_f) - h_{be}\partial_f d - \partial_f \nabla_{(b}c_e) \big) \\ h_{da}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{be} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h_{da} \nabla^{(d}c^f) \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ea}\partial_b d + \partial_b \nabla_{(a}c_e) + h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) - h_{eb}\partial_a d - \partial_a \nabla_{(b}c_e) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h_{d(a} \nabla^{(d}c^f) \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \nabla_{(c}c_{(a)}h^{fc} \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \nabla_{(c}c_{(a)}h^{fc} \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big[ \nabla_c c_{(a)} h^{fc} \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big[ \nabla_c c_{(a)} h^{fc} \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big[ \nabla_c c_{(a)} h^{fc} \big( \partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_e h_{bf} \big) \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b}c_a) \big) \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= -\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big[ \nabla_c c_{(a)} + \nabla_a c_c \big] \Gamma^c_{be} \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big( h_{ba}\partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_a c_e \big) \Gamma^c_{be} \\ &\quad + \mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 h_{ba}\partial_e d \\ h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} &= \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{i}\epsilon_2 \big[ \partial_e \nabla_a c_b - \Gamma^c_{be} \nabla_a c_c - \Gamma^$$

$$h_{d(a}\delta_2\Gamma^d_{b)e} = i\epsilon_2\nabla_e\nabla_{(a}c_{b)} + i\epsilon_2h_{ba}\partial_e d$$