

Homework III

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Problem 1

1.A)

For an operator \mathcal{O} to be BRST closed, it means $[Q_{\text{BRST}}, \mathcal{O}] = 0$, just remembering the usual BRST transformations¹,

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

¹We'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.

with,

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

so,

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

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,

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

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

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

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 χ , hence, we can sort them out by it,

$$\begin{aligned} Z &\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{\{M\}_{\text{Met}(M)}} \int \mathcal{D}h \int \mathcal{D}X \exp(-S_X[X, h] - \lambda\chi) \\ Z &\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp(-\lambda\chi) \sum_{\{M_\chi\}_{\text{Met}(M_\chi)}} \int \mathcal{D}h \int \mathcal{D}X \exp(-S_X[X, h]) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Where M is to be understood as a two dimensional Riemannian manifold and M_χ is one with Euler Characteristic χ , $\text{Met}(M_\chi)$ is the space of all metrics which can be assigned to M_χ , we have written $\sum_{\{M_\chi\}}$ in the special case of there being more than one manifold with same Euler Characteristic², also, the functional integral over X should be read as integrating over all maps from M_χ 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 $\text{Diff}(M) \times \text{Weyl}(M)$, but, in our second try of a definition of the path integral, we're integrating the metrics over $\text{Met}(M_\chi)$, it's clear that may happen of two elements of $\text{Met}(M_\chi)$ be equivalent under a $\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ transformation, to put in more clear terms, we're worried if exists $h', h \in \text{Met}(M_\chi)$ 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 $\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ 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,

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

²As 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 as³,

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

that is, two metrics are the same representative of an element of \mathcal{M}_χ 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 ζ ,

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

Notice that the set of equivalence class of metrics, or, the set of inequivalent $\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ metrics \mathcal{M}_χ is highly dependent on the topology of M_χ , for example, for $M_\chi \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}$, it's trivial, there is just one point in the set \mathcal{M}_χ , 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 \mathcal{M}_χ ,

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

where the integration is to be understood as by choosing for each equivalence class in \mathcal{M}_χ 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}_χ 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}_χ , we haven't proved here, and won't, but \mathcal{M}_χ 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 $\text{Met}(M_g)$ can be written as a unique⁴ composition of a given ζ into a given $\hat{h}(\mathbf{t})$. Now, we rewrite the pictorial integral over \mathcal{M}_χ is a more formal way, using the parametrization we just described,

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

in the last line we introduced a one by integrating⁵ over the delta functional, as this integral picks only $\zeta = 0$, what should be understood as $\zeta = \text{id}$ in the group, we can deform a little the

³In all charts.

⁴The uniqueness or not depends on a few factors, here we'll always, unless specified otherwise, interpret $\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ 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 $\text{Diff}(M_\chi)/\text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$ and an element of $\text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$.

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

integration to,

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

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 $\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)$, $\mathcal{D}\zeta$, by construction, **every** metric in $\text{Met}(M_\chi)$ can be written uniquely⁶ 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 ζ at the functional delta. We'll eliminate it by means of a change of variable of the functional delta, notice that,

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

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

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

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 ω related to the Weyl transformation, and a vector field ξ related to the connected component to the identity of the Diffeomorphisms — there is an additional requirement of ξ 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,

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

one might worry about the ζ^{-1} instead of the ζ , 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,

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

of course ∇ here is with respect to the h metric,

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

⁶With the remarks made before.

⁷We would have to carry out the \mathbf{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 ζ derivative actually has two parts, the derivative with respect to ω and the other with respect to ξ , let's do one by one,

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

and for the ξ ,

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

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}([\zeta \circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab}) \Big|_{\zeta=0} &= 2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')h_{ab}(\sigma) + 2h_{c(b}\nabla_a)\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma') \\ \text{Det} \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}([\zeta \circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab}) \Big|_{\zeta=0} \right] &= \text{Det} [2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')h_{ab}(\sigma) + 2h_{c(b}\nabla_a)\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det} [2\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')h_{ab} + 2h_{c(b}\nabla_a)\delta^{(2)}(\sigma - \sigma')] &= \int \mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b^{ab} [h_{ab}d + h_{c(b}\nabla_a)c^c] \right) \\ \text{Det} \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta\zeta}([\zeta \circ h]_{ab} - [h]_{ab}) \Big|_{\zeta=0} \right] &= \int \mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d \exp (-S_{\text{gh}}[b, c, d, h]) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting all of this back into our path integral,

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp(-\lambda\chi) \sum_{\{M_\chi\} \mathcal{M}_\chi} \int d^N \mathbf{t} \int_{\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}\zeta\delta(\zeta) \int \mathcal{D}X \exp \left(-S_X[X, \zeta \circ \hat{h}(\mathbf{t})] \right) \\ Z &= \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp(-\lambda\chi) \sum_{\{M_\chi\} \mathcal{M}_\chi} \int d^N \mathbf{t} \int_{\text{Diff}(M_\chi) \times \text{Weyl}(M_\chi)} \mathcal{D}\zeta\delta(\zeta^{-1} \circ h - h) \int \mathcal{D}X\mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d \exp(-S_X - S_{\text{gh}}) \\ Z &= \sum_{\{\chi\}} \exp(-\lambda\chi) \sum_{\{M_\chi\} \text{Met}(M_\chi)} \int \mathcal{D}h\delta(\hat{h} - h) \int \mathcal{D}X\mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d \exp(-S_X[X, h] - S_{\text{gh}}[b, c, d, h]) \\ Z &= \int \mathcal{D}h\mathcal{D}X\mathcal{D}b\mathcal{D}c\mathcal{D}d\delta(\hat{h} - h) \exp(-S_X[X, h] - S_{\text{gh}}[b, c, d, h] - \lambda\chi) \end{aligned}$$

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 $\hat{h} = \hat{h}[h]$,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,

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

which have an *infinitesimal* form,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta X^\mu &= \xi^a \partial_a X^\mu \\ \delta h_{ab} &= 2\omega h_{ab} + \nabla_a \xi_b + \nabla_b \xi_a \end{aligned}$$

the BRST transformation can be obtained from these by the substitution inferred from the Faddeev-Popov gauge fix, that is, $\xi_a \rightarrow i\epsilon c_a$ and $\omega \rightarrow i\epsilon d$, where ϵ is a Grassmannian parametrization of the BRST transformation,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\text{BRST}} X^\mu &= i\epsilon c^a \partial_a X^\mu \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} h_{ab} &= 2i\epsilon d h_{ab} + 2i\epsilon \nabla_{(a} c_{b)} \end{aligned}$$

This can be checked to be the right transformation by looking at how S_X transforms under it,

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

first, let's understood each variation part by part,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \delta_{\text{BRST}} \delta_a^c \\ 0 &= \delta_{\text{BRST}} (h_{ab} h^{bc}) \\ 0 &= h_{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} + h^{bc} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h_{ab} \\ h_{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} &= -2i\epsilon h^{bc} (dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a} c_{b)}) \\ h^{da} h_{ab} \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} &= -2i\epsilon h^{da} h^{bc} (dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a} c_{b)}) \\ \delta_b^d \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{bc} &= -2i\epsilon (dh^{dc} + \nabla^{(d} c^{c)}) \\ \delta_{\text{BRST}} h^{dc} &= -2i\epsilon (dh^{dc} + \nabla^{(d} c^{c)}) \end{aligned}$$

and,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{h} \text{Tr} [h^{ca}\delta_{\text{BRST}}h_{ab}] \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{h}h^{ba}\delta_{\text{BRST}}h_{ab} \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} &= i\epsilon\sqrt{h}h^{ba}(dh_{ab} + \nabla_{(a}c_{b)}) \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\sqrt{h} &= i\epsilon\sqrt{h}(2d + \nabla_a c^a)
\end{aligned}$$

so that,

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}h^{ab}) &= \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h})h^{ab} + \sqrt{h}\delta_{\text{BRST}}(h^{ab}) \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}h^{ab}) &= i\epsilon\sqrt{h}(2d + \nabla_c c^c)h^{ab} - 2i\epsilon\sqrt{h}(dh^{ab} + \nabla^{(a}c^{b)}) \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}h^{ab}) &= 2i\epsilon\sqrt{h}\left(\frac{1}{2}h^{ab}\nabla_c c^c - \nabla^{(a}c^{b)}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together now,

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

which is a total derivative that should be zero for the theory to be BRST invariant. What should also hold is $S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}$ to be BRST exact, for ensuring this we need to know the BRST transformations of the ghosts and auxiliary fields⁸,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}B_{ab}) = 0$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}b_{ab}) &= \epsilon\sqrt{h}B_{ab} \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}d &= i\epsilon c^a \partial_a d \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}c^a &= -i\epsilon c^b \nabla_b c^a
\end{aligned}$$

These might look a little bit *ad hoc*, and in fact are! They come from general procedures of BRST quantization. To prove BRST exactness of $S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}$ we have to prove $S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}} = \delta_{\text{BRST}}\mathcal{O}$ for some combination of fields \mathcal{O} , luckily, the BRST procedure already has a candidate for this,

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}(\hat{h}^{ab} - h^{ab})\right) &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}b_{ab})(\hat{h}^{ab} - h^{ab}) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}\delta_{\text{BRST}}\hat{h}^{ab} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}\delta_{\text{BRST}}(h^{ab}) \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}(\hat{h}^{ab} - h^{ab})\right) &= \epsilon\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}B_{ab}(\hat{h}^{ab} - h^{ab}) \\
&\quad + i\epsilon\frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}(dh^{ab} + \nabla^a c^b) \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}(\hat{h}^{ab} - h^{ab})\right) &= i\epsilon S_{\text{gf}} + i\epsilon S_{\text{gh}} \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}\left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}(\hat{h}^{ab} - h^{ab})\right) &= i\epsilon(S_{\text{gf}} + S_{\text{gh}})
\end{aligned}$$

and lastly, the verification of the closure of $S_{\text{gh}} + S_{\text{gf}}$, let's do it step by step,

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\text{BRST}}S_{\text{gh}} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \delta_{\text{BRST}}(\sqrt{h}b_{ab})[h^{ab}d + \nabla^a c^b] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}[\delta_{\text{BRST}}(h^{ab})d + h^{ab}\delta_{\text{BRST}}d + \nabla^a \delta_{\text{BRST}}c^b] \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}S_{\text{gh}} &= \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}B_{ab}[h^{ab}d + \nabla^a c^b] \\
&\quad - \frac{i\epsilon}{\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}(dh^{ab} + \nabla^a c^b)d \\
&\quad - \frac{i\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}h^{ab}c^c \partial_c d \\
&\quad - \frac{i\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}\nabla^a(c^c \nabla_c c^b) \\
\delta_{\text{BRST}}S_{\text{gh}} &= \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}B_{ab}[h^{ab}d + \nabla^a c^b] \\
&\quad - \frac{i\epsilon}{\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}\nabla^a c^b d \\
&\quad - \frac{i\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}h^{ab}c^c \partial_c d \\
&\quad - \frac{i\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}b_{ab}\nabla^a(c^c \nabla_c c^b)
\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}}S_{\text{gf}} = \frac{i}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h}B_{ab}\delta_{\text{BRST}}h^{ab}$$

$$\delta_{\text{BRST}} S_{\text{gf}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} B_{ab} (h^{ab} d + \nabla^a c^b)$$

Useful result,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_2 \Gamma_{be}^d &= \delta_2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} h^{df} (\partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \right\} \\ \delta_2 \Gamma_{be}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 (dh^{df} + \nabla^{(d} c^{f)}) (\partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 h^{df} (\partial_b [dh_{ef} + \nabla_{(e} c_{f)}] + \partial_e [dh_{bf} + \nabla_{(b} c_{f)}] - \partial_f [dh_{be} + \nabla_{(b} c_{e)}]) \\ \delta_2 \Gamma_{be}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 \nabla^{(d} c^{f)} (\partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 h^{df} (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)}) \\ h_{da} \delta_2 \Gamma_{be}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 h_{da} \nabla^{(d} c^{f)} (\partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 h_{da} h^{df} (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)}) \\ h_{da} \delta_2 \Gamma_{be}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 h_{da} \nabla^{(d} c^{f)} (\partial_b h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 (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)}) \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 h_{d(a} \nabla^{(d} c^{f)} (\partial_b) h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 (h_{ba} \partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b} c_{a)}) \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 \nabla_{(c} c_{(a)} h^{fc} (\partial_b) h_{ef} + \partial_e h_{bf} - \partial_f h_{be}) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 (h_{ba} \partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b} c_{a)}) \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= -2i\epsilon_2 \nabla_{(c} c_{(a)} \Gamma_{b)e}^c + i\epsilon_2 (h_{ba} \partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b} c_{a)}) \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= -i\epsilon_2 [\nabla_c c_{(a} + \nabla_{(a} c_{c)}] \Gamma_{b)e}^c + i\epsilon_2 (h_{ba} \partial_e d + \partial_e \nabla_{(b} c_{a)}) \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= -\frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 [\nabla_c c_a + \nabla_a c_c] \Gamma_{be}^c - \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 [\nabla_c c_b + \nabla_b c_c] \Gamma_{ae}^c + \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 \partial_e \nabla_b c_a + \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 \partial_e \nabla_a c_b \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 h_{ba} \partial_e d \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 [\partial_e \nabla_a c_b - \Gamma_{be}^c \nabla_a c_c - \Gamma_{ae}^c \nabla_c c_b] + \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 [\partial_e \nabla_b c_a - \Gamma_{be}^c \nabla_c c_a - \Gamma_{ae}^c \nabla_b c_c] \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_2 h_{ba} \partial_e d \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 \nabla_e \nabla_a c_b + \frac{1}{2} i\epsilon_2 \nabla_e \nabla_b c_a + i\epsilon_2 h_{ba} \partial_e d \\ h_{d(a} \delta_2 \Gamma_{b)e}^d &= i\epsilon_2 \nabla_e \nabla_{(a} c_{b)} + i\epsilon_2 h_{ba} \partial_e d \end{aligned}$$

Nilpotency of BRST,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_1 h_{ab} &= 2i\epsilon_1 [h_{ab}d + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}c^d] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= 2i\epsilon_1 [-\delta_2(h_{ab})d - h_{ab}\delta_2 d - \delta_2(h_{d(a)}\nabla_{b)}c^d - h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}\delta_2 c^d - h_{d(a}\delta_2(\Gamma_{b)e}^d)c^e] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= 2i\epsilon_1 [-2i\epsilon_2 [h_{ab}d + h_{e(a}\nabla_{b)}c^e]d - i\epsilon_2 h_{ab}c^e\partial_c d - 2i\epsilon_2 [h_{d(a}d + h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}c^e]\nabla_{b)}c^d \\
&\quad + i\epsilon_2 h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d) - h_{d(a}\delta_2(\Gamma_{b)e}^d)c^e] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [-2h_{e(a}\nabla_{b)}c^e d - h_{ab}c^e\partial_c d - 2h_{d(a}d\nabla_{b)}c^d + h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}(c^e)\nabla_{b)}c^d \\
&\quad + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d)] - 2i\epsilon_1 h_{d(a}\delta_2(\Gamma_{b)e}^d)c^e \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [-2h_{e(a}\nabla_{b)}c^e d - h_{ab}c^e\partial_c d + 2h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}c^d d + h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}(c^e)\nabla_{b)}c^d \\
&\quad + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d)] - 2i\epsilon_1 h_{d(a}\delta_2(\Gamma_{b)e}^d)c^e \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [-h_{ab}c^e\partial_c d + h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}(c^e)\nabla_{b)}c^d + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d)] - 2i\epsilon_1 h_{d(a}\delta_2(\Gamma_{b)e}^d)c^e \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [-h_{ab}c^e\partial_c d + h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}(c^e)\nabla_{b)}c^d + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d)] \\
&\quad - 2i\epsilon_1 i\epsilon_2 (\nabla_e \nabla_{(a}c_{b)} + h_{ba}\partial_e d)c^e \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [-h_{ab}c^e\partial_c d + h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}(c^e)\nabla_{b)}c^d + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d)] \\
&\quad - 2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 c^e (\nabla_e \nabla_{(a}c_{b)} + h_{ba}\partial_e d) \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [h_{e(d}\nabla_{(a)}(c^e)\nabla_{b)}c^d + h_{d(a}\nabla_{b)}(c^e\nabla_e c^d) + c^e\nabla_e \nabla_{(a}c_{b)}] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [\nabla_{(a}(c_{d)})\nabla_{b)}c^d + \nabla_{(b)}(c^e)\nabla_e c_{|a)} + c^e\nabla_{(b)}\nabla_e c_{|a)} + c^e\nabla_e \nabla_{(a}c_{b)}] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 [-\nabla_{(b}c^e\nabla_{(a)}c_{e)} + \nabla_{(b)}c^e\nabla_e c_{|a)} + 2c^e\nabla_{(b}\nabla_{e)}c_{a)}] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[-\frac{1}{2}\nabla_{(b}c^e\nabla_{a)}c_e - \frac{1}{2}\nabla_{(b)}c^e\nabla_e c_{|a)} + \nabla_{(b)}c^e\nabla_e c_{|a)} + 2c^e\nabla_{(b}\nabla_{e)}c_{a)} \right] \\
\delta_2\delta_1 h_{ab} &= -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \left[\frac{1}{2}\nabla_{(b)}c^e\nabla_e c_{|a)} + 2c^e\nabla_{(b}\nabla_{e)}c_{a)} \right]
\end{aligned}$$