

# AdS/CFT - TD 4

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1. Apply  $(-\square_{(t,x)} + m^2)$  to  $\phi(x, z)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} * (-\square + m^2) \phi &= (-\square_{x,z} + m^2) \int d^d x' K(z, x-x') \phi_-(x') \\ &= \int d^d x' \underbrace{(-\square_{x,z} + m^2) K(z, x-x')}_{\substack{= \\ 0}} \phi_-(x') = 0 \end{aligned}$$

\* As  $z \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \int d^d x' K(z, x-x') \phi_-(x') \longrightarrow \int \overset{0}{\delta}(x-x') \phi_-(x') \\ &\quad \downarrow z \rightarrow 0 \\ &\quad \delta^d(x-x') \qquad \qquad \qquad = \phi_-(x') \end{aligned}$$

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2. let us compute  $\square K(z, x)$ :

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$$\square = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_a \sqrt{g} g^{ab} \partial_b = \frac{z^{d+1}}{e^{d+1}}$$

$$= \frac{z^{d+1}}{e^{d+1}} \left[ \partial_z \frac{e^{d+1}}{z^{d+1}} \frac{z^2}{e^2} \partial_z + \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \frac{e^{d+1}}{z^{d+1}} \frac{z^2}{e^2} \partial_\nu \right]$$

$$= \frac{z^2}{e^2} \left[ \partial_z^2 - \frac{d-1}{z} \partial_z + \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \right]$$

now:  $\partial_z \frac{z^\Delta}{(x^2 + z^2)^\Delta} = \frac{\Delta z^{\Delta-1} (x^2 - z^2)}{(x^2 + z^2)^{\Delta+1}}$

$$\partial_z^2 \frac{z^\Delta}{(x^2 + z^2)^\Delta} = \frac{\Delta z^{\Delta-2}}{(x^2 + z^2)^{\Delta+2}} \left\{ (\Delta-1)x^4 + (\Delta+1)z^4 - 2(\Delta+2)x^2 z^2 \right\}$$

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \frac{z^\Delta}{(x^2 + z^2)^\Delta} = \frac{2\Delta z^\Delta}{(x^2 + z^2)^{\Delta+2}} \left\{ (2(\Delta+1) - d)x^2 - d z^2 \right\}$$

Add everything up:

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} \square K &= \Delta(\Delta-d) \frac{z^{\Delta-2}}{(x^2+z^2)^{\Delta+2}} (x^2+z^2)^2 \\ &= \Delta(\Delta-d) \frac{z^{\Delta-2}}{(x^2+z^2)^\Delta} \end{aligned}$$

therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} -\square K + m^2 K &= -\frac{1}{\ell^2} \left( \Delta(\Delta-d) \frac{z^\Delta}{(x^2+z^2)^\Delta} - \ell^2 m^2 \frac{z^\Delta}{(x^2+z^2)^\Delta} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\ell^2} \frac{z^\Delta}{(x^2+z^2)^\Delta} \underbrace{\left[ \Delta(\Delta-d) - m^2 \ell^2 \right]}_{\substack{= 0 \\ \text{by definition} \\ \text{of } \Delta_+}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-\square + m^2) K(x, z) = 0$$

let us compute :

$$\frac{1}{z^{\Delta_-}} \phi(x, z) = \frac{1}{z^{\Delta_-}} \int d^d x' \frac{z^{\Delta_+}}{(z^2 + (x-x')^2)^{\Delta_+}} \phi_-(x')$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^{\Delta_- + \Delta_+}} \int d^d x' \frac{\phi_-(x')}{\left(1 + \frac{(x-x')^2}{z^2}\right)^{\Delta_+}}$$

= change variables to  $x - x' = y \cdot z$

$$= \frac{1}{z^{\Delta_- + \Delta_+}} \int d^d y \cdot z^d \frac{\phi_-(x - zy)}{(1 + y^2)^{\Delta_+}}$$

now,  $\Delta_+ + \Delta_- = d$

$$= \int d^d y \frac{\phi_-(x - zy)}{(1 + y^2)^{\Delta_+}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{z \rightarrow 0} \int d^d y \frac{\phi_-(x)}{(1 + y^2)^{\Delta_+}} = C^{-1} \phi_-(x)$$

$$\text{with } C^{-1} = \int d^d y \frac{1}{(1 + y^2)^{\Delta_+}}$$

therefore  $C \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^{\Delta+}}{(x^2 + z^2)^{\Delta+}} \rightarrow \delta^{(d)}(x)$  <sup>5</sup>

3. Use Green's identity :

$$\int_V d^{d+1}x \sqrt{g} [\phi (\square - m^2) \psi - \psi (\square - m^2) \phi]$$

$$= \int_{\partial V} d^d x \sqrt{\gamma} (\phi n \cdot \nabla \psi - \psi n \cdot \nabla \phi)$$

where  $n$  is the unit normal vector to the boundary  $\partial V$ .

or, in coordinates, using the expression of  $\square$ :

$$\int d^d x dz \frac{l^{d-1}}{z^{d-1}} \left[ \phi \left( \partial_z^2 - \frac{d-1}{z} \partial_z + \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu - \frac{m^2 l^2}{z^2} \right) \psi - \psi \leftrightarrow \phi \right]$$

$$= \int_{z=\epsilon}^d d^d x \frac{l^{d-1}}{z^{d-1}} (\phi \partial_z \psi - \psi \partial_z \phi)$$

Now take  $\phi(z, x) = G(z, x; z', x')$  6

$$\psi(z, x) = K(z, x, x'')$$

and substitute: on the left hand side:

$$\Rightarrow (\square - m^2) \psi = 0$$

$$(\square - m^2) \phi = \delta^{(d+1)}(z - z', x - x')$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$- K(z'; x', x'') = \int_{z=\epsilon} d^d x \, z^{1-d} \cdot$$

$$\left[ G(z, x; z', x') \partial_z K(z, x, x'') \right.$$

$$\left. - K(z, x, x'') \partial_z G(z, x; z', x') \right]_{z=\epsilon}$$

- We know that close to  $z \sim 0$ ,  $K \sim z^{\Delta} \delta(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_z K(z; x, x'') \Big|_{\epsilon} \sim \Delta - z^{\Delta-1} \delta(x - x'')$$

- We also know how  $G(z, x; z', x')$  behaves as  $z \rightarrow 0$  and  $z'$  is finite: we have taken it to be normalizable as  $z \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow G \simeq z^{\Delta+} f(z'; x, x')$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_z G \sim \Delta_+ \underbrace{\epsilon^{\Delta_+-1} f(z'; x, x')}_{\sim \Delta_+ \frac{1}{\epsilon} G(\epsilon, z'; x, x')} \quad 7$$

Therefore we have, for  $z' \neq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -K(z'; x', x'') &= \\ &= \int d^d x \epsilon^{1-d} G(\epsilon, x; z', x') \Delta_- \epsilon^{\Delta_- - 1} \delta^{(d)}(x - x'') \\ &- \int d^d x \epsilon^{1-d} \epsilon^{\Delta_- - \int^{(d)}(x - x'')} \frac{\Delta_+}{\epsilon} G(\epsilon, z'; x, x') \\ &\quad (\Delta_- - d \rightarrow \Delta_+) \\ &= \frac{(\Delta_- - \Delta_+)}{\epsilon^{\Delta_+}} G(\epsilon, z'; x'', x') \end{aligned}$$

set  $x' = 0$  and use symmetry, and take  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  (all  $\sim$  becomes exact)

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$$K(z, x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta_+ - \Delta_-}{\epsilon^{\Delta_+}} G(z, \epsilon; x)$$


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# 2] Vector fields in Ads

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## 2.1 Gauge fields

1) the gauge transformation for  $A_z$  is

$$A'_z(z, x^\mu) = A_z(z, x^\mu) + \partial_z \Lambda(z, x^\mu)$$

$\Rightarrow$  choose a  $\Lambda(z, x^\mu) = \Lambda_1(z, x^\mu)$   
such that  $\partial_z \Lambda_1 = -A_z$

$$\Rightarrow A'_z(z, x^\mu) = 0$$

Any gauge transformation with  
 $\Lambda = \Lambda_2(x^\mu)$  (independent of  $z$ )  
does not change  $A'_z = 0$ .

Now consider  $\partial^\mu A'_\mu(x, z)$ : under  
a new transformation:

$$\partial^\mu A''_\mu = \partial^\mu A'_\mu + \partial^\mu \partial_\mu \Lambda_2(z, x^\mu)$$

we can choose one point  $z_0$  and  
choose  $\Lambda_2(x^\mu) = \Lambda_2(z_0, x^\mu)$  such that

$$\partial^\mu A''_\mu = 0 \quad \text{at } z = z_0$$

As we will see next, if  $A_z = 0 \Rightarrow \partial^\mu A_\mu = \text{constant}$   
in  $z$ .



therefore making  $\partial^M A_\mu'' = 0$  at  $z = z_0$  ensures that  $\partial^M A_\mu'' = 0$  everywhere.  
 to do this, choose  $\Lambda_2$  as a solution of  
 $\Box_4 \Lambda_2(z_0, x^\mu) = -\partial^M A_\mu'(z_0, x^\mu)$   
 $\rightarrow$  now  $A_z'' = 0$  and  $\partial^M A_\mu'' = 0$ .

$$2) \mathcal{I} = -\frac{1}{\ell^{d-1}} \int dx dz \frac{\ell^{d+1}}{z^{d+1}} \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} \times \frac{1}{4} \times$$

$$\left[ 2\eta^{\mu\nu} (\partial_z A_\mu - \partial_\mu A_z) (\partial_z A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_z) + \eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu A_\rho - \partial_\rho A_\mu) (\partial_\nu A_\sigma - \partial_\sigma A_\nu) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\ell^{d-1}} \int dx dz \frac{\ell^{d-3}}{z^{d-3}} \left[ \frac{1}{z} \partial_z A_\mu \partial_z A^\mu + \cancel{A_z \partial^M \partial_z} + \frac{1}{z} \partial^M A_z \partial_\mu A_z - \partial_z A_\mu \partial^M A_z + \frac{1}{z} \partial_\mu A_\rho \partial^M A_\rho - \frac{1}{z} (\partial_\mu A^\mu) (\partial_\rho A^\rho) \right]$$

(up to some integration by parts).

- Varying the action w.r.t.  $A_\mu$  gives: 10

$$\partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial_z A_\mu - \partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial_\mu A_z$$

$$\Rightarrow z^{-d+3} \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

( where  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$  )

- Varying with respect to  $A_z$  gives:  
(notice  $A_z$  does not have terms quadratic in  $\partial_z$  ) :

$$z^{-d+3} ( \partial^\mu \partial_\mu A_z + \partial_z \partial^\mu A_\mu ) = 0$$

Now choose the gauge  $A_z = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  the second equation tells us that  
 $\partial_z \partial^\mu A_\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \partial^\mu A_\mu = \text{constant in } z$

As we saw in 1), we can choose

$$\partial^\mu A_\mu = 0 \text{ at one point } z_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial^\mu A_\mu = 0 \text{ everywhere.}$$

Now the equation for  $A_\mu$  becomes " simply:  $(\partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \cancel{\partial^\nu A_\nu} - \partial^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu)$

$$\boxed{0 = \partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial_z A_\mu + z^{-d+3} \partial^\rho \partial_\rho A_\mu}$$

3). Near the boundary, try  $A_\mu \sim z^\Delta V_\mu(x)$

$$= 0 \quad z^{-d+3} \left[ \Delta(\Delta-1) z^{\Delta-2} - (d-3)\Delta z^{\Delta-1} \right] V_\mu \\ + z^{-d+3} (\Box_4 V_\mu) z^\Delta = 0$$

as  $z \rightarrow 0$  the  $\Box_4 V_\mu$  term is subleading, so we need:

$$\Delta(\Delta-1) = (d-3)\Delta$$

$$= 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta_- = 0 \\ \Delta_+ = d-2 \end{array} \right.$$

[ A massless scalar would have  $\Delta_- = 0$   $\Delta_+ = d!$  ]

$$A_\mu \underset{z \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{leading}}}{V_\mu^{(-)}(x)} + z^{d-2} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{subleading}}}{V_\mu^{(+)}(x)}$$

4)  $A_\mu$  is a vector, so under a coordinate transformation it transforms as:

$$\tilde{A}^a(\tilde{x}) = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial \tilde{x}^a} A_b(x)$$

so take a scaling:  $\tilde{x}^a = \lambda x^a$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{A}_\mu(\lambda z, \lambda x^\mu) = \lambda^{-1} A_\mu(x)$$

$$\parallel \quad (\lambda z)^\Delta \tilde{V}_\mu(\lambda x^\mu) = \lambda^{-1} z^\Delta V_\mu(x^\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{V}_\mu(\lambda x^\mu) = \lambda^{-1-\Delta} V_\mu$$

$\Rightarrow V_\mu^{(-)}$  has weight 1,

$V_\mu^{(+)}$  has weight  $d-1$

$\rightarrow$  the dimension of the operator  $J^\mu$  dual to  $A_\mu$  is  $d-1$

$\Rightarrow J^\mu$  is a conserved current in the QFT side

5) Conservation of  $J^\mu$  in the boundary theory follows from gauge-invariance: the coupling on the boundary is:

$$\int dx^\phi V_\mu^{(-)}(x) J^\mu(x)$$

Under a Bulk gauge transformation:

$$A_\mu \longrightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda$$

take  $\Lambda$  independent of  $z$ . if we expand  $A_\mu$  close to the boundary, we have:

$$A_\mu \simeq V_\mu^{(-)} + \dots \longrightarrow V_\mu^{(-)} + \partial_\mu \Lambda + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow V_\mu^{(-)}(x)$  has the same gauge transformations, under which:

$$\int V_\mu^{(-)} J^\mu \longrightarrow \int (V_\mu^{(-)} + \partial_\mu \Lambda) J^\mu$$

So make a gauge transformation:

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$$Z[V_\mu^{(-)}] = \left\langle e^{i \int V_\mu^{(-)} J^\mu} \right\rangle_{\text{CFT}}$$

$$\longrightarrow \left\langle e^{\int V_\mu^{(-)} J^\mu - \int \Lambda \partial^\mu J_\mu} \right\rangle_{\text{CFT}}$$

here we have  
done an i.p.p.

But  $Z[V_\mu^{(-)}] = Z_{\text{Graw}}[V_\mu^{(-)}]$

$$(Z_{\text{Graw}} = \int \mathcal{D}[A] e^{i S[A]})$$

$A_\mu \rightarrow V_\mu$   
 $z \rightarrow 0$



this side is  
gauge invariant, so  
it must not change  
under  $V_\mu \rightarrow V_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial^\mu J_\mu = 0}$$

## 2.2) Massive vector.

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1) Adding the term  $\frac{m^2}{2} A_a A^a$  adds a new term to the field equations, which now are:

$$\bullet \partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial_z A_\mu - \partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial_\mu A_z - z^{-d+3} \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{m^2}{2} z^{-d+1} A_\mu = 0$$

$$\bullet z^{-d+3} (\partial^\mu \partial_\mu A_z - \partial_z \partial^\mu A_\mu) - \frac{m^2}{2} z^{-d+1} A_z = 0$$

Now consider only the transverse components:

$A_\mu$  such that  $\partial^\mu A_\mu = 0$ ,  $A_z = 0$

they solve the equation:

$$\partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial_z A_\mu - \partial_z z^{-d+3} \partial^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu - m^2 z^{-d+1} A_\mu$$

~~as  $\partial^\mu A_\mu$  term is already w.r.t. the mass term~~

Expanding and multiplying by  $z^{d-3}$ : 16

$$0 = \partial_z^2 A_\mu - \frac{(d-3)}{z} \partial_z A_\mu + \square A_\mu - \frac{m^2 l^2}{z^2} A_\mu$$

2) As  $z \rightarrow 0$ , the  $\square A_\mu$  term is subleading w.r.t. the mass term, so we can ignore it.

Set  $A_\mu \approx z^\Delta V_\mu(x)$

$$0 = \left[ \Delta(\Delta-1) z^{\Delta-2} - (d-3)\Delta z^{\Delta-2} - m^2 l^2 z^{\Delta-2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta(\Delta - d + 2) = m^2 l^2}$$

(like for a scalar field, but with the substitution  $d \rightarrow d-2$ )

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta_{\pm} = \frac{d-2}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(d-2)^2 + 4m^2 l^2}}$$

As before, the conformal dimension has to be increased by 1 due to the

vector index:  $\Delta_0 = \frac{d}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(d-2)^2 + 4m^2 l^2}$