

The sector with $g > 0$ acquires a gap.

Some operators acquire vacuum averages
This enhances response to certain perturbations.

How to characterize WZW theory?

1. This theory is critical. (1+1) one.
2. Critical (1+1)-theories ~~have~~ possess conformal symmetry.

This means that on infinite plane
their correlation functions ~~are power law~~ decay as power law.

It also means that holomorphic and
antiholomorphic sectors ($z = \tau + ix$
 $\bar{z} = \tau - ix$)
are separated

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{O}_1(z_1) \dots \mathcal{O}_N(z_N) \rangle\rangle = \sum C_{ij} \mathcal{F}_i(z_1, \dots, z_N) \overline{\mathcal{F}_j(\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_N)}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_\Delta(z) = \mathcal{O}_\Delta[z(z)] \left(\frac{dz}{dz} \right)^\Delta$$

These are operator = primary fields
transforming under
holomorphic transformations
as

Eigen States \leftrightarrow operators

States \leftrightarrow operators.

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(\tau, x) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0, 0) | 0 \rangle = \sum_n \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(\tau, x) | n \rangle \langle n | \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\tau, x) | n \rangle = e^{-\tau E_n - i P_n x} \mathcal{O}(0, 0) | n \rangle$$

Lehmann expansion.

On the other hand, in critical conformal theories on stripe $x \in (0, L)$

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{O}(\tau, x) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0, 0) \rangle\rangle = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{L \sinh \frac{\pi}{L} (\tau \frac{v}{L} + ix)} \right\}^{2\Delta}$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{\pi}{L \sinh \frac{\pi}{L} (\tau \frac{v}{L} - ix)} \right\}^{2\bar{\Delta}}$$

Let $\tau > 0$, expand

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{L} \right)^{2(\Delta + \bar{\Delta})} e^{-\frac{2\pi v}{L} (\Delta + \bar{\Delta}) \tau - i \frac{2\pi}{L} (\Delta - \bar{\Delta}) x}$$

$$\times \sum_{N > 0} c_N e^{-\frac{2\pi v}{L} N \tau - i \frac{2\pi}{L} N x}$$

$$E_j(J_j, n) = \frac{2\pi v}{L} (\Delta_j + \bar{\Delta}_j + N)$$

$$\Delta_j = \frac{1}{k+2} j(j+1)$$

$$J_{-q_1}^{a_1} \dots J_{q_N}^{a_N} |J, j\rangle$$

$$N = q_1 + \dots + q_N$$

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_q J_q e^{-\frac{2\pi i q}{L} x}$$

$q = \dots, -\infty, \dots, \infty$
 q - integer.

Is ~~not~~ WZNW model tractable?

Yes, the Sugawara Hamiltonian can be diagonalized

Introduce vacuum states which satisfy:

$$J_{+n}^a |v\rangle = 0, \quad n > 0$$

$$\vec{J}_0^2 |v\rangle = C |v\rangle$$

↑ quadratic Casimir.

For simplicity, I'll consider $G = SU(2)$

$$|v\rangle = |J, j\rangle$$

$$J_0^3 |J, j\rangle = j |J, j\rangle$$

$$\vec{J}^2 |J, j\rangle = j(j+1) |J, j\rangle$$

$J_{-n_1}^{a_1} J_{-n_2}^{a_2} \dots J_{-n_N}^{a_N} |J, j\rangle$ are eigenstates

$$E_n = \frac{2\pi}{(k+2)L} [j(j+1) + \text{integer}] \frac{2\pi}{L}$$

In the thermodynamic limit
we have a linear
spectrum $\varepsilon \sim |q|$

Specific heat

$$\frac{C_v}{T} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{3k}{k+2} \right)$$

Central charge

Lagrangian form.

$$W[g] = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^2x \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu g^{-1} \partial_\mu g) + \Gamma[g].$$

$$\Gamma[g] = -\frac{i}{24\pi} \int_0^\infty d\zeta \int d^2x \underbrace{e^{i\beta\zeta} \text{Tr}[g^{-1} \partial_\alpha g g^{-1} \partial_\beta g g^{-1} \partial_\gamma g]}_{\text{Total derivative in } \zeta}$$

$$g(\zeta=0, x) = g(x)$$

$$g(\infty, x) = I.$$

SU(2)

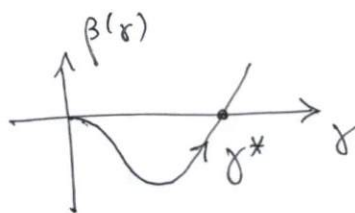
$$g = n_0 \hat{I} + i \vec{b} \cdot \vec{h}, \quad n_0^2 + \vec{h}^2 = 1.$$

$$S = kW[g] - \text{critical WZW}.$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{general}} = \frac{1}{16\pi\gamma} \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu g^{-1} \partial_\mu g) + k\Gamma[g]$$

General WZNW

$$j^\circ = N\gamma^2 - kN\gamma^3 + \dots$$



Close to criticality

$$kW[g] + \lambda \int i J^a \bar{J}^b \phi_{ab} d^2x$$

$$d = \frac{2C_V}{k+2} + 2$$

irrelevant operator.

Application of magnetic field:

$$J_0^z = \frac{1}{L} \int J^z(x) dx \sim \chi H \text{ becomes finite.}$$

$$J^a \bar{J}^b \phi_{ab} \rightarrow \chi^2 H^2 \phi_{zz}$$

↑
relevant operator!

$$KW[g] + \lambda \phi_{zz}$$

Integrable theory!

Conformal embedding

$$SU_k(2) = U(1) \otimes Z_k$$

↑
critical model
of parafermions.

$$J^3 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{2\pi}} \partial_z \varphi$$

$$J^\pm = \frac{1}{2\pi a_0} e^{\pm i \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{k}} \varphi} \psi^\pm$$

by definition this is a parafermion operator.

$$\langle \psi(z) \psi(w) \rangle = \frac{1}{z^{2(1-\nu_k)}}$$

It is nonlocal except for $k=2$
when it is a Majorana fermion.

$$SU_k(N) = [U(1)]^{N-1} \otimes \frac{SU_k(N)}{[U(1)]^{N-1}}$$

↑
Gepner's parafermions.

Z_k - generalization of the Ising model

$$z, z^2, \dots, z^{k-1} \quad z^{k-n} = (z^n)^\dagger$$

order parameters.

Adjoint rep $\phi^{ab} = \text{Tr}(z^a g z^b g^\dagger)$

Semiclassical approximation

$$\text{Tr} \hat{\phi} = h_0^2$$

Depending on the sign the coupling λ

$$k W[g] + \lambda \text{Tr} \phi^{adj}$$

we get either $h_0 = 0$, or $\vec{h}^2 = 0$.
as the ground state.

$$\frac{k}{8\pi} (\partial_\mu \vec{h})^2 + \lambda |\vec{h}|^2 + \dots \quad \lambda < 0$$

$$h^2 < 1.$$

Massive triplets.

$$\frac{k}{8\pi} (\partial_\mu \vec{h})^2 + i\pi k \Theta$$

↑ topological term.

Various representations of the Kac-Moody
algebras.

$SU_1(2)$ can be obtained by the ordinary
Abelian bosonization.

$$R_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi a_0}} e^{i\sqrt{4\pi}\varphi_z} \alpha_z \quad \{\alpha_z, \alpha_{z'}\} = \delta_{zz'}$$

$$L_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi a_0}} e^{-i\sqrt{4\pi}\bar{\varphi}_z} \alpha_z$$

$$\varphi_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_c + z\varphi_s), \quad z = \pm 1.$$

$$j^3 = \frac{1}{2} (R_\uparrow^\dagger R_\uparrow - R_\downarrow R_\downarrow)$$

$$j^\pm = R_\uparrow^\dagger R_\downarrow, \quad R_\downarrow^\dagger R_\uparrow$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} J^+ = \frac{i}{2\pi a_0} e^{-i\sqrt{8\pi}\varphi} \\ J^- = \frac{-i}{2\pi a_0} e^{i\sqrt{8\pi}\varphi} \\ J^z = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \partial_z \varphi \end{array} \right.$$

$z = \tau + ix.$

$$S = \int d\tau dx \partial_x \varphi (-i\partial_\tau \varphi + \partial_x \varphi)$$