

On consistency of the interacting (anti)holomorphic higher-spin sector

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Generating systems

Within unfolded formalism Fronsdal equations on AdS_4 background can be equivalently rewritten as Central on-mass-shell theorem (M. Vasiliev 1989)

$$d_x + \Omega_{AdS} * \omega + \omega * \Omega_{AdS} = \Upsilon(\Omega_{AdS}, \Omega_{AdS}, C),$$

$$d_x C + \Omega_{AdS} * C - C * \Omega_{AdS} = 0,$$

where $\Omega_{AdS} = \{\omega_{\alpha\beta}, \bar{\omega}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}, e_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}\}$ – is background connection and $\omega(Y|x)$ and $C(Y|x)$ are generating functions for HS potentials and curvatures

$$\omega(Y, x) = \sum_{n,m} dx^\mu \omega_{\mu\alpha_1\dots\alpha_n, \dot{\alpha}_1\dots\dot{\alpha}_m}(x) y^{\alpha_1} \dots y^{\alpha_n} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} \dots \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_m}; \quad m+n = 2(s-1),$$

$$C(Y, x) = \sum_{n,m} C_{\alpha_1\dots\alpha_n, \dot{\alpha}_1\dots\dot{\alpha}_m}(x) y^{\alpha_1} \dots y^{\alpha_n} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} \dots \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_m}; \quad |m-n| = 2s.$$

This unfolded form suggest to look for nonlinear corrections in the following way

$$d_x \omega + \omega * \omega = \Upsilon(\omega, \omega, C) + \Upsilon(\omega, \omega, C, C) + \dots,$$

$$d_x C + \omega * C - C * \omega = \Upsilon(\omega, C, C) + \dots$$

Concept of generating systems

$$\omega(y|x) \implies W(Z, Y|x) \quad C(Y|x) \implies B(Z, Y|x) \quad d_Z W = \dots \quad d_Z B = \dots$$

Vasiliev generating system

Vasiliev generating system in $d = 4$ [M. Vasiliev 1992]

$$d_x W + W * W = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$d_x S + [W, S]_* = 0,$$

$$d_x B + [W, B]_* = 0, \quad (2)$$

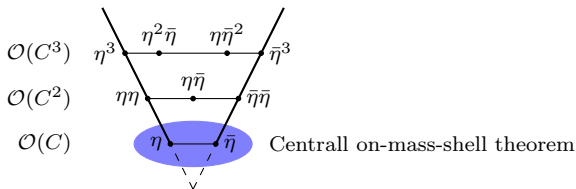
$$S * S = i(\theta^A \theta_A + \eta B * \gamma + \bar{\eta} B * \bar{\gamma}),$$

$$[S, B]_* = 0.$$

$$(f \star g)(Z, Y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int dU dV f(Z + U, Y + U) g(Z - V, Y + V) e^{iU_A V^A}.$$

$$(1) \iff d_x \omega + \omega * \omega = \Upsilon^\eta(\omega, \omega, C) + \Upsilon^{\bar{\eta}}(\omega, \omega, C) + \dots$$

$$(2) \iff d_x C + [\omega, C]_* = \Upsilon^\eta(\omega, C, C) + \Upsilon^{\bar{\eta}}(\omega, C, C) + \dots$$



(Anti)holomorphic generating system

Generating system for (anti)holomorphic sector proposed by Vyacheslav Didenko (2022) looks as follows

$$d_x W + W * W = 0,$$

$$d_z W + \{W, \Lambda\}_* + d_x \Lambda = 0,$$

$$d_z \Lambda = C * \gamma,$$

$$d_x C * \gamma = d_z \{W, \Lambda\}_*,$$

$$W \in \mathbf{C}^0, \quad \Lambda[C] := \theta^\alpha z_\alpha \int_0^1 d\tau \tau e^{i\tau z_\alpha y^\alpha} C(-\tau z|x) \in \mathbf{C}^1,$$

where product is given by [A. Sharapov, E.Skvortsov 2022]

$$(f * g)(z, y) = \int du dv dP dQ e^{iu_\alpha v^\alpha - iP_\alpha v^\alpha + iu_\alpha Q^\alpha} f(z + u, y + P) g(z + v, y + Q).$$

and $d_z := \theta^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\alpha}$. Product can be understood as limit of the following β -product [V. Didenko, O. Gelfond, AK, M. Vasiliev 2019] which comes from reordering and stretching

$$(f *_\beta g)(z, y) = \int du dv dP dQ \frac{(1-\beta)^4}{\beta^2(2-\beta)^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{i(1-\beta)^2}{\beta(2-\beta)} u_\alpha v^\alpha + \frac{i(1-\beta)^2}{\beta(2-\beta)} P_\alpha v^\alpha - \frac{i(1-\beta)^2}{\beta(2-\beta)} u_\alpha Q^\alpha + \frac{i}{\beta(2-\beta)} P_\alpha Q^\alpha \right\} f \left(\frac{1-\beta}{1-\beta} (z + u), y + U \right) g \left(\frac{1-\beta}{1-\beta} (z + v), y + V \right),$$

Classes of functions and troubles

Generating function for functional classes \mathbf{C}^r for $r = 0, 1, 2$ is defined as follows

$$\int \mathcal{D}\rho \int_0^1 d\mathcal{T} (1 - \mathcal{T})^{1-r} \mathcal{T}^{r-1} \exp\{i\mathcal{T}z_\alpha(y - B)^\alpha + i(1 - \mathcal{T})y^\alpha A_\alpha - i\mathcal{T}B_\alpha A^\alpha\}, .$$

Here A and B might depend on various ρ s and derivatives over full (anti)holomorphic spinorial arguments of fields ω and C which are denoted as

$$p_\alpha := -i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_C}, \quad t_\alpha := -i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\omega} .$$

So the exponent should be understood as follows

$$\exp\{i\mathcal{T}z_\alpha(y - B(t, p_1, p_2, \dots))^\alpha + i(1 - \mathcal{T})y^\alpha A(t, p_1, p_2, \dots)_\alpha - i\mathcal{T}B(t, p_1, p_2, \dots)_\alpha A(t, p_1, p_2, \dots)^\alpha\} \omega(y_\omega|x) C(y_{C_1}|x) C(y_{C_2}|x) \dots \Big|_{y_\omega=0, y_{C_1}=0, y_{C_2}=0, \dots}$$

Troubles with multiplication

$$\mathbf{C}^1 * \mathbf{C}^1 = \infty \times 0, \quad \mathbf{C}^0 * \mathbf{C}^2 = \infty \times 0 .$$

Hence no Leibniz rule for

$$d_z (W * \Lambda) = \underbrace{d_z W * \Lambda}_{\text{undefined}} - \underbrace{W * d_z \Lambda}_{\text{undefined}} .$$

Extracting the vertices and consistency

One-form sector is similar to Vasiliev theory

$$d_z W + \{W, \Lambda\}_* + d_x \Lambda = 0 \implies W(z, y|x) = \omega(y|x) + W_{\omega C} + W_{\omega C C} + \dots$$

Plugging to zero-curvature condition

$$d_x W + W * W = 0 \implies d_x \omega + \omega * \omega = -d_x W_{\omega C} - \omega W_{\omega C} - W_{\omega C} * W_{\omega C} + \dots$$

Zero-form is highly different. For $W \in \mathbf{C}^0$ the following projection identity holds

$$d_z (W_* \Lambda) = - \left(\int e^{iuv} W(z, y+u) C(y+v) \right) \Big|_{z=-y} * \frac{1}{2} \theta_\alpha \theta^\alpha e^{izy}, \quad (1)$$

$$d_z (\Lambda * W_{C^n}) = \left(\int e^{iuv} C(y+u) W(z, -y-v) \right) \Big|_{z=-y} * \frac{1}{2} \theta_\alpha \theta^\alpha e^{izy}. \quad (2)$$

Plugging obtained W s

$$d_x C * \gamma = d_z \{W, \Lambda\}_* \implies d_x C * \gamma = C * \omega * \gamma - \omega * C * \gamma + \mathcal{O}(C^2) * \gamma + \dots$$

All vertices are known explicitly to all orders [V. Didenko, M. Povarnin 2024]

Checking for consistency

$$d_x^2 C * \gamma = d_x d_z \{W, \Lambda\}_* = -d_z d_x \{W, \Lambda\} = \dots = d_z d_z (W * W).$$

Absence of Leibniz rule and consequences

Consider the linear space of analytic functions in two variables x and z . One can pick up the following basis

$$z^m x^n$$

Then we define "differential" in z as

$$d_z : \Lambda^{0,0} \rightarrow \Lambda^{1,0} \quad d_z(z^m x^n) := dz f_{m,n}(z) x^n,$$

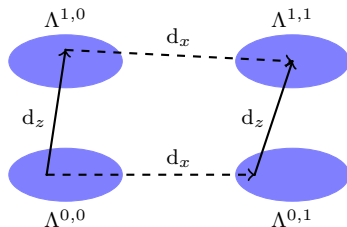
$$d_z : \Lambda^{0,1} \rightarrow \Lambda^{1,1} \quad d_z(dx z^m x^{n-1}) := dz \wedge dx f_{m,n}(z) x^{n-1},$$

while $d_x := dx \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$. With such definition one can show that

$$(d_x d_z + d_z d_x)F(z, x) = 0$$

for any analytic in x and z function $F(z, x)$.

Or even more generally



New (anti)holomorphic system

What if we modify the "differential"? $d_z \rightarrow \partial$

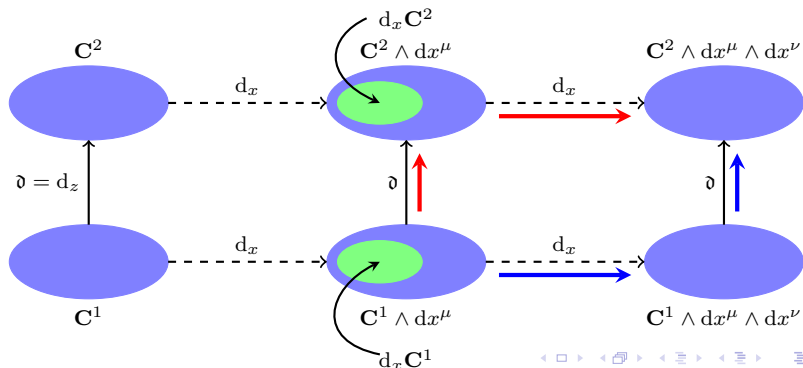
$$d_x W + W * W = 0,$$

$$d_z W + \{W, \Lambda\}_* + d_x \Lambda = 0,$$

$$\partial \Lambda = C * \gamma,$$

$$d_x C * \gamma = \partial \{W, \Lambda\}_*,$$

$$W \in \mathbf{C}^0, \quad \Lambda[C] := \theta^\alpha z_\alpha \int_0^1 d\tau \tau e^{i\tau z_\alpha y^\alpha} C(-\tau z|x) \in \mathbf{C}^1,$$



New (anti)holomorphic system

Map from \mathbf{C}^1 to \mathbf{C}^2 is defined in the same way $\mathfrak{d}|_{\mathbf{C}^1} = d_z$

$$\mathfrak{d} : \mathbf{C}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^2 \quad \mathfrak{d} \left\{ \theta^\alpha z_\alpha \int_0^1 d\tau \tau e^{i\tau z_\alpha y^\alpha} C(-\tau z|x) \right\} := C(y|x) * \gamma.$$

To define the map between $\mathbf{C}^1 \wedge dx^\mu$ and $\mathbf{C}^2 \wedge dx^\mu$ we split $\mathbf{C}^1 \wedge dx^\mu$ into subspaces (we assume that there are no d_x -chomologies)

$$\mathbf{C}^1 \wedge dx^\mu = \text{exact forms} \oplus \mathbf{C}^1 \wedge dx^\mu / \text{exact forms}.$$

$$\mathfrak{d}|_{\text{exact forms}} := d_z, \quad \mathfrak{d}|_{\text{non-exact forms}} := \textit{whatever}$$

Such system generates the same vertices for one-form as original system does. But for zero-forms it can be schematically written as

$$d_x C * \gamma = \mathfrak{d}\{W, \Lambda\}_* = \mathfrak{d}|_{e.} (\text{exact part of } \{W, \Lambda\}_*) + \mathfrak{d}|_{n.e.} (\text{non-exact part of } \{W, \Lambda\}_*)$$

$$d_x C * \gamma = d_x F(\omega, C, \dots C) + \textit{whatever}$$

First contribution is trivial since it can be eliminated by field redefinitions. On the other hand $\mathfrak{d}d_x \{W, \Lambda\}_* = \mathfrak{d}d_z (W * W)$.

Shifted homotopies

Operator of shifted homotopy [O. Gelfond, M. Vasiliev 2018] is defined as follows

$$\Delta_q J(z, y|\theta) := (z + q)^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^\alpha} \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t} J(tz - (1-t)q, y|t\theta),$$

where q is arbitrary z -independent spinor which also can be an operator.

$$d_z \Delta_q + \Delta_q d_z = 1 - h_q.$$

Here h_q is the projector to d_z -cohomologies defined as

$$h_q f(z, y|\theta) := f(-q, y|0).$$

What makes shifted homotopies special are star-exchange relations [V. Didenko, O. Gelfond, AK, M. Vasiliev 2018]. These relations were originally developed for Vasiliev star-product. However for either one of the multiplied functions is z -independent both these products give the same result. For y -independent shift q the following relations holds ($p_f := -i \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$)

$$\Delta_{q-p_f} (f(y) * \Gamma(z, y)) = f(y) * \Delta_q \Gamma(z, y), \quad \Delta_q (\Gamma(z, y) * f(y)) = \Delta_{q+p_f} \Gamma(z, y) * f(y),$$

$$\Delta_{y+q} (f(y) * \Gamma(z, y)) = f(y) * \Delta_{y+q} \Gamma(z, y), \quad \Delta_{-y-p_f} (f(y) * \Gamma(z, y)) = f(y) * \Delta_{-y+p_f} \Gamma(z, y),$$

$$\Delta_{y-p_f} (\Gamma(z, y) * f(y)) = \Delta_{y+p_f} \Gamma(z, y) * f(y), \quad \Delta_{q-y} (\Gamma(z, y) * f(y)) = \Delta_{q-y} \Gamma(z, y) * f(y).$$

Shifted homotopies

Immediate application of the shifted homotopy formalism is projection identity

$$\left(\int \frac{d^2u d^2v}{(2\pi)^4} e^{iu_\alpha v^\alpha} C(y+u)W(z, -y-v) \right) \Big|_{z=-y} = h_{-y-\hat{p}} \left\{ C(y) * \pi(W(z, y)) \right\}$$
$$\left(\int \frac{d^2u d^2v}{(2\pi)^4} e^{iu_\alpha v^\alpha} W(z, y+u)C(y+v) \right) \Big|_{z=-y} = h_{y-\hat{p}} \left\{ W(z, y) * C(y) \right\}.$$

Here \hat{p} stands for derivative with respect to full spinorial argument of the C -field written explicitly and automorphism π is defined as follows

$$\pi[W(z, y)] := W(-z, -y).$$

$$d_x C = h_{-y-\hat{p}} \left\{ C(y) * \pi(W(z, y)) \right\} - h_{y-\hat{p}} \left\{ W(z, y) * C(y) \right\}$$

Consistency of the previous equation implies that the following holds due to equation imposed on C and W

$$d_x^2 C = h_{-y-\hat{p}} \left\{ C(y) * \pi[W(z, y)] \right\} * h_{-y+\hat{q}} \left(\pi[W(z, y)] \right) - h_{-y-\hat{p}} \left\{ C(y) * \pi[W(z, y) * W(z, y)] \right\}$$
$$- h_{y-\hat{p}} \left\{ W(z, y) * C(y) \right\} * h_{-y+\hat{q}} \left(\pi[W(z, y)] \right) + h_{y-\hat{p}} \left\{ W(z, y) * W(z, y) * C(y) \right\} +$$
$$+ h_{y+\hat{q}} \left(W(z, y) \right) * h_{-y-\hat{p}} \left\{ C(y) * \pi[W(z, y)] \right\} - h_{y+\hat{q}} \left(W(z, y) \right) * h_{y-\hat{p}} \left\{ W(z, y) * C(y) \right\}.$$

Consistency check

$\omega\omega C \dots C$ ordering is almost kinematic

$$d_x^2 C \Big|_{\omega\omega C^N} = h_{y-\hat{p}} \{ \omega * W_{\omega C^{N-1}} * C \} - h_{y-\hat{p}} \{ \omega * W_{\omega C^{N-1}} * C \} \equiv 0.$$

$\omega C \omega C \dots C$ is less obvious

$$\begin{aligned} d_x^2 C \Big|_{\omega C \omega C^N} = & -h_{y-\hat{p}} \{ \omega(y) * C(y) \} * h_{-y+\hat{q}} \left(\pi [W_{\omega C^N}(z, y)] \right) + \\ & + h_{y-\hat{p}} \{ W_{\omega C}(z, y) * W_{\omega C^{N-1}}(z, y) * C(y) \} + \\ & + h_{y+\hat{q}} \left(\omega(y) \right) * h_{-y-\hat{p}} \{ C(y) * \pi [W_{\omega C^N}(z, y)] \} - \\ & - h_{y+\hat{q}} \left(W_{\omega C}(y) \right) * h_{y-\hat{p}} \{ W_{\omega C^{N-1}}(z, y) * C(y) \}. \end{aligned}$$

To proceed we need explicit expression for $W_{\omega C}$ which follows from

$$d_z W + W * \Lambda + \Lambda * W + d_x \Lambda = 0.$$

$$W_{\omega C} = \omega * C * \Delta_{p+t} \Delta_p \gamma.$$

And for higher orders the following russian doll-like formula is valid

$$W_{\omega C^N} = - \Delta_0 (W_{\omega C^{N-1}} * \Lambda).$$

Consistency check

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -h_{y+\hat{q}}(W_{\omega C}(y)) * h_{y-\hat{p}}\{W_{\omega C^{N-1}}(z, y) * C(y)\} = \\
 & = -\omega * C * h_{y+\hat{q}} \Delta_{p_1+t_1} \Delta_{p_1} \gamma * h_{y-p_{N+1}}(W_{\omega C^{N-1}} * C) = \\
 & = -\omega * C * h_{\hat{q}} \Delta_{-y+p_1+t_1} \Delta_{-y+p_1} \gamma * h_{y-p_{N+1}}(W_{\omega C^{N-1}} * C) = \\
 & = -\omega * C * h_0 \left(\Delta_{-y+p_1+t_1} \Delta_{-y+p_1} \gamma * h_{y-p_{N+1}}(W_{\omega C^{N-1}} * C) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Twist in the arguments is valid due to

$$h_c \Delta_b \Delta_a \gamma = 2 \int d^3 \tau_+ \delta(1 - \sum_{i=1}^3 \tau_i) (b-c)_\alpha (a-c)^\alpha \exp \{ -i(\tau_1 c + \tau_2 b + \tau_3 a)_\alpha y^\alpha \}.$$

Using russian doll-like representation for $W_{\omega C^N}$ and star-exchange relations one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 dx C \Big|_{\omega C \omega C^N} & = \omega * C * \left\{ (h_{-y+p_1+t_1} - h_{-y+p_1}) \Delta_{p_{N+1}} \left(\pi[W_{\omega C^{N-1}}] * \Delta_{p_{N+1}} \gamma \right) + \right. \\
 & + h_{y+p_{N+1}} \left(\Delta_{p_1+t_1} \Delta_{p_1} \gamma * W_{\omega C^{N-1}} \right) - \\
 & \left. - h_{p_{N+1}} \left(\Delta_{-y+p_1+t_1} \Delta_{-y+p_1} \gamma * h_{y+p_{N+1}}(W_{\omega C^{N-1}}) \right) \right\} * C.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consistency check

Next steps in simplification are rather technical but impossible without new sort of identities that generalizes projection identity

$$d_z \left(\Gamma(z, y) * \Delta_c \gamma \right) = h_{y-c}(\Gamma(z, y)) * \gamma \quad \forall \Gamma(z, y) \in \mathbf{C}^0,$$

$$d_z \left(\Delta_c \gamma * \Gamma(z, y) \right) = \gamma * h_{-y-c} \Gamma(z, y),$$

which after some algebra allows to bring r.h.s. to the form

$$\omega * C * \left\{ -h_{-y+p_1} \Delta_{-y+p_1+t_1} \left(\pi [W_{\omega C^{N-1}}] * \Delta_{p_{N+1}} \gamma \right) + h_{y+p_{N+1}} \left(\Delta_{p_1+t_1} \Delta_{p_1} \gamma * W_{\omega C^{N-1}} \right) \right\} * C.$$

The remaining terms vanish due another new identity

$$h_{y+c}(\Delta_a \Delta_b \gamma * \Gamma(z, y)) = h_{-y+b} \Delta_{-y+a} \left(\pi [\Gamma(z, y)] * \Delta_c \gamma \right) \quad \forall \Gamma(z, y) \in \mathbf{C}^0.$$

Conclusion

Results and open questions

- Consistency for orderings $\omega\omega C \dots C$ and $\omega C\omega C \dots C$ is checked explicitly. It rests on new star-exchange-like identities for limiting star-product. Are there more?
- Discovery of identities that generalize projection identity makes Λ less unique objects as it was before and provides freedom for constructing full theory including mixed sector (work in progress)
- Connection with Vasiliev theory through new "differential" \mathfrak{d} (work in progress)