

# Idempotency Equation and Boundary States in Closed String Field Theory

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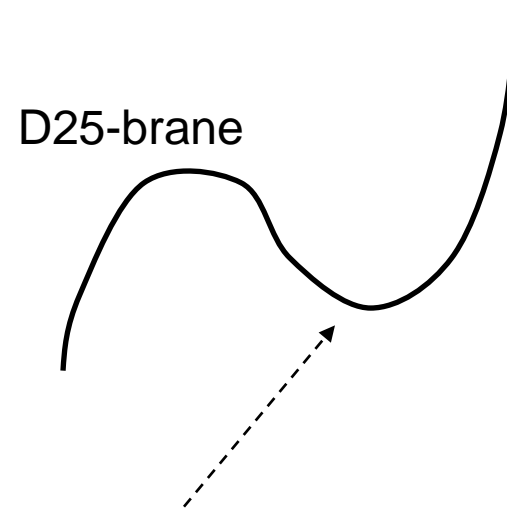
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# Introduction

- Sen's conjecture:  
Witten's open SFT  
 $\exists$  tachyon vacuum



- Vacuum String Field Theory (VSFT)  
[Rastelli-Sen-Zwiebach(2000)]

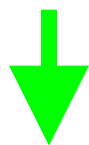
D-brane

- ~ Projector with respect to Witten's  $*$  product.  
(Sliver, Butterfly, ...)

D-brane  $\sim$  Boundary state  $\leftarrow$  closed string

*Closed SFT description is more natural (!?)*

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \Psi \cdot Q\Psi + \frac{1}{3} \Psi \cdot \Psi * \Psi$$



$$|\Xi\rangle * |\Xi\rangle = |\Xi\rangle$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \Phi \cdot Q\Phi + \frac{1}{3} \Phi \cdot \Phi * \Phi (+ \dots)$$

HIKKO cubic CSFT (Nonpolynomial CSFT)

$$|B\rangle * |B\rangle = |B\rangle (?)$$

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# Star product in closed SFT

\* product is defined by 3-string vertex:

$$|\Phi_1 * \Phi_2\rangle_3 = {}_1\langle\Phi_1|_2\langle\Phi_2|V(1, 2, 3)\rangle$$

• **HIKKO** (Hata-Itoh-Kugo-Kunitomo-Ogawa) type

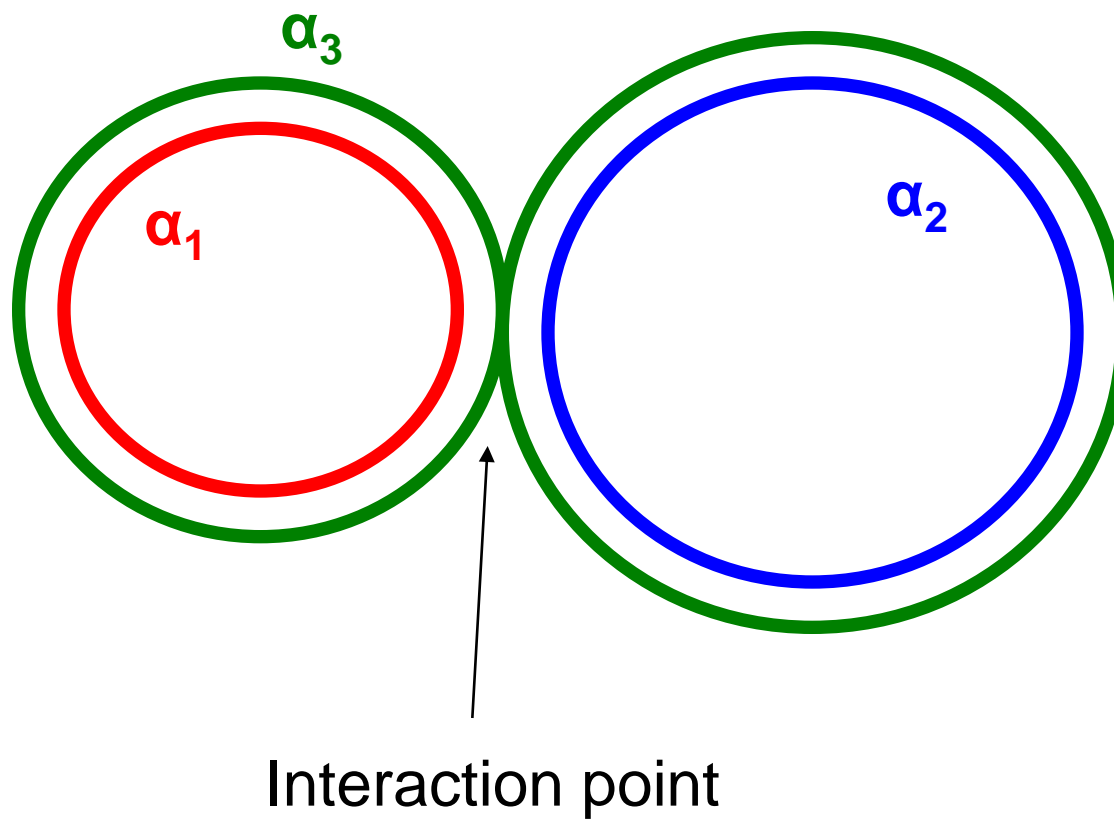
$$(X^{(3)} - \Theta_1 X^{(1)} - \Theta_2 X^{(2)})|V_0(1, 2, 3)\rangle = 0$$

and ghost sector (to be compatible with BRST invariance)

with projection:

$$|V(1, 2, 3)\rangle = \wp_1 \wp_2 \wp_3 |V_0(1, 2, 3)\rangle, \quad \wp_r := \oint \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} e^{i\theta(L_0^{(r)} - \tilde{L}_0^{(r)})}$$

# Overlapping condition for 3 closed strings



- Explicit representation of the 3-string vertex:  
solution to overlapping condition [HIKKO]

$$|V(1, 2, 3)\rangle = \int \delta(1, 2, 3) [\mu(1, 2, 3)]^2 \wp_1 \wp_2 \wp_3 \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}{\alpha_3} \Pi_c \delta\left(\sum_{r=1}^3 \alpha_r^{-1} \pi_c^{0(r)}\right) \\ \times \prod_{r=1}^3 \left[ 1 + 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} w_I^{(r)} \bar{c}_0^{(r)} \right] e^{F(1,2,3)} |p_1, \alpha_1\rangle_1 |p_2, \alpha_2\rangle_2 |p_3, \alpha_3\rangle_3$$

$$F(1, 2, 3) = \sum_{r,s=1}^3 \sum_{m,n \geq 1} \tilde{N}_{mn}^{rs} \left[ \frac{1}{2} a_m^{(r)\dagger} a_n^{(s)\dagger} + \sqrt{m} \alpha_r c_{-m}^{(r)} (\sqrt{n} \alpha_s)^{-1} b_{-n}^{(s)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{a}_m^{(r)\dagger} \tilde{a}_n^{(s)\dagger} + \sqrt{m} \alpha_r \tilde{c}_{-m}^{(r)} (\sqrt{n} \alpha_s)^{-1} \tilde{b}_{-n}^{(s)} \right] \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^3 \sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{N}_n^r (a_n^{(r)\dagger} + \tilde{a}_n^{(r)\dagger}) P - \frac{\tau_0}{4\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3} P^2$$

( Gaussian !)

$\tilde{N}_{mn}^{rs}$ ,  $\tilde{N}_n^r$  : Neumann coefficients of light-cone type

$$\tilde{N}_{mn}^{rs} = \frac{mn\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3}{\alpha_r n + \alpha_s m} \tilde{N}_m^r \tilde{N}_n^s,$$

$$\tilde{N}_m^r = \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\alpha_r m!} \frac{\Gamma(-m\alpha_r + 1/\alpha_r)}{\Gamma(1 + m\alpha_r - 1/\alpha_r)} e^{\frac{m\tau_0}{\alpha_r}}, \quad \tau_0 = \sum_{r=1}^3 \alpha_r \log |\alpha_r|$$

We can prove various relations. [Mandelstam, Green-Schwarz,...]

$$\sum_{t=1}^3 \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \tilde{N}_{mp}^{rt} \tilde{N}_{pn}^{ts} = \delta_{r,s} \delta_{m,n}, \quad \sum_{t=1}^3 \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \tilde{N}_{mp}^{rt} \tilde{N}_p^t = -\tilde{N}_m^r,$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^3 \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \tilde{N}_p^t \tilde{N}_p^t = \frac{2\tau_0}{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3}, \quad \dots$$

[Yoneya(1987)]



# Star product of boundary state

The boundary state for Dp-brane with constant flux:

$$\begin{aligned} |B(x^\perp)\rangle &= \exp\left(-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \alpha_{-n} \mathcal{O} \tilde{\alpha}_{-n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_{-n} \tilde{b}_{-n} + \tilde{c}_{-n} b_{-n})\right) \\ &\quad \times c_0^+ c_1 \tilde{c}_1 |p^\parallel = 0, x^\perp\rangle \otimes |0\rangle_{gh}, \\ \mathcal{O}^\mu_\nu &= \left[(1+F)^{-1}(1-F)\right]^\mu_\nu, \quad \mu, \nu = 0, 1, \dots, p, \\ \mathcal{O}^i_j &= -\delta^i_j, \quad i, j = p+1, \dots, d-1. \end{aligned}$$



We define the string field  $\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)$ :

$$|\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)\rangle = c_0^- b_0^+ |B(x^\perp)\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle$$



$|\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)\rangle$  and  $|V(1, 2, 3)\rangle$  are “Gaussian.”  $\mathcal{O}$  is orthogonal.  
Using *Yoneya formula* for Neumann matrices, we have obtained

$$|\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha_1)\rangle * |\Phi_B(y^\perp, \alpha_2)\rangle = \delta(x^\perp - y^\perp) \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\rangle$$

“idempotency equation”

$\mathcal{C}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{C} = [\mu(1, 2, 3)]^2 [\det(1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2)]^{-\frac{d-2}{2}}$$

where  $\mu(1, 2, 3) = e^{-\tau_0} \sum_{r=1}^3 \alpha_r^{-1}$ .

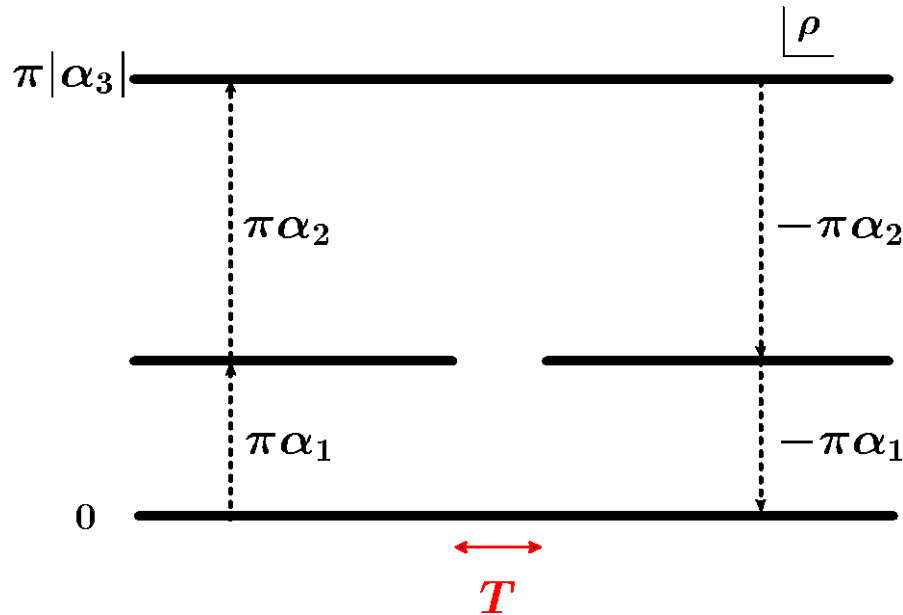
$\mathcal{C}$  is divergent because  $\tilde{N}_{mn}^{33}$  is  $\infty \times \infty$  matrix.

However, by *regularizing* with parameter  $T$ :

$$\tilde{N}_{mn}^{33} \rightarrow \tilde{N}_{mn}^{33} e^{-\frac{(m+n)T}{|\alpha_3|}}$$

$\mathcal{C}$  can be simplified drastically for  $d = 26$ .

We use *Cremmer-Gervais identity* to evaluate the regularized  $\mathcal{C}$ .



The result is  $\mathcal{C} = 2^5 T^{-3} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3|$  for  $T \rightarrow +0$ .

On the other hand, we have computed  $\mathcal{C}$  numerically by truncating the size of  $\tilde{N}_{mn}^{33}$  to  $L$ . We have observed  $\mathcal{C} \sim L^3 |(\alpha_1/\alpha_3)(\alpha_2/\alpha_3)|$ , therefore,  $T \sim |\alpha_3|/L$ .

# Idempotency equation

$$|\Phi(\alpha_1)\rangle * |\Phi(\alpha_2)\rangle = K^3 \hat{\alpha}^2 c_0^+ |\Phi(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\rangle$$

where  $c_0^+ = \frac{1}{2}(c_0 + \tilde{c}_0)$ ,

$K (\sim T^{-1} \rightarrow \infty)$ : constant and  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 > 0$

$\hat{\alpha}^2 c_0^+$  is a “pure ghost” BRST operator which is nilpotent, partial integrable and derivation with respect to  $*$  product.

The boundary state which corresponds to Dp-brane is a solution to this equation *in the following sense*.

- Boundary state as an “idempotent” :

$$|\Phi_f(\alpha)\rangle = \int d^{d-p-1}x^\perp f(x^\perp) |\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)\rangle / \alpha$$

$f(x^\perp)$  is a solution to  $f(x^\perp)^2 = f(x^\perp)$ .

Namely, “commutative soliton”  $f(x^\perp) = \begin{cases} 1 & (x^\perp \in \Sigma) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$

for some subset  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathbf{R}^{d-p-1}$ .



$$|\Phi_f(\alpha_1)\rangle * |\Phi_f(\alpha_2)\rangle = K^3 \hat{\alpha}^2 c_0^+ |\Phi_f(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\rangle$$

# Fluctuations

Infinitesimal deformation of “idempotency equation” around  $\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha_1) * \Phi_B(y^\perp, \alpha_2) + \Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha_1) * \delta\Phi_B(y^\perp, \alpha_2) \\ = \delta^{d-p-1}(x^\perp - y^\perp) \mathcal{C} c_0^+ \delta\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ansatz: } \delta\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha) = \oint \frac{d\sigma}{2\pi} V(\sigma) \Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)$$

By *straightforward computation in oscillator language*, we found scalar and vector type “solutions”:

$$V_S(\sigma) =: e^{ik_\mu X^\mu(\sigma)} :, \quad k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = \alpha'^{-1},$$

$$V_V(\sigma) =: \zeta_\nu \partial_\sigma X^\nu e^{ik_\mu X^\mu(\sigma)} :, \quad k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = 0,$$

$$(G^{\mu\nu} = [(1 + F)^{-1} \eta (1 - F)^{-1}]^{\mu\nu} : \text{ open string metric}).$$

In computation of tachyon mass using Neumann coefficients, we encounter

$$k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} \right)$$

at least naively.  $\rightarrow$  regularization

By truncating the level of string  $r$  as is proportional to  $|\alpha_r|$ , we obtain on-shell condition uniquely:

$$(-\beta)^{\alpha'} k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu + (1 + \beta)^{\alpha'} k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = 1 \text{ for } V_S$$

where  $\beta = \alpha_1/\alpha_3$

$\rightarrow$  open string tachyon:  $k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = \alpha'^{-1}$ .



For vector type fluctuation  $\delta_V \Phi_B$ , we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |\delta_V \Phi_B(\alpha_1)\rangle * |\Phi_B(\alpha_2)\rangle + |\Phi_B(\alpha_1)\rangle * |\delta_V \Phi_B(\alpha_2)\rangle \\
 = & ((-\beta)^{\alpha' k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu + 1} + (1 + \beta)^{\alpha' k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu + 1}) \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |\delta_V \Phi_B(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\rangle \\
 & + ((-\beta)^{\alpha' k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu} - (1 + \beta)^{\alpha' k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}) \\
 & \times \left[ -i \zeta_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 p\pi\beta}{\pi p} \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |\delta_S \Phi_B(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\rangle + \dots \right].
 \end{aligned}$$



We obtain massless condition  $k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = 0$ .

However, the transversality condition is subtle because  $((-\beta)^0 - (1 + \beta)^0) \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 \pi p \beta}{\pi p} \sim 0 \times \infty$ .



On the other hand, using LPP formulation for the HIKKO closed SFT, the equation for the fluctuation is reduced to

$$\wp \left( \oint \frac{d\sigma_1}{2\pi} \Sigma_1[V(\sigma_1)] + \oint \frac{d\sigma_2}{2\pi} \Sigma_2[V(\sigma_2)] + \oint \frac{d\sigma_3}{2\pi} V(\sigma_3) \right) |B(x^\perp)\rangle = 0.$$

A *sufficient* condition for this solution : primary with weight 1

$$\Sigma_r[V(\sigma_r)] |B(x^\perp)\rangle = \frac{d}{d\sigma_r} \Sigma_r(\sigma_r) V(\Sigma_r(\sigma_r)) |B(x^\perp)\rangle.$$

→ *open* string spectrum!

However,  $\Sigma_r$  is a particular mapping.

Is this a *necessary* condition?



By modifying the vector type fluctuation [Murakami-Nakatsu(2002)] :

$$V_S(\sigma) = : e^{ik_\mu X^\mu(\sigma)} :, \quad V_V(\sigma) = : \zeta_\mu \partial_\sigma X^\mu(\sigma) e^{ik_\nu X^\nu(\sigma)} :,$$

$$\hat{V}_V(\sigma) \equiv V_V(\sigma) - (\zeta_\mu \theta^{\mu\nu} k_\nu / 4\pi) V_S(\sigma),$$

$$\text{where } \theta \equiv \pi(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}^T)/2 = -2\pi(1 + F)^{-1}F(1 - F)^{-1},$$

we obtain the finite transformation

$$(d\sigma)^\Delta V_S(\sigma)|B(x^\perp)\rangle = (d\lambda)^\Delta V_S(\lambda)|B(x^\perp)\rangle,$$

$$(d\sigma)^{\Delta+1} \hat{V}_V(\sigma)|B(x^\perp)\rangle = (d\lambda)^{\Delta+1} \left[ \hat{V}_V(\lambda)|B(x^\perp)\rangle - \Xi \frac{\partial_\lambda^2 \sigma}{\partial \lambda \sigma} V_S(\lambda)|B(x^\perp)\rangle \right],$$

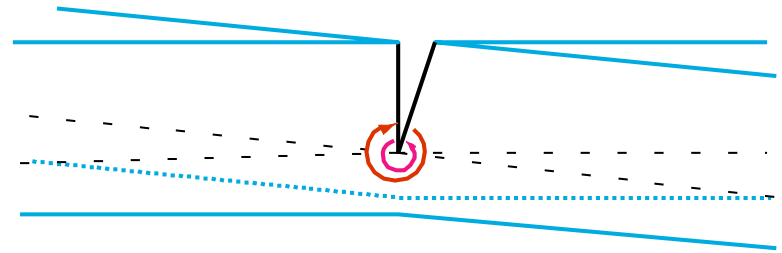
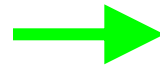
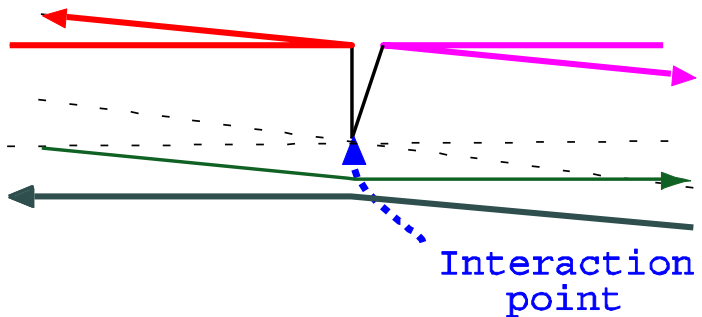
where

$$\Delta \equiv \alpha' k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu, \quad \Xi \equiv -i\zeta_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu / 2.$$

$\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  are linear mappings

$$\rightarrow \Delta = 1 \text{ for } V_S \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta = 0 \text{ for } \hat{V}_V.$$

We should note the *singularity* at the interaction point for  $\hat{V}_V$ .



Around the interaction point for  $\Delta = 0$

$$d\sigma \hat{V}_V(\sigma) |B(x^\perp)\rangle = dz \left[ \hat{V}_V(z) |B(x^\perp)\rangle - \Xi \left( (z - z_0)^{-1} + \mathcal{O}((z - z_0)^0) \right) V_S(z) |B(x^\perp)\rangle \right]$$

→

$$\wp \left( \oint \frac{d\sigma_1}{2\pi} \Sigma_1[V(\sigma_1)] + \oint \frac{d\sigma_2}{2\pi} \Sigma_2[V(\sigma_2)] + \oint \frac{d\sigma_3}{2\pi} V(\sigma_3) \right) |B(x^\perp)\rangle = i\wp \Xi V_S(z_0) |B(x^\perp)\rangle = i\Xi \oint \frac{d\sigma}{2\pi} V_S(\sigma) |B(x^\perp)\rangle$$

→ the transversality condition  $2i\Xi = \zeta_\mu G^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = 0$  is imposed.

Correct open string spectrum!

# Cardy states and idempotents

- On the flat ( $\mathbb{R}^d$ ) background, we have \* product formula for *Ishibashi states* :

$$|p_1^\perp\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_1} * |p_2^\perp\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_2} = \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |p_1^\perp + p_2^\perp\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}.$$

$|p^\perp\rangle\rangle$  satisfies  $(L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n})|p^\perp\rangle\rangle = 0$ , but is *not* an idempotent. Its *Fourier transform*  $|B(x^\perp)\rangle\rangle$  which is a Cardy state gives an idempotent.

## Conjecture

Cardy states  $\sim$  idempotents in closed SFT

even on nontrivial backgrounds.

## Cardy states $|B\rangle$ :

1.  $(L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n})|B\rangle = 0$ .
2.  $\langle B|\tilde{q}^{\frac{1}{2}}(L_0 + \tilde{L}_0 - \frac{c}{12})|B'\rangle = \sum_i N_{BB'}^i \chi_i(q)$ ,  
 $N_{BB'}^i$ : nonnegative integer.



## Closed SFT:

1.  $(L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n})|B\rangle = 0, \quad (L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n})|B'\rangle = 0,$   
 $\rightarrow (L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n})|B\rangle * |B'\rangle = 0$ .
2. idempotency:  $|B\rangle * |B'\rangle = \delta_{B,B'} \mathcal{C} |B\rangle$ .

- Orbifold ( $M/\Gamma$ )

twisted sector:  $X(\sigma + 2\pi) = gX(\sigma) \quad (g \in \Gamma)$

$(g\text{-twisted}) * (g'\text{-twisted}) \sim (gg'\text{-twisted})$

→ \* product of Ishibashi states should be

$$|g\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_1} * |g'\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_2} \sim |gg'\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$$



Group ring  $\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]$ :  $\sum_{g \in \Gamma} \lambda_g e_g \in \mathbb{C}[\Gamma], \lambda_g \in \mathbb{C}$

$$e_g \star e_{g'} = e_{gg'}$$

$\Gamma$ : nonabelian  $e_g \rightarrow e_i = \sum_{g \in \mathcal{C}_i} e_g$  ( $\mathcal{C}_i$ : conjugacy class).

Formula:  $e_i \star e_j = \mathcal{N}_{ij}^k e_k$

$$\mathcal{N}_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{|\Gamma|} \sum_{\alpha: \text{irreps.}} \frac{|\mathcal{C}_i| |\mathcal{C}_j| \zeta_i^{(\alpha)} \zeta_j^{(\alpha)} \zeta_k^{(\alpha)*}}{\zeta_1^{(\alpha)}}. \quad (\zeta_i^{(\alpha)} : \text{character})$$

idempotents:  $P^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\zeta_1^{(\alpha)}}{|\Gamma|} \sum_{i: \text{class}} \zeta_i^{(\alpha)} e_i, \quad P^{(\alpha)} \star P^{(\beta)} = \delta_{\alpha, \beta} P^{(\beta)}.$



Cardy states:  $|\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\Gamma|}} \sum_{i: \text{class}} \zeta_i^{(\alpha)} \sqrt{\sigma_i} |i\rangle\rangle, \quad |i\rangle\rangle := \sum_{g \in \mathcal{C}_i} |g\rangle\rangle,$

[cf. Billo et al.(2001)]

$$\sigma_i = \sigma(e, g), g \in \mathcal{C}_i, \quad \chi_h^g(q) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_h}(gq^{L_0 - \frac{c}{24}}) = \sigma(h, g) \chi_g^{h^{-1}}(\tilde{q})$$

$\rightarrow |\alpha\rangle$  : idempotents in closed SFT (?)

- Fusion ring of RCFT

$$e_i \star e_j = N_{ij}^k e_k, \quad N_{ij}^k = \sum_l \frac{S_{il} S_{jl} S_{kl}^*}{S_{1l}} \quad [\text{Verlinde(1988)}]$$

idempotents:  $P^{(\alpha)} = S_{1\alpha}^* \sum_{i:\text{primary}} S_{i\alpha} e_i, \quad P^{(\alpha)} \star P^{(\beta)} = \delta_{\alpha,\beta} P^{(\beta)}.$   
 [T.Kawai (1989)]



Cardy states:  $|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{i:\text{primary}} \frac{S_{\alpha i}}{\sqrt{S_{1i}}} |i\rangle\rangle$

Suppose  $|i\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_1} * |j\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_2} \sim N_{ij}^k |k\rangle\rangle_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2},$   
 then Cardy states  $|\alpha\rangle \sim$  idempotents in closed SFT



# $T^D, T^D/Z_2$ compactification

Explicit formulation of closed SFT on  $T^D, T^D/Z_2$  is known. [HIKKO(1987), Itoh-Kunitomo(1988)]

3-string vertex is modified:

$$(-1)^{p_2 w_2 - p_1 w_3} |V_0(1_u, 2_u, 3_u)\rangle,$$

$$(-1)^{p_1 n_3^f} \delta([n_3^f - n_2^f + w_1]) |V_0(1_u, 2_t, 3_t)\rangle$$

- cocycle factor  $\leftarrow$  Jacobi identity,
- matter zero mode part.
- untwisted-twisted-twisted : different Neumann coefficients  $\tilde{T}_{n_r n_s}^{rs}$ ,
- $Z_2$  projection

We can compute \* product of Ishibashi states directly.

Ishibashi states:

$$|\iota(\mathcal{O}, p, w)\rangle\rangle_u = e^{-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \alpha_{-n}^i G_{ij} \mathcal{O}^j_k \tilde{\alpha}_{-n}^k} |p, w\rangle,$$

$$|\iota(\mathcal{O}, n^f)\rangle\rangle_t = e^{-\sum_{r=1/2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r} \alpha_{-r}^i G_{ij} \mathcal{O}^j_k \tilde{\alpha}_{-r}^k} |n^f\rangle,$$

$\mathcal{O}^T G \mathcal{O} = G$ ;  $p_i, w^j$ : integers such as  $p_i = -F_{ij} w^j$ ,  
 $F = -(G + B - (G - B)\mathcal{O})(1 + \mathcal{O})^{-1}$ ;  $(n^f)^i = 0, 1$  : fixed point.

\* products of these states are not diagonal.

→ We consider following linear combinations:

Dirichlet type ( $\mathcal{O} = -1$ )

$$|n^f\rangle_u := (\det(2G_{ij}))^{-\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{p_i} (-1)^{p_i n^f} |\iota(-1, p, 0)\rangle\rangle_u,$$

$$|n^f\rangle_t := |\iota(-1, n^f)\rangle\rangle_t.$$

Neumann type ( $\mathcal{O} \neq -1$ )

$$|m^f, F\rangle_u := \left(\det(2G_O^{-1})\right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \sum_w (-1)^{w m^f + w F_u w} |\iota(\mathcal{O}, -Fw, w)\rangle\rangle_u,$$

$$|m^f, F\rangle_t := 2^{-\frac{D}{2}} \sum_{n^f \in \{0,1\}^D} (-1)^{m^f n^f + n^f F_u n^f} |\iota(\mathcal{O}, n^f)\rangle\rangle_t,$$

where  $(m^f)^i = 1, 0$ ,  $G_O^{-1} = (G + B + F)^{-1} G (G - B - F)^{-1}$ .

\* product (Dirichlet type)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |n_1^f, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_u * |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_u \\
 &= (\det(2G_{ij}))^{-\frac{1}{4}} (2\pi)^D \delta^D(0) \delta_{n_1, n_2}^D \delta^{d-p-1}(x^\perp - y^\perp) \\
 &\quad \times \mu_u^2 \det^{-\frac{d+D-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2) c_0^+ |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle_u, \\
 & |n_1^f, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_u * |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_t \\
 &= (\det(2G_{ij}))^{-\frac{1}{4}} (2\pi)^D \delta^D(0) \delta_{n_1, n_2}^D \delta^{d-p-1}(x^\perp - y^\perp) \\
 &\quad \times \mu_t^2 \det^{-\frac{D}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{T}^{3t3t})^2) \det^{-\frac{d-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2) c_0^+ |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle_t, \\
 & |n_1^f, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_t * |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_t \\
 &= (\det(2G_{ij}))^{\frac{1}{4}} \delta_{n_1, n_2}^D \delta^{d-p-1}(x^\perp - y^\perp) \\
 &\quad \times \mu_t^2 \det^{-\frac{D}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{T}^{3u3u})^2) \det^{-\frac{d-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2) c_0^+ |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle_u.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{C} &:= \mu_u^2 \det^{-\frac{d+D-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2) \quad (\sim |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3| T^{-3}) \\
 &= \mu_t^2 \det^{-\frac{D}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{T}^{3t3t})^2) \det^{-\frac{d-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2),
 \end{aligned}$$

follows from *Cremmer-Gervais identity* for  $D + d = 26$ .

$$\mathcal{C}' := \mu_t^2 \det^{-\frac{D}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{T}^{3u3u})^2) \det^{-\frac{d-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2)$$

cannot be evaluated similarly  $\rightarrow$  *other method*



$$|n^f, x^\perp, \alpha\rangle_\pm = \frac{1}{2}(2\pi\delta(0))^{-D} \left( (\det(2G_{ij}))^{\frac{1}{4}} |n^f, x^\perp, \alpha\rangle_u \pm c_t (2\pi\delta(0))^{\frac{D}{2}} |n^f, x^\perp, \alpha\rangle_t \right)$$

are idempotents:

$$|n_1^f, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_\pm * |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_\pm = \delta_{n_1^f, n_2^f}^D \delta^{d-p-1}(x^\perp - y^\perp) \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle_\pm,$$

$$|n_1^f, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_\pm * |n_2^f, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_\mp = 0.$$

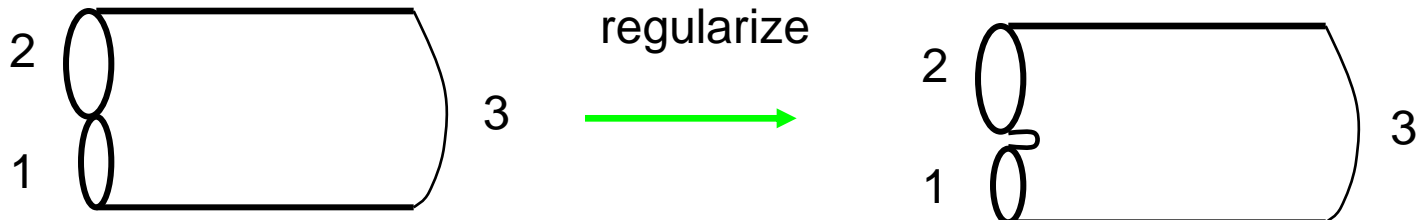
$c_t$  is given by

$$c_t = \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{C}}{\mathcal{C}'}} = \left( e^{-\frac{\tau_0}{4}(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})} \frac{\det(1 - (\tilde{T}^{1u1u}(\alpha_3, \alpha_1, \alpha_2))^2)}{\det(1 - (\tilde{N}^{33}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3))^2)} \right)^{\frac{D}{4}},$$

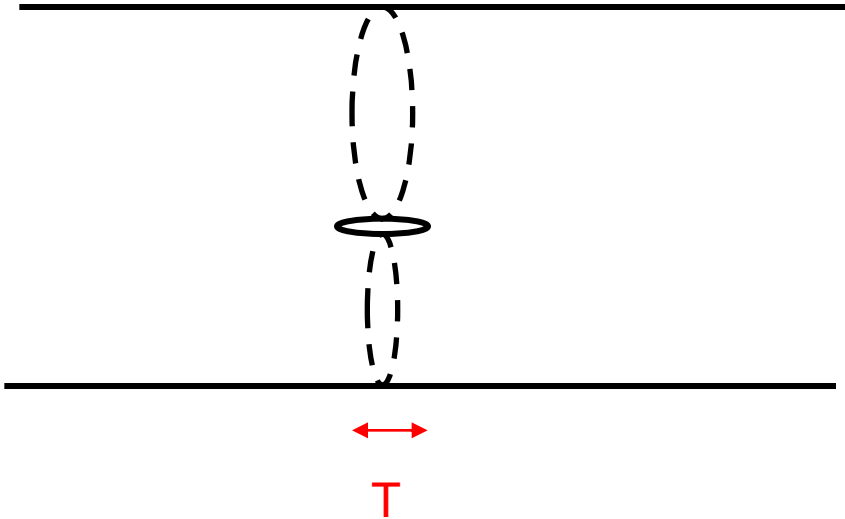
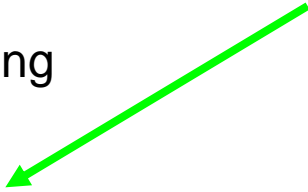
which is evaluated by *1-loop amplitude* as

$$c_t = 2^{\frac{D}{4}} (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} = \sqrt{\sigma(e, g)} (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}}.$$

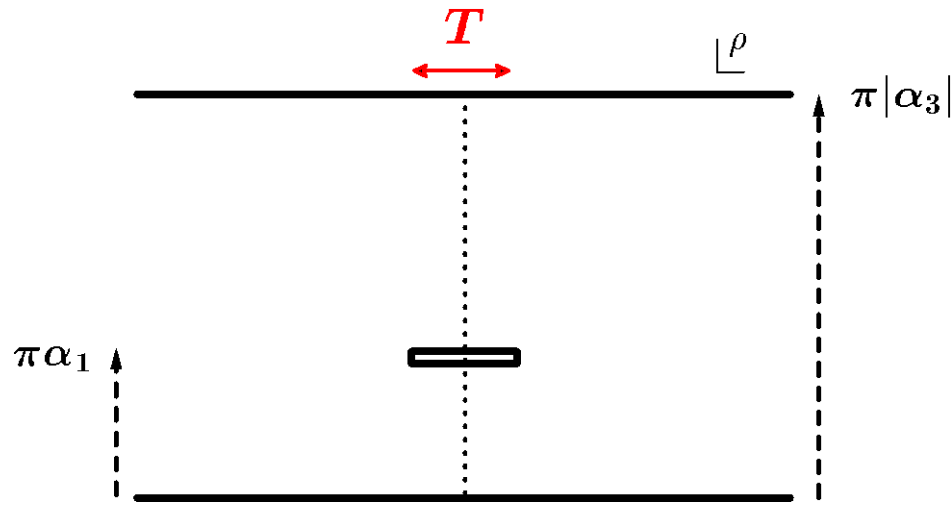
→  $|n^f, x^\perp, \alpha\rangle_\pm$  : Cardy state for fractional D-brane.



doubling



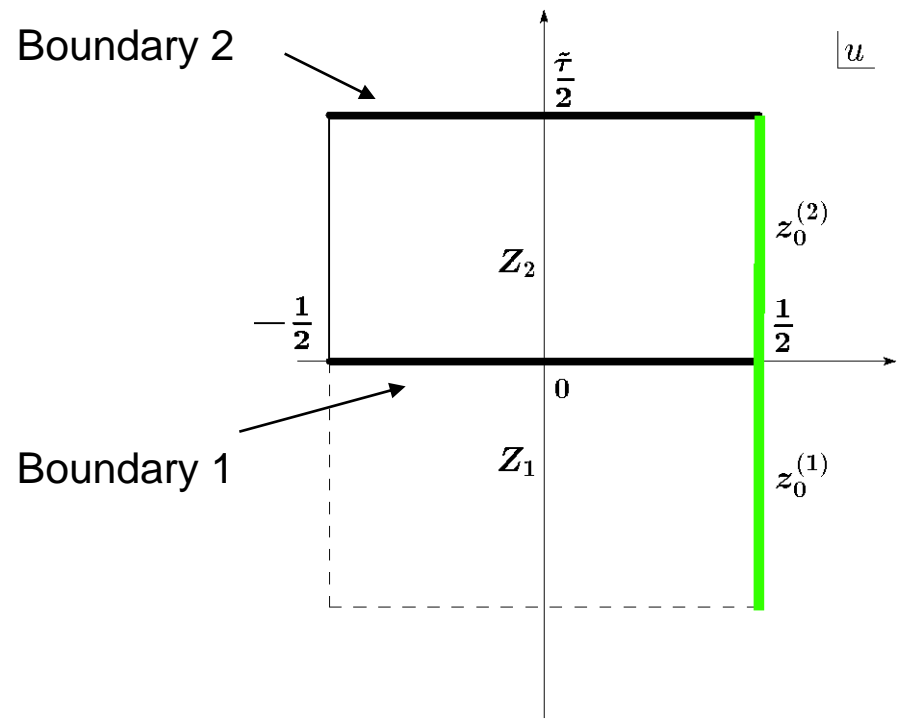
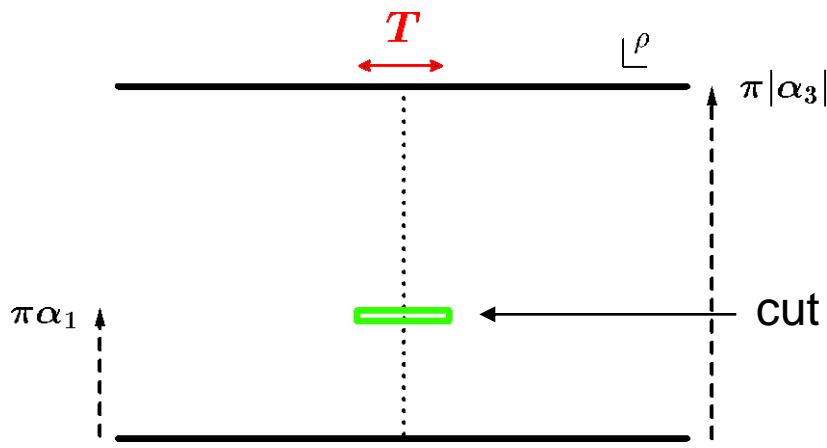
~ doubling of *open string* 1-loop



Modulus of torus  $\tilde{\tau}$  : ← Mandelstam mapping using  $\vartheta$ -function  
[Asakawa-Kugo-Takahashi(1999)]

$$e^{-\frac{\pi}{|\tilde{\tau}|}} \sim \frac{T}{8|\alpha_3 \sin(\pi\alpha_2/\alpha_3)|} \quad \text{for } T \rightarrow 0$$

→ Including ghost contribution, we reproduce  $\mathcal{C} \sim |\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3|T^{-3}$ .



Ratio of 1-loop amplitude:

$$\left( \frac{\eta(\tilde{\tau})}{\vartheta_0(\tilde{\tau})} \right)^{\frac{D}{2}} \left( (2\pi)^{-D} ((-i\tilde{\tau})^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta(\tilde{\tau})^{-D})^{-1} \rightarrow 2^{-\frac{D}{2}} (2\pi)^D = \frac{c'}{c}$$

$$\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow +i0$$



Similarly, we obtain Neumann type idempotents:

$$|m^f, F, \alpha\rangle_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(2\pi\delta(0))^{-D} \left[ \left( \det(2G_O^{-1}) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} |m^f, F, x^{\perp}, \alpha\rangle_u \pm c_t(2\pi\delta(0))^{\frac{D}{2}} |m^f, F, x^{\perp}, \alpha\rangle_t \right],$$

$$|m_1^f, F, \alpha_1\rangle_{\pm} * |m_2^f, F, \alpha_2\rangle_{\pm} = \delta_{m_1^f, m_2^f}^D \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |m_2^f, F, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle_{\pm},$$

$$|m_1^f, F, \alpha_1\rangle_{\pm} * |m_2^f, F, \alpha_2\rangle_{\mp} = 0.$$

(※) Neumann type idempotents are obtained from Dirichlet type by T-duality :

$$\mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} |n^f, \alpha\rangle_{\pm, E} = |m^f = n^f, F, \alpha\rangle_{\pm, g(E)}.$$

In fact, we can prove

$$\mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} |A * B\rangle_E = |(\mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} A) * (\mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} B)\rangle_{g(E)}, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} -F & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in O(D, D; \mathbb{Z})$$

for both  $uuu$  and  $utt$  3-string vertices. ( $E = G + B$ )

$\mathcal{U}_g$  is given by *Kugo-Zwiebach's transformation* for the untwisted sector and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} \alpha_r(E) \mathcal{U}_g &= -E^{T-1} \alpha_r(g(E)), & \mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} \tilde{\alpha}_r(E) \mathcal{U}_g &= E^{-1} \tilde{\alpha}_r(g(E)), \\ \mathcal{U}_g^{\dagger} |n^f\rangle_E &= 2^{-\frac{D}{2}} \sum_{m^f \in \{0,1\}^D} (-1)^{n^f m^f + m^f F_u m^f} |n^f\rangle_{g(E)}, \end{aligned}$$

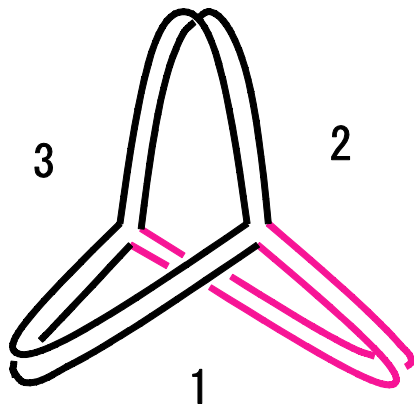
for the twisted sector.  $(F_u)_{ij} := F_{ij}$  ( $i < j$ ), 0 (otherwise).



# Summary and discussion

- Cardy states satisfy idempotency equation in closed SFT (on  $R^D, T^D, T^D/Z_2$  ).
- Variation around idempotents gives open string spectrum.
- Idempotents  $\sim$  Cardy states  
: detailed correspondence?
- Closed version of VSFT? (Veneziano amplitude,...)
- More nontrivial background? (other orbifolds,...)
- Supersymmetric extension? (HIKKO's NSR vertex,...)

- 3-string vertex in Nonpolynomial CSFT



← closed string version of Witten's  $*$  product

We can also prove idempotency straightforwardly:

$$|\Phi_B(x^\perp)\rangle * |\Phi_B(y^\perp)\rangle = \delta(x^\perp - y^\perp) \mathcal{C}_W c_0^+ b_0^- |\Phi_B(x^\perp)\rangle$$

(Computation is simplified by closed sting version of MSFT. [Bars-Kishimoto-Matsuo] )

- n-string vertices ( $n \geq 4$ ) in nonpolynomial CSFT?