

Cardy states as idempotents of fusion ring in string field theory

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- Cardy states: $(L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n})|B\rangle = 0$

$$\langle B|\tilde{q}^{\frac{1}{2}}(L_0 + \tilde{L}_0 - \frac{c}{12})|B'\rangle = \sum_i N_{BB'}^i \chi_i(q)$$



- Idempotents in Closed SFT

$$|B\rangle * |B'\rangle = \delta_{B,B'} \mathcal{C} |B\rangle$$

Introduction

D-brane \sim Boundary state \leftarrow closed string

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

Witten cubic *open* SFT, VSFT

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

Projectors (sliver, butterfly,...)



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

HIKKO cubic *closed* SFT (Nonpolynomial CSFT)

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

Boundary states

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

“idempotency equation” [KMW1]

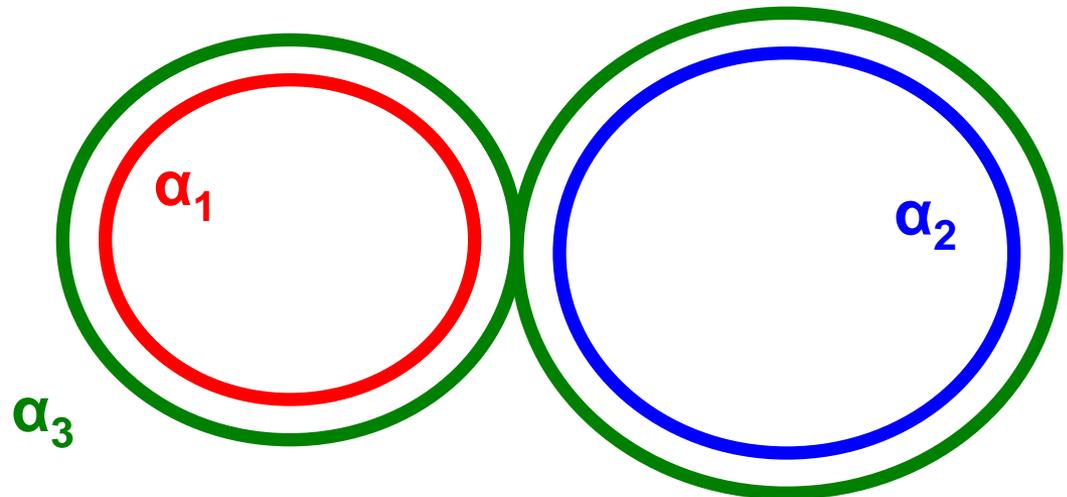
$$\mathcal{C} = [\mu(1, 2, 3)]^2 [\det(1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2)]^{-\frac{d-2}{2}}$$

Regularization: $\tilde{N}_{mn}^{33} \rightarrow \tilde{N}_{mn}^{33} e^{-(m+n)\frac{T}{|\alpha_3|}}$ $\mathcal{C} \sim |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3| T^{-3}$ for $d = 26$. [KMW2]

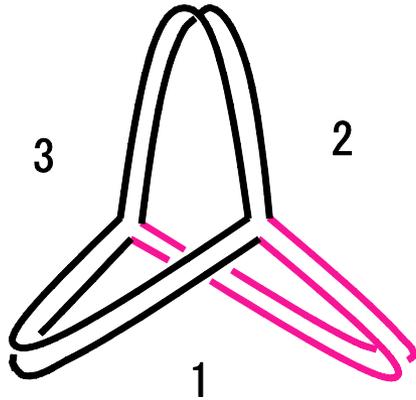
$$|\Phi_B(x^\perp, \alpha)\rangle = c_0^- b_0^+ |B(x^\perp)\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle$$

$|B(x^\perp)\rangle$: boundary state for Dp brane

HIKKO closed string * product:



- 3-string vertex in Nonpolynomial CSFT



← closed string version of Witten * product

We can also prove idempotency straightforwardly:

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

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

Cardy states and idempotents

- On the flat (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/Γ)

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

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

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

orthogonality of characters



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)] ↑
unitarity of S



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

• Comments

General idempotents: $P = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} P^{(\alpha)}$, $\epsilon_{\alpha} = 0, 1$: $P \star P = P$

different from Cardy condition 

★ : **associative** in group ring and fusion ring



* : **non-associative** in HIKKO *closed* string field theory

→ *associative* among Ishibashi states (on $R^D, T^D, T^D/Z_2$)

Witten * product: non-commutative in *open* string field theory

→ commutative among wedge states (sliver states)

$T^D, T^D/Z_2$ 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:

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

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

$\mathcal{O}^T G \mathcal{O} = G$; 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 ($\mathcal{O} = -1$)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Neumann coefficients in the twisted sector

$$|V_0(1_u, 2_t, 3_t)\rangle = \mu_t^2 e^{\frac{1}{2}a^\dagger r \tilde{T}^{rs} a^\dagger s + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{a}^\dagger r \tilde{T}^{rs} \tilde{a}^\dagger s} |p_1, w_1; n_2^f; n_3^f\rangle$$

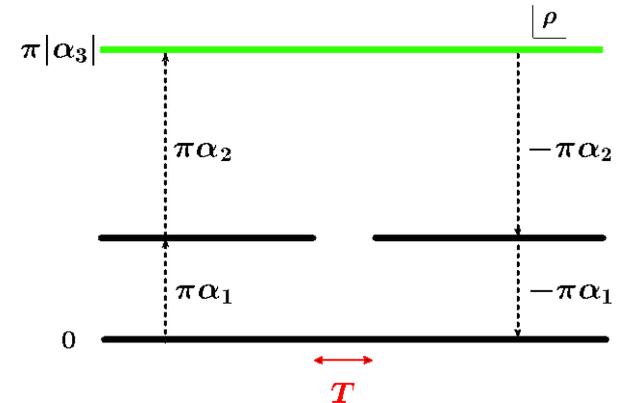
$$\sum_{t, l_t} \tilde{T}_{n_r l_t}^{rt} \tilde{T}_{l_t m_s}^{ts} = \delta_{n_r, m_s} \delta_{r, s}, \quad \sum_{t, l_t} \tilde{T}_{0 l_t}^{1t} \tilde{T}_{l_t m_s}^{ts} = -\tilde{T}_{0 m_s}^{1s}, \quad \sum_{t, l_t} \tilde{T}_{0 l_t}^{1t} \tilde{T}_{l_t 0}^{t1} = -2T_{00}^{11},$$

$$\tilde{T}_{n_r m_s}^{rs} = \frac{\alpha_1 n_r m_s}{\alpha_r m_s + \alpha_s n_r} \tilde{T}_{n_r 0}^{r1} \tilde{T}_{m_s 0}^{s1}$$

$$T_{00}^{11} - \sum_{r, s=2,3} \tilde{T}_{0 \cdot}^{1r} [(1 + \tilde{T})^{-1}]^{rs} \tilde{T}_{\cdot 0}^{s1} = -2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\alpha_1 n \pi}{\alpha_3}\right)}{n} = -\infty$$

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

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



$$\mathcal{C}' := \mu_t^2 \det^{-\frac{D}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{T}^{3_u 3_u})^2) \det^{-\frac{d-2}{2}} (1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2) \text{ cannot be evaluated similarly.}$$

Results :

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

are idempotents:

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

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

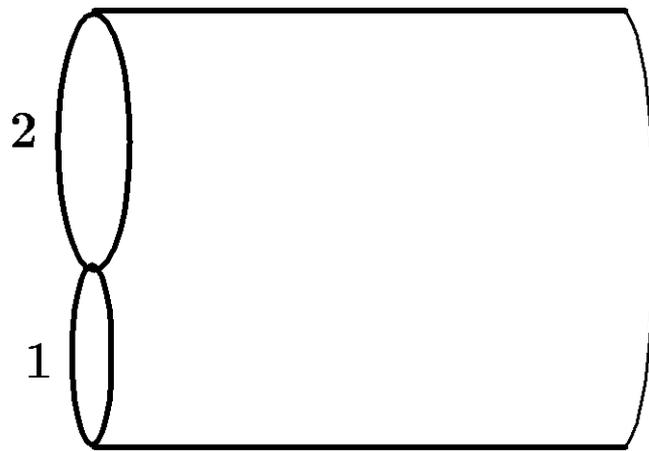
c_t is given by

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

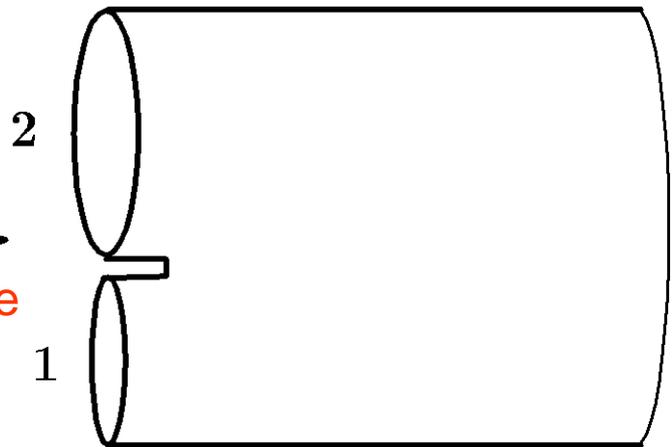
which is evaluated by *open string 1-loop amplitude* as

$$c_t (2\pi\delta(0))^{\frac{D}{2}} = 2^{\frac{D}{4}} (\det(2G))^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\sigma(e, g)} (\det(2G))^{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

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

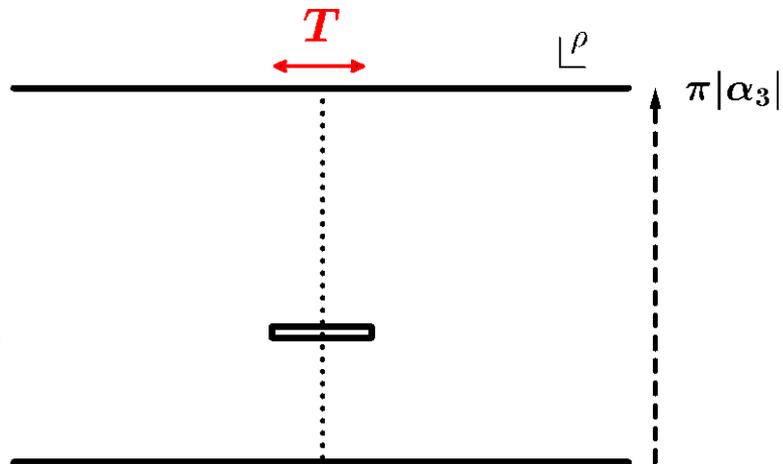


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doubling

\leftrightarrow
 $T/2$



Modulus of torus $\tilde{\tau}$

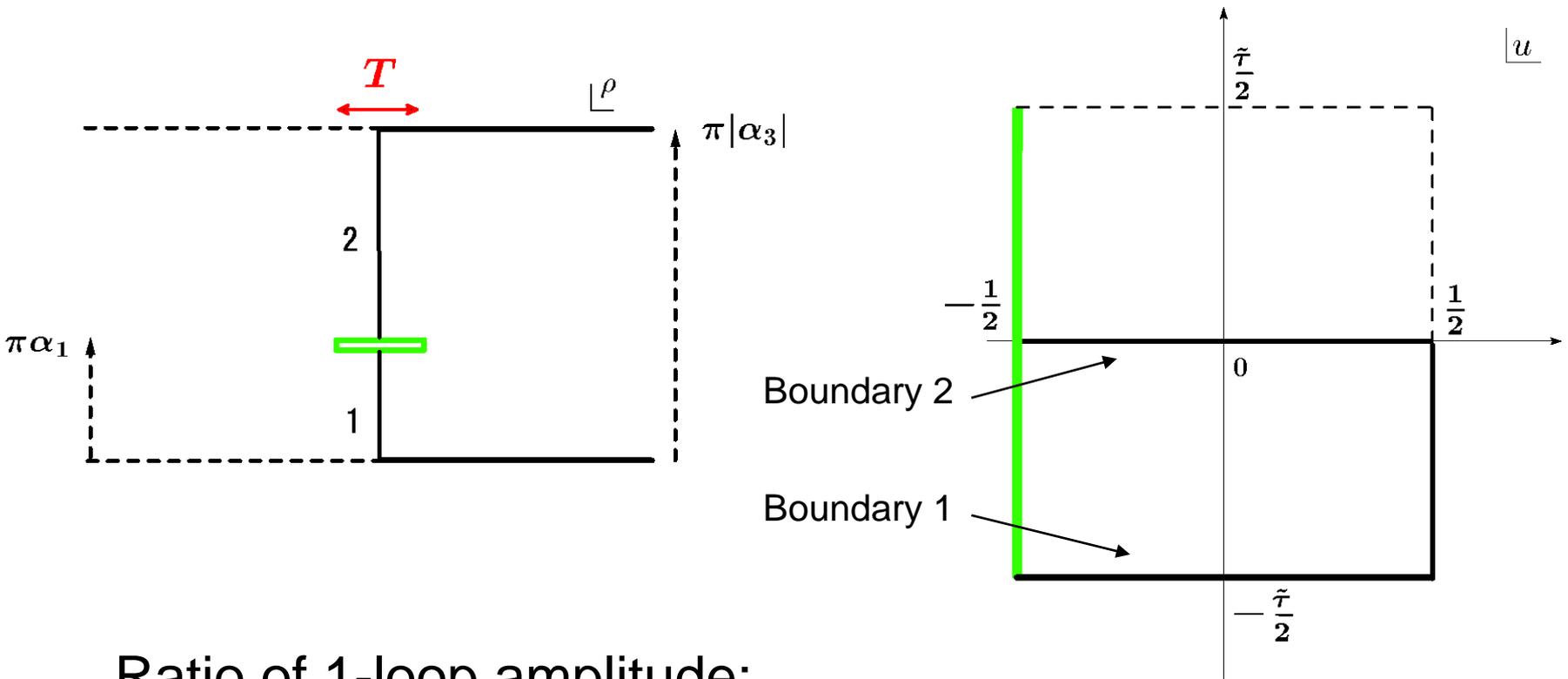
$$e^{-\frac{\pi}{|\tilde{\tau}|}} \sim \frac{T}{8|\alpha_3 \sin(\pi\alpha_1/\alpha_3)|} \quad \text{for } T \rightarrow 0$$

Mandelstam mapping:

$$\rho(u) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \log \frac{\vartheta_1(u + (\alpha_1\tilde{\tau}/2\alpha_3)|\tilde{\tau})}{\vartheta_1(u - (\alpha_1\tilde{\tau}/2\alpha_3)|\tilde{\tau})} - 2\pi i\alpha_1 u$$

[Asakawa-Kugo-Takahashi(1999)]

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



Ratio of 1-loop amplitude:

$$\left(\frac{\eta(\tilde{\tau})}{\vartheta_0(\tilde{\tau})} \right)^{\frac{D}{2}} \left((2\pi\delta(0))^{-D} \eta(\tilde{\tau})^{-D} \sum_p e^{i\pi\tilde{\tau}pG^{-1}p/2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow 2^{-\frac{D}{2}} (2\pi\delta(0))^D \det^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2G) = \frac{c'}{c} \quad \tilde{\tau} \rightarrow +i0$$

Similarly, we obtain Neumann type idempotents:

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

$$|m_1^f, F, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_\pm * |m_2^f, F, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_\pm = \delta_{m_1^f, m_2^f}^D \delta(x^\perp - y^\perp) \mathcal{C} c_0^+ |m_2^f, F, x^\perp, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle_\pm,$$

$$|m_1^f, F, x^\perp, \alpha_1\rangle_\pm * |m_2^f, F, y^\perp, \alpha_2\rangle_\mp = 0.$$

(※) 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 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 $R^D, T^D, T^D/Z_2$). [KMW1, KMW2, KM]
- Variation around idempotents gives open string spectrum (on R^D). [KMW1, KMW2]
- Idempotents \sim Cardy states
: detailed correspondence ?
- Closed version of VSFT? (Veneziano amplitude,...)
- Relation to the *original* HIKKO theory?
- More nontrivial background? (other orbifolds,...)
- Super extension? (HIKKO NSR vertex,...) [IKMW work in progress]

“non-commutative” extension

KT operator which was introduced to represent noncommutativity in SFT :

$$V_{\theta, \sigma_c} = \exp \left(-\frac{i}{4} \int_{\sigma_c}^{2\pi + \sigma_c} d\sigma \int_{\sigma_c}^{2\pi + \sigma_c} d\sigma' P_i(\sigma) \theta^{ij} \epsilon(\sigma, \sigma') P_j(\sigma') \right) \quad [\text{Kawano-Takahashi (1999)}]$$

In the Seiberg-Witten limit: $\alpha' \sim \epsilon^{1/2}$, $g_{ij} \sim \epsilon$, $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \langle x | \left[\int dy f_{\alpha_1}(y) \hat{V}_{\theta, \sigma_c} |B(y)\rangle_{\alpha_1} * \int dy' g_{\alpha_2}(y') \hat{V}_{\theta, \sigma_c} |B(y')\rangle_{\alpha_2} \right] \\ \sim [\det^{-\frac{d}{2}}(1 - (\tilde{N}^{33})^2) 2\pi\delta(0)] f_{\alpha_1}(x) \frac{\sin(-\beta\lambda) \sin((1+\beta)\lambda)}{(-\beta)(1+\beta)\lambda^2} g_{\alpha_2}(x)$$

$$\text{where } \beta = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3}, \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{2} \overleftarrow{\partial} \theta^{ij} \overrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$$

By taking the Laplace transformation with an ansatz:

$f_\alpha(x) = \alpha^{\delta-1} f(x)$ the idempotency equation is reduced to

$$f(x) \frac{\sin \lambda}{\lambda} f(x) = f(x)$$

i.e., projector eq. with respect to the **Strachan product** which is **commutative and non-associative**.



feature of the HIKKO **closed SFT** * product