

Global Conformal Blocks on the Plane From Oscillator Representations

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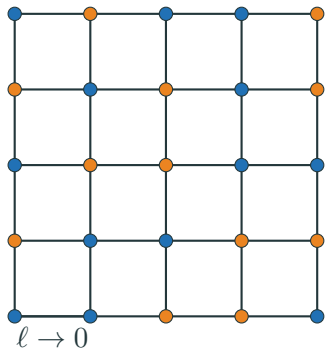
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1. Motivation

Applications of CFTs:

- critical statistical models (e. g. Ising model)
Belavin, Polyakov, and Zamolodchikov, 1984
Di Francesco, Mathieu, and Senechal, 1997



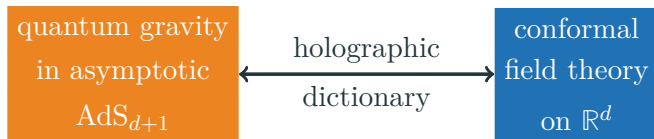
$$\langle \sigma(x_i) \sigma(x_j) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^\eta}$$

$$\langle \varepsilon(x_i) \varepsilon(x_j) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^{4-2/\nu}}$$

→ critical behaviour
characterized by critical
exponents η, ν

Motivation

- string theory, holographic dualities
Maldacena, 1998



bulk fields	\longleftrightarrow	local operators
spacetime geometries	\longleftrightarrow	quantum states
<i>Witten diagrams</i>	\longleftrightarrow	<i>conformal blocks</i>
Witten, 1998		Hijano et al., 2016

2. Aspects of Conformal Field Theories

Conformal Transformations

- setting: ($d = 2$)-dimensional Euclidean space
- **conformal transformations** = diffeomorphisms $x \mapsto \tilde{x}(x)$ s. t.

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \mapsto \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) = \Omega^2(x)g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

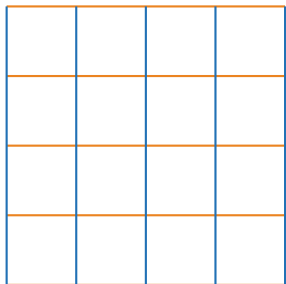
- **infinitesimal** transformation $\tilde{x}(x) = x + \varepsilon$ with $\varepsilon^\mu \ll 1$

$$\partial_0 \varepsilon_0 = \partial_1 \varepsilon_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_0 \varepsilon_1 = -\partial_1 \varepsilon_0,$$

- Cauchy-Riemann equations \longrightarrow complexified coordinates
- $x \mapsto \tilde{x}(x)$ conformal if the map $z \mapsto f(z) = z + \varepsilon(z)$ is **holomorphic** (in a domain)

Examples of Conformal Transformations in $d = 2$

$$f(z) = z$$



$$f(z) = e^z$$



$$f(z) = z^2$$



(Global) Conformal Algebra

- **Virasoro algebra:** *infinitely* many generators $L_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with commutation relation

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}(m^3 - m)\delta_{m+n,0}.$$

→ c : central charge

- **global (sub-)algebra** $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$: generated by *finitely* many generators $L_n, n = -1, 0, 1$

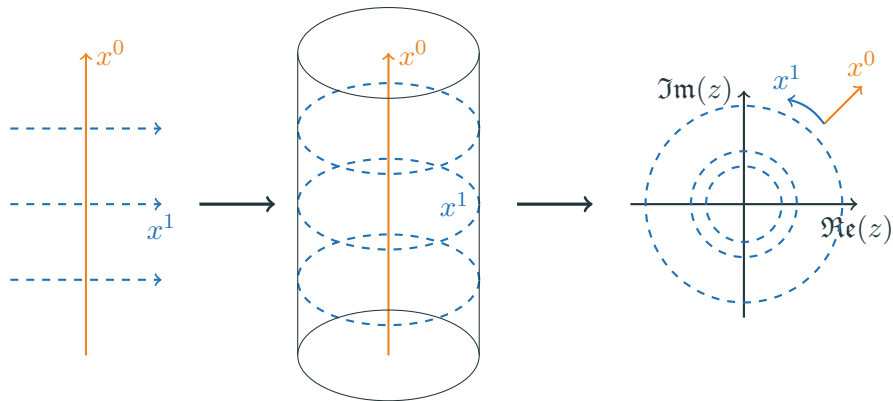
- primary fields $\phi(z, \bar{z})$ of conformal dimensions (h, \bar{h}) transform as

$$\phi(z, \bar{z}) \mapsto \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right)^h \left(\frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial \bar{z}}\right)^{\bar{h}} \phi(f(z), \bar{f}(\bar{z})),$$

under conformal transformations $z \mapsto f(z)$

Radial Quantization I: The Scheme

- canonical quantization \rightarrow time direction?
- radial quantization procedure $z = e^{x^0 + ix^1}$



- infinite past: $z = 0$; infinite future: $z \rightarrow \infty$

Radial Quantization II: Ordering and OPE

- radial-ordered product

$$\mathcal{R}\{\phi_1(z, \bar{z})\phi_2(w, \bar{w})\} = \begin{cases} \phi_1(z, \bar{z})\phi_2(w, \bar{w}) & \text{for } |z| > |w|, \\ \phi_2(w, \bar{w})\phi_1(z, \bar{z}) & \text{for } |z| < |w| \end{cases}$$

- operator product expansion (OPE):

$$\mathcal{R}\{\phi_i(z_i)\phi_j(z_j)\} = \sum_{\mathfrak{h}} C_{ij\mathfrak{h}} D(z_{ij}, \partial_j)\phi_{\mathfrak{h}}(z_j)$$

3. Correlation Functions and Conformal Blocks

What restrictions arise from conformal symmetry?

Ward, 1950, Takahashi, 1957

- **Ward identities** ($j = -1, 0, 1$)

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \mathcal{L}_j^{(z_k, h_k)} \langle \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle = 0$$

imply *restrictions on correlation functions*

$$G_{h_1, \dots, h_n}^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \langle \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle$$

Lower Point Correlation Functions ($n \leq 3$)

- Ward identities **completely fixes lower point** correlation functions

$$G^{(1)}(z_1) = 0 \quad \text{unless } \phi_1 \sim \mathbb{1},$$

$$G_{h_1 h_2}^{(2)}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{d_{h_1} \delta_{h_1, h_2}}{z_{12}^{2h_1}},$$

$$G_{h_1 h_2 h_3}^{(3)}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{C_{h_1 h_2 h_3}}{z_{12}^{h_1+h_2-h_3} z_{23}^{h_2+h_3-h_1} z_{13}^{h_1+h_3-h_2}}$$

- structure constants d_{h_1} and $C_{h_1 h_2 h_3}$ *theory-dependent!*
- structure constants + conformal dimensions = **conformal data**

Higher Point Correlation Functions ($n \geq 4$)

Ward identities **do not fix** higher point correlators!

- there exist $n - 3$ independent **cross-ratios** such as

$$\mathfrak{z} = \frac{z_{12}z_{34}}{z_{13}z_{24}}$$

- correlators factorize like

$$G_{h_1, \dots, h_n}^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \mathcal{L}_{h_1, \dots, h_n}^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) g^{(n)}(\mathfrak{z}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{z}_{n-3}),$$

into **leg factor** $\mathcal{L}^{(n)}$ and **bare correlator** $g^{(n)}$

Conformal Block Expansion

- idea: apply OPE inside of correlation functions

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(4)}(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) &= \langle \overbrace{\phi_1(z_1)\phi_2(z_2)} \overbrace{\phi_3(z_3)\phi_4(z_4)} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\mathfrak{h}} \sum_{\mathfrak{h}'} C_{12\mathfrak{h}} C_{34\mathfrak{h}'} D(z_{12}, \partial_2) D(z_{34}, \partial_4) \langle \phi_{\mathfrak{h}}(z_2) \phi_{\mathfrak{h}'}(z_4) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\mathfrak{h}} C_{12\mathfrak{h}} C_{34\mathfrak{h}} d_{\mathfrak{h}} \cdot D(z_{12}, \partial_2) D(z_{34}, \partial_2) \frac{1}{z_{24}^{2\mathfrak{h}}} \\ &= \sum_{\mathfrak{h}} C_{1234}^{\mathfrak{h}} \cdot G_{\mathfrak{h}}^{(4)} \end{aligned}$$

→ conformal four-point blocks $G_{\mathfrak{h}}^{(4)}$ fixed by Casimir equation

$$\left(C_2^{(3,4)} + \mathfrak{h}(\mathfrak{h} - 1) \right) G_{\mathfrak{h}}^{(4)} = 0$$

4. Oscillator Representation Method

How to compute conformal blocks?

- shadow operator method
Ferrara and Parisi, 1972, Ferrara et al., 1972
- bootstrap approach
Polyakov, 1974, Ferrara, Grillo, and Gatto, 1973
- recurrence relation method
Zamolodchikov, 1984
- oscillator representation method
Beşken, Datta, and Kraus, 2020a

Global Highest-Weight Representations

- *highest-weight state* $|\mathfrak{h}\rangle$ defined by

$$L_0 |\mathfrak{h}\rangle = \mathfrak{h} |\mathfrak{h}\rangle, \quad L_1 |\mathfrak{h}\rangle = 0$$

- descendant states $|\mathfrak{h}, n\rangle = (L_{-1})^n |\mathfrak{h}\rangle$
- representation space = *Verma module*

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{h}} := \text{span}\{|\mathfrak{h}, n\rangle \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

- conformal blocks as **projections onto Verma modules**

$$G_{\mathfrak{h}}^{(4)} = \langle \phi_1(z_1) \phi_2(z_2) P_{\mathfrak{h}} \phi_3(z_3) \phi_4(z_4) \rangle$$

Global Oscillator Representation

- representation space = **weighted Bergman space**

$$\mathcal{B}_h := \left\{ f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ holomorphic, } \int_{\mathbb{D}} [d^2u] |f(u)|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

with weight

$$[d^2u] \equiv \frac{2^h - 1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2u}{(1 - u\bar{u})^{2-2h}}$$

- inner product

$$(\psi, \chi) = \int [d^2u] \overline{\psi(u)} \chi(u)$$

Generators and Wavefunctions

- represent generators as differential operators

$$l_1 = \partial_u,$$

$$l_0 = u\partial_u + \hbar,$$

$$l_{-1} = u^2\partial_u + 2\hbar u$$

- assign **wavefunctions**: $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{V}_\hbar \mapsto \psi(u) = \langle u|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{B}_\hbar$
- wavefunction of highest weight state $f_\hbar = \langle u|\hbar\rangle = 1$
- wavefunctions of descendent states

$$f_{\hbar,n}(u) = \langle u|\hbar, n\rangle = n! \binom{-2\hbar}{n} (-u)^n$$

How to compute conformal blocks from oscillator representations?

- idea: rewrite projector as

$$P_h = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\mathfrak{h}, m\rangle\langle\mathfrak{h}, m|}{m!(2h)_m} \equiv \int [d^2u] |\bar{u}\rangle\langle u|$$

- four-point block

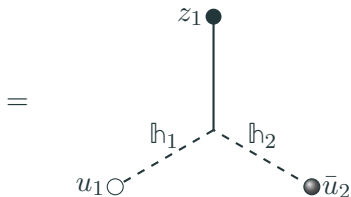
$$\begin{aligned} G_h^{(4)} &= \langle\phi_1(z_1)\phi_2(z_2)P_h\phi_3(z_3)\phi_4(z_4)\rangle \\ &= \int [d^2u] \underbrace{\langle 0 | \phi_1(z_1)\phi_2(z_2) | \bar{u} \rangle}_{\chi_h(z_1, z_2; \bar{u})} \underbrace{\langle u | \phi_3(z_3)\phi_4(z_4) | 0 \rangle}_{\psi_h(z_3, z_4; u)} \end{aligned}$$

- five-point block

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{h_1, h_2}^{(5)} &= \langle \phi_1(z_1) \phi_2(z_2) P_{h_1} \phi_3(z_3) P_{h_1} \phi_4(z_4) \phi_5(z_5) \rangle \\
 &= \int [d^2 u_1] \int [d^2 u_2] \underbrace{\langle 0 | \phi_1(z_1) \phi_2(z_2) | \bar{u}_1 \rangle}_{\chi_{h_1}(z_1, z_2; \bar{u}_1)} \\
 &\quad \cdot \underbrace{\langle u_1 | \phi_3(z_3) | \bar{u}_2 \rangle}_{\Omega_{h_1, h_2}(z_3; u_1, \bar{u}_2)} \underbrace{\langle u_2 | \phi_3(z_3) \phi_4(z_4) | 0 \rangle}_{\psi_{h_2}(z_3, z_4; u_2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- matrix element

$$\Omega_{\mathfrak{h}_1, \mathfrak{h}_2}(z_1; u_1, \bar{u}_2) = \frac{(z_1 - \bar{u}_2)^{\mathfrak{h}_1 - \mathfrak{h}_2 - \mathfrak{h}_1}}{(1 - z_1 u_1)^{\mathfrak{h}_1 - \mathfrak{h}_2 + \mathfrak{h}_1} (1 - u_1 \bar{u}_2)^{\mathfrak{h}_1 + \mathfrak{h}_2 - \mathfrak{h}_1}}$$



- Ω - ψ -connection

$$\Omega_{\mathfrak{h}_1, \mathfrak{h}_2}(z; u_1, \bar{u}_2) = \psi_{\mathfrak{h}_1}(z, \bar{u}_2; u_1)$$

Computation of Blocks and Gluing Rules

- Computation of the **four-point block**:

Beşken, Datta, and Kraus, 2020a

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_h^{(4)} &= \text{Diagram 1} \\
 &= \int [d^2 u_1] \text{Diagram 2} \cdot \text{Diagram 3} \\
 &= \mathcal{L}^{(4)} \mathfrak{z}^h {}_2F_1(h + h_2 - h_1, h - h_3 + h_4; 2h; \mathfrak{z})
 \end{aligned}$$

Diagram 1: A four-point block with external legs z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 and an internal dashed line of length h .

Diagram 2: A four-point block with external legs z_1, z_2, z_4 and an internal dashed line of length h_1 ending at a solid dot \bar{u}_1 .

Diagram 3: A four-point block with external legs z_3, z_4 and an internal dashed line of length h_1 starting at an open circle u_1 .

- computation of **five-point block**:

$$G_{h_1, h_2}^{(5)} = \text{Diagram} = \int [d^2 u_1] \int [d^2 u_2]$$

The diagram shows the five-point block $G_{h_1, h_2}^{(5)}$ as a tree with five external legs z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5 and two internal propagators h_1, h_2 . The tree is decomposed into three parts:

- A tree with legs z_1, z_2 and propagator h_1 connected to a vertex \bar{u}_1 .
- A tree with legs z_3, z_4, z_5 and propagators h_1, h_2 connected to a vertex u_1 .
- A tree with legs z_4, z_5 and propagator h_2 connected to a vertex u_2 .

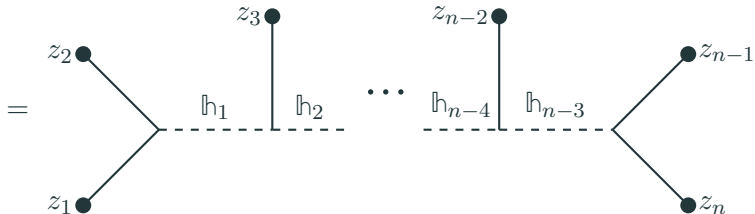
- computation of **five-point block** (alternative):

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{h_1, h_2}^{(5)} &= \text{Diagram 1} \\
 &= \int [d^2 u_2] \text{Diagram 2} \cdot u_2 \text{Diagram 3}
 \end{aligned}$$

The diagram shows the decomposition of the five-point block $G_{h_1, h_2}^{(5)}$. The top diagram is a tree-level structure with five external legs labeled z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5 . A dashed internal line with momentum h_1 connects the vertices z_1, z_2 and z_3 . Another dashed internal line with momentum h_2 connects the vertices z_3 and z_4, z_5 . The bottom diagram shows the same structure as an integral over a loop variable u_2 . The loop is formed by a dashed line with momentum h_1 connecting z_1, z_2 and z_3, \bar{u}_2 , and another dashed line with momentum h_2 connecting z_3, \bar{u}_2 and z_4, z_5 . The loop variable u_2 is represented by a small circle on the dashed line between z_3, \bar{u}_2 and z_4, z_5 .

- computation of the n -point comb block:

$$G_{\mathfrak{h}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{h}_{n-3}}^{h_1, \dots, h_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$$



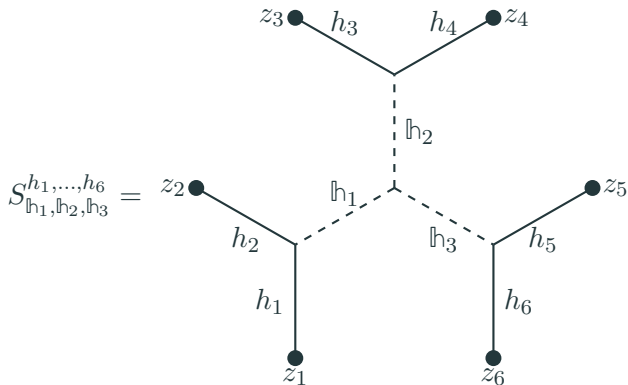
$$= \mathcal{L}^{(n)} \prod_{i=1}^{n-3} \mathfrak{z}_i^{\mathfrak{h}_i} F_K(\dots; \mathfrak{z}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{z}_{n-3})$$

→ matches [Rosenhaus, 2019](#)

Star Channel Blocks

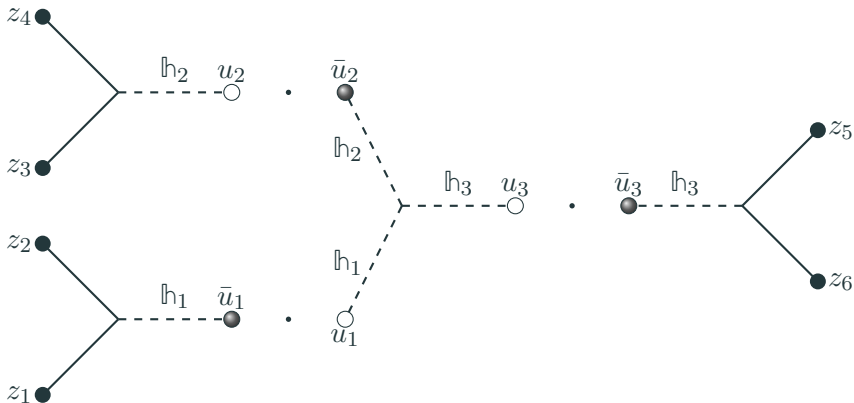
Can we obtain **different channels** from oscillator representation?

- six-point star channel



- idea: introduce new oscillator diagram

$$\Xi_{h_1, h_3, h_2} = (u_1 - u_3)^{h_2 - h_1 - h_3} (1 - u_1 \bar{u}_2)^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2} (1 - u_3 \bar{u}_2)^{h_1 - h_2 - h_3}$$



Results for Star Channel Blocks

- construction works for $h_2 \geq h_1 + h_3$
- symmetric star channel block with $h_2 = h_1 + h_3$

$$S_{h_1, h_1+h_3, h_3}^{h_x, h_y, h_z} \\ = \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \mathfrak{z}^{h_1} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u})^{h_3} F_D^{(3)}(h_1 + h_3, h_1, h_3, h_3, 2(h_1 + h_3); \mathfrak{z}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$$

with cross-ratios \mathfrak{z}, \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}

- no generalization for $h_2 < h_1 + h_3$ so far

5. Conclusion and Outlook

Conformal blocks play a crucial role in solving CFTs.

- universal building blocks of correlation functions
- fixed by symmetry
- weighted by conformal data

Oscillator representations provide an efficient method for the computation of conformal blocks.

- construction rules formulated as diagrammatic language
- iterative computation of n -point comb block
- extension of the method \rightarrow computation of star channel blocks under the assumption $h_2 \geq h_1 + h_3$

Further goals:

- remaining star channel blocks
- conformal blocks on Riemann surfaces of higher genus
Hollweck, 2022
- Virasoro blocks from oscillator representations
Beşken, Datta, and Kraus, 2020a
Beşken, Datta, and Kraus, 2020b
- generalization of the method to higher dimensions

Thank you for your attention!






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7. Backup Slides

More on Casimir Equations

- second-order Casimir of $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$

$$C_2 = -L_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}\{L_{-1}, L_1\}$$

- eigenvalue equation with projector

$$C_2 P_h = P_h C_2 = h(1-h)P_h. \quad (1)$$

- multi-point Casimir operator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_2^{(i_1, \dots, i_m)} &= - \left(\mathcal{L}_0^{(i_1)} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_0^{(i_m)} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mathcal{L}_{-1}^{(i_1)} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_{-1}^{(i_m)}, \mathcal{L}_1^{(i_1)} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_1^{(i_m)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Six-Point Casimir Equations

- comb channel blocks

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(3,4,5,6)} + \mathfrak{h}_1(\mathfrak{h}_1 - 1)\right) G_{\mathfrak{h}_1\mathfrak{h}_2\mathfrak{h}_3}^{(6)}(z_1, \dots, z_6) = 0,$$

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(4,5,6)} + \mathfrak{h}_2(\mathfrak{h}_2 - 1)\right) G_{\mathfrak{h}_1\mathfrak{h}_2\mathfrak{h}_3}^{(6)}(z_1, \dots, z_6) = 0,$$

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(5,6)} + \mathfrak{h}_3(\mathfrak{h}_3 - 1)\right) G_{\mathfrak{h}_1\mathfrak{h}_2\mathfrak{h}_3}^{(6)}(z_1, \dots, z_6) = 0$$

- star channel blocks

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(1,2)} + \mathfrak{h}_1(\mathfrak{h}_1 - 1)\right) S_{\mathfrak{h}_1\mathfrak{h}_2\mathfrak{h}_3}^{(6)}(z_1, \dots, z_6) = 0,$$

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(3,4)} + \mathfrak{h}_2(\mathfrak{h}_2 - 1)\right) S_{\mathfrak{h}_1\mathfrak{h}_2\mathfrak{h}_3}^{(6)}(z_1, \dots, z_6) = 0,$$

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(5,6)} + \mathfrak{h}_3(\mathfrak{h}_3 - 1)\right) S_{\mathfrak{h}_1\mathfrak{h}_2\mathfrak{h}_3}^{(6)}(z_1, \dots, z_6) = 0$$

Casimir Equations for Comb Blocks

- Casimir equations for general n -point comb block

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(3,4,5,\dots,n)} + \mathfrak{h}_1(\mathfrak{h}_1 - 1) \right) G_{\mathfrak{h}_1 \dots \mathfrak{h}_{n-3}}^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = 0,$$

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(4,5,\dots,n)} + \mathfrak{h}_2(\mathfrak{h}_2 - 1) \right) G_{\mathfrak{h}_1 \dots \mathfrak{h}_{n-3}}^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = 0,$$

\vdots

$$\left(\mathcal{C}_2^{(n-1,n)} + \mathfrak{h}_{n-3}(\mathfrak{h}_{n-3} - 1) \right) G_{\mathfrak{h}_1 \dots \mathfrak{h}_{n-3}}^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = 0.$$

Remarks on Hypergeometric Functions

- (ordinary) hypergeometric function as power series

$${}_2F_1(a, b, c; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k}{(c)_k} \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

→ solution to the differential equation

$$\left[z(1-z)\partial_z^2 + [c - (a+b+1)z]\partial_z - ab \right] F(a, b, c; z) = 0$$

- generalized hypergeometric function

$${}_pF_q \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_p \\ b_1, \dots, b_q \end{matrix}; z \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_k \dots (a_p)_k}{(b_1)_k \dots (b_q)_k} \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

Comb Function

- definition as power series

$$F_K \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, b_1, \dots, b_{n-4}, a_2; z_1, \dots, z_{n-3} \\ c_1, \dots, c_{n-3} \end{matrix} \right]$$
$$= \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{n-3}}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_{k_1} (b_1)_{k_1+k_2} (b_2)_{k_2+k_3} \cdots (b_{n-4})_{k_{n-4}+k_{n-3}} (a_2)_{k_{n-3}}}{(c_1)_{k_1} \cdots (c_{n-3})_{k_{n-3}}} \cdot \frac{z_1^{k_1}}{k_1!} \cdots \frac{z_{n-3}^{k_{n-3}}}{k_{n-3}!}$$

- satisfies splitting equations

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- definition as power series

$$\begin{aligned} F_D^{(3)}(a, b_1, b_2, b_3, c; z_1, z_2, z_3) \\ = \sum_{j_1, j_2, j_3=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{j_1+j_2+j_3} (b_1)_{j_1} (b_2)_{j_2} (b_3)_{j_3}}{(c)_{j_1+j_2+j_3}} \frac{z_1^{j_1}}{j_1!} \frac{z_2^{j_2}}{j_2!} \frac{z_3^{j_3}}{j_3!} \end{aligned}$$

- integral representation

$$\begin{aligned} F_D^{(3)}(a, b_1, b_2, b_3, c; z_1, z_2, z_3) &= \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-a)} \\ &\cdot \int_0^1 dt t^{a-1} (1-t)^{c-a-1} (1-z_1 t)^{-b_1} (1-z_2 t)^{-b_2} (1-z_3 t)^{-b_3} \end{aligned}$$