

Problem 1 Prove the following OPEs

$$\begin{aligned}
T_B(z)T_B(w) &= \frac{3D/4}{(z-w)^4} + \frac{2}{(z-w)^2}T_B(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial_w T_B(w) + \dots \\
T_B(z)T_F(w) &= \frac{3/2}{(z-w)^2}T_F(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial_w T_F(w) + \dots \\
T_F(z)T_B(w) &= \frac{3/2}{(z-w)^2}T_F(w) + \frac{1/2}{z-w}\partial_w T_F(w) + \dots \\
T_F(z)T_F(w) &= \frac{D}{(z-w)^3} + \frac{2}{z-w}T_B(w) + \dots
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Solution. Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}
T_F(z) &= 2i\psi(z) \cdot \partial X(z) \\
T_B(z) &= -2 : \partial X(z) \cdot \partial X(z) : - \frac{1}{2} : \psi(z) \cdot \partial \psi(z) :
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

and the OPE

$$X^\mu(z)X^\nu(w) \sim -\frac{1}{4}\eta^{\mu\nu} \ln(z-w), \quad \psi^\mu(z)\psi^\nu(w) \sim \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{z-w}. \tag{3}$$

From which we have

$$(\partial X^\mu(z))X^\nu(w) \sim -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{z-w}, \tag{4}$$

$$X^\mu(z)(\partial X^\mu(w)) \sim \frac{1}{4} \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{z-w}, \tag{5}$$

$$(\partial X^\mu(z))(\partial X^\nu(w)) \sim -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{(z-w)^2}, \tag{6}$$

and

$$(\partial \psi^\mu(z))\psi^\nu(w) \sim -\frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{(z-w)^2}, \tag{7}$$

$$\psi^\mu(z)(\partial \psi^\mu(w)) \sim \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{(z-w)^2}, \tag{8}$$

$$(\partial \psi^\mu(z))(\partial \psi^\nu(w)) \sim -2 \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{(z-w)^3} \tag{9}$$

Define

$$T_{B,1} = -2 : \partial X(z) \cdot \partial X(z) :, \quad T_{B,2} = -\frac{1}{2} : \psi(z) \cdot \partial \psi(z) : \tag{10}$$

then $T_B = T_{B,1} + T_{B,2}$. Recall the we have calculated the OPE for $T_{B,1}$ in bosonic string theory

$$T_{B,1}(z)T_{B,1}(w) \sim \frac{D/2}{(z-w)^4} + \frac{2}{(z-w)^2}T_{B,1}(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial T_{B,1}(w) \tag{11}$$

For the $T_{B,2}$ part, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{B,1}(z)T_{B,1}(w) &= \frac{1}{4} : \psi(z) \cdot \partial \psi(z) : : \psi(w) \cdot \partial \psi(w) : \\
&\sim \frac{1}{4} [\overbrace{\psi^\mu(z)\partial\psi^\nu\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\rho(w)\partial\psi^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma}} + \overbrace{\psi^\mu(z)\partial\psi^\nu\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\rho(w)\partial\psi^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma}} \\
&\quad + \overbrace{\psi^\mu(z)\partial\psi^\nu\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\rho(w)\partial\psi^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma}} + \overbrace{\psi^\mu(z)\partial\psi^\nu\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\rho(w)\partial\psi^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma}} \\
&\quad + \overbrace{\psi^\mu(z)\partial\psi^\nu\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\rho(w)\partial\psi^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma}} + \overbrace{\psi^\mu(z)\partial\psi^\nu(z)\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\rho(w)\partial\psi^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma}}] \\
&\sim \frac{D/4}{(z-w)^4} + \frac{2}{(z-w)^2}T_{B,2}(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial T_{B,2}(w)
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Here we have used Eqs. (3) to (9) and Taylor expansion for $T(z)$ and $\partial T(z)$ around w and omitted the regular terms. From these two OPEs, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_B(z)T_B(w) &= (T_{B,1} + T_{B,2})(T_{B,1} + T_{B,2}) \\ &= T_{B,1}T_{B,1} + T_{B,2}T_{B,2} \\ &\sim \frac{3D/4}{(z-w)^4} + \frac{2}{(z-w)^2}T_B(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial_w T_B(w) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

For the OPE of

$$\begin{aligned} T_F(z)T_F(w) &= -4\psi(z) \cdot \partial X(z)\psi(w)\partial X(w) \\ &\sim -4[\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\eta_{\rho\sigma}\psi^\rho(w)\partial X^\sigma(w) + \eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\eta_{\rho\sigma}\psi^\rho(w)\partial X^\sigma(w) \\ &\quad + \eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\eta_{\rho\sigma}\psi^\rho(w)\partial X^\sigma(w)] \\ &= -4[\eta_{\mu\nu}\eta_{\rho\sigma}\frac{\eta^{\mu\rho}}{(z-w)} : \partial X^\nu(z)\partial X^\sigma(w) : + \eta_{\mu\nu}\eta_{\rho\sigma}(-\frac{\eta^{\nu\sigma}}{4})\frac{1}{(z-w)^2} : \psi^\mu(z)\psi^\rho(w) : - \frac{1}{4}\frac{D}{(z-w)^3}] \\ &\sim \frac{D}{(z-w)^3} + \frac{2}{z-w}T_B(w) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Notice that in the last step we have used the Taylor expansion of $\partial X(z)$ and $\psi^\mu(z)$ around $z = w$ and omitted the regular terms.

For the OPE,

$$\begin{aligned} T_B(z)T_F(w) &= -4i : \partial X(z) \cdot \partial X(z) : \psi(w) \cdot \partial X(w) - i : \psi(z) \cdot \partial \psi(z) : \psi(w) \cdot \partial X(w) \\ &\sim -8i\eta_{\mu\nu}\partial X^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\psi^\rho(w)\partial X^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma} - i\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\mu(z) \cdot \partial \psi^\nu(z)\psi^\rho(w) \cdot \partial X^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma} \\ &\quad - i\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\mu(z) \cdot \partial \psi^\nu(z)\psi^\rho(w) \cdot \partial X^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma} \\ &= -8i\eta_{\mu\nu}(-\frac{\eta^{\mu\sigma}}{4})\frac{1}{(z-w)^2}\partial X^\nu(z)\psi^\rho(w) - i\eta_{\mu\nu}\frac{\eta^{\mu\rho}}{z-w}\psi^\nu(z)\partial X^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma} \\ &\quad - i\eta_{\mu\nu}(-\frac{\eta^{\nu\rho}}{(z-w)^2})\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma} \\ &\sim \frac{3/2}{(z-w)^2}T_F(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial_w T_F(w) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Notice that in the last step we have used the Taylor expansion of $\partial X^\nu(z)$ and $\psi^\mu(z), \psi^\nu(z)$ around $z = w$ and omitted the regular terms.

For the last one, with completely the same philosophy, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_F(z)T_B(w) &= -4i\psi(z) \cdot \partial X(z) : \partial X(w) \cdot \partial X(w) : -i\psi(z) \cdot \partial X(z) : \psi(w) \cdot \partial \psi(w) : \\ &\sim -8i\eta_{\mu\nu}\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\partial X^\rho(w)\partial X^\sigma(w)\eta_{\rho\sigma} - i\eta^\mu\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\eta_{\rho\sigma}\psi^\rho(w)\partial \psi^\sigma(w) \\ &\quad - i\eta^\mu\psi^\mu(z)\partial X^\nu(z)\eta_{\rho\sigma}\psi^\rho(w)\partial \psi^\sigma(w) \\ &\sim \frac{3/2}{(z-w)^2}T_F(w) + \frac{1/2}{z-w}\partial_w T_F(w) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where as per usual, we have used Eqs (3) to (9) and Taylor expansion trick. □