

CONFORMAL BOOTSTRAP

"THEN AND NOW"

TEACHING THROUGH RESEARCH:

REMEMBERING RAOUL

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The work of Raoul Getto on the "CONFORMAL BOOTSTRAP",
Covered the period 1971-1974, in a collaboration
with a small group at Frascati National Labs (CNEN)
including Aurelio Giallo, Giampa Parisi and myself -

In 1975 the collaboration ended with Raoul
moving at the "University of Geneva", Giorgio
moving to "Rome University", Giallo moving to
the subject of Astrophysics and myself
going to CERN.

A conference devoted to the subject of

Scale and Conformal Symmetry in Hadron Physics

organized by Gatto, took place at the

Frascati National Labs on MAY 1972 -

(Book proceedings: Wiley-Interscience Publication, 1973)

At this conference results were presented

by several groups on diverse applications of

conformal symmetry. In particular our

main results on its application to short-distance

phenomena in relativistic quantum field theories -

These results covered the conformal coverings of

OPERATOR PRODUCT EXPANSIONS (OPE), the embedding formalism
(DIRAC) 1936

and the ordering relations which are a consequence of locality, causality and consistency of the OPE's

in the conformal setting: $\sum_0 C_{AB}^0(x-y, z-y) O(y) = A(x) B(y)$
 \rightarrow (fixed by conformal symmetry)

Causality states that the conformal blocks of

$A(x) B(y)$ are the sum of $B(y) A(x)$ -

In particular note that $[A(x), B(y)] = 0 \quad (x-y)^2 < 0$

Associativity, which will be a dynamical condition states that

$$(A(x) B(y)) C(z) = A(x) (B(y) C(z))$$

(= block expansion)

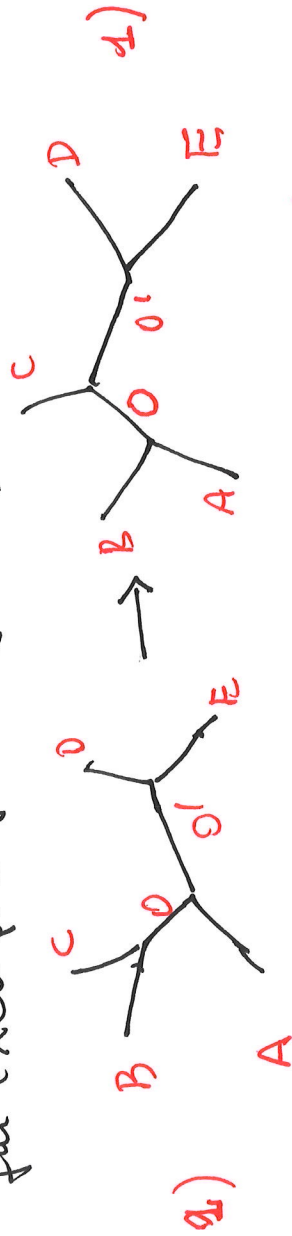
This is not true block by block but

gives

$$1) \quad (A(x) B(y)) C(z) = \sum_0 C_{AB}^0(x-y, \partial_y) O(y) C^f(z) \\ = \sum_{0001} C_{AB}^0(x-y, \partial_y) C_{0C}^{01}(y-z, \partial_z) O'(z)$$

$$2) \quad A(x) (B(y) C(z)) = \sum_0 C_{BC}^0(y+z, \partial_z) A(x) O(z) \\ = \sum_{0001} C_{BC}^0(y-z, \partial_z) C_{0A}^{01}(x-z, \partial_x) O'(z)$$

for example for c five-pers function (or $m > 4$)



(FGG
POLYAKOV)

CROSSING RELATIONS

$$\sum_0 = \sum_0$$

fixed
CONFORMAL
BLOCK

for the four point function
(associativity)

The kernel (differential operator with infinite terms) is closely related to the three point function, in fact,

by taking

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle A(x) B(y) C(z) \rangle &= C_{AB}^C(x-y, \partial_y) \langle C(y) C(z) \rangle \\
 &= C_{BC}^A(y-z, \partial_z) \langle A(x) A(z) \rangle \\
 &= \frac{E_{ABC}}{(x-y)^2} \frac{l_A+l_B-l_C}{2} \frac{1}{(y-z)^2} \frac{l_B+l_C-l_A}{2} \frac{1}{(x-z)^2} \frac{l_A+l_C-l_B}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Work on conformal OPE's and CROSSING (BOOTSTRAP)

RELATION, other than POLYAKOV, was due to Meck,

Todorov, Doherty et al., Crewther, Ciccanello, Bonore,
 Ponsi, Peliti
 CERN Santaloni Tomih (Padua)

At the Frascati Conference (1972) Bandoen, Fritzsche,

Gell-Mann, who based on previous work on

the Light-Cone Current Algebra, presented

results which relate the quark statistics to three

different processes and which agree with

experiments only with "color, $SO(3)$ and Free field

theory at light cone distances (Bjorken scaling

observed at SLAC). The other two processes being

the total cross section $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ at high energy

and the $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ decay all related to OPE's

of different currents

CONFORMAL SYMMETRY FOUND NEW IMPORTANT
APPLICATIONS WITH THE ADVENT OF
SPACE-TIME SUPERSYMMETRY (Wess, Zumino)
AND ITS LAGRANGIAN REALIZATION - (1974 on)

Superconformal field theories with $N=1, 2$ superconformal
supersymmetry were discovered and clarified (N. Seiberg)
(Super Yang-Mills theories with matter multiplets) (S.F. Zumino, Salam, Stenzel)

Non renormalization theorems allow these theories to
have exceptional properties as the existence of non trivial
"conformal fixed points". A remarkable example is

the $N=4$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory which is
superconformal at arbitrary coupling (in perturbative theory)

Even if the Conformal Bootstrap was quiescent for almost ten years it had a great resurrection by the work of Belevin, Polyakov, Zamolodchikov (1984) where it was exactly solved for some classes of 2D conformal field theories which find application in string theory.

The existence of exactly solvable CFTs is believed to be a property of 2D conformal algebras (Virasoro algebra) which is infinite dimensional -

SAME applies for its superconformal extension, when fermionic degrees of freedom are present in the worldsheet.

The CONFORMAL BOOTSTRAP program, namely the possibility of deriving quantum field theories which are not perturbative neither supersymmetric, was again reconnected in 2008 by the seminal work of Rattazzi, Rychkov, Tonni, Vichi "Bounding scalar operator dimensions in 4D CFT", JHEP, 12, 031 (2008) which opened the way to find new numerical and analytical methods to (approximately) solve the bootstrap (crossing) equations.

(See reviews of: D. Simmons-Duffin (arXiv:1602.07982; Feb 2016), D. Poland, S. Rychkov, A. Vichi (arXiv:1805.04405, May 2018) and L. Rastelli in: (Simons Foundation), program in: "Simons Collaboration on Directon & SC on NPB) Non Perturbative Bootstrap.

The conformal bootstrap program has made several advances in the last decade -

My personal view is the extension of "bootstrapping",

to superconformal field theories with

different number of N -extended supersymmetry

and its role on the $AdS-CFT$

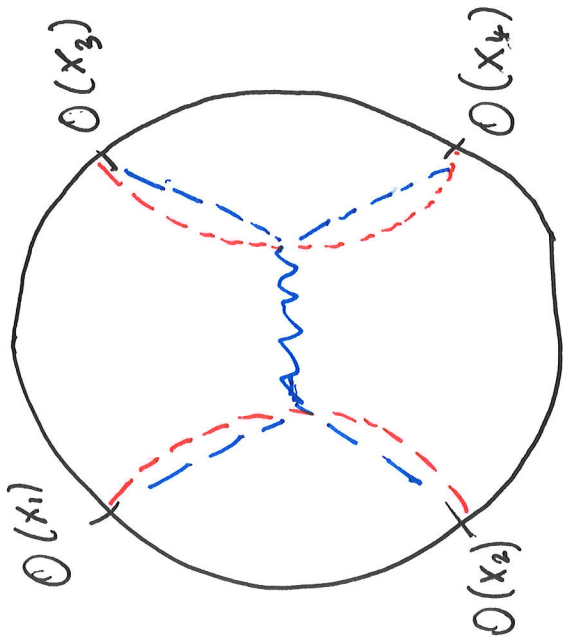
correspondence where a mathematical relation

between boundary and bulk amplitude is possible

as well as an holographic description of the "conformal

blocks", in terms of Geodesic Witten Diagrams ✓

Geodesic Witten Diagram



Geodesic: \bar{w} AdS_{d+1}
 connecting the two
 boundaries points (1-2, 3-4)

$$CB = \int_{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)} d\lambda \sqrt{g_{\lambda\lambda}} G_{b_2}(y(\lambda), x_1) G_{b_2}(y(\lambda), x_2) G_{b_1}(y(\lambda), y(x), l, n) G_{b_2}(y(x'), x_3) G_{b_2}(y(x'), x_4)$$

$$\gamma_{12} \quad \gamma_{34}$$

(Interpreted as a geodesic paths thru the full bulk)

$$\gamma_{12} \rightarrow y(\lambda)$$

$$\gamma_{34} \rightarrow y(x')$$

(Hijano, Kraus, Perlmutter, Shively)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEATURE

EXPERIMENTAL INPUT: THE CASE FOR CONFORMAL SYMMETRY

CONFORMAL GROUP: GLOBAL ASPECTS

CONNECTED AND SIMPLY CONNECTED CONFORMAL GROUPS

EMBEDDING FORMALISM AND NOETHER THEOREMS, CASIMIR

TRANSFORMATIONS OF PRIMARY FIELDS AND UNITARITY BOUNDS

CORRELATION FUNCTIONS: CAUSALITY AND ASSOCIATIVITY

OPE'S TWO, THREE AND FOUR POINT FUNCTIONS

HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS: LIGHT CONE AND S-CHANNEL OPE'S

$$\underbrace{F_2, F_3, F_4}_{\text{OPE}} \quad \text{FOUR-POINT}$$

CONFORMAL BOOTSTRAP, SHORT DISTANCE, LIGHT CONE, SPACE-LIKE
INFINITE MANY PRIMARIES, LARGE DIMENSIONS AND SPIN

SLAC (late 60's/early 70's):

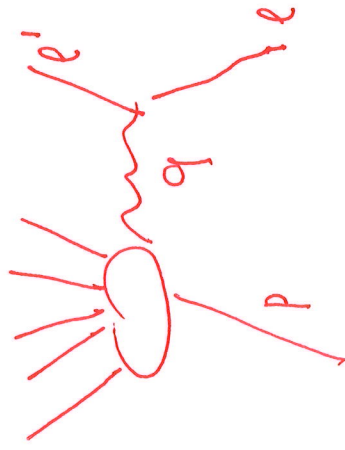
experiments in Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

predict a "conical" scaling of certain structure functions

which parameterize $e + p \rightarrow e + X$ (Bjorken Scaling, Feynman Parton model)

(inclusive cross section $e_{\text{in}} + p_{\text{out}} \rightarrow e_{\text{out}} + \text{anything}$)

In the one-loop approximation the cross section depends on the correlator of two e.m. currents



$$W_{\mu\nu}(q, p) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle p | J_{\mu}(x) J_{\nu}(0) | p \rangle$$

the scaling regime $X = \frac{-q^2}{2q \cdot p}$ (fixed $q^2, q \cdot p$) is dominated

by $X^2 \rightarrow 0$ in the correlator. One can use OPE for

$$J_{\mu}(x) J_{\nu}(0) \sim X^2 \rightarrow 0$$

OPE

$$J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) = \frac{C_P}{X^6} (\eta_{\mu\nu} - 2 \frac{\eta_\mu \eta_\nu}{X^2}) + \sum_n C_{\mu\nu}^n(x) X^{\alpha_1} \dots X^{\alpha_n} O_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}(0) + C_{\mu\nu P}(x) J^5 P(0) + \dots$$

$$\langle P | J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) | P \rangle = \frac{C_0}{X^6} (\eta_{\mu\nu} - 2 \frac{\eta_\mu \eta_\nu}{X^2}) + \sum_n C_{\mu\nu}^n(x) X^{\alpha_1} \dots X^{\alpha_n} \langle P | O_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}(0) | P \rangle$$

$$= W_{\mu\nu}(x, P) \quad \tau_n = \delta_{n-m} \sim 2$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}(q, P) = \frac{1}{4\pi^4} \int d^4x e^{iqx} W_{\mu\nu}(x, P)$$

$X = \frac{Q^2}{2q \cdot P}$, all kinematical variables in terms of $q^2, q \cdot P, S$

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$S = (P + \ell)^2 = 2P \cdot \ell, \quad (P + Q)^2 = \frac{1-X}{X} Q^2 + m_P^2, \quad Y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot \ell} = \frac{Q^2}{X(S - m_P^2)}$$

$$Q^2 = X Y S$$

OPE on the light-cone fixed by conformal OPE

$$A(x) B(x) \sim O_m(x)$$

$$l_A, l_B, l_m, h \quad \tau_m = l_m - m$$

$$A(x) B(x) \underset{x^2 \rightarrow 0}{=} \sum_{l_n, h} \frac{1}{(x^2)^{\frac{l_A + l_B - \tau_m}{2}}} X_{--}^{\alpha_1} \dots X_{--}^{\alpha_m} F\left(\frac{1}{2}(l_A - l_B + l_n + h), l_n + h, x \cdot \partial\right) O_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_m}(x) \subset_n^{AB}$$

$$= (\text{coeff.}) \sum_{l_n, h} \sum_n^{AB} \frac{1}{(x^2)^{\frac{l_A + l_B - \tau_m}{2}}} X_{--}^{\alpha_1} \dots X_{--}^{\alpha_m} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{1}{2}(l_A - l_B + l_n + h) - 1} (1-u)^{\frac{1}{2}(l_B - l_A + l_n + h) - 1} O_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_m}(ux)$$

Conformal Invariance fixes the OPE of two operators at finite distance $(x-y)^2$ fixed -

Then our three operator product expansion:

$$x \rightarrow y \rightarrow 0, (x-y)^2 \rightarrow 0, (x-y)^2 \text{ finite (1971-1972)}$$

Bjorken scaling implies the existence of infinitely many operators with twist $\Delta - m = 2$. These operators are all leading in the LC and for $\Delta - m = 2$, using conformal invariance and unitarity if they are

conserved $\partial^{\mu_1} \dots \partial^{\mu_{n-1}} = 0$ for $\Delta = 2 + m$.

These are the symmetric traceless conformal primaries which exist in free-field theory. It is also in agreement with "asymptotic freedom", which allows that the conformal fixed point is the free field theory (zero coupling).

Conformal symmetry relate the processes

$$\$ \rightarrow \langle J^e(x) J^e(y) J^s(z) \rangle = \mathbb{K} \Delta^{ee5}(x, y, z)$$

$$J^e(x) J^e(y) = R \Delta^{ee}(x, y) \mathbb{1} + K \Delta^{ee5}(x, y, \partial_y) J^s(y)$$

$$J^s(x) J^s(y) = R' \Delta^{ss}(x, y) \mathbb{1} + \dots$$

$$\langle J^e(x) J^e(y) J^s(z) \rangle = K R' \Delta^{ee5}(x, y, \partial_z) \Delta^{ss}(y, z) = K R' \Delta^{ee5}(x, y, z)$$

$$\text{So } S \sim K R', S = A(\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma) \rightarrow \int d^4y d^4z \in^{ijkl} y_j z_k \langle J_p^{(y)} J_q^{(z)} \partial^r J^s(0) \rangle$$

$|A(\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma)|^2 = 1$ quark statistics and 3 color (up to a common normalization factor)

$|A(\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma)|^2 = 1/9$ 3 F.D. quarks

$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow X) / \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) \stackrel{4}{\sim} \frac{2}{3} \frac{3 \text{ F.D. quarks}}{3}$ quark statistics with 3 color

$$R \rightarrow$$

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CONFORMAL ALGEBRA ($SU(2,2) \sim SO^*(4,2)$)

$$[J_{AB}, J_{CD}] = i(\eta_{AB} J_{BC} + \eta_{BC} J_{AD} - \eta_{AC} J_{BD} - \eta_{BD} J_{AC})$$

$$J_{\mu\nu} = M_{\mu\nu}, \quad J_{5\mu} = \frac{1}{2}(K_{\mu} - P_{\mu}), \quad J_{6\mu} = \frac{1}{2}(K_{\mu} + P_{\mu}), \quad J_{56} = D$$

$$C_I = J^{AB} J_{AB}, \quad C_{II} = \epsilon_{ABCDEF} J^{AB} J^{CD} J^{EF}, \quad C_{III} = J^A_B J^B_C J^C_D J^D_A$$

↓ (in D dimensions $\rightarrow O(D,2)$) $D \geq 3$

$$[P_{\mu}, K_{\nu}] = 2i(g_{\mu\nu} D - M_{\mu\nu})$$

$$[K_{\mu}, K_{\nu}] = 0 \quad [D, K_{\mu}] = iK_{\mu}$$

$$[P_{\mu}, P_{\nu}] = 0 \quad [D, P_{\mu}] = -iP_{\mu}$$

[Stability subalgebra at $x=0$ $D, M_{\mu\nu}, K_{\mu}, P_{\mu}$ fields $K_{\mu}=0$]

The conformal group $(4,2)$ has four connected components, the same as the Lorentz group or any

$O(p, q)$ group ($p, q \neq 0$): $(p \text{ spacelike } q \text{ time})$ -

$SO(p, q) \rightarrow$ Special Conformal group. Metric $\Lambda \det \Lambda = 1$

two (connected) components. p, q orientation not reversed is

$SO^+(p, q)$ or (p, q) orientations both reversed or both not reversed -

The other two connected components have $\det \Lambda = -1$ and correspond to reverse the q orientation or the p orientation, but not both. The four connected components are obtained by

multiplying the metrics L^\uparrow of $SO^+(p, q)$ with three

metrics $I_p, I_q, I_{p,q}$ ($I_p^2 = I_q^2 = I_{p,q}^2 = (I_p I_q)^2 = 1$) - Which

allow to define 4 subgroups of $O(p, q)$ -

Component connected to a identity: $L^{\uparrow} = SO^{\uparrow}(p, q)$ $\det \Lambda = 1$

$$\Lambda^t \eta \Lambda = \eta \quad \det \Lambda = 1 \quad I_{pq} L^{\uparrow} + L^{\uparrow} = L^{\uparrow}$$

$I_{pq} \Lambda$

$$I_p L^{\uparrow} + L^{\uparrow} = L^{\uparrow}$$

$$\det \Lambda = -1$$

$I_p \Lambda$

$$\det \Lambda = -1 \quad I_q L^{\uparrow} + L^{\uparrow} = L^{\uparrow}$$

$I_q \Lambda$

Special Orthogonal group:

(Stueckelberg-Wigner)

Orthogonal orthonormal group

Orthogonal orthonormal group

$O(p, 2)$ has a natural action on the embedding space (DIRAC)

$E(p, 2)$ but if we want to make a manifold each

on $M_{3,1}$ Minkowski space we must get rid of 2

coordinates. One goes to a $E(p, 2)$ light-cone

and the other points x_p in space time, with zeros

$M_A = dM_A$ on a $(p+2)$ -dimensional light-cone (Meck, Saleem)

EMBEDDING FORMALISM

The best way to obtain a (finite) conformal

(K_μ boosts of parameter c_μ) transformation is to use

the $(D, 2)$ conformal algebra as follows ($D=4$):

$$\eta_\mu = K X_\mu, \quad \eta_5 + \eta_6 = K, \quad \eta_5 - \eta_6 = K X^2$$

$$\eta_\mu (1, 1, 1, -1)$$

$$\eta_5 (-1) = -\eta_5$$

$$\eta_6 (+1) = \eta_6$$

Performing a L_{AB} rotation on $\eta_A = (m_4, m_5, m_6)$ we get

$$(for AB) = (15, 46) : \quad L_{\mu 5}, L_{\mu 6} \rightarrow a_\mu, c_\mu$$

$$\delta m_\mu = a_\mu K + c_\mu K X^2 \quad (a_\mu = \Lambda_{5\mu} - \Lambda_{6\mu}/2, \quad c_\mu = (\Lambda_{5\mu} + \Lambda_{6\mu})/2)$$

$$\delta(m_5 + m_6) = 2c_\mu K X^2$$

$$\delta(m_5 - m_6) = 2a_\mu K X^2$$

so setting $a_\mu = 0$ we get for c_μ

$$\delta m_\mu = c_\mu K X^2, \quad \delta K = 2c_\mu K X^2, \quad \delta(K X^2) = 0$$

$$\delta X_\mu = \delta(m_\mu/K) = \delta m_\mu/K - m_\mu \frac{\delta K}{K^2} = c_\mu X^2 - 2X_\mu X \cdot C$$

Now we use the fact that C_p (as a_p) is a nilpotent generator so its image transformation on η_p is K over

as our unimodular one

$$\eta_p^1 = \eta_p + C_p (\eta_5 - \eta_6) = \eta_p + C_p K X^2 = K (X_p + C_p X^2)$$

$$\eta_5^1 - \eta_6^1 = \eta_5 - \eta_6 \rightarrow K^1 X^2 = K^2 X^2$$

$$\text{So we get } \eta_p^1 \eta_p^1 = K^2 X^2 = K^2 X^2 (1 + 2CX + C^2 X^2)$$

$$K^1 X^2 = K^2 X^2 \quad (\text{cancel } X^2)$$

Then

$$K^1 = K (1 + 2CX + C^2 X^2)$$

$$X^2 = X^2 (1 + 2CX + C^2 X^2)^{-1}$$

$$\eta_p^1 = K^1 X_p^1 = K (X_p + C_p X^2)$$

$$X_p^1 = (X_p + C_p X^2) / (1 + 2CX + C^2 X^2)$$

And in the unimodular we retrieve

$$\xi_p = \delta X_p = C_p X^2 - 2X_p X \cdot C$$

Noether Currents of Space-time Symmetry

The choice is a particular solution of

$$\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu \xi_\mu + \partial_\mu \xi_\nu) = \frac{1}{D} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho \xi_\rho$$

$$\partial^\mu (\xi_\rho \partial_\mu^\rho) = 0$$

$$\partial^\mu \theta_{\mu\rho} = 0$$

Adding and subtracting $\frac{1}{2} \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$ we obtain

$$\partial_\nu \xi_\mu = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu \xi_\mu - \partial_\mu \xi_\nu) + \frac{1}{D} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho \xi_\rho \quad \text{at parameter } c_\rho$$

which show that the conserved transformation is
a combination of an x-dependent Lorentz transformation
and an x-dependent dilatation (preserve angles)

$$\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu \xi_\mu - \partial_\mu \xi_\nu) = 2(x_\nu c_\mu - x_\mu c_\nu)$$

$$\partial^\rho \xi_\rho = -2D x \cdot c \rightarrow \frac{1}{D} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho \xi_\rho = -2\eta_{\mu\nu} x \cdot c$$

$$\partial_\nu \xi_\mu = 2(x_\nu c_\mu - x_\mu c_\nu) - 2\eta_{\mu\nu} x \cdot c$$

The choice is the infinitesimal version of the ~~choice~~ Jacobian transform

$$\frac{\partial x^\mu(x, c)}{\partial x^\nu}$$

which reads

$$\frac{\partial x^\mu(x, c)}{\partial x^\nu} = \Omega(x, c) \Gamma_\nu(x, c)$$

with $\Omega(x, c) = (1 + 2c \cdot x + c^2 x^2)^{-1}$, $L_\nu^\mu = \left[(\delta_\nu^\mu + 2c^\mu x_\nu) - \frac{2(x^\mu + c^\mu x^2)(c_\nu + x_\nu c^2)}{1 + 2cx + c^2 x^2} \right]$

This is the transformation of $SO^+(P, q)$ ($P, q = (1, 1, 2)$)

written on a pure action or a cone zero has an x -dependent (finite) dilatation and $SO^+(P-1, q-1)$ Lorentz transformation -

The 4 connected components are implemented with the I_t, I_s, I_{ts} transformations where I is a "Inversion"

$$x_1^1 = x_1/x^2, x_2^1 = -x_1/x^2, \text{ with } I_s I_t = I_{st} = -1$$

Note that I_s, I_t have det -1 while $-1, 1$ have det ± 1 .

They correspond to the end time reversal of \mathbb{R} orientation in the $O(4, 2)$ action or a cone $\eta_5 \rightarrow \eta_5, \eta_6 = -\eta_6; \eta_5 \rightarrow -\eta_5, \eta_6 \rightarrow \eta_6$

For the Inversion the corresponding Lorentz transformation is

$$\frac{\partial x^\mu / x^2}{\partial x^\nu} = \frac{1}{x^2} (\delta^\mu_\nu - 2 \frac{x^\mu x_\nu}{x^2}) = \frac{1}{x^2} I^\mu_\nu(x)$$

Note that, unlike $L(x, c)$ (with for $c=0$ reduce to $\mathbb{1}$)

$I, -I$ belong to L_{\uparrow} and L_{\downarrow} i.e. are reflections or

the time and space directions respectively.

One can easily check that the following relation follows

$$(x' - y')^2 = \frac{(x - y)^2}{(1 + 2c \cdot x + c^2 x^2)(1 + 2c \cdot y + c^2 y^2)}$$

which is a consequence of the choice of coordinates and the choice (size) relation

$$\eta_x \cdot \eta_y = -\frac{1}{2} k_x k_y (x - y)^2 \quad (\eta_x^2 = \eta_y^2 = 0)$$

Note that X_p is invariant under $K \rightarrow \lambda K$ which indeed

shows that X_p (4 Comp) parameterizes a ray on \mathbb{R}^4

rather than a point. So to all fields on \mathbb{R}^4

one must impose to be an eigenstate of X_p

(Euler) Dilatation operator $\eta^{\dagger} \partial_{\mu} = k \frac{\partial}{\partial k}$ to define

fields which depend on rays rather than points in $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ dimensions

A primary operator $O(x)$ at $X=0$ is classified by

the $X=0$ stability algebra (M, μ, D, K, γ) - By

having $K_{\mu}=0$ or $D(x)$ we see that a primary operator

is classified by three quantum numbers, a (J_L, J_R) rep. of

$SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ ($SO^*(3, 1)$) and a real number (Dilat.)

In terms of these numbers we have (in terms of

$$A_1 = J_L(J_L + 1), A_2 = J_R(J_R + 1), l$$

$$C_I = l(l-4) + 2(A_1 + A_2)$$

$$C_{II} = (l-2)(A_1 - A_2)$$

$$C_{III} = (l-2)^4 - 4(l-2)^2(A_1 + A_2 + 1) + 16A_1A_2 =$$

$$[l(l-2) - n(n+2)]$$

$$\text{For } J_L = J_R = \frac{n}{2}, l \rightarrow C_I = l(l-4) + n(n+2), C_{II} = 0, C_{III} = [l(l-2)(l-4) - n(n+2)]$$

And C_{III} vanishes for even n terms $l = 2+n$

PRIMARY CONFORMAL FIELDS

(under K boosts)

$$[O(x), K_\lambda]_{\mathcal{O}(x)}^{(h)} = i [2X_\lambda x \cdot \partial - X^2 \partial_\lambda] \delta_{\mathcal{O}(x)}^{(h)} - 2i x^\nu (\eta_{\lambda\nu} \Delta + \Sigma_{\lambda\nu}) \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{O}(x)}^{(h)}$$

Unitary Bounds $J_L J_R = 0 \rightarrow h \geq 1 + J_L \quad (J_L, J_R) \rightarrow h \geq 2 + J_L + J_R$

Bound saturations: $h = 1 + J_L \rightarrow$ massless fields

$h = 2 + h \rightarrow$ conformal tensors (twist 2)

For a free transformation

$$\mathcal{O}_\alpha^{(h)}(x') = \frac{1}{(1 + X^2 e \cdot x + c^2 x^2)^{\frac{h}{2}}} \mathcal{O}_\alpha(L(x, c)) \mathcal{O}_\beta(x)$$

Under inversion

$$\mathcal{O}'(x') = \frac{1}{(x^2)^{\frac{h}{2}}} \mathcal{O}'(I(x)) \mathcal{O}(x)$$

To get a (scalar) field defined as χ_μ we impose

a higgs mechanism as $\Phi(\eta)_{\eta^2=0}$.

\mathcal{M}_{SUSY} fact that $\eta^\mu \partial_\mu = \kappa \frac{\partial}{\partial k}$ is well defined on the cone:

$$\eta^A \partial_A \Phi(\eta) = \lambda \Phi'_\lambda(\eta) \Rightarrow \Phi'_\lambda(\kappa, \kappa) = \kappa^\lambda \varphi'_\lambda(\kappa)$$

so that $\varphi(x) = \kappa^{-\lambda} \Phi'_\lambda(\eta)$ is a field on $\mathcal{M}_{S,1}$

with dimension $\ell = -\lambda$. One can check that

$$\mathcal{M}_{56} \varphi_\ell(x) = (i x^\nu \partial_\nu + \ell) \varphi_\ell(x)$$

with

$$M_{AB} = i (\eta_A \partial_B - \eta_B \partial_A)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} M_{AB} M^{AB} = \ell(\ell - D) \quad (\text{in } D \text{ dimensions})$$

CORRELATION FUNCTIONS IN THE 'EMBEDDING FORMALISM'

MAIN IDEA: $\langle O | [\varphi(x) - q(x_n), K_\lambda] | 0 \rangle = 0$

and then use $[\varphi(x), K_\lambda]$ as given before.

To make things simple we consider
correlators on points $x_i \rightarrow$ Rays or $\mathbb{A}^1(4,2)$ cone.

So we must impose the Euler-Heynen's condition

and $O(4,2)$ rotational invariance

On n -point functions, dependence on $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ Wilson products $\eta_i \cdot \eta_j$

and n Euler conditions $\rightarrow n(n-3)/2$ variables

($n=2,3$ no conditions, $n=4$ two variables as arbitrary)

functions of two variables $u = \frac{\eta_1 \cdot \eta_2 \cdot \eta_3 \cdot \eta_4}{\eta_1 \cdot \eta_3 \cdot \eta_2 \cdot \eta_4}$, $v = \frac{(\eta_1 \cdot \eta_4)(\eta_2 \cdot \eta_3)}{\eta_1 \cdot \eta_3 \cdot \eta_2 \cdot \eta_4}$

$n=2$ $\langle \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \rangle = A_n \Rightarrow \eta^i \partial_i A_n = -l_i A_n +$
 $O(4,2)$ invariant

$$F_{AB}(\eta_1, \eta_2) = F(k_1 k_2 (x_1 - x_2)^2) = -l \quad C_{AB}$$

So $k_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} = -l_1$, $k_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2} = -l_2$ has a solution if $l_1 = l_2$

$n=3$

$$F_{123}(\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3) = C_{ABC}(\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3) \quad -\frac{1}{2}(l_1 + l_2 - l_3) \quad -\frac{1}{2}(l_2 + l_3 - l_1) \quad \eta_2 \eta_3$$

$n=4$

$$F_{1234}(\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \eta_4) = (\eta_1 \eta_2) (\eta_3 \eta_4) = \frac{-l_3}{2} \cdot \frac{-l_1 + l_2 - l_3 - l_4}{2} \cdot \frac{-l_2 + l_3 - l_4}{2} \cdot \frac{-l_1 + l_2 - l_3 - l_4}{2}$$

$$u = \frac{\eta_1 \eta_2 \eta_3 \eta_4}{\eta_1 \eta_2 \eta_3 \eta_4}, \quad v = \frac{(\eta_1 \eta_2)(\eta_3 \eta_4)}{\eta_1 \eta_2 \eta_3 \eta_4}$$

for $l_A = l_B = l_C = l_D$

$$A = [(x_1 - x_2)^2 (x_3 - x_4)^2]^{-l_A} g(u, v)$$

cone limit $(x_1 - x_2)^2 \rightarrow 0$ $A \Rightarrow [(x_1 - x_2)^2 (x_3 - x_4)^2]^{-l_A} g(u \rightarrow 0, v)$

CAUSALITY (Block by Block selection) $X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ & $X_3 \rightarrow X_4$

$$g(u, v) = g\left(\frac{u}{v}, \frac{1}{v}\right)$$

ASSOCIATIVITY (CROSSING SYMMETRY)

$$v^l g(u, v) = u^l g(v, u)$$

$$A(x_1) A(x_2) \rightarrow A(x_2) A(x_1)$$

$$X_1 \rightarrow X_3 \text{ or } X_2 \rightarrow X_4$$

(or $X_1 \rightarrow X_4, X_2 \rightarrow X_3$)

$$(A(x_1) A(x_2)) A(x_3) = A(x_1) (A(x_2) A(x_3))$$

Basissel computer bootcamp, insert OPE over trees to solve (large dimension, large spin with few operators) (the exact result is an infinite sum)

OPE EXPANSION AND CONFORMAL SYMMETRY

The OPE expansion is an operator algebra relation which asserts that a product of two local operators at two separated points x, y of spacetime can be decomposed in an infinite sum of local operators at point y with most regular operator coefficients (lowest dimensional operators) at $|x-y|^2 \rightarrow 0$ (or $x \rightarrow y$).

The result for $AB \rightarrow C$ is (consequence of scale-symmetry)

$$A(x)B(y) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{d_A+d_B-d_C}{2}} G(y) \quad (\text{for } d_A=d_B, C \rightarrow \mathbb{1}) \quad \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{d_A} \mathbb{1}$$

For tensor (traceless tensor) operators $O_{d_1 \dots d_m}(y)$ with twist $\tau_m = d_m - m$

$$A(x)B(0) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{d_A+d_B-\tau_m}{2}} x^{d_1} \dots x^{d_m} O_{d_1 \dots d_m}(0) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{d_A+d_B-d_m}{2}} O_m(0)$$

$x \rightarrow 0$
or $|x-y|^2 \rightarrow 0$
($y=0$ by translation invariance)

Short $x \rightarrow y$
Light cone
($|x-y|^2 \rightarrow 0$)
distance

So while on the light cone operators with the same twist have the same singularity, at short-distances operators with lower dimension give most singular contribution -

On the light cone operators with lesser twist have most singular contribution. Identity has twist 0. Canonical commutator has twist 2 and so on.

On the light-cone derivative operators, count more

$\mathcal{O}_{d_1 \sim d_m}(x) \rightarrow (x \cdot \partial)^p \mathcal{O}_{d_1 \sim d_m}(x)$ have the same dimension

Out of the light cone operators of the form $(x^2)^q \mathcal{O}_{d_1 \sim d_m}(x)$

have also the same dimension. Confined symmetry

relate new kind of operators so if it possible to compute the expansion at $x-y$ (not other distance separated) not short-distance separated but arbitrary -

The summation of infinite terms of the type $(x-y)\partial_y, (x-y)^2\partial_y^2$

for the operator $A(x)B(y) \rightarrow O(y)$ can be

formally written as

$$A(x)B(y) = \sum_0^{\infty} C^0(x-y, \partial_y) O(y)$$

where $C^0(x-y, \partial_y)$ is a known differential operator

whose knowledge is strictly connected to the

three point function via

$$\langle A(x)B(y)O(z) \rangle = C_{AB}^0(x-y, \partial_y) \langle O(y)O(z) \rangle$$

$C_{AB}^0(x-y, \partial_y)$ can be computed by consistency

with the Ward identity K_A or by using the Embedding Formula

and requiring $O(4,2)$ covariance or high-energy and homogeneity.

The kernel C_{AB}^0 was computed in the early 70's for arbitrary scalar fields A, B of dimension $d_{A,B}$ and a tensor O_n with spin m and dimension d_n .

For simplicity we consider here $d_A = d_B$ and $m = 0$ for which we have

$$C_{AA}^0(x-y, \partial_y) O(y) = \left(\frac{1}{(x-y)^2} \right)^{d_A - \frac{d}{2}} C_{AA}^0 \frac{\Gamma(d)}{\Gamma(d/2)\Gamma(d/2)} \int_0^1 d\lambda \lambda^{\frac{d}{2}-1} (1-\lambda)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \frac{-\lambda y^2}{4} \Gamma(1-\lambda) \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) O(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$$

In the light cone limit d_F becomes a constant and we have the

Conformal light-cone expansion.

$$C_{AA}^0(x-y, \partial_y) O(y) \propto \left[\frac{1}{(x-y)^2} \right]^{d_A - \frac{d}{2}} {}_1F_1\left(\frac{d}{2}; d_0; (x-y)\partial_y\right) O(y)$$

$(x-y)^2 \rightarrow \infty$

where ${}_1F_1\left(\frac{d}{2}; d_0; (x-y)\partial_y\right) O(y) \propto \int_0^1 d\lambda [\lambda(1-\lambda)]^{\frac{d}{2}-1} O(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$

extended to spin

Dolan, Osborn

Valid for

$$(x-y)^2 \text{ arbitrary}$$

${}_1F_1 \rightarrow$ confluent hypergeometric function

We can check that

$$C_{AA}^0(x-y, z_y) \langle O(y) O(z) \rangle \propto C_{OAA}^r(x, y, z) \propto \left[\frac{1}{(x-y)^2} \right]^{l_A - l_B/2} \left[\frac{1}{(x-z)^2 (y-z)^2} \right]^{l_B/2}$$

We can write any insertion to n -point functions to reduce to a product of lower order with exponents of operators. For the four point function we have three possible operators (OPE) expansion because causality and analyticity require crossing relations between the "particle wave", amplitudes.

Embedding Formulation for OPE

$$A(\eta) B(\eta') = \sum_{l,m} E_{l,n,A,B}(\eta, \eta') D^{(n) A_1 \dots A_m}(\eta, \eta') \psi_{A_1 \dots A_m}(\eta')$$

$$\eta^2 = \eta'^2 = 0$$

$$\eta^A \partial_A = l_A A$$

$$\eta'^B \partial'_B = -l_B B$$

up to C-number $C_{l,n,A,B}$

$$E_{l,m,A,B}(\eta, \eta') = (\eta \cdot \eta')^{-\frac{1}{2}(l_A + l_B - l_n + n)}$$

$$D^{(n) A_1 \dots A_m} = \eta_{-}^{A_1} \dots \eta_{-}^{A_m} D^{(n)}(\eta, \eta')$$

$$D(\eta, \eta') = \eta \cdot \eta' \Pi'_i - 2\eta \cdot \partial' (1 + \eta' \cdot \partial')$$

(well defined at $\eta^2 = \eta'^2 = 0$)

$n = -\frac{1}{2}(l_A - l_B + l_n + n)$ so that (since D is homogenous of grade $1 \pm \frac{l_A}{K} \mp \frac{l_B}{K}$)

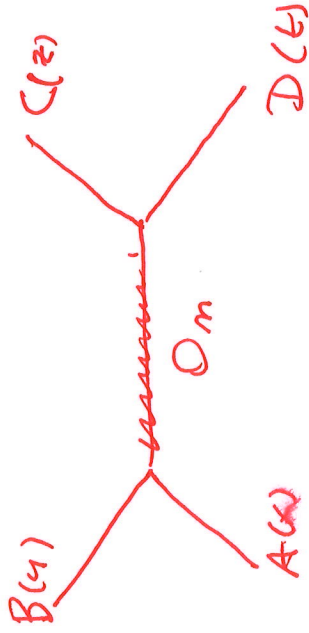
The right-hand side is homogenous of degree $K^{-l_A - m} K^{l_B + l_n}$

which matches the left-hand side $\eta^{-l_A} \eta'^{-l_B}$ because of the factors $X^{A_1} \dots X^{A_m} \psi_{A_1 \dots A_m}(x')$

with homogeneity degree $(\cancel{K}^{l_n}) K^m K^{l_n - l_m}$ so zeroing a $(\eta \cdot \eta')^{-\frac{l_A - l_B}{2}}$ factor

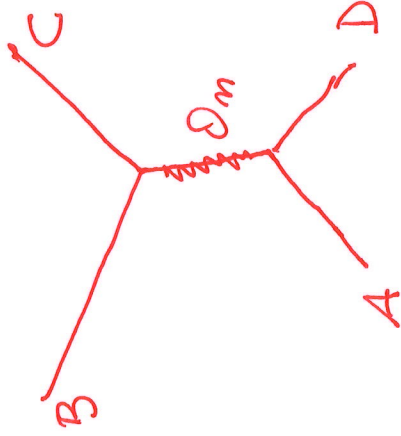
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$$(A \overline{B}) C \quad A(x) B(y) = \sum_0^{A \overline{B}} C^0(x-y, \partial_y) O(y)$$



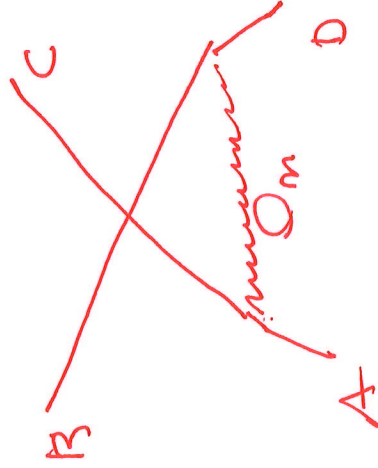
t channel

$$A \overline{(B C)} \quad B(y) C(z) = \sum_0^{B C} C^0(y-z, \partial_z) O(z)$$



u channel

$$A(x) C(z) = \sum_0^{A C} C^0(x-z, \partial_z) O(z)$$



$A \overline{B C}$

by multiplying known by D can take
VEV we obtain the CROSSING RELATION

$$\sum_0 C_{AB}^0(x-y, \partial_y) C_{CD}^0(z-t, \partial_t) \langle O(y) O(t) \rangle =$$

$$= \sum_0 C_{AD}^0(x-t, \partial_t) C_{BC}^0(y-z, \partial_z) \langle O(t) O(z) \rangle =$$

$$= \sum_0 C_{AC}^0(x-z, \partial_z) C_{BD}^0(y-t, \partial_t) \langle O(z) O(t) \rangle$$

These function can be calculated analytically to

get for any ABCD to n exchange -

imply that

$A=B=C=D$ with a cycle, \emptyset exchanged we have

$$\langle A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 \rangle = \langle A(x_1) A(x_2) A(x_3) A(x_4) \rangle \quad \emptyset \text{ exchange}$$

LOCALITY + CAUSALITY (for each \emptyset_n)

CROSSING STRUTEX

$$g_{\emptyset_n}(u, v) = g_{\emptyset_n} \left(\frac{u}{v}, \frac{1}{v} \right)$$

$$v \text{Ag}(u, v) = u \text{Ag}(v, u)$$

KINEMATICAL

DYNAMICAL

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Do you for ($l_A=l_B=l_C=l_D=l$)

The conformal block for the exchange of a scalar operator

$\mathcal{O}(x)$ of dimension ℓ is obtained by inserting twice the OPE

in the $tr x_2$ and $x_3 x_4$ channels. The result is

$g_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v)$ is in terms of a "double hypergeometric function" F_4

with the following reduction formula $F_4(\alpha, \beta; \gamma; x, y) =$

$$= {}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta; \gamma; y) ; \langle A(x_1) A(x_2) A(x_3) A(x_4) \rangle = \left[\frac{1}{(x_1 - x_2)^\ell (x_3 - x_4)^\ell} \right]^{\ell_A}$$

$$(F_4) g_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v) \propto \int_0^1 d\sigma \left[(1 - \sigma) \right]^{-\ell/2} \left[\frac{v}{u\sigma} + \frac{1}{u(1-\sigma)} \right]^{-\ell/2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\ell}{2}, \frac{\ell}{2}; \ell - 1; \left(\frac{v}{u\sigma} + \frac{1}{u(1-\sigma)}\right)^{-1}\right)$$

In the light cone limit $u \rightarrow 0$ (v fixed) $g_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v) \underset{u \rightarrow 0}{\sim} u^{\ell/2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\ell}{2}, \frac{\ell}{2}; \ell; 1 - v\right)$

So the amplitude with the \mathcal{O} exchange, $\tilde{u} \ll 1$ and $\tilde{v} \ll 1$ can be written as

$$A_4 \rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{(x_1 - x_2)^\ell} \right]^{\ell_A} \left[\frac{1}{(x_3 - x_4)^\ell} \right]^{\ell_A} \left[(x_1 - x_2)^2 (x_3 - x_4)^2 \right]^{-\ell/2} {}_2F_1(\ell/2, \ell/2; \ell; 1 - v)$$

So we have a hierarchy of hypergeometric functions which appear in different limits

1) OPE expansion as differential operators -

${}_1F_1$, confluent hypergeometric function $x^2 \rightarrow 0$
 ${}_2F_1$, generalized hypergeometric function x^2 finite

2) Conformal blocks

${}_2F_1$ hypergeometric function $x^2 \rightarrow 0$
 F_4 double hypergeometric function x^2 finite

The OPE depend on different variables while we can analytically continue - They are the space-time dimension and the primary quantum numbers, for example for symmetric tensor towers we have

$\tau_m = l_m - m$ (twist) and l_m . The hypergeometric

function depend analytically in their parameters (D, l_m, m)

ok

Solution of confluent hypergeometric equations

(cross symmetry) for identical scalars A, B, C, D

$$g(u, v) = \sum_0 f_{AA0}^2 g_{A, l_0} = \sum_{(l, m, n)} f_{A00}^2 g_{A, l, m, n}$$

By using crossing symmetry for l $\langle A(x_1) A(x_2) A(x_3) A(x_4) \rangle$

amplitude we have ($l_A = l$)

$$\sum_{0m} f_{AA0m}^2 (v^l g_{A, l, m, n}(u, v) - u^l g_{A, l, m, n}(v, u)) = 0$$

for u, v finite -

This eq. can be regarded as a sum with positive coefficients of an infinite dimensional vector V_x being zero

$$\sum_x V_x C_x^2 = 0 \quad \vec{V}_x = V_x(u, v)$$

(Dimmas-Duffin pg. 44-54)
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INFINITE MANY PRIMARIES

Crossing symmetry with the unit operator requires infinite primaries on the right hand side of bootstrap eqs.

Indeed in the $X_1 X_2 (X_3 X_4)$ channel we have

$$A(x) A(y) = \frac{1}{(x-y)^{2\Delta_A}} \llbracket \langle A(x) A(y) A(z) A(t) \rangle = \left[\frac{1}{(x-y)^2} \frac{1}{(z-t)^2} \right]^{\Delta_A} f(u, v) \rrbracket$$

const

What is the operator with smallest dimension $\Delta_0 = \mathbb{1} = 0$ in a unitary conformal field theory -

Crossing the $u \leftrightarrow v$ (block) \rightarrow

$$g_0(v, u) = v^{\Delta/2} \mathbb{F} \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}, \frac{\Delta}{2}; \Delta; 1-u \right) \rightarrow \text{by symmetry for } u \rightarrow 0 \quad (v=1) \quad (x_1 \rightarrow x_2)$$

The amplitude goes as 1 for $u \rightarrow 0$

$$A_4 \rightarrow \int_{x_1, x_2} \int_{x_3, x_4} \mathbb{F} \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}, \frac{\Delta}{2}; \Delta; 1-u \right) \quad v \rightarrow 0$$

Using the crossing relation found a, if it would be true for any block it would imply

$$g_{01}(u, v) = \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)^{2A} g_{01}(v, u)$$

The crossed block for $u \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow 1$ gives a behavior

$$u^{2A} \log u \quad \text{since} \quad g_{01}(v, u) = v^{-2A} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} l_0, \frac{1}{2} l_0, l_0; 1-u\right)$$

and for $u \rightarrow 0$ (v fixed or $v=1$) at short distances $g_{01}(u, v) \rightarrow \log u$
 $u \rightarrow 0$ ($v \neq 1$) ($x_i \rightarrow x_j$)
 short distance

The expression $u^{2A} \log u$ goes to zero if $2A > 0$ so we need

an upper series of operators with large dimensions to reproduce $F_1(u, v) \approx \text{constant}$ - Making the limit $u \rightarrow 0, v$ fixed (lyth-conc)

one concludes that infinite spinning conformal blocks are needed with large spin

For spinning compound blocks, when a tensor (symmetric, traceless)

of rank n is exchanged we have (n even)

$$\langle A(x) A(y) A(z) A(t) \rangle \sim \int \frac{1}{(x-y)^2(z-t)^2} \int_{l_A}^{l_B} u^{2m/2} F\left(\frac{1}{2}d_m, \frac{1}{2}d_m; d_m; 1-V\right) \frac{1}{(x-y)^2 \rightarrow 0} \quad d_m = l_{m+n}, z_m = l_{m-n}$$

so the 4 point function behaves as

$$A_4 \rightarrow \int_{(x-y)^2 \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{(x-y)^2(z-t)^2} \right]^{l_A - \frac{2m}{2}} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} F\left(\frac{d_m}{2}, \frac{d_m}{2}; d_m; 1-V\right) e^{-z_{1/2}}$$

so for each compound block

$$g_{On}(u, v) \sim u^{2m/2} (1 + \dots) - \text{So the crossing relation with}$$

the identity, to avoid the V dependence must take limits

but in z_m and d_m (on a light cone, one of the crossing relations is eliminated $u \rightarrow 0$ V fixed)