

Can topology regularise $\mathcal{N} = 2$ AdS₄ pure Supergravity?

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based on “ $\mathcal{N} = 2$ AdS₄ Supergravity, Holography and Ward Identities”

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$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\ell^2}{8} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{ab} \wedge \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{cd} \epsilon_{abcd} - i\ell \hat{\rho}^A \Gamma_5 \wedge \hat{\rho}_A + \frac{1}{4} \hat{\mathbf{F}} \wedge * \hat{\mathbf{F}}$$

Holographic description: Gauge-fixing Conditions near the Boundary

The transformation laws of the 4D fields depend on the local parameters

$$p^a \rightarrow \text{diffeomorphisms}$$

$$j^{ab} \rightarrow \text{Lorentz}$$

$$\hat{\lambda} \rightarrow \text{R - symmetry}$$

$$\epsilon_A \rightarrow \text{SUSY}$$

and we use this freedom to fix the radial components of the fields themselves near the boundary (at $z = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_z^3 &= \frac{\ell}{z}, & \hat{\omega}_z^{i3} &= w^i(x, z), & \Psi_{\pm Az} &= \left(\frac{z}{\ell}\right)^{\pm\frac{1}{2}} \varphi_{\pm Az}(x, z), \\
 V_z^i &= 0, & \hat{\omega}_z^{ij} &= \frac{z}{\ell} w^{ij}(x, z), & \hat{A}_z &= \frac{\ell}{z} A_{(-1)z}(x) + \frac{z}{\ell} A_{(1)z}(x) + \mathcal{O}(z^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Holographic description: Boundary Fields Expansion

The boundary fields are then expanded in the following way:

$$V^i_{\mu} = \frac{\ell}{z} E^i_{\mu} + \frac{z}{\ell} S^i_{\mu} + \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} \tau^i_{\mu} + \mathcal{O}(z^3)$$

$$\hat{\omega}^{i3}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{z} E^i_{\mu} - \frac{z}{\ell^2} \tilde{S}^i_{\mu} - \frac{2z^2}{\ell^3} \tilde{\tau}^i_{\mu} + \mathcal{O}(z^3)$$

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with the super-Schouten expressed as

$$S^i_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\ell^2} (S^i_{\mu} + \tilde{S}^i_{\mu})$$

Holographic description: Residual Symmetries

We can now look for the residual symmetries that leave the gauge fixing unaltered:

$$\delta V_z^a = 0, \quad \delta \hat{\omega}_z^{ij} = \mathcal{O}(z), \quad \delta \hat{\omega}_z^{i3} = \mathcal{O}(z^2), \quad \delta \hat{A}_z = 0, \quad \delta \Psi_{\pm Az} = 0,$$

which imply

$$p^3 = -l\sigma + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

$$p^i = \frac{\ell}{z} \xi^i + \frac{z}{\ell} b^i + \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} p_{(2)}^i + \mathcal{O}(z^3)$$

$$j^{i3} = \frac{1}{z} \xi^i - \frac{z}{\ell^2} \tilde{b}^i + \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} j_{(2)}^{i3} + \mathcal{O}(z^3)$$

$$j^{ij} = \theta^{ij} + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \lambda + \frac{z}{\ell} A_{(1)\mu} \xi^\mu + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

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Furthermore, since the OSp(2|4) supercurvatures vanish at the boundary, we can compute

$$\begin{aligned}\delta S^i &= \mathcal{D}K^i - \sigma S^i - \theta^{ij} S_j + \frac{2i}{\ell^2} \bar{\eta}_-^A \Gamma^i \psi_{-A} + \mathcal{E}^i \\ \delta \psi_{-A} &= \mathcal{D}\eta_{A-} + \frac{i\ell}{2} S^i \gamma_i \eta_{A+} - \frac{i\ell}{2} K^i \gamma_i \psi_{+A} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma \psi_{-A} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \theta^{ij} \gamma_{ij} \varphi_{-A} + \frac{1}{2\ell} \lambda \epsilon_{AB} \psi_-^B - \frac{1}{2\ell} A \epsilon_{AB} \eta_-^B + \Sigma_A,\end{aligned}$$

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the previous relations define the full set of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superconformal transformations on the boundary 1-forms E^i , B , S , ω^{ij} , A , $\psi_{\pm A}$.

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This identification allows to obtain the explicit expression of the currents

$$\begin{aligned} \delta W = \delta I_{\text{on-shell}} &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(-\frac{\ell^2}{4} \delta\hat{\omega}^{ab} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{cd} \epsilon_{abcd} - 2i\ell\delta\bar{\Psi}^A \Gamma_5 \hat{\rho}_A + \frac{1}{2} \delta\hat{A} * \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right) \Big|_{z=dz=0}^{\text{on-shell}} = \\ &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \delta\mathcal{J}^\Lambda \wedge J_\Lambda = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\delta E^i \wedge J_i + \frac{1}{2} \delta\omega^{ij} \wedge J_{ij} + \bar{J}_+^A \wedge \delta\psi_{A+} + J \wedge \delta A \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$J_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \left[\frac{2}{\ell} E^j \wedge (\tau^k + 2\tilde{\tau}^k) + \bar{\psi}_+^A \wedge \gamma^{jk} \zeta_{A-} \right]$$

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$$J = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \tilde{F}^{i3} V^j \wedge V^k \Big|_{z=0}$$

$$J_+^A = -2i E^i \wedge \gamma_i \zeta_-^A + A_{(1)} \wedge \epsilon_{AB} \psi_+^B$$



The Hodge dual of the obtained expressions yields the Noether currents

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_i^\mu &= -\frac{1}{\ell} \left[(\tau_i^\mu + 2\tilde{\tau}_i^\mu) - E_i^\mu (\tau_k^k + 2\tilde{\tau}_k^k) \right] + \frac{i}{e_3} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \bar{\psi}_{+\nu}^A \gamma_i \zeta_{A-\rho} \\
 J_{A+}^\mu &= -\frac{2i}{e_3} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \gamma_\nu \zeta_{A-\rho} + \frac{1}{e_3} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} A_{(1)\nu} \epsilon_{AB} \psi_{+\rho}^B \\
 J^\mu &= -g_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\nu z} = \frac{1}{2\ell} g_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} A_{(1)\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ward Identities of the SCFT

The conservation laws of the operators read

$$\mathcal{D}J_i = \mathcal{S}^j J_{ij} - \frac{i}{\ell} \bar{J}_+^A \gamma_i \psi_{A-} + \mathcal{S}^k{}_i J_{kj} E^j - \frac{i\ell}{2} \mathcal{S}^j{}_i \bar{J}_-^A \gamma_j \psi_{A+}$$

$$\mathcal{D}J_{ij} = 2 E_{[i} J_{j]} - \frac{i}{2} \bar{J}_+^A \gamma_{ij} \psi_{A+} - \frac{i}{2} \bar{J}_-^A \gamma_{ij} \psi_{A-}$$

$$0 = \partial_\mu \left[E^{\mu i} \left(J_{ij} E^j - \frac{i\ell}{2} \bar{J}_-^A \gamma_i \psi_{A+} \right) \right] + E^i J_i + \frac{1}{2} \bar{J}_+^A \psi_{A+} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{J}_-^A \psi_{A-}$$

$$dJ = \frac{1}{2\ell} \epsilon_{AB} (\bar{J}_+^A \psi_{B+} + \bar{J}_-^A \psi_{B-})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla J_{A+} &= \frac{1}{2\ell} \gamma^{ij} \psi_{A-} J_{ij} + i \gamma^i \psi_{A+} J_i - \frac{i\ell}{2} \mathcal{S}^i \gamma_i J_{A-} + 2 \epsilon_{AB} \psi_{B-} J + \frac{1}{\ell} \psi_{A-}^i J_{ij} E^j \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2} \psi_{A-}^i \bar{J}_{B-} \gamma_i \psi_{B+} \end{aligned}$$

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Let's prove that the Ward identities are satisfied:

▷ We integrate by parts δW

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Thank you for your attention!