

# LECTURE IV

HIDDEN SYMMETRIES

OF THE

Nambu-Goto String

### 3 APPLICATIONS

1)  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})^3$

3 QUBIT QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT

MIYAKE & WADATI [quant-ph/0212114](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0212114)

[arxiv.org](https://arxiv.org)

2)  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})^3$

NAMBU-GOTO STRING

DUFF [hep-th/0602160](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0602160)

3)  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})^3$

**S-T-U MODEL**

BLACK HOLE ENTROPY

DUFF [hep-th/0601134](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0601134)

KALLOSH & LINDE [hep-th/0602061](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0602061)

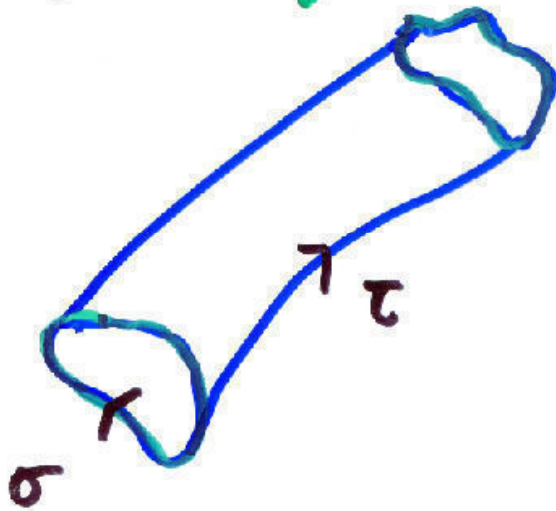
LEVAY [hep-th/0603136](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0603136)

DUFF & FERRARA [quant-ph/0609227](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0609227)

↳  $E_7(\mathbb{C})$  7 QUBITS!

# 4D BOSONIC STRING

(Nambu, Goto 1970)



WORLD SHEET COORDINATES  $(\tau, \sigma)$

SPACETIME COORDINATES  $X^\mu(\tau, \sigma)$

$\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

DERIVATIVES  $\dot{X} = \frac{\partial X}{\partial \tau}$ ,  $X' = \frac{\partial X}{\partial \sigma}$

INDUCED METRIC

$$\gamma_{ij} = \partial_i X^\mu \partial_j X^\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

$\uparrow$   $\text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$

AREA SWEEPED OUT

$$\int d\sigma d\tau \sqrt{-\det \gamma} = \int d\sigma d\tau \sqrt{\dot{X}^2 X'^2 - (\dot{X} \cdot X')^2}$$

# NAMBU-GOTO STRING

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ORGANIZE 8 VARIABLES OF 4D  
STRING  $(\dot{X}^\mu, X'^\mu)$   $\mu=0,1,2,3$   
INTO HYPERMATRIX  $a_{AA'A''}$ .

CAVEAT: REQUIRE  $(2,2)$  SIGNATURE  
(BOSONIC SECTOR OF CRITICAL  $N=2$  STRING)

ACTION:

$$I_{NG} = -\frac{T}{2} \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{-\det \gamma}$$

$\gamma$  IS THE WORLDSHEET METRIC

$$\gamma_{A''B''} = \partial_{A''} X^\mu \partial_{B''} X^\nu \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, -1, +1, +1)$$



# HYPERMATRIX

ORGANIZE 8 VARIABLES OF  
4D STRING  $(\dot{x}^\mu, x'^\mu)_{\mu=0,1,2,3}$   
INTO HYPERMATRIX  $a_{AA'A''}$

$$a_{000} = -\dot{x}^0 + \dot{x}^2$$

$$a_{010} = \dot{x}^1 - \dot{x}^3$$

$$a_{100} = -\dot{x}^1 - \dot{x}^3$$

$$a_{110} = -x'^0 + x'^2$$

$$a_{011} = x'^1 - x'^3$$

$$a_{101} = -x'^1 - x'^3$$

$$a_{111} = -x'^0 - x'^2$$

WORLD SHEET METRIC

$$\gamma_{A''B''} = \epsilon^{AB} \epsilon^{A'B'} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

$$\det \gamma = - \text{Det } a$$

## TWO-COMPONENT NOTATION

$$X^{AA'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -X^0 + X^2 & X^1 - X^3 \\ -X^1 - X^3 & -X^0 - X^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

DEFINE

$$a_{AA'A''} = \begin{pmatrix} X^{AA'} \\ X'^{AA'} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{X} = \partial X / \partial \tau \quad X' = \partial X / \partial \sigma$$

HENCE

$$\gamma_{A''B''} = \epsilon^{AB} \epsilon^{A'B'} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

SO

$$\det \gamma = - \det a$$

## ALICE-BOB-CHARLIE ANALOGY: 3 WORLDSHEETS

$$\text{ALICE} \quad \alpha_{AB} = \epsilon^{A'B'} \epsilon^{A''B''} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

$$\text{BOB} \quad \beta_{A'B'} = \epsilon^{A''B''} \epsilon^{AB} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

$$\text{CHARLIE} \quad \gamma_{A''B''} = \epsilon^{AB} \epsilon^{A'B'} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

$$\det \alpha = \det \beta = \det \gamma = - \det a$$

# ALICE - BOB - CHARLIE ANALOGY

THREE DIFFERENT WORLDSHEETS  
WITH THREE DIFFERENT  
METRICS

ALICE

$$\alpha_{AB} = \epsilon^{A'B'} \epsilon^{A''B''} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

BOB

$$\beta_{A'B'} = \epsilon^{A''B''} \epsilon^{AB} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

CHARLIE

$$\gamma_{A''B''} = \epsilon^{AB} \epsilon^{A'B'} a_{AA'A''} a_{BB'B''}$$

BUT ALL EQUIVALENT

$$\det \alpha = \det \beta = \det \gamma = - \det a$$

# SYMMETRIES

1)  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})^3$

ACTING ON  $A \& A'$  : JUST SPACETIME

$$O(2,2) \sim SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

ACTING ON  $A''$  : WORLDSHEET  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}^\mu \\ x'^\mu \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}^\mu \\ x'^\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ad - bc = 1$$

2) INTERCHANGE  $A \ A' \ A''$

INTERCHANGING  $A \& A'$  : JUST  $X' \leftrightarrow -X'$

BUT

$A \& A''$  : NEW DISCRETE SYMMETRY  
OF N-G STRING !

e.g

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}^0 \\ \dot{x}^1 \\ \dot{x}^2 \\ \dot{x}^3 \\ x'^0 \\ x'^1 \\ x'^2 \\ x'^3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}^0 - x'^1 - \dot{x}^2 + x'^3 \\ -\dot{x}^0 - \dot{x}^1 + x'^2 + \dot{x}^3 \\ -\dot{x}^0 - x'^1 + \dot{x}^2 + x'^3 \\ x'^0 - \dot{x}^1 - x'^2 + \dot{x}^3 \\ \dot{x}^0 + \dot{x}^1 + \dot{x}^2 + \dot{x}^3 \\ \dot{x}^0 - \dot{x}^1 + x'^2 - \dot{x}^3 \\ x'^0 - \dot{x}^1 + x'^2 - \dot{x}^3 \\ \dot{x}^0 + x'^1 + \dot{x}^2 + x'^3 \end{bmatrix}$$



## RECAP

NAMBU-GOTO STRING (FIRST  
WRITTEN DOWN IN 1970)

IS DESCRIBED IN  $(2,2)$  SIGNATURE  
BY CAYLEY'S HYPERDETERMINANT  
AND HENCE HAS SYMMETRY

$$SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

AND  $A \leftrightarrow A' \leftrightarrow A''$  TRIALITY

$\Rightarrow$   
THIS REVEALS HITHERTO

UNNOTICED DISCRETE SYMMETRY

\*  $(2,2)$  PHYSICAL SIGNIFICANCE NOT OBVIOUS  
BUT FORMS BOSONIC SECTOR OF  
 $N=2$  CRITICAL SUPERSTRING

$E_7$  GENERALIZATION?

$$I = -\frac{T}{2} \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{I_4}$$

$$E_{7(7)} \supset SO(6,6) \times SL(2)$$

$$\supset SO(2,2) \times SL(2)$$

STRING IN 28 DIMENSIONS

NOTE NO CONFLICT WITH

COLEMAN-MANDULA

$E_7$  ACTS ON  $\dot{X}$  AND  $X'$  NOT  $X$

C.f. "GENERALIZED SPACETIMES"

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