

Semi-Covariant Formulation of Double Field Theory: Review

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- **Stringy Unification of Type IIA and IIB Supergravities under $\mathcal{N} = 2$ $D = 10$ Supersymmetric Double Field Theory***
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1. Introduction

“Double”: $x \longrightarrow (x, \tilde{x})$

- The fields in SFT on a toroidal background have dependance on p_i and w^i ,

$$p_i \longleftrightarrow x^i \quad w^i \longleftrightarrow \tilde{x}_i$$

so have natural dependance on both x and \tilde{x} .: $\Phi(x^i, \tilde{x}_i)$.

T-duality freely exchanges the x^i and \tilde{x}_i .

“String field theory is a double field theory”. [Kugo, Zwiebach]

- Our focus is on the "massless sectors" of the SFT.

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- In general, supergravities are well known to be as the string effective theories.
- However, the supergravity is based on **particle** description and its description is based on Riemannian geometry where the fundamental object is only metric $g_{\mu\nu}$.
- So, some **stringy effect** might be missing in the supergravity description, and it may not be the best description of the string low energy effective theory.

1. Introduction

- String theory requires that $g_{\mu\nu}$, $B_{\mu\nu}$ and ϕ should be treated on an equal footing , because they form a **multiplet of T-duality**.
- This suggests that there should be an **unifying description of them**, beyond the Riemannian geometry.
- **Double Field Theory(DFT)** has been suggested as an unifying description of string effective theory by **manifesting the T-duality structure** [Siegel, Tseytlin, Duff, Hull, Zwiebach, Hohm]

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 - A pair of local Lorentz symmetries, $\text{Spin}(1, D-1)_L \times \text{Spin}(D-1, 1)_R$
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Bosonic Double Field Theory

- DFT manifests the T-duality by using $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ tensors as its dynamical variables.
e.g. NS-NS fields in DFT :

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{dilaton ,} & \text{'generalized metric'} \\ \text{(scalar density)} & \text{(symmetric } \mathbf{O}(D, D) \text{ element)} \end{array}$$
$$e^{-2d} = \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} , \quad \mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} & -g^{-1}B \\ Bg^{-1} & g - Bg^{-1}B \end{pmatrix}$$

cf. Non-geometric parametrization [Ko-Melby-Thompson-Meyer-Park 2015](Melby-Thompson's talk)

- The Buscher's rule is realized as an subgroup of $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ rotation, [Giveon, Rabinovici, Veneziano, Tseytlin, Siegel] :
 d is scalar and \mathcal{H}_{AB} is rank 2 tensor.
- Metric in DFT : $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ metric,

$$\mathcal{J}_{AB} := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

freely raises or lowers the $(D + D)$ -dimensional vector indices, A, B .

2. Bosonic Double Field Theory

- DFT action for NS-NS sector: [Hull and Zwiebach, later with Hohm]

$$S_{\text{DFT}} = \int dy^{2D} e^{-2d} L_{\text{DFT}}(\mathcal{H}, d),$$

where

$$L_{\text{DFT}}(\mathcal{H}, d) = \mathcal{H}^{AB} (4\partial_A \partial_B d - 4\partial_A d \partial_B d + \frac{1}{8} \partial_A \mathcal{H}^{CD} \partial_B \mathcal{H}_{CD} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_A \mathcal{H}^{CD} \partial_C \mathcal{H}_{BD}) \\ + 4\partial_A \mathcal{H}^{AB} \partial_B d - \partial_A \partial_B \mathcal{H}^{AB}.$$

- $O(D, D)$ structure is manifest and background independent.
- All spacetime dimension is ‘formally doubled’, $y^A = (\tilde{x}_\mu, x^\nu)$, $A = 1, 2, \dots, D+D$.

Section condition

- DFT is a D -dimensional theory written in terms of $(D + D)$ -dimensional language, i.e. tensors.
- **Section condition (strong constraint)** :
The $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ d'Alembert operator is trivial, acting on arbitrary fields or gauge parameters as well as their products:

$$\partial_A \partial^A = \mathcal{J}^{AB} \partial_A \partial_B = 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{x}_\mu \partial x^\mu} \sim 0$$

- In DFT, the solution is unique. Up to $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ rotation, we can choose a frame to set

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_\mu} \sim 0.$$

- DFT action in Riemannian parametrization gives the effective action:

$$S_{\text{DFT}} \implies S_{\text{eff.}} = \int dx^D \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left(R_g + 4(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} H^2 \right).$$

Section condition

- **Level matching condition** for the massless sector,

$$p \cdot w = N - \bar{N} \equiv 0 \iff \partial_A \partial^A = 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{x}_\mu \partial x^\mu} \equiv 0,$$

for all fields. (weak constraint)

So,

$$\partial_A \partial^A \Phi = 0, \quad \text{but } \partial_A \Phi_1 \partial^A \Phi_2 \neq 0$$

- Section condition (strong constraint) seems necessary to write a complete theory, because of **action invariance** and **closedness of symmetry algebra**.

Gauge symmetry: ‘DFT-diffeomorphism’

Unification of diffeomorphism and B -field gauge symmetry , expressed *via*

- ‘generalized Lie derivative’ [Siegel, Courant, Grana ...]

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X T_{\omega_A} := X^B \partial_B T_{\omega_A} + \omega \partial_B X^B T_{\omega_A} + \partial_A X^B T_{\omega_B} - \partial^B X_A T_{\omega_B}.$$

- X^A is an unifying gauge parameter (B -field gauge symmetry+diffeomorphism),

$$X^A = (\Lambda_\mu, \delta x^\nu)$$

- \mathcal{H}_{AB} is a rank 2 DFT tensor, and e^{-2d} is a weight 1 DFT scalar,

Algebra of the gauge symmetry

- Commutator of the generalized Lie derivatives is closed, up to the section condition, by using **c**-bracket,

$$[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X, \hat{\mathcal{L}}_Y] \sim \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{[X, Y]_C},$$

where $[X, Y]_C$ denotes *C*-bracket

$$[X, Y]_C^A := X^B \partial_B Y^A - Y^B \partial_B X^A + \frac{1}{2} Y^B \partial^A X_B - \frac{1}{2} X^B \partial^A Y_B,$$

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Remarks 2 : doubled-yet-gauged coordinates

- Doubled-yet-gauged coordinates [Park]

The D-dimensional section is better understood in terms of doubled-yet-gauged (D+D)-dimensional coordinates.

: We start with $D + D$ coordinates, and impose an **equivalence relation**,

$$x^A \sim x^A + \phi \partial^A \varphi,$$

where ϕ and φ are arbitrary functions in DFT.

Each gauge orbit parametrized by this shift functions represents a single physical point.

which we call ‘**Coordinate Gauge Symmetry**’.

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- Realization of the coordinate gauge symmetry.

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Connection

$$\Gamma_{CAB}^0 = 2(P\partial_C P\bar{P})_{[AB]} + 2(\bar{P}_{[A}{}^D\bar{P}_{B]}{}^E - P_{[A}{}^D P_{B]}{}^E)\partial_D P_{EC} \\ - \frac{4}{D-1}(\bar{P}_{C[A}\bar{P}_{B]}{}^D + P_{C[A}P_{B]}{}^D)(\partial_D d + (P\partial^E P\bar{P})_{[ED]}) ,$$

Curvature

$$(P^{AB}P^{CD} - \bar{P}^{AB}\bar{P}^{CD})S_{ACBD}$$

Semi-covariant formulation

- Basic geometric objects are

$$\mathcal{J}_{AB}, \quad \mathcal{H}_{AB}, \quad d.$$

- Note that

$$\mathcal{H}_A^C \mathcal{H}_C^B = \delta_A^B, \quad \mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_{BA},$$

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- We further define a pair of six-index projectors,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{CAB}^{DEF} &:= P_C^D P_{[A}^{[E} P_B]^{F]} + \frac{2}{D-1} P_{C[A} P_B]^{[E} P^{F]D}, & \mathcal{P}_{CAB}^{DEF} \mathcal{P}_{DEF}^{GHI} &= \mathcal{P}_{CAB}^{GHI}, \\ \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{CAB}^{DEF} &:= \bar{P}_C^D \bar{P}_{[A}^{[E} \bar{P}_B]^{F]} + \frac{2}{D-1} \bar{P}_{C[A} \bar{P}_B]^{[E} \bar{P}^{F]D}, & \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{CAB}^{DEF} \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{DEF}^{GHI} &= \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{CAB}^{GHI}, \end{aligned}$$

which satisfy the following properties, symmetric and traceless,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{CABDEF} &= \mathcal{P}_{DEFCAB} = \mathcal{P}_{C[AB]D[EF]}, & \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{CABDEF} &= \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{DEFCAB} = \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{C[AB]D[EF]}, \\ \mathcal{P}^A_{ABDEF} &= 0, \quad P^{AB} \mathcal{P}_{ABCDEF} = 0, & \bar{\mathcal{P}}^A_{ABDEF} &= 0, \quad \bar{P}^{AB} \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{ABCDEF} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- These projectors will govern the DFT-diffeomorphic anomaly in the semi-covariant formalism, which can be easily projected out.

Semi-covariant formulation

- Postulate a “semi-covariant” derivative, ∇_A on DFT tensor T_A with weight ω ,

$$\nabla_C T_A = \partial_C T_A - \omega \Gamma^B{}_{BC} T_A + \Gamma_{CA}{}^B T_B,$$

- We demand the following compatibility conditions,

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- **Torsion free conection** is uniquely determined in terms of basic geometrical variables, [IJ, Lee, Park '11]

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satisfying the torsion free condition,

$$\Gamma_{[ABC]}^0 = 0, \quad (\Leftrightarrow \quad \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^\partial = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^\nabla)$$

and further satisfying

$$\mathcal{P}_{CAB}{}^{DEF}\Gamma_{DEF}^0 = 0, \quad \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{CAB}{}^{DEF}\Gamma_{DEF}^0 = 0.$$

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- Under $\delta_X \mathcal{P}_{AB} = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X \mathcal{P}_{AB}$ $\delta_X d = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X d$ (DFT-diffeomorphism), the variation of $\nabla_C T_A$ contains an anomalous non-covariant part,

$$(\delta_X - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X) \nabla_C T_A \sim 2(\mathcal{P} + \bar{\mathcal{P}})_{CA}{}^{BFDE} \partial_F \partial_{[D} X_{E]} T_B .$$

- Hence, these are not DFT-diffeomorphism covariant,
- However, the anomalous term are controlled by the rank six projectors, so they can be projected out by combining the projection matrices P_{AB} and \bar{P}_{AB} .

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- Rank two-tensor:

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- **Scalar curvature:** defines the Lagrangian for NS-NS sector

$$(P^{AB} P^{CD} - \bar{P}^{AB} \bar{P}^{CD}) S_{ACBD}$$

- The above scalar curvature exactly reproduces the bosonic Lagrangian by Hull, Zwiebach, Hohm.
- There is no covariant rank 4 tensor.

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4. Supersymmetric extension of double field theory

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Semi-covariant formulation manifest all the bosonic symmetries

- **$O(D, D)$ T-duality:**
- **DFT-diffeomorphism (generalized Lie derivative)**
 - **Diffeomorphism**
 - **B -field gauge symmetry**
- **A pair of local Lorentz symmetries, $\text{Spin}(1, D-1)_L \times \text{Spin}(D-1, 1)_R$**
- **$D = 10$ maximal Local SUSY**

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**R-R potential is bi-fundamental spinor representation
as a democratic description.**

cf. $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ spinor representation [Fukuma, Oota Tanaka; Hohm, Kwak, Zwiebach](#)

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cf. Relation to the fields in the ordinary supergravity

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cf. Hassan 99'

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A priori, $O(D, D)$ rotates only the $O(D, D)$ vector indices (capital Roman), and the R-R sector and all the fermions are $O(D, D)$ T-duality singlet.

The usual IIA \Leftrightarrow IIB exchange will be realized only after fixing a gauge.

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- **Set the chiralities**

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c and c' are sign factors, and equivalent up to a $\text{Pin}(1, 9) \times \text{Pin}(9, 1)$.

So we may fix $c = c' = +1$ without loss of generality.

However, the theory contains two ‘types’ of solutions, i.e. IIA and IIB.

Double-vielbein 1105.6294, 1109.2035

- **Double-vielbein** simultaneously diagonalizes \mathcal{J}_{AB} and \mathcal{H}_{AB} ,

$$\mathcal{J} = (V \ \bar{V}) \begin{pmatrix} \eta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\eta} \end{pmatrix} (V \ \bar{V})^T, \quad \mathcal{H} = (V \ \bar{V}) \begin{pmatrix} \eta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\bar{\eta} \end{pmatrix} (V \ \bar{V})^T.$$

- It follows the defining properties

$$V_{Ap} V^A_q = \eta_{pq}, \quad V_{Ap} \bar{V}^A_{\bar{p}} = 0, \quad V_A^p V_{Bp} = P_{AB},$$

$$\bar{V}_{A\bar{p}} \bar{V}^A_{\bar{q}} = \bar{\eta}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad \bar{V}_{A\bar{p}} \bar{V}_{B\bar{p}} = \bar{P}_{AB},$$

P_{AB}, \bar{P}_{AB} are projection matrices ('left and right'),

$$P_A^B P_B^C = P_A^C, \quad \bar{P}_A^B \bar{P}_B^C = \bar{P}_A^C, \quad P_A^B \bar{P}_B^C = 0$$

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together with

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- Spin connections

$$\Phi_{Apq} = V^B_p \nabla_A V_{Bq}, \quad \bar{\Phi}_{A\bar{p}\bar{q}} = \bar{V}^B_{\bar{p}} \nabla_A \bar{V}_{B\bar{q}},$$

- **Torsion free conection** is uniquely determined in terms of basic geometrical variables, [IJ, Lee, Park '11]

$$\Gamma_{CAB}^0 = 2(P\partial_C P\bar{P})_{[AB]} + 2(\bar{P}_{[A}{}^D\bar{P}_{B]}{}^E - P_{[A}{}^D P_{B]}{}^E)\partial_D P_{EC} \\ - \frac{4}{D-1}(\bar{P}_{C[A}\bar{P}_{B]}{}^D + P_{C[A}P_{B]}{}^D)(\partial_D d + (P\partial^E P\bar{P})_{[ED]}) ,$$

satisfying the torsion free condition,

$$\Gamma_{[ABC]}^0 = 0, \quad (\Leftrightarrow \quad \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^\partial = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^\nabla)$$

and further satisfying

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where we set

$$\mathcal{D}_p := V^A{}_{\bar{p}} \mathcal{D}_A, \quad \mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}} := \bar{V}^A{}_{\bar{p}} \mathcal{D}_A.$$

These are the **pull-back** of the previous results using the double-vielbeins.

Covariant derivatives

- **Dirac operators for fermions, $\rho^\alpha, \psi_{\bar{p}}^\alpha, \rho'^{\bar{\alpha}}, \psi'_p{}^{\bar{\alpha}}$: [IJ, Lee, Park '11]**

$$\gamma^p \mathcal{D}_p \rho = \gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A \rho, \quad \gamma^p \mathcal{D}_p \psi_{\bar{p}} = \gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A \psi_{\bar{p}},$$

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[IJ, Lee, Park '12]

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- Further define

$$\mathcal{D}_+ \mathcal{C} := \gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A \mathcal{C} + \gamma^{(D+1)} \mathcal{D}_A \mathcal{C} \bar{\gamma}^A,$$

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- Especially for the torsionless case, the corresponding operators are **nilpotent** up to the section condition

$$(\mathcal{D}_+^0)^2 \mathcal{C} \sim 0, \quad (\mathcal{D}_-^0)^2 \mathcal{C} \sim 0,$$

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Covariant derivatives

- For $\text{Spin}(1, D-1)_L \times \text{Spin}(D-1, 1)_R$ bi-fundamental spinors, $C^\alpha_{\bar{\beta}}$:
[IJ, Lee, Park '12]

$$\gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A C, \quad \mathcal{D}_A C \bar{\gamma}^A.$$

- Further define

$$\mathcal{D}_+ C := \gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A C + \gamma^{(D+1)} \mathcal{D}_A C \bar{\gamma}^A,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_- C := \gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A C - \gamma^{(D+1)} \mathcal{D}_A C \bar{\gamma}^A.$$

- Especially for the torsionless case, the corresponding operators are **nilpotent** up to the section condition

$$(\mathcal{D}_+^0)^2 C \sim 0, \quad (\mathcal{D}_-^0)^2 C \sim 0,$$

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D = 10 Maximal SDFT

- **Lagrangian** (full order of fermions):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type II}} = e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{8} (P^{AB} P^{CD} - \bar{P}^{AB} \bar{P}^{CD}) S_{ACBD} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F} \bar{\mathcal{F}}) - i \bar{\rho} \mathcal{F} \rho' + i \bar{\psi}_{\bar{p}} \gamma_q \mathcal{F} \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}} \psi'^q \right. \\ \left. + i \frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} \gamma^p \mathcal{D}_p^* \rho - i \bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}}^* \rho - i \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}} \gamma^q \mathcal{D}_q^* \psi_{\bar{p}} - i \frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho}' \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}}'^* \rho' + i \bar{\psi}'^p \mathcal{D}_p'^* \rho' + i \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}'^p \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{q}}'^* \psi'_p \right]$$

where $\bar{\mathcal{F}}^{\bar{\alpha}}_{\alpha}$ denotes the charge conjugation, $\bar{\mathcal{F}} := \bar{C}_+^{-1} \mathcal{F}^T C_+$.

- \mathcal{D}_A in S_{ACBD} , \mathcal{D}_A^* and $\mathcal{D}_A'^*$ are defined by their own **torsionful connection**,
- The torsions are determined to satisfy usual **1.5 formalism**,

$$\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{SDFT}} = \delta \Gamma_{ABC} \times 0.$$

- The Lagrangian is **pseudo : self-duality** of the R-R field strength needs to be imposed by hand, just like the ‘democratic’ type II SUGRA **Bergshoeff, et al.**

$$\left(1 - \gamma^{(D+1)} \right) \left(\mathcal{F} - i \frac{1}{2} \rho \rho' + i \frac{1}{2} \gamma^p \psi_{\bar{q}} \psi'_p \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}} \right) \sim 0.$$

D = 10 Maximal SDFT

- **Local SUSY** (full order of fermions):

$$\delta_\varepsilon d = -i\frac{1}{2}(\bar{\varepsilon}\rho + \bar{\varepsilon}'\rho'),$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon V_{Ap} = i\bar{V}_A^{\bar{q}}(\bar{\varepsilon}'\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{q}}\psi'_p - \bar{\varepsilon}\gamma_p\psi_{\bar{q}}),$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \bar{V}_{A\bar{p}} = iV_A^q(\bar{\varepsilon}\gamma_q\psi_{\bar{p}} - \bar{\varepsilon}'\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{p}}\psi'_q),$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \mathcal{C} = i\frac{1}{2}(\gamma^p\varepsilon\bar{\psi}'_p - \varepsilon\bar{\rho}' - \psi_{\bar{p}}\bar{\varepsilon}'\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}} + \rho\varepsilon') + \mathcal{C}\delta_\varepsilon d - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{V}_A^{\bar{q}}\delta_\varepsilon V_{Ap})\gamma^{(d+1)}\gamma^p\mathcal{C}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}},$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \rho = -\gamma^p\hat{\mathcal{D}}_p\varepsilon + i\frac{1}{2}\gamma^p\varepsilon\bar{\psi}'_p\rho' - i\gamma^p\psi^{\bar{q}}\bar{\varepsilon}'\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{q}}\psi'_p,$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \rho' = -\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}}\hat{\mathcal{D}}'_{\bar{p}}\varepsilon' + i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}}\varepsilon'\bar{\psi}_{\bar{p}}\rho - i\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}}\psi'_p\bar{\varepsilon}\gamma^p\psi_{\bar{q}},$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \psi_{\bar{p}} = \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\bar{p}}\varepsilon + (\mathcal{F} - i\frac{1}{2}\gamma^q\rho\bar{\psi}'_q + i\frac{1}{2}\psi^{\bar{q}}\bar{\rho}'\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{q}})\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{p}}\varepsilon' + i\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon\bar{\psi}_{\bar{p}}\rho + i\frac{1}{2}\psi_{\bar{p}}\bar{\varepsilon}\rho,$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \psi'_p = \hat{\mathcal{D}}'_p\varepsilon' + (\bar{\mathcal{F}} - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}}\rho'\bar{\psi}_{\bar{q}} + i\frac{1}{2}\psi'^q\bar{\rho}\gamma_q)\gamma_p\varepsilon + i\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon'\bar{\psi}'_p\rho' + i\frac{1}{2}\psi'_p\bar{\varepsilon}'\rho'.$$

$\hat{\mathcal{D}}$ is also defined by its own torsionful connection.

- **The action is invariant up to the self-duality.**

Relation to the ordinary supergravity,

how SDFT unifies the IIA and IIB,

mechanism to exchange IIA and IIB by $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$.

Parametrization: Reduction to Generalized Geometry

- We have used the DFT-variables. We may parametrize them in terms of Riemannian variables.
- Assuming that the upper half blocks are non-degenerate, the double-vielbein takes the most general form,

$$V_{Ap} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} (e^{-1})_p{}^\mu \\ (B + e)_{\nu p} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{V}_{A\bar{p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} (\bar{e}^{-1})_{\bar{p}}{}^\mu \\ (B + \bar{e})_{\nu\bar{p}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here $e_\mu{}^p$ and $\bar{e}_\nu{}^{\bar{p}}$ are **two copies of the D -dimensional vielbein corresponding to the same spacetime metric,**

$$e_\mu{}^p e_\nu{}^q \eta_{pq} = -\bar{e}_\mu{}^{\bar{p}} \bar{e}_\nu{}^{\bar{q}} \bar{\eta}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}} = g_{\mu\nu}.$$

and $B_{\mu\nu}$ corresponds to the Kalb-Ramond two-form gauge field, with $B_{\mu p} = B_{\mu\nu} (e^{-1})_p{}^\nu$, $B_{\mu\bar{p}} = B_{\mu\nu} (\bar{e}^{-1})_{\bar{p}}{}^\nu$.

Parametrization: Reduction to Generalized Geometry

- Take this parametrization and impose $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}_\mu} \sim 0$.

- This reduces (S)DFT to generalized geometry

Hitchin; Grana, Minasian, Petrini, Waldram

- For example, the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ covariant Dirac operators become

$$\sqrt{2}\gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A \rho \sim \gamma^m \left(\partial_m \rho + \frac{1}{4} \omega_{mnp} \gamma^{np} \rho + \frac{1}{24} H_{mnp} \gamma^{np} \rho - \partial_m \phi \rho \right),$$

$$\sqrt{2}\gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A \psi_{\bar{p}} \sim \gamma^m \left(\partial_m \psi_{\bar{p}} + \frac{1}{4} \omega_{mnp} \gamma^{np} \psi_{\bar{p}} + \bar{\omega}_{m\bar{p}\bar{q}} \psi^{\bar{q}} + \frac{1}{24} H_{mnp} \gamma^{np} \psi_{\bar{p}} + \frac{1}{2} H_{m\bar{p}\bar{q}} \psi^{\bar{q}} - \partial_m \phi \psi_{\bar{p}} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{2}\bar{V}^A_{\bar{p}} \mathcal{D}_A \rho \sim \partial_{\bar{p}} \rho + \frac{1}{4} \omega_{\bar{p}qr} \gamma^{qr} \rho + \frac{1}{8} H_{\bar{p}qr} \gamma^{qr} \rho,$$

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{D}_A \psi^A \sim \partial^{\bar{p}} \psi_{\bar{p}} + \frac{1}{4} \omega_{\bar{p}qr} \gamma^{qr} \psi^{\bar{p}} + \bar{\omega}^{\bar{p}}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}} \psi^{\bar{q}} + \frac{1}{8} H_{\bar{p}qr} \gamma^{qr} \psi^{\bar{p}} - 2\partial_{\bar{p}} \phi \psi^{\bar{p}}.$$

$\omega_\mu \pm \frac{1}{2} H_\mu$ and $\omega_\mu \pm \frac{1}{6} H_\mu$ naturally appear as spin connections. Liu, Minasian

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Diagonal gauge fixing and Reduction to SUGRA

- Once Identifying two zhenbeins

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the local Lorentz symmetries are broken to the diagonal gauge symmetry

$$\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)_L \times \mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)_R \implies \mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)_D.$$

- ordinary SUGRA \equiv diagonal gauge-fixed SDFT,

Diagonal gauge fixing and Reduction to SUGRA

- After the diagonal gauge fixing, we may parameterize the R-R potential as

$$\mathcal{C} \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{D+2}{4}} \sum'_p \frac{1}{p!} \mathcal{C}_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \gamma^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p}$$

and obtain the field strength,

$$\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{D}_+^0 \mathcal{C} \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{D}{4}} \sum'_p \frac{1}{(p+1)!} \mathcal{F}_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{p+1}} \gamma^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{p+1}}$$

where \sum'_p denotes the odd p sum for Type IIA and even p sum for Type IIB, and

$$\mathcal{F}_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} = p \left(D_{[a_1} \mathcal{C}_{a_2 \dots a_p]} - \partial_{[a_1} \phi \mathcal{C}_{a_2 \dots a_p]} \right) + \frac{p!}{3!(p-3)!} H_{[a_1 a_2 a_3} \mathcal{C}_{a_4 \dots a_p]}$$

- The pair of nilpotent differential operators, \mathcal{D}_+^0 and \mathcal{D}_-^0 , reduce to an exterior derivative and its dual,

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Modified $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ IIA \leftrightarrow IIB

- In order to preserve the diagonal gauge, $e_\mu{}^p \equiv \bar{e}_\mu{}^{\bar{p}}$, the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ transformation rule is modified.
- A compensating local Lorentz transformation, $\bar{L}_{\bar{q}}{}^{\bar{p}}, S_{\bar{L}}{}^{\bar{\alpha}}{}_{\bar{\beta}} \in \mathbf{Pin}(D-1, 1)_R$, must be accompanied:

$$\bar{V}_A{}^{\bar{p}} \longrightarrow M_A{}^B \bar{V}_B{}^{\bar{q}} \bar{L}_{\bar{q}}{}^{\bar{p}}, \quad \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}} \bar{L}_{\bar{q}}{}^{\bar{p}} = S_{\bar{L}}^{-1} \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}} S_{\bar{L}},$$

where

$$\bar{L} = \bar{e}^{-1} [\mathbf{a}^t - (g + B)\mathbf{b}^t] [\mathbf{a}^t + (g - B)\mathbf{b}^t]^{-1} \bar{e},$$

in the parametrization of the generic $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ group element,

$$M_A{}^B = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^\mu{}_\nu & \mathbf{b}^{\mu\sigma} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\rho\nu} & \mathbf{d}_\rho{}^\sigma \end{pmatrix}.$$

Modified $O(D, D)$ Transformation Rule After The Diagonal Gauge Fixing

d	\longrightarrow	d
V_A^p	\longrightarrow	$M_A^B V_B^p$
$\bar{V}_A^{\bar{p}}$	\longrightarrow	$M_A^B \bar{V}_B^{\bar{q}} \bar{L}_{\bar{q}}^{\bar{p}}$
$\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}_{\bar{\alpha}}, \mathcal{F}^{\alpha}_{\bar{\alpha}}$	\longrightarrow	$\mathcal{C}^{\bar{\alpha}}_{\bar{\beta}} (S_{\bar{L}}^{-1})^{\bar{\beta}}_{\bar{\alpha}}, \mathcal{F}^{\bar{\alpha}}_{\bar{\beta}} (S_{\bar{L}}^{-1})^{\bar{\beta}}_{\bar{\alpha}}$
ρ^{α}	\longrightarrow	ρ^{α}
$\rho'^{\bar{\alpha}}$	\longrightarrow	$(S_{\bar{L}})^{\bar{\alpha}}_{\bar{\beta}} \rho'^{\bar{\beta}}$
ψ_p^{α}	\longrightarrow	$(\bar{L}^{-1})_{\bar{p}}^{\bar{q}} \psi_{\bar{q}}^{\alpha}$
$\psi_p'^{\bar{\alpha}}$	\longrightarrow	$(S_{\bar{L}})^{\bar{\alpha}}_{\bar{\beta}} \psi_p'^{\bar{\beta}}$

- All the barred indices are now to be rotated.

Consistent with Hassan

Modified $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$: IIA \Leftrightarrow IIB

- **If and only if $\det(\bar{L}) = -1$, the modified $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ rotation flips the chirality of the theory, since**

$$\bar{\gamma}^{(D+1)} S_L = \det(\bar{L}) S_L \bar{\gamma}^{(D+1)} .$$

- This is the mechanism of exchanging of type IIA and IIB supergravities under $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ T-duality.

Summary

- Having the DFT extension of the Christoffel connection,

$$\Gamma_{CAB} = 2(P\partial_C P\bar{P})_{[AB]} + 2(\bar{P}_{[A}{}^D \bar{P}_{B]}{}^E - P_{[A}{}^D P_{B]}{}^E) \partial_D P_{EC} - \frac{4}{D-1} (\bar{P}_{C[A} \bar{P}_{B]}{}^D + P_{C[A} P_{B]}{}^D) (\partial_{Dd} + (P\partial^E P\bar{P})_{[ED]}),$$

the semi-covariant formalism provides the geometrical description for Double Field Theory

- It manifests all the bosonic symmetries and successfully provides the supersymmetric extension of DFT in full order of fermions
- It is the unifying description of the type IIA and IIB: a single theory contains two types of solutions.
- Parametrization and diagonal gauge fixed SDFT is ordinary supergravities.
- After diagonal gauge IIA and IIB exchange is realized.

Conclusion

Thank you.

Semi-covariant formulation of Double Field Theory

Remark: Failure of the Equivalence Principle

Unlike the Christoffel symbol, the DFT-diffeomorphisms cannot transform our connection to vanish point-wise:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{CAB} &= 2(P\partial_C P\bar{P})_{[AB]} + 2(\bar{P}_{[A}{}^D\bar{P}_{B]}{}^E - P_{[A}{}^D P_{B]}{}^E)\partial_D P_{EC} \\ &\quad - \frac{4}{D-1}(\bar{P}_{C[A}\bar{P}_{B]}{}^D + P_{C[A}P_{B]}{}^D)(\partial_D d + (P\partial^E P\bar{P})_{[ED]}) \\ &\neq 0.\end{aligned}$$

That is to say, there is no normal coordinate in DFT. This can be viewed as the failure of the equivalence principle applied to an extended object, *i.e.* string.