

Note; singlet means that it is invariant under $SO(N)$ group.



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→ Heterotic theory

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We decouple left and right-moving modes. When we start with a superstring theory, where right moving modes are same like previous modes discussed.

But left-moving modes to include a suitable Current algebra. This will introduce non-abelian gauge symmetries. This hybridization is called "heterotic".

We describe an action related to this

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2\sigma \left(\sum_{\mu=0}^9 (\partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial^\alpha X_\mu - 2i \psi^+ \partial_\mp \psi^-) - 2i \sum_{A=1}^n \lambda^A \partial_\mp \lambda^A \right)$$

left-moving modes

ψ^μ , $\mu=0, \dots, 9$ transform as the vector rep. of the Lorentz group. λ^A , $A=1, \dots, n$ are Lorentz singlets, which carry some internal charges.

Both λ^A and ψ^μ are Majorana-Weyl fermions.



The right-moving modes are ψ_-^u and the right-moving part of X^u . These are the right-moving modes of one of the type II models, so the critical dimension is ten, this is why we have set $D=10$ in the action.

There is also ~~an~~ supersymmetry between X^u and ψ_-^u .

$$\delta X^u = i\epsilon \psi_-^u \quad \delta \psi_-^u = \epsilon \partial_- X^u$$

ϵ has only positive chirality here. This introduces the commuting ghosts. These modes are $\nu_{3/2}$

and $\mu_{-1/2}$.

The left-moving modes are from X^u and λ^A . However, there are no supersymmetries in left-moving sector. The only left-moving ghosts are reparametrization ghosts, which are enough to cancel the contribution of 26 bosons.

But since we have only ten X^u , the rest of the Virasoro anomaly must be cancelled by λ^A . 32 λ^A is needed. With some boundary conditions, λ^A

carry SO(32)
gauge theory

If the boundary conditions are different, one instead gets $E_8 \times E_8$.

* some boundary conditions!

Sol(32) Theory

There will be two conditions; periodic and anti-periodic. one ^{can} may break Sol(32) with assigning periodic boundary conditions to some left-moving modes and some anti-periodic.

→ Periodic sector, P, is analog of Ramond sector

$$\lambda^A(\sigma) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_n^A e^{-2in\sigma}$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and

$$\{\lambda_m^A, \lambda_n^B\} = \delta^{AB} \delta_{m+n}$$

→ The anti-periodic sector, A, is analog of NS sector (superstring) → modes λ_r^A with $r \in \mathbb{Z} + 1/2$ and the anti-commutation relations

$$\{\lambda_r^A, \lambda_s^B\} = \delta^{AB} \delta_{r+s}$$



We can construct separate Virasoro operators L_m and \tilde{L}_m from right and left-moving modes.

A physical state $|\Omega\rangle$ was required to obey $(L_m |\Omega\rangle = \tilde{L}_m |\Omega\rangle = 0)$ for $m > 0$

$$(L_0 - a) |\Omega\rangle = (\tilde{L}_0 - \tilde{a}) |\Omega\rangle = 0$$

L_0 (or \tilde{L}_0) is of form $p^2/2 + N$ (or $p^2/2 + \tilde{N}$) where N and \tilde{N} are constructed from oscillator coordinates.

In terms of transverse modes

$$N = \sum_{-n}^{\infty} (\alpha_{-n} \cdot \alpha_n + n S_{-n}^a S_n^a)$$

for left-moving modes on the other hand (for p-sector)

$$\tilde{N} = \sum_{-n}^{\infty} (\tilde{\alpha}_{-n} \cdot \tilde{\alpha}_n + n \lambda_{-n}^A \lambda_n^A)$$

and for (A sector)

$$\tilde{N} = \sum_{-n}^{\infty} (\tilde{\alpha}_{-n} \cdot \tilde{\alpha}_n + n \lambda_{-n}^A \lambda_n^A)$$

For constants a and \tilde{a} , we have $a=0$ from supersymmetry.

$$a_A = \frac{8}{24} + \frac{32}{48} = 1$$

$$a_{\psi} = \frac{2}{24} - \frac{32}{48} = -1$$

Since $a=0$, we have a on-shell mass condition

$$P^2 = -8N$$

(a)

↑
No tachyons

~~in~~ A-sector

$$\frac{1}{4} (\text{mass})^2 = N + \tilde{N} - 1$$

where $N = \tilde{N} - 1$ and in the p sector

$$\frac{1}{4} (\text{mass})^2 = N + \tilde{N} + 1$$

where $N = \tilde{N} + 1$

According to (a), we have massless states for $N=0$, so we must have massless products in the A sector with $\tilde{N}=1$, while in p sector with $\tilde{N}=1$.

(But since \tilde{N} is a semi-definite operator, we ignore p-sector).

The space of massless sector is just the tensor products of right-moving modes with $N=0$ and with the left-moving modes with $\tilde{N}=1$ (in the A sector).

P sector
is at impostant
as A sector, will
see in loop diagrams.

Spin(32)/Z₂

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For the right-moving modes, the space of
states $N=0$ with $D=10$ fermion
multiplet.

$$|0\rangle_R \text{ and } |0\rangle_R$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$

$$8_V \qquad 8_C$$

of Spin(8)

For the left-moving modes with $\tilde{N}=1$ (massless)

$$\alpha_{-1}^i |0\rangle_L \rightarrow 8 \text{ transverse states}$$

Spin(32)

These states are, of course, $SO(32)$ singlets of course.
And, other states for $\tilde{N}=1$

$$\lambda^A \lambda^B |0\rangle_L \rightarrow 16 \text{ states}$$

These are Lorentz singlets and transform in the
adjoint representation of $SO(32)$

Lie algebra \rightarrow a manifold equipped
with symmetries which are continuous



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E₈ X E₈ Theory

Finite dimensional Lie algebra. Most exceptional
as they say.

E₈ \approx Exceptional, E₈ is the largest (of course
A₁₀₀₀ is).

We begin with SO(16) sub-algebra. The generators
of SO(16) are operators J_{ij}⁰⁰ (with J_{ij}⁰⁰ = -J_{ji}⁰⁰)
so that there are 16 x 15 = 120 of them that
obey the SO(16) Lie algebra.

$$[J_{ij}^{00}, J_{kl}^{00}] = J_{ij}^{00} \delta_{jk} - J_{ij}^{00} \delta_{ik} - J_{kl}^{00} \delta_{ij} + J_{kl}^{00} \delta_{il}$$

To these we adjoin operators Q _{α} transforming
in the positive chirality spinor rep. of SO(16).

SO(16) dim is $2^7 = 128$

$$\text{SO} \quad 128 + 120 = 248$$

Q _{α} transforms as spinors of SO(16) means that

$$[J_{ij}^{00}, Q_{\alpha}] = (\sigma_{ij}^{00})_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\beta}$$



We must define a Lie-algebra, \mathfrak{so} not super-algebra,
So this is a commutator, not an anti-commutator!

$SO(16)$ group theory uniquely determines this is up to
normalization to be

$$[\alpha_\lambda, \alpha_\beta] = (\delta_{ij})_{\lambda\beta} J_{ij}$$

In constructing the spin $(32)_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ theory we assigned
to all 32 components of ψ^A the same boundary
condition - $\psi = \psi$ - in order to be consistent with the
symmetry.

$E_8 \times E_8$ has 496 generators, as $SO(32)$.

$E_7 \times E_8$ is rank "2".

[$E_7 \times E_8$ is far more interesting than $SO(32)$.]

~ We construct a theory with smaller symmetry elements than
 $Spin(32)$ / perhaps $Spin(n) \times Spin(32-n)$. We remove the
32 left-moving fermions up into a group of n and a
group of $32-n$.

So

$SO(n) \times SO(32-n)$ doesn't have same
boundary conditions (p and A sector).



$E_8 \times E_8$ Theory — Continue

So, we can assign the p sectors and A sector boundary conditions to the two sets of fermion oscillators separately \rightarrow for $SO(n) \times SO(32-n)$

4 possible sectors

- i) AA
- ii) AP
- iii) PA
- iv) PP

where the first label refers to the boundary conditions of $SO(n)$ of "A" and the second label to those obeyed by the remaining $32-n$ components.

four relations for

$$N = \tilde{N} - \tilde{a} \text{ as well.}$$

$$\tilde{a}_{AA} = 1$$

$$\tilde{a}_{AP} = \frac{n-1}{16}$$

$$\tilde{a}_{PA} = \frac{1-n}{16}$$

$$\tilde{a}_{PP} = 1$$

See the

EWS

So for, $\text{Spin}(16) \times \text{Spin}(16)$ is an algebra for

$E_8 \times E_8$



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For AA sector and PP sector, we have

$$n = 8 \text{ or } 24 \rightarrow \text{Spin}(24) \times \text{Spin}(8)$$

$$n = 16 \rightarrow \text{Spin}(12) \times \text{Spin}(6)$$

$$n = 32 = 0 \rightarrow \text{Spin}(32)/\mathbb{Z}_2$$

We will ignore $\text{Spin}(24) \times \text{Spin}(8)$ as this suffers a lot from one-loop amplitudes and divergences.

We have ^{two} oscillators (each contributing $\pm 1/2$ to the eigenvalue of \vec{N})

$$\lambda^A \quad \lambda^B \quad |0\rangle_L$$

$-1/2 \quad -1/2$

↳ the spectrum.

Under $\text{Spin}(16) \times \text{Spin}(16)$

$$(120, 1) \text{ if } A, B = 1, \dots, 16$$

$$(1, 120) \text{ if } A, B = 17, \dots, 32$$

$$(16, 16) \text{ if } A = 1, \dots, 16, B = 17, \dots, 32$$