

CONFORMAL FIELD THEORY, EXERCISE SET 4

1. Derive the Euler-Lagrange field equations of the Wess-Zumino-Witten model from the WZW Lagrangian.

2. Using Darboux coordinates show that $[X_f, X_g] = X_{\{f,g\}}$ where X_f is the Hamiltonian vector field corresponding to a smooth function f .

3. Show that $\{f, \{g, h\}\} + \{g, \{h, f\}\} + \{h, \{f, g\}\} = 0$.

4. Let $\Omega G = \{g \in LG | g(0) = g(2\pi) = 1\}$ be the *based loop group*. Identifying tangent vectors on ΩG at arbitrary point g as tangent vectors at the identity, that is, as elements of the Lie algebra $\Omega \mathfrak{g}$, through right translation by g^{-1} , define the 2-form

$$\omega(X, Y) = \int_0^{2\pi} \text{tr} X(x)Y'(x)dx.$$

Show that ω is a symplectic form on ΩG . The trace is taken in a faithful representation of G , e.g. the defining representation for $G = SU(n)$.

5. Show that also the modified 2-form

$$\omega(X, Y) = \int \text{tr} (g'g^{-1}[X, Y] + XY')dx$$

is nondegenerate on ΩG . Is ω a symplectic form?