

CONFORMAL FIELD THEORY, EXERCISE SET 8

1. Derive the formula $i[Q_k, \Phi_a(x)] = (x^2 \partial_k - 2x_k E - 2\Delta_a x_k) \Phi_a$ for the generators Q_k of special conformal transformations, starting from the formula $x \mapsto x^b = (1 + 2x \cdot b + x^2 b^2)^{-1} (x + x^2 b)$ for finite special conformal transformations. Here Φ_a is a field of conformal weight Δ_a and $E = \sum_k x^k \partial_k$.

2. Prove the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} [T, Y(a, z, \bar{z})] &= \partial_z Y(a, z, \bar{z}) \\ [H, Y(a, z, \bar{z})] &= (z \partial_z + \Delta_a) Y(a, z, \bar{z}) \\ [T^*, Y(a, z, \bar{z})] &= (z^2 \partial_z + 2\Delta_a z) Y(a, z, \bar{z}) \end{aligned}$$

with $Y(a, z, \bar{z}) = (1+z)^{-2\Delta_a} (1+\bar{z})^{-2\bar{\Delta}_a} \Phi_a(t, \bar{t})$ in a two dimensional conformal field theory. Here $t = x_0 - x_1$ and $\bar{t} = x_0 + x_1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{1}{2}(P_0 - P_1) \\ Q &= -\frac{1}{2}(Q_0 + Q_1) \\ T &= \frac{1}{2}(P + [P, Q] - Q) \\ H &= \frac{1}{2}(P + Q) \\ T^* &= \frac{1}{2}(P - [P, Q] - Q). \end{aligned}$$

3. Let $|0\rangle$ be the vacuum vector in a 2d conformal field theory. Show that $H|a\rangle = \Delta_a|a\rangle$ and $T^*[a] = 0$ where $|a\rangle = \Phi_a(t, \bar{t})|0\rangle$ at $t = i, \bar{t} = i$ (in the light cone coordinates), that is, $z = 0 = \bar{z}$ for $z = \frac{1+it}{1-it}, \bar{z} = \frac{1+i\bar{t}}{1-i\bar{t}}$. Use the results of the previous exercise! Note that assuming the Wightman spectral condition for P_k and a similar condition for Q_k leads to $\Delta_a \geq 0$.

4. Prove the Wightman locality for the free real scalar field $\phi(x) = \phi^+(x) + \phi^-(x)$ (decomposition to positive and negative frequencies) in four space-time dimensions starting from $[\phi^+(x), \phi^-(y)] = \Delta^+(x-y)$ with

$$\Delta^+(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{2p_0} e^{-ip \cdot x}$$

with $p_0 = +\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}$.