T-duality in coordinate dependent background

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Outline

- We consider the closed string propagating in the weakly curved background which consists of constant metric and Kalb-Ramond field with infinitesimally small coordinate dependent part.
- We perform T-duality transformations along coordinates on which the Kalb-Ramond field depends.
- We obtain the T-dual theory defined in the non-geometric double space, described by the Lagrange multiplier y_μ and its *T*-dual in absence of background fields ỹ_μ.
- ▶ We find the global symmetry of the *T*-dual theory, in the doubled target space and the procedure to return to the initial theory.
- Global issues

Bosonic string in the weakly curved background

• Action for the closed string in the conformal gauge $g_{\alpha\beta} = e^{2F}\eta_{\alpha\beta}$ equals

$$S[x] = \kappa \int_{\Sigma} d^2 \xi \; \partial_+ x^{\mu} \Pi_{+\mu\nu}[x] \partial_- x^{\nu}, \quad \partial_{\pm} = \partial_{\tau} \pm \partial_{\sigma},$$

where

$$\Pi_{\pm \mu \nu}[x] = B_{\mu \nu}[x] \pm \frac{1}{2} G_{\mu \nu}[x].$$

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$$G_{\mu\nu} = G_{\nu\mu}$$
 metric tensor
• $B_{\mu\nu} = -B_{\nu\mu}$ Kalb-Ramond field

Weakly curved background

- consistency of the theory implies conformal invariance on the quantum level
- space-time equations of motion

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particular solution

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u}[x]=b_{\mu
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u}=const, \quad B_{\mu
u
ho}=const \end{aligned}$$

• we choose infinitesimal $B_{\mu\nu\rho}$ and we work up to the terms linear in it

Standard Bouscher's construction

- The premise is that the target space has isometries.
- It is possible to chose adopted coordinates x^µ = (xⁱ, x^a), so that the isometries act as translations of x^a components.
- If background fields are x^a-independent, the action is invariant under the global shift symmetry.

Generalized Bouscher's construction

- In the weakly curved background, despite of x^a-dependence of the background fields, the global shift δx^μ = λ^μ = const, leaves the action for the closed string, invariant.
- For simplicity we suppose that all the coordinates are compact. As B_{μν} is linear in coordinate, one has

$$\delta S = \frac{\kappa}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} \lambda^{\rho} \int d^2 \xi \partial_+ x^{\mu} \partial_- x^{\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} \lambda^{\rho} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \int d^2 \xi \partial_\alpha x^{\mu} \partial_\beta x^{\nu}.$$

This is proportional to the total divergence

$$\delta S = rac{\kappa}{3} B_{\mu
u
ho} \lambda^{
ho} \epsilon^{lphaeta} \int d^2 \xi \partial_{lpha} (x^{\mu} \partial_{eta} x^{
u}) = 0,$$

which vanishes in the case of

- the closed string and
- the topologically trivial mapping of the world-sheet into the space-time.

Gauging the symmetry

To localize this global symmetry, we introduce the world-sheet gauge fields v^μ_α and substitute the ordinary derivatives with the covariant ones

$$\partial_{\alpha} x^{\mu} \to D_{\alpha} x^{\mu} = \partial_{\alpha} x^{\mu} + v^{\mu}_{\alpha}$$

We want the covariant derivatives to be gauge invariant, so we impose the transformation law for the gauge fields

$$\delta \mathbf{v}^{\mu}_{\alpha} = -\partial_{\alpha}\lambda^{\mu}, \quad (\lambda^{\mu} = \lambda^{\mu}(\tau, \sigma)).$$

• This replacement is however not sufficient to make the action locally invariant because the background field $B_{\mu\nu}$ in the weakly curved background, depends on the coordinate x^{μ} which is not gauge invariant.

Invariant coordinate

- The background field B_{μν} depends on the coordinate x^μ which is not gauge invariant.
- To make the action invariant we should replace the coordinate x^μ, with some extension for it, where only already introduced gauge fields v^μ_α will appear.
- We take

$$x_{inv}^{\mu} = x^{\mu} + V^{\mu}[v_+, v_-].$$

• V^{μ} is line integral of the gauge fields

$$V^{\mu}[v_{+},v_{-}] \equiv \int_{P} d\xi^{lpha} v^{\mu}_{lpha} = \int_{P} (d\xi^{+}v^{\mu}_{+} + d\xi^{-}v^{\mu}_{-}),$$

taken along the path P, from the initial point $\xi_0^{\alpha}(\tau_0, \sigma_0)$ to the final one $\xi^{\alpha}(\tau, \sigma)$.

Gauged action

- Dual theory should be equivalent to the initial one.
- New degrees of freedom should not be introduced through the gauge fields.
- Therefore, we require the corresponding field strength

$$F^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \partial_{\alpha} v^{\mu}_{\beta} - \partial_{\beta} v^{\mu}_{\alpha},$$

to vanish.

- This is achieved by introducing the Lagrange multiplier y_{μ} , and the appropriate term in the Lagrangian which forces $F_{\perp-}^{\mu} \equiv \partial_+ v_-^{\mu} - \partial_- v_{\perp}^{\mu} = -2F_{01}^{\mu}$ to vanish.
- The proposition for the gauge invariant action is

$$S_{inv} = \kappa \int d^2 \xi \Big[D_+ x^\mu \Pi_{+\mu\nu} [x_{inv}] D_- x^\nu + \frac{1}{2} (v_+^\mu \partial_- y_\mu - v_-^\mu \partial_+ y_\mu) \Big],$$

where the last term is equal $\frac{1}{2}y_{\mu}F_{+-}^{\mu}$ up to the total divergence.

Gauge fixed action

- We fix the gauge with $x^{\mu} = 0$.
- The gauge fixed action equals

$$S_{\text{fix}}[y, v_{\pm}] = \kappa \int d^2 \xi \Big[v_{+}^{\mu} \Pi_{+\mu\nu} [V] v_{-}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (v_{+}^{\mu} \partial_{-} y_{\mu} - v_{-}^{\mu} \partial_{+} y_{\mu}) \Big],$$

where y_μ and v_\pm^μ are independent variables and

$$V^{\mu}[v_+,v_-] \equiv \int_{P} d\xi^{lpha} v^{\mu}_{lpha} = \int_{P} (d\xi^+ v^{\mu}_+ + d\xi^- v^{\mu}_-).$$

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T-dual action

- The T-dual action will be obtained by integrating out the gauge fields from the gauge fixed action.
- ► The equations of motion with respect to the gauge fields v^µ_± are

$$\Pi_{\mp\mu\nu}[V]v_{\pm}^{\nu}+\frac{1}{2}\partial_{\pm}y_{\mu}=\mp\beta_{\mu}^{\mp}[V].$$

β[∓]_μ comes from the variation with respect to the argument of the background fields, and equals β^α_μ[V] ≡ ∂_μB_{νρ}ε^{αβ}V^ν∂_βV^ρ.
 EM can be rewritten as

$$v^{\mu}_{\pm}(y) = -\kappa \Theta^{\mu
u}_{\pm}[V(y)] \Big[\partial_{\pm}y_{
u} \pm 2eta^{\mp}_{
u}[V(y)]\Big].$$

T-dual action

 Substituting equation of motion into the gauge fixed action, we obtain T-dual action

$${}^{\star}S[y] \equiv S_{fix}[y] = rac{\kappa^2}{2} \int d^2 \xi \; \partial_+ y_\mu \Theta^{\mu
u}_-[V(y)] \partial_- y_
u,$$

where we neglected the term $\beta_{\mu}^{-}\beta_{\nu}^{+}$ as the infinitesimal of the second order.

- ► To obtain the explicit expression for the action we should substitute the solution for v^µ₊ and V^µ.
- In the general case, these can not be trivially found.

Solving EM iteratively

We will solve equations of motion iteratively, separately addressing the Minkowski background and the flat background (zeroth order iteration) case. At each step, we will find the explicit expression for v^μ₊ and V^μ.

Minkowski background fields (*T*₀-duality)

- background $G_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0$
- the gauge fields $v^{(0)\mu}_{\pm}=\pm ({\cal G}^{-1})^{\mu
 u}\partial_{\pm}y_{
 u}$
- The *T*-dual action ${}^*S[y] = \frac{\kappa}{2} \int d^2 \xi \ (G^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \partial_+ y_{\mu} \partial_- y_{\nu}.$
- EM $\partial_+\partial_-y_\mu = 0$, with the solution $y_\mu = y_{+\mu}(\xi^+) + y_{-\mu}(\xi^-)$.
- Interpretation for V^{μ}

$$\begin{split} V^{(0)\mu} &= (G^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \int_{P} (d\xi^{+}\partial_{+}y_{\nu} - d\xi^{-}\partial_{-}y_{\nu}) \\ &= (G^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \int_{P} (d\tau y'_{\nu} + d\sigma \dot{y}_{\nu}) = (G^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \tilde{y}_{\nu}, \end{split}$$

is the T_0 -dual coordinate and $\tilde{y}_{\mu} = y_{+\mu}(\xi^+) - y_{-\mu}(\xi^-)$.

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Solving EM iteratively

- ▶ The flat background (*T*₁-duality)
 - ▶ the constant background $G_{\mu\nu}[x] \rightarrow G_{\mu\nu}$, $B_{\mu\nu}[x] \rightarrow b_{\mu\nu}$
 - the quantities G^E_{µν}[x], θ^{µν}[x], Π_{±µν}[x], Θ^{µν}_±[x] reduce to their constant parts

$$\begin{split} G^{E}_{\mu\nu}[x] &\to g_{\mu\nu} \equiv [G - 4bG^{-1}b]_{\mu\nu}, \\ \theta^{\mu\nu}[x] &\to \theta^{\mu\nu}_{0} \equiv -\frac{2}{\kappa} [g^{-1}bG^{-1}]^{\mu\nu}, \\ \Pi_{\pm\mu\nu}[x] &\to \Pi_{0\pm\mu\nu} \equiv b_{\mu\nu} \pm \frac{1}{2}G_{\mu\nu}, \\ \Theta^{\mu\nu}_{\pm}[x] &\to \Theta^{\mu\nu}_{0\pm} \equiv \theta^{\mu\nu}_{0} \mp \frac{1}{\kappa} (g^{-1})^{\mu\nu}. \end{split}$$

• $\Pi_{0+\mu\nu}$ is constant, β^{\pm}_{μ} vanishes and gauge fields equal

$$v_{\pm}^{(1)\mu} = -\kappa \,\Theta_{0\pm}^{\mu
u} \partial_{\pm} y_{
u}$$

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Solving EM iteratively

- The flat background (T₁-duality)
 - The T₁-dual action S[y] = κ²/2 ∫ d²ξ ∂₊y_μΘ^{μν}₀∂₋y_ν, has in comparison to T₀ case the additional term depending on the constant antisymmetric background field b_{μν}. Because this term is topological, it does not contribute to the equations of motion and therefore these are the same as in the T₀-case.
 V^{(1)μ} becomes

$$V^{(1)\mu} = -\kappa \Theta_{0+}^{\mu\nu} y_{+\nu}(\xi^+) - \kappa \Theta_{0-}^{\mu\nu} y_{-\nu}(\xi^-) \\ = (g^{-1})^{\mu\nu} [(2bG^{-1})_{\nu}^{\ \rho} y_{\rho} + \tilde{y}_{\nu}].$$

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$$V^{(1)\mu} = (g^{-1})^{\mu\nu} [(2bG^{-1})_{\nu}^{\ \rho} y_{\rho} + \tilde{y}_{\nu}]$$

► gauge fields
$$v_{\pm}^{\mu} = -\kappa \Theta_{\pm}^{\mu\nu} [V^{(1)}] \left[\partial_{\pm} y_{\nu} \pm \beta_{\nu}^{\mp} [V^{(1)}] \right]$$

• The T-dual action *
$$S[y] = rac{\kappa^2}{2} \int d^2 \xi \; \partial_+ y_\mu \Theta^{\mu\nu}_-[V^{(1)}] \partial_- y_\nu$$

Initial action transforms into the T-dual action under

$$\partial_{\pm} x^{\mu} \to \partial_{\pm} y_{\mu}, \qquad \Pi_{+\mu\nu}[x] \to \frac{\kappa}{2} \Theta^{\mu\nu}_{-}[V^{(1)}]$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow {}^{*}G^{\mu\nu}[y,\tilde{y}] = (G_{E}^{-1})^{\mu\nu}[V^{(1)}]$$
$$B_{\mu\nu}[x] \rightarrow {}^{*}B^{\mu\nu}[y,\tilde{y}] = \frac{\kappa}{2}\theta^{\mu\nu}[V^{(1)}]$$

► Dual background fields * G^{µν} and *B^{µν} are defined on the doubled target space (y, ỹ).

The T-dual of the T-dual theory

- T-dual theory is by construction physically equivalent to the initial one.
- We should expect that the T-dual of the T-dual theory is just the initial theory.
- The shift $\delta y_{\mu} = \lambda_{\mu}$ is not the global symmetry.
- Let us find the global symmetry of the T-dual action.
- We consider the global transformations which differ for the different chirality parts $\delta y_{\pm\mu} = \mp \Pi_{0\mp\mu\nu} \lambda^{\nu}$, and are chosen in such a way that V^{μ} is globally invariant $\delta V^{\mu} = 0$.
- Let us localize this symmetry and find the corresponding locally invariant action. We are going to gauge independently both chirality components with the chiral local parameters

$$\delta y_{\pm\mu} = \mp \Pi_{0\mp\mu\nu} \lambda_{\pm}^{\nu} (\xi^{\pm}).$$

Gauging the symmetry

 We covariantize the derivatives introducing the gauge fields *u*_{±µ}

$$D_{\pm}y_{\mu} = \partial_{\pm}y_{\mu} + u_{\pm\mu}.$$

Demanding

$$\delta D_{\pm} y_{\mu} = 0,$$

we require that $u_{\pm\mu}$ transform as

$$\delta u_{\pm\mu} = \pm \Pi_{0\mp\mu\nu} \lambda_{\pm}^{\nu} (\xi^{\pm}).$$

• How does V^{μ} transform? Using $\Theta_{0\pm}^{\mu\nu}\Pi_{0\mp\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{2\kappa}\delta_{\rho}^{\mu}$, we conclude

$$\delta V^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda^{\mu}_{+} - \lambda^{\mu}_{-}) = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}^{\mu}$$

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Action dual to T-dual action

► To construct an invariant expression V^µ_{inv} = V^µ + U^µ[u₊, u₋], we will take U^µ in a form

$$U^{\mu}=-\kappa\Theta_{0+}^{\mu\nu}\int d\xi^{+}u_{+\nu}-\kappa\Theta_{0-}^{\mu\nu}\int d\xi^{-}u_{-\nu},$$

which produces

$$\delta V^{\mu}_{inv} = 0$$

The dual invariant action is

$$egin{array}{rcl} ^{\star}S_{inv}&=&rac{\kappa^2}{2}\int d^2\xi D_+y_\mu\Theta_-^{\mu
u}[V+U]D_-y_
u\ &+&rac{\kappa}{2}\int d^2\xi(u_{+\mu}\partial_-z^\mu-u_{-\mu}\partial_+z^\mu), \end{array}$$

where z^{μ} is Lagrange multiplier and the second term makes the gauge fields $u_{\pm\mu}$ nonphysical.

Action dual to T-dual action

The gauge fixing y_{+µ} = y_{−µ} = 0 produces D_±y_{±µ} = u_{±µ} and V^µ = 0, so the action becomes

$$\begin{split} {}^{\star}S_{\text{fix}}[z,u_{\pm}] &= \frac{\kappa^2}{2}\int d^2\xi u_{+\mu}\Theta^{\mu\nu}_{-}[U]u_{-\nu} \\ &+ \frac{\kappa}{2}\int d^2\xi (u_{+\mu}\partial_{-}z^{\mu}-u_{-\mu}\partial_{+}z^{\mu}). \end{split}$$

• The equations of motion with respect to z^{μ}

$$\partial_+ u_{-\mu} - \partial_- u_{+\mu} = 0,$$

have the solution $u_{\pm\mu}=\partial_\pm y_\mu$,

- Therefore $U^{\mu} = V^{\mu}$
- The action becomes

$${}^{\star}S_{\text{fix}}[u_{\pm} = \partial_{\pm}y] = \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \int d^2\xi \partial_{\pm}y_{\mu} \Theta_{-}^{\mu\nu}[V] \partial_{-}y_{\nu}.$$

Integrating out the gauge fields

▶ By varying the action with respect to the gauge fields u_{±µ}, we obtain the equations of motion

$$\partial_{\pm} z^{\mu} = -\kappa \Theta_{\pm}^{\mu\nu} [U] \Big[u_{\pm\nu} \pm 2\beta_{\nu}^{\mp} [U] \Big].$$

• Using the expression $\Theta^{\mu\nu}_{\pm}\Pi_{\mp\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{2\kappa}\delta^{\mu}_{\rho}$, we can extract $u_{\pm\mu}$

$$u_{\pm\mu} = -2\Pi_{\mp\mu\nu}[U]\partial_{\pm}z^{\nu} \mp 2\beta_{\mu}^{\mp}[U].$$

- We solve this equation iteratively.
- The zeroth order values

$$U^{\mu}=z^{\mu},\ eta_{\mu}^{\pm}[U]=eta_{\mu}^{\pm}[z]$$

- The solution is $u_{\pm\mu} = -2\Pi_{\mp\mu\nu}[z]\partial_{\pm}z^{\nu} \mp 2\beta_{\mu}^{\mp}[z]$
- ► T-dual of the T-dual action ** $S[z] \equiv *S_{fix}[z] = \kappa \int d^2 \xi \partial_+ z^\mu \Pi_{+\mu\nu}[z] \partial_- z^\nu$

T-dual transformations

T-dual transformation of the variables law

$$\partial_{\pm} x^{\mu} \cong -\kappa \Theta_{\pm}^{\mu
u} [g^{-1}(2by+ ilde{y})] \Big[\partial_{\pm} y_{
u} \pm \beta_{
u}^{\mp} [g^{-1}(2by+ ilde{y})] \Big]$$

and its inverse

$$\partial_{\pm} y_{\mu} \cong -2\Pi_{\mp\mu\nu}[z]\partial_{\pm} z^{\nu} \mp 2\beta_{\mu}^{\mp}[z]$$

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Features of T-duality

T-duality interchanges momentum and winding numbers, equations of motion and Bianchi identities.

Original theory S	\longrightarrow	T-dual theory *S
Noether current j^{α}_{μ}		Topological current ${}^{\star}i^{lpha}_{\mu}=-\kappa\epsilon^{lphaeta}\partial_{eta}{}^{}y_{\mu}$
Conservation law = Equation of motion		Conservation law = Bianchi identity
$\partial_{lpha} j^{lpha}_{\mu} = 0$		$\partial_{lpha}^{\ \star} i^{lpha}_{\mu} = 0$
Noether conserved charge		Topological conserved charge
$egin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{\mu} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma j^{0}_{\mu} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma \pi_{\mu} = \mathcal{P}_{\mu} \end{aligned}$		${}^{\star}q_{\mu} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma {}^{\star}i^{0}_{\mu} = \kappa \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma y'_{\mu} = {}^{\star}W_{\mu}$
T-dual of T-dual theory $**S = S$	\leftarrow	T-dual theory *S
Topological current $i^{lpha\mu} = -\kappa \epsilon^{lphaeta} \partial_{eta} x^{\mu}$		Noether current $j^{\alpha\mu}$
Conservation law = Bianchi identity		Conservation law = Equation of motion
$\partial_{lpha} i^{lpha\mu} = 0$		$\partial_{lpha}{}^{\star}j^{lpha\mu}=0$
Topological conserved charge		Noether conserved charge
$q^{\mu} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma i^{0\mu} = \kappa \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma x'^{\mu} = W^{\mu}$		${}^{*}Q^{\mu} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma {}^{*}j^{0\mu} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\sigma {}^{*}\pi^{\mu} = {}^{*}P^{\mu}$

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Quantum level - global issues

- Problems
 - ► x_{inv} and V are multivalued
 - $S_{fix} \rightarrow S$ global issues problem
 - higher genus in quantum theory
- Solution in quantum theory
 - Euclidian path integral (using differential form notation) $Z = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \int \mathcal{D}y \mathcal{D}v \ e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \int v G \star v + i\kappa \int v B(V)v + \frac{i\kappa}{2} \int v dy}.$
 - Hodge decomposition of the 1-form v into exact, co-exact and the harmonic parts
 - $\blacktriangleright v = dx + d^{\dagger}v_{ce} + v_h$
 - $dy = dy_e + y_h$ (there is no co-exact part because ddy = 0)
 - ▶ d is exterior derivative, d[†] is the adjoint to d with respect to the inner product (da, b) = (a, d[†]b)
 - All nontrivial holonomies come from the harmonic parts
 - Integration by parts in terms of y_e is allowed

Quantum level - global issues

Dy → Dy_e ∑_{Hy} path integration over local degrees of freedom and sum over topologies (from y_h)

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Quantum level - global issues

- ► Lagrange multipliers y-periodic $\oint_{a_i} y_h = n_{a_i}$, $\oint_{b_i} y_h = n_{b_i}$
- n_{a_i} and n_{b_i} are the winding numbers around cycles a_i, b_i
- Periods of 1-form $v \oint_{a_i} v = A_i$, $\oint_{b_i} v = B_i$
- $\int_{\Sigma} vy_h = \sum_{i=1}^g (n_{b_i}A_i n_{a_i}B_i)$

$$\blacktriangleright H_{y} \rightarrow n_{a_{i}}, n_{b_{i}}, \ dH_{v} \rightarrow dA_{i}dB_{i}$$

• $\sum_{n_{a_i}, m_{b_i} \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\frac{i\kappa}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{g} (n_{b_i}A_i - n_{a_i}B_i)} = \delta(A_i)\delta(B_i)$ periodic delta functions

$$\triangleright \ Z = \int \mathcal{D}x \, dA_i dB_i \delta(A_i) \delta(B_i) \, e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \int_{\Sigma} v \, G^* v + i\kappa \int_{\Sigma} v B[V] v}$$

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V-dependence on the path P

$$\blacktriangleright v = dx + v_h \rightarrow V = x - x_0 + \int_P v_h$$

- ► $V^{\mu}[P] V^{\mu}[P_1] = \oint_{PP_1^{-1}} v_h^{\mu}$ depends only on the cohomology class of v_h
- ► If PP_1^{-1} is homological to a curve $\sum_i [n_i a_i + m_i b_i]$ then $V^{\mu}[P] V^{\mu}[P_1] = \sum_i [n_i A_i + m_i B_i]$
- $dA_i dB_i \rightarrow A_i = 0 = B_i \rightarrow V(P) = V(P_1)$ is single valued $v = dx \rightarrow V = x$
- The initial action is regained

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}x e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \int_{\Sigma} dx \, G^* dx + i\kappa \int_{\Sigma} dx B[x] dx}$$
$$= \int \mathcal{D}x e^{-\kappa \int_{\Sigma} d^2 \xi \partial x \Pi_+[x] \bar{\partial}x}$$

► The winding modes of the Lagrange multiplier y^µ (n_{ai}, n_{bi}) act as the Lagrange multipliers for the holonomies