

Relating duality covariant approaches to higher derivatives

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There are **two approaches** to T-duality covariant first order corrections in heterotic supergravity:

- Extending the duality structure

[Bedoya, DM and Nunez 2014](#)

[Coimbra, Minasian, Triendl and Waldram 2014](#)

- Deforming the gauge symmetries

[Hohm and Zwiebach 2014](#)

[DM and Nunez 2015](#)

Puzzles

- How are they related?
- How are they extended to higher orders?

Case 1: extended duality group

Bedoya, DM and Nunez 2014

Coimbra, Minasian, Triendl and Waldram 2014

Lee 2015

Extended duality group approach

It is based on **two facts** related to heterotic supergravity

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The **Bergshoeff-de Roo identification** is based on the transformation behavior

$$\begin{array}{llll} \delta A = \bar{\epsilon}\gamma\chi & \leftrightarrow & \delta\omega_- = \bar{\epsilon}\gamma D\psi \\ \delta\chi = F_{\mu\nu}\gamma^{\mu\nu}\epsilon & \leftrightarrow & \delta D\psi = R_{-\mu\nu}\gamma^{\mu\nu}\epsilon \end{array}$$

The pair $(\omega_-, D\psi)$ **effectively** behaves as a gauge multiplet.

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- $CS(\omega_-)$ deforms the transformation of ω^- itself, rendering the identification ill-defined to second order.
- Noether procedure for higher orders, [Bergshoeff and de Roo 1989](#).

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$$\mathcal{E}[e, B, \mathbf{A}] \in \mathcal{G} , \quad \Psi = (\psi, \chi) \text{ vector } \overline{O(D + k)}$$

Generalized diffeomorphisms = ($GL(D)$ diffs, B-shifts, \mathcal{K}).

Extended duality group approach

Based on these observations one makes a further extension of the duality group

$$\mathcal{E}[e, B, A, A'], \quad \Psi = (\psi, \chi, \chi')$$

and performs a **Bergshoeff-de Roo identification**

$$\mathcal{K} \leftrightarrow O(D) \in \overline{O(D+k)}$$

such that

$$A' = \omega_- , \quad \chi' = D\psi$$

to lowest order.

Extended duality group approach

Pro

- It is guaranteed to work to first order.

Cons

- It is guaranteed **not** to work to higher orders.
- The identification is done *after* the $GL(D)$ and $O(D)$ decomposition, so the procedure is **not duality covariant**.

Case 2: deformed gauge symmetries

Hohm and Zwiebach 2014

DM and Nunez 2014

Baron, F. Melgarejo, DM and Nunez 2017

Deformed gauge transformations approach

It is based on the transformation of the Kalb-Ramond field due to [Green and Schwarz 1984](#)

$$\delta B = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (d\Lambda \wedge \omega_-)$$

which **requires** and **fixes** higher derivative terms

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Deformed gauge transformations approach

The **generalized Green-Schwarz transformation** is the T-duality covariant extension

$$\begin{aligned}\delta E_M^a &= -E_M^{\bar{d}} D_{\bar{d}} \Lambda^{\bar{bc}} F^a_{bc} \\ \delta E_M^{\bar{a}} &= E_M^d D^{\bar{a}} \Lambda^{\bar{bc}} F_{\underline{d}\bar{bc}}\end{aligned}$$

It **requires** and **fixes** higher derivative terms in DFT, which translate into

$$\mathcal{L} = R + 4(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} \hat{H}^2 - \frac{1}{4} F^2 + \frac{1}{4} R_-^2$$

T-duality forces the inclusion of quadratic Riemann interactions.

Deformed gauge transformations approach

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- It is **duality covariant**: helps in clarifying the role of T-duality as an organizing principle for higher interactions.

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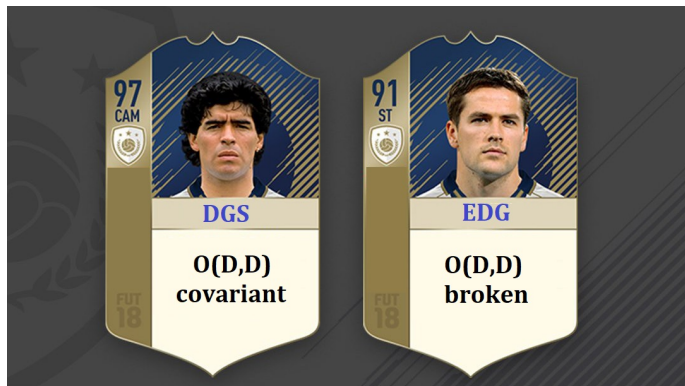
- Only known to first order.
- Not supersymmetric yet.

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Comparing them looks like a crazy thing to do...



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- Only then one should try a first order generalized Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

$$A \leftrightarrow \omega_- \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{C} \leftrightarrow ?$$

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A priori this seems impossible because for finite k

$$k = \dim(\mathcal{K}) \neq \dim(\overline{O(D+k)}) = \frac{(D+k)(D+k-1)}{2}$$

An *infinite extension of the tangent space* is required.

How are they extended to higher orders?

We call this the generalized Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{K} &\leftrightarrow \overline{O(D+k)} \\ \alpha &\leftrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{BC}} \\ \xi^\alpha &\leftrightarrow \Lambda^{\overline{\mathcal{BC}}} \\ f(\mathcal{C})_{M\alpha} &\leftrightarrow E_M^d \mathcal{F}_{d\overline{\mathcal{BC}}}(\mathcal{E})\end{aligned}$$

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Some interesting features

- It is exact and supersymmetric.
- It can be worked out perturbatively to find higher derivative corrections.
- It is profoundly **generalized** in nature: the $\overline{O(D+k)}$ is broken to $O(D)$ in supergravity.

Summary

generalized Bergshoeff-de Roo identification
=
generalized Green-Schwarz transformation

Outlook

- Imposed *by hand*
- Interactions?
- Bi-parametric deformations?
- Maximal supergravity?
- Non-perturbative (exact) treatment?