

Einstein Double Field Equations

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Prologue

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DFT as Stringy Gravity

Notation for $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ and $\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)_L \times \mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)_R$ local Lorentz symmetries

Index	Representation	Metric (raising/lowering indices)
A, B, \dots, M, N, \dots	$\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector	$\mathcal{J}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
p, q, \dots	$\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)_L$ vector	$\eta_{pq} = \text{diag}(- + + \dots +)$
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- Each symmetry rotates its own indices *exclusively*: spinors are $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ singlet.
- The constant $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ metric, \mathcal{J}_{AB} , decomposes the doubled coordinates into two parts,

$$x^A = (\tilde{x}_\mu, x^\nu), \quad \partial_A = (\tilde{\partial}^\mu, \partial_\nu),$$

where μ, ν are D -dimensional curved indices.

- The twofold local Lorentz symmetries indicate two distinct locally inertial frames for the left-moving and the right-moving closed string sectors separately \Rightarrow **Unification of IIA and IIB.**

The spin group can generalize to $\mathbf{Spin}(t, s)_L \times \mathbf{Spin}(\bar{t}, \bar{s})_R$ with $t + \bar{t} = s + \bar{s} = D \Rightarrow$ **Heterotic.**

- **Closed string massless sector as ‘Stringy Graviton Fields’**

The stringy graviton fields consist of the DFT dilaton, d , and DFT metric, \mathcal{H}_{MN} :

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}, \quad \mathcal{H}_K{}^L \mathcal{H}_M{}^N \mathcal{J}_{LN} = \mathcal{J}_{KM}.$$

Combining \mathcal{J}_{MN} and \mathcal{H}_{MN} , we get a pair of symmetric projection matrices,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{MN} &= P_{NM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{MN} + \mathcal{H}_{MN}), & P_L{}^M P_M{}^N &= P_L{}^N, \\ \bar{P}_{MN} &= \bar{P}_{NM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{MN} - \mathcal{H}_{MN}), & \bar{P}_L{}^M \bar{P}_M{}^N &= \bar{P}_L{}^N, \end{aligned}$$

which are orthogonal and complete,

$$P_L{}^M \bar{P}_M{}^N = 0, \quad P_M{}^N + \bar{P}_M{}^N = \delta_M{}^N.$$

Further, taking the “square roots” of the projectors,

$$P_{MN} = V_M{}^P V_N{}^Q \eta_{PQ}, \quad \bar{P}_{MN} = \bar{V}_M{}^{\bar{P}} \bar{V}_N{}^{\bar{Q}} \bar{\eta}_{\bar{P}\bar{Q}},$$

we get a pair of DFT vielbeins satisfying their own defining properties,

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or equivalently

$$V_M{}^P V_{Np} + \bar{V}_M{}^{\bar{P}} \bar{V}_{N\bar{p}} = \mathcal{J}_{MN}.$$

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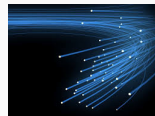
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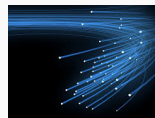
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Assuming $(0, 0)$ Riemannian background, $\{e_\mu{}^\rho, \bar{e}_\mu{}^{\bar{\rho}}, B, \phi\}$, they reduce e.g. to

- Generalized Geometry :

$$\mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}} T_q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\partial_{\bar{\rho}} T_q + \omega_{\bar{p}qr} T^r + \frac{1}{2} H_{\bar{p}qr} T^r \right) ,$$

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Hitchin 2002, Gualtieri 2004, Coimbra, Strickland-Constable, Waldram 2008, 2011

- With $e_\mu{}^\rho \equiv \bar{e}_\mu{}^{\bar{\rho}}$, H -twisted & democratic RR :

$$\mathcal{D}_+ \Rightarrow d + H \wedge , \quad \mathcal{D}_- \Rightarrow \star (d + H \wedge) \star .$$

Bergshoeff, Kallosh, Ortín, Roest, Van Proeyen 2001

- The scalar curvature gives the closed string effective action :

$$\int e^{-2d} S_{(0)} = \int \sqrt{|g|} e^{-2\phi} \left(R_g + 4 \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{12} H_{\lambda\mu\nu} H^{\lambda\mu\nu} \right) .$$

These results show how closed string massless sector, $\{g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi\}$, should couple minimally and $O(D, D)$ -covariantly to extra matter, while forming (pure) Stringy Gravity.

Equipped with the semi-covariant derivatives, one can construct, e.g.

- $D = 10$ Maximally Supersymmetric Double Field Theory,

Jeon-Lee-JHP-Suh 2012

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{type II}} = e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{8} S_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}\bar{\mathcal{F}}) + i\bar{\rho}\mathcal{F}\rho' + i\bar{\psi}\bar{\rho}\gamma_q\mathcal{F}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\rho}}\psi'^q + i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}\gamma^{\rho}\mathcal{D}_{\rho}\rho - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}'\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\rho}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}}\rho' \right. \\ \left. - i\bar{\psi}\bar{\rho}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}}\rho - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}\bar{\rho}\gamma^q\mathcal{D}_q\psi_{\bar{\rho}} + i\bar{\psi}'^{\rho}\mathcal{D}_{\rho}\rho' + i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}'^{\rho}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{q}}\psi'_{\rho} \right]$$

which unifies IIA & IIB SUGRAs (thanks to the twofold spin groups), and further supersymmetrises non-Riemannian gravities, e.g. Newton-Cartan, Gomis-Ooguri.

⇒ The single theory contains the various gravities as different solution sectors.

- Minimal coupling to the $D = 4$ Standard Model,

Kangsin Choi & JHP 2015

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} S_{(0)} + \sum_{\mathcal{V}} P^{AB}\bar{P}^{CD}\text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}_{AC}\mathcal{F}_{BD}) + \sum_{\psi} \bar{\psi}\gamma^a\mathcal{D}_a\psi + \sum_{\psi'} \bar{\psi}'\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{a}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{a}}\psi' \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{H}^{AB}(\mathcal{D}_A\phi)^\dagger\mathcal{D}_B\phi - V(\phi) + y_d\bar{q}\cdot\phi d + y_u\bar{q}\cdot\tilde{\phi} u + y_e\bar{l}'\cdot\phi e' \right]$$

Every single term above is completely covariant, w.r.t. $O(D, D)$, DFT-diffeomorphisms, and twofold local Lorentz symmetries.

Derivation of the Einstein Double Field Equations

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the equations of motion of the DFT vielbeins and dilaton can be unified into a single expression:

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$$L_{\varphi} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{H}^{MN}\partial_M\varphi\partial_N\varphi - V(\varphi), \quad K_{p\bar{q}} = \partial_p\varphi\partial_{\bar{q}}\varphi, \quad T_{(0)} = -2L_{\varphi}.$$

- Fundamental string: with $D_i y^M = \partial_i y^M - \mathcal{A}_i^M$ (doubled-yet-gauged),

$$e^{-2d}L_{\text{string}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \left[-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-h}h^{ij}D_i y^M D_j y^N \mathcal{H}_{MN}(y) - \epsilon^{ij}D_i y^M \mathcal{A}_{jM} \right] \delta^D(x - y(\sigma)),$$

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– More examples in our paper include Yang-Mills, point particle, superstring, etc.

- The maximally non-Riemannian background, $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{J}_{AB}$, is special.

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- In other words, there is no Nambu-Goldstone mode for the completely symmetric vacuum.

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- Heterotic DFT (non-Abelian after Scherk-Schwarz twist),

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where as for Yang–Mills and Chern–Simons terms,

$$F_{AB}{}^{\dot{C}} = \partial_A W_B{}^{\dot{C}} - \partial_B W_A{}^{\dot{C}} + f_{AB}{}^{\dot{C}} W_A{}^{\dot{A}} W_B{}^{\dot{B}}, \quad \omega_{ABC} = 3W_{[A}{}^{\dot{A}} \partial_B W_{C]\dot{A}} + f_{AB\dot{C}} W_A{}^{\dot{A}} W_B{}^{\dot{B}} W_C{}^{\dot{C}},$$

c.f. Hohm-Kwak, Grana-Marques, Berman-Lee, *etc.*

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Het}} = S_{(0)} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{H}^{AC} \mathcal{H}^{BD} F_{AB}{}^{\dot{A}} F_{CD\dot{A}} - \frac{1}{12} \mathcal{H}^{AD} \mathcal{H}^{BE} \mathcal{H}^{CF} (\omega_{ABC} \omega_{DEF} - 6\omega_{ABC} \mathcal{H}_{[D}{}^G \partial_E \mathcal{H}_{F]G}),$$

where as for Yang–Mills and Chern–Simons terms,

$$F_{AB}{}^{\dot{C}} = \partial_A W_B{}^{\dot{C}} - \partial_B W_A{}^{\dot{C}} + f_{AB}{}^{\dot{C}} W_A{}^{\dot{A}} W_B{}^{\dot{B}}, \quad \omega_{ABC} = 3W_{[A}{}^{\dot{A}} \partial_B W_{C]\dot{A}} + f_{AB\dot{C}} W_A{}^{\dot{A}} W_B{}^{\dot{B}} W_C{}^{\dot{C}},$$

c.f. Hohm-Kwak, Grana-Marques, Berman-Lee, etc.

- Heterotic string (with $W_{AA'} \equiv 0$ for simplicity),

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} -\sqrt{-\hbar h} g_{\mu\nu} \partial_i x^\mu \partial_j x^\nu + \epsilon^{ij} B_{\mu\nu} \partial_i x^\mu \partial_j x^\nu + \epsilon^{ij} \partial_i \tilde{x}_\mu \partial_j x^\mu + \epsilon^{ij} \partial_i \tilde{y}_{\mu'} \partial_j y^{\mu'}.$$

Here the internal coordinates, $y^{\mu'}$ ($1 \leq \mu' \leq D'$), are all *chiral*: $(\sqrt{-\hbar h} \alpha^\beta + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}) \partial_\beta y^{\mu'} = 0$.

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One must be prepared to follow up the consequence of theory, and feel that one just has to accept the consequences no matter where they lead.

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Gravitational effect

- The regular spherical solution to the $D = 4$ Einstein Double Field Equations shows that Stringy Gravity modifies GR (Schwarzschild geometry), in particular at “short” dimensionless scales, R/MG , *i.e.* distance normalized by mass times Newton constant.

This might shed new light upon the dark matter/energy problems, as they arise essentially from “short distance” observations:

	Electron ($R \simeq 0$)	Proton	Hydrogen Atom	Billiard Ball	Earth	Solar System ($1\text{AU}/M_{\odot}G$)	Milky Way (visible)	Galaxy Cluster	Universe ($M \propto R^3$)
$R/(MG)$	0^+	7.1×10^{38}	2.0×10^{43}	2.4×10^{26}	1.4×10^9	1.0×10^8	1.5×10^6	$\sim 10^5$	0^+

- Furthermore, it would be intriguing to view the B -field and DFT dilaton d as ‘dark gravitons’, since they decouple from the geodesic motion of point particles, which should be defined in string frame.