KLT for Nonrelativisitic String Theory

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The goal of this talk is to inspire further research into amplitudes for NRST.

- **1** Review KLT factorization in rel. strings
- **2** KLT of wound strings
	- Pictorial understanding
	- Example with four closed string tachyons
	- General factorization
- **3** In a background Kalb-Ramond field
	- Modifications
- **4** Nonrelativistic KLT relations
	- Derive it in the limit of relativistic string theory
	- Derive it from the NRST action

KLT shows that tree-level closed string amplitudes factorize into a sum of quadratic products of open string amplitudes.

$$
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- BCJ relations
- Born-Infeld, NLSM, and special Galileons fit into the QFT type of KLT relations via CHY.

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Puzzle:

Open string state can either carry momentum or winding but not both!

Dirichlet:
$$
X^1 = x^1 + 2\alpha' \frac{n}{R} \tau + \dots
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Neumann: $X^1 = x^1 + 2wR \sigma + \dots$

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- We introduce a total of $n_{+} + 1$ many D-branes in the compactified direction, with n_+ the total incoming momentum from the closed strings.
- The D-branes are equally separated by a distance which is T-dual to the circumference of the compactified circle, i.e. $L = \frac{2\pi\alpha'}{R}$ $\frac{\pi\alpha'}{R}$.

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- During the scattering process, the two strings join into one, then the single intermediate string splits at the third D-brane.

This is how we realize conservation of momentum for closed strings.

The closed string tachyon is described by the following vertex operator:

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{C}}(z,\overline{z})=g_{c} \exp\left[\frac{i}{2} \pi R \, w \left(\hat{\rho}_{L}+\hat{\rho}_{R}\right)\right] : e^{iK_{L} \cdot \mathbb{X}_{L}(z)+iK_{R} \cdot \mathbb{X}_{R}(\overline{z})} : ,
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$$

$$
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$$

The extra phase factor is known as the cocycle. It is there to remove the phases from crossing certain branch cuts when vertex operators are interchanged.

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$$
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$$

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where

$$
\mathcal{M}_{c}^{(4)} = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \exp\left(i\pi \sum_{\substack{i,j=1\\i
$$

We can try to factorize $\mathcal{I}^{(4)}$, by manipulating complex integrals.

4-point KLT: cont.

We find that

$$
{\cal I}^{(4)} = \frac{1}{2} \, i \, {\cal I}_L^{(4)} \, {\cal I}_R^{(4)} \, ,
$$

where

$$
\mathcal{I}_{\mathsf{L}}^{(4)} = B(\alpha_{\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{L}}}, \alpha_{\mathsf{u}_{\mathsf{L}}}), \quad \mathcal{I}_{\mathsf{R}}^{(4)} = -2\,i\sin(\pi\,\alpha_{\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{R}}})\,B(\alpha_{\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{R}}}, \alpha_{\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{R}}}).
$$

Upgraded Mandelstam variables taking into account windings:

$$
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Recap

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Closed string amplitude \rightarrow Open string on an array of D-branes transverse to the compactified direction. An N -point tree-level closed string amplitude takes the form:

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We have an $\mathcal N$ -point KLT:

$$
\mathcal{M}_{c}(1,\ldots,N) = (-1)^{\mathcal{N}-3} \sum_{\rho,\sigma} C\big(1,\sigma(2,\ldots,N-2),\,\mathcal{N}-1,\,\mathcal{N}\big)
$$

$$
\times \mathcal{S}_{R}\big[\sigma(2,\ldots,N-2)\,\big|\,\rho(2,\ldots,N-2)\big]_{K_{R(\mathcal{N}-1)}}
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To realize such a KLT relation:

- D-brane configuration previously discussed
- D-branes also need to carry electric gauge potentials.

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The factorization of winding closed string amplitudes takes the same form of before, but now the closed string variables are

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To compensate for this extra term, we are required to assign to the s-th brane an electric potential:

$$
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$$

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- Describes strings interacting in a string-Galilean invariant spacetime.
- All physical states have non-zero winding number. Zero-winding sector has no graviton.
- Not GR at low energy, instantaneous Newtonian potential from exchange of off-shell states.

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But in the presence of the critical B-field, this term is cancelled.

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$$
K_{L,R} = \left(\varepsilon - \frac{wR}{\alpha'}B, \frac{n}{R} \mp \frac{wR}{\alpha'}, \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'_{\text{eff}}}{\alpha'}}k_{A'}\right)
$$

$$
A_{\mu} = \frac{\alpha'}{\alpha'_{\text{eff}}} a_{\mu},
$$

$$
V_{s} = \frac{\alpha'}{\alpha'_{\text{eff}}} v_{s}, \qquad v_{s} = 2\pi sB \frac{\alpha'_{\text{eff}}}{R}, \quad B = -1
$$

Proposition

 $v_s = -2\pi s\,\alpha_\text{eff}^\prime/R$ gains the interpretation as the electric potential on the s-th D-brane. Constant electric field between the D-branes.

Nonrelativistic KLT from first principles

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$$
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The vertex operator for the closed string tachyon:

$$
\mathcal{V} = \exp(i\pi n \hat{w}) : \exp(i K_{A'} X^{A'} + i p_A X^A + i q^A X'_A) :.
$$

- X^1 is compactified, and $q=-\bar{q}=wR/\alpha_{\rm eff}^\prime$. $p_0=\varepsilon$ is the energy.
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$$

• Introduce a local redefinition of the one-form fields λ and λ ,

$$
\lambda_z = -2 \, \partial_z X', \qquad \lambda_{\bar{z}} = 2 \, \partial_{\bar{z}} \overline{X}'.
$$

The auxiliary coordinates $X'=X'(z)$ and $\overline{X}'=\overline{X}'(\bar{z})$ are T-dual to X and \overline{X} , respectively.

We further define

$$
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The OPEs are

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- We now rewrite the vertex operator for the tachyon in NRST.
- For OPE computations, physical quantities in NRST can be obtained from relativistic string theory via our mapping.

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$$
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$$

We compute the $\mathcal N$ -point closed string scattering amplitude without using the $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$ limit. It takes the Virasoro-Shapiro form,

$$
\mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{c}}^{\mathcal{N}}=\frac{\mathcal{C}(1,\ldots,\mathcal{N})}{\alpha' g_{\mathsf{s}}^2}\,\int_{\mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{N}-3}}d^2z_2\cdots d^2z_{\mathcal{N}-2}\,\prod_{\substack{i,j=1\\i
$$

the nonrelativistic formalism gives

$$
\alpha' K_{\mathsf{L}i} \cdot K_{\mathsf{L}j} = - (w_i \varepsilon_j + w_j \varepsilon_i) R + \alpha' k_i^{A'} k_j^{A'} - (n_i w_j + n_j w_i),
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and you can get this from just using the change of variables, and knowing the relativistic answer.

Nonrelativistic KLT from first principles: cont.

The N -point KLT relation is given by

$$
\mathcal{M}_{c}^{\mathcal{N}} = \frac{(-1)^{\mathcal{N}-3}}{\alpha' g_{s}^{2}} \sum_{\rho,\sigma} C(1,\sigma,\mathcal{N}-1,\mathcal{N}) \mathcal{S}_{L}[\rho|\sigma]_{K_{L1}} \times \mathcal{M}_{L}(\rho, 1, \mathcal{N}-1,\mathcal{N}) \mathcal{M}_{R}(1,\sigma,\mathcal{N}-1,\mathcal{N}),
$$

$$
\mathcal{M}_{L,R}(1,\ldots,\mathcal{N}) = \int_{0 < y_{2} < \cdots < y_{\mathcal{N}-1} < 1} dy_{2} \cdots dy_{\mathcal{N}-2} \prod_{\substack{i,j=1 \ i < j}}^{\mathcal{N}-1} |y_{ij}|^{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} K_{L,Ri} K_{L,Rj}
$$

- The form is the same as the relativistic KLT
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$$
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• The KLT relation agrees with what is found from taking the limit.

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We find that the vacuum amplitude takes the following form:

$$
\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{m,w} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{2\pi R W}{\alpha'_{\text{eff}} \beta m} \right)^{12} \left[\eta \left(\frac{i\beta m}{4\pi R W} \right) \right]^{-24}.
$$

Performing the sum over m , the Helmholtz free energy is:

$$
\mathscr{F} = -\mathcal{T}\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{T}\sum_{\varepsilon} D(\varepsilon) \ln\left(1 - e^{-\beta \varepsilon}\right),
$$

$$
\varepsilon = \frac{\alpha'_{\text{eff}}}{2wR} \left[k_{A'}k_{A'} + \frac{1}{\alpha'_{\text{eff}}} (N-1) \right].
$$

 $D(\varepsilon)$ to denote the density of states associated with the energy ε . This is the nonrelativistic open string analog of the result in Gomis-Ooguri.

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