

LAGRANGIANS FOR p -ADIC SECTOR OF OPEN SCALAR STRINGS

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1. Introduction

Lagrangian and EOM for p -Adic Open String:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \frac{p^2}{p-1} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \varphi \mathbf{p}^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}} \varphi + \frac{1}{p+1} \varphi^{p+1} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{p}^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}} \varphi = \varphi^p$$

Lagrangian and EOM for p -Adic Sector of Open Strings:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \phi \left[\zeta^{-1} \left(\frac{\square}{2} - 1 \right) + \zeta^{-1} \left(\frac{\square}{2} \right) \right] \phi - \phi^2 \Phi(\phi),$$

$$\left[\zeta^{-1} \left(\frac{\square}{2} - 1 \right) + \zeta^{-1} \left(\frac{\square}{2} \right) \right] \phi = 2\phi \Phi(\phi) + \phi^2 \Phi'(\phi)$$

p -Adic numbers:

- discovered by **K. Hensel** in 1897.
- many **applications** in mathematics, e.g. representation theory, algebraic geometry and modern number theory.
- many **applications** in mathematical physics since 1987, e.g. string theory, QFT, quantum mechanics, dynamical systems, ...
- **p -adic mathematical physics**: (1) Fourth Int. Conf. on p -adic Math. Physics, (Grodno, Belarus, Sept. 2009); (2) int. journal: p -Adic Numbers, Ultrametric Analysis and Applications (Pleiades/Springer).
- Any **p -adic number** ($x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$) has a unique canonical representation

$$x = p^{\nu(x)} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} x_n p^n, \quad \nu(x) \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad x_n \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}.$$

- Real and p -adic numbers unify by adèles. An **adèle** α is an infinite sequence

$$\alpha = (\alpha_\infty, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_p, \dots), \quad \alpha_\infty \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha_p \in \mathbb{Q}_p$$

where for all but a finite set \mathcal{P} of primes p one has that $\alpha_p \in \mathbb{Z}_p = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}_p : |x|_p \leq 1\}$.

2. p -Adic and Adelic Strings

Volovich, Vladimirov, Freund, Witten, Arefeva, B.D., ...

String amplitudes:

- **standard crossing symmetric Veneziano amplitude**

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\infty}(a, b) &= g_{\infty}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|_{\infty}^{a-1} |1-x|_{\infty}^{b-1} d_{\infty}x \\ &= g_{\infty}^2 \frac{\zeta(1-a)}{\zeta(a)} \frac{\zeta(1-b)}{\zeta(b)} \frac{\zeta(1-c)}{\zeta(c)} \end{aligned}$$

- **p -adic crossing symmetric Veneziano amplitude**

$$\begin{aligned} A_p(a, b) &= g_p^2 \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} |x|_p^{a-1} |1-x|_p^{b-1} d_p x \\ &= g_p^2 \frac{1-p^{a-1}}{1-p^{-a}} \frac{1-p^{b-1}}{1-p^{-b}} \frac{1-p^{c-1}}{1-p^{-c}} \end{aligned}$$

where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$ with condition $a + b + c = 1$ and $\zeta(a)$ is the Riemann zeta function.

- **product formula for adelic strings**

$$A(a, b) = A_{\infty}(a, b) \prod_p A_p(a, b) = g_{\infty}^2 \prod_p g_p^2 = \text{const.}$$

3. Effective Lagrangian for p -Adic Strings

- One of the greatest achievements in p -adic string theory is an effective field description of scalar open and closed p -adic strings. The corresponding Lagrangians are very simple and exact. They describe not only four-point scattering amplitudes but also all higher (Koba-Nielsen) ones at the tree-level.
- The exact tree-level Lagrangian for effective scalar field φ which describes open p -adic string tachyon is

$$\mathcal{L}_p = \frac{m_p^D}{g_p^2} \frac{p^2}{p-1} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \varphi \mathbf{p}^{-\frac{\square}{2m_p^2}} \varphi + \frac{1}{p+1} \varphi^{p+1} \right],$$

where p is any prime number, $\square = -\partial_t^2 + \nabla^2$ is the D -dimensional d'Alembertian and metric with signature $(- + \dots +)$ (Freund, Witten, Frampton, Okada, ...).

- An infinite number of spacetime derivatives follows from

$$\mathbf{p}^{-\frac{\square}{2m_p}} = \exp\left(-\frac{\ln p}{2m_p} \square\right) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \left(-\frac{\ln p}{2m_p}\right)^k \frac{1}{k!} \square^k.$$

- The equation of motion is

$$p^{-\frac{\square}{2m_p^2}} \varphi = \varphi^p,$$

and its properties have been studied by many authors (see e.g. **Vladimirov, Barnaby** and references therein). It has trivial solutions $\varphi = 0$ and $\varphi = 1$. There are also inhomogeneous solutions resembling solitons. Equation separates in arguments and for any spatial direction x^i one has

$$\varphi(x^i) = p^{\frac{1}{2(p-1)}} \exp\left(-\frac{p-1}{2m_p^2 p \ln p} (x^i)^2\right).$$

- Prime number p can be replaced by natural number $n \geq 2$ and such expression also makes sense. Moreover, when $p = 1 + \varepsilon \rightarrow 1$ there is the limit which is related to the ordinary bosonic string in the boundary string field theory (**Gerasimov-Shatashvili**):

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \varphi \frac{\square}{m^2} \varphi + \frac{\varphi^2}{2} (\ln \varphi^2 - 1) \right].$$

- This p -adic string theory has been significantly pushed forward when it was shown (Ghoshal-Sen) that it describes tachyon condensation and brane descent relations.
- After that success, many aspects of p -adic string dynamics have been investigated and compared with dynamics of ordinary strings (see, e.g. Minahan, Zwiebach, Moeller, ...).
- Noncommutative deformation by the Moyal star product and of p -adic string world-sheet with a constant B-field was investigated (Ghoshal, ...).
- A systematic mathematical study of spatially homogeneous solutions of the nonlinear equation of motion (Vladimirov).
- Some possible cosmological implications of p -adic string theory have been also investigated (Arefeva, Barnaby, Joukovskaya, ...).
- It was proposed (Ghoshal) that p -adic string theories provide lattice discretization to the world-sheet of ordinary strings.
- As a result of these developments it follows that many nontrivial features of ordinary strings are similar to p -adic ones and are related to the p -adic effective action.

4. Lagrangians for p -Adic Sector

A. Additive approach

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- Now we want to introduce a model which incorporates all the above n -adic string Lagrangians, so to have the Riemann zeta function. We take the sum of the Lagrangians \mathcal{L}_n in the form

$$L = \sum_{n \geq 1} C_n \mathcal{L}_n$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{m_n^D}{g_n^2} \frac{n^2}{n-1} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-\frac{\square}{2m_n^2}} \phi + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n+1} \phi^{n+1} \right]$$

which depends on the choice of coefficients C_n , masses m_n and coupling constants g_n^2 .

- There is a few simple and interesting cases ($m_n = m$, $g_n^2 = g^2$):

$$C_n = \frac{n-1}{n^{2+h}}$$

$$C_n = \frac{n^2-1}{n^2}$$

$$C_n = \mu(n) \frac{n-1}{n^2}$$

where $\mu(n)$ is the Möbius function.

- Let us consider the first case $C_n = \frac{n-1}{n^{2+h}}$:

$$\mathbf{L}_h = \frac{1}{g^2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-\frac{1}{2m^2}-h} \phi + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^{-h}}{n+1} \phi^{n+1} \right].$$

- According to the famous Euler product formula one can write

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}} = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}}}.$$

- Recall that the Riemann zeta function is defined as

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}, \quad s = \sigma + i\tau, \quad \sigma > 1.$$

- We can rewrite Lagrangian in the form

$$\mathbf{L}_h = -\frac{1}{g^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \phi \zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2} + h\right) \phi + \mathcal{A} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{n^{-h}}{n+1} \phi^{n+1} \right].$$

We shall consider this Lagrangian with analytic continuation of zeta functions and power series.

- $\zeta(\frac{\square}{2m^2})$ acts as a pseudodifferential operator in the following way:

$$\zeta(\frac{\square}{2m^2}) \phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} e^{i\mathbf{x}\mathbf{k}} \zeta(-\frac{k^2}{2m^2}) \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k},$$

where $\tilde{\phi}(k) = \int e^{(-ikx)} \phi(x) dx$ is the Fourier transform of $\phi(x)$.

- Nonlocal dynamics of this field ϕ is encoded in the pseudo-differential form of the Riemann zeta function (the d'Alembertian is an argument of the Riemann zeta function).
- Potential of the above scalar field is equal to $-L_h$ at $\square = 0$, i.e.

$$V_h(\phi) = \frac{1}{g^2} \left(\frac{\phi^2}{2} \zeta(h) - \mathcal{AC} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{n^{-h}}{n+1} \phi^{n+1} \right)$$

where $h \neq 1$ since $\zeta(1) = \infty$. The term with ζ -function vanishes at $h = -2, -4, -6, \dots$.

- The equation of motion in differential and integral form is

$$\zeta(\frac{\square}{2m^2} + h) \phi = \mathcal{AC} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} n^{-h} \phi^n,$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} e^{i\mathbf{x}\mathbf{k}} \zeta(-\frac{k^2}{2m^2} + h) \tilde{\phi}(k) dk = \mathcal{AC} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} n^{-h} \phi^n,$$

respectively. It is clear that $\phi = 0$ is a trivial solution for any real h . When $h > 1$ we have another constant trivial solution $\phi = 1$.

- In the weak field approximation ($|\phi(x)| \ll 1$) the above expression becomes

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^D} e^{ikx} \left[\zeta\left(-\frac{k^2}{2m^2} + h\right) - 1 \right] \tilde{\phi}(k) dk = 0,$$

which has a solution $\tilde{\phi}(k) \neq 0$ if equation

$$\zeta\left(\frac{-k^2}{2m^2} + h\right) = 1$$

is satisfied. According to the usual relativistic kinematic relation $k^2 = -k_0^2 + \vec{k}^2 = -M^2$, equation in the form

$$\zeta\left(\frac{M^2}{2m^2} + h\right) = 1,$$

determines mass spectrum $M^2 = \mu_h m^2$, where set of values of spectral function μ_h depends on h . The above equation gives infinitely many tachyon mass solutions.

EXAMPLE ($h = 0$)

- The related Lagrangian is

$$L_0 = -\frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \phi \zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right) \phi + \phi + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 - \phi)^2 \right].$$

- The corresponding potential is

$$V_0(\phi) = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[\frac{\zeta(0)}{2} \phi^2 + \phi + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 - \phi)^2 \right],$$

where $\zeta(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$. It has two local maxima: $V_0(0) = 0$ and $V_0(3) \approx 1.443 \frac{m^D}{g^2}$. There are no stable points and $\lim_{\phi \rightarrow 1} V_0(\phi) = -\infty$, $\lim_{\phi \rightarrow \pm\infty} V_0(\phi) = -\infty$.

- The equation of motion for ϕ is

$$\zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right) \phi = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} e^{i\mathbf{x}\mathbf{k}} \zeta\left(-\frac{k^2}{2m^2}\right) \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} = \frac{\phi}{1 - \phi}.$$

It has two trivial solutions: $\phi = 0$ and $\phi = 3$. The solution $\phi = 0$ is evident. The solution $\phi = 3$ follows from the Taylor expansion of the Riemann zeta function operator

$$\zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right) = \zeta(0) + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\zeta^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right)^n, \quad \zeta(0) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

So far nontrivial solutions are unknown.

- In the weak field approximation

$$\zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right)\phi = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} e^{i\mathbf{x}\mathbf{k}} \zeta\left(-\frac{k^2}{2m^2}\right) \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} = \phi$$

on mass shell one obtains equation for the mass spectrum

$$\zeta\left(\frac{m^2}{2}\right) = 1$$

which has infinitely many tachyon solutions.

Case $C_n = \frac{n^2-1}{n^2}$

- In this case Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (n^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}+1} + n^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}}) \phi + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \phi^{n+1} \right]$$

and it yields

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi \left\{ \zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2} - 1\right) + \zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right) \right\} \phi + \frac{\phi^2}{1 - \phi} \right].$$

- The corresponding potential is

$$V(\phi) = -\frac{m^D}{g^2} \frac{31 - 7\phi}{24(1 - \phi)} \phi^2,$$

which has the following properties: $V(0) = V(31/7) = 0$, $V(1 \pm 0) = \pm\infty$, $V(\pm\infty) = -\infty$. **At $\phi = 0$ potential has local maximum.**

- The equation of motion is

$$\left[\zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2} - 1\right) + \zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right) \right] \phi = \frac{\phi((\phi - 1)^2 + 1)}{(\phi - 1)^2},$$

which has only $\phi = 0$ as a constant real solution.

Case $C_n = \mu(n) \frac{n-1}{n^2}$

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = p^2 m \\ (-1)^k, & n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k, p_i \neq p_j \\ 1, & n = 1, (k = 0). \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- In this case Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathbf{L}_\mu = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^{\frac{\square}{2m^2}}} \phi + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n+1} \phi^{n+1} \right]$$

and it yields

$$\mathbf{L}_\mu = \frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi \frac{1}{\zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right)} \phi + \int_0^\phi \mathcal{M}(\phi) d\phi \right],$$

where $\mathcal{M}(\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(n) \phi^n = \phi - \phi^2 - \phi^3 - \phi^5 + \phi^6 - \phi^7 + \phi^{10} - \phi^{11} - \dots$

- The corresponding potential is

$$\mathbf{V}_\mu(\phi) = -\mathbf{L}_\mu(\square = 0) = -\frac{m^D}{g^2} \left[\phi^2 + \int_0^\phi \mathcal{M}(\phi) d\phi \right].$$

- The equation of motion is

$$\frac{1}{\zeta\left(\frac{\square}{2m^2}\right)} \phi - \mathcal{M}(\phi) = 0$$

which has $\phi = 0$ as a constant real solution.

- Its weak field approximation implies condition on the mass spectrum

$$\frac{1}{\zeta\left(\frac{M^2}{2m^2}\right)} - 1 = 0.$$

B. Multiplicative approach

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Let us now consider a new approach, which is not based on a summation of p -adic Lagrangians, but the Riemann zeta function will emerge through its product form. Our starting point is again p -adic Lagrangian with equal masses, i.e. $m_p^2 = m^2$ for every p . It is useful to rewrite Lagrangian, first in the form,

$$\mathcal{L}_p = \frac{m^D}{g_p^2} \frac{p^2}{p^2 - 1} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \varphi \left[p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2} + 1} + p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}} \right] \varphi + \varphi^{p+1} \right\}$$

and then, by addition and subtraction of φ^2 , as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_p = \frac{m^D}{g_p^2} \frac{p^2}{p^2 - 1} & \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \varphi \left[(1 - p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2} + 1}) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + (1 - p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}}) \right] \varphi - \varphi^2 (1 - \varphi^{p-1}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we introduce a Lagrangian for the entire p -adic sector by taking products

$$\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} g_{\mathfrak{p}}^2 = C, \quad \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-2}}, \quad \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} (1 - p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2} + 1}),$$

$$\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} (1 - p^{-\frac{\square}{2m^2}}) \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} (1 - \phi^{p-1})$$

at the corresponding places. Then this new Lagrangian becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{m^D}{C} \zeta(2) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \phi \left[\zeta^{-1} \left(\frac{\square}{2m^2} - 1 \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \zeta^{-1} \left(\frac{\square}{2m^2} \right) \right] \phi - \phi^2 \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} (1 - \phi^{p-1}) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\zeta^{-1}(s) = 1/\zeta(s)$ and new scalar field is denoted by ϕ . For the coupling constant g_p there are two interesting possibilities: (1) $g_p^2 = \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}$, what yields $\zeta(2)/C = 1$, and (2) $g_p = |r|_p$, where r may be any non zero rational number and it gives

$|r|_\infty \prod_p |r|_p = 1$ (this possibility was already considered by Dragovich). Both these possibilities are consistent with adelic product formula. For simplicity, in the sequel we shall take $C = \zeta(2)$. It is worth noting that having Lagrangian one can easily reproduce its p -adic ingredient.

Let us rewrite the above Lagrangian in the simple form

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \phi \left[\zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2} - 1\right) + \zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2}\right) \right] \phi - \phi^2 \Phi(\phi),$$

with $m = 1$ and $\Phi(\phi) = \mathcal{AC} \prod_p (1 - \phi^{p-1})$, where \mathcal{AC} denotes analytic continuation of infinite product $\prod_p (1 - \phi^{p-1})$, which is convergent if $|\phi|_\infty < 1$. One can easily see that $\Phi(0) = 1$ and $\Phi(1) = \Phi(-1) = 0$.

The corresponding equation of motion is

$$\left[\zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2} - 1\right) + \zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2}\right) \right] \phi = 2\phi \Phi(\phi) + \phi^2 \Phi'(\phi),$$

and has $\phi = 0$ as a trivial solution. In the weak-field approximation ($\phi(x) \ll 1$), equation becomes

$$\left[\zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2} - 1\right) + \zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2}\right) \right] \phi = 2\phi.$$

Note that the above operator-valued zeta function can be regarded as a pseudodifferential operator.

Mass spectrum of M^2 is determined by solutions of equation

$$\zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{M^2}{2} - 1\right) + \zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{M^2}{2}\right) = 2.$$

There are infinitely many tachyon solutions, which are below largest one $M^2 \approx -3.5$.

The potential follows from $-\mathcal{L}$ at $\square = 0$, i.e.

$$V(\phi) = [7 + \Phi(\phi)] \phi^2,$$

since $\zeta(-1) = -1/12$ and $\zeta(0) = -1/2$. This potential has local minimum $V(0) = 0$ and values $V(\pm 1) = 7$. To explore behavior of $V(\phi)$ for all $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$ one has first to investigate properties of the function $\Phi(\phi)$.

It is worth noting that a Lagrangian similar to the above one can be obtained by an additive approach. Namely, let us start from $g_p^2 = p^2/(p^2-1)$ and $m = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L} = & - \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(n) \mathcal{L}_n = \frac{1}{2} \phi \left[\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(n) p^{-\frac{\square}{2}+1} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(n) p^{-\frac{\square}{2}} \right] \phi - \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(n) \phi^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu(n)$ is the above Möbius function. Introducing zeta function one can rewrite it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L} = & \frac{1}{2} \phi \left[\zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2} - 1\right) \right. \\ & \left. + \zeta^{-1}\left(\frac{\square}{2}\right) \right] \phi - \phi^2 \mathbf{F}(\phi), \end{aligned}$$

where $F(\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(n) \phi^{n-1}$. The difference between two Lagrangians is only in functions $\Phi(\phi)$ and $F(\phi)$. Since $\Phi(\phi) = (1 - \phi)(1 - \phi^2)(1 - \phi^4)\dots = 1 - \phi - \phi^2 + \phi^3 - \phi^4 + \dots$ and $F(\phi) = 1 - \phi - \phi^2 - \phi^4 + \dots$, it follows that these functions have the same behavior for $|\phi| \ll 1$. Hence, Lagrangians have the same mass spectrum and in weak-field approximation describe the same scalar field theory.

5. Concluding Remarks

- p -Adic strings are in many ways related to ordinary strings. It seems that ordinary and p -adic strings are different faces of an adelic string.
- p -Adic scalar tachyons at the tree level are described by simple and exact nonlocal Lagrangian.
- All here constructed Lagrangians contain Riemann zeta function nonlocality.
- These Lagrangians with ζ -function nonlocality are new and significant in their own right.
- Find the corresponding string amplitudes.
- Investigate possible cosmological aspects.

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