

Duality in Double and Exceptional Field Theory

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Plan of the talk:

- Motivation: dual fields, branes and exotic branes
- Review: dualization of p -forms and (linearized) gravity
- Exotic dualization: Kalb-Ramond 2-form to $(D-2, 2)$ Young tableaux
- Dualization of (linearized) DFT
- Dual fields in EFT
- Conclusions and Outlook

Motivation: dual fields, branes and exotic branes

- p -form gauge potential A_p dual to $(D - p - 2)$ -form $\tilde{A}_{D-p-2}$

$$F_{p+1} = dA_p \quad \rightarrow \quad \tilde{F}_{D-p-1} \equiv \star F_{p+1} \equiv d\tilde{A}_{D-p-2}$$

- Dualization essential for brane world-volume theories

E.g. Kalb-Ramond 2-form $B_2 \rightarrow B_6$

$$\text{NS5 brane:} \quad S_{\text{NS5}} = \int_{\Sigma_6} B_6$$

- Under T-duality $O(d, d)$ $B_2 \leftrightarrow$ metric

$O(d, d)$ in DFT manifest (B_2 and g unified) $\rightarrow$ dual graviton

- dual graviton needed for world-volume dynamics of Kaluza-Klein monopole

[Eyras, Janssen, Lozano (1998)]

Generally, various mixed-Young tableaux fields expected by dualities

$\Rightarrow$ exotic branes [Bergshoeff, Riccioni et al. (2010–), de Boer & Shigemori (2012)]

Reminder: off-shell dualization of p -forms

Action for p -form gauge field, $F_{p+1} = dA_p$,

$$S[A] = -\frac{1}{2(p+1)!} \int d^D x F_{a_1 \dots a_{p+1}} F^{a_1 \dots a_{p+1}}$$

equivalent to first-order (master) action

$$S[\tilde{A}, F] = \frac{1}{(p+1)!} \int d^D x \left(-\frac{1}{2} F_{a_1 \dots a_{p+1}} F^{a_1 \dots a_{p+1}} - \tilde{A}^{a_1 \dots a_{p+2}} \partial_{a_1} F_{a_2 \dots a_{p+2}} \right)$$

with gauge symmetry

$$\delta \tilde{A}^{a_1 \dots a_{p+2}} = \partial_a \Lambda^{a a_1 \dots a_{p+2}}, \quad \delta F = 0$$

- EOM for $\tilde{A} \Rightarrow$ Bianchi $\Rightarrow F_{p+1} = dA_p$
- EOM for $F \Rightarrow F^{a_1 \dots a_{p+1}} = \partial_b \tilde{A}^{b a_1 \dots a_{p+1}}$
 $\Rightarrow$ integrating out F yields dual theory for $\tilde{A}$
(note: no Levi-Civita symbol $\rightarrow$ multivector rather than form)

Dualization of linearized Einstein gravity

Linearized Einstein-Hilbert action for vielbein fluctuation $h_{a|b}$

$$S_{\text{EH}}[h] = \int d^D x \left[f_{ab}{}^b f^{ac}{}_c - \frac{1}{2} f_{abc} f^{acb} - \frac{1}{4} f_{abc} f^{abc} \right]$$

linearized coefficients of anholonomy $f_{ab}{}^c = 2\partial_{[a} h_{b]}{}^c$

First-order (master) action [West (2001), Boulanger, Cnockaert & Henneaux (2003)]

$$S[f, D] = \int d^D x \left(f_{ab}{}^b f^{ac}{}_c - \frac{1}{2} f_{abc} f^{acb} - \frac{1}{4} f_{abc} f^{abc} + 3 D^{abc}{}_d \partial_a f_{bc}{}^d \right)$$

- EOM for $D^{abc}{}_d \Rightarrow$ Bianchi $\partial_{[a} f_{bc]}{}^d = 0 \Rightarrow$ linearized gravity
- EOM for $f_{ab}{}^c$ determines $f_{ab}{}^c = 6 \partial_d D^d{}_{[b}{}^c{}_{a]} + \dots$
yields dual theory for

$$\tilde{D}_{a_1 \dots a_{D-3}|b} \equiv \frac{1}{6} \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_{D-3} cde} D^{cde}{}_b \in \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$$

mixed Young tableau $(D-3, 1)$ field: dual graviton

$\tilde{D}_{[a_1 \dots a_{D-3}|b]}$ pure Lorentz gauge, but needed in master action

Exotic Dualization: 2-form to $(D - 2, 2)$ Young tableau field

First, rewrite Kalb-Ramond action [Boulanger et al. (2012–)]

$$S[b] = -\frac{1}{12} \int d^D x H^{abc} H_{abc} = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^D x (\partial^a b^{bc} \partial_a b_{bc} - 2 \partial_a b^{ab} \partial^c b_{cb})$$

First-order (master) action $\rightarrow$ promote $Q_{a|bc} \equiv \partial_a b_{bc}$ to be independent

$$S[Q, D] = \int d^D x \left(-\frac{1}{4} Q^{a|bc} Q_{a|bc} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{a|}{}^{ab} Q^c{}_{cb} - \frac{1}{2} D^{ab|cd} \partial_a Q_{b|cd} \right)$$

where $Q_{a|bc} = -Q_{a|cb}$, $D_{ab|cd} = -D_{ba|cd} = -D_{ab|dc}$

Gauge symmetries

$$\begin{aligned} \delta Q_{a|bc} &= \partial_a K_{bc}, & K_{ab} &\equiv 2\partial_{[a} \tilde{\xi}_{b]}, \\ \delta D_{ab|cd} &= \partial^e \Sigma_{eab|cd} + 4 \eta_{[a} \underline{c} K_{b]\underline{d]} \end{aligned}$$

where $\Sigma_{abc|de} \equiv \Sigma_{[abc]|de} \equiv \Sigma_{abc|[de]}$, $\tilde{\xi}_a$ Kalb-Ramond parameter

Decomposing dual field ($D = 4$ for simplicity)

$$D_{ab|cd} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{ab}{}^{ef}B_{ef,cd} + 4\eta_{[a}[\underline{c}C_{b]}|\underline{d}] - 2\eta_{c[a}\eta_{b]d}C$$

where $B \in \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$ and $C_{a|b} \in \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$

Gauge transformations $[\Sigma_{abc|ef} \equiv \epsilon_{abc}{}^d\tilde{\Sigma}_{ef|d}, \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_{ab|c} = \lambda_{ab,c} + \epsilon_{abcd}\xi^d]$

$$\delta B_{ab,cd} = \partial_{[a}\lambda_{|cd|,b]} + \partial_{[c}\lambda_{|ab|,d]}$$

$$\delta C_{a|b} = 2\partial_{[a}\tilde{\xi}_{b]} - \partial_b\xi_a + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_a{}^{cde}\partial_c\lambda_{de,b}$$

Duality relations gauge invariant

$$Q_{b|cd} = -\frac{1}{3!}\epsilon_b{}^{efg}\Gamma_{efg,cd} + 2\partial_{[c}C_{|b|d]} \quad \Gamma_{abc,de} \equiv 3\partial_{[a}B_{bc],de}$$

Integrability condition: act with $\epsilon^{abij}\partial_a$, using $\partial_{[a}Q_{b]}|_{cd} = 0$

$$0 = -\partial_a\Gamma^{aij}{}_{,cd} + 2\epsilon^{abij}\partial_a\partial_{[c}C_{|b|d]} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}^{abc}{}_{,abc} \equiv 3\partial_{[a}\Gamma^{abc}{}_{,bd]} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow B$ consistently propagates single d.o.f., no action for $(2, 2)$ alone ₇

Exotic Dual Action for (2, 2) Field

Decomposing into symmetric and antisymmetric part, $C_{a|b} = s_{ab} + a_{ab}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{24} \Gamma^{abc,de} \Gamma_{abc,de} + \frac{1}{12} \epsilon^{abcd} \Gamma_{bcd,}{}^{ef} h_{aef} - \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^{abcd} \Gamma_{bcd,}{}^{ef} \gamma_{ae,f} \\ & + s^{ab} G_{ab}(s) + \frac{1}{6} h^{abc} h_{abc}\end{aligned}$$

where G_{ab} is ‘Einstein tensor’ for s_{ab} , and

$$\gamma_{ab,c} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\partial_a s_{bc} + \partial_b s_{ac} - \partial_c s_{ab}) , \quad h_{abc} \equiv 3\partial_{[a} a_{bc]}$$

$\Rightarrow$ *wrong-sign* Einstein-Hilbert and Kalb-Ramond terms!

(linearized diff and KR gauge invariant with parameters ξ_a and $\tilde{\xi}_a$)

However, off-diagonal action with enlarged gauge invariance

$\Rightarrow$ no contradiction with equivalence to single 2-form

(Linearized) Double Field Theory

Frame formulation of DFT

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{E}_M^A \mathcal{E}_N^B S_{AB}, \quad S_{AB} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \eta^{ab} & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_{ab} \end{pmatrix}$$

where A local Lorentz index for $O(D-1, 1) \times O(D-1, 1)$

Linearized action for $\mathcal{E}_A^M = \bar{\mathcal{E}}_A^M + h_A^B \bar{\mathcal{E}}_B^M$

$$S_{\text{DFT}} = \int d^{2D}X e^{-2\bar{d}} \left(S^{AB} \mathcal{F}_A \mathcal{F}_B + \frac{1}{6} \bar{\mathcal{F}}^{ABC} \mathcal{F}_{ABC} \right)$$

with ‘coefficients of anholonomy’

$$\mathcal{F}_{ABC} = 3 \partial_{[A} h_{BC]} \quad \mathcal{F}_A = \partial^B h_{BA} + 2 \partial_A d$$

Bianchi identities

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{[A} \mathcal{F}_{BCD]} &= 0 \\ \partial^C \mathcal{F}_{CAB} + 2 \partial_{[A} \mathcal{F}_{B]} &= 0 \\ \partial^A \mathcal{F}_A &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Master Action & Duality Relations for DFT

Master action introducing Lagrange multiplier for Bianchi identities

$$S = \int dX e^{-2\bar{d}} \left[S^{AB} \mathcal{F}_A \mathcal{F}_B + \frac{1}{6} \bar{\mathcal{F}}^{ABC} \mathcal{F}_{ABC} \right. \\ \left. + D^{ABCD} \partial_A \mathcal{F}_{BCD} + D^{AB} (\partial^C \mathcal{F}_{CAB} + 2 \partial_A \mathcal{F}_B) + D \partial^A \mathcal{F}_A \right]$$

Varying w.r.t. $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow$ duality relations

$$\bar{\mathcal{F}}^{ABC} = 3 (\partial_D D^{DABC} + \partial^{[A} D^{BC]})$$

$$2S^{AB} \mathcal{F}_B = 2 \partial_B D^{BA} + \partial^A D$$

Breaking $O(D, D) \supset GL(D)$ and $O(D-1, 1)^2$ to diagonal subgroup
 $A = ({}^a, {}_a)$

$$D_{ABCD} \rightarrow D^{abcd} \quad D^{abc}{}_d \quad D^{ab}{}_{cd} \quad D^a{}_{bcd} \quad D_{abcd}$$

encodes conventional duals to metric, 2-form, dilaton, exotic duals, etc.,
 but *extra fields* D_{AB} and D needed for master/dual action

Dual Diffeomorphisms and Dual Action for DFT

Choose basis where $A = (a, \bar{a})$, DFT fields: $h_{a\bar{b}} \ h_{ab} \ h_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} \ d$

dual DFT fields: $D_{abcd} \ D_{abcd\bar{d}} \ \dots \ D_{\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}} \ D_{a\bar{b}} \ D_{ab} \ D_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} \ D$

Dual diffeomorphisms

$$\delta_{\Sigma} D_{a\bar{b}} = \partial_a \Sigma_{\bar{b}} - \partial_{\bar{b}} \Sigma_a + \partial^c \Sigma_{ca, \bar{b}} + \partial^{\bar{c}} \Sigma_{\bar{c}\bar{b}, a}$$

$$\delta_{\Sigma} D = \partial_a \Sigma^a + \partial_{\bar{a}} \Sigma^{\bar{a}}$$

$$\delta_{\Sigma} D_{ab\bar{c}\bar{d}} = 2 \partial_{[a} \Sigma_{|\bar{c}\bar{d}|, b]} - 2 \partial_{[\bar{c}} \Sigma_{|ab|, \bar{d}]} \dots$$

Dual DFT Action

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{\bar{d}} D^{\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}, a} \partial^{\bar{e}} D_{\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{e}, a} - \partial_{\bar{d}} D^{\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}, a} \partial^e D_{ea, \bar{b}\bar{c}} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_d D^{da, \bar{b}\bar{c}} \partial^e D_{ea, \bar{b}\bar{c}}$$

+ three more lines

$$- D^{ab, \bar{c}\bar{d}} \mathcal{R}_{ab, \bar{c}\bar{d}}(D) - \mathcal{L}_{\text{DFT}}^{(2)}(D_{a\bar{b}}, D)$$

where $\mathcal{R}_{ab, \bar{c}\bar{d}} \equiv 4 \partial_{[a} \partial_{[\bar{c}} D_{b] \bar{d}]}$ linear DFT Riemann tensor

Dual Fields in $E_{8(8)}$ Exceptional Field Theory

$E_{8(8)}$ vielbein $\mathcal{V}_M^{\underline{M}}$, coordinates Y^M , $M = 1, \dots, 248$, subject to

$$\mathbb{P}_{MN}^{KL} \equiv (\mathbb{P}_{1+248+3875})_{MN}^{KL} \quad \mathbb{P}_{MN}^{KL} \partial_K \otimes \partial_L = 0$$

Naive generalized Lie derivative

$$\mathbb{L}_\Lambda V^M \equiv \Lambda^K \partial_K V^M - f^M_{NP} f^{PK}{}_L \partial_K \Lambda^L V^N$$

Two (related) puzzles:

1) do not form an algebra [Berman, Cederwall, Kleinschmidt & Thompson (2013)]

2) $\mathcal{V}_M^{\underline{M}} \supset \varphi_m$ ($m = 1, \dots, 8$) dual to KK vector A_μ^m

dual graviton ($C_{m_1 \dots m_8, n} = \epsilon_{m_1 \dots m_8} \varphi_n$) *not* in $D = 11$

However, gauge invariant ‘Ricci scalar’ exists ($\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}^T$):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) = & -\frac{1}{240} \mathcal{M}^{MN} \partial_M \mathcal{M}^{KL} \partial_N \mathcal{M}_{KL} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}^{MN} \partial_M \mathcal{M}^{KL} \partial_L \mathcal{M}_{NK} \\ & + \frac{1}{7200} f^{NQ}{}_P f^{MS}{}_R \mathcal{M}^{PK} \partial_M \mathcal{M}_{QK} \mathcal{M}^{RL} \partial_N \mathcal{M}_{SL} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Resolution of puzzle: additional gauge symmetry

$$\delta_{(\Lambda, \Sigma)} V^M \equiv \Lambda^K \partial_K V^M - f^M_{NP} f^{PK}_L \partial_K \Lambda^L V^N - \underline{\Sigma_L f^{LM}_N V^N}$$

$\Rightarrow$ closure & invariance of action provided *covariantly constrained*

$$\mathbb{P}_{MN}{}^{KL} \partial_K \otimes \Sigma_L = \mathbb{P}_{MN}{}^{KL} \Sigma_K \otimes \Sigma_L = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ 8 components upon solving constraint $\Rightarrow \delta\varphi_m = \lambda_m$, pure gauge

$\Rightarrow$ corresponding gauge vectors $B_{\mu M}$ needed for Chern-Simons terms

General tensor hierarchy structure for any $E_{n(n)}$

$$D = 3, E_{8(8)} : \quad \mathcal{D}_\mu \mathcal{V} = (\partial_\mu - \delta_{(A_\mu, B_\mu)}) \mathcal{V}, \quad \delta B_{\mu M} = \partial_\mu \Sigma_M + \dots$$

$$D = 4, E_{7(7)} : \quad \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}{}^M = 2\partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]}^M + \dots - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{MN} B_{\mu\nu N}$$

$$D = 5, E_{6(6)} : \quad \mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu\rho M} = 3\partial_{[\mu} B_{\nu\rho]M} + \dots + C_{\mu\nu\rho M}$$

Compensator gauge fields needed for supersymmetry

[Godazgar², O.H., Nicolai, Samtleben (2014)]

representations not part of E_{10} or E_{11} level decomposition

Generalized Scherk-Schwarz & Consistent KK Truncations

Ansatz in terms of $U(Y) \in E_7$

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN}(x, Y) = U_M^{\underline{K}}(Y) U_N^{\underline{L}}(Y) M_{\underline{K}\underline{L}}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu^M(x, Y) = \rho^{-1}(Y) (U^{-1})_N^M(Y) A_\mu^N(x)$$

Y drops out $\Leftrightarrow$ *consistency (twist) conditions* for $\mathcal{E}_{\underline{M}}^N \equiv \rho^{-1}(U^{-1})_{\underline{M}}^N$

[Aldazabal, Grana, Marques, Rosabal (2013)]

$$\mathbb{L}_{\mathcal{E}_{\underline{M}}} \mathcal{E}_{\underline{N}} = -X_{\underline{MN}}^{\underline{K}} \mathcal{E}_{\underline{K}}, \quad X_{\underline{MN}}^{\underline{K}} = \Theta_{\underline{M}}^\alpha(t_\alpha)_{\underline{N}}^{\underline{K}} + \dots$$

Full consistency: *non-trivial* ansatz for compensating gauge field

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu M}(x, Y) = -2 \rho^{-2} (U^{-1})_S^P \partial_M U_P^R (t^\alpha)_R^S B_{\mu\nu \alpha}(x)$$

Twist matrices constructed for $AdS_4 \times S^7$, $AdS_5 \times S^5$, hyperboloids, etc.,

$\Rightarrow$ Consistency of KK truncation [de Wit & Nicolai (1986)]

Outlook & Summary

- Dual graviton and other mixed Young tableau fields in DFT
⇒ new features, new fields
- Construction of *non-linear* completion in completely new light,
no-go theorems not applicable
- Fully non-linear DFT?
- Parts of dual graviton appear consistently and non-linearly in EFT,
needed for supersymmetry and consistent KK ansatz
- Application for exotic branes?