

Generalized conformal geometry, CFT conservation laws and holography

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Introduction

- How is the bulk dynamics of gravity emergent from CFT?
- The Hamiltonian of AdS_{d+1} gravity is the sum of the constraint from the diffeomorphism along the evolution direction

$$\mathbb{R}_{(d)} + \ell^{-2}[d(d-1) - 2\mathbb{K}^{[\mu_1}_{[\mu_1}\mathbb{K}^{\mu_2]}_{\mu_2}]] = 0$$

and the constraints perpendicular to the evolution direction

$$\nabla_{[\mu}\mathbb{K}^{\mu}_{\nu]} = 0$$

where $\mathbb{K}_{\mu\nu}$ is the extrinsic curvature of the “equal time” hypersurface.

Introduction

- It is natural to identify these constraints with the Weyl and diffeomorphism conservation laws in the dual CFT

$$T^\mu{}_\mu = \mathcal{A}_{\text{Weyl}}, \quad \nabla_\mu T^\mu{}_\nu = 0$$

- What is the explicit relation between $T^\mu{}_\nu$ and $\mathbb{k}^\mu{}_\nu$???
- for example

$$T^\mu{}_\nu \sim \mathbb{k}^\mu{}_\nu - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathbb{k}^\rho{}_\rho ?$$

- A puzzle:
The constraint for radial evolution is quadratic in \mathbb{k} , while the CFT Weyl conservation law is linear in $T^\mu{}_\nu$.
- To solve such a problem, various approaches have been suggested, e.g. the $T\bar{T}$ deformation.

Introduction

- In our approach, the $SO(2, d)$ symmetry plays the essential role.
- A lesson from AdS/CFT:
Global symmetry in the boundary field theory
 \Rightarrow Gauge symmetry in the bulk gravity theory
- For a CFT at the d -dimensional boundary, we have the conformal symmetry $SO(2, d)$ as the global symmetry.
- Thus we would expect the local $SO(2, d)$ gauge symmetry in the bulk theory.
- In our past works, the $SO(2, d)$ gauge theory formula of AdS gravity is established for general d .
- Correspondingly, we will also establish the $SO(2, d)$ gauge field formalism of CFT background field.
- In this framework, the bulk Hamiltonian constraints can be naturally reproduced by CFT conservation laws.

Einstein Gravity

- Written in terms of vielbein, the Einstein-Hilbert action is

$$S[e] = \int \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_D} \left[\Theta^{a_1 a_2} + \frac{(D-2)}{D \ell^2} e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2} \right] \wedge e^{a_3} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_D}$$

where the spin connection ω^a_b is decided by the torsion free condition

$$D e^a = d e^a + \omega^a_b \wedge e^b = 0$$

and the curvature is decided by the spin connection

$$\Theta^a_b = d \omega^a_b + \omega^a_c \wedge \omega^c_b$$

- The Einstein equation is

$$\left(\Theta^{[a_1 a_2} + \ell^{-2} e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2} \right) \wedge e^{a_3} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_{D-1}} = 0$$

Palatini's 1-st Order Formula

- Palatini: Treating the spin connection $\omega^a{}_b$ as independent variables

$$S[e, \omega] = \int \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_D} \left[\Theta^{a_1 a_2} + \frac{(D-2)}{D \ell^2} e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2} \right] \wedge e^{a_3} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_D}$$

- The EOM's are

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\Theta^{[a_1 a_2} + \ell^{-2} e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2} \right) \wedge e^{a_3} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_{D-1}} &= 0 \\ D e^{[a_1} \wedge e^{a_2} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_{D-2}}] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- If the vielbein e^a is not degenerate, the torsion free condition will be automatically implied by the 2nd EOM
- The 1-st order formalism is equivalent to the original second order formalism at least in the classical level.

Uplift to $SO(2, d)$ via ruler

- Basic idea of $SO(1, d) \rightarrow SO(2, d)$:

$$A^a{}_b \sim \omega^a{}_b, \quad A^a{}_\bullet \sim \ell^{-1} e^a$$

- In the covariant treatment, we impose a ruler field $Y^{\hat{\alpha}}$ in the vector representation of $SO(2, d)$ to point out the way of $SO(2, d) \rightarrow SO(1, d)$
- Ruler field satisfies the constraints $Y^{\hat{\alpha}} Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = -\ell^2$. Thus no new DOF is introduced.
- In the Einstein gauge $Y^a = 0, \quad Y^\bullet = \ell,$

$$\begin{aligned} DY^a &= e^a, & DY^\bullet &= 0, \\ DDY^a &= F^a{}_\bullet Y^\bullet = De^a, & DDY^\bullet &= F^\bullet{}_b Y^b = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- The Palatini EOM's can be unified $SO(2, d)$ covariantly as

$$F^{[\hat{\alpha}_1 \hat{\alpha}_2} \wedge DY^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \wedge \dots \wedge DY^{\hat{\alpha}_d]} = 0.$$

$SO(2, d)$ action

- We can realize the previous uplift in terms of a gauge invariant action constructed by $SO(2, d)$ covariant fields

$$\int \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_D} \left[\Theta^{a_1 a_2} + \frac{(D-2)}{D \ell^2} e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2} \right] \wedge e^{a_3} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_D}$$
$$\sim \int \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}_1 \dots \hat{\alpha}_{D+1}} \left[F^{\hat{\alpha}_1 \hat{\alpha}_2} - \frac{2}{D \ell^2} D Y^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \wedge D Y^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \right] \wedge D Y^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \wedge \dots \wedge D Y^{\hat{\alpha}_D} Y^{\hat{\alpha}_{D+1}}$$

- In the $D = 3$ C-S formalism, the Y field is implicitly imposed when one decides the vielbein from the gauge field $e^a = A_L^a + A_R^a$.
- The metric is induced by the $Y^{\hat{\alpha}}$ field

$$ds^2 = D_M Y^{\hat{\alpha}} D_N Y_{\hat{\alpha}} dx^M dx^N.$$

$SO(2, d)$ action

- The bulk covariant action of AdS gravity

$$\begin{aligned} S_{(d+1)}^{\text{cov}} &= \int_M \mathcal{L}_{(d+1)}^{\text{cov}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\kappa^2 \ell (d-1)!} \int_M \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}_1\cdots\hat{\alpha}_d} \left[F^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} - \frac{2}{(d+1)\ell^2} \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}} \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\beta}} \right] \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}_{d-1}} \text{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d}. \end{aligned}$$

- The EOM's are

$$F^{[\hat{\alpha}_1\hat{\alpha}_2} \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \wedge \cdots \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}_{D-1}]} = 0,$$

as well as the EOM from δY

$$\epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}_1\cdots\hat{\alpha}_d} \text{Y}^{\hat{\beta}} \text{D}(F^{\hat{\alpha}_1\hat{\alpha}_2} \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge \text{DY}^{\hat{\alpha}_d}) = 0.$$

- Providing the 1st EOM, the 2nd EOM will be automatically satisfied. In fact, it vanishes only when the torsion free condition is satisfied.
- Thus the new EOM will not introduce any further constraints, and the above system is equivalent to the original Einstein gravity classically.

The bulk $SO(2, d)$ structure

- Starting from Y and A , we can use $\{Y, D_M Y\}$ as an intrinsic basis for $SO(2, d)$ vector space since

$$Y^{\hat{\alpha}} Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = -\ell^2, \quad D_M Y^{\hat{\alpha}} D_N Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = g_{MN}, \quad Y^{\hat{\alpha}} D_N Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0.$$

- How to express the derivatives of the basis in terms of the base itself $D_{M_2} D_{M_1} Y^{\hat{\alpha}} = (\dots) Y^{\hat{\alpha}} + (\dots) D_N Y^{\hat{\alpha}}$?
- The answer implies the metric+torsion structure:

$$D_{M_2} D_{M_1} Y^{\hat{\alpha}} = \ell^{-2} g_{M_1 M_2} Y^{\hat{\alpha}} + \Gamma^N_{M_1 M_2} D_N Y^{\hat{\alpha}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^M_{NP} &= \hat{\Gamma}^M_{NP} + t^M_{NP}, \\ \hat{\Gamma}^M_{MM_1 M_2} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{M_2} g_{NM_1} + \partial_{M_1} g_{NM_2} - \partial_N g_{M_1 M_2}), \\ t^M_{NM_1 M_2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[(F_{NM_1})^{\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2} D_{M_2} Y_{\hat{\beta}_1} + (F_{NM_2})^{\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2} D_{M_1} Y_{\hat{\beta}_1} - (F_{M_1 M_2})^{\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2} D_N Y_{\hat{\beta}_1} \right] Y_{\hat{\beta}_2}. \end{aligned}$$

The bulk $SO(2, d)$ structure

- Decomposed on the intrinsic basis, the field strength is

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{M_1 M_2} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} R^{N_1 N_2}{}_{M_1 M_2} + \ell^{-2} \delta_{[M_1}^{N_1} \delta_{M_2]}^{N_2} \right) \tau_{N_1 N_2} - 2\ell^{-1} t^N{}_{[M_1 M_2]} \tau_N \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{R}^{N_1 N_2}{}_{M_1 M_2} + \hat{\nabla}_{[M_1} t^{N_1 N_2}{}_{M_2]} + t^{N_1}{}_{N[M_1} t^{N N_2}{}_{M_2]} + \ell^{-2} \delta_{[M_1}^{N_1} \delta_{M_2]}^{N_2} \right) \tau_{N_1 N_2} \\
 &\quad - 2\ell^{-1} t^N{}_{[M_1 M_2]} \tau_N .
 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus the $SO(2, d)$ covariantized torsion free condition is

$$(F_{M_1 M_2})^{\hat{\alpha}}{}_{\hat{\beta}} Y^{\hat{\beta}} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [D_{M_1}, D_{M_2}] Y^{\hat{\alpha}} = 0 .$$

- The Bianchi identity \Leftrightarrow Usual Bianchi identities for GR

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= D_{[M_3} F_{M_1 M_2]} \\
 &= \left(\hat{\nabla}_{[M_3} \hat{R}^{N_1 N_2}{}_{M_1 M_2]} - \hat{R}^N{}_{[M_2 M_3 M_1]} t^{N_1 N_2}{}_N \right) D_{N_1} Y^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_{N_2} Y^{\hat{\beta}]} \\
 &\quad - 2\ell^{-2} \hat{R}^N{}_{[M_3 M_1 M_2]} Y^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_N Y^{\hat{\beta}]}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Substituting into the action, it recovers the Einstein-Hilbert action directly without any particular gauge choice.

Projecting bulk $SO(2, d)$ structure on Σ

- The dual CFT with a local energy scale $z = \zeta(x)$ is defined on the hypersurface $\Sigma = \{(x, z) | z = \zeta(x)\}$.
- The ruler and gauge field on Σ is obtained by the pull back

$$\mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}}(x; \Sigma) = Y^{\hat{\alpha}}(x, \zeta(x)), \quad \mathbb{A}(x; \Sigma) = A(x, \zeta(x)).$$

- It satisfies

$$\mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} = -\ell^2, \quad \mathbb{D}_{\mu} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_{\nu} \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} = \mathfrak{g}_{\mu\nu}, \quad \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_{\mu} \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0.$$

where $\mathfrak{g}_{\mu\nu}$ is exactly the induced metric on Σ

Projecting bulk $SO(2, d)$ structure on Σ

- To establish the full basis, we still need $N^{\hat{\alpha}}$ which satisfies

$$N^{\hat{\alpha}} N_{\hat{\alpha}} = \ell^2, \quad N^{\hat{\alpha}} Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0, \quad N^{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_{\mu} Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0.$$

It can be expressed manifestly as

$$N_{\hat{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{d!} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_d} \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha} \hat{\alpha}_1 \dots \hat{\alpha}_{d+1}} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_1} Y^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} Y^{\hat{\alpha}_d} Y^{\hat{\alpha}_{d+1}}.$$

- One additional gauge invariant quantity is

$$\mathbb{D}_{\mu} N^{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_{\nu} Y_{\hat{\alpha}} = k_{\mu\nu}$$

which is just the extrinsic curvature of Σ .

Projecting bulk $SO(2, d)$ structure on Σ

- Taking derivatives of the basis gives

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{D}_\mu \mathbb{N}^{\hat{\alpha}} &= \mathbb{k}_\mu{}^\nu \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}}, \\ \mathbb{D}_\mu \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} &= \ell^{-2} \mathfrak{g}_{\mu\nu} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} + \Gamma^\rho{}_{\nu\mu} \mathbb{D}_\rho \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} - \ell^{-2} \mathbb{k}_{\mu\nu} \mathbb{N}^{\hat{\alpha}},\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} &= \hat{\Gamma}^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} + \mathfrak{t}^\mu{}_{\nu\rho}, \\ \hat{\Gamma}^\mu{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{g}^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu_2} \mathfrak{g}_{\nu\mu_1} + \partial_{\mu_1} \mathfrak{g}_{\nu\mu_2} - \partial_\nu \mathfrak{g}_{\mu_1\mu_2}), \\ \mathfrak{t}^\mu{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{g}^{\mu\nu} \left[(\mathbb{F}_{\nu\mu_1})^{\hat{\beta}_1\hat{\beta}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_2} \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\beta}_1} + (\mathbb{F}_{\nu\mu_2})^{\hat{\beta}_1\hat{\beta}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_1} \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\beta}_1} - (\mathbb{F}_{\mu_1\mu_2})^{\hat{\beta}_1\hat{\beta}_2} \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\beta}_1} \right] \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\beta}_2}.\end{aligned}$$

- The field strength is decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbb{F}_{\mu_1\mu_2})^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} &= \left[\mathbb{R}^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} + 2\ell^{-2} \left(\delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} \delta_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2} - \mathbb{k}_{[\mu_1}{}^{\nu_1} \mathbb{k}_{\mu_2]}{}^{\nu_2} \right) \right] \mathbb{D}_{\nu_1} \mathbb{Y}^{[\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_{\nu_2} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\beta}]}\ \\ &\quad - 4\ell^{-4} \mathbb{k}_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} \mathbb{Y}^{[\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{N}^{\hat{\beta}]} + 4\ell^{-2} \mathfrak{t}{}^\nu{}_{[\mu_2\mu_1]} \mathbb{Y}^{[\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\beta}]}\ \\ &\quad - 4\ell^{-2} \left(\nabla_{[\mu_1} \mathbb{k}_{\mu_2]}{}^\nu + \mathfrak{t}{}^{\nu_1}{}_{[\mu_2\mu_1]} \mathbb{k}_{\nu_1}{}^\nu \right) \mathbb{N}^{[\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\beta}]}\end{aligned}$$

Projecting bulk $SO(2, d)$ structure on Σ

- The pull back of bulk Einstein equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}_1\dots\hat{\alpha}_d} \epsilon^{\mu_1\dots\mu_d} (\mathbb{F}_{\mu_1\mu_2})^{\hat{\alpha}_1\hat{\alpha}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_3} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \\
 &= \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}_1\dots\hat{\alpha}_d} \epsilon^{\mu_1\dots\mu_d} \\
 &\quad \left[\left(\mathbb{R}^{\nu_1\nu_2}_{\mu_1\mu_2} + 2\ell^{-2} \delta_{\mu_1}^{\nu_1} \delta_{\mu_2}^{\nu_2} - 2\ell^{-2} \mathbb{k}_{\mu_1}^{\nu_1} \mathbb{k}_{\mu_2}^{\nu_2} \right) \mathbb{D}_{\nu_1} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \mathbb{D}_{\nu_2} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_3} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \right. \\
 &\quad - 2\ell^{-4} \mathbb{k}_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \mathbb{N}^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_3} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \\
 &\quad + 2\ell^{-2} \mathbb{t}^{\nu}_{[\mu_2\mu_1]} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \mathbb{D}_{\nu} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_3} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \\
 &\quad \left. - 2\ell^{-2} \left(\nabla_{[\mu_1} \mathbb{k}_{\mu_2]}^{\nu} + \mathbb{t}^{\nu_1}_{[\mu_2\mu_1]} \mathbb{k}_{\nu_1}^{\nu} \right) \mathbb{N}^{\hat{\alpha}_1} \mathbb{D}_{\nu} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_3} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- In the bulk torsion free case

$$\mathbb{k}_{[\mu\nu]} = 0, \quad \mathbb{t}^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} = 0,$$

the rest constraints are just the Hamiltonian constraints for bulk diffeomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{R} + \ell^{-2} [d(d-1) - 2\mathbb{k}^{[\mu_1}_{[\mu_1} \mathbb{k}^{\mu_2]}_{\mu_2]}] &= 0 \\
 \nabla_{[\mu} \mathbb{k}^{\mu}_{\nu]} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- How to recover them in CFT?

CFT $SO(2, d)$ structure

- The CFT $SO(2, d)$ structure is based on the null ruler $X^{\hat{\alpha}}$

$$X^{\hat{\alpha}} X_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0$$

and the corresponding $SO(2, d)$ gauge field A_{μ} .

- Their Weyl transformations are simply

$$\delta_W X^{\hat{\alpha}} = \omega X^{\hat{\alpha}}, \quad \delta_W A_{\mu} = 0$$

- The corresponding covariant derivative is D_{μ} . We have

$$D_{\mu} X^{\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu} X_{\hat{\alpha}} = g_{\mu\nu}, \quad X^{\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu} X_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0$$

where $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the CFT metric.

- One can deduce the Weyl transformation of the CFT metric

$$\delta_W g_{\mu\nu} = 2\omega g_{\mu\nu}$$

CFT $SO(2, d)$ structure

- To establish the CFT intrinsic basis, we also need to introduce $Z^{\hat{\alpha}}$

$$Z^{\hat{\alpha}} X_{\hat{\alpha}} = 1, \quad Z^{\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu} X_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0, \quad Z^{\hat{\alpha}} Z_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0.$$

- One additional gauge invariant quantity is

$$f_{\mu\nu} = D_{\mu} Z^{\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu} X_{\hat{\alpha}}$$

- Taking derivatives on the basis gives

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mu} Z^{\hat{\alpha}} &= f_{\mu}^{\nu} D_{\nu} X^{\hat{\alpha}}, \\ D_{\mu_1} D_{\mu_2} X^{\hat{\alpha}} &= -g_{\mu_1 \mu_2} Z^{\hat{\alpha}} + \Gamma_{\mu_2 \mu_1}^{\nu} D_{\nu} X^{\hat{\alpha}} - f_{\mu_1 \mu_2} X^{\hat{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} &= \hat{\Gamma}^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} + t^{\mu}_{\nu\rho}, \\ \hat{\Gamma}^{\mu}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu_2} g_{\nu\mu_1} + \partial_{\mu_1} g_{\nu\mu_2} - \partial_{\nu} g_{\mu_1 \mu_2}), \\ t^{\mu}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \left[(F_{\nu\mu_1})^{\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2} D_{\mu_2} X_{\hat{\beta}_1} + (F_{\nu\mu_2})^{\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2} D_{\mu_1} X_{\hat{\beta}_1} - (F_{\mu_1 \mu_2})^{\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2} D_{\nu} X_{\hat{\beta}_1} \right] X_{\hat{\beta}_2}. \end{aligned}$$

CFT $SO(2, d)$ structure

- The field strength is decomposed as

$$(F_{\mu_1\mu_2})^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} = \left[R^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} - 4\delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} f_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2} \right] D_{\nu_1} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu_2} X^{\hat{\beta}]} - 4f_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} Z^{\hat{\beta}]} \\ - 4t^{\nu}{}_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} D_{\nu} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} Z^{\hat{\beta}]} - 4 \left(\nabla_{[\mu_1} f_{\mu_2]}{}^{\nu} + t^{\nu_1}{}_{[\mu_2\mu_1]} f_{\nu_1}{}^{\nu} \right) X^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu} X^{\hat{\beta}]} .$$

- The Weyl transformation of various gauge invariant quantities are

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_W g_{\mu\nu} &= 2\omega g_{\mu\nu} , \\ \delta_W f_{\mu\nu} &= -\nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} \omega , \\ \delta_W \hat{\Gamma}^{\nu}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} &= 2\delta_{(\mu_2}^{\nu} \partial_{\mu_1)} \omega - g_{\mu_1\mu_2} g^{\nu\rho} \partial_{\rho} \omega , \\ \delta_W t^{\nu}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} &= 0 , \\ \delta_W R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} &= -4g^{\rho\lambda} \partial_{[\sigma} \omega t_{\lambda][\mu\nu]} - 2g^{\rho\lambda} \left(g_{\lambda[\mu} \nabla_{\nu]} \nabla_{\sigma} \omega - g_{\sigma[\mu} \nabla_{\nu]} \nabla_{\lambda} \omega \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Conformal geometry

- What is the meaning of the additional CFT background field $f_{\mu\nu}$?
- In conformal geometry, there is an important quantity—the Schouten tensor

$$S_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{d-2} \left(\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2(d-1)} \hat{R} g_{\mu\nu} \right).$$

- Taking derivative on it gives rise to the Cotton tensor

$$C_{\rho\mu\nu} = 2(d-2) \hat{\nabla}_{[\rho} S_{\mu]\nu} = 2 \hat{\nabla}_{[\rho} \left(\hat{R}_{\mu]\nu} - \frac{1}{2(d-1)} \hat{R} g_{\mu]\nu} \right).$$

- The Weyl tensor is just

$$\begin{aligned} W^{\nu_1 \nu_2}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} &= \hat{R}^{\nu_1 \nu_2}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} - \frac{4}{d-2} \delta_{[\mu_1}^{[\nu_1} \hat{R}_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2]} + \frac{2}{(d-2)(d-1)} \hat{R} \delta_{[\mu_1}^{[\nu_1} \delta_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2]} \\ &= \hat{R}^{\nu_1 \nu_2}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} - 4 \delta_{[\mu_1}^{[\nu_1} S_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2]}. \end{aligned}$$

Generalized conformal geometry

- In the CFT torsion free case

$$f_{[\mu\nu]} = 0, \quad t^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} = 0.$$

the Weyl transformation of the Schouten tensor is exactly same as $f_{\mu\nu}$

$$\delta_W S_{\mu\nu} = -\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \omega.$$

Thus $f_{\mu\nu}$ is naturally the generalized Schouten tensor.

- The $SO(2, d)$ field strength unifies the generalized Weyl tensor, the generalized Cotton tensor and the torsion

$$(F_{\mu_1\mu_2})^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} = \left[R^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} - 4\delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} f_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2} \right] D_{\nu_1} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu_2} X^{\hat{\beta}]} - 4f_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} Z^{\hat{\beta}]} \\ - 4t^\nu{}_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} D_\nu X^{[\hat{\alpha}} Z^{\hat{\beta}]} - 4(\nabla_{[\mu_1} f_{\mu_2]}{}^\nu + t^{\nu_1}{}_{[\mu_2\mu_1]} f_{\nu_1}{}^\nu) X^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_\nu X^{\hat{\beta}]}.$$

- For $d > 2$, the condition $F = 0$ automatically implies that

$$f_{\mu\nu} = S_{\mu\nu},$$

and further the corresponding geometry is conformal flat.

Bulk $_{\Sigma}$ -CFT relation

- The bulk $SO(2, d)$ data on Σ can be constructed out of the CFT $SO(2, d)$ data as following

$$\mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} = \zeta^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\hat{\alpha}} - \frac{\ell^2}{2} \zeta \mathbf{Z}^{\hat{\alpha}},$$
$$(\mathbb{A}_{\mu})^{\hat{\alpha}}_{\hat{\beta}} = (\mathbf{A}_{\mu})^{\hat{\alpha}}_{\hat{\beta}},$$

- The scale ζ appears manifestly in \mathbb{Y} such that the bulk $_{\Sigma}$ quantities are all Weyl invariant.
- For simplicity, we shall just show the $\zeta = 1$ results later on

$$\mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} = \mathbf{X}^{\hat{\alpha}} - \frac{\ell^2}{2} \mathbf{Z}^{\hat{\alpha}}, \quad (\mathbb{A}_{\mu})^{\hat{\alpha}}_{\hat{\beta}} = (\mathbf{A}_{\mu})^{\hat{\alpha}}_{\hat{\beta}}.$$

- Thus

$$\mathbb{D}_{\mu} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} = m_{\mu}^{\nu} \mathbf{D}_{\nu} \mathbf{X}^{\hat{\alpha}}, \quad m_{\mu}^{\nu} = \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} - \frac{\ell^2}{2} \mathbf{f}_{\mu}^{\nu}.$$

Bulk $_{\Sigma}$ -CFT relation

- Inversely

$$\begin{aligned} X^{\hat{\alpha}} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} + \mathbb{N}^{\hat{\alpha}}), & (A_{\mu})^{\hat{\alpha}}{}_{\hat{\beta}} &= (A_{\mu})^{\hat{\alpha}}{}_{\hat{\beta}}, \\ D_{\mu}X^{\hat{\alpha}} &= M_{\mu}{}^{\nu}D_{\nu}\mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}}, & M_{\mu}{}^{\nu} &= \frac{1}{2}(\delta_{\mu}^{\nu} + \mathbb{k}_{\mu}{}^{\nu}). \end{aligned}$$

- Thus the CFT metric is

$$g_{\mu\nu} = M_{\mu}{}^{\mu_1} M_{\nu}{}^{\nu_1} g_{\mu_1\nu_1}.$$

- An interesting corollary:

For any hypersurface $\Sigma = \{(x, z) | z = \zeta(x)\}$ in pure AdS, the CFT metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ is always conformal flat since $F = 0$.

CFT conservation laws

- The bulk torsion free condition

$$\mathbb{k}_{[\mu\nu]} = 0, \quad \mathbb{t}^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} = 0,$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_{[\mu\nu]} &= 0, \\ \mathbf{t}_{\nu\mu_2\mu_1} &= M_{\nu}{}^{\nu_1} M_{\mu_2}{}^{\mu_3} m_{\mu_1\sigma} \hat{\nabla}_{[\mu_3} m_{\nu_1]}{}^\sigma + M_{\nu}{}^\sigma \hat{\nabla}_{[\mu_1} m_{\sigma]\mu_2} - M_{\mu_2}{}^\sigma \hat{\nabla}_{[\mu_1} m_{\sigma]\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

- Now, a generic CFT $S_{\text{CFT}}[\phi; \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}]$ is couple to both the metric $\mathbf{g}_{\mu\nu}$ and the generalized Schouten tensor $\mathbf{f}_{\mu\nu}$.
- The corresponding currents are

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{g}}} \left\langle \frac{\delta S_{\text{CFT}}}{\delta \mathbf{g}_{\mu\nu}} \right\rangle, \quad J^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{g}}} \left\langle \frac{\delta S_{\text{CFT}}}{\delta \mathbf{f}_{\mu\nu}} \right\rangle.$$

- The presence of $\mathbf{f}_{\mu\nu}$ will modify the diffeomorphism and Weyl conservation laws

$$\begin{aligned} 2\hat{\nabla}_\nu (T^\nu{}_\mu + J^{\rho\nu} \mathbf{f}_{\rho\mu}) - J^{\rho\nu} \hat{\nabla}_\mu \mathbf{f}_{\rho\nu} &= 0, \\ 2\mathbf{g}_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} - \hat{\nabla}_\nu \hat{\nabla}_\mu J^{\mu\nu} - \hat{\nabla}_\rho (\mathbf{t}^\rho{}_{\nu\mu} J^{\mu\nu}) &= \mathcal{A}_{\text{Weyl}}. \end{aligned}$$

Bulk Hamiltonian constraints

- The pull back of bulk Einstein equation on Σ becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}_1\dots\hat{\alpha}_d} \epsilon^{\mu_1\dots\mu_d} (\mathbb{F}_{\mu_1\mu_2})^{\hat{\alpha}_1\hat{\alpha}_2} \mathbb{D}_{\mu_3} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \dots \mathbb{D}_{\mu_d} \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \\
 &= \epsilon_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}_1\dots\hat{\alpha}_d} \epsilon^{\mu_1\dots\mu_d} m_{\mu_3}{}^{\nu_3} D_{\nu_3} X^{\hat{\alpha}} \dots m_{\mu_d}{}^{\nu_d} D_{\nu_d} X^{\hat{\alpha}_d} \\
 &\quad \left[\left(R^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} - 4\delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} f_{\mu_2]}{}^{\nu_2} \right) D_{\nu_1} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} D_{\nu_2} X^{\hat{\beta}]} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 4\ell^{-2} t^{\nu}{}_{[\mu_1\mu_2]} D_{\nu} X^{[\hat{\alpha}} (X^{\hat{\beta}]} + \frac{\ell^2}{2} Z^{\hat{\beta}]} \right] \\
 \Leftrightarrow &\quad \begin{cases} \hat{\nabla}_{\nu} (m M_{\mu}{}^{\nu}) = 0 \\ M_{\nu_1}{}^{\mu_1} M_{\nu_2}{}^{\mu_2} (R^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} - 4\delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} f_{\mu_2]}{}^{\nu_2}) = 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

where m is the determinate of $m_{\mu}{}^{\nu}$.

- For the vacuum state $|\Omega(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f})\rangle$, the currents $T^{\mu\nu}$ and $J^{\mu\nu}$ must be functions of the background fields $\mathbf{g}_{\mu\nu}$ and $\mathbf{f}_{\mu\nu}$.
- Can we find the explicit formula for $T^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f})$ and $J^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f})$ such that the above Hamiltonian constraints are recovered from the conservation laws?

Recovering bulk Hamiltonian constraints

- Very recently, we find the following formula up to a overall constant

$$\begin{aligned}
 J^{\mu\nu} &= 2mM^{\nu[\mu}M_{\rho}^{\rho]}, \\
 T^{\mu\nu} &= m[\ell^{-2}(dM^{\nu\mu} - M_{\rho}^{\rho}g^{\mu\nu}) - 2M^{\mu[\rho}M_{\sigma}^{\sigma]}f_{\rho}^{\nu}].
 \end{aligned}$$

For $f_{\mu\nu} = 0$, it comes back to

$$J^{\mu\nu} = (d-1)g^{\nu\mu}, \quad T^{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

- Substituting them into the CFT diffeomorphism conservation law, it recovers the bulk constraints for the diffeomorphism on Σ

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= 2\hat{\nabla}_{\nu}(T^{\nu}_{\mu} + J^{\rho\nu}f_{\rho\mu}) - J^{\rho\nu}\hat{\nabla}_{\mu}f_{\rho\nu} \\
 &= 2\ell^{-2}\hat{\nabla}_{\nu}[m(dM_{\mu}^{\nu} - M_{\rho}^{\rho}\delta_{\nu}^{\mu})] + m(M^{\nu\rho_1}M_{\rho_1}^{\rho} - M_{\rho_1}^{\rho_1}M^{\nu\rho})\hat{\nabla}_{\mu}f_{\rho\nu} \\
 &= 2d\ell^{-2}\hat{\nabla}_{\nu}(mM_{\mu}^{\nu}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Recovering bulk Hamiltonian constraints

- The LHS of the anomalous CFT Weyl conservation law gives

$$2g_{\mu\nu}T^{\mu\nu} - \hat{\nabla}_\nu \hat{\nabla}_\mu J^{\mu\nu} - \hat{\nabla}_\rho (t^\rho{}_{\nu\mu} J^{\mu\nu}) \\ = 2mM_{\mu_1}{}^{\nu_1} M_{\mu_2}{}^{\nu_2} \delta_{[\nu_1}^{\mu_1} f_{\nu_2]}^{\mu_2}] + \hat{\nabla}_\nu [M^{\rho\nu} \hat{\nabla}_\mu (mM_\nu{}^\mu)].$$

The 2nd term vanishes due to the CFT diffeomorphism conservation law.

- Comparing with the bulk Radial constraint

$$M_{\nu_1}{}^{\mu_1} M_{\nu_2}{}^{\mu_2} (R^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} - 4\delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} f_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2}) = 0$$

we get

$$\sqrt{g} \mathcal{A}_{\text{Weyl}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} m M_{\nu_1}{}^{\mu_1} M_{\nu_2}{}^{\mu_2} R^{\nu_1\nu_2}{}_{\mu_1\mu_2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} \mathbb{R}$$

Recovering bulk Hamiltonian constraints

- Since $g_{\mu\nu}$ itself contains the scale ζ manifestly and is Weyl invariant, the anomaly

$$\sqrt{g} \mathcal{A}_{\text{Weyl}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} m M_{\nu_1}{}^{\mu_1} M_{\nu_2}{}^{\mu_2} R^{\nu_1 \nu_2}{}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} R$$

is not contradict with the Wess-Zumino consistent condition.

- We can perform the ζ expansion for $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Weyl}}$, and the 0-th order term gives rise to the usual Weyl anomaly.
- For $d = 4$ and $f_{\mu\nu} = S_{\mu\nu}$, the 0-th order is

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{Weyl}}^{(0)} \propto 2 \hat{R}^{\mu\nu} \hat{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{2}{3} \hat{R}^2 = (\text{Weyl})^2 - \text{Euler}$$

which is consistent with the known results in $N = 4$ SYM.

CZ equation & Radial evolution

- Transfer to the bulk notations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta S_{\text{CFT}} &= \int d^d x \sqrt{g} (T^{\mu\nu} \delta g_{\mu\nu} + J^{\mu\nu} \delta f_{\mu\nu}) \\
 &= \ell^{-2} \int d^d x \left[\frac{d}{2} \sqrt{g} (2g^{\nu\mu} \delta k_{\mu\nu} - k^{\nu_1\mu_1} \delta g_{\mu_1\nu_1}) - \delta(\sqrt{g} k_{\rho}{}^{\rho}) \right] \\
 &= \ell^{-2} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left\{ [(d-1) \mathbb{D}^\mu \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{N}_{\hat{\beta}} - (g^{\mu\nu} k_{\rho}{}^{\rho} - k^{\nu\mu}) \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\beta}}] \delta(\mathbb{A}_\mu)^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left[\ell^{-2} (d(d-1) - k_\mu{}^\mu k_{\rho}{}^{\rho} + k^{\nu\mu} k_{\mu\nu}) \mathbb{N}_{\hat{\alpha}} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \nabla_\mu (g^{\mu\nu} k_{\rho}{}^{\rho} - k^{\nu\mu}) \mathbb{D}_\nu \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} \right] \delta \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- By adding the Gibbons Hawking term, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(S_{\text{CFT}} + S_{\text{GH}}) &= \frac{d}{2\ell^2} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} (2g^{\nu\mu} \delta k_{\mu\nu} - k^{\nu\mu} \delta g_{\mu\nu}) \\
 &= \frac{d}{\ell^2} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left(\mathbb{D}^\mu \mathbb{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{N}_{\hat{\beta}} \delta(\mathbb{A}_\mu)^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} + \frac{d}{\ell^2} \mathbb{N}_{\hat{\alpha}} \delta \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} \right) = \int d^d x \left((\Pi^\mu)_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} \delta(\mathbb{A}_\mu)^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} + \Pi_{\hat{\alpha}} \delta \mathbb{Y}^{\hat{\alpha}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the Π 's are coincide with the canonical momentums obtained in the bulk Hamiltonian formalism.

CZ equation & Radial evolution

- Generically, when the radial constraint is not satisfied, the “hard” deviation of the scale invariance is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B} &= \sqrt{g} m M_{\nu_1}^{\mu_1} M_{\nu_2}^{\mu_2} (R^{\nu_1 \nu_2}{}_{\mu_1 \mu_2} - 4 \delta_{[\mu_1}^{\nu_1} f_{\mu_2]}^{\nu_2}) \\ &= \sqrt{g} \{ \mathbb{R} + \ell^{-2} [d(d-1) - 2 \mathbb{K}_{[\mu_1}^{\mu_1} \mathbb{K}_{\mu_2]}^{\mu_2}] \}.\end{aligned}$$

- From the RG-flow point of view, we can absorb this deviation of scale invariance by adding extra scale dependence of \mathbb{A}_μ . That is, the Callan-Symanzik equation

$$(\Pi^\mu)_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} \partial_z (\mathbb{A}_\mu)^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} = \mathcal{B}.$$

- This is equivalent to the radial evolution part of the bulk Einstein equation

$$F^{[\hat{\alpha}_1 \hat{\alpha}_2}{}_{[z \mu_2} \wedge D_{\mu_2} Y^{\hat{\alpha}_3} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{\mu_d]} Y^{\hat{\alpha}_d]} = 0$$

in the $A_z = 0$ gauge.

Summary

- By introducing $SO(2, d)$ ruler and gauge fields, we established
 - ▶ $SO(2, d)$ gauge theory description of AdS gravity
 - ▶ Generalized conformal geometry for CFT
- Based on the modified diffeomorphism and Weyl conservation laws, the bulk Hamiltonian constraints are recovered by the proper formula of the currents.

Prospects

- CFT metric @ the BH horizon and interior
- Minimal surface
- Explore the CFT on generalized conformal geometry in explicit models
- Flat holography and $ISO(1, d)$ Carrollian CFT