

Wightman and Osterwalder-Schrader axioms for 2d CFT 2025.04.08 Aalto.

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1. Conformal field theory = Quantum field theory + Conformal invariance

- Statistical mechanics, critical phenomena.

(• bootstrap "consistency" $\Rightarrow$ OPE...)

- Axiomatic / algebraic QFT. Vertex operator algebras, Wightman, OS.

2d CFT: Virasoro symmetry, many examples, classification. (cf. Liouville)

How are the axioms related? cf. Carpi-Kawahigashi-Longo-Werner 2018

Huang-Kung 2007 "full field algebra", Moriwaki 2024 full VOA.

Main result: (Adamo-Moriwaki-T., arXiv:2407.18822)

Unitary full VOA + technical conditions gives n -point functions $\{S_n^A\}$ satisfying the OS axioms.

The reconstructed Wightman fields are defined on $\overline{F}$, F : state space of the full VOA.

(2d) OS axioms for $\{S_n\}$. $S_n(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ $z \in \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$.

(0) S_n is a distribution on $\{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : z_j \neq z_k, j \neq k\}$

(1) Euclidean invariance: $S_n(z_1, \dots, z_n) = S_n(\gamma(z_1), \dots, \gamma(z_n)) \cdot C(\gamma)$, $\gamma \in E(2)$

(2) Symmetry: $S_n(z_1, \dots, z_n) = S_n(z_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(n)})$, $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$. $PSU(2,0)$ conformal

(3) Reflection positivity: $0 \leq \sum_{m,n} S_{m+n}(f_m^* \otimes f_n)$ $f_m^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \overline{f(z_1, \dots, z_n)}$

(4) Clustering: $\text{supp } f_n \subset \{Im z_1 > \dots > Im z_n\}$

(5) Linear growth: $|S_n(f)| \leq \alpha(n!)^p \|f\|_{kn}$.

(OS 0-5) $\xrightarrow{\text{wick}}$ Wightman $W_n((x_1, x_1), \dots, (x_n, x_n)) \iff$ Garding-Wightman, $\phi(x_i, x_i), \Omega$

$W_n(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n) = \langle \Omega, \phi(f_1) \dots \phi(f_n) \Omega \rangle$

Vertex operator algebra $(V, Y(\cdot, z), \Omega)$. V : vector space, $a \in V$. $Y(a, z) = \sum_n a_n z^{-n-1}$

formal series, $a_n \in \text{End}(V)$, satisfying

covariance, vacuum, spectral condition, + Virasoro, $L(z) = \sum L_n z^{-n-2}$

locality: For $a, b \in V$, there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $[Y(a, z), Y(b, w)](z-w)^N = 0$.

unitarity: there is a scalar product $\langle, \rangle$ on V , s.t. for quasiprimary a , $a_n^* = a_{-n}$

$\phi(z) = \sum a_n z^{-n}$. $\phi(z)^* = \phi(z^{-1})$. $a_n = a_{(n+d-1)}$

Example (Heisenberg alg). Lie alg $\{J_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}, k\}$. $[J_m, J_n] = m \delta_{m+n} k$. k central

Fock rep $V \ni \Omega$, $J_{-m} \Omega = J_m \Omega$, $J_n \Omega = 0$ for $n > 0$, $J_0 \Omega = \alpha \Omega$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

$Y(\Omega, z) = \text{id}$, $Y(J_1 \Omega, z) = J(z) = \sum J_n z^{-n-1}$. $Y(J_2 \Omega, z) = \partial J(z)$,

$Y(J_1 J_1 \Omega, z) = :J(z)^2:$, $J_m J_n = \begin{cases} J_m J_n & m > n \\ J_n J_m & m \leq n \end{cases}$

Let $(V, Y, \Omega, \langle, \rangle)$ be a unitary VOA. Pick a quasiprimary vector a .

$$\phi(z) = \sum a_n z^{-n-1} \quad S_n(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \langle \Omega, \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n) \Omega \rangle$$

convergent if $|z_1| > |z_2| > \dots > |z_n|$.

Locality $\Rightarrow S_n$ extends to $\{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : z_j \neq z_k, j \neq k\}$. ^{vacuum} covariance $\Rightarrow$ invariance

Thm If V satisfies "polynomial energy bounds" $\|a_n \bar{z}\| \leq (n^p + 1) \|a\| \bar{z}$ then $\{S_n\}$ satisfy (OS0-5). $\Rightarrow$ Linear growth

$$\text{Unitarity} \Rightarrow \langle \hat{\phi}_a(z) \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2 \rangle = \langle \bar{z}_1, \hat{\phi}_a(\bar{z}^{-1}) \bar{z}_2 \rangle$$

$$S_n(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum a_{k_1} z_1^{-k_1-1} \dots z_n^{-k_n-1} \langle \Omega, a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_n} \Omega \rangle$$

$$= \sum k_1 \left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)^{k_1-1} \left(\frac{z_1}{z_3}\right)^{k_1} \dots \left(\frac{z_{n-1}}{z_n}\right)^{k_{n-1}} \langle \Omega, a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_n} \Omega \rangle \cdot z_1^{-1} \dots z_n^{-1}$$

$$\text{Put } \bar{z}_n = \int f_n(z_1, \dots, z_n) \cdot \hat{\phi}_a(z_1) \dots \hat{\phi}_a(z_n) \Omega \cdot |z_1|^2 \dots |z_n|^2 d\gamma_1 \dots d\gamma_n$$

$$0 \leq \langle \bar{z}_n, \bar{z}_n \rangle = \sum_{m,n} \int f_m(z_1, \dots, z_m) \langle \hat{\phi}_a(z_1) \dots \hat{\phi}_a(z_m) \Omega, \hat{\phi}_a(z_{m+1}) \dots \hat{\phi}_a(z_{m+n}) \Omega \rangle |z_1|^2 \dots |z_{m+n}|^2 d\gamma_1 \dots d\gamma_{m+n}$$

$$z_j \rightarrow \bar{z}_j^{-1} = \gamma(z_j) = \sum_{m,n} \int f_m(\gamma(z_1), \dots, \gamma(z_m)) \langle \Omega, \hat{\phi}_a(z_m) \dots \hat{\phi}_a(z_1) \hat{\phi}_a(z_{m+1}) \dots \hat{\phi}_a(z_{m+n}) \Omega \rangle |z_1|^2 \dots |z_{m+n}|^2 d\gamma_1 \dots d\gamma_{m+n}$$

$$J(z) = \frac{1}{|z|^4} \quad \text{R.P. with respect to } \gamma. \text{ of } S_n(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \langle \Omega, \hat{\phi}_a(z_1) \dots \hat{\phi}_a(z_n) \Omega \rangle$$

$$\text{R.P. of } S: \text{ use invariance w.r.t. } \gamma(z) = \frac{1+i z}{1-i z}. \quad 0z = \bar{z}.$$

$$\{S_n\} \Rightarrow \text{Garding-Wightman } \phi_a(f) = \sum_n a_n \hat{f}_n \quad \hat{f}_n = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int e^{-i n \theta} f\left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2}, \tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right) d\theta d\theta$$

$$\text{Full VOA } (F, Y, \Omega). \quad Y(a, z, \bar{z}) = \sum_{r,s} a(r,s) z^{-r-1} \bar{z}^{-s-1}.$$

Locality: For $a, b, c, u \in F$, there is μ on $\{(\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \xi_1 \neq \xi_2\}$ real analytic

$$\text{s.t. } \langle u, Y(a, \xi_1, \bar{\xi}_1) Y(b, \xi_2, \bar{\xi}_2) c \rangle = \mu(\xi_1, \xi_2) \quad \text{for } |\xi_1| > |\xi_2|$$

$$\langle u, Y(b, \xi_2, \bar{\xi}_2) Y(a, \xi_1, \bar{\xi}_1) c \rangle = \mu(\xi_1, \xi_2) \quad |\xi_1| < |\xi_2|$$

$$\langle u, Y(Y(a, \xi_1, \bar{\xi}_1) b, \xi_2, \bar{\xi}_2) c \rangle = \mu(\xi_0 + \xi_2, \xi_2) \quad (|\xi_2| > |\xi_0|)$$

Thm For unitary full VOA satisfying polynomial energy bounds, polynomial spectral density,

$$\text{local } G\text{-cofiniteness, } S_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) = \langle \Omega, Y(a, \xi_1, \bar{\xi}_1) \dots Y(a, \xi_n, \bar{\xi}_n) \Omega \rangle$$

satisfy (OS0-5). Wightman field $\phi_a(f) = \sum_{r,s} a(r,s) \hat{f}(s,r)$

$$\hat{f}(s,r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int e^{-i(s\theta + r\phi)} f\left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2}, \tan \frac{\phi}{2}\right) d\theta d\phi$$

$$\text{Example } V: \text{Heisenberg alg. } F = \bigoplus_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} \otimes V_{\bar{\alpha}}. \quad Y_{\alpha}(z, \bar{z}) = Y_{\alpha}(z) \circ Y_{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{z}).$$

$$Y_{\alpha} \otimes V_{\beta} \rightarrow V_{\alpha+\beta} \text{ intertwinor}$$

Ising?