

Local energy bounds and strong locality in chiral CFT.

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1. Mathematical QFT.

Wightman, Haag-Kastler, Osterwalder-Schrader, VOA...

Wightman operator-valued distribution. $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{d+1}) \ni f \mapsto \phi(f)$ well defined on $\mathcal{H}$.

Locality: If $\text{supp } f$ and $\text{supp } g$ are spacelike, then $[\phi(f), \phi(g)] = 0$.

Haag-Kastler net of von Neumann algs. $\mathbb{R}^{d+1} \ni O \mapsto A(O) \subset \mathcal{H}$.

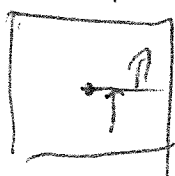
Locality: If O_1 and O_2 spacelike, then $[A(O_1), A(O_2)] = \{0\}$.

$W \rightarrow HK$. $A(O) = \{e^{i\phi(f)} : \text{supp } f \subset O\}$.

Does W locality imply HK locality? "strong locality".

2. Strong locality.

Nelson's counterexample.



∂_x, ∂_y on smooth functions commute, but not strongly.

Linear energy bounds (Nelson, Glimm-Jaffe, ~~Fröhlich~~ Driessler-Fröhlich)

If the Hamiltonian H satisfies $\|\phi(f)v\| \leq C_f \|(H+1)v\|$,

then $\phi(f)$ and $\phi(g)$ commute strongly (cf. commutator theorem).

For some fields, linear energy bounds fail. Alternative?

3. 2d Conformal field theory.

A 2d CFT contains "chiral components", living on the light rays.

$\Rightarrow$ Wightman fields on $\mathbb{R} \subset S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$. Use $z \in S^1$.

Lüscher-Mack theorem: the stress-energy tensor $L(z)$ satisfies the Virasoro alg. $[L(z), L(w)] = 2\partial_w \delta(z-w) + \delta(z-w) \partial_w L(w) + \frac{c}{12} \partial_w^3 \delta(z-w)$.
There are good "primary" field ϕ (diff-covariant) with conformal dim

$$[L(z), \phi(w)] = d \partial_w \delta(z-w) \phi(w) + \delta(z-w) \partial_w \phi(w).$$

Obs: If $d > 2$, ϕ never satisfies linear energy bounds.

4. Local energy bounds.

For primary fields ϕ , $[L(f), \phi(f^{d-1})] = 0$.

If $f \geq 0$, $L(f) + \kappa_f \mathbb{1}$ is positive self-adjoint (Fenster-Hollands).

Thm Assume that $\|\phi(f^{d-1})v\| \leq C_f \|(L(f) + \kappa_f \mathbb{1})^{d-1} v\| \dots (*)$.

for positive f . Then $\phi(f^{d-1})$ and $\phi(g^{d-1})$ commute strongly.

proof). Apply the Driessler-Fröhlich theorem with $(L(f) + L(g) + \kappa_{fg} \mathbb{1})^{d-1}$.

We call $(*)$ local energy bounds. How to prove it?

Thm If a primary field satisfies $\|\phi_0 v\| \leq C \|(L_0 + 1)^{d-1} v\| \dots (\heartsuit)$.

$\phi_0 = \int \phi(z) z^d dz$. Then ϕ satisfies $(*)$. proof $U(t)\phi(f)U(t) = \phi\left(\frac{f(t)}{f_0(t)}\right)^{d-1}$

Cor If a unitary VOA is generated by primary fields satisfying $(\heartsuit)$, then one has a conformal net (c.f. Carpi-Kawahigashi-Longo-Weiner).

5. Example. The W_3 -algebra. Generated by $L(z), \phi(z)$ (Zamolodchikov)

$$[L(z), L(w)] = 2\partial_w \delta(z-w)L(w) + \delta(z-w)\partial_w L(w) + \frac{c}{12}\partial_w^3 \delta(z-w).$$

$$[L(z), \phi(w)] = 3\partial_w \delta(z-w)\phi(w) + \delta(z-w)\partial_w \phi(w) \text{ (primary, } d=3).$$

$$[\phi(z), \phi(w)] = \frac{c}{3-5c}\partial_w^5 \delta(z-w) + \frac{1}{3}\partial_w^3 \delta(z-w)L(w) + \frac{1}{2c}\partial_w^2 \delta(z-w)\partial_w L(w) \\ + \partial_w \delta(z-w)\left(-\frac{3}{10} + 2b^2\mathbb{1}(w)\right) \\ + \delta(z-w)\left(\frac{1}{15}\partial_w^3 L(w) + b^2\partial_w \mathbb{1}(w)\right).$$

$$\text{where } b^2 = \frac{16}{22+5c}, \quad \mathbb{1}(z) = :L(z)^2: - \frac{3}{10}\partial_z^2 L(z).$$

This admits a unitary rep for $C \geq 2$, using a free field rep.

We can prove $(\heartsuit)$; so there is a conformal net for each $C \geq 2$.

6. Outlook. $VOA \iff \text{Wightman} \overset{?}{\iff} \text{conformal net}$.