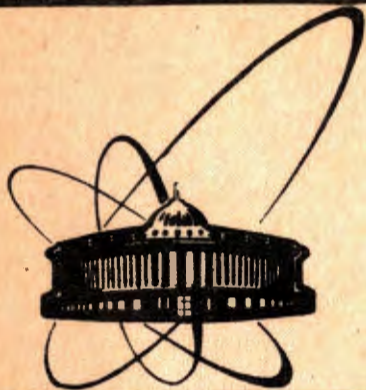


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BOSONIC STRINGS, GHOSTS
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§1. GRADED LOOP SPACE

1.1 Bosonic strings. Let us consider the Lie group $G = \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1} \times G_0$, where $\mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$ is the group of translations of d -dimensional Minkowski space and G_0 is a simple compact Lie group. It is known (see, e.g. [1-5]), that the phase space of the open bosonic string, moving in the Lie group G , is a manifold $T^*(G) \times \Omega G$. Here $T^*(G)$ is a cotangent bundle over the Lie group G , describing the motion of the string as a whole, and ΩG is a loop space of the Lie group G , describing the oscillator's degrees of freedom of the string. The quantization of the finite dimensional manifold $T^*(G)$ is standard, therefore, we shall consider further on only the manifold ΩG .

1.2. Loop spaces. The space ΩG , which we shall also denote by Ω , is an infinite-dimensional analogue of flag manifolds (see [6,7]). Denote by \mathfrak{g} and $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}}$ the Lie algebras of the Lie groups G and $G^{\mathbb{C}}$ respectively, where $G^{\mathbb{C}} = G \otimes \mathbb{C}$ is a complexification of G . The loop space ΩG of G is defined as

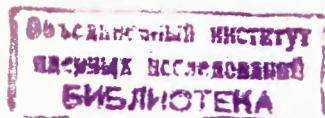
$$\Omega G = LG/G,$$

where LG is the space $\text{Map}(S^1, G)$ of C^∞ -smooth mappings of the unit circle S^1 into G and G in the denominator is identified with the group of constant maps $S^1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}, \epsilon \in G$. The circle S^1 we identify with the set of complex numbers having the modulus 1.

Considering LG as a group with respect to the pointwise multiplication of G -valued functions, we see that ΩG is a homogeneous space with the origin \circ , which is the class of the constant mappings $S^1 \rightarrow 1 \in G$ in LG . The tangent space of ΩG in the origin \circ is naturally identified with the space $\Omega \mathfrak{g} = L\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{g}$.

1.3. Ghosts. Owing to the requirement of invariance of the theory with respect to the changes of the parametrization of the string, the physical phase space is a submanifold in Ω obtained by symplectic dimensional reduction w.r. to $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -action (see, e.g. [8]). Here $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ is the group of diffeomorphisms of S^1 preserving the orientation of S^1 and the group S^1 is identified with the subgroup of rotations in $\text{Diff}(S^1)$.

For the covariant imposing of the condition of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -invariance the phase space Ω must be extended up to the graded manifold (Ω, \mathfrak{G}_h) , containing together with the commuting coordinates $\{\tau_n^\mu\}$ on Ω the anticommuting coordinates $\{c^n, b^n\}$ called by "ghosts" [1,8]. More precisely, the functions of $0 \leq \sigma \leq 2\pi$



$c(\sigma) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c^n \exp(-in\sigma)$, $b(\sigma) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b^n \exp(-in\sigma)$, $\bar{c}^n = c^{-n}$, $\bar{b}^n = b^{-n}$, (1)
 with the Fourier-components c^n and b^n , which are the anticommuting variables

$$c^m c^n + c^n c^m = c^m b^n + b^n c^m = b^m b^n + b^n b^m = 0, \quad (2)$$

are considered [1]. The line over the letter means a complex conjugation.

We consider the real vector space W with basis $\{c^n, b^n\}$. Let us introduce the Grassmann algebra

$$\Lambda(W) = \bigoplus_{q=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^q(W),$$

generated by c^n and b^n from (1), (2). Notice, that we identify W and $\Lambda^1(W)$. In the algebra $\Lambda(W)$ one may introduce Z_2 -grading. Indeed, $\Lambda(W) = \Lambda_0(W) \oplus \Lambda_1(W)$, where

$$\Lambda_0(W) = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^{2p}(W), \quad \Lambda_1(W) = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^{2p+1}(W).$$

We set $gr\psi=0$ if $\psi \in \Lambda_0(W)$ and $gr\psi=1$ if $\psi \in \Lambda_1(W)$.

On Ω we introduce the constant sheaf Gh of the Grassmann algebras (i.e. $Gh = \Omega \times \Lambda(W)$ with projection $Gh \ni (\gamma, \psi) \rightarrow \gamma \in \Omega$ and with discrete topology in $\Lambda(W)$), sections of which are the functions on Ω with values in the algebra $\Lambda(W)$. For any open subset U in Ω let us denote by $Gh(U)$ the space of continuous sections of the sheaf Gh over $U \subset \Omega$. In particular $Gh(\Omega)$ is a set of all continuous sections of the sheaf Gh .

A manifold Ω together with a sheaf Gh of graded algebras $\Lambda(W)$ is a simplest example of a *graded manifold* (Ω, Gh) (supermanifold) [9,10]. In our description of graded manifolds and ghosts we follow Kostant [9], Berzin [10], Kostant and Sternberg [8] (see also [11-13]).

1.4. Tangent space. The *observables* on (Ω, Gh) are identified with the sections $f \in Gh(\Omega)$ of the sheaf Gh . The space $Gh(\Omega) = C^\infty(\Omega) \otimes \Lambda(W)$ is the algebra of functions on Ω with values in the Grassmann algebra $\Lambda(W)$.

Let us consider the graded vector space $Gh^*(\Omega) = \text{Hom}(Gh(\Omega), \mathbb{R})$. An element $\delta = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \in Gh^*(\Omega)$ will be said to be a *differentiation* of algebra $Gh(\Omega)$ at $\gamma \in \Omega$ if a graded Leibnitz rule takes place:

$$\delta_1(fg) = \delta_1(f) \tilde{g}(\gamma) + (-1)^i \text{gr} f \tilde{f}(\gamma) \delta_1(g),$$

where $i=0,1$, $f = \tilde{f} \otimes \psi \in Gh(\Omega) = C^\infty(\Omega) \otimes \Lambda(W)$, $g = \tilde{g} \otimes \psi \in C^\infty(\Omega) \otimes \Lambda(W)$, $gr\delta_1 = 1$, $grf = gr\psi$, $grg = gr\psi$ (see also [12,13]).

The *tangent space* $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ of graded manifold (Ω, Gh) at the point $\gamma \in \Omega$

is defined to be the space of all differentiations of algebra $Gh(\Omega)$ at $\gamma \in \Omega$. In local coordinates $\{\gamma_n^\mu, c^n, b^n\}$ on (Ω, Gh) we have

$$\delta = \sum_{\mu=1}^{dim C} \sum_{n \neq 0} \alpha_n^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_n^\mu} + \sum_n (\varphi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} + \chi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n}),$$

where $\alpha_n^\mu, \varphi^n, \chi^n \in Gh(\Omega)$, $gr\gamma_n^\mu = 0$, $grc^n = grb^n = 1$.

1.5. For $\delta = \delta_0 + \delta_1$, $\delta' = \delta'_0 + \delta'_1 \in T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ a *graded commutator* is defined by

$$[\delta_1, \delta'_1] = \delta_1 \delta'_j + (-1)^{ij} \delta'_j \delta_1, \quad i, j = 0, 1.$$

In particular, for the local basis $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_n^\mu}, \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n}\}$ of the space $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ one has [9,10]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_n^\nu} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_n^\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} - \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} - \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial c^m} \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} + \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial c^m} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial c^m} \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} + \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial c^m} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b^m} \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} + \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial b^m} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} (\gamma_n^\nu) &= \delta_\mu^\nu \delta_m^n, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} (c^n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_m^\mu} (b^n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} (\gamma_m^\mu) = \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} (\gamma_m^\mu) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial c^m} (c^n) &= \delta_m^n, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial c^m} (b^n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial b^m} (c^n) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial b^m} (b^n) = \delta_m^n. \end{aligned}$$

1.6. Tangent bundle. The tangent space $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ may be splitted into the direct sum of the subspaces:

$$T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh) = T_\gamma(\Omega) \oplus T_\gamma(W),$$

where $T_\gamma(\Omega)$ coincides with the ordinary tangent space of the manifold Ω at point γ , and the vectors from the subspace $T_\gamma(W)$ do not actually depend on $\gamma \in \Omega$, because the sheaf Gh is a constant sheaf. Finally,

$$T(\Omega, Gh) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Omega} T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$$

is a *tangent bundle* over (Ω, Gh) .

1.7. Forms. The space of differential q -forms $\alpha \in \Lambda^q(\Omega, Gh)$ at $\gamma \in \Omega$ is defined as the set of all q -linear maps on $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ with values in $\Lambda(W)$, characterized by the graded symmetry condition:

$$\alpha(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_j, \xi_{j+1}, \dots, \xi_q) = (-1)^{(\text{gr}\xi_j + 1)(\text{gr}\xi_{j+1} + 1)} \alpha(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{j+1}, \xi_j, \dots, \xi_q),$$

where $\xi_j \in T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ are homogeneous. In particular, the space $\Lambda_\gamma^1(\Omega, Gh)$ is isomorphic to the space $T_\gamma^*(\Omega, Gh)$, which is dual to the space $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$. For the local basis $\{d\gamma_n^\mu, dc^n, db^n\}$ of the space $T_\gamma^*(\Omega, Gh)$ the following

commutation relations take place [9,10]:

$$\begin{aligned} d\gamma_m^\mu d\gamma_n^\nu + d\gamma_n^\nu d\gamma_m^\mu &= d\gamma_m^\mu dc^n - dc^n d\gamma_m^\mu = d\gamma_m^\mu db^n - db^n d\gamma_m^\mu = 0, \\ dc^m dc^n - dc^n dc^m &= dc^m db^n - db^n dc^m = db^m db^n - db^n db^m = 0, \\ (d\gamma_m^\mu) c^n + c^n (d\gamma_m^\mu) &= (d\gamma_m^\mu) b^n + b^n (d\gamma_m^\mu) = (dc^n) \gamma_m^\mu - \gamma_m^\mu (dc^n) = 0, \\ \gamma_m^\mu (db^n) - (db^n) \gamma_m^\mu &= c^m (dc^n) - (dc^n) c^m = b^m (dc^n) - (dc^n) b^m = 0, \\ c^m (db^n) - (db^n) c^m &= b^m (db^n) - (db^n) b^m = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the operator d of external differentiation on the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) in the local coordinates has the form

$$d = \sum_{\mu=1}^{\dim G} \sum_{n \neq 0} d\gamma_n^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_n^\mu} + \sum_n (dc^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} + db^n \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n}).$$

§2. SYMPLECTIC STRUCTURE

2.1. Symplectic form. On the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) let us introduce a nondegenerate 2-form $\omega \in \Lambda^2(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ with $d\omega=0$. The manifold (Ω, Gh) provided with such 2-form ω is called the *symplectic graded manifold* and denoted by $(\Omega, \text{Gh}, \omega)$.

To introduce ω we consider the tangent space $T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh}) = T_0(\Omega) \otimes T_0(W)$ at the marked point $\gamma=0$. Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be a (nondegenerate) invariant symmetric inner product on the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . On Lg let us introduce the following 2-form

$$\omega_0(X, Y) = \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \langle X(\sigma), Y'(\sigma) \rangle, \quad (3)$$

where $X, Y \in \text{Lg}$, $Y' := dY/d\sigma$, k is an integer number. This form is closed on Lg and, moreover, $\omega_0(X, Y) = 0$ if at least one of the maps X, Y is constant. Hence (3) defines the closed 2-form ω_0 on the tangent space $T_0(\Omega) = \Omega \mathfrak{g} = \text{Lg}/\mathfrak{g}$ to Ω in the origin.

Any vector $X \in T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ always may be splitted into the sum $X = X^\Omega + X^W$, where $X^\Omega \in T_0(\Omega)$ and $X^W \in T_0(W)$. Put

$$\omega_0(X^\Omega, Y^W) = \omega_0(X^W, Y^\Omega) = 0 \quad (4)$$

for any $X, Y \in T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh})$. Notice, that formula (3) defines $\omega_0(X^\Omega, Y^\Omega)$. Each vector X^W from $T_0(W)$ has the form

$$X^W = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \left(X^c(\sigma) \frac{\partial}{\partial c(\sigma)} + X^b(\sigma) \frac{\partial}{\partial b(\sigma)} \right).$$

For the vectors X^W, Y^W from the subspace $T_0(W)$ of the tangent space $T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ we set

$$\omega_0(X^W, Y^W) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \left(X^c(\sigma) Y^b(\sigma) + X^b(\sigma) Y^c(\sigma) \right). \quad (5)$$

2.2. Formulae (3)-(5) define the closed 2-form ω_0 on the tangent space $T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ at the origin $0 \in \Omega$. This form is nondegenerate so transferring it to other points of $\Omega \mathfrak{G}$ by left translations of group LG we obtain the (left-)invariant symplectic structure ω on (Ω, Gh) . We obtain

$$\omega = \omega_\Omega + \omega_W = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \langle d\gamma(\sigma) \wedge d\gamma'(\sigma) \rangle + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma (dc(\sigma) db(\sigma) + db(\sigma) dc(\sigma)), \quad (6)$$

where $\gamma \in \Omega$, $c, b \in W$.

2.3. Reparametrization. Consider the action of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ on the symplectic structure ω . The action of a diffeomorphism $f \in \text{Diff}(S^1)$ on a map $X \in T_\gamma(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ is defined in the usual way $f_* X(\sigma) := X(f(\sigma))$.

The form ω_Ω , which is the restriction on Ω of the symplectic form ω , is invariant with respect to $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ in the sense that

$$\omega_\Omega(f_* X^\Omega, f_* Y^\Omega) = \omega_\Omega(X^\Omega, Y^\Omega)$$

for any $f \in \text{Diff}(S^1)$.

Under a reparametrization $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma' = f(\sigma)$ of S^1 the differentials $dc(\sigma)$ and $db(\sigma)$ transform as [1]

$$dc(\sigma) \rightarrow dc'(\sigma') = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma'} \right)^{-1} dc(\sigma), \quad db(\sigma) \rightarrow db'(\sigma') = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma'} \right)^2 db(\sigma). \quad (7)$$

From (6) and (7) it is obvious that the form ω_W is invariant w.r. to the action of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$, therefore the symplectic structure $\omega = \omega_\Omega + \omega_W$ on (Ω, Gh) , introduced in (6), is $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -invariant.

2.4. Poisson brackets. Using the fact that the form ω generates an isomorphism between the tangent and cotangent spaces in any point of Ω , we can associate with any observable f from $\text{Gh}(\Omega)$ a Hamiltonian graded vector field X_f on (Ω, Gh) according to the rule

$$df(\cdot) = \omega(X_f, \cdot). \quad (8)$$

Observables on (Ω, Gh) form a Lie superalgebra with a graded Lie bracket given by the Poisson bracket defined by

$$\{f, g\} = \omega(X_f, X_g),$$

where X_f, X_g are the Hamiltonian graded vector fields corresponding to

observables $f, g \in \text{Gh}(\Omega)$ [9,10]. Notice, that 2-form ω may be locally represented as an exterior differential $\omega = dA$ of 1-form A .

2.5. **Bosons and algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$.** The 2-form ω_Ω is invariant under $\text{Diff}(S^1)$, so the Lie algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$ of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ may be identified with a subalgebra of the algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields on Ω . A subalgebra of the algebra of the observables corresponding to the algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$ of Hamiltonian vector fields on Ω is generated by the functions λ_n given by the formula

$$\lambda_n = -\frac{k}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \langle \gamma'(\sigma), \gamma'(\sigma) \rangle e^{in\sigma}, \quad (9)$$

where $\gamma \in \Omega G$, $n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. The functions $\lambda_n \in C^\infty(\Omega) \otimes 1$ satisfy the relations

$$\{\lambda_m, \lambda_n\} = (m-n) \lambda_{m+n}, \quad \bar{\lambda}_n = \lambda_{-n}$$

and give the representation of the algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$.

2.6. **Fermions and $\text{Vect}(S^1)$.** The 2-form ω_W , which is the restriction on W of the symplectic form ω on (Ω, Gh) , is also invariant under $\text{Diff}(S^1)$. Therefore in the Lie superalgebra of the observables $\text{Gh}(\Omega)$ one may choose a subalgebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$ generated by functions μ_n given by the formula [1]:

$$\mu_n = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma (c(\sigma)b'(\sigma) + 2c'(\sigma)b(\sigma)) e^{in\sigma}, \quad (10)$$

where $c, b \in W$, $n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. Functions $\mu_n \in 1 \otimes \Lambda(W)$ also satisfy the commutation relations of the algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$:

$$\{\mu_m, \mu_n\} = (m-n) \mu_{m+n}, \quad \bar{\mu}_n = \mu_{-n}$$

With the help of (8) we can associate with any function μ_n from (10) a graded vector field on (Ω, Gh) acting only in odd directions.

2.7. **Bosons & fermions and $\text{Vect}(S^1)$.** We introduce the functions

$$\zeta_n = \lambda_n + \mu_n, \quad (11)$$

which belong to the algebra of the observables $\text{Gh}(\Omega) = C^\infty(\Omega) \otimes \Lambda(W)$ on (Ω, Gh) . From the definition of the symplectic form ω (see (6)) it follows that $\{\lambda_m, \mu_n\} = 0$, and we obtain

$$\{\zeta_m, \zeta_n\} = (m-n) \zeta_{m+n}, \quad \bar{\zeta}_n = \zeta_{-n}$$

In other words, ζ also give a representation of the algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$.

§3. COMPLEX STRUCTURE ON (Ω, Gh)

3.1. The standard definition of (almost) complex structure on manifolds easily generalizes to graded manifolds (see, e.g., [12]). Namely, (almost) complex structure on graded manifold (Ω, Gh) is a graded tensor field J , which is an automorphism of the tangent space $T_\gamma(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ at each point $\gamma \in \Omega$, such that $J_\gamma^2 = -1$.

3.2. **Complex structure J^0 .** Let us define the complex structure J^0 first on the tangent space $T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh}) = T_0(\Omega) \otimes T_0(W) = \Omega \otimes T_0(W)$ in the origin \circ . We shall consider the complexification $T_0^C(\Omega, \text{Gh}) = T_0^C(\Omega) \otimes T_0^C(W)$ of the tangent space $T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ and define the action of the operator J^0 on the vectors $X \in T_0^C(\Omega, \text{Gh})$.

An arbitrary vector X^Ω belonging to the subspace $T_0^C(\Omega)$ in the space $T_0^C(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ can be represented by its Fourier series

$$X^\Omega = \sum_{n \neq 0} X_n^\Omega z^n,$$

where $X_n^\Omega \in \mathfrak{g}^C$. This vector belongs to $T_0(\Omega)$ if $\bar{X}_n^\Omega = X_{-n}^\Omega$. The operator J^0 of the complex structure J^0 in the origin \circ is defined by

$$J^0 X^\Omega = -i \sum_{n \neq 0} \text{sgn}(n) X_n^\Omega z^n = i \sum_{n < 0} X_n^\Omega z^n - i \sum_{n > 0} X_n^\Omega z^n. \quad (12)$$

An arbitrary vector X^W from the subspace $T_0^C(W)$ in $T_0^C(\Omega, \text{Gh})$ is given by

$$X^W = \sum_n \left(\varphi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} + \chi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} \right).$$

This vector belongs to the subspace $T_0(W)$ if $\bar{\varphi}^n = \varphi^{-n}$, $\bar{\chi}^n = \chi^{-n}$. We define the operator J^0 on $T_0^C(W)$ by

$$J^0 X^W = i \left(\sum_{n \leq -N-1} \varphi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} + \sum_{n \leq N} \chi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} \right) - i \left(\sum_{n \geq -N} \varphi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c^n} + \sum_{n \geq N+1} \chi^n \frac{\partial}{\partial b^n} \right), \quad (13)$$

where the integer-valued N is called the level of the vacuum. The cases $N=-1$ and $N=0$ correspond to the $U(1)$ -invariant vacuum. The cases $N=-2$ and $N=1$ correspond to the $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant vacuum (see [1-4]).

3.3. Formulae (12) and (13) define J^0 on $T_0(\Omega, \text{Gh})$. We transfer the complex structure J^0 to other points of ΩG using left translations by LG . It should be pointed out that $T_\gamma(W) = T_0(W)$ because the vectors from $T_\gamma(W)$ do not depend on $\gamma \in \Omega$. Notice, that expansion (1) actually depends on the complex structure J^0 , therefore instead of c^n and b^n in (1), (2), (13) it is necessary to use c_0^n and b_0^n .

3.4. Compatibility of J^0 and ω . The introduced symplectic and complex structures on (Ω, Gh) are compatible in the following sense. If J_γ^0 is the operator of complex structure on the tangent space $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ in a point $\gamma \in \Omega$ and ω_γ is the symplectic structure at this point, then

$$\omega_\gamma(J_\gamma^0 X, J_\gamma^0 Y) = \omega_\gamma(X, Y)$$

for any $X, Y \in T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$. Moreover, the metric g^0 given by

$$g_\gamma^0(X, Y) := \omega_\gamma(X, J_\gamma^0 Y) \quad (14)$$

on $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$ is nondegenerate. In particular, ω_Ω defines a pseudo-Kähler structure $g(X, Y) + i\omega(X, Y)$ on Ω . The symplectic manifold (Ω, Gh, ω) with complex structure J^0 we shall call the graded pseudo-Kähler manifold with pseudo-Kähler metric (14) and shall denote it by $(\Omega, Gh, \omega, J^0)$.

3.5. Complex structure J . Let us denote by $T_\gamma(\Omega_0)$, $T_\gamma(W_0)$ the subspaces in $T_\gamma^C(\Omega, Gh)$, corresponding to the eigenvalue $+i$ of the operator J^0 , and by $T_\gamma(\bar{\Omega}_0)$, $T_\gamma(\bar{W}_0)$ the subspaces in $T_\gamma^C(\Omega, Gh)$, corresponding to the eigenvalue $-i$ of the operator J^0 . It is easy to see that the subspaces $T_\gamma(\Omega_0) \otimes T_\gamma(W_0)$ and $T_\gamma(\bar{\Omega}_0) \otimes T_\gamma(\bar{W}_0)$ are the isotropic spaces of the symplectic form ω (see (6)).

Consider the change $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma' = f(\sigma)$ of the parametrization of string. This transformation from the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ changes the splitting of the space $T_\gamma^C(\Omega, Gh)$ on the isotropic subspaces. The action of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ on the complex structure J^0 is given by the formula

$$J := f_*^{-1} \circ J^0 \circ f_* \quad (15)$$

The new complex structure J defined by (15) coincides with J^0 if and only if the diffeomorphism $f \in \text{Diff}(S^1)$ is a rotation, i.e. f belongs to the subgroup $S^1 \subset \text{Diff}(S^1)$. The complex structure J given by (15) is compatible with ω because ω is invariant under $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ and J is also invariant with respect to the left action of LG .

We obtain

$$T_\gamma^C(\Omega, Gh) = \left(T_\gamma(\Omega_J) \otimes T_\gamma(W_J) \right) \oplus \left(T_\gamma(\bar{\Omega}_J) \otimes T_\gamma(\bar{W}_J) \right)$$

The derivatives $\partial/\partial c_j^m$ ($m \leq -N-1$) and $\partial/\partial b_j^m$ ($m \leq N$) form the basis of the space $T_0(W_j)$. The explicit form of their dependence on $\partial/c_0^m, \partial/b_0^m$ and on the complex structure J , parametrizing by some matrix, is given, for example, in [4, 14]. Analogous formulae for $\gamma_n^\mu(J) \in \Omega_j, c_j^m, b_j^m \in W_j$ see also in [4, 14].

§ 4. THE SPACE OF COMPLEX STRUCTURES

4.1. The space

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/S^1$$

parametrizes the space of compatible complex structures on the graded loop space (Ω, Gh) .

The manifold \mathcal{F} and the vector bundles on it have appeared in Bowick-Rajeev [3] and was later studied in the papers [15-17, 4, 5, 14, 18-20].

4.2. Algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$. The Lie algebra of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ is identified with the algebra $\text{Vect}(S^1)$ of smooth vector fields on S^1 having the bracket

$$\left[\alpha(\sigma) \frac{d}{d\sigma}, \beta(\sigma) \frac{d}{d\sigma} \right] = (\alpha(\sigma)\beta'(\sigma) - \alpha'(\sigma)\beta(\sigma)) \frac{d}{d\sigma}.$$

A basis of the complexified algebra $\text{Vect}_C(S^1)$ can be given by the vector fields

$$e_n = ie^{in\sigma} \frac{d}{d\sigma}, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

subject to the commutation relations

$$[e_m, e_n] = (m-n)e_{m+n}.$$

4.3. The group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ acts by left translations on the space \mathcal{F} of complex structures. Denote by L_n the vector fields on \mathcal{F} corresponding under this action to the base vector fields e_n . The fields L_n satisfy to the same commutation relations as e_n

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m-n)L_{m+n}.$$

4.4. Complex structure \mathcal{J} on \mathcal{F} . The tangent space $T_0(\mathcal{F})$ in the origin $o \in \mathcal{F}$ consists of vectors

$$v = \sum_{n \neq 0} v_n L_n,$$

subject to the relations $\bar{v}_n = v_{-n}$. Define a complex structure \mathcal{J}_o on $T_0(\mathcal{F})$ by setting

$$\mathcal{J}_o v = -i \sum_{n \neq 0} \text{sgn}(n) v_n L_n. \quad (16)$$

This structure generates by left translations of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ an invariant (integrable) complex structure \mathcal{J} on \mathcal{F} .

4.5. Symplectic form on \mathcal{F} . We can also introduce (not uniquely) an invariant Kähler structure on \mathcal{F} . In the base $\{L_n\}$ it can be given by the 2-form

$$\omega'(L_m, L_n) = (a m^3 + b m) \delta_{m, -n},$$

which is nondegenerate in two different cases — when $a=0, b \neq 0$ or $a \neq 0$ and $-b/a$ is not a square integer. We shall suppose further on that the second possibility is realized.

§ 5. THE GRADED TWISTOR BUNDLE

5.1. The twistor bundle. The bundle $\pi: Z \rightarrow \Omega$ over Ω with the fibre \mathcal{F}_γ in a point $\gamma \in \Omega$ consisting of compatible invariant complex structures on $T_\gamma(\Omega)$ will be called the *twistor bundle* over Ω . Points of Z are pairs (γ, J_γ) , where $\gamma \in \Omega$, J_γ is a complex structure on $T_\gamma(\Omega)$. Notice, that the space \mathcal{F}_γ also parametrizes the space of the compatible complex structures on $T_\gamma(W)$ and $\mathcal{F}_\gamma \cong \mathcal{F} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/S^1$.

5.2. Double fibration. There is a natural left action of LG on Z induced by the left action of LG on Ω and the orbit space by this action coincides with \mathcal{F} because any complex structure J on Ω is defined by its value J_γ in arbitrary point $\gamma \in \Omega$, e.g. in the origin \circ . Hence we have the double fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{F} \\ \pi \downarrow & \searrow p & \\ \Omega & & \end{array} \quad (17)$$

where p is the natural projection of Z onto the orbit space \mathcal{F} . The fibre Ω_J of p over a point $J \in \mathcal{F}$ is identified with the space (Ω, J) , i.e. with the space Ω provided with the complex structure J . It permits to consider the points of Z as the pairs (J, γ_J) , where $J \in \mathcal{F}$, $\gamma_J \in \Omega_J$. If one identifies \mathcal{F} with the space \mathcal{F}_\circ of the complex structures on $T_\circ(\Omega)$ then one obtains the complex structure $J = \{J_\gamma\}$ on Ω from $J_\circ \in \mathcal{F}_\circ$ by the left action of LG on Ω . That is way it is convenient to denote $J \in \mathcal{F}$ and the complex structure $J = \{J_\gamma\}$ on Ω by the same letter.

5.3. Ghosts on Z . After the introduction of the complex structure J on the graded manifold $(\Omega, \tilde{G}h)$ we have the constant sheaf $Gh_J = \Omega_J \times \Lambda(W_J)$. We consider the sheaf $\tilde{G}h = \bigcup_{J \in \mathcal{F}} Gh_J$ on Z with a natural projection $\tilde{G}h \rightarrow Z$. The sections of $\tilde{G}h$ will be the functions on Z with values in algebra $\Lambda(W)$. We denote by $\tilde{G}h(Z)$ the space of all continuous sections of the sheaf $\tilde{G}h$. Pair $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$ consisting of the manifold Z and the sheaf $\tilde{G}h$ over it is a

graded twistor manifold. The coordinates (γ, J_γ) on Z are even coordinates on $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$ and the coordinates c_j, b_j on W_j are odd coordinates on $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$.

5.4. Complex structure on $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$. In order to introduce the almost complex structure \mathfrak{J} on $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$, we shall define the operator \mathfrak{J}_z on the tangent space $T_z(Z, \tilde{G}h) = T_z(Z) \oplus T_z(W)$ at each point $z \in Z$. Notice that the vectors from $T_z(W)$ depend only on $J = p(z)$ and it is possible to identify $T_z(W)$ with $T_\gamma(W_j)$, where $\gamma = \pi(z)$. Therefore \mathfrak{J}_z on $T_z(W)$ is actually given by formulae (13) and (15). In order to define \mathfrak{J}_z on $T_z(Z)$ we consider the bundles $\pi^{-1}(T\Omega)$ and $p^{-1}(T\mathcal{F})$ over Z which are the pull-backs of the tangent bundles of Ω and \mathcal{F} respectively.

The projections π and p generate natural bundle homomorphisms

$$d\pi: TZ \longrightarrow \pi^{-1}(T\Omega), \quad dp: TZ \longrightarrow p^{-1}(T\mathcal{F}).$$

We call the kernel of $d\pi$ the *vertical subbundle* V_z of TZ and kernel of dp — *horizontal subbundle* H_z of TZ . Then the fibre V_z over a point $z \in Z$ is identified with the tangent space $T_z(\mathcal{F}_\gamma)$ to the fibre \mathcal{F}_γ over $\gamma = \pi(z)$ of the bundle $\pi: Z \rightarrow \Omega$ and (by p) with the tangent space $T_J(\mathcal{F})$ where $J = p(z)$. The fibre H_z in a point z is identified with the tangent space $T_z(\Omega_J)$ to the fibre Ω_J of the bundle $p: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ and (by π) with the tangent space $T_\gamma(\Omega)$. Denote by \mathfrak{J}_z^V the complex structure on V_z induced by the complex structure J_J on \mathcal{F} in the point J (cf. (16)), and by \mathfrak{J}_z^H — the complex structure on H_z induced by the complex structure J_γ on Ω in the point γ . Now we define the complex structure \mathfrak{J}_z on $T_z(Z) = H_z \oplus V_z$ by setting

$$\mathfrak{J}_z = \mathfrak{J}_z^H \oplus \mathfrak{J}_z^V. \quad (18)$$

The formula (18) defines an *almost complex structure* \mathfrak{J} on Z . Note that the projection $p: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is a holomorphic mapping with respect to \mathfrak{J} .

5.5. Real structure on Z . We define now a real structure on Z . Note that the space $\mathcal{F} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/S^1$ has a natural real structure θ_\circ generated by the mapping $f(e^{i\sigma}) \rightarrow f(-e^{i\sigma})$ for $f \in \text{Diff}(S^1)$, $e^{i\sigma} \in S^1$. The real structure θ_\circ has no fixed points on \mathcal{F} . Introduce a *real structure* θ on Z by setting

$$\theta: (\gamma, J) \longrightarrow (\gamma, \theta_\circ(J)).$$

It transforms the almost complex structure \mathfrak{J} on Z into the conjugate almost complex structure $-\mathfrak{J}$. Fibers \mathcal{F}_γ of $\pi: Z \rightarrow \Omega$ are invariant under

so, in this sense, they are real submanifolds of Z . Hence, under the twistor correspondence given by the diagram (17) points of Ω correspond to real holomorphic sections of $p: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$.

This situation reminds the one for hyper-Kähler manifolds [21]. The twistor space Z is a holomorphic bundle $p: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ over the Kähler manifold \mathcal{F} . This bundle has a family of real (holomorphic) sections parametrized by points of Ω . The normal bundle of any of these sections is identified (as in [21]) with the tensor product of the trivial bundle with the fibre Ω_g and complex line bundle $K^{-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ which is the anticanonical bundle of \mathcal{F} . It would be interesting to know if this construction can be reversed as in the hyper-Kähler case. Or, in other words, how to describe manifolds Ω which arise as the spaces of parameters of families of real holomorphic sections of holomorphic bundles $p: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ where Z is an infinite-dimensional complex manifold with a real structure? Such manifolds should have a collection of covariantly constant complex structures parametrized by the space \mathcal{F} so they may be considered as infinite-dimensional analogues of hyper-Kähler manifolds.

5.6. We shall denote by π the projection $\pi: (\gamma, J_\gamma, c_j, b_j) \rightarrow (\gamma, c, b)$, where c, b are odd coordinates on the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) . In § 3 we have introduced the graded pseudo-Kähler manifold $(\Omega_j, Gh_j) \equiv (\Omega, Gh, \omega, J)$ with coordinates (γ_j, c_j, b_j) . The action of the group LG on $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$ permits to define a projection $p: (J, \gamma_j, c_j, b_j) \rightarrow J$ on the space \mathcal{F} . Thus, we have a double bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (Z, \tilde{G}h) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{F} \\ \pi \downarrow & \searrow p & \\ (\Omega, Gh) & & \end{array} \quad (19)$$

The fibres of the bundle $(Z, \tilde{G}h) \rightarrow (\Omega, Gh)$ are identified with the space \mathcal{F}_γ of the (compatible) complex structures on the space $T_\gamma(\Omega, Gh)$. The fibre (Ω_j, Gh_j) of p over a point $J \in \mathcal{F}$ is identified with the graded symplectic space (Ω, Gh, ω) provided with the complex structure J .

§ 6. PREQUANTIZATION

6.1. The prequantization bundle. Let L be a complex line bundle over Ω with an Hermitian structure (\cdot, \cdot) . Suppose that L is provided with a

connection ∇^Ω compatible with the Hermitian structure (i.e. $(\nabla_X^\Omega s, t) + (s, \nabla_X^\Omega t) = X(s, t)$ for any sections s, t of L and any vector field X on Ω). It is necessary to choose a connection ∇^Ω so that its curvature F_{∇^Ω} coincides with the symplectic form ω_Ω on Ω . The form ω_Ω is the curvature form of the complex line bundle L over Ω with a connection ∇^Ω if and only if the cohomology class of ω_Ω is integral (see [22, 23]). The bundle $L \rightarrow \Omega$ is called in this case the *prequantization bundle*. By definition $F_{\nabla^\Omega}(X, Y) = i([\nabla_X^\Omega, \nabla_Y^\Omega] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\Omega)$ and locally we have $\nabla_X^\Omega = X - iA(X)$, where A is a connection 1-form.

6.2. The prequantization sheaves. Let us consider a complexified Grassmann algebra $\Lambda^C(W) (= \Lambda(W^C))$ and direct products

$$\Omega_{gh} = \Omega \times \Lambda^C(W), \quad \tilde{\Omega}_{gh} = Z \times \Lambda^C(W)$$

of the manifolds Ω, Z and of the vector space $\Lambda^C(W) = \Lambda(W) \otimes \mathbb{C}$. We introduce trivial vector bundle

$$\Omega_{gh} \longrightarrow \Omega, \quad (20a)$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{gh} \longrightarrow Z, \quad (20b)$$

with a natural projection on the first factor.

Now let us introduce a tensor product of the bundle $L \rightarrow \Omega$ and of bundle (20a):

$$L \otimes \Omega_{gh} \longrightarrow \Omega \quad (21)$$

A sheaf of sections of this bundle will be denoted by Gh^L . This sheaf is called a *line bundle sheaf* over the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) (see [9]).

Analogously, let us introduce a bundle

$$\tilde{L} \otimes \tilde{\Omega}_{gh} \longrightarrow Z, \quad (22)$$

where \tilde{L} is the pull-back of the bundle L over Ω to the twistor space Z . It is obvious that $\tilde{L} \otimes \tilde{\Omega}_{gh}$ is the pull-back of the vector bundle $L \otimes \Omega_{gh}$ over Ω to Z . A sheaf of sections of the bundle $\tilde{L} \otimes \tilde{\Omega}_{gh}$ we shall denote by $\tilde{G}h^L$; it is a line bundle sheaf over the graded twistor manifold $(Z, \tilde{G}h)$.

6.3. The sheaf Gh^L is called also the *prequantization sheaf*, and the space $Gh^L(\Omega)$ is called the *prequantization space*. If we denote by $H = \Gamma(\Omega, L)$ the space of sections of the bundle L , then $Gh^L(\Omega) = H \otimes \Lambda^C(W)$.

6.4. Let us introduce a connection ∇ in the sheaf Gh^L , i.e. for any

open set $U \subset \Omega$ and for any graded vector field X we will define a linear map $\nabla_X: Gh^L(U) \rightarrow Gh^L(U)$ locally given by formula

$$\nabla_X f = Xf - iA(X)f,$$

where 1-form $A \in \Lambda^1(\Omega, Gh)$ has degree $grA=1$, $f \in Gh^L(U)$. The curvature of this connection is calculated with the help of the graded commutator [9,10].

6.5. Connection ∇ . We shall choose a connection ∇ so that its curvature F_∇ coincides with the symplectic form ω on the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) . We can do this if and only if the cohomology class, defined by the restriction ω_Ω of the form ω to the manifold Ω , is integral (see [9]). Let X be a vector field on Ω . As the components ∇_X of the connection ∇ we take the components of the connection having the curvature equal to ω_Ω (see Sect.6.1). If X coincides with one of the basic vector fields $X_{c_j^m} = \partial/\partial b_j^{-m}$ or $X_{b_j^m} = \partial/\partial c_j^{-m}$ from $T_0^C(W)$ then we put

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_{c_j^n}}^{(1,0)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j^{-n}} - i c_j^n, \quad n \geq -N, & \nabla_{X_{b_j^n}}^{(1,0)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial c_j^{-n}} - i b_j^n, \quad n \geq N+1, \\ \nabla_{X_{c_j^n}}^{(0,1)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j^{-n}}, \quad n \leq -N-1, & \nabla_{X_{b_j^n}}^{(0,1)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial c_j^{-n}}, \quad n \leq N \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

It is not difficult to verify that for the curvature tensor F_∇ of the connection ∇ we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_\nabla(X_{c_j^m}, X_{b_j^n}) &\equiv 1(\nabla_{X_{c_j^m}} \nabla_{X_{b_j^n}} + \nabla_{X_{b_j^n}} \nabla_{X_{c_j^m}}) = \delta_{m, -n}, \\ F_\nabla(X_{c_j^m}, X_{c_j^n}) &= F_\nabla(X_{b_j^m}, X_{b_j^n}) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

and $F_\nabla(X, Y) = 0$ if $X \in T_0^C(\Omega)$ and $Y \in T_0^C(W)$. This connection ∇ can be transferred to other points of Ω using left translations by LG. Its curvature form F_∇ coincides with the symplectic 2-form ω on (Ω, Gh) .

6.6. As already noted, the space $Gh^L(\Omega)$ of sections of the sheaf Gh^L may be written as a tensor product

$$Gh^L(\Omega) = H \otimes \Lambda^C(W)$$

of the space H of sections of the bundle L (the Fock space of the prequantization of the string) and of the algebra $\Lambda^C(W)$ (the Fock space

of the prequantization of ghosts). That is why the connection ∇ is written as a tensor product

$$\nabla = \nabla^\Omega \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nabla^W$$

of the connections ∇^Ω and ∇^W , where the connection ∇^W is given by (23).

6.7. Quantum ghosts. Following the prequantization construction of Kostant and Souriau, to each observable f from the Poincare superalgebra $Gh(\Omega)$ one may correspond the Hamiltonian graded vector field X_f by formula (8) and the operator

$$\hat{f} \equiv O(f) = f - i \nabla_{X_f}, \quad (25)$$

acting in the space $Gh^L(\Omega)$, $O(1) = \text{id}$. In particular, to the "classical" ghosts variables c_j^n and b_j^n there correspond the "quantum" ghosts

$$\hat{c}_j^n = c_j^n - i \nabla_{X_{c_j^n}}, \quad \hat{b}_j^n = b_j^n - i \nabla_{X_{b_j^n}}. \quad (26)$$

It is relatively easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c}_j^m \hat{b}_j^n + \hat{b}_j^n \hat{c}_j^m &= -i\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial c_j^m}, \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j^n}\right) = -i\delta_{m, -n}, \\ \hat{c}_j^m \hat{c}_j^n + \hat{c}_j^n \hat{c}_j^m &= \hat{b}_j^m \hat{b}_j^n + \hat{b}_j^n \hat{b}_j^m = 0. \end{aligned}$$

§ 7. GRADED ANALOG OF THE WARD'S CONSTRUCTION

7.1. Anti-self-duality. Let E be a homogeneous (with respect to LG-action) vector bundle over Ω provided with a left-invariant connection ∇^Ω . A connection ∇^Ω is called *anti-self-dual* (ASD) if its curvature F_{∇^Ω} has the type (1,1) with respect to any invariant compatible complex structure J on Ω . This definition is analogous to the one in the conventional twistor theory, cf. [24,21,25].

7.2. Ward's construction. Let the connection ∇^Ω on E be ASD. Consider the pull-back $\tilde{E} = \pi^*E$ of the bundle E to the twistor space Z and denote by $\tilde{\nabla}^\Omega$ the pull-back of ∇^Ω to \tilde{E} . The curvature \tilde{F}^Ω of $\tilde{\nabla}^\Omega$ is horizontal and has, obviously, type (1,1) with respect to the almost complex structure \tilde{J} on Z . We show that $\tilde{E} \rightarrow Z$ is holomorphic. Indeed, we can define the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator on sections \tilde{s} of \tilde{E} by setting

$$\bar{\partial}\tilde{s} := \tilde{\nabla}^{(0,1)}\tilde{s}, \quad (27)$$

where $\tilde{v}^{(0,1)}$ is the (0,1)-component of the connection \tilde{v}^Ω . Then $\bar{\partial}^2$ coincides with the (0,2)-component of the curvature $\tilde{F}_{\tilde{v}^\Omega}$ which vanishes because of the anti-self-duality of \tilde{v}^Ω . So $\bar{\partial}^2=0$ and it means that the corresponding almost complex structure on \tilde{E} is integrable. By the construction, the bundle \tilde{E} is trivial when restricted to fibres \mathcal{F}_γ of $\pi: Z \rightarrow \Omega$. Hence, under the pull-back to the twistor space *anti-self-dual vector bundle* E over Ω corresponds to holomorphic vector bundles \tilde{E} over Z trivial on fibres \mathcal{F}_γ .

7.3. Anti-self-duality of ω_Ω . Let us consider now the Ward's construction for a prequantization bundle L over Ω . This bundle has a connection \tilde{v}^Ω with the curvature $F_{\tilde{v}^\Omega}$ equal to the symplectic form ω_Ω . The curvature $F_{\tilde{v}^\Omega}$ has the type (1,1) with respect to any invariant compatible complex structure J on Ω because ω_Ω is compatible with any of such structures. So the connection \tilde{v}^Ω on L is ASD and we can apply the Ward's construction. Denoting by \tilde{L} the pull-back of L to the twistor space Z we shall obtain that $\tilde{L} \rightarrow Z$ is a holomorphic line bundle. In particular, if $G=R^{d-1,1}$ then \tilde{L} is trivial and the *almost complex structure* \tilde{j} on Z is integrable in this case.

7.4. Graded Ward's construction. Now let \mathcal{E} be a sheaf on (Ω, Gh) of Gh^C -modules provided with a connection ∇ . A connection ∇ is called *anti-self-dual* if its curvature F_∇ has the type (1,1) with respect to any invariant compatible complex structure on the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) . As shown in Sec.7.3, the connection \tilde{v}^Ω in the prequantization bundle L satisfies this definition. Notice that the components $F_{\tilde{v}^\Omega}$ of the connection \tilde{v}^Ω given by (24) also have the type (1,1) w.r. to any complex structure J on (Ω, Gh) . Therefore the connection $\nabla = \tilde{v}^\Omega + \tilde{v}^\Omega$ in the prequantization sheaf Gh^L is ASD. Repeating the discussion of sect. 7.2, we obtain that *anti-self-dual sheaf* Gh^L on (Ω, Gh) corresponds to the holomorphic sheaf \tilde{Gh}^L on (Z, \tilde{Gh}) trivial on fibres \mathcal{F}_γ of the bundle $\pi: (Z, \tilde{Gh}) \rightarrow (\Omega, Gh)$.

§8. QUANTIZATION

8.1 Kähler polarization. The introducing of the complex structure J on the graded symplectic manifold (Ω, Gh, ω) defines a *Kähler polarization*, i.e. a subbundle of vectors of the type (0,1) in the complexified tangent

bundle $T^C(\Omega, Gh)$. Then the connection ∇ in Gh^L splits into the direct sum $\nabla = \nabla^{(1,0)} \oplus \nabla^{(0,1)}$ of the components $\nabla^{(1,0)}$ of the type (1,0) and of the components $\nabla^{(0,1)}$ of the type (0,1) w.r. to J . Let us introduce a graded quantization space

$$Gh_J(\Omega) = \left\{ s \in Gh^L(\Omega): \nabla^{(0,1)} s = 0 \right\}, \quad (28)$$

corresponding to the polarization $J \in \mathcal{F} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/S^1$. It is the space of the holomorphic (w.r. to J) sections of the sheaf Gh^L . Remind that $Gh^L(\Omega) = H \otimes \Lambda^C(W)$, $\nabla = \nabla_\Omega \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nabla_W$ and $\nabla^{(0,1)} = \nabla_\Omega^{(0,1)} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nabla_W^{(0,1)}$. Let us introduce

$$H_J = \left\{ f \in H: \nabla_\Omega^{(0,1)} f = 0 \right\}, \quad \Lambda(W_J) = \left\{ \varphi \in \Lambda^C(W): \nabla_W^{(0,1)} \varphi = 0 \right\}.$$

It is clear that $H = H_J \otimes \bar{H}_J$, $\Lambda^C(W) = \Lambda(W_J) \otimes \Lambda(\bar{W}_J)$ and $Gh_J(\Omega) = H_J \otimes \Lambda(W_J)$, where H_J is the bosonic quantum space and $B_J = \Lambda(W_J)$ is the fermionic quantum space, corresponding to the polarization J . Notice that instead of $\Lambda(W_J)$ the space $\Lambda(W_J) \otimes \Lambda^{\text{max}}(\bar{W}_J)$ is often considered (see, e.g. [11,18,26]). Here $\Lambda^{\text{max}}(\bar{W}_J)$ (vacuum) is a one-dimensional vector space obtained by taking the wedge product of all the basis elements of \bar{W}_J . The spaces $\Lambda(W_J)$ and $\Lambda(W_J) \otimes \Lambda^{\text{max}}(\bar{W}_J)$ are isomorphic. By definition these spaces are the spaces of the *spin representation* of the Clifford algebra $Cl(W^C)$ of the space W^C (see [8,9,11]).

8.2. Inner product. Remind that $G = R^{d-1,1} \times G_0$ and $\Omega G = \Omega R^{d-1,1} \times \Omega G_0$. Therefore the prequantization bundle $L \rightarrow \Omega G$ is a tensor product $L = L' \otimes L''$ of the bundle $L' \rightarrow \Omega R^{d-1,1}$ and the bundle $L'' \rightarrow \Omega G_0$. The bundles L' and L'' are provided with connections, the curvatures of which are equal to ω' and ω'' , where ω' is a restriction of the symplectic form ω on (Ω, Gh) to $\Omega R^{d-1,1}$ and ω'' is a restriction of ω to manifold ΩG_0 .

The bundle L is provided with a Hermitian structure (\cdot, \cdot) . Let us introduce the inner product

$$((s, t)) = \int_\Omega (s, t) \det \omega_\Omega \quad (29)$$

on the space $H = \Gamma(\Omega, L)$ of smooth sections of the bundle L . We introduce the notations $(w_A^n) = (w_1^n, w_2^n)$ where $A, B, \dots = 1, 2$ and $w_1^n = c^n$, $w_2^n = b^n$. In §3 the metric g on (Ω, Gh) was defined (see (14)). We introduce the inner product $((\cdot, \cdot))$ of elements $w_A^m, w_B^n \in W$ by formula

$$((w_A^m, w_B^n)) = g \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial w_A^m}, \frac{\partial}{\partial w_B^n} \right).$$

Then the inner product on $\Lambda(W)$ is defined by (see [6,8]):

$$((w_{A_1}^{m_1} w_{A_2}^{m_2} \dots w_{A_p}^{m_p}, w_{B_1}^{n_1} w_{B_2}^{n_2} \dots w_{B_q}^{n_q})) = \begin{cases} \det g(w_{A_i}^{m_i}, w_{B_j}^{n_j}), & 1, j=1, \dots, p, \text{ if } q=p \\ 0, & \text{if } q \neq p. \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

Of course, this inner product may be also defined in term of integral (see [10]). The inner product (30) is \mathbb{C} -linear extended on $\Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W)$.

Finally, we put

$$((s, \varphi)) = 0, \quad (31)$$

if $s \in \mathfrak{H} \otimes 1$ and $\varphi \in 1 \otimes \Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W)$. Thus, formulae (29)-(31) define the inner product on $\mathfrak{H} \otimes \Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W)$.

8.3. Metaplectic representation. We consider the representation of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ in the space $\mathfrak{H} \otimes \Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W)$, the generators $O(\lambda_n)$ of which are defined by formulae (8), (9) and (25). Remind that $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{H}_J \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{H}}_J$ and denote $\mathfrak{H}_0 := \mathfrak{H}_J \otimes 0$. As discussed in §3, the complex structure J^0 is not invariant under the action of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$, therefore the action of the operators $O(\lambda_n)$ do not preserve the space \mathfrak{H}_0 . More precisely, the operators $O(\lambda_n)$ with $n \geq 0$ still preserve \mathfrak{H}_0 , but the operators $O(\lambda_n)$ with $n < 0$ - not.

Define the operators $r_0(\lambda_n)$ by setting

$$r_0(\lambda_n) = O(\lambda_n) \text{ for } n \geq 0, \quad r_0(\lambda_n) = -r_0^*(\lambda_{-n}) \text{ for } n < 0,$$

where r_0^* denotes the Hermitian conjugate of r_0 with respect to the inner product $((\cdot, \cdot))$. The operators $r_0(\lambda_n)$ act now in \mathfrak{H}_0 for any n and are the generators of *metaplectic representation* (the Shale-Weyl representation) of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ in the space $\mathfrak{H}_0 \subset \mathfrak{H} \otimes \Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W)$. This is a projective representation because (see [1-5])

$$[r_0(\lambda_m), r_0(\lambda_n)] - r_0(\{\lambda_m, \lambda_n\}) = \left(\frac{d+c}{12} m^3 - (\beta - \frac{c}{12}) \right) \delta_{m, -n}, \quad (32)$$

where β is the normal ordering constant responsible for the ambiguity in the definition of $r_0(\lambda_0)$ (which will be chosen later) and c is the number given by

$$c = \frac{k \dim \mathfrak{g}_0}{k + \alpha(\mathfrak{g}_0)}$$

Here $\alpha(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ is the so-called dual Coxeter number which can be computed for simple Lie algebras from the following table

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\mathfrak{sl}_n) &= n, & \alpha(\mathfrak{so}_n) &= n-2, & \alpha(\mathfrak{sp}_n) &= n+1, \\ \alpha(\mathfrak{e}_6) &= 12, & \alpha(\mathfrak{e}_7) &= 18, & \alpha(\mathfrak{e}_8) &= 30, & \alpha(\mathfrak{f}_4) &= 9, & \alpha(\mathfrak{g}_2) &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

The right-hand side of (32) is called an *anomaly*. Using left translations by $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ we can define operators $r_j(\lambda_n)$ which generate a projective representation of $\text{Vect}(S^1)$ in the space H_j with the polarization given by a complex structure J on Ω . The explicit form of operators $r_j(\lambda_n)$ for $G = \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$ and $\Omega = \Omega \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$ is given for example in [19].

8.4. Spin representation. Let us consider the representation of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ in the space $\Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W) \subset \mathfrak{H} \otimes \Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W)$, which generators $O(\mu_n)$ are given by (8), (10) and (25). Remind that $\Lambda^{\mathbb{C}}(W) = \Lambda(W_J) \otimes \Lambda(\bar{W}_J)$ and denote $\Lambda(W_0) := \Lambda(W_J \otimes 0)$. The operators $O(\mu_n)$ do not preserve the space $\Lambda(W_0)$ and repeating the discussion of Sect. 8.3 we define the operators

$$s_0(\mu_n) = O(\mu_n) \text{ for } n \geq 0, \quad s_0(\mu_n) = -s_0^*(\mu_{-n}) \text{ for } n < 0,$$

where s_0^* denotes the Hermitian conjugate of s_0 w.r.t. to the inner product $((\cdot, \cdot))$ (see, e.g. [8,9]). The operators $s_0(\mu_n)$ act now in $\Lambda(W_0)$ for any n and are the generators of the *spin representation* of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ in the space $B_0 = \Lambda(W_0)$. The explicit form of $s_0(\mu_n)$ in terms of \hat{c}_0^m and \hat{b}_0^n is given, for example, in [1,11,12,27]. The operators $s_j(\mu_n)$ may be obtained by the left action of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$. This representation is projective and the commutation relations have the form [1,4,14]:

$$[s_j(\mu_m), s_j(\mu_n)] - s_j(\{\mu_m, \mu_n\}) = \left(-\frac{26}{12} m^3 + (N^2 + N + \frac{1}{6}) m \right) \delta_{m, -n}. \quad (33)$$

8.5. Physical Fock space. Now we introduce the generators

$$\rho_j(\zeta_n) = r_j(\lambda_n) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes s_j(\mu_n) \quad (34)$$

of the *tensor product* of the metaplectic and spin representations of the group $\text{Diff}(S^1)$. The operators $\rho_j(\zeta_n)$ act in the space $H_j \otimes \Lambda(W_J)$. From (32) - (34) it follows that

$$[\rho_j(\zeta_m), \rho_j(\zeta_n)] - \rho_j(\{\zeta_m, \zeta_n\}) = \left(\frac{d+c-26}{12} m^3 + (N^2 + N + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{c}{12} - \beta) m \right) \delta_{m, -n}. \quad (35)$$

The parentheses in the right-hand side of Eq.(35) are equal to zero if

$$d = 26 - c, \quad \beta = N^2 + N + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{c}{12}. \quad (36)$$

If the parameters d , c , N and β satisfy the relations (36) one may

impose the conditions of the reparametrization invariance $\rho_j(\zeta_n)f=0$ on the elements f from the quantum Fock space $H_j \otimes \Lambda(W_j)$ of the string with ghosts. If we consider the space $H \otimes \Lambda^C(W)$ of sections of the prequantization sheaf Gh^L on the graded phase manifold (Ω, Gh) , then the physical Fock space \hat{H}^{ph} is given as the union of the spaces of solutions of the system of differential equations

$$\hat{H}^{ph} = \bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{H}_j^{ph}, \quad \hat{H}_j^{ph} = \left\{ \psi \in H \otimes \Lambda^C(W) : \mathcal{J} \nabla^{(0,1)} \psi = 0, \rho_j(\zeta_n) \psi = 0 \right\}, \quad (37)$$

depending on auxiliary parameter $j \in \mathcal{F}$. Notice that $\mathcal{J} \nabla^{(0,1)}$ are the first-order differential operators on (Ω, Gh) and $\rho_j(\zeta_n)$ are the second-order differential operators on the graded manifold (Ω, Gh) . The introduction of the $Diff(S^1)$ -invariant Fock space \hat{H}^{ph} completes the procedure of geometric quantization. In the space \hat{H}^{ph} one may set the subspace \hat{H}_+^{ph} of the elements with positive-definite norm. This subspace consists of the eigenfunctions of the ghost number operator (see [1]) with the eigenvalue $-1/2$.

8.6. The Fock bundle. As discussed above, the connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ in the prequantization sheaf \tilde{Gh}^L on (Z, \tilde{Gh}) is the pull-back of the connection ∇ in the prequantization sheaf Gh^L on (Ω, Gh) . The connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ may be splitted into $(1,0)$ - and $(0,1)$ -components w.r. to the (almost) complex structure \mathcal{J} on (Z, \tilde{Gh}) . Let us denote by $\tilde{Gh}_0^L(Z)$ the space of all holomorphic sections of the sheaf \tilde{Gh}^L on (Z, \tilde{Gh}) . By definition the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{B} \equiv \tilde{Gh}_0^L(Z)$ coincides with the union of the spaces $H_j \otimes B_j$:

$$\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{F}} H_j \otimes B_j = \bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \psi \in H \otimes \Lambda^C(W) : \mathcal{J} \nabla^{(0,1)} \psi = 0 \right\},$$

where $B_j \equiv \Lambda(W_j)$. In other words, the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ coincides with the total space of the bundle over the manifold \mathcal{F} :

$$\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}, \quad (38)$$

where the fibres over $j \in \mathcal{F}$ are the vector spaces $H_j \otimes B_j$. The restriction of the connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ on the fibre (Ω_j, Gh_j) of the bundle $(Z, \tilde{Gh}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ coincides with the connection $\mathcal{J} \nabla$ in the sheaf Gh^L and

$$\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \phi \in \tilde{Gh}_0^L(Z) : \tilde{\nabla}^{(0,1)} \phi = 0 \right\}.$$

8.7. "Twistor" representation of $Diff(S^1)$. Now we consider the pull-back of the family $\{\rho_j(\zeta_n)\}$ of the second-order differential operators on (Ω, Gh) , parametrized by $j \in \mathcal{F}$, to the graded manifold (Z, \tilde{Gh}) . Following Bowick and Rajeev [3,18], we consider the Lie derivatives \mathcal{L}_{L_n} on \mathcal{F} along the vector fields L_n and the operators $\rho_j(\zeta_n)$ acting in $H_j \otimes B_j$. Let us introduce the connection D in the bundle (38), which in the base $\{L_n\}$ is given by the formula

$$D_{L_n} = \mathcal{L}_{L_n} + \rho_j(\zeta_n). \quad (39)$$

The curvature F_D of D in the base $\{L_n\}$ was computed at origin in [3-5] and equals (cf. (35)):

$$F_D(L_m, L_n) = \left(\frac{d+c-26}{12} m^3 + (N^2 + N + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{c}{12} - \beta) m \right) \delta_{m,-n}. \quad (40)$$

Obviously, that $F_D=0$ if the parameters d, c, N , and β satisfy the relations (36).

The second-order differential operators D_{L_n} on the graded manifold (Z, \tilde{Gh}) are the pull-back of the family $\{\rho_j(\zeta_n)\}$ of the second-order differential operator on (Ω, Gh) to the graded twistor space (Z, \tilde{Gh}) . If the relations (36) take place, then the operators D_{L_n} are the generators of faithful representation of the group $Diff(S^1)$ in the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{B}$. Accordingly, the definition (37) of the space \hat{H}^{ph} may be rewritten in terms of the space of sections of the prequantization sheaf \tilde{Gh}^L on (Z, \tilde{Gh}) in the following way:

$$\hat{H}^{ph} = \left\{ \phi \in \tilde{Gh}_0^L(Z) : \tilde{\nabla}^{(0,1)} \phi = 0, D_{L_n} \phi = 0, n=0, \pm 1, \dots \right\}. \quad (41)$$

Thus, we obtain the formulation of the conditions of the reparametrization invariance and the definition of \hat{H}^{ph} in the twistor terms.

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Бозонные струны, духи и геометрическое квантование

Мы рассматриваем открытую бозонную струну, движущуюся в группе Ли $G = \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1} \times G_0$, где G_0 - простая компактная группа Ли. Пространство $T^*(G) \times \Omega G$ является фазовым многообразием струны. Здесь $\Omega := \Omega G$ - *пространство петель* группы Ли G . Требование $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -инвариантности приводит к необходимости введения духов и расширения многообразия Ω до градуированного многообразия $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$ струны с духами. Мы описываем геометрическое квантование супермногообразия $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$. Чтобы наложить условие $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -инвариантности ковариантным образом, мы расширяем супермногообразие $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$ до супермногообразия твисторов $(Z, \mathcal{G}h)$, где $Z = \Omega \times \mathcal{F}$, а $\mathcal{F} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/S^1$ - пространство комплексных структур J на $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$. Условие $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -инвариантности на твисторном языке эквивалентно условию независимости от выбора комплексной структуры $J \in \mathcal{F}$ (*антиавтодуальность*). Это, в свою очередь, эквивалентно равенству нулю кривизны связности в расслоении фоковских пространств над пространством комплексных структур \mathcal{F} .

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Bosonic Strings, Ghosts and Geometric Quantization

We consider an open bosonic string moving in the Lie group $G = \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1} \times G_0$, where G_0 is a simple compact Lie group. The space $T^*(G) \times \Omega G$ is a phase manifold of the string. Here $\Omega := \Omega G$ is a *loop space* of the Lie group G . The requirement of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -invariance leads to the necessity of introduction of ghosts and of enlargement of the manifold Ω to the graded manifold $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$ of string with ghosts. We describe the geometric quantization of the supermanifold $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$. To put the condition of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -invariance in the *covariant way*, we enlarge the supermanifold $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$ to the *twistor supermanifold* $(Z, \mathcal{G}h)$, where $Z = \Omega \times \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/S^1$ is the space of complex structures J on $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}h)$. In twistor terms the condition of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ -invariance is equivalent to the condition of independence on the choice of the complex structure $J \in \mathcal{F}$ (*anti-self-duality*). This is equivalent to the equality to zero of the curvature of connection in the bundle of the Fock spaces over the space of complex structures \mathcal{F} .

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