

Classical field theory on a spacetime  $M$

Example of a classical FT: nonlinear  $\sigma$ -model with target  $X$

special case  $M = \mathbb{R}$

Space of fields  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  for  $U \subset M$

$\mathcal{F}(U)$  manifold  
 $U \mapsto \mathcal{F}(U)$  sheaf

$$\mathcal{F}(U) = C^0(U, X)$$

$$U = (a, b)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ \text{path } (a, b) \rightarrow X \}$$

action functional  $S$

$$S: \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\phi: U \rightarrow X$$

$$S(\phi) = \text{energy of } \phi$$

$$= \int_U \|d\phi_p\|^2 \text{dvol}(p)$$

$$S(\phi) = \int_a^b \|\dot{\phi}(t)\|^2 dt$$

$p \in U$

space of classical fields

$\text{Crit}(S) = \{ \text{critical pts of } S \}$   
 $\{ \phi \in \mathcal{F}(U) \mid \text{satisfy Euler-Lagrange eqs} \}$   
 $\overline{EL(U)}$

$$EL(U) = \{ \phi: U \rightarrow X \mid \text{harmonic} \}$$

$$EL(U) = \{ \phi: (a, b) \rightarrow X \mid \text{geodesic} \}$$

$$= \{ \phi \mid \nabla_t \dot{\phi}(t) = 0 \}$$

$U \mapsto EL(U)$  sheaf

$$EL(U) \cong TM$$

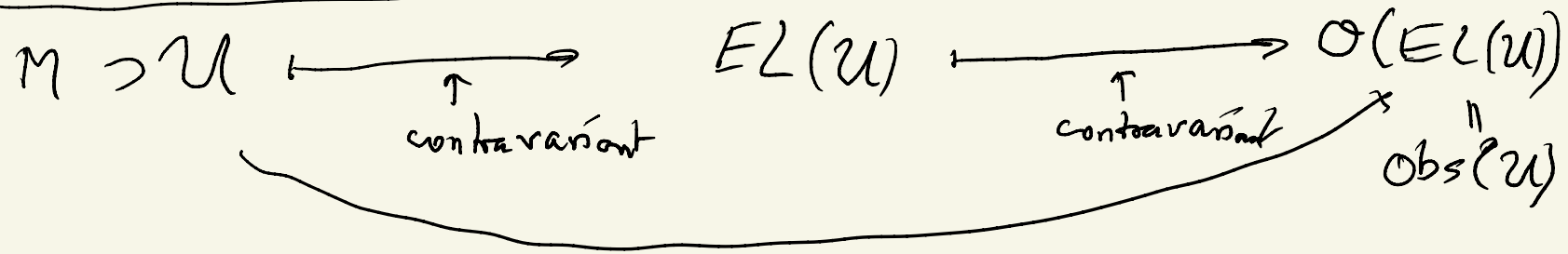
$$\phi \longmapsto (\phi(c), \dot{\phi}(c))$$

$$c \in (a, b)$$

vector space  
of classical  
observables  
 $\text{Obs}(U)$   
= all quantities  
measurable  
in spacetime  
region  $U \subset M$

$\text{Obs}(U)$   
isomorphic  
stable space  
of functions on  $EL(U)$   
 $\mathcal{O}(EL(U))$

$\text{Obs}(U) = \mathcal{O}(TM)$   
e.g.  $= C^\infty(TM)$   
note: e.g. position  
or velocity  
functions.



Q: Is  $U \xrightarrow{\text{covariant}} \text{Obs}(U)$  a cosheaf?

$$\text{Obs}(U_1 \sqcup U_2) = \mathcal{O}(EL(U_1 \sqcup U_2)) = \mathcal{O}(EL(U_1) \times EL(U_2))$$

how is that expressible in terms of

$\mathcal{O}(EZ(u_1))$  &  $\mathcal{O}(EZ(u_2))$ .

discussion on functions on products

$$\mathcal{O}(X) = \{ \text{suitable functions } f: X \rightarrow k \}$$

$$k = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} \quad (f, g) \\ \mathcal{O}(X) \times \mathcal{O}(Y)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{bilinear}} \mathcal{O}(X \times Y)$$

$$(p_1^* f) \cdot (p_2^* g) \\ \mathcal{O}(X \times Y)$$

product of functions

$$\downarrow \quad \nearrow \\ \mathcal{O}(X) \otimes \mathcal{O}(Y) \quad \Phi$$

Is  $\Phi$  an isomorphism?

(1) polynomial functions

$$P(V) = \{ f: V \rightarrow k \}$$

↑  
vector space

↑  
polynomial function

$$P(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}[x]$$

$$P(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n) &= \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}) = \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_{m+n}] \\
 &= \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \mathbb{R}[x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{m+n}] \\
 &= \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^m) \otimes \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)
 \end{aligned}$$

basis free argument:

$$\mathcal{P}(V) := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_k(V) = \text{Sym}(V^{\vee}) := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{Sym}^k(V^{\vee})$$

↑  
homog. polynomials

$$\mathcal{P}_0(V) := k \text{ of degree } k$$

$$\mathcal{P}_1(V) := \text{Hom}(V, k) = V^{\vee} \quad \text{dual vector space}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_k(V) := \underbrace{(V^{\vee} \otimes \dots \otimes V^{\vee})}_k / S_k =: \text{Sym}^k(V^{\vee})$$

↑ symmetric group  
acting by permuting factors.

The construction  $W \mapsto \text{Sym}(W)$  is exponential,

$$\text{i.e., } \text{Sym}(W \oplus U) = \text{Sym}(W) \otimes \text{Sym}(U)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(V \oplus W) = \text{Sym}(V^\vee \oplus W^\vee) = \text{Sym}(V^\vee) \otimes \text{Sym}(W^\vee) \\ P(V)^\vee \otimes P(W).$$

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(2) finite measure space  $X$   
Hilbert space  $L^2 X = \{ f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \int_X f(x)^2 d\mu(x) < \infty \}$   
measurable

with inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_X f(x)g(x) d\mu(x)$

$$L^2 X \otimes L^2 Y \xrightarrow{\Phi} L^2(X \times Y)$$

$$f_i \otimes g_j \longmapsto (p_i^* f_i) \cdot (p_j^* g_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \phi(f_1 \otimes g_1), \phi(f_2 \otimes g_2) \rangle &= \int_{X \times Y} \underbrace{f_1(x)g_1(y)}_{\phi(f_1 \otimes g_1)} \underbrace{f_2(x)g_2(y)}_{\phi(f_2 \otimes g_2)} d\mu(x,y) \\
&= \int_{X \times Y} f_1(x)f_2(x) \cdot g_1(y)g_2(y) d\mu(x,y) \\
&= \left( \int_X f_1(x)f_2(x) d\mu(x) \right) \cdot \left( \int_Y g_1(y)g_2(y) d\mu(y) \right) \\
&= \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_{L^2 X} \cdot \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle_{L^2 Y}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\Phi$  is an isometry, provided we

define  $\langle f_1 \otimes g_1, f_2 \otimes g_2 \rangle := \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_{L^2 X} \cdot \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle_{L^2 Y}$

$\Rightarrow \Phi$  is injective; its image is dense

$$\Rightarrow \text{Isom. } \underbrace{L^2 X \otimes L^2 Y}_H \xrightarrow{\cong} L^2(X \times Y)$$

completion<sup>in</sup> of  $L^2 X \otimes L^2 Y$   
w.r.t. inner product defined above