

Two loop mass renormalisation in heterotic string theory: NS states

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ABSTRACT: In this work computation of the renormalised mass at two loop order for the NS sector of heterotic string theory is attempted. We first implement the vertical integration prescription for choosing a section avoiding the spurious poles due to the presence of a required number of picture changing operators. As a result the relevant amplitude on genus 2 Riemann surface can be written as a boundary term. We then identify the 1PI region of the moduli space having chosen a gluing compatible local coordinates around the external punctures. We also identify the relevant integrands and the relevant region of integration for the modular parameters at the boundary.

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1 Introduction and summary

For string theory in critical dimensions conformal invariance plays a crucial role. Demanding conformal invariance we get the on-shell condition for the string states $k_i^2 = -m_i^2$ with m_i as the *tree level* mass for the i -th mass level of the strings. On the other hand defining S-matrix elements via the LSZ prescription imposes the constraint $k_i^2 = -m_{Ri}^2$ where m_{Ri} denotes the renormalized mass of that state. Since conformal invariance implies manifest UV finiteness,

hence renormalized masses in string theory are finite unlike in the case of ordinary quantum field theory. For states whose masses are protected against quantum corrections we have $m_{Ri} = m_i$ and S-matrix elements can be defined without any problem. But for generic states in string theory we have $m_{Ri} \neq m_i$ and for them there is an apparent conflict and usual string amplitudes do not compute S-matrix beyond tree level in such cases.

One needs an off-shell formulation of string theory to resolve this apparent conflict because once we have a definition of the off-shell amplitudes we can then use the standard LSZ prescription to compute S-matrix elements. An ad hoc definition of off-shell amplitudes can be given [1–8], and has been fully developed in the context of bosonic string theory. Off-shell amplitudes however depend on spurious data encoded in the choice of local coordinates around the punctures due to the external vertex operators. So the result for such amplitudes are ambiguous. In [9, 10] it was shown that the renormalized masses and S-matrix elements computed using off-shell amplitudes do not depend on the spurious data provided we restrict the choice of local coordinates to within a special class – those satisfying the requirement of gluing compatibility. Gluing compatibility implies that near the boundary of the moduli space where the punctured Riemann surface Σ degenerates to two separate punctured Riemann Surfaces Σ_1 and Σ_2 glued at one each of their punctures by standard plumbing fixture prescription, the choice of local coordinate at the external punctures of Σ must agree with those induced from the choice of local coordinates at the punctures of Σ_1 and Σ_2 . Restricting the choice of local coordinates within this class guarantees that the result for all physical quantities are independent of the coordinate choice.

For bosonic string theory one can talk about an underlying string field theory [11, 12]. Off-shell amplitudes computed from this field theory in Siegel gauge fall within the general class of off-shell amplitudes discussed in [1], and automatically provides a set of gluing compatible coordinate system [13]. All physical quantities computed from the general system of gluing compatible coordinates thus agree with those computed from string field theory. The generalisation to the case of superstring theory was carried out in [14] (see also [18, 22–35]). Computation of on-shell superstring amplitudes using superconformal coordinates on super-Riemann surfaces have been the topic of much research [36–51]. The final result in this language is expressed as integrals over supermoduli space of super-Riemann surfaces instead of ordinary moduli space of Riemann surfaces.

A more practical approach to compute such physical quantities with a proper definition of off-shell amplitudes in superstring theory was presented in [52] using the formalism involving picture changing operators(PCO) [53, 54]. In this formalism the spurious data resides in the choice of local bosonic coordinates and the locations of the PCOs. So the final result is an integral over the ordinary moduli space of Riemann surfaces. Since [54] it is known that the choice of PCO locations correspond to the choice of gauge of the gravitino field. It is impossible to make a global choice of gauge for the gravitino [50, 51] and this breakdown of a global gauge choice shows up in the PCO formalism as spurious singularities of the integration measure appearing in a real co-dimension 2 subspace of the moduli space. The practical approach of computing physical quantities is to specify a choice of section avoiding these spurious singularities using the so called “vertical integration” procedure as described in [52]. Although actual computation of renormalized mass consistent with this procedure exists only upto one loop i.e. the two point amplitude on the torus [55, 56].

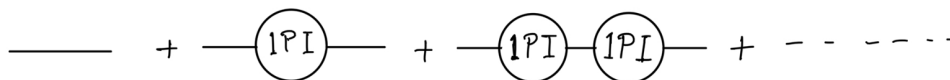


Figure 1. Loop corrected propagator.

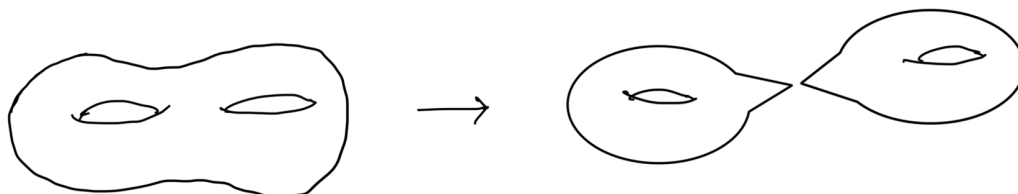


Figure 2. Genus 2 Riemann surface degenerating into two genus 1 surface, each wit 1 extra puncture.

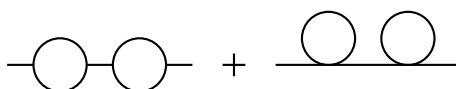


Figure 3. 1 Particle Reducible diagrams at 2 loop order.

In this paper we attempt to compute the renormalized mass at two loop for heterotic string theory which is relatively simpler to compute. The relevant amplitude one needs to consider in this case is the two point amplitude on a genus 2 Riemann surface. For this one needs to integrate a 10 form over the moduli space of a genus 2 Riemann surface with 2 punctures which has 10 real or 5 complex dimensions. But to get the renormalized mass we must integrate over only a part of the full moduli space which is called the 1 particle irreducible (1PI) subspace in the literature [9, 10]. This follows from our usual intuition in QFT that the loop corrected propagator is obtained by summing over diagrams given by joining 1PI amplitudes by tree level propagators (see figure 1). Writing the propagator as $(k^2 + m^2)^{-1}$ and the amputated 1PI amplitude as $\mathcal{F}(k)$ we get the loop corrected propagator as,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} + \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \mathcal{F}(k) \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} + \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \mathcal{F}(k) \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \mathcal{F}(k) \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} + \dots \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \left(1 - \frac{\mathcal{F}(k)}{k^2 + m^2} \right)^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2 - \mathcal{F}(k)} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

implying that the renormalized mass is given by, $\delta m^2 = -\mathcal{F}(k)$. As for the integration over moduli space of genus 2 Riemann surface with two punctures this means we leave out the region where the surface degenerates into two tori each with one extra puncture as in figure 2.

In terms of Feynman diagrams this amounts to dropping diagrams which are 1 particle reducible as shown in figure 3. We will see how to do this explicitly in section 4. We identify the 1PI subspace explicitly and use the Mapping Class Group (more precisely a subgroup of it) to get the region of integration for the moduli parameters which will be necessary for our case. We will closely follow the method that was used for computing the two loop dilaton

tadpole in [21]. The reason being that in this method starting from the large Hilbert space one writes the relevant amplitude as a total derivative i.e. a boundary term on the moduli space. So the contribution can be identified as coming completely from the boundary of the moduli space. This has several advantages such as the range of integration for the moduli parameters become straight forward as well as identifying the 1PI subspace. The other advantage is more technical in nature since at the boundary we can deal with the theta functions on the torus rather than those on the genus 2 Riemann surface. Lastly one of the crucial observations of [21] was that assuming that there is no global obstruction to writing the integrand on the moduli space as a total derivative, the two marked points p_1 and p_2 of the two tori T_1 and T_2 in the degeneration limit must approach two of the PCO locations (one on each torus) to keep their locations fixed under global diffeomorphisms of the metric associated with the choice of a gluing compatible local coordinates.

The rest of the paper is organised as follows. In section 2 we set up our conventions and briefly review some results in the literature which will be necessary for our purpose. The results of the ghost and matter conformal field theories are collected in 2.1 and 2.2 respectively. In 2.4 we briefly review the so called vertical integration procedure. In section 3 we describe the details of the technique used in [21] which sets the stage for computing of the two point function. Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 are devoted to the choice of local coordinates, then avoiding the spurious singularities to writing the integrand as a total derivative and then identifying the contribution due to the superghost system. In section 3.4 we add the b, c ghost and matter contribution to show that the 1 point function of the massless states vanish at two loop as expected from the results of [20]. Finally in section 4 we address the mass renormalization of the states in the first massive level of the heterotic string theory. In 4.1 and 4.2 we choose coordinates and avoid the spurious poles as in the 1 point case. Then in 4.3 we identify the 1PI subspace at the boundary of the moduli space and evaluate superghost as well as the b, c ghost contribution which are common for states at all mass levels. Section 4.4 shows the vanishing of the renormalised mass for massless states as expected from the non renormalisation theorem [20]. Then section 4.5 deals with the renormalised mass for the first massive level and 4.6 gives the region of integration for the moduli parameters. We end with some discussions in section 5.

2 Conventions and necessary results

In this section we specify the conventions that we will be using throughout this paper and quote the results that we will need in later sections. Let us emphasise here again that we will be working with the $E_8 \times E_8$ or $SO(32)$ Heterotic strings to keep our analysis simple. So we have world sheet supersymmetry for only the right moving part hence there are no $\bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}$ (which are left moving) in this case. All through the paper we set $\alpha' = 1$.

2.1 Ghost CFT

We will use the standard ξ, η, ϕ CFT to describe the super-conformal $\beta - \gamma$ ghost system as in [52],

$$\beta = \partial \xi e^{-\phi}, \quad \gamma = \eta e^{\phi}. \quad (2.1)$$

The (ghost no., picture no., GSO parity) assignment of different ghost fields including the usual conformal ghosts are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} c, \bar{c} : (1, 0, +), \quad b, \bar{b} : (-1, 0, +), \quad \gamma : (1, 0, -), \quad \beta : (-1, 0, -), \\ \xi : (-1, 1, +), \quad \eta : (1, -1, +), \quad e^{q\phi} : (0, q, (-1)^q). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Thus $e^{\pm\phi}$ are fermionic i.e. they have odd GSO parity. The conformal weights (\bar{h}, h) of these fields are,

Fields	Conformal weights	
c, \bar{c}	$(0, -1), (-1, 0)$	
b, \bar{b}	$(0, 2), (2, 0)$	
β	$(0, 3/2)$	
γ	$(0, -1/2)$	
ξ	$(0, 0)$	
η	$(0, 1)$	
$e^{q\phi}$	$(0, -q(q+2)/2)$	(2.3)

Let us now give the relevant OPEs of the different ghost fields (we give the holomorphic ones and the anti-holomorphic ones are exactly same with \bar{z} and \bar{w}),

$$\begin{aligned} c(z)b(w) &= (z-w)^{-1} + \dots, \quad \xi(z)\eta(w) = (z-w)^{-1} + \dots, \\ \partial\phi(z)\partial\phi(w) &= -(z-w)^{-2} + \dots, \\ e^{q_1\phi}(z)e^{q_2\phi}(w) &= (z-w)^{-q_1q_2}e^{(q_1+q_2)\phi}(w) + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(z)\gamma(w) = -(z-w)^{-1} + \dots \quad (2.5)$$

The ... denote terms which are regular. The BRST charge, Q_B is given by,

$$Q_B = \oint dz j_B(z) + \oint d\bar{z} \bar{j}_B(\bar{z}), \quad (2.6)$$

with,

$$\bar{j}_B(\bar{z}) = \bar{c}(\bar{z})\bar{T}_m(\bar{z}) + \bar{b}(\bar{z})\bar{c}(\bar{z})\bar{\partial}\bar{c}(\bar{z}) \quad (2.7)$$

$$j_B(z) = c(z)(T_m(z) + T_{\beta,\gamma}(z)) + \gamma(z)T_F(z) - b(z)c(z)\partial c(z) - \frac{1}{4}\gamma(z)^2b(z) \quad (2.8)$$

where T_m and $T_{\beta,\gamma}$ are the world-sheet matter and the β, γ energy momentum tensors respectively. T_F is the world-sheet matter super-current. With these definitions at our disposal we now define the Picture Changing Operator (PCO) which in terms of the ξ, η, ϕ fields is given by,

$$\chi(z) = \{Q_B, \xi(z)\} = c\partial\xi(z) + e^\phi T_F(z) - \frac{1}{4}\partial\eta e^{2\phi}b(z) - \frac{1}{4}\partial(\eta e^{2\phi}b(z)). \quad (2.9)$$

It is a dimension zero primary operator with picture number 1 satisfying $[Q_B, \chi(z)] = 0$.

The correlation function of ξ, η, ϕ in the large Hilbert space on a genus g Riemann surface can be found in [54] and is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \xi(x_i) \prod_{j=1}^n \eta(y_j) \prod_{i=1}^m e^{q_k \phi(z_k)} \right\rangle_{\delta} \\
 &= \frac{\prod_{j=1}^n \vartheta[\delta] \left(-\vec{y}_j + \sum \vec{x} - \sum \vec{y} + \sum q \vec{z} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \vartheta[\delta] \left(-x_i + \sum \vec{x} - \sum \vec{y} + \sum q \vec{z} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)} \frac{\prod_{i < i'} E(x_i, x_{i'}) \prod_{j < j'} E(y_j, y_{j'})}{\prod_{i,j} E(x_i, y_j) \prod_{k < l} E(z_k, z_l)^{q_k q_l} \prod_k \sigma(z_k)^{2q_k}}, \\
 & \text{with } \sum_{k=1}^m q_k = 2(g-1).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Here $\vartheta[\delta]$ denotes the theta functions on higher genus Riemann surface with spin structure δ .¹ The function $E(x, y)$ is called the prime form which has a zero only at $x = y$ and behaves like $E(x, y) \sim (x - y)$ in the limit $x \rightarrow y$. $\sigma(z)$ is a $\frac{1}{2}g$ differential with no zeros or poles, representing the conformal anomaly of the ghost system and $\vec{\Delta}$ is the Riemann class characterising the divisor of zeros of the theta function. For a more elaborate definition of these quantities we refer the reader to [54, 57]. $\sum \vec{x}$, $\sum \vec{y}$ and $\sum q \vec{z}$ denote respectively $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \vec{x}_i$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \vec{y}_j$ and $\sum_{k=1}^m q_k \vec{z}_k$ with

$$\vec{x} \equiv \int_p^x \vec{\omega}, \tag{2.11}$$

where $\vec{\omega}$ is a g -dimensional vector of holomorphic one forms on the Riemann surface (also called abelian differentials) and p is an arbitrary point on the Riemann surface and this dependence on p is compensated by the p -dependence of $\vec{\Delta}$.

The fact that (2.10) is a correlation function on the large Hilbert space is corroborated by the fact that we have one extra number of ξ than the number of η .² Otherwise this correlation function vanishes.

Note: to get the correlation functions in the small Hilbert space we need to consider a correlation function in the large Hilbert space where all but one ξ has a derivative acting on them. Then we have the following result,

$$\langle \xi(z_0)(\dots) \rangle_{\text{large}} \rightarrow \text{independent of } z_0.$$

Thus we have the following prescription for obtaining the correlation function on the small Hilbert space,

$$\langle \xi(z_0)(\dots) \rangle_{\text{large}} \equiv \langle (\dots) \rangle_{\text{small}} \tag{2.12}$$

2.2 Matter CFT

We know that superstring theory in 10 dimensions is described by the ghost and matter CFT together with total central charge being 0. So along with the ghost CFT described in the previous subsection we also need the matter sector which we describe now.

¹e.g. For genus $g = 1$ they are the elliptic theta functions on the torus.

²In the large Hilbert space there is a ξ zero mode on any Riemann surface that needs to be soaked up.

The primary operators of the matter CFT in the heterotic string are, $\partial X^\mu, \bar{\partial} X^\mu, \psi^\mu$ ($\mu = 0, \dots, 9$) and $e^{ik \cdot X}$,³ with conformal weights (\bar{h}, h) given by,

Fields	Conformal weights	
$\partial X^\mu, \bar{\partial} X^\mu$	$(0, 1), (1, 0)$	
ψ^μ	$(0, 1/2)$	(2.13)
$e^{ik \cdot X}$	$(k^2/4, k^2/4)$	
S_1^\pm, \dots, S_5^\pm	$(0, 1/8)$	

All the matter fields have ghost no.= picture no.= 0. As for the GSO parity, only ψ^μ are GSO odd(-), all other fields are GSO even(+). Finally we need the OPE of these fields and we provide the ones which are singular (again we give only the holomorphic ones),

$$\partial X^\mu(z) \partial X^\nu(w) = -\frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{2(z-w)^2} + \dots, \quad \psi^\mu(z) \psi^\nu(w) = \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{2(z-w)} + \dots, \quad (2.14)$$

$$\partial X^\mu(z) e^{ik \cdot X(w, \bar{w})} = -\frac{ik^\mu}{2(z-w)} e^{ik \cdot X(w, \bar{w})} + \dots. \quad (2.15)$$

The factor of 1/2 in the ψ, ψ OPE is taken so that the complex fermions built out of the Majorana ones, have the OPE $\Psi_i(z) \bar{\Psi}_i(w) \sim (z-w)^{-1}$. In [61, 62] no such factor is there so $\Psi_i, \bar{\Psi}_i$ OPE will have a factor of 2. Using bosonization we can write,⁴

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_j &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi^j + i\psi^{j+5}) \equiv e^{iH_j}, & \bar{\Psi}_j &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi^j - i\psi^{j+5}) \equiv e^{-iH_j}, \quad (j = 1, \dots, 5) \\ S_j^\pm &\equiv e^{\pm \frac{iH_j}{2}}, & : \bar{\Psi}_i \Psi_i : &\equiv \partial H_i. \end{aligned}$$

We also have,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}_i(z) S_i^+(w) &\sim (z-w)^{-\frac{1}{2}} S_i^-, & \Psi_i(z) S_i^-(w) &\sim (z-w)^{-\frac{1}{2}} S_i^+, \\ \bar{\Psi}_i(z) S_i^-(w) &\sim (z-w)^{\frac{1}{2}} \hat{S}_i^-, & \Psi_i(z) S_i^+(w) &\sim (z-w)^{\frac{1}{2}} \hat{S}_i^+, \\ \bar{\Psi}_i(z) \Psi_i(w) &\sim (z-w)^{-1}, & S_i^+(z) S_i^-(w) &\sim (z-w)^{-\frac{1}{4}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

All the other ones are regular. Let us also give the expression of T_F here as it will be needed for later analysis.

$$T_F(z) = i\sqrt{2} \psi_\rho \partial X^\rho. \quad (2.17)$$

For the case of genus 2, the correlation function of the different chiral matter fields were provided in [40–46] and the result for non-chiral X^μ can be found in [54]. Let us first state some necessary definitions.

- Prime form :-

$$E(x, y) = \frac{\vartheta[\delta_1] \left(\int_y^x \bar{\omega} | \Omega \right)}{\zeta(x)^{1/2} \zeta(y)^{1/2}} \sim (x-y) dx^{-1/2} dy^{-1/2} \text{ (for } x \sim y), \quad (2.18)$$

³We also have $\bar{\psi}^\mu$ along with the others for the type II string theories.

⁴Here we do the usual Wick rotation $\psi^0 \rightarrow i\psi^{10}$ to define the complex fermions appropriately.

where, δ_1 denotes the odd spin structure i.e. $\vartheta[\delta_1](0|\Omega) = 0$, $\partial_{z_i}\vartheta[\delta_1](0|\Omega) \neq 0$. $\zeta(x)$ is given by,

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \partial_{z_i} \vartheta[\delta_1](0|\Omega) \omega_i(x).$$

If we label the four non contractible cycles of the genus 2 surface by, a_1, b_1 and a_2, b_2 then,

$$\int_{a_i} \omega_j = \delta_{ij}, \quad \Omega_{ij} = \int_{b_i} \omega_j, \quad \forall i = 1, 2$$

defines the period matrix Ω with a fixed normalisation.

- Szego Kernel :-

$$S_\delta(x, y) = \frac{\vartheta[\delta] \left(\int_y^x \vec{\omega} | \Omega \right)}{\vartheta[\delta](0|\Omega) E(x, y)} \sim \frac{1}{x - y} dx^{1/2} dy^{1/2} \text{ (for } x \sim y). \quad (2.19)$$

Here δ denotes the even spin structures i.e. $\vartheta[\delta](0|\Omega) \neq 0$.

With these definitions we have the following correlation functions on genus 2 for the matter sectors,

$$\langle X^\mu(z_1, \bar{z}_1) X^\nu(z_2, \bar{z}_2) \rangle_{p_k} = -\frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{2} \ln |E(z_1, z_2)|^2 + 2\pi p^\mu \cdot \text{Im}(\bar{z}_{12}) p^\nu \cdot \text{Im}(\bar{z}_{12}), \quad (2.20)$$

$$\langle \psi^\mu(z_1) \psi^\nu(z_2) \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} S_\delta(z_1, z_2), \quad (2.21)$$

$$\left\langle \prod_j : e^{ik_j \cdot X(z_j, \bar{z}_j)} : \right\rangle = C_{g=2}^X (2\pi)^{10} \delta^{10} \left(\sum_j k_j \right) \prod_{i < j} |E(z_i, z_j)|^{k_i \cdot k_j} e^{-2\pi k_i^\mu p_\mu \cdot \text{Im}(\bar{z}_{ij}) k_j^\nu p_\nu \cdot \text{Im}(\bar{z}_{ij})} \quad (2.22)$$

where p_k^μ denotes the loop momenta along the b_k cycle with $k = 1, 2$ for a genus 2 surface. They are related to the determinant of imaginary part of the period matrix. Also we have,

$$\text{Im}(\bar{z}_{ij}) = \frac{1}{2i} \left(\int_{z_i}^{z_j} \vec{\omega} - \int_{\bar{z}_i}^{\bar{z}_j} \vec{\bar{\omega}} \right) \Rightarrow p^\mu \cdot \text{Im}(\bar{z}_{ij}) \equiv \frac{1}{2i} \sum_{k=1}^2 \left(\int_{z_i}^{z_j} p_k^\mu \omega_k - \int_{\bar{z}_i}^{\bar{z}_j} p_k^\mu \bar{\omega}_k \right).$$

Finally $C_{g=2}^X$ is the normalisation due to the matter partition function and the $\partial_z E(0)$ in the denominator is due to the self contractions. The correlation function for the vertex fields can be found by generalising the torus result given in [61, 62]. With these, all other correlation functions (for the NS states)⁵ can be determined as in the case of torus, [55, 56, 58].

2.3 Vertex operators for the heterotic string

Let us now consider the full matter ghost CFT and define a subspace \mathcal{H}_0 of the off-shell NS string states with picture number -1 by,

$$|\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_0 \text{ if } (b_0 - \bar{b}_0)|\Psi\rangle = 0, \quad (L_0 - \bar{L}_0)|\Psi\rangle = 0, \quad \eta_0|\Psi\rangle = 0, \quad \text{Picture no.}(|\Psi\rangle) = -1. \quad (2.23)$$

⁵For R sector we also need the correlation function for the spin fields which we do not discuss.

The $\eta_0|\Psi\rangle = 0$ condition implies that we are working in the small Hilbert space [53]. Let us also define $\mathcal{H}_1 \subset \mathcal{H}_0$ containing off-shell states with ghost number 2 in the Siegel gauge,

$$|\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_1 \text{ if } |\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_0, \quad (b_0 + \bar{b}_0)|\Psi\rangle = 0, \quad \text{Ghost no.}(|\Psi\rangle) = 2. \quad (2.24)$$

Since our ultimate goal is to compute the renormalized mass of the on-shell string states, let us give the on-shell vertex operators for the $E_8 \times E_8$ or $SO(32)$ Heterotic theory, which for non-zero momentum has the general form,

$$V_i(z, \bar{z}) = c\bar{c}e^{-\phi}W_i(z, \bar{z}), \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{On-shell states} := |V_i\rangle = V_i(0, 0)|0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_1 \quad (2.25)$$

where $W_i(z, \bar{z})$ are some dimension $(1, 1/2)$ super-conformal primary with odd GSO parity so that $V_i(z, \bar{z})$ is GSO even. By $|0\rangle$ we denote the $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ invariant vacuum of the CFT.

For concreteness let us specify the CFT with central charge 16 for the anti-holomorphic part world-sheet which does not have supersymmetry.

- We introduce 16 scalars $\mathcal{Y}^I(\bar{z})$ with $I = 1, \dots, 16$
- We consider theory with weight $(1, 0)$ primary fields given by,

$$\bar{J}^a(\bar{z}) = \bar{\partial}\mathcal{Y}^I \text{ for } a, I = 1, \dots, 16 \quad (2.26)$$

$$\bar{J}^a(\bar{z}) = e^{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{Y}}} \text{ with } \vec{m} \cdot \vec{m} = 4, \text{ for } a = 17, \dots, 496. \quad (2.27)$$

Note in the above, that \vec{m} is an array of 16 numbers taking value in the dual lattice of $E_8 \times E_8$ or $SO(32)$. As a result $e^{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{Y}}}$ with $\vec{m} \cdot \vec{m} = 4$ gives us a total of 480 operators. So all total we have 496 operators which is exactly equal to the number of generators of $E_8 \times E_8$ or $SO(32)$ symmetry group.

This specifies the field content of the heterotic strings and in turn fixes the partition function.

2.4 Vertical integration procedure

Unlike the case in bosonic string theory, an additional subtlety that one has to take into account while computing amplitudes in superstring theory is the presence of spurious poles (i.e. divergences occurring even when no two external vertices are coming close to each other) which can occur in the following cases:

- The PCOs colliding with the vertex operators.
- Two or more PCOs colliding with each other.
- In case of higher genus surfaces there some special points where the theta functions vanish even if no operators collide with each other. For example, in equation (2.10) the $\vartheta[\delta]$ has a divisor of g zeros due to the Riemann vanishing theorem so whenever the denominator vanishes we get a spurious pole.

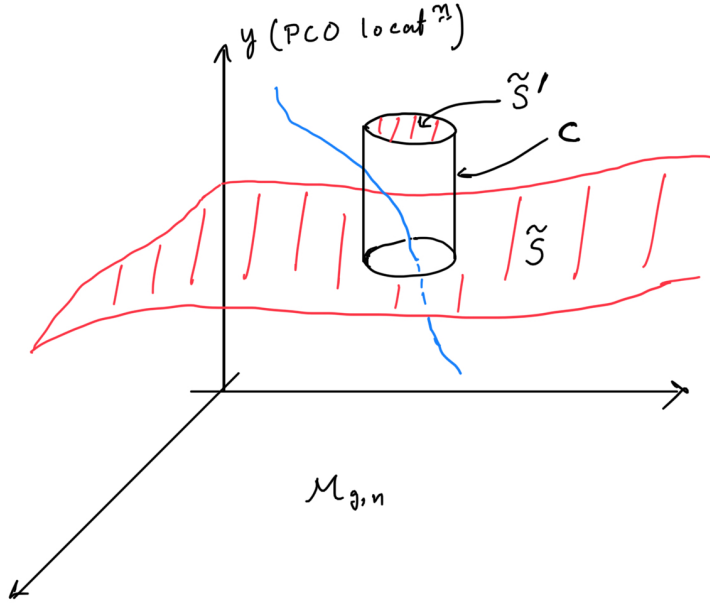


Figure 4. Vertical integration procedure to avoid spurious poles lying on a co-dimension 2 subspace (blue line).

In the language of super-moduli space the source of these poles are the breakdown of supersymmetry gauge choices in different regions of the moduli space. The remedy then, is to make different gauge choice in different patches and appropriate matching at the boundary.

However there exists a more practical approach to avoid the spurious poles by moving the PCOs as described in [52]. It is this approach we are going to follow for our computation and here we summarise the main results. The starting point is to consider the PCO locations as fibre directions over the moduli space on top of the choice local coordinates and transition functions. So the choice of section now includes the PCO locations as well. Whenever we are near a spurious pole during the integration over a section, we move along the fibre directions specifying the PCO locations i.e. we move the PCO from its current location (y_0) to some other point (y') keeping everything else fixed (see figure 4).

So the final result is obtained by integrating over $\tilde{S} \cup C \cup \tilde{S}'$. Suppose now that we are moving a single PCO and t parametrises the fibre direction of the PCO location then the integration over the cylinder C yields,

$$N_\pi \int \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} (\wedge d\tilde{t}_m) \wedge \int dt \langle \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} B_m B_t \prod_\alpha \chi(y_\alpha) V_1 \dots V_n \rangle, \quad (2.28)$$

where $N_\pi = (-2\pi i)^{-(3g-3+n)}$ and B_t is given by,

$$B_t = \sum_s \oint_{C_s} \frac{\partial F_s}{\partial t} b(\sigma_s) d\sigma_s + \sum_s \oint_{C_s} \frac{\partial \bar{F}_s}{\partial t} \bar{b}(\bar{\sigma}_s) d\bar{\sigma}_s - \frac{1}{\chi(y)} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \partial \xi(y(t)) = -\frac{1}{\chi(y)} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \partial \xi(y(t))$$

since none of the transition functions F_s, \bar{F}_s depend on t . As result, using the fact that $\partial \xi$

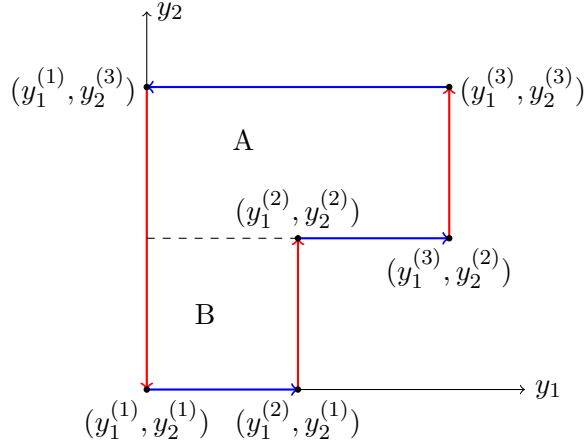


Figure 5. Vertical hole over a point in the moduli space.

is a total derivative of the field ξ in the large Hilbert space we get,

$$N_\pi \int \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} (\wedge d\tilde{t}_m) \left\langle (\xi(y_0) - \xi(y')) \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} B_m \prod_\alpha \chi(y_\alpha) V_1 \dots V_n \right\rangle. \quad (2.29)$$

When we have to move more than one PCO, we move them one at a time but since changing the order in which we move them results in different paths (figure 5). As a result we have a hole over a point in the moduli space which we need to fill. We give here the result of moving two PCOs, for moving more number of PCOs the result easily generalises. Following the case of moving one PCO we now have for moving two PCOs,

$$N_\pi \int \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} (\wedge d\tilde{t}_m) \wedge \int dt_1 \wedge dt_2 \left\langle \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} B_m B_{t_1} B_{t_2} \prod_\alpha \chi(y_\alpha) V_1 \dots V_n \right\rangle \quad (2.30)$$

where t_1 and t_2 parametrise the direction of the two PCO location y_1 and y_2 , and B_{t_1}, B_{t_2} are given by,

$$B_{t_1} = -\frac{1}{\chi(y_1)} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial t_1} \partial \xi(y_1(t_1)); \quad B_{t_2} = -\frac{1}{\chi(y_2)} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial t_2} \partial \xi(y_2(t_2)).$$

The final result after filling this 2d vertical hole we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \prod_{m=1}^{6g-6+2n-1} (\wedge d\tilde{t}_m) \int_{A+B} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \left\langle \partial \xi(y_1) \partial \xi(y_2) \dots \right\rangle = \\ & \left\langle \left\{ (\xi(y_1^{(3)}) - \xi(y_1^{(1)})) (\xi(y_2^{(3)}) - \xi(y_2^{(2)})) + (\xi(y_1^{(2)}) - \xi(y_1^{(1)})) (\xi(y_2^{(2)}) - \xi(y_2^{(1)})) \right\} \dots \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

3 NS 1 point function on genus 2 Riemann surface

To carry out this computation,

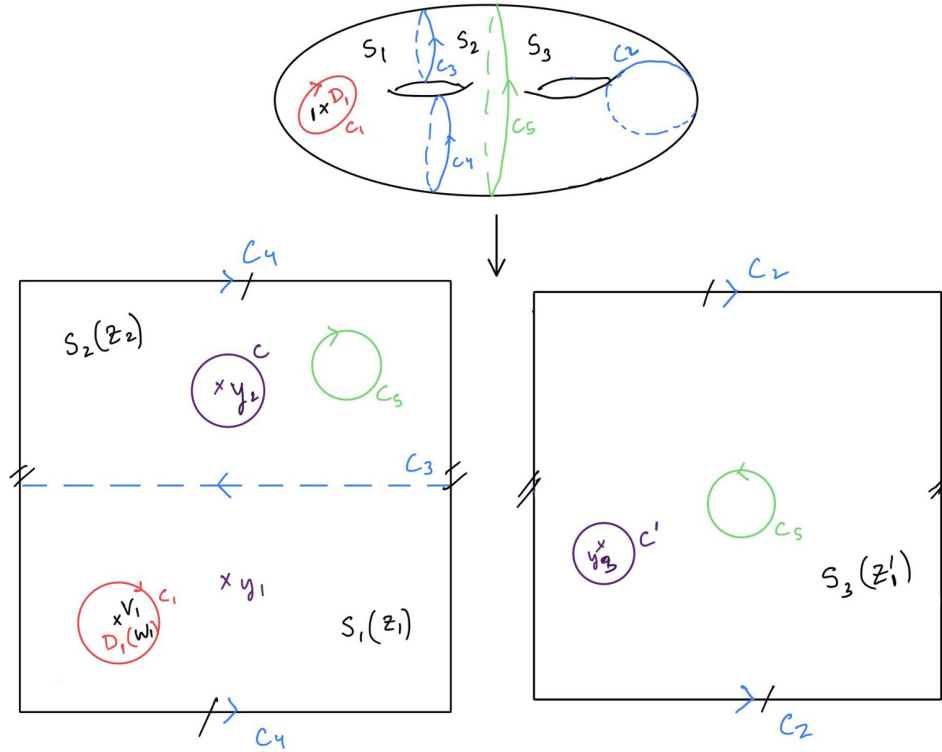


Figure 6. Pair of pants decomposition for genus 2 with 1 puncture.

- we first make a choice of local coordinates on the 1 punctured Riemann surface of genus 2.
- Then we write the amplitude with the Beltrami differentials and appropriate number of PCOs, and show that it is a total derivative on the Moduli space and hence gets contribution only from the boundary.
- Finally we calculate the possible contributions from the boundary.

This technique of computing closely follows [21].

3.1 Choice of local coordinates

We know that the genus two Riemann surface with 1 NS punctures can be thought of as a union of $n = 1$ Disk around the puncture, $2g - 2 + n = 3$ spheres with 3 holes each, joined at $3g - 3 + 2n = 5$ circles (As in figure 6). We also have,

$$\text{Moduli space } \mathcal{M}_{2,1,0} := 6g - 6 + 2n = 8 \text{ real i.e. 4 complex dimensions,} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\text{Required no. of PCOs} := 2g - 2 + n = 3. \quad (3.2)$$

We call the coordinate on S_1 as z_1 , on S_2 as z_2 and on S_3 as z'_1 . The coordinate on the disk D_1 around the first puncture is w_1 such that the location of the puncture in this coordinate is $w_1 = 0$. We depict these choice of coordinates on the bottom part in figure 6.

With this choice of local coordinates we write down the transition functions as,

$$z_1 = w_1 + \zeta_1 \quad \text{on } C_1, \quad (3.3)$$

$$z_1 = z_2 \quad \text{on } C_3, \quad (3.4)$$

$$z_2 = -\frac{q}{z'_1} \quad \text{on } C_5, \quad (3.5)$$

$$z_1 = z_2 - \tau_1 \quad \text{on } C_4, \quad (3.6)$$

$$z'_1 = z'_1 - \tau_2 \quad \text{on } C_2. \quad (3.7)$$

Here $\tau_1, \tau_2, \zeta_1, q$ are 4 complex parameters accounting for the 4 complex moduli that are required. Let us remark here once more that the fibre directions over the base moduli space also contain the locations of the PCOs. The violet points denote the locations of the 3 PCOs at y_1, y_2 and y_3 . In our computation we will take $y_1 \rightarrow p_1$ and $y_2 \rightarrow p_2$ at the very end, for the reason mentioned in the introduction. One can check easily that the above choice of local coordinates around the punctures along with the transition functions is manifestly gluing compatible.

3.2 The 1-point function as a total derivative using vertical integration procedure

In accordance with [21] we do our computation in the large Hilbert space which means we include ξ field at some arbitrary point z_0 to soak up the ξ zero mode.

To get an invariant measure for integrating over this section we need the so called Beltrami differentials B_m for each moduli variable \tilde{t}_m . For the superstring case they are defined as

$$B_m = \sum_s \oint_{C_s} \frac{\partial F_s}{\partial \tilde{t}_m} b(\sigma_s) d\sigma_s + \sum_s \oint_{C_s} \frac{\partial \bar{F}_s}{\partial \tilde{t}_m} \bar{b}(\bar{\sigma}_s) d\bar{\sigma}_s - \frac{1}{\chi(y)} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \tilde{t}_m} \partial \xi(y(\tilde{t}_m)), \quad (3.8)$$

where $\sigma_s = F_s(\tau_s)$ defines the transition function between the coordinate patches σ_s and τ_s on the circle C_s . For our choice of local coordinates and transition functions (3.3)–(3.7) the Beltrami differentials are given by (the PCO locations being independent of the moduli parameters),

$$B_{\tau_1} = - \oint_{C_4} b(z_1) dz_1, \quad B_{\bar{\tau}_1} = - \oint_{C_4} \bar{b}(\bar{z}_1) d\bar{z}_1 \quad (3.9)$$

$$B_{\tau_2} = - \oint_{C_2} b(z'_1) dz'_1, \quad B_{\bar{\tau}_2} = - \oint_{C_2} \bar{b}(\bar{z}'_1) d\bar{z}'_1 \quad (3.10)$$

$$B_{\zeta_1} = \oint_{C_1} b(w_1) dw_1, \quad B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} = \oint_{C_1} \bar{b}(\bar{w}_1) d\bar{w}_1 \quad (3.11)$$

$$B_q = \oint_{C_5} q^{-1} z_2 b(z_2) dz_2, \quad B_{\bar{q}} = \oint_{C_5} \bar{q}^{-1} \bar{z}_2 \bar{b}(\bar{z}_2) d\bar{z}_2 \quad (3.12)$$

Now we are ready to write the 2 loop 1 point amplitude $A_1^{(g=2)}$. Most of the treatment that we will follow in the rest of this subsection closely resembles [21].

First we will write the general form of the amplitude for on-shell external states (i.e. the vertex, V_1 , is a super-conformal primary of dimension (0,0) along with $L_0^-|V_i\rangle = b_0^-|V_i\rangle = 0$, $\forall i = 1, 2$) in the NS sector (i.e. -1 picture number).

$$V_1(z, \bar{z}) = \varepsilon_\mu^a \bar{c} c e^{-\phi} \psi^\mu(z) \bar{J}_a(\bar{z}) e^{ik \cdot X(z, \bar{z})}, \quad \text{with } k^2 = 0 \text{ and } \varepsilon_\mu^a k^\mu = 0. \quad (3.13)$$

The 2 loop 1 point function is given by,

$$A_1^{(2)} = (-2\pi i)^{-4} g_s^3 \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge dq \wedge d\bar{q} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_q B_{\bar{q}} \xi(z_0) \prod_{\alpha=1}^3 \chi(y_\alpha) f_1 \circ V_1(0) \right\rangle \quad (3.14)$$

We first bring the PCO at y_3 on top of V_1 to make it a 0-picture vertex,

$$\begin{aligned} e^\phi T_F(z) V_1(w, \bar{w}) &\sim i\sqrt{2} \varepsilon_\mu^a \bar{c} c (z-w) \left(\frac{\partial X^\mu(w)}{2(z-w)} - \frac{ik \cdot \psi}{2(z-w)} \psi^\mu(w) \right) \bar{J}_a(\bar{w}) e^{ik \cdot X(w, \bar{w})} \\ \Rightarrow V_1^{(0)}(w, \bar{w}) &= \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \varepsilon_\mu^a \bar{c} c (\partial X^\mu(w) - i(k \cdot \psi) \psi^\mu(w)) \bar{J}_a(\bar{w}) e^{ik \cdot X(w, \bar{w})}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

Finally we write the 0-picture vertex as spacetime super current acting on a 1/2-picture vertex as in [21]. We have,

$$\langle V_1^{(0)}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \rangle = \left\langle \oint_{\zeta_1} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \right\rangle$$

with 10d super current $\mathcal{J}(x) = e^{-\frac{\phi}{2}} u^\beta(0) S_\beta(x)$ and,

$$V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) = \epsilon_a v^\alpha(k) \bar{c} c \left\{ e^{\frac{\phi}{2}} \left[\partial X^\mu - \frac{1}{4} i(k \cdot \psi) \psi^\mu \right] (\gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\alpha'} S^{\alpha'} + \frac{1}{2} e^{3\phi/2} \eta b S_\alpha \right\} (\zeta_1) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) e^{ik \cdot X}. \quad (3.16)$$

Notice that the super current has no anti-holomorphic piece since we are working with heterotic strings. Also the term containing $e^{3\phi/2}$ in $V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}$ does not contribute to the amplitude due to ϕ charge conservation. The above result is illustrated in [53].⁶ So finally we have the integrand in (3.14) given by,

$$\left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_q B_{\bar{q}} \xi(z_0) \prod_{\alpha=1}^2 \chi(y_\alpha) \oint_{\zeta_1} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \right\rangle \quad (3.17)$$

The x contour can now be pulled out and closed to some point away from ζ_1 since the surface is a closed one. In this process we pickup the residues from different spurious poles in the x plane whose location (r_l say) are a function of y_1, y_2 and ζ_1 . Now if the PCO at y_1 is moved to some other point \tilde{y}_1 such that the new pole locations are away from r_l then the contour integration simply vanishes. So we can rewrite (3.17) using $\chi(y_1) - \chi(\tilde{y}_1) = \{Q_B, \xi(y_1) - \xi(\tilde{y}_1)\}$ as,

$$\sum_{r_l} \oint_{r_l} dx \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_q B_{\bar{q}} \xi(z_0) Q_B(\xi(y_1) - \xi(\tilde{y}_1)) \chi(y_2) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \right\rangle \quad (3.18)$$

⁶In our case we have set the momentum of the -1/2 picture vertex to 0 to get the 10d spacetime super current.

We now use the following well known identity to move the BRST operator on the other operators.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Omega_p^{(g,n)}(Q_B V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n) + (-1)^{V_1} \Omega_p^{(g,n)}(V_1, Q_B V_2, \dots, V_n) + \dots \\ & \dots + (-1)^{V_1+V_2+\dots+V_{n-1}} \Omega_p^{(g,n)}(V_1, V_2, \dots, Q_B V_n) = (-1)^p d\Omega_{p-1}^{(g,n)}(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n). \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

This identity uses the fact that $\{Q_B, b(z)\} = T(z)$. Here $\Omega_p^{g,n}$ describes a p -form on a section of the fibre directions over the moduli space of genus g and n -punctures. In our case we have, as mentioned $\Omega_8^{(2,1)}(\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, V_1)$, but note the following points.

- Since we are working with on-shell external states we have by definition $Q_B V_1 = 0$.
- Also for the PCO's we have $Q_B \chi = 0$ since we know that $Q_B^2 = 0$.
- Since $(\xi(y_1) - \xi(\tilde{y}_1))$ is in the small Hilbert space the term $\langle \dots Q_B \xi(z_0)(\xi(y_1) - \xi(\tilde{y}_1)) \chi(y_2) \dots \rangle$ vanishes due to the fact that there is no field to soak up the ξ zero mode.

As result our integrand turns out to be a total derivative on the moduli space. Following [21] we know that the boundary is a real co-dimension 2 surface ($q = 0$) and hence the boundary contribution vanishes unless the integrand becomes singular. Near the boundary $q \rightarrow 0$ we have,

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{|q| \geq a} dq \wedge d\bar{q} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} (F(q, \bar{q})) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta (\bar{q} F(q, \bar{q}))|_{r=a}. \quad (3.20)$$

Here we have used the parametrization

$$q = r e^{i\theta}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{q} = r e^{-i\theta},$$

and the only assumption is that $F(q, \bar{q})$ is analytic in θ . From (3.20) we see that as $a \rightarrow 0$, non zero contribution comes from the $1/\bar{q}$ divergence piece of $F(q, \bar{q})$ in the $q \rightarrow 0$ limit.

For the current case at hand we put $z_0 = y_1$ to get,

$$\begin{aligned} F(q, \bar{q}) = & (-2\pi i)^{-4} g_s^3 \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \\ & \sum_{r_l} \oint_{r_l} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\bar{q}} \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \chi(y_2) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

3.3 Contribution due to the ξ, η, ϕ system

In (3.18) most contributions vanish due to ϕ charge conservation (for genus 2 surface) i.e. $\sum q \neq 2$. The only non vanishing contribution is given by,

$$F(q, \bar{q}) = -\frac{1}{4} (-2\pi i)^{-4} g_s^3 \lim_{y_2 \rightarrow y'_2} \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \left(2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y'_2} \right) G(y_2, y'_2) \quad (3.22)$$

with,

$$G(y_2, y'_2) = \sum_{r_l} \oint_{r_l} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\bar{q}} \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \eta(y_2) e^{2\phi(y'_2)} b(y'_2) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(k, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \right\rangle \quad (3.23)$$

The superghost part of the correlation function is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \eta(y_2) e^{2\phi(y'_2)} e^{-\frac{\phi(x)}{2}} e^{\frac{\phi(\zeta_1)}{2}} \right\rangle \\
 &= (Z_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_1 - 2\vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)}{\vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)} \\
 & \quad \frac{E(\tilde{y}_1, y_1) E(x, y'_2) (E(x, \zeta_1))^{\frac{1}{4}}}{E(\zeta_1, y'_2) E(\tilde{y}_1, y_2) E(y_1, y_2)} \frac{\sigma(x)}{\sigma(\zeta_1) (\sigma(y'_2))^4}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

Here we have used (2.10). Now we have to take the limit $q \rightarrow 0$ to see what is the contribution at the boundary. The results that we will be using exhaustively from here on are given in the appendix of [21] which we present in the appendix A for the sake of completeness.

Let us first note that the spurious poles of the above function comes from the zero of $\vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)$ in the x plane. There are a total of $2^{2g-2}g = 8$ spurious poles for genus $g = 2$ surface. In the limit $q \rightarrow 0$ we take y_1 and ζ_1 on the torus T_1 with modular parameter τ_1 and \tilde{y}_1, y_2 and y'_2 are on the other torus T_2 with modular parameter τ_2 . Of course ζ_1 is integrated over so we need to also consider the case when ζ_1 lies on T_2 but that we will look into later, for now keep ζ_1 on T_1 . Now let us see what happens when,

1. x lies on T_1 : in this case we get for $q \rightarrow 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \\
 & \rightarrow \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \left(y_1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} - p_1 | \tau_1 \right) \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} (2y'_2 - y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

For a given spin structure (a_1, b_1) the theta function vanishes at,⁷

$$-\frac{x}{2} = p_1 - y_1 - \frac{\zeta_1}{2} + \hat{a}_1 \tau_1 + \hat{b}_1$$

with four different spin structures (a_2, b_2) , which accounts for 4 out of 8 spurious poles. One can check that in (3.24) the residue at these poles contain,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_1 - 2\vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \\
 & \rightarrow \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \left(y_1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} - p_1 | \tau_1 \right) \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} (\vec{y}_1 + 2y'_2 - 2y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.26}$$

which vanishes exactly at the points where the poles are situated. So contribution from these 4 poles lying on T_1 simply vanish.

⁷Note that for T_1 , $\hat{a}_1, \hat{b}_1 \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}\}$ s.t. $\vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} (z - \hat{a}_1 \tau_1 - \hat{b}_1 | \tau_1) \sim \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} (z | \tau_1)$ upto some phase factor. Similarly for T_2 , $\hat{a}_2, \hat{b}_2 \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}\}$.

2. x lies on T_2 : in the $q \rightarrow 0$ limit we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}_2' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \\ & \rightarrow \vartheta \left[\begin{smallmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \left(y_1 + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{3p_1}{2}|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta \left[\begin{smallmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \left(2y_2' - y_2 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{p_2}{2}|\tau_2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

This time for a specific (a_2, b_2) the above function vanishes at

$$\frac{x}{2} = 2y_2' - y_2 - \frac{p_2}{2} + \hat{a}_2\tau_2 + \hat{b}_2$$

with four different spin structures (a_1, b_1) which accounts for the left over 4 poles. Below, we just write down the final result for the residues at these poles. This can be easily checked using appendix A.

In the limit $q \rightarrow 0$ we get,

$$q^{3/8} \eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2) \frac{\vartheta_1(3y_2' - 2y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) [\vartheta_1(4y_2' - 2y_2 - 2p_2|\tau_2) \vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1|\tau_1)]^{1/4}}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2}|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta_1(4y_2' - 2y_2 - 2p_2|\tau_2) [\vartheta_1'(0|\tau_1)]^{1/4} [\vartheta_1'(0|\tau_2)]^{9/4}}, \quad (3.28)$$

upto some overall phase. Here η_d denotes the Dedekind eta function and we have introduced the following notations for the sake of brevity,

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_{ab}(z|\tau) &\equiv \vartheta \left[\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \end{smallmatrix} \right] (z|\tau), & \vartheta_1(z|\tau) &\equiv \vartheta \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{smallmatrix} \right] (z|\tau), \\ \Rightarrow \vartheta_1(0|\tau) &= 0, & \vartheta_1'(0|\tau) &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vartheta_1(z|\tau) \right) \Big|_{z=0} \end{aligned}$$

3.4 Contribution due to b, c ghost and the matter sector

For this case we need to first note that $B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1}$ acts on the $\bar{c}(\bar{\zeta}_1) c(\zeta_1)$ to give $1/|w - \zeta_1|^2$ so that the contour integral on w and \bar{w} gives identity and we are left with the following b, c correlation function,

$$\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\bar{q}} b(y_2') \rangle = \frac{\bar{q}^{-2}}{q} |\eta_d(\tau_1)|^4 |\eta_d(\tau_2)|^4 \left(\frac{\vartheta_1'(0|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_1(y_2' - p_2|\tau_2)} \right)^2. \quad (3.29)$$

Thus, so far we have,

$$\begin{aligned} G(y_2, y_2') &= q^{-5/8} \bar{q}^{-2} \eta_d(\tau_1)^3 \eta_d(\tau_2)^3 \bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_1)^2 \bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_2)^2 \left(\frac{\vartheta_1'(0|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_1(y_2' - p_2|\tau_2)} \right)^2 \langle \text{matter} \rangle \\ &= \frac{\vartheta_1(3y_2' - 2y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) [\vartheta_1(4y_2' - 2y_2 - 2p_2|\tau_2) \vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1|\tau_1)]^{1/4}}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2}|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta_1(4y_2' - 2y_2 - 2p_2|\tau_2) [\vartheta_1'(0|\tau_1)]^{1/4} [\vartheta_1'(0|\tau_2)]^{9/4}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

The above expression implies that we need only compute the contribution from the matter sector which is proportional to $q^{5/8} \bar{q}$ so that we get the $1/\bar{q}$ piece of $F(q, \bar{q})$. The matter part of the correlation function is,

$$u^\alpha v^{\alpha'} (\gamma_\mu)_{\beta\alpha'} \epsilon_a \left\langle S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \left(\partial X^\mu - \frac{1}{4} i(k \cdot \psi) \psi^\mu \right) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) e^{ik \cdot X} \right\rangle \sim (2\pi)^{10} \delta^{10}(k) (\bar{u} \gamma_\mu v) \epsilon_a \langle \dots \rangle. \quad (3.31)$$

Due to the overall momentum conserving delta function we can put $k = 0$ and drop the term $(k.\psi)\psi^\mu$. For definiteness we take, $\langle S_\alpha(x)S^\beta(\zeta_1)\dots \rangle \sim \delta_\alpha^\beta \langle S_{1+}..S_{5+}(x)S_1^-..S_5^-(\zeta_1)\dots \rangle$. Now from the factorization theorem [59, 60], we know that

$$\langle A_1(z_1)A_2(z_2) \rangle \sim \sum_\varphi \langle A_1(z_1)\varphi(p_1) \rangle_{T_1} \langle \varphi^\dagger(p_2)A_2(z_2) \rangle_{T_2} q^{h_\varphi} \bar{q}^{\bar{h}_\varphi}. \quad (3.32)$$

In the current scenario we have $A_1(z_1) \equiv S_1^-(\zeta_1)S_2^-(\zeta_1)S_3^-(\zeta_1)S_4^-(\zeta_1)S_5^-(\zeta_1)$ and $A_2(z_2) \equiv S_{1+}(x)S_{2+}(x)S_{3+}(x)S_{4+}(x)S_{5+}(x)$.

The operator with conformal dimension $\left(1, \frac{5}{8}\right)$ that contributes to the sum on the r.h.s. above is,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(p_1) &\equiv S_{1+}(p_1)S_{2+}(p_1)S_{3+}(p_1)S_{4+}(p_1)S_{5+}(p_1)\bar{J}^b(p_1) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) &\equiv S_1^-(p_2)S_2^-(p_2)S_3^-(p_2)S_4^-(p_2)S_5^-(p_2)\bar{J}^b(p_2) \end{aligned}$$

For uncompactified theories this is the only possibility although for compactified theories one may construct other type of operators, for more details see [21].

So the relevant contribution to matter correlation function is given by,⁸

$$\begin{aligned} &(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu v)\epsilon_a q^{5/8}\bar{q}\langle \partial X^\mu(\zeta_1)\bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \rangle_{T_1} \\ &\langle S_1^-(p_2)S_2^-(p_2)S_3^-(p_2)S_4^-(p_2)S_5^-(p_2)\bar{J}^b(p_2)S_{1+}(x)S_{2+}(x)S_{3+}(x)S_{4+}(x)S_{5+}(x) \rangle_{a_2b_2} \\ &\langle S_{1+}(p_1)S_{2+}(p_1)S_{3+}(p_1)S_{4+}(p_1)S_{5+}(p_1)\bar{J}^b(p_1)S_1^-(\zeta_1)S_2^-(\zeta_1)S_3^-(\zeta_1)S_4^-(\zeta_1)S_5^-(\zeta_1) \rangle_{a_1b_1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

The result of this correlation function in our case i.e. the uncompactified theory is,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu v)\epsilon_a q^{5/8}\bar{q}\langle \partial X^\mu(\zeta_1)\bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \rangle \\ &\tilde{K}(\tau_1)\tilde{K}(\tau_2)(\eta_d(\tau_1)\eta_d(\tau_2))^{-3}(\bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_1)\bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_2))^{-2}\varepsilon(a_1, b_1)\varepsilon(a_2, b_2) \left[\vartheta_{a_1b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right) \right]^5 \\ &\left[\vartheta_{a_2b_2} \left(\frac{p_2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} | \tau_2 \right) \right]^5 [\vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1 | \tau_1)]^{-\frac{5}{4}} [\vartheta_1(p_2 - x | \tau_1)]^{-\frac{5}{4}} [\vartheta'_1(0 | \tau_1) \vartheta'_1(0 | \tau_2)]^{\frac{5}{4}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

Notice that we need to sum over the spin structure (a_1, b_1) of T_1 ,⁹ whereas as for T_2 the spin structure is a fixed one for which the poles are situated at,

$$\frac{x}{2} = 2y'_2 - y_2 - \frac{p_2}{2} + \hat{a}_2\tau_2 + \hat{b}_2$$

and we are computing the residues at these poles. Putting (3.30) and (3.34) together and carrying out the sum over (a_1, b_1) we get,

$$\sum_{a_1, b_1} \varepsilon(a_1, b_1) \left[\vartheta_{a_1b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right) \right]^4 \times (\dots) = 0, \quad (3.35)$$

⁸The suffix on the correlator denotes on which torus we should compute each part of the correlation function.

⁹ $\varepsilon(a_1, b_1) = 1$ for $(a_1, b_1) = (1/2, 1/2), (0, 0)$ and $\varepsilon(a_1, b_1) = -1$ for $(a_1, b_1) = (1/2, 0), (0, 1/2)$.

where the (\dots) denote all the other pieces and they are independent of (a_1, b_1) . This sum vanishes due to the Riemann theta function identity,

$$\sum_{\delta} \varepsilon(\delta) \vartheta[\delta](z_1) \vartheta[\delta](z_2) \vartheta[\delta](z_3) \vartheta[\delta](z_4) = 2(\vartheta_1(z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4) \vartheta_1(z_1 + z_2 - z_3 - z_4) \vartheta_1(z_1 - z_2 - z_3 + z_4) \vartheta_1(z_1 - z_2 + z_3 - z_4)) \quad (3.36)$$

So we see that the integrand vanishes in the region of integration when ζ_1 lies on T_1 . Let us now consider the remaining region of integration where ζ_1 lies on T_2 . One can easily see that when x lies on T_1 , the residues at the 4 poles lying on T_1 simply vanishes. For a given spin structure (a_1, b_1) location of these poles are given by,

$$\frac{x}{2} = y_1 - \frac{p_1}{2} + \hat{a}_1 \tau_1 + \hat{b}_1, \quad \text{for 4 different spin structures } (a_2, b_2).$$

Thus let us consider the case when x lies on T_2 . For a given spin structure (a_2, b_2) the location of 4 poles on T_2 are given by,

$$\frac{x}{2} = 2y'_2 - y_2 + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} - p_2 + \hat{a}_2 \tau_2 + \hat{b}_2, \quad \text{for 4 different spin structures } (a_1, b_1).$$

We can now follow the same steps described previously in this section to get the full contribution from the residues at the poles on T_2 . Notice that the contribution from the superghost and the conformal b, c ghost part goes as,

$$\sim q^{-1} \bar{q}^{-2} \frac{1}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1}(0|\tau_1)} \times (\dots), \quad (3.37)$$

where the (\dots) denotes the total contribution independent of q, \bar{q} and (a_1, b_1) . Finally, we turn to the matter contribution and note that the factorization theorem (3.32) now applies to the case $A_2(z_2) \equiv S_1^-(\zeta_1) S_2^-(\zeta_1) S_3^-(\zeta_1) S_4^-(\zeta_1) S_5^-(\zeta_1) S_{1+}(x) S_{2+}(x) S_{3+}(x) S_{4+}(x) S_{5+}(x)$ and $A_1(z_1) \equiv 1$. Also notice that now the relevant piece must contain the operator with conformal dimension $(1, 1)$ so that we get the $1/\bar{q}$ contribution to $F(q, \bar{q})$. Although there are more than one such operator present in the theory, the relevant one is,¹⁰

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(p_1) &= \bar{\Psi}_i(p_1) \Psi_i(p_1) \bar{J}^b(p_1) \\ \varphi^\dagger(p_2) &= \bar{\Psi}_i(p_2) \Psi_i(p_2) \bar{J}^b(p_2) \end{aligned}$$

where $i = 1, \dots, 5$ and Ψ denotes a world-sheet complex fermion built from a pair of Majorana fermions. As a result the full correlation function (ghost and matter) on T_1 from all the holomorphic fermions is simply,

$$\frac{1}{\bar{q}} \sum_{a_1, b_1} \varepsilon(a_1, b_1) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1}(0|\tau_1)^4 \times (\dots) = 0 \text{ using (3.36).}$$

Again (\dots) being the contribution independent of (a_1, b_1) . This implies that,

$$G(y_2, y'_2) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(q, \bar{q}) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_1^{(2)} = 0 \quad (3.38)$$

identically and thus they remain zero even as we take $y_1 \rightarrow p_1$ and $y_2 \rightarrow p_2$. Hence, the 1-point function of the massless field vanishes at two loop order as expected.

¹⁰The operator of the form $\varphi = \partial X J^b$ does not contribute since $k = 0$ for the one point function and hence $\delta^{10}(k) \langle \partial X(p_2) e^{ik \cdot X(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} \rangle = 0$.

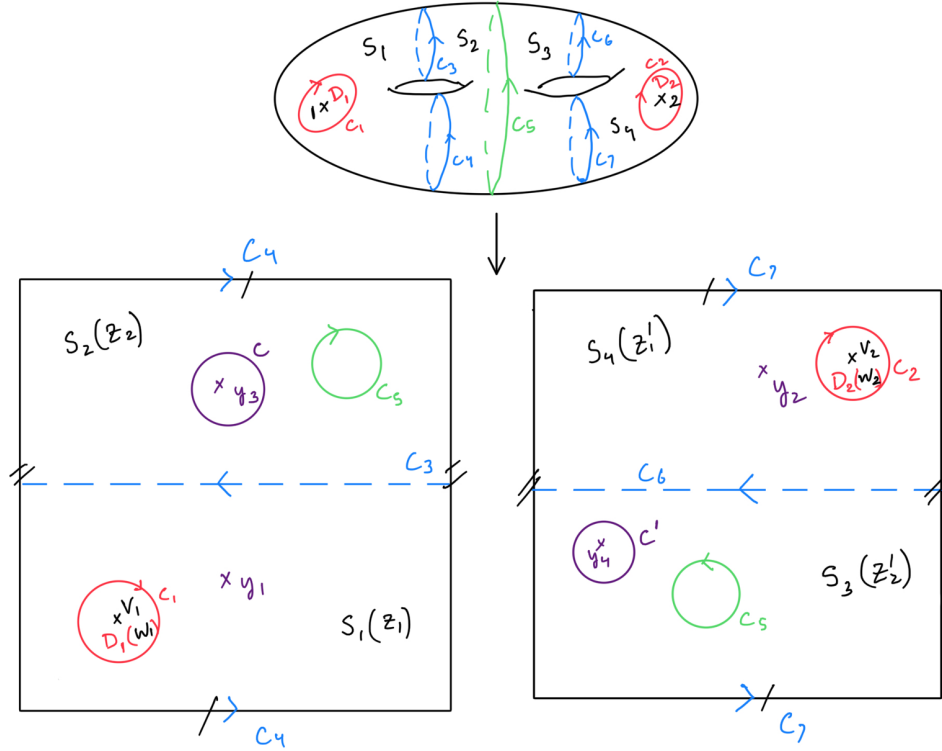


Figure 7. Pair of pants decomposition for genus 2 with 1 puncture.

4 Renormalised mass at 2 loop order

In the previous section we computed the full 1 point function but now we want to compute only a part of the 2 point function that constitutes the 1PI subspace of the amplitude. The basic procedure follows the previous section closely i.e. first we write the full amplitude as a total derivative on the moduli space using the vertical integration procedure. This implies that the contribution comes from the boundary and we figure out this contribution from different regions of integration of the vertex location separately. It is in this second step where we have to carefully identify and drop the regions of integration that constitute the 1PR subspace. This will leave us with the desired 1PI subspace and our result will give the renormalised mass. As will be clear from the treatment below that the full ghost contribution to the renormalised mass is independent of whether we consider the massless or massive vertex operators.

4.1 Choice of local coordinates

We now have a genus two Riemann surface with 2 NS punctures which is a union of $n = 2$ Disks, $2g - 2 + n = 4$ spheres with three holes each, joined at $3g - 3 + 2n = 7$ circles (figure 7).

$$\text{Moduli space } \mathcal{M}_{2,2,0} := 6g - 6 + 2n = 10 \text{ real i.e. 5 complex dimensions,} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\text{Required no. of PCOs} := 2g - 2 + n = 4. \quad (4.2)$$

We call the coordinate on S_1 as z_1 , on S_2 as z_2 , on S_3 as z'_2 and on S_4 as z'_1 . The coordinate on the disk D_1 around the first puncture is w_1 such that the location of the puncture in this coordinate is $w_1 = 0$. Similarly, the coordinate on the disk D_2 around the second puncture is w_2 with the location of the puncture at $w_2 = 0$. We depict these choice of coordinates on the right in figure 7.

With this choice of local coordinates we write down the transition functions as,

$$z_1 = w_1 + \zeta_1 \quad \text{on } C_1, \quad (4.3)$$

$$z_1 = z_2 \quad \text{on } C_3, \quad (4.4)$$

$$z_2 = -\frac{q}{z'_2} \quad \text{on } C_5 \text{ (with } |q| \geq 1), \quad (4.5)$$

$$z'_2 = z'_1 \quad \text{on } C_6, \quad (4.6)$$

$$z'_1 = w_2 + \zeta_2 \quad \text{on } C_2, \quad (4.7)$$

$$z_1 = z_2 - \tau_1 \quad \text{on } C_4, \quad (4.8)$$

$$z'_2 = z'_1 - \tau_2 \quad \text{on } C_7. \quad (4.9)$$

Here $\tau_1, \tau_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, q$ are 5 complex parameters accounting for the 5 complex moduli that are required. Let us remark here once more that the fibre directions over the base moduli space also contain the locations of the PCOs. The violet points denote the locations of the 4 PCOs at y_1, y_2, y_3 and y_4 . As in the 1 point case we take $y_1 \rightarrow p_1$ and $y_2 \rightarrow p_2$ at the very end.

4.2 The 2 point function as a total derivative

The Beltrami differentials in this case are,

$$B_{\tau_1} = -\oint_{C_4} b(z_1)dz_1, \quad B_{\bar{\tau}_1} = -\oint_{C_4} \bar{b}(\bar{z}_1)d\bar{z}_1 \quad (4.10)$$

$$B_{\tau_2} = -\oint_{C_7} b(z'_2)dz'_2, \quad B_{\bar{\tau}_2} = -\oint_{C_7} \bar{b}(\bar{z}'_2)d\bar{z}'_2 \quad (4.11)$$

$$B_{\zeta_1} = \oint_{C_1} b(w_1)dw_1, \quad B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} = \oint_{C_1} \bar{b}(\bar{w}_1)d\bar{w}_1 \quad (4.12)$$

$$B_{\zeta_2} = \oint_{C_2} b(w_2)dw_2, \quad B_{\bar{\zeta}_2} = \oint_{C_2} \bar{b}(\bar{w}_2)d\bar{w}_2 \quad (4.13)$$

$$B_q = \oint_{C_5} q^{-1}z_2b(z_2)dz_2, \quad B_{\bar{q}} = \oint_{C_5} \bar{q}^{-1}\bar{z}_2\bar{b}(\bar{z}_2)d\bar{z}_2 \quad (4.14)$$

We can now write down the 2 point function on genus 2 Riemann surface with two on-shell external -1 picture vertex which will be our starting point.

$$A_2^{(2)} = (-2\pi i)^{-5} g_s^4 \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge d\zeta_2 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_2 \wedge dq \wedge d\bar{q} \quad (4.15)$$

$$\left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\zeta_2} B_{\bar{\zeta}_2} B_q B_{\bar{q}} \xi(z_0) \prod_{\alpha=1}^4 \chi(y_\alpha) f_1 \circ V_1(0) f_2 \circ V_2(0) \right\rangle.$$

Now we will put one PCO on top of the -1 picture vertex V_1 to convert it to a 0 picture vertex and keep the other one as it is. The reason for this is we want to pick up the residue

for all the spurious poles i.e. even the ones which may depend on ζ_2 . Following the previous section we then write the 0 picture vertex as,

$$V_1^{(0)}(\zeta_1) = \oint_{\zeta_1} dx \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\zeta_1)$$

where the 10d spacetime supercurrent $\mathcal{J}(x)$ is already defined in the previous section.

Again we pull the x contour out and close it at some other point away from ζ_1 and ζ_2 picking up the contributions from the 8 spurious poles r'_i in the process. So we have,

$$A_2^{(2)} = (-2\pi i)^{-5} g_s^4 \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge d\zeta_2 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_2 \wedge dq \wedge d\bar{q} \\ \sum_{r'_i} \oint_{r'_i} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\zeta_2} B_{\bar{\zeta}_2} B_q B_{\bar{q}} \xi(z_0) \prod_{\alpha=1}^3 \chi(y_\alpha) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) V_2(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2) \right\rangle. \quad (4.16)$$

We can see clearly that the location of the spurious poles depend on y_1, y_2, y_3, ζ_1 and ζ_2 . By moving the PCO at y_1 to a suitable location \tilde{y}_1 we can ensure that none of the new poles coincide with r'_i any longer. As a result the contour integrals around r'_i with the PCO at \tilde{y}_1 simply vanishes and thus we can rewrite the integrand as,

$$\sum_{r'_i} \oint_{r'_i} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} \dots B_{\bar{q}} \xi(z_0) \{Q_B, (\xi(y_1) - \xi(\tilde{y}_1))\} \prod_{\alpha=2}^3 \chi(y_\alpha) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) V_2(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2) \right\rangle. \quad (4.17)$$

Since the external states are on-shell and $\xi(y_1) - \xi(\tilde{y}_1)$ is an operator in the small Hilbert space, we can use (3.19) once again to write this integrand as a total derivative and thus represent it as a boundary term, viz.

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta (\bar{q} F'(q, \bar{q}))|_{r=a}.$$

Taking $z_0 = \tilde{y}_1$, the quantity $F'(q, \bar{q})$ is given by,

$$F'(q, \bar{q}) = \\ (-2\pi i)^{-5} g_s^4 \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge d\zeta_2 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_2 \\ \sum_{r'_i} \oint_{r'_i} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\zeta_2} B_{\bar{\zeta}_2} B_{\bar{q}} \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \prod_{\alpha=2}^3 \chi(y_\alpha) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) V_2(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2) \right\rangle. \quad (4.18)$$

4.3 Contribution due to the ξ, η, ϕ and the b, c ghost

As described in the case of 1 point function most of the contributions vanish due to ϕ charge conservation. The only non vanishing piece is,

$$F'(q, \bar{q}) = \\ -\frac{g_s^4}{4} (-2\pi i)^{-5} \left[\lim_{y_2 \rightarrow y'_2} \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge d\zeta_2 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_2 \left(2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y'_2} \right) G'(y_2, y'_2) \right. \\ \left. + \lim_{y_3 \rightarrow y'_3} \int d\tau_1 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_1 \wedge d\tau_2 \wedge d\bar{\tau}_2 \wedge d\zeta_1 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge d\zeta_2 \wedge d\bar{\zeta}_2 \left(2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y'_3} \right) G'(y_3, y'_3) \right] \quad (4.19)$$

where,

$$G'(y_2, y'_2) = \sum_{r'_i} \oint_{r'_i} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\zeta_2} B_{\bar{\zeta}_2} B_{\bar{q}} \right. \\ \left. \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \eta(y_2) e^{2\phi(y'_2)} b(y'_2) e^{\phi(y_3)} T_F(y_3) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) V_2(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2) \right\rangle \quad (4.20)$$

and

$$G'(y_3, y'_3) = \sum_{r'_i} \oint_{r'_i} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \left\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\zeta_1} B_{\bar{\zeta}_1} B_{\zeta_2} B_{\bar{\zeta}_2} B_{\bar{q}} \right. \\ \left. \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) e^{\phi(y_2)} T_F(y_2) \eta(y_3) e^{2\phi(y'_3)} b(y'_3) \mathcal{J}(x) V_1^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) V_2(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2) \right\rangle. \quad (4.21)$$

We will focus on the details while computing $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ and write down the result for $G'(y_3, y'_3)$ directly since the steps followed are similar.

The superghost part of the correlation function (4.20) is given by,

$$\left\langle \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \eta(y_2) e^{2\phi(y'_2)} e^{\phi(y_3)} e^{-\frac{\phi(x)}{2}} e^{\frac{\phi(\zeta_1)}{2}} e^{-\phi(\zeta_2)} \right\rangle = \\ \frac{(Z_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_1 - 2\vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}_2' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_3 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)}{\vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}_2' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_3 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}_2' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_3 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)} \quad (4.22) \\ \frac{E(\tilde{y}_1, y_1) E(x, y'_2) (E(x, \zeta_1))^{\frac{1}{4}} (E(x, y_3))^{\frac{1}{2}} (E(y'_2, \zeta_2))^2 E(y_3, \zeta_2)}{E(y'_2, \zeta_1) E(\tilde{y}_1, y_2) E(y_1, y_2) (E(y'_2, y_3))^2 (E(x, \zeta_2))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\sigma(x) (\sigma(\zeta_2))^2}{\sigma(\zeta_1) (\sigma(y'_2))^4 (\sigma(y_3))^2}.$$

Similarly, from (4.21) we get,

$$\left\langle \xi(\tilde{y}_1) \xi(y_1) \eta(y_3) e^{\phi(y_2)} e^{2\phi(y'_3)} e^{-\frac{\phi(x)}{2}} e^{\frac{\phi(\zeta_1)}{2}} e^{-\phi(\zeta_2)} \right\rangle = \\ \frac{(Z_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_1 - 2\vec{y}_3 + 2\vec{y}_3' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_2 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)}{\vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_3 + 2\vec{y}_3' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_2 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_3 + 2\vec{y}_3' - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_2 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right)} \quad (4.23) \\ \frac{E(\tilde{y}_1, y_1) E(x, y'_3) (E(x, \zeta_1))^{\frac{1}{4}} (E(x, y_2))^{\frac{1}{2}} (E(y'_3, \zeta_2))^2 E(y_2, \zeta_2)}{E(y'_3, \zeta_1) E(\tilde{y}_1, y_3) E(y_1, y_3) (E(y'_3, y_2))^2 (E(x, \zeta_2))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\sigma(x) (\sigma(\zeta_2))^2}{\sigma(\zeta_1) (\sigma(y'_3))^4 (\sigma(y_2))^2}.$$

4.3.1 Identifying the 1PI subspace

Let us now first put y_1, y_3 on T_1 while \tilde{y}_1, y_2, y'_2 are put on T_2 . Of course ζ_1 and ζ_2 are integrated over so we have to consider different configuration in which they lie on different tori.

But here we keep in mind that all the regions of integration where ζ_1 and ζ_2 lie on different tori are part of the 1PR subspace i.e. these contributions come from the diagrams of type shown in figure 3 and thus we drop these contributions in computing the renormalised mass. So the regions of integration relevant for our calculation are either both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_1 or both lying on T_2 . We will work with both cases separately.

Both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_1 . For $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ we get,

1. When x lies on T_1 : for $q \rightarrow 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_3 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \\ & \rightarrow \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \left(y_1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - p_1|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} (2y'_2 - y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

For a given spin structure (a_1, b_1) the above function vanishes for,

$$\frac{x}{2} = y_1 + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - p_1 + \hat{a}_1\tau_1 + \hat{b}_1$$

with four different spin structures (a_2, b_2) . The residues at these four poles contain the factor,

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_1 - 2\vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_3 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \\ & \rightarrow \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \left(y_1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - p_1|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} (\tilde{y}_1 + 2y'_2 - 2y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

which vanish exactly at the locations of the poles written above. As a result the contribution from the residues at these four poles vanish.

2. When x lies on T_2 : for $q \rightarrow 0$ we find,

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + 2\vec{y}'_2 - \frac{\vec{x}}{2} + \frac{\vec{\zeta}_1}{2} + \vec{y}_3 - \vec{\zeta}_2 - 2\vec{\Delta} \right) \\ & \rightarrow \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \left(y_1 + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{3p_1}{2}|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \left(2y'_2 - y_2 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{p_2}{2}|\tau_2 \right) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

This function vanishes for a given spin structure (a_2, b_2) at,

$$\frac{x}{2} = 2y'_2 - y_2 - \frac{p_2}{2} + \hat{a}_2\tau_2 + \hat{b}_2 .$$

For 4 different spin structures (a_1, b_1) this accounts for the remaining 4 poles that lie on T_2 . The superghost contribution to the residues at these poles upto an overall phase are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{3/8} \eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2) \frac{(\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1))^{-\frac{5}{4}} (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2))^{-\frac{9}{4}}}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2}|\tau_1 \right)} \\ & \times \frac{\vartheta_1(x - y'_2|\tau_2) (\vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta_1(y_3 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}} (\vartheta_1(p_2 - y'_2|\tau_2))^3 \vartheta_1(y_3 - \zeta_2|\tau_1)}{(\vartheta_1(p_2 - x|\tau_2))^{\frac{3}{4}} (\vartheta_1(\zeta_2 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(p_2 - y_2|\tau_2)} . \end{aligned} \quad (4.27)$$

Now consider the contribution due to b, c ghost correlation function which is exactly the as in the 1 point function i.e.,

$$\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\bar{q}} b(y'_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2 q} |\eta_d(\tau_1)|^4 |\eta_d(\tau_2)|^4 \left(\frac{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_1(y'_2 - p_2|\tau_2)} \right)^2. \quad (4.28)$$

Putting (4.27) and (4.28) together, we get the full ghost contribution to the residues to be,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{q^{5/8} \bar{q}^2} (\eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2))^3 (\bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_1) \bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_2))^2 \frac{(\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1))^{-\frac{5}{4}} (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2))^{-\frac{1}{4}}}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right)} \\ & \times \frac{\vartheta_1(3y'_2 - 2y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) (\vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta_1(y_3 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(y'_2 - p_2|\tau_2) \vartheta_1(y_3 - \zeta_2|\tau_1)}{(\vartheta_1(2p_2 + 2y_2 - 4y'_2|\tau_2))^{\frac{3}{4}} (\vartheta_1(\zeta_2 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(y_2 - p_2|\tau_2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

Following similar arguments and steps we can get the non vanishing contributions for $G'(y_3, y'_3)$ from (4.23). The b, c ghost contribution in this case is,

$$\langle B_{\tau_1} B_{\bar{\tau}_1} B_{\tau_2} B_{\bar{\tau}_2} B_{\bar{q}} b(y'_3) \rangle = \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2 q} |\eta_d(\tau_1)|^4 |\eta_d(\tau_2)|^4 \left(\frac{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1)}{\vartheta_1(y'_3 - p_1|\tau_1)} \right)^2. \quad (4.30)$$

It is easy to check that the expression (4.23) will have contributions from poles on both tori T_1 and T_2 . The residues at the 4 poles on T_1 ($\frac{x}{2} = y_1 - y_3 + 2y'_3 + \frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \zeta_2 - p_1 + \hat{a}_1 \tau_1 + \hat{b}_1$) due to both superghost and b, c ghost comes out to be,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{q^{3/4} \bar{q}^2} (\eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2))^3 (\bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_1) \bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_2))^2 \frac{(\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1))^{-\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2))^{-\frac{3}{2}} \vartheta_1(3y'_3 - 2y_3 + 2y_1 + \zeta_1 - 2\zeta_2 - 2p_1|\tau_1)}{\vartheta_{a_2 b_2} (y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) (\vartheta_1(4y'_3 - 2y_3 + 2y_1 - 3\zeta_2 + \zeta_1 - 2p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ & \times \frac{(\vartheta_1(4y'_3 - 2y_3 + 2y_1 - 2\zeta_2 - 2p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta_1(p_2 - y_2|\tau_2))^{\frac{3}{2}} \vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1|\tau_1) (\vartheta_1(y'_3 - \zeta_2|\tau_1))^2}{\vartheta_1(y'_3 - \zeta_1|\tau_1) \vartheta_1(y_1 - y_3|\tau_1) (\vartheta_1(4y'_3 - 2y_3 + 2y_1 - 2\zeta_2 + \zeta_1 - 3p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(\zeta_2 - p_1|\tau_1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

The residues for the other 4 poles i.e. those on T_2 contains a factor of $\vartheta_1(y_1 - p_1|\tau_1)$ in the numerator and hence this will vanish when we take $y_1 \rightarrow p_1$ at end of our computation.

Both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_2 . It should be clear by now that beginning our analysis from (4.22) and (4.23) we take different configurations of the location of the vertices and x to figure out the relevant contributions to $G(y_2, y'_2)$ and $G(y_3, y'_3)$ respectively. The procedure remains exactly same as in the previous case so we directly write down the final result for the full ghost contributions.

For $G(y_2, y'_2)$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{q^{3/4} \bar{q}^2} (\eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2))^3 (\bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_1) \bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_2))^2 \frac{(\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1))^{-\frac{3}{2}} (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2))^{-\frac{1}{4}} \vartheta_1(3y'_2 - 2y_2 + \zeta_1 - 2\zeta_2|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} (y_3 - p_1|\tau_1) (\vartheta_1(4y'_2 - 2y_2 - 3\zeta_2 + \zeta_1 - 2p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ & \times \frac{(\vartheta_1(4y'_2 - 2y_2 - 2\zeta_2|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta_1(y_3 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{3}{2}} \vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_2|\tau_2) (\vartheta_1(y'_2 - \zeta_2|\tau_2))^2}{\vartheta_1(y'_2 - \zeta_1|\tau_2) \vartheta_1(y_2 - p_2|\tau_2) (\vartheta_1(p_2 - 4y'_2 + 2y_2 + 2\zeta_2 - \zeta_1|\tau_2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(\zeta_2 - p_2|\tau_2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

For $G(y_3, y'_3)$ we get (dropping the piece proportional to $\vartheta_1(y_1 - p_1|\tau_1)$),

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{q^{5/8} \bar{q}^2} (\eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2))^3 (\bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_1) \bar{\eta}_d(\bar{\tau}_2))^2 \frac{(\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1))^{-\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2))^{-\frac{5}{4}}}{\vartheta_{a_2 b_2} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_2 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_2}{2} | \tau_2 \right)} \\ & \times \frac{\vartheta_1(3y'_3 - 2y_3 + 2y_1 - 3p_1|\tau_1) (\vartheta_1(p_2 - \zeta_1|\tau_2))^{\frac{1}{4}} (\vartheta_1(p_2 - y_2|\tau_2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(y'_3 - p_1|\tau_1) \vartheta_1(\zeta_2 - y_2|\tau_2)}{(\vartheta_1(4y'_3 - 2y_3 + 2y_1 - 4p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{3}{4}} (\vartheta_1(p_2 - \zeta_2|\tau_2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \vartheta_1(y_1 - y_3|\tau_1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.33)$$

With the ghost contribution fully determined we can now turn our attention to the matter sector. We first consider the massless states to show that the renormalised mass vanishes as expected from the non renormalisation theorems and then focus on the massive states whose renormalised mass at this loop order is the new result that we set out to determine.

4.4 The massless states

The vertex operator in different picture for the massless states are already provided in the previous section so we proceed with those expressions to write the correlation function relevant for the current scenario.

Both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_1 . The matter sector for $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ is,

$$u^\alpha(k_1)v^{\alpha'}(k_2)(\gamma_\mu)_{\beta\alpha'}\epsilon_a\tilde{\epsilon}_{\nu b}\left\langle\psi^\rho(y_3)\partial X_\rho(y_3)S_\alpha(x)S^\beta(\zeta_1)\left(\partial X^\mu-\frac{1}{4}i(k_1.\psi)\psi^\mu\right)(\zeta_1)\right. \\ \left.\bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1)\psi^\nu(\zeta_2)\bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_2)e^{ik_1.X(\zeta_1,\bar{\zeta}_1)}e^{ik_2.X(\zeta_2,\bar{\zeta}_2)}\right\rangle\sim(2\pi)^{10}\delta^{10}(k_1+k_2)(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu v)\langle\dots\rangle. \quad (4.34)$$

We will focus on the fermionic part first. To get the fermionic contribution for,

$$\left\langle\psi^\rho(y_3)\psi^\nu(\zeta_2)S_\alpha(x)S^\beta(\zeta_1)\partial X_\rho(y_3)\partial X^\mu(\zeta_1)\bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1)\bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_2)e^{ik_1.X(\zeta_1,\bar{\zeta}_1)}e^{-ik_1.X(\zeta_2,\bar{\zeta}_2)}\right\rangle$$

we need,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\psi^\rho(y_3)\psi^\nu(\zeta_2)\dots\rangle &= \pm\frac{\eta^{\rho\nu}}{2}\langle(\Psi_j\pm\bar{\Psi}_j)(y_3)(\Psi_j\pm\bar{\Psi}_j)(\zeta_2)\dots\rangle \\ &= \pm\frac{\eta^{\rho\nu}}{2}\langle(\Psi_j(y_3)\bar{\Psi}_j(\zeta_2)+\bar{\Psi}_j(y_3)\Psi_j(\zeta_2))\dots\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (4.35)$$

One can check that the contribution from the other two terms simply vanish due to fermionic charge conservation. Also note that the $+$ sign is for $\rho=\sigma=1,\dots,5$, while $-$ sign is for $\rho=\sigma=6,\dots,10$. As in the 1 point case we now set,

$$S_\alpha S^\beta \equiv \delta_\alpha^\beta S_{1-}(x)\dots S_{5-}(x)S_1^+(\zeta_1)\dots S_5^+(\zeta_1)$$

for the first term in (4.35) and

$$S_\alpha S^\beta \equiv \delta_\alpha^\beta S_{1+}(x)\dots S_{5+}(x)S_1^-(\zeta_1)\dots S_5^-(\zeta_1)$$

for the second term in (4.35). We then apply the factorisation theorem (3.32) in each case and pick up the piece relevant to get the $1/\bar{q}$ divergent piece for $F'(q,\bar{q})$. For the current case, the relevant operators must have conformal dimension $(1, \frac{5}{8})$ i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(p_1) &\equiv S_{1-}(p_1)S_{2-}(p_1)S_{3-}(p_1)S_{4-}(p_1)S_{5-}(p_1)\bar{J}^b(p_1), \\ \Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) &\equiv S_1^+(p_2)S_2^+(p_2)S_3^+(p_2)S_4^+(p_2)S_5^+(p_2)\bar{J}^b(p_2), \end{aligned}$$

for the first and

$$\varphi(p_1) \equiv S_{1+}(p_1)S_{2+}(p_1)S_{3+}(p_1)S_{4+}(p_1)S_{5+}(p_1)\bar{J}^b(p_1),$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) \equiv S_1^-(p_2)S_2^-(p_2)S_3^-(p_2)S_4^-(p_2)S_5^-(p_2)\bar{J}^b(p_2),$$

for the second term respectively. So, finally we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_c \pm \frac{\eta^{\nu\rho}}{2} q^{5/8} \bar{q} \left\langle \partial X_\rho(y_3) \partial X^\mu(\zeta_1) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_2) \bar{J}^c(p_1) e^{ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{-ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle_{T_1} \langle \bar{J}^c(p_2) \rangle_{T_2} \\ & \left[\langle \Psi_j(y_3) \bar{\Psi}_j(\zeta_2) S_1^+(\zeta_1) S_2^+(\zeta_1) S_3^+(\zeta_1) S_4^+(\zeta_1) S_5^+(\zeta_1) S_{1-}(p_1) S_{2-}(p_1) S_{3-}(p_1) S_{4-}(p_1) S_{5-}(p_1) \rangle_{a_1 b_1} \right. \\ & \langle S_{1-}(x) S_{2-}(x) S_{3-}(x) S_{4-}(x) S_{5-}(x) S_1^+(p_2) S_2^+(p_2) S_3^+(p_2) S_4^+(p_2) S_5^+(p_2) \rangle_{a_2 b_2} \\ & + \langle \bar{\Psi}_j(y_3) \Psi_j(\zeta_2) S_1^-(\zeta_1) S_2^-(\zeta_1) S_3^-(\zeta_1) S_4^-(\zeta_1) S_5^-(\zeta_1) S_{1+}(p_1) S_{2+}(p_1) S_{3+}(p_1) S_{4+}(p_1) S_{5+}(p_1) \rangle_{a_1 b_1} \\ & \left. \langle S_{1+}(x) S_{2+}(x) S_{3+}(x) S_{4+}(x) S_{5+}(x) S_1^-(p_2) S_2^-(p_2) S_3^-(p_2) S_4^-(p_2) S_5^-(p_2) \rangle_{a_2 b_2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.36)$$

Summing over the spin structures for the fermionic correlator on T_1 after putting it together with the ghost contribution (4.29) we get,¹¹

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\bar{q}} \sum_{a_1, b_1} \varepsilon(a_1, b_1) \left[\frac{\left(\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right) \right)^4 \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right)}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right)} (\dots) \right. \\ & \left. + (-1)^{4a_1 b_1} \frac{\left(\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{p_1}{2} - \frac{\zeta_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right) \right)^4 \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right)}{\vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + y_3 - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right)} (\dots) \right] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (4.37)$$

by using (3.36). The (\dots) denotes the rest of the pices and they are independent of (a_1, b_1)

Next we have,

$$-\frac{i}{4} k_{1\sigma} \left\langle \psi^\rho(y_3) \psi^\sigma(\zeta_1) \psi^\mu(\zeta_1) \psi^\nu(\zeta_2) S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \partial X_\rho(y_3) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_2) e^{ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{-ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle.$$

To compute the fermionic part in this case let us first determine the possible tensor structures,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi^\rho(y_3) \psi^\sigma(\zeta_1) \psi^\mu(\zeta_1) \psi^\nu(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle &= A_1(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, y_3) \eta^{\rho\sigma} \eta^{\mu\nu} + A_2(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, y_3) \eta^{\rho\mu} \eta^{\sigma\nu} \\ &+ A_3(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, y_3) \eta^{\rho\nu} \eta^{\mu\sigma} + A_4(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, y_3) \eta^{\rho\nu} \Sigma^{\mu\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (4.38)$$

while from the bosonic part we have,

$$\left\langle \partial X_\rho(y_3) e^{ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{-ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \dots \right\rangle \sim ik_{1\rho} \left(\frac{1}{2E(y_3, \zeta_2)} - \frac{1}{2E(y_3, \zeta_1)} \right). \quad (4.39)$$

Now it is easy to check that all the terms in (4.38) simply vanishes due to the on-shell conditions,

$$k_1^2 = 0, \quad k_1 v = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad k_1^\nu \tilde{\epsilon}_{\nu b} = -k_2^\nu \tilde{\epsilon}_{\nu b} = 0. \quad (4.40)$$

In a similar fashion one can check that for the matter sector of $G'(y_3, y'_3)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & u^\alpha(k_1) v^{\alpha'}(k_2) (\gamma_\mu)_{\beta\alpha'} \epsilon_a \tilde{\epsilon}_{\nu b} \left\langle \psi^\rho(y_2) \partial X_\rho(y_2) S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \left(\partial X^\mu - \frac{1}{4} i(k_1 \cdot \psi) \psi^\mu \right) (\zeta_1) \right. \\ & \left. \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \psi^\nu(\zeta_2) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_2) e^{ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{ik_2 \cdot X(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle \sim (2\pi)^{10} \delta^{10}(k_1 + k_2) (\bar{u} \gamma_\mu v) \langle \dots \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

¹¹The factor $(-1)^{4a_1 b_1}$ occurs due to the reason that $\vartheta_{a_1 b_1}(-z|\tau) = (-1)^{4a_1 b_1} \vartheta_{a_1 b_1}(z|\tau)$ which takes care of the fact that the theta function is odd for $(a_1, b_1) = (1/2, 1/2)$ and even otherwise.

the term with four fermions vanishes due to the on-shell conditions (4.40). For the term with two fermions it is a bit more subtle. The operators which are relevant in the factorisation for this case must have conformal weight $(1, \frac{3}{4})$. The fact that we need the fermion charge to be conserved to get a non zero result leads to the fact that among all operators of weight $(1, \frac{3}{4})$ the only ones we should focus on are,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(p_1) &= S_j^+(p_1)S_{j-}(p_1)\Psi_j(p_1)\bar{J}^b(p_1), & S_j^+(p_1)S_{j-}(p_1)\bar{\Psi}_j(p_1)\bar{J}^b(p_1), \\ \Rightarrow \phi^\dagger(p_2) &= S_{j-}(p_2)S_j^+(p_2)\bar{\Psi}_j(p_2)\bar{J}^b(p_2), & S_{j-}(p_2)S_j^+(p_2)\Psi_j(p_2)\bar{J}^b(p_2).\end{aligned}$$

As a result we end up with,

$$\begin{aligned}& \sum_c \pm \frac{\eta^{\nu\rho}}{2} q^{3/4} \bar{q} \left\langle \partial X^\mu(\zeta_1) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_2) \bar{J}^c(p_1) e^{ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{-ik_1 \cdot X(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle_{T_1} \langle \partial X_\rho(y_2) \bar{J}^c(p_2) \rangle_{T_2} \\ & \left[\langle \Psi_j(y_2) \bar{\Psi}_j(p_2) S_{j-}(p_2) S_j^+(p_2) \rangle_{a_2 b_2} \langle \bar{\Psi}_j(\zeta_2) \Psi_j(p_1) S_j^+(p_1) S_{j-}(p_1) \right. \\ & \quad S_1^+(\zeta_1) S_2^+(\zeta_1) S_3^+(\zeta_1) S_4^+(\zeta_1) S_5^+(\zeta_1) S_{1-}(x) S_{2-}(x) S_{3-}(x) S_{4-}(x) S_{5-}(x) \rangle_{a_1 b_1} \\ & \quad + \langle \bar{\Psi}_j(y_2) \Psi_j(p_2) S_{j-}(p_2) S_j^+(p_2) \rangle_{a_2 b_2} \langle \Psi_j(\zeta_2) \bar{\Psi}_j(p_1) S_j^+(p_1) S_{j-}(p_1) \\ & \quad \left. S_1^+(\zeta_1) S_2^+(\zeta_1) S_3^+(\zeta_1) S_4^+(\zeta_1) S_5^+(\zeta_1) S_{1-}(x) S_{2-}(x) S_{3-}(x) S_{4-}(x) S_{5-}(x) \rangle_{a_1 b_1} \right].\end{aligned}\tag{4.42}$$

After putting this together with (4.31), taking contribution from all the fermions and summing over the spin structures on T_2 we get,

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{1}{\bar{q}} \sum_{a_2, b_2} \varepsilon(a_2, b_2) \left[\frac{(\vartheta_{a_2 b_2}(0|\tau_2))^4 \vartheta_{a_2 b_2}(y_2 - p_2|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_{a_2 b_2}(y_2 - p_2|\tau_2)} (\dots) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (-1)^{4a_2 b_2} \frac{(\vartheta_{a_2 b_2}(0|\tau_2))^4 \vartheta_{a_2 b_2}(y_2 - p_2|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_{a_2 b_2}(y_2 - p_2|\tau_2)} (\dots) \right] = 0,\end{aligned}\tag{4.43}$$

by using (3.36). The (\dots) denotes the rest of the pices which are independent of (a_2, b_2) .

Both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_2 . The analysis in this case is exactly the same. The only thing to note is that the expressions for $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ and $G'(y_3, y'_3)$ get interchanged and the ghost parts relevant in this case are respectively (4.32) and (4.33). So $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ and $G'(y_3, y'_3)$ vanish in this case as well. Of course at the end we have to take $y_1 \rightarrow p_1$ as well as $y_2 \rightarrow p_2$. As a result the terms proportional to $\vartheta_1(y_1 - p_1|\tau_1)$ and $\vartheta_1(y_1 - p_1|\tau_1)$ goes to zero like we mentioned earlier. So finally we have,

$$G'(y_2, y'_2) = G'(y_3, y'_3) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow F'(q, \bar{q}) = 0$$

inside the regions of integration where both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lie on T_1 and where both lie on T_2 i.e. the 1PI subspace. So the renormalised mass of the massless string states vanish at two loop as expected.

4.5 The massive states

Let us first write down the vertex operators for a state at first massive level in -1 and $1/2$ picture since these are the ones we will need for our computation. Since, this is a massive

state we can work in the rest frame of the string i.e. $k_\mu \equiv (k_0, 0, 0, \dots)$ so that in the $\alpha' = 1$ unit we have,

$$(\text{mass})^2 = -k^2 = (k_0)^2 = 4$$

the vertex operators in this frame are given by,

$$\text{-1 picture: } V_j(z, \bar{z}) = \epsilon_{ab} \bar{c} \bar{e}^{-\phi(z)} \psi^1 \psi^2 \psi^3(z) \bar{J}^a \bar{J}^b(\bar{z}) e^{ik_{j0} X^0(z, \bar{z})} \quad (4.44)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1/2 picture: } V_j^{(\frac{1}{2})}(z, \bar{z}) = & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_{ab} v^\alpha e^{ik_{j0} X^0(z, \bar{z})} \bar{J}^a \bar{J}^b(\bar{z}) \left\{ e^{\frac{\phi(z)}{2}} (\psi^1 \psi^2 \partial X^3 \right. \\ & \left. + \psi^2 \psi^3 \partial X^1 + \psi^3 \psi^1 \partial X^2 - ik_{j0} \psi^1 \psi^2 \psi^3 \psi^0) (\gamma_{123})_{\beta\alpha} S^\beta(z) + \dots \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

The \dots piece will not be needed for the computation since we only need the single pole contribution when acted on by $\mathcal{J}(x)$, but we know that this piece has ϕ charge $3/2$.

Both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_1 . With the above vertex operators we now note first that $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ has two types of terms viz.,

$$\begin{aligned} & -u^\alpha(k_{10}) v^{\alpha'}(k_{20}) (\gamma_{123})_{\beta\alpha'} \epsilon_{ab} \bar{e}_{cd} \left\langle \psi^\rho(y_3) \psi^1(\zeta_1) \psi^2(\zeta_1) \psi^1(\zeta_2) \psi^2(\zeta_2) \psi^3(\zeta_2) S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \partial X_\rho(y_3) \partial X^3(\zeta_1) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^c(\bar{\zeta}_2) \bar{J}^d(\bar{\zeta}_2) e^{ik_{10} X^0(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{ik_{20} X^0(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle \\ & \quad \sim 2\pi\delta(k_{10} + k_{20}) (\bar{u} \gamma_{123} v) \epsilon_{ab} \bar{e}_{cd} \langle \dots \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.46)$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} & ik_{10} u^\alpha(k_{10}) v^{\alpha'}(k_{20}) (\gamma_{123})_{\beta\alpha'} \epsilon_{ab} \bar{e}_{cd} \left\langle \psi^\rho(y_3) \psi^1(\zeta_1) \psi^2(\zeta_1) \psi^3(\zeta_1) \psi^0(\zeta_1) \psi^1(\zeta_2) \psi^2(\zeta_2) \psi^3(\zeta_2) \right. \\ & \quad \left. S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \partial X_\rho(y_3) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^c(\bar{\zeta}_2) \bar{J}^d(\bar{\zeta}_2) e^{ik_{10} X^0(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{ik_{20} X^0(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle \\ & \quad \sim 2\pi\delta(k_{10} + k_{20}) (\bar{u} \gamma_{123} v) \epsilon_{ab} \bar{e}_{cd} \langle \dots \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (4.47)$$

Of course there are three terms of the first type obtained by cyclically permuting 1, 2 and 3. Owing to the factorisation theorem (3.32) we see that just like in the massless case the relevant operators for these correlation functions must have conformal weight $(1, \frac{5}{8})$ and hence should be of the form,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(p_1) & \equiv S_{1\pm}(p_1) S_{2\pm}(p_1) S_{3\pm}(p_1) S_{4\pm}(p_1) S_{5\pm}(p_1) \bar{J}^b(p_1), \\ \Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) & \equiv S_1^\pm(p_2) S_2^\pm(p_2) S_3^\pm(p_2) S_4^\pm(p_2) S_5^\pm(p_2) \bar{J}^b(p_2), \end{aligned}$$

Let us first analyse the type (4.46). From the bosonic part we can see that the index ρ can be either 3 or 0. The readers can convince themselves that when $\rho = 0$ (using $\psi^0 = i\psi^{10}$) the fermionic correlation becomes such that if we try to conserve the fermion charge on T_1 the fermion charge of T_2 gets violated and vice versa. As a result the contribution for $\rho = 0$

must vanish. So we are left with $\rho = 3$ and this implies that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \psi^3(y_3) \psi^1(\zeta_1) \psi^2(\zeta_1) \psi^1(\zeta_2) \psi^2(\zeta_2) \psi^3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle &= -\langle \psi^1(\zeta_1) \psi^1(\zeta_2) \psi^2(\zeta_1) \psi^2(\zeta_2) \psi^3(y_3) \psi^3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{1}{8} \left(\langle \Psi_1(\zeta_1) \bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_2) \Psi_2(\zeta_1) \bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_2) \Psi_3(y_3) \bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \right. \\
 &\quad + \langle \bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_1) \Psi_1(\zeta_2) \Psi_2(\zeta_1) \bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_2) \Psi_3(y_3) \bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle \Psi_1(\zeta_1) \bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_2) \bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_1) \Psi_2(\zeta_2) \Psi_3(y_3) \bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\
 &\quad \left. + \dots + \langle \bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_1) \Psi_1(\zeta_2) \bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_1) \Psi_2(\zeta_2) \bar{\Psi}_3(y_3) \Psi_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \right) \quad (4.48)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the \dots denote 4 more terms. Now, we have $\langle \dots \Psi_3(y_3) \bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle$ for four of these terms for which we set,

$$S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \equiv \delta_\alpha^\beta S_{1-}(x) S_{2-}(x) S_{3-}(x) S_{4-}(x) S_{5-}(x) S_1^+(\zeta_1) S_2^+(\zeta_1) S_3^+(\zeta_1) S_4^+(\zeta_1) S_5^+(\zeta_1),$$

while for the other four terms with $\langle \dots \bar{\Psi}_3(y_3) \Psi_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle$, we set,

$$S_\alpha(x) S^\beta(\zeta_1) \equiv \delta_\alpha^\beta S_{1-}(x) S_{2-}(x) S_{3+}(x) S_{4-}(x) S_{5-}(x) S_1^+(\zeta_1) S_2^+(\zeta_1) S_3^-(\zeta_1) S_4^+(\zeta_1) S_5^+(\zeta_1),$$

The operators of conformal weight $(1, \frac{5}{8})$ relevant in these cases are respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(p_1) &\equiv S_{1-}(p_1) S_{2-}(p_1) S_{3-}(p_1) S_{4-}(p_1) S_{5-}(p_1) \bar{J}^e(p_1), \\
 \Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) &\equiv S_1^+(p_2) S_2^+(p_2) S_3^+(p_2) S_4^+(p_2) S_5^+(p_2) \bar{J}^e(p_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(p_1) &\equiv S_{1-}(p_1) S_{2-}(p_1) S_{3+}(p_1) S_{4-}(p_1) S_{5-}(p_1) \bar{J}^e(p_1), \\
 \Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) &\equiv S_1^+(p_2) S_2^+(p_2) S_3^-(p_2) S_4^+(p_2) S_5^+(p_2) \bar{J}^e(p_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

For both these cases we focus only on the fermionic part of the correlation function. For the first case there are 4 terms of which we illustrate the first one only. For the rest we will write the final result which can be easily checked.

$$\begin{aligned}
 q^{5/8} \bar{q} \langle \Psi_1(\zeta_1) \bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_2) \Psi_2(\zeta_1) \bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_2) \Psi_3(y_3) \bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) S_1^+(\zeta_1) S_2^+(\zeta_1) S_3^+(\zeta_1) S_4^+(\zeta_1) S_5^+(\zeta_1) \\
 S_{1-}(p_1) S_{2-}(p_1) S_{3-}(p_1) S_{4-}(p_1) S_{5-}(p_1) \rangle_{a_1 b_1} \quad (4.49) \\
 \langle S_{1-}(x) S_{2-}(x) S_{3-}(x) S_{4-}(x) S_{5-}(x) S_1^+(p_2) S_2^+(p_2) S_3^+(p_2) S_4^+(p_2) S_5^+(p_2) \rangle_{a_2 b_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The \bar{J}^e fields are omitted from the expression since they contribute to the bosonic part. Putting the ghost contribution (4.29) with this, the correlation function on T_1 yields,

$$\frac{1}{\bar{q}} \sum_{a_1, b_1} \varepsilon(a_1, b_1) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{3\zeta_1}{2} - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} |\tau_1| \right)^2 \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} |\tau_1| \right)^2 (\dots) = 0 \quad (4.50)$$

using (3.36). It is easy to see that if we have $\bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_1) \Psi_1(\zeta_2)$ instead (keeping everything else unchanged) we end up with,

$$\frac{1}{\bar{q}} \sum_{a_1, b_1} \varepsilon(a_1, b_1) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(-\frac{\zeta_1}{2} + \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} |\tau_1| \right) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{3\zeta_1}{2} - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} |\tau_1| \right) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} |\tau_1| \right)^2 (\dots) = 0 \quad (4.51)$$

again by the use of (3.36). The readers can now convince themselves that all the other terms also vanish and in exactly the same way the 4 terms of the other case ($\bar{\Psi}_3(y_3)\Psi_3(\zeta_2)$) vanishes as well by repeated use of (3.36). Of course in that case there will be an overall factor of $(-1)^{4a_1b_1}$ but it doesn't matter since the result vanishes anyway.

Let us now focus on the type (4.47). We set,

$$S_\alpha(x)S^\beta(\zeta_1) \equiv \delta_\alpha^\beta S_{1-}(x)S_{2-}(x)S_{3-}(x)S_{4-}(x)S_{5-}(x)S_1^+(\zeta_1)S_2^+(\zeta_1)S_3^+(\zeta_1)S_4^+(\zeta_1)S_5^+(\zeta_1)$$

and thus the relevant operator of weight $(1, \frac{5}{8})$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(p_1) &\equiv S_{1-}(p_1)S_{2-}(p_1)S_{3-}(p_1)S_{4-}(p_1)S_{5-}(p_1)\bar{J}^e(p_1), \\ \Rightarrow \varphi^\dagger(p_2) &\equiv S_1^+(p_2)S_2^+(p_2)S_3^+(p_2)S_4^+(p_2)S_5^+(p_2)\bar{J}^e(p_2). \end{aligned}$$

With this let us first evaluate the bosonic part of the correlation function.

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_e \left\langle \partial X_\rho(y_3) \bar{J}^a(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^b(\bar{\zeta}_1) \bar{J}^c(\bar{\zeta}_2) \bar{J}^d(\bar{\zeta}_2) \bar{J}^e(p_1) e^{ik_{10}X^0(\zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1)} e^{-ik_{10}X^0(\zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)} \right\rangle_{T_1} \left\langle \bar{J}^e(p_2) \right\rangle_{T_2} \\ &= -\frac{ik_{10}\delta_\rho^0 C(\tau_1)}{2} \left(\frac{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1)}{\vartheta_1(y_3 - \zeta_1|\tau_1)} - \frac{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1)}{\vartheta_1(y_3 - \zeta_2|\tau_1)} \right) \left[e^{\left\{ -2\pi(k_{10})^2 \frac{(\text{Im}(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2))^2}{\text{Im}\tau_1} \right\}} \left| \frac{\vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2|\tau_1)}{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1)} \right|^{2(k_{10})^2} \right] \\ &\quad \left[\frac{(\delta^{bc}\langle \bar{J}^d(p_1) \rangle + \delta^{bd}\langle \bar{J}^c(p_1) \rangle)\langle \bar{J}^a(p_2) \rangle + (\delta^{ac}\langle \bar{J}^d(p_1) \rangle + \delta^{ad}\langle \bar{J}^c(p_1) \rangle)\langle \bar{J}^b(p_2) \rangle}{(\bar{\vartheta}_1(\bar{\zeta}_1 - \bar{\zeta}_2|\bar{\tau}_1))^2(\bar{\vartheta}_1(\bar{\zeta}_1 - p_1|\bar{\tau}_1))^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{(\delta^{ad}\langle \bar{J}^b(p_1) \rangle + \delta^{bd}\langle \bar{J}^a(p_1) \rangle)\langle \bar{J}^c(p_2) \rangle + (\delta^{ac}\langle \bar{J}^b(p_1) \rangle + \delta^{bc}\langle \bar{J}^a(p_1) \rangle)\langle \bar{J}^d(p_2) \rangle}{(\bar{\vartheta}_1(\bar{\zeta}_1 - \bar{\zeta}_2|\bar{\tau}_1))^2(\bar{\vartheta}_1(\bar{\zeta}_2 - p_1|\bar{\tau}_1))^2} \right] \\ &\quad \left(\sum_e \frac{(\delta^{ac}\delta^{bd} + \delta^{ad}\delta^{bc})\langle \bar{J}^e(p_1) \rangle \langle \bar{J}^e(p_2) \rangle}{(\bar{\vartheta}_1(\bar{\zeta}_1 - \bar{\zeta}_2|\bar{\tau}_1))^4} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{4.52}$$

Due to the δ_ρ^0 in the bosonic piece it should suffice to take the $\rho = 0$ contribution for fermionic correlator and thus we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \psi^0(y_3)\psi^1(\zeta_1)\psi^2(\zeta_1)\psi^3(\zeta_1)\psi^0(\zeta_2)\psi^1(\zeta_2)\psi^2(\zeta_2)\psi^3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi^0(y_3)\psi^0(\zeta_1)\psi^1(\zeta_1)\psi^1(\zeta_2)\psi^2(\zeta_1)\psi^2(\zeta_2)\psi^3(\zeta_1)\psi^3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\ &= -\langle \psi^{10}(y_3)\psi^{10}(\zeta_1)\psi^1(\zeta_1)\psi^1(\zeta_2)\psi^2(\zeta_1)\psi^2(\zeta_2)\psi^3(\zeta_1)\psi^3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left(\langle \Psi_5(y_3)\bar{\Psi}_5(\zeta_1)\Psi_1(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_2)\Psi_2(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_2)\Psi_3(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \right. \\ &\quad + \langle \Psi_5(y_3)\bar{\Psi}_5(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_1)\Psi_1(\zeta_2)\Psi_2(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_2)\Psi_3(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \langle \bar{\Psi}_5(y_3)\Psi_5(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_1)\Psi_1(\zeta_2)\bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_1)\Psi_2(\zeta_2)\bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_1)\Psi_3(\zeta_2) \dots \rangle \right). \end{aligned} \tag{4.53}$$

So we see that we need the contribution from 16 terms of which let us evaluate the correlation function for the first one in detail. The others can be written down in a similar fashion.

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{q^{5/8}\bar{q}}{16} \langle \Psi_5(y_3)\bar{\Psi}_5(\zeta_1)\Psi_1(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_1(\zeta_2)\Psi_2(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_2(\zeta_2)\Psi_3(\zeta_1)\bar{\Psi}_3(\zeta_2)S_1^+(\zeta_1)S_2^+(\zeta_1)S_3^+(\zeta_1)S_4^+(\zeta_1)S_5^+(\zeta_1) \\ &\quad S_{1-}(p_1)S_{2-}(p_1)S_{3-}(p_1)S_{4-}(p_1)S_{5-}(p_1) \rangle_{a_1b_1} \\ &\quad \langle S_{1-}(x)S_{2-}(x)S_{3-}(x)S_{4-}(x)S_{5-}(x)S_1^+(p_2)S_2^+(p_2)S_3^+(p_2)S_4^+(p_2)S_5^+(p_2) \rangle_{a_2b_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{q^{5/8} \bar{q}}{16} \frac{\tilde{K}(\tau_1) \tilde{K}(\tau_2)}{(\eta_d(\tau_1) \eta_d(\tau_2))^5} \left[\frac{(\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1))^{\frac{21}{4}}}{(\vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - p_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{5}{4}} (\vartheta_1(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2|\tau_1))^{\frac{3}{2}} (\vartheta_1(y_3 - \zeta_1|\tau_1))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] \\
 &\varepsilon(a_1, b_1) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{3\zeta_1}{2} - \zeta_2 - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right)^3 \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right) \vartheta_{a_1 b_1} \left(y_3 - \frac{\zeta_1}{2} - \frac{p_1}{2} | \tau_1 \right) \quad (4.54) \\
 &\times (\vartheta_1(p_2 + y_2 - 2y'_2 | \tau_2))^5 \left(\frac{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2)}{\vartheta_1(2p_2 + 2y_2 - 4y'_2 | \tau_2)} \right)^{\frac{5}{4}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the fact that in this case the poles in x plane for $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ occurs at $\frac{x}{2} = 2y'_2 - y_2 - \frac{p_2}{2} + \hat{a}_2 \tau_2 + \hat{b}_2$. We have to now put together the parts (4.29), (4.52) and (4.54) and then sum over the spin structures (a_1, b_1) . Doing this we get some non-zero result. But now we have to evaluate,

$$\lim_{y'_2 \rightarrow y_2} \left(2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y'_2} \right) G'(y_2, y'_2), \quad \text{and then take } y_1 \rightarrow p_1 \text{ and } y_2 \rightarrow p_2.$$

From the y_2, y'_2 dependent part we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left[\frac{\vartheta(p_2 + y_2 - 2y'_2 | \tau_2)^5}{\vartheta_1(2p_2 + 2y_2 - 4y'_2 | \tau_2)^2 \vartheta_1(y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2)} \left(-\vartheta'_1(3y'_2 - 2y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \vartheta_1(y'_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \vartheta_1(3y'_2 - 2y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \vartheta'_1(y'_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 2\vartheta'_1(y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \frac{\vartheta_1(p_2 + y_2 - 2y'_2 | \tau_2)^5 \vartheta_1(3y'_2 - 2y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \vartheta_1(y'_2 - p_2 | \tau_2)}{\vartheta_1(2p_2 + 2y_2 - 4y'_2 | \tau_2)^2 \vartheta_1(y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2)^2} \right]. \quad (4.55)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the limit $y'_2 \rightarrow y_2$ the first term i.e. the first two lines above vanishes and we are left with,

$$-2\vartheta'_1(y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \frac{\vartheta_1(p_2 - y_2 | \tau_2)^5}{\vartheta_1(2p_2 - 2y_2 | \tau_2)^2}$$

for which,

$$\lim_{y_2 \rightarrow p_2} -2\vartheta'_1(y_2 - p_2 | \tau_2) \frac{(p_2 - y_2)^5 (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2) + (p_2 - y_2) \vartheta''_1(0|\tau_2)/2 + \dots)^5}{4(p_2 - y_2)^2 (\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2) + (2p_2 - 2y_2) \vartheta''_1(0|\tau_2)/2 + \dots)^2} = 0$$

While computing $G'(y_3, y'_3)$, we can simply follow the analysis of the massless case and argue that due to the sum over the spin structures (a_2, b_2) on T_2 the contribution in this case vanishes. Since both ζ_1 and ζ_2 are on T_1 , the correlation function on T_2 in this case remains the same as in the massless case.

Both ζ_1 and ζ_2 lying on T_2 . The analysis for $G'(y_2, y'_2)$ mirrors the one for $G'(y_3, y'_3)$ in the previous case and the same argument shows that this contribution vanishes when we sum over the spin structures (a_1, b_1) . As for $G'(y_3, y'_3)$ one can check that we immediately get the matter correlation result by interchanging $y_2 \leftrightarrow y_3$, $p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2$, $\tau_1 \leftrightarrow \tau_2$ and taking $y'_2 \rightarrow y'_3$ and the poles in x plane to be at $\frac{x}{2} = y_1 + 2y'_3 - y_3 - \frac{3p_1}{2} + \hat{a}_1 \tau_1 + \hat{b}_1$. This implies that the $\vartheta_1(p_2 - y_2 | \tau_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ piece in the numerator (4.33) does not cancel and hence in the limit $y_2 \rightarrow p_2$ this contribution will also vanish.

Although it seems from the above computation that the mass renormalisation i.e. δm_R for the massive states also vanish, but note that we have considered the 10d critical

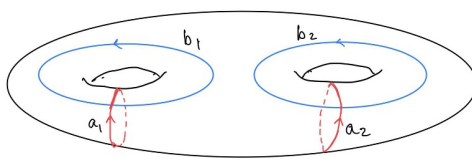


Figure 8. Canonical homology cycles.

string theory in the flat background which is a free theory hence the above result is not in contradiction. When we consider interacting cases i.e. compactified theories as in [21] we will get something non-zero.

4.6 The range of integration for the modular parameters τ_1 and τ_2

4.6.1 The Mapping Class Group on genus 2 Riemann surface

In this section we discuss the action of the Mapping Class Group(MCG) on the genus 2 Teichmuller space. We follow the notation and conventions of [19] for this purpose. The MCG for the genus 2 Riemann surface is given by $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$. Let us introduce the canonical homology cycles (a_1, b_1) and (a_2, b_2) (figure 8) and the normalised abelian differentials ω_1 and ω_2 such that,

$$\int_{a_i} \omega_j = \delta_{ij}, \quad \int_{b_i} \omega_j = \Omega_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2 \quad (4.56)$$

where $\Omega_{11} = \tau_1$, $\Omega_{22} = \tau_2$ and $\Omega_{12} = \Omega_{21} = q$. As in [19] we consider the following generators of $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{a_1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & D_{b_1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ D_{a_2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & D_{b_2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ D_{a_1^{-1}a_2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.57)$$

The generators have the form of

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z}), \quad \Rightarrow \quad A^T D - C^T B = \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2}.$$

Under these transformations the abelian differentials transform in the following way to keep the normalisation condition (4.56) invariant.

$$\tilde{\omega}_i = \omega_j (C\Omega + D)^{-1}_{ji}. \quad (4.58)$$

As a result the period matrix Ω transforms as,

$$\Omega \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega} = (A\Omega + B)(C\Omega + D)^{-1}, \quad \text{where } \tilde{\Omega}_{ij} = \int_{b_i} \tilde{\omega}_j \quad (4.59)$$

4.6.2 A subgroup of the full MCG

In the course of our calculation we have established that the two loop amplitudes can be written as a total derivative on the moduli space. As a result the full contribution is basically a boundary term, so it suffices to get the range of integration of the modular parameters at the boundary of the moduli space. The boundary of the moduli space of the genus 2 surface is obtained by setting $\Omega_{12} = \Omega_{21} = q = 0$. Thus we have at the boundary

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can easily check that the 4 generators $D_{a_1}, D_{a_2}, D_{b_1}, D_{b_2}$ keep the point $q = 0$ unchanged since,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{under } D_{a_1}: \Omega &\rightarrow \Omega' = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{under } D_{a_2}: \Omega &\rightarrow \Omega' = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 + 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{under } D_{b_1}: \Omega &\rightarrow \Omega' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_1 + 1} & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{under } D_{b_2}: \Omega &\rightarrow \Omega' = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\tau_2}{\tau_2 + 1} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.60)$$

Hence these 4 generators form a subgroup of $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$. From the transformations above we can conclude that the parameters τ_1 and τ_2 are those of the two tori T_1 and T_2 respectively. As in the case of torus we can check that the following boundaries,

$$\left(|\text{Re}(\tau_1)| = \frac{1}{2}, |\tau_1| = 1, |\text{Re}(\tau_2)| = \frac{1}{2}, |\tau_2| = 1 \right) \quad (4.61)$$

are mapped to each other under $D_{a_1}, D_{a_2}, D_{b_1}, D_{b_2}$. This implies that they constitute the boundaries of fundamental region of integration for the boundary($q = 0$) of the moduli space of genus 2 Riemann surface. Hence we have range of integration for the parameters τ_1 and τ_2 given by,

$$\mathcal{F}_{q=0}^{(2)} := \left\{ \left(|\text{Re}(\tau_1)| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |\tau_1| \geq 1 \right) \cup \left(|\text{Re}(\tau_2)| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |\tau_2| \geq 1 \right) \right\}. \quad (4.62)$$

5 Discussion

In this work we have provided the relevant integrands and the regions of integration which determines the renormalised mass at two loop order. Of course the expressions for the integrands does depend on the theory under consideration but it differs for the matter sector only. The superghost and the conformal ghost contributions determined in this work remains the same for all theories. It should also be emphasised that the result for massless 1 point and 2 point functions are well known in the literature [20] and we have reproduced those results from the computation method used in [21]. So they serve as a check of our

calculation before we use it to obtain the renormalised mass for the massive states. In this paper we use string theory in 10d flat background which is basically a free theory so we see no renormalised mass for the massive states in this case but we note that the result does not vanish identically. As a result of having a free theory they vanish only at the end when the marked point on the tori T_1 and T_2 approach two of the PCO locations (one on each torus). For interacting i.e. compactified theories the result approaches a finite non zero answer which depend on the details of the theory. Before ending this article let us mention two points which we were unable to address in more detail. The first is that we work with the same assumption made in [21] regarding the absence of global obstructions to writing the amplitudes as a total derivative on the moduli space without further inspection. The second is that due to the theta function expression appearing in the spin structure sum for the renormalised mass for the massive states, we were unable to argue that the result is independent of the PCO location y_3 . This is important since it is part of the spurious data and should not appear for observables with on-shell states.

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A Theta function relations

A.1 Transformation rules

There are theta functions corresponding to four different spin structures on the torus. They are given by,

$$\vartheta_1(z|\tau) = -\vartheta_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}}(z|\tau) = -i \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^k q^{(k+\frac{1}{2})^2} e^{\pi i(2k+1)z}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\vartheta_2(z|\tau) = \vartheta_{\frac{1}{2}0}(z|\tau) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{(k+\frac{1}{2})^2} e^{\pi i(2k+1)z}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\vartheta_3(z|\tau) = \vartheta_{00}(z|\tau) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{k^2} e^{2\pi i k z}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\vartheta_4(z|\tau) = \vartheta_{0\frac{1}{2}}(z|\tau) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^k q^{k^2} e^{2\pi i k z}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where $q := e^{i\pi\tau}$, $|q| < 1$. The first one is an odd function of z , while the other three are even. The transformation rules under shift by the periods are as follows ($m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$),

$$\vartheta_1(z + m + n\tau|\tau) = (-1)^{m+n} e^{-n\pi i(2z+\tau)} \vartheta_1(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$\vartheta_2(z + m + n\tau|\tau) = (-1)^m e^{-n\pi i(2z+\tau)} \vartheta_2(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.6})$$

$$\vartheta_3(z + m + n\tau|\tau) = e^{-n\pi i(2z+\tau)} \vartheta_3(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$\vartheta_4(z + m + n\tau|\tau) = (-1)^n e^{-n\pi i(2z+\tau)} \vartheta_4(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.8})$$

whereas shift by half periods are,

$$\vartheta_1\left(z + \frac{1}{2}|\tau\right) = \vartheta_2(z|\tau), \quad \vartheta_1\left(z + \frac{\tau}{2}|\tau\right) = ie^{-\pi i(z+\tau/4)}\vartheta_4(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$\vartheta_2\left(z + \frac{1}{2}|\tau\right) = -\vartheta_1(z|\tau), \quad \vartheta_2\left(z + \frac{\tau}{2}|\tau\right) = e^{-\pi i(z+\tau/4)}\vartheta_3(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.10})$$

$$\vartheta_3\left(z + \frac{1}{2}|\tau\right) = \vartheta_4(z|\tau), \quad \vartheta_3\left(z + \frac{\tau}{2}|\tau\right) = e^{-\pi i(z+\tau/4)}\vartheta_2(z|\tau), \quad (\text{A.11})$$

$$\vartheta_4\left(z + \frac{1}{2}|\tau\right) = \vartheta_3(z|\tau), \quad \vartheta_4\left(z + \frac{\tau}{2}|\tau\right) = ie^{-\pi i(z+\tau/4)}\vartheta_1(z|\tau). \quad (\text{A.12})$$

A.2 In the degeneration limit

For this purpose let us first define the theta function on the genus two surface with spin structure

$$\delta = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a} \\ \vec{b} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } a_i \in \left\{0, \frac{1}{2}\right\} \text{ and } b_i \in \left\{0, \frac{1}{2}\right\}, \quad \forall i = 1, 2,$$

as,

$$\vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} \\ \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} (\vec{z}|\Omega) = \sum_{\vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \exp \left(i\pi(\vec{n} + \vec{a})^T \Omega (\vec{n} + \vec{a}) + 2\pi i(\vec{n} + \vec{a})^T (\vec{z} + \vec{b}) \right). \quad (\text{A.13})$$

With this definition one also has the prime form as defined in (2.18). In the degeneration limit i.e. $q \rightarrow 0$, we have the following results as was given in the appendix of [21]. For $x_1 \in T_1$ and $x_2 \in T_2$,

$$E(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow q^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\vartheta_1(x_1 - p_1|\tau_1)}{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_1)} \right) \left(\frac{\vartheta_1(p_2 - x_2|\tau_2)}{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_2)} \right) \quad (\text{A.14})$$

$$E(x_i, x'_i) \rightarrow \left(\frac{\vartheta_1(x_i - x'_i|\tau_i)}{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_i)} \right) \quad (\text{A.15})$$

$$[\delta] \equiv \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A.16})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta[\delta] \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \vec{x}_i - \sum_{j=1}^n \vec{y}_j + (m-n)\vec{\Delta} \middle| \Omega \right) \\ & \rightarrow \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \vec{x}_i - mp_1 - \frac{1}{2}(m-n)(1+\tau_1)|\tau_1 \right) \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \left(np_2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \vec{y}_j - \frac{1}{2}(m-n)(1+\tau_2)|\tau_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.17})$$

$$\sigma(x_i) \rightarrow \frac{\vartheta'_1(0|\tau_i)}{\vartheta_1(x_i - p_i|\tau_i)} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

$$Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \eta_d(\tau_1)\eta_d(\tau_2) \quad (\text{A.19})$$

$$\omega^1(z|q) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 + O(q), & z \in T_1 \\ O(q), & z \in T_2 \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.20})$$

$$\omega^2(z|q) \rightarrow \begin{cases} O(q), & z \in T_1 \\ 1+O(q), & z \in T_2 \end{cases}. \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Here p_1 and p_2 are nodes on T_1 and T_2 respectively, ω^i are the abelian differentials and $\eta_d(\tau)$ is the Dedekind eta function. In the above degeneration limit result for the theta function, there seems to be an ambiguity on the right hand side in defining the argument of the theta functions since they can be shifted by integral multiples of 1 and τ_1 (or 1 and τ_2). This reflects the ambiguity in the choice of path from the base point in defining $\vec{x} = \int_{P_0}^P \vec{\omega}$.

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