



(Multi-)Galileon Dualities

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$$\sigma = -\pi + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2(n-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} (-1)^i \binom{n-2}{i} \tilde{D}_{(i)} \left(\pi^\mu \pi_\mu \mathcal{L}_{(n-2-i)}^{\text{TD}}(\pi) \right),$$

where $\tilde{D}_{(n)}(X) = \partial_{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_n} (\pi^{\nu_1} \cdots \pi^{\nu_n} X)$ for some Lorentz scalar X.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma = & - \pi + \frac{1}{2} \pi_a \pi^a - \frac{1}{2} \pi^a \pi^b \pi_{ab} + \frac{1}{2} \pi^a \pi^b \pi_a{}^c \pi_{bc} + \frac{1}{6} \pi^a \pi^b \pi^c \pi_{abc} \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \pi^a \pi^b \pi_a{}^c \pi_b{}^d \pi_{cd} - \frac{1}{2} \pi^a \pi^b \pi^c \pi_a{}^d \pi_{bcd} - \frac{1}{24} \pi^a \pi^b \pi^c \pi^d \pi_{abcd} + \mathcal{O}(\pi^6). \end{aligned}$$

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Duality mapping:

$$\int d^D x \sum_{n=1}^D c_{n+1} \pi \mathcal{L}_{\text{TD}}^n[\pi] \longrightarrow \int d^D x \sum_{n=1}^D d_{n+1} \sigma \mathcal{L}_{\text{TD}}^n[\sigma],$$

$$d_2 = c_2, \quad d_3 = 2c_2 - c_3, \quad d_4 = \frac{3}{2}c_2 - \frac{3}{2}c_3 + c_4, \quad d_5 = \frac{1}{5}(2c_2 - 3c_3 + 4c_4 - 5c_5).$$

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Free field Dual:

$$\mathcal{L}_2[\pi] = -\frac{1}{2} \pi_\mu \pi^\mu \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \sigma_\mu \sigma^\mu - \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{L}_3[\sigma] - \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{L}_4[\sigma] - \frac{1}{30} \mathcal{L}_5[\sigma]$$

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$$\int d^D x \sum_n c_{(n)} \pi_{(1)} U_{(n)}[\Pi_{(2)}] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}\pi_{(1)}} - \int d^D x \sum_n c_{(n)} \det(1 + \Sigma_{(1)}) (\sigma_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{(1)}^\gamma \sigma_\gamma^{(1)}) \\ \times U_{(n)} \left[[(1 + \Sigma_{(1)})^{-1}]_\mu^\alpha \partial_\alpha \left([(1 + \Sigma_{(1)})^{-1}]_\nu^\beta \pi_\beta^{(2)} \right) \right]$$

Healthy higher-derivative *eoms*
(for multi-field cases)

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The duality transformation

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is a symmetry (up to TD) of the following two-parameter set of (tadpole-free) Galileon theories $\int d^4x \sum_{n=1}^4 c_{n+1} \pi \mathcal{L}_{\text{TD}}^n[\pi]$

$$c_3 = c_2 \qquad c_5 = -\frac{1}{10}c_2 + \frac{2}{5}c_4.$$

(Probably) no finite-order polynomial, non-linear symmetries exist.

Non-linear symmetries for Galileons

Why care?



$$S \sim \int d^4x \sum_n \left(\begin{aligned} &\pi_{(1,2)} U_n(\Pi_{(1,2)}) + \sigma_{(2,1)} U_n(\Sigma_{(2,1)}) + \pi_{(2,3)} U_n(\Sigma_{(2,1)}) \\ &+ \sigma_{(2,1)} U_n(\Pi_{(2,3)}) + \pi_{(2,3)} U_n(\Pi_{(2,3)}) + \sigma_{(3,2)} U_n(\Sigma_{(3,2)}) \end{aligned} \right)$$

Decoupling limit of Bi- and Multi-Gravity

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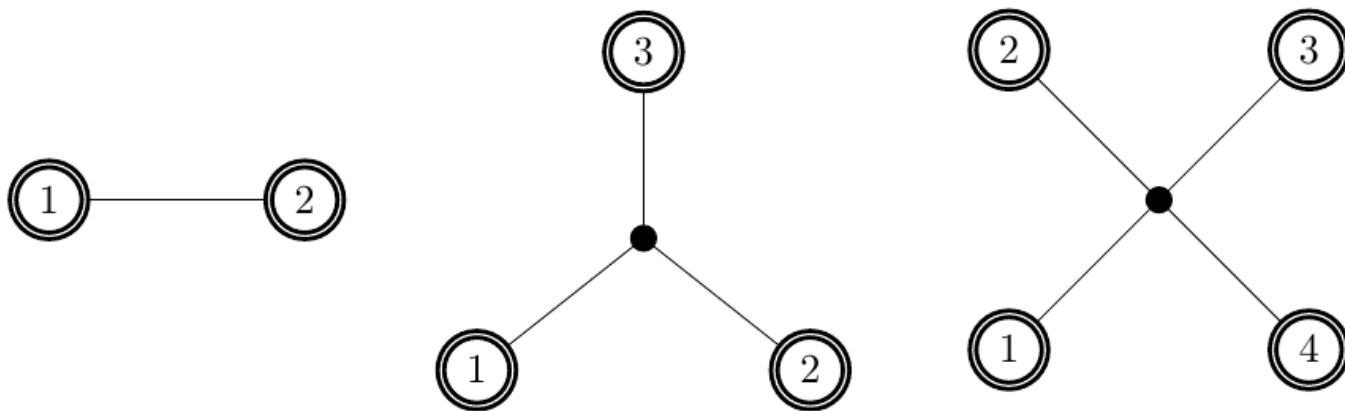
The vielbein picture

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{MG}} = \sum_{(i)}^N \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{4} \int \epsilon_{ABCD} \mathbf{E}_{(i)}^A \wedge \mathbf{E}_{(i)}^B \wedge \mathbf{R}^{CD} [E_{(i)}]$$

$$+ \sum_{(i,j,k,l)}^N \frac{m_{(i,j,k,l)}^2}{2} \beta_{(i,j,k,l)} \int \epsilon_{ABCD} \mathbf{E}_{(i)}^A \wedge \mathbf{E}_{(j)}^B \wedge \mathbf{E}_{(k)}^C \wedge \mathbf{E}_{(l)}^D,$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{(i)}^A \equiv E_{\mu}^A (i) dx_{(i)}^{\mu},$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{(i)} = E_{\mu}^A (i) E_{\nu}^B (i) \eta_{AB}$$



Goldstone bosons

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Stückelberg replacement:

$$E_{\mu(i)}^A[x] \rightarrow \tilde{E}_{\mu(j)(i)}^A[Y(x)] = \Lambda_{B(j,i)}^A[Y(x)] E_{\nu(i)}^B[Y(x)] \partial_{\mu} Y_{(j,i)}^{\nu}[x]$$

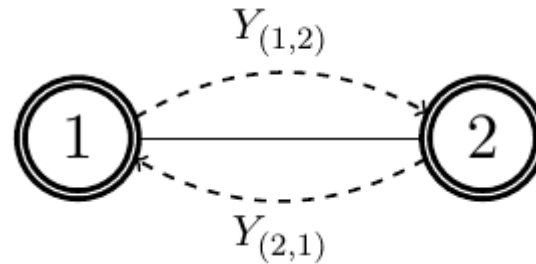
‘Link fields’ Y:

$$Y_{(i,j)}^{\nu} = x_{(i)}^{\nu} + \hat{B}_{(i,j)}^{\nu} + \partial^{\nu} \hat{\pi}_{(i,j)}.$$

Λ_3 Decoupling Limit:

$$M_{\text{Pl}} \rightarrow \infty, \quad m_{(i,j,k,l)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \Lambda_{3(i,j,k,l)} \text{ fixed}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{(i,j,k,l)} \text{ fixed.}$$

Link fields



Co-ordinate transformation:

$$x_{(2)}^{\mu} = Y_{(1,2)}^{\mu}[x_{(1)}] = x_{(1)}^{\mu} + \partial_{(1)}\pi[x_{(1)}]$$

Gauge invariance:

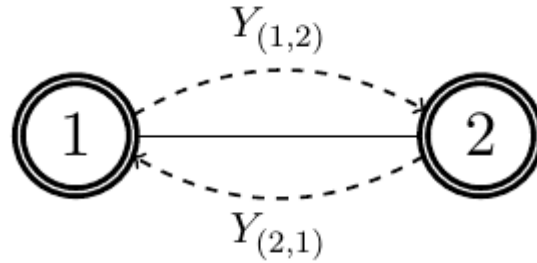
$$\mathcal{S}_I = \int d^D x \sqrt{g_{(1)}} f(\mathbf{g}_{(1)}, \mathbf{g}_{(2)}) \rightarrow \int d^D x \sqrt{g_{(1)} \circ Y_{(1,2)}} f(\mathbf{g}_{(1)} \circ Y_{(1,2)}, \mathbf{g}_{(2)},)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{II} = \int d^D x \sqrt{g_{(1)}} f(\mathbf{g}_{(1)}, \mathbf{g}_{(2)}) \rightarrow \int d^D x \sqrt{g_{(1)}} f(\mathbf{g}_{(1)}, \mathbf{g}_{(2)} \circ \tilde{Y}_{(2,1)})$$

Field relations:

$$(x + \partial\pi)^{\mu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial(x + \partial\pi)_{\mu}} \sigma(x + \partial\pi) = x^{\mu}$$

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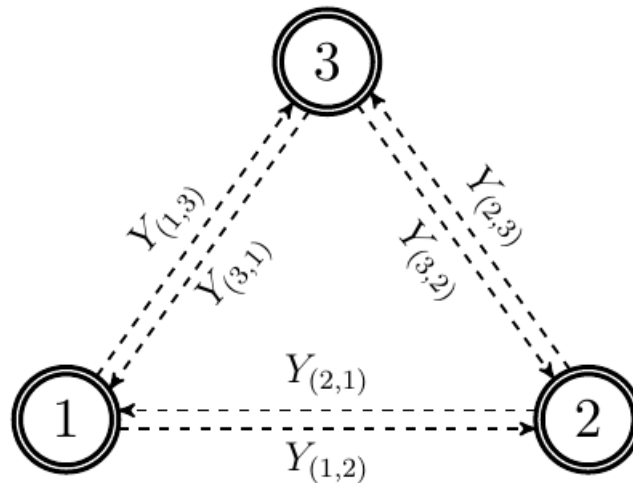
Duality maps:

$$\mathcal{D}_\pi : \begin{cases} \pi(x) \rightarrow \sigma(\tilde{x}) = -\pi(x) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\pi(x))^2, \\ \partial_\mu\pi(x) \rightarrow \tilde{\partial}_\mu\sigma(\tilde{x}) = -\partial_\mu\pi(x), \\ \Pi_\mu^\nu(x) \rightarrow \Sigma_\mu^\nu(\tilde{x}) = -[1_\nu^\alpha + \Pi_\nu^\alpha(x)]^{-1} \Pi_\mu^\alpha(x) \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{D}_\pi : \begin{cases} \chi(x) \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}(\tilde{x}) = \chi(x), \\ \partial_\mu\chi(x) \rightarrow \tilde{\partial}_\mu\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{x}) = \frac{\delta x^\nu}{\delta \tilde{x}^\mu} \partial_\nu\chi(x) = [1 + \Sigma(\tilde{x})]^\nu_\mu \partial_\nu\chi(x), \\ \partial_\mu\partial_\nu\chi(x) \rightarrow \tilde{\partial}_\mu\tilde{\partial}_\nu\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{x}) = [1 + \Sigma(\tilde{x})]^\alpha_\mu \partial_\alpha \left([1 + \Sigma(\tilde{x})]^\beta_\nu \partial_\beta\chi(x) \right) \end{cases}$$

(Single) Galileon Duality:

$$\mathcal{S}_{(n)}^{\text{Gal}}(\pi) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_\pi} \int d^D x \sum_{k=n}^D c_{(n)}(-1)^{n+1} \frac{(D-n)!}{(k-n)!(D-k)!} (\sigma + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^\mu\sigma_\mu) U_{(k)}[\Sigma(x)]$$

(Multi-)Galileon Dualities I



Constraints:

$$Y_{(1,3)}[x_{(1)}] \circ Y_{(3,1)} = x_{(1)}$$

$$Y_{(1,3)}[x_{(1)}] \circ Y_{(3,2)} \circ Y_{(2,1)} = x_{(1)}$$

Explicit field relations:

$$(x + \partial\pi)^\mu + \frac{\partial}{\partial(x + \partial\pi)_\mu} \sigma(x + \partial\pi) + \dots = x^\mu$$

$$x_{(3)} = x_{(1)} + \partial_{(1)}\pi[x_{(1)}] + \partial_{(2)}\phi[x_{(2)}] + \dots$$

(Multi-)Galileon Dualities II



Decoupling Limit:

$$S \sim \int d^4x \sum_n \left(\begin{aligned} & \pi_{(1,2)} U_n(\Pi_{(1,2)}) + \sigma_{(2,1)} U_n(\Sigma_{(2,1)}) + \pi_{(2,3)} U_n(\Sigma_{(2,1)}) \\ & + \sigma_{(2,1)} U_n(\Pi_{(2,3)}) + \pi_{(2,3)} U_n(\Pi_{(2,3)}) + \sigma_{(3,2)} U_n(\Sigma_{(3,2)}) \end{aligned} \right)$$

Dual higher-derivative theories:

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Conclusions

- Duality exists in the form of an invertible, non-linear, non-local field redefinition
- May have interesting consequences for strong coupling scale, superluminalities, UV completion, ...
- Can be understood as a consequence of gauge invariance + be generalised to multi-field cases in this way
- Duality generically relates multi-galileons with healthy higher-derivative theories
- Important in order to understand low-energy limit of Multi-Gravity theories

Thank you!