

# Basic concepts in string theory, R. Blumenhagen, D. Lüst, S. Theisen (Springer): Errata

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Colors red and blue are respectively used to highlight the error and its correction (if necessary).

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- p. 205 below eq. (8.34): “built on the  $|\bar{a}\rangle$  ground state”  $\rightarrow$   $|\dot{a}\rangle$
- p. 208 sec. 8.4 §1: “The ghost action was **than**”  $\rightarrow$  then
- p. 233 above eq. (9.24): “Expressing  $\psi'$  **though**  $\psi$ ”  $\rightarrow$  through

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- p. 8, eq. (2.3):  $\dot{x}^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{x}^\mu \mathbf{x}^\nu \rightarrow \dot{x}^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu$
- p. 18, eq. (2.43):  $(\xi, P^\dagger t_0) = (P\xi, t_0) \rightarrow (\xi|P^\dagger t_0) = (P\xi|t_0)$ , for consistency with chapter 6
- p. 19, eq. (2.50):
$$4\partial_+\partial_-X^\mu = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad -4\partial_+\partial_-X^\mu = 0$$
- p. 50, eq. (3.58):  $X^\mu(l - \sigma, \tau) \rightarrow X^\mu(\ell - \sigma, \tau)$
- p. 27, eq. (2.93):

$$\int_0^\pi d\sigma \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_0^\ell d\sigma$$

- p. 66, eq. (4.12):

$$\phi_{\text{plane}}(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \phi_n z^{-n-h} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi_{\text{plane}}(z) = \sum_{n+h \in \mathbf{Z}} \phi_n z^{-n-h}$$

in view of comment below (4.13) (another possibility is to not write yet the range of the sum). Should eq. (4.11) also be fixed?

- p. 71, eq. (4.38): “Comparing Eq. (4.58b) with Eq. (4.9)”  $\rightarrow$  (4.37)
- p. 70, 74: the definition of the adjoint is confusing: (3.34) looks incompatible with (4.55), and the definition  $\langle \phi_{\text{out}} |$  as the adjoint of  $|\phi_{\text{in}}\rangle$  (to compare with [2, p. 203]).

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- p. 79, below eq. (4.45): “For a given  $s$ ”  $\rightarrow c$
- p. 88, §1; p 109, below eq. (5.13): “ $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  vacuum invariant vacuum”  $\rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{C})$
- p. 90, eq. (4.126):

$$\oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} i\partial X^\mu(z) :e^{ik \cdot X(z, \bar{z})}: \quad \longrightarrow \quad \oint \frac{dw}{2\pi i} i\partial X^\mu(w) :e^{ik \cdot X(z, \bar{z})}:$$

- p. 114, eq. (5.38): I am not sure if  $\{Q_B, c_n\}$  is correct<sup>1</sup>
- p. 128, below eq. (6.12): extraneous tab
- p. 141–2: The integral is written over the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g$ , but I would expect  $\mathcal{T}_g$  instead, as defined in (6.47) above ([1, (14.95)] for comparison). Then, I would expect to see  $\mathcal{M}_g$  instead of  $\mathcal{F}_g$  (which has not been defined anywhere before its use), except if one wants to stress that any region equivalent to  $\mathcal{M}_g$  would be fine.

The two next points include the correction  $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_g$  (but not  $\mathcal{F}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$ ).

- p. 141, eq. (6.52, 54):

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}_g} \prod_i d\tau_i^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_{\mathcal{T}_g} \prod_i d^2\tau_i$$

- p. 142 below eq. (6.54): “we can replace  $\frac{1}{|\text{MCG}|} \int_{\mathcal{M}_g} \prod_i d\tau_i$  by an integral over a fundamental region.”  $\rightarrow$  “we can replace  $\frac{1}{|\text{MCG}|} \int_{\mathcal{T}_g} \prod_i d^2\tau_i$  by an integral over a fundamental region  $\mathcal{F}_g$ .”
- p. 142, eq. (6.55):  $d\tau_i \rightarrow d^2\tau_i$
- p. 143, eq. (6.62):

$$\int_{\mathcal{F}_g} d^2 \prod_i \tau_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_{\mathcal{F}_g} \prod_i d^2\tau_i$$

- p. 160, eq. (6.120):

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \dots e^{i\theta(L_0 - \bar{L}_0)} |B\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad |A\rangle$$

- p. 510, eq. (14.262):

$$\delta e^a = \Lambda^a_b e^a \quad \longrightarrow \quad \delta e^a = \Lambda^a_b e^b$$

- p. 591, above eq. (16.8):  $\alpha_{-1}^\mu \bar{\alpha}_{-1}^\nu |k\rangle \rightarrow \bar{\alpha}_{-1}^\mu \alpha_{-1}^\nu |k\rangle$  for consistency with eq. (16.8)
- p. 592, §1: “e.g.  $\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{(D)} \epsilon^{(G)\mu\nu} = 0$  for  $G = h, B$ ”
- p. 690, below eq. (18.26):  $\tilde{F}_{(p+2)}^2 = \tilde{F}_{M_0 \dots M_{p+2}} \tilde{F}^{M_0 \dots M_{p+2}} \rightarrow \tilde{F}_{M_0 \dots M_{p+1}} \tilde{F}^{M_0 \dots M_{p+1}}$

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