

Consider chiral superfields

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^i &= x^i - \partial x^i \theta^+ \theta^- - \bar{\partial} x^i \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\theta}^- + \partial \bar{\partial} x^i \theta^+ \theta^- \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\theta}^- \\ &\quad - \sqrt{2} \left(\psi^i \theta^+ - \bar{\partial} \psi^i \theta^+ \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\theta}^- + \tilde{\psi}^i \bar{\theta}^+ - \partial \tilde{\psi}^i \bar{\theta}^+ \theta^+ \theta^- \right) + 2F^i \theta^+ \bar{\theta}^+.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

and antichiral superfields

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^{\bar{i}} &= x^{\bar{i}} + \partial x^{\bar{i}} \theta^+ \theta^- + \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{i}} \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\theta}^- + \partial \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{i}} \theta^+ \theta^- \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\theta}^- \\ &\quad - \sqrt{2} \left(\psi^{\bar{i}} \theta^- + \bar{\partial} \psi^{\bar{i}} \theta^- \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\theta}^- + \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{i}} \bar{\theta}^- + \partial \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{i}} \bar{\theta}^- \theta^+ \theta^- \right) + 2F^{\bar{i}} \theta^- \bar{\theta}^-.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

The first challenge is to show

$$\int -\frac{1}{2} \Phi^i \Phi^{\bar{i}} d^4 \theta d^2 z = \int \left(\bar{\partial} x^i \partial x^{\bar{i}} + \partial x^i \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{i}} + 2\psi^i \bar{\partial} \psi^{\bar{i}} + 2\tilde{\psi}^i \partial \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{i}} + 2F^i F^{\bar{i}} \right) d^2 z.\tag{3}$$

You need to use the fact the total derivatives integrate to zero.

Now for the harder problem. Consider

$$\int K(\Phi^i, \Phi^{\bar{j}}) d^4 \theta d^2 z,\tag{4}$$

where K is an arbitrary analytic function of chiral superfields and antichiral superfields.

You want to image expanding K :

$$K = a_0 + a_i \Phi^i + a_{\bar{i}} \Phi^{\bar{i}} + a_{ij} \Phi^i \Phi^j + a_{i\bar{j}} \Phi^i \Phi^{\bar{j}} + \dots\tag{5}$$

So for each term we need to find the 4 θ 's within the product of superfields.

Define

$$g_{i\bar{j}}(x) = \left. \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial \Phi^i \partial \Phi^{\bar{j}}} \right|_{\theta=0},\tag{6}$$

Where the subscript means set all the θ 's to zero.

The second challenge is to show:

$$\begin{aligned}\int K d^4 \theta d^2 z &= -2 \int g_{i\bar{j}} \left(\partial x^i \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{j}} + \bar{\partial} x^i \partial x^{\bar{j}} + 2\psi^i \bar{D} \psi^{\bar{j}} + 2\tilde{\psi}^i D \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{j}} + 2F^i F^{\bar{j}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2g_{i\bar{k},j} \psi^i \tilde{\psi}^j F^{\bar{k}} - 2g_{\bar{i}k,j} \psi^{\bar{i}} \tilde{\psi}^j F^k - 2g_{i\bar{j},k\bar{l}} \psi^i \psi^{\bar{j}} \tilde{\psi}^k \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{l}} \right) d^2 z,\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Here the comma subscript notation means take a derivative:

$$g_{ij,k} = \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k}.$$

The D 's are covariant derivatives pulled back to the worldsheet. For example,

$$\bar{D} \psi^j = \frac{\partial \psi^j}{\partial \bar{z}} + \Gamma_{ik}^j \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial \bar{z}} \psi^k,$$

were Γ is the connection given by $g_{i\bar{i}}\Gamma_{jk}^i = g_{j\bar{i},k}$ etc., as if $g_{i\bar{j}}$ were a Kähler metric (which indeed it is!). Note that the Γ 's vanish if they have indices mixed between barred and unbarred. E.g.,

$$\Gamma_{i\bar{j}}^k = 0.$$

The field F appears without any derivatives and so can be eliminated using the equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} F^i &= \Gamma_{jk}^i \psi^j \tilde{\psi}^k \\ F^{\bar{i}} &= \Gamma_{\bar{j}\bar{k}}^{\bar{i}} \psi^{\bar{j}} \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{k}}. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Your final challenge is to show that substituting this back into (7) gives the $N = (2,2)$ **supersymmetric nonlinear σ -model**

$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2z \left(g_{i\bar{j}} \left(\partial x^i \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{j}} + \bar{\partial} x^i \partial x^{\bar{j}} + 2\psi \bar{D}\psi^{\bar{j}} + 2\tilde{\psi}^i D\tilde{\psi}^{\bar{j}} \right) + 2R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} \psi^i \psi^{\bar{j}} \tilde{\psi}^k \tilde{\psi}^{\bar{l}} \right), \tag{9}$$

where R is the Riemann curvature tensor.