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Abstract

Canonical description of the $D = 10$ superstring action involving supertwistor variables generalizing Penrose–Ferber supertwistors is developed. Primary and secondary constraints are identified and arranged into the first- and second-class sets. Dirac brackets are introduced and the deformation of the Poisson bracket algebra of the first-class constraints is studied. The role of the deformation parameter is played by α' .

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1. Introduction

Twistors [1] and supertwistors [2] are known to find one of the interesting applications in describing the models of point-like and extended relativistic objects [3–25]. Such (super)twistor formulations based on the introduction of commuting spinor variables represent a valuable alternative to the conventional (super)space formulation and allow us to overcome the problem of handling κ -symmetry and streamline the covariant quantization in the case of (super)particle models. Thus incorporating supertwistors into the string theory could also be useful in the quest for a solution of the long-standing problem of Green–Schwarz (GS) superstring covariant quantization. However, twistor description of (supersymmetric) models of extended objects attracted much less attention until the twistor strings [26, 27]¹ were proposed in the context of gauge fields/string correspondence. Although twistor string models appear to be interesting objects for study and have stimulated recent progress in perturbative (super-)Yang–Mills and gravitation [40], they differ from the GS superstrings.

In recent years the progress in solving the problem of superstring covariant quantization was mainly due to Berkovits formalism [41]. Its key ingredient is the BRST operator involving the ten-dimensional pure spinor field with commuting complex components that plays the

¹ See also [28–30] and [31–39] for other twistor string models corresponding to 4D gauge theories and supergravities.

role of the ghost field for the fermionic constraints of the GS superstring and can also be viewed as half of the twistor [42]. The main advantage of the Berkovits approach is the possibility of finding covariant expressions for the string scattering amplitudes [41, 43, 44]. It is worthwhile to note that originally pure spinors appeared as the worldsheet superpartners of superspace Grassmann coordinates θ^α in the heterotic string formulation [45, 46] with $n = 2$ local worldsheet supersymmetry². In the formulation of [45, 46], pure spinors also admit interpretation as the pair of elements from the basis in the auxiliary spinor space extending $D = 10, N = 1$ superspace. The interesting problem of finding the relation between the Berkovits model and the GS superstrings or their classically equivalent reformulations has been being investigated since the year 2000 (see [49] and references therein).

Taking into account the above-mentioned results that indicate an important role played by spinors/twistors in the quantum theory of superparticles and superstrings we have started to study the twistor formulation for GS superstrings in dimensions $D = 4, 6, 10$ [50, 51] aiming at getting novel insights into the covariant quantization problem. Since commuting spinor variables—the necessary ingredients of twistors—are absent in the original GS superstring action we considered, similarly to the twistor transform procedure for (super)particles, the classically equivalent first-order superstring action [52], where such bosonic spinors form the basis in auxiliary space—the space of Lorentz harmonics [53–58]. Note that $D = 4$ spinor Lorentz harmonics are nothing but the normalized Newman–Penrose dyad [59]. The presence of Lorentz harmonic variables in the Lagrangian allows us to realize κ -symmetry transformations in the irreducible form. In the formulations of [45, 46] pure spinors provide, in a similar way, irreducible realization of the part of κ -symmetries. Detailed discussion of the relation between the superstring formulations involving Lorentz harmonics and those with local worldsheet supersymmetry can be found in [60].

The supertwistors appearing upon the twistor transform of the first-order action [52] coincide for the $D = 4$ case with those introduced by Ferber [2]³, while in higher dimensions [20, 29] they realize the fundamental representation of the (generalized) superconformal group, include spinor harmonics as their projectional parts, and the Grassmann-odd components of supertwistors are represented by the Lorentz scalars, which is an attractive feature from the perspective of fixing the gauge freedom related to the κ -symmetry. In [50, 51] we found the supertwistor representation for $D = 4, 6, 10$ superstring Lagrangian characterized by the nondegenerate kinetic term for the supertwistor components, derived the equations of motion, and obtained the supertwistor realization of the κ -symmetry transformations.

Since the superstring Lagrangian after the twistor transform is nonlinear, like in the spacetime formulation, and the supertwistors are constrained variables, the canonical formalism appears to be the most suitable one for further investigation. That is why here we pass to the canonical description of the $D = 10$ superstring model formulated in terms of supertwistors. In section 2, we identify the constraints that arise in the process of transition to the Hamiltonian formulation and classify them on the first- and second-class ones. Up to that step our consideration can be viewed as the twistor counterpart of the canonical treatment of Lorentz-harmonic superstring in the superspace formulation [52]. Then in section 3 we proceed to propose the basis for the second-class constraints for which the Dirac matrix

² Pure spinors also turned out to be useful in the study of the geometry of superfield constraints in super-Yang–Mills and supergravity theories [47, 48].

³ Recently, an alternative to Ferber construction of the supertwistors has been proposed [61], where only conformal super-Poincaré symmetry is manifest and odd supertwistor components are given by the complex Lorentz vectors related to those appearing in the particle and string models with worldline/worldsheet supersymmetry. Since superstring Lagrangian, due to the presence of the dimensionful tension parameter, is not invariant under conformal transformations, it could be of interest to consider its formulation in terms of such alternative supertwistors or their higher dimensional generalizations [58, 62].

acquires a block diagonal structure on the constraint shell, introduce the Dirac brackets (DB), and evaluate DB algebra of the first-class constraints.

2. Total Hamiltonian and the first-class constraints

Based on the classification of superconformal algebras in various dimensions [63] it was suggested in [20, 51] to define a $D = 10$ supertwistor as realizing the fundamental representation of the $OSp(32|1)$ supergroup

$$Z^\Lambda = (\mu^\alpha, v_\alpha, \eta). \quad (1)$$

Thus, it is composed of the primary spinor μ^α and projectional v_α parts that are 16-component MW spinors of opposite chiralities and the Grassmann-odd scalar η . Such definition generalizes the basic property of Ferber supertwistors [2] to realize the fundamental representation of $SU(2, 2|N)$ locally isomorphic to the N -extended superconformal group in four dimensions. Twistor transform for the $D = 10$ superstring in the formulation with irreducible realization of the κ -symmetry leads one to consider two sets of the supertwistors

$$Z_A^{\Lambda+} = (\mu_A^{\alpha+}, v_{\alpha A}^+, \eta_A^+), \quad Z_A^{\Lambda-} = (\mu_A^{\alpha-}, v_{\alpha A}^-, \eta_A^-) \quad (2)$$

whose projectional parts are identified with the spinor harmonic matrix $v_\alpha^{(\alpha)} = (v_{\alpha A}^+, v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^-) \in \text{Spin}(1, 9)$ decomposed into two blocks carrying $SO(1, 1)$ indices \pm and transforming in the spinor representations of $\text{Spin}(8)A$, $\dot{A} = 1, \dots, 8$ in accordance with that the embedding of the string worldsheet into the $D = 10$ spacetime spontaneously breaks $SO(1, 9)$ symmetry down to $SO(1, 1) \times SO(8)$. The $D = 10$ generalization of the Penrose–Ferber incidence relations⁴

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A^{\alpha+} &= (X^{\alpha\beta} - 8i\theta^\alpha\theta^\beta)v_{\beta A}^+, & \eta_A^+ &= 4v_{\alpha A}^+\theta^\alpha \\ \mu_A^{\alpha-} &= (X^{\alpha\beta} - 8i\theta^\alpha\theta^\beta)v_{\beta \dot{A}}^-, & \eta_A^- &= 4v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^-\theta^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

involves an arbitrary 16×16 matrix $X^{\alpha\beta} = x^m \tilde{\sigma}_m^{\alpha\beta} + z^{m_1 m_2 m_3} \tilde{\sigma}_{m_1 m_2 m_3}^{\alpha\beta} + z^{m_1 \dots m_5} \tilde{\sigma}_{m_1 \dots m_5}^{\alpha\beta}$ that contains, except for $D = 10$ Minkowski coordinates x^m , antisymmetric tensor coordinates $z^{m_1 m_2 m_3}$ and $z^{m_1 \dots m_5}$ associated with tensor generators of $OSp(32|1)$. Since our goal is to describe the superstring in $D = 10$ Minkowski superspace, the dependence on such tensor coordinates has to be removed by the constraints

$$N_{AB}^{+2} = Z_A^{\Lambda+} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_B^{\Sigma+} \approx 0, \quad N_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{-2} = Z_{\dot{A}}^{\Lambda-} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_{\dot{B}}^{\Sigma-} \approx 0, \quad N_{A\dot{A}} = Z_A^{\Lambda+} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_{\dot{A}}^{\Sigma-} \approx 0, \quad (4)$$

where

$$G_{\Lambda\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta_\alpha^\beta & 0 \\ -\delta_\beta^\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{i} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

is the $OSp(32|1)$ invariant orthosymplectic metric, and

$$N_{m_1 \dots m_5} = \sigma_{m_1 \dots m_5 \alpha\beta} (\mu_A^{\alpha+} v_A^{\beta-} + \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} v_{\dot{A}}^{\beta+}) \approx 0. \quad (6)$$

The latter constraints involve the inverse spinor harmonic matrix

$$v_{(\alpha)}^\alpha = (v_A^{\alpha-}, v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+}) : \quad v_{(\alpha)}^\alpha v_{\alpha}^{(\beta)} = \delta_{(\alpha)}^{(\beta)}. \quad (7)$$

The first-order action of the $D = 10, N = 1$ superstring reformulated in terms of supertwistors (2) was found in [51]. For the transition to the canonical formulation, it is

⁴ Such $D = 10$ incidence relations with $X^{\alpha\beta}$ matrix involving solely spacetime coordinates x^m contribution have been proposed in [58].

convenient instead of the zweibein $e_{\mu}^{\pm 2}(\xi)$ and its inverse $e^{\mu\pm 2}(\xi)$, upon which the action depends nonlinearly, to introduce worldsheet vector densities $\rho^{\pm 2} = (\alpha')^{1/2} e e^{\mu\pm 2}$, $e = \det(e_{\mu}^{\pm 2})$ [52], so that the superstring action in the twistor formulation acquires the form

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\alpha'} \int d^2\xi (\rho^{\mu+2} \omega_{\mu}^{-2} + \rho^{\mu-2} \omega_{\mu}^{+2} + \varepsilon_{\mu\nu} \rho^{\mu-2} \rho^{\nu+2}) + S_{\text{WZ}}, \quad (8)$$

where S_{WZ} is the WZ term in the twistor representation given by

$$S_{\text{WZ}} = \frac{\text{i}s}{\alpha'} \int d^2\xi \left(\frac{1}{2} \omega^{+2}(d) \wedge \varphi^{-2}(d) + \frac{1}{2} \omega^{-2}(d) \wedge \varphi^{+2}(d) - \omega^I(d) \wedge \varphi^I(d) \right). \quad (9)$$

In expressions (8) and (9) $\xi^{\mu} = (\tau, \sigma)$ are the worldsheet local coordinates, α' is the Regge slope parameter, and $s = \pm 1$ indicates the arbitrariness in the definition of the WZ part of the action. The action depends on the worldsheet projections of the 1-forms

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^{+2}(d) &= \frac{1}{8} dZ_A^{\Lambda+} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_A^{\Sigma+}, & \omega^{-2}(d) &= \frac{1}{8} dZ_{\dot{A}}^{\Lambda-} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_{\dot{A}}^{\Sigma-}, \\ \omega^I(d) &= \frac{1}{16} \gamma_{AA}^I (dZ_A^{\Lambda+} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_{\dot{A}}^{\Sigma-} + dZ_{\dot{A}}^{\Lambda-} G_{\Lambda\Sigma} Z_A^{\Sigma+}), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and also

$$\varphi^{+2}(d) = \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{D}\eta_A^+ \eta_A^+, \quad \varphi^{-2}(d) = \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{D}\eta_{\dot{A}}^- \eta_{\dot{A}}^-, \quad \varphi^I(d) = \frac{1}{16} \gamma_{AA}^I (\mathcal{D}\eta_A^+ \eta_{\dot{A}}^- + \mathcal{D}\eta_{\dot{A}}^- \eta_A^+). \quad (11)$$

$SO(1, 9)$ covariant differentials of the odd supertwistor components are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}\eta_A^+ &= d\eta_A^+ + \frac{1}{4} \Omega^{+2-2}(d) \eta_A^+ - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{+2I}(d) \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_{\dot{A}}^- - \frac{1}{4} \Omega^{IJ}(d) \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} \eta_B^+, \\ \mathcal{D}\eta_{\dot{A}}^- &= d\eta_{\dot{A}}^- - \frac{1}{4} \Omega^{+2-2}(d) \eta_{\dot{A}}^- - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{-2I}(d) \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I \eta_A^+ - \frac{1}{4} \Omega^{IJ}(d) \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} \eta_{\dot{B}}^-, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where γ_{AA}^I are 8D chiral γ -matrices, satisfying the condition that $\gamma_{AB}^I \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{B}\dot{B}}^J + (I \leftrightarrow J) = 2\delta^{IJ} \delta_{AB}$, $\gamma_{AB}^{IJ} = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_{AA}^I \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^J - \gamma_{AA}^J \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^I)$ and $\tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I \gamma_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^J - \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^J \gamma_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^I)$ are the Spin(8) generators in the c and s representations, and contain $SO(1, 1) \times SO(8)$ split components of the trivial $SO(1, 9)$ connection constructed out of the spinor harmonics $v_{\alpha}^{(\alpha)} = (v_{\alpha A}^+, v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^-)$ and their inverse $v_{(\alpha)}^{\alpha} = (v_A^{\alpha+}, v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^{+2-2}(d) &= \frac{1}{4} (dv_{\alpha A}^- v_A^{\alpha+} - dv_{\alpha \dot{A}}^+ v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-}), \\ \Omega^{+2I}(d) &= \frac{1}{4} dv_{\alpha A}^+ \gamma_{AA}^I v_A^{\alpha+}, & \Omega^{-2I}(d) &= \frac{1}{4} dv_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-}, \\ \Omega^{IJ}(d) &= \frac{1}{8} (dv_{\alpha A}^+ \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} v_B^{\alpha-} + dv_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} v_{\dot{B}}^{\alpha+}). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Passing to the canonical formulation we introduce the momenta densities

$$P_{\mathfrak{M}}(\tau, \sigma) = \frac{\vec{\delta} S}{\delta \dot{Q}_{\mathfrak{M}}(\tau, \sigma)} = \{P_{(\mu)\alpha A}^-, P_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{A}}^+, P_{(v)A}^{\alpha-}, P_{(v)\dot{A}}^{\alpha+}, \pi_A^-, \pi_{\dot{A}}^+, P_{(v)\alpha A}^+, P_{(v)\alpha \dot{A}}^-, P_{\mu}^{\pm 2}\} \quad (14)$$

conjugate to the string coordinates

$$Q^{\mathfrak{M}}(\tau, \sigma) = \{\mu_A^{\alpha+}, \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-}, v_{\alpha A}^+, v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^-, \eta_A^+, \eta_{\dot{A}}^-, v_A^{\alpha-}, v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+}, \rho^{\mu\pm 2}\} \quad (15)$$

on the Poisson brackets (PB)

$$\{P_{\mathfrak{M}}(\sigma), Q^{\mathfrak{M}}(\sigma')\} = \delta_{\mathfrak{M}}^{\mathfrak{M}} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'). \quad (16)$$

From the definition of momenta densities conjugate to primary spinor parts of supertwistors, there follow the constraints,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\alpha A}^-(\sigma) &= p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- + \frac{1}{16\alpha'} (\rho^{\tau-2} - \text{i}s \varphi_{\sigma}^{-2}) v_{\alpha A}^+ + \frac{\text{i}s}{16\alpha'} \varphi_{\sigma}^I \gamma_{AA}^I v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \approx 0, \\ \Phi_{\alpha \dot{A}}^+(\sigma) &= p_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{A}}^+ + \frac{1}{16\alpha'} (\rho^{\tau+2} - \text{i}s \varphi_{\sigma}^{+2}) v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- + \frac{\text{i}s}{16\alpha'} \varphi_{\sigma}^I \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I v_{\alpha A}^+ \approx 0 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

and analogously from the definition of momenta densities conjugate to anticommuting supertwistor components, there stem the fermionic constraints that can be presented as

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_A^-(\sigma) &= \pi_A^- + \frac{1}{16\alpha'} (is\omega_\sigma^{-2} - s\varphi_\sigma^{-2} - i\rho^{\tau-2})\eta_A^+ + \frac{s}{16\alpha'} (\varphi_\sigma^I - i\omega_\sigma^I)\gamma_{AA}^I \eta_{\dot{A}}^- \\
 &\quad + \frac{i}{2}\eta_B^+ (v_B^{\alpha-} p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- - v_A^{\alpha-} p_{(\mu)\alpha B}^-) + \frac{i}{2}\eta_B^- (v_B^{\alpha+} p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- - v_A^{\alpha-} p_{(\mu)\alpha B}^+) \approx 0, \\
 D_A^+(\sigma) &= \pi_A^+ + \frac{1}{16\alpha'} (is\omega_\sigma^{+2} - s\varphi_\sigma^{+2} - i\rho^{\tau+2})\eta_{\dot{A}}^- + \frac{s}{16\alpha'} (\varphi_\sigma^I - i\omega_\sigma^I)\tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+ \\
 &\quad + \frac{i}{2}\eta_B^+ (v_B^{\alpha-} p_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{A}}^+ - v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} p_{(\mu)\alpha B}^-) + \frac{i}{2}\eta_B^- (v_B^{\alpha+} p_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{A}}^+ - v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} p_{(\mu)\alpha B}^+) \approx 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

In the harmonic sector, one finds the primary constraints arising from the definition of momenta conjugate to spinor harmonics $v_{\alpha A}^+$ and $v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^-$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_A^{\alpha-}(\sigma) &= p_{(v)\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} + \frac{1}{16\alpha'} (is\varphi_\sigma^{-2} - \rho^{\tau-2})\mu_A^{\alpha+} - \frac{is}{16\alpha'} \varphi_\sigma^I \gamma_{A\dot{A}}^I \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} + \frac{is}{128\alpha'} \omega_\sigma^I (\eta^+ \gamma^I \eta^-) v_A^{\alpha-} \\
 &\quad + \frac{is}{256\alpha'} \left[\frac{1}{2} \omega_\sigma^{-2} (\eta^+ \gamma^{IJ} \eta^+) + \frac{1}{2} \omega_\sigma^{+2} (\eta^- \tilde{\gamma}^{IJ} \eta^-) - \omega_\sigma^K (\eta^+ \gamma^{IJK} \eta^-) \right] \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} v_B^{\alpha-} \\
 &\quad + \frac{is}{128\alpha'} [\omega_\sigma^{-2} (\eta^+ \gamma^I \eta^-) + \omega_\sigma^I (\eta^- \tilde{\gamma}^{IJ} \eta^-)] \gamma_{AA}^I v_A^{\alpha+} \approx 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+}(\sigma) &= p_{(v)\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} + \frac{1}{16\alpha'} (is\varphi_\sigma^{+2} - \rho^{\tau+2})\mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} - \frac{is}{16\alpha'} \varphi_\sigma^I \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}A}^I \mu_A^{\alpha+} - \frac{is}{128\alpha'} \omega_\sigma^I (\eta^+ \gamma^I \eta^-) v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} \\
 &\quad + \frac{is}{256\alpha'} \left[\frac{1}{2} \omega_\sigma^{-2} (\eta^+ \gamma^{IJ} \eta^+) + \frac{1}{2} \omega_\sigma^{+2} (\eta^- \tilde{\gamma}^{IJ} \eta^-) - \omega_\sigma^K (\eta^+ \gamma^{IJK} \eta^-) \right] \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}B}^{IJ} v_B^{\alpha+} \\
 &\quad - \frac{is}{128\alpha'} [\omega_\sigma^{+2} (\eta^+ \gamma^I \eta^-) - \omega_\sigma^I (\eta^+ \gamma^{IJ} \eta^+)] \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}A}^I v_A^{\alpha-} \approx 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

and their inverse $v_A^{\alpha-}$, $v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+}$,

$$p_{(v)\alpha A}^+(\sigma) \approx 0, \quad p_{(v)\alpha \dot{A}}^-(\sigma) \approx 0. \tag{21}$$

The momenta densities for $\rho^{\mu\pm 2}$ also enter the set of primary constraints

$$P_\tau^{\pm 2}(\sigma) \approx 0, \tag{22}$$

$$P_\sigma^{\pm 2}(\sigma) \approx 0. \tag{23}$$

Besides that 16×16 spinor harmonic matrix $v_\alpha^{(\alpha)}$ is constrained by 211 relations [52, 58],

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_m^{(k)} v_\alpha^{(\alpha)} \tilde{\sigma}^{mm_1 \dots m_4 \alpha \beta} v_\beta^{(\beta)} \sigma_{(k)(\alpha)(\beta)} &\approx 0, \\
 n_m^{+2} n^{m-2} - 2 &= \frac{1}{64} (v_{\alpha A}^+ \tilde{\sigma}_m^{\alpha \beta} v_{\beta A}^+) (v_{\gamma \dot{A}}^-, \tilde{\sigma}^{m\gamma \delta} v_{\delta \dot{A}}^-) - 2 \approx 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

reducing its contents to 45 independent components equal to the dimension of the Spin(1,9) group. Defining relations for the inverse harmonics, when considered as independent degrees of freedom,

$$v_\alpha^{(\alpha)} v_{(\beta)}^\alpha - \delta_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} \approx 0 \tag{25}$$

should also be treated as constraints, as well as the twistor constraints (4) and (6).

It was shown in [52] that the canonical analysis simplifies essentially if one excludes from the set of constraints harmonicity conditions (24) and (25) and appropriate projections of the

harmonic momenta (19)–(21), forming on PB conjugate pairs of the second-class constraints, by introducing corresponding DB. A suggestive feature of the DB is that they coincide with the PB for the subspace of the phase space defined by the primary constraints (17), (18), (22) and (23) and the projections of harmonic momenta

$$M^{+2-2}(\sigma) = v_{\alpha A}^+ P_{(v)A}^{\alpha-} - v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- P_{(v)\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} - v_A^{\alpha-} P_{(v)\alpha A}^+ + v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} P_{(v)\alpha \dot{A}}^- + \mu_A^{\alpha+} P_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- - \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} P_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{A}}^+ + \eta_A^+ \pi_A^- - \eta_{\dot{A}}^- \pi_{\dot{A}}^+ \approx 0, \quad (26)$$

$$M^{+2I}(\sigma) = -v_{\alpha A}^+ \gamma_{AA}^I P_{(v)\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} + v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I P_{(v)\alpha A}^+ - \mu_A^{\alpha+} \gamma_{AA}^I P_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{A}}^+ - \eta_A^+ \gamma_{AA}^I \pi_A^+ \approx 0, \quad (27)$$

$$M^{-2I}(\sigma) = -v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I P_{(v)A}^{\alpha-} + v_A^{\alpha-} \gamma_{AA}^I P_{(v)\alpha \dot{A}}^- - \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I P_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- - \eta_{\dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I \pi_{\dot{A}}^- \approx 0, \quad (28)$$

$$M^{IJ}(\sigma) = -\frac{1}{2}(v_{\alpha A}^+ \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} P_{(v)B}^{\alpha-} + v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} P_{(v)\dot{B}}^{\alpha+} + v_A^{\alpha-} \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} P_{(v)\alpha B}^+ + v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} P_{(v)\alpha \dot{B}}^- + \mu_A^{\alpha+} \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} P_{(\mu)\alpha B}^- + \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} P_{(\mu)\alpha \dot{B}}^+ + \eta_A^+ \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} \pi_B^- + \eta_{\dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} \pi_{\dot{B}}^+) \approx 0, \quad (29)$$

complementing those that define the DB. Constraints (26)–(29) also include the contributions of other supertwistor components and their conjugate momenta and coincide with the linear combinations of primary constraints (17)–(21),

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}^{+2-2}(\sigma) &= v_{\alpha A}^+ T_A^{\alpha-} - v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- T_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} - v_A^{\alpha-} P_{(v)\alpha A}^+ + v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} P_{(v)\alpha \dot{A}}^- + \mu_A^{\alpha+} \Phi_{\alpha A}^- - \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} \Phi_{\alpha \dot{A}}^+ + \eta_A^+ D_A^- - \eta_{\dot{A}}^- D_{\dot{A}}^+ \approx 0, \\ \hat{M}^{+2I}(\sigma) &= -v_{\alpha A}^+ \gamma_{AA}^I T_A^{\alpha+} + v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I P_{(v)\alpha A}^+ - \mu_A^{\alpha+} \gamma_{AA}^I \Phi_{\alpha \dot{A}}^+ - \eta_A^+ \gamma_{AA}^I D_{\dot{A}}^+ \approx 0, \\ \hat{M}^{-2I}(\sigma) &= -v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I T_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} + v_A^{\alpha-} \gamma_{AA}^I P_{(v)\alpha \dot{A}}^- - \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I \Phi_{\alpha A}^- - \eta_{\dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I D_A^- \approx 0, \\ \hat{M}^{IJ}(\sigma) &= -\frac{1}{2}(v_{\alpha A}^+ \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} T_B^{\alpha-} + v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} T_{\dot{B}}^{\alpha+} + v_A^{\alpha-} \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} P_{(v)\alpha B}^+ + v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} P_{(v)\alpha \dot{B}}^- + \mu_A^{\alpha+} \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} \Phi_{\alpha B}^- + \mu_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha-} \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} \Phi_{\alpha \dot{B}}^+ + \eta_A^+ \gamma_{AB}^{IJ} D_B^- + \eta_{\dot{A}}^- \tilde{\gamma}_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{IJ} D_{\dot{B}}^+) \approx 0 \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

modulo the twistor constraints (4) and (6). These so-called covariant momentum densities (26)–(29) satisfy on PB the relations of $SO(1, 9)$ algebra and are the generators of infinitesimal local $SO(1, 9)$ transformations acting on the supertwistor variables.

Since the twistor formulation is characterized by the presence of twistor constraints (4) and (6) it is helpful to introduce DB that take them into account as well. Considering the projections of constraints (17),

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{+2}(\sigma) &= v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha+} \Phi_{\alpha \dot{B}}^+ - (\dot{A} \leftrightarrow \dot{B}) \approx 0, & \Phi_{AB}^{-2}(\sigma) &= v_A^{\alpha-} \Phi_{\alpha B}^- - (A \leftrightarrow B) \approx 0, \\ \Phi_{A\dot{B}}(\sigma) &= v_A^{\alpha-} \Phi_{\alpha \dot{B}}^+ - v_{\dot{B}}^{\alpha+} \Phi_{\alpha A}^- \approx 0, \\ \Phi^{m_1 \dots m_5}(\sigma) &= v_{\alpha A}^+ \tilde{\sigma}^{m_1 \dots m_5 \alpha \beta} \Phi_{\beta A}^- + v_{\alpha \dot{A}}^- \tilde{\sigma}^{m_1 \dots m_5 \alpha \beta} \Phi_{\alpha \dot{A}}^+ \approx 0 \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

conjugate to the twistor constraints (4) and (6) on the PB,

$$\{\Phi_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{+2}(\sigma), N_{\dot{C}\dot{D}}^{-2}(\sigma')\} = 2(\delta_{\dot{A}\dot{D}} \delta_{\dot{B}\dot{C}} - \delta_{\dot{A}\dot{C}} \delta_{\dot{B}\dot{D}}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad (32)$$

$$\{\Phi_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{-2}(\sigma), N_{CD}^{+2}(\sigma')\} = 2(\delta_{AD} \delta_{BC} - \delta_{AC} \delta_{BD}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad (33)$$

$$\{\Phi_{A\dot{B}}(\sigma), N_{C\dot{D}}(\sigma')\} = -2\delta_{AC} \delta_{\dot{B}\dot{D}} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad (34)$$

$$\{\Phi^{m_1 \dots m_5}(\sigma), N^{n_1 \dots n_5}(\sigma')\} = 2(\tilde{\sigma}^{m_1 \dots m_5} \sigma^{n_1 \dots n_5}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad (35)$$

with all other PB vanishing in the strong sense, we can introduce the second stage or twistor DB that in the subspace of the phase space defined by the projections of constraints (17),

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^{+2}(\sigma) &= 2v_A^{\alpha+} p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^+ + \frac{1}{\alpha'}(\rho^{\tau+2} - is\varphi_\sigma^{+2}) \approx 0, \\ \Phi^{-2}(\sigma) &= 2v_A^{\alpha-} p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- + \frac{1}{\alpha'}(\rho^{\tau-2} - is\varphi_\sigma^{-2}) \approx 0, \\ \Phi^I(\sigma) &= -v_A^{\alpha-} \gamma_{AA}^I p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^+ - v_A^{\alpha+} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I p_{(\mu)\alpha A}^- - \frac{is}{\alpha'} \varphi_\sigma^I \approx 0,\end{aligned}\tag{36}$$

that complement those of (31) as well as $SO(1, 9)$ generators (26)–(29) and primary constraints (18), (22) and (23) coincide with the PB.

Therefore, we arrive at the following expression for the total Hamiltonian density,

$$\begin{aligned}H_t(\tau, \sigma) &= \frac{\rho^{\sigma+2}}{2\alpha'}(\omega_\sigma^{-2} + \rho^{\tau-2}) + \frac{\rho^{\sigma-2}}{2\alpha'}(\omega_\sigma^{+2} - \rho^{\tau+2}) + a^{+2}\Phi^{-2} + a^{-2}\Phi^{+2} + a^I\Phi^I \\ &\quad + l^{+2-2}M^{+2-2} + l^{+2I}M^{-2I} + l^{-2I}M^{+2I} + l^{IJ}M^{IJ} \\ &\quad + b^{\mu+2}P_\mu^{-2} + b^{\mu-2}P_\mu^{+2} + \xi_A^+ D_A^- + \xi_A^- D_A^+, \end{aligned}\tag{37}$$

as the linear combination of the remaining primary constraints with the bosonic $a(\sigma)$, $b(\sigma)$, $l(\sigma)$ and fermionic $\xi(\sigma)$ Lagrange multipliers to be determined from the consistency requirement. In the canonical formalism, evolution of any function of the phase-space variables is defined by its PB with the Hamiltonian

$$\dot{f}(Q, P) = \{f, \mathcal{H}\},\tag{38}$$

where $\mathcal{H} = \int d\sigma H_t(\tau, \sigma)$. Following the Dirac method, the consistency requirement for the constraints is that they be weakly conserved, i.e. their PB with the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} weakly vanish⁵. In the present case, we find that the conservation of constraints $P_\sigma^{\pm 2} \approx 0$ yields the pair of secondary constraints

$$\omega_\sigma^{\pm 2} \mp \rho^{\tau\pm 2} \approx 0,\tag{39}$$

whereas from the conservation conditions for $P_\tau^{\pm 2} \approx 0$ we obtain the following equations for the Lagrange multipliers:

$$a^{+2} = -\frac{1}{2}\rho^{\sigma+2} + \frac{i}{16}\xi_A^+\eta_A^+, \quad a^{-2} = \frac{1}{2}\rho^{\sigma-2} + \frac{i}{16}\xi_A^-\eta_A^-.\tag{40}$$

PB of $M^{IJ} \approx 0$ with \mathcal{H} weakly vanish, while of $M^{+2-2} \approx 0$ with \mathcal{H} weakly vanish provided one uses (40). Conservation of the $SO(1, 9)/(SO(1, 1) \times SO(8))$ coset generators $M^{\pm 2I} \approx 0$ results in the secondary constraints

$$\omega_\sigma^I \approx 0\tag{41}$$

and the restriction for Lagrange multipliers a^I :

$$a^I = \frac{i}{16}(\eta^+\gamma^I\xi^- - \xi^+\gamma^I\eta^-).\tag{42}$$

Evaluating PB of $\Phi^{\pm 2} \approx 0$ and \mathcal{H} one arrives at the equations

$$b^{\tau+2} = -\partial_\sigma \rho^{\sigma+2} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}\rho^{\sigma+2} + 2l^{+2-2}\rho^{\tau+2} + \frac{is}{4}D_\sigma \eta_A^+ \xi_A^+,\tag{43}$$

$$b^{\tau-2} = -\partial_\sigma \rho^{\sigma-2} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}\rho^{\sigma-2} - 2l^{+2-2}\rho^{\tau-2} + \frac{is}{4}D_\sigma \eta_A^- \xi_A^-,\tag{44}$$

⁵ PB of the primary and secondary constraints are given in appendix A.

while from the conservation conditions for $\Phi^I \approx 0$ and $\omega_\sigma^I \approx 0$ there stem the equations

$$\rho^{\tau-2}l^{+2I} + \rho^{\tau+2}l^{-2I} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho^{\sigma-2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2I} + \rho^{\sigma+2}\Omega_\sigma^{-2I}) - \frac{i s}{8}(\xi^+\gamma^I\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^- - \mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^+\gamma^I\xi^-), \quad (45)$$

$$\rho^{\tau-2}l^{+2I} - \rho^{\tau+2}l^{-2I} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho^{\sigma-2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2I} - \rho^{\sigma+2}\Omega_\sigma^{-2I}) - \frac{i}{8}(\xi^+\gamma^I\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^- - \mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^+\gamma^I\xi^-). \quad (46)$$

Conservation of the secondary constraint $\omega^{\tau+2} - \rho^{\tau+2} \approx 0$ gives another equation for $b^{\tau+2}$:

$$b^{\tau+2} = -\partial_\sigma\rho^{\sigma+2} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}\rho^{\sigma+2} + 2l^{+2-2}\rho^{\tau+2} + \frac{i}{4}\xi_A^+\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^+. \quad (47)$$

Its comparison with (43) reveals that either $s = -1$ or $\xi_A^+ \sim \mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^+$. Analogously considering the conservation of the secondary constraint $\omega_\sigma^{-2} + \rho^{\tau-2} \approx 0$ we derive another equation for $b^{\tau-2}$:

$$b^{\tau-2} = -\partial_\sigma\rho^{\sigma-2} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}\rho^{\sigma-2} - 2l^{+2-2}\rho^{\tau-2} + \frac{i}{4}\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^-\xi_A^-. \quad (48)$$

Its compatibility with (44) requires either $s = 1$ or $\xi_A^- \sim \mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^-$. There remain to consider the consistency conditions for the fermionic constraints (18). For $D_A^- \approx 0$ we obtain $\xi_A^+ = -\frac{\rho^{\sigma-2}}{\rho^{\tau-2}}\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^+$ when $s = 1$, while in the case $s = -1$ no new restrictions on the Lagrange multipliers arise. The conservation condition for $D_A^+ \approx 0$ yields $\xi_A^- = -\frac{\rho^{\sigma+2}}{\rho^{\tau+2}}\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^-$ when $s = -1$, but is trivial when $s = 1$. So we conclude that for $s = 1$ $\xi_A^+ = -\frac{\rho^{\sigma-2}}{\rho^{\tau-2}}\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^+$, while ξ_A^- remains undetermined, whereas when $s = -1$ $\xi_A^- = -\frac{\rho^{\sigma+2}}{\rho^{\tau+2}}\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^-$, but ξ_A^+ is free.

Upon substitution of the above-derived expressions for the Lagrange multipliers back into the Hamiltonian density (37) it turns into the following linear combination of the first-class constraints,

$$H_{t,s=1} = \rho^{\sigma+2}\Delta_{(-)}^{-2} + \rho^{\sigma-2}\tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2} + l^{+2-2}\tilde{M}^{+2-2} + l^{IJ}M^{IJ} + b^{\sigma+2}P_\sigma^{-2} + b^{\sigma-2}P_\sigma^{+2} + \xi_A^-\tilde{D}_A^+ \approx 0, \quad (49)$$

where

$$\Delta_{(-)}^{-2}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\alpha'}(\omega_\sigma^{-2} + \rho^{\tau-2}) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi^{-2} + \partial_\sigma P_\tau^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}P_\tau^{-2} + \frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau+2}}\Omega_\sigma^{-2I}M^{+2I} \approx 0, \quad (50)$$

and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2}(\sigma) = \Delta_{(+)}^{+2} - \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau-2}}\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^+\tilde{D}_A^- \approx 0 \quad (51)$$

are the generators of the reparametrizations⁶. In (51), we introduced the following combinations of the primary and secondary constraints:

$$\Delta_{(+)}^{+2}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\alpha'}(\omega_\sigma^{+2} - \rho^{\tau+2}) + \frac{1}{2}\Phi^{+2} + \partial_\sigma P_\tau^{+2} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}P_\tau^{+2} + \frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau-2}}\Omega_\sigma^{+2I}M^{-2I} \approx 0, \quad (52)$$

$$\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma) = D_A^- + \frac{i}{16}\eta_A^+\Phi^{-2} - \frac{i}{16}\gamma_{AA}^I\eta_A^-\Phi^I - \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}}\gamma_{AA}^I\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta_A^-M^{-2I} \approx 0. \quad (53)$$

⁶ In the above expressions and in what follows, lower \pm indices in brackets of $\Delta_k^{\pm 2}$ indicate the sign of the $\Phi^{\pm 2} \approx 0$ constraint contribution and should not be confused with the $SO(1, 1)$ indices.

Constraints (52) and (50) are the particular cases corresponding to $k = 1$ and $k = -1$, respectively, of the more general constraints

$$\Delta_k^{+2}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\alpha'}(\omega_\sigma^{+2} - \rho^{\tau+2}) + \frac{k}{2}\Phi^{+2} + \partial_\sigma P_\tau^{+2} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}P_\tau^{+2} + \frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau-2}}\Omega_\sigma^{+2I}M^{-2I} \approx 0, \quad (54)$$

and

$$\Delta_k^{-2}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\alpha'}(\omega_\sigma^{-2} + \rho^{\tau-2}) + \frac{k}{2}\Phi^{-2} + \partial_\sigma P_\tau^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega_\sigma^{+2-2}P_\tau^{-2} + \frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau+2}}\Omega_\sigma^{-2I}M^{+2I} \approx 0 \quad (55)$$

to be used below. Other bosonic first-class constraints

$$\tilde{M}^{+2-2} = M^{+2-2} + 2\rho^{\tau+2}P_\tau^{-2} - 2\rho^{\tau-2}P_\tau^{+2} \approx 0 \quad (56)$$

and (29) generate $SO(1, 1) \times SO(8)$ gauge transformations. Eight fermionic first-class constraints

$$\tilde{D}_A^+ = D_A^+ + \frac{i}{16}\eta_A^- \Phi^{+2} - \frac{i}{16}\tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+ \Phi^I - \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}}\tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ M^{-2I} - \frac{i}{4}\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- P_\tau^{+2} \approx 0 \quad (57)$$

are responsible for the κ -symmetry.

When $s = -1$ we get

$$H_{t,s=-1} = \rho^{\sigma+2}\tilde{\Delta}_{(-)}^{-2} + \rho^{\sigma-2}\Delta_{(+)}^{+2} + l^{+2-2}\tilde{M}^{+2-2} + l^{IJ}M^{IJ} + b^{\sigma+2}P_\sigma^{-2} + b^{\sigma-2}P_\sigma^{+2} + \xi_A^+\tilde{D}_A'^- \approx 0, \quad (58)$$

where

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{(-)}^{-2} = \Delta_{(-)}^{-2} - \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}}\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \tilde{D}_A'^+ \approx 0. \quad (59)$$

In (59) the second-class constraints $\tilde{D}_A'^+ \approx 0$ are defined as

$$\tilde{D}_A'^+ = D_A^+ + \frac{i}{16}\eta_A^- \Phi^{+2} - \frac{i}{16}\tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+ \Phi^I + \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau+2}}\tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ M^{+2I} \approx 0, \quad (60)$$

whereas the generators of the κ -symmetry equal

$$\tilde{D}_A'^-(\sigma) = D_A^- + \frac{i}{16}\eta_A^+ \Phi^{-2} - \frac{i}{16}\gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^- \Phi^I + \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau+2}}\gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- M^{+2I} + \frac{i}{4}\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ P_\tau^{-2} \approx 0. \quad (61)$$

In what follows, for definiteness we concentrate on exploring the $s = 1$ case.

Now consider the canonical form of the irreducible κ -symmetry transformations generated on PB by the fermionic first-class constraints (57) according to the rule

$$\delta_\kappa f(\tau, \sigma) = \left\{ \int d\sigma' \kappa_B^-(\sigma') \tilde{D}_B^+(\sigma'), f \right\}. \quad (62)$$

A straightforward calculation yields that the supertwistor components transform as

$$\delta_\kappa \mu_A^{\alpha-} = \frac{i}{2} \left(\kappa_A^- \eta_A^+ + \frac{1}{8}(\kappa^- \tilde{\gamma}^I \eta^+) \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \right) v_A^{\alpha-} + \frac{i}{2} \left(\kappa_A^- \eta_B^- + \eta_A^- \kappa_B^- + \frac{1}{4}\delta_{AB}(\kappa^- \eta^-) \right) v_B^{\alpha+}, \quad (63)$$

$$\delta_\kappa v_{\alpha A}^- = 0, \quad \delta_\kappa \eta_A^- = \kappa_A^-, \quad (64)$$

$$\delta_\kappa \mu_A^{\alpha+} = \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}}(\kappa^- \tilde{\gamma}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta^+) \gamma_{AA}^I \mu_A^{\alpha-} + \frac{i}{16}(\kappa^- \tilde{\gamma}^I \eta^+) \gamma_{AA}^I v_A^{\alpha+} + \frac{i}{2}\eta_A^+ \kappa_B^- v_B^{\alpha+}, \quad (65)$$

$$\delta_\kappa v_{\alpha A}^+(\eta_A^+) = \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}}(\kappa^- \tilde{\gamma}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta^+) \gamma_{AA}^I v_{\alpha A}^-(\eta_A^-). \quad (66)$$

We note that the 2D covariant form of the κ -symmetry transformations derived in the framework of the Lagrangian approach [51] reduces to the above expressions, provided one replaces all the τ -derivatives of the coordinates using their equations of motion.

3. The second-class constraints and Dirac brackets

The twistor realization of the 33 bosonic and 8 fermionic first-class constraints by which the $D = 10$ superstring in the twistor formulation is characterized has been exhibited above. The remaining primary and secondary constraints are of the second class. They can be classified according to their grading and the $SO(8)$ representation. Four vector constraints are represented by (27), (28) and

$$\Delta_k^I(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \omega_\sigma^I + k \Phi^I - \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} P_\tau^{-2} - \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} P_\tau^{+2} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(\frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(\frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \approx 0, \quad (67)$$

where $\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ} \partial_\sigma - \Omega_\sigma^{IJ}$ is the worldsheet-projected $SO(8)$ covariant differential. Four scalar constraints can be chosen as (22) and $\Delta_{(-)}^{+2} \approx 0, \Delta_{(+)}^{-2} \approx 0$ defined in (54) and (55). Finally, there are eight fermionic second-class constraints (53).

In the canonical approach, one of the possible options to take into account the second-class constraints is to introduce DB

$$\{f(\sigma), g(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = \{f(\sigma), g(\sigma')\} - \{f(\sigma), \chi_m\} \mathbf{C}^{-1mn} \{\chi_n, g(\sigma')\}, \quad (68)$$

where χ_m denotes the set of the second-class constraints and \mathbf{C}^{-1mn} is the inverse of the Dirac matrix

$$\mathbf{C}_{mn}(\sigma, \sigma') = \{\chi_m(\sigma), \chi_n(\sigma')\}. \quad (69)$$

For the above choice of the second-class constraints set, the Dirac matrix acquires the form

$$\mathbf{C}_{mn} = J_{mn} + \Lambda_{mn}, \quad (70)$$

where J_{mn} is the block-diagonal graded antisymmetric matrix and Λ_{mn} depends linearly on the constraints⁷. Explicitly J_{mn} reads

	M^{+2J}	$\Delta_{(-)}^J$	M^{-2J}	$\Delta_{(+)}^J$	$\Delta_{(-)}^{+2}$	P_τ^{-2}	$\Delta_{(+)}^{-2}$	P_τ^{+2}	\tilde{D}_B^-	
M^{+2I}	0	$-2\rho^{\tau+2}\delta^{IJ}$								$\delta(\sigma - \sigma')$
$\Delta_{(-)}^I$	$2\rho^{\tau+2}\delta^{IJ}$	0								
M^{-2I}			0	$2\rho^{\tau-2}\delta^{IJ}$					0	
$\Delta_{(+)}^I$			$-2\rho^{\tau-2}\delta^{IJ}$	0					0	
$\Delta_{(-)}^{+2}$					0	1				
P_τ^{-2}					-1	0				
$\Delta_{(+)}^{-2}$							0	-1		
P_τ^{+2}							1	0		
\tilde{D}_A^-									$\frac{i\rho^{\tau-2}}{4}\delta_{AB}$	

Then the inverse to the Dirac matrix (70) is given by

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = (I + J^{-1}\Lambda)J^{-1} \quad (72)$$

and can be expanded as the series

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = J^{-1} - J^{-1}\Lambda J^{-1} + J^{-1}\Lambda J^{-1}\Lambda J^{-1} - J^{-1}\Lambda J^{-1}\Lambda J^{-1}\Lambda J^{-1} + \dots \quad (73)$$

Since J is proportional to $(\alpha')^{-1}$ and its inverse depends on α' the inverse Dirac matrix is presented as the series in α' .⁸ Expansion (73) suggests that we can evaluate \mathbf{C}^{-1} perturbatively

⁷ Expressions for the PB of the second-class constraints are given in appendix B.

⁸ Note, however, that some entries of Λ have implicit dependence on $(\alpha')^{-1}$ through constraints (54), (55) and (67).

with the leading contribution determined by J^{-1} and the DB acquire the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{f(\sigma), g(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = & \{f(\sigma), g(\sigma')\} - 4i\alpha' \int \frac{d\sigma''}{\rho^{\tau-2}(\sigma'')} \{f(\sigma), \tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma'')\} \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\} \\
 & - \frac{\alpha'}{2} \int \frac{d\sigma''}{\rho^{\tau+2}(\sigma'')} (\{f(\sigma), M^{+2I}(\sigma'')\} \{\Delta_{(-)}^I(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\} \\
 & - \{f(\sigma), \Delta_{(-)}^I(\sigma'')\} \{M^{+2I}(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\}) \\
 & + \frac{\alpha'}{2} \int \frac{d\sigma''}{\rho^{\tau-2}(\sigma'')} (\{f(\sigma), M^{-2I}(\sigma'')\} \{\Delta_{(+)}^I(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\} \\
 & - \{f(\sigma), \Delta_{(+)}^I(\sigma'')\} \{M^{-2I}(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\}) \\
 & + \alpha' \int d\sigma'' (\{f(\sigma), \Delta_{(-)}^{+2}(\sigma'')\} \{P_{\tau}^{-2}(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\} \\
 & - \{f(\sigma), P_{\tau}^{-2}(\sigma'')\} \{\Delta_{(-)}^{+2}(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\}) \\
 & - \alpha' \int d\sigma'' (\{f(\sigma), \Delta_{(+)}^{-2}(\sigma'')\} \{P_{\tau}^{+2}(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\} \\
 & - \{f(\sigma), P_{\tau}^{+2}(\sigma'')\} \{\Delta_{(+)}^{-2}(\sigma''), g(\sigma')\}) + O(J^{-2}). \tag{74}
 \end{aligned}$$

Expressions (68) and (74) can be used to evaluate the DB relations of the superstring phase-space variables. So for the two sets of supertwistors (2) associated with the worldsheet light-like directions, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{Z_A^{\Lambda+}(\sigma), Z_B^{\Sigma+}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = & \frac{4i\alpha'}{\rho^{\tau-2}} D_{AC}^{\Lambda} D_{BC}^{\Sigma} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 & + \frac{\alpha'}{2\rho^{\tau-2}} \gamma_{AA}^I \gamma_{BB}^J (V_A^{\Lambda+} Z_B^{\Sigma-} - Z_A^{\Lambda-} V_B^{\Sigma+}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 & + \frac{\alpha'}{2\rho^{\tau-2}} \gamma_{AA}^I Z_A^{\Lambda-}(\sigma) \gamma_{BB}^J \mathcal{D}_{\sigma}^{IJ} \left(\frac{1}{\rho^{\tau-2}} Z_B^{\Sigma-}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \right) + O(\alpha'^2), \tag{75}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{Z_A^{\Lambda-}(\sigma), Z_B^{\Sigma-}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = & \frac{4i\alpha'}{\rho^{\tau-2}} D_{AC}^{\Lambda-2} D_{BC}^{\Sigma-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 & + \frac{\alpha'}{2\rho^{\tau+2}} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \tilde{\gamma}_{BB}^J (V_A^{\Lambda-} Z_B^{\Sigma+} - Z_A^{\Lambda+} V_B^{\Sigma-}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 & - \frac{\alpha'}{2\rho^{\tau+2}} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I Z_A^{\Lambda+}(\sigma) \tilde{\gamma}_{BB}^J \mathcal{D}_{\sigma}^{IJ} \left(\frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}} Z_B^{\Sigma+}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \right) + O(\alpha'^2), \tag{76}
 \end{aligned}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{Z_A^{\Lambda+}(\sigma), Z_B^{\Sigma-}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = & \frac{4i\alpha'}{\rho^{\tau-2}} D_{AC}^{\Lambda} D_{BC}^{\Sigma-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 & + \frac{\alpha'}{2} \gamma_{AA}^I \tilde{\gamma}_{BB}^J \left(\frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}} V_A^{\Lambda+} Z_B^{\Sigma+} - \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau-2}} Z_A^{\Lambda-} V_B^{\Sigma-} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(\alpha'^2), \tag{77}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the inverse spinor harmonic matrix components have been promoted to supertwistors $V_A^{\Lambda-} = (v_A^{\alpha-}, 0, 0)$, $V_A^{\Lambda+} = (v_A^{\alpha+}, 0, 0)$ and the following quantities have been introduced:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), Z_B^{\Lambda+}(\sigma')\} = & D_{AB}^{\Lambda} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 D_{AB}^{\Lambda} = -D_{BA}^{\Lambda} = & \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_{\sigma} \eta_A^- \gamma_{BB}^J Z_B^{\Lambda-} + \frac{i}{2} \left(\delta_{AB} \eta_B^- + \frac{1}{8} \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^- \gamma_{BB}^J \right) V_B^{\Lambda+} \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} \left(\delta_{AB} \eta_C^+ - \delta_{AC} \eta_B^+ + \frac{1}{8} \delta_{BC} \eta_A^+ \right) V_C^{\Lambda-} + \delta_{AB} J^{\Lambda}, \quad J^{\Lambda} = (0, 0, 1), \tag{78}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), Z_B^{\Lambda^-}(\sigma')\} &= D_{AB}^{\Lambda^-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ D_{AB}^{\Lambda^-2} &= -D_{BA}^{\Lambda^-2} = -\frac{i}{2} \left(\delta_{AB} \eta_B^- - \frac{1}{8} \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^- \tilde{\gamma}_{BB}^I \right) V_B^{\Lambda^-}. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

To the first order in α' supertwistors also satisfy nonzero DB relations with the worldsheet densities

$$\begin{aligned} \{Z_A^{\Lambda^+}(\sigma), \rho^{\tau-2}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} &= \alpha' V_A^{\Lambda^-} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') - \frac{\alpha'}{2\rho^{\tau-2}} \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \gamma_{AA}^I Z_A^{\Lambda^-} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(\alpha'^2), \\ \{Z_A^{\Lambda^-}(\sigma), \rho^{\tau+2}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} &= \alpha' V_A^{\Lambda^+} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + \frac{\alpha'}{2\rho^{\tau+2}} \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I Z_A^{\Lambda^+} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(\alpha'^2). \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

DB deformation of PB relations for the phase-space variables results in the deformation of the first-class constraint algebra. For the κ -symmetry generators, (57) one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{D}_A^+(\sigma), \tilde{D}_B^+(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} &= \frac{i}{4} \delta_{AB} \tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha'}{16\rho^{\tau+2}(\rho^{\tau-2})^2} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ \tilde{\gamma}_{BB}^J \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_B^+ M^{IJ} \Delta_{(-)}^{-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha'}{2} \Gamma_A^{+I}(\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \Gamma_B^{+J}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}), \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

where $\Gamma_A^{+I} = -\frac{1}{4\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^J \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ (\frac{1}{2} \delta^{IJ} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + M^{IJ})$. The first term on the rhs proportional to the reparametrization generator (51) is the PB contribution, while the terms containing products of $SO(1, 1)$, $SO(8)$ generators and the reparametrization generator (50) correspond to the deformation. The DB of the κ -symmetry and corresponding reparametrization generators have the form

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2}(\sigma), \tilde{D}_A^+(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} &= \frac{i\alpha'}{4\rho^{\tau-2}} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ \left(A^{+2I} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta^+ \gamma^I \tilde{D}^+ \right) \Delta_{(-)}^{-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ &\quad + \frac{i\alpha'}{2} A^{+2I}(\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \Gamma_A^{+J}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}), \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

where

$$A^{+2I} = \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}} \left[(\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta^+ \gamma^I \tilde{D}^+) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \delta^{IJ} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + M^{IJ} \right) \left(\Omega_\sigma^{+2J} + \frac{i}{4\rho^{\tau-2}} (\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta^+ \gamma^J \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta^-) \right) \right]. \quad (83)$$

Observe that equal-to-zero PB contribution becomes supplemented by the quadratic terms in the first-class constraints. At the same time at the lowest order in J^{-1} DB of the κ -symmetry generators and the reparametrization generator (50) coincide with the PB

$$\begin{aligned} \{\Delta_{(-)}^{-2}(\sigma), \tilde{D}_A^+(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} &= \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_A^{+I} \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}) \\ &= -\frac{i}{8} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ B^{-2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}), \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

where $B^{-2I} = \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}} (\frac{1}{2} \delta^{IJ} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + M^{IJ}) \Omega_\sigma^{-2J}$. Equal to zero diagonal PB relations of the reparametrization generators on transition to DB receive contributions quadratic in $SO(1, 1)$ and $SO(8)$ generators

$$\{\tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2}(\sigma), \tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = -\frac{\alpha'}{2} A^{+2I}(\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} A^{+2J}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}), \quad (85)$$

$$\{\Delta_{(-)}^{-2}(\sigma), \Delta_{(-)}^{-2}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} = \frac{\alpha'}{2} B^{-2I}(\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} B^{-2J}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}), \quad (86)$$

while that of different reparametrization generators at the lowest order in J^{-1} become deformed by the terms proportional to the product of the reparametrization generator (50) with the generators of the κ -symmetry and $SO(1, 1)$, $SO(8)$ generators

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{\Delta}_{(+)}^{+2}(\sigma), \Delta_{(-)}^{-2}(\sigma')\}_{\text{DB}} &= \frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}}(\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^+\gamma^I\tilde{D}^+)\Omega_\sigma^{-2I}\left(1 + \frac{\alpha'}{\rho^{\tau-2}}\Delta_{(-)}^{-2}\right)\delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\left[\Omega_\sigma^{+2I}\left(1 + \frac{\alpha'}{\rho^{\tau-2}}\Delta_{(-)}^{-2}\right) + \frac{i}{4\rho^{\tau-2}}(\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^+\gamma^I\mathcal{D}_\sigma\eta^-)\left(1 + \frac{2\alpha'}{\rho^{\tau-2}}\Delta_{(-)}^{-2}\right)\right] \\ &\quad \times B^{-2I}\delta(\sigma - \sigma') + O(J^{-2}). \end{aligned} \tag{87}$$

PB of the $SO(1, 1)$ and $SO(8)$ generators (56) and (29) and the second-class constraints are determined by their properties under the $SO(1, 1) \times SO(8)$ transformations and hence are proportional to the second-class constraints. So the DB involving $\tilde{M}^{+2-2} \approx 0$ and/or $M^{IJ} \approx 0$ are equal to the corresponding PB.

4. Conclusion

The present paper investigates the canonical approach application to the $D = 10$ superstring first-order action involving spinor harmonics and formulated in terms of supertwistor variables generalizing Penrose–Ferber ones. We have identified the primary and secondary constraints on the supertwistors and conjugate momenta, analyzed their consistency, and as a result obtained the set of first-class constraints that includes twistor realizations of the reparametrization, $SO(1, 1) \times SO(8)$ gauge symmetry and κ -symmetry generators. The superstring model is also characterized by the second-class constraints that can be taken into account by constructing DB. To this end, we have chosen the basis in the space of the second-class constraints such that the Dirac matrix acquires the form of the sum of block-diagonal graded antisymmetric matrix J proportional to $(\alpha')^{-1}$ and the one linear in the constraints. So the DB can be evaluated perturbatively as the series in J^{-1} . Introduction of DB leads to the deformation of the first-class constraint algebra; the deformation parameter can be identified with α' . We have explicitly found the DB deformation of the first-class constraint algebra up to quadratic terms in the constraints, although it can be calculated to any order in J^{-1} . One could expect some simplification of the expression for DB by choosing such representation for the second-class constraints for which the Dirac matrix becomes equal to J . This, however, requires an addition to the obtained second-class constraints of the terms containing higher powers of the constraints to compensate weakly vanishing contributions to their PB. Another way to handle the second-class constraints is to bring them by canonical transformation to the special form⁹ and then solve with respect to the subset of the canonically conjugate variables equal in number to the second-class constraints [64]. An alternative mode could be to consider the covariant supertwistor analog of the semi-lightcone gauge approach to the GS superstring quantization [65]. Its examination for the superstring in the twistor formulation has been initiated in [66] on the example of the $D = 4$ model. All these possibilities are under consideration.

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⁹ Note that the conjugate pairs of the second-class constraints $(P_\tau^{\pm 2}, \Delta_{(\pm)}^{\mp 2})$ are already brought to the special form.

Appendix A. PB relations of the primary and secondary constraints

Fermionic constraints (18) satisfy the following nonzero PB relations between themselves,

$$\begin{aligned}\{D_A^-(\sigma), D_B^-(\sigma')\} &= \frac{1}{8\alpha'} \delta_{AB} (is\omega_\sigma^{-2} - i\rho^{\tau-2} - s\varphi_\sigma^{-2}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^+(\sigma), D_B^+(\sigma')\} &= \frac{1}{8\alpha'} \delta_{AB} (is\omega_\sigma^{+2} - i\rho^{\tau+2} - s\varphi_\sigma^{+2}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^-(\sigma), D_B^+(\sigma')\} &= \frac{s}{8\alpha'} \gamma_{AB}^I (\varphi_\sigma^I - i\omega_\sigma^I) \delta(\sigma - \sigma')\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A.1})$$

and with the Φ -constraints (17)

$$\begin{aligned}\{D_A^-(\sigma), \Phi^{+2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{is}{4\alpha'} \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad \{D_A^-(\sigma), \Phi^I(\sigma')\} = \frac{is}{8\alpha'} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^+(\sigma), \Phi^{-2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{is}{4\alpha'} \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad \{D_A^+(\sigma), \Phi^I(\sigma')\} = \frac{is}{8\alpha'} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ \delta(\sigma - \sigma').\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A.2})$$

σ -components of the worldsheet projections of ω 1-forms that enter the secondary constraints (39) and (41) satisfy the PB relations with the fermionic constraints

$$\begin{aligned}\{D_A^-(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{+2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{i}{8} \eta_A^+(\sigma) \left(\partial_\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{+2-2} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{4} \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ + \frac{1}{4} \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^- \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^-(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{-2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{i}{16} \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^- \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^-(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^I(\sigma')\} &= -\frac{i}{16} \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'}^I \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^-(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + \frac{i}{8} \left(\gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- + \frac{1}{2} \eta_A^+ \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^+(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{-2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{i}{8} \eta_A^-(\sigma) \left(\partial_\sigma + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{+2-2} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{4} \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- + \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+ \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^+(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{+2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{i}{16} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+ \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{D_A^+(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^I(\sigma')\} &= -\frac{i}{16} \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'}^I \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + \frac{i}{8} \left(\tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ + \frac{1}{2} \eta_A^- \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'),\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A.3})$$

and with the Φ -constraints

$$\begin{aligned}\{\Phi^{\pm 2}(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{\mp 2}(\sigma')\} &= -2(\partial_\sigma \pm \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{\pm 2-2}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{\Phi^I(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{\pm 2}(\sigma')\} &= \{\omega_\sigma^I(\sigma), \Phi^{\pm 2}(\sigma')\} = \Omega_\sigma^{\pm 2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma').\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A.4})$$

The PB of $SO(1, 1)$ and $SO(1, 9)/(SO(1, 1) \times SO(8))$ coset generators (26)–(28) with the fermionic constraints equal

$$\begin{aligned}\{M^{+2-2}(\sigma), D_A^-(\sigma')\} &= -\left(D_A^- + \frac{i\rho^{\tau-2}}{8\alpha'} \eta_A^+ \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{M^{+2-2}(\sigma), D_A^+(\sigma')\} &= \left(D_A^+ + \frac{i\rho^{\tau+2}}{8\alpha'} \eta_A^- \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{M^{+2I}(\sigma), D_A^-(\sigma')\} &= \gamma_{AA}^I \left(D_A^+ + \frac{i\rho^{\tau+2}}{16\alpha'} \eta_A^- \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{+2I}(\sigma), D_A^+(\sigma')\} &= \frac{i\rho^{\tau+2}}{16\alpha'} \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \eta_A^+ \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{-2I}(\sigma), D_A^-(\sigma')\} &= \frac{i\rho^{\tau-2}}{16\alpha'} \gamma_{AA}^I \eta_A^- \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{-2I}(\sigma), D_A^+(\sigma')\} &= \tilde{\gamma}_{AA}^I \left(D_A^- + \frac{i\rho^{\tau-2}}{16\alpha'} \eta_A^+ \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma')
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

while with the Φ -constraints read

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{M^{+2-2}(\sigma), \Phi^{\pm 2}(\sigma')\} &= \pm 2 \left(\Phi^{\pm 2} - \frac{1}{\alpha'} \rho^{\tau \pm 2} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{\pm 2I}(\sigma), \Phi^{\mp 2}(\sigma')\} &= -2 \Phi^I \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{\pm 2I}(\sigma), \Phi^J(\sigma')\} &= -\delta^{IJ} \left(\Phi^{\pm 2} - \frac{\rho^{\tau \pm 2}}{\alpha'} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma').
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

Finally, the PB of the $SO(1, 1)$ and $SO(1, 9)/(SO(1, 1) \times SO(8))$ generators and the σ -components of ω 1-forms are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{M^{+2-2}(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{\pm 2}(\sigma')\} &= \pm 2 \omega_\sigma^{\pm 2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{\pm 2I}(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^{\mp 2}(\sigma')\} &= -2 \omega_\sigma^I \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\
 \{M^{\pm 2I}(\sigma), \omega_\sigma^J(\sigma')\} &= -\delta^{IJ} \omega_\sigma^{\pm 2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma').
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

Rhs of the PB of $SO(8)$ generators $M^{IJ} \approx 0$ with the fermionic constraints, Φ -constraints and the σ -components of ω 1-forms are defined by their transformation properties under the $SO(8)$ transformations and exhibit no ‘anomalous’ contributions as opposed to the above-given PB.

Appendix B. PB relations of the second-class constraints

PB of the $SO(8)$ vector constraints (27), (28) and (67) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{\Delta_k^I(\sigma), \Delta_{k'}^J(\sigma')\} &= \left(\frac{\Delta_k^{-2}}{\rho^{\tau-2}}(\sigma) + \frac{\Delta_{k'}^{-2}}{\rho^{\tau-2}}(\sigma') \right) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &+ \left(\frac{\Delta_k^{+2}}{\rho^{\tau+2}}(\sigma) + \frac{\Delta_{k'}^{+2}}{\rho^{\tau+2}}(\sigma') \right) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_\sigma^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{\Omega_\sigma^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) (\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_\sigma^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{\Omega_\sigma^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) (\sigma') \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} (\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IK} \delta^{JL} - \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'}^{JK} \delta^{IL}) \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_\sigma^{+2L}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{\Omega_\sigma^{-2L}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &- \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IK} \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'}^{JL} \frac{M^{KL}}{\rho^{\tau+2} \rho^{\tau-2}} (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'),
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{M^{+2I}(\sigma), \Delta_k^J(\sigma')\} &= \frac{(k-1)\rho^{\tau+2}}{\alpha'} \delta^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') - 2\delta^{IJ} \Delta_k^{+2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad - \left[\frac{\tilde{M}^{+2-2}}{2\rho^{\tau-2}} - \frac{(\rho^{\tau+2} P_\tau^{-2} + \rho^{\tau-2} P_\tau^{+2})}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right] (\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'}^{JK} \frac{M^{IK}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\delta^{IJ} \delta^{KL} - \delta^{IK} \delta^{JL}) \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \Omega_\sigma^{+2L} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \tag{B.2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{M^{-2I}(\sigma), \Delta_k^J(\sigma')\} &= \frac{(k+1)\rho^{\tau-2}}{\alpha'} \delta^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') - 2\delta^{IJ} \Delta_k^{-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad - \left[\frac{\tilde{M}^{+2-2}}{2\rho^{\tau+2}} + \frac{(\rho^{\tau+2} P_\tau^{-2} + \rho^{\tau-2} P_\tau^{+2})}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \right] (\sigma) \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'}^{JK} \frac{M^{IK}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\delta^{IJ} \delta^{KL} - \delta^{IK} \delta^{JL}) \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \Omega_\sigma^{-2L} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'). \tag{B.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

PB of the constraints (67) and constraints (55), (54) and (22) equal

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{\Delta_k^I(\sigma), \Delta_{(+)}^{-2}(\sigma')\} &= \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \frac{\Delta_k^{+2}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta^{JK} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + M^{JK} \right) \frac{\Omega_\sigma^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2} \rho^{\tau-2}} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4\rho^{\tau+2}} (\Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \Omega_\sigma^{-2J} + \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \Omega_\sigma^{+2J}) \left(\frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \left[2\Delta_{(+)}^J - \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{JK} \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \right) \right] (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \tag{B.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{\Delta_k^I(\sigma), \Delta_{(-)}^{+2}(\sigma')\} &= \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \frac{\Delta_k^{-2}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \delta^{JK} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + M^{JK} \right) \frac{\Omega_\sigma^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2} \rho^{\tau-2}} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4\rho^{\tau-2}} (\Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \Omega_\sigma^{-2J} + \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \Omega_\sigma^{+2J}) \left(\frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \left[2\Delta_{(-)}^J + \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{JK} \left(\frac{M^{+2K}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2K}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \right) \right] (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \tag{B.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\{\Delta_k^I(\sigma), P_\tau^{\pm 2}(\sigma')\} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \frac{M^{\mp 2J}}{(\rho^{\tau \mp 2})^2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'). \tag{B.6}$$

$SO(1, 9)/(SO(1, 1) \times SO(8))$ coset generators satisfy the following PB with the scalar second-class constraints:

$$\{M^{+2I}(\sigma), \Delta_k^{+2}(\sigma')\} = \frac{1}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \left[\delta^{IJ} \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} - \rho^{\tau+2} P_\tau^{-2} \right) - M^{IJ} \right] \Omega_\sigma^{+2J} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \tag{B.7}$$

$$\{M^{-2I}(\sigma), \Delta_k^{-2}(\sigma')\} = -\frac{1}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \left[\delta^{IJ} \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + \rho^{\tau-2} P_\sigma^{+2} \right) + M^{IJ} \right] \Omega_\sigma^{-2J} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{M^{+2I}(\sigma), \Delta_k^{-2}(\sigma')\} = & - \left[\Delta_k^I + \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} P_\tau^{+2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(\frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} + \frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \right) \right] \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ & + \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{+2-2} \delta^{IJ} \right) \frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{M^{-2I}(\sigma), \Delta_k^{+2}(\sigma')\} = & - \left[\Delta_k^I + \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} P_\tau^{-2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(\frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} + \frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \right) \right] \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ & + \left(\mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} - \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{+2-2} \delta^{IJ} \right) \frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}}(\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.10})$$

Scalar second-class constraints are characterized by the PB relations

$$\begin{aligned} \{\Delta_k^{-2}(\sigma), \Delta_{k'}^{-2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{(k-k')}{2\rho^{\tau+2}} \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \Phi^I \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{\Delta_k^{+2}(\sigma), \Delta_{k'}^{+2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{(k-k')}{2\rho^{\tau-2}} \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} \Phi^I \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{\Delta_k^{+2}(\sigma), \Delta_{k'}^{-2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}} \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \Omega_\sigma^{+2J} \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta^{IJ} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} + M^{IJ} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{\Delta_{(\mp)}^{\pm 2}(\sigma), P_\tau^{\mp 2}(\sigma')\} &= \pm \frac{1}{\alpha'} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \\ \{\Delta_{(\mp)}^{\pm 2}(\sigma), P_\tau^{\pm 2}(\sigma')\} &= \frac{1}{2(\rho^{\tau\mp})^2} \Omega_\sigma^{\pm 2I} M^{\mp 2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.11})$$

Fermionic second-class constraints (53) satisfy PB relations among themselves

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), \tilde{D}_B^-(\sigma')\} = & -\frac{i\rho^{\tau-2}}{4\alpha'} \delta_{AB} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + \frac{i}{4} \delta_{AB} \left[\Delta_{(+)}^{-2} - \partial_\sigma P_\tau^{-2} + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{+2-2} P_\tau^{-2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \left(\frac{M^{-2I}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} - \frac{M^{+2I}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \right) \right] \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.12})$$

and with bosonic second-class constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), \Delta_k^I(\sigma')\} = & \frac{i}{4\rho^{\tau-2}} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \Delta_k^{-2} \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ & + \frac{i}{16\rho^{\tau-2}} (\Omega_\sigma^{-2I} \gamma_{AA}^J \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- + \Omega_\sigma^{-2J} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^-) \left(\frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} - \frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ & + \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left[\frac{1}{2\rho^{\tau+2}} \gamma_{AA}^J \tilde{D}_A^+ - \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta^{JK} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} - M^{JK} \right) \gamma_{AA}^K \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau+2}\rho^{\tau-2}} \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ M^{-2J} - \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}} \gamma_{AA}^J \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- P_\tau^{-2} \right] (\sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.13})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), M^{+2I}(\sigma')\} = & - \left(\gamma_{AA}^I \tilde{D}_A^+ - \frac{i}{4\rho^{\tau-2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta^{IJ} \tilde{M}^{+2-2} - M^{IJ} \right) \gamma_{AA}^J \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \right) \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \\ & - \frac{i}{4\rho^{\tau-2}} (\mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ M^{-2I} + \rho^{\tau+2} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- P_\tau^{-2}) \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.14})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), \Delta_k^{+2}(\sigma')\} = & \frac{i(k+1)}{8\alpha'} \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^+ \delta(\sigma - \sigma') + \frac{i}{8\rho^{\tau-2}} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- \left[\Delta_k^I + \Omega_\sigma^{+2I} P_\tau^{-2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_\sigma^{IJ} \left(\frac{M^{+2J}}{\rho^{\tau+2}} - \frac{M^{-2J}}{\rho^{\tau-2}} \right) \right] \delta(\sigma - \sigma'), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.15})$$

$$\{\tilde{D}_A^-(\sigma), P_\tau^{+2}(\sigma')\} = -\frac{i}{8(\rho^{\tau-2})^2} \gamma_{AA}^I \mathcal{D}_\sigma \eta_A^- M^{-2I} \delta(\sigma - \sigma'). \quad (\text{B.16})$$

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