

Introduction to the Basic Concepts of String Theory

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Abstract - String Theory is the future of the theoretical physics. This theory originated, to solve the problem of unification of the weakest of the four fundamental forces, i.e. the Gravitational Force with the Quantum Field Theory. String Theory explains that the fundamental particles of this universe are thin one-dimensional "Strings", rather than the point particles. Here we imagine that the most fundamental things in the universe, are these strings. These strings vibrate in certain patterns, and different patterns of the string vibration produce different fundamental particles, just like the strings in a musical instrument. This theory answers many questions which arose in the limelight of The Theory Of Everything and the Grand Unified Theory.

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1. INTRODUCTION

String Theory is a yearning project. It is a sweeping theory of the universe, binding together the powers of Nature, including gravity, in a single quantum mechanical structure. The reason for the formulation of string theory is that, at the crucial level, matter doesn't comprise of point-particles yet rather of tiny loops of string. From this marginally ludicrous start, the laws of physics arise. General relativity, electromagnetism and Yang-Factories measure speculations all show up in an amazing style. Be that as it may, they accompany things. string theory brings about a large group of different fixings, most strikingly extra spatial components of the universe past the three that we have noticed. There is no test proof that string theory is the right depiction of our reality and it is hard to expect that hard proof will emerge soon. Also, string theory is very much a work in progress and certain parts of the theory are a long way from apprehension. Irritating issues flourish and it appears to be likely that the last definition still can't seem to be composed. Thus, the introduction of this paper is started by proposing a few answers with the inquiry.

2.1 STANDARD MODEL

Our present information about the subatomic composition of the universe is summed up in what is known as the Standard Model of Particle Physics. It portrays both the principal building blocks out from which the world is made, and the powers through which these blocks interact. There are twelve essential structural blocks. Six of these are Quarks. They pass by the intriguing names of up, down, charm, strange, bottom and top. A portion of the higher fundamental particles in the nature, like the proton in an atom, is made of two quark units. The other six are Leptons. These incorporate the electron and its two heavier siblings, the Muon and the Tauon, just as three Neutrinos. There are four fundamental forces in the universe: Gravity, Electro-Magnetic Forces, Weak and Strong Nuclear Forces. Each of these is delivered by essential particles that go about as transporters of the power. The most natural of these is the Photon, a molecule of light, which is the mediator of Electro-Magnetic Force. The Graviton is the molecule in relation to gravity. The Strong Nuclear Force is conveyed by eight particles known as Gluons. And the Weak Nuclear Force is communicated by the particles, W+, W-, and the Z particles. There is another particle, also known as the "God Particle", The Higgs Boson. The Higgs Boson assumes a remarkable part in the Standard Model, by explaining why the other rudimentary particles, aside from the photon and gluon, are massive. Specifically, the Higgs Boson clarifies why the photon has no mass, while the W and Z Bosons are very heavy. Elementary-particle masses, and the distinctions between Electromagnetism (interceded by the photon) and the Weak power (intervened by the W and Z Bosons), are basic to numerous parts of the construction of infinitesimal (and henceforth naturally visible) matter. In electroweak theory, the Higgs Boson produces the majority of the leptons (electron, muon, and tauon) and quarks. As the Higgs Boson is huge, it should communicate with itself. Behaviour of these particles and powers is portrayed with perfect accuracy by the Standard Model. The Standard Model is both surprisingly straightforward and incredible. There are intricate conditions communicating this in a numerical

manner. These conditions permit scholars to make exceptionally exact predictions. Essentially every amount that has been estimated in particle physics labs in the course of recent many years falls directly on the anticipated worth, inside experimental error margins. For technical reasons, the Gravitational Force, the most common in our everyday lives, has demonstrated exceptionally hard to describe microscopically. This has been for a long time perhaps the main issues in theoretical physics - to form a quantum theory of gravity.

thought to be close to the the Planck length, or 10–35 meters, the scale at which the impacts of quantum gravity are accepted to become huge. On a much bigger length scales, for example, the scales noticeable in physical science labs, such objects would be indistinguishable from zero-dimensional point particles, and the vibrational condition of the string would decide the type of molecule. One of the vibrational conditions of a string compares to the Graviton, a quantum mechanical particle that conveys the Gravitational Force. The first form of string theory was Bosonic string theory, yet this variant portrayed only Bosons, a class of particles which communicate powers between the matter particles, or Fermions. Bosonic string theory was ultimately supplanted by a theory called Super-string theory. These hypotheses depict the two Bosons and Fermions, and they join a theoretical idea called Supersymmetry (SUSY) . This is a mathematical relation that lies between the bosons and fermions, which exists in certain physical theory. In theories with supersymmetry, every Boson has a partner which is a Fermion, and vice versa.



Fig-1 : Fundamental Particles

2.2 WHAT IS STRING THEORY

The fundamental thought behind string theory is this: the entirety of the distinctive fundamental particles of the Standard Model are truly various indications of one essential item: a string. Indeed, we would commonly picture an electron, for example, as a point with no internal structure. A point can't do anything besides move. A string can accomplish something apart from moving, it can oscillate in different ways. If the string oscillates in a certain way, incapable to advise it's anything but a string, we see an electron. Yet, assuming it sways some alternate way, indeed, we consider it a photon, or a quark. In this way, if string theory is right, the whole world is made of strings! Over the most recent couple of years, string theory has arisen as the most encouraging contender for a microscopic theory of gravity. Also, it is endlessly more driven than that: it endeavors to give a total, brought together, and reliable portrayal of the basic design of our universe. (Hence it is now and again, presumptuously, called a 'Theory of Everything'). One of the fundamental improvements of the past several decades in string theory was the revelation of specific "dualities", numerical changes that recognize one actual theory with another. Physicists contemplating string theory have found some of these dualities between various forms of string theory, and this has prompted the guess that all reliable variants of string theory are subsumed in a single system known as M-theory. In speculations of particle physics dependent on string theory, the characteristic length size of strings is

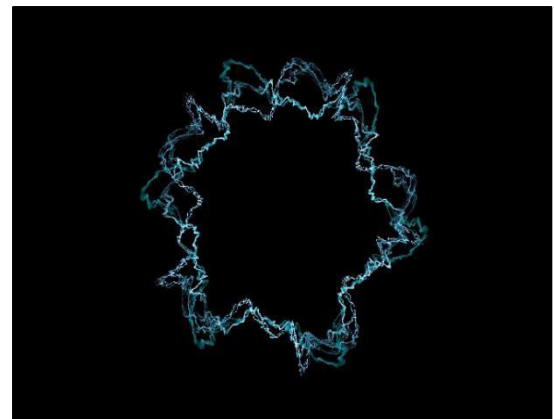


Fig-2 : The Imaginary String

2.3 WHY WAS STRING THEORY DEVELOPED

The general theory of relativity is defined inside the structure of classical Physics, though the other fundamental Forces are portrayed inside the system of quantum mechanics. A quantum theory of gravity is required to accommodate general relativity with the standards of quantum mechanics. Notwithstanding the issue of fostering a reliable theory of quantum gravity, there are numerous other central issues in the physical science of atomic nuclei, black holes, and the early universe. String theory is a theoretical framework that endeavors to resolve these inquiries and numerous others. The first time strings were utilized to model particles, it was as a helpful method to take a gander at information. In 1968 Gabriele Veneziano, a youthful scientist at CERN, was attempting to portray the strong force. He understood that a condition, composed by Leonard Euler a few

centuries sooner, appeared to do the work. Their unique string model of Bosons (force particles) was reliable with special relativity (Einstein's depiction of articles moving at high speeds) and quantum mechanics, yet required 26 measurements. Their theory likewise anticipated the presence of particles called Tachyons, which had negative mass and could move quicker than the speed of light. These properties appeared to be outlandish to the vast majority. However, in 1971 Pierre Ramond had altered the theory to incorporate Fermions (matter particles), and in doing so discovered supersymmetry. His Superstring theory had no tachyons and diminished the necessary number of measurements to ten. For about 10 years, string theory was an absolutely peripheral subject in hypothetical material science. Be that as it may, in 1984 a milestone paper by Michael Green and John Schwarz changed the mind-set totally. They found an extra commitment to oddities – presently called the Green-Schwarz term- and showed that this term emerged in string theory. Abruptly, the inconsistencies evaporated because of a huge number of cancellations. The theory turned out to be unbiased, along with being seriously encouraging at the same time. Very soon physicists noticed that string theory could effectively give models with the fundamental highlights of the Standard Model plus gravity. For a short inebriating second, it appeared to be that just one little push would be needed to acquire the last brought together quantum theory of the multitude of powers.

2.4 SUPER SYMMETRY

In particle physics, supersymmetry is a rule that proposes a connection between two essential classes of rudimentary particles: bosons, which have a number valued spin, and fermions, which have a half-indispensable twist. A sort of space-time symmetry, supersymmetry is a potential applicant for undiscovered particle physics, and seen as an exquisite answer for some current issues in particle physics whenever affirmed right, which could resolve different regions where current speculations are accepted to be inadequate. A super-symmetrical extension to the Standard Model would resolve major hierarchy problems within Gauge theory, by ensuring that quadratic divergences of all orders will cancel out in perturbation theory. In supersymmetry, every particle from one group would have an associated particle in the other, which is known as its super partner, the twist of which varies by a half-whole number. These super partners would be new and unseen particles. For instance, there would be a molecule called a "selectron"(super partner electron), a bosonic partner of the electron. In the easiest supersymmetry speculations, with consummately "whole" supersymmetry, each pair of super partners would have

a similar mass and internal quantum numbers besides turn. Since we hope to track down these "super partners" utilizing present-day hardware, in the event that supersymmetry exists, it comprises of a spontaneously symmetry allowing super partners to contrast in mass. Spontaneously broken supersymmetry could tackle numerous baffling issues in particle physics including the hierarchy issue.

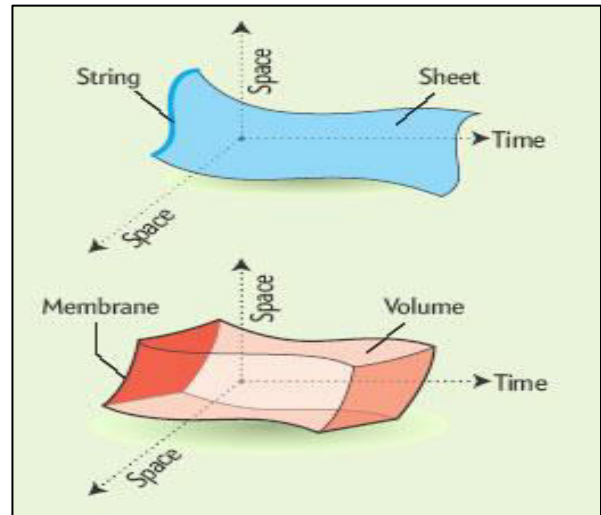


Fig-3 : String and Plane in Brane Theory

2.5 M THEORY

When the Super-string Theory was proposed, the researchers later came to realize that there were five diverse Super string Theories. During that period, a researcher named Edward Witten contended that these five theories were only the indication of a single theory. Aside from the way that rather than one there are five unique, solid hypotheses of strings (three super-strings and two heterotic strings) there was another trouble in considering these speculations: there were no apparatuses to investigate the theory over all possible values of the parameters in the theory. Later it was understood that those five string speculations are really islands on a similar planet, not various ones. In this way there is a fundamental theory of which all string speculations are just various angles. This was called M-theory. The M may represent Mother, everything being equal, or Mystery. Despite the fact that physicists have still not uncovered the mysteries of M-theory, they have distinguished a few properties that the theory would have if Witten's guess ends up being valid. 11 elements of room time contains strings and branes (initially called membranes) strategies for utilizing compactification to clarify how the additional measurements decrease to the four space-time measurements. We observe dualities and identifications inside the theory that permit it to diminish to unique instances of the string theories known, and at last into the material science we see in our universe.

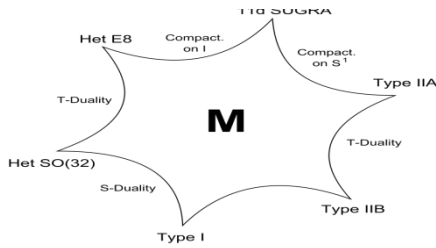


Fig-4 : The M Theory

| Type | Space-time Dimensions | Details |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Bosonic | 26 | Only bosons, no fermions means only forces, no matter, with both open and closed strings. a particle with imaginary mass, called the <i>tachyon</i> . |
| I | 10 | Supersymmetry between forces and matter, with both open and closed strings, no tachyon, group symmetry $SO(32)$. |
| IIA | 10 | Supersymmetry between forces and matter, with closed strings only, no tachyon, massless fermions spin both ways (<i>nonchiral</i>). |
| IIB | 10 | Supersymmetry between forces and matter, with closed strings only, no tachyon, massless fermions only spin one way (<i>chiral</i>). |
| $SO(32)$ heterotic | 10 | Supersymmetry between forces and matter, with closed strings only, no tachyon, heterotic, meaning right moving and left moving strings differ, group symmetry is $SO(32)$. |
| $E_8 \times E_8$ Heterotic | 10 | Supersymmetry between forces and matter, with closed strings only, no tachyon, heterotic, meaning right moving and left moving strings differ, group symmetry is $E_8 \times E_8$. |

Fig-5 : Types of String Theory

2.6 HIGHER DIMENSIONS

At the point when somebody specifies "various measurements," we will in general consider things like equal universes – alternate realities that exist parallel to our own, yet where things work or occur in an unexpected way. Notwithstanding, the truth of measurements and how they assume a part in the ordering of our Universe is actually very unique in relation to this well known portrayal. To separate it, measurements are basically the various features of what we see to be reality. Beyond these three apparent measurements, researchers accept that there might be some more. These various angles are what administer the universe, the fundamental forces of nature, and every one of the elementary particles contained inside. The first measurement, as effectively noted, is what gives it length (otherwise known as. the x-axis). A decent portrayal of a one-dimensional item is a straight line, which exists just as far as length and has no other perceivable characteristics. Add to it a second measurement, the y-axis (or tallness), and you get an item that turns into a 2-dimensional shape (like a square). The third dimension involves profundity (the z-axis), and gives all items a feeling of region and a cross-area. The ideal illustration of this is a 3D square, which exists in three dimensions and has a length, width, depth, and subsequently volume. Scientists accept that the fourth dimension time, which administers the properties of all known matter at some random point.

Alongside the three different dimensions, realizing an item's position in time is fundamental to plotting its situation in the universe. The fifth and sixth dimensions are the place where the thought of potential universes emerges. In the event that we could see on through to the fifth dimension, we would see a world somewhat not quite the same as our own that would give us methods for estimating the similitude and contrasts between our reality and other potential ones. In the sixth, we would see a plane of potential universes, where we could analyze and situate every one of the potential universes that begin with similar starting conditions as this one (for example the Huge explosion). In principle, in the event that you could dominate the fifth and sixth dimension, you could go back on schedule or go to various fates. In the seventh dimension, you approach the potential universes beginning with various starting conditions. Though in the fifth and sixth, the underlying conditions were something similar and ensuing activities were unique, here, everything is not the same as the earliest reference point of time. The eighth dimension again gives us a plane of such conceivable universe chronicles, every one of which starts with various introductory conditions and branches out limitlessly (thus why they are called vast qualities). In the ninth dimension, we can look at all the conceivable universe narratives, beginning with every one of the various potential laws of material science and introductory conditions. In the tenth and last dimension, we show up at the point where all that could be within reach and comprehensible is covered. Past this, nothing can be envisioned by us modest humans, which makes it the regular constraint of what we can imagine as far as dimensions. The presence of these extra six dimensions which we can't see is vital for string theory with the goal for there to be consistency in nature. The way that we can see just four components of room can be clarified by one of two instruments: either the additional dimensions are compactified on a limited scale, or, more than likely our reality may live on a 3-dimensional sub complex relating to a curve, on which all known particles other than gravity would be confined, notable as the Brane theory.

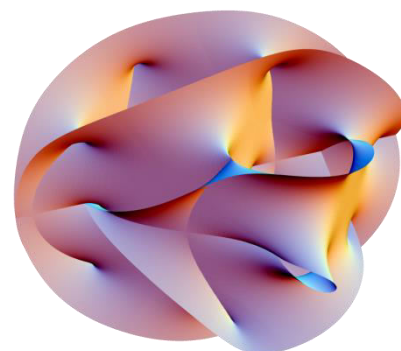


Fig-6 : Calabi-Yau Manifold - The 6 Dimensional Object

2.7 MULTIVERSE

The multiverse is a hypothetical group of multiple universes including the universe where people reside. Together, these universes involve all that exists: the aggregate of space, time, matter, energy, the physical laws and the constants that portray them. The various universes inside the multiverse are classified as "parallel universes", "other universes", or "alternative universes". The construction of the multiverse, the idea of every universe inside it, and the connections among these universes shift starting with one multiverse theory then onto the next. A multiverse of a fairly unique kind has been conceived within string theory and its higher-dimensional extension, M-theory. These theories require the presence of 10 or 11 space time dimensions separately. The additional 6 or 7 dimensions may either be compactified on a limited scale, or our universe may essentially be confined on a dynamical (3+1)- dimensional object, a D3-brane. This opens up the likelihood that there are other Branes which could uphold different universes.

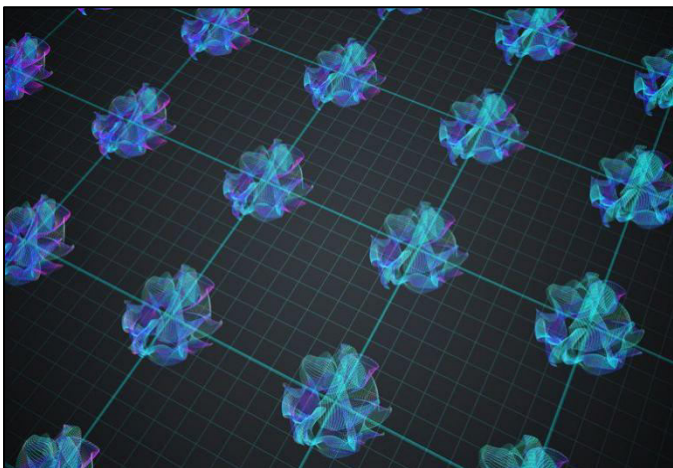


Fig-6 : The 6 Dimensional Object in a 3 Dimensional Space

2.8 QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY STRING THEORY

String theory offers a response as to why the Gravitational Force is the most vulnerable of the other crucial forces. As per the string theory, during any interaction in this universe, particles called Gravitons disseminate into the higher measurements. Subsequently, because of the consistent drainage of these Gravitons, the strength of the Gravitational Force is more vulnerable. Particles themselves come in numerous varieties, definitely a larger number of varieties than we appear to require, and every variety bounces by huge products in size. Rather than a smooth continuum of powers, particles, and energy, there are

enormous holes. A theory of everything ought to clarify why these holes exist and why they exist where they do. One more question is to determine the answer regarding the values of the fundamental constants. Physicists trust that a theory of everything would clarify the accuracy of these qualities, basically, clarify the motivation behind why life itself is permitted to exist in our universe, from basic standards of material science. Quantum Mechanics' meaning could be a little clearer. There's as yet not a single clear depiction of the actual rule that makes quantum mechanics work the manner in which it does.

3. CONCLUSION

String theory is quite possibly the most splendid, disputable and problematic thought in the entirety of physical science. At the core of string theory is the string of a thought that has gone through physical science for quite a long time, that at some key level, every one of the various powers, particles, communications and appearances of the truth are integrated as a feature of a similar structure. Rather than four autonomous major forces there's one brought together theory that envelops every one of them. In numerous respects, string theory is the best competitor for a quantum theory of attraction, which simply ends up binding together at the most noteworthy energy scales. In spite of the fact that there's no exploratory proof for it, there are convincing hypothetical motivations to figure it out which may very well be valid. Essentially, String Theory itself is the material science of fundamental particles. On the off chance that it is legitimized, by different techniques, which the world will see in the not so distant future, String Theory will be considered as the "Theory of Everything". It very well may be shown by mathematical equations that String Theory can possibly be treated as the "Grand Unified Theory".

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