

World Sheet Current and Conservation

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- ▶ The term "Conserved Current" is slight misleading, because actually charge is what gets conserved where charge is defined as $\int j^0 dx^D$.

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- ▶ We take the previous 2 transformations and look for conserved charges associated with String Motion.!!

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- ▶ So these current lives on the world sheet only, not on the whole space-time.
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