# Coupled Minimal Models (Irrationally) Revisited

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No literature on irrational, unitary CFTs with discrete spectrum and only Virasoro symmetry (irrational sigma models have higher symmetry like  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ )!





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Agrees with two loop calculation [CB, Rastelli, Rychkov, Zan; 17] .

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$$T_4 |0\rangle = \left[\sum_i L_{-4}^i - \frac{5}{3} \sum_i (L_{-2}^i)^2 + \frac{18}{N-1} \sum_{i < j} L_{-2}^i L_{-2}^j\right] |0\rangle \Rightarrow$$
  
$$\gamma[T_4] = (g_\sigma^* \pi)^2 \frac{5N+22}{2N(N-1)}$$

because rows of 1  $\times$  2 matrix  $\left< T_4^{\,\prime} V_3^{\,\prime} \sigma \right>$  are linearly independent.

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- Should determine conformal window non-perturbatively.
- For N = 4, check if W-algebra is W(2, 6).
- Consider  $S_N$  breaking flows e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  as in 3d [LeClair, Ludwig, Mussardo; 97].
- Couple  $\mathcal{W}[\mathfrak{d}_n]$  minimal models [Dotsenko, Nguyen, Santachiara; 01] .