

## Quadratic shift symmetry

Consider the following nonrelativistic scalar field theory (known as the “Lifshitz scalar”) in  $D + 1$  dimensions (which we will parametrize by Cartesian coordinates  $t$  and  $x^i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, D$ ):

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int dt d^D x \{ (\partial_t \phi)^2 - (\partial_i \partial_i \phi)^2 \}.$$

This theory is invariant under the following “quadratic shift” symmetry,

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + a_{ij} x^i x^j + a_i x^i + a,$$

where  $a_{ij}$ ,  $a_i$  and  $a$  are real, spacetime-independent constants.

Derive the Noether current for this symmetry (following the strategy outlined in Chapter 2.2 of [PS]), and prove that it is conserved.

**Reference:** This symmetry has played a central role in our recent paper, arXiv:1308.5967, *Multicritical Symmetry Breaking and Naturalness of Slow Nambu-Goldstone Bosons* (by T. Griffin, K. Grosvenor, Z. Yan & P.H.).