

Aspects of Entanglement in Quantum Field Theory



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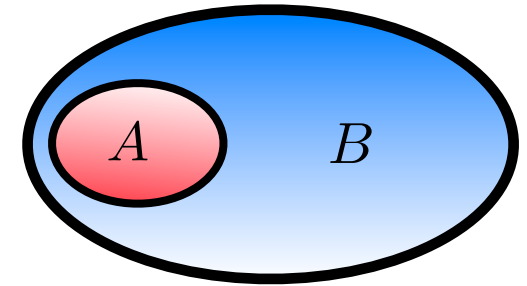
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- ➔ Entanglement in 2D CFT:
 - Entanglement entropies for disjoint intervals
 - Entanglement for mixed states: Negativity
- ➔ Entanglement in AdS/CFT:
 - Holographic entanglement entropy
 - Causal Holographic Information

Entanglement entropies: definition

- Quantum system (\mathcal{H}) in the ground state $|\Psi\rangle$
Density matrix $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| \implies \text{Tr}\rho^n = 1$



e.g.: spatial bipartition

- Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$$

- A's reduced density matrix $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho$ ($\text{Tr}_A \rho_A = 1$)

if ρ describes a pure state then ρ_A describes a mixed state

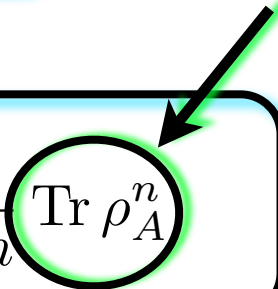
- Entanglement entropy \equiv Von Neumann entropy of ρ_A

$$S_A = -\text{Tr}_A(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$$

- Replica trick

$$S_A = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log(\text{Tr} \rho_A^n)}{1 - n} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \text{Tr} \rho_A^n$$

Rényi entropies $S_A^{(n)}$



Entanglement entropy: some properties

■ Bipartition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$ pure state

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_k c_k |\Psi_k\rangle_A |\Psi_k\rangle_B$$
$$c_k \geq 0 \quad \sum_k c_k^2 = 1$$

Schmidt decomposition

$$S_A = - \sum_k c_k^2 \log c_k^2 = S_B$$

$\Rightarrow S_A$ is not extensive

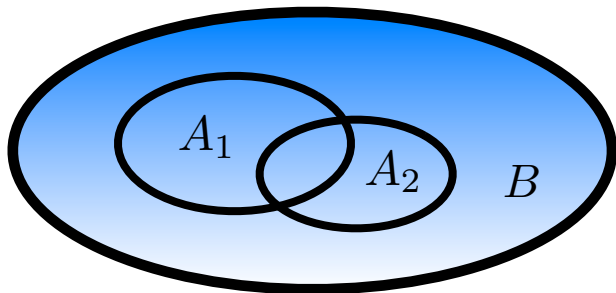
Araki-Lieb inequality

■ ρ mixed state $\delta S_A \equiv S_A - S_B$

$$|\delta S_A| \leq S_{A \cup B} = S_\rho$$

■ Subadditivity $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ $S_{A_1} + S_{A_2} \geq S_{A_1 \cup A_2}$

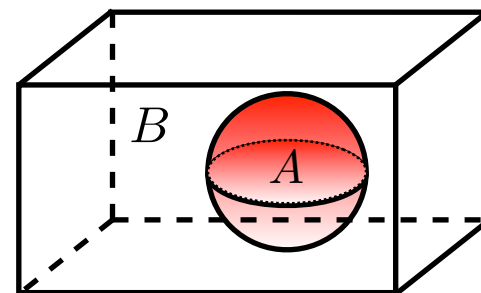
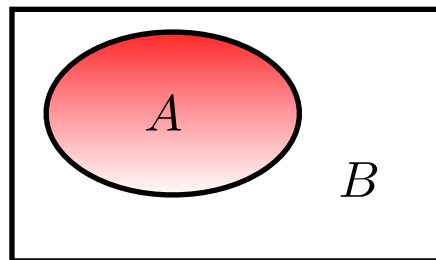
■ Strong Subadditivity



$$S_{A_1} + S_{A_2} \geq S_{A_1 \cup A_2} + S_{A_1 \cap A_2}$$
$$S_{A_1} + S_{A_2} \geq S_{A_1 \setminus A_2} + S_{A_2 \setminus A_1}$$

Geometric entropy: area law

- Assume that A and B correspond to a spatial bipartition of the system



- Area law: In d spatial dimensions when $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$ ($S_A = S_{A^c}$)

$$S_A \propto \frac{\text{Area}(\partial A)}{a^{d-1}} + \dots$$

[Bombelli, Koul, Lee, Sorkin, (1986)]

[Srednicki, (1993)]

- ➔ In $1 + 1$ CFTs at $T = 0$
[Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek, (1994)]
[Calabrese, Cardy, (2004)]

$$S_A = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\ell}{a} + \text{const}$$

- ➔ In $2 + 1$ CFTs for a circle
[Myers, Sinha, (2011)]
[Klebanov, Pufu, Safdi, (2011)]
[Casini, Huerta, (2012)]

$$S_A = \gamma \frac{2\pi R}{a} - f$$

- Area law violated in presence of Fermi surfaces: $S_A \sim L^{d-1} \log L$
[Wolf, (2005)] [Giov, Klich, (2005)]

Replica trick for the entanglement entropy

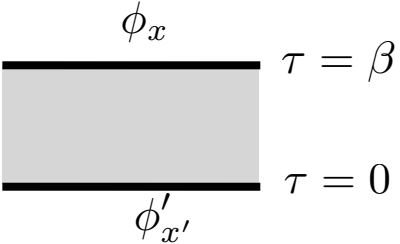
$$S_A = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log(\text{Tr} \rho_A^n)}{1-n} = -\lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \text{Tr} \rho_A^n$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$$

Rényi entropies

[Callan, Wilczek, (1994)]
 [Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek, (1994)]
 [Calabrese, Cardy, (2004)]

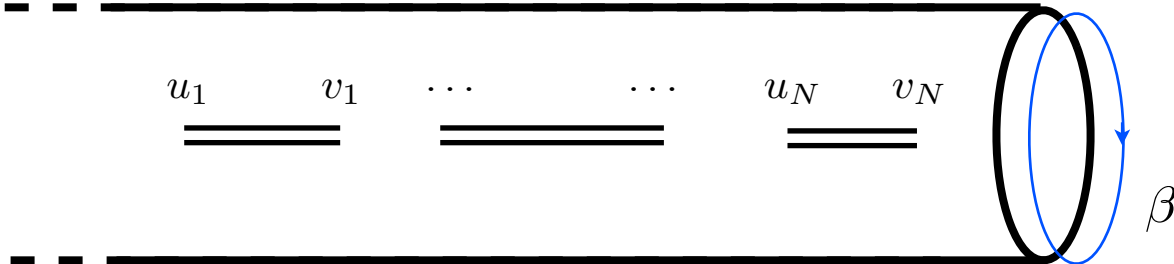
Example: density matrix ρ in a thermal state at temperature $T = 1/\beta$



$$\mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}$$
 The trace sews together the edges at $\tau = 0$ and $\tau = \beta$ providing a cylinder with circumference of length β .

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho$$

$$A = (u_1, v_1) \cup \dots \cup (u_N, v_N)$$



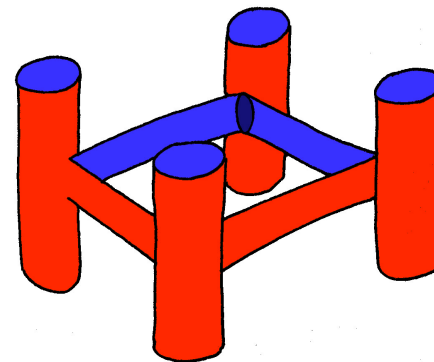
The trace Tr_B sews together only the points $\notin A$.
 Open cuts are left along the disjoint intervals (u_j, v_j) .

Entanglement entropies & Riemann surfaces

- n copies sewed together cyclically along the cuts

$$\text{Tr} \rho_A^n = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{N,n}}{\mathcal{Z}^n}$$

$$“\rho_A^{ij} \rho_A^{jk} \rho_A^{kl} \rho_A^{li}” =$$



- Partition function on the n sheeted Riemann surface $\mathcal{R}_{N,n}$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{N,n} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_A} [d\varphi_1 \cdots d\varphi_n]_{\mathbf{C}} \exp \left[- \int_{\mathbf{C}} dz d\bar{z} (\mathcal{L}[\varphi_1](z, \bar{z}) + \cdots + \mathcal{L}[\varphi_n](z, \bar{z})) \right]$$

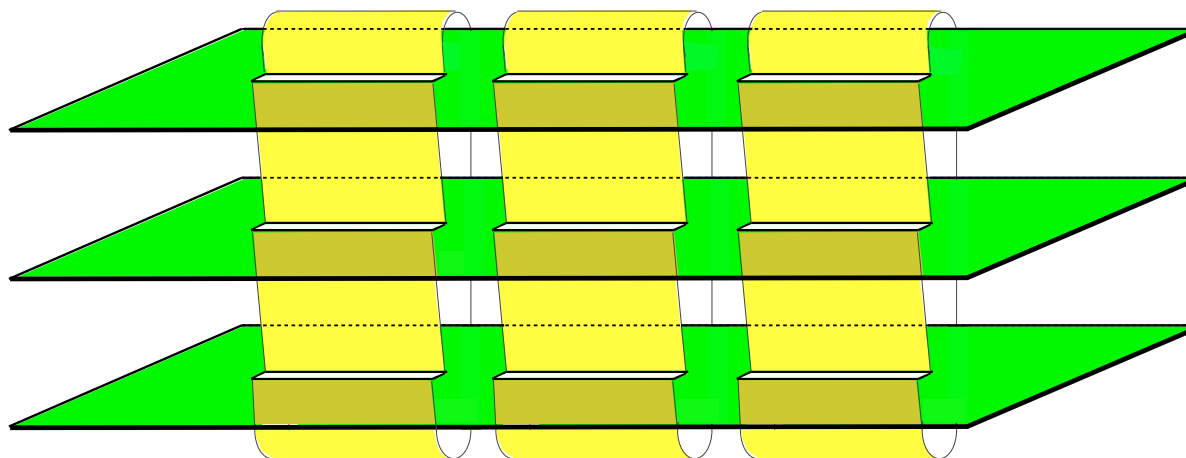
$$\mathcal{C}_A : \quad \varphi_i(x, 0^+) = \varphi_{i+1}(x, 0^-) \quad x \in A = \cup_{j=1}^N A_j \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

N cuts
 n sheets



$$g = (N - 1)(n - 1)$$

$\mathcal{R}_{3,3}$



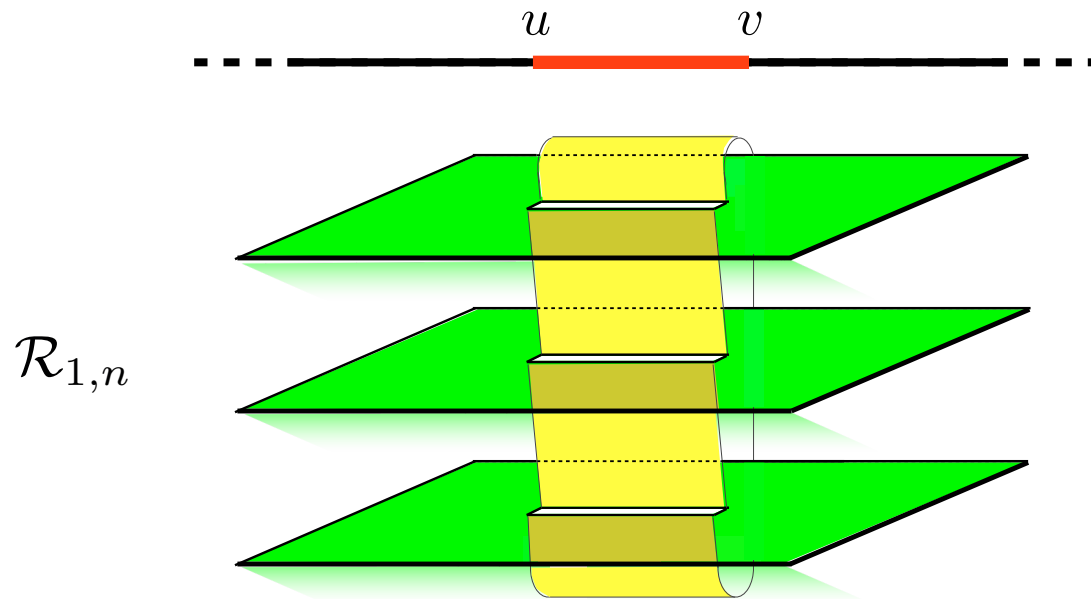
- Global symmetry $i \mapsto i + 1 \bmod n$ from replication

2D CFT: Entanglement entropies as correlation functions

- For one interval ($N = 1$) the Renyi entropies can be written as a two point function of *twist fields* $\mathcal{T}_n, \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n$ on the sphere

[Calabrese, Cardy, (2004)]

[Casini, Fosco, Huerta, (2005)] [Ryu, Takayanagi, (2006)] [Cardy, Castro-Alvaredo, Doyon, (2008)]



$$\Delta_n = \frac{c}{12} \left(n - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\text{Tr} \rho_A^n = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{1,n}}{\mathcal{Z}^n} = \langle \mathcal{T}_n(u) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n(v) \rangle = \frac{c_n}{|u - v|^{2\Delta_n}} \implies S_A = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\ell}{\epsilon} + c'_1$$

- Twist fields have been studied long ago in string theory

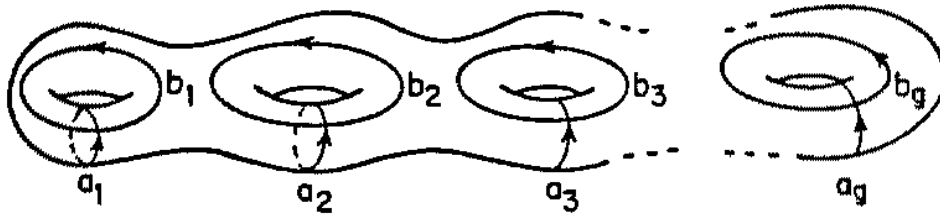
[Zamolodchikov, (1987)] [Dixon, Friedan, Martinec, Shenker, (1987)]

[Knizhnik, (1987)] [Bershadsky, Radul, (1987)]

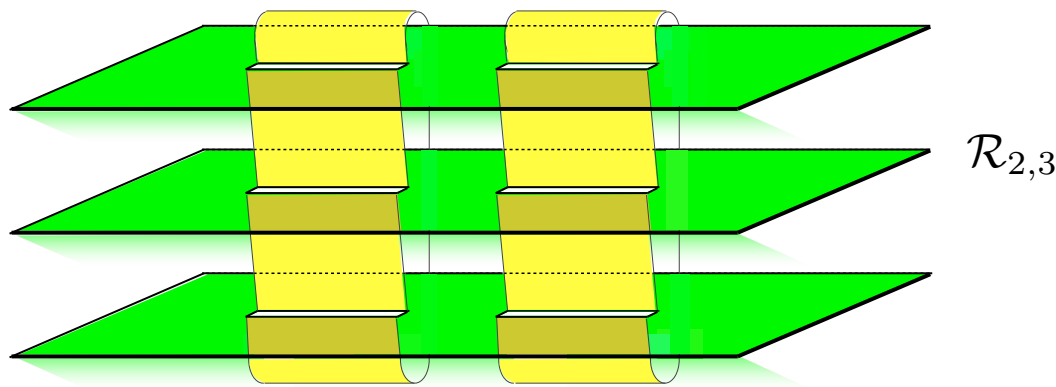
$N=2$: higher genus Riemann surfaces from replication



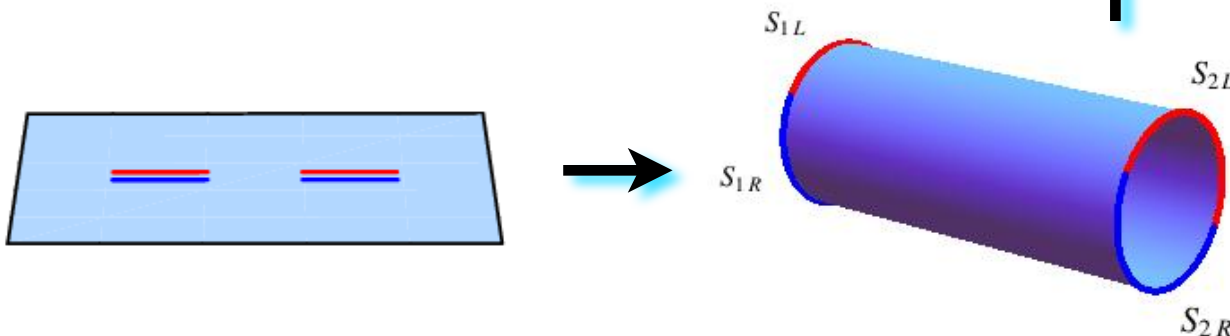
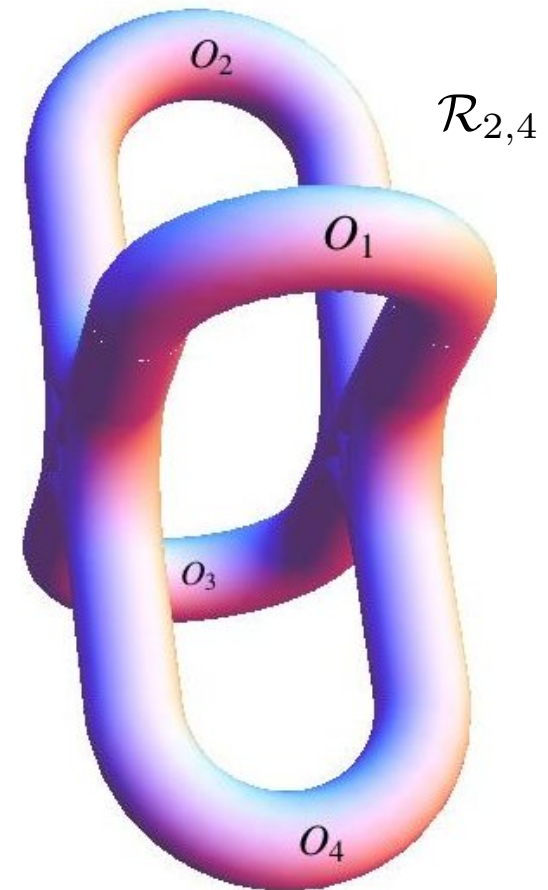
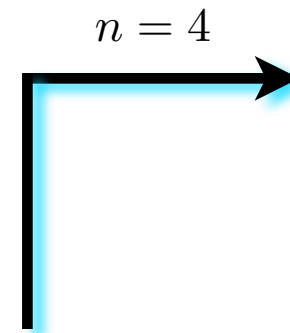
For many disjoint intervals higher genus Riemann surfaces occur



$3g - 3$ complex moduli for $g \geq 2$

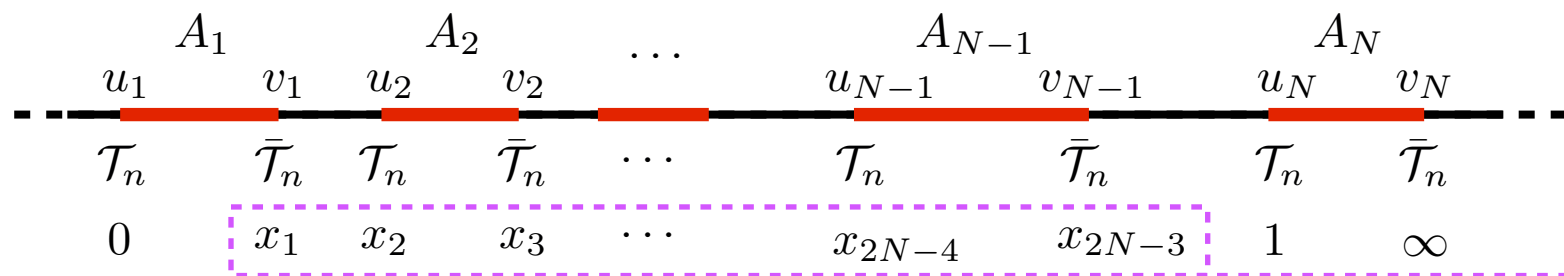


We are dealing with a subclass of Riemann surfaces of genus $g = (N - 1)(n - 1)$ obtained from replication
Indeed $\tau = \tau(\mathbf{x})$



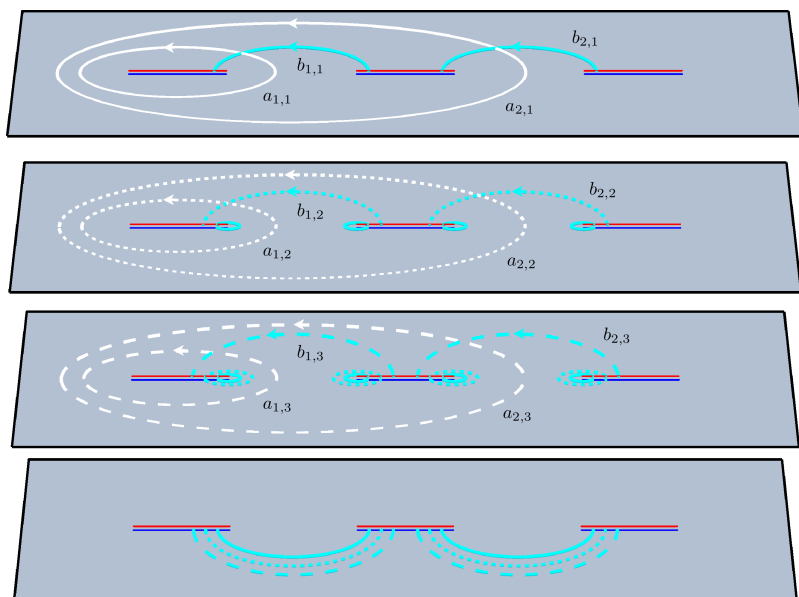
2D CFT: Renyi entropies for many disjoint intervals

N disjoint intervals $\implies 2N$ point function of twist fields

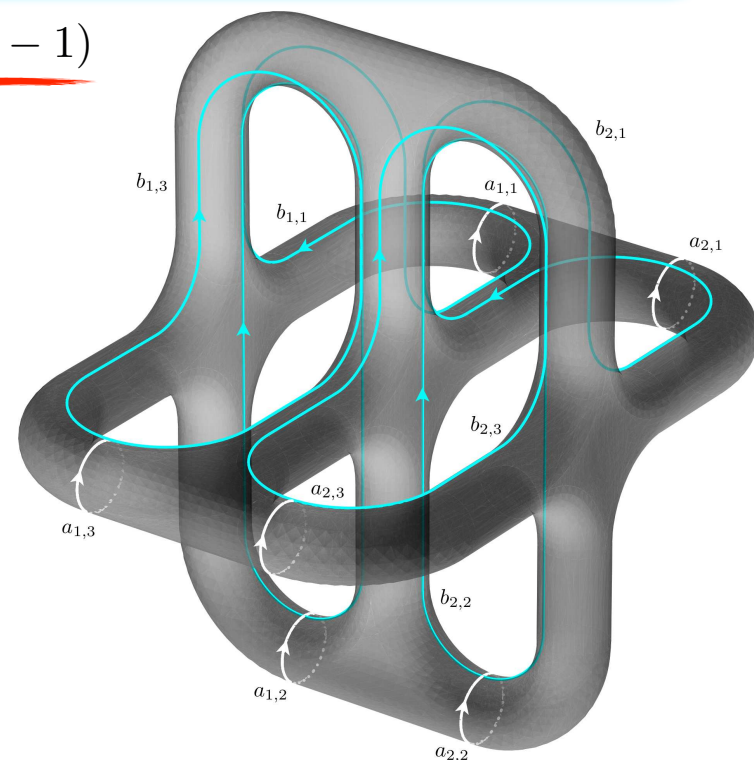


$$\text{Tr} \rho_A^n = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{N,n}}{\mathcal{Z}^n} = \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{T}_n(u_i) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n(v_i) \right\rangle = c_n^N \left| \frac{\prod_{i < j} (u_j - u_i)(v_j - v_i)}{\prod_{i,j} (v_j - u_i)} \right|^{2\Delta_n} \mathcal{F}_{N,n}(\mathbf{x})$$

$\mathcal{Z}_{N,n}$ is the partition function of $\mathcal{R}_{N,n}$ of genus $g = (N-1)(n-1)$



$\mathcal{R}_{3,4}$



Free compactified boson & Ising model

■ $\mathcal{R}_{N,n}$ is

$$y^n = \prod_{\gamma=1}^N (z - x_{2\gamma-2}) \left[\prod_{\gamma=1}^{N-1} (z - x_{2\gamma-1}) \right]^{n-1}$$

$$g = (N-1)(n-1)$$

[Enolski, Grava, (2003)]

■ Partition function for a generic Riemann surface studied long ago in string theory

[Zamolodchikov, (1987)] [Alvarez-Gaume, Moore, Vafa, (1986)] [Dijkgraaf, Verlinde, Verlinde, (1988)]

■ Free compactified boson ($\eta \propto R^2$)

[Coser, Tagliacozzo, E.T., (2013)]

$$\mathcal{F}_{N,n}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\Theta(\mathbf{0}|T_\eta)}{|\Theta(\mathbf{0}|\tau)|^2}$$

$$T_\eta = \begin{pmatrix} i\eta\mathcal{I} & \mathcal{R} \\ \mathcal{R} & i\mathcal{I}/\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

$\tau = \mathcal{R} + i\mathcal{I}$
period matrix

■ Riemann theta function
with characteristic

$$\Theta[e](\mathbf{0}|\Omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^p} \exp [i\pi(\mathbf{m} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^t \cdot \Omega \cdot (\mathbf{m} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + 2\pi i(\mathbf{m} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^t \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}]$$

■ Ising model

$$\mathcal{F}_{N,n}^{\text{Ising}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_e |\Theta[e](\mathbf{0}|\tau)|}{2^g |\Theta(\mathbf{0}|\tau)|}$$

Nasty n dependence

■ Two intervals case: [Caraglio, Gliozzi, (2008)] [Furukawa, Pasquier, Shiraishi, (2009)]

[Calabrese, Cardy, E.T., (2009), (2011)]

[Fagotti, Calabrese, (2010)] [Alba, Tagliacozzo, Calabrese, (2010), (2011)]

The periodic harmonic chain

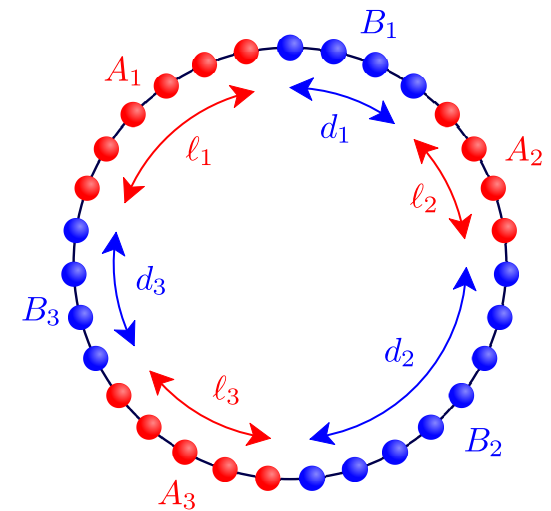
- Periodic chain of harmonic oscillators

$$H = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \left(\frac{1}{2M} p_n^2 + \frac{M\omega^2}{2} q_n^2 + \frac{K}{2} (q_{n+1} - q_n)^2 \right)$$

The massless case in the continuum limit is the $c = 1$ free boson on the line

[Peschel, Chung, (1999)] [Botero, Reznik, (2004)]

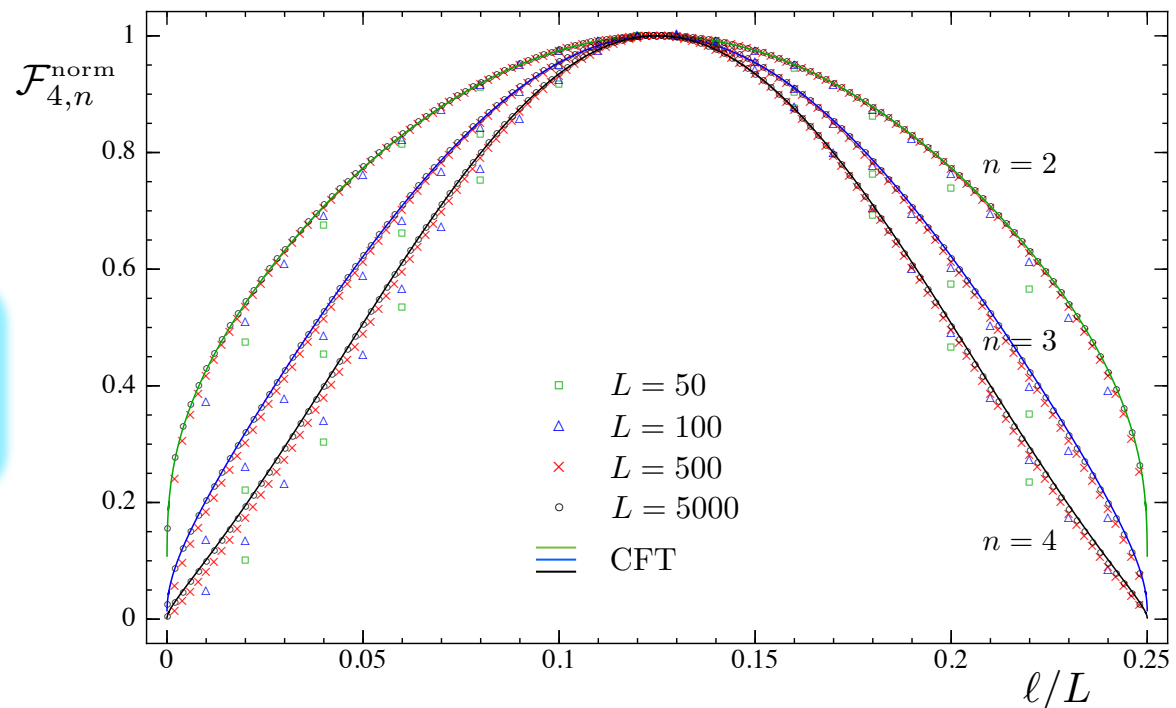
[Audenaert, Eisert, Plenio, Werner, (2002)]



- Decompactification regime (large η)

[Coser, Tagliacozzo, E.T., (2013)]

$$\mathcal{F}_{N,n}^{\text{dec}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\eta^{g/2}}{\sqrt{\det(\mathcal{I})} |\Theta(\mathbf{0}|\tau)|^2}$$



- Numerical checks for the Ising model through Matrix Product States (MPS)

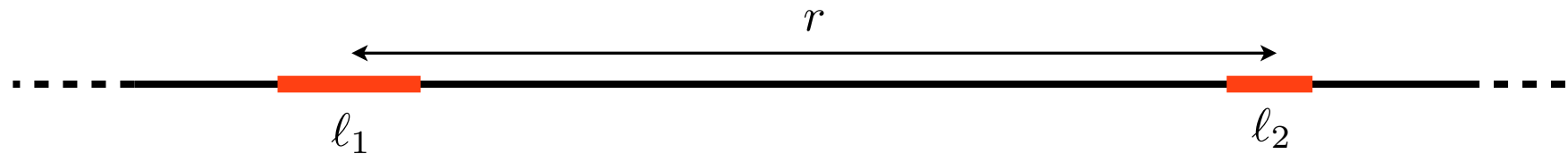
Short intervals expansion

- $\text{Tr}\rho_A^n$ when the lengths ℓ_p of the intervals are small w.r.t. to other characteristic lengths of the system

[Headrick, (2010)]

[Calabrese, Cardy, E.T., (2011)]

- E.g.: two intervals



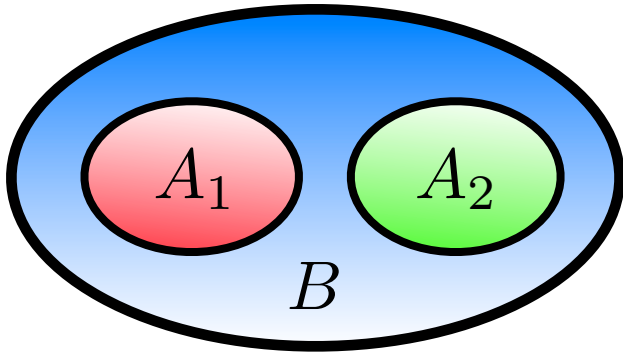
$$\text{Tr}\rho_A^n = c_n^2 (\ell_1 \ell_2)^{-c/6(n-1/n)} \sum_{\{k_j\}} \left(\frac{\ell_1 \ell_2}{n^2 r^2} \right)^{\sum_j (\Delta_j + \bar{\Delta}_j)} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^n \phi_{k_j} (e^{2\pi i j/n}) \right\rangle_{\mathbf{C}}^2$$

$\text{Tr}\rho_A^n$ for disjoint intervals contains all the data of the CFT
(conformal dimensions and OPE coefficients)

The vacuum
is not
empty

Negativity & partial transpose: motivations & definitions

Tripartite system $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{A_1} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A_2} \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \implies \rho_{A_1 \cup A_2}$ is mixed



$S_{A_1 \cup A_2}$: entanglement between $A_1 \cup A_2$ and B

Entanglement between A_1 and A_2 ?

A computable measure of the entanglement is the *logarithmic negativity*

ρ^{T_2} is the partial transpose of ρ

$$\langle e_i^{(1)} e_j^{(2)} | \rho^{T_2} | e_k^{(1)} e_l^{(2)} \rangle = \langle e_i^{(1)} e_l^{(2)} | \rho | e_k^{(1)} e_j^{(2)} \rangle \quad (|e_i^{(k)}\rangle \text{ base of } \mathcal{H}_{A_k})$$

[Peres, (1996)] [Zyczkowski, Horodecki, Sanpera, Lewenstein, (1998)]

[Vidal, Werner, (2002)] [Eisert, (2001)]

Trace
norm

$$\|\rho^{T_2}\| \equiv \text{Tr}|\rho^{T_2}| = \sum_i |\lambda_i| = 1 - 2 \sum_{\lambda_i < 0} \lambda_i$$

($\text{Tr} \rho^{T_2} = 1$)

Logarithmic negativity

$$\mathcal{E}_{A_2} \equiv \ln \|\rho^{T_2}\|$$

Bipartite system $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ in a generic state $\rho \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_A = \mathcal{E}_B$

Replica approach to Negativity

[Calabrese, Cardy, E.T., (2012)]

■ A parity effect for $\text{Tr}(\rho^{T_2})^n$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tr}(\rho^{T_2})^{n_e} &= \sum_i \lambda_i^{n_e} = \sum_{\lambda_i > 0} |\lambda_i|^{n_e} + \sum_{\lambda_i < 0} |\lambda_i|^{n_e} \\ \text{Tr}(\rho^{T_2})^{n_o} &= \sum_i \lambda_i^{n_o} = \sum_{\lambda_i > 0} |\lambda_i|^{n_o} - \sum_{\lambda_i < 0} |\lambda_i|^{n_o}\end{aligned}$$

■ Replica limit

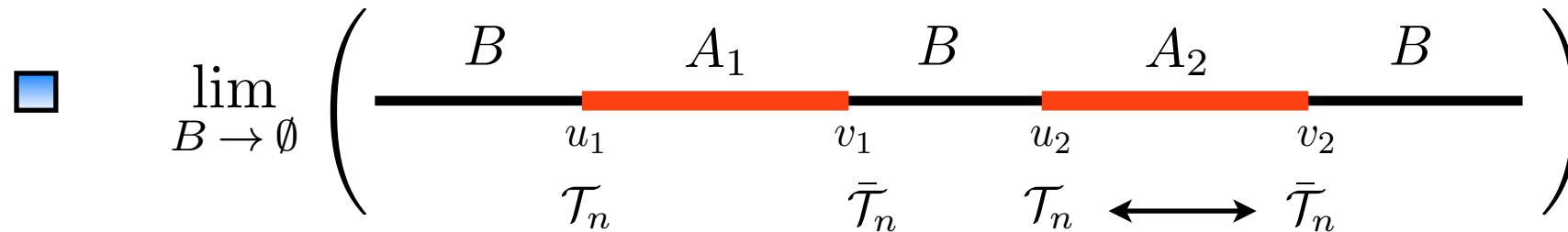
$$\mathcal{E}_A = \log \|\rho^{T_2}\| = \lim_{n_e \rightarrow 1} \log [\text{Tr}(\rho^{T_2})^{n_e}]$$

$$\lim_{n_o \rightarrow 1} \text{Tr}(\rho^{T_2})^{n_o} = \text{Tr} \rho^{T_2} = 1$$

Analytic continuation on the even sequence $\text{Tr}(\rho^{T_2})^{n_e}$ (make 1 an even number)

Partial Transposition for bipartite systems: pure states

$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{A_1} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A_2}$ and the whole system in the ground state

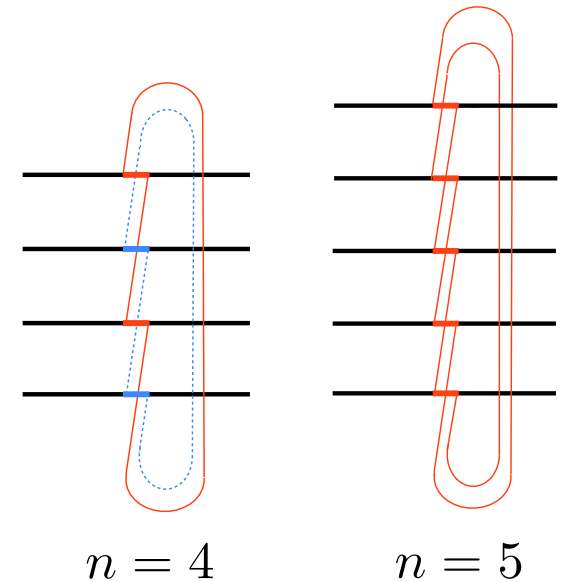


□ $\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^n = \langle \mathcal{T}_n^2(u_2) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n^2(v_2) \rangle$

Partial Transposition = exchange two twist fields

□ \mathcal{T}_n^2 connects the j -th sheet with the $(j+2)$ -th one
Even $n = n_e \implies$ decoupling

□
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^{n_e} &= (\langle \mathcal{T}_{n_e/2}(u_2) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{n_e/2}(v_2) \rangle)^2 = \left(\text{Tr} \rho_{A_2}^{n_e/2} \right)^2 \\ \text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^{n_o} &= \langle \mathcal{T}_{n_o}(u_2) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_{n_o}(v_2) \rangle = \text{Tr} \rho_{A_2}^{n_o} \end{aligned}$$



□ 2D CFT: these identities give $\Delta_{\mathcal{T}_n^2} \implies \mathcal{E} = \frac{c}{2} \log(\ell/a) + \text{const}$

□ For $n_e \rightarrow 1$ we find $\mathcal{E} = 2 \log \text{Tr} \rho_2^{1/2}$ (Renyi entropy 1/2)

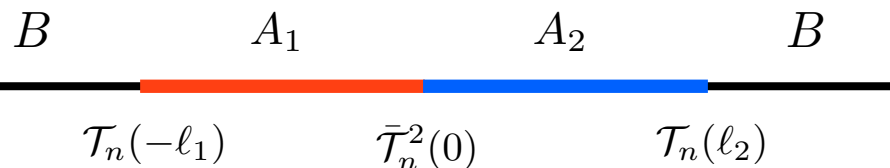
2D CFT: two adjacent & disjoint intervals

$$\rho_{A_1 \cup A_2}^{T_2}$$

Adjacent intervals

$$\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^n = \langle \mathcal{T}_n(-\ell_1) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n^2(0) \mathcal{T}_n(\ell_2) \rangle$$

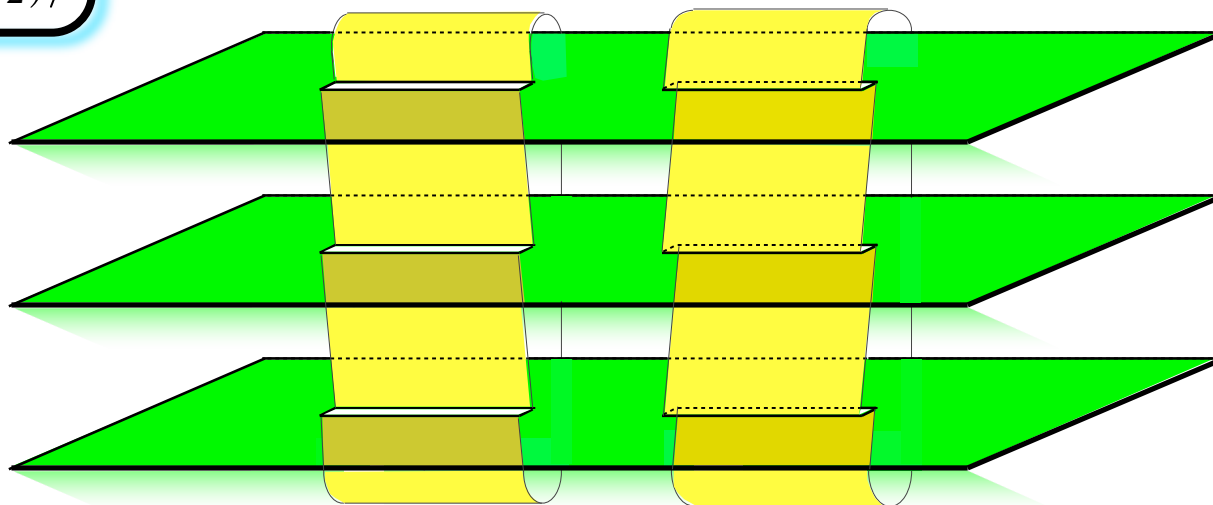
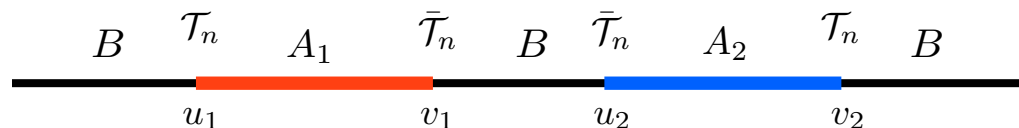
□ Analytic continuation $n_e \rightarrow 1$



$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{c}{4} \ln \left(\frac{\ell_1 \ell_2}{\ell_1 + \ell_2} \right) + \text{const}$$

Disjoint intervals

$$\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^n = \langle \mathcal{T}_n(u_1) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n(v_1) \bar{\mathcal{T}}_n(u_2) \mathcal{T}_n(v_2) \rangle$$



Renyi entropies vs traces of the Partial Transpose

$$\text{Tr } \rho_A^n$$

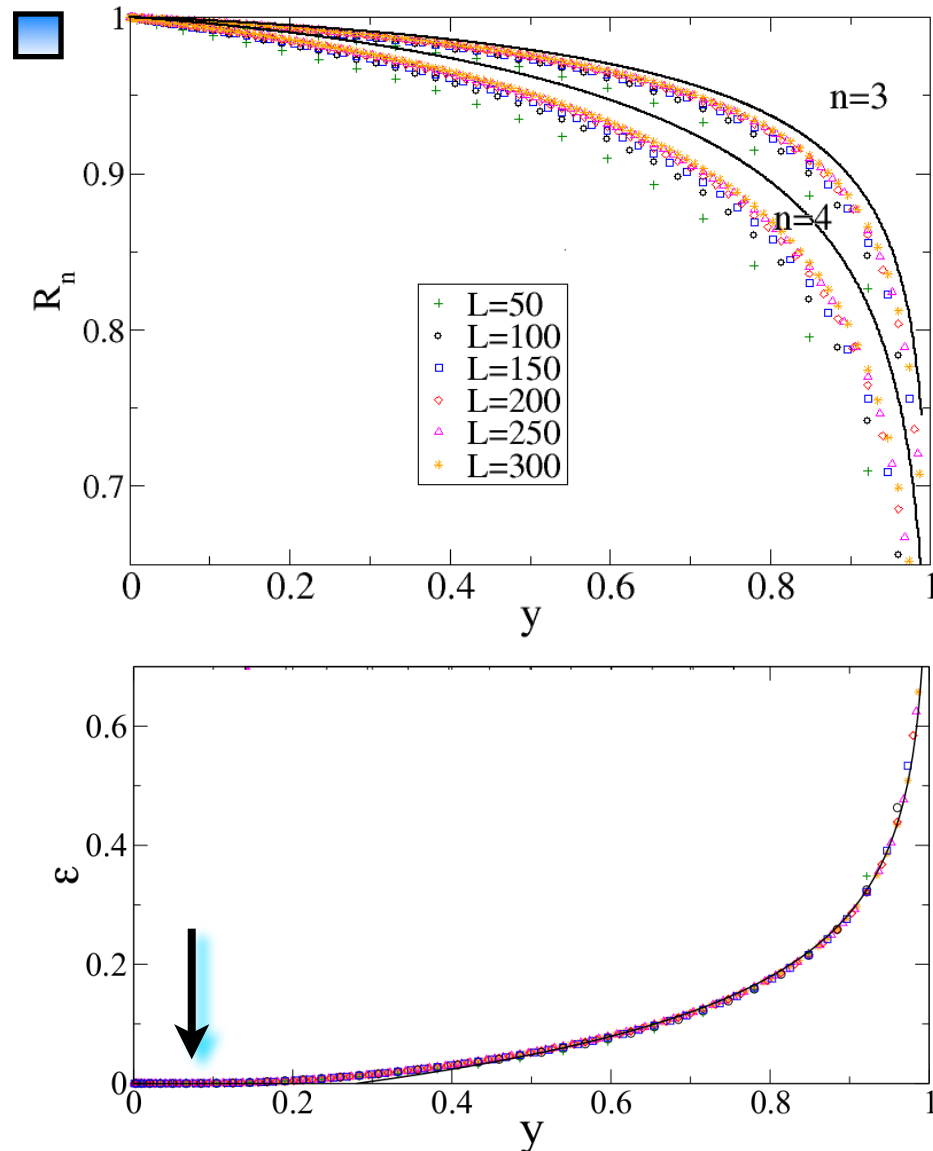


$$\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^n$$



Two disjoint intervals

Previous numerical results for \mathcal{E} :
Ising (DMRG) and harmonic chains



[Wichterich, Molina-Vilaplana, Bose, (2009)]

[Marcovitch, Retzker, Plenio, Reznik, (2009)]

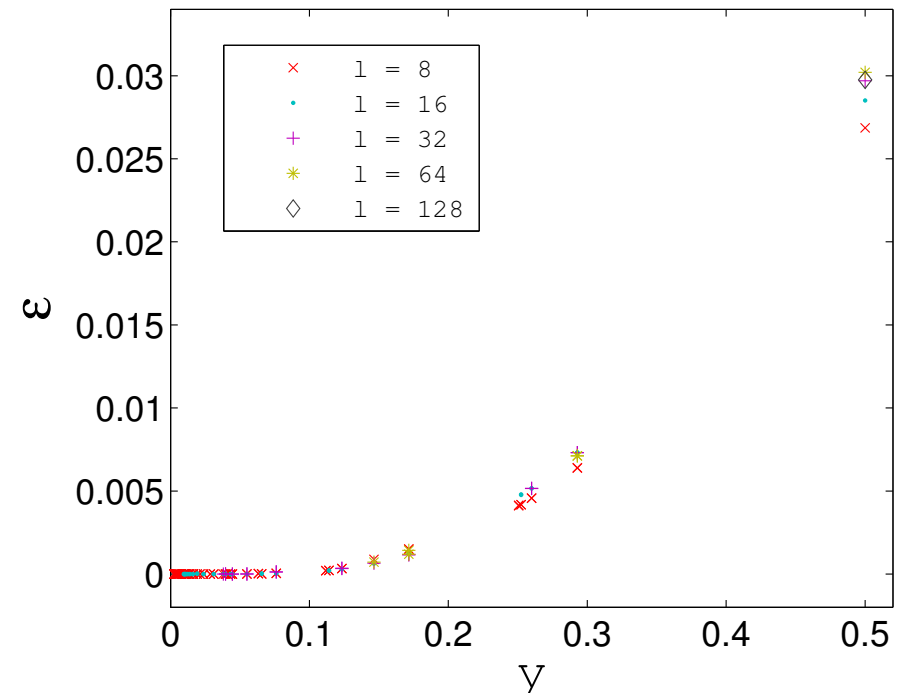
Periodic harmonic chain:

[Calabrese, Cardy, E.T., (2012)]

$$R_n = \frac{\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{T_2})^n}{\text{Tr} \rho_A^n}$$

Ising model: (Tree Tensor Network)

[Calabrese, Tagliacozzo, E.T., (2013)]



Holographic entanglement entropy

AdS_{d+2}/CFT_{d+1} correspondence

■ Prescription: in regularized AdS_{d+2}

○ Constant time slice

○ Consider the surfaces γ_A s.t. $\partial\gamma_A = \partial A$ which are homologous to A

(it exists a bulk region \mathcal{R} s.t. $\partial\mathcal{R} = A \cup \gamma_A$)

[Headrick, Takayanagi, (2007)] [Fursaev, (2006)]

[Azeyanagi, Nishioka, Takayanagi, (2008)]

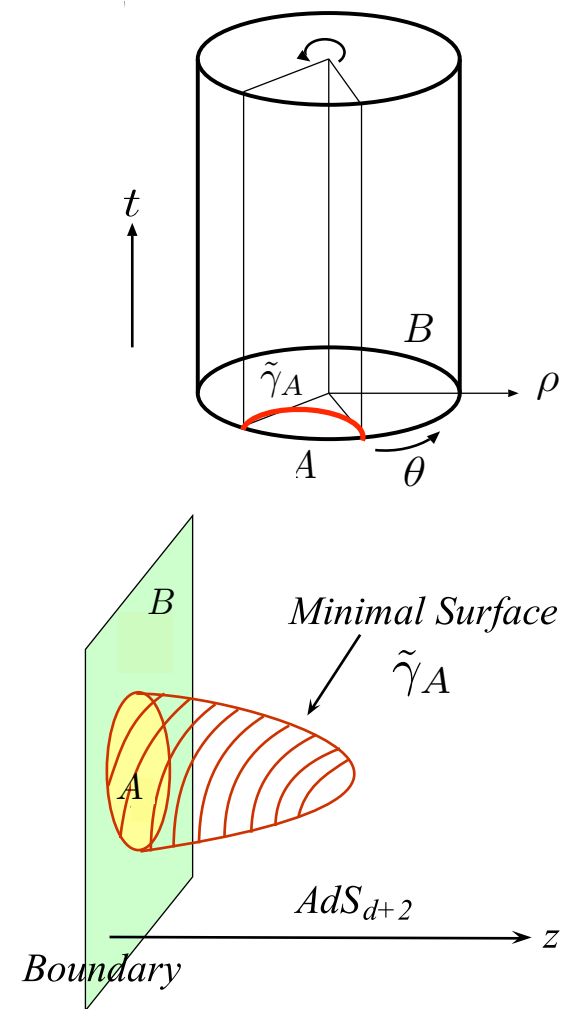
○ Find the surface $\tilde{\gamma}_A$ with minimal area

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\tilde{\gamma}_A)}{4G_N^{(d+2)}}$$

■ $d = 1$ formula $S_A = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\ell}{a} + c_0$ (with Brown-Henneaux central charge $c = 3R/(2G_N) \gg 1$)

■ Area law for $d > 1$ recovered $S_A \propto \text{Area}(\partial A)/a^{d-1}$

[Ryu, Takayanagi, (2006)]



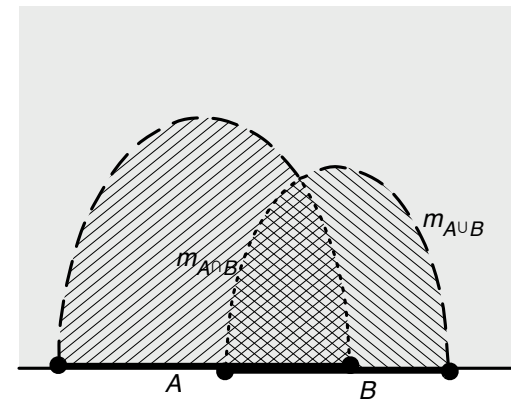
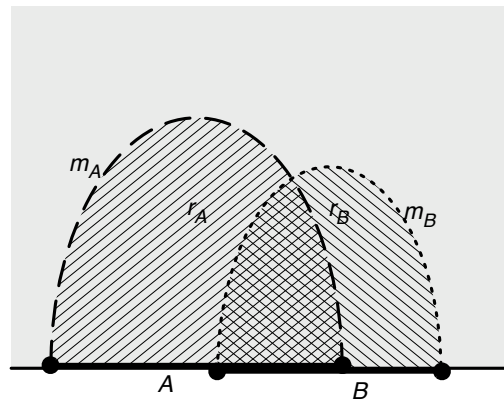
Holographic entanglement entropy

- Holographic proof of strong subadditivity

$$S_{A_1} + S_{A_2} \geq S_{A_1 \cup A_2} + S_{A_1 \cap A_2}$$

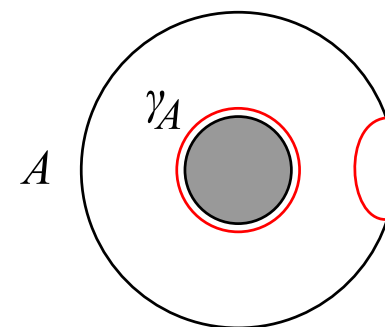
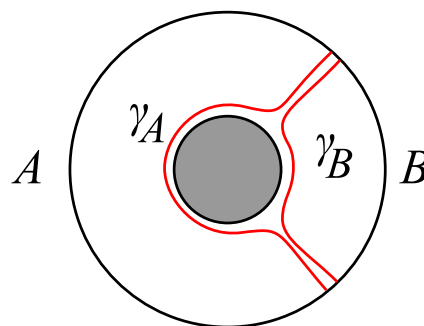
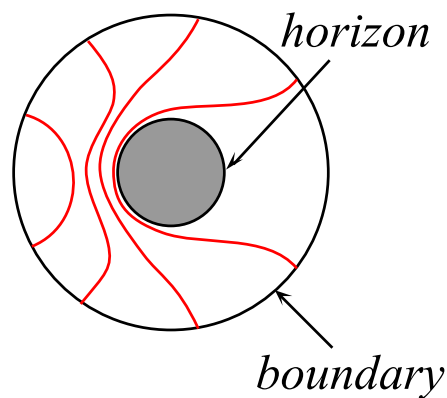
$$S_{A_1} + S_{A_2} \geq S_{A_1 \setminus A_2} + S_{A_1 \cap A_2}$$

[Headrick, Takayanagi, (2007)]



- Thermal state ($S_A \neq S_B$) [Headrick, Takayanagi, (2007)]

[Azeyanagi, Nishioka, Takayanagi, (2008)] [Hubeny, Maxfield, Rangamani, Tonni, (2013)]



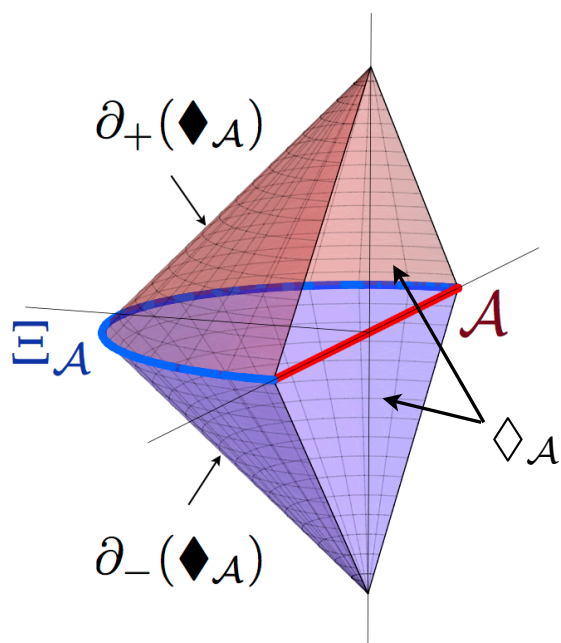
- Holographic Renyi entropies [Casini, Huerta, Myers, (2011)]
[Hung, Myers, Smolkin, Yale, (2011)]

- Quantum correction to Ryu-Takayanagi formula
[Faulkner, Lewkowycz, Maldacena, (2013)]

Causal holographic information

[Hubeny, Takayanagi, Rangamani, (2007)]

[Hubeny, Rangamani, (2012)]



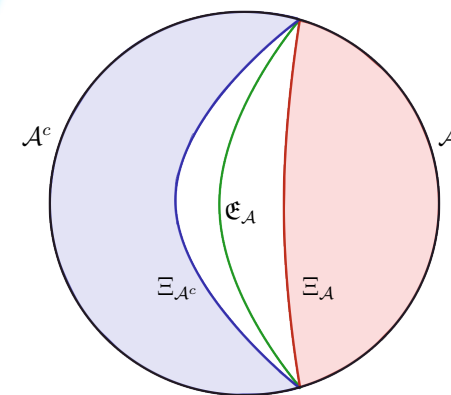
- Does holography suggest new quantities?
- Natural construction starting from the domain of dependence of A (\diamond_A) causal wedge \diamond_A associated to \mathcal{A}



$$\chi_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\Xi_A)}{4G_N^{(d+2)}}$$

- $\chi_A = S_A$ for AdS_3 , BTZ and rotating BTZ black hole
- $\chi_A = S_A$ for spherical A in the boundary CFT_{d+1}
- for the complementary region: $\chi_{A^c} \neq \chi_A$
- χ_A does not satisfy strong subadditivity

- A proposal for the CFT dual of the causal holographic information:
One-point entropy [Kelly, Wall, (2013)]

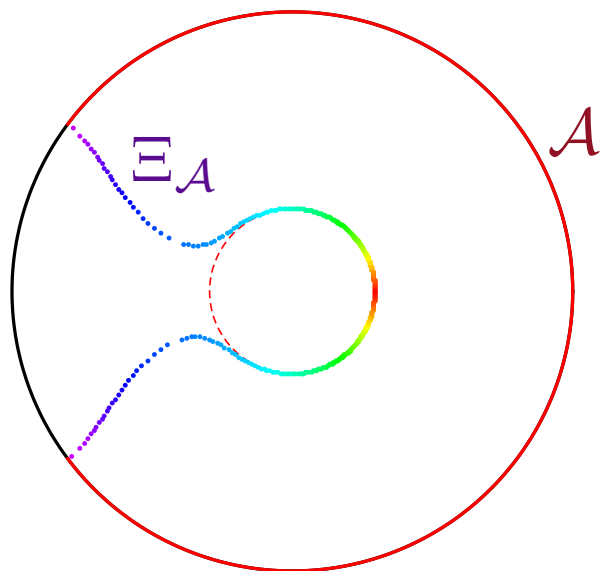


CHI: Schwarzschild-AdS black hole

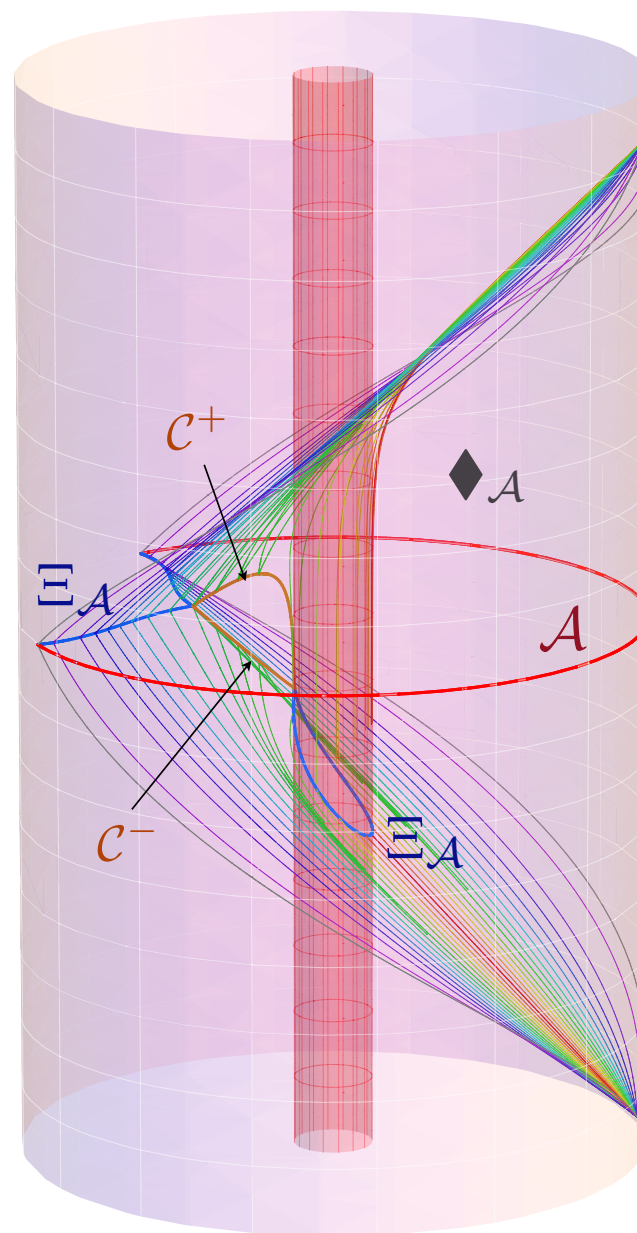
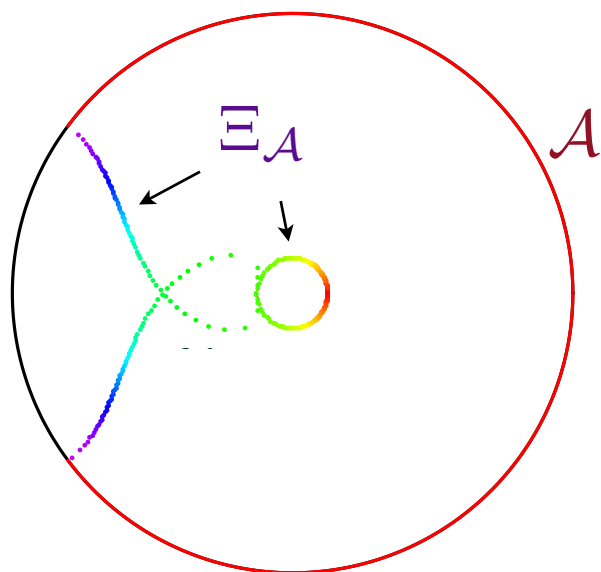
[Hubeny, Rangamani, E.T., (2013)]

Schwarzschild-AdS₅

$$r_+ = 1$$



$$r_+ = 0.2$$



Conclusions

- Entanglement entropies for *disjoint intervals* contain *all the CFT data*
- *Entanglement for mixed states*: negativity in QFT
- Holography can suggest new ways to quantify entanglement (e.g. CHI)

➔ Analytic continuations, Negativity for fermions,
Higher dimensions, Interactions, Holographic interpretations, ...

- Out of equilibrium dynamics (thermalization, quantum quenches)
[Calabrese, Cardy, (2005), (2007)] [Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi, (2007)] [...]
- Entanglement & RG [Casini, Huerta, (2004), (2012)] [Myers, Singh, (2012)] [...]
- Quantum Hall Effect [Li, Haldane, (2008)] [...]
- Excited states [Berganza, Alcaraz, Sierra, (2011)] [...]

Thank you!