

QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT IN STRING THEORY

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GENDER IN HIGH ENERGY THEORY

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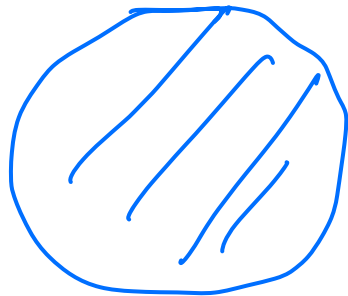
Entanglement entropy is of fundamental importance in QM & QFT and even more so in quantum gravity.

Can we define a notion of entropy?

Finiteness of entanglement entropy is at the heart of the information paradox in black hole physics.

Can we define an analog of von Neumann entropy in quantum gravity, in particular, string theory.

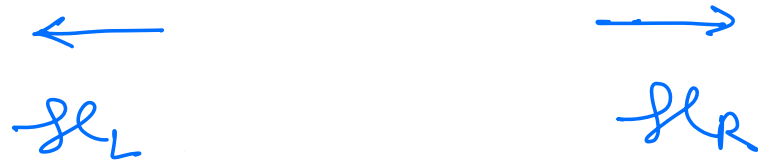
$$S = - \text{Tr} \rho \log \rho$$



Tracing over black hole interior naively gives a density matrix ρ_0 whose VN entropy diverges.
 \Rightarrow Infinite qbits for the black hole.

(Ia) QE in QM

Classic example is the Bell pair with "spooky" EPR long distance quantum correlations. A pair of photons in spin 0 state.



$$|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

Maximally entangled pure state in the bipartite Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_R$

Very different from an unentangled pure state like $|\Omega\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$ or $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

Entanglement Entropy

state $|\psi\rangle$ $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$
density matrix ρ $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ $\text{Tr} \rho = 1$
Reduced density matrix $\rho_R = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_L} \rho =$ partial trace

$\text{Tr} \rho_R = 1$. Sufficient to study correlators like

$$\langle\psi| \mathcal{O}_R |\psi\rangle = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_R} \mathcal{O}_R \rho_R$$

Fine-grained (microscopic) von Neumann entropy

$$S_{EE} = - \text{Tr} \rho_R \log \rho_R = \text{entanglement entropy.}$$

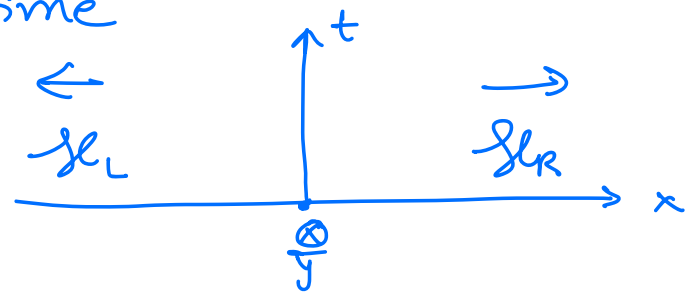
For $|\Omega\rangle$ $\rho_R = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_L} |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$S_{EE} = \log 2 = \log (\dim \mathcal{H}_R)$$

\Rightarrow maximum entanglement

Q.E. in QFT

d+1 Spacetime



y = Transverse spatial slice

Divide space

x > 0
x < 0

ℓ_R
ℓ_L

$\ell = \ell_L \otimes \ell_R$ (Not really true)

$|\Omega\rangle = \text{Minkowski vacuum}$

$\rho_R = \text{Tr}_{\ell_L} \rho$

$\rho = |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$

$S_{EE} = - \text{Tr}_{\rho_R} \log \rho_R$

Area law with UV divergence

$\frac{A}{\epsilon^{d-1}}$

Path Integral

Wave-functional of $|\Omega\rangle$ in field basis $|\varphi(x)\rangle$

Divide $|\varphi(x)\rangle$ as $|\varphi_L(x)\rangle$ and $|\varphi_R(x)\rangle$

$$\langle \varphi_L \varphi_R | \Omega \rangle = \Psi(\varphi_L, \varphi_R) = \int \varphi_L \varphi_R \quad \uparrow^+$$

path integral in the lower time strip is a functional of the field values $\varphi_L(x, \vec{y})$ & $\varphi_R(x, \vec{y})$

and corresponds to the wavefunctional of the ket $|\Omega\rangle$.

Similarly for the bra

$$\langle \Omega | \varphi_L \varphi_R \rangle = \Psi^\dagger(\varphi_L, \varphi_R) = \int \varphi_L \varphi_R$$

the density matrix in the field basis

$$\langle \underline{\phi_L'} \phi_R' | \rho | \underline{\phi_L} \phi_R \rangle \quad \rho = |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$$

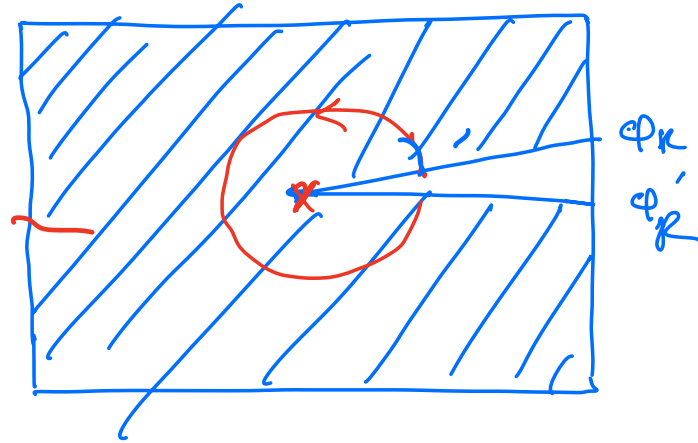
Partial trace over the left states can be performed by identifying

$\phi_L' = \phi_L(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$ and integrating

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi_R' | \rho_R | \phi_R \rangle$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}\phi_L \langle \phi_L \phi_R' | \rho | \phi_L \phi_R \rangle$$

Rényi Entropy & Replica Method



x Branch point
"singular"

path integral over cut plane gives a simple formula for the density matrix.

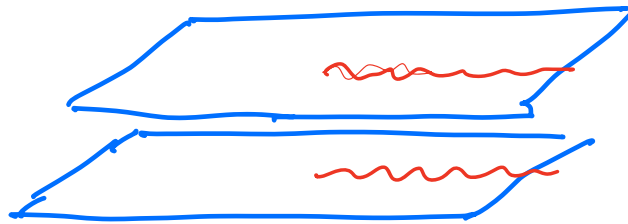
$$\langle \phi'_R | \hat{\rho}_R | \phi_R \rangle = \langle \phi'_R | e^{-2\pi R} | \phi_R \rangle$$

$$\langle \phi'_R | \hat{\rho}_R^n | \phi_R \rangle = \langle \phi'_R | e^{-2\pi R n} | \phi_R \rangle$$

Renyi Entropy

$$Z_n = \text{Tr} \hat{\rho}_R^n$$

= path-integral over n-sheeted cover



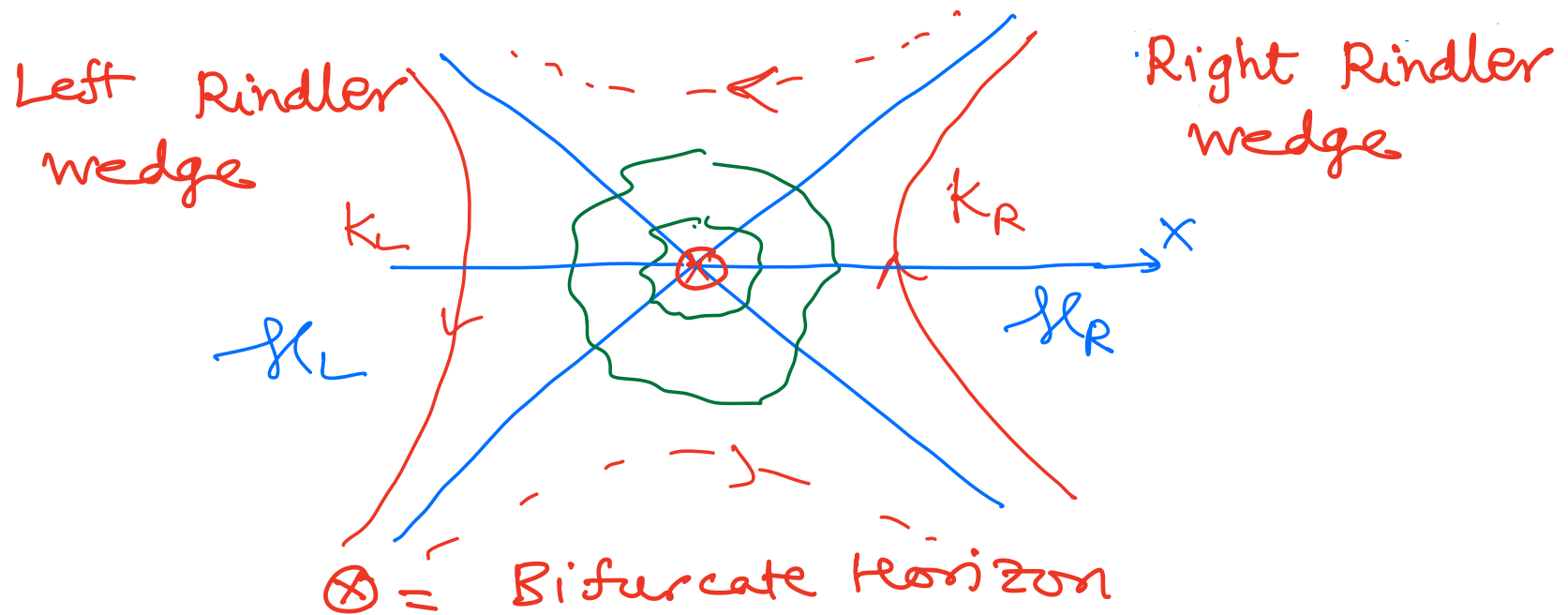
Replica Method

$\theta = 2\pi n$ = surplus opening angle.

$$S_{EE} = - \left. \frac{d}{dn} Z_n \right|_{n=1} = - \left. \frac{d}{dn} \text{Tr} \left(e^{n \log \hat{\rho}} \right) \right|_{n=1}$$

Needs analytic continuation in n.

Rindler Spacetime



\otimes = Bifurcate horizon

$K = K_R - K_L = \text{Lorentz Boost}$

A quantum fluctuation in Minkowski vacuum lives for ever and appears like thermal bath of particles

$$T(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi x} \quad \underline{\text{Unruh}}$$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + (d\vec{y})^2$$

$$= -e^2 dT^2 + de^2 + (d\vec{y})^2$$

$$t = e \cosh z \quad x = e \sinh z \quad t^2 - x^2 = e^2$$

Wick rotation: Periodic Euclidean time

$$z = -i\theta \quad ds^2 = e^2 d\theta^2 + e^2$$

$$T(e) = \frac{1}{2\pi e}$$

KMS condn

$$P_R = \exp[-2\pi K_R]$$

K_R = Partial Lorentz Boost in right wedge

$$K = K_R - K_L$$

Entropy density $s(T) = T^{d-1}(x)$

$$S = \int_{\epsilon}^L dx d\vec{y} T^{d-1}(x)$$

$$= \frac{A_y}{\epsilon^{d-1}} \quad d > 1$$

$$= \frac{c}{6} \log L/\epsilon \quad d = 1$$

UV divergence. because of strong short distance correlations & entanglement. or very high Unruh temperature.

$$\varphi(t, x, \vec{y}) = \sum_{\vec{k}, \omega} a_{\vec{k}, \omega} e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{y}} f_{\vec{k}, \omega}(x) + h.c.$$

$$\varphi_R = \sum_{\vec{k}, \omega} b_{\vec{k}, \omega} e^{-i\omega \tau + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{y}} f_{\vec{k}, \omega}(e) + h.c.$$

$$\varphi_L = \sum_{\vec{k}, \omega} \tilde{b}_{\vec{k}, \omega} e^{-i\omega \tau + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{y}} f_{\vec{k}, \omega}(e) + h.c.$$

$$a_{\omega} |\Omega\rangle = 0 \quad b_{\omega} |R\rangle = \tilde{b}_{\omega} |R\rangle = 0$$

Exponential map $t = e \cosh \tau \simeq e^{\tau}$

⇒ Mixing of positive & negative frequencies

⇒ Bogoliubov transformations.

$$a_w = b_w - e^{-\pi w} \tilde{b}_w^\dagger$$

$$b_w |\Omega\rangle = e^{-\pi w} \tilde{b}_w^\dagger |\Omega\rangle$$

Coherent state:

$$b_w |\beta\rangle = \beta |\beta\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\beta\rangle \sim e^{-\beta b^\dagger} |R\rangle$$

$$b_w |R\rangle = 0$$

$$\tilde{b}_w |R\rangle = 0$$

$|R\rangle =$ Rindler vacuum

Squeezed state

Unruh = Bell.

$$\Rightarrow |\Omega\rangle = \prod_{w, \vec{k}} \sqrt{1 - e^{-2\pi w}} \exp \left[e^{-\pi w} \tilde{b}_w^\dagger b_w \right] |R\rangle$$

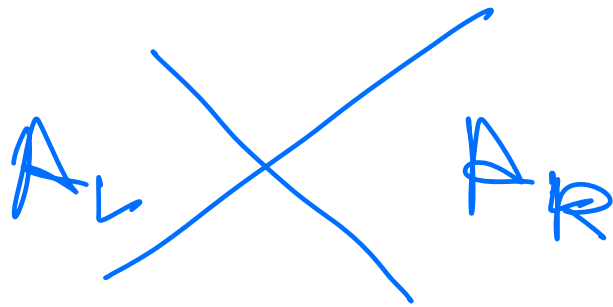
Algebraic QFT

It's not quite correct to assume

$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_R \otimes \mathcal{H}_L$ because of strong correlations at the boundary.

Hilbert space not factorized

Algebra of local observables is nevertheless factorized.



$$[A_R, A_L] = 0$$

Von Neumann Algebra

Algebra A of local observables:

$$A = \{ \mathcal{O}(x) \}$$

① $\mathcal{O}(x)$ Bounded

② Closed under conjugation
 $\mathcal{O}(x)^\dagger$ also belongs to A

③ Closed under weak limits

$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{O}_n(x) | \phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \psi | \mathcal{O}(x) | \phi \rangle$$

$\{ \mathcal{O}_n(x) \in A \}$ Then $\mathcal{O}(x) \in A$

Tomita-Takesaki Theory

Given a von Neumann algebra and a cyclic separating state, one can define a modular Hamiltonian K . For right Rindler wedge it's the Rindler Hamiltonian or Lorentz Boost

$$K_R = \int_{x \geq 0} dx dy x T_{00}$$

Type-I vs Type-III.

Type-I admits an irrep.

Ex: $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_R$ in QM

A_R admits irrep on \mathcal{H}_R .

Type-III $\mathcal{H} \neq \mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_R$ in QFT

$$[A_R, A_L] = 0$$

If A_R admitted an irrep, this would be inconsistent w/ Shur's lemma.

Divergence of the entanglement entropy is the property of the algebra and not the state.

(1) Bekenstein Bound
(Bekenstein, Casini)

$$E \cdot L \gtrsim \frac{\hbar S}{2\pi}$$

Follows from positivity of Relative Entropy

$$\langle H \rangle_{\rho} - \langle H \rangle_{\sigma} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} (S_{\rho} - S_{\sigma})$$

σ = ground state

ρ = any state

(2) Strong subadditivity (Info) paradox
(Mathur, AMPS...)

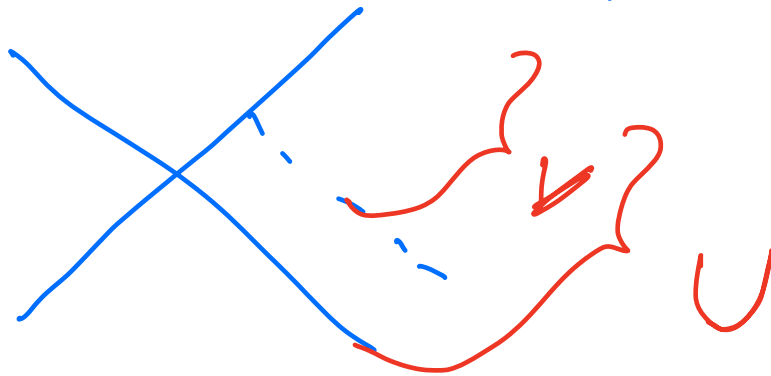
(3) Generalized Second law:

$$\Delta S_{\text{gen}} = \Delta \left(\frac{A}{4G} + S_{\text{out}} \right) \geq 0$$

Follows from monotonicity (under inclusion) of Relative Entropy.

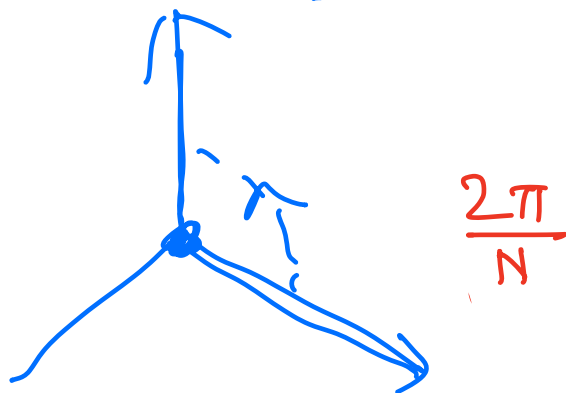
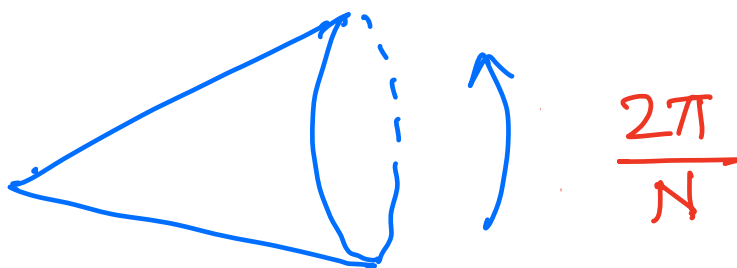
Uses Null Raychaudhuri equation to relate the change in "energy" to change in area. But this term is UV divergent.

$$\Delta S_{\text{rel}}(\rho|\sigma) = \Delta H_{\rho} - \frac{\Delta S_{\rho}}{2\pi} \leq 0$$



Orbifold Method

Instead of considering n -fold cover with surplus opening angle one can consider an order N orbifold with deficit opening angle.



Compute $\text{Tr } e^N$ as the partition function of \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z}_N orbifold with $N = \frac{1}{n}$.

Strings on a Cone

$$\widehat{Z}(N) = \text{Tr} \left[\exp \left(-\frac{2\pi}{N} H_R \right) \right] \quad \beta = \frac{2\pi}{N}$$

$$S = -\beta \frac{\partial \log \widehat{Z}}{\partial \beta} + \log \widehat{Z} \quad \underline{K_R} \equiv \underline{K_R}$$

$$S = \left. \frac{d}{dN} \left(N \log \widehat{Z}(N) \right) \right|_{N=1}$$

deficit angle $\delta_N = 2\pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{N} \right)$

Conical curvature singularity at the tip

$$R(x) = 4\pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) \delta^{(2)}(x)$$

$$S = S^{(0)} + S_q$$

$$\log \widehat{Z}_q(N) = Z_q(N)$$

$$\widehat{Z}_q(N) = \sum_{g=1}^{\infty} Z^{(g)}(N) \quad //$$



$S^{(0)}$ = "classical entanglement"

At classical level $\log \widehat{Z}^{(0)} \neq Z^{(0)}(N)$

LHS is non zero even though RHS = 0

Analytic continuation gives

$$S^{(0)} = \frac{A}{4G}$$

\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z}_N Orbifold

Type-IIB in lightcone gauge on $\mathbb{R}^6 \times \mathbb{C}$

$$SO(8) \supset SO(6) \times SO(2)$$

$$X^i \quad \mathfrak{g}_v = 6(0) + \underline{1(1)} + \underline{1(-1)}$$

$$\zeta^a \quad \mathfrak{g}_s = \underline{4(\frac{1}{2})} + \underline{\bar{4}(-\frac{1}{2})}$$

$$\bar{\zeta}^{\dot{a}} \quad \mathfrak{g}_c = \underline{4(-\frac{1}{2})} + \underline{\bar{4}(\frac{1}{2})}$$

$N = \text{odd}$

$$SO(2) \simeq U(1) \simeq \text{Spin}(2)$$

Fields charged under it get twisted

$$\mathbb{Z}_N = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{N-1}\} \subset U(1)$$

$$g = \exp\left[\frac{4\pi i R}{N}\right]$$

Partition Function

$$\mathcal{Z}(\tau, \bar{\tau}, N) = \sum_{k, l=0}^{N-1} \left| \frac{\theta^4 \left(\frac{k\tau}{N} + \frac{l}{N} \mid \tau \right)}{\eta^9(\tau) \theta \left(\frac{2k\tau}{N} + \frac{2l}{N} \mid \tau \right)} \right|^2$$

$$\theta = 2\pi n \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{N} \Rightarrow N = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$Z^{(1)}(N) = \frac{A_H}{N} \int \frac{d^2 z}{z_2^5} \mathcal{Z}(\tau, \bar{\tau}, N)$$

$$A_H = \sqrt{g} (\ell_s)^8 \quad \ell_s^2 = \alpha'$$

= Horizon Area.

Tachyonic Divergence

The \mathbb{Z}_N orbifold breaks supersymmetry.

The spectrum is replete with tachyons

\Rightarrow The modular integral is badly divergent in the infrared



String theory provides a natural UV cutoff

Presence of tachyons need not be a cause for despair. In QM,

$\text{Tr } \rho^n$ converges with $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$

$\text{Tr } \rho^{\frac{1}{n}}$ can diverge.

We are computing $\text{Tr } \rho^N = \text{Tr } \rho^{\frac{1}{n}}$

$$N = \frac{1}{n}$$

Tachyonic divergence could be a signal of this fact that

$\text{Tr } \rho^{\frac{1}{n}}$ can be divergent.

How can we find the analytic continuation to the physical region $0 < N \leq 1$ given the data for $N > 1$ for all odd integers?

One can achieve this for a simpler problem of open strings on the Rindler horizon computing the entanglement entropy on the D-brane world volume.

Open strings on Rindler Horizon

Witten (2018) was able to find an analytic continuation of the annulus partition function.

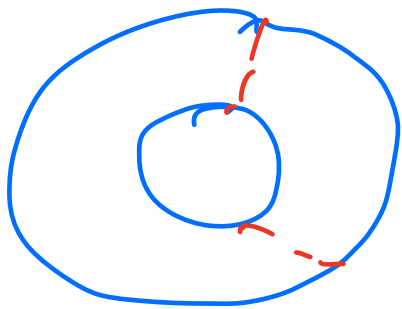
Open strings offer a double simplification. = Entanglement on D-brane

- (1) No twisted states \Rightarrow only N terms in the orbifold sum
- (2) Only one set of oscillator modes.

Witten found an analytic continuation.

Unique by Carlson's theorem.

One can open the closed string sector by viewing the annulus as the conformally equivalent cylinder diagram.



Open string channel

\approx



closed string channel

Disappearing Tachyons

Even though for $N > 1$ there are tachyons in the closed string channel, happily there are no tachyons in the physically interesting regime $0 < N \leq 1$

corresponding to $1 \leq n < \infty$

recall

$$n = \frac{1}{N}$$

Closed Strings on Rindler Horizon

Analytic continuation of the closed string partition function is a considerably harder problem and is not yet available.

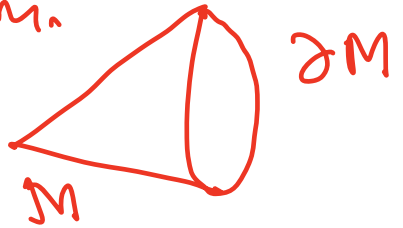
Fortunately, the tachyonic terms do admit a resummation and analytic continuation to a function that is finite for $0 < N \leq 1$

Classical Entanglement in String Theory

$$I = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M [dx] e^{-2\phi} \left[R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 - f^{2(x)} V(\tau) \right]$$
$$+ \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_{\partial M} [dx] e^{-2\phi} K.$$

I_M

$I_{\partial M}$



Gibbons-Hawking term : $K \equiv$ Extrinsic Curvature

$$\Rightarrow \log(\hat{Z}^{(0)}(N)) = \frac{A}{4G\hbar} \left(\frac{1}{N} - 1 \right)$$

Dilaton equations are satisfied exactly for the exact CFT background

\Rightarrow No dilaton tadpoles. $\Rightarrow I_M = 0.$

Note that a priori this has nothing to do with a black hole or holography

- Could be viewed as a generalization of von Neumann entropy in quantum gravity even though it is defined quite differently.

- Are quantum corrections calculable?

$$S = \frac{A}{4G} + S_q.$$

Analytic continuation of Tachyons

$$Z(N) = \int \frac{d^2 z}{z^2} \mathbb{F}(z) \quad z = z_1 + i z_2$$

$$\mathbb{F}(z) = \sum e^{2\pi i n z} \mathbb{F}_n(z_2)$$

$$\therefore Z(N) = \int \frac{dz_2}{z_2^2} \mathbb{F}_0(z_2)$$

Exponentially growing terms in $\mathbb{F}_0(z_2)$ correspond to tachyons.

Tachyonic Terms $T(z_2)$

$$T(z_2) = \frac{2}{z_2^3} \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor} \exp\left(\frac{4\pi z_2 k}{N}\right) f_k(z_2)$$

$$f_k(z_2) = \sum_{\gamma=0}^{\infty} e^{-\gamma \frac{(2N-4k)}{N} 2\pi z_2}$$

$$T(\tau_2, N) =$$

$$\frac{-2}{\tau_2^3} \sum_{\gamma=0}^{\infty}$$

$$e^{-4\pi\gamma\tau_2}$$

$$\frac{1 - e^{\alpha_\gamma(N-1)\tau_2}}{1 - e^{-2\alpha_\gamma\tau_2}}$$

$$\alpha_\gamma = \frac{\pi(4\gamma+2)}{N} > 0$$

Since $\gamma \geq 0$ $N > 0$

Remarkably $T(z_2, N)$ has no exponentially growing "tachyonic" terms for $0 < N \leq 1$ even though it has tachyonic divergences for $N > 1$

We can write

$$F_0(z_2, N) = T(z_2, N) + \mathcal{R}(z_2, N)$$

$\mathcal{R}(z_2, N)$ has no divergences and can be easily integrated.

The analytic continuation of tachyons is not accidental and depends on three 'just so' properties of string orbifolds

(1) There are exactly $(N-1)$ twisted sectors each containing tachyon.

(2) In the k -twisted sector there is precisely one leading tachyon whose mass-squared is linear in k

$$M^2 = -\frac{4\pi k}{N}$$

(3) There are many subleading tachyons but they all have unit multiplicity.

Calabi-Yau Compactifications

Our ability to obtain a finite analytic continuation in the physical region $0 < N \leq 1$ depended on a very specific structure of the tachyonic spectrum.

Is this a feature of 10d superstring or is it more generally valid, in Calabi-Yau compactifications.

There could be additional tachyons.

T^6/Z_3 orbifold

(01) (23) (45) (67) (89)



Rindler
plane

T^6

Light cone.

$$g = \exp \left[\frac{4\pi i J_{01}}{\alpha} \right]$$

$$T = \exp \left[\frac{2\pi i}{3} (J_{23} + J_{45} - 2J_{67}) \right]$$

$SU(3)$ holonomy.

- There is a danger that there are new tachyons in the doubly-twisted sectors $(T^r g^k)$.
- One finds that all states in these sectors are either massless or massive, and the analytic continuation in N of the tachyons as in 10d
- For a $K3 = T^4 / \mathbb{Z}_3$ these are new tachyons.

$$\frac{T4}{Z/3}$$

Now there are additional tachyons in the double-twisted sectors, with ground state energies as below.

$$E = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{k}{2} \right) \\ 2 \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{2-k}{2} \right) \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad r=1,2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 < \frac{1}{3} < \frac{2}{3} < 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} < \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{3} < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} < \frac{2}{3} < \frac{1}{5} < \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} < \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{3} < 1 \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{n_k} \sum_{\lfloor \frac{N+1}{3} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor} \exp^{-2\pi\tau_2 \left[2\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{k}{N}\right) + 2n\left(1 - \frac{2k}{N}\right) \right]}$$

$$\frac{N}{3} < k \leq \frac{N}{2}$$

Now we take $n_k \rightarrow \infty$ and do the k -sum first.

We can ignore the floor function since the extra terms are non-tachyonic.

$$\rho = e^{-2\pi\tau_2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \tau_2 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor} \rho^{2\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{k}{N}\right) + 2n\left(1 - \frac{2k}{N}\right)}$$

We again find the tachyons sum to

$$\rho^{\frac{2i}{3} + 2n} \frac{\left(1 - \rho^{-\frac{2}{N}} (1+2n) \left(\frac{N-1}{2}\right)\right)}{\left(1 - \rho^{\frac{2}{N}} (1+2n)\right)}$$

well behaved as $\rho \rightarrow 0$ and $0 < N \leq 1$

All follows from the geometric sum

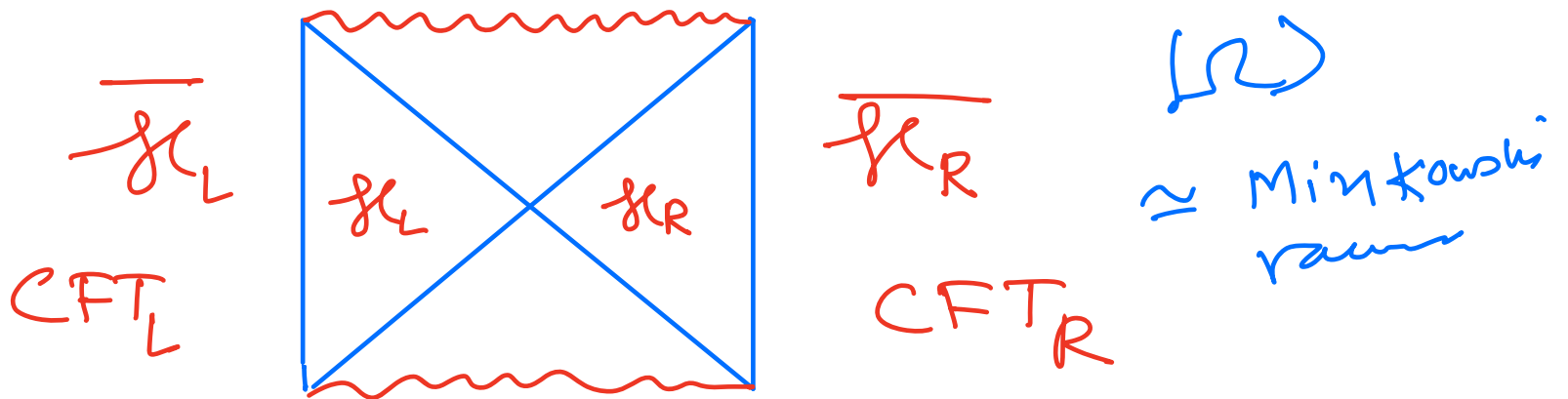
$$\sum_{k=1}^{(N-1)/2} x^k = \frac{-x \left(1 - x^{\frac{N-1}{2}}\right)}{(1-x)}$$

Thus, there is good evidence that entanglement entropy (computed using the orbifold method (a stringy analog of replica method)) is finite and calculable.

This feature appears to continue for generic Calabi-Yau compactifications to models with less supersymmetry.

Holography & Entanglement

Rindler spacetime = Near horizon geometry of the two-sided eternal Schwarzschild-AdS Black Hole



$$|\Omega\rangle = \sum e^{-\pi w} |n_w \bar{n}_w\rangle \langle n_w \bar{n}_w|$$

Thermofield double entangled state

Quantum Entanglement on BH Horizon & Holography

$$AdS_3 \times S^3 \times T^4$$

NS5-F1 system $(Q5, Q1)$

Exact worldsheet CFT |

WZW $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ model at $\kappa = (L/l_s)^2$

BTZ Black hole mass M spin J

$Z(N, M, J, \kappa)$ can be exactly
computed for Z_N orbifolds of BTZ.

Once again tachyonic divergences
get tamed in the physical region

Holographic Entanglement

$$\overline{\rho}_R = \frac{\text{Tr} |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega|}{\mathcal{Z}}$$

= Thermal density matrix of CFT at finite t and l .

$$\overline{S} = -\text{Tr} \overline{\rho}_R \log \overline{\rho}_R = f(\lambda, N^2)$$

$$S = \overline{S} = \frac{A}{4G} + S_q$$

$$\lambda = g_s N \approx \frac{l_s^2}{A} \quad g_s^2 = \frac{1}{N^2}$$

Expect finite and non-zero corrections.

Renormalization of Newton's constant

Divergences in the entanglement entropy in the bulk theory of gravity can be absorbed in the renormalization of Newton's constant.

Susskind & Uglum

$$S = \frac{A}{4G} + S_q \quad \underline{\text{is finite}}$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$

