

Replica wormholes and generalised Rényi entropies

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Black hole information problem

- How does Hawking radiation \mathbf{R} from evaporating black hole (**BH**) encode information of quantum state of matter collapsing to form the black hole ?
- Hawking's semiclassical calculation yields thermal radiation whose entropy grows unbounded. (Hawking '76)
- **BH** and its radiation \mathbf{R} are entangled: we need to consider the **von Neumann** entropy $S_{EE}(\mathbf{R})$:

$$S_{EE}(\mathbf{R}) = -\text{Tr}_{\mathbf{R}} (\rho_r \log \rho_r)$$

ρ_r : reduced density matrix for \mathbf{R}

- $S_{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \log \dim \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{A}}$ i.e. S_{EE} saturated by thermal entropy for large subsystems.
- In the thermodynamic limit,

$$S_{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{A}) = \min (\log \dim \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{A}}, \log \dim \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{B}})$$

(Page's theorem)

- **Page curve** for BHs:

$$S_{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{R}) = \min (S_{\text{BH}}(t), S_{\text{rad}}(t))$$

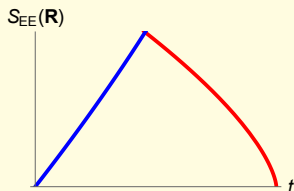
$S_{\text{rad}}(t)$ = thermal entropy of all Hawking radiation collected up to time t .

Page curve for BHs in adiabatic limit

- **Schwarzschild:** $\dot{M} = -\# T(t)^2$; $\delta S_{\text{BH}}(t) = \delta M/T$ (first law) and $T(t) = \frac{1}{8\pi G_N M}$,

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \# T_0 \left(1 - \frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad S_{\text{rad}} = 2(S_{\text{BH}}(0) - S_{\text{BH}}(t))$$

- $S_{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{R})$:



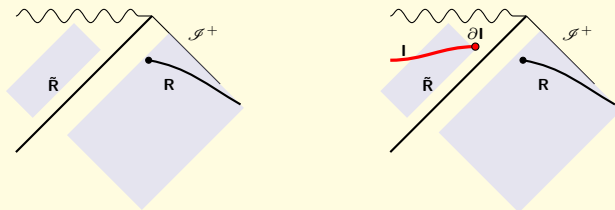
- **Page time:** $S_{\text{BH}}(t) = \frac{2}{3} S_{\text{BH}}(0)$

- Generalised, “fine grained” entanglement entropy
(Almheiri-Mahajan-Maldacena-Zhao '19)
- Precursor: Holographic entanglement entropy & Quantum Extremal Surfaces (QES) Faulkner-Lewkowycz-Maldacena (2013); Engelhardt-Wall (2014)

Generalised entropy and island mechanism

(Almheiri-Hartman-Maldacena-Shaghoulian-Tajdini (2019); Penington-Shenker-Stanford-Yang (2019))

$$S_{\text{gen}}^{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{R}) = \min_{\mathbf{I}} \text{ext}_{\partial \mathbf{I}} \left\{ \sum_{\partial \mathbf{I}} \frac{\mathbf{A}(\partial \mathbf{I})}{4G_N} + S_{\text{QFT}}^{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{R} \cup \mathbf{I}) \right\}$$



- \mathbf{I} : “Island” $\partial \mathbf{I}$: “Quantum Extremal Surface” (QES)
- Early times, **No-island**: $S_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{R}) = S_{\text{QFT}}(\mathbf{R})$
- Late times, **Island saddle**: \mathbf{I} gathers purifiers $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}$ of $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow$ Page curve

Generalised Rényi entropies ?



$$S_{\text{EE}}(\mathbf{R}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr} \rho_r^n$$

- Can we compute Rényi entropies for general (integer) $n \neq 1$

$$S_n(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr} \rho_r^n$$

- Computing $\text{Tr} \rho_r^n$ yields the entanglement spectrum.
- Is there a “generalised Rényi entropy” for $n \neq 1$?

JT gravity setup

- Jackiw-Teitelboim (JT) gravity: 2d dilaton-gravity Teitelboim '83, Jackiw '85

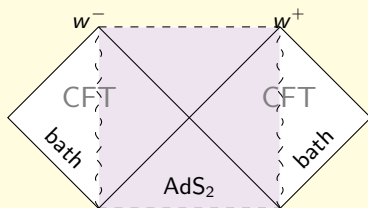
- ◇ **Effective framework**: s -wave truncation of $d > 2$ gravity.
- ◇ Near horizon description of higher d near extremal BHs.

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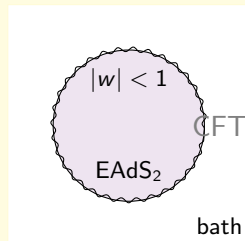
$$I_{\text{JT}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \Phi (R + 2) + \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{\text{bdry}} d\tau \sqrt{-g} \Phi K$$

- ◇ **Locally AdS₂**: $R = -2$.
- ◇ All dynamics \leftrightarrow Boundary term
- ◇ Dilaton $\Phi \leftrightarrow$ Area

Black hole coupled to radiation (CFT) bath



Lorentzian



Euclidean

- BH coupled to flat **nongravitating** bath

$$ds^2 = \frac{4dw d\bar{w}}{(1 - |w|^2)^2},$$

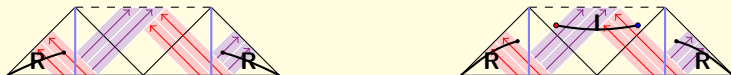
$$\Phi = \Phi_0 + \frac{2\pi\phi_r}{\beta} \frac{1 + |w|^2}{1 - |w|^2}.$$

- BH entropy:

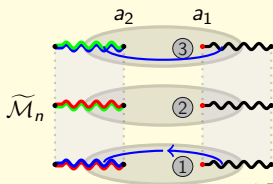
$$S_{\text{BH}} = \left. \frac{\Phi}{4G_N} \right|_{w=0} = S_0 + \frac{\pi}{2G_N\beta} \phi_r$$

Replica problem

- Consider e.g. Rényi entropies for union of two intervals. Late times, we expect two QES:



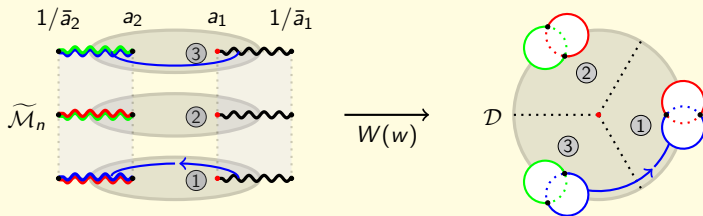
- In general: we want a (Euclidean) replica calculation with N QES's/punctures (determined dynamically)
- Replica of AdS_2 geometry $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_n$: n -fold cover of base \mathcal{M}_n with N punctures: $w = \{a_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$.



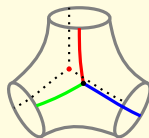
Uniformisation

- Replica geometry from Fuchsian uniformisation: (Hadasz-Jaskolski '06;

Hulík-Procházka-Raeymaekers '16; Faulkner '13)



Replica wormhole



Replica problem

- $-\log Z_n = I_{\text{JT}}^{(n)} - \log Z_n^{\text{CFT}}$ ($\tau = \text{bath time}$):

$$I_{\text{JT}}^{(n)}[a_j; w(\tau)] = -NS_0 - \frac{n\phi_r}{8\pi G_N} \int_{|w|=1} d\tau [\{w, \tau\} + \mathcal{T}_L \dot{w}^2]$$

- Liouville stress tensor $\mathcal{T}_L = \frac{1}{2}\{W, w\}$,

$$ds^2 \Big|_{\mathcal{M}_n} = e^{2\rho(w, \bar{w})} |dw|^2, \quad \mathcal{T}_L = -(\partial_w \rho)^2 + \partial_w^2 \rho$$

- Near twist/antitwist branch points,

$$W(w \rightarrow a_j) \sim (w - a_j)^{\pm 1/n} + \dots$$

- Liouville eqn: $-4\partial_w \partial_{\bar{w}} \rho + e^{2\rho} = 2\pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{j=1}^N \delta^2(w - a_j)$

Equations of motion and a puzzle

- JT gravity Einstein eqn:

$$e^{2\rho} \partial_w (e^{-2\rho} \partial_w \Phi) = 8\pi G_N \langle T_{ww} \rangle_n$$

- Near $w = a_j$, $\rho \approx -\frac{1}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \log(w - a_j)$
- CFT Ward identity for $\langle T_{ww} \rangle_n$ and residue at $w = a_j$ yields

$$\frac{1}{4G_N} \partial_w \Phi|_{w=a_j} + \partial_{a_j} S_{\text{CFT}}^{(n)} = 0$$

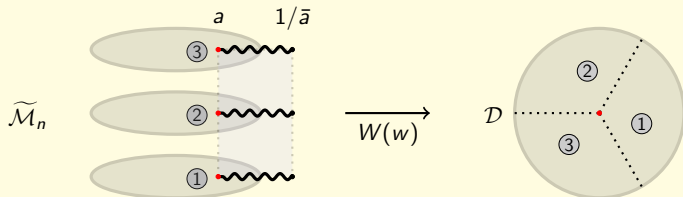
- Superficially resembling, but **not** a QES condition.
- How is $\partial_w \Phi(a_j)$ related to $\partial_{a_j} \Phi(a_j)$?

One QES problem

- The uniformisation map is immediate:

$$W(w) = \left(\frac{w - a}{1 - \bar{a}w} \right)^{1/n}$$

- Base \mathcal{M}_n : $|w| < 1$, and cover \mathcal{D} : $|W| < 1$ unit disc.



One QES problem

- Integral representation for dilaton on \mathcal{D} (from EoM + energy balance at boundary):

$$\Phi(W, \bar{W}) = -\frac{\phi_r(1 - |W|^2)^2}{\beta} \oint_{\partial\mathcal{D}} d\tilde{W} \frac{\dot{W}(\tilde{W})}{(\tilde{W} - W)^2(1 - \bar{W}\tilde{W})^2}$$

- Evaluate $\Phi|_{w=a}$ and $\partial_w\Phi|_{w=a}$: $\partial_w\Phi(w)|_{w=a} = \frac{n+1}{2}\partial_a\Phi(a)$

Generalised modular entropy

- 1 Einstein eq & CFT Ward identity imply a QES condition:

$$\partial_a \left(\frac{\Phi(a)}{4G_N} + \frac{2}{n+1} S_n^{\text{CFT}}(a) \right) = \partial_a \tilde{S}_n^{\text{gen}} = 0.$$

- 2 Independently, off-shell action

$$-\log Z_n = \overbrace{\frac{I_{\text{JT}}^n}{8G_N}}^{(n^2-1)\Phi(a, \bar{a})} + \dots - \log Z_n^{\text{CFT}}[a]$$

- 3 Extremising yields exactly 1
- 4 Generalised entropy for general n is a modular entropy:

$$\boxed{\tilde{S}_n^{\text{gen}}(a) = \frac{\Phi(a)}{4G_N} + \tilde{S}_n^{\text{CFT}}} \quad \tilde{S}_n^{\text{CFT}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial n^{-1}} (n^{-1} \ln Z_n^{\text{CFT}})$$

(consistent with Dong '16)

Multiple QES

- For general n and multiple QES, **mutual backreaction of branch points nontrivial** (unlike $n \rightarrow 1$ limit)
- Nontrivial uniformisation problem. Map to fundamental domain \mathcal{D} : $W(w) = \psi_1/\psi_2$

$$(\partial_w^2 + \mathcal{T}_L(w)) \Psi = 0, \quad \Psi = (\psi_1, \psi_2)$$

- Liouville stress tensor,

$$\mathcal{T}_L = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{4(w - a_i)^2} + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{4(w - 1/\bar{a}_i)^2} + \frac{c_i^+}{(w - a_i)} + \frac{c_i^-}{(w - 1/\bar{a}_i)} \right)$$

- Replica partition function completely determined by the accessory parameters $\{c_i^\pm\}$ and boundary map $\dot{w}(w)$

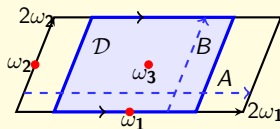
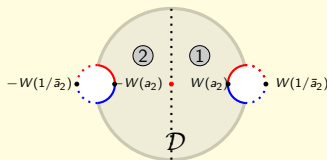
Multiple QES

- Accessory parameters fixed by requirement that monodromies around singular points are in $SU(1, 1)$, leaving e^ρ invariant
- Gravity action depends on $\{a_j\}$ and nontrivially on *a priori* unknown boundary map $w(\tau)$
- High temperature simplifying limit: $w \approx e^{i\tau}$, and

$$I_{\text{JT}}^n \rightarrow \frac{n\pi\phi_r}{\beta G_N} \sum_{j=1}^N c_j^+ a_j$$

Case $n = 2, N = 2$

- For $n = 2$ and two branch points, the problem is elliptic, and \mathcal{D} is a strip on the torus



- Complex structure $\tau = i \frac{K(1-x)}{K(x)}$
- Cross-ratio $x = \frac{(a_1 - \frac{1}{\bar{a}_1})(a_2 - \frac{1}{\bar{a}_2})}{(a_1 - \frac{1}{\bar{a}_2})(a_2 - \frac{1}{\bar{a}_1})}$. Small x : $\tau \approx -i \ln x$
- Double trumpet metric: $ds^2 \sim dzd\bar{z} / \sin^2(\text{Re } \alpha z)$

Case $n = 2, N = 2$

- The high temperature action for $n = 2$ and 2 branch points:

$$I_{\text{JT}}^{(2)} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4G_N} (\Phi_1(a_1) + \Phi_1(a_2)) (1 - \mathcal{K}(x))$$

$$\mathcal{K}(x) = \frac{1}{12} \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{\mathcal{K}(x)^2} + 4 - 2x \right) = \frac{x^2}{32} + \frac{x^3}{64} + \dots$$

- In Lorentzian signature $x \ll 1 \leftrightarrow$ late times, when there is a "factorisation" of QES positions.
- $x \ll 1$ limit: cut-out arcs become small and $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow$ unit disk

Multiple QES

- For general n , accessory parameters related to semiclassical conformal block in Liouville theory

$$c_i^+ = \lim_{c_L \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{6}{c_L} \partial_{a_i} \log \mathcal{F}(\{a_j\}; \Delta_n c_L)$$

Determined as an expansion in small x limit

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$$I_{\text{JT}} = \frac{(n^2 - 1)}{8G_N} \left(\sum_j \Phi(a_j, \bar{a}_j) + \delta\Phi_n \right) + \dots$$

$\delta\Phi_n$: contributions from cut-out arcs of \mathcal{D} , suppressed in late time limits.

- $\tilde{S}_n^{\text{gen}} = \sum_j \frac{\Phi(a_j)}{4G_N} + \tilde{S}_n^{\text{CFT}}(a_j) + (\text{small})$ late time limit.

Summary and further questions

- Summary:

- Generalised Rényi entropies computable for finite n .
- n -dependent Page times $n > 1$:

$$t_0 = \frac{6\beta n S_0}{\pi c(n+1)} + \frac{\beta}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} - \frac{\kappa(19n^2 - 7)}{2(4n^2 - 1)} + \dots \right) \quad \kappa = \frac{\beta c G_N}{6\pi \phi_r} \ll 1$$

- Open questions:

- Real time Rényi entropy evolution for single sided evaporating BH
- Computing corrections to \tilde{S}_n^{gen} away from factorisation limit. Compare with holographic arguments (Dong '16).