

# Entanglement Rényi entropies in celestial holography

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Celestial holography

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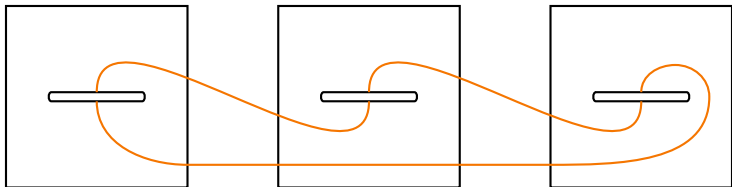
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Integer  $n$ :

$\operatorname{tr} \rho_{\mathcal{A}}^n = Z_n / Z_1^n$  — partition function on  $n$  sheets:





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[Calabrese, Cardy, hep-th/0405152]

Entanglement entropy of interval  $z \in [z_1, z_2]$

Uniformisation map

$$w(z) = \left( \frac{z - z_1}{z - z_2} \right)^{1/n}$$

$n$ -sheeted replica manifold  $\rightarrow$  complex plane

**Same as cosmic string superrotation**

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Use conformal symmetry:

$$S_n = \frac{c}{6} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \ln \left(\frac{|z_2 - z_1|}{\varepsilon}\right) + a_n$$

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \ln \left(\frac{|z_2 - z_1|}{\varepsilon}\right) + a_1$$

Weyl transformation  $\rightarrow$  unit sphere:

$$S_n = \frac{c}{6} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \ln \left[\frac{2}{\varepsilon} \sin \left(\frac{\ell}{2}\right)\right] + a_n$$

$\ell =$  great circle distance

# Entanglement entropy in CCFT?

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Working assumption:

CCFT partition function = bulk partition function.

$$Z_{n,\text{CCFT}} = Z_{n,\text{grav.}} = e^{inI_n}$$

$I_n$  = on-shell gravity action in presence of cosmic string, tension

$$\mu = \frac{n-1}{4nG_N}$$

Rényi entropies

$$S_n = \frac{in}{1-n} [I_n - I_1]$$

$$\partial_n \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) S_n \right] = -i\partial_n I_n$$

c.f. AdS/CFT: [Dong, 1601.06788]

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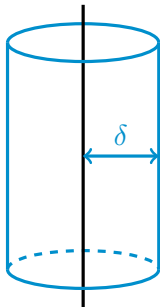
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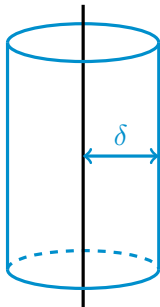
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**Key assumption:** variation of boundary terms at infinity vanish.

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# Integral


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Area integral:

$$\partial_n I_n = -\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{1}{8G_N} \int dU dV$$

Regulators:

$$|uv| \leq L^2$$

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$$r \leq r_c$$

$$V \leq \frac{2n|z_2 - z_1|W^{n-1}r_c}{|W^n e^{in\phi} - 1|^2 + |z_2 W^n e^{in\phi} - z_1|^2}$$

Similar cutoffs: [Cheung et al., 1609.00732; Ogawa et al., 2207.06735]

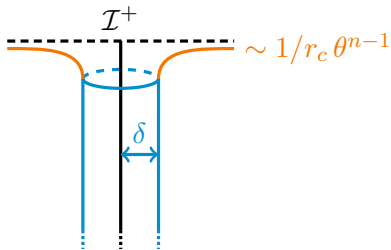


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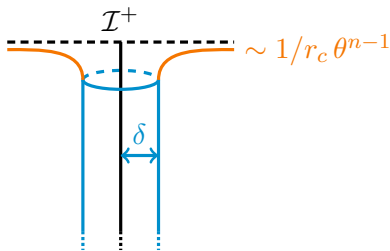
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$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{nr_c}$$

$$= \frac{c}{6} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \ln \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \sin \left( \frac{\ell}{2} \right) \right] \quad \checkmark$$

$$c = \frac{3iL^2}{G_N}$$

- $\checkmark$  [Cheung et al., 1609.00732]
- $\checkmark$  [Pasterski, Verlinde, 2201.01630]
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Why not  $c = 0$ ?

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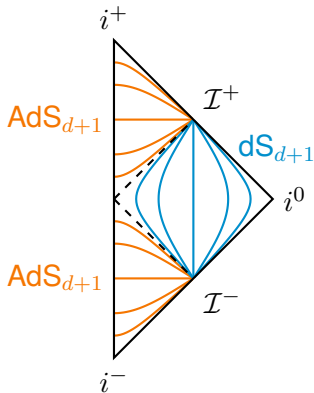
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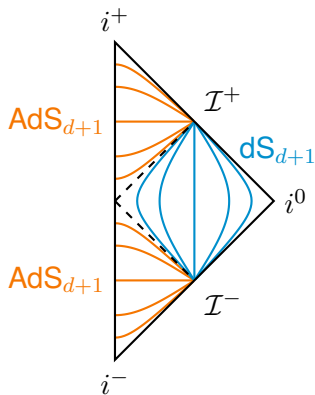
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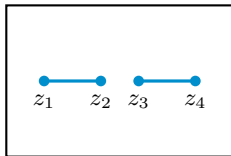
No type A Weyl anomaly when  $d = 4\mathbb{Z}$ ?



# Outlook

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- Why  $c \neq 0$ ?
- Multiple intervals? Entanglement inequalities?
- Parallel strings
- Meaning of central charge  $\propto (\text{IR cutoff})^d$ ?
- Relation to Carrollian approach?



$$S = \frac{c}{3} \ln \left[ \frac{|z_{12} z_{34} z_{14} z_{23}|}{\varepsilon^2 |z_{13} z_{24}|} \mathcal{F} \left( \frac{z_{12} z_{34}}{z_{13} z_{24}} \right) \right]$$

**Thanks!**