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# Entanglement Entropy of non-Unitary Quantum Field Theory

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This talk is mainly based on the following works:

D. Bianchini, O.C.-A., B. Doyon, E. Levi and F. Ravanini, Entanglement Entropy of Non Unitary Conformal Field Theory, J. Phys. A48 04FT01 (2015).

D. Bianchini, O.C.-A. and B. Doyon, Entanglement Entropy of Non-Unitary Integrable Quantum Field Theory; arXiv:1502.03275

I will also often refer to our first paper on Entanglement Entropy where the connection to branch-point twist fields was introduced:

J.L. Cardy, O.C.-A. and B. Doyon, Form Factors of Branch-Point Twist Fields in Quantum Integrable Models and Entanglement Entropy, J. Stat. Phys. 130 129-168 (2008).

## How to measure (or quantify) quantum entanglement?

In many-body quantum systems a popular measure of quantum entanglement is the **entanglement entropy** (EE):

- Choose a decomposition of the Hilbert space into a tensor product  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ . For instance:



- Given a **pure** state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{A}}$ , calculate the **reduced density matrix**:

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{B}}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) \in \text{End}(\mathcal{A})$$

- There various kinds of entanglement entropy (EE) that we may define such as:

$$\text{Rényi} : S_n(A) = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A^n)$$

$$\text{von Neumann} : S(A) = -\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A \log(\rho_A)) = S_1(A)$$

$$\text{“Replica Trick”} : = -\lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{dn} \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A^n)$$

# EE in 1+1-D (Unitary) Quantum Systems

- Exact results and determinant representations in free fermion chains [Peschel'04; Its, Jin, Korepin'05], connections to Painlevé equations [Casini, Fosco, Huerta'05; Casini, Huerta'05].
- Exact values in gapped integrable chains: infinite chain, semi-infinite region by CTM [Peschel'04; Ercolessi, Evangelisti, Ravanini'10; Ercolessi, Evangelisti, Franchini, Ravanini'11].
- Universal results at and near criticality: entanglement entropy diverges logarithmically with correlation length [Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek'94; Vidal, Latorre, Rico, Kitaev'03; Latorre, Rico, Vidal'04; Calabrese, Cardy'04].
- Universal results at criticality for the entropy of excited states [Ibañez Berganza, Castillo Alcaraz & Sierra'11] and the EE of disconnected regions [Cardy, Calabrese, Tonni'09] and the negativity [Cardy, Calabrese & Tonni'12].
- Universal results for 1+1 dimension integrable models (beyond criticality) using a representation of the EE in terms of correlation functions of twist fields [Cardy, O.C.-A., Doyon'08].

# Important Results At and Near Critical Points

- **Short distance (CFT):**  $0 \ll L \ll \xi$ , logarithmic behavior  
[Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek'94; Vidal, Latorre, Rico, Kitaev'03; Latorre, Rico, Vidal'04; Calabrese, Cardy'04]

$$S_n(A) \sim |\partial A| \frac{c(n+1)}{12n} \log(L/\epsilon)$$

where  $c$  is the **central charge** of the CFT and  $\epsilon$  is a short-distance cut-off.

- **Large distance (massive QFT):**  $0 \ll \xi \ll L$ , saturation  
[Calabrese, Cardy'04]

$$S_n(A) \sim |\partial A| \frac{c(n+1)}{12n} \log(\xi\epsilon) + |\partial A| U_n + \text{exp. corrections}$$

At  $n=1$ ,  $|\partial A| = 2$  [Cardy, O.C.-A., Doyon'08; Doyon'09]

$$S_1(A) \sim \frac{c}{3} \log(\xi\epsilon) + 2U_1 - \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\ell} K_0(2rm_{\alpha}) + O(e^{-3m_1 r})$$

$m_{\alpha}$  is the mass spectrum,  $m_1 \propto \xi^{-1}$  is the smallest mass.

# Motivation & Central Question

- Suppose that we are given a pure state  $|\psi\rangle$  and that we perform a computation of the EE.
- If we find logarithmic scaling we may deduce that the system is critical and we expect to be able to extract the central charge  $c$  of the critical point.
- What happens if  $|\psi\rangle$  is the ground state of a critical system described by a non-unitary CFT? **We find that we may just replace  $c \rightarrow c_{\text{eff}} = c - 24\Delta$ .**
- Here  $c_{\text{eff}}$  is the **effective central charge** and  $\Delta$  is the smallest conformal dimension of a primary field in the theory [**Itzykson, Saleur & Zuber'86**].
- For example for the Lee-Yang minimal model  $c = -22/5$  and  $\Delta = -1/5$  so  $c_{\text{eff}} = 4/5$  [**Fisher'78; Cardy'85**].
- If we only know the state  $|\psi\rangle$  we can not tell whether we are seeing  $c$  or  $c_{\text{eff}}$ . In general the EE will give us  $c_{\text{eff}}$ .
- **We may tell unitary and non-unitary critical systems apart by studying the EE near criticality!**

Our main result is that the Rényi entropy of an interval of length  $r$  starting at the boundary is given by

$$S_n(A) \sim \frac{c_{\text{eff}}(n+1)}{12n} \log\left(\frac{r}{\epsilon}\right) \quad \text{for } |\partial A| = 1$$

- Our derivation is close in spirit to [Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek'94] where  $\text{Tr}(\rho_A^n) = Z_n/(Z_1)^n$  is re-interpreted as a ratio of partition functions on the  $Z_n$  orbifold (replica theory) and the original CFT. In our derivation we made more extensive use of the algebraic structure of CFT.
- At critical points a geometric description, Riemann uniformization techniques and standard expressions for CFT partition functions is all that is needed.
- Near critical points, the scaling limit is described by massive QFT. CFT techniques fail.
- Thus if we want to go beyond criticality, a field theoretical approach to the EE becomes very powerful: twist fields

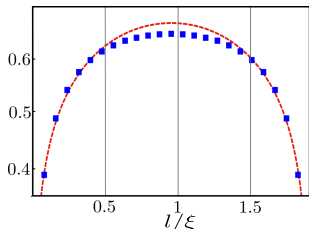
# Numerical Evidence

Consider the standard Hilbert space structure on  $(\mathbb{C}^2)^N$  and the non-hermitian Hamiltonian

$$H(\lambda, h) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N (\sigma_j^z + \lambda \sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x + ih \sigma_j^x)$$

- The Hamiltonian is PT-symmetric. There is a region of parameters where this PT-symmetry is unbroken. In that region it has a **real spectrum** [von Gehlen'91].
- In the thermodynamic limit, there is a **critical line** in the  $(\lambda, h)$ -plane (the line corresponding to PT-symmetry breaking) [von Gehlen'91; O.C.-A., Fring'09]. On this line, the spectrum and thermodynamic properties are those of the **Lee-Yang minimal CFT** [Fisher'78; Cardy'85].
- We have calculated the EE of the ground state for a finite (but long) chain and extracted  $c_{\text{eff}} = 0.4$  in agreement with our general results.





- Here  $\ell$  is the length of the block. The data are obtained by exact diagonalization for  $\lambda = 0.9$  and  $N = 24$ . The dashed line is the fitting curve

$$\frac{\alpha}{3} \log \left( \frac{N}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi L}{N} \right) + \beta$$

where the finite-volume form is used [Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek'94; Calabrese, Cardy'04]. Fitting gives

$$\alpha = 0.4056, \quad \beta = 0.3952.$$

- It has been known for some time that a “twist field” may be associated to the  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  symmetry of an orbifolded CFT constructed as  $n$  cyclicly connected copies of a given CFT [Knizhnik’87]. The conformal dimension of such field  $\mathcal{T}$  was also found by Knizhnik:  $\Delta_{\mathcal{T}} = \frac{c}{24} \left( n - \frac{1}{n} \right)$ .
- In the context of the investigation of the entanglement entropy a field of the same dimension was identified in [Calabrese, Cardy’04]. In this work, this field was interpreted as associated to a conical singularity in the complex plane.
- In 2008 we proposed [Cardy, O.C.-A. & Doyon’08] an interpretation of the fields found in [Calabrese & Cardy’04] as **branch point twist fields**.

# Partition functions on multi-sheeted Riemann surfaces

- For integer numbers  $n$  of replicas, in the scaling limit,  $Z_n = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A^n)$  is a partition function on a Riemann surface [Callan & Wilczek'94; Holzhey, Larsen & Wilczek'94; Calabrese & Cardy'04] ( $\text{Tr}_A(\rho_A)$  is the partition function of the original theory!):

$${}_A\langle\phi|\rho_A|\psi\rangle_A \sim \text{Diagram}$$

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A^n) \sim Z_n = \int [d\varphi]_{\mathcal{M}_n} \exp \left[ - \int_{\mathcal{M}_n} d^2x \mathcal{L}[\varphi](x) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \text{Diagram}$$

# Twist Fields in QFT

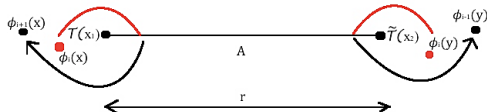
- Branch Point Twist Fields are characterized by the following commutation relations

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_i(y)\mathcal{T}(x) &= \mathcal{T}(x)\phi_{i+1}(y) & x^1 > y^1, \\ \phi_i(y)\mathcal{T}(x) &= \mathcal{T}(x)\phi_i(y) & x^1 < y^1,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_i(y)\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(x) &= \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(x)\phi_{i-1}(y) & x^1 > y^1, \\ \phi_i(y)\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(x) &= \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(x)\phi_i(y) & x^1 < y^1.\end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi_i$  is a field of the original CFT living on copy  $i$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $n + i \equiv i$ .

- Diagrammatically:



- In terms of twist field the EE may be written by employing the following relation [Calabrese & Cardy'04; Cardy, O.C.-A. & Doyon'08]

## Entanglement Entropy in Unitary QFT

$$\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A^n) \propto \epsilon^{\frac{c}{6}(n-\frac{1}{n})} \langle \mathcal{T}(r) \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(0) \rangle.$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a short-distance cut-off,  $c$  is the central charge and  $r$  is the length of region  $A$ .

- In CFT it is very easy to check that such representation indeed gives the expected formulae for the EE since

$$\epsilon^{4\Delta\tau} \langle \mathcal{T}(r) \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(0) \rangle = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{r}\right)^{4\Delta\tau} \Rightarrow S(A) \sim \frac{c}{3} \log\left(\frac{r}{\epsilon}\right)$$

- Saturation for large distances (massive QFT) is reached via

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon^{4\Delta\tau} \langle \mathcal{T}(r) \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(0) \rangle = \epsilon^{\frac{c}{6}(n-\frac{1}{n})} \langle \mathcal{T} \rangle^2 \Rightarrow S(A) \sim \frac{c}{3} \log(\epsilon m^{-1}) + U$$

- Our CFT investigation has led us to conclude that for non-unitary theories the EE should rather be given by

## Entanglement Entropy vs Correlators

$$\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(\rho_A^n) \propto \epsilon^{\frac{c_{\mathrm{eff}}}{6}(n-\frac{1}{n})} \frac{\langle : \mathcal{T}\phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi : (0) \rangle}{\langle \phi(r)\phi(0) \rangle^n}.$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a short-distance cut-off,  $c_{\mathrm{eff}}$  is the effective central charge and  $r$  is the length of region  $A$ .

- The field  $: \mathcal{T}\phi :$  is the leading term of the OPE of  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\phi$ . It has conformal dimension  $\Delta_{:\mathcal{T}\phi:} = \Delta_{:\tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi:} = \Delta_{\mathcal{T}} + \frac{\Delta_{\phi}}{n}$  [Kac & Wakimoto'99; O.C.-A., Doyon & Levi'11; Levi'12].
- $\phi$  is the primary field of lowest (negative) conformal dimension (e.g. the CFT ground state is created by  $\phi$  acting on the conformal vacuum).

- We now want to compute the EE for a simple massive quantum field theory. The ideal model to look at is the Lee-Yang theory with  $S$ -matrix [Cardy & Mussardo'89]

$$S(\theta) = \frac{\tanh \frac{1}{2} \left( \theta + \frac{2\pi i}{3} \right)}{\tanh \frac{1}{2} \left( \theta - \frac{2\pi i}{3} \right)}.$$

- The underlying CFT is the Lee-Yang minimal model.
- Correlation functions of the fundamental field  $\phi$  can be expressed in terms of form factors.
- Form factors were computed in [Zamolodchikov'91]. He was then able to compute  $\langle \phi(r)\phi(0) \rangle$  with great precision and to match results to a perturbed CFT computation.

# Form Factor Expansion

- Given a local operator  $\mathcal{O}$  of a 1+1-dimensional QFT the two-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \int \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \cdots \int \frac{d\theta_k}{2\pi} |F_k^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)|^2 e^{-ix^\mu \sum_{i=1}^k p_\mu(\theta_i)}$$

where  $F_k^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) := \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(0) | \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \rangle$  is the  $k$ -particle form factor of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

- In order to study the short distance behaviour it is more convenient to compute

$$\log\left(\frac{\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0) \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle^2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \int \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \cdots \int \frac{d\theta_k}{2\pi} H_k^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) e^{-ix^\mu \sum_{i=1}^k p_\mu(\theta_i)}$$

where  $H_k$  are related to  $F_k$  by simply matching terms in the two formulae.

There are some subtleties in non-unitary theories!



- Although at the critical point  $\langle\phi(r)\phi(0)\rangle = r^{-4\Delta} = r^{4/5}$  when a mass is introduced the behaviour is rather

$$\langle\phi(r)\phi(0)\rangle/\langle\phi\rangle^2 = r^{-4\Delta} \left(1 + \langle\phi\rangle C_{\phi\phi}^{\phi} r^{2\Delta}\right) + \text{corrections}$$

- At short distances for finite mass the two-point function goes as  $\langle\phi(r)\phi(0)\rangle = \langle\phi\rangle C_{\phi\phi}^{\phi} r^{-2\Delta} = \langle\phi\rangle C_{\phi\phi}^{\phi} r^{2/5}$ .
- This behaviour was well understood in [Zamolodchikov'91]: at the critical point the leading OPE contribution scales as  $r^{-4\Delta} = r^{4/5}$  but in the massive theory  $\langle\phi\rangle \neq 0$  so that the leading contribution to the “perturbed OPE” does not come from the identity field but from  $\phi$  itself. This produces the term  $r^{-2\Delta} = r^{2/5}$ .

# OPEs of the field : $\mathcal{T}\phi$ :

- Interestingly, the same occurs to the correlator  $\langle : \mathcal{T}\phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi : (0) \rangle$  in the massive ( $n$ -copy) theory. Its leading behaviour in perturbed CFT will be given by a term proportional to  $\langle \phi \rangle^n \neq 0$  corresponding to the field  $\phi_1 \cdots \phi_n$ . Thus  $\langle : \mathcal{T}\phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi : (0) \rangle \propto r^{-4\Delta_{:\mathcal{T}\phi:} - 2n\Delta}$ .
- For example a zeroth order perturbed CFT computation for  $n = 2$  yields (here  $C_{ab}^c$  are the CFT structure constants)

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle : \mathcal{T}\phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi : (0) \rangle / \langle : \mathcal{T}\phi : \rangle^2 \\ &= r^{-4\Delta_{:\mathcal{T}\phi:}} \left( 1 + 2C_{:\mathcal{T}\phi::\tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi:}^{\phi_1+\phi_2} r^{2\Delta} \langle \phi \rangle + C_{:\mathcal{T}\phi::\tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi:}^{\phi_1\phi_2} r^{4\Delta} \langle \phi \rangle^2 \right) + \dots \\ &= r^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( 1 - (6.2515\dots)(mr)^{-\frac{2}{5}} + (8.5055\dots)(mr)^{-\frac{4}{5}} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Crucially, the ratio  $\frac{\langle : \mathcal{T}\phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}}\phi : (0) \rangle}{\langle \phi(r)\phi(0) \rangle^n} \sim r^{-\frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{3}(n-\frac{1}{n})}$  so the EE in massive QFT still displays the correct behaviour (predicted by CFT) at short distances.

# Form Factors of Twist Fields

- In order to evaluate correlation functions we compute the form factors of twist fields [Cardy, O. C.-A. & Doyon'08]. This is a rather technical problem ... They can be obtained by solving a set of consistency conditions.
- Putting all these conditions together we find:

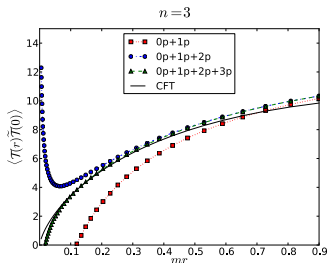
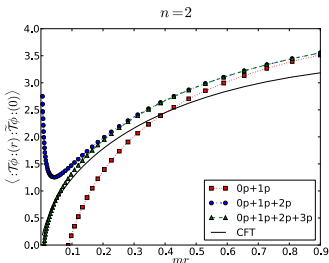
$$F_1^\pm = \frac{-i3^{1/4} \langle \mathcal{O}_\pm \rangle (\cos(\frac{\pi}{3n}) \pm 2 \sin^2(\frac{\pi}{6n}))}{\sqrt{2n} \sin(\frac{\pi}{3n}) f(\frac{2i\pi}{3}, n)}$$

$$F_2^{11}(\theta) = \frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_\pm \rangle \sin(\frac{\pi}{n})}{2n \sinh(\frac{i\pi-\theta}{2n}) \sinh(\frac{i\pi+\theta}{2n})} \frac{F_{\min}^{11}(\theta, n)}{F_{\min}^{11}(i\pi, n)} + \frac{(F_1^\pm)^2}{\langle \mathcal{O}_\pm \rangle} F_{\min}^{11}(\theta, n)$$

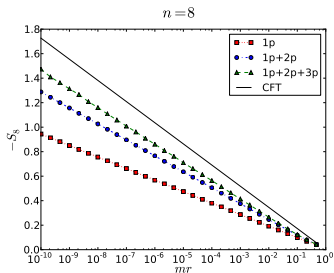
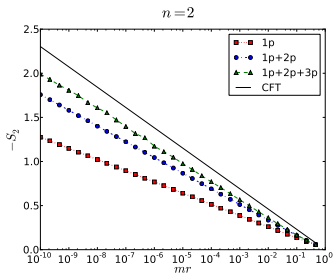
where  $F_{\min}^{11}(\theta)$  is a minimal solution to the FF equations which is proportional to a known function  $f(\theta, n)$ .

- Setting  $n = 1$  gives either  $F_1^- = 0$  or  $F_1^+ = F_1^\phi$ . This is strong indication that the FFs do indeed correspond to  $\mathcal{O}_- = \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_+ =: \mathcal{T}\phi$  .:

# Numerical Evidence



- The figures show a comparison between form factors and perturbed CFT. They show good agreement for intermediate values of  $mr$  as expected.
- For very small  $mr$  the perturbed CFT results should be trusted whereas for large  $mr$  the form factor results should be the most accurate.
- The form factor results contain a further uncertainty since the values of  $\langle \mathcal{T} \rangle$  and  $\langle : \mathcal{T} \phi : \rangle$  are not known exactly.



- The figures above shown the Rényi entropy defined as

$$S_n(A) = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \left[ \frac{\langle : \mathcal{T} \phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \phi : (0) \rangle}{\langle \phi(r) \phi(0) \rangle^n} \right]$$

- The EE is plotted in logarithmic scale to make the proportionality to  $\log(mr)$  apparent. Adding form factor contributions makes the slope of the lines get closer to the CFT prediction  $S_n(A) = \frac{c_{\text{eff}}(n+1)}{6n} \log(mr)$ .

# Corrections to EE saturation at large regions

If we now consider

$$S = - \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{dn} \epsilon^{\frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{6} (n - \frac{1}{n})} \frac{\langle : \mathcal{T} \phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \phi : (0) \rangle}{\langle \phi(r) \phi(0) \rangle^n}$$

and we use a FF expansion

$$= -\frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{3} \log(m\epsilon) + U - \underbrace{\frac{2}{\pi f(\frac{2\pi i}{3}, 1)^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{13\pi}{108} \right)}_{0.0769782} K_0(mr) + \dots$$

where

$$U = -\frac{d}{dn} \left( \frac{K_\phi^n}{K : \mathcal{T} \phi :} \right)_{n=1}$$

and

$$K_\phi = m^{2\Delta} \frac{C_{\phi\phi}^\phi}{\langle \phi \rangle}, \quad K : \mathcal{T} \phi : = m^{4\Delta - 2n\Delta} \frac{C_{: \mathcal{T} \phi : : \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \phi :}^{\phi_1 \dots \phi_n} \langle \phi \rangle^n}{\langle : \mathcal{T} \phi : \rangle^2}$$

The constants  $K_\phi$  are accessible from a form factor expansion [Babujian, Karowski'03].

# Corrections to EE saturation at large regions

- The cut-off  $\epsilon$  is chosen so as to have

$$\begin{aligned} S(r) &\sim -\frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{3} \log(m\epsilon) + U + o(1) && (mr \rightarrow \infty) \\ &\sim \frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{3} \log(r/\epsilon) + o(1) && (mr \rightarrow 0) \end{aligned}$$

- With this choice the constant  $U$  is universal in the sense that it can be computed purely in terms of fixed QFT quantities (e.g. VEVs and structure constants).
- For Lee-Yang we have found also further corrections as:

$$S(r) = -\frac{2}{15} \log(m\epsilon) + U - aK_0(mr) - \frac{be^{-2mr}}{\sqrt{2mr}} - \frac{ce^{-2mr}}{2mr} + O\left(\frac{e^{-2mr}}{(2mr)^{3/2}}\right)$$

with  $a = 0.0769782\dots$ ,  $b = 0.326234\dots$  and  $c = -0.0512159\dots$

- We have shown that the EE of non-unitary CFT satisfies similar scaling properties as for unitary theories with the replacement  $c \rightarrow c_{\text{eff}}$ .
- We have tested this result for a non-Hermitian spin chain model and a lattice model
- The description of the EE as a ratio of correlation functions appears to be consistent even beyond criticality. When a mass scale is added the CFT results are recovered as  $mr \rightarrow 0$ .
- Away from the critical point the EE saturates as for unitary models but the next-to-leading correction to saturation is different from that found for unitary 1+1-dimensional models.



- This means that examining the corrections to saturation of the EE for  $L \gg \xi$  may provide a method to identify non-unitary critical points!
- We would like first to test this prediction on the spin chain model mentioned earlier.
- Is there an “entropic”  $c_{\text{eff}}$ -theorem? [Casini, Huerta’06]
- What is the meaning of ratios such as?

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{O}(r)\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(0) \rangle\rangle := \frac{\langle : \mathcal{O}\phi : (r) : \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\phi : (0) \rangle}{\langle \phi(r)\phi(0) \rangle}$$

- Could they provide a clue to how to write down the “physical” correlators in non-unitary QFT?

## A subtlety: right and left eigenvectors

- In the orbifold computation, we used Euclidean CFT. In Euclidean field theory, the vector constructed by the integration towards the infinite past is the right eigenvector  $|\psi_R\rangle$ , and that by the integration towards the infinite future the left eigenvector  $\langle\psi_L|$ . For non-hermitian Hamiltonians, these are generically **different**. So we are effectively evaluating

$$\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}\rho_A^n, \quad \rho_A = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{B}}|\psi_R\rangle\langle\psi_L|$$

- At criticality they seem to be the same:  $|\psi_R\rangle = |\psi_L\rangle$ . This is because they are not only PT-symmetric, but also P-symmetric.

- In radial quantization  $z = e^{i\eta + \tau}$  where  $\eta$  is space and  $\tau$  is Euclidean time we represent  $|\psi_R\rangle$  by the field  $\phi(0)|0\rangle = \phi_+(0)\phi_-(0)|0\rangle$  (chiral decomposition).  
 $z \mapsto \bar{z}, \phi_+ \mapsto \phi_-$  is Parity symmetry. Hence  $P|\psi_R\rangle = |\psi_R\rangle$  and  $P|\psi_L\rangle = |\psi_L\rangle$ .
- In general we expect  $T|\psi_R\rangle = |\psi_L\rangle$ . Using PT invariance,

$$|\psi_R\rangle = PT|\psi_R\rangle = P|\psi_L\rangle = |\psi_L\rangle$$

Checked numerically and from lattice model constructions.

- We believe this may be a feature that extends to the near critical behaviour.