

Chapter 3: Holographic Duality

$$\text{quantum gravity in } \text{AdS}_{d+1} = \text{CFT}_d$$

Equivalence between two quantum systems

→ guess the dictionary

⇒ verify

→ make more guesses

• parameters, symmetries should match

e.g. $U(1)$ gauge $\leftrightarrow U(1)$ global

3.1 General aspects

3.1.1 IR/UV connection

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + dz^2) \quad (*)$$

(*) is invariant under $(t, \vec{x}) \rightarrow \lambda(t, \vec{x})$
 $z \rightarrow \lambda z$

⇒ extra dimension \leftrightarrow scale

Note: (t, ξ) defined in boundary units

$$d\tau = \frac{R}{z} dt \quad dl = \frac{R}{z} dx$$

→ For some process of local energy E_{loc} and local length d_{loc} at z

$$d_{YM} = \frac{z}{R} d_{loc}, \quad E_{YM} = \cancel{\frac{R}{z}} \frac{R}{z} E_{loc}$$

→ For the same process at different z :

(boundary) $z \rightarrow 0$: $E_{YM} \rightarrow \infty$, $d_{YM} \rightarrow 0$ (UV process)

$z \rightarrow \infty$: $E_{YM} \rightarrow 0$, $d_{YM} \rightarrow \infty$ (IR process)

⇒ typical bulk process, $E_{loc} \sim 1/R$

$$\Rightarrow E_{YM} \sim 1/z$$

IR - UV connection

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From before:

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + dz^2)$$

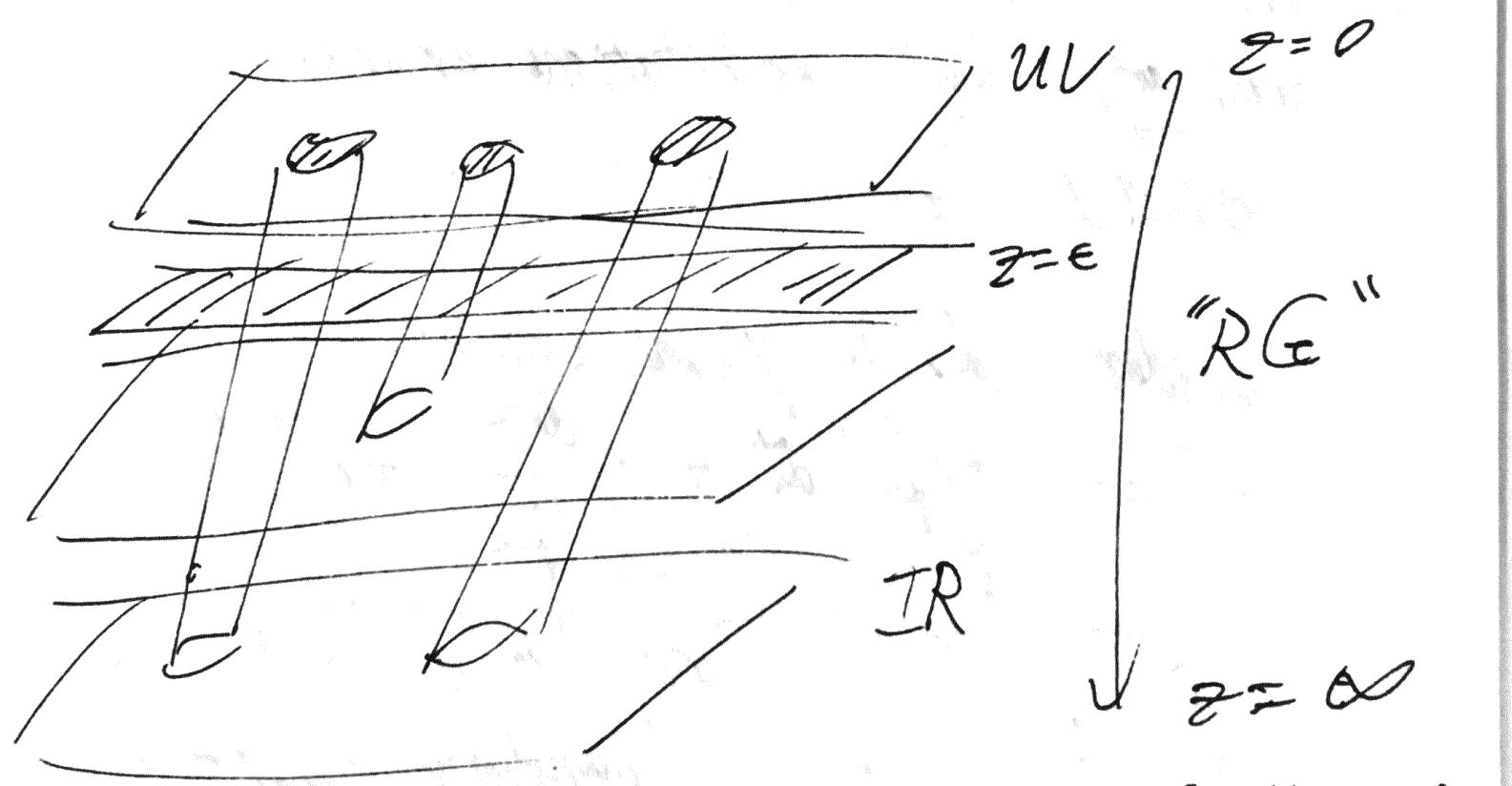
$$E_{YM} = \frac{R}{z} E_{loc}$$

$$d_{YM} = \frac{z}{R} d_{loc}$$

$$E_{YM} \propto \frac{1}{z}$$

$$d_{YM} \propto z$$

~~$$E_{YM} \propto \frac{1}{z} d_{YM} dt/dz$$~~
$$E_{loc} \sim 1/R, d_{loc} \sim R$$



radial direction: geometrization of "scale"

IR - UV connection

Remarks:

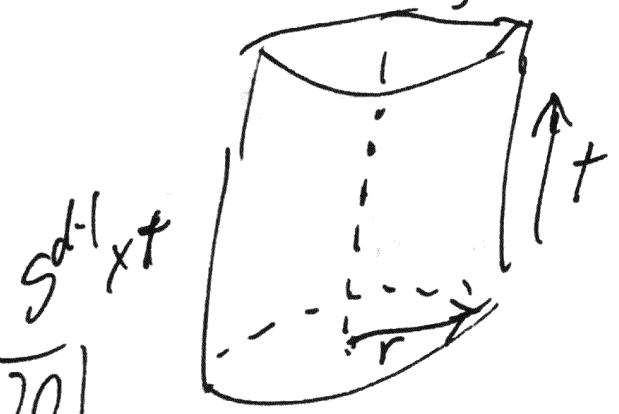
1) $z \rightarrow 0$ $F_{\text{dyn}} \rightarrow \infty$
 $d_{\text{dyn}} \rightarrow 0$

put on IR -cutoff on gravity side at $z = \epsilon$
 \Rightarrow UV cutoff $\propto 1/\epsilon$ (energy)
distance $\propto \epsilon$

check: basic idea of holographic principle
(pset)

2) In a CFT on $R^{3,1}$ there exist
arbitrarily low excitations energies.
reflected in $z \rightarrow \infty$ on the gravity side

3) Consider AdS in global coordinates

$$ds^2 = - \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)}_f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2}} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$


on field theory side
boundary sphere has
radius \sqrt{R}

$$E_{\text{ym}} \sim \frac{1}{R} \quad (\text{energy gap})$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{ym}} &= f^{\frac{1}{2}} E_{\text{loc}} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} E_{\text{loc}} \\ &= \begin{cases} \infty & \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ E_{\text{loc}} \sim \frac{1}{R} & \text{as } r \rightarrow 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

4) This works in more general asymptotic AdS metric

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + g(r)dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_{d-1}^2$$

away from boundary f decreases
 $\Rightarrow E_{\text{ym}}$ decreases

3.1.2 Matching of the spectrum

$$\text{QG in AdS}_{d+1} = \text{CFT}_d$$

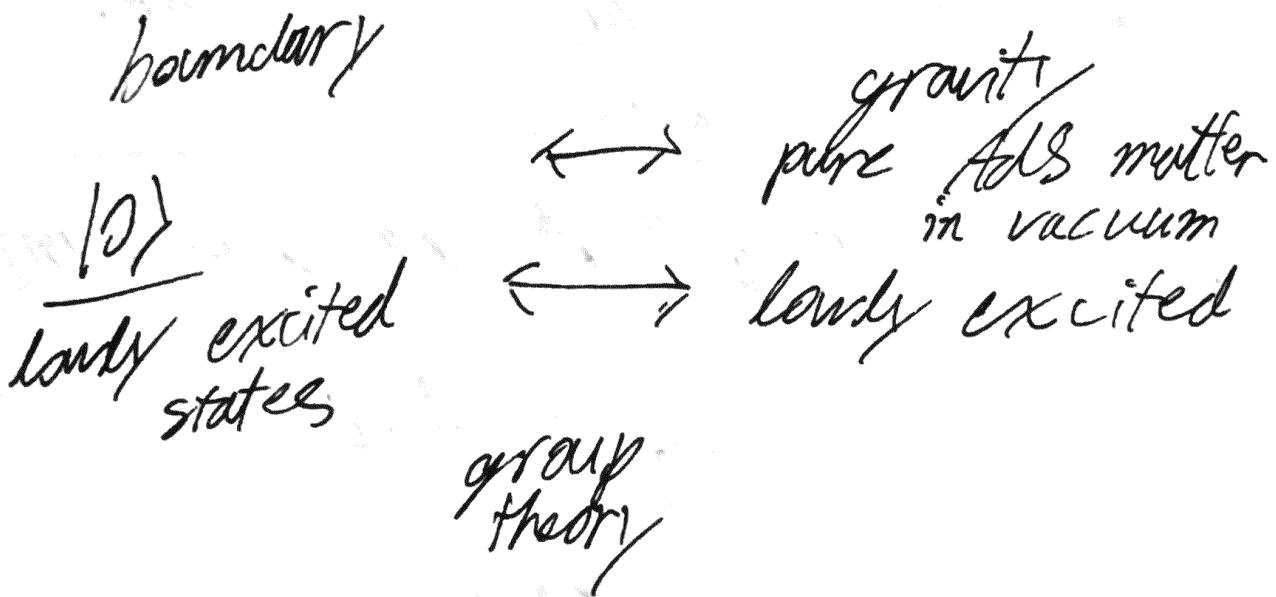
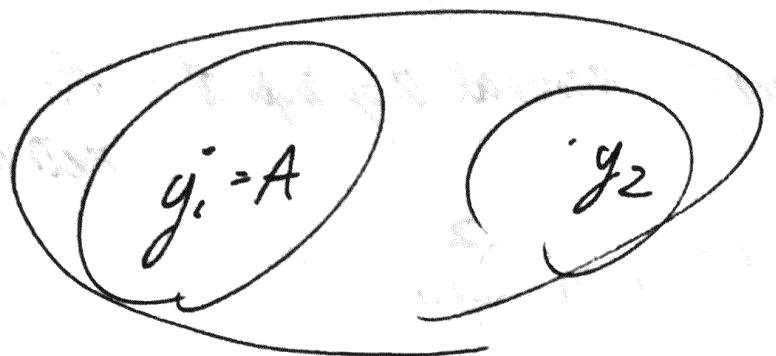
same Hilbert space

physical states \longleftrightarrow physical states

Classical gravity \rightarrow classical solutions
(states)

geometry \Rightarrow state

given a geometry : quantize matter
fields \Rightarrow a subset of quantum states
on gravity side



boundary

gravity

$\phi(0)$

$\longleftrightarrow \phi(0)$

conformal
operators

\longleftrightarrow bulk fields

scalar
operators

\longleftrightarrow scalar fields

$J_\mu \longleftrightarrow A_\mu$

all quantum numbers of any symmetry should match

lets use a simple scalar as an example
to see how this mapping works

Recall: in a matrix-type field theory, key objects:

key objects: single-trace operators

$$\langle \phi \phi \rangle \sim O(1) \quad \langle \phi \phi \phi \phi \rangle \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

$$\langle \phi \phi \phi \phi \phi \phi \rangle \sim \frac{1}{N^2}$$

leading order in large N :

Gaussian Theory

on gravity side:

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} [R - 2\Lambda + L_{\text{matt}}]$$

$$L_{\text{matt}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial \Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 + O(\Phi^3) + \dots$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{g_{\mu\nu}^0}_{\substack{\text{pure} \\ \text{AdS}}} + \chi h_{\mu\nu}$$
$$16\pi G_N = 2\kappa^2$$

$$\Phi = 0 + \chi \Phi$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\partial \Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi^3 + \frac{1}{2} \chi^2 \Phi^2 - (\partial h)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi - \frac{1}{2} \chi^2 h^3 + \chi^2 h \Phi^2 \right] + \dots$$

$$G_N \sim \frac{1}{N^2}, \quad \kappa \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

leading order in $1/N \rightarrow$ quadratic theory
(standard)

\rightsquigarrow quantization of Φ

com for ϕ

$$\int \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \phi) - m^2 \phi = 0$$

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + d\vec{z}^2)$$

$$\phi(z, x^\mu) = \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^d} e^{ik \cdot x} \phi(z, k)$$

$$z^{d+1} \partial_z (z^{1-d} \partial_z \phi) - k^2 k^2 \phi - m^2 R^2 \phi = 0$$

$$k^2 = -w^2 + \vec{k}^2$$

$$k^\mu = (w, \vec{k})$$

consider $z \rightarrow 0$

$$\sim z^2 \partial_z^2 \phi + (1-d) z \partial_z \phi - m^2 R^2 \phi = 0$$

let $\phi \sim z^\alpha$

$$\alpha(\alpha-1) + (1-d)\alpha - m^2 R^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{d}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} + m^2 R^2}$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{d}{2} + V$$

$$\alpha_+ = \Delta$$
$$\alpha_- = d - \Delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(k, z) = \underbrace{A(k)}_{\alpha_+} z^{\Delta} + \underbrace{B(k)}_{\alpha_-} z^d$$

as $z \rightarrow 0$ 125

Remarks:

(1) Exponents are real
provided $m^2 R^2 \geq -\frac{d^2}{y} (\chi)$

one can show: (a) a theory is well-defined
if $(*)$ is satisfied
(b) if $(*)$ is violated,
there exist exponentially
growing terms in time
 \Rightarrow instabilities

B.F. bound

contrast: in Mink

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^2 \Phi - m^2 \Phi &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \omega^2 = k^2 + m^2 & \\ \underline{\underline{m^2 < 0}} \quad \omega^2 < 0 \text{ for } k = 0 & \\ \Rightarrow \omega \text{ pure imaginary} & \end{aligned}$$

~~$|A|^2 = R^2 g_{\mu\nu} A_\mu A_\nu$~~

In AdS, due to spacetime curvature,
 the constant modes are not allowed
 \Rightarrow A field is forced to have some kinetic
 energy, compensating for some negative m^2

- (2) AdS has a boundary, and light rays
 reach this boundary in finite time.
 \Rightarrow Energy can be exchanged at the boundary.
 \Rightarrow need to impose appropriate boundary
conditions.

~~universe~~
 Canonical quantization: expand Ψ in a
 complete set of normalizable
 modes, satisfying appropriate
 boundary conditions

Inner Product:

(Klein-Gordon) $(\Psi_1, \Psi_2) = -i \int_{\Sigma_+} dz dx \sqrt{g} g^{ij} (\Psi_1^* \partial_j \Psi_2 - \Psi_2 \partial_j \Psi_1^*)$
const. $\rightarrow \Sigma_+$
 time slice

Can check: (\varPhi_1, \varPhi_2) independent of t .
(this was done in problem set 2, problem 1)

$z_j^A \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow 0$ is always normalizable

$$\Delta = \frac{d - v}{2} > 0$$

$z^{d-\Delta}$ is non-normalizable for $v \geq 1$
is normalizable for $0 \leq v < 1$

Boundary conditions.

$$v \geq 1: A = 0$$

$$0 \leq v < 1: \begin{aligned} A &= 0 && \text{"standard quantization"} \\ \text{or } B &= 0 && \text{"alternative quantization"} \\ &\text{(or mixed)} \end{aligned}$$

"normalizable" behavior specified by quantization.

(3) Normalizable modes: Used to build up Hilbert space in the bulk



States of the boundary theory

4) Non-normalizable modes are not part of the Hilbert space. If present, they should be considered/viewed as defining the background.

In standard quantization: $A \neq 0$

→ A is boundary "value" of the field

If $A(x) = \phi(x) \Rightarrow S_{\text{boundary}}$ should contain a term: $\int d^d x \phi(x) \partial(x)$

⇒ non-normalizable modes determine the boundary theory itself

i.e. two solutions with the same non-normalizable modes describe different states of the same theory.

but two solutions with different ^{non-}normalizable modes describe different theories

$$\int d^d x \phi(x) \partial(x) \leftrightarrow \phi(x) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{1-d} \bar{\phi}(2/x) (x)$$

(5) Relation (*) implies that Δ is the scaling dimension of θ

$$x \rightarrow x'^\mu = \lambda x^\mu$$

$$\theta(x) \rightarrow \theta(x') = \lambda^{-\Delta} \theta(x)$$

Δ : scaling dimension of θ

boundary scaling: \leftrightarrow bulk isometry:

$$x^\mu \rightarrow \theta x'^\mu = \lambda x^\mu$$

$$z + z' = \lambda z$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varphi(z, x) & \leftrightarrow & \theta(x) \\ \sim & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \varphi'(z', x') & \leftrightarrow \theta'(x') \end{array}$$

$$\int d^d x' \varphi'(x') \theta(x) = \int d^d x \varphi(x) \theta(x)$$

φ : scalar

$$\varphi'(z', x') = \varphi(z, x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(x') &= \lim_{z' \rightarrow 0} (z')^{\Delta-d} \varphi'(z', x') \\ &= \lambda^{\Delta-d} \varphi(x) \end{aligned}$$

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Further, $d^d x' = \lambda^d d^d x$

$$\Rightarrow \delta(x') = \lambda^{-d} \delta(x)$$

For a scalar (standard quantization)

$$\Delta = \frac{d}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{q} + m^2 R^2}$$

- (i) $m=0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta=d$ marginal operator
- (ii) $m^2 < 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta < d$ relevant operator
- (iii) $m^2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta > d$ irrelevant operator

$$\int d^d x \delta(x) \delta(x) \leftrightarrow z^{d-\Delta} f(z) + \dots$$

$$UV \leftrightarrow z \rightarrow 0$$

- (i) does not change const.
- (ii) less and less important $\rightarrow 0$
- (iii) more and more important $\rightarrow \infty$

Before:

$$\vartheta(x) \longleftrightarrow \varPhi(z, x)$$

scalar field at m^2

$$z \rightarrow 0, \quad \vartheta(z, x) = A(x) z^{d-1} + B(x) z^d$$

$$\Delta = \frac{d}{2} + v, \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} + m^2 R^2}$$

normalizable modes \longleftrightarrow states

non-normalizable modes \longleftrightarrow action (theory)

standard: (A term non-normalizable)

$$A(x) \longleftrightarrow \int \vartheta(x) \partial(x) \quad (\vartheta = A)$$

$$B(x) \longleftrightarrow \langle \vartheta \rangle$$

$$\delta = \Delta$$

alternative quant: $(0 \leq v < 1)$

choose $B(x)$ term to be non-normalizable

$$B(x) \longleftrightarrow \int \vartheta(x) \partial \quad \vartheta = B$$

$$A(x) \longleftrightarrow \langle \vartheta \rangle, \quad \delta = d - \int \vartheta$$

different CFTs 503



different gravities with $\{\phi\}$

conserved currents:

- 1) $\underline{J^\mu}$ (global $U(1)$ internal symmetry) $\leftrightarrow A_\mu$ gauge field
 $Q = \int d^d x J^0 \Rightarrow [J] = d-1$
- 2) $\underline{T^{\mu\nu}}$ $\rightarrow E = \int \sum_{\Sigma} d^{d-1} T^{00} \rightsquigarrow [E] = 1 \Rightarrow [T] = d$
 \downarrow
 $h_{\mu\nu}$ (metric perturbations)

(1) Suppose we deform the CFT

by $\int a_\mu(x) J^\mu(x) dx (\star)$

$$a_\mu \equiv A_\mu \Big|_{\partial(\text{AdS})}$$

since J^μ is conserved, (\star) is invariant

under $A_\mu \rightarrow a_\mu(x) + \partial_\mu \Lambda(x)$

$\rightsquigarrow A_\mu$ should have some gauge transformation

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\Rightarrow Maxwell field

Conversely : Start on gravity side with:

$$-\frac{1}{4} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$A_\mu = (A_2, A_\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = d-1$$

$$z \rightarrow 0 \quad A_\mu = a_\mu + b_\mu z^{d-2}$$

(2) Add $\int h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} d^d x$ to the boundary action

\Leftrightarrow deforming boundary metric $\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2)$$

$$\underset{z=0}{\rightarrow} \frac{R^2}{z^2} \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu}_{\text{boundary metric}} \cancel{ds^2 = R^2}$$

so now:

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} ((g_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}) dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2)$$

$$z \rightarrow 0$$

$\Rightarrow T_{\mu\nu}$ should correspond to bulk metric perturbations

Conversely:

Using linearized Einstein equations
and finding boundary behaviour:

$$g_{MN} = g_{MN}^{\text{AdS}} + h_{MN} \quad \text{and finding } h_{MN} \text{ near } z \rightarrow 0$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\frac{a_{\mu\nu}}{z^2}}_{+ b_{\mu\nu}} + b_{\mu\nu} z^{d-2} \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 0$$

scaling argument gives $\delta = d$

More generally:

Any bulk field Φ with n indices

$$\Phi(x, z) = A(x) z^{d-\Delta-n} + B(x) z^{\Delta-n}$$

$$\text{boundary source} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^\alpha \Phi(z, x)$$

$$\alpha = \Delta + n - d$$

$\Delta = \underset{\text{corresp. bulk operator}}{\dim}$

3.1.3 Euclidean Correlation Functions

Basic observables of a CFT:
 correlation functions of local ops.
 large- N : single-trace ops.

Recall: $\langle \phi \phi \rangle_c \sim O(1) + \dots$

$$\langle \phi \phi \phi \rangle_c \sim O(1/N) + \dots$$

$$\langle \phi \phi \dots \phi_n \rangle \sim O(N^{2-n}) + \dots$$

leading behavior suggests a tree theory
 with coupling $1/N$.

convenient to consider Euclidean correlation function

$$+ = -i\tau$$

can consider generating functional:

$$Z_{\text{CFT}}[\phi] \underset{\substack{\text{(order} \\ \text{not mattering)}}}{=} \left\langle e^{\int d^d x \phi(x) \partial(x)} \right\rangle_c \quad (*)$$

∂ : collections of all single-trace ops

ϕ : sources

~ Analytically continue AdS to Euclidean space

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + dz^2) \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{covers full} \\ \text{Euclidean AdS} \end{matrix}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dt^2 + dx^2 + dz^2) \rightarrow$$

\mathbb{R}^d

$z=0$

$+ \cdot z=\infty$

Given that $\theta \leftrightarrow \varphi$
 $\rho(x) \leftrightarrow \varphi|_{\partial AdS}$

$$Z_{CFT}[\varphi] = Z_{bulk}[\varphi|_{\partial AdS}] = \rho$$

in the sense of

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} z^\alpha \varphi(z, x)$$

We know
how to define
this

not known
how to define
in general

In the low energy limit, $G_N \rightarrow 0, \alpha' \rightarrow 0$

$$Z_{bulk} = \int D\varphi e^{S_E[\varphi]}$$

and we can evaluate this perturbatively around pure (Euclidean) AdS

General n-point function:

$$\langle \theta_1(x_1) \cdots \theta_n(x_n) \rangle = \frac{\delta^n \log Z_{\text{bulk}}}{\delta \theta_1 \cdots \delta \theta_n(x_n)|_{\theta=0}}$$

Recall around AdS:

$$S_{\text{bulk}} = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{g} \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\partial \Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 - \chi \Phi^3 - \chi^2 \Phi^4 + \dots \right]$$

$(x \sim \sqrt{\epsilon_N} \sim 1/N)$

let Φ_i collectively denote all perturbations around AdS, including metric and all matter fields

$$\lambda \sim 1/N \quad X \sim \lambda^2 \sim 1/N^2$$

$$K \sim 1/N^3$$

$$\partial^2 \Phi_i - m^2 \Phi_i = \chi L_i^{\Phi^2}, L_i = \int d^d x' K(z, x; x') \Phi(x')$$

$$\Phi_i = \int dx' dz' G(x, z; x', z') K L_i^{\Phi^2}$$

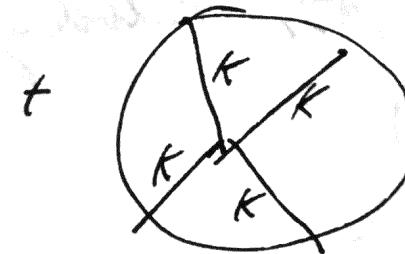
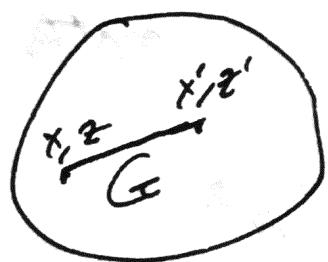
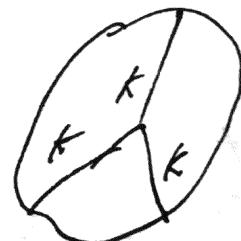
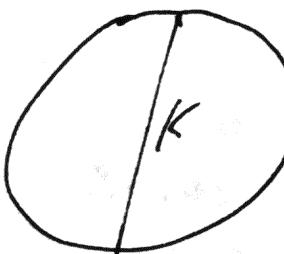
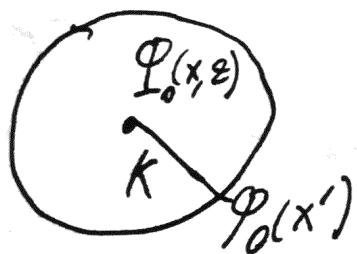
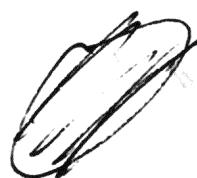
From this structure, we get that
the tree-level is

$$\log Z_{\text{tree}}[\phi] = \phi^2 + x \phi^3 + x^2 \phi^4 + \dots$$

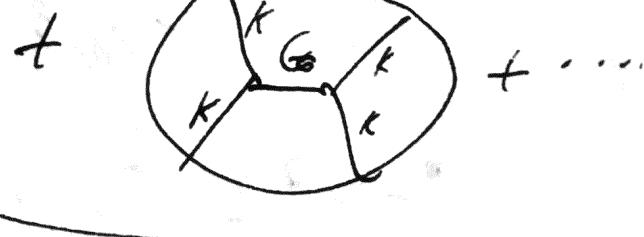
K : boundary to bulk propagator

G : bulk to bulk propagator

↑ demands fields fall
off at ∞



Witten
Diagrams



$$\left\langle \exp\left[\int \partial(x)\phi(x)\right] \right\rangle = Z_{\text{bulk}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial A_{\text{AdS}}} = \phi(x) \right] \quad (\star)$$

$$Z = \int D\Phi \exp[S_E[\Phi]]$$

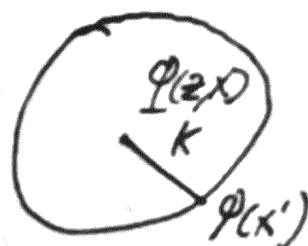
$$S_E[\Phi] = - \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial\Phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 + \lambda \Phi^3 + \lambda^2 \Phi^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$x \sim G_N^{1/2} \sim 1/N$$

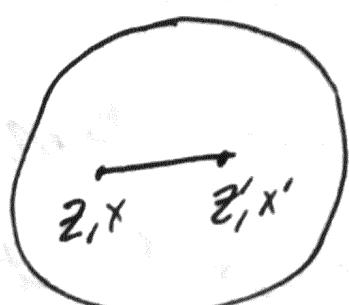
$$\log Z_{\text{bulk}}[\Phi] = \log Z_{\text{tree}}[\Phi] + \log Z_{\text{loop}}[\Phi] + \dots$$

$$\Phi_0(z, x) = \int d^d x' K(z, x; x') \phi(x')$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \Phi_0(z, x) = z^{d-\Delta} \phi(x)$$

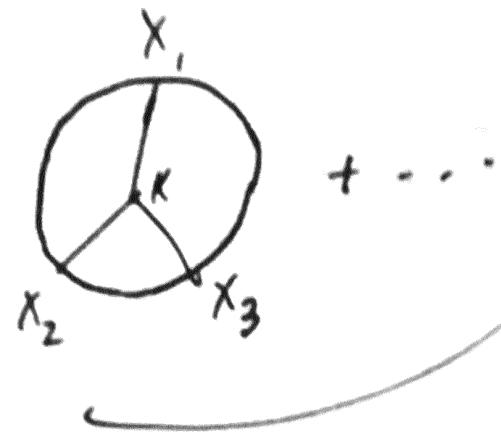
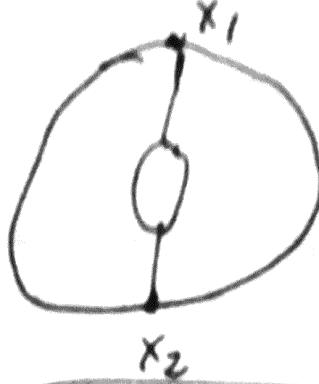
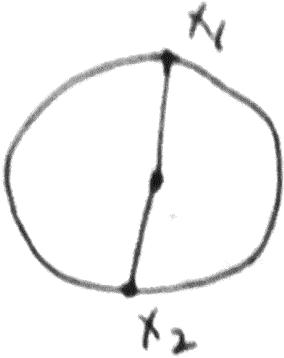


next:



$$(d^2 - m^2) G(z, x; z', x') \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \delta(z - z') S^{(d)}_{(x - x')}$$

$$\langle \theta(x_1) \theta(x_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta \log Z_{\text{bulk}}}{\delta \varphi(x_1) \delta \varphi(x_2)} \Big|_{\rho=0}$$



Remarks :

- (1) Both sides of (*) are divergent, even at tree-level, in the bulk

LHS: Usual UV divergences of a QFT $\xrightarrow{\text{IR/UV}}$

RHS: Volume divergences + asymptotic behavior
of $\varphi \rightarrow$ divergences as $z \rightarrow 0$

~ We need to renormalize them:

$$\text{If } \log Z_{\text{CFT}}^{(R)} = \underbrace{\log Z_{\text{CFT}}}_{\text{bare}} + S_{\text{ct}}[\varphi] \quad \text{local}$$

$$\overline{[142]} \quad \log \tilde{Z}_{\text{bulk}}^{(R)} = \underbrace{\log Z_{\text{bulk}}}_{\text{bare}} + S_{\text{ct}}[\varphi] \quad \text{local}$$

(2) One-point function

consider CM of 1 dof.

$$S[x_c] = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} dt L[x(t), \dot{x}(t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_c(t_0) &= x_0 \\x_c(t_1) &= x_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta S = p_1 \delta X_1 - p_0 \delta X_1 \Rightarrow \frac{\delta S}{\delta X_1} = p_1$$

$$\langle \phi(x) \rangle = \frac{\delta \log Z_{\text{tree}}}{\delta \phi(x)} \quad \log Z_{\text{tree}} = S_E[\Phi_c]$$

$$\Phi_c \Big|_{\partial A \partial B} = \Phi(x)$$

$$\langle \phi(x) \rangle = \frac{\delta S_E^{(R)}[\Phi_c]}{\delta \phi(x)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{\Delta-d} \frac{\delta S_E^{(R)}[\Phi_c]}{\delta \Phi_c(zx)}$$
$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{\Delta-d} \overline{I^{(R)}(\Phi_c)}$$

Π : canonical momentum for Φ
treating z as "time"

- boundary-to-bulk prop.

$$K(z, x; x') : (\partial^2 - m^2) K(z, x; x') = 0$$

$$K(z \rightarrow 0, x; x') = z^{d-1} \delta^{(d)}(x - x')$$

- bulk-to-bulk prop.

Counterpart of standard flat space prop.

$G(z, x; z', x')$ is normalizable if either $z, z' \rightarrow 0$

$$G(z, x; z', x') \propto z^{\Delta} \quad z \rightarrow 0$$

Both G and K are found by going into momentum space

$$\text{e.g. } K(z, x; x') = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} K(z, k) e^{ik(x-x')}$$

$$z^{d+1/2} (z^{1-d} \partial_z K) - (k^2 z^2 + m^2 R^2) K = 0$$

$$\text{with } K(z, k) = \dots \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 0$$

Find $K(z, x; x')$ directly in coordinate space

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hline & z=0 & \\ \downarrow & & \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + dz^2) \\ & \infty & P = (z=\infty) \end{array}$$

$$R(z) = K(z, x; P)$$

$$(z^2 \partial_z^2 + (1-d)z \partial_z + m^2 R^2) R = 0$$

$$R = a z^{d-\Delta} + b z^\Delta \Rightarrow \hat{R} = b z^\Delta$$

$$\Delta = \frac{d}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} + m^2 R^2}$$

Inversion

$$z \rightarrow \frac{z}{z^2 + x^2}$$

$$x^\mu \rightarrow \frac{x^\mu}{z^2 + x^2}$$

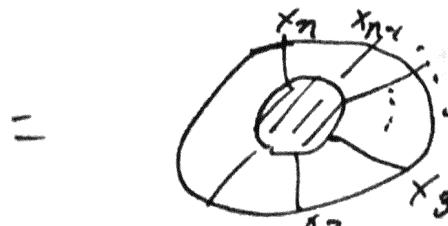
$$I: P \rightarrow \begin{matrix} z'=0 \\ x^\mu=0 \end{matrix}, \quad K(z, x; x') = b \left(\frac{z}{z^2 + (x-x')^2} \right) \Delta$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{\Gamma(\Delta)}{\Gamma(\nu)} \pi^{-\frac{d-2}{2}}$$

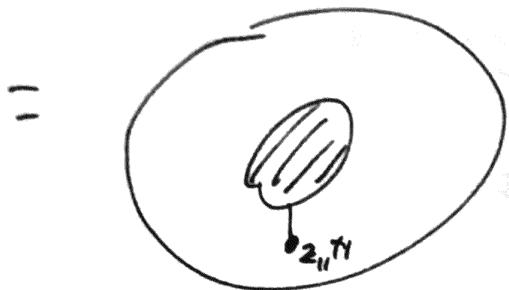
Can also show (without solving Δ)

$$K(z, x; x') = \lim_{z' \rightarrow 0} 2\nu z'^{-\Delta} G(z, x; z', x')$$

$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1) \dots \mathcal{O}_n(x_n) \rangle = \text{sum over all Feynman diagrams with } n \text{ boundary endpoints}$



$$\langle \Phi_1(z_1, x_1) \cdots \Phi_n(z_n, x_n) \rangle$$



$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi_1(x_1) \cdots \phi_n(x_n) \rangle = \lim_{\substack{z_i \rightarrow 0 \\ z_n \rightarrow 0}} (2v, z_i^{-\Delta_1}) \cdots (2v, z_n^{-\Delta_n}) \times \langle \Phi_1(x_1, z_1) \cdots \Phi_n(x_n, z_n) \rangle \quad (\star\star)$$

Since Lorentzian corr. func. can be obtained from Euclidean ones using the same analytic continuation procedure, $(\star\star)$ must also apply to Lorentz corr.

Recall that: $|0\rangle_{AdS} \leftrightarrow |0\rangle_{CFT}$

$$\left\{ \Phi(z, x) \cdots |0\rangle_{AdS} \right\} \nleftrightarrow \left\{ \phi(x) \cdots |0\rangle_{CFT} \right\}$$

we can identify

$$\phi(x) = 2v \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{-\Delta} \Phi(x/z)$$

$$\langle \psi | \theta(x) |\psi \rangle = 2V \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{-\Delta} \underbrace{\langle \psi | \Phi(x, z) |\psi \rangle}_{= B(x) z^\Delta + \dots} \\ = 2V B(x)$$

$$\langle 0 | \theta(x_1) \theta(x_2) | 0 \rangle = \lim_{\substack{z_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ z_2 \rightarrow 0}} (2V z_1^{-\Delta}) (2V z_2^{-\Delta}) G(z_1, x_1; z_2, x_2) \\ = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} 2V z^{-\Delta} K(z, x_1; x_2) \\ = \frac{2V b}{|x_1 - x_2|^{2\Delta}}$$

3.1.4 Wilson loops

non-local operators

recall:

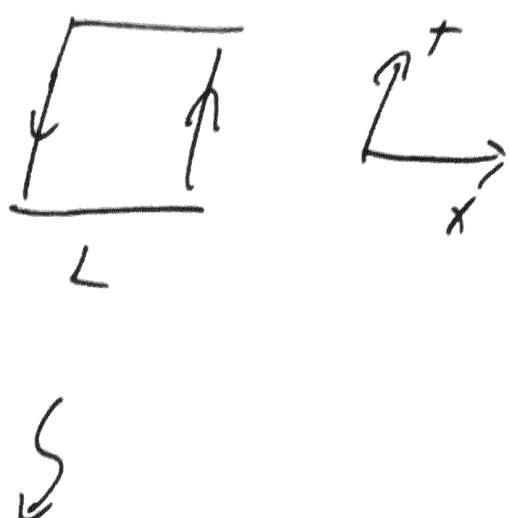
$$W[C] = \text{Tr}_P \text{Pe}^{i \oint_C A_\mu dx^\mu}$$

→ phase factor associated with transporting
an "external" particle in a given repin P

along C

$$\text{e.g. } \langle 0 | W_a(C) | 0 \rangle, \langle 0 | W_a(C_1) W_b(C_2) \dots | 0 \rangle$$

Often-used C:



$$T \gg L,$$

expect $(W(C))_{\text{loc}} e^{-iET}$

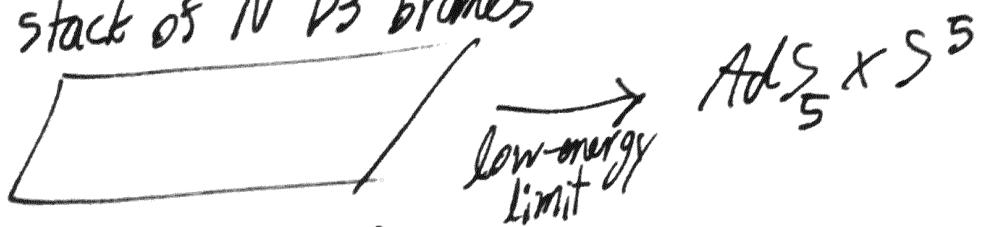
$E = \text{energy of quark-antiquark system}$

at $N \rightarrow \infty$

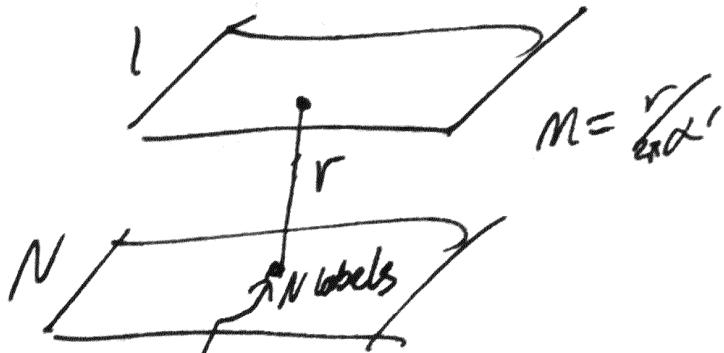
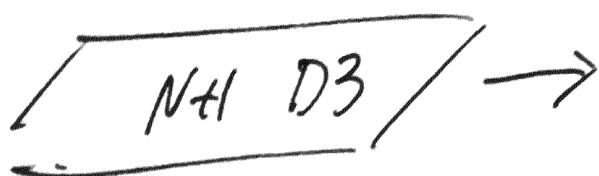
so they
don't move

First, we need to understand how
to introduce "external quarks"
into $M=4$ SYM

stack of N D3 branes

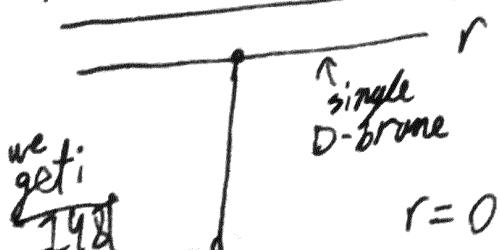


consider now:

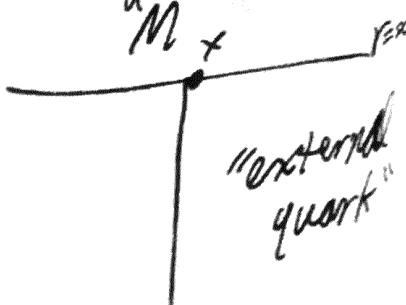


like a "quark" in fundamental rep'n

Now take low-energy limit, $r \rightarrow 0$, $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$ with $\sqrt{\alpha'}/r$ fixed



$$\frac{r=R^2/z}{M=r/\sqrt{\alpha'}} \quad \text{taking } r \rightarrow 0, \text{ we get}$$



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parallel transport of such an "external quark" along a closed curve C gives a Wilson loop.

$$W(C) = \text{Tr } P \exp[i \oint_C A_\mu dx^\mu]$$

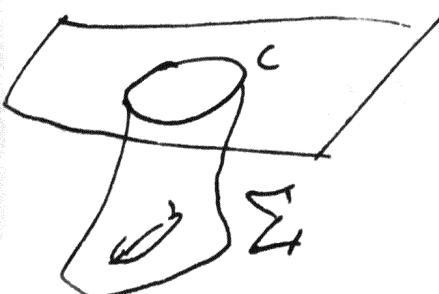
$$\tilde{W}(C) = \text{Tr } P \exp[i \oint_C (A_\mu ds + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\Phi} \sqrt{s}) ds]$$

$\vec{\Phi}$ = six scalars in $M=4$ SYM

\vec{n} a unit vector on S^5

Since:

- 1) "quark" is endpoint of a string in AdS,
 C must be the boundary of a string worldsheet, Σ , i.e. $C = \partial \Sigma$
 - 2) $\langle W(C) \rangle$ is the "partition function of this quark"
- Guess: $\langle W(C) \rangle = Z_{\text{string}}(\partial \Sigma = C)$



single string partition function

$$Z_{\text{string}} = \int_{\partial\Sigma=C} D\bar{X}^{\alpha} e^{iS_{\text{string}}}$$

$$S_{\text{string}} \propto \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-h}$$

where $h = \det(h_{\alpha\beta})$, $h_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\mu\nu} \partial X^{\alpha} / \partial x^{\mu} \partial X^{\beta} / \partial x^{\nu}$

$(g_5 \rightarrow 0, \alpha' \rightarrow 0)$
 ↳ neglected other topologies beyond genus 0
 (large N)

saddle point approx.

(large λ)

$$\Rightarrow \langle W(C) \rangle = e^{iS[X_c]/\partial\Sigma-C}$$

$X_{\text{classical}}$: solution to worldsheet EOMs

action evaluated at classical string solution

Examples

(1) A static quark

$C = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \end{array}$ field theory
 length T

Field theory: $\langle W(C) \rangle = e^{-iMT}$, M is quark mass

$$\text{Gravity: } ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + dz^2)$$

$$= \frac{r^2}{R^2} (-dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2) + \frac{R^2}{r^2} dr^2 \quad z = \frac{R}{r}$$

ISO

$\sigma^\alpha = (\sigma, \tau)$, $\sigma = r$ $\tau = t \leftarrow$ worldsheet coordinate choice
 $X^i = \text{const.}$ (trivial solution)

$$ds_{ws}^2 = h_{\alpha\beta} d\sigma^\alpha d\sigma^\beta = -\frac{r^2}{R^2} d\tau^2 + \frac{r^2}{R^2} d\sigma^2 \leftarrow D\text{-brane at } r_0$$

$$S_{NG} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\sigma \sqrt{h} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int dt \int_0^{r_0} d\sigma = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} T r_0$$

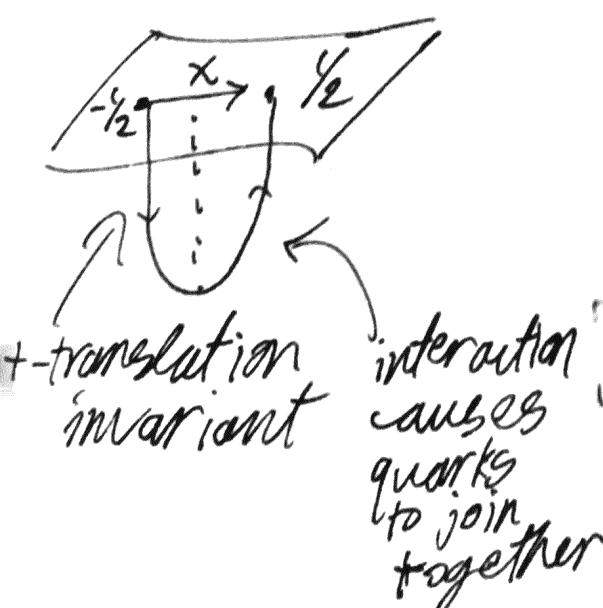
$$\text{so } S_{NG} = -MT, \quad M = \frac{r_0}{2\pi\alpha'}$$

External quark: $r_0 \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow M \rightarrow \infty$

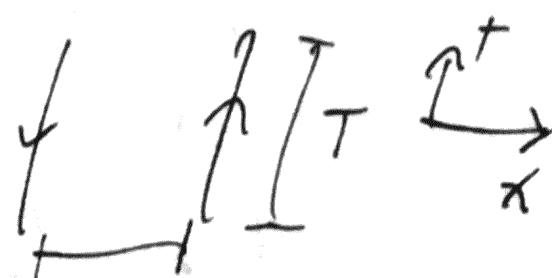
Take $r_0 = \Lambda$, $M = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi\alpha'}$ - Λ : UV energy cutoff

$$\Lambda = \frac{R^2}{\epsilon}, \quad \epsilon = \epsilon \Rightarrow \Lambda = \frac{R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\epsilon} = \frac{\sqrt{\Lambda}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

2) Static Potential between quark/antiquark



Field theory:



$$\langle W(C) \rangle = e^{-iE_{tot}T}$$

$$E_{tot} = 2M + V(L)$$

choose: $t = \tau$, $\sigma = x$

$X^i = \text{const}$ for $i \neq X$, $Z = Z(\sigma) = Z(X)$
with boundary conditions
 $Z(\pm \gamma_2) = 0$

$$ds_{\text{WS}}^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-d\tau^2 + ((t(z'))^2) d\phi^2)$$

\uparrow "dx"
 \uparrow "dz"

$$S_{\text{NGE}} = \frac{2R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} T \int_0^{L/2} \frac{d\sigma}{z^2} \sqrt{(t(z'))^2} \quad z \text{ indep.}$$

$x+X \text{ sym}$
 $z(\sigma) = z(-\sigma)$
cutoff as UV

$$S_{\text{NGE}} V(L) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \int_L^{L/2} d\sigma \sqrt{t(z)^2} - \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

Z is extremized by $z' \Pi_z - Z = \text{const}$, $\Pi_z = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z'}$

at $\sigma=0$, $Z(0) = Z_0$

$$\Rightarrow (z')^2 = \frac{z_0^4 - z^4}{z^4}, \quad Z_0 = L \sqrt{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(y_4)}{2 \Gamma(3y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(L) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left[Z_0^2 \int_L^{Z_0} \frac{dz}{z^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z_0^4 - z^4}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right] \Rightarrow V(L) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{L} \frac{1}{4\pi^2 \Gamma^4(y_4)}$$

Remarks:

- (a) $V(L)$ is finite, negative \Rightarrow attraction of quark-antiquark
- (b) $V(L) \propto 1/L$ (scale invariance, only energy is $1/L$)
- (c) $V(L) \propto \sqrt{\lambda}$ (strong coupling result, at weak coupling $V(L) \propto e^{-L}$)
- (d) $Z_0 \propto L \Rightarrow$ deeper in well \leftrightarrow larger L (IR/UV connection)

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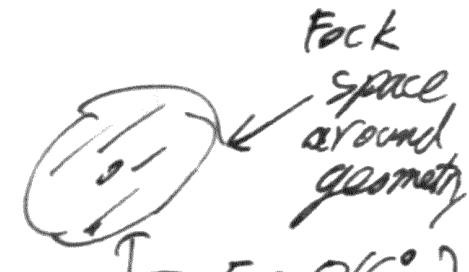
3.2 Finite Temperature

CFT
states

$|0\rangle$

Gravity
states =

$|0\rangle$ in pure AdS



$$E - E_g \approx O(\epsilon_N^0)$$

Finite Temperature:

SU(N) gauge theory in flat space

$$\rightarrow q \propto N^2, S \propto N^2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \sim 1/G_N$$

Backreaction: $G_N \mathcal{E} \sim O(1)$

gravity backreaction
so this is a new geometry!

Q: What does the thermal state in CFT correspond to?

Criteria it should satisfy:

- (1) asymptotic AdS (normalizable, since finite T gives some theory, different state)
- (2) satisfy all laws of thermodynamics
- (3) translationally and rotationally invariant along boundary directions

Candidates:

$$1. \underline{\text{Thermal AdS}}: ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2)$$

geometry is singular as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ $d\tau^2$, with the top circle of τ goes to zero size \Rightarrow singularities

2. A Black hole with event horizon that is topologically R^d

$$\text{Ansatz: } ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-f(z) dt^2 + dx^2 + g(z) dz^2)$$

flat horizon
due to

⇒ Einstein equations: $f = g = -\frac{c^2}{2r}$ (in 1dS₄₊₁) Poincaré symmetry

$z_0 = \text{const}$ \rightsquigarrow horizon at $z = z_0$

^{as}
standard trick of going to Euclidean time
to require Euclidean sol'n smooth

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{f}{T} = \frac{4\pi}{d} z_0 \Rightarrow T = \frac{d}{4\pi} \frac{1}{z_0} \quad (\text{measured in units of } \text{s})$$

$$z = 0$$

$$f_{\sim z=z_0} - \dots$$

$\{$ Higher T_{horizon}
 $\Rightarrow z=0$ probes high energy

horizon } Lower T horizon
→ $z=90$ probes

(TRIV connection)

Thermodynamics

$$S_{BH} = \frac{A_{hor}}{4G_N}$$

For AdS_5 , $d=4$ entropy density

$$A_{hor} = \frac{R^3}{2^3} \int_{\text{boundary}} d\vec{x} \Rightarrow S = \frac{R^3}{4Z^3 G_N} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N^2 T^3 (x)$$

$V = \text{spatial volume}$
 of boundary

with $G_N/R^3 = \pi/2N^2$

(*) is also a prediction of entropy density on $N=4$ SYM in $N \rightarrow \infty, x \rightarrow \infty$ limit.

Read $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle_B$ from metric $\Rightarrow \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle_B \propto \frac{1}{2^d} a^{-d}$

Can also use thermodynamic relations: matches CFT prediction

$$S = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial T} \Rightarrow F = -\frac{\pi^2}{8} N^2 T^4 \Rightarrow E = F + TS = \frac{3\pi^2}{8} N^2 T^4$$

Compare with free theory

$$S_{x=0} = (8 + 8 \cdot \frac{2}{8}) \frac{2\pi^2}{45} T^3 N^2 = \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 N^2 T^3$$

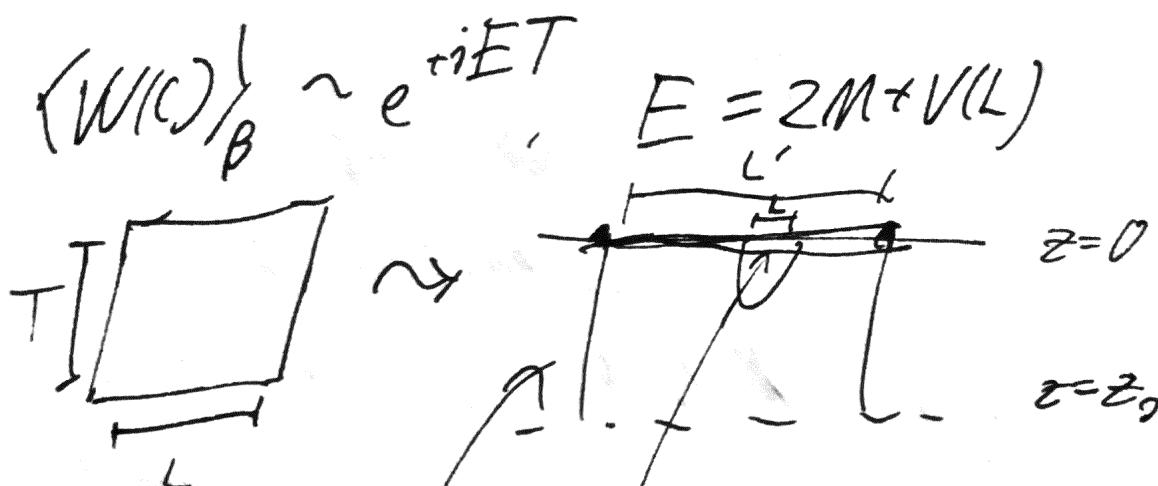
$\underbrace{2 \text{ on-shell } \lambda_\mu}_{+ 6 \text{ scalars}}$ $\underbrace{8 \text{ fermions}}_{\text{fermion contrib.}}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{S_{x=\infty}}{S_{x=0}} = \frac{3}{4} \right]$$

Many examples of CFT duals are known for $d=4$. In all known cases we get

$$\frac{S_{\text{strong}}}{S_{\text{free}}} = \frac{3}{4} h, \text{ with } \frac{8}{9} < h < 1.09$$

\approx ratio is always $\approx 3/4$ for CFT duals
(in ∞ of theories) \Leftarrow no idea why



small L' , short distance physics
doesn't feel temp. in CFT
(doesn't see z_0 in the bulk)

at large L' , minimal surface ends
on horizon \Rightarrow screened quarks,
"finite T plasma screens"

so far, CFT is on \mathbb{R}^d , dual to black brane

~~what happens in~~ scale inv. theory,

T is only scale, so all T
are the same, related by scaling
 $\Rightarrow T$ sets units

What happens if we consider global AdS?

\Rightarrow CFT is on $\mathbb{R} \times S^{d-1}$ at finite T

Take the sphere radius to be R (just sets scale)
 At finite T , there is dimensionless param. RT

Some important features:

(1) Thermal Ads is now allowed

$$\text{global AdS}_5: ds^2 = -\left(1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2}} + r^2 d\Omega_4^2$$

$$r \rightarrow \infty : ds^2 = \frac{1}{R^2} \left(-dt^2 + R^2 d\Omega_{d+1}^2 \right)$$

boundary metric

$t \rightarrow -it$, $\tau \sim \tau + \beta$ (no singularity at $r \rightarrow 0$ since g_{eff} finite)

$$(2) ds^2 = -f dt^2 + \frac{1}{f} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_{d-1}^2$$

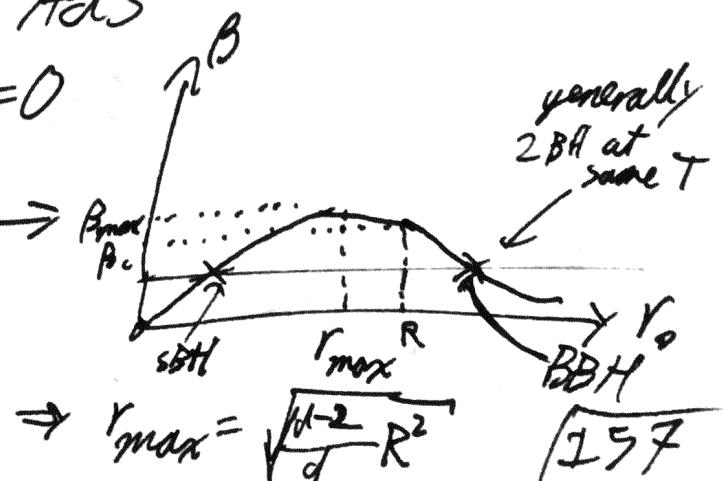
$$f = 1 - \frac{M}{r^{d-2}} + \frac{c^2}{R^2}$$

Schwarzschild
BH of mass M

AdS

horizon at $r=r_0$, $f(r_0)=0$

$$\beta = \frac{4\pi}{S(r_0)} = \frac{4\pi r_0 R}{d \cdot r_0^2 + (d-2)R^2}$$



- (i) $\beta_{\max} \rightarrow T_{\min}$
- (ii) two BH solutions at given β

(3) We find

- (i) For $T < T_{\min} \rightarrow$ no BH, only thermal AdS (TAdS)
- (ii) For $T > T_{\min} \rightarrow$ three possibilities:

TAdS, SBH, BBH

$$e^{-\beta F_{\text{eff}}} = Z_{\text{eff}}(\beta) = Z_{\text{grav}}(\beta) = \int D\Phi e^{S_E[\Phi]} \\ = \sum_{\text{saddles}} e^{S_E[\Phi_c]}$$

Dominant saddle has largest $S_E[\Phi_c]$
 \curvearrowright
 this solution
 dominates

$$S_E = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int [(R - 2\Lambda) + 2\text{matter}] \propto N^2$$

pure AdS: $S_E = 0$ (have to renormalize s.t. this holds)

TAdS: $S_E = 0 \cdot N^2 + O(N)$ (b.c. this only differs by global $T \sim \bar{c} + \beta$ so curvature terms are locally the same)

BBH: $\propto N^2$

SBH: sign of \star determines if these are dominant
 \rightsquigarrow complicated calculation

~~Start of BH~~

short cut: $W_{d-1} = \text{Vol of } S^{d-1}$

$$S = \frac{W_{d-1} r_0^{d-1}}{4 G_N} \xrightarrow{\text{integrate}} S = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial T} = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial r_0} \frac{\partial r_0}{\partial T}$$

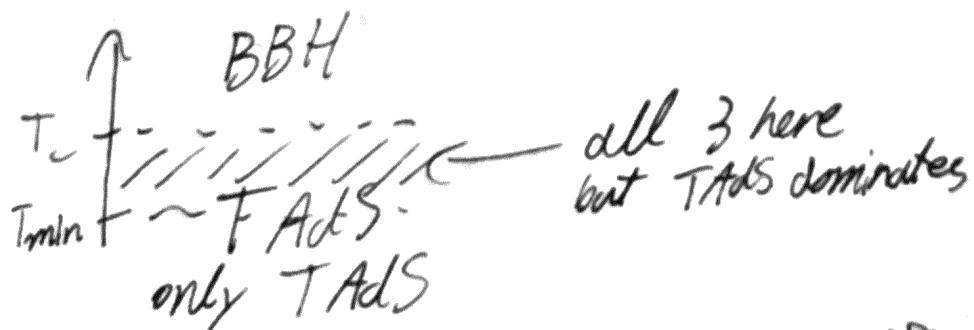
$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{W_{d-1}}{16\pi G_N} \left(r_0^{d-2} - \frac{r_0^d}{R^2} \right)$$

$F_{BH} > 0$ when $r_0 < R$ $\leftarrow \beta_c = \beta(r_0=R) = \frac{1}{T_c}$

$F_{BH} > 0$ when $r_0 > R$

$T_c > T_{\min}$, for $T < T_c$ thermal AdS dominates
for $T > T_c$ BBH dominates

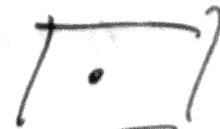
always $S_E(\text{BBH}) > S_E(\text{SBH})$ and $S_E(\text{SBH}) < 0$



(5) BBH has positive specific heat
SBH has negative specific heat



\rightarrow stable



\rightarrow unstable (doesn't know)
 \rightarrow evaps it's in box!

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(6) Since physics only depends on RT
 keep RT fixed, $T \rightarrow \infty = \underbrace{\text{keep } RT \text{ fixed}, R \rightarrow \infty}_{\text{flat space limit}}$

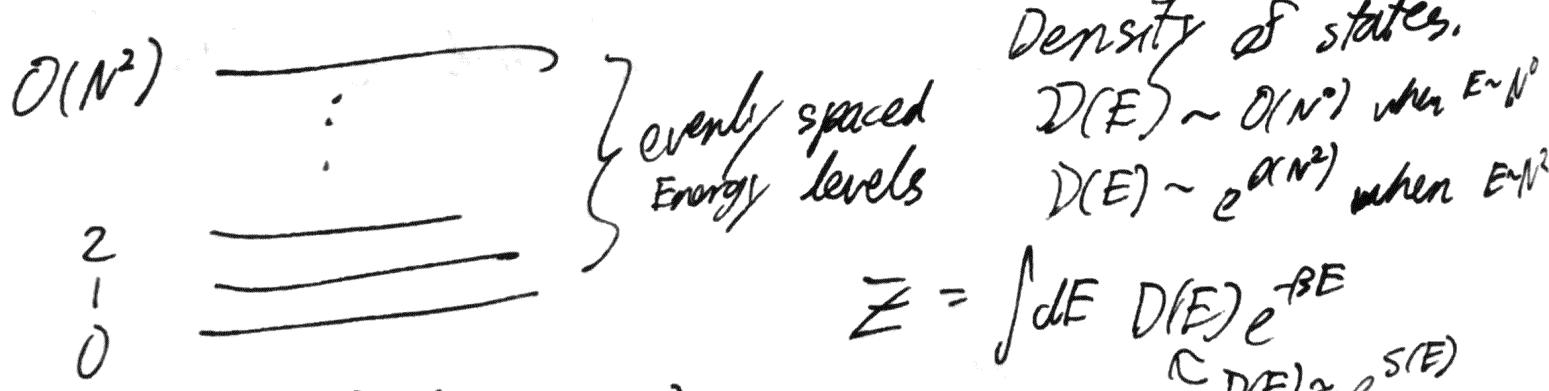
(7) Hawking-Page transition
 (sometimes called "deconfinement transition")

$$T < T_c \Rightarrow F_{CFT} \sim O(N^0) \quad \begin{cases} 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order} \end{cases}$$

$$T > T_c \Rightarrow F_{CFT} \sim O(N^2) \quad \begin{cases} \text{phase transition} \end{cases}$$

(8) Physics underlying HP transition:

A free theory of two matrices A, B ($N \times N$)
 $\approx 2N^2$ harmonic oscillators w/ frequency $\omega = 1$



Take $\beta \sim O(N^0)$ (indep of N)

$$\text{suppose } E = \varepsilon N^2 \Rightarrow S(E) = F(\varepsilon) N^2$$

$$\approx e^{-\beta E} D(E) = e^{(F(\varepsilon) - \beta \varepsilon) N^2}$$

\approx For $F(\varepsilon) < \beta \varepsilon$ highly excited ($E \sim N^2$) states won't contribute
 $\Rightarrow Z$ receives dominant contributions from $\Rightarrow F = O(N^0)$

IGOT IF $F(\varepsilon) \geq \beta \varepsilon$, $F = O(N^2)$

3.3 Holographic Entanglement Entropy

• Entanglement entropy:

divide system $A+B$

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

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \chi_n(A) \chi_n(B)$$

A and B in state $|\psi\rangle$ are entangled if $|\psi\rangle$ cannot be written as a simple product of states of A, B

EE: a measure to quantify how much A and B are entangled

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S_A = -\text{Tr}_A \rho_A \log \rho_A \geq 0}$$

$S_A = 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho_A$ is a pure state

$\Leftrightarrow |\psi\rangle$ can be written as a simple product

For a pure state: $S_A = S_B$ in general

IF AB is in a mixed state,
we do not in general have $S_A = S_B$

Example: 2 spin system $\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ A & B \end{matrix}$

$$a) |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle)$$

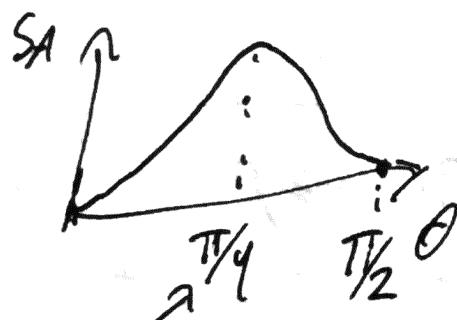
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B)$$

\rightarrow not entangled

$$b) |\psi\rangle = \cos\theta|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \sin\theta|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$P_A = \cos^2\theta|\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| + \sin^2\theta|\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow|$$

$$\rightarrow S_A = -\cos^2\theta \log \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \log \sin^2\theta$$



maximally
entangled

Some important properties:

(1) Subadditivity

$$|S(A) - S(B)| \leq S(AB) \leq S(A) + S(B)$$

(2) Strong subadditivity:

$$S(ABC) \leq S(AC) + S(BC) \geq S(ABC) + S(C)$$

$$S(AC) + S(BC) \geq S(A) + S(B)$$

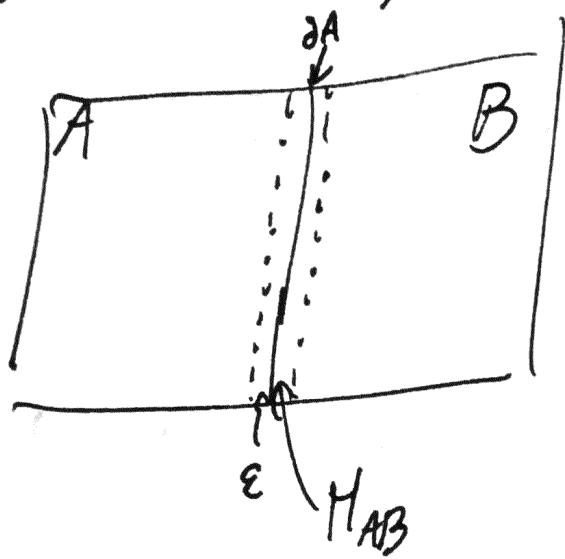
Entanglement Entropy in many-body systems:

IF $H = H_A + H_B$ \Rightarrow ground state is unentangled
~ start with unentangled initial state
then the system remains unentangled
 \Rightarrow interactions are crucial for generating entanglement

Now consider $H = H_A + H_B + H_{AB}$ ~ ground state is entangled

~ entanglement will be generated from time evolution

In realistic condensed matter systems and QFTs, H and H_{AB} are local



take ϵ here to be the lattice spacing

$\Rightarrow H_{AB}$ only involves d.o.f. near $dA = -dB$

e.g. take $H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$

$$\text{QFT: } \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 - \frac{1}{4}\phi^4$$

One finds: in general in the ground state for a local H ,

$$S_A = \# \frac{\text{Area}(dA)}{\epsilon^{d-2}} + \dots \quad (*)$$

i.e. entanglement between A and B is dominated by short-range entanglement near dA , where H_{AB} is supported

Area law is universal, $\#$ is not universal, and depends on details of UV theory.

Sub-leading terms in $\langle \chi \rangle$, which encode long-range entanglement, can provide important characterization of a system

Example:

in $(2+1)$ -dimensions

(1) characterize topological order

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~~typical gapped systems:~~ $\longrightarrow 1$
 $\longrightarrow 0$

\rightsquigarrow contains only short-range entanglement
but in topologically ordered systems:

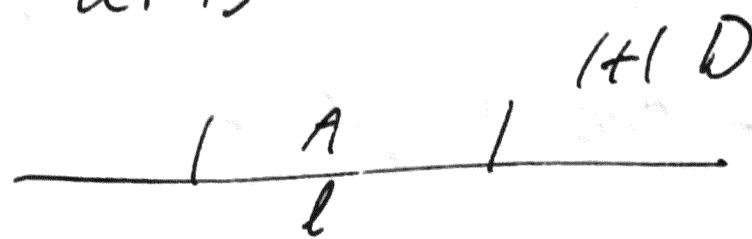
ground state can have subtle long-range correlations

$$\rightsquigarrow S_A = \# \frac{L}{\varepsilon} - \gamma \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{topological entanglement} \\ \text{entropy} \end{array}$$

\nearrow index. of shape and size of A

(2) characterize # d.o.f. of a system of relativistic QFTs

entanglement entropy in 1+1D \sim CFT



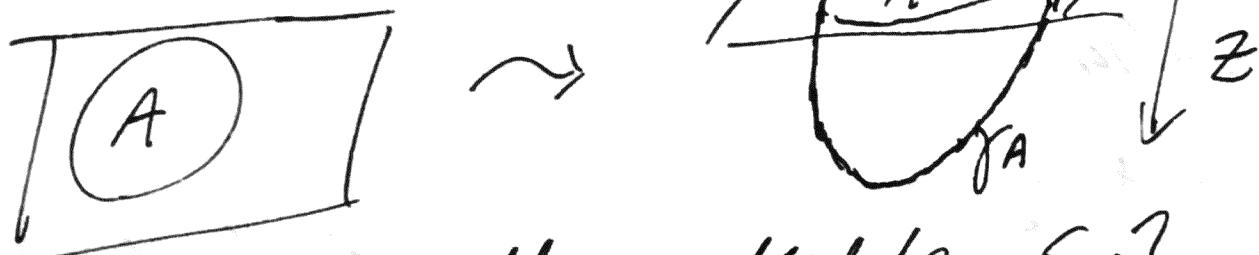
$$S_A = \frac{C}{3} \log \frac{l}{\epsilon}$$

where C is the CFT's central charge

in (2+1)-D CFT:

$$S_A = \# \underbrace{\int \partial A}_{\epsilon} - \gamma \quad \begin{matrix} \text{depends on} \\ \text{shape of } A \\ \text{minimized at } A = \text{circle} \end{matrix}$$

Holographic entanglement entropy



How would we calculate S_A ?

Proposal: Find the minimal area surface γ_A which extends into the bulk with ∂A as its boundary

Ryu-Takanagi:

Then

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N}$$

(**) This diverges as ϵ^{d-2} , where ϵ is the ϵ -cutoff

γ_A : d-2 dim

A, γ_A : d-1 dim in AdS_{d+1}

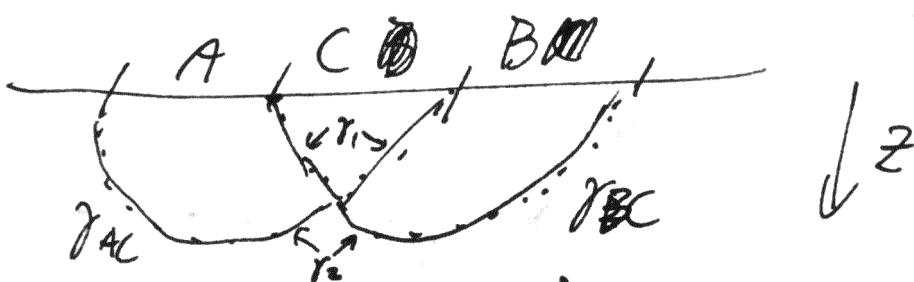
S_A : dimensionless

This formula is very valuable, as entanglement entropy is extremely difficult to calculate even in non-interacting QFTs, but this minimal surface area is relatively easy to calculate.

Things to check:

• strong subadditivity:

$$S(AC) + S(BC) \geq S(ABC) + S(C)$$

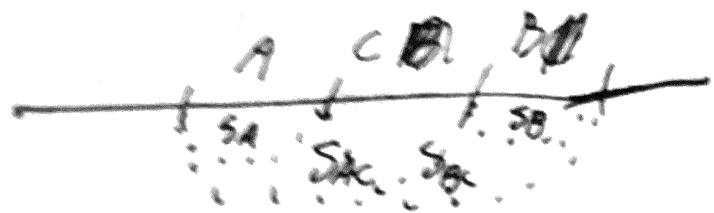


$$\begin{aligned} S(AC) + S(BC) &= A(\gamma_{AC}) + B(\gamma_{BC}) \\ &= A(\gamma_1) + A(\gamma_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$A(\gamma_2) \geq A(\gamma_C) \quad \text{QED}$$

$$A(\gamma_2) \geq A(\gamma_{ABC}) \quad \boxed{167}$$

Can also see: $S(AC) + S(BC) > S_{AB} + S(B)$



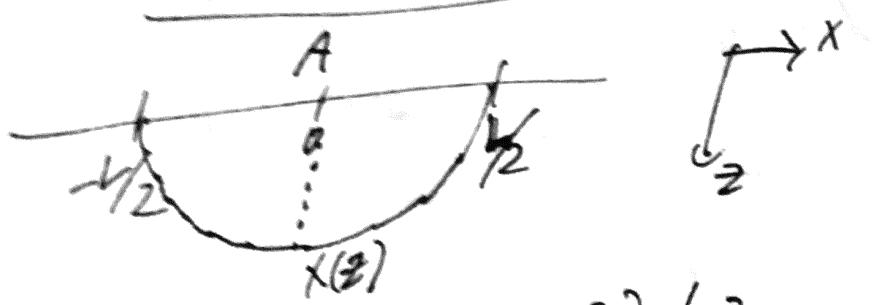
- Can get entanglement entropy of (1+1)-CFT

We've seen $\mathcal{CFT}_4 \leftrightarrow \text{AdS}_5$ $N^2 \sim 1/\epsilon_n$
can also construct $\mathcal{CFT}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{AdS}_3$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dz^2 - dt^2 + dx^2)$$

each \mathcal{CFT}_2 is characterized by a central charge c

$$\boxed{c = \frac{3R}{2G\epsilon_n}}$$



$$dl^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} ((1+x'(z)^2) dz^2) \quad x(z=0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow S_A = \frac{1}{4\pi} \cdot 2 \cdot \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} dz \frac{R}{z} \sqrt{1+x'^2}$$

[IG8] (From high school, know geodesic in hyperbolic space is semicircle)

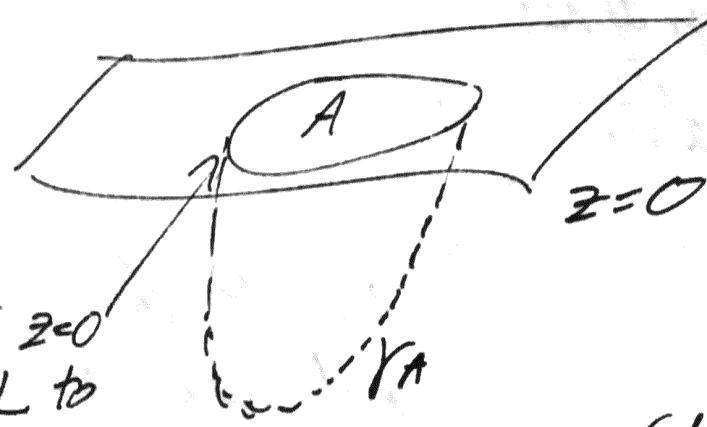
half-circle: $x = \sqrt{L^2 - z^2}$

$$S_A = \frac{1}{4G_N} 2R \frac{L}{2} \int_{-L}^{L/2} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{L^2}{4} - z^2}}$$

logarithmic
UV divergence
change
to ϵ

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3R}{2G_N} \log \frac{L}{\epsilon}$$

- At finite temperature,
(**) is compatible with Beckenstein-Hawking formula for black hole entropy
- Area law for general dimensions:



near $z=0$
 ∂A is \perp to
boundary

$$\Rightarrow S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(dA)}{\epsilon^{d-2}} + \dots$$

Ryu-Takayanagi lets us understand this leading order term 169

Final words

why should we expect entropy, the quantum information of a system, be related to the area of a region in some spacetime?

Ryu-Takayanagi formula implies:

spacetime \longleftrightarrow geometrization of quantum entanglement

geometry \longleftrightarrow quantum informal

Quantum Information

Quantum Field Theory

Holographic Duality

Condensed Matter Theory

Black Holes and Quantum Gravity