

[Brief Review*]

A hole-ographic spacetime [1]

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In pure AdS₃/CFT₂ correspondence, they proposed a boundary quantity called differential entropy, which measures the circumference of a bulk curve.

The static coordinate of AdS₃ is

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{L^2}\right) dT^2 + \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{L^2}\right)^{-1} dR^2 + R^2 d\phi^2. \quad (1)$$

The vacuum entanglement entropy for any interval with its length 2α , is computed as

$$S(\alpha) = \frac{c}{3} \ln \left(\frac{2L}{\mu} \sin \alpha \right). \quad (2)$$

In the paper, they introduced *differential entropy* as the modified version of the entanglement entropy, in which the UV regulator μ is removed.

Definition Let $\alpha(\theta)$ be a smooth function of θ ($\alpha(\theta + 2\pi) = \alpha(\theta)$) defined on a boundary time slice $T = 0$. The differential entropy, which is a functional of $\alpha(\theta)$, is defined as

$$E[\alpha] := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \left. \frac{dS(\alpha)}{d\alpha} \right|_{\alpha=\alpha(\theta)}. \quad (3)$$

In this holographic formula, function α corresponds a certain closed bulk curve on $T = 0$. This is understood as follows. There is a unique spacelike geodesic $\gamma_\alpha(\theta)$ anchored at $\theta \pm \alpha(\theta)$ on the boundary. If we move θ , $\gamma_\alpha(\theta)$ sweeps out the slice $T = 0$, leaving a hole on the slice. The hole is the one we are considering and each $\gamma_\alpha(\theta)$ is tangent on the hole.

In the remaining of this note, we overview the derivation of the formula. First, let us see how $R(\phi)$ is related to $\alpha(\theta)$. For each point ϕ on $R = R(\phi)$, there is a unique geodesic on $T = 0$ which is tangent to the curve at ϕ . Each of such spacelike geodesics parametrized by ϕ reaches the boundary points $\theta = \theta(\phi) \pm \alpha(\phi)$:

$$\alpha(\phi) = \arctan \left[\frac{L}{R} \sqrt{1 + \frac{L^2}{R^2 + L^2} \left(\frac{d \ln R(\phi)}{d\phi} \right)^2} \right], \quad (4)$$

$$\theta(\phi) = \phi - \arctan \left[\frac{L^2}{R^2 + L^2} \frac{d \ln R(\phi)}{d\phi} \right]. \quad (5)$$

These two equations relate the curve $R = R(\phi)$ to the interval function $\alpha(\theta)$. These formula are inverted to be

$$R(\theta) = L \cot \alpha(\theta) \sqrt{\frac{1 + \alpha'(\theta)^2 \tan^2 \alpha(\theta)}{1 - \alpha'(\theta)^2}}, \quad (6)$$

$$\phi(\theta) = \theta - \arctan[\alpha'(\theta) \tan \alpha(\theta)]. \quad (7)$$

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Next, let us see the formula

$$E[\alpha] = \frac{\text{circumference of } (R, \phi) = (R(\theta), \phi(\theta))}{4G}. \quad (8)$$

To see this, we rewrite the right hand side by the bulk terms as

$$\text{r.h.s.} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{4G} \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{L^2}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{dR}{d\phi}\right)^2 + R^2}. \quad (9)$$

Note that we should regard ϕ and $R(\phi)$ in this expression as $\phi(\theta)$ and $R(\theta)$ given by (6) and (7). Comparing each integrand of both hand sides in (8), we get

$$\text{l.h.s.} \rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{2} \frac{dS(\alpha)}{d\alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=\alpha(\theta)}, \quad (10)$$

$$\text{r.h.s.} \rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{4G} \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{L^2}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{dR}{d\phi}\right)^2 + R^2}. \quad (11)$$

Subtracting the integrand of the l.h.s. from the r.h.s., we find the result is df , with f defined as

$$f(\theta) := \left[\frac{L}{8G} \ln \left(\frac{\sin(\alpha(\theta) + \phi(\theta) - \theta)}{\sin(\alpha(\theta) - \phi(\theta) + \theta)} \right) \right]. \quad (12)$$

Therefore the formula (8) is shown, since df is an exact form. It is also shown that $f(\theta)$ is equal to the proper length along the spacelike geodesic on $T = 0$ between two points ϕ and $\theta(\phi)$ of $R = R(\phi)$. Then we get a corollary: let L be a proper length of the bulk curve $\{(R, \phi) = (R(\theta), \phi(\theta)) | \theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_f\}$, then

$$\frac{L}{4G} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} d\theta \frac{dS(\alpha)}{d\alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=\alpha(\theta)} + f(\theta_f) - f(\theta_i). \quad (13)$$

A heuristic approach is taken in their paper, and a brief but more concrete review appears in [2].

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