

Calculating entanglement entropy

1 S_{EE} for Kitaev chain

1.1 Characteristic function for thermal state

$$\chi_N(\xi) = Z^{-1} \int \mathcal{D}(\bar{c}, c) \exp \left[- \int_0^\beta d\tau \left\{ \sum_i \bar{c}_i(\tau) \partial_\tau c_i(\tau) + H(\bar{c}_i(\tau), c_i(\tau)) - \sum_{i \in A'} \bar{c}_i(\tau) \delta(\tau^+) \xi_i + \sum_{i \in A'} \bar{\xi}_i \delta(\tau) \bar{c}_i(\tau) \right\} \right], \quad (1)$$

The Kitaev chain hamiltonian is

$$H = \sum_j \left[-w(a_j^\dagger a_{j+1} + a_{j+1}^\dagger a_j) - \mu \left(a_j^\dagger a_j - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \Delta a_j a_{j+1} + \Delta^* a_{j+1}^\dagger a_j^\dagger \right]. \quad (2)$$

In terms of Majorana operators the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = i \sum_j \left[-\mu d_{2j-1} d_{2j} + (w + |\Delta|) d_{2j} d_{2j+1} + (-w + |\Delta|) d_{2j-1} d_{2j+2} \right], \quad (3)$$

where $d_{2j-1} = (e^{i\theta/2} a_j + e^{-i\theta/2} a_j^\dagger) / \sqrt{2}$ and $d_{2j} = (e^{i\theta/2} a_j - e^{-i\theta/2} a_j^\dagger) / \sqrt{2}i$. Any arbitrary quadratic Hamiltonian can be written in the form

$$H = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{l,m} A_{lm} d_l d_m, \quad A_{lm}^* = A_{lm} = -A_{ml}. \quad (4)$$

Thus the Hamiltonian can be reduced to a canonical form

$$H_{canonical} = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{m=1}^N \epsilon_m \gamma_i^A \gamma_i^B, \quad (5)$$

where

$$\gamma \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1^A \\ \gamma_1^B \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_N^A \\ \gamma_N^B \end{pmatrix} = W \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_{2N-1} \\ d_{2N} \end{pmatrix}; \quad P \equiv W A W^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon_1 & & & \\ -\epsilon_1 & 0 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 0 & \epsilon_N \\ & & & -\epsilon_N & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

The characteristic function can now be written in terms of Majorana variables as

$$\chi_N(\xi) = Z^{-1} \cdot (i)^N \det(W)^{-1} \cdot \int \mathcal{D}(\gamma^A, \gamma^B) \exp \left[- \int_0^\beta d\tau \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (\gamma_i^A \partial_\tau \gamma_i^A + \gamma_i^B \partial_\tau \gamma_i^B) + \frac{i}{2} \gamma^T P \gamma - \sum_{i \in A'} (\gamma_i^A \eta_i^A + \gamma_i^B \eta_i^B) \right\} \right] \quad (7)$$

where $\gamma^{A/B} = \{\gamma_i^{A/B}\}$, $\mathcal{D}(\gamma^A, \gamma^B) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=1}^N d(\gamma^{A,n}, \gamma^{B,n})$, $\eta_i^A = (\delta(\tau^+) \xi_i + \delta(\tau) \bar{\xi}_i) / \sqrt{2}$ and $\eta_i^B = i(\delta(\tau^+) \xi_i - \delta(\tau) \bar{\xi}_i) / \sqrt{2}$. Also because W is an orthogonal matrix, $\det(W) = 1$.

Going to Matsubara space by setting: $\gamma_i^{A/B} = \sum_{\omega_n} \gamma_i^{A/B}(\omega_n) e^{-i\omega_n \tau}$

$$S = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \sum_i (\gamma_i^A(\omega_n)(i\omega_n) \gamma_i^A(-\omega_n) + \gamma_i^B(\omega_n)(i\omega_n) \gamma_i^B(-\omega_n) + 2i\epsilon_i \gamma_i^A(\omega_n) \gamma_i^B(-\omega_n)) - \sum_{\omega_n} \sum_{i \in A'} (\gamma_i^A(\omega_n) \zeta_i^A + \gamma_i^B(\omega_n) \zeta_i^B) \quad (8)$$

where $\zeta_i^A = (\xi_i + \bar{\xi}_i) / \sqrt{2}$ and $\zeta_i^B = (\xi_i - \bar{\xi}_i) / \sqrt{2}i$. Note that for $i \notin A'$, $\zeta_i^A = \zeta_i^B = \xi_i = \bar{\xi}_i = 0$.

$$S = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1^A(\omega_n) \\ \gamma_1^B(\omega_n) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_N^A(\omega_n) \\ \gamma_N^B(\omega_n) \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} i\omega_n & i\epsilon_1 & & & \\ -i\epsilon_1 & i\omega_n & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & i\omega_n & i\epsilon_N \\ & & & -i\epsilon_N & i\omega_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1^A(-\omega_n) \\ \gamma_1^B(-\omega_n) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_N^A(-\omega_n) \\ \gamma_N^B(-\omega_n) \end{pmatrix} - \sum_{\omega_n} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1^A(\omega_n) \\ \gamma_1^B(\omega_n) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_N^A(\omega_n) \\ \gamma_N^B(\omega_n) \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_1^A \\ \zeta_1^B \\ \vdots \\ \zeta_N^A \\ \zeta_N^B \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{OR, } S = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \gamma(\omega_n)^T B(\omega_n) \gamma(-\omega_n) - \sum_{\omega_n} \gamma(\omega_n)^T \zeta \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\omega_n > 0} [\gamma(\omega_n)^T B(\omega_n) \gamma(-\omega_n) + \gamma(-\omega_n)^T B(-\omega_n) \gamma(\omega_n)] - \sum_{\omega_n > 0} [\gamma(\omega_n)^T \zeta + \gamma(-\omega_n)^T \bar{\zeta}] \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\omega_n > 0} \gamma(\omega_n)^T [B(\omega_n) - B(-\omega_n)^T] \gamma(-\omega_n) - \sum_{\omega_n > 0} [\gamma(\omega_n)^T \zeta - \zeta^T \gamma(-\omega_n)] \quad (12)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \beta \sum_{\omega_n > 0} \gamma(\omega_n)^T B(\omega_n) \gamma(-\omega_n) + \sum_{\omega_n > 0} [\zeta^T \gamma(-\omega_n) - \gamma(\omega_n)^T \zeta] \quad (13)$$

Now we use the standard independent Gaussian Grassmann integration result:

$$\int d(\bar{\phi}, \phi) e^{-\bar{\phi}^T \mathbf{A} \phi + \bar{\eta}^T \cdot \phi + \bar{\phi}^T \cdot \eta} = \det \mathbf{A} e^{-\bar{\eta}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \eta}. \quad (14)$$

$$\chi_N(\xi) = Z^{-1} \cdot (i)^N \cdot \int \mathcal{D}(\gamma^A, \gamma^B) e^{-S} \quad (15)$$

where now $\mathcal{D}(\gamma^A, \gamma^B) = \prod_{\omega_n > 0} d(\gamma(-\omega_n), \gamma(\omega_n))$. Hence we get that

$$\chi_N(\xi) = Z^{-1} \cdot (i)^N \cdot \left[\prod_{\omega_n > 0} \det(\beta B(\omega_n)) \right] \cdot \exp \left[\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n > 0} \bar{\zeta}^T B(\omega_n)^{-1} \zeta \right] \quad (16)$$

The exponential part simplifies to

$$\exp \left[\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n > 0} \sum_{ij} \bar{\xi}_i X_{ij} \xi_j \right], \text{ where } X_{ij} = -\frac{2\epsilon_i \delta_{ij}}{\omega_n^2 + \epsilon_i^2} \quad (17)$$

Now the frequency sum becomes

$$-T \sum_{\omega_n > 0} \frac{2\epsilon_i}{\omega_n^2 + \epsilon_i^2} = T \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \epsilon_i} = n_F(\epsilon_i) = \frac{1}{\exp(\epsilon_i - \mu) + 1} = \langle c_i^\dagger c_i \rangle \quad (18)$$

This implies

$$\chi_N(\xi) = Z^{-1} \cdot (i)^N \cdot \left[\prod_{\omega_n > 0} \det(\beta B(\omega_n)) \right] \cdot \exp \left[\sum_{ij} \bar{\xi}_i C_{ij}^T \xi_j \right], \text{ where } C_{ij}^T = n_F(\epsilon_i) \delta_{ij} = \langle c_i^\dagger c_i \rangle \delta_{ij}. \quad (19)$$

If we put all the source terms to zero ($\xi = 0$), then $\chi_N(\xi) = \text{Tr}[\rho D_N(\xi \in A')] = 1$. So this implies the constant factor in front of exponential term should be 1. Hence,

$$\chi_N(\xi) = \exp \left[\sum_{ij \in A'} \bar{\xi}_i C_{ij}^T \xi_j \right]. \quad (20)$$

1.2 Calculating entanglement entropy for thermal state

If characteristic function of the form of eq.(20), then the n^{th} Renyi-entropy is given(in the master note):

$$S_A^{(n)} = \frac{1}{1-n} \text{Tr}[\ln[(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{C})^n + \mathbf{C}^n]]. \quad (21)$$

Only thing left is what are the ϵ_i 's in terms of the Kitaev parameters?