The logarithmic negativity in random spin chains

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I. INTRODUCTION

II. THE DISORDERED XX CHAIN

The disordered XX chain is defined by the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{XX} = \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} J_i (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y) + h \sum_{i=1}^{L} S_i^z, \quad (1)$$

with $S_i^{x,y,z} \equiv \sigma_i^{x,y,z}/2$, σ_i^α being the Pauli matrices acting on site i. For periodic boundary conditions one has an extra term in Eq. (1) connecting site L with site 1. Hereafter we fix $h = 0$ and choose J_i uniformily distributed in $[0, 1]$. After the Jordan-Wigner transformation

$$c_i = \Big(\prod_{m=1}^{i-1} \sigma_m^z \Big) \frac{\sigma_i^x - i\sigma_i^y}{2}, \quad (2)$$

(1) is recast in the free-fermionic form

$$\mathcal{H}_{XX} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} J_i (c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^\dagger c_i) + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} c_i^\dagger c_i, \quad (3)$$

with c_i spinless fermionic operators satisfying the canonical anticommutation relations $\{c_m, c_n^\dagger\} = \delta_{m,n}$. The mapping between Eq. (1) and Eq. (3) is exact apart from boundary terms (that we neglect here) giving a vanishing contribution (as $1/L$) to physical quantities in the large chain limit.

By imposing that the single-particle eigenstates $|\Psi_q\rangle$ (with q an integer labelling the different eigenstates) of (3) are of the form

$$\eta_q^\dagger |0\rangle \equiv |\Psi_q\rangle = \sum_i \Phi_q(i) c_i^\dagger |0\rangle, \quad (4)$$

with $|0\rangle$ the vacuum and $\Phi_q(i)$ the eigenstate amplitudes. The Schrödinger equation gives the equation for $\Phi_q(i)$ as

$$(J_i \Phi_q(i+1) + J_{i-1} \Phi_q(i-1))/2 = \epsilon_q \Phi_q(i), \quad i = 1, \dots, L, \quad (5)$$

and $J_L = 0$. Eq. (5) corresponds to finding the eigenvectors of the banded matrix $T = (J_j \delta_{i,j+1} + J_{j-1} \delta_{i,j-1})/2$. The eigenvalues corresponds to the single-particle eigenergies ϵ_q.

The ground state $|GS\rangle$ of (1) is obtained by filling all the negative modes ϵ_q as

$$|GS\rangle = \eta_{q_M}^\dagger \eta_{q_{M-1}}^\dagger \cdots \eta_{q_1}^\dagger |0\rangle. \quad (6)$$

One has the anticommutation relations

$$\{\eta_q^\dagger, c_j^\dagger\} = \{\eta_q, c_j\} = 0 \quad (7)$$

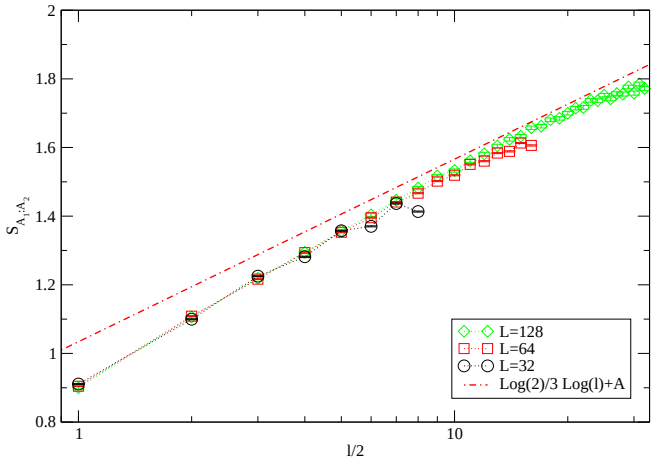

FIG. 1.

and

$$\{\eta_q^\dagger, c_j\} = \Phi_q(j) \delta_{k,j}, \quad \{\eta_q, c_j^\dagger\} = \Phi^*(j) \delta_{k,j} \quad (8)$$

These imply that the expectation value of the two-point function in a generic eigenstate of (1) is given as

$$\langle c_i^\dagger c_j \rangle = \sum_q \Phi_q^*(i) \Phi_q(j), \quad (9)$$

where the sum if over the q single-particle excitations forming the eigenstate.

One can show that the eigenvalus of the matrix T are organized in pairs with opposite sign. Given the components $\Phi_1(i)$ of the eigenvector with eigenvalue ϵ_q, the components of the eigenvector with $-\epsilon_q$ are given as $(-1)^{i+1} \Phi_q(i)$. This also implies that the ground state of (1) is in the sector with $M = L/2$ fermions.

The reduced density matrix for a subsystem A is determined by the correlation matrix restricted to A as

$$\mathcal{C}_{ij} \equiv \langle c_i^\dagger c_j \rangle, \quad (10)$$

where $i, j \in A$. In particular, given the eigenvalues λ_k of $\mathcal{C}$, the entanglement entropy S_A is given as

$$S_A = -\sum_k (\lambda_k \log \lambda_k + (1 - \lambda_k) \log(1 - \lambda_k)). \quad (11)$$

III. THE ENTANGLEMENT NEGATIVITY IN DMRG

Here we show how to calculate the logarithmic negativity in DMRG simulations.

We consider a generic $1D$ lattice of L sites. We restrict ourselves to the situation with open boundary conditions. On each site i of the lattice we consider a local Hilbert space $\mathbb{H}_i$ of finite dimension d (e.g., for spin-$1/2$ systems one has $d = 2$). A generic wavefunction $|\Psi\rangle$ corresponding to a pure stae living in $\mathbb{H}^{\otimes L}$ can be written in Matrix-Product-State (MPS) language as

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\ldots,\sigma_L} A^{\sigma_1}_{\alpha_1} A^{\sigma_2}_{\alpha_1\alpha_2} \cdots A^{\sigma_L}_{\alpha_L} |\sigma_1,\ldots,\sigma_L\rangle. \quad (12)$$

Here $1 \leq \sigma_i \leq d$ is the so-called physical index that labels the states in the local Hilbert space, whereas $1 \leq \alpha_i \leq \chi_i$ are the virtual indices, and χ_i is the bond dimension of the MPS. In (12) we the sum over the repeated indices α_i is assumed and $|\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\ldots,\sigma_L\rangle \equiv |\sigma_1\rangle \otimes |\sigma_2\rangle \cdots |\sigma_L\rangle$, with $|\sigma_i\rangle$ an element of the base of the Hilbert space at site i.

At each site $1 < i < L$, for each fixed σ_i, $A^{\sigma_i}_{\alpha_{i-1}\alpha_i}$ is a $\chi_i \times \chi_i$ matrix, while $A^{\sigma_1}_{\alpha_1}$ and $A^{\sigma_L}_{\alpha_L}$ are vectors.

The MPS in (12) can be pictorially represented as in Fig. .... From (12) one obtains that $\langle\Psi|$ is given as

$$\langle\Psi| = \langle\sigma_1,\ldots,\sigma_L| \sum_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\ldots,\sigma_L} \bar{A}^{\sigma_1}_{\alpha_1} \bar{A}^{\sigma_2}_{\alpha_1\alpha_2} \cdots \bar{A}^{\sigma_L}_{\alpha_L} \quad (13)$$

where the bar in $\bar{A}^{\sigma_i}_{\alpha_{i-1}\alpha_i}$ represents the complex conjugation.

The full system density matrix $\rho \equiv |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$ is obtained as

$$\rho = \sum_{\substack{\sigma_1,\ldots,\sigma_L \\ \sigma'_1,\ldots,\sigma'_L}} (A^{\sigma_1}_{\alpha_1} \bar{A}^{\sigma'_1}_{\alpha'_1})(A^{\sigma_2}_{\alpha_1,\alpha_2} \bar{A}^{\sigma'_2}_{\alpha'_1,\alpha'_2}) \cdots (A^{\sigma_L}_{\alpha_L} \bar{A}^{\sigma'_L}_{\alpha'_L}) |\sigma_1\rangle\langle\sigma'_1| \otimes \cdots \otimes |\sigma_L\rangle\langle\sigma'_L|. \quad (14)$$

The pictorial representation of ρ is shown in Fig. ... .

We now introduce a tripartition of the system as $S = A_1 \cup A_1 \cup B$, where A_1 and A_2 are the subintervals of interest and B the remaining part of the system. To be specific we consider the case of two intervals of length ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 at mutual distance d with $A_1 = [s+1,\ldots,s+\ell_1]$ $A_2 = [s+\ell_1+d+1,\ldots,s+\ell_1+d+\ell_2]$ with A_1 shifted from the left boundary of the chain by s sites. The reduced density matrix $\rho_{A1\cup A_2}$ is obtained by tracing over the degrees of freedom of B as

$$\rho_{A_1\cup A_2} = \sum_{\substack{\{\sigma^{(1)}_i,\sigma'^{(1)}_i\} \\ \{\sigma^{(2)}_j,\sigma'^{(2)}_j\}}} M^{\alpha,\beta}_{\alpha',\beta'} A^{\sigma^{(1)}_1}_{\gamma,\nu_1} \bar{A}^{\sigma'^{(1)}_1}_{\gamma,\nu'_1} \prod_{n=2}^{\ell_1-1} A^{\sigma^{(1)}_n}_{\nu_{n-1},\nu_n} \bar{A}^{\sigma'^{(1)}_n}_{\nu'_{n-1},\nu'_n} A^{\sigma^{(1)}_{\ell_1}}_{\nu_{\ell_1-1},\alpha} \bar{A}^{\sigma'^{(1)}_{\ell_1}}_{\nu'_{\ell_1-1},\alpha'} \quad (15)$$

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