Entanglement entropy of disconnected regions in Conformal Field Theories

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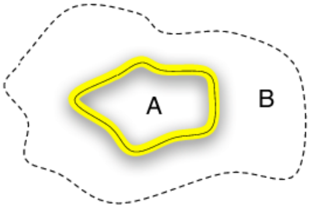

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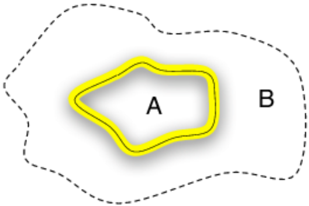

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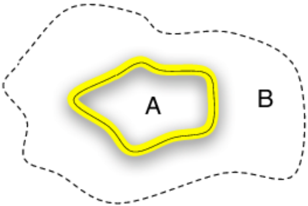

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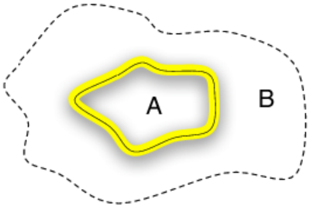

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A natural measure is the *entanglement entropy* $(\rho_A = \mathrm{Tr}_B \rho)$

$$S_A \equiv -\mathrm{Tr}\rho_A \log \rho_A = -\sum_n c_n^2 \log c_n^2 = S_B$$

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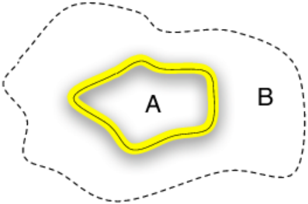

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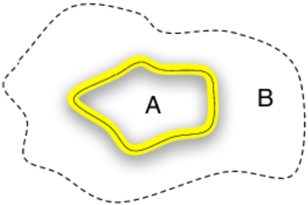
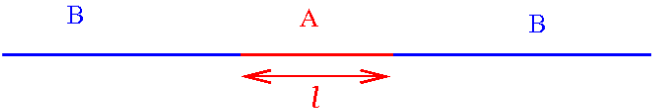




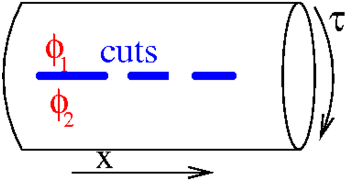
In a 1+1D CFT Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek '94

$$S_A = \frac{c}{3} \ln \ell$$

This is the most effective way to measure the central charge c

Path integral and Riemann surfaces PC and J Cardy '04

$$\langle \Phi_1(x) | \rho_A | \Phi_2(x) \rangle =$$



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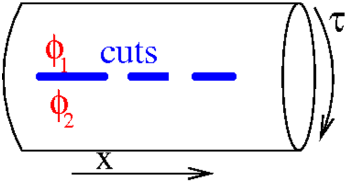

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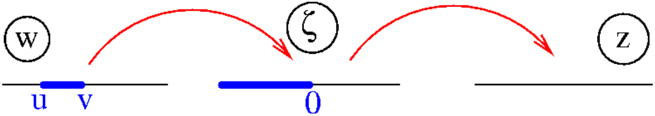
Replica trick: $S_A = -\lim_{n\to 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial n}\mathrm{Tr}\rho_A^n$

Riemann surfaces and CFT PC and J Cardy '04

The Riemann surface $\mathcal{R}_{n,1}$ is topological equivalent to the complex plane on which is mapped by

$$w \to \zeta = \frac{w-u}{w-v};\ \zeta \to z = \zeta^{1/n} \Rightarrow\ w \to z = \left(\frac{w-u}{w-v}\right)^{1/n}$$



$\mathrm{Tr}\rho_A^n =$

$$= c_n |u-v|^{-\frac{c}{6}(n-1/n)}$$

$$|u-v| = \ell$$

$$\Rightarrow S_A = -\lim_{n\to 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \mathrm{Tr}\rho_A^n = \frac{c}{3} \log \ell$$

More difficult problem

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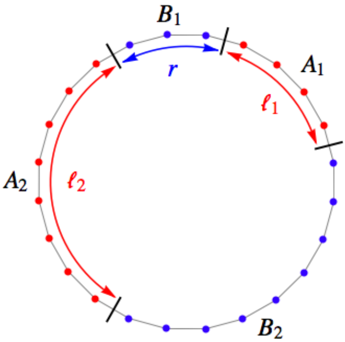

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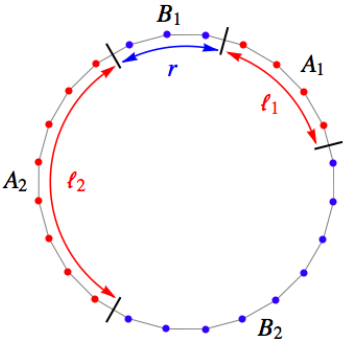
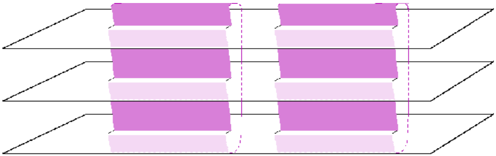


More complex Riemann surface:



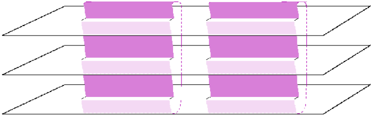
$\mathcal{R}_{n,2}$ of genus $(n-1)$

[$\mathcal{R}_{n,N}$ has genus $(n-1)(N-1)$]

$\mathrm{Tr}\rho_A^n$, S_A ?

Disjoint intervals: History

$$A = [u_1, v_1] \cup [u_2, v_2]$$



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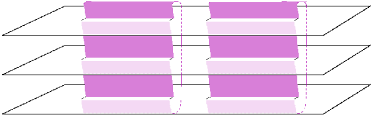

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For more complicated theories in 2008 Furukawa-Pasquier-Shiraishi and Caraglio-Gliozzi showed that it is incorrect!

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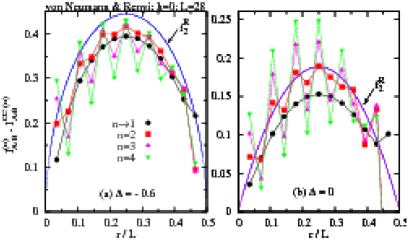
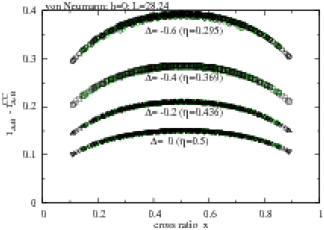
$$x = \frac{(u_1 - v_1)(u_2 - v_2)}{(u_1 - u_2)(v_1 - v_2)} = 4 - \text{point ratio}$$

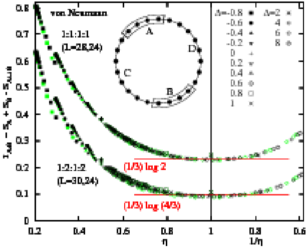
Compactified boson (Luttinger) Furukawa Pasquier Shiraishi

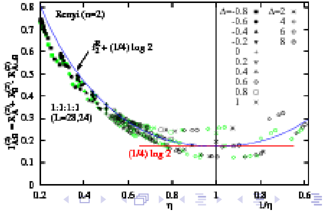
$$F_2(x) = \frac{\theta_3(\eta\tau)\theta_3(\tau/\eta)}{[\theta_3(\tau)]^2}, \qquad x = \left[\frac{\theta_2(\tau)}{\theta_3(\tau)}\right]^4 \qquad \eta \propto R^2$$

Compared against exact diagonalization in XXZ chain









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- $F_n(x)$ invariant under $x\to 1-x$ and $\eta\to 1/\eta$
- We are unable to analytic continue to real n for general x and η
- Only for $\eta \ll 1$ and for $x \ll 1$

Compactified boson II PC Cardy Tonni

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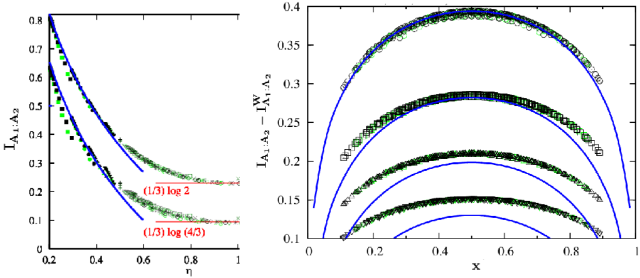

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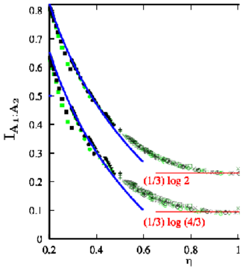
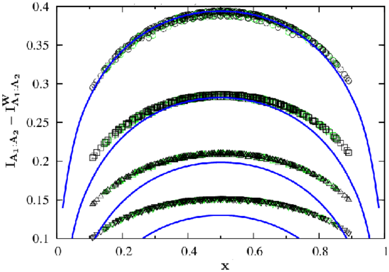




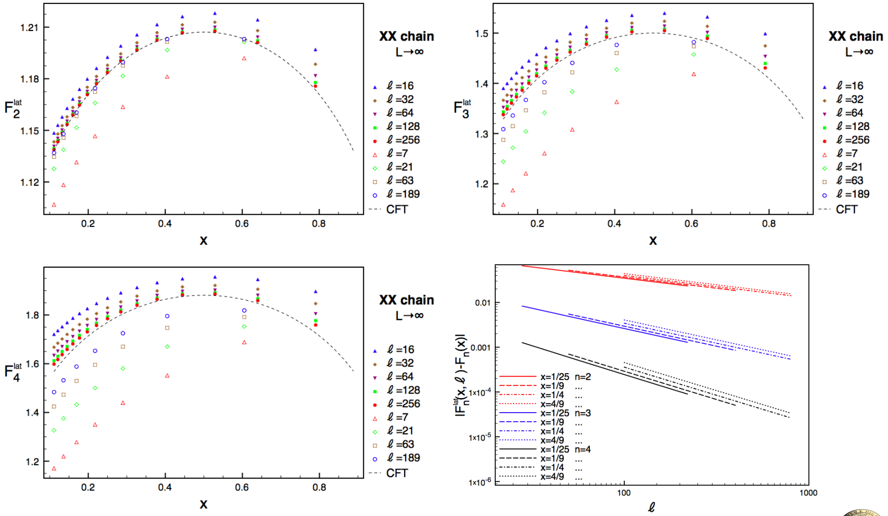
$x \ll 1$

$$F_n(x) = 1 + 2n\left(\frac{x}{4n^2}\right)^{\alpha} P_n + \dots \qquad \alpha = \min(\eta, 1/\eta) \qquad P_n = \sum_{l=1}^{n-1}\frac{l/n}{[\sin(\pi l/n)]^{2\alpha}}$$

$$-F_1'(x) = 2^{1-2\alpha}x^{\alpha}P_1' + \dots$$

The XX model Fagotti PC '10

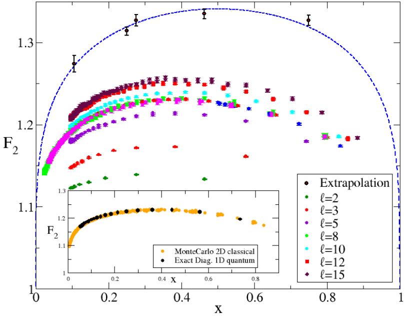
The RDM of two intervals is not trivial because of JW string Igloi-Peschel



$F_n^{\mathrm{lat}}(x) = F_n^{CFT}(x) + (-)^\ell \ell^{-\delta_n} f_n(x) + \dots$ CFT OK and $\delta_n = 2/n$

Monte Carlo for 2D and TTN for 1D

$\mathrm{Tr}\rho_A^2$ MC



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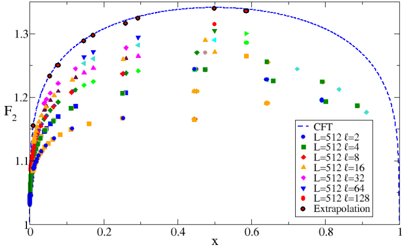
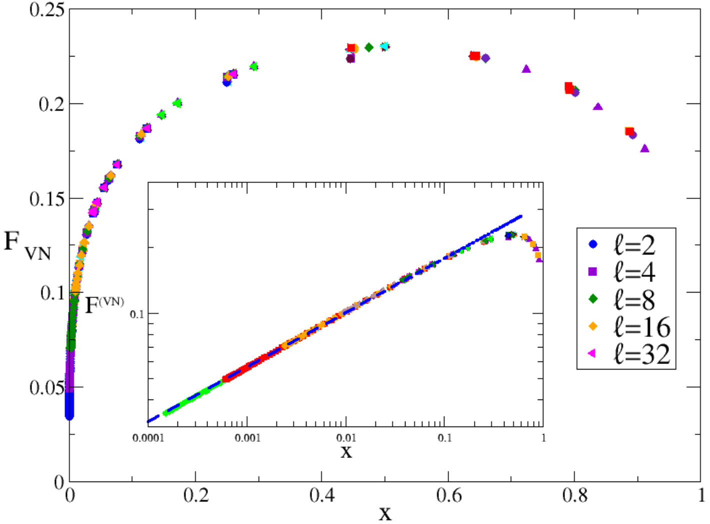


Large monotonic corrections to the scaling! FSS analysis confirms:

$$F_2(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left[\left(\frac{(1+\sqrt{x})(1+\sqrt{1-x})}{2}\right)^{1/2} + x^{1/4} + ((1-x)x)^{1/4} + (1-x)^{1/4}\right]^{1/2}$$

Von Neumann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F_{VN}
$F^{(VN)}$
0.1
0.0001
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0.1
1
x
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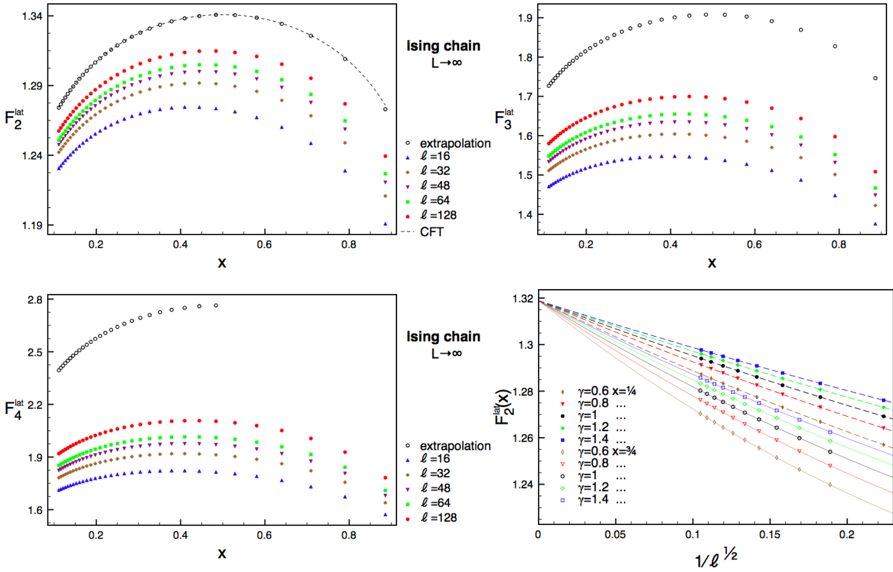
The Ising model Fagotti PC '10

$\delta_n = 1/n$ because of Ising fermion!



The Ising model: CFT, very new Tonni PC '10

Using Dijkgraaf, Verlinde, Verlinde '88 we showed

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}\Theta(0|\Gamma)} \sum_{\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2} \Theta\left[\begin{array}{c}\epsilon_1\\ \epsilon_2\end{array}\right](0|\Gamma)$$

Riemann theta function with characteristics

$$\Theta\left[\begin{array}{c}\alpha\\ \beta\end{array}\right](z|\Gamma) \equiv \sum_{m\in \mathbf{Z}^{n-1}} \exp\left[\, i\pi\,(m+\alpha)\cdot\Gamma\cdot(m+\alpha)+2\pi i(m+\alpha)\cdot(z+\beta)\,\right]$$

ϵ_1, ϵ_2 are vectors of length $n-1$ with elements $= 0, 1/2$
Γ is the same matrix as for Luttinger

- For $n = 2$ it reduces to the simple function above
- It reproduces perfectly numerical data for $n = 3, 4$.

Take home message

Entanglement entropy provides many universal features of quantum systems.

Not only the central charge

Open problems:

- The analytic continuation of $F_n(x)$ is unknown and so is S_A
- No results for more than two intervals
- No understanding of $F_n(x)$ in AdS/CFT
- The simplicity of $F_n(x)$ suggests a deeper connection between entanglement entropy and the Riemann Θ functions
- What about non-conformal systems?