# Finite Temperature Rényi Entropy and Modular Invariance

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- Then  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \times \mathcal{H}_B$ . If  $\rho$  is any density matrix on  $\mathcal{H}$ , then let

 $\rho_A = \operatorname{tr}_B \rho$ 

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• By analytically continuing this to arbitrary real values of n, one can obtain the von Neumann entropy as a limit:

$$S_A = \lim_{n \to 1} S_A^{(n)}$$

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- From the preceding discussion, we know  $\lim_{L\to\infty} S_A(\ell, L, \beta)$  as well as  $\lim_{\beta\to\infty} S_A(\ell, L, \beta)$ . In both cases the torus decompactifies to a cylinder and the answer is again universal.

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- Even for free theories, there are some issues as I will discuss in what follows.

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 By a suitable diagonalisation of the problem, one reduces the problem to a set of fields ψ<sub>k</sub> on a single copy of the space. The twist field acts on each one by a phase:

$$\sigma_k:\psi_k\to\omega^k\psi_k$$

where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$  and  $k = -\frac{n-1}{2}, -\frac{n-1}{2} + 1, \cdots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ .

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- It is therefore interesting to ask how the von Neumann/Rényi entropies of a CFT at arbitrary finite size L and inverse temperature  $\beta$  transform under the modular group SL(2,Z).

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- Subsequently [Datta-David] attempted to compute the Rényi entropy for a free compact scalar field at radius R. This was later corrected by [Chen-Wu]. These authors did not comment on the modular properties of their results.

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• This leads to the thermal entropy relation [Azeyanagi-Nishioka-Takayanagi]: As  $\ell \to 0$  the difference is the geodesic wrapping the black hole horizon, which gives the thermal entropy of the CFT state. Hence we get the constraint:

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- These relations are not merely intuitive guesses but have been proved by formal manipulations in CFT.

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• The result of [Chen-Wu] is of the form:

$$Z_n(R) = Z_n^{(1)} Z_n^{(2)} Z_n^{(3)}(R) Z_n^{(3)} \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)$$

where:

$$Z^{(1)} = \frac{1}{|\eta(\tau)|^{2n}} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{|W_1^1(k,n;z|\tau)|}$$
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