

# Direct Expression of Mutual Information of Distant Regions

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# 1. Introduction

**Entanglement Entropy (EE)** is the quantity which measures the degree of entanglement.

Entanglement entropy (EE) is generally defined as the von Neumann entropy

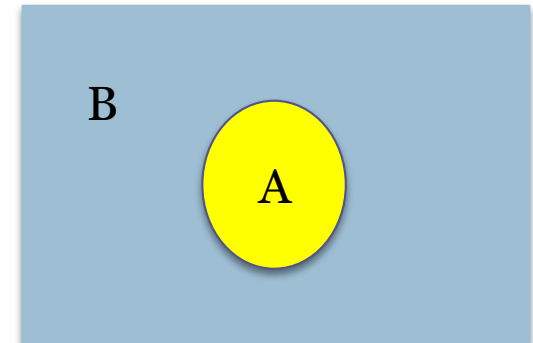
$$S_A := -\text{tr}_A \rho_A \log \rho_A$$

corresponding to the reduced density matrix of a subsystem  $A$ .

The Renyi entropy is the generalization of EE and defined as

$$S_A^{(n)} := \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr}(\rho_A^n)$$

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



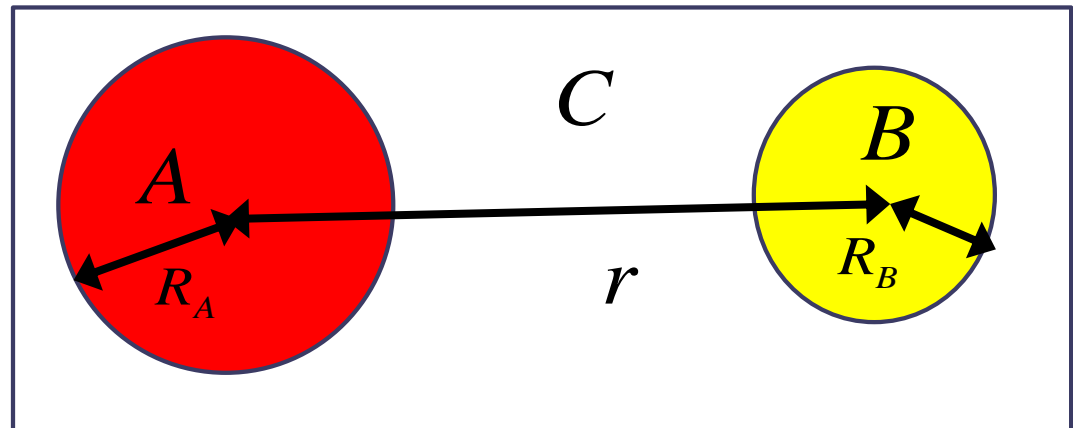
# Mutual Information (MI)

Mutual information (MI) measures the correlation between two subsystems.

The mutual Renyi information is defined as,

$$I^{(n)}(A, B) = S_A^{(n)} + S_B^{(n)} - S_{A \cup B}^{(n)}$$

$$I(A, B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} I^{(n)}(A, B)$$

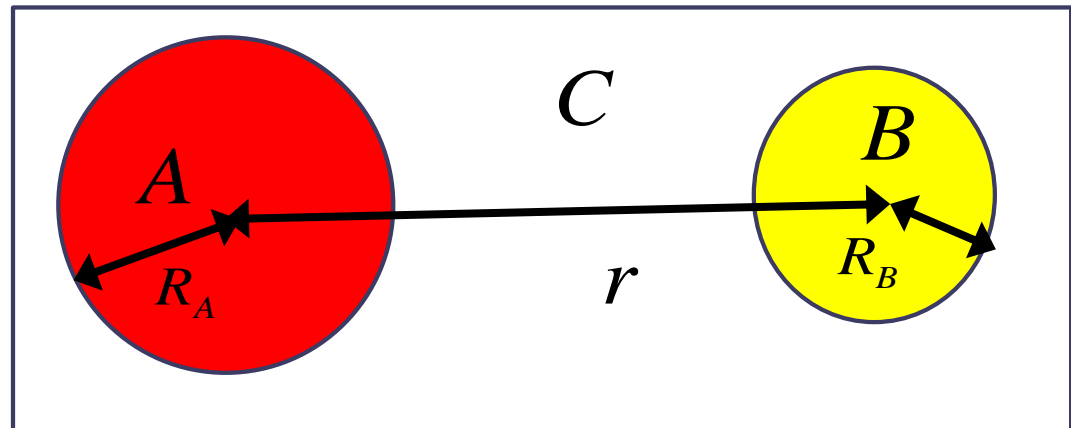


# Today's talk

We consider **the mutual (Renyi) information** of distant compact spatial regions A and B in the vacuum state of **a free scalar field**. The distance  $r$  between A and B is much greater than their sizes  $R_{A,B}$ .

It is known that the mutual information is proportional to the square of the correlation function,

$$I^{(n)}(A, B) \approx C_{AB}^{(n)} \langle 0 | \phi(r) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle^2 \quad r \gg R_{A,B}$$



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When both A and B are the **spheres** and the scalar field is **massless**, the coefficient  $C_{AB}^{(n)}$  was calculated analytically.

**Cardy, 2013**

However, when both A and B are not the spheres or the dispersion relation of the scalar field is general, it is difficult to calculate the coefficient  $C_{AB}^{(n)}$  analytically.

In this work, we obtain **the direct expression** of  $C_{AB}^{(n)}$  for **arbitrary regions** A and B in free scalar fields which have **general dispersion relations**.

# Comparison with the real time formalism

EE in free scalar fields can be calculated numerically by **the real time formalism**.

e.g. Bombelli et al. 1986, Srednicki 1993

In order to calculate the coefficient by **the real time formalism**, we have to plot the mutual information as a function of  $r$  and extract the coefficient.

So we have to calculate numerically  $S_{A \cup B}$  **many times** to plot the mutual information as a function of  $r$ .

On the other hand, in our method, **we separate the  $r$  dependence of the mutual information analytically** and obtain the direct expression of the coefficient.

So, it reduces significantly the amount of computation.

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## 2. An operator method in EE Shiba 2014

We consider the general scalar field in  $(d+1)$  dimensional spacetime and **do not specify its Hamiltonian**.

We consider  $n$  copies of the scalar fields and the  $j$ -th copy of the scalar field is denoted by  $\{\phi^{(j)}\}$ .

Thus the total Hilbert space,  $H^{(n)}$ , is the tensor product of the  $n$  copies of the Hilbert space,  $H^{(n)} = H \otimes H \cdots \otimes H$

where  $H$  is the Hilbert space of one scalar field.

We define the density matrix  $\rho^{(n)}$  in  $H^{(n)}$  as

$$\rho^{(n)} = \rho \otimes \rho \cdots \otimes \rho$$

where  $\rho$  is an **arbitrary** density matrix in  $H$ .

We can express  $\text{Tr} \rho_{\Omega}^n$  as

$$\text{Tr} \rho_{\Omega}^n = \text{Tr}(\rho^{(n)} E_{\Omega})$$

$$|\psi^{(n)}\rangle = |\psi\rangle |\psi\rangle \cdots |\psi\rangle$$

for a pure state  $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

$$\text{Tr} \rho_{\Omega}^n = \langle\psi^{(n)}| E_{\Omega} |\psi^{(n)}\rangle$$



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$$E_{\Omega} = \int \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{x \in \Omega} DJ^{(j)}(x) DK^{(j)}(x) \exp \left[ i \int d^d x \sum_{l=1}^n J^{(l+1)}(x) \phi^{(l)}(x) \right] \\ \times \exp \left[ i \int d^d x \sum_{l=1}^n K^{(l)}(x) \pi^{(l)}(x) \right] \times \exp \left[ -i \int d^d x \sum_{l=1}^n J^{(l)} \phi^{(l)} \right]$$

where  $\pi(x)$  is a conjugate momenta of  $\phi(x)$ ,  
 $[\phi(x), \pi(y)] = i\delta^d(x - y)$  and

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$J^{(j)}(x)$  and  $K^{(j)}(x)$  exist only in  $\Omega$  and  $J^{(n+1)} = J^{(1)}$   
 $J^{(j)}(x)$  and  $K^{(j)}(x)$  are **auxiliary fields**.

Thus  $E_{\Omega}$  is an operator at  $\Omega$ .

We call  $E_{\Omega}$  as a **glueing operator**.

# General properties of $E_\Omega$

(1) Symmetry:

$$E_\Omega(\phi^{(1)}, \dots, \phi^{(n)}, \pi^{(1)}, \dots, \pi^{(n)}) = E_\Omega(-\phi^{(1)}, \dots, -\phi^{(n)}, -\pi^{(1)}, \dots, -\pi^{(n)}).$$

(2) Locality: when  $\Omega = A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

$$E_{A \cup B} = E_A E_B$$

From the locality, the mutual Renyi information in the vacuum state can be expressed as the correlation function of  $E$ ,

$$\frac{\text{Tr} \rho_{A \cup B}^n}{\text{Tr} \rho_A^n \text{Tr} \rho_B^n} = \frac{\langle 0^{(n)} | E_A E_B | 0^{(n)} \rangle}{\langle 0^{(n)} | E_A | 0^{(n)} \rangle \langle 0^{(n)} | E_B | 0^{(n)} \rangle}$$

$$I^{(n)}(A, B) = \frac{1}{n-1} \ln \frac{\text{Tr} \rho_{A \cup B}^n}{\text{Tr} \rho_A^n \text{Tr} \rho_B^n}$$

# Normal ordering and expansion of $E_\Omega$

For free scalar fields, it is useful to represent the operator  $E_\Omega$  as **the normal ordered operator**.

$$E_\Omega = \int \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \prod_{x \in \Omega} DJ^{(j)}(x) DK^{(j)}(x) : \exp[i \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \int d^d x ((J^{(l+1)} - J^{(l)})\phi^{(l)*} + K^{(l)}\pi^{(l)*} + (J^{(l+1)*} - J^{(l)*})\phi^{(l)} + K^{(l)*}\pi^{(l)})] : \exp[-\tilde{S}],$$

$$\tilde{S} \equiv \sum_{l=1}^n [\int d^d x d^d y [\frac{1}{2}K^{(l)}(x)A(x, y)K^{(l)*}(y) + \frac{1}{2}(J^{(l+1)} - J^{(l)})(x)D(x, y)(J^{(l+1)*} - J^{(l)*})(y)] + \frac{i}{2} \int d^d x (K^{(l)}(x)(J^{(l+1)*} + J^{(l)*})(x) + K^{(l)*}(x)(J^{(l+1)} + J^{(l)})(x))].$$

$$\langle 0 | \phi(x)\phi(y) | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{2E_p} e^{ip(x-y)} \equiv \frac{1}{2}D(x, y),$$

$$\langle 0 | \pi(x)\pi(y) | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{E_p}{2} e^{ip(x-y)} \equiv \frac{1}{2}A(x, y),$$

Here,  $\phi^{(l)}(\mathbf{x})$  is a free complex scalar field.

We consider a complex scalar field because it is useful for later calculation.

We use the following Fourier transformation,

$$f^{(l)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i k l / n} \tilde{f}^{(k)}$$

Then, we rewrite the operator as,

$$E_{\Omega} = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} E_{\Omega}^{(k)}$$

$$E_{\Omega}^{(k)} = \int \prod_{x \in \Omega} D\tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) D\tilde{K}^{(k)}(x) : \exp[iQ^{(k)}] : \exp[-\tilde{S}^{(k)}]$$

$$Q^{(k)} \equiv \int d^d x [(e^{2\pi i k / n} - 1) \tilde{J}^{(k)} \tilde{\phi}^{(k)*} + (e^{-2\pi i k / n} - 1) \tilde{J}^{(k)*} \tilde{\phi}^{(k)} + \tilde{K}^{(k)} \tilde{\pi}^{(k)*} + \tilde{K}^{(k)*} \tilde{\pi}^{(k)}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}^{(k)} \equiv & \int d^d x d^d y \left[ \frac{1}{2} \tilde{K}^{(k)}(x) A(x, y) \tilde{K}^{(k)*}(y) + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{2\pi k}{n})) \tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) D(x, y) \tilde{J}^{(k)*}(y) \right] \\ & + \frac{i}{2} \int d^d x ((e^{-2\pi i k / n} + 1) \tilde{K}^{(k)}(x) \tilde{J}^{(k)*}(x) + (e^{2\pi i k / n} + 1) \tilde{K}^{(k)*}(x) \tilde{J}^{(k)}(x)). \end{aligned}$$

By expanding the exponential in the normal ordered product and performing the Gauss integral of J and K, we can rewrite the  $E_{\Omega}$  as a series of operators.

$$\frac{E_{\Omega}^{(k)}}{\langle 0 | E_{\Omega}^{(k)} | 0 \rangle} = 1 - : \tilde{\phi}^{(k)*}(x_0) \tilde{\phi}^{(k)}(x_0) : C_{\Omega}^{(k)} + \dots$$

$$C_{\Omega}^{(k)} \equiv \left( 2 - 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right) \right) \int d^d x d^d y \langle \tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) \tilde{J}^{(k)*}(y) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) \tilde{J}^{(k)*}(y) \rangle &\equiv \frac{\int \prod_{x \in \Omega} D\tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) D\tilde{K}^{(k)}(x) \exp[-\tilde{S}^{(k)}] \tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) \tilde{J}^{(k)*}(y)}{\int \prod_{x \in \Omega} D\tilde{J}^{(k)}(x) D\tilde{K}^{(k)}(x) \exp[-\tilde{S}^{(k)}]} \\ &= \left( A^{-1} + D + \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right) (A^{-1} - D) \right)^{-1} (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{E_{\Omega}^{(k)}}{\langle 0 | E_{\Omega}^{(k)} | 0 \rangle} = 1 - : \tilde{\phi}^{(k)*}(x_0) \tilde{\phi}^{(k)}(x_0) : C_{\Omega}^{(k)} + \dots$$

In order to separate the  $n$  dependence of  $C_{\Omega}^{(k)}$ , we use the following matrices,

$$X \equiv (A^{-1} + D)^{-1/2}, \quad Y \equiv X(D - A^{-1})X$$

$$Y = O^T \Lambda O, \quad \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_i)$$

Then, we can rewrite  $C_{\Omega}^{(k)}$  as,

$$C_{\Omega}^{(k)} = \left( 2 - 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right) \right) \sum_i \sum_j \sum_l Z_{li} \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_l \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right)} Z_{lj}$$

$$Z = OX$$

### 3. Application to the mutual (Renyi) information of distant compact spatial regions

$$I^{(n)}(A, B) = \frac{1}{n-1} \ln \frac{\text{Tr} \rho_{A \cup B}^n}{\text{Tr} \rho_A^n \text{Tr} \rho_B^n}$$
$$\simeq \frac{f(r)}{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_A^{(k)} C_B^{(k)}$$

$$f(r) \equiv \langle 0 | : \tilde{\phi}^{(k)*}(x_A) \tilde{\phi}^{(k)}(x_A) :: \tilde{\phi}^{(k)*}(x_B) \tilde{\phi}^{(k)}(x_B) : | 0 \rangle$$
$$= \langle 0 | \phi(r) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle^2$$

$$I^{(n)}(A, B) \approx C_{AB}^{(n)} \langle 0 | \phi(r) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle^2 \quad r \gg R_{A,B}$$

$$C_{AB}^{(n)} \simeq \frac{4}{n-1} \sum_{i_A} \sum_{j_A} \sum_{l_A} \sum_{i_B} \sum_{j_B} \sum_{l_B} Z_{l_A i_A}^{(A)} Z_{l_A j_A}^{(A)} Z_{l_B i_B}^{(B)} Z_{l_B j_B}^{(B)} F(n, \lambda_{l_A}^{(A)}, \lambda_{l_B}^{(B)})$$

$$F(n, a, b) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( 1 - \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right) \right)^2 \frac{1}{1 - a \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right)} \frac{1}{1 - b \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right)}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial n} F(n, a, b) \right) \Big|_{n=1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+p^2)(1+q^2)}{(1+p)(1+q)(p-q)(1-pq)} [(1-p)(1+q) \ln p - (1+p)(1-q) \ln q]$$

$$p \equiv \rho(a) = \frac{1}{a} (1 - \sqrt{1 - a^2}), \quad q \equiv \rho(b) = \frac{1}{b} (1 - \sqrt{1 - b^2})$$



# 4. Conclusion

$$I^{(n)}(A, B) \approx C_{AB}^{(n)} \langle 0 | \phi(r) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle^2 \quad r \gg R_{A,B}$$

In this work, we obtain **the direct expression** of  $C_{AB}^{(n)}$  for **arbitrary regions** A and B in free scalar fields which have **general dispersion relations**.

The direct expression is useful for the numerical computation.

It reduces significantly the amount of computation in comparison with the computation by **the real time formalism**.

Application to fermionic fields, negativity, and so on.