Rényi entropy and conformal defects

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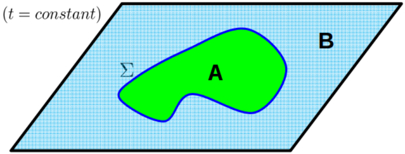
Rényi entropy

Motivation

- It is an interesting observable and it is hard to compute it in QFT.
- In the limit $n \to 1$ gives the entanglement entropy.
- It appears in many different contests: quantum information, condensed matter,...



$$\rho_A = \mathrm{Tr}_B(\rho)$$

$$S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \mathrm{Tr}(\rho_A^n)$$

Entanglement entropy

$$\lim_{n\to 1} S_n = S_{\mathrm{EE}} = -\mathrm{Tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$$

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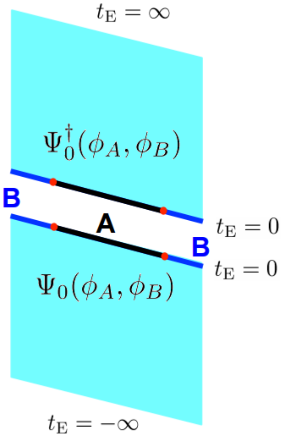

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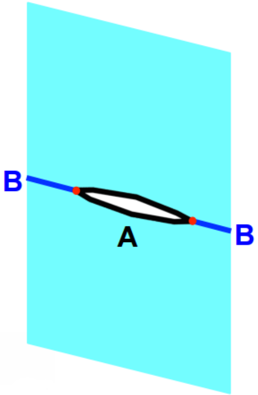

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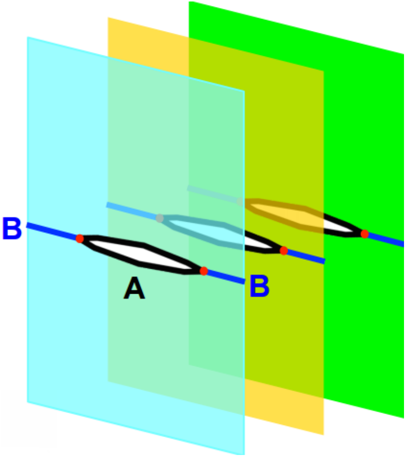

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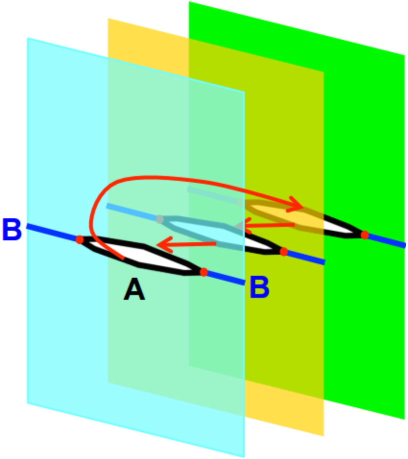


Replica trick

Move the problem to target space

$$Z_n = \int [\mathcal{D}\phi]_{\mathcal{R}} \exp\left[\int_{\mathcal{R}} d^2x\, \mathcal{L}[\phi](x,t)\right]$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Z_n = \int_{\mathcal{C}_{u,v}} [\mathcal{D}\phi_1 \ldots \mathcal{D}\phi_n] \exp\left[S^{(n)}[\phi_1, \ldots \phi_n]\right]$$

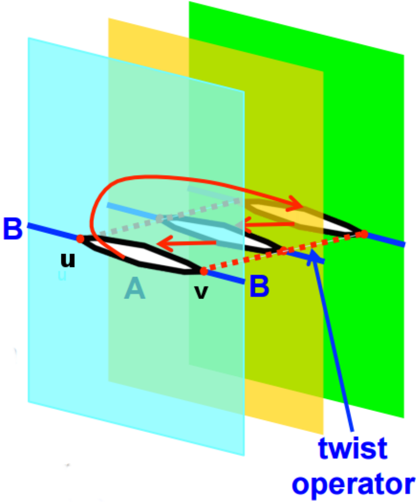
- Restricted path integral

$$\phi_i(x, 0^+) = \phi_{i+1}(x, 0^-) \qquad x \in [u, v]$$

- n copies of the same theory

$$S^{(n)}[\phi_1, \ldots \phi_n] = S[\phi_1] + \ldots + S[\phi_n]$$

$$S[\phi_i] = \int_{\mathbb{C}} d^2x \mathcal{L}[\phi_i](x)$$



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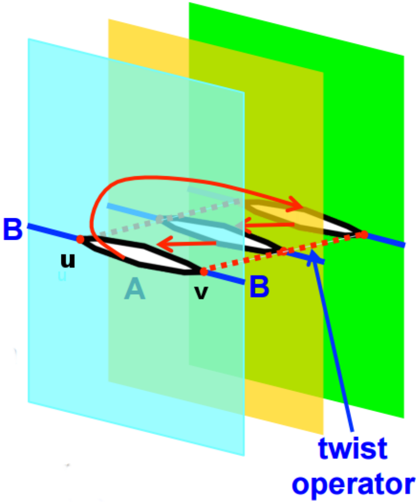

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Higher dimensions

Codimension-two extended operator defined on the boundary of A.

$$\langle \tau_n \rangle \equiv \frac{Z_n}{Z_1^n} = e^{(1-n)S_n}.$$

Preserved symmetry

$$SO(d-1,1) \times U(1)_n$$

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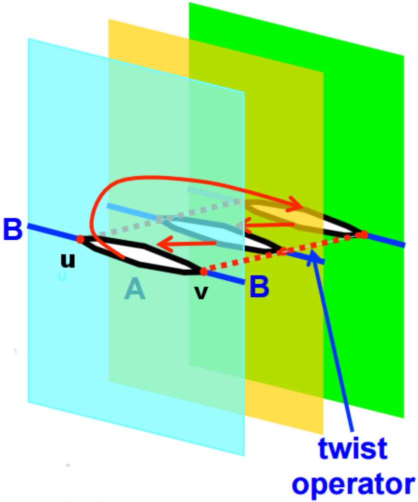

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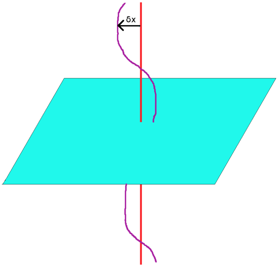

- $D^a(x^i)$ is the displacement operator
- It implements small modifications of the defect

$$\delta \langle X \rangle_n = - \int d^{d-2}x\, \delta x^a(x^i) \langle D^a(x^i) X \rangle_n$$

- Its two-point function is fixed by symmetry

$$\langle D^a(x^i)\, D^b(0) \rangle_n = C_D(n)\; \frac{\delta^{ab}}{|x^i|^{2(d-1)}}\,.$$

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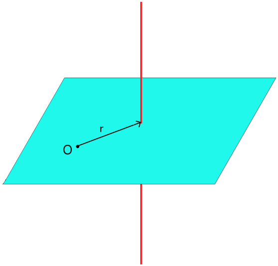

- Local operators acquire a non-vanishing one-point function.
- The kinematics is fixed by conformal invariance

$$\langle O \rangle_n \equiv \frac{\langle \tau_n\, O\rangle}{\langle \tau_n \rangle} = \frac{C_O}{r^\Delta}$$

- For the stress tensor

$$\langle T_{ij} \rangle_n = -\frac{h_n}{2\pi n}\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^d} \qquad \langle T_{ab} \rangle_n = \frac{h_n}{2\pi n}\frac{(d-1)\,\delta_{ab} - d\; n_a n_b}{r^d}$$

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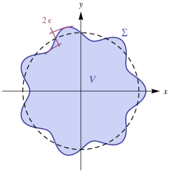

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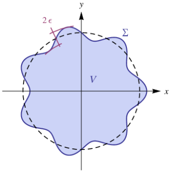

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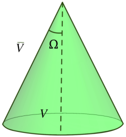

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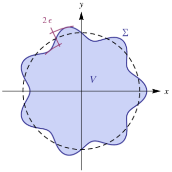

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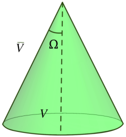

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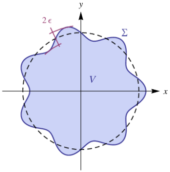

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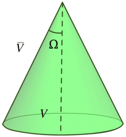

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Equivalent to: [LB, Meineri, Myers, Smolkin, 2014]

$$C_D(n) = d\,\Gamma\left(\tfrac{d+1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{d-1} h_n \qquad \partial_n C_D|_{n=1} = d\,\Gamma\left(\tfrac{d+1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{d-1}\partial_n h_n|_{n=1} = \frac{2\pi^2}{d+1}C_T$$

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