
Shannon entropies in low-dimensional quantum magnets

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Outline

- What is the « Shannon entropy » of a wave-function ?
 - definition
 - some examples (spin models)
 - volume law
 - Shannon entropy vs von Neumann (entanglement) entropy
- What can we learn using Shannon-Rényi entropies ?
 - Look for (universal) subleading terms
 - Application to Luttinger liquids ($D = 1$)
 - Systems with Goldstone modes in $D = 2 \leftarrow$ GM, Pasquier & Oshikawa, [arXiv:1607.02465](https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.02465)

What is « Shannon entropy » of a
wave-function ?

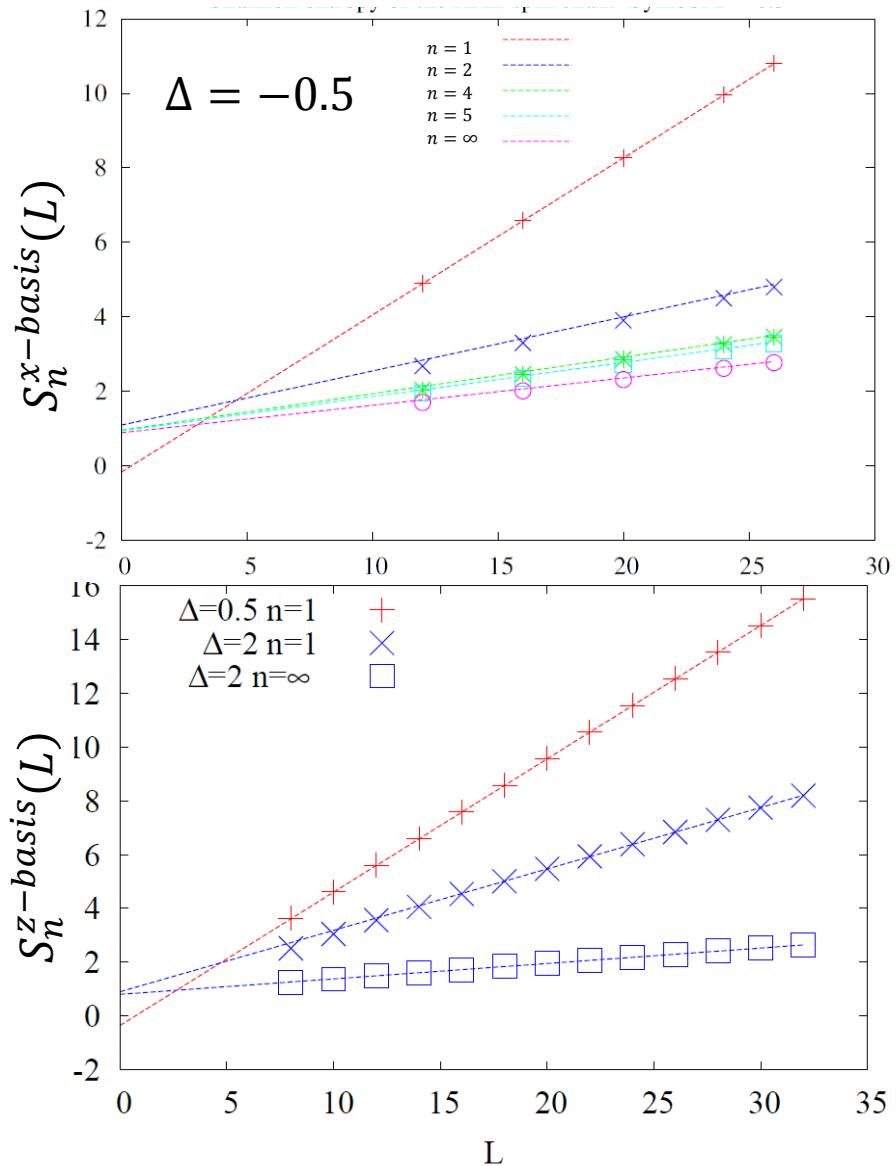


Shannon-Rényi entropy

□ Definitions

- Lattice quantum many-body Hamiltonian: H
- $|\psi\rangle$ ground state of H (finite system size)
- Preferential basis $\{|i\rangle\}$
- Probabilities: $p_i = |\langle\psi|i\rangle|^2 \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$
- Shannon entropy $S_{n=1} = -\sum_i p_i \log p_i$
- Measures how *localized* is a state in a given basis
- Rényi entropy $S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \sum_i (p_i)^n$
- $S_{n \rightarrow \infty} = -\log p_{max}$
- Example in $D = 1$:
XXZ spin chain

$$H = \sum_j (S_j^x S_{j+1}^x + S_j^y S_{j+1}^y + \Delta S_j^z S_{j+1}^z)$$
2 ‘natural’ basis: S^z & S^y
- ‘Volume’ law: $S_n(L) \sim a_n L^D + \dots$



Shannon-Rényi entropy

- Many-body ground-state: $|\psi\rangle$ Large Hilbert space dimension $\sim a^N$
- Preferential basis $\{|i\rangle\}$
- Probabilities: $p_i = |\langle\psi|i\rangle|^2$
- Rényi entropy $S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log Z(n)$ $Z(n) = \sum_i (p_i)^n$

Miscellaneous remarks:

- $Z(n)$: partition function for some fictitious stat.-mech. model
- Varying n is like changing the (inverse) ‘temperature’ of that model
→ natural way to probe a many-body state
- Relation with 1-body problems & inverse participation ratios

Natural basis: $\{|r\rangle\}$ (localized in real space)

$$\int d^D r |\psi(r)|^{2n} = Z(n) \sim \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ localized state} \\ \mathcal{O}(L^{-D(n-1)}) \text{ delocalized state} \end{cases}$$

Shannon entropy
versus
Entanglement (von Neumann) entropy



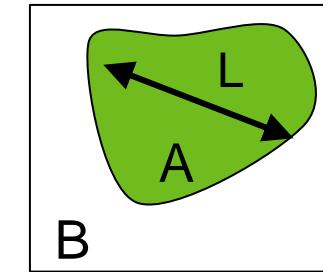
Shannon & Von Neumann

- Starting point: lattice quantum many-body wave-function $|\psi\rangle$

- Input:

- Subsystem A \rightarrow trace out B $\rightarrow \rho_A \rightarrow$ von Neumann entropy

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \\ \rho_A &= \text{Tr}_B[\rho] = \text{Tr}_B[|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|] \\ S_A^{vN} &= -\text{Tr}_A[\rho_A \log \rho_A]\end{aligned}$$



- Basis $\{|i\rangle\} \rightarrow$ probabilities \rightarrow Shannon entropy $S_{\text{basis } \{|i\rangle\}}^{\text{Shannon}}$

NB: one can also study the Shannon entropy of a subsystem, in a given basis. See for instance [J.-M Stéphan, [PRB 2014](#)]

- Scaling

- **Area law** $S_A^{vN}(L) \sim L^{D-1}$ ('generic' behavior for low-energy states of local Hamiltonians)
- **Volume law** $S_{\text{basis } \{|i\rangle\}}^{\text{Shannon}}(L) \sim L^D$

- Both can provide some important information about the system:

- spontaneous symmetry breaking (discrete & continuous)
- criticality
- topological order

Shannon & von Neumann & Rokhsar-Kivelson

- Classical stat-mech model:

- configurations c
- local Boltzmann weights $e^{-E(c)}$
- partition function $Z = \sum_c e^{-E(c)}$

- Define a quantum state:

- Hilbert space with $\{|c\rangle\}$ as an orthonormal basis
- $|\psi_{RK}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} \sum_c e^{-\frac{1}{2}E(c)} |c\rangle$

- Subsystem A and configuration c

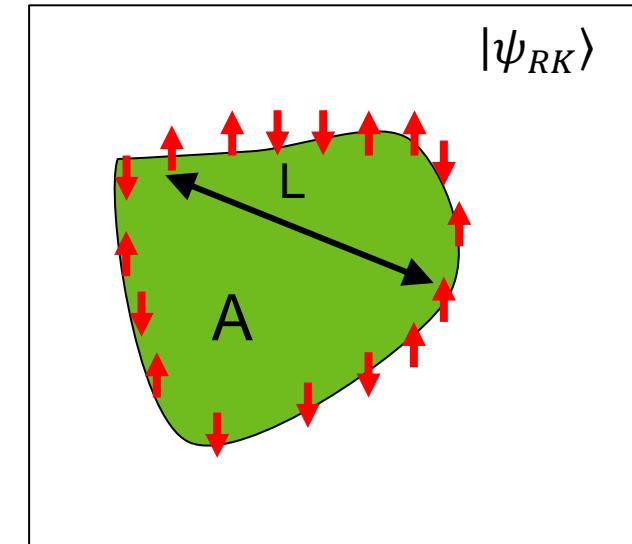
- boundary configurations i : configuration c restricted to ∂A , the boundary of A
- marginal probability $p_i = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{c / \partial A=i} e^{-E(c)}$

- Define a quantum state $|\psi\rangle$, living at the boundary of A:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |i\rangle$$

- Result : $S_A^{\text{vN}, |\psi_{RK}\rangle} = S_{\text{basis}\{|i\rangle\}}^{\text{Shannon}, |\psi\rangle} = \sum_i p_i \log p_i \sim L^{D-1}$

Furukawa & GM, [Phys Rev B 2007](#); Stéphan, Furukawa, GM, Pasquier, [PRB 2009](#)



What can we learn using Shannon entropies ?

- i) critical spin chains
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Universal terms in Shannon entropies

- Subleading terms are universal:

$$S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \sum_i (p_i)^n$$

$$\approx \begin{cases} \alpha_n L + (S_n) + \dots & \text{(translation invariant system)} \\ \alpha_n L + l_n \log(L) + \dots & \text{(open chains)} \end{cases}$$

- Example 1: periodic XXZ chain & z -basis

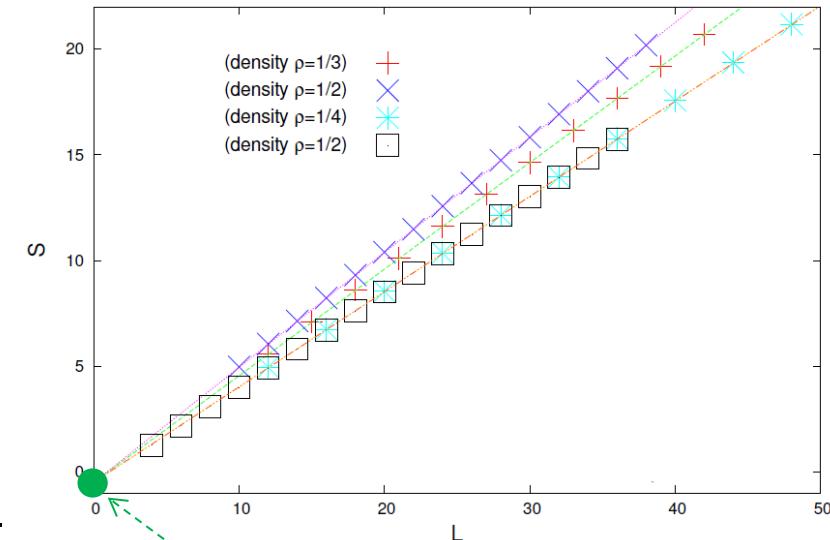
$$S_{n<4/R} = \log R - \frac{\log n}{2(n-1)}$$

$$S_{n>4/R} = \frac{1}{1-n} (-n \log R + \log 2)$$

$$R = \text{compactification radius} = K^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2 - \frac{2}{\pi} \arccos \Delta}$$

(boundary) Phase transition as a function of n : $n_c = 4/R$

- Example 2: Critical Ising chain in transverse field. $S_1 = 0.254395(5) = ???$
- Example 3: XXZ chain, in the x -basis \rightarrow several phase transitions !



Free-fermion states in the same « universality class » ($R = 1$)
 \rightarrow same subleading constant $S_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$.

What can we learn using Shannon
entropies ?

ii) D=2: Goldstone modes

Nambu-Goldstone modes & entropies

□ Entanglement entropy

N_{NG} Nambu-Goldstone modes \rightarrow log terms in the entanglement entropy:

$$S^{\text{von Neumann}} \simeq \mathcal{O}(L^{D-1}) + \frac{N_{NG}}{2} \log L^{D-1}$$

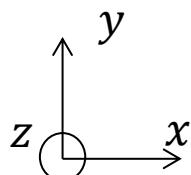
Kallin *et al.* 2011; Metlitsky-Grover 2011; Kulchytskyy *et al.* 2015; Laflorencie *et al.* 2015; Rademaker 2015; ...

□ What about the Shannon entropy ? Similar !

QMC results by Luitz, Alet & Laflorencie (PRL 2014) :

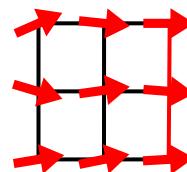
$D = 2$, XY model, $S = \frac{1}{2}$, square lattice: $S_{n=2, x\text{-basis}}^{\text{Shannon}} \simeq \mathcal{O}(N) + 0.585(6) \log N$

$S_{n=\infty, x\text{-basis}}^{\text{Shannon}} \simeq \mathcal{O}(N) + 0.269(1) \log N$



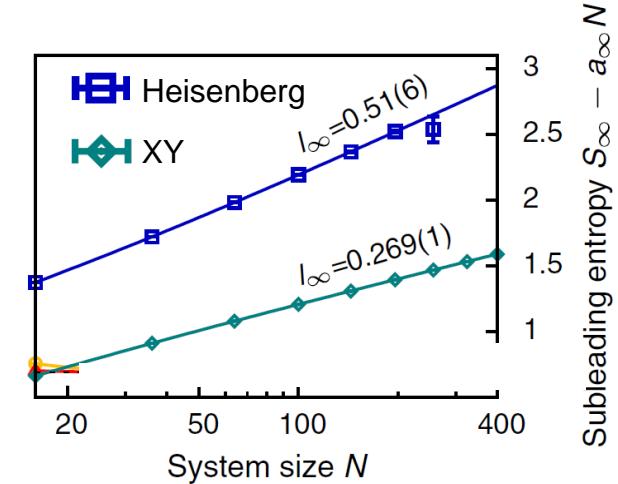
$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y$$

$U(1)$ symmetry:
rotations about the z axis



□ Field-theory derivation ?

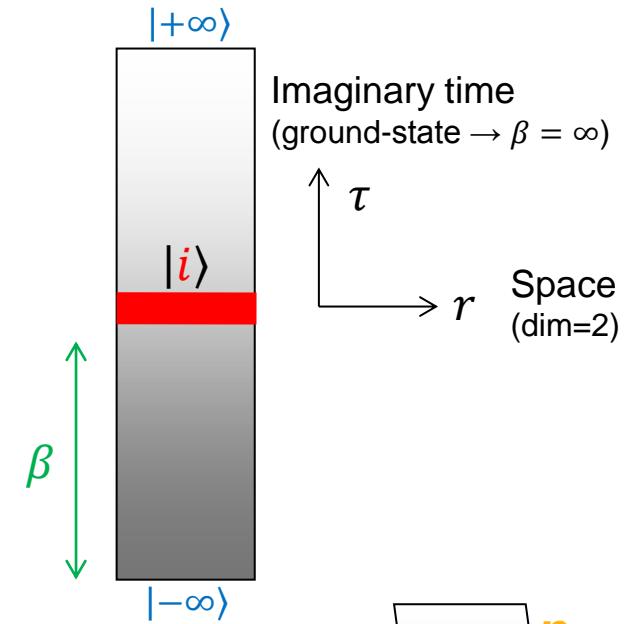
From now: we consider the Shannon entropy computed in the x -basis, for an XY ferromagnet (1 Nambu-Goldstone mode)



Replica formulation of the Rényi entropy

- Euclidian path integral

$$p_i = \langle \psi | i \rangle \langle i | \psi \rangle \sim \langle -\infty | e^{-\beta H} | i \rangle \langle i | e^{-\beta H} | +\infty \rangle$$
$$\beta \rightarrow \infty$$



- Replica formulation for $Z_n = \sum_i (p_i)^n$
The replica are glued together at $\tau = 0$. $n > 1$ integer.

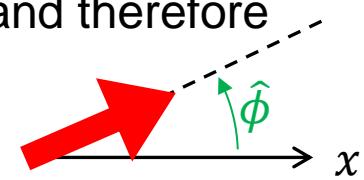
- How to compute (the universal terms in) such a partition function ?

$$Z_n = \sum_i \left(\dots \right)$$

The diagram illustrates the gluing of multiple columnar configurations at $\tau = 0$. It shows several parallel vertical rectangles, each representing a different replica. The top-most rectangle is labeled $|+\infty\rangle$ at its top edge. The middle rectangle of each group is highlighted in red and labeled $|i\rangle$. The bottom-most rectangle is labeled $|-\infty\rangle$ at its bottom edge. The number of replicas is indicated by orange numbers 1, 2, and n placed near the top and bottom edges. The configurations are shown as stepped, trapezoidal shapes that meet at a common vertical line at $\tau = 0$.

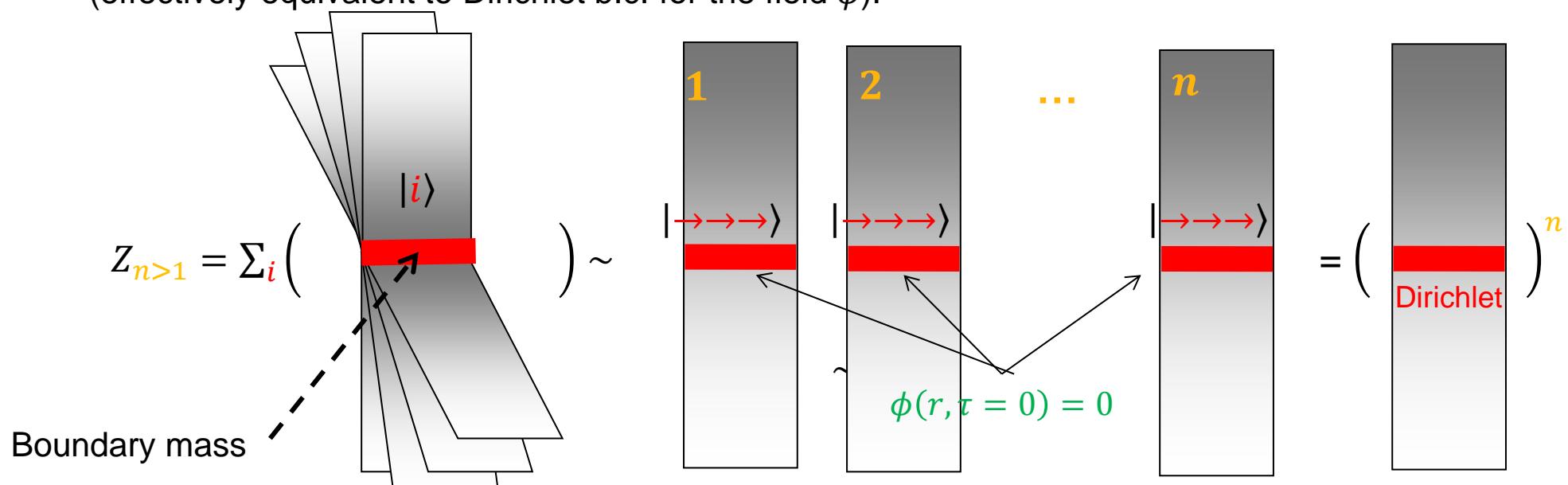
Replica formulation of the Rényi entropy

- ☐ $n > 1$: the basis choice selects a particular direction (x direction), and therefore explicitly breaks the $U(1)$ symmetry (spin rotations about the z axis)
→ Expect boundary mass term (since not forbidden by symmetry)



$$\sim m^2 \int dr \phi(r, \tau = 0)^2$$

→ mass terms are relevant in $d = 2 + 1 \rightarrow$ « pin » the order parameter direction (effectively equivalent to Dirichlet b.c. for the field ϕ).



p_{max} & free field

- Result of the previous slide:

$$Z_{n>1} \sim \left(\phi = 0 \right)^n \sim (p_{max})^n = |\langle \psi | \phi(r) = 0 \rangle|^{2n} \quad S_{n>1} = \frac{1}{1-n} \log Z_n \sim \frac{n}{1-n} \log p_{max}$$

Dirichlet b.c.: $\phi(r, \tau = 0) = 0$

- Free-field approximation to compute $\langle \psi | \phi = 0 \rangle$:

This approx. should not affect the universal part of p_{max}

- Massless free-field: $H = \frac{1}{2} \int d^2r [\chi_\perp \Pi_r^2 + \rho_s (\nabla \phi_r)^2] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \left[\frac{c^2}{\rho_s} \Pi_k^2 + \rho_s k^2 |\phi_k|^2 \right]$
- Each mode = harmonic oscillator with mass $m_k = \rho_s/c^2$ and frequency $\omega_k = c|k|$. ρ_s : stiffness
- Gaussian ground-state wave function

$$\langle \psi | \{\phi_k\} \rangle = \prod_{k \neq 0} \left(\frac{\rho_s |k|}{\pi c} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp \left(-\frac{\rho_s |k| \phi_k^2}{2\pi c} \right)$$

$$p_{max}^{osc} = |\langle \psi | \{\phi_k = 0\} \rangle|^2 = \prod_{k \neq 0} \left(\frac{\rho_s |k|}{\pi c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \dots \text{needs some regularization to get the universal part.}$$

p_{max} & determinant of Laplacian

$$p_{max}^{osc} = |\langle \psi | \{\phi_k = 0\} \rangle|^2 = \prod_{k \neq 0} \left(\frac{\rho_S |k|}{\pi c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$S_\infty = -\log p_{max}^{osc} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \neq 0} \log \frac{\rho_S}{\pi c} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k \neq 0} \log |k|^2$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{\sum_{k \neq 0}}}_{=\mathcal{O}(N) \text{ volume term}}$

- We recognize the **determinant**' of the **Laplacian** $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = -|k|^2$: well known in Maths, CFT, ...

in $D = 2$: $\log \det' \Delta = \sum_{k \neq 0} \log |k|^2 \simeq \mathcal{O}(N = \text{Area}) + \left(1 - \frac{x}{6}\right) \log N + \dots$ [Kac 1966]

Topological term (Euler-Poincaré char.)

Torus case ($x = 0$) : $-\log p_{max}^{osc} = \mathcal{O}(N) - \frac{1}{4} \log N + \dots$

Note: can also derive this log term using a lattice regularization + Euler-Maclaurin expansion.

- Compare with numerics

Luitz, Alet & Laflorencie [PRL 2014](#).

XY model, $S = \frac{1}{2}$, square lattice:

$S_\infty \simeq \mathcal{O}(N) + 0.269(1) \log N$

→ wrong sign 😞 ! Something is missing ?

Tower of state – degeneracy factor

- Finite-size quantum antiferromagnet (or XY ferromagnet) :

The ground-state $|\psi\rangle$ is rotationally invariant: $S_{\text{tot}}^z = 0 \neq$ broken symmetry state

- The ground-state $|\psi\rangle$ is a linear combination of $\sim Q$ symmetry-breaking states :

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Q}} (|1\rangle + |2\rangle + |3\rangle + \dots + |Q\rangle)$$

- Consequence for the $n = \infty$ -Rényi entropy ?

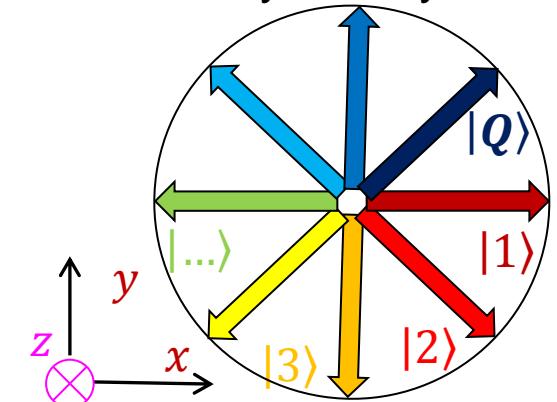
$$p_{\max} = |\langle \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow | \psi \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{Q} |\langle \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow | 1 \rangle + \langle \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow | 2 \rangle + \langle \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow | 3 \rangle + \dots|^2$$

neglect the contributions of $|2\rangle, |3\rangle, \dots$ (the directions do not match $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$)

$$\Rightarrow p_{\max} \simeq \frac{1}{Q} |\langle \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow | 1 \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{Q} p_{\max}^{\text{osc}} = N^{-\frac{1}{2}} p_{\max}^{\text{osc}}$$

$$-\log p_{\max} = \mathcal{O}(N) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \log N + \dots$$

Broken-symmetry states



$$Q \sim \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N}) \quad \text{for broken } U(1)$$

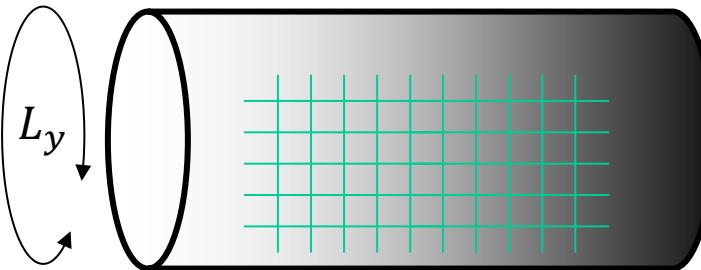
agreement with the QMC results
Luitz, Alet, & Laflorencie [PRL 2014](#):

- Finite n : $S_{n>1} \sim \frac{n}{1-n} \log p_{\max} \sim \mathcal{O}(N) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{n}{n-1} \log N$

DMRG numerics for $-\log p_{max}$ (1)

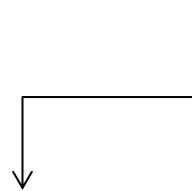
Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ « XY » model

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y)$$



Cylinder aspect ratio $r = \frac{L_y}{L_x}$

$$-\log p_{max} = \mathcal{O}(L_x L_y) + \mathcal{O}(L_y) + \frac{1}{4} \log L_x L_y + f\left(\frac{L_y}{L_x}\right) + \dots$$

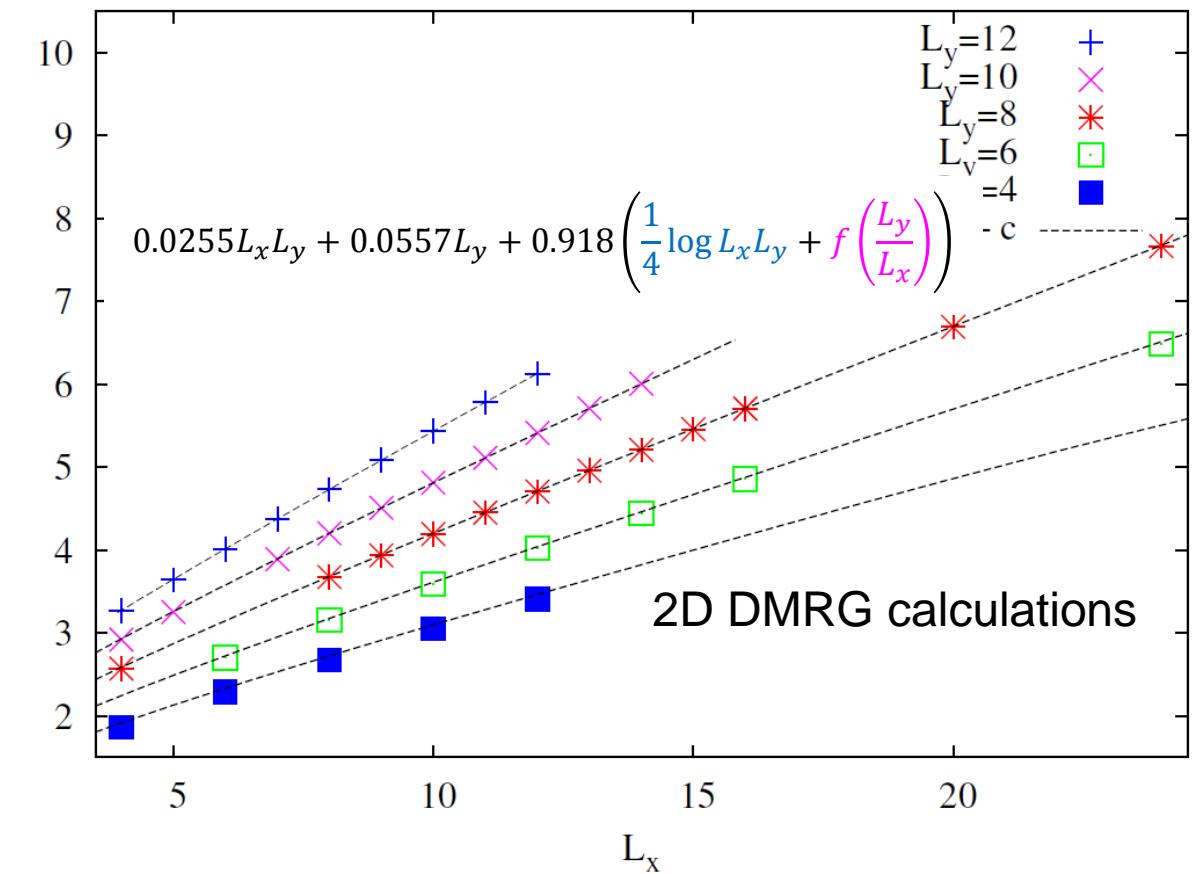


$-\log(p_{max})$

Aspect-ratio dependent term in
 $-\log p_{max}$ (oscillator contribution):

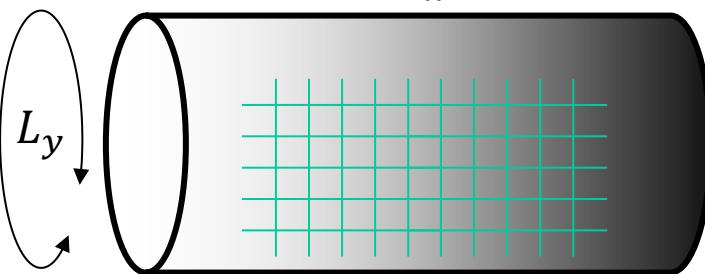
$$f(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\sqrt{r} \eta \left(i \frac{L_y}{2L_x} \right) \right)$$

η : Dedekind η -function

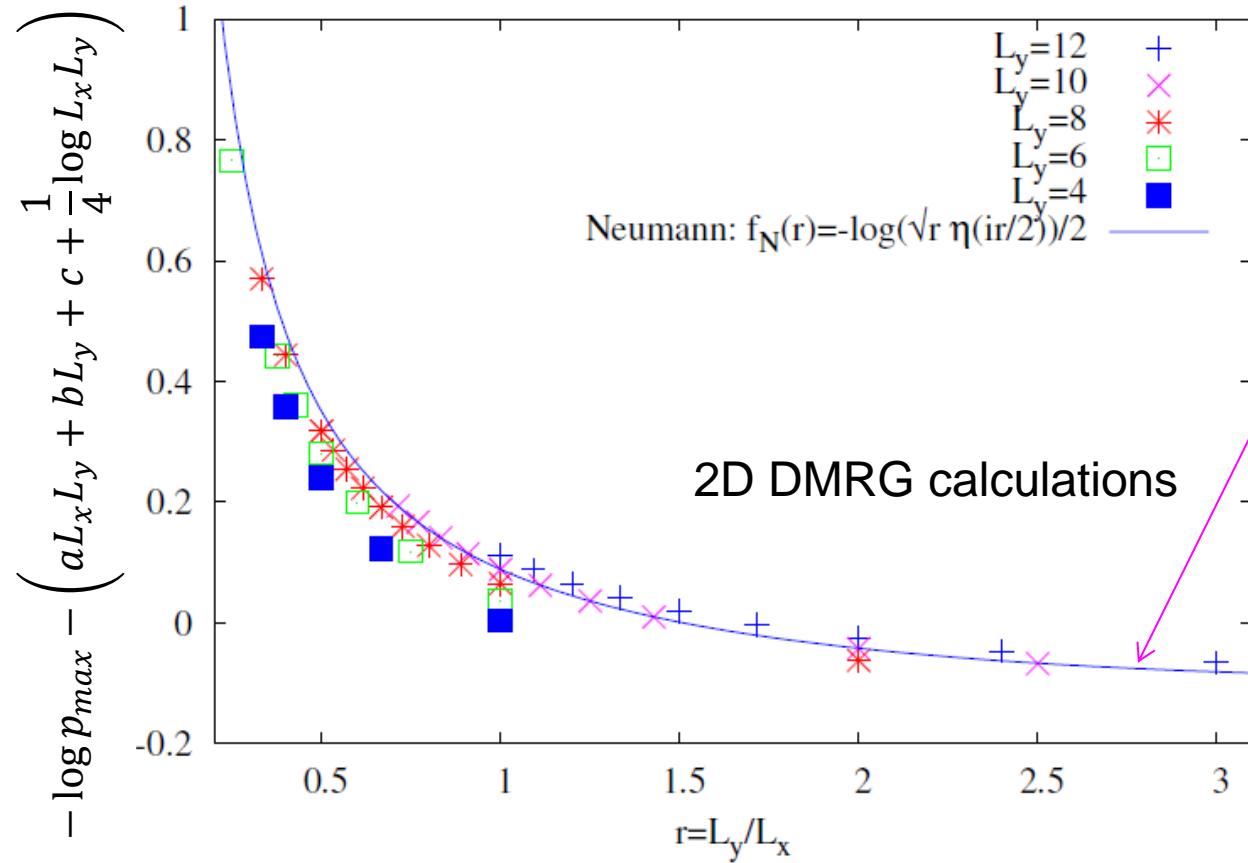


DMRG numerics for $-\log p_{max}$ (2)

$$H = - \sum_j (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y)$$



Cylinder aspect ratio $r = \frac{L_y}{L_x}$



Aspect-ratio dependent term
in $-\log p_{max}$ (oscillator contribution):

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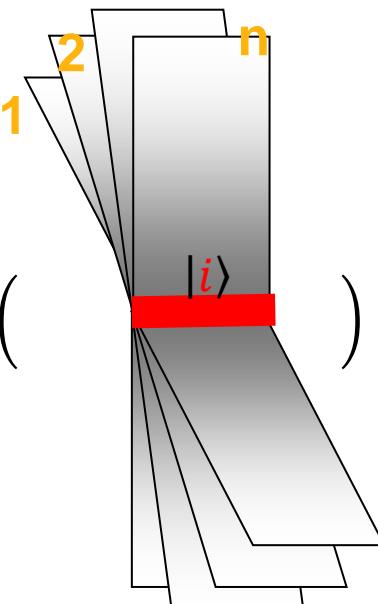
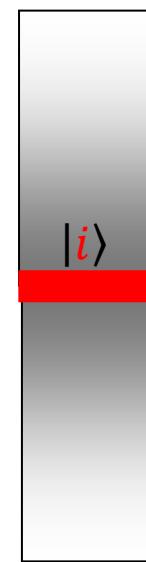
... obtained from $\log \det' \Delta$ with Neumann b.c.

Dedekind η -function:

$$\eta(\tau) = q^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$$

$$q = \exp(2i\pi\tau) = \exp - \frac{L_y}{L_x}$$

What about $n \rightarrow 1$?

$$Z_n = \sum_i \left(\begin{array}{c} |i\rangle \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$Z_1 = \sum_i \left(\begin{array}{c} |i\rangle \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) = \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$$


$$S_1 = \frac{\partial \log Z_n}{\partial n} \Big|_{n=1}$$

- $n \rightarrow 1$: no boundary ($\tau=0$ is not a special line)
- U(1) symmetry is preserved, the mass term vanish when $n \rightarrow 1$
- ⇒ Use the Gaussian approx. to the wave-function to compute S_1^{osc}

$$S_1^{osc} = \mathcal{O}(N) - \frac{1}{4} \log N$$

⇒ U(1) symmetry → no deg. factor. → $S_1 = S_1^{osc} \sim \mathcal{O}(N) - \frac{1}{4} \log N$

Numerical check ? Not easy...

Concluding remarks

- A single weight (p_{\max}) in the wave-function “knows” about the long distance physics:
 - Compactification radius in TLL
 - Goldstone modes in D=2, ...
- Goldstone in D=2
 - $\log N$ (& aspect-ratio dependent): strong similarity with von Neumann entropy
 - $n = n_c = 1$: new phase transition in Rényi entropies
 - Numerical checks at $n = 1$? Not easy for QMC or DMRG...
 - Higher dimension ?

