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Entanglement Entropy in String Theory

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① Introduction, Motivation

- In field theories in d dim, EE has a UV divergence:

$$S_A = s \cdot \frac{V_{d-2}}{\varepsilon^{d-2}} + (\text{subleading})$$

- String theory is a **UV finite** theory .

Natural cutoff : $l_s = \sqrt{\alpha'}$ (string length)

How about EE ?

Natural expectation: replace with $\varepsilon = l_s$

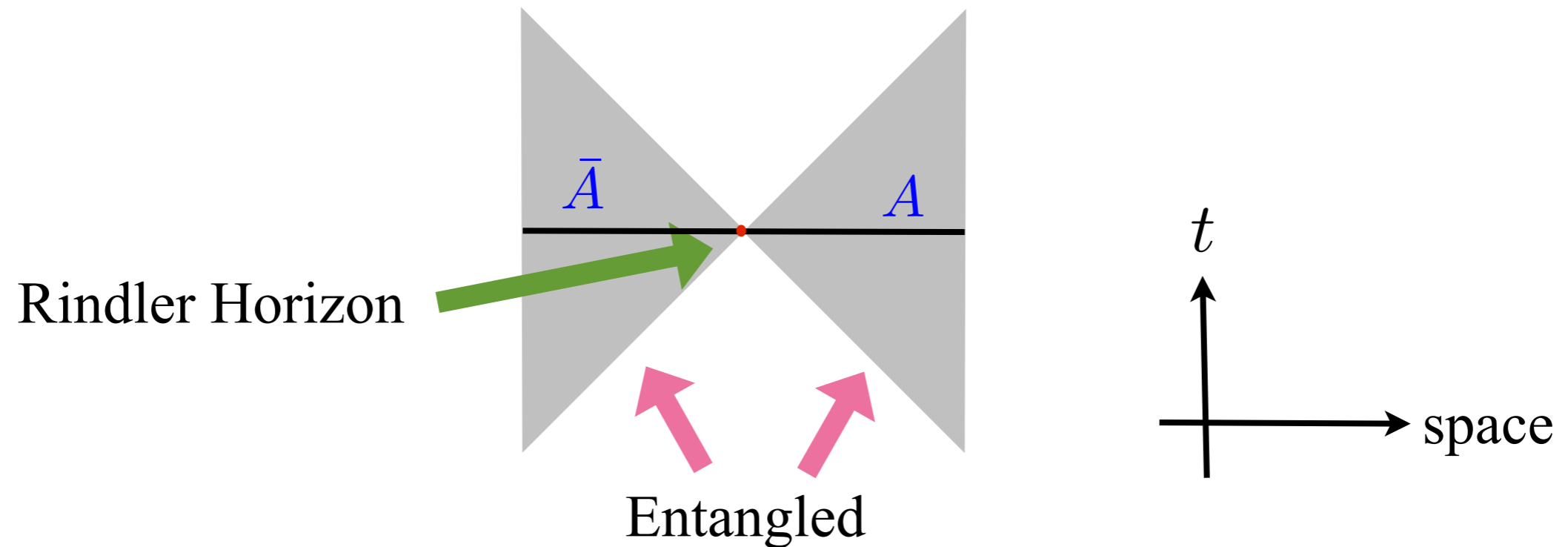
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What is the definition of EE in string theory ?

Another Motivation:

EE as quantum correction of BH entropy

Consider Minkowski vacuum in Rindler space



Entanglement across the Rindler Horizon = Quantum correction of BH entropy

Understand EE in string theory \rightarrow Understand string around BH horizon

② Definition

- Field Theory case:

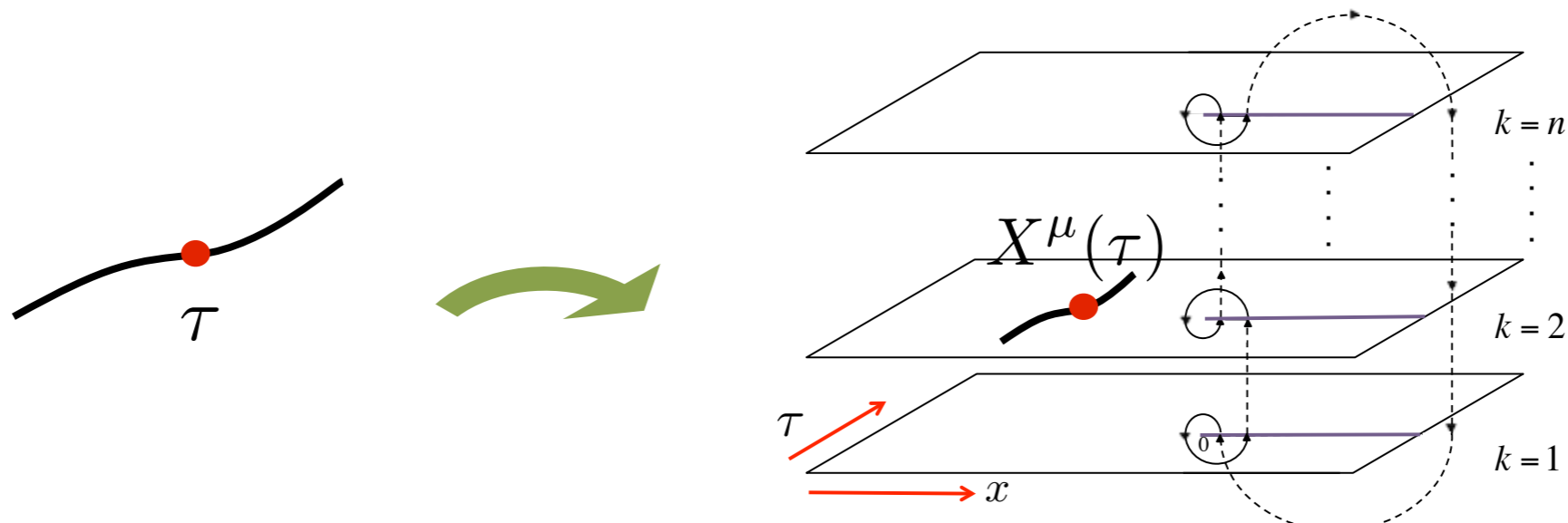
Consider a free scalar.

We can compute EE using **replica method**:

$$S_A = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{1-n} \log \frac{Z_n}{(Z_1)^n}$$

Z_n : partition function on n -sheeted manifold Σ_n

In world line approach, **target space** is replicated.



In world line approach, field theory partition function Z_{field} can be computed by world line partition function Z_{line} .

Using diagram, vacuum amplitude is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_{field} &= 1 + \bigcirc + \frac{1}{2!} \begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc \end{array} + \frac{1}{3!} \begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc \end{array} + \dots \\
 &= \exp(\bigcirc)
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$Z_{line} = \bigcirc$$

$$\longrightarrow \log Z_{field} = Z_{line}$$

EE can be computed using world line partition function with target Σ_n :

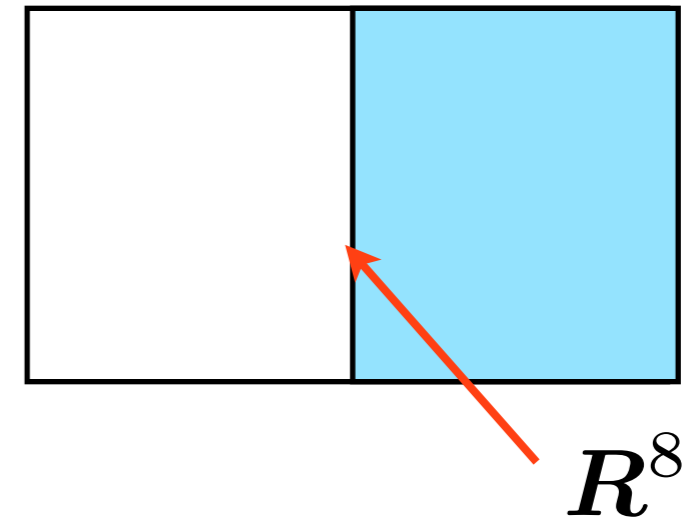
$$S_A = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{1-n} (Z_{line}(\Sigma_n) - n Z_{line}(\Sigma_1))$$

- String Theory case:

We consider at 1-loop level.

Entangling surface: R^8

(Total spacetime: R^{10})



- We don't know the decomposition of the Hilbert space in string theory
- but Z_{line} can be generalised to the **world sheet partition function Z_{sheet}** .
- We don't know the string theory with target space Σ_n
 - ➔ For fractional $n = \frac{1}{N}$, Σ_n becomes **orbifold $R^8 \times C / \mathbb{Z}_N$**

Final expression:

$$S_A = \lim_{N \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{1 - 1/N} (Z_{sheet}(\mathbf{R}^8 \times \mathbf{C}/\mathbb{Z}_N) - \frac{1}{N} Z_{sheet}(\mathbf{R}^{10}))$$

③ EE for free higher spin fields

String theory includes many massive higher spin modes.

➔ EE for higher spin fields is important.

- partition function of higher spin fields on orbifold

$$Z_{line}(\mathbf{C}/\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbf{R}^{D-2}) = (-1)^F \int_{\epsilon^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{2s} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} g^j e^{-s(\hat{k}^2 + m^2)}$$

Complete set: $\{ |\vec{k}, a \rangle \}$

(momentum + spin component)

Projection operator

➔ $\langle \vec{k}, a | g^j | \vec{k}, a \rangle = \frac{V_{D-2}}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i s_a}{N}}}{4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi j}{N}}$

s_a : spin under $SO(2) \subset SO(D)$

➔ To calculate entropy, we need

$$J(r, N) = \sum_{\beta=1}^{N-1} \frac{\cos \frac{\pi\beta r}{N}}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi\beta}{N}}$$

Finally we get

$$\text{fermion: } J(r, N)|_{r \in \text{odd}} = \frac{1}{3}(N^2 - 1) + 2N^2 \left[\left\{ \frac{r+N}{2N} \right\}^2 - \left\{ \frac{r+N}{2N} \right\} \right]$$

$$\text{boson: } J(r, N)|_{r \in \text{even}} = \frac{1}{3}(N^2 - 1) + 2N^2 \left[\left\{ \frac{r}{2N} \right\}^2 - \left\{ \frac{r}{2N} \right\} \right]$$

$\{x\}$: fractional part of x

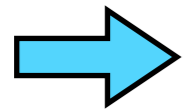
non analytic function except for $r = 0, 1, 2$ (scalar, spinor, gauge field)

➔ We need to define the rule of differential

(1) assume N is sufficiently large

$$\text{fermion: } J(r, N)|_{r \in \text{odd}} = -\frac{1}{6}N^2 + \frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{for } -N \leq r \leq N$$

$$\text{boson: } J(r, N)|_{r \in \text{even}} = \frac{1}{3}N^2 - rN + \frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq 2N$$



$$\left. \frac{\partial J(r, N)}{\partial N} \right|_{N=1} = -\frac{1}{3}, (r \in \text{odd})$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial J(r, N)}{\partial N} \right|_{N=1} = \frac{2}{3} - |r|, (r \in \text{even})$$

Finally

$$S_A = c_{\text{ent}} \cdot V_{d-2} \int_{\varepsilon^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{2s(4\pi s)^{\frac{d-2}{2}}} e^{-m^2 s}$$

where

$$c_{\text{ent}}^{\text{Fermion}} = \frac{1}{12} \cdot [\#\text{Majorana spin components}]$$

$$c_{\text{ent}}^{\text{Boson}} = \frac{1}{6}N_{\text{dof}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^{N_{\text{dof}}} |s_a|$$

generalization of [Furusaev-Miele 96 for $s=1, 3/2, 2$](also coincide with [Kabat 95] for $s=1$)

Note

- bosonic higher spin modes have **negative** contributes.

➔ possibility of cancellation (because of susy)

[cf Susskind Uglum 94]

Historically, this called **conical entropy**

(2) ignore r dependent part

$$\text{fermion: } \left. \frac{\partial J(r, N)}{\partial N} \right|_{N=1} = -\frac{1}{3}, (r \in \text{odd})$$

$$\text{boson: } \left. \frac{\partial J(r, N)}{\partial N} \right|_{N=1} = \frac{2}{3}, (r \in \text{even})$$

➔ Thermodynamical entropy in Rindler space.

Historically, this called **entanglement entropy**

We concentrate on conical entropy.

④ closed string case

partition function is given by

$$Z_{closed}(C/\mathbb{Z}_N \times R^8) = V_8 \int_F \frac{d\tau^2}{4\tau_2} \cdot (4\pi^2 \alpha\tau_2)^{-4} \cdot \sum_{l,m=0}^{N-1} \frac{|\theta_1(\nu_{lm}/2|\tau)|^8}{N|\eta(\tau)|^{18}|\theta_1(\nu_{lm}|\tau)|^2}$$

F: fundamental region of torus moduli

difficulty: we can not do the double summation

[cf: Susskind-Uglum 94, Dabholkar 94,95, Emparan 94, Lowe-Strominger 94]

To discuss more quantitatively, we consider the modified quantity **twisted conical entropy**

To avoid the double summation, we consider string theory on **Melvin (Flux tube) background** and consider the orbifold as a limit of this

Melvin background

First we compactify one direction to S^1 (radius: R , $R = \frac{\alpha'}{NR_{orb}}$)
To get Melvin BG, we includes the twisting around S^1 direction.

Action of \mathbb{Z}_N Melvin background:

$$g : \left(\underbrace{X}_{\mathbb{C}}, \underbrace{\bar{X}}_{S^1}, y \right) \rightarrow \left(e^{\frac{4\pi i}{N}}, e^{-\frac{4\pi i}{N}} \bar{X}, y + 2\pi R \right)$$

when $R \rightarrow 0$ and using T-duality, This reduces to ordinary orbifold. [Takayanagi-Uesugi 01]

➡ leading contribution is not changed

Merits of Melvin BG

- finite summation becomes infinite summation (effect of twist)
- one of infinite summation can be absorbed to the change of integral region

Partition function on Melvin BG

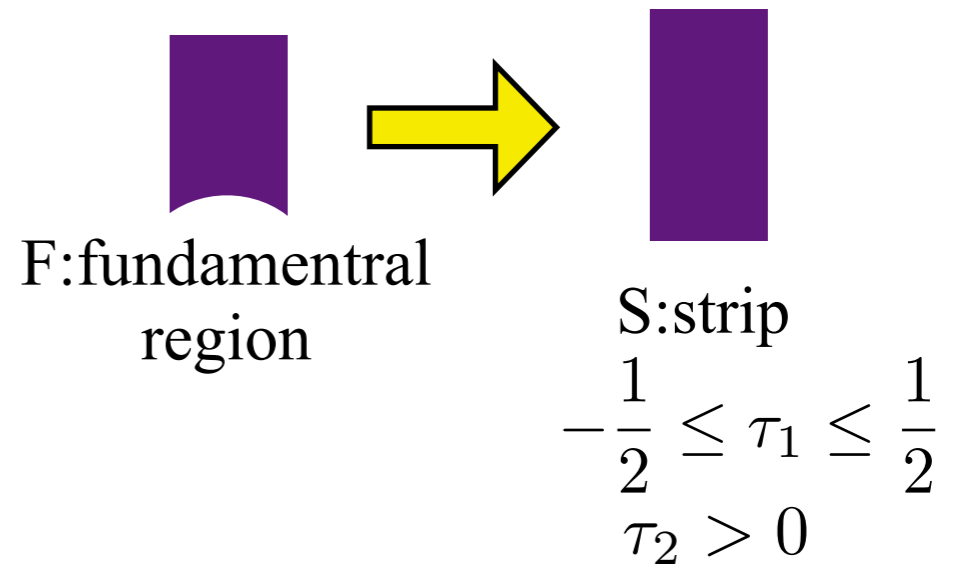
Partition function is given by

$$Z_{closed} [(\mathbf{C} \times S^1)/\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbf{R}^7] = \frac{V_7 R}{4(2\pi)^7 \alpha'^4} \cdot \int_F \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau_2^5} \sum_{w', w = -\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\pi R^2}{\alpha' \tau_2} |w - w' \tau|^2} \cdot \frac{|\theta_1((w - w' \tau)/N | \tau)|^8}{|\eta(\tau)|^{18} |\theta_1(2(w - w' \tau)/N | \tau)|^2}$$

[Takayanagi-Uesugi 01]

Infinite summation due to twist

One of the summation is absorbed by the change of integral region:



Using Poisson summation formula, finally we get

$$Z_{closed} [(\mathbf{C} \times S^1)/\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbf{R}^7] = \frac{V_7 R}{4(2\pi)^7 \alpha'^4} \int_{\textcircled{S}} \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau_2^5} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha' \tau_2}}{NR} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \beta=0}}^{N-1} e^{-\frac{\pi \alpha' \tau_2}{R^2 N^2} \gamma^2} \cdot e^{2\pi i \frac{\beta \gamma}{N}} \frac{|\theta_1(\beta/N|\tau)|^8}{|\eta(\tau)|^{18} \cdot |\theta_1(2\beta/N|\tau)|^2}$$

$$w = N\gamma + \beta$$

To evaluate this integral, we investigate the possibly divergent regions.

Possible divergent region

(1) IR limit $\tau_2 \rightarrow \infty$

(2) UV limit $\tau_2 \rightarrow 0$

➔ Check these regions

(1) IR limit $\tau_2 \rightarrow \infty$

summation is localized to $\gamma = 0$ and

$$Z_{closed}[(\mathbf{C} \times S^1)/\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbf{R}^7] \simeq 64 \cdot Z_0 \int_S \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau_2^5} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha' \tau_2}}{NR} \cdot \sum_{\beta=0}^{N-1} \frac{\sin^8\left(\frac{\pi\beta}{N}\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi\beta}{N}\right)}$$

$\left(Z_0 = \frac{V_7 R}{4(2\pi)^7 \alpha'^4} \right)$

This match with type II supergravity contribution $\sum_{\text{Sugra}} J(s_a, N)$

Entropy is given by

$$S_A(R_{orb}) \simeq 2Z_0 \cdot \frac{R_{orb}}{\sqrt{\alpha'}} \int_S \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau_2^9} \sim \frac{V_7}{\alpha'^{\frac{7}{2}}}$$

(2) UV limit $\tau_2 \rightarrow 0$

$$Z_{\text{closed}} [(\mathbf{C} \times S^1)/\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbf{R}^7] = \frac{V_7 R}{4(2\pi)^7 \alpha'^4} \int_S \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau_2^5} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha' \tau_2}}{NR} \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{\beta=0}^{N-1} e^{-\frac{\pi \alpha' \tau_2}{R^2 N^2} \gamma^2} \cdot e^{2\pi i \frac{\beta \gamma}{N}} \frac{|\theta_1(\beta/N|\tau)|^8}{|\eta(\tau)|^{18} \cdot |\theta_1(2\beta/N|\tau)|^2}$$

We evaluate $f(\tau) = \frac{\theta_1(\frac{\beta}{N}|\tau)^4}{\eta(\tau)^9 \theta_1(\frac{2\beta}{N}|\tau)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n e^{2\pi i \tau n}$

like Cardy formula, we find $d_n \sim \left(\frac{\beta}{N}\right)^{\frac{7}{4}} n^{-\frac{9}{4}} e^{\sqrt{4\pi \frac{\beta n}{N}}}$
 $(n \gg 1, 0 < \beta/N < 1/2)$

Then, $\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} d\tau_1 |f(\tau)|^2 = \sum_n (d_n)^2 e^{-4\pi \tau_2 n} \sim \sqrt{\frac{N}{\beta}} (\tau_2)^{\frac{15}{2}} \cdot e^{4\pi \frac{\beta}{N \tau_2}}$

• β summation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial N} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{N}{\beta}} e^{2\pi i \frac{\beta \gamma}{N}} e^{\frac{4\pi \beta}{N \tau_2}} \right) \Big|_{N=1} \simeq \frac{32\pi}{3} \tau_2^{-3/2}$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{S}_A \sim \frac{V_7}{\alpha'^{\frac{7}{2}}} \int_0^{\tau_{max}} d\tau_2 (\tau_2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-\frac{\pi R_{orb}^2 \tau_2 \gamma^2}{\alpha'}}$$

Finally UV contribution is evaluated as

$$[\tilde{S}_A]_{UV} \simeq \frac{V_7}{\alpha'^{\frac{7}{2}}} \left(s_1 + s_2 \frac{\alpha'^{\frac{5}{2}}}{R_{orb}^5} \right)$$

Combine UV + IR

Total twisted conical entropy is estimated as

$$\tilde{S}_A(R_{orb}) = \frac{V_7}{\alpha'^{\frac{7}{2}}} \cdot \tilde{S}\left(\frac{R_{orb}}{\sqrt{\alpha'}}\right)$$

taking orbifold limit $R_{orb} \rightarrow \infty$

$$\tilde{S}_A(R_{orb}) \simeq \tilde{s} \cdot \frac{V_7}{\alpha'^{\frac{7}{2}}}$$

no area law term $V_7 R_{orb}$

\rightarrow suggest actual conical entropy vanish

[cf Susskind Uglum]

Conclusion

- Orbifold calculation enables to calculate the EE for general Higher spin fields
- Conical entropy seems to be finite and more strongly becomes 0
- Our results suggest that actual conical entropy vanish and support Susskind Uglum conjecture
(non renormalization of Newton constant)

Outlook

- explicit evaluation of orbifold part.func.
- Relation with EE in 2d string ?[\[Hartnoll-Mazenc 15\]](#)