Entanglement entropy of Pais-Uhlenbeck oscillators and excited holographic states

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Nevertheless, several alternative Hamiltonian formulations exist!

The PU oscillator is conformally invariant for frequencies $\omega_k = (2k + 1)\omega_0$.

Stable coherent states, which have constant dispersions and a modified Heisenberg uncertainty relation.
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$H_n$ can play the role of Hamiltonian for the compatible Poisson structure

$$\{A, B\} = \sum_{s, m=0}^{2n-1} w_{sm} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i^{(s)}} \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_i^{(m)}}.$$

The variables, which satisfy the structure relations $\{x^k_i, p^m_j\} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{km}$, are

$$x^k_i = \sqrt{|\alpha_k|} \rho_k \prod_{m=0, m \neq k}^{n-1} \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega_m^2 \right) x_i, \quad p^k_i = \operatorname{sgn}(\alpha_k) \frac{dx^k_i}{dt}.$$
Set-up: ring of PU oscillators

\[ H_N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^{N} \sum_{k=0}^{1} \text{sgn}(\alpha_{\mu,k}) \left( p_{\mu}^k p_{\mu}^k + \omega_{\mu,k}^2 x_{\mu}^k x_{\mu}^k \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle \mu,\nu \rangle=1}^{N} \sum_{k,l=0}^{1} \tilde{c}_{\mu \nu}^{k,l} x_{\mu}^k x_{\nu}^l \]

Figure: Closed chain of \( N \) identical PU oscillators.
The Hamiltonian can be written in matrix form as

\[ H_N = \frac{1}{2} \eta^T \begin{pmatrix} \Omega & 0 \\ 0 & 1_{2N} \end{pmatrix} \eta, \quad \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} W & C & 0 & \cdots & C \\ C & W & C & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & C & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & C \\ C & 0 & \cdots & C & W \end{pmatrix}. \]
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Symmetric block circulant matrices with symmetric blocks are diagonalised by Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT):

$$\hat{\Omega} = U^{-1} \Omega U = \text{diag}[D_1, D_2, \ldots, D_N],$$

$$U_{kl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{2\pi i kl/N} 1_{2N}, \quad k, l = 0, 1, \ldots, N - 1,$$

where the eigenvalues of $\Omega$ are given by

$$D_{k+1} = W + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{N} \right) C.$$
The creation and annihilation operators are defined by

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\]

The excited states are orthonormal, \(\langle \{m_j\}|\{n_j\}\rangle = \delta_{\{m_j\},\{n_j\}}.\)
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- Extended entanglement entropy:
  $$\hat{S}_{1,2} = -k_B \text{Tr}_{1,2} [\hat{\rho}_{1,2} \log \hat{\rho}_{1,2}].$$
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$$\hat{S}_{1,2}(K_1, K_2) = \frac{k_B}{2} \coth \frac{K_1}{4} \coth \frac{K_2}{4} \left[ K_1 \left( 1 + \coth \frac{K_1}{4} \right) + K_2 \left( 1 + \coth \frac{K_2}{4} \right) ight]
- 2 \log \left[ \left( e^{K_1} - 1 \right) \left( e^{K_2} - 1 \right) \right].$$
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Figure: The entanglement entropy as function of \( K_1 \) and \( K_2 \) in units \( k_B = 1 \).

Evidently, the Nernst heat theorem is satisfied.
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Fisher metric $g_{\mu\nu}(K_1, K_2) = \partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}S(K_1, K_2)$:

\[
g_{11} = \frac{1}{64} k_B \coth \frac{K_2}{4} \csc^2 \frac{K_1}{4} \left[ K_1 \left( 3 + 5 \coth^2 \frac{K_1}{4} + 7 \csc^2 \frac{K_1}{4} \right) + 4 \tanh \frac{K_1}{4} \right. \\
\quad \quad + 4 \coth \frac{K_1}{4} \left( K_1 + K_2 - 5 + K_2 \coth \frac{K_2}{4} \right) - 2 \log \left[ \left( e^{K_1} - 1 \right) \left( e^{K_2} - 1 \right) \right] \right], \\
g_{12} = \frac{1}{32} k_B \csc^2 \frac{K_1}{4} \csc^2 \frac{K_2}{4} \left[ K_1 \left( 1 + 2 \coth \frac{K_1}{4} \right) + K_2 \left( 1 + 2 \coth \frac{K_2}{4} \right) - 4 \right. \\
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\left. -2\sqrt{3} E \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \left( X^1 \partial_\alpha U \partial_\beta X^3 - X^2 \partial_\alpha U \partial_\beta X^4 \right) \right], \]

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The ansatz \( X^i(\tau, \sigma) = e^{i\sigma} x_i(\tau) \) decouples the system of second-order partial differential EoM to the system of ODEs:

\[
\begin{align*}
x_q^{(4)} + (5M^2 + 2) x_q^{(2)} + (4M^4 + 2M^2 + 1) x_q &= 0, \\
x_p^{(2)} + (M^2 + 1) x_p &= 0,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( M = E\alpha' p^+ \), \( q = 1, 2 \) and the directions \( p = 5, 6, 7, 8 \) stay unaffected by the \( B \)-field.
Quadratic fluctuations around classical solutions

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Using the ansatz $\tilde{\zeta}_i = e^{i\sigma} y_i(\tau)$ in the limiting cases of short and long strings ($\bar{\rho}'^2 = \text{const}$), the EoM take the form:

$$
y_p^{(4)} + \left[ 5\tilde{M}^2 + 2 + \frac{3}{2} \bar{\rho}'^2 \right] y_p^{(2)} + \left[ 4\tilde{M}^4 + 2\tilde{M}^2 + 1 + \left( \tilde{M}^2 + 1 \right) \frac{3}{2} \bar{\rho}'^2 \right] y_p = 0,
$$

$$
y_1^{(2)} + y_1 = 0, \quad p = 2, 4.
$$
Instabilities and phase transitions

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The instabilities due to occurrence of critical point of the \( B \)-field in the PW background are related to instabilities in the system of two interacting PU oscillators.
Excited holographic states

According to the holographic conjecture, the states that capture the gravitational sector of the dual theory are:

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The Rényi entropy can be calculated using replica trick:

$$\exp \left( (1 - n) S^{(n)}_{\text{vac}} \right) = \langle \Phi_+(z_1) \Phi_-(z_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{(z_1 - z_2)^{2h_n}}.$$ 

The vacuum entanglement entropy is obtained in the limit $n \to 1$:

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For \( f(z) \) being non-constant meromorphic function on a domain \( D \subset \mathbb{C} \), the quantity \( G'(\zeta, z) = \frac{f'(z)}{f(\zeta) - f(z)} \) has the expansion (\( f(z) \neq \infty, f'(z) \neq 0 \)):

\[ G'(\zeta, z) = \frac{1}{\zeta - z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n [f](z)(\zeta - z)^{n-1}. \]

Evaluating \( \partial G / \partial \zeta \), one can easily express the contributions of excited states to the vacuum EE in terms of the Aharonov invariants \( \psi_n [f](z) \).

**Contributions of excited states in terms of Aharonov invariants:**

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\[
\log \frac{f(z) - f(\zeta)}{z - \zeta} = - \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} b_{-n,-m} z^n \zeta^m,
\]

one can readily find the EE in terms of the Grunsky coefficients $b_{-n,-m}$.

**Contributions of excited states in terms of Grunsky coefficients:**

\[
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