

Title: Local unitary transformation, long-range quantum entanglement, wave function renormalization, and topological order

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Abstract: Adiabatic evolutions connect two gapped quantum states in the same phase. We argue that the adiabatic evolutions are closely related to local unitary transformations which define a equivalence relation. So the equivalence classes of the local unitary transformations are the universality classes that define the different phases of quantum system. Since local unitary transformations can remove local entanglements, the above equivalence/universality classes correspond to pattern of long range entanglement, which is the essence of topological order. The local unitary transformation also allows us to define wave function renormalization, where a wave function can flow to a simpler one within the same equivalence/universality class. Using such a setup, we find conditions on the possible fixed-point wave functions where the local unitary transformations have finite dimensions. The solutions of the conditions allow us to classify this type of topological orders, which include all the string-net states.

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- **Describe topological order by what it is:**

- robust and topology-dependent ground state degeneracy *Wen 89*
- non-Abelian Berry phases of degenerate ground states induced by modular transformations *Wen 90*

may completely characterize/define topological orders

- robust gapless edge excitations in FQH states *Wen 91*
- topological entanglement entropy *Kitaev, Priskill 06; Levin, Wen 06*

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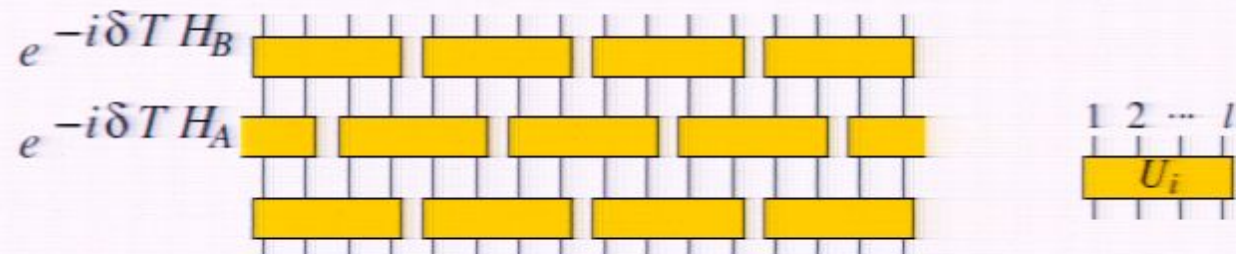
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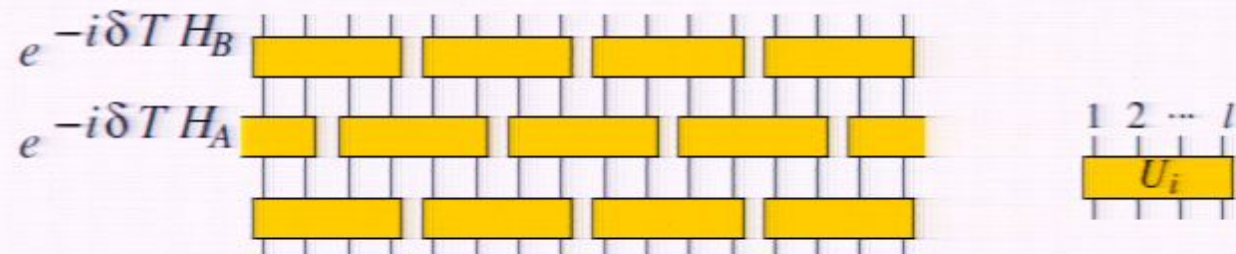
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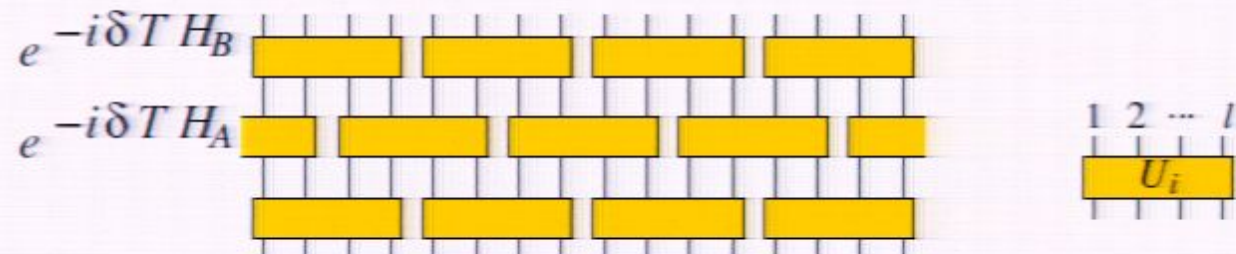
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The concept of fixed-point state

- A fixed-point state is not one wave function, but a family of wave functions, Φ_n , one wave function of each size/shape of lattice.
- “Fixed point” does not mean the fixed wave function. It means a fixed relation between those wave functions,
 - *fixed-point local unitary (LU) transformation*, U_∞

$$\Phi(\text{lattice-2}) = U_\infty \Phi(\text{lattice-1}), \quad \Phi(\text{lattice-3}) = U_\infty \Phi(\text{lattice-2})$$

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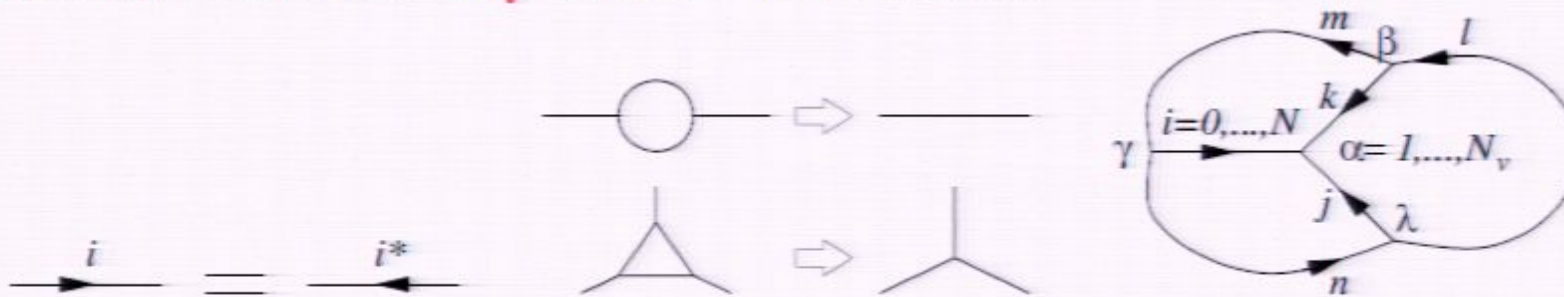
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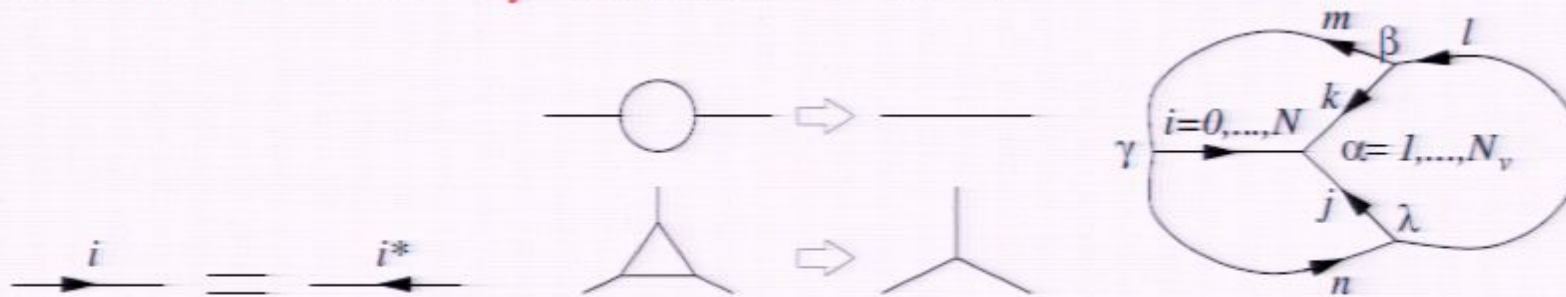
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Support space on $\alpha\beta m$: $V_{ijkl*} = \{\psi_{i,j,k,l,\Gamma}(\alpha, \beta, m) | \text{fix } ijkl, \text{ vary } \Gamma\}$

Support dim.: $D_{ijkl*} = \dim V_{ijkl*}$ for the region bounded by $ijkl$.

- The support dimension of the $\Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \\ j \quad k \\ \alpha \end{array} \right)$ on a region bounded by links i, j, k : $D_{ijk} \leq N_v$
 \rightarrow shrink the range $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{ijk} = D_{ijk}$ (which depends on ijk).

- Saturation condition:** For $\Phi = \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \\ \alpha \quad \beta \\ m \quad l \end{array} \right) :$

The support dimension D_{ijkl*}
 $=$ The number of $\alpha\beta m = \sum_m N_{jim*} N_{kml*}$

- Similar saturation condition for any "tree" region

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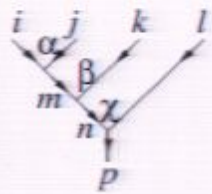
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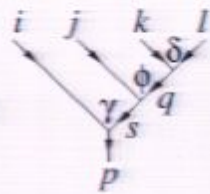
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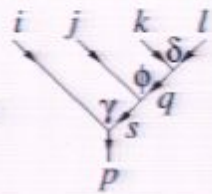
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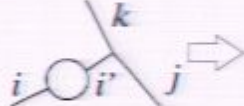

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the second kind of wave function renormalization: P-move

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But notice that, through the F-move,  \Rightarrow  \Rightarrow 

- Second way:

 to  Levin, Wen, 04 or  to  Koenig, Reichardt, Vidal, 09

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all short-range entangled states belong to the same phase

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Other states can belong to the different classes

→ many patterns of long-range entanglement

and many different non-trivial topological orders.

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