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Abstract: Understanding entanglement in QFTs is a challenging topic that involves many aspects. One important probe for this is the modular (or entanglement) Hamiltonian, which is closely related to the Unruh effect. We determine this operator for the chiral fermion at finite temperature on the circle using complex analysis, and show that it exhibits surprising new features. This simple system illustrates how a modular flow can transition from complete locality to complete non-locality as a function of temperature, thus bridging the gap between previously known limits. We also derive the first exact results for the entanglement and relative entropies of this system for the different spin sectors. Based on [1905.05768,1906.02207].

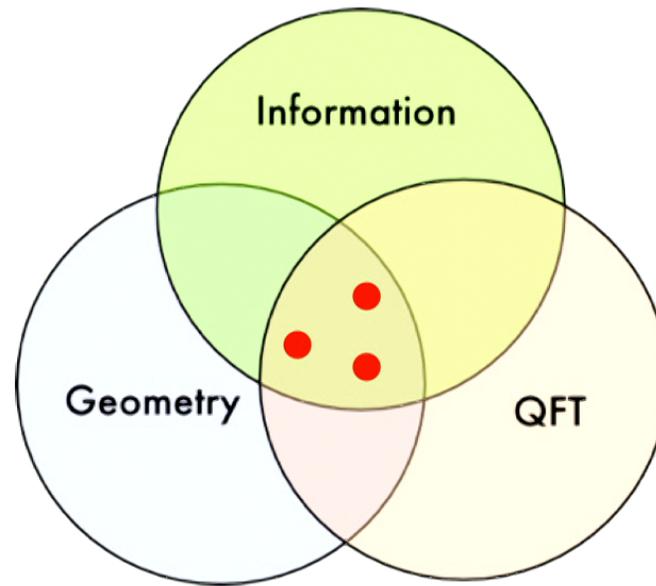
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... and many more

# Outline

Introduction: entanglement Hamiltonians

The system/question: chiral fermion on the torus

Take-home message/solution: new Hamiltonian

The tools: resolvent + complex analysis

# Entanglement

One measure: entanglement entropy

$$S_V = -\text{tr}_V (\rho_V \log \rho_V)$$

Entanglement (modular) Hamiltonian

$$\rho_V := e^{-\mathcal{K}_V}$$

Relative entropy as measure of distinguishability of states

$$D(\rho|\sigma) = \text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho) - \text{Tr}(\rho \log \sigma) = \Delta\langle K \rangle - \Delta S$$

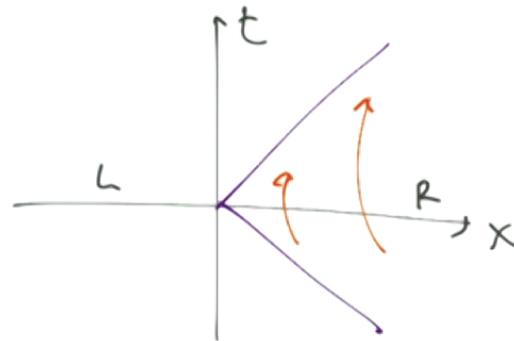
‘First law of entanglement’  $d\langle \mathcal{K}_V \rangle = dS_V$

Quantum info, many body physics, AdS/CFT, ...

## Simplest case: Unruh effect

Reduce vacuum into right half space  $\rho_R = \text{tr}_L |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$

Vacuum prepared by euclidean path integral on plane



$$\rho_R := e^{-\mathcal{K}_R}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_R = \int_{x>0} dx \beta(x) T_{00} \quad , \quad \beta(x) = 2\pi x$$

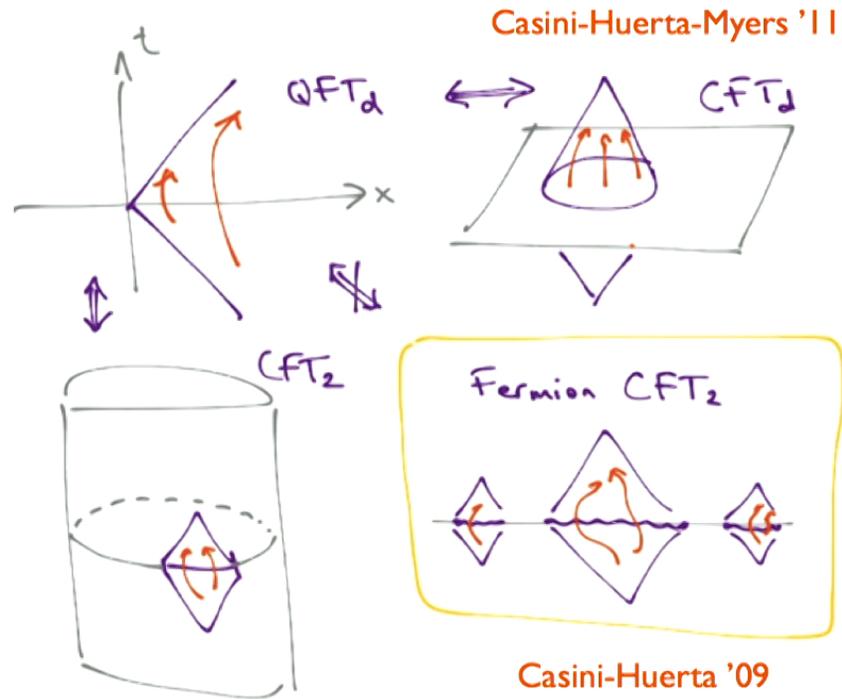
Here  $\mathcal{K}$  is Noether charge of boost symmetry  $\rightarrow$  local

# What is known?

Vacuum

Rindler-like (local)

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{loc}} = \int_V dx \beta_V(x) T(x)$$



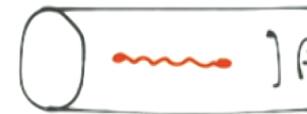
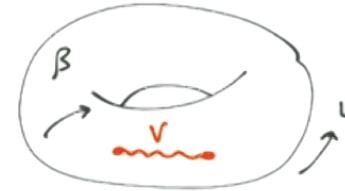
Non-trivial regions / topology → non-local, non-universal

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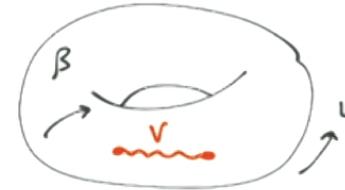
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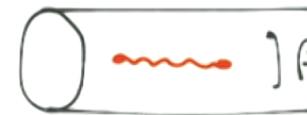
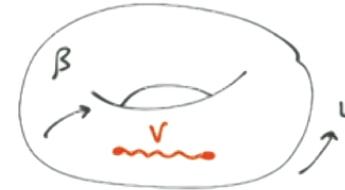
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How is the transition Locality  $\rightarrow$  Non-locality ?



Take-Home message

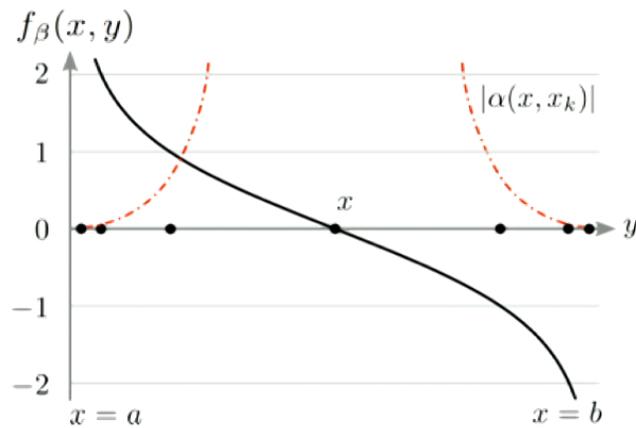
The solution

## A new Hamiltonian Fries-IR '19

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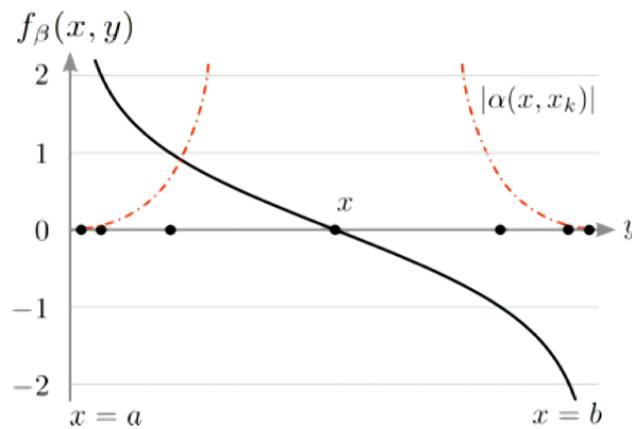


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Solutions accumulate near the endpoints

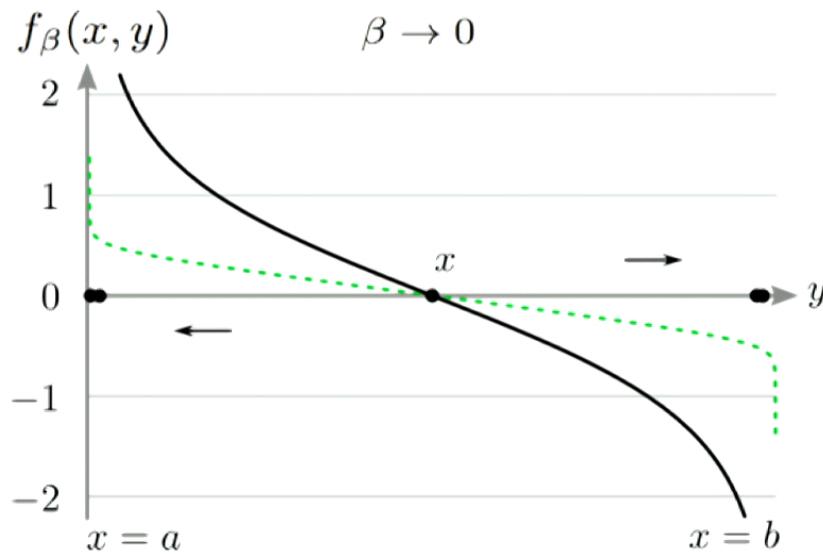
Non-local coupling: energy is 'redshifted'

$$|\alpha(x, y)| \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{\beta} (y - a)^{1+1/2L}$$

## Bi-local at high temperature

High temperature: all solutions move towards endpoints and vanish  $\rightarrow$  lose spin sectors

Recover local - universal [Cardy-Tonni '16](#)



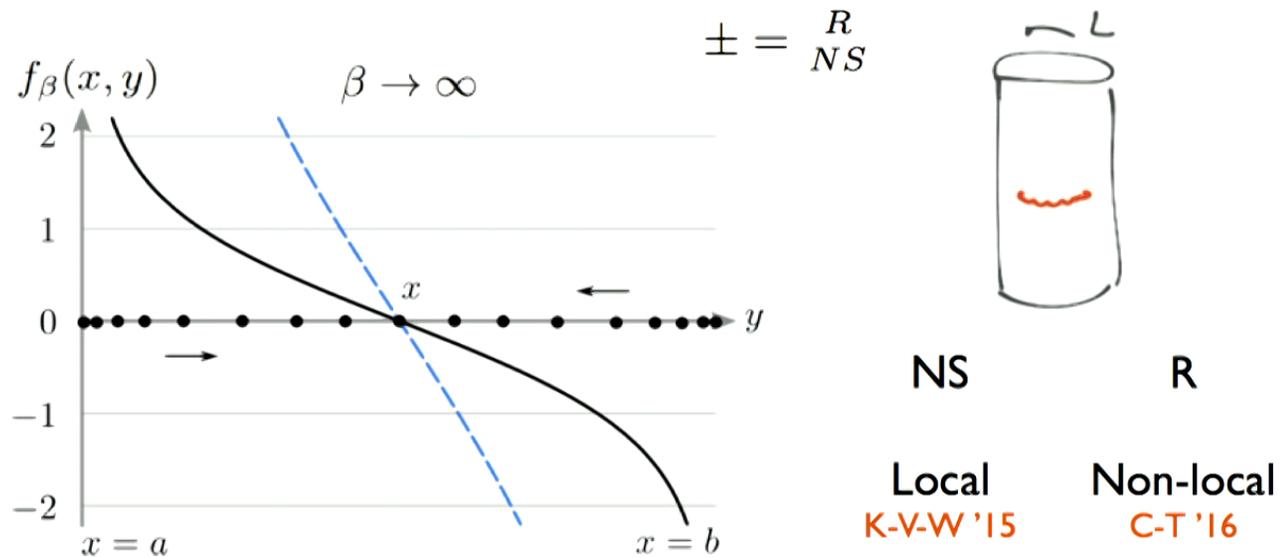
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## Bi-local at low temperature

Curve gets steeper inside  $\rightarrow$  solutions 'condense'

Reproduces Riemann integral  $\rightarrow$  non-local term!

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Reduced density matrix: enough to reproduce correlator

$$\text{Tr}[\rho_V \psi(x) \psi^\dagger(y)] = G(x, y) \quad x, y \in V$$

Then  $K$  is a quadratic fermionic operator [Peschel'02](#)

$$\mathcal{K}_V = \int_{V^2} dx dy K_V(x, y) \psi^\dagger(x) \psi(y)$$

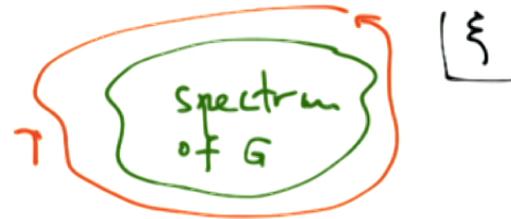
with  $K_V = -\log[G_V^{-1} - 1]$       how to compute log?

## The Resolvent method

Holomorphic function of an operator

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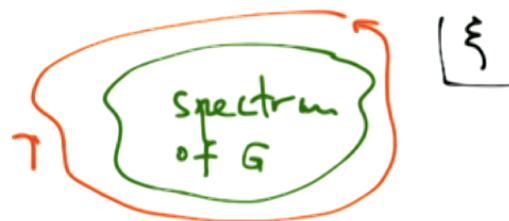


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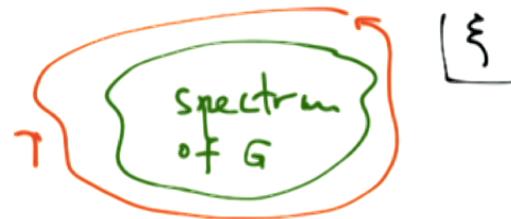
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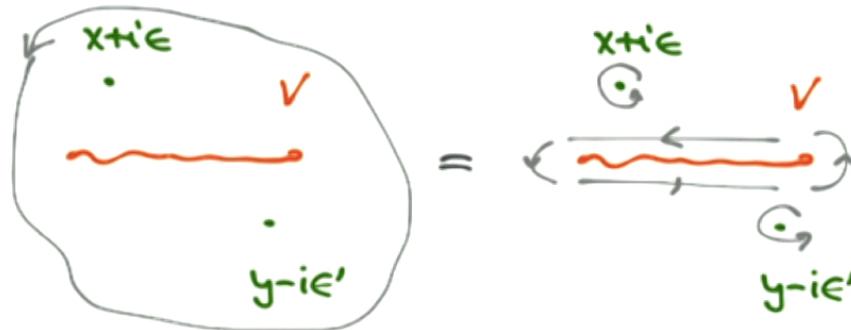
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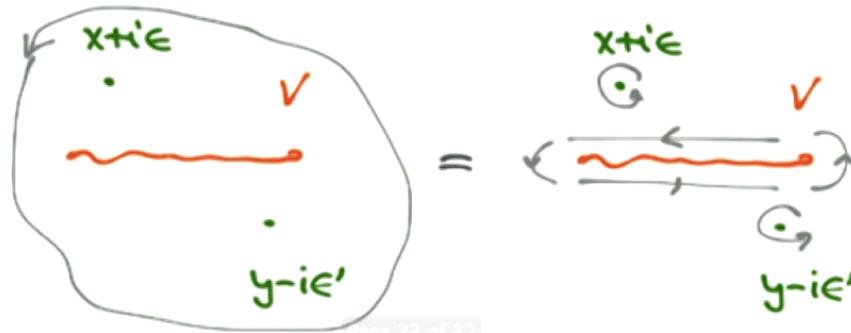
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Find function with  
correct poles and cuts



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## Finding F... on the torus

Candidate: elliptic fn has zero residue in fundamental domain

$$\oint_{\gamma} dz G(x, z) F_{\xi}(z, y) = 0$$

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Recipe

- Match z-periodicities of F to those of G

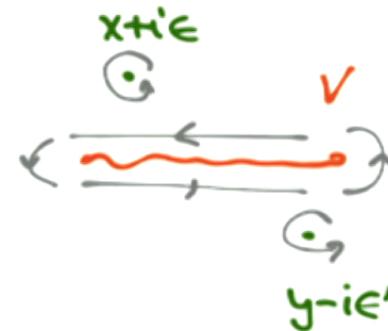
$$G(x, z) F(z, y) \quad , \quad z \sim z + n + m\tau$$

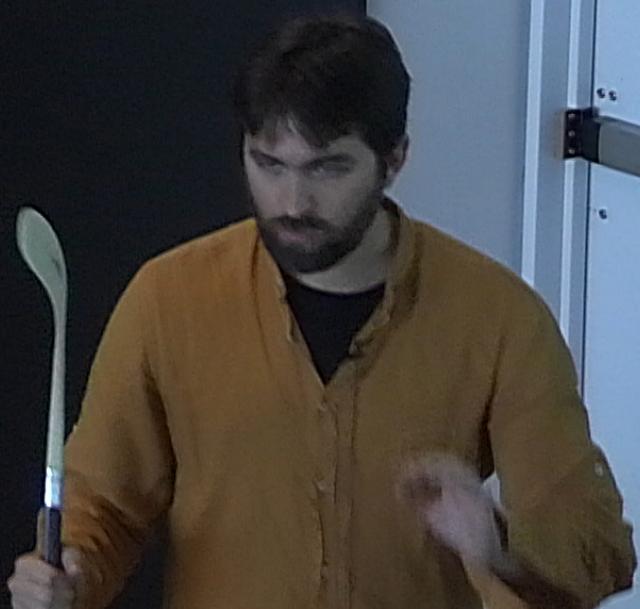
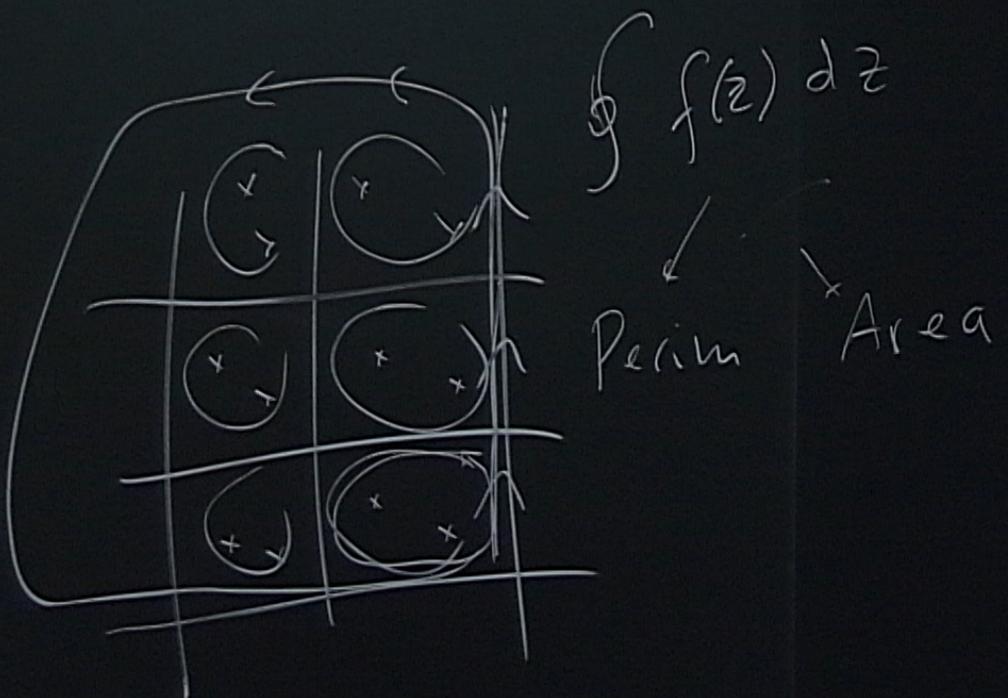
- Location of pole and branch cut

$$F(z \rightarrow y) \sim (2\pi i(z - y))^{-1}$$

- Boundary conditions at cut

$$F(z^+, y) / F(z^-, y) = \text{const} \quad , \quad \text{Res } F(\partial V) = 0$$





## The solution for F

$$F_{\xi}(z, y) = e^{-2\pi h} G_{\nu}(z - y|\tau, Lh) \left[ \frac{\Omega(z|\tau)}{\Omega(y|\tau)} \right]^{ih}$$

$$h = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{\xi + 1/2}{\xi - 1/2}$$

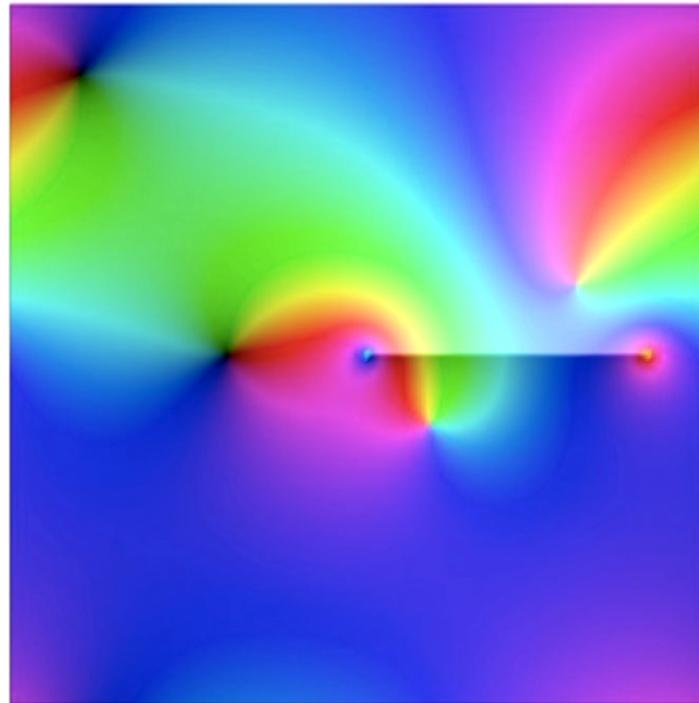
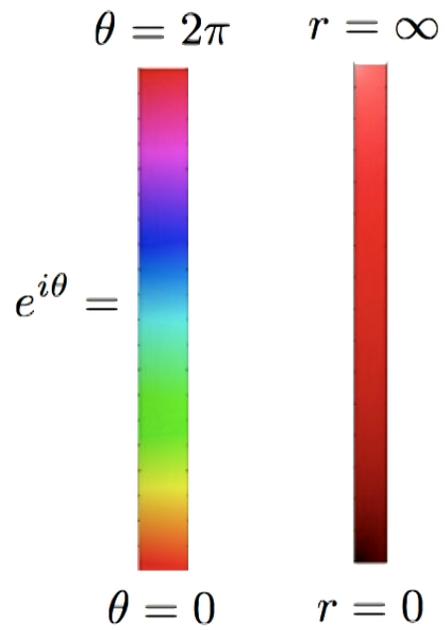
$$G_{\nu}(z|\tau, \mu) = \frac{\eta^3(\tau)}{i\vartheta_1(z|\tau)} \frac{\vartheta_{\nu}(z - i\mu|\tau)}{\vartheta_{\nu}(-i\mu|\tau)},$$

$$\Omega(x|\tau) = -\frac{\vartheta_1(x - a|\tau)}{\vartheta_1(x - b|\tau)}$$

# The elliptic function

$$G(x, z)F(z, y) = re^{i\theta}$$

$$t \sim t + i\beta$$



$$x \sim x + 1$$

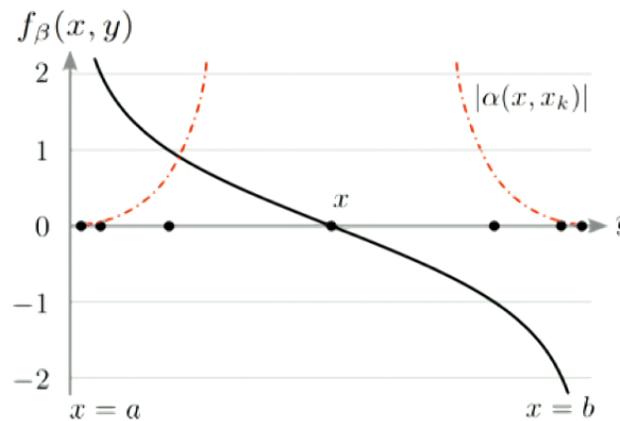
## From Resolvent to Hamiltonian

Putting everything back together,

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... and the result is



# Entropies

Rényi entropies known for  $n=2,3,\dots$  but analytic continuation is hard [Herzog-Nishioka '13, Azeyanagi-Nishioka-Takayanagi '07]

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr}(\rho_V^n)$$

Compute directly from the resolvent [Fries-IR '19]

$$S = S^{(0)} + S^{(\nu)}$$

Spin-term only depends on the *total* length of subregion

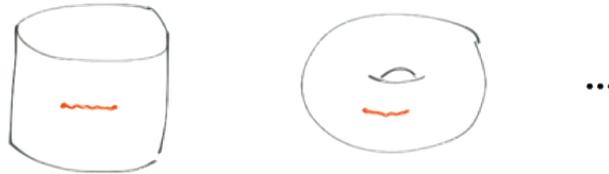
$$S^{(\nu)} \left( \text{---} \right) = S^{(\nu)} \left( \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right)$$

Relative entropy: well defined in AQFT

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# Summary

Studied torus fermionic entanglement via resolvent



$\mathcal{K}_V$

Cardy-Tonni '16

Fries-IR | 905.05768

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Calabrese-Cardy '04

Fries-IR | 1906.02207

New entanglement Hamiltonian

- Infinite set of bi-local couplings
- Transition from locality to non-locality

Solved via complex analysis on torus