Quantum integrability and the entanglement spectrum

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Entanglement spectrum



 $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \qquad S_A = -Tr_A \rho_A \log \rho_A$

How does it scale with size of A?

 $S_A = 0$ product (unentangled) state

 $S_A \propto \mathrm{vol}_A$ random (thermal) state

 $S_A \propto {
m area}_A - \gamma + \dots$ "area law" (gapped states) [Kitaev, Preskill; Levin, Wen '05]

Entanglement spectrum

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{k} \sqrt{\lambda_k} |A_k\rangle |B_k\rangle$$

Is there more generic content?

(e.g., independent of geometric or conformal symmetries)



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Generic behavior of closed quantum systems

What is the generic behavior of isolated quantum many-body systems at arbitrary energy density? (open problem even in 1D)



A useful probe: global quench 1. Prepare an unentangled initial state $\psi_0 = | \dots \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \dots \rangle$ 2. Evolve with a known Hamiltonian and observe

$$\psi(t) = e^{-itH}\psi_0$$



Dynamics of entanglement: Thermalization vs. Localization



[Bardarson, Pollmann, Moore, '12; Serbyn, ZP, Abanin,'13]

Local integrals of motion in the MBL phase

Phenomenological Hamiltonian in the MBL phase:

$$H = \sum_{i} \vec{\sigma}_{i} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{i+1} + \sum_{i} h_{i} \sigma_{i}^{z}$$
$$H = \sum_{i} h_{i} \tau_{i}^{z} + \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \tau_{i}^{z} \tau_{j}^{z} + \dots$$

[Serbyn, ZP, Abanin, '13; Huse, Nandkishore, Oganesyan, '13; $J_{ij}\propto e^{-|i-j|/\xi}$ Imbrie '14; Chandran et al. '14; Ros et al., '14]

• Consequence 1: System does not relax



[M. Schreiber *et al*, Science **349**, 842 (2015)]

Local integrals of motion:



[T. O'Brien, D. Abanin, G. Vidal, ZP, arXiv:1608.03296; see also Rademaker, Ortuno '15; You *et al*, '15; Inglis, Pollet '16; ergodc phase: H. Kim, M. C. Banuls, J. I. Cirac, M. B. Hastings, and D. A. Huse, '15]

Consequence 2: Area law entanglement



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Local integrals of motion:

 $[\tau_i^z, H] = 0, [\tau_i^z, \tau_i^z] = 0$ $\tau_i^z \approx \sigma_i^z + f_{ab}^{i;jk} \sigma_i^a \sigma_k^b + \dots$

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How do the local integrals of motion affect the entanglement? Entropy obeys area law, what about entanglement spectrum?



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D. A. Huse, 15

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Known universal properties of the ES in generic systems

Free systems: $\rho = K e^{-\sum_l \epsilon_l f_l^{\dagger} f_l}$ Wick's theorem

[Peschel, Chung '01; Okunishi, Hieida, Akutsu '99]

Example: quantum Ising model

In a random or thermal state: Marchenko-Pastur distribution = density of eigenvalues of a Wishart matrix $Y = XX^{\dagger}$



Power-law entanglement spectrum in MBL systems



- There is no symmetry, so the effective quantum number is Schmidt rank
- Different from typical ground states of gapped systems where the ES decays faster
- Useful for **benchmarking MPS**-type variational calculations in MBL context

[M. Serbyn, A. Michailidis, D. Abanin and ZP, PRL 117, 160601 (2016)]

Power law from local integrals of motion

The vectors are not orthogonal! Once they are orthogonalized, their norm gives the ES

For the first two blocks:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{1}\rangle &= (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}a, \dots)^{T} & \lambda_{1} &= \langle \psi_{1} | \psi_{1} \rangle \propto \mathcal{O}(1) \\ |\psi_{2}^{(1)}\rangle &= |\psi_{2}\rangle - \frac{\langle \psi_{1} | \psi_{2} \rangle}{\langle \psi_{1} | \psi_{1} \rangle} |\psi_{1}\rangle & \lambda_{2} &= \langle \psi_{2}^{(1)} | \psi_{2}^{(1)} \rangle = \mathcal{O}(a^{4}) \\ |\psi_{2}\rangle &= (\alpha_{21}a, \alpha_{22}a^{2}, \dots)^{T} & \lambda_{k}^{(r)} &= \lambda_{\uparrow \dots \uparrow \bigcup_{r}} \propto e^{-4\kappa r} & k = 2^{r-1} + 1, \dots, 2^{r} \\ \dots &\uparrow \downarrow | \uparrow \uparrow \dots & \dots \uparrow \downarrow | \downarrow \uparrow \dots & r \approx \frac{\ln k}{\ln 2} \longrightarrow & \lambda_{k} \propto \frac{1}{k^{\gamma}} & \gamma &= \frac{4\kappa}{\ln 2} \end{aligned}$$

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Open problems



ES in "glassy" systems without disorder

[M. Schiulaz, M. Muller, '13; T. Grover and M. Fisher, '13; de Roeck/Huveneers, '13; Hickey, Genway, Garrahan, '14; Yao *et al.*, '14; ZP, Stoudenmire, Abanin '15, ...]



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Motivation



A generic quantum state

Nearly free systems are easy to understand. But many interesting systems in nature are not obviously free:

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Similar goal to machine learning







Interaction distance

 $D_F(\rho) = \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \sqrt{(\rho - \sigma)^2}$



Can ρ be distinguished from a free particle density matrix σ ?

$$\sigma = e^{z + \sum_j \epsilon_j c_j^{\dagger} c_j}$$

with some {c} bosonic or fermionic mode operators.

F contains all unitary orbits of Gaussian states

Assume ρ, σ have been diagonalized.

We are looking for

min trace distance $(\rho, U\sigma U^{\dagger})$

Theorem: minimum (or maximum) is achieved when U is the permutation matrix

[Markham et al., PRA **77**, 042111 (2008)]

Consequence: only need to vary the free entanglement levels $\{\epsilon_1, \ldots, \epsilon_L\}$

$$E_k^f(\{\epsilon\}) = E_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L n_i(k)\epsilon_i$$

$$D_F(\rho) = \min_{\{\epsilon\}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_k |e^{-E_k} - e^{-E_k^f(\{\epsilon\})}|$$

Properties of interaction distance

- Measures **distance** of a given reduced density matrix
- from the manifold of free system's density matrices
- Contains information about both long-wavelength and short-distance properties



- Generalizes mean-field theory; when MF is applicable, then $D_F \rightarrow 0$
- Can be calculated efficiently if the entanglement spectrum is known $\ T \sim \mathrm{poly}(\chi)$
- Importantly, the free quasiparticles are not necessarily of the same statistics as the original ones

 $|\psi\rangle \simeq U_A \Sigma V_B^{\dagger}$

We can change the dimensions of entanglement Hilbert space to accommodate e.g., the case where the free quasiparticles in a fermionic system behave as bosons



• Obeys finite-size scaling at critical points

$$D_F \approx (L^{-1} + \theta)^{\zeta} f((g - g_c) L^{1/\nu})$$

$$g = g_c$$

- ν = correlation length exponent
- determines whether the interactions
 are relevant or irrelevant in RG sense

Example: 1D Quantum Ising model



Maximally interacting states

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For two fermionic modes, it can be proven that the state which maximizes interaction distance is

$$\rho_1 = \rho_2 = \rho_3 = \frac{1}{3}, \rho_4 = 0$$

$$D_F^{max} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Interestingly, this state is the fixed point of parafermionic Z3 Hamiltonian:

$$H = -\sum_{j} \tau_{j}^{\dagger} \tau_{j+1} + h.c.$$

$$\tau_{j} = \text{diag}(1, e^{i2\pi/3}, e^{-i2\pi/3})$$

$$\tau_{j}^{3} = 1$$

[see e.g., Jermyn, Mong, Alicea, and Fendley, '14]

We can use the parafermionic ansatz to guess an upper bound for any number of modes: $D_F \leq 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$



[K. Meichanetzidis, C. Turner, A. Farjami, ZP, J. Pachos, arXiv:1705.09983]

Open questions



Conclusions

- Entanglement spectrum still reveals new aspects of many-body systems
- In strongly disordered systems, the ES has a universal power-law structure

(a consequence of local integrals of motion)



 "Interaction distance" measures how far a many-body state is from the closest free state.



Potentially useful for identifying "most interacting" points in the phase diagrams of quantum many-body system, where new physics may be hiding.

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