

# Some recent progress on excited state modular Hamiltonians

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- ▶ We provide a general form for  $\delta \overleftrightarrow{H}$  for perturbations by  $J^{(n)}$ , which is a local hermitian operator of **modular weight**  $n$  under vacuum modular flow.

$$J^{(n)}(x)|_s = e^{i\overleftrightarrow{H}^{(0)}s/2\pi} J^{(n)}(x) e^{-i\overleftrightarrow{H}^{(0)}s/2\pi} \xrightarrow{\text{Rindler}} e^{ns} J^{(n)}(e^s x^+, e^{-s} x^-, \mathbf{x}_{\perp})$$



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- ▶ Modular Hamiltonians under shape deformations:

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The reduced density matrices, modular operators and modular Hamiltonian for the state  $|\psi\rangle$  would then behave as

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The first-order change in the modular Hamiltonian would then be given by

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- ▶ For perturbations via  $J^{(n)}$ ,  $\delta\vec{H}_{n=2,3,4\dots}^{endpoint}$  is a sum of light-ray moments of  $J^{(n)}$  and its descendants on the  $x^+$  horizon (similar result for negative  $n$ ).

$$-2\pi\epsilon \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(0) \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-2-k}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-\theta)^l}{l!} (n-k-2l-1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^+ (x^+)^{k+l} \partial_-^l J^{(n)}(x^+, 0, 0) \right]$$

- ▶ The simplest example is for stress-tensor perturbations in  $CFT_2$ , for which

$$\delta\vec{H}_{n=2}^{endpoint} = -2\pi\epsilon f_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^+ T_{++}(x^+) = \text{ANEC operator.}$$

- ▶ The endpoint contribution is absent for modular weights  $n = -1, 0, 1$ .

## A property of the endpoint term

To first order in  $\epsilon$ , modular Hamiltonian annihilating the state implies

$$(\vec{H}^{(0)} + \delta\vec{H})(\mathbb{1} - i\epsilon G)|0\rangle = 0$$

For  $\delta\vec{H} = -i\epsilon[G, \vec{H}^{(0)}] + \delta\vec{H}^{\text{endpoint}}$ , we should have  $\delta\vec{H}^{\text{endpoint}}|0\rangle = 0$ .

This is indeed how the lightray operators and the lightray moments behave.

Kravchuk- Simmons-Duffin 2018, Kologlu et al. 2019

The light-ray moments of the form

$$\mathcal{L}^k[J^{(n)}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^+ (x^+)^k J^{(n)}(x^+, x^-, \mathbf{x}_\perp) \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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Same goes for the descendants.

# Outline

- ▶ CFT vacuum perturbed by stress tensor (4 ways)
  - Conformal transformation,
  - General operator methods (two ways),
  - Path integral method.

These methods can be generalized to obtain higher order  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^m)$  contributions as well.

- ▶ CFT vacuum perturbed by higher modular weight operators (2 ways)



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We will be interested in the linearized perturbation  $g(z) = z + \epsilon f(z)$  which is equivalent to perturbation by a stress tensor with the generator

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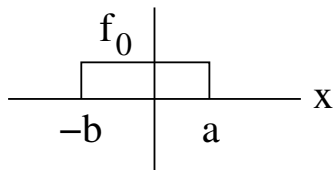
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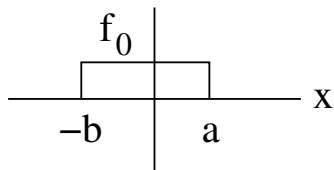
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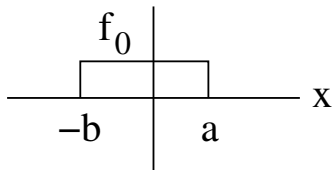
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The expression can be brought to a simpler form by defining **modular conjugated** operators  $\tilde{G}_{\bar{A}}$  by their matrix elements

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A nice formula exists converting between  $\delta \rho_A$  and  $\delta H_A$  to first order

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In our case,

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In terms of modular-flowed operators (the second equality holds for operators that just act on  $\mathcal{H}_A$ )

$$\mathcal{O}|_s = \Delta^{-\frac{is}{2\pi}} \mathcal{O} \Delta^{\frac{is}{2\pi}} = (\rho_A^{(0)})^{-\frac{is}{2\pi}} \mathcal{O} (\rho_A^{(0)})^{\frac{is}{2\pi}}$$

we have

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Using

$$\oint \frac{ds}{1 + \cosh s} g(s) = -4\pi i g'(s = i\pi),$$

one can show

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The best way to approach is to instead write the perturbation as

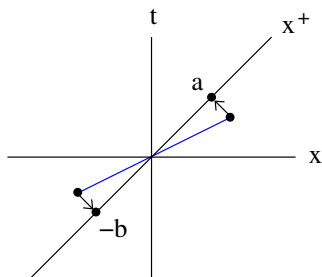
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$$\langle (G_A|_{s\pm i\pi} + \tilde{G}_{\bar{A}}|_s) J^{(n)}(y) \rangle \sim \begin{cases} 1/w^\Delta & \text{for } w \rightarrow \infty \\ w^\Delta & \text{for } w \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

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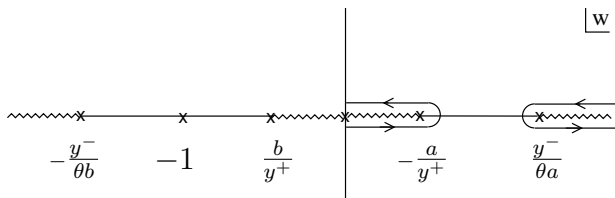
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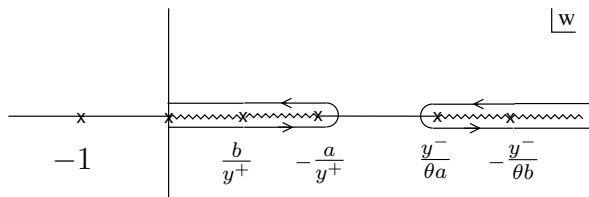
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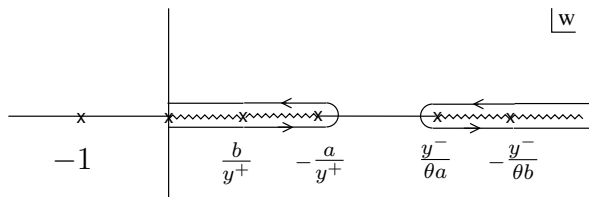
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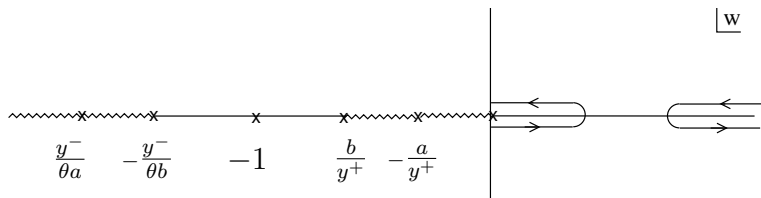


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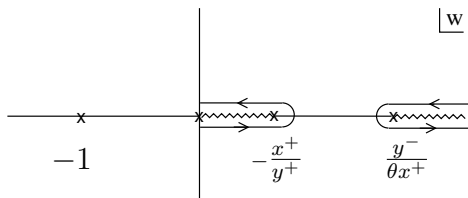
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For  $x^+ > 0$  e.g.



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take  $x^+ \rightarrow -wx^+$  and expanding in  $\theta wx^+$

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Putting everything together, for  $n \geq 2$  we have

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## Takeaways

For a general perturbative excitation

$$G = \int_{-b}^a dx^+ \int d^{d-2}x_{\perp} f(x^+, \mathbf{x}_{\perp}) J^{(n)}(x^+, -\theta x^+, \mathbf{x}_{\perp})$$

algebraic non-bipartition manifested in  $\delta\vec{H} = \delta\vec{H}^{\text{commutator}} + \delta\vec{H}^{\text{endpoint}}$

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For  $n \leq -2$

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## Final comments

- ▶ Discrete systems
- ▶ KMS conditions
- ▶ Perturbations over a causal diamond?
- ▶ Similar contribution in related quantities?
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and many more ...

Thank you for your attention

# Backup slides

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However, in the equal-time commutator  $[J^{(n)}(0), \mathcal{O}(x)]$ , it can only appear for  $n \geq 2$ .

## Effects on entanglement entropy

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Now take  $f$  as constant perturbation as  $f(z) = f_0\theta(z+b) - f_0\theta(z-a)$ ;

$$H_{\text{mod}}^{\text{exc}}(\eta) = H_{\text{mod}}^{\text{exc}}(z) + \frac{A}{4G} - \frac{c\epsilon f_0}{6a^3} - \frac{c\epsilon f_0}{24a} + \frac{c\epsilon f_0}{24} \left( \frac{1}{z} \right) \Big|_0^\infty$$

Finally, for a localized perturbation inside the  $(u, v)$  region:

$$H_{\text{mod}}^{\text{exc}}(\eta) = H_{\text{mod}}^{\text{exc}}(z) + \frac{A}{4G} + \frac{c\epsilon f_0(v-u)}{24} \left( \frac{1}{b(v+u+b)} - \frac{1}{(a-2u)(v+u-a)} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{(v-b)(b-u)} + \frac{1}{(v-a)(a-u)} \right)$$