

De Sitter entropy: on-shell versus off-shell

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Result

$$S_V^{\text{on shell}} = \text{[Diagram: Sphere with shell] } = \int \frac{\delta Q}{T_H} = \int_0^{T_H} \frac{dT_H}{T_H} \int_{r_{\text{ds}} = \frac{1}{2\pi T_H}} d^{d-1}x \sqrt{g} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T_H}, \quad \rho = \frac{\Lambda(T_H)}{8\pi}$$

and

$$S_A^{\text{off shell}} = \text{[Diagram: Sphere with surface] } = -(\alpha \partial_\alpha - 1) W[\alpha] \Big|_{\alpha=1} \sim A, \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta_H}$$

- We show that entropy that computed on-shell precisely follows the area law in any dimension of space and in any theory of $f(R)$ gravity and coincide with Wald entropy and generalize it for the entanglement entropy of minimally coupled scalar field:

$$\text{[Diagram: Sphere with shell]} = S_V^{\text{on shell}} = S_A^{\text{off shell}} = \text{[Diagram: Sphere with surface]}$$

Show that:

$$-\left(\partial_\beta \log Z_{\text{matter}}^{\text{ren}}\right) \Big|_{\alpha=1} = \langle \hat{E} \rangle = \langle \hat{H} \rangle - \xi \langle \hat{Q} \rangle \rightarrow Z_{\text{matter}}^{\text{ren}} \neq \text{Tr} \left(e^{-\beta H} \right)$$

Introduction

In Newtonian gravity, consider an ideal gas in a box:

$$Z_1 = \int d^3x d^3p e^{-\beta(p^2 + mgz)} \sim AT^{5/2} (1 - e^{-\frac{mgh}{T}}) \frac{1}{mg} \quad (1)$$

$$Z_1 \sim \begin{cases} A, & g \rightarrow \infty \\ V, & g \rightarrow 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In QFT, entropy is assumed to have the following expansion:

$$S_A = \frac{A}{4Gh} + \alpha_0 \log\left(\frac{A}{4Gh}\right) + \sum_n a_n \left(\frac{A}{4Gh}\right)^{-n}, \quad (3)$$

that follows from the analysis of the heat kernel:

$$\bar{K}_{M_\alpha}(s, x, x) = \frac{1}{(4\pi s)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_n \bar{a}_n(x) s^n \quad (4)$$

and

$$\bar{a}_n(x) = a_n^{st}(x) + a_n^\alpha(x)(1 - \alpha)\delta(\Sigma) \quad (5)$$

We will show that for de Sitter space time:

$$S_V^{\text{on shell}} = S_A^{\text{off shell}} \quad (6)$$

Geometry of the de Sitter Space-Time

The de Sitter space is a vacuum solution to Einstein's equation:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0. \tag{7}$$

The d -dimensional de Sitter space can be visualized as a one-sheeted hyperboloid embedded in a $d + 1$ -dimensional ambient Minkowski space, described by:

$$dS_d = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}, X^\alpha X_\alpha = -X_0^2 + \sum_i X_i^2 = H^{-2}\} \tag{8}$$

The static coordinates of de Sitter space are given by:

$$X = \begin{cases} X^0 = H^{-1}\sqrt{1 - r^2H^2} \sinh(tH) \\ X^i = rz_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, d-1 \\ X^d = \pm H^{-1}\sqrt{1 - r^2H^2} \cosh(tH) \end{cases}, \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty), r \in (0, H^{-1}), \tag{9}$$

where z_i are the coordinates on the $(d - 2)$ -dimensional sphere, and the \pm in X^d defines the right or left de Sitter wedges with the metric:

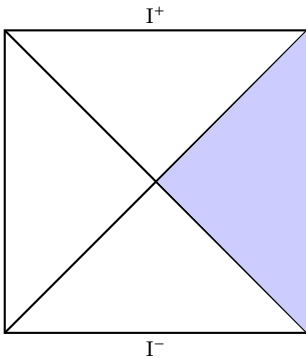
$$ds^2 = -(1 - r^2H^2)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - r^2H^2} + r^2 d\Omega_{d-2}^2. \tag{10}$$

The static coordinates are bounded by a Killing horizon:

$$r_{\text{horizon}} = \frac{1}{H}, \tag{11}$$

where the metric degenerates.

Penrose Diagram



f(R) Gravity

De Sitter space serves as a solution in modified gravity theory:

$$W = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} (f(R) - 2\Lambda) + W_{\text{matter}}. \quad (12)$$

The variation of the action with respect to the metric yields:

$$f'(R)R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}f(R)g_{\mu\nu} + (g_{\mu\nu} \square - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu) f'(R) + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{matter}}. \quad (13)$$

Thus, the de Sitter space, with Hubble constant equal to H , is a solution to the field equations in the absence of matter if the cosmological constant is given by:

$$\Lambda = \left(\frac{1}{2}f(R) - \frac{1}{d}f'(R)R \right) \Bigg|_{R=(d-1)dH^2}. \quad (14)$$

Thermodynamics of de Sitter Space

An observer in the static patch of de Sitter space sees isotropic radiation with Gibbons-Hawking temperature:

$$T_H = \frac{H}{2\pi}. \quad (15)$$

In the semiclassical approximation, the entropy of de Sitter space obeys the area law:

$$S = \frac{A}{4}. \quad (16)$$

- The Gibbons-Hawking temperature is $10^{-30}K$, which is much lower than the temperature of the cosmic microwave background, $T = 2.73K$.
- This temperature implies the existence of entropy in de Sitter space, which is given by $2.6 \cdot 10^{122}$, vastly exceeding the entropy of all the matter and energy in our Universe, which is on the order of 10^{104} .

Entropy (Replica Trick)

Let us consider a general curved spacetime M with a Killing horizon, and impose periodic boundary conditions $\tau \sim \tau + \beta$, with a non-fixed inverse temperature $\beta = 2\pi\alpha/H$. In the limit $\alpha \rightarrow 1$, the Riemannian tensor contains delta-like surface contributions near the horizon:

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{M\alpha} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^M + 2\pi(1 - \alpha) \left(n_\mu^1 n_\rho^2 - n_\mu^2 n_\rho^1 \right) \left(n_\nu^1 n_\sigma^2 - n_\nu^2 n_\sigma^1 \right) \delta(\Sigma) + O\left((1 - \alpha)^2\right), \quad (23)$$

where $n^{1,2}$ are two orthonormal vectors orthogonal to the horizon surface Σ . The classical action in the limit $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} W[\alpha] &= \\ &= -2\pi\alpha \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^{d-1}x \sqrt{g} \left(f(R^M) - 2\Lambda \right) - \\ &- \alpha(1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{4} \int d^{d-1}x \sqrt{g} \delta(\Sigma) f'(R^M) + O\left((1 - \alpha)^2\right). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Applying the replica formula, we find that the only surface term contributes to the entropy:

$$S_A^{\text{off shell}} = \text{Diagram of a sphere with a blue shaded region } \Sigma \text{ on its surface} = -(\alpha\partial_\alpha - 1)W[\alpha] \Big|_{\alpha=1} = \frac{A}{4} f'(R). \quad (25)$$

$\alpha = 2\pi - \delta$

Hence, the equality between the two expressions for the energy becomes evident. Nevertheless, we use at an intermediate step that derivative of the Euclidean function integral with respect to inverse temperature gives the energy of the system.

This relation holds if there is the equality between the Euclidean functional integral and the thermal partition function:

$$Z_\alpha = Z^E \stackrel{?}{=} Z^C = \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta \hat{H}}], \tag{37}$$

and if the energy of the system coincides with the expectation value of the Hamiltonian:

$$\langle \hat{E} \rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \langle \hat{H} \rangle = -\partial_\beta \log Z^C. \tag{38}$$

Both equalities hold in the absence of Killing horizon but for space-times with Killing horizons.

The difference between the energy defined by the stress-energy tensor and the canonical Hamiltonian is given by:

$$E = H - \xi Q, \tag{39}$$

where (ξQ) is a boundary term, which vanishes for minimally coupled field theory or in the absence of Killing horizons,

Off shell method

To compute entropy off shell we consider the Euclidean static de Sitter space-time with not fixed period β in time. Then expanding renormalized effective action W_β^{ren} in terms of $\beta - \beta_H$ we will compute the renormalized entanglement entropy at Gibbons-Hawking temperature:

$$S_A^{off\ shell} = (\alpha \partial_\alpha - 1) W_\alpha^{ren} \Big|_{\alpha=1}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\beta}{2\pi/H} \tag{40}$$

Since β is an arbitrary the Euclidean manifold has conical singularities at the horizon surface Σ .

$$W^{ren} = W_{gr}^{bar} + W_{matter}^{div} + O((1 - \alpha)^2). \tag{41}$$

Thus, it can be seen that up to the zeroth and first orders in $(1 - \alpha)$ all divergences are completely removed by the standard renormalization of the gravitational coupling constants:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{ren} &= W_{gr} + W_{matter} = & (53) \\
 &= \alpha \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(-\frac{1}{16\pi G_{ren}} (R^M - 2\Lambda_{ren}) + c_1^{ren} R^M R^M + c_2^{ren} R_{\mu\nu}^M R^{M,\mu\nu} + c_3^{ren} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^M R^{M,\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \right) + \\
 &+ 4\pi(1 - \alpha) \int d\Sigma \left(-\frac{1}{16\pi G_{ren}} + 2c_1^{ren} R^M + c_2^{ren} R_{\mu\nu}^M n_i^\mu n_i^\nu + 2c_3^{ren} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^M n_i^\mu n_i^\rho n_j^\nu n_j^\sigma \right) + \\
 &+ O((1 - \alpha)^2) + \text{finite terms.}
 \end{aligned}$$

The renormalized constants are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{G_{ren}} &= \frac{1}{G_B} + \frac{(6\xi - 1)}{12\pi\epsilon^2} + \frac{m^2(6\xi - 1)}{6\pi} \log(\epsilon m), & (54) \\
 c_1^{ren} &= c_1^B - \frac{(1 - 6\xi)^2 \log(\epsilon m)}{1152\pi^2}, \\
 c_2^{ren} &= c_2^B + \frac{1}{2880\pi^2} \log(\epsilon m), \\
 c_3^{ren} &= c_3^B - \frac{1}{2880\pi^2} \log(\epsilon m), \\
 \frac{\Lambda_{ren}}{G_{ren}} &= \frac{\Lambda_B}{G_B} - \frac{1}{8e^4\pi} + \frac{m^2}{4e^2\pi} + \frac{m^4 \log(\epsilon m)}{4\pi}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is sufficient to utilize the standard renormalization procedure up to the second order in $(1 - \alpha)^2$

We use the minimal DeWitt-Schwinger subtraction scheme to renormalize the effective action:

$$\begin{aligned} \log Z_{matter}^{ren} &= & (55) \\ &= \log \bar{Z}_{matter}^{div} - 2\pi\xi(1-\alpha) \int d\Sigma \langle \phi^2 \rangle_{\bar{Z}} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\epsilon^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \frac{e^{-sm^2}}{(4\pi s)^2} (a_0 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2). \end{aligned}$$

And zeta function regularization instead of the heat kernel one, since the expansion of $\log \bar{Z}_{matter}^{div}$ in terms of $(1-\alpha)$ has been computed using the zeta function techniques in Fursaev:1993.

As a result:

$$\log Z_{matter}^{ren} = -W_0(T_H) - (1-\alpha)W_1(T_H), \tag{56}$$

The energy of the system is defined as the variation of the effective action (34):

$$\langle \hat{E} \rangle = \frac{H^2}{8\pi} \frac{d}{dH} \left(\log Z_{matter}^{ren} \Big|_{\alpha=1} \right). \quad (57)$$

Then we show that:

$$\boxed{-\left(\partial_\beta \log Z_{matter}^{ren} \right) \Big|_{\alpha=1} = \langle \hat{E} \rangle}. \quad (58)$$

This is the one of main relation since now it is clear that if the derivatives with respect to the inverse temperature of the renormalized effective action give exactly the energy of the system, then there should be the equality between the off-shell and on-shell methods.

At first glance, this relation seems obvious; nevertheless, due to the difference between the energy defined by the stress-energy tensor and the canonical Hamiltonian:

$$\langle \hat{E} \rangle = \langle \hat{H} \rangle - \xi \langle \hat{Q} \rangle, \quad (59)$$

it is evident that the statistical mechanics relation is not fulfilled:

$$-\left(\partial_\beta \log Z_{matter}^{ren} \right) \Big|_{\alpha=1} = \langle \hat{H} \rangle - \xi \langle \hat{Q} \rangle \neq \langle \hat{H} \rangle. \quad (60)$$

