

On the universal behavior of $T\bar{T}$ -deformed CFTs

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- By definition, (1) is a double-trace deformation that can be applied to any quantum field theory with a well-defined stress tensor.

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- The single-trace $T\bar{T}$ deformation of $\text{sym}^N \mathcal{M}_0$ yields another symmetric product orbifold $\text{sym}^N \mathcal{M}_\mu$, whose seed theory \mathcal{M}_μ is the $T\bar{T}$ deformation of the seed CFT \mathcal{M}_0 . In other words, under the single-trace deformation each copy of the seed CFT is deformed by the $T\bar{T}$ operator in that copy.

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- We will assume that the deformation parameter satisfies $0 \leq \frac{\mu c}{3} \leq 1$ to avoid complex spectrum.

Partition function: double trace

The partition function of a $T\bar{T}$ -deformed CFT on a torus is defined in terms of the deformed spectrum by

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \mu) &:= \text{Tr} \left(q^{E_L(\mu)} \bar{q}^{E_R(\mu)} \right) = \sum_{E_L, E_R} d(E_L, E_R) e^{2\pi i \tau E_L(\mu) - 2\pi i \bar{\tau} E_R(\mu)} \\ &= \int dE_L dE_R \rho(E_L, E_R) e^{2\pi i \tau E_L(\mu) - 2\pi i \bar{\tau} E_R(\mu)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where τ is the modular parameter and $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$. $d(E_L, E_R)$ is the degeneracy of the spectrum and $\rho(E_L, E_R)$ is the spectrum density in the average meaning.

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- Crucially, the partition function is invariant under modular transformations in the sense that

$$Z\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \frac{a\bar{\tau} + b}{c\bar{\tau} + d}; \frac{\mu}{|c\tau + d|^2}\right) = Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \mu) \quad (5)$$

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$$|\tau|^2 \geq \frac{\mu c}{3} \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi^2 T_H^2} \quad (6)$$

where T_H is the Hagedorn temperature.

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- For symmetric orbifold CFT $\text{sym}^N \mathcal{M}_0$, a primary field is described by some representative of an orbit of S_N acting on the n -tuples $\langle \phi_1 \cdots \phi_N \rangle$ of primaries ϕ_i of \mathcal{M}_0 , together with a pair of commuting permutations $x, y \in S_N$ describing how the sheets are permuted when going around the cycle of a canonical homology basis.

- Therefore, x, y determines an N -sheeted covering of the torus which is usually not connected. Its connected components are in one-to-one correspondence with the orbits $\xi \in O(x, y)$ where $O(x, y)$ is the set of orbits of the subgroup generated by x and y . Each such connected component is itself a torus with modular parameter τ_ξ .

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- As a result, the partition function for $\text{sym}^N \mathcal{M}_0$ is given by (Bantay, 97)

$$Z_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{1}{|S_N|} \sum_{xy=yx} \sum_{\xi \in O(x,y)} Z(\tau_\xi) \quad (8)$$

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- Since the partition function of the seed theory \mathcal{M}_μ is modular invariant, it is natural to expect the partition function of $\text{sym}^N \mathcal{M}_\mu$ to be modular invariant as well. We will use this property to derive the partition function in the following.



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- A typical untwisted state Φ takes the form

$$\Phi = \text{Sym}(\otimes_{n=1}^N \phi^{(i_n)}) \quad (9)$$

where n labels different copies of the symmetric product and i_n labels the state on the n th copy.

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In total, the contribution of the untwisted states to the partition function is simply given by

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For arbitrary values of N , the partition function for the untwisted sector can then be written as

$$Z_{\text{untwisted}}(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \mu) = \sum_{\{k_1, \dots, k_N\}} \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^N n^{k_n} k_n!} \prod_{n=1}^N Z(n\tau, n\bar{\tau}; \mu)^{k_n} \quad (13)$$

where $\{k_1, \dots, k_N\}$ labels the conjugacy classes of S_N with k_n number of Z_N -cycles in each conjugacy class, i.e. the conjugacy class is $[g] = (1)^{k_1} (2)^{k_2} \dots (N)^{k_N}$. The k_n numbers are constrained to satisfy

$$\sum_{n=1}^N nk_n = N \quad (14)$$

The denominator in (13) is the order of the centralizer subgroup of a permutation g in the conjugacy class.

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In order to preserve the modular invariance, we need to add the contribution from the twisted sector. The twisted partition function can be determined by making each of $Z(n\tau, n\bar{\tau}; \mu)$ modular invariant by adding the modular image of (15).

When n is prime, it is not difficult to show that

$$\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{T}^{\alpha+kn} \cdot Z\left(\frac{\tau}{n}, \frac{\bar{\tau}}{n}; \frac{\mu}{n^2}\right) = \mathcal{T}^{\tilde{\alpha}+kn} \cdot Z\left(\frac{\tau}{n}, \frac{\bar{\tau}}{n}; \frac{\mu}{n^2}\right) \quad (16)$$

with $\alpha, \tilde{\alpha} \in [1, n-1]$ and satisfies $\alpha\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{k}n + 1$. As a result, the following linear combination of modular images of $Z(n\tau, n\bar{\tau}; \mu)$ is modular invariant

$$Z(n\tau, n\bar{\tau}; \mu) + \sum_{\alpha=0}^{n-1} Z\left(\frac{\tau + \alpha}{n}, \frac{\bar{\tau} + \alpha}{n}; \frac{\mu}{n^2}\right) \quad (17)$$

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We can write the generating functional of Z_N which sometimes is called the grand canonical partition function as

$$\mathcal{Z}(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \mu, p) := \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} p^N Z_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \mu) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^n}{n} (T'_n Z)(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \mu)\right) \quad (20)$$

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They are related to the spectrum of the twisted states of the undeformed symmetric orbifold via

$$E_{L,R}^{(n)}(0) = E_{L,R}^{(n)}(\mu) + \frac{2\mu}{n} E_L^{(n)}(\mu) E_R^{(n)}(\mu) \quad (22)$$

This matches the spectrum of perturbative strings on TsT-transformed backgrounds.

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- For a holographic CFT, the Cardy formula is expected to hold in a semiclassical limit where $c \rightarrow \infty$ and $E_{L,R} \sim c$. This motivates Hartman, Keller and Stoica to extend the range of validity of the Cardy formula where they showed that if the spectrum for light state is sparse, then the Cardy formula holds for large c at any temperature.

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- In order to estimate the partition function and extract the density of states, it is convenient to consider the Lorentzian torus that is obtained by setting $(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = (i\beta_L, -i\beta_R)$, where $\beta_{L,R}$ are two independent and strictly positive real numbers. Then the \mathcal{S} invariance reads

$$Z(\beta_L, \beta_R) = \text{Tr} \left(e^{-2\pi\beta_L E_L - 2\pi\beta_R E_R} \right) = Z(\beta'_L, \beta'_R) \quad (23)$$

where $\beta'_{L,R} = 1/\beta_{L,R}$.

We start by considering the simplest case where $\beta_L = \beta_R = \beta > 1$ and define the light and heavy states as

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To have the vacuum dominance, we only need to let the contribution from vacuum dominates over light states. It is not difficult to show that the sparseness condition reads

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where $E_{vac}(\mu)$ is the vacuum energy of the deformed CFT

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Consequently, under above sparseness condition for the light states, we have

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- A convenient quantity for the analysis is the generating function which can be written as

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It can be shown that the double sum converges in the large N limit so that $\log \tilde{Z}_\infty$ is finite. Therefore, the partition function is universal such that

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However, for such general case, the partition function has no good modular property. It would be interesting to derive this result in the field theory side.

Thanks for your attention!