

Renormalization group and quantum error correction

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1. Backgrounds

Bulk operator reconstruction in AdS/CFT

- Bulk operators in the causal wedge corresponding to a boundary sub-region can be reconstructed from the CFT operator on the sub-region.

$$\phi(x) = \int dY K(x; Y) \mathcal{O}(Y) \quad (1)$$

- Denote the bulk operator ϕ reconstructed by sub-region $A \cup B$ by ϕ_{AB} and the boundary operator on the sub-region C by \mathcal{O}_C .
From the locality of field theory,

$$[\phi_{AB}, \mathcal{O}_C] = [\phi_{AC}, \mathcal{O}_B] = [\phi_{BC}, \mathcal{O}_A] = 0. \quad (2)$$

(Radial commutativity)

- Suppose $\phi = \phi_{AB} = \phi_{BC} = \phi_{AC}$. By Schur's lemma, $\phi \propto I$.
 \Rightarrow This is paradox.

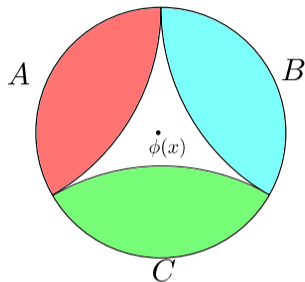


Figure: Bulk operator reconstruction.
From [Harlow, 2017]

AdS/CFT and quantum error correction

3qutrit code

Combine three 3-level systems (qutrits) $\text{span}\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle\}$ and encode a qutrit as follows:

$$|\tilde{i}\rangle = (U_{12} \otimes 1_3) \left(|i\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle + |22\rangle) \right) \quad (3)$$

$$|\tilde{0}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|000\rangle + |111\rangle + |222\rangle) \quad |\tilde{1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|012\rangle + |120\rangle + |201\rangle) \quad (4)$$

$$|\tilde{2}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|021\rangle + |102\rangle + |210\rangle)$$

Error correction condition (Knill-Laflamme condition)

$$\langle \tilde{i} | X_a^\dagger Y_b | \tilde{j} \rangle \propto \delta_{ij}, \quad X, Y : \text{Any operator acting on one qutrit.} \quad (5)$$

Operator reconstruction

$\forall \tilde{O}$ acting on $|\tilde{i}\rangle$, we can define O_{12} acting on 1st and 2nd qutrits by $O_{12} := U_{12} O_1 U_{12}^\dagger$ where $\langle \tilde{i} | \tilde{O} | \tilde{j} \rangle = \langle i | O_1 | j \rangle_1$. Then, for $|\tilde{\psi}\rangle \in \text{span}\{|\tilde{0}\rangle, |\tilde{1}\rangle, |\tilde{2}\rangle\}$,

$$\tilde{O} |\tilde{\psi}\rangle = O_{12} |\tilde{\psi}\rangle \quad (O_{12} \leftrightarrow \phi_{AB}). \quad (6)$$

$\Rightarrow \phi = \phi_{AB} = \phi_{BC} = \phi_{AC}$ does not hold.

\Rightarrow Solve the paradox.

Role of renormalization group in AdS/CFT

- Poincaré coordinate in AdS spacetime:

$$ds^2 = \frac{dz^2 - dx_0^2 + \sum_{i=1}^d dx_i^2}{z^2}. \quad (7)$$

- It is known that the z coordinate corresponds to energy scale for renormalization group.

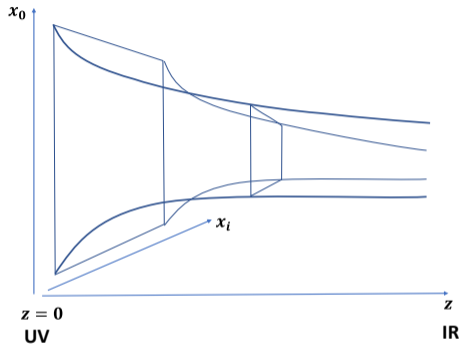


Figure: Poincaré coordinate

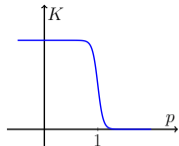
⇒ From these backgrounds, we study a relationship between renormalization group and quantum error correction. (c.f. [Furuya et al., 2022])

2. Renormalization group for wave functionals

Free scalar field theory

- In this talk, we consider scalar field theory and all quantities are dimensionless.
- In the free case, the Hamiltonian is given as follows:

$$H_{\Lambda}^{(0)} = \int_p K(p^2) \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{\delta\varphi(p)} \frac{\delta}{\delta\varphi(-p)} + \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\Lambda,p}^2 K^{-2}(p^2) \varphi(p) \varphi(-p) \right] \quad (8)$$



where $\omega_{\Lambda,p} = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2/\Lambda^2}$, Λ is an effective energy scale and K is a cut-off function.

- The ground state wave functional is given by

$$\Psi_{\Lambda}^{(0)}[\varphi] = \mathcal{N}_{\Lambda} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \int_p \varphi(p) \frac{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}{K_p} \varphi(-p) \right]. \quad (9)$$

- Define the creation and annihilation operators as follows:

$$a_{\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}{K_p}} \varphi(p) + \sqrt{\frac{K_p}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} \frac{\delta}{\delta\varphi(-p)} \right), \quad a_{\Lambda}^{(0)\dagger}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}{K_p}} \varphi(-p) - \sqrt{\frac{K_p}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} \frac{\delta}{\delta\varphi(p)} \right). \quad (10)$$

Unitary operator for renormalization group

- Represent the renormalization group flow of a ground state in scalar field theory by a unitary operator $U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV})$ as follows:

$$|\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda} = U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV}) |\Psi\rangle_{UV}, \quad (11)$$

where Λ_{UV} denotes UV cut-off.

- The flow of creation/annihilation operators can be expressed using $U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV})$ as follows:

$$a_{\Lambda}(p) = U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV}) a_{UV}(p) U^{\dagger}(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV}), \quad (12)$$

$$a_{\Lambda}^{\dagger}(p) = U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV}) a_{UV}^{\dagger}(p) U^{\dagger}(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV}). \quad (13)$$

Concrete form of U and scaling of a and a^\dagger in free case

- The concrete form of $U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv})$ is given as follows:

$$U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv}) = \exp \left[\int_{\Lambda}^{\Lambda_{uv}} \frac{d\Lambda'}{\Lambda} \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} \int_p \frac{-\Lambda \partial_{\Lambda} \omega_{\Lambda,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}} \left(a_{\Lambda}^{\dagger}(-p) a_{\Lambda}^{\dagger}(p) - a_{\Lambda}(p) a_{\Lambda}(-p) \right) \right\} \right]. \quad (14)$$

- Define the following operators:

$$a_{+,\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) := a_{\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) + a_{\Lambda}^{(0)\dagger}(-p), \quad (15)$$

$$a_{-,\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) := a_{\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) - a_{\Lambda}^{(0)\dagger}(-p). \quad (16)$$

- The scaling of $a_{\pm,\Lambda}^{(0)}(p)$ is obtained as

$$a_{+,\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}{\omega_{uv,p}}} a_{+,\Lambda_{uv}}^{(0)}(p), \quad a_{-,\Lambda}^{(0)}(p) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} a_{-,\Lambda_{uv}}^{(0)}(p). \quad (17)$$

3.Encoding procedure

Constructing q-level states by coherent states (c.f.[Furuya et al., 2022])

- Consider coherent states

$$|f\rangle_{\Lambda} = \exp \left[\int_p \left(f(p) a_{\Lambda}^{\dagger}(-p) - f^{\dagger}(-p) a_{\Lambda}(p) \right) \right] |\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda}. \quad (18)$$

- Choose $f = r f_0$ where $r = 0, \dots, q-1$ and f_0 is a real function such that $\int_p |f_0|^2$ is large.
 \Rightarrow Construct q-level states as follows:

$$|r f_0\rangle_{\Lambda} = \exp \left[-r \int_p f_0(-p) \left(a_{\Lambda}(p) - a_{\Lambda}^{\dagger}(-p) \right) \right] |\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda} \quad (19)$$

$$= \exp \left[-r \int_p f_0(-p) a_{-, \Lambda}(p) \right] |\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda}. \quad (20)$$

- These states approximately satisfy orthonormal condition:

$${}_{\Lambda} \langle r' f_0 | r f_0 \rangle_{\Lambda} = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (r - r')^2 \int_p |f_0(p)|^2 \right] \sim \delta_{rr'}. \quad (21)$$

\Rightarrow These states can be regarded as orthonormal basis.

Encoding procedure

- Encode the q-level states as follows:

$$|rf_0\rangle_{uv} = U^\dagger(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv}) |rf_0\rangle_\Lambda, \quad (22)$$

where $U^\dagger(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv})$ is the Hermitian conjugate of the RG unitary operator.

⇒ We represent the information at low energy scale in terms of d.o.f at high energy scale.

4. Quantum error correction

Error correction condition

- Consider an error operator $D_\Lambda[g]$ defined at low energy Λ as follows:

$$D_\Lambda[g] = \exp \left[\int_p g(-p) \left(a_\Lambda(p) - a_\Lambda^\dagger(-p) \right) \right] = \exp \left[\int_p g(-p) a_{-, \Lambda}(p) \right], \quad (23)$$

where g is an arbitrary real function.

- Error correction condition (Knill-Laflamme condition) can be written as follows:

$${}_{\text{uv}} \langle r' f_0 | D_\Lambda^\dagger[g] D_\Lambda[h] | r f_0 \rangle_{\text{uv}} \sim \alpha[g, h] \delta_{rr'}, \quad (24)$$

where $\alpha[g, h]$ is an Hermitian matrix on functional vector space.

\Rightarrow we will show that this condition is approximately satisfied in IR limit.

- To show this, it suffices to calculate

$${}_{\text{uv}} \langle r' f_0 | D_\Lambda[g] | r f_0 \rangle_{\text{uv}}, \quad (25)$$

for any real functions g because $D_\Lambda^\dagger[g] D_\Lambda[h] = D_\Lambda[g - h]$.

Free case

- Calculating ${}_{uv}\langle r' f_0 | D_\Lambda[g] | r f_0 \rangle_{uv}$ we obtain

$${}_{uv}\langle r' f_0 | D_\Lambda[g] | r f_0 \rangle_{uv} = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \int_p \left((r - r')^2 |f_0(p)|^2 - 2(r - r') \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} g(-p) f_0(p) + \frac{\omega_{uv,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}} |g(p)|^2 \right) \right] \quad (26)$$

- Taking IR limit ($\Lambda \ll m$), we obtain $\omega_{\Lambda,p} \gg \omega_{uv,p}$ so that the second and third terms in the exponent vanish.
 \Rightarrow when $\int_p |f_0(p)|^2$ is large enough, we obtain

$${}_{uv}\langle r' f_0 | D_\Lambda[g] | r f_0 \rangle_{uv} \sim \delta_{rr'}, \quad (27)$$

in IR limit.

\Rightarrow Error correction condition is satisfied.

\Rightarrow The states $|r f_0\rangle_{uv}$ encoded by U^\dagger are correctable from $D_\Lambda[g]$.

Interacting case 1

- Consider φ^4 interaction up to the first-order perturbation.
- The Hamiltonian is given by

$$H_\Lambda = H_\Lambda^{(0)} + \alpha H_{\text{int},\Lambda}, \quad (28)$$

$$H_{\text{int},\Lambda} = \frac{\delta m_\Lambda^2}{2} \int_p \varphi(p)\varphi(-p) + \frac{\lambda_\Lambda}{4!} \int_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} \varphi(p_1)\varphi(p_2)\varphi(p_3)\varphi(p_4) \tilde{\delta}\left(\sum_i p_i\right). \quad (29)$$

α is an expansion parameter.

- Expand the ground state, creation and annihilation operators in α as follows:

$$|\Psi\rangle_\Lambda = |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle_\Lambda + \alpha |\Psi^{(1)}\rangle_\Lambda + \dots, \quad (30)$$

$$a_\Lambda(p) = a_\Lambda^{(0)}(p) + \alpha a_\Lambda^{(1)}(p) + \dots, \quad a_\Lambda^\dagger(p) = a_\Lambda^{(0)\dagger}(p) + \alpha a_\Lambda^{(1)\dagger}(p) + \dots, \quad (31)$$

Interacting case 2

- We define $U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV})$ as the renormalization group flow of the ground state.
- Encoding is performed as follows:

$$|rf_0\rangle_{UV} = U^\dagger(\Lambda, \Lambda_{UV}) |rf_0\rangle_\Lambda. \quad (32)$$

- We consider an error operator as follows:

$$D_\Lambda[g] = \exp \left[\int_p g(-p) a_{-, \Lambda}(p) \right] = \exp \left[\int_p g(-p) (a_{-, \Lambda}^{(0)}(p) + \alpha a_{-, \Lambda}^{(1)}(p)) \right]. \quad (33)$$

- We find that the error correction condition is satisfied in IR limit up to the first-order perturbation.

$${}_{UV} \langle r' f_0 | D_\Lambda[g] | r f_0 \rangle_{UV} \sim \delta_{rr'}. \quad (34)$$

\Rightarrow The states are correctable from $D_\Lambda[g]$, even if there is an interaction up to the first-order perturbation.

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- The q-level states are constructed by coherent states.
- The encoding procedure is done by the inverse of the renormalization group unitary operator U .
- In the free case, the states are correctable from the error defined on IR.
- In the interacting case, up to the first-order perturbation of φ^4 interaction, the states are also correctable.

$${}_{\text{UV}}\langle r' f_0 | D^\dagger[g] D[h] | r f_0 \rangle_{\text{UV}} \sim \delta_{rr'}$$


Future work


- Extend this study to the non-perturbative theory.
- Relate this study to the bulk reconstruction.
- As we have seen, the encoding procedure is done by U^\dagger .
 \Rightarrow It should be important to consider the inverse renormalization group.
(c.f. [Berman et al., 2023, Cotler and Rezhikov, 2023])

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Backup Slides

Details of derivation of scaling in perturbation theory 1

Deriving the ground state up to first order perturbation of φ^4 interacting theory, we obtain

$$|\Psi\rangle_\Lambda = |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle_\Lambda + \alpha |\Psi^{(1)}\rangle_\Lambda, \quad (35)$$

where

$$|\Psi^{(1)}\rangle_\Lambda = A_\Lambda |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle_\Lambda \quad (36)$$

$$= \left[-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \int_{k_1 \dots k_4} \frac{\tilde{\delta}(\sum_{i=1}^4 k_i)}{\omega_{\Lambda,1} + \omega_{\Lambda,2} + \omega_{\Lambda,3} + \omega_{\Lambda,4}} \prod_{i=1}^4 \sqrt{\frac{K_i}{2\omega_{\Lambda,i}}} a_\Lambda^{(0)\dagger}(k_i) \right. \\ \left. - \left(\frac{\delta m_\Lambda^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \int_{\bar{p}} \frac{6K_p}{2\omega_p} \right) \int_k \frac{K_k}{4\omega_{\Lambda,k}^2} a_\Lambda^{(0)\dagger}(k) a_\Lambda^{(0)\dagger}(-k) \right] |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle. \quad (37)$$

Details of derivation of scaling in perturbation theory 2

We define $U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv})$, as the renormalization group flow of the ground state:

$$|\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda} = U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv}) |\Psi\rangle_{uv}, \quad (38)$$

We assume that $U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv})$ can be written as

$$U(\Lambda, \Lambda_{uv}) = T \exp \left[\int_{\Lambda}^{\Lambda_{uv}} \frac{d\Lambda'}{\Lambda'} X_{\Lambda'} \right]. \quad (39)$$

If we have known how the ground state flows by the analysing the renormalization group, we can calculate X_{Λ} from

$$-\Lambda \partial_{\Lambda} |\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda} = X_{\Lambda} |\Psi\rangle_{\Lambda}. \quad (40)$$

Details of derivation of scaling in perturbation theory 2

We can determine X_Λ perturbatively. Expanding the scaling equation for the ground state, we obtain

$$-\Lambda \partial_\Lambda |\Psi_0^{(0)}\rangle_\Lambda = X_\Lambda^{(0)} |\Psi_0^{(0)}\rangle_\Lambda, \quad (41)$$

$$-\Lambda \partial_\Lambda |\Psi_0^{(1)}\rangle_\Lambda = X_\Lambda^{(0)} |\Psi_0^{(1)}\rangle_\Lambda + X_\Lambda^{(1)} |\Psi_0^{(0)}\rangle_\Lambda. \quad (42)$$

From them, we obtain

$$-\Lambda \partial_\Lambda A_\Lambda = X_\Lambda^{(1)} + [X_\Lambda^{(0)}, A_\Lambda]. \quad (43)$$

Details of derivation of scaling in perturbation theory 3

We also expand the scaling equation for annihilation operators and obtain

$$-\Lambda \partial_\Lambda a_\Lambda^{(0)}(p) = \left[X_\Lambda^{(0)}, a_\Lambda^{(0)}(p) \right] \quad (44)$$

$$-\Lambda \partial_\Lambda a_\Lambda^{(1)}(p) = \left[X_\Lambda^{(1)}, a_\Lambda^{(0)}(p) \right] + \left[X_\Lambda^{(0)}, a_\Lambda^{(1)}(p) \right] \quad (45)$$

Same equations hold for a^\dagger .

Solving (45) by using (43), we see that the solution is

$$a_\Lambda^{(1)}(p) = -[a_\Lambda^{(0)}(p), A_\Lambda]. \quad (46)$$

Details of error correction in perturbation theory1

The error can be expressed as

$$D[g] = \exp \left[\int_p g(-p) a_{-, \Lambda}(p) \right] = \exp \left[\int_p g(-p) \left(a_{-, \Lambda}^{(0)}(p) + \alpha a_{-, \Lambda}^{(1)}(-p) \right) \right]. \quad (47)$$

And the quantity we evaluate is

$${}_{uv} \langle r' f_0 | D[g] | r f_0 \rangle_{uv} \quad (48)$$

We calculate this perturbative.

First,

$$a_{-, \Lambda}(p) = a_{-, \Lambda}^{(0)}(p) + \alpha a_{-, \Lambda}^{(1)} \left(p; a_{+, \Lambda}^{(0)}, a_{-, \Lambda}^{(0)} \right) \quad (49)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} a_{+, uv}^{(0)}(p) + \alpha a_{-, \Lambda}^{(1)} \left(p; \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\Lambda}}{\omega_{uv}}} a_{+, uv}^{(0)}, \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv}}{\omega_{\Lambda}}} a_{+, uv}^{(0)} \right). \quad (50)$$

This notation means that $a_{-, \Lambda}^{(1)}$ contains $a_{\pm, 0}^{(0)}$.

Details of error correction in perturbation theory2

For the first term we use $a_{+,uv}^{(0)} = a_{+,uv} - \alpha a_{+,uv}^{(1)}$ and for the α term, we can replace $a^{(0)}$ to a if we consider up to first order of perturbation.

Then,

$$a_{-, \Lambda}(p) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} a_{+,uv}(p) + \alpha \left\{ a_{-, \Lambda}^{(1)} \left(p; \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\Lambda}}{\omega_{uv}}} a_{+,uv}, \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv}}{\omega_{\Lambda}}} a_{+,uv} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{uv,p}}{\omega_{\Lambda,p}}} a_{+,uv}^{(1)}(p; a_{+,uv}, a_{+,uv}) \right\}. \quad (51)$$

Using the fact that coherent state is a eigenstate for annihilation operator:

$$a_{\Lambda}(p) |rf_0\rangle_{\Lambda} = rf_0(p) |rf_0\rangle_{\Lambda} \quad (52)$$

we can calculate error correction condition.