

In and around Koo-Saleur formulas

The art of mathematical physics

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Motivation: Quantum Church-Turing Thesis

- **Church-Turing Thesis:**

Any reasonable computation can be done by Turing machines. Algorithm=TM
Turing machine can simulate any physical system, but **slowly**.

(Assume any physical theory is computable.)

- **Extended Church-Turing Thesis: Efficiently**

All physical theories can be simulated by TMs efficiently.

Potential counterexample: Quantum computing

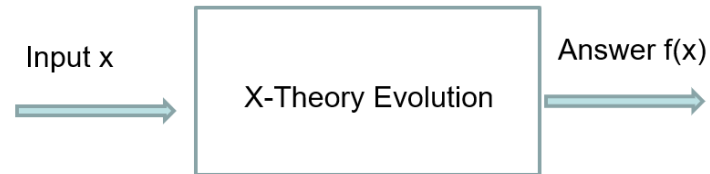
- **Quantum Church-Turing thesis:**

There is a unique quantum model of computing, it implies that any physical quantum field theory can be **efficiently** simulated by quantum computers.

Hence quantum computers can simulate conformal field theories. How?

(All CFTs are two dimensional, unitary, and rational.)

Computational Power of Physical Theories



Each theory provides a computational model,
which selects class of efficiently solvable problems XP

Classical Physics

Turing Machines P

Quantum Mechanics

Quantum Circuit Model BQP

Quantum Field Theory

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String Theory

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**Rigorous classes of QFTs:
TQFTs, CFTs, ...**

**True for TQFTs (Freedman, Kitaev, W. 02):
BQP=B-TQFT-P**

How about CFTs?

What to Simulate

Two things: Evolutions and Partition functions.

For TQFTs, representations of mapping class groups (braid groups), and 3-manifold and link invariants.

Some key ingredients:

- 1) Finitely dimensional Hilbert spaces (TQFT=trivial QFT), but no tensor product
- 2) MCG and braid groups have local generators,
complexity of MCG or braid for simulation is transparent
- 3) A form of locality of TQFTs as given by
gluing formulas---quantum state can be reconstructed
from local patches---leading to qudits

Simulating TQFTs I: Reps of braid groups (FKW)

Given some anyon statistics or rep of the braid groups

$$\rho: \mathbf{B}_n \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \mathbf{U}(V_n), \quad V_n = V(\text{red dots})$$

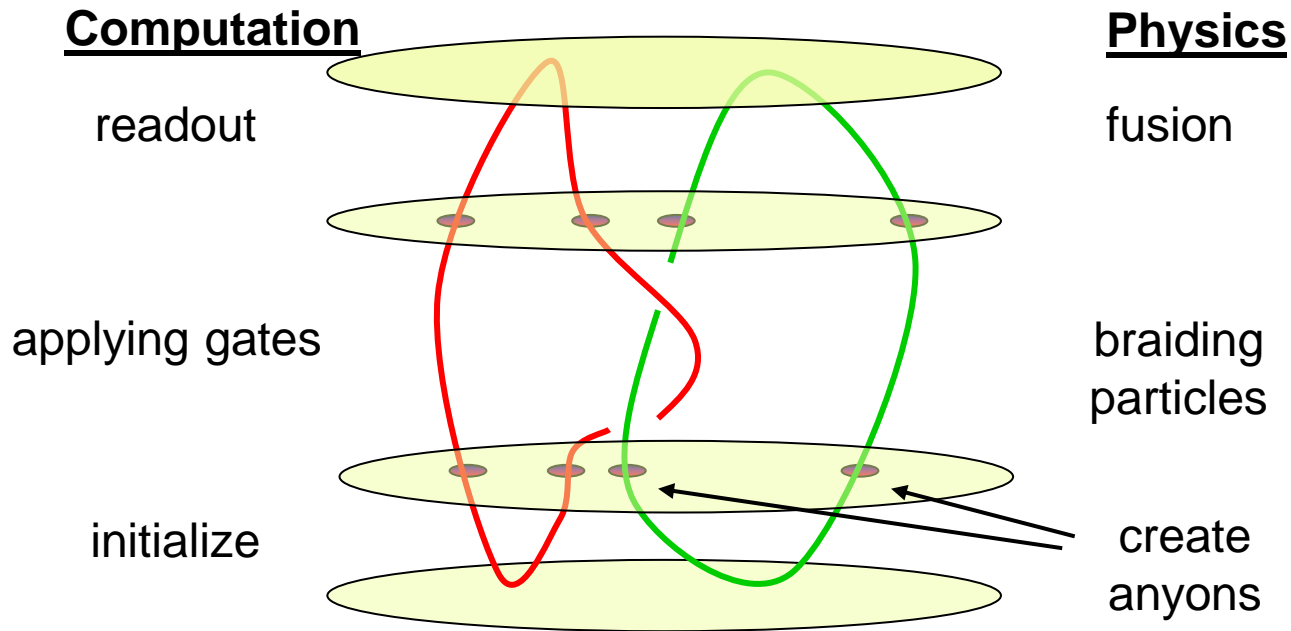
Find a **quantum circuit** on $m(n)$ qudits $W = \mathcal{C}^d = \bigoplus_{(a,b,c) \in \mathcal{L}^3} V_{abc}$

$$U_i : W^{\otimes m} \longrightarrow W^{\otimes m}$$

so that the following commutes ideally:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_n & \rightarrow & W^{\otimes m} \\ \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow U_L \\ V_n & \rightarrow & W^{\otimes m} \end{array}$$

Simulation of TQFT II: Approximation Link Invariants (FKW)



Can we and how to extend these to CFTs?

Bulk-edge correspondence

Edge physics of fractional quantum Hall liquids:

∂ Witten-Chern-Simons theories

\sim Wen's chiral Luttinger liquids

∂ TQFTs/UMTCs \sim χ CFTs/VOA

Conjecturally, every anyon model is a representation category of some vertex operator algebra (VOA).

Efficient simulation of TQFTs hints at efficient simulation of CFTs

Two analogues to simulate

- Representations of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$
- Approximate correlation functions $|(1, \mathcal{Y}_n(a_n, z_n) \dots \mathcal{Y}_1(a_1, z_1)1)|.$

Some issues:

- Infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces
- No obvious local generating set of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$
- No obvious gluing formulas, what does locality imply for simulating CFTs?
- ...

Gapped vs gapless

Finite approximation of CFTs: TQFT Hilbert spaces

$$\text{Diff}(S^1)$$

$$B_\infty = \lim_n B_n$$

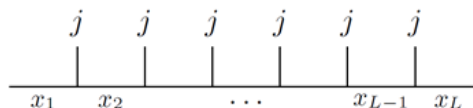
$$\text{VOA } V = \bigoplus_i V_{[i]}$$

$$V_\infty = \lim_n V_n$$

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V_n --Hilbert space of n anyons

$$V_n = V(\text{...})$$



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braid σ_i

$(\bigoplus_{i \leq n} V_{[i]})$ not good as $L_m = 0$ if m large enough)

Temperley-Lieb algebras and braid groups

Kauffman bracket/Jones representation

$$\begin{array}{c} \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ i \quad i+1 \end{array} = A \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ i \quad i+1 \end{array} + A^{-1} \begin{array}{c} \cup \\ \cap \\ i \quad i+1 \end{array}$$

$$\sigma_i = A Id + A^{-1} d e_i$$

Compare with $e^{iPx} = \cos x Id + i \sin x P$

“Lie algebra” vs “Lie group”

VOA and LCN

Two definitions of χ CFT:

VOA

“Lie algebra”

$$\{L_n\}$$

LCN (local conformal net)

“Lie group”

$$\{e^{iL(f)}\}$$

$$L(f) = \sum f_n^\wedge L_n, \quad f \in C^\infty(S^1), \quad f_n^\wedge \text{ Fourier coefficient}$$

smearing conformal field $Y(\omega, f)$

Admissible unitaries:

$e^{iL(f)}$ is admissible if $L(f)$ is a finite sum.

Thm: (Goodman-Wallach):

Every infinitesimally unitary projective representation of the subalgebra of real vector fields on S^1 with finite Fourier series can be integrated to a continuous projective unitary representation of $\text{Diff}(S^1)$.

Lattice version of Virasoro generators L_m

VOAs V approximated by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccccccccc} & j & & j & & j & & j & & j & & j \\ & | & & | & & | & & | & & | & & | \\ \hline x_1 & & x_2 & & & \dots & & x_{L-1} & & x_L \end{array} \right\}$$

$$e_\theta \xrightarrow{SL} Y(\omega, e^{i\theta}) \quad Y(\omega, z) = \sum L_m z^{-m-2}$$

Temperley-Lieb generators e_i are finite lattice version of Fourier transform of the Virasoro generators L_m . How are they related precisely, i.e., how conformal symmetry emerges from lattice?

Elementary unitary (energy local) should come from $e^{iL_m[L]}$, $L_m[L]$ =some lattice version of L_m such as Koo-Saleur formulas.

Spin chains: Koo-Saleur formulas

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi \sin \gamma} \sum_{j=1}^N \left[\sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x + \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^y + \Delta(\sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z - 1) + 2e_\infty \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n[N] = \frac{N}{4\pi} \left[-\frac{\gamma}{\pi \sin \gamma} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{inj2\pi/N} \left(e_j - e_\infty + \frac{i\gamma}{\pi \sin \gamma} [e_j, e_{j+1}] \right) \right] + \frac{c}{24} \delta_{n,0} ,$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{L}}_n[N] = \frac{N}{4\pi} \left[-\frac{\gamma}{\pi \sin \gamma} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{-inj2\pi/N} \left(e_j - e_\infty - \frac{i\gamma}{\pi \sin \gamma} [e_j, e_{j+1}] \right) \right] + \frac{c}{24} \delta_{n,0}$$

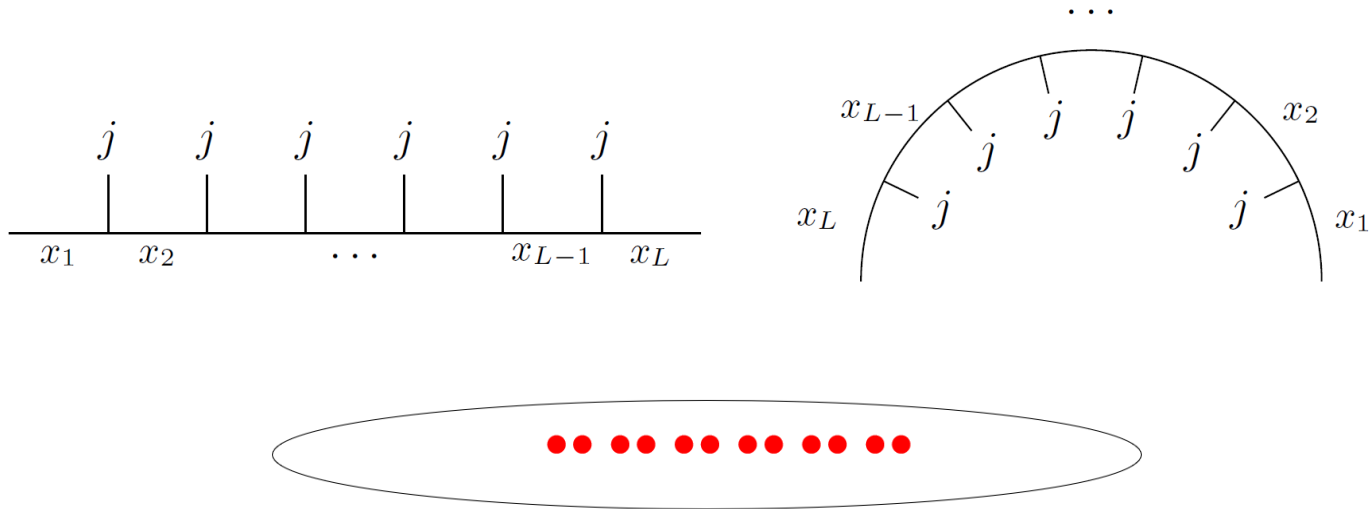
$$[\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n] = (m - n) \mathcal{L}_{m+n} + \delta_{m+n,0} \frac{1}{12} (m^3 c^* - mc) .$$

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Anyonic Chains



$$H = J \sum_i P_i^0,$$

$$H = -\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} e_i.$$

Anyonic Chain Approach

- **Jones:** a general spin chain = Hilbert spaces tensored together by Connes fusion.
- Explicit study of golden chain ([Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 160409](#))
 - 1) Exactly solvable related to RSOS models, but not known rigorously solvable.
 - 2) Numerical simulations show they converge to CFTs.
 - 3) Protected by topological symmetries.

Koo-Saleur Modified

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Our modified formulas:

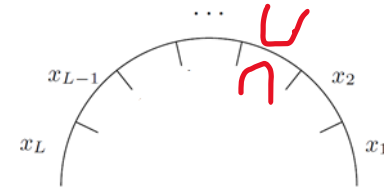
$$O_n^c = - \sum_{j=1}^{2n-1} \cos\left(\frac{m(j + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{2n+1}\right) e_j, \quad O_n^s = i \sum_{j=1}^{2n-2} \sin\left(\frac{m(j+1)\pi}{2n+1}\right) [e_j, e_{j+1}],$$

we have operators $\tilde{L}_{\pm m}^c, \tilde{L}_{\pm m}^s \xrightarrow{SL} L_{\pm m}$ satisfying the properties in [4.3](#) and,

$$\frac{\tilde{L}_m^c + \tilde{L}_{-m}^c}{2} = \alpha_n^c O_n^c + \beta_n^{m,c} \mathbf{I} \xrightarrow{SL} \frac{L_m + L_{-m}}{2},$$

$$\frac{i(\tilde{L}_m^s - \tilde{L}_{-m}^s)}{2} = \alpha_n^s O_n^s + \beta_n^{m,s} \mathbf{I} \xrightarrow{SL} \frac{i(L_m - L_{-m})}{2},$$

where $\alpha_n^c, \alpha_n^s, \beta_n^{m,c}$, and $\beta_n^{m,s}$ are suitable scaling factors.



Comparison with Koo-Saleur formulas: $j + 1$ vs $j + \frac{1}{2}$

In what sense, the finite approximations converge to CFTs?

Mathematical Scaling Limit

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Denote by \mathcal{W}_n^M the Hilbert space \mathcal{W}_n restricted to energies at most M , i.e. $\mathcal{W}_n^M = \bigoplus_{\lambda_i^{(n)} \leq M} E_{\lambda_i^{(n)}}$. Assume the following set of properties **(P)**

- $\lambda_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_i^{(n)}$ exists for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ with the convention $\lambda_i^{(n)} = 0$ for $i > d(n)$,
- (connecting maps) for all $M > \lambda_1$, there exist *connecting* unitary maps $\phi_n^M : \mathcal{W}_n^M \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{n+1}^M$ for large enough n ,
- (extension) ϕ_n^M is an extension of $\phi_n^{M'}$ when $M \geq M'$.

Definition 3. Given a sequence of quantum theories (\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) with given connecting maps ϕ_n^M satisfying properties **(P)**, the *scaling limit* (\mathcal{V}, H) is the result of the double colimit construction. This limit will be written as $(\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) \xrightarrow{SL} (\mathcal{V}, H)$.

The definition is inspired by earlier works of Gainutdinov-Read-Saleur and numerical simulation of anyonic chains.

Algorithmic. Scaling limit of observables as algebras.
Rate of convergence (scaling dimension of irrelevant operators).

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Scaling Limit of Ising ACs

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Hamiltonian

$$H = i \sum_{a=1}^{2n-1} t_a \psi_{a+1} \psi_a.$$

- (a) $\mathcal{W}_n = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, $H_n = -\sum_{j=1}^{2n-1} e_j$. Then $(\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) \xrightarrow{SL} (\chi_0 + \chi_{\frac{1}{2}}, L_0)$.
- (b) $\mathcal{W}_n = (0, 0)$ or $(1, 1)$, $H_n = -\sum_{j=2}^{2n-2} e_j$. Then $(\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) \xrightarrow{SL} (\chi_0, L_0)$.
- (c) $\mathcal{W}_n = (0, 1)$ or $(1, 0)$, $H_n = -\sum_{j=2}^{2n-2} e_j$. Then $(\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) \xrightarrow{SL} (\chi_{\frac{1}{2}}, L_0)$.
- (d) $\mathcal{W}_n = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ or $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $H_n = -\sum_{j=1}^{2n-2} e_j$. Then $(\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) \xrightarrow{SL} (\chi_{\frac{1}{16}}, L_0)$.
- (e) \mathcal{W}_n be the periodic chain of size $2n$, and $H_n = -\sum_{j=1}^{2n} e_j$. Then

$$(\mathcal{W}_n, H_n) \xrightarrow{SL} (\chi_0 \bar{\chi}_0 + \chi_{\frac{1}{2}} \bar{\chi}_{\frac{1}{2}} + \chi_{\frac{1}{16}} \bar{\chi}_{\frac{1}{16}}, L_0 + \bar{L}_0)$$

if n is even.

Furthermore, the rate of convergence of each scaling limit is $O(\frac{1}{n})$ while we have restriction of energies up to $O(\sqrt[3]{n})$.

2- For the corresponding higher Virasoro generators action, with the same rate of convergence as above, given a fixed $m \neq 0$, we have (up to some scalings)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & -\sum_{j=1}^{2n-1} \cos\left(\frac{m(j+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{2n+1}\right) e_j \xrightarrow{SL} L_m + L_{-m}, \\ & i \sum_{j=1}^{2n-2} \sin\left(\frac{m(j+1)\pi}{2n+1}\right) [e_j, e_{j+1}] \xrightarrow{SL} i(L_m - L_{-m}) \end{aligned}$$

Some partial simulation results

Theorem 3.5.1 *Given $f \in C^\infty_\mathbb{R}(S^1)$ with finitely many Fourier coefficients, a quantum computer can approximate the following up to an error ϵ in polynomially many steps in $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$*

$$|(\Omega, e^{iL(f)}\Omega)|.$$

Theorem 3.5.3 *Consider the same settings as in Conjecture 3.3.1, with the exception of a prepared homogeneous state ξ of energy E instead of Ω , and the promise that*

$$\sum_{j=1}^k ||(f^{(j)})'||_{r_\omega+2}$$

is of order $O(\log(n_1, \dots, n_k, k))$. Then one can efficiently approximate the state

$$\prod_{j=1}^k e^{iL(f^{(j)})}\xi$$

up to error ϵ in polynomially many steps in $\{\frac{1}{\epsilon}, n_1, \dots, n_k, k, E\} \cup \{(f^{(\hat{j})})_m\}_{j,m}$ on a quantum computer.

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Dream: Golden chain

- The Fibonacci chain or golden chain converges to the tri-critical minimal model $M(5,4)$ $c=7/10$.
- In general, scaling limit of ACs of spin=1/2 in $SU(2)_k$ converges to minimal models $M(k+2,k+1)$:

UMMs with central charge $c = 1 - \frac{6}{(k+1)(k+2)}$.

Conjecture 4.3. For any UMM VOA $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{c,0}$ and chiral representation $\mathcal{V}_{c,h}$, there is a sequence of quantum theories with **strong** scaling limit $(\mathcal{V}_{c,h}, L_0)$ such that for each L_m , we have a sequence $\tilde{L}_m \in \mathcal{A}_n$ with the following properties:

- It is a space local observable with hermitian operators $a\tilde{L}_m + \bar{a}\tilde{L}_{-m} \in \mathcal{A}_n^H$.
- It shifts the energy no more than $|m|$.
- Restricted to energy at most n^{d_ω} it has the following approximation by $L_m|_{n^{d_\omega}}$ with the rest being R_n^m :

$$\tilde{L}_m = L_m|_{n^{d_\omega}} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^{g_\omega}}\right) + R_n^m,$$

where d_ω, g_ω are positive constants.

- Its norm is bounded by $O(n^{e_\omega})$ for some constant e_ω .

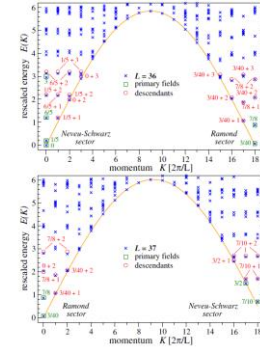


FIG. 3 (color online). Energy spectra for periodic chains of size L . Energies are rescaled and shifted such that the two lowest eigenvalues match the CFT assignments. Open boxes indicate positions of primary fields of the $c = \frac{7}{10}$ CFT. Open circles give positions of descendant fields as indicated. As a guide to the eye the solid line is a cosine-fit to the dispersion.

Happy Birthday!

