

## Universal Entanglement and Correlation Measure in Two-Dimensional Conformal Field Theories

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We calculate the amount of entanglement shared by two intervals in the ground state of a  $(1+1)$ -dimensional conformal field theory (CFT), quantified by an entanglement measure  $\mathcal{E}$  based on the computable cross norm (CCNR) criterion. Unlike negativity or mutual information, we show that  $\mathcal{E}$  has a universal expression even for two disjoint intervals, which depends only on the geometry, the central charge  $c$ , and the thermal partition function of the CFT. We prove this universal expression in the replica approach, where the Riemann surface for calculating  $\mathcal{E}$  at each order  $n$  is always a torus topologically. By analytic continuation, the result of  $n = \frac{1}{2}$  gives the value of  $\mathcal{E}$ . Furthermore, the results of other values of  $n$  also yield meaningful conclusions: The  $n = 1$  result gives a general formula for the two-interval purity, which enables us to calculate the Rényi-2  $N$ -partite information for  $N \leq 4$  intervals; while the  $n = \infty$  result bounds the correlation function of the two intervals. We verify our findings numerically in the spin-1/2 XXZ chain, whose ground state is described by the Luttinger liquid.

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*Introduction.*—It is crucial to understand the structure of entanglement in quantum many-body systems [1]. For critical ground states (and the corresponding low energy sector) described by conformal field theory (CFT), people have derived rigorous results on numerous aspects of entanglement [2–11], especially in one spatial dimension with an infinite number of local conformal transformations. Most notably, a single interval of length  $\ell$  has a universal entanglement entropy (EE)  $S = (c/3) \ln \ell$  proportional to the central charge  $c$  of the CFT [2,3].

However, for two disjoint intervals  $A$  and  $B$ , it becomes challenging to calculate either EE of them as a whole or the classical correlation and quantum entanglement shared between  $A$  and  $B$ . These quantities would no longer be universal while depending on the full operator content of the CFT [7,12–15], as we briefly overview below. Since  $A$  and  $B$  share a mixed state, there is no unique measure that quantifies the entanglement and correlation in between [16]. Two measures have been mainly studied, namely, mutual information [13] and positive partial transpose (PPT) negativity [7]. These quantities are calculated in the replica approach, where the Rényi version of order  $n$  is expressed as a path integral on a Riemann surface composed of  $n$  replicas of the system. Unlike the single-interval case, the genus of the Riemann surface grows with  $n$  [7,14]. Since CFT calculations on high-genus surfaces become nonuniversal, the result for general  $n$  is very complicated even for free theories [14], which makes it difficult to analytically continue to the one-replica limit. Despite the

progress that has been made [17–28], there was no closed-form formula for either entanglement or correlation of two disjoint intervals in general  $(1+1)$ D CFT ground states.

In this Letter, we solve this problem by studying the *computable cross norm (CCNR) negativity* as a different measure for entanglement and correlation. The advantage of this quantity is that the Riemann surface for any number of replicas always has genus 1, which enables us to draw a connection with *CFT on the torus*, a much better-understood scenario than high-genus surfaces [29]. By exploiting this quantity at each order  $n$  and assuming the thermal free energy of the CFT is known, we derive universal formulas for not only the CCNR negativity, but also other quantifiers of entanglement and correlation in the ground state. These quantifiers include the two-interval purity (which generalizes the analytical result in [13] to all CFTs),  $N$ -partite information for up to  $N = 4$  intervals, and a bound on the correlation function for two intervals. We verify our main results numerically in a spin-1/2 XXZ model.

For any state  $\rho$  shared by two parties  $A$  and  $B$ , define a realignment matrix  $R$  with matrix elements

$$\langle a | \langle a' | R | b \rangle | b' \rangle = \langle a | \langle b | \rho | a' \rangle | b' \rangle, \quad (1)$$

where  $\{|a\rangle\}$  and  $\{|b\rangle\}$  are the basis for  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. By definition,  $R$  is not necessarily a square matrix. It can be proved that  $\|R\|_1 = \text{tr}(\sqrt{RR^\dagger}) \leq 1$  if  $\rho$  is

separable, so a state is guaranteed to be entangled if  $\|R\|_1 > 1$ , the so-called the CCNR criterion [30]. As a commonly used mixed-state criterion, it has a similar detection capability as the PPT criterion [31]. Following the definition of PPT negativity that originates from the PPT criterion [32], the CCNR negativity is defined by

$$\mathcal{E} = \ln \|R\|_1, \quad (2)$$

as an entanglement measure. Note the similarity with the operator entanglement [33,34].

Now we are ready to set up the problem and present our main result for  $\mathcal{E}$ . For an infinite 1D system at its ground state described by a 2D CFT, we study the CCNR negativity  $\mathcal{E}$  between two intervals  $A = [u_a, v_a]$  and  $B = [u_b, v_b]$ , with  $u_a < v_a \leq u_b < v_b$  and lengths  $\ell_\alpha = v_\alpha - u_\alpha$  ( $\alpha = a, b$ ). We show that  $\mathcal{E}$  is related to the torus partition function  $Z(\tau/2)$  of the CFT with a *universal* function:

$$e^{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{Z(\tau/2)}{(\ell_a \ell_b |u_a - u_b| |v_a - v_b| |u_a - v_b| |u_b - v_a|)^{c/24}}, \quad (3)$$

where the pure imaginary modular parameter  $\tau/2$  of the torus is related to the four-point ratio

$$x = \frac{(u_a - v_a)(u_b - v_b)}{(u_a - u_b)(v_a - v_b)} \in (0, 1), \quad (4)$$

by

$$x = \left( \frac{\theta_2(\tau)}{\theta_3(\tau)} \right)^4, \quad (5)$$

with  $\theta_\nu$  being Jacobi theta functions.  $Z(\tau/2)$  is the partition function of the theory on a unit circle at finite temperature  $2/|\tau|$ , which depends on the CFT model [see Eq. (S2) in Supplemental Material [35] for the explicit expression]. Other than this dependence, the entanglement measure  $\mathcal{E}$  is completely determined by the central charge and geometry. This *universality* also holds for the correlation measures  $Z_n$ 's that we will introduce. We note that Eq. (3) is also universal in the strong sense: different microscopic models described by the same CFT will have the same  $\mathcal{E}$  in Eq. (3) (up to an additive constant).

*A replica approach.*—Following previous works [3,36,37],  $\mathcal{E}$  can be computed via a ‘‘replica trick’’ method (see Supplemental Material [35] for a rigorous proof):

$$\mathcal{E} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1/2} \ln Z_n, \quad \text{where } Z_n \equiv \text{tr}[(R^\dagger R)^n], \quad (6)$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow 1/2}$  means analytic continuation from integer values of  $n$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  $Z_n$  can be expressed as contracting  $2n$  copies of  $\rho$  as tensors [see Figs. 1(a) and 1(b)]. Using imaginary time path integral, any matrix element of  $\rho$  for

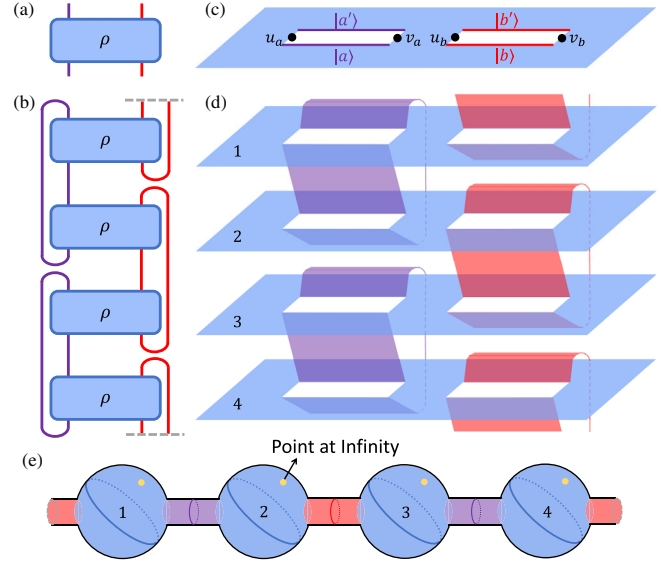


FIG. 1. (a) Density matrix  $\rho$  as a tensor. (b) Tensor representation of  $Z_n$  with  $n = 2$ , where the gray dashed lines represent the periodic boundary condition. (c) Path integral formulation for a matrix element of  $\rho$ , which is also a matrix element of realignment matrix  $R$ . (d) The Riemann surface  $\mathcal{R}_2$  on which path integration yields  $Z_2$ . Note that sheets 1 and 4 are connected at the right interval  $B$ . (e) Smooth deformation of the surface in (d), which shows the topological equivalence to a torus. The blue spheres stand for the blue sheets in (d) and the colored cylinders stand for the connections between the same area of the two neighboring sheets. The yellow dots are the points at infinity of the sheets.

the subsystem  $A \cup B$  in the ground state equals the partition function on a 2D plane  $\mathbb{C}$  with open cuts at the two intervals, as shown in Fig. 1(c). The boundary conditions at the cuts correspond to the four states  $|a\rangle, |a'\rangle, |b\rangle, |b'\rangle$  specified by the given matrix element. Connecting the matrix elements according to Fig. 1(b),  $Z_n$  is then the partition function on a Riemann surface  $\mathcal{R}_n$  depicted in Fig. 1(d). The most important observation of this Letter is that, as the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  is topologically equivalent to a sphere when compactified,  $\mathcal{R}_n$  is topologically equivalent to a *torus* for any value of  $n$ . We take the case  $n = 2$  as an example to show this equivalence in Fig. 1(e). This is the key property that make the CCNR negativity easier to calculate than the PPT negativity in CFT.

When compressed to a single plane,  $Z_n$  can be further viewed as the correlation function of some *twist fields*  $T'_{2n}(z)$  in  $2n$  copies of the original theory [38]

$$Z_n = \langle T'_{2n}(u_a) T'_{2n}(v_a) \tilde{T}'_{2n}(u_b) \tilde{T}'_{2n}(v_b) \rangle, \quad (7)$$

where the fields locate at the four end points of  $A$  and  $B$ . In a nutshell, each sheet of  $\mathcal{R}_n$  corresponds to a flavor (labeled by  $1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ) in the compressed plane, and  $T'_{2n}$  and  $\tilde{T}'_{2n}$  permute the flavors by  $(1 \leftrightarrow 2, 3 \leftrightarrow 4, \dots, 2n-1 \leftrightarrow 2n)$

and  $(2 \leftrightarrow 3, \dots, 2n \leftrightarrow 1)$ , respectively. Note that these twist fields differ from  $\mathcal{T}_{2n}$  for calculating EE and PPT negativity in the literature [3,7], where the permutation is cyclic  $(1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3, \dots, 2n \rightarrow 1)$ . This replica approach also works for general systems beyond 2D CFT.

*Two adjacent intervals.*—In 2D CFT, the Riemann surface  $\mathcal{R}_n$  can be conformally transformed to more tractable geometries, with well-known transformation properties of primary fields such as  $\mathcal{T}'_{2n}$ . As a warm up, consider the case  $v_a = u_b$ , so that  $A$  and  $B$  are adjacent. Then  $Z_n$  corresponds to a three-point function  $Z_n = \langle \mathcal{T}'_{2n}(u_a) \mathcal{T}_n^{\otimes 2}(u_b) \tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}(v_b) \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{T}_n^{\otimes 2}$ , the composition of  $\mathcal{T}'_{2n}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}$ , permutes the flavors by  $(1 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 5, \dots, 2n-1 \rightarrow 1)$  and  $(2 \rightarrow 2n, 4 \rightarrow 2, \dots, 2n \rightarrow 2n-2)$ . This justifies the notation  $\mathcal{T}_n^{\otimes 2}$ , which means the odd and even groups of flavors factorize, and there is a cyclic permutation in each group. In CFT, three-point functions take a universal form [39] that only depends on the geometry, the central charge  $c$ , and the conformal dimensions of the three operators that we compute as follows. To obtain the conformal dimension  $h_{\mathcal{T}'_{2n}} = \bar{h}_{\mathcal{T}'_{2n}}$  for  $\mathcal{T}'_{2n}$  (the dimension for  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}$  would be the same), consider the two-point function  $\langle \mathcal{T}'_{2n}(u) \mathcal{T}'_{2n}(v) \rangle \sim |u-v|^{-4h_{\mathcal{T}'_{2n}}}$ . The corresponding Riemann surface is  $n$  independent copies of the  $n=1$  case, where two sheets are connected by a cut linking  $u$  to  $v$ , so that  $\mathcal{T}'_2 = \mathcal{T}_2$ . Therefore we have

$$h_{\mathcal{T}'_{2n}} = nh_{\mathcal{T}_2} = n \frac{c}{24} \left( 2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{n}{16} c, \quad (8)$$

where we use the well-known value of  $h_{\mathcal{T}_n}$  [3]. Similarly, we have  $h_{\mathcal{T}_n^{\otimes 2}} = 2h_{\mathcal{T}_n} = (c/12)(n-1/n)$ .

As a result, we find

$$Z_n \propto (\ell_a \ell_b)^{-2h_{\mathcal{T}_n^{\otimes 2}}} (\ell_a + \ell_b)^{2h_{\mathcal{T}_n^{\otimes 2}} - 4h_{\mathcal{T}'_{2n}}} = (\ell_a \ell_b)^{-\frac{c}{6}(n-\frac{1}{n})} (\ell_a + \ell_b)^{-\frac{c}{12}(n+\frac{2}{n})}. \quad (9)$$

In the limit  $n \rightarrow 1/2$ , we get for two adjacent intervals

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{c}{8} [2 \ln(\ell_a \ell_b) - 3 \ln(\ell_a + \ell_b)] + \text{const.} \quad (10)$$

Using standard CFT techniques, this result can be easily generalized to finite size or finite temperature [3]. For example, if the system is of length  $L$  with periodic boundary condition,  $\mathcal{E}$  at zero temperature is still given by Eq. (10), but with each length  $\ell$  replaced by  $(L/\pi) \sin(\pi\ell/L)$ .

*Two disjoint intervals.*—If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, we should use the four-point function Eq. (7), which can be rewritten as

$$Z_n = \left( \frac{|u_a - u_b| |v_a - v_b|}{\ell_a \ell_b |u_a - v_b| |u_b - v_a|} \right)^{\frac{nc}{4}} \mathcal{F}_{2n}(x), \quad (11)$$

using global conformal transformations and the conformal dimension in Eq. (8). Here the four-point ratio  $x$  is given by Eq. (4), and the function

$$\mathcal{F}_{2n}(x) = |x(1-x)|^{\frac{nc}{4}} \langle \mathcal{T}'_{2n}(0) \mathcal{T}'_{2n}(x) \tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}(1) \tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}(\infty) \rangle, \quad (12)$$

is proportional to  $Z_n$  defined at  $(u_a, v_a, u_b, v_b) = (0, x, 1, \infty)$ . From now on, we focus on this particular geometry, with the operator at  $\infty$  normalized by  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}(\infty) = \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} |w|^{(nc/4)} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}'_{2n}(w)$ . The subscript  $2n$  makes  $\mathcal{F}_2(x)$  agree with previous notations [7,14,15], where the two-sheet Riemann surface for calculating EE or PPT negativity is exactly the same as CCNR negativity here.  $\mathcal{F}_{2n}(x)$  is not universal and depends on the full operator content of the theory since the topology of the Riemann surface  $\mathcal{R}_n$  is no longer a plane (strictly speaking, a sphere). However, the topology is just a little more complicated than a plane: it is a *torus for all  $n$*  [see Fig. 1(d)]. This special property about  $\mathcal{E}$ , which does not hold for EE and PPT negativity, enables us to derive universal relations between entanglement and finite temperature physics described by a torus.

We show the universal relation by first considering the simplest case  $n=1$ , where we introduce our main technique depicted in Fig. 2. Namely, there is a one-to-one mapping between the Riemann surface  $\mathcal{R}_1$  and a torus  $T_\tau$ , first introduced in [40]. We parametrize  $\mathcal{R}_1$  by  $w \in \mathbb{C}$  with one value of  $w$  corresponding to two points in  $\mathcal{R}_1$  (except for the four end points of  $A$  and  $B$ ). On the other hand, the torus  $T_\tau$  is defined by the coordinate  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  with periodic identifications  $t \cong t + p + q\tau$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers. Here  $\tau$  is the modular parameter determined by Eq. (5). Using this parametrization, the map is written as

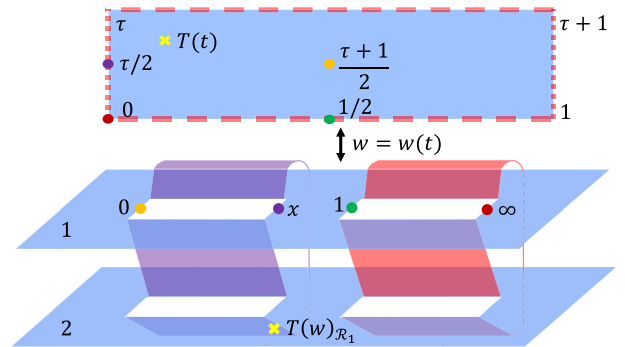


FIG. 2. Schematic depiction of the one-to-one mapping in Eq. (13) between the torus  $T_\tau$  above, represented by a rectangle with opposite sides identified, and  $\mathcal{R}_1$  below. Points with the same color are mapped to each other.

$$w(t) = \frac{\wp(t) - e_3}{e_1 - e_3}, \quad (13)$$

where  $\wp(t)$  is the Weierstrass elliptic function on a lattice generated by 1 and  $\tau$  [41], and  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  equal to  $\wp(1/2), \wp(\tau/2), \wp[(1+\tau)/2]$ , respectively, with constraint

$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 0. \quad (14)$$

$w(t)$  maps  $T_\tau$  one-to-two to the complex plane, except for the four points  $t = (1+\tau)/2, 1/2, 0, \tau/2$  that map to the four end points  $w = 0, 1, \infty, x$ , respectively, due to Eq. (5).

To obtain  $\mathcal{F}_2(x)$ , we insert a stress tensor  $T(w)$  in Eq. (12) and calculate the five-point function first [43]. This is equivalent to a single-point function of the stress tensor  $T(w)_{\mathcal{R}_1}$  on  $\mathcal{R}_1$  with an extra prefactor 2, since it has two sheets. According to the map in Eq. (13), this is then related to the single-point function of  $T(t)$  on  $T_\tau$  from the transformation rule

$$T(w)_{\mathcal{R}_1} = \left(\frac{dw}{dt}\right)^{-2} \left(T(t) - \frac{c}{12}\{w, t\}\right), \quad (15)$$

where  $\{w, t\} = w'''/w' - \frac{3}{2}(w''/w')^2 = \wp'''/\wp' - \frac{3}{2}(\wp''/\wp')^2$  is the Schwarzian derivative. To simplify, observe that  $\wp'' = \wp'(d\wp'/d\wp) = 6(\wp^2 + \epsilon)$ , where  $3\epsilon \equiv e_1e_2 + e_2e_3 + e_3e_1$ , and we have used the identity

$$\wp'^2 = 4(\wp - e_1)(\wp - e_2)(\wp - e_3), \quad (16)$$

together with Eq. (14). Then  $\wp''' = 12\wp\wp'$  follows, and we get

$$\frac{1}{12}\{w, t\} = \wp(t) - \frac{9(\wp^2 + \epsilon)^2}{8(\wp - e_1)(\wp - e_2)(\wp - e_3)}, \quad (17)$$

for the second term in Eq. (15). For the first term, we derive its expectation in Supplemental Material [35]:

$$\langle T(t) \rangle_{T_\tau} = 2\pi i \partial_\tau \ln Z(\tau). \quad (18)$$

Taking the expectation value of Eq. (15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T(w)T'_2(0)T'_2(x)\tilde{T}'_2(1)\tilde{T}'_2(\infty) \rangle \\ &= 2\langle T(w)_{\mathcal{R}_1} \rangle_{\mathcal{R}_1} = \left(\frac{e_1 - e_3}{\wp'(t)}\right)^2 \left(2\langle T(t) \rangle_{T_\tau} - \frac{c}{6}\{w, t\}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{w-x} \left(\frac{\langle T(t) \rangle_{T_\tau}}{2(e_1 - e_3)x(x-1)} - \frac{c}{24} \frac{2x-1}{x(x-1)}\right) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

In the third line we have used Eq. (16)(17) and extracted the pole of order 1 at  $w = x$ . According to the conformal Ward identity, the residue of the five-point function Eq. (19)

should equal to  $\partial_x \langle T'_2(0)T'_2(x)\tilde{T}'_2(1)\tilde{T}'_2(\infty) \rangle$ . Using the identity

$$2(e_1 - e_3)x(x-1) = -2\pi^2 x \theta_4(\tau)^4 = 2\pi i \frac{dx}{d\tau}, \quad (20)$$

and Eq. (12), we then integrate over  $x$  to get

$$\mathcal{F}_2(x) = Z(\tau)|x(1-x)|^\xi. \quad (21)$$

This establishes a universal relation between the Rényi-2 EE (or, equivalently, purity)  $S_2 = -\ln Z_1$  of two disjoint intervals and the torus partition function. As an example, Ref. [13] reports  $\mathcal{F}_2(x)$  for the free compactified boson (CB) model with a critical exponent  $\eta$ . This is easily reproduced using Eq. (21) and the partition function [29]

$$Z_{\text{CB}}(\tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{-i\tau}} \frac{\theta_3(\eta\tau)\theta_3(-\eta/\tau)}{[\theta_2(\tau)\theta_3(\tau)\theta_4(\tau)]^{2/3}}. \quad (22)$$

Thanks to the torus topology, we generalize the calculation for all  $n \geq 1$  in Supplemental Material [35], where the odd (even) sheets in  $\mathcal{R}_n$  are compressed to the up (down) sheet in Fig. 2, so that we can still use Eq. (13). We obtain our main result

$$Z_n = \frac{Z(n\tau)}{(\ell_a \ell_b |u_a - u_b| |v_a - v_b| |u_a - v_b| |u_b - v_a|)^{nc/12}}, \quad (23)$$

and Eq. (3), with simplified formulas for the two limits  $x \rightarrow 0, 1$  reported in Supplemental Material [35]. As Eq. (23) provides an *infinite* number of exact constraints on the state  $\rho$ , it is an interesting question what useful information beyond the CCNR negativity and purity that one can extract from the  $Z_n$ s. In Supplemental Material [35] we give a first attempt, according to the natural connection between the matrix  $R$  and the correlation function  $\text{tr}[(\mathcal{O}_A \otimes \mathcal{O}_B)\rho] = \langle \mathcal{O}_A^* | R | \mathcal{O}_B \rangle$ , where  $|\mathcal{O}_A\rangle$  and  $|\mathcal{O}_B\rangle$  are the vectorizations of operators  $\mathcal{O}_A$  and  $\mathcal{O}_B$ , respectively. Thus, according to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we find that  $Z_{n \rightarrow \infty}$  bounds the correlation function of low-rank Hermitian operators  $\mathcal{O}_A, \mathcal{O}_B$  as

$$\text{tr}[(\mathcal{O}_A \otimes \mathcal{O}_B)\rho] \lesssim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Z_n)^{\frac{1}{2n}} \propto (\ell_a \ell_b)^{-c/8}. \quad (24)$$

*Numerics.*—We use the spin-1/2 XXZ chain with periodic boundaries

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L X_j X_{j+1} + Y_j Y_{j+1} + \Delta Z_j Z_{j+1} \quad (25)$$

to test our findings, where the ground state is described by the CFT of a free compactified boson (equivalently, the

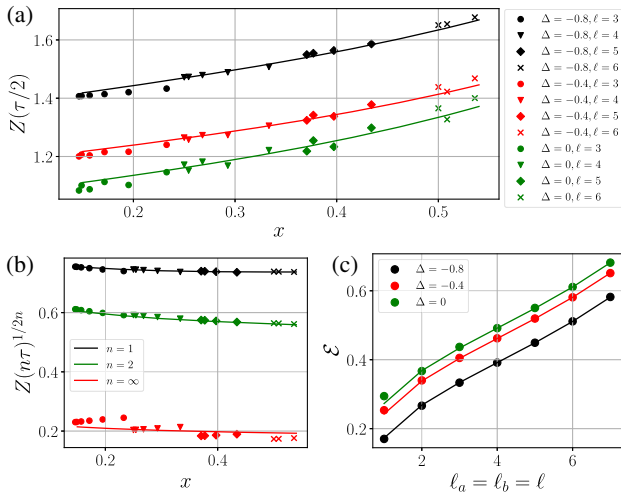


FIG. 3. Predicted values using Eq. (10) and (22) (lines) versus real values (markers) for two intervals with length  $\ell_a = \ell_b = \ell$  in the ground state of the 24-qubit XXZ chain. (a) The real values come from multiplying the numerical CCNR negativity  $e^{\mathcal{E}}$  of two disjoint intervals with the denominator in Eq. (3). The geometry is determined by the four-point ratio  $x$  and  $\ell$  indicated by the marker symbol. The three colors stand for different values of  $\Delta$ . (b) The real values come from Eq. (23) using the numerical  $R$  matrix for different  $n$  and a fixed  $\Delta = -0.8$ . The geometries are the same as (a). (c) CCNR negativity of two adjacent intervals, compared with the prediction Eq. (10).

Luttinger liquid) with  $c = 1$  and critical exponent  $\eta = 1 - (1/\pi) \arccos \Delta$  [13]. We numerically calculate the ground state for  $L = 24$  sites by exact diagonalization and extract the  $R$  matrix and CCNR negativity for different geometries and values of  $\Delta$ . As shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(c), the data agrees well with our predictions Eq. (10) and (3) using Eq. (22) for the partition function. In Fig. 3(b), the general formula Eq. (23) is also verified for  $\Delta = -0.8$ .

*Discussion.*—In conclusion, we discover that the entanglement of two disjoint intervals in  $(1+1)$ D CFTs, as quantified by CCNR negativity, is universally related to the thermal partition function. Furthermore, similar relations hold for the Rényi counterparts  $Z_n$  that provide extra information about the state  $\rho$ , such as the purity and a bound on correlation function. Our Letter thus adds to a series of rigorous findings on many-body problems [44–47], where it is crucial to choose the suitable entanglement measures that echo with the particular many-body structure.

We expect our results can be generalized in many directions, such as going beyond 1D ground states to excited states [6,8] and finite temperature [9] at higher dimensions [4,10]. The quantity  $Z_n$  naturally appears in the replica trick for the reflected entropy [48–50], which is nicely dual to the entanglement wedge cross section [51] in AdS/CFT. Thus it is worth exploring the meaning of Eq. (23) in holographic settings, see Ref. [52] for a recent discussion. Since our main results can be alternatively viewed as solving four-point functions of twist fields, it is

interesting to ask whether a similar structure holds for disorder operators [53–56], the generalization of twist field operators in the symmetry perspective.

As one more generalization, one can ask about entanglement and correlation for  $N > 2$  intervals. Our result for the two-interval purity already yields the Rényi-2  $N$ -partite information [57], for  $N = 3$  intervals where at least two are adjacent, and  $N = 4$  adjacent intervals. For example, the Rényi-2 tripartite information for intervals  $A, B, C$  is

$$I_2(A:B:C) = S_2(A) + S_2(B) + S_2(C) - S_2(AB) - S_2(AC) - S_2(BC) + S_2(ABC), \quad (26)$$

which only contains purities for one or two intervals, if  $A$  is adjacent to  $B$ . On the other hand, for any  $N$ , one can construct families of Riemann surfaces that are topologically a torus, such as connecting each pair of neighboring sheets by only one interval. However, it is an open question whether our technique Eq. (13) can be generalized to such Riemann surfaces. It is also unclear whether these Riemann surfaces lead to meaningful measures of entanglement and correlation.

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