Entanglement in Topological Phases

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Overview of topics

- Topological Phases
- Aspects of Entanglement
- Examples and my work

Topological Phases

- Examples include: fractional quantum Hall, chiral spin states, etc
- Cannot be described by Landau symmetry-breaking
- Characterized by other properties: non-Abelian geometric phase, fractional statistics/charge, topological entanglement entropy
- Where does the name come from?

Why do we care about them?

- It means Landau symmetry-breaking is incomplete
- Topological quantum computing



What is entanglement?

- Concept first discussed by EPR, term coined by Schrödinger
- Basically a result of quantum superposition
- Bell's inequality no local hidden variable theories

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle\right]$$

Schmidt Decomposition

- Singular value decomposition for Hilbert spaces
- Write the space explicitly as a product



Entanglement Entropy

- Consider the density matrix of one block
- Calculate the von Neumann entropy
- Scaling law emerges with multiple components

$$S_A = \alpha L - \gamma + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L}\right)$$

Entanglement Spectrum

- Write the density matrix in a suggestive form
- Consider the spectrum of this operator
- Reveals additional information & properties

Recent Developments

- Structure of ES matches spectra for edge
 - Haldane & Li conjecture
- For real-space partition, better matching

Example

• Laughlin 1/3 state

1 particle:
$$|m\rangle = \frac{z^m}{\sqrt{2\pi 2^m m!}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{4}|z|^2\right\}$$

N particles:
$$|m, N\rangle \propto \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^m \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{4}\sum_{i=1}^N |z_i|^2\right\}$$

Example cont'd

• On a sphere!

$$(a_{1}^{\dagger}b_{2}^{\dagger} - a_{2}^{\dagger}b_{1}^{\dagger})^{3} = \left[(a_{1}^{\dagger})^{3} (b_{2}^{\dagger})^{3} - (a_{2}^{\dagger})^{3} (b_{1}^{\dagger})^{3} \right] + 3 \left[(a_{1}^{\dagger}) (a_{2}^{\dagger})^{2} (b_{1}^{\dagger})^{2} (b_{2}^{\dagger}) - (a_{2}^{\dagger}) (a_{1}^{\dagger})^{2} (b_{2}^{\dagger})^{2} (b_{1}^{\dagger}) \right]$$

$$|-3, 3\rangle \qquad |-1, 1\rangle$$

$$|1, 0, 0, 1\rangle \qquad |0, 1, 1, 0\rangle$$

My work

• Can handle up to N=5, close to EE results in ref. 4



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