

Codimension two Holography

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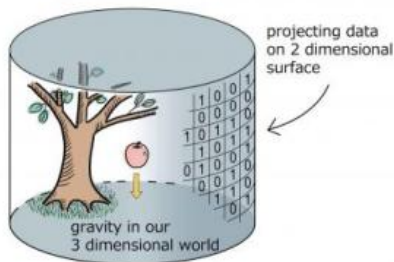
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Holography

- Holographic principle: 't Hooft, Susskind
Duality between higher dimensional gravity and lower dimensional QFT
- AdS/CFT: Maldacena



- Generalizations
dS/CFT, Kerr/CFT, flat holography, [brane world holography](#),
[AdS/BCFT](#), [doubly holographic model](#)

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Geometry Setup of Wedge Holography

The $d + 1$ dimensional wedge N is bounded by two d dimensional branes Q_1 and Q_2 so that $\partial N = Q_1 \cup Q_2$. CFT lives on the corner of the wedge $\Sigma = \partial Q_1 = \partial Q_2$.

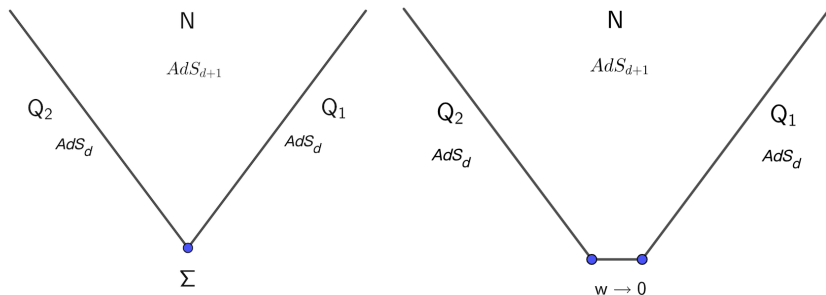


Figure: (left) Geometry of wedge holography; (right) Wedge holography from AdS/BCFT

Proposal of Wedge Holography

Akal, Kusuki, Takayanagi and Wei, [arXiv:2007.06800]

Classical gravity on wedge $W_{d+1} \simeq$ Quantum gravity on two AdS_d Q
 \simeq CFT $_{d-1}$ on Σ

- Gravitational action

$$I = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_N \sqrt{g}(R - 2\Lambda) + \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{Q_1 \cup Q_2} \sqrt{h}(K - T), \quad (1)$$

where T is the tension of branes.

- Neumann BC on Q :

$$K^i_j - (K - T)h^i_j = 0, \quad (2)$$

where K_{ij} are the extrinsic curvatures.

Comments on Wedge Holography

Classical gravity on wedge $W_{d+1} \simeq$ Quantum gravity on two AdS_d Q
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- The first equivalence is due to the brane world holography and the second equivalence originates from AdS/CFT.
- Similar to so-called **double holography** developed for the resolution of information paradox.
- Can be regarded as a limit of **AdS/BCFT** with vanishing strip width.
- Support from Weyl anomaly, entanglement entropy, ...

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_{\Sigma} dx^2 \sqrt{\sigma} \left(\sinh(\rho) R_{\Sigma} \right) \quad (3)$$

- **Focus on (locally) AdS**

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Exact Construction of Solutions

A novel map from the solution to vacuum Einstein equations in $\text{AdS}_d/\text{CFT}_{d-1}$ to the solution in wedge holography $\text{AdSW}_{d+1}/\text{CFT}_{d-1}$.

- Novel solution

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dx^2 + \cosh^2(x) h_{ij}(y) dy^i dy^j \quad (4)$$

- **Theorem I** : (4) is a solution to Einstein equation in $d + 1$ dimensions

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{R}{2} g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{d(d-1)}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \quad (5)$$

provided that h_{ij} obey Einstein equation in d dimensions

$$R_{h\ ij} - \frac{R_h}{2} h_{ij} = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2} h_{ij}. \quad (6)$$

- **Theorem II**: (4) obey NBC (2) on the branes located at $x = \pm\rho$.

Comments on Novel Solutions

Novel solution: $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dx^2 + \cosh^2(x) h_{ij}(y) dy^i dy^j$ (4)

- When h_{ij} is a AdS_d metric, $g_{\mu\nu}$ become a AdS_{d+1} metric.
- In fact h_{ij} can be relaxed to be any metric obeying Einstein equations.
- (4) can be used to construct black hole solutions in wedge holography and AdS/BCFT.
- (4) is not the most general solutions to vacuum Einstein equations in $d + 1$ dimensions.
- (4) relate wedge holography to AdS/CFT clearly.

Equivalence to AdS/CFT

The wedge holography $\text{AdSW}_{d+1}/\text{CFT}_{d-1}$ with novel solution (4) is equivalent to $\text{AdS}_d/\text{CFT}_{d-1}$ with vacuum Einstein gravity.

- Equivalence between classical gravitational actions

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{AdSW}_{d+1}} &= \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_N \sqrt{g}(R - 2\Lambda) + \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{Q_1 \cup Q_2} \sqrt{h}(K - T) \\ &= \frac{1}{16\pi G_N^{(d)}} \int_{Q_1} \sqrt{h} \left(R_h + (d-1)(d-2) \right) = I_{\text{AdS}_d}, \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

- Newton's constant

$$\frac{1}{G_N^{(d)}} = \frac{1}{G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh^{d-2}(x) dx. \quad (8)$$

- Imposing only NBC (2) instead of EOM ([off-shell](#)).

A “proof” of Wedge Holography

The equivalence to AdS/CFT can be regarded as a “proof” of wedge holography in a certain sense.

- Assuming AdS/CFT

$$\text{classical gravity in AdS}_d \simeq \text{CFT}_{d-1} \quad (9)$$

- Equivalence between action

$$\text{classical gravity on wedge } W_{d+1} \simeq \text{classical gravity in AdS}_d \quad (10)$$

- A “proof” of wedge holography

$$\text{classical gravity on wedge } W_{d+1} \simeq \text{CFT}_{d-1} \quad (11)$$

Comments on Equivalence

Wedge holography with novel solution (4) is equivalent to AdS/CFT with vacuum Einstein gravity.

- Equivalence still hold after holographic renormalization

$$I_C = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N^{(d)}} \int_{\Sigma} \sqrt{\sigma} \left(2K_{\Sigma} + 2(1-d) + \frac{1}{d-2} R_{\Sigma} + \dots \right) \quad (12)$$

- Hayward term can be absorbed into the above counterterms

$$I_H = \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{\Sigma} \sqrt{\sigma} (\Theta - \pi) \quad (13)$$

- Most results of AdS/CFT apply directly to wedge holography.
- In general, wedge holography is expected to equivalent to AdS/CFT with matter fields ([Kaluza-Klein modes](#)).

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Weyl anomaly

Weyl anomaly measures the breaking of scaling symmetry of conformal field theory (CFT) due to quantum effects.

- Weyl anomaly in even dimensions

$$\mathcal{A} = \int_{\Sigma} dx^{2p} \sqrt{\sigma} \left[\sum_n B_n I_n - 2(-1)^p A E_{2p} \right] \quad (14)$$

- 2d Weyl anomaly

$$\mathcal{A}_{2d} = \int_{\Sigma} dx^2 \sqrt{\sigma} \frac{c_{2d}}{24\pi} R_{\Sigma}, \quad (15)$$

- c-theorem

$$A_{UV} \geq A_{IR}. \quad (16)$$

- Universal term of entanglement entropy for sphere

$$S_{EE} \Big|_{\ln \frac{1}{\epsilon}} = 4(-1)^{(d+1)/2} A \quad (17)$$

Holographic Weyl anomaly

Holographic Weyl anomaly can be obtained from the UV logarithmic divergent term of the gravitational action.

- metric

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + \cosh^2(x) \frac{dz^2 + \sigma_{ij} dy^i dy^j}{z^2}, \quad (18)$$

where $\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ij}^{(0)} + z^2 \sigma_{ij}^{(1)} + \dots + z^{d-1} (\sigma_{ij}^{(d-1)} + \lambda_{ij}^{(d-1)} \ln z) + \dots$

- Einstein equations yield

$$\sigma_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{-1}{d-3} \left(R_{\Sigma ij} - \frac{R_{\Sigma}}{2(d-2)} \sigma_{ij}^{(0)} \right), \quad (19)$$

- Derive Weyl anomaly with central charge

$$A = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d-3}{2}}}{8\Gamma\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh^{d-2}(x) dx. \quad (20)$$

- We can also derive B-type Weyl anomaly.

Holographic c theorem

A-type central charges of Wedge holography obey **c-theorem** $A_{UV} \geq A_{IR}$.

$$A = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d-3}{2}}}{8\Gamma\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh^{d-2}(x) dx.$$

Null energy condition on branes yields $\rho_{UV} \geq \rho_{IR}$, which leads to $A_{UV} \geq A_{IR}$.

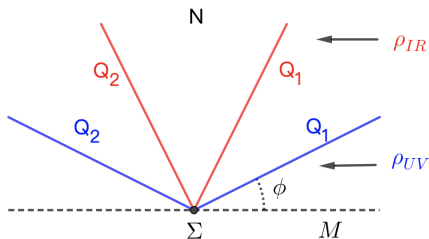


Figure: The smaller the tension $T = (d-1) \tanh \rho$ is, the bigger $\tan \phi = \text{csch}(\rho)$ is, the deeper the brane bends into the bulk (IR). Thus $\rho_{UV} \geq \rho_{IR}$.

As a generalization of von Neumann entropy, Rényi entropy is a complete measure of the quantum entanglement .

- Definition

$$S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \ln \text{tr} \rho_A^n, \quad (21)$$

where n is a positive number, $\rho_A = \text{tr}_{\bar{A}} \rho$ is the induced density matrix of a subregion A . Here \bar{A} denotes the complement of A and ρ is the density matrix of the whole system.

- Deduce to entanglement entropy in the limit $n \rightarrow 1$

$$S_{EE} = -\text{tr} \rho_A \ln \rho_A. \quad (22)$$

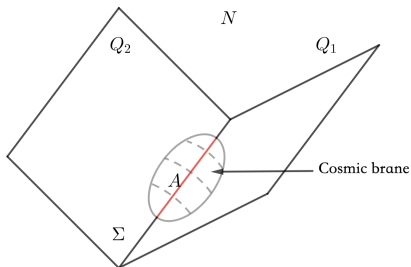
Holographic Rényi entropy

Holographic Rényi entropy can be calculated by the area of cosmic brane.

- Dong's proposal

$$n^2 \partial_n \left(\frac{n-1}{n} S_n \right) = \frac{\text{Area}(\text{Cosmic Brane}_n)}{4G_N}, \quad (23)$$

- **Backreact on geometry** due to non-zero tension $T_n = \frac{n-1}{4nG_N}$
- **Ending on the end-of-world branes Q**



Holographic Rényi entropy

- Hyperbolic black hole on the branes

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + \cosh^2(x) \left(\frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + f(r)d\tau^2 + r^2 dH_{d-2}^2 \right), \quad (24)$$

where $f(r) = r^2 - 1 - \frac{(r_h^2 - 1)r_h^{d-3}}{r^{d-3}}$, dH_{d-2}^2 is the line element of $(d - 2)$ -dimensional hyperbolic space with unit curvature.

- The Rényi index $n = \frac{1}{2\pi T_{tem}} = \frac{2}{f'(r_h)}$
- Cosmic brane is the horizon of black hole
- Correct Rényi entropy

$$S_n = \frac{r_h^{d-2} + r_h^d - 2r_h}{(r_h - 1)((d - 1)r_h + d - 3)} \frac{V_{H_{d-2}}}{4G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh^{d-2}(x) dx. \quad (25)$$

Comments on Holographic Rényi entropy

- 2d CFT has the correct n dependence

$$S_n = \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{V_{H_1}}{8G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh(x) dx, \quad (26)$$

- Entanglement entropy obey RT formula

$$S_{EE} = \frac{V_{H_{d-2}}}{4G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh^{d-2}(x) dx. \quad (27)$$

- Correct universal term of entanglement entropy (20,17)

$$V_{H_{d-2}} \Big|_{\ln \frac{1}{\epsilon}} = \frac{2\pi^{(d-3)/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})} (-1)^{(d-3)/2} \quad (28)$$

Holographic Correlation Function

For simplicity, we focus on the two point functions of stress tensors.

- Consider metric fluctuations H_{ij} on the AdS brane

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + \cosh^2(x) \frac{dz^2 + \delta_{ab} dy^a dy^b + H_{ij} dy^i dy^j}{z^2} \quad (29)$$

- Choose the gauge

$$H_{zz}(z=0, \mathbf{y}) = H_{za}(z=0, \mathbf{y}) = 0 \quad (30)$$

- Following approach of AdS/CFT, we get

$$\langle T_{ab}(\mathbf{y}) T_{cd}(\mathbf{y}') \rangle = C_T \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ab,cd}}{|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}'|^{2(d-1)}}, \quad (31)$$

with central charge

$$C_T = \frac{2\Gamma[d+1]}{\pi^{(d-1)/2} \Gamma[(d-1)/2] (d-2)} \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_0^\rho \cosh^{d-2}(x) dx. \quad (32)$$

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General spacetime on brane

The spacetime on the brane is the one with constant Ricci scalar.

- Momentum constraint and Hamiltonian constraint

$$D_i(K^{ij} - Kh^{ij}) = 0, \quad (33)$$

$$R_h + K^{ij}K_{ij} - K^2 + d(d+1) = 0 \quad (34)$$

- Constraint of brane spacetime

$$R_h = \frac{d}{d-1} (T^2 - (d-1)^2). \quad (35)$$

- Three types of spacetime

$$\begin{cases} R_h < 0, & \text{if } |T| < (d-1), \\ R_h > 0, & \text{if } |T| > (d-1), \\ R_h = 0 & \text{if } |T| = (d-1). \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

Perturbation Solutions

- Solution near branes

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + \left((1 + 2x \tanh \rho) h_{ij} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} x^n h_{ij}^{(n)}(y) \right) dy^i dy^j, \quad (37)$$

- Solving Einstein equations

$$h_{ij}^{(2)} = R_{h \ ij} + (d + (2 - d) \tanh^2 \rho) h_{ij}, \quad (38)$$

- Rewritten into more enlightening form

$$R_{h \ ij} - \frac{R_h}{2} h_{ij} - \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2 \cosh^2 \rho} h_{ij} = 8\pi G_N^{(d)} T_{ij}, \quad (39)$$

where $h_{ij}^{(2)} = (1 + \tanh^2(\rho)) h_{ij} + 8\pi G_N^{(d)} T_{ij}$.

- Effective matter fields on branes are CFTs $T^i_i = 0$

Comments on general solutions

We argue that wedge holography with general asymptotically AdS branes is equivalent to AdS/CFT with suitable matter fields such as KK modes.

- The brane metric need not to obey Einstein equations. The only constraint is that the Ricci scalar is a constant.
- On one hand, the novel solution is not the general solution of wedge holography.
- On the other hand, the novel solution and general solutions must correspond to the same CFTs with the same central charges.
- To resolve the “mismatch”, we propose **there are effective matter fields on the branes.**
- In the dual viewpoint, **the same CFTs up to some background fields.**

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General solutions

Remarkably, AdS/CFT, dS/CFT and flat holography can be unified in the framework of codimension two holography in asymptotically AdS.

- General ansatz of metric

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dx^2 + f(x) h_{ij}(y) dy^i dy^j. \quad (40)$$

- Solving $R_{xx} = -dg_{xx}$ yield three types of solutions

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cosh^2(x), & |T| < (d-1), & \text{asymptotically AdS} \\ \sinh^2(x), & |T| > (d-1), & \text{asymptotically dS} \\ e^{\pm 2x}, & |T| = (d-1), & \text{asymptotically flat} \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

- Three kinds of solutions correspond to AdS/CFT, dS/CFT and flat holography, respectively.

Equivalence to dS/CFT

Codimension two holography with asymptotically dS branes is equivalent to dS/CFT.

- Ansatz of metric

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dx^2 + \sinh^2(x) h_{ij}(y) dy^i dy^j. \quad (42)$$

- The metric (42) is a solution to wedge holography, provided that h_{ij} obey Einstein equation with a positive cosmological constant

$$R_{h\ ij} - \frac{R_h}{2} h_{ij} = -\frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2} h_{ij}. \quad (43)$$

- Equivalence to dS/CFT

$$\bar{l}_{\text{AdSW}_{d+1}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N^{(d)}} \int_{Q_1} \sqrt{h} \left(R_h - (d-1)(d-2) \right) = l_{\text{dS}_d}, \quad (44)$$

if Newton's constants are related by $\frac{1}{G_N} = \frac{1}{G_N} \int_0^\rho \sinh^{d-2}(x) dx$.

Equivalence to flat holography

Codimension two holography with asymptotically flat branes is equivalent to flat holography.

- Ansatz of metric

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dx^2 + \exp(\pm 2x) h_{ij}(y) dy^i dy^j. \quad (45)$$

- The metric (45) is a solution to wedge holography, provided that h_{ij} obey Einstein equation with zero cosmological constant

$$R_h{}_{ij} - \frac{R_h}{2} h_{ij} = 0. \quad (46)$$

- Equivalence to flat holography

$$\bar{I}_{\text{AdSW}_{d+1}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N^{(d)}} \int_{Q_1} \sqrt{h}(R_h) = I_{\text{Min}_d}, \quad (47)$$

if Newton's constants are related by $\frac{1}{G_N^{(d)}} = \frac{1}{G_N} \int_{-\infty}^{\rho} \exp((d-2)x) dx$.

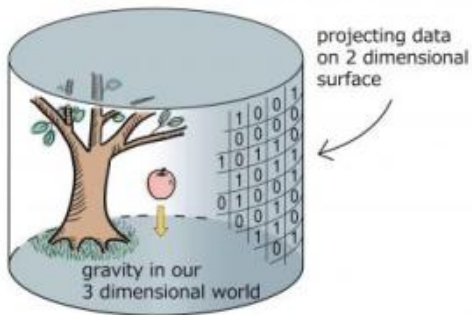
Summary:

- We construct a class of exact gravitational solutions for wedge holography from the the ones in AdS/CFT.
- We prove that the wedge holography with this novel class of solutions is equivalent to AdS/CFT with vacuum Einstein gravity.
- By applying this powerful equivalence, we derive Weyl anomaly, Rényi entropy and correlation functions for wedge holography.
- We argue that wedge holography with general solutions correspond to AdS/CFT with suitable matter fields (Kaluza-Klein modes).
- AdS/CFT, dS/CFT and flat holography can be unified in the framework of codimension two holography in asymptotically AdS.

Outlook:

- Find out more general solutions beyond the novel solutions.
- Generalize discussions to Einstein gravity coupled with matters.
- Discuss holographic complexity, condensed matter, chaos and so on in Wedge holography.
- Generalize wedge holography to higher derivative gravity.
- Study island and the Page curve of Hawking radiations.
- ...

Only one piece of the boundary can reconstruct all the apples in the bulk.



Thank you!



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