



Logarithmic Corrections to Black Hole Entropy v. 2.0

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Logarithmic Corrections

- The leading corrections to the area law for black hole entropy are logarithmic

$$S = \frac{A}{4G} + \frac{1}{2}D_0 \log A + \dots$$

- These corrections can be computed from the low energy theory: only massless fields contribute.
- In some situations the corrections give non-trivial support for a known microscopic description.
- In other situations they offer clues to the nature of the unknown microscopic theory.

Updates in v. 2.0

In principle: computations are straightforward applications of techniques from the 70's.

In recent years, Sen (and collaborators) did what we do, and more.

In practice: computations are cumbersome and intransparent.

Updates in v 2.0 focus on short-cuts that add clarity:

- Interactions with background gravity and graviphoton: employ AdS/CFT, specifically organize fluctuations as ***chiral primaries***.
- Contributions from ***on-shell states only*** (no ghosts).
- Remnant of unphysical states: ***simple boundary states*** .

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Setting

- Consider matter in a general theory with $\mathcal{N} \geq 2$ SUSY.
- In terms of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ fields: one SUGRA multiplet, $\mathcal{N} - 2$ (massive) gravitini, n_V vector multiplets, n_H hyper multiplets.
- Setting: focus on extremal black holes \rightarrow it is sufficient to consider the $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$ near horizon region.

- The final result:

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{12} [23 - 11(\mathcal{N} - 2) - n_V + n_H] \log A_H .$$

- Example (relevant for microscopics): no correction in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ theory with an arbitrary number of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ matter multiplets.

Prelude: Chiral Primaries

- Massless fields in $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$ organize themselves in short representations of the $SU(2|1, 1)$ supergroup.

- CFT language: consider chiral multiplets where (h, j) are

$$(k, k) \otimes 2(k + \frac{1}{2}, k - \frac{1}{2}) \otimes (k + 1, k - 1) .$$

Possible values of $k = \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$ ($k = \frac{1}{2}$ extra short).

- The actual values are determined by symmetry.
- Alternatively, they can be computed directly by diagonalization of the field equations.

Spherical Harmonics

- Expansion on S^2 of a single field component with helicity λ : angular momenta $j = |\lambda|, |\lambda| + 1, \dots$
- Example: for a gauge field **all** components organize themselves into two towers with $j = 1, 2, \dots$ and two towers with $j = 0, 1, \dots$
- The **physical** components of the vector field components organize themselves into two towers with $j = 1, 2, \dots$
- So: the set of physical angular momenta in each $\mathcal{N} = 2$ multiplet is unambiguous.
- Example: the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ vector multiplet has one vector field and two real scalars so the **physical** boson towers are: two with $j = 1, 2, \dots$ and two with $j = 0, 1, \dots$
- Mixing is allowed (for same j) but assembly of towers into chiral multiplets uniquely determine conformal weights.

The Spectrum of Chiral Primaries

- Result: the spectrum of (h, j) for all chiral primaries:

Supergravity : $2[(k+2, k+2), 2(k+\frac{5}{2}, k+\frac{3}{2}), (k+3, k+1)]$

Gravitino : $2[(k+\frac{3}{2}, k+\frac{3}{2}), 2(k+2, k+1), (k+\frac{5}{2}, k+\frac{1}{2})]$

Vector : $2[(k+1, k+1), 2(k+\frac{3}{2}, k+\frac{1}{2}), (k+2, k)]$

Hyper : $2[(k+\frac{1}{2}, k+\frac{1}{2}), 2(k+1, k), (k+\frac{3}{2}, k-\frac{1}{2})]$

Each tower has $k = 0, 1, \dots$

- Previous work identified **one** more bulk mode in the SUGRA multiplet

$$(1, 1), 2(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (2, 0) .$$

- Our result: this field exists **only** as a boundary mode.

Example: Constraints for Gravity

- The graviton in D dimensions has $D(D + 1)/2$ components, D gauge symmetries (from diffeomorphisms), D constraints (eom's left after gauge fixing).
- So: a graviton has $D(D - 3)/2$ physical components.
- In 2D a graviton has -1 degrees of freedom so ***a graviton and a scalar combined has no degrees of freedom.***
- Details: after gauge fixing some “equations of motion” are in fact constraints (there are no time derivatives).
- Exception: the constraint is solved by one specific spatial profile (the zero-mode on AdS_2) so one boundary degree of freedom can be freely specified.
- These ***boundary modes are physical*** (standard in AdS/CFT).

Quantum Fluctuations: Strategy

- All contributions from quadratic fluctuations around the classical geometry take the schematic form

$$e^{-W} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, e^{-\phi\Lambda\phi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det\Lambda}} .$$

- The quantum corrections are encoded in the heat kernel

$$D(s) = \text{Tr} \, e^{-s\Lambda} = \sum_i e^{-s\lambda_i} .$$

- The effective action becomes

$$W = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\epsilon^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} D(s) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\epsilon^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \int d^D x K(s) .$$

- We need the constant D_0 (or K_0): essentially the 2nd Seeley-deWitt coefficient aka the trace anomaly.

Simple Heat Kernels in 2D

- The heat kernel for a scalar field on S^2 is *elementary*:

$$K_S^s(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi a^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-sk(k+1)} (2k+1) = \frac{1}{4\pi a^2 s} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}s + \frac{1}{15}s^2 + \dots \right)$$

- A massless scalar field on AdS_2 involves a continuous spectrum:

$$K_A^s(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi a^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(p^2 + \frac{1}{4})s} p \tanh \pi p \, dp .$$

- The local terms in the AdS_2 heat kernel is identical to S^2 except for the sign of the curvature:

$$K_A^s(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi a^2 s} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}s + \frac{1}{15}s^2 + \dots \right) .$$

Simple Heat Kernels on $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$

- For a product space heat kernels multiply so for a scalar on $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$:

$$K_4^s(s) = K_S^s(s) K_A^s(s) = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 a^4 s^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{45} s^2 + \dots \right) .$$

- For a Dirac fermion on $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$:

$$K_4^f(s) = 4K_S^f(s) K_A^f(s) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4 s^2} \left(1 - \frac{11}{180} s^2 + \dots \right) .$$

- A benchmark for results in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theory: a “free hyper”

$$K_4^{\min}(s) = 4K_4^s(s) + K_4^f(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4 s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{12} s^2 .$$

- The leading $1/s^2$ singularity cancels: no cosmological constant for equal number of fermion and bosons.
- The $1/s$ order also cancels: this is an accident.

The AdS_2 Perspective

- The canonical heat kernel on AdS_2 : a massless field $h = 1$.
- A field with conformal weight h (mass $m^2 = h(h - 1)$) and $SU(2)$ quantum number j (degeneracy $2j + 1$):

$$K_A(h, j; s) = K_A(h = 1, j = 0; s) e^{-h(h-1)s} (2j + 1) .$$

- A free $4D$ boson is a tower of $2D$ bosons with $(h, j) = (k + 1, k)$ with $k = 0, 1, \dots$ so

$$\begin{aligned} K_4^s(s) &= K_A^s(s) \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi a^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-sk(k+1)} (2k + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2 a^4 s^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{45} s^2 + \dots \right) . \end{aligned}$$

- The sum over the tower of AdS_2 fields computes the factor from the heat kernel on S^2 .

Example: Bulk Vector-Multiplet

- The conformal weights for fields in supergravity are “shifted” from the free values.
- The fermions in the vector multiplet are canonical but bosons interact: this is the *attractor mechanism*.
- The “shifted” sum on S^2 for all four physical bosons:

$$\begin{aligned} K_4^{V,b}(s) &= \frac{2K_A^s(s)}{4\pi a^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(e^{-sk(k+1)}(2k+3) + e^{-s(k+1)(k+2)}(2k+1) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4 s^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{45}s^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2}s\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}s\right) + \dots \right) . \end{aligned}$$

- Heat kernel for the full vector multiplet including fermions:

$$K_4^V(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{12} + \dots \right) .$$

- A $1/s$ term was generated by interactions.
- The constant term changed sign due to interactions.

The Vector-Multiplet: Boundary

- Gauge invariance of the vector field requires special considerations.
- Two components of the vector cancel: unphysical states (violate gauge condition) and physical (but pure gauge).
- The boundary state: one of the would-be gauge functions is not normalizable so **one** state survives.
- Alternatively: one equation of motion is a **constraint** so one spatial profile survives.
- The **boundary state is a massless boson on S^2** :

$$-\nabla^I \delta \mathcal{A}_I = -\nabla^2 \Lambda = 0$$

- Final result for the heat kernel (bulk+boundary, bosons+fermions):

$$K_4^V(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{12} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{1}{2s} + \frac{1}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{12} \right)$$

The Graviton Multiplet

- **Bulk modes**: physical bosons and fermions all have conformal weight shifted from the free value. Details are determined by symmetry.
- **Bosonic boundary modes**: 4 from $4D$ diffeomorphisms and 1 from gauge symmetry $\rightarrow 4 + 1 = 5$ towers of boundary modes.
- **Fermionic boundary modes**: 2 preserved SUSY's $\rightarrow 4$ towers of boundary modes.
- Boundary modes are related to gauge symmetries with spectrum determined by their equation of motion (the gauge conditions).

- Boundary modes for diffeomorphisms *acquire a mass*

$$(g_{IJ}\nabla^2 + R_{IJ})\xi^J = 0 .$$

and they also mix with gauge fields.

- These towers are related to the pure gauge modes in bulk (rather than physical bulk modes) so details are not fixed by symmetries.
- For each field we sum over the partial wave tower with masses (conformal weights) shifted due to interactions.
- The full heat kernel (bulk+boundary, bosons+fermions):

$$K^{\text{grav}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{12} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2s} - \frac{5}{6} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{11}{12} \right)$$

Explicit Computations: Bosons

- The bosonic theory is just canonical Einstein gravity coupled to Maxwell.
- There are $10 + 4 = 14$ field components.
- We **dualize** all 2D bosons to scalars in AdS_2 and then diagonalise the resulting action.
- This is messy: the matrix of kinetic terms and the matrix of mass-terms **do not commute** \rightarrow cannot be simultaneously diagonalised \rightarrow generalised eigenvalues and generalized eigen-vectors.
- Ultimately: 14 towers of 2D fields divided into: 5 (projected out by the **gauge condition**), 5 (**pure gauge**), and 4 **physical** towers.

Explicit Computations: Results

- The *physical* fields are *true eigenvectors* with eigenvalues (masses) corresponding to the conformal weights already determined by symmetry.
- The 5 *pairs* of *unphysical* towers have masses $m^2 = l(l+1) \pm 2$, $m^2 = l(l+1)$ that generally give *irrational conformal weight*.
- The *boundary modes* are formally pure gauge (but with non-normalisable gauge function).
- Boundary modes *mix*: the gauge transformation ($l \geq 0$) has an admixture of S^2 diff's (for $l \geq 1$); the S^2 diff's for $l \geq 1$ have a compensating gauge transformation.
- Mixing \rightarrow physical boundary modes have *rational* conformal weight: $m^2 = l(l-1), (l+1)(l+2) \rightarrow h = l, l+2$.

The Harmonic Condition

- Boundary modes are related to an **ambiguity** when dualizing higher spin fields to scalars, eg.:

$$A_\mu = \nabla_\mu A_\parallel + \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \nabla^\nu A_\perp$$

- **Harmonic modes** $\nabla^2 A_0 = 0$ can be written in both forms. They should not be overcounted; and these are boundary modes.
- We dualize **gravity** as

$$H_{\{\mu\nu\}} = \nabla_{\{\mu} \nabla_{\nu\}} H_\times + \nabla_{\{\mu} \epsilon_{\nu\}\lambda} \nabla^\lambda H_+$$

- “Harmonic” modes $\nabla^2(\nabla^2 - 2)H_0 = 0$ can be written in both forms; only the $m^2 = 2$ components are boundary modes.
- Some AdS_2 diff’s are CKVs:

$$\nabla_\mu \xi_\nu + \nabla_\nu \xi_\mu - g_{\mu\nu} \nabla^\lambda \xi_\lambda = 0$$

The **boundary modes** are precisely those that are **not CKVs** but satisfy the “harmonic” condition $(\nabla^2 - 1)\xi_\mu = 0$.

- These $H_{\{\mu\nu\}}$ are **quadratic holomorphic differentials** on AdS_2 .

The Quadratic Divergence

- After sum over *bulk and boundary modes*:

$$K_{\text{phys}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left[\left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{11}{12} \right) + (\mathcal{N} - 2) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{s} + \frac{11}{12} \right) + n_V \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{12} \right) + n_H \left(-\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{12} \right) \right]$$

- The net result for the quadratic divergence (the $1/s$ term): *alternating sign*.
- This term is from *interactions* in bulk and *counting* of boundary modes.
- Special case $\mathcal{N} \geq 4$ theory (with any matter): *quadratic divergence cancels* (a consistency check).
- For $\mathcal{N} = 3$: *all divergences cancel* for any $n_V = n_H$.
- For $\mathcal{N} = 2$: quadratic divergence $\propto 1 + n_V - n_H$.

4D Zero Modes

- 4D zero modes: AdS_2 **boundary modes and also massless** on S^2 .
- Physical origin: the **global part** of each unbroken gauge symmetry.

- Zero-modes play a special role in the 4D heat kernel:

$$D(s) = \sum_i e^{-s\lambda_i} = \sum_{\lambda_i \neq 0} e^{-s\lambda_i} + N_0$$

- The path integral reduces to an **ordinary** integral

$$e^{-W} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_0 = \text{Vol}[\phi_0] \sim \epsilon^{-N_0\Delta}.$$

- Correction due to all 0-modes

$$K_{zm} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 a^4} \cdot \left[6 \cdot (2 - 1) - 8 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} (-1).$$

- Note: **much of the literature accounts incorrectly for 0-modes.**

The Quadratic Divergence

- After sum over **all** modes

$$K_{\text{phys}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left[\left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{23}{12} \right) + (\mathcal{N} - 2) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{s} + \frac{11}{12} \right) + n_V \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{12} \right) + n_H \left(-\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{12} \right) \right]$$

- The R^2 correction (the constant term) in $\mathcal{N} = 3$ SUGRA is computed by zero-modes.
- Logarithmic corrections to the black hole entropy

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{12} [23 - 11(\mathcal{N} - 2) - n_V + n_H] \log A_H .$$

Example: Reissner-Nordström

The minimal bosonic theory: gravity+Maxwell.

Contributions are the bosonic terms from the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUGRA multiplet:

- Four free bulk bosons (2 gravity + 2 gauge field):
$$\delta S = -\frac{1}{45} \log A_H .$$
- Interactions (bulk bosons not quite free): $\delta S = -\frac{3}{2} \log A_H .$
- 5 Boundary modes (4 gravity+1 gauge field): $\delta S = -\frac{5}{6} \log A_H .$
- Zero-modes: $\delta S = -3 \log A_H .$

Total: $\delta S = -\frac{241}{45} \log A_H .$

(Fermions in SUGRA multiplet add $\delta S = \frac{1309}{180} \log A_H$)

Summary

We re-evaluated quadratic fluctuation determinants around an $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$ near horizon geometry.

Some features of our strategy:

- Focus on states that are on-shell.
- Interactions due to background: encoded in chiral primaries.
- Compute also the renormalization of the gravitational coupling constant (quadratic divergence, $1/s$ term in the heat kernel).
- Contributions from bulk (4D), Boundary (2D), and Zero-mode (0D).
- Explicit decoupling of equation of motion \rightarrow expressions for all modes including boundary modes.