Exactly solved models of many-body quantum chaos

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Goal: Find 'Baker and Cat maps' of many body quantum physics!

- A proof of random-matrix spectral form factor PRL 121, 264101 (2018); CMP 387, 597 (2021)
- Exact local dynamical correlation functions in dual-unitary models: An example of exact ergodic hierarchy of quantum many-body dynamics PRL 123, 210601 (2019),
- Opnamical complexity (entanglement entropy PRX 9, 021033 (2019), operator entropy SciPost Phys. 8, 067 (2020)), and structural / perturbative stability of quantum ergodicity PRX 11, 011022 (2021).









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The Quantum Chaos Conjecture (aka BGS conjecture)

Casati, Guarnerri, Valz-Gris 1980, Berry 1981, Bohigas, Giannoni, Schmidt 1984

The spectral fluctuations of quantum systems with chaotic and ergodic classical limit are *universal* and described by Random Matrix Theory (RMT).

The same holds for periodically-driven systems if one instead considers the statistics of quasi-energies.



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Caveat: SFF is not self-averaging! Consider instead $\bar{K}(t) = \mathbb{E}[K(t)]$.

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Comparision to RMT

RMT (No time reversal symmetry):

$$K_{\text{CUE}}(t) = t, \quad t < \mathcal{N}.$$

RMT (With time teversal symmetry):

$$K_{\text{COE}}(t) = 2t - t \log(1 + 2t/\mathcal{N}), \quad t < \mathcal{N}.$$

Random (uncorrelated, Poissonian) spectrum $\{\varphi_n\}$:

$$K_{\text{Poisson}} \equiv \mathcal{N}.$$

RMT vs Real System:



$$\mathbb{E}[K(t)] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{m,n} e^{i(\varphi_m - \varphi_n)}\right].$$

Saturation $\bar{K}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}$ beyond Heisenberg time $t > t_{\rm H} = \mathcal{N} = 1/\Delta\varphi$.

Non-universal (system-specific) behaviour below Ehrenfest/Thouless time $t < t_{\rm T}$.

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To all orders, RMT terms is reproduced by considering full combinatorics of self-encountering orbits [Müller et al, PRL 2004]



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$$H = \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} (-Jc_j^{\dagger}c_{j+1} - J'c_j^{\dagger}c_{j+2} + \text{h.c.} + Vn_jn_{j+1} + V'n_jn_{j+2}), \quad n_j = c_j^{\dagger}c_j.$$



From [Rigol and Santos, 2010]...numerical evidence since early 1990's

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How about the numerical data on SFF?

Clean non-integrable Kicked Ising Chain [Pineda and TP, PRE 2007]



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Only recently first analytic results arrived..

Floquet long-ranged (non-integrable/non-mean field) spin 1/2 chains [arXiv:1712.02665]

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Many-Body Quantum Chaos: Analytic Connection to Random Matrix Theory

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Floquet local quantum circuits with random unitary gates in the limit of large local Hilbert space dimension $q \rightarrow \infty$ [PRL 121, 060601 (2018); PRX 8, 041019 (2018)]

Solution of a minimal model for many-body quantum chaos

Amos Chan, Andrea De Luca and J. T. Chalker Theoretical Physics, Oxford University, 1 Keble Road, Oxford OX1 3NP, United Kingdom (Dated: December 20, 2017)

Spectral statistics in spatially extended chaotic quantum many-body systems

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What about fermionic or spin 1/2 systems with strictly local interactions?

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Kicked Ising model [TP, JPA 1998; PTPS 2000; PRE 2002]

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Remarks:

- KI model is integrable if b = 0 or $h_j \equiv 0$.
- For generic h_j and $b \neq 0$, the model has no symmetries.

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Consider longitudinal magnetic field h_i to be i.i.d. (Gaussian) variable

$$\bar{K}(t) = \mathbb{E}_{h}[K(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L} \frac{\mathrm{d}h_{j}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(h_{j}-\bar{h})^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}\right) \right) K(t).$$



For $|J| = |b| = \pi/4$ and σ large enough the behaviour seems immediately RMT-like ($t_{\rm T} \sim$ 1)

Interpreting $\bar{K}(t)$ in terms of a partition function of 2d classical statistical model, we can study SFF analytically in thermodynamic limit!

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We found a simple locally interacting model with finite dimensional local Hilbert space with proven RMT spectral correlations at all time-scales!

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Key idea in the proof: Space-time duality [PRL 121, 264101 (2018)]

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Remarkably: \tilde{U}_{KI} is **unitary** for $|J| = |b| = \pi/4$ (Self-dual, $J = \pm \tilde{J}, b = \pm \tilde{b}$) Observed first in [Akila, Waltner, Gutkin and Guhr, JPA 49, 375101 (2016)]



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We call a gate dual-Unitary, if not only U is unitary, i.e.

$$UU^{\dagger} = U^{\dagger}U = \mathbb{1},$$

but also \tilde{U} is unitary

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(here t = 2 and L = 6)

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Problem: Classify all Dual Unitary gates for a given dimension d



$$U = e^{i\phi}(u_+ \otimes u_-) \cdot V[J] \cdot (v_- \otimes v_+),$$

where $\phi, J \in \mathbb{R}, u_{\pm}, v_{\pm} \in \mathrm{SU}(2)$ and

$$V[J] = \exp\left[-i\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^x \otimes \sigma^x + \frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^y \otimes \sigma^y + J\sigma^z \otimes \sigma^z\right)\right].$$

Relevant examples:

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We can provide a complete classification only for d = 2:

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See [Claeys & Lamacraft, PRL126, 100603 (2021)] for generalization (not complete classification!) to higher d, and [Gutkin,Braun,Akila,Waltner,Guhr, arXiv:2001.01298] for generalization of KI model to higher d.

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Spectral Form Factor in DUC



 $K(t,L) = \mathbb{E}_u[|\mathrm{tr}\,\mathbb{U}_L^t|^2] = \mathbb{E}_u[\mathrm{tr}\,(\mathbb{U}_L^\dagger\otimes\mathbb{U}_L^T)^t] = \mathrm{tr}[(\mathbb{E}_u[\tilde{\mathbb{U}}_t^\dagger\otimes\tilde{\mathbb{U}}_t^T])^L = \mathrm{tr}\,\mathbb{T}^L.$

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'Thermofield-double' (aka *folded*) representation of SFF

$$= \bigcup_{x \in W} = U \otimes U^*, \quad = \bigcup_{x \in W} = W \otimes W^*.$$

$$= \bigoplus_{x \in W} = u_x \otimes u_x^*, \quad w_x \otimes w_x^*.$$



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Theorem [Bertini, Kos, P, CMP 387, 597 (2021)], written for d = 2:

For i.i.d. local 1-qubit gates u_x, w_x with arbitrary *smooth* (and nonsingular) distribution over SU(2), and for any dual unitary 2-qubit gates U other than the SWAP, we have

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Dynamical correlation functions in DUC [PRL 123, 210601 (2019)]

Writing the orthonormal set of local observables as a^{α} , $\alpha = 0, \ldots, d^2 - 1$, tr $[(a^{\alpha})^{\dagger}a^{\beta}] = d \delta_{\alpha,\beta}$ and choose $a^0 = 1$, so all other a^{α} are traceless, we shall be interested in the following space-time correlator

$$D^{\alpha\beta}(x,y,t) \equiv \frac{1}{d^{2L}} \mathrm{tr} \left[a_x^{\alpha} \mathbb{U}^{-t} a_y^{\beta} \mathbb{U}^t \right] = \begin{cases} C_-^{\alpha\beta}(x-y,t) & 2y \text{ even} \\ C_+^{\alpha\beta}(x-y,t) & 2y \text{ odd} \end{cases},$$



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Property 1

If U is dual-unitary, the dynamical correlations are non-zero for $t \le L/2$ only on the edges of a lightcone spreading at speed ± 1

$$C_{\nu}^{\alpha\beta}(x,t) = \delta_{x,\nu t} C_{\nu}^{\alpha\beta}(\nu t,t), \qquad \nu = \pm, \ \alpha, \beta \neq 0.$$



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Property 2

The light cone correlations $C^{\alpha\beta}_+(t,t)$ and $C^{\alpha\beta}_-(-t,t)$ are given by

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where we introduced the linear maps over $\operatorname{End}(\mathbb{C}^d)$

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L. Piroli, B. Bertini, J. I. Cirac and TP, PRB 101, 094304 (2020)



Exactly solvable staggered MPS initial states satisfying:



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Operator entanglement in DUC

Analytic computation of Renyi-2 operator entanglement entropy for spreading of local operators [Bertini, Kos & P, SciPost Phys. 2020]:

$$E_{op}(t) = \alpha t$$

where $\alpha = 2 \log d$ signals maximal chaos.



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Recent results on space-time dual circuits beyond dual unitarity:

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where α and β are, respectively, the largest singular values of

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then the tile-sum can be explicitly evaluated and shown to be equal to sum over skeleton diagrams. Proven to give the dominant contribution in the 'low density' regime, while conjectured at any density of perturbed gates. =



Path integral (aka skeleton) formula for correlation functions

Under the above conditions we recursively block diagonalize TMs:



and obtain:

$$\langle \bullet_{x} | \bullet_{0}(t) \rangle = \begin{cases} a^{x_{+}} \delta_{x_{-}-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\bar{n}_{1}} (pq\epsilon^{2})^{n} {\binom{\bar{x}_{-}}{n}} (a^{x_{-}-2}) a^{x_{+}-n} c^{x_{-}-n-1} & x \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ q\epsilon \sum_{n=0}^{\bar{n}_{2}} (pq\epsilon^{2})^{n} {\binom{\bar{x}_{+}-1}{n}} (\frac{\bar{x}_{-}-1}{n}) a^{x_{+}-n-1} c^{x_{-}-n-1} & x \in \mathbb{Z}+1/2, \end{cases}$$

 $\tilde{x}_{\pm} := |x_{\pm}/\nu_{\pm}|, \quad x_{\pm} := t \pm x, \quad \bar{n}_{1,2} \simeq \min(\tilde{x}_{+}, \tilde{x}_{-})$



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Another dual-unitary paradigm: IRF circuits

[TP, Chaos 2021]



An example of IRF circuits: reversible 3-site Margolus cellular automata, cf. Rule 54 - reviewed in [JSTAT (2021) 074001].



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Unitarity and dual-unitarity of IRF gates:



Consequently, only non-vanishing correlators along 2-leg ladders:



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