

Entanglement, global symmetries and topological contributions

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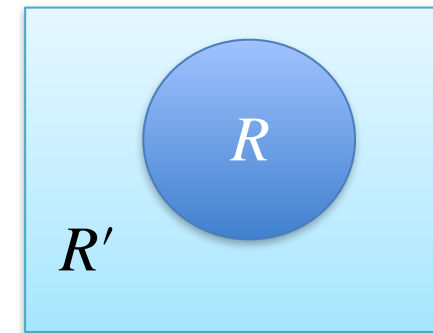
Based on

Entanglement entropy and superselection sectors I: Global symmetries
Entropic order parameters for the phases of QFT

Preliminaries

Entanglement Entropy in QFT

Region R and state $\rho \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_R \otimes \mathcal{H}_{R'}} S(R) = -\text{tr} \rho_R \log \rho_R$



RG flows:

$$S(r) = \mu_{d-2} r^{d-2} + \mu_{d-4} r^{d-4} + \dots + \begin{cases} (-)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} 4A \log(R/\epsilon) & d \text{ even} \\ (-)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} F & d \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

[Myers, Sinha, 2010] [Solodukhin, 2008]

[Casini, MH, (2004 & 2012)], [Casini, Teste, Torroba 2017] [Casini, MH, Myers 2012]

Holographic EE:

$$S_{EE} = \frac{A}{4G}$$

[Ryu, Takayanagi, 2006]

[Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi, 2007]

[Lewkowycz, Maldacena, 2013]

Preliminaries

Perspective:

Algebraic approach to QFT based on algebras of operators corresponding to causal spacetime regions

QFT : Entanglement Entropy of a region



AA

Region \longleftrightarrow Local algebra

“described by a net of von Neumann algebras”



strong indication that the assignment $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{R})$ is in the core of the EE

Global symmetry \longrightarrow Subset of invariant operators \longrightarrow DHR formalism



[Doplicher, Haag, Roberts, 1969]



non unique assignment!

Superselection sectors

$S(R)$ is not unique



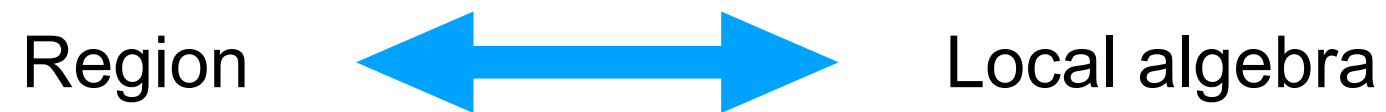
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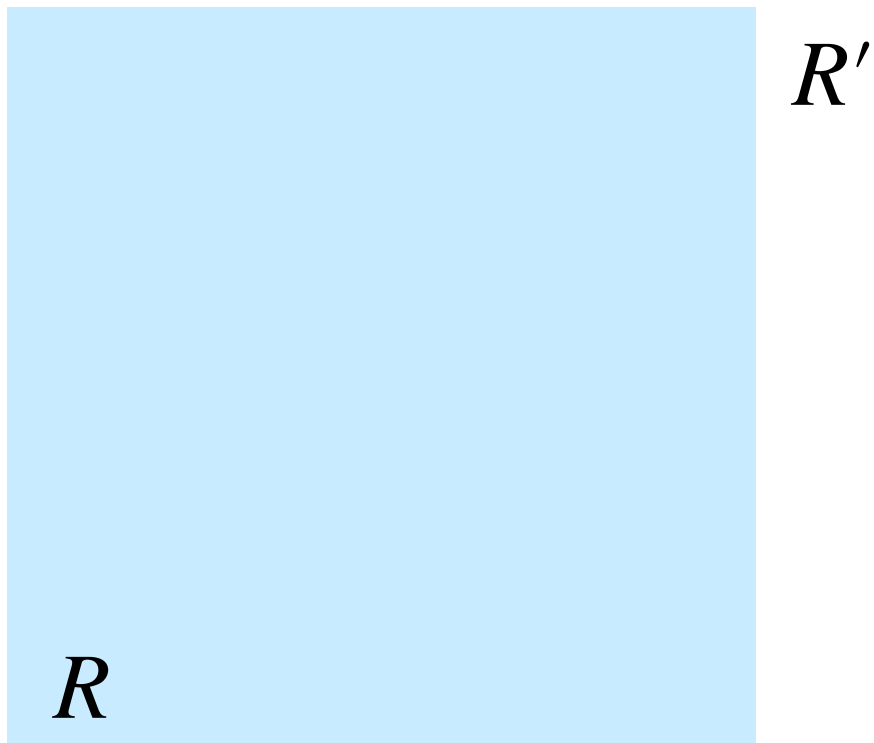
- Anomaly mismatch for gauge theories [Dowker, 2010]
- Regularization/Lattice require fine-tuning [Buividovich, Polikarpov 2008]
[Donnelly 2011]
[Donnelly, Wall 2015]
[Ghosh, Soni, Trivedi 2015]
[Huang 2015]
- Mutual Information seems to fail $a_{MI} \neq a_{\langle T_\mu^\mu \rangle}$ [Casini, MH., 2015]
- Topological theories

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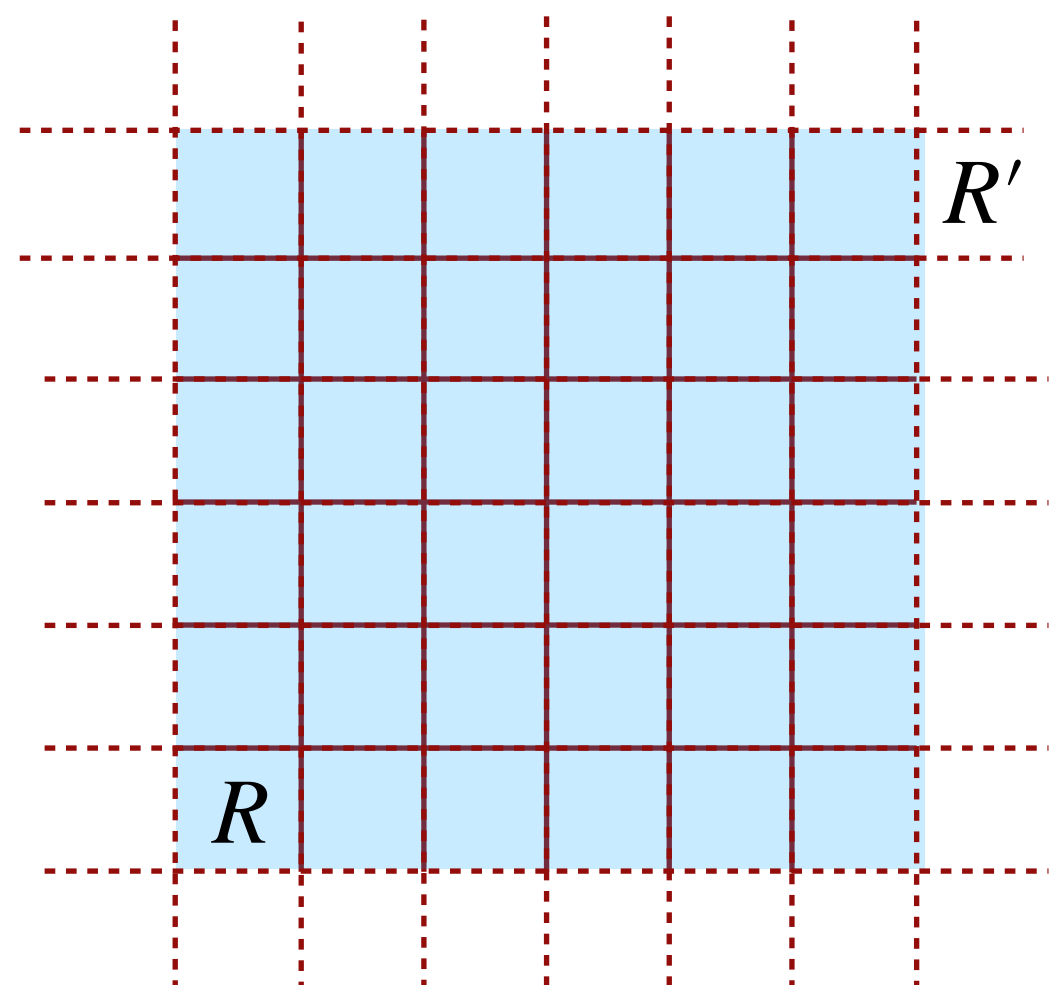
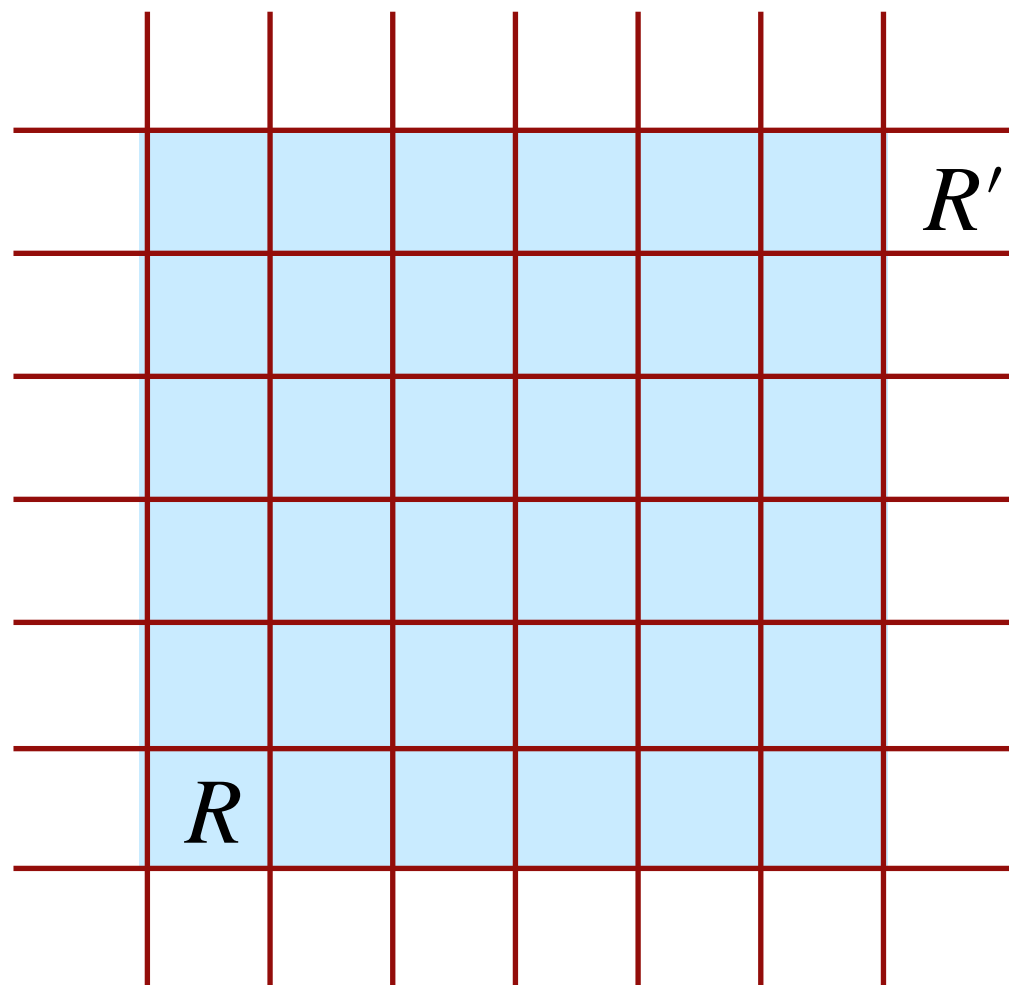


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Infinite number of choices...the same mutual information

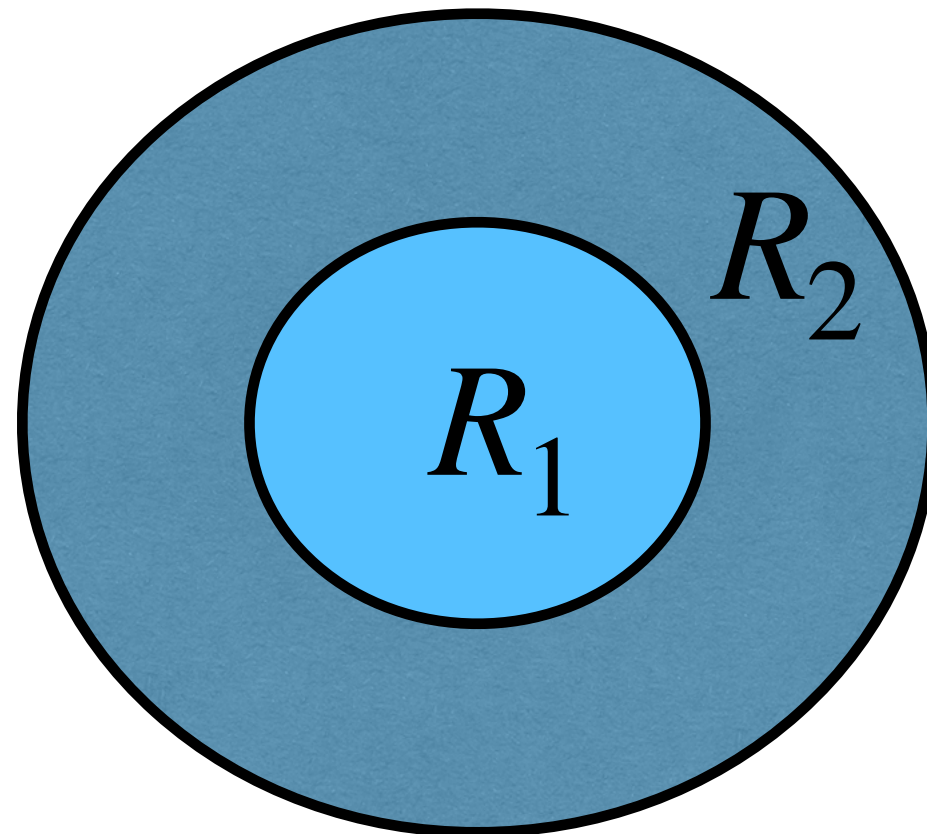
Plan of the talk

- **Algebras and regions in QFT**
- **Superselection sectors from global symmetries**
- **Relative entropy and conditional expectations**
- **Novel universal terms in the entanglement entropy**
- **Chiral Scalar in two dim**

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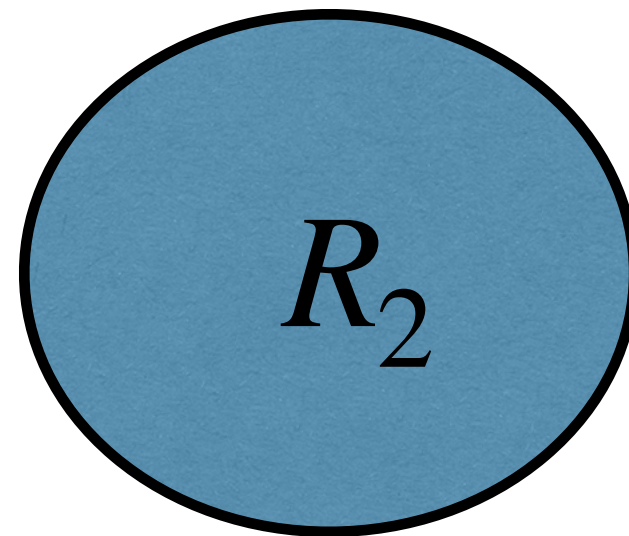
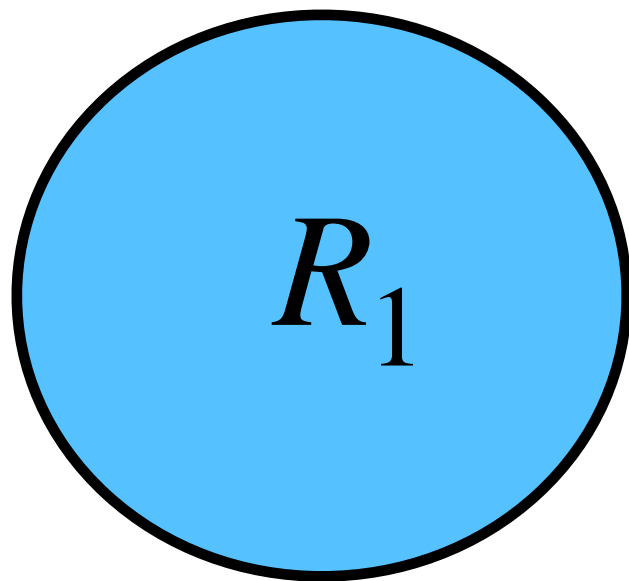
- Isotony



$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \subseteq R_2 \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{A}_{R_1} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{R_2} \end{array}$$

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$$[\mathcal{A}(R), \mathcal{A}(R')] = 0$$



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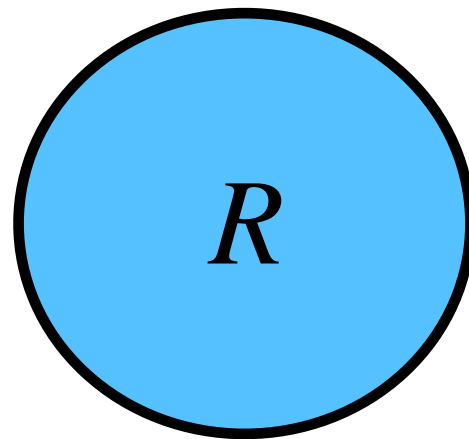
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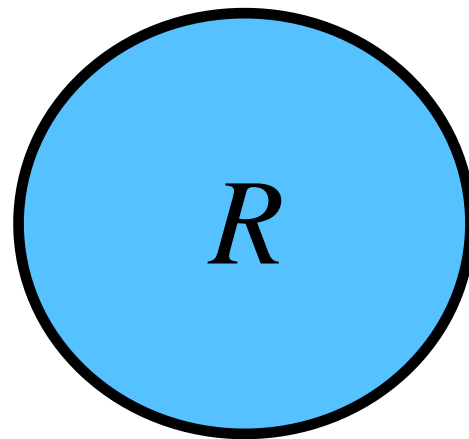


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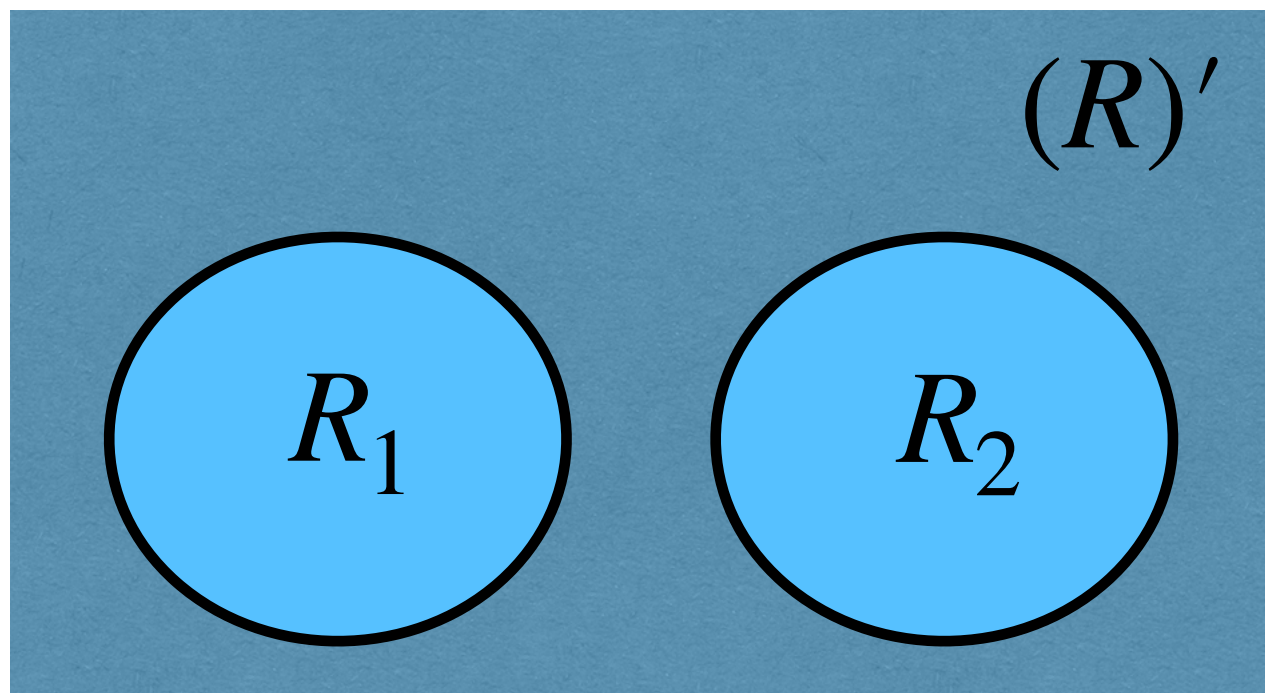
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Consider the regions $R \equiv R_1 \vee R_2$ and R'



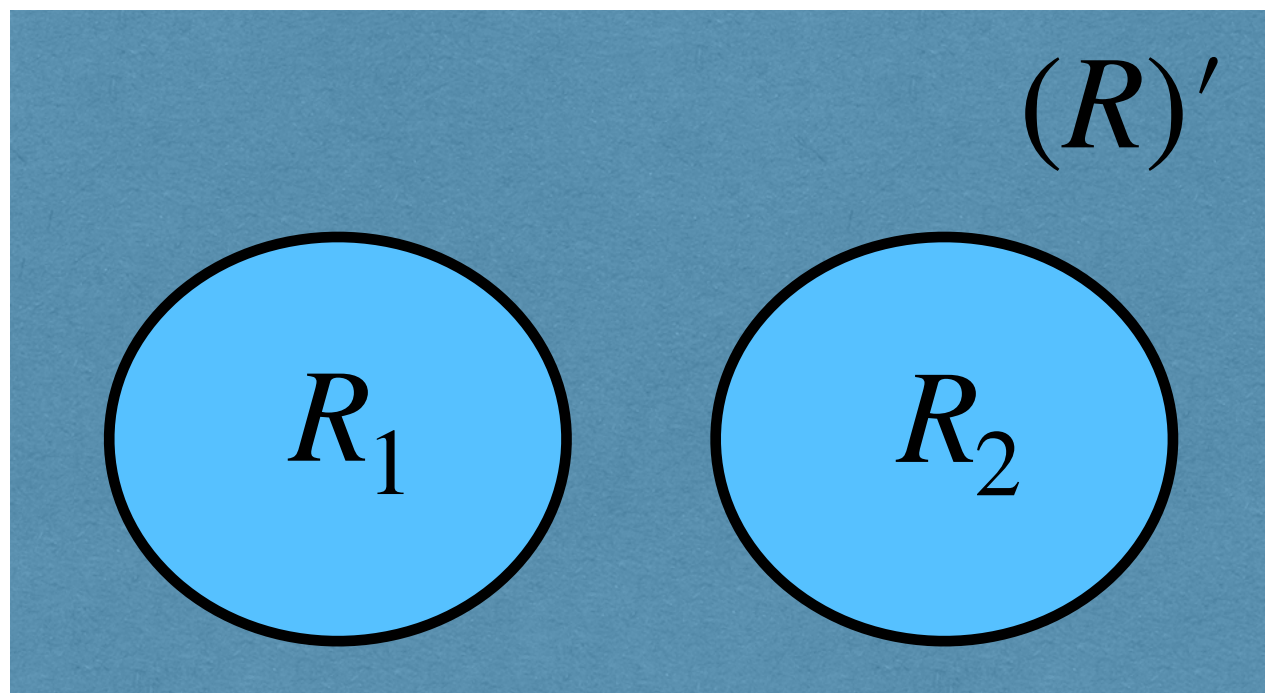
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The region R has non trivial $\pi_0(R)$. The region R' has non trivial $\pi_{d-2}(R)$

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If duality is not satisfied for certain region

$$\mathcal{A}_{max}(R) \equiv (\mathcal{A}(R'))' = \mathcal{A}(R) \vee \{a\}$$

Interestingly, the breaking of duality in region R forces a dual breaking in region R'

$$\mathcal{A}_{max}(R') \equiv (\mathcal{A}(R))' = \mathcal{A}(R') \vee \{b\}$$

It also implies that the dual sets of non-local operators are complementary

$$[a, b] \neq 0$$

To construct QFT nets satisfying duality requires introducing some operators. In these cases, “generalized sectors” $[a]$ and $[b]$ arise by a quotient of the maximal algebra with respect to the local algebra

$$[a] \equiv \mathcal{A}_{max}(R)/\mathcal{A}(R) \qquad [b] \equiv \mathcal{A}_{max}(R')/\mathcal{A}(R')$$

The classes define a natural notion of fusion

$$[a][a'] = \sum_{a''} [n]_{aa'}^{a''} [a''] \qquad [n]_{aa'}^{a''} = 0, 1$$

QFT with global symmetries

Simple example: Free Dirac field restricted to the algebra of bosonic operators

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv 1, \psi(x), \dots$$

$$\mathcal{O} \equiv 1, \psi(x)\psi(y), \psi^\dagger(x)\psi^\dagger(y), \psi(x)\psi^\dagger(y), \dots$$

This is a Z_2 symmetry for which the fermion has charge one.

In the model \mathcal{F} we can consider the following localized operator

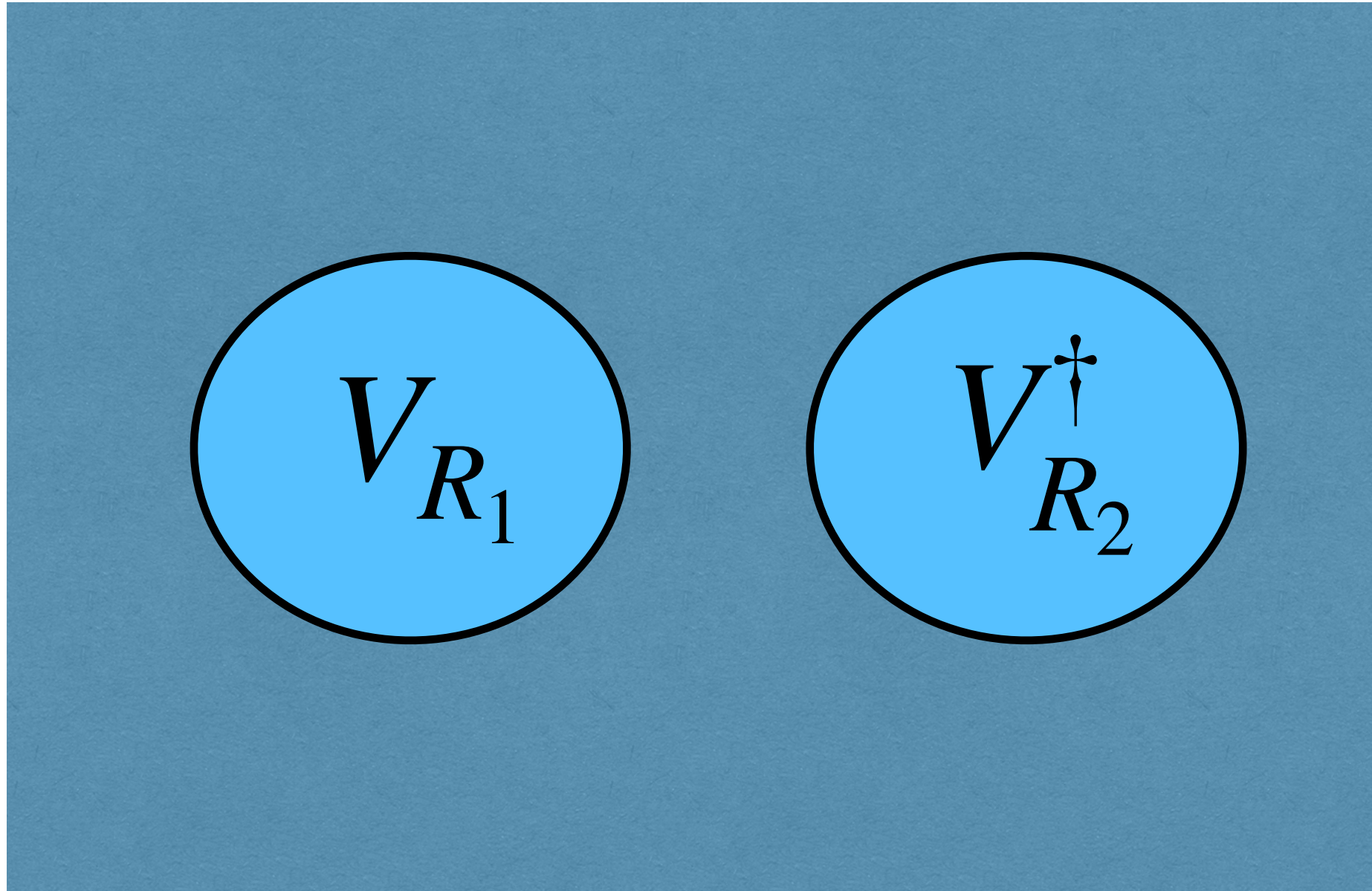
$$V_A = \int_A d^{d-1}x \alpha(x) (\psi(x) + \psi^\dagger(x))$$

If we have two regions we can construct the “intertwiner”

$$\mathcal{J}_{R_1 R_2} = V_{R_1} V_{R_2}^\dagger \in \mathcal{O}$$

QFT with global symmetries

With respect to region $R \equiv R_1 \vee R_2$



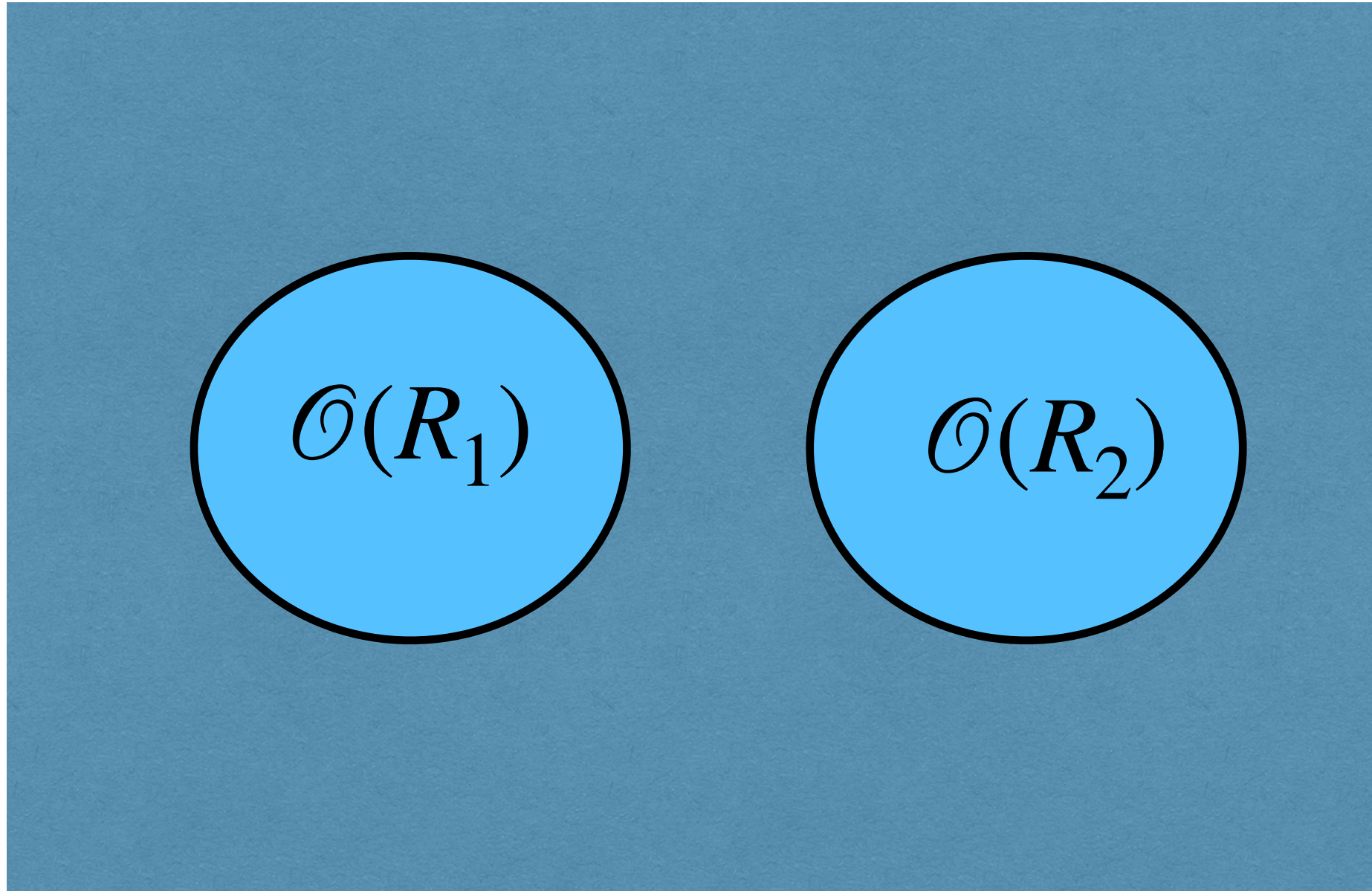
$$(\mathcal{A}(R'))' = \mathcal{A}(R) \vee \{a\}$$

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But does the intertwiner belong to the algebra of the union in \mathcal{O} ?

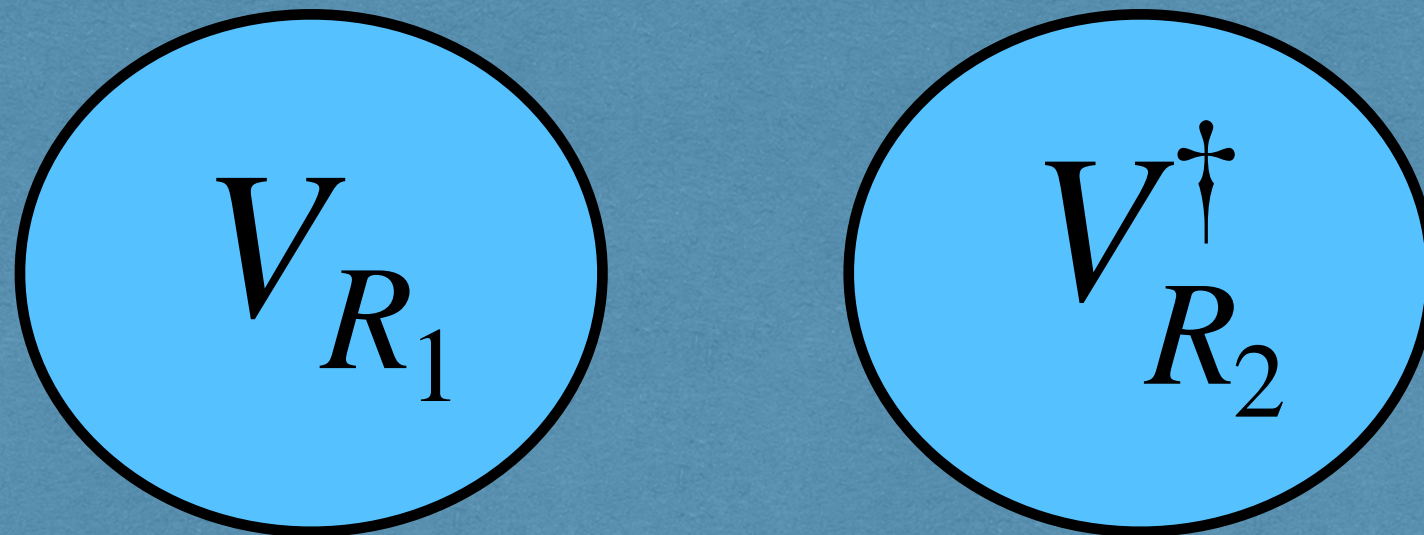
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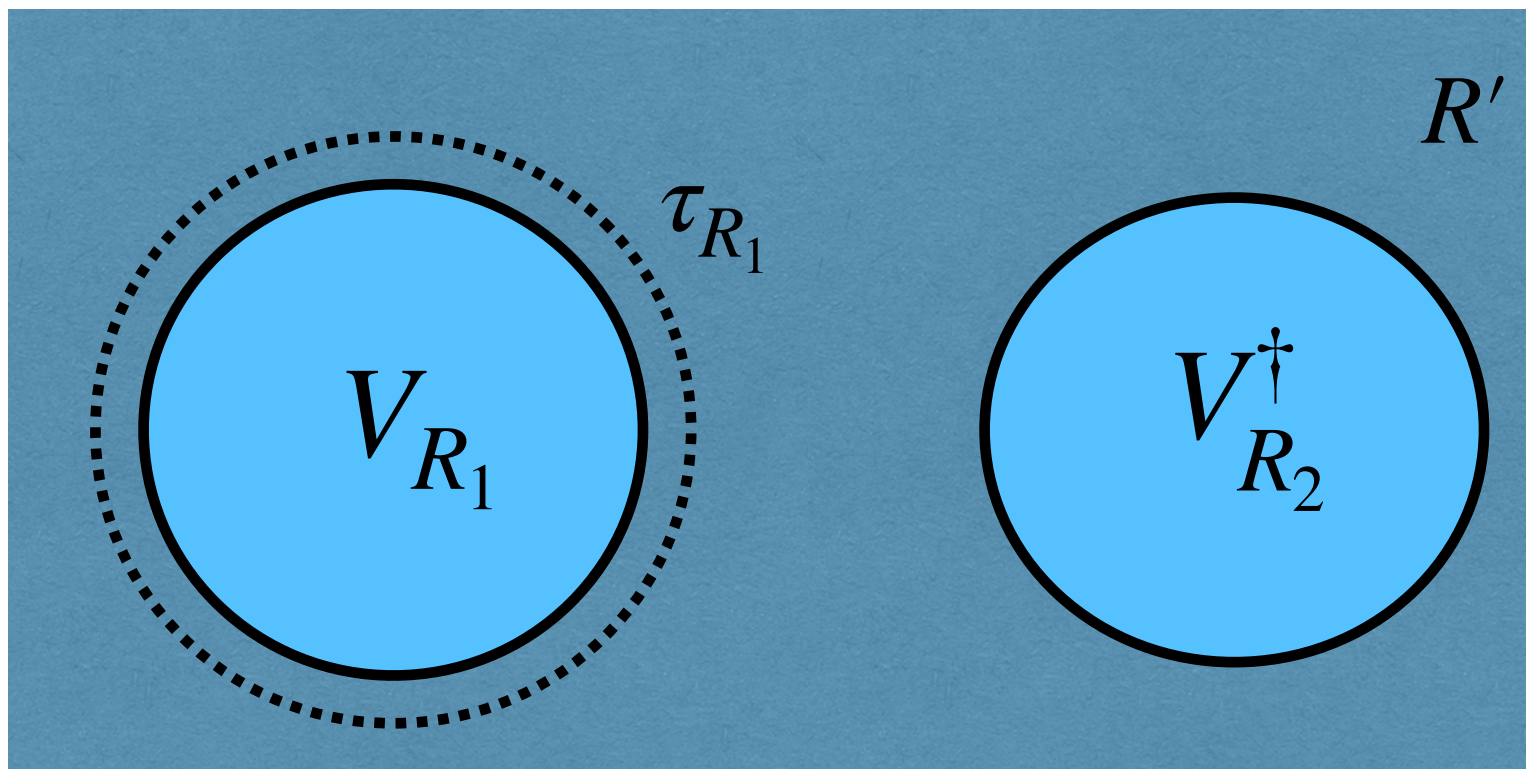
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It does not belong to the local algebra...

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With respect to region R'



$$\mathcal{A}(R)' = \mathcal{A}(R') \vee \{b\}$$

The commutant $\mathcal{O}(R)'$ contains “twist” operators that implement the symmetry transformations locally

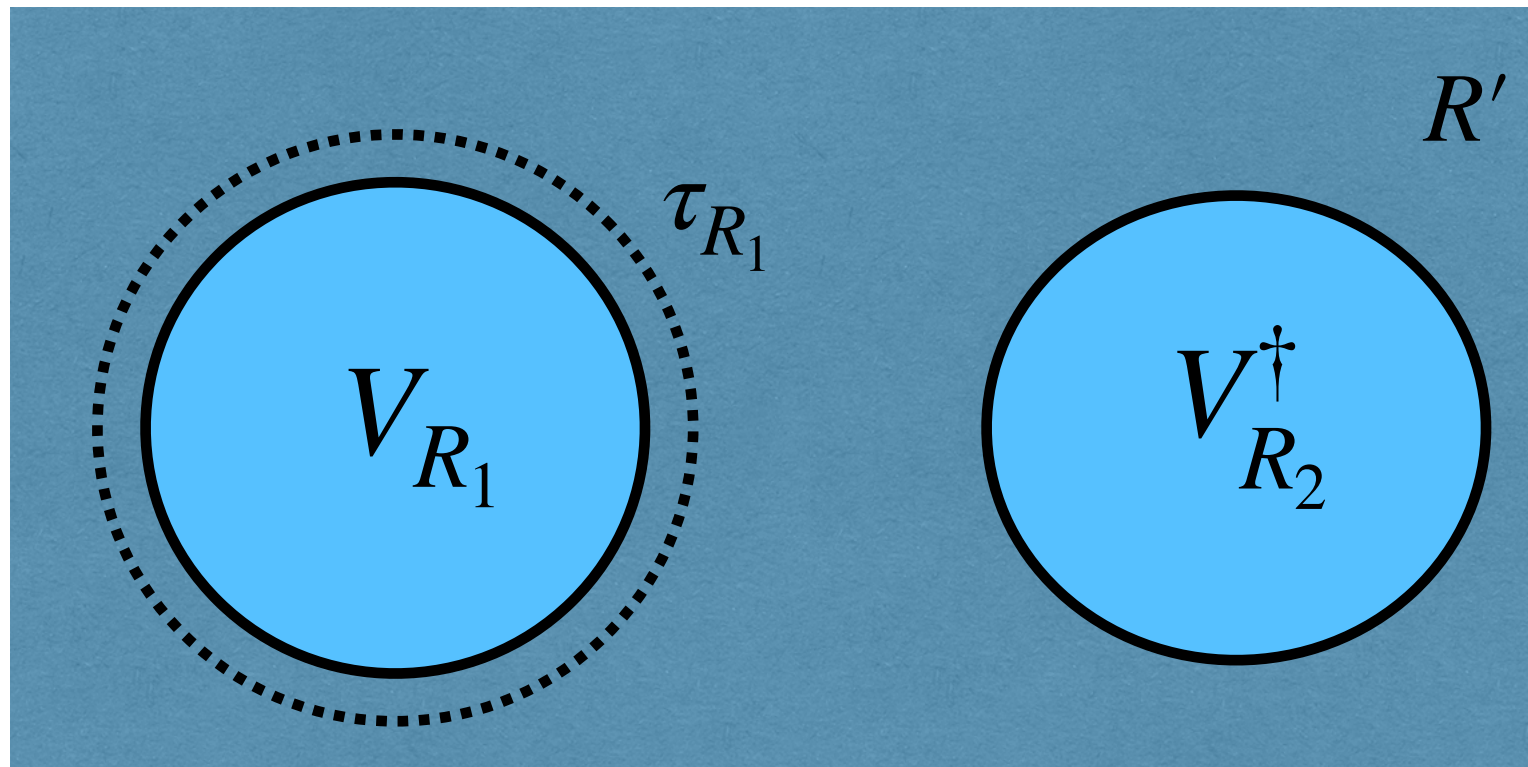
$$\tau_{R_1} = e^{i\pi \int dt d^{d-1}x \gamma(t) \beta_{R_1}(\vec{x}) J^0(x)}$$

The spatial test function is zero in region R_2 , and one in R_1 so that

$$\tau V_{R_1} \tau^{-1} = -V_{R_1} \quad \tau V_{R_2} \tau^{-1} = V_{R_2}$$

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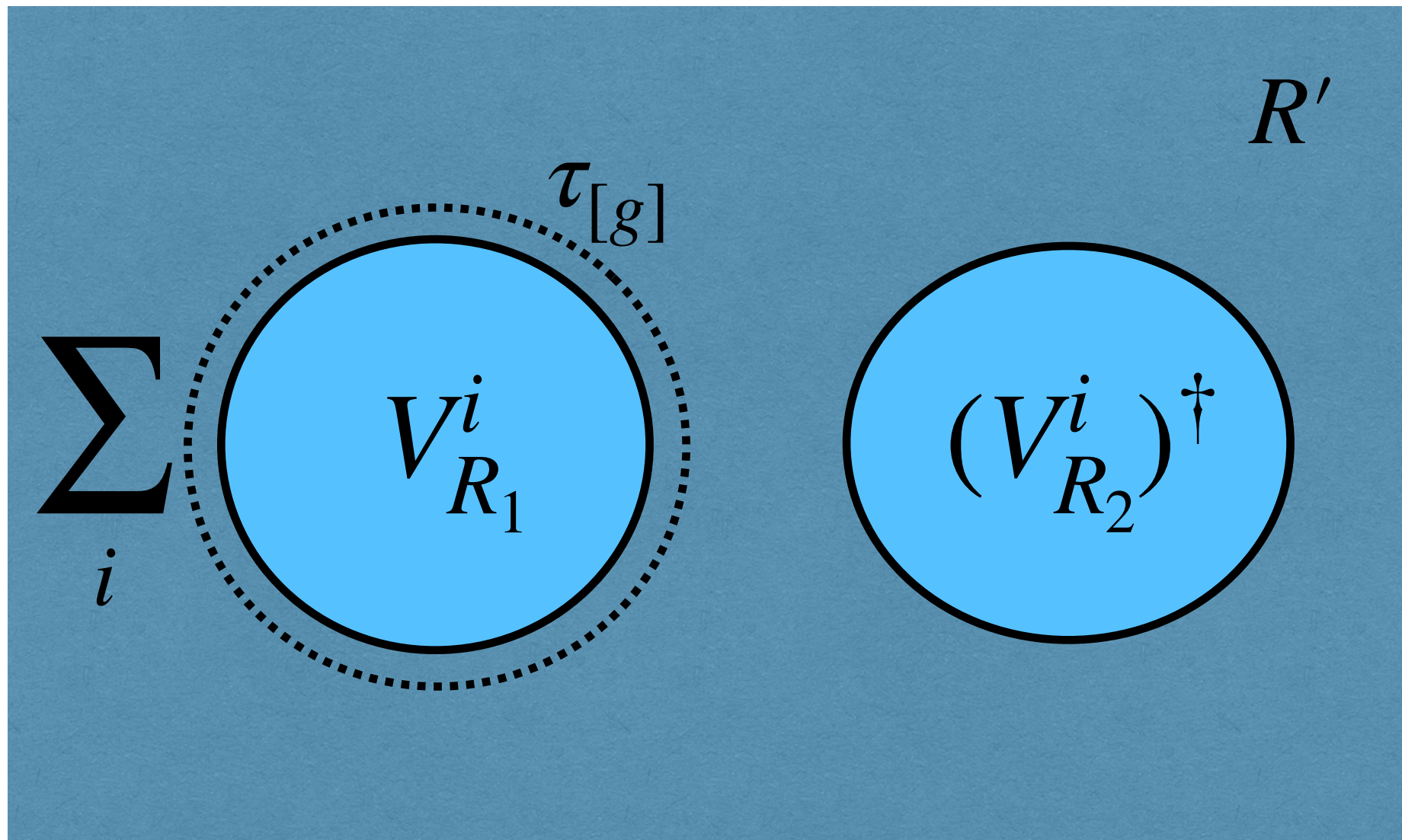


The twists belong to the commutant $\mathcal{O}(R)'$

Crucially, this implies that

$$[\tau, \mathcal{I}_{AB}] \neq 0$$

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$$\mathcal{O}(R) \subset \mathcal{O}_{max}(R) \equiv \mathcal{O}(R) \vee \mathcal{F}_{R_1 R_2}^r$$

$$\mathcal{O}(R') \subset \mathcal{O}_{max}(R') \equiv \mathcal{O}(R') \vee \tau_{[g]}$$

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The global symmetry manifests itself in the difference between the maximal algebras and the local algebras of regions with specific topologies

Relative entropy and conditional expectations

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Another example (our case): Quotient by a symmetry group

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{G} \sum_g \tau_g \mathcal{F} \tau_g^{-1} = E(\mathcal{F})$$

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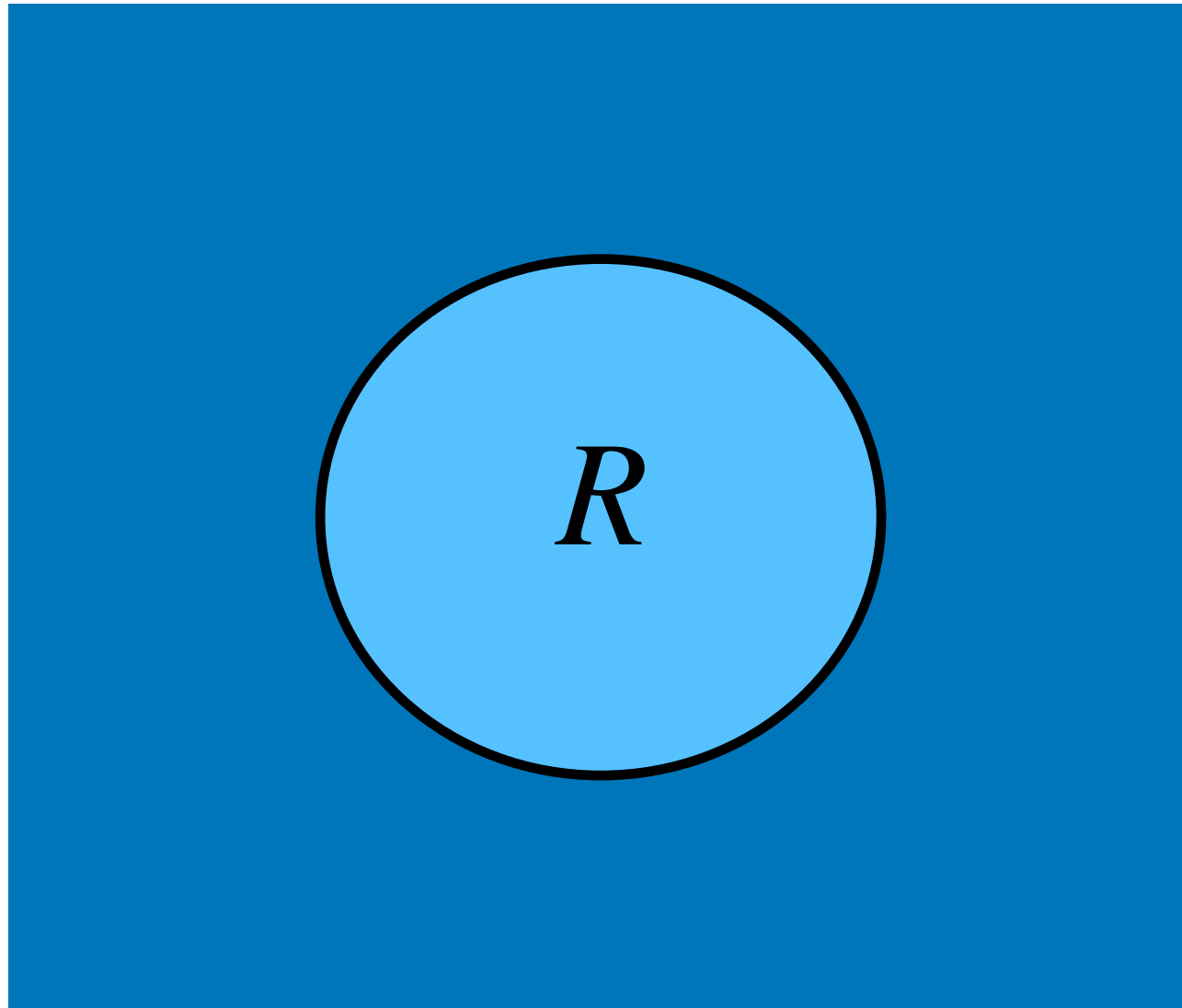
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This in particular implies

$$S_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega \circ E \mid \phi \circ E) = S_{\mathcal{O}}(\omega \mid \phi)$$

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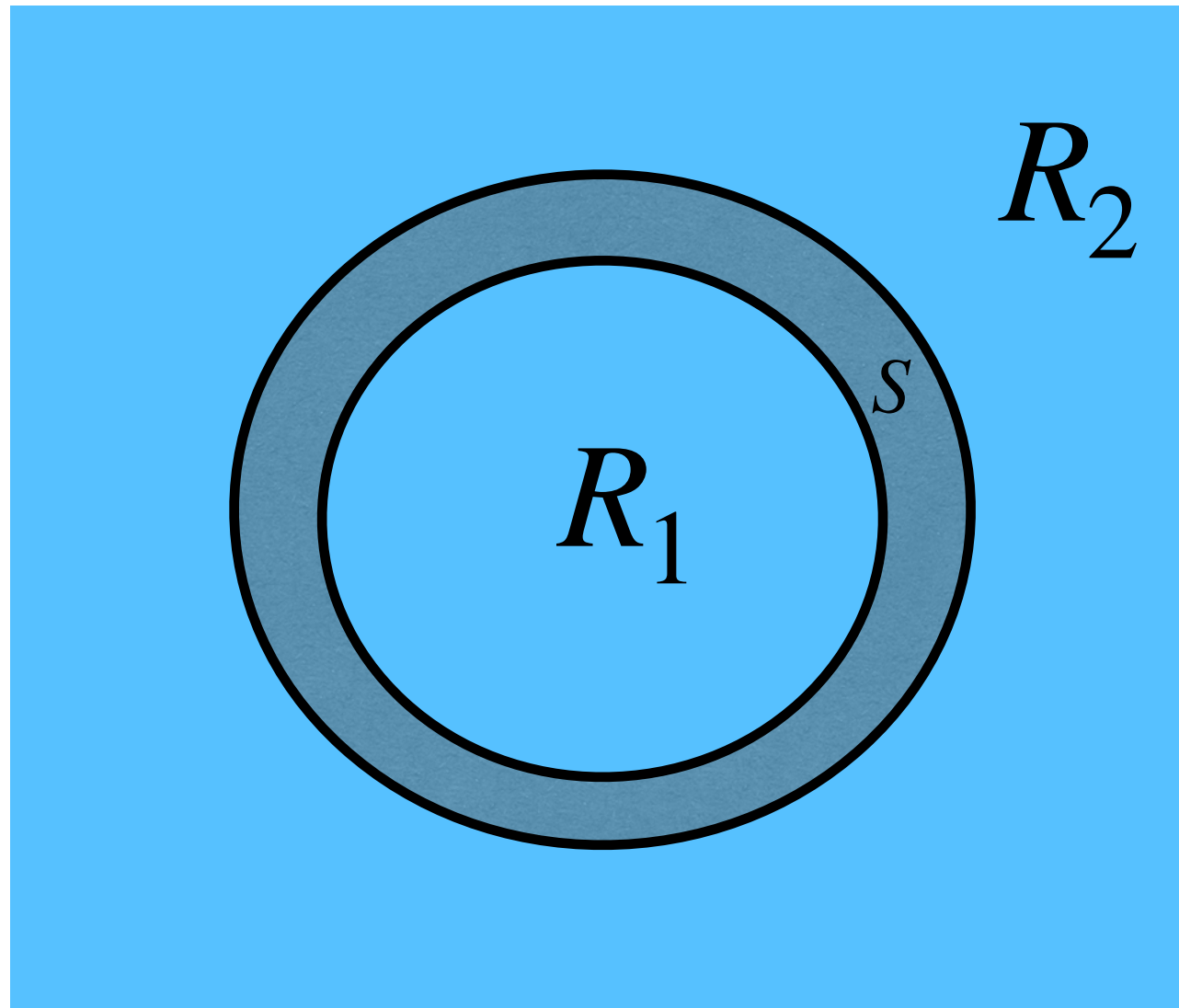
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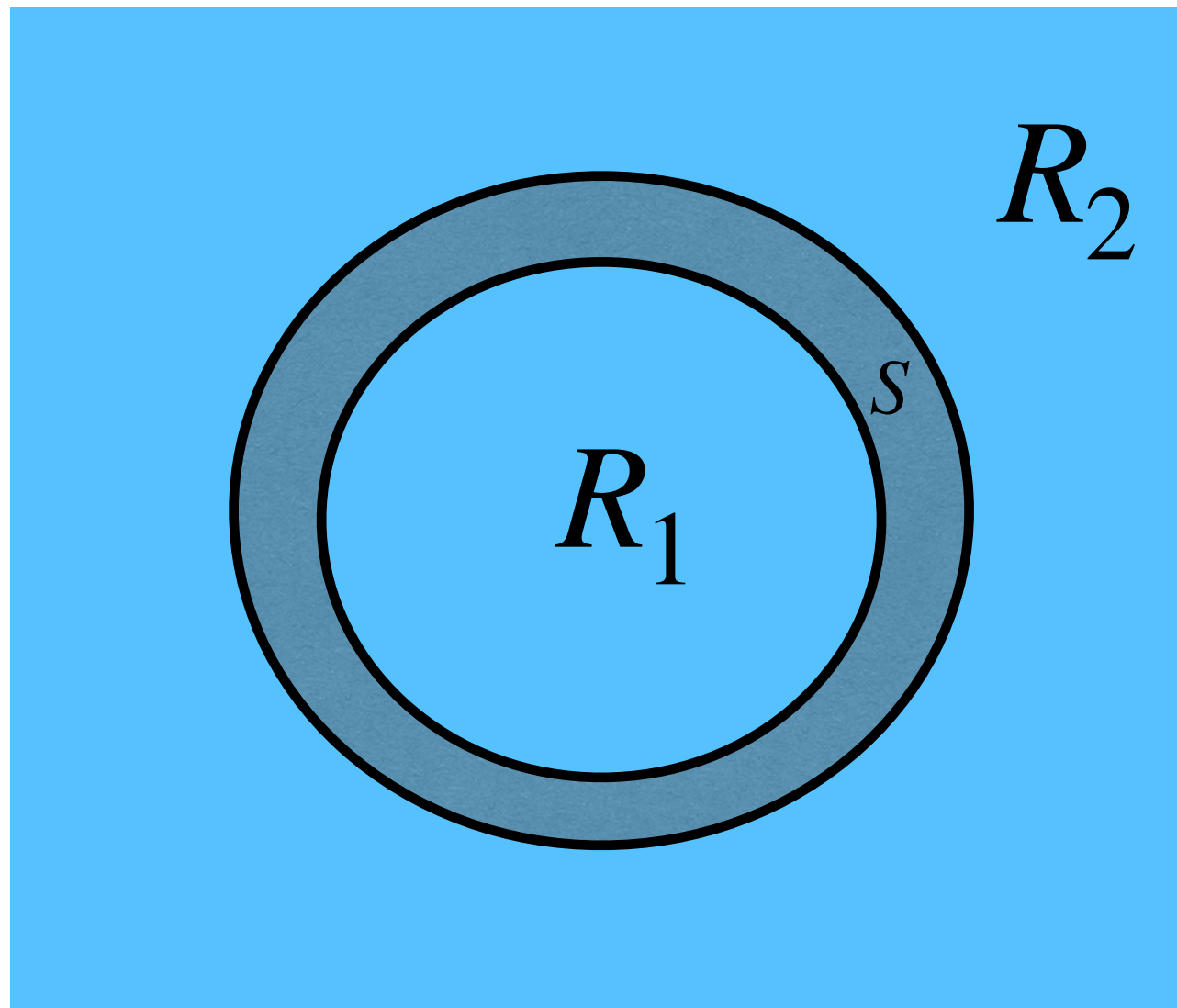
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The algebras are related by

$$E : \mathcal{O}(R) \vee \mathcal{F}_{R_1 R_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(R)$$

The previous formula involving RE and CE implies

$$I_{\mathcal{F}}(R_1, R_2) - I_{\mathcal{O}}(R_1, R_2) = S_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega, \omega \circ E)$$

Novel universal terms in the entanglement entropy

We are led to compute

$$I_{\mathcal{F}}(R_1, R_2) - I_{\mathcal{O}}(R_1, R_2) = S_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega, \omega \circ E)$$

Difference between both states only come from the intertwiners

$$\mathcal{J}_{R_1 R_2} \equiv \sum_i V_{R_1}^i (V_{R_2}^i)^\dagger$$

$$\omega(\mathcal{J}_{R_1 R_2}) \neq 0 \quad \omega \circ E(\mathcal{J}_{R_1 R_2}) = 0$$

We approach the computation by means of monotonicity of relative entropy.

A lower bound arises by restricting to the “intertwiner algebra”

$$I_{\mathcal{F}}(R_1, R_2) - I_{\mathcal{O}}(R_1, R_2) = S_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega, \omega \circ E) \geq S_{\mathcal{J}_{R_1 R_2}}(\omega, \omega \circ E)$$

What about a higher bound?

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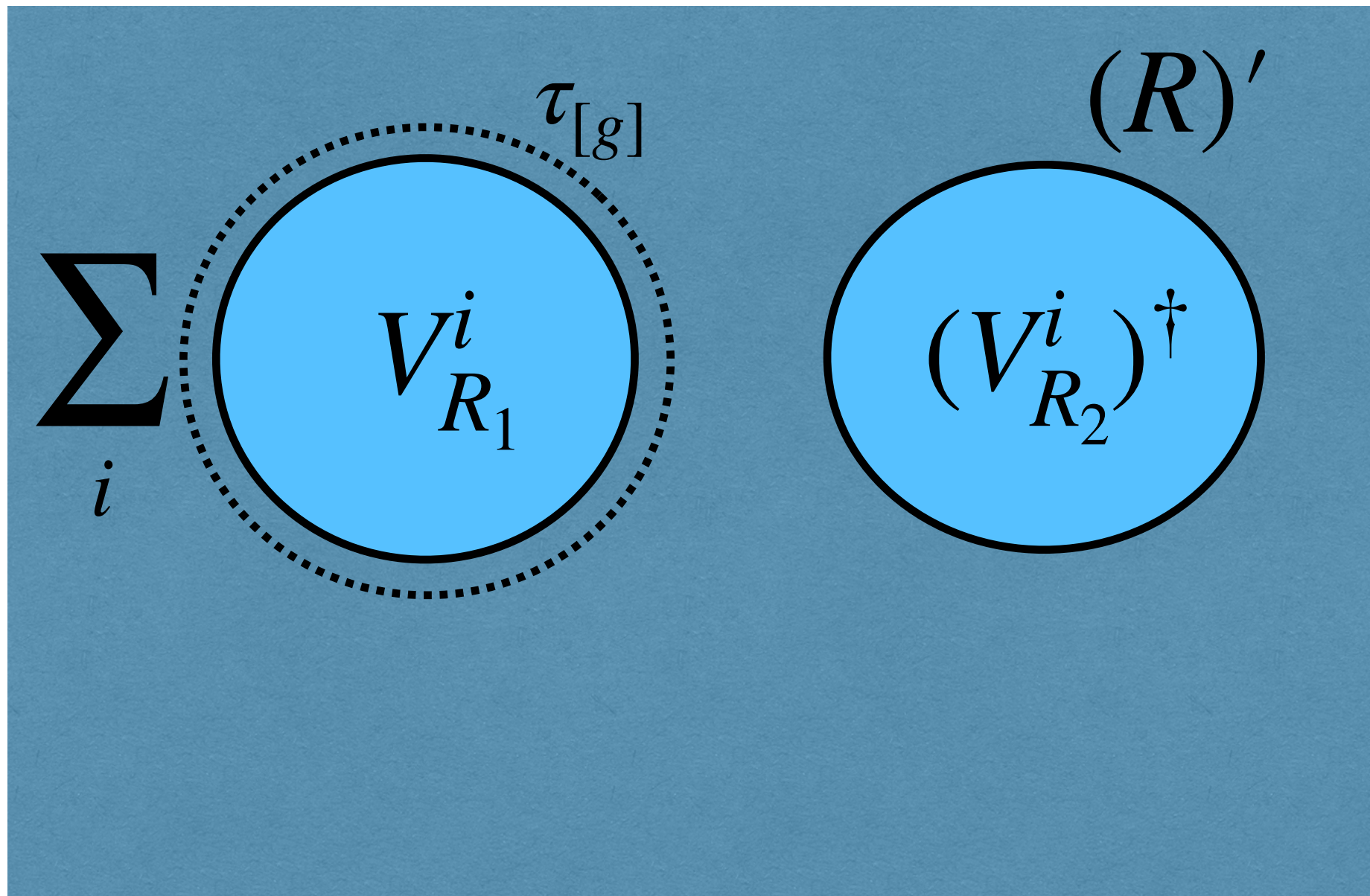
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Answer: Due to the uncertainty principle, whatever observable algebra which does not commute with the intertwiners.

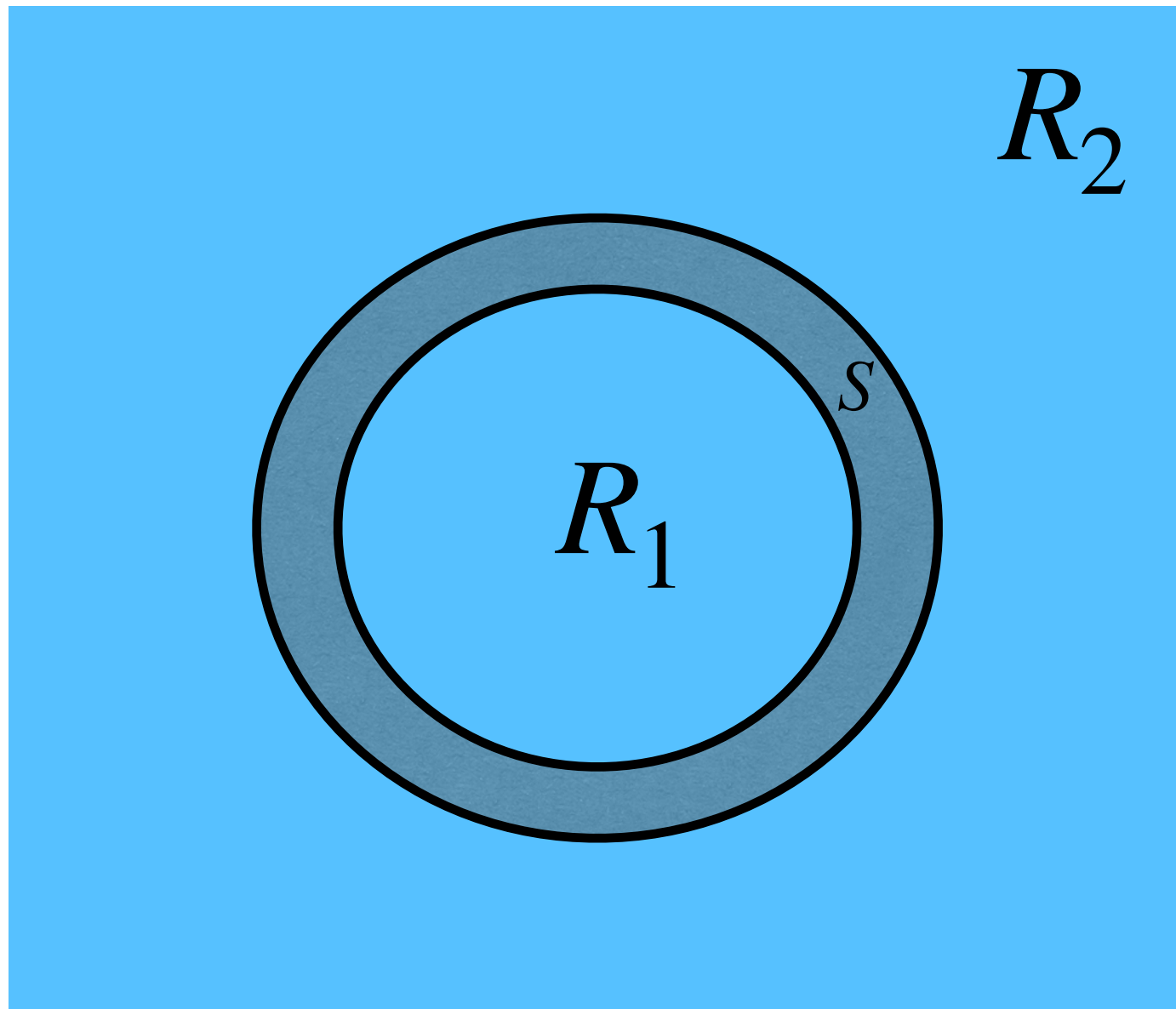
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$$[\mathcal{J}_{R_1 R_2}, \tau_{[g]}] \neq 0$$

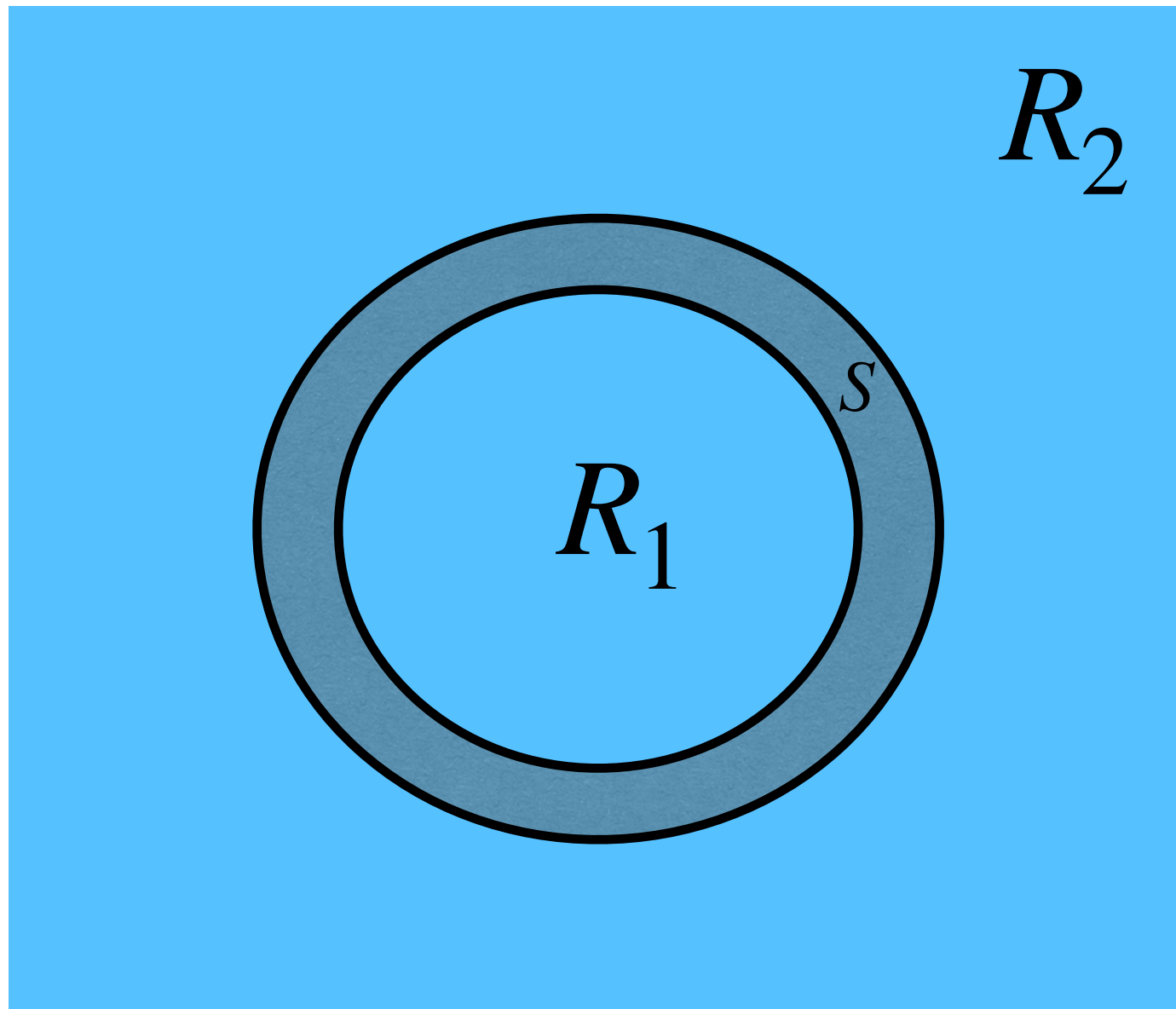
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We have two algebras, with or without the twist algebra

$$\mathcal{O}_S \quad \mathcal{O}_S \vee \tau_{[g]}$$

There is a conditional expectation killing the twists

$$\tilde{E} : \mathcal{O}_S \vee \tau_{[g]} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$$

And an associated relative entropy

$$S_{\mathcal{O}_S \vee \tau_{[g]}}(\omega, \omega \circ \tilde{E})$$

Novel universal terms in the entanglement entropy

For finite groups the following entropic certainty relation can be derived

$$S_{\mathcal{O}_R \vee \mathcal{F}_{R_1 R_2}}(\omega, \omega \circ E) + S_{\mathcal{O}_S \vee \tau_{[g]}}(\omega, \omega \circ \tilde{E}) = \log |G|$$

In the past and also recently, information theoretic versions of the uncertainty principle have been explored

See review for history and references [Coles, Berta, Tomamichel, Wehner, 2017]

Some of those follow from monotonicity of relative entropy of the entropic certainty relation

We finally find the higher bound

$$S_{\mathcal{F}_{R_1 R_2}}(\omega | \omega \circ E) \leq I_{\mathcal{F}}(R_1, R_2) - I_{\mathcal{O}}(R_1, R_2) \leq \log |G| - S_{\tau_{[g]}}(\omega | \omega \circ \tilde{E})$$

Novel universal terms in the entanglement entropy

- Finite groups $\Delta I = \log G = \log D^2$
- Lie groups $\Delta I \simeq \frac{1}{2} (d-2) \mathcal{G} \log \frac{R}{\epsilon} \quad \Delta I \simeq \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{G} \log \left(\log \frac{R}{\epsilon} \right)$
- Multicomponent regions $S_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega_{AB} | \omega_{AB} \circ \bigotimes_i E_{A_i} \bigotimes_j E_{B_j}) = n_{\partial} \log |G|$
- SSB scenarios

$$S_{\mathcal{F}_{\lambda}}(\omega_1 | \omega_1 \circ E_1) \sim \frac{(d-2)}{2} \log(R\mu)$$

$$\Delta I_{AB} = \begin{cases} \frac{d-2}{2} \log(\mu R) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\log(R/\epsilon)) & R\mu \ll 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \log(\log(R/\epsilon)) & R\mu \gg 1 \end{cases}$$

Novel universal terms in the entanglement entropy

Chiral free scalar in two dim.

Conformal, with $c = 1/2$

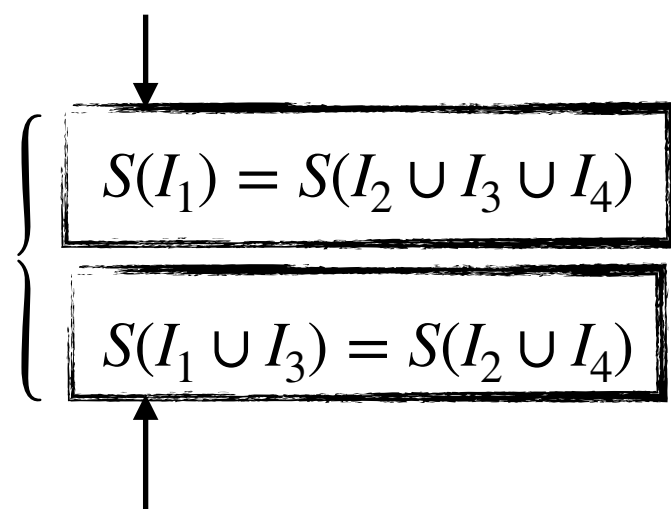
$j(x^+) = \partial_+ \phi$ x^+ null coordinate, is an operator in a line.

The algebra of the current (or the chiral scalar) is exactly formed by the operators of the fermion algebra that are invariant under charge transformations $\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \psi(x)$. So there is a $U(1)$ symmetry in the fermion such that the orbifold, the part of the algebra invariant under the symmetry, is the scalar.

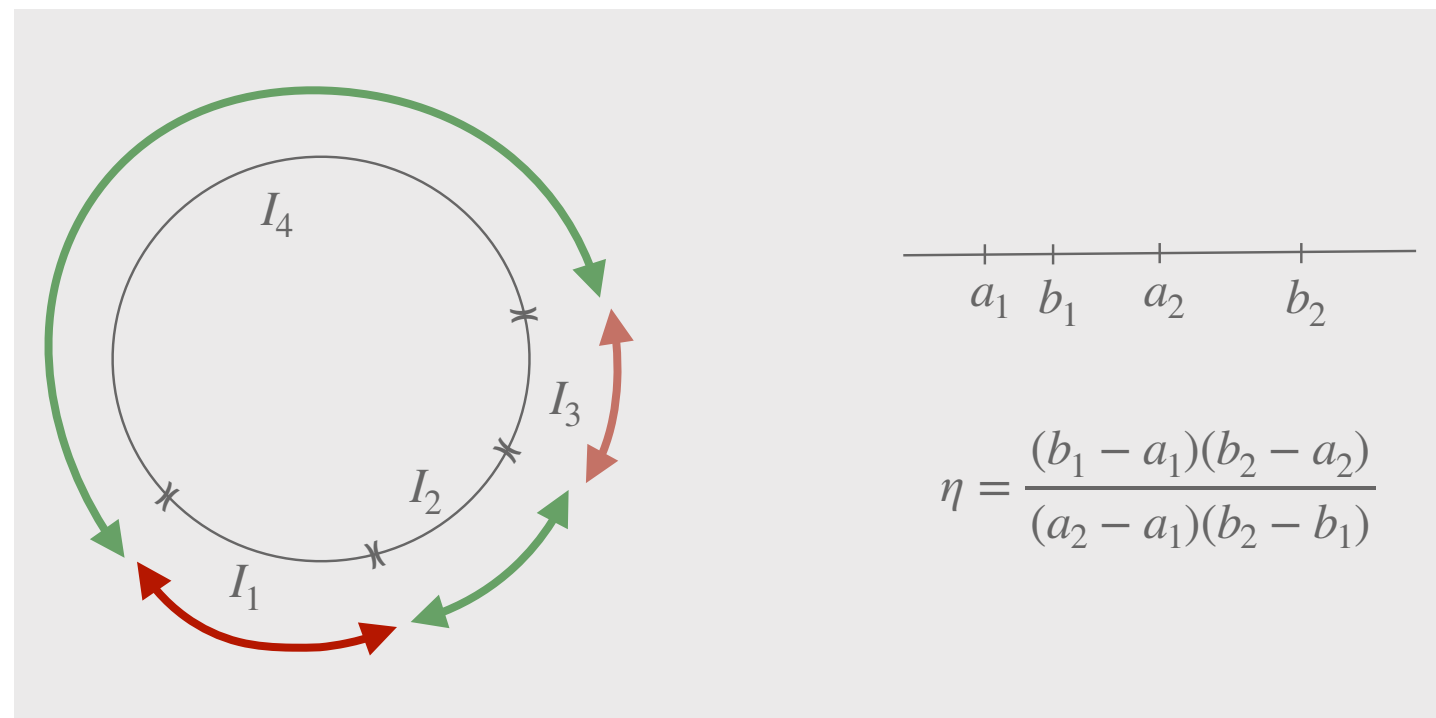
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int dx j(x)^2, \quad [j(x), j(y)] = i\delta(x - y)$$

one interval

Checking duality
in EE



two intervals



In the line $S(R) = \frac{c}{3} \log(R)$ for any CT

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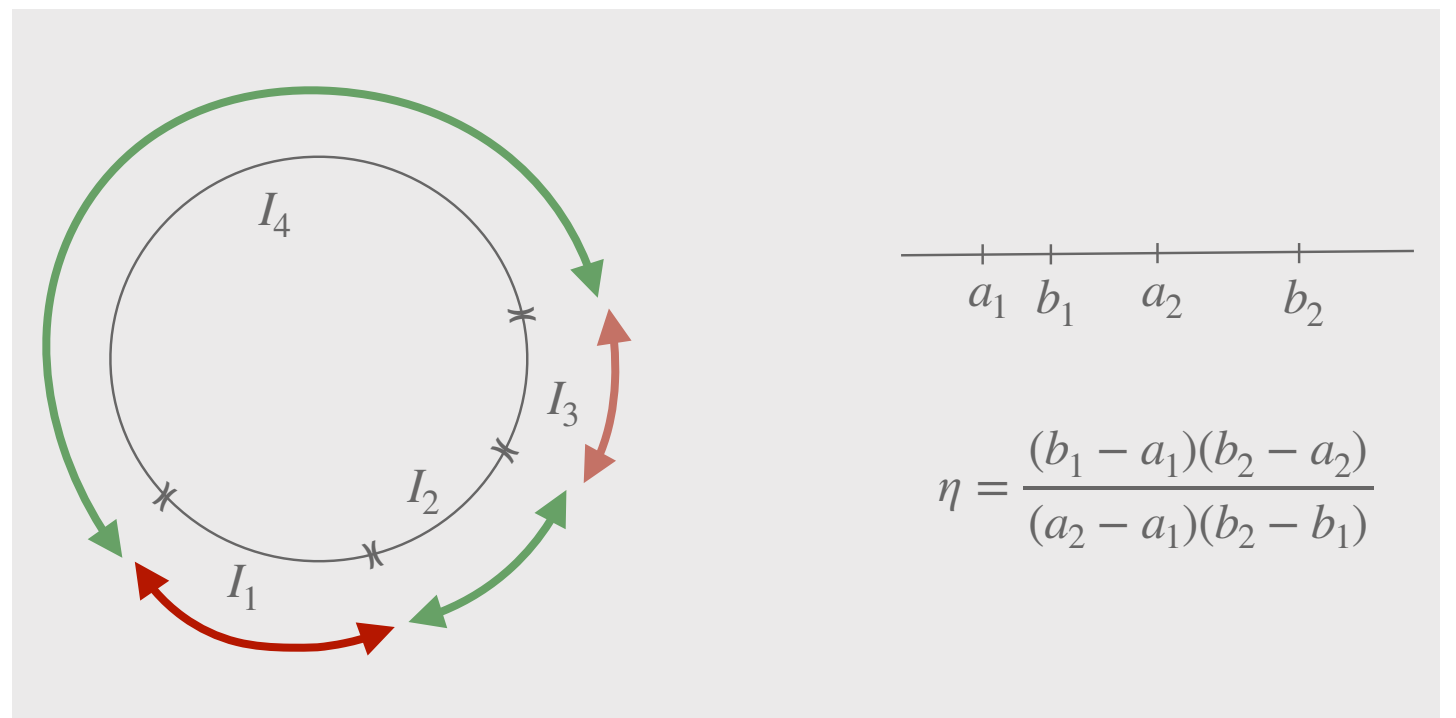
Chiral free scalar in two dimensions

$$j(x^+) = \partial_+ \phi \quad H = \frac{1}{2} \int dx j(x)^2, \quad [j(x), j(y)] = i\delta(x - y)$$

Checking duality in mutual information

$$I(I_1, I_3) = S(I_1) + S(I_3) - S(I_1 \cup I_3)$$

$$I(I_2, I_4) = S(I_2) + S(I_4) - S(I_2 \cup I_4)$$



Assuming duality $S(I_1 \cup I_3) = S(I_2 \cup I_4)$

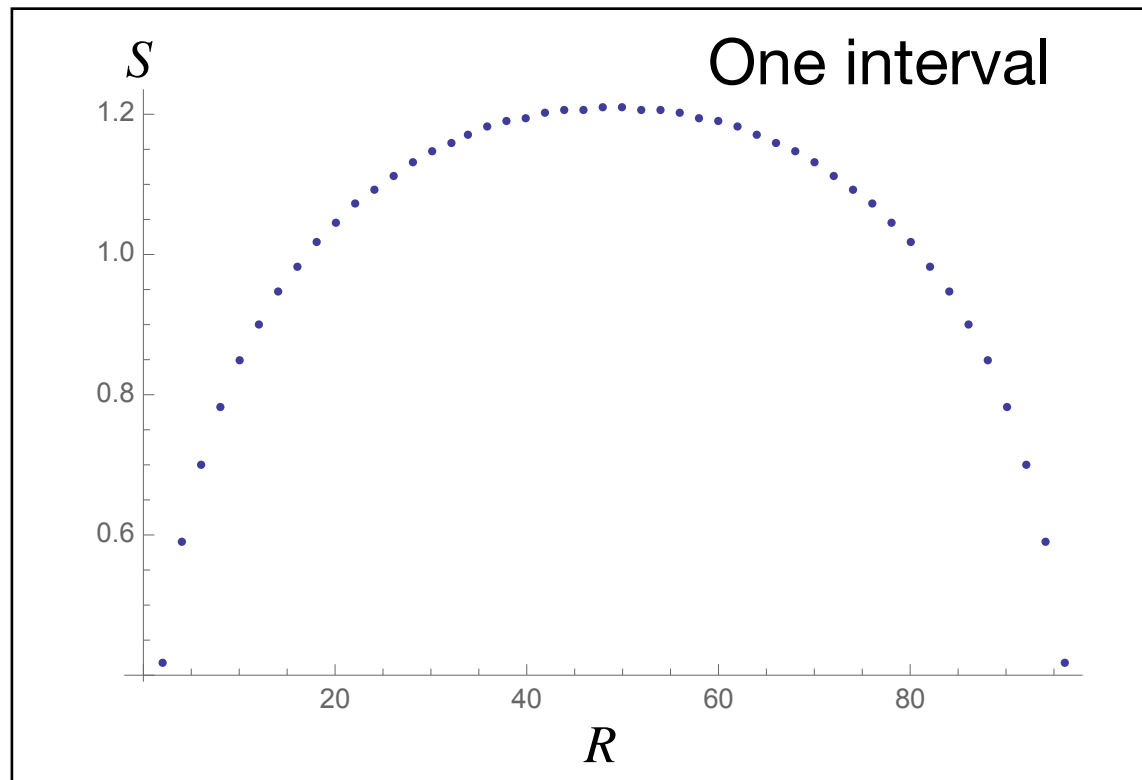
$$I(I_1, I_3) = I(I_2, I_4) + S(I_1) + S(I_3) - S(I_4) - S(I_2)$$

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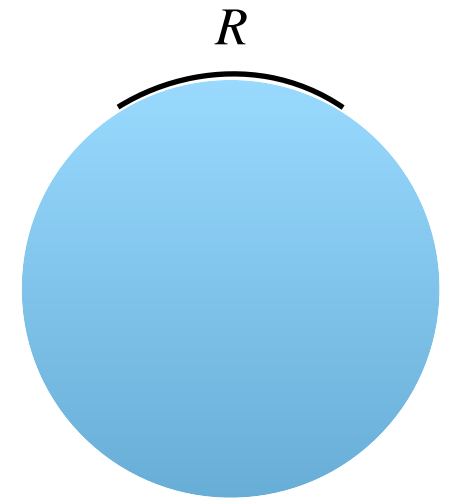
$$I(\eta) = I(1 - \eta) - \frac{c}{3} \log\left(\frac{1 - \eta}{\eta}\right) \longleftrightarrow \boxed{U(\eta) = U(1 - \eta) \text{ Haag duality}}$$

$$\star \begin{cases} S(R) = \frac{c}{3} \log(R) \\ I(\eta) = -\frac{c}{3} \log(1 - \eta) + U(\eta) \end{cases} \quad \text{for any CT}$$

Novel universal terms in the entanglement entropy



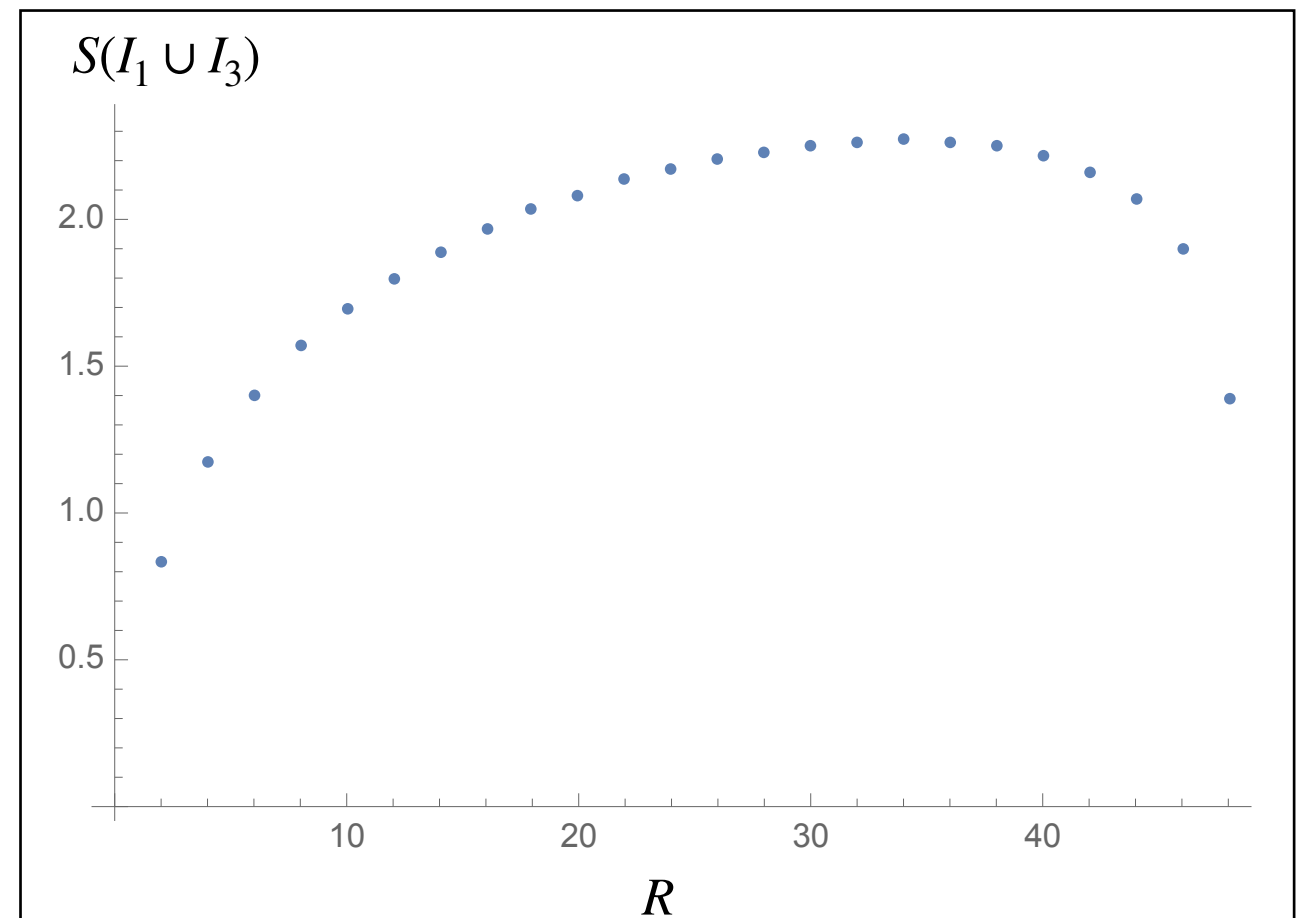
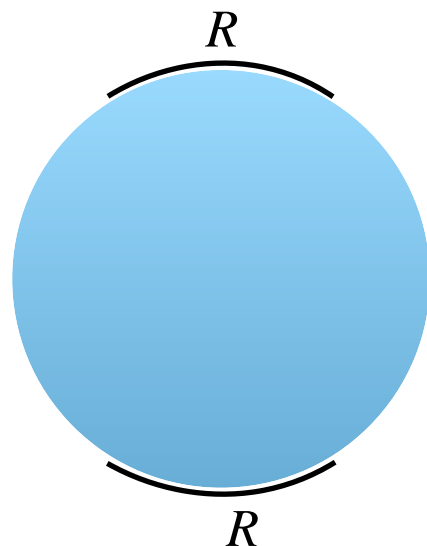
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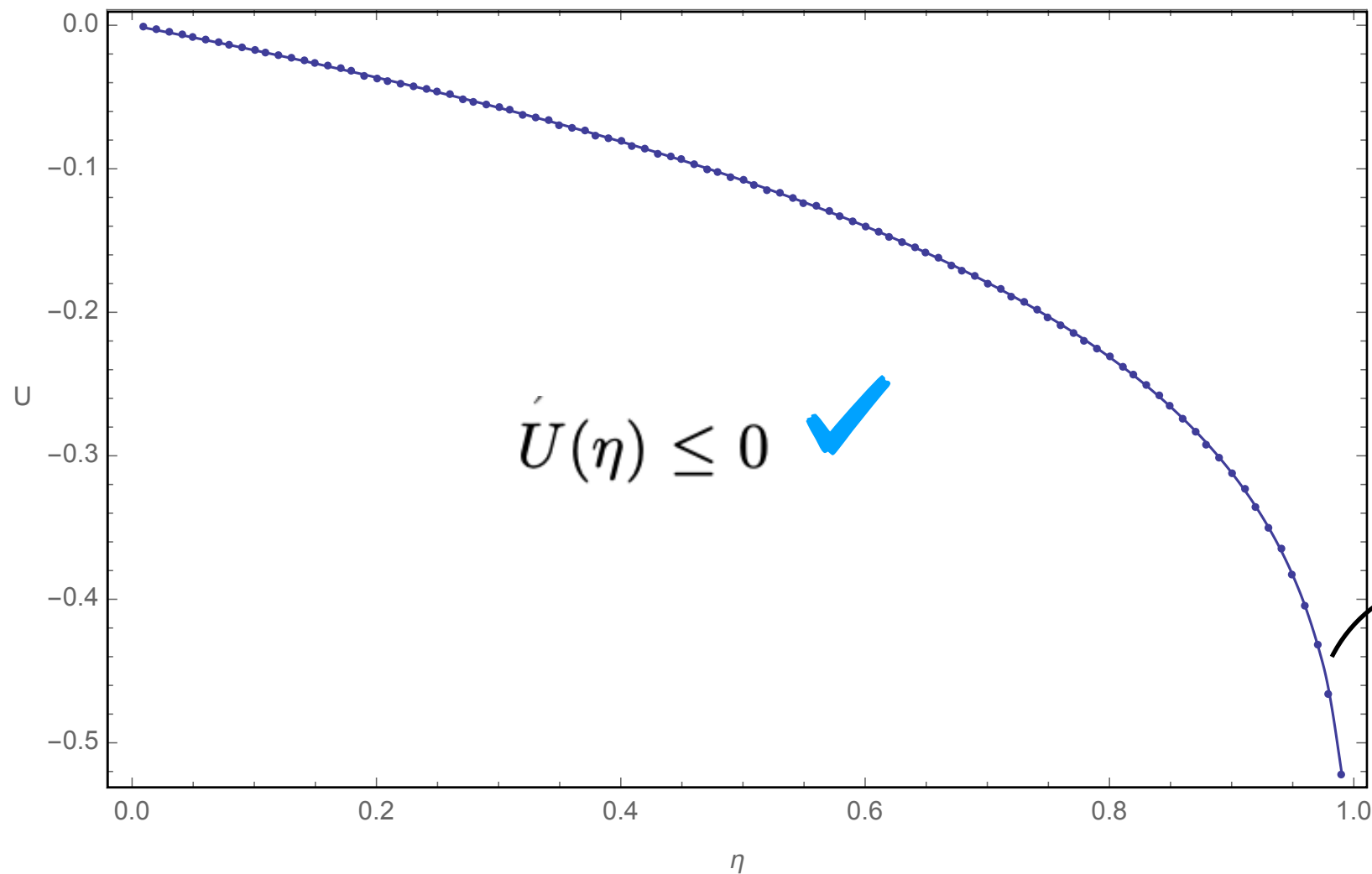
$$S(I_1) = S(I_2 \cup I_3 \cup I_4) \quad \checkmark$$

$$S(I_1 \cup I_3) \neq S(I_2 \cup I_4) \quad \times$$

$$b_1 - a_1 = b_2 - a_2 = R, \quad a_2 - a_1 = n/2$$



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Mutual Two intervals

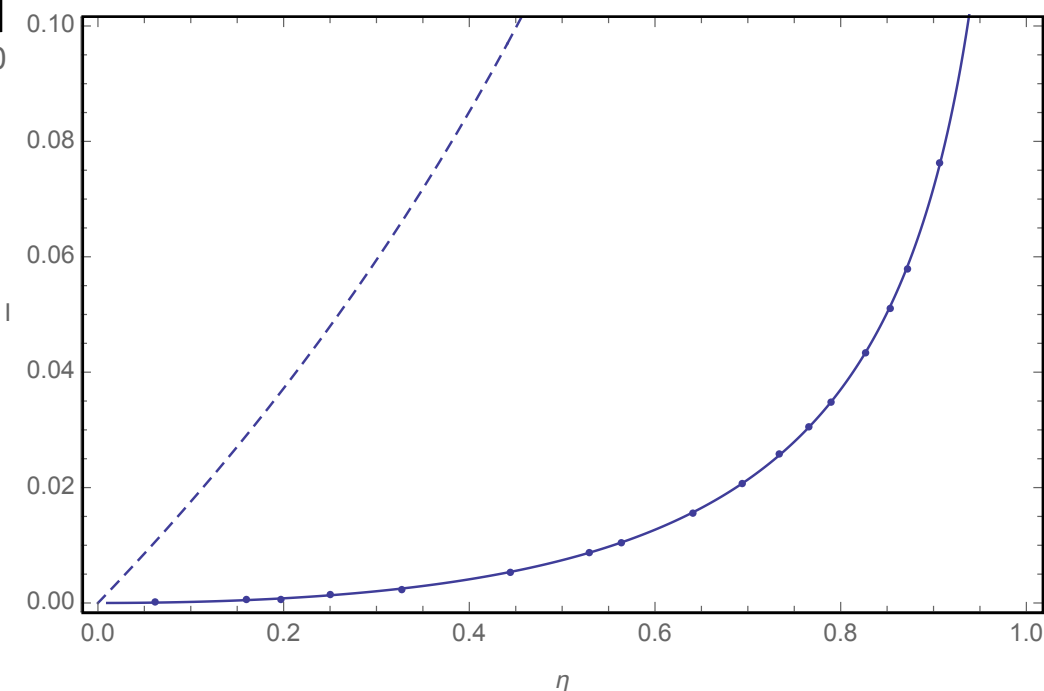
$$U(\eta) = U(1 - \eta) \quad \times$$

$$\Delta I \simeq \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \log \left(\log \frac{R}{\epsilon} \right)$$

$$U(\eta) = -\frac{i\pi}{2} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{s}{\sinh^2(\pi s)} \log \left(\frac{{}_2F_1(1 + is, -is, 1, \eta)}{{}_2F_1(1 - is, is, 1, \eta)} \right)$$



hypergeometric functions



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Twist and intertwiners?

$$O_{13} = \phi(x_1) - \phi(x_3) = \int_{x_1}^{x_3} dx \partial_x \phi(x), \quad x_1 \in I_1 \text{ and } x_3 \in I_3$$

$$\boxed{O_{13} \in \mathcal{O} \qquad O_{13} \in (\mathcal{O}_2 \cup \mathcal{O}_3)' \qquad O_{13} \notin \mathcal{O}_1 \cup \mathcal{O}_3}$$

$$[O_{13}, O_{24}] = i,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{A}_{\text{add}}(I_1 I_3))' &= (\mathcal{A}(I_1) \vee \mathcal{A}(I_3))' = \mathcal{A}(I_2) \vee \mathcal{A}(I_4) \vee O_{24} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{add}}(I_2 I_4) \vee O_{24}, \\ (\mathcal{A}_{\text{add}}(I_2 I_4))' &= (\mathcal{A}(I_2) \vee \mathcal{A}(I_4))' = \mathcal{A}(I_1) \vee \mathcal{A}(I_3) \vee O_{13} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{add}}(I_1 I_3) \vee O_{13}. \end{aligned}$$

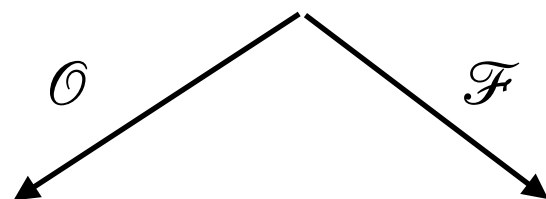


\mathcal{F} : Chiral fermion with $c = 1/2$

\mathcal{O} : Chiral scalar is a subalgebra of the chiral fermion generated by the current

$$\bar{j}(x) = \psi^\dagger \psi \quad \xrightarrow{\text{bosonization}} \quad j(x^+) = \partial_+ \phi$$

$$I(\eta) = -\frac{c}{3} \log(1 - \eta) + U(\eta)$$



$$\dot{U}(\eta) \leq 0$$

$$U(\eta) = 0$$

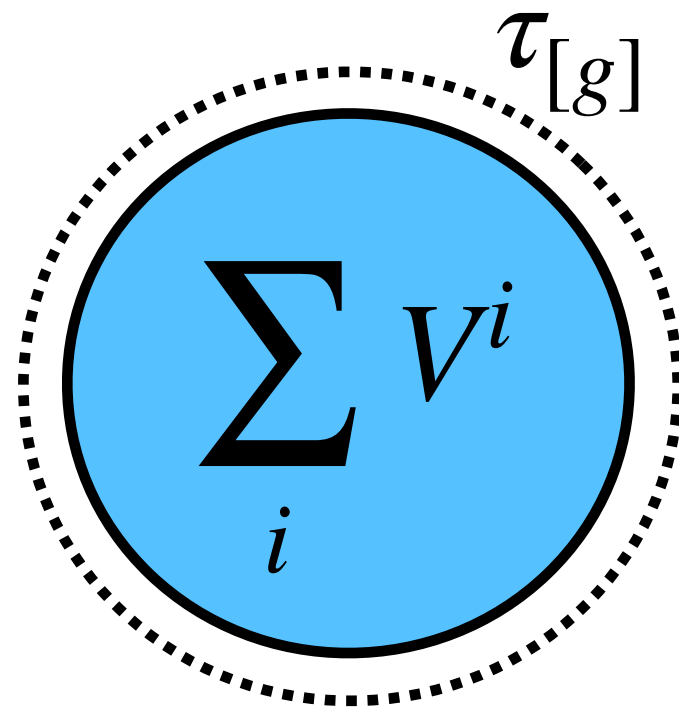
Conclusion

- Theories based on subsets of local operators invariant under some global symmetry lead to a Haag duality/additivity violation
- Why? Existence of twists and intertwiners
- Assignment of algebra to a region is Non unique
- Novel topological contributions to EE

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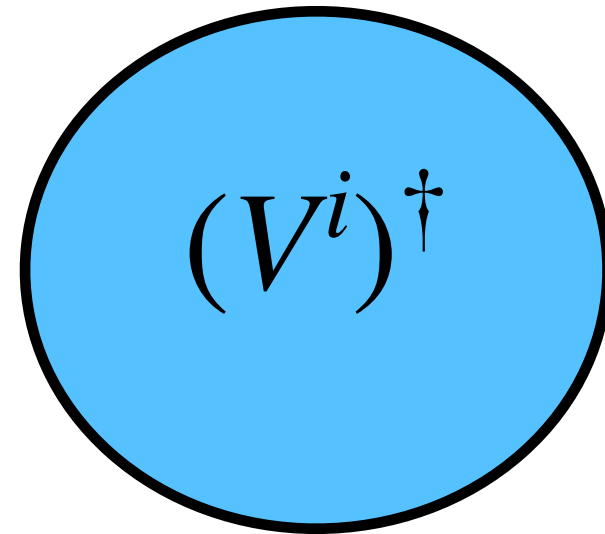
- Local symmetries give rise to the same structure: violation of additivity/duality, existence of non locally generated operators, wilson and 't Hooft loops. Solution to the mismatch of the Maxwell anomaly

Thanks!



A diagram consisting of a light blue circle with a solid black border. Inside the circle is the mathematical expression $\sum_i v^i$. The circle is also enclosed by a larger dotted black border. The label $\tau_{[g]}$ is positioned at the top right of the dotted border.

$$\tau_{[g]}$$
$$\sum_i v^i$$



A diagram consisting of a light blue circle with a solid black border. Inside the circle is the mathematical expression $(v^i)^\dagger$.

$$(v^i)^\dagger$$