



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

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{2} D_0 \log A .$$

- 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*** .
- Careful with ***4D zero-modes*** (done incorrectly until recent years).

Reference: C. Keeler, FL, P. Lisboa, arXiv: 1404.1379

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 where 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

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

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

- In the early days of AdS/CFT three groups independently solved linearized equations of motion and computed spectra.
- They all found the same spectrum for the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUGRA multiplet.
- We used an indirect argument and found a different result.
- ***We are right.***

Spherical Harmonics

- Expansion on S^2 of 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 $\mathcal{N} = 2$ 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:

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

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

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

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

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

- Discrepancy: previous work had **one** more entry in the SUGRA multiplet

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

- Clarification: 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 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

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

- The constant D_0 (or K_0) we need is (essentially) the 2nd Seeley-deWitt coefficient or equivalently the trace anomaly of the EM-tensor.

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:

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

- The heat kernel for a fermion on S^2 is also elementary:

$$K_S^f(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi a^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-s(k+1)^2} (2k+2) = \frac{1}{4\pi a^2 s} \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}s - \frac{1}{60}s^2 + \dots \right)$$

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”

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

- 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 AdS₂ Perspective

- The canonical heat kernel on AdS₂ of for a massless field.
- 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 AdS₂ fields computes the factor from the heat kernel on S^2 .

The Vector-Multiplet: Bulk

- 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 Hyper-Multiplet

- The bosons in the hyper multiplet are canonical – just four free fields.
- The fermions interact with the graviphoton so the conformal weights differ from a free field.
- The S^2 tower of fermions is shifted relative to a free fermion.
- Heat kernel for the complete hyper-multiplet:

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

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

The Vector-Multiplet: Boundary

- The vector multiplet has a feature not yet discussed: gauge invariance.
- Two auxiliary towers 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:

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

The (Massive) Gravitino Multiplet

- Bulk modes: bosons and fermions all have conformal weight shifted from the free value.
- Boundary modes: two vectors each have a gauge symmetry and so a boundary scalar.
- The SUSY variation is a fermionic gauge symmetry of the gravitino that gives a boundary fermion

$$\gamma^I \nabla_I \epsilon = 0 .$$

- The boundary heat kernel is constant because of boson-fermion degeneracy

$$K_{\text{bndy}}^{(3/2)} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} .$$

- The full heat kernel:

$$K^{(3/2)} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \cdot \left(\left(-\frac{1}{s} + \frac{5}{12} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{s} + \frac{11}{12} \right)$$

The Graviton Multiplet

- **Five bosonic boundary modes**: four from diffeomorphisms and one from gauge symmetry.

- Boundary modes for diffeomorphisms **acquire a mass**

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

- The S^2 vectors have helicity $\lambda = \pm 1$ so angular momenta $j = 1, 2, \dots$

- The mass of modes due to S^2 diffeomorphisms

$$m^2 = k(k + 1) - 2 ; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

- The mass of modes due to AdS_2 diffeomorphisms

$$m^2 = k(k + 1) + 2 , m^2 = k(k + 1) ; \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- **Four fermionic boundary modes** (two preserved SUSYs) with contribution to mass from background graviphoton

$$m^2 = (k + 1)^2 - 1, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

- The heat kernel for all **boundary modes** in the graviton multiplet

$$K_{\text{bndy}}^{\text{grav}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{5}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \left(\frac{1}{2s} - \frac{5}{6} \right)$$

- **Bulk modes**: bosons and fermions all have conformal weight shifted from the free value.

- Full heat kernel

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

The Quadratic Divergence

- Heat kernel for all multiplets, including physical states in bulk and on boundary

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

- Contributions to the quadratic divergence (the $1/s$ term): interactions in bulk and counting boundary degrees of freedom.
- Net result: alternating sign.
- 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 $\mathcal{N} = 2$: **a new result**.

4D Zero Modes: General

- 4D zero modes: AdS₂ **boundary states 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

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

- The correct zero-mode contribution: **larger than the naïve result by a factor of the scaling dimension Δ** .

4D Zero Modes: Computation

- Vector fields: no new issue since $\Delta = 1$ for a vector field.
- Bosonic 0-modes in SUGRA multiplet: 6 diff's on S^2 (two with $j = 1$) and scaling dimension $\Delta_2 = 2$. (Heat kernel counts as if $\Delta_2 = 1$).
- Fermionic 0-modes in SUGRA multiplet: 8 preserved SUSYs $\Delta_{3/2} = \frac{3}{2}$. (Heat kernel counts as if $\Delta_{3/2} = \frac{1}{2}$).
- Correction due to 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.***

Example: Reissner-Nordström

Consider a purely bosonic solution: 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-computed quadratic fluctuation determinants around an $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$ near horizon geometry.

Some features of our strategy:

- Setting: a general theory with $\mathcal{N} \geq 2$ SUSY.
- 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).