



# Knot Theory and Quantum Information

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Pick a quantum state  $|\varphi\rangle$  in Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  to obtain the density matrix

$$\tau^{\varphi|\varphi} = \frac{|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|}{\langle\varphi|\varphi\rangle} \quad (1)$$

and reduced density matrix for  $A$  by tracing over the complement  $B$ :  $\tau_A^{\varphi|\varphi} = \text{Tr}_B(\tau^{\varphi|\varphi})$

The **Entanglement Entropy** is defined as:

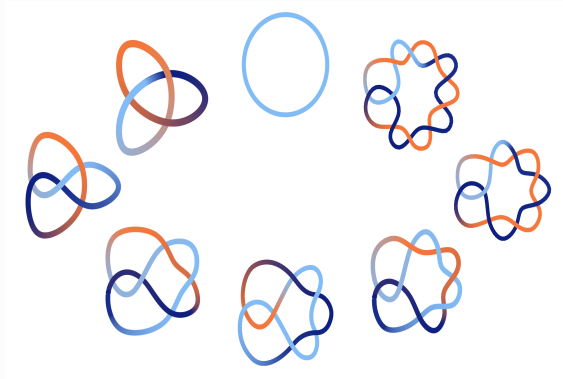
$$S_E = -\text{Tr}(\tau_A^{\varphi|\varphi} \log \tau_A^{\varphi|\varphi}) = -\sum_i \lambda_i \log \lambda_i \quad (2)$$

For two such states  $|\varphi\rangle$  and  $|\psi\rangle$ , we define a transition matrix

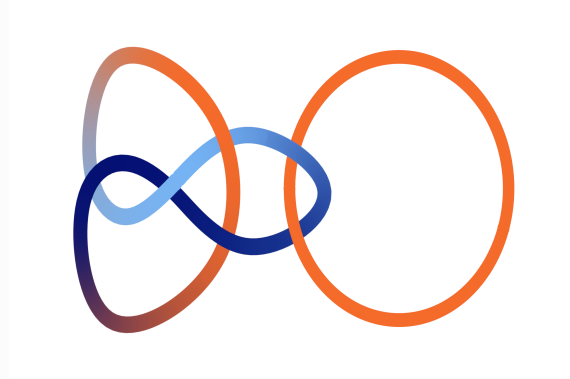
$$T^{\varphi|\psi} = \frac{|\varphi\rangle\langle\psi|}{\langle\psi|\varphi\rangle} \quad (3)$$

and analogous reduced transition matrix for  $A$ :  $T_A^{\varphi|\psi} = \text{Tr}_B(T^{\varphi|\psi})$

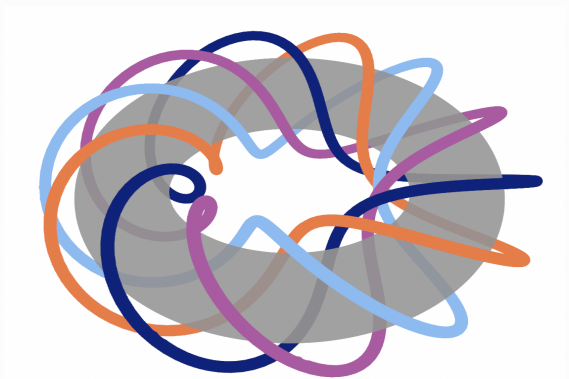
- **Pseudo Entanglement Entropy**  $S_P$ : consider the **eigenvalues** of  $T_A^{\varphi|\psi}$  in (2)
- **SVD Entanglement Entropy**  $S_{SVD}$ : consider the **singular values** of  $T_A^{\varphi|\psi}$  in (2)



Twist knots  $\mathcal{K}_p$



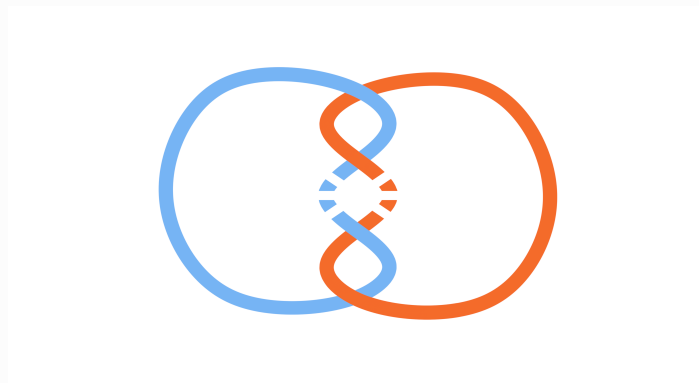
Link of type  $\mathcal{K}_p \# 2_1^2$



Torus link  $T(P, Q)$

$$|\mathcal{L}^n\rangle = \sum_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} c_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n}^{\mathcal{L}^n} |j_1\rangle \otimes |j_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |j_n\rangle \quad (4)$$

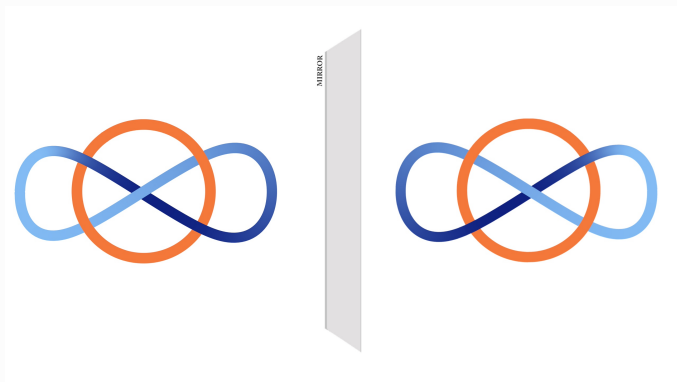
## Pseudo-metric in U(1)



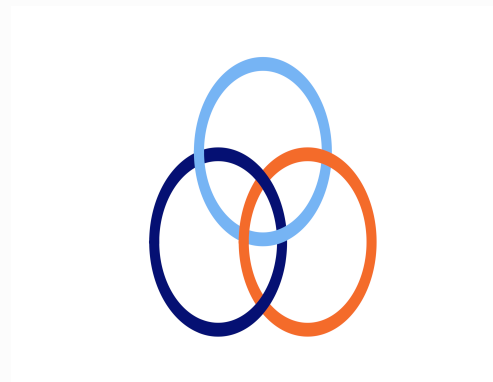
$$|\Delta S_{\text{SVD}}| = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{(\text{gcd}(k, l_1, l_2))^2}{\text{gcd}(k, l_1) \cdot \text{gcd}(k, l_2)} \right) \quad (5)$$

# Chirality in general (compact) gauge groups

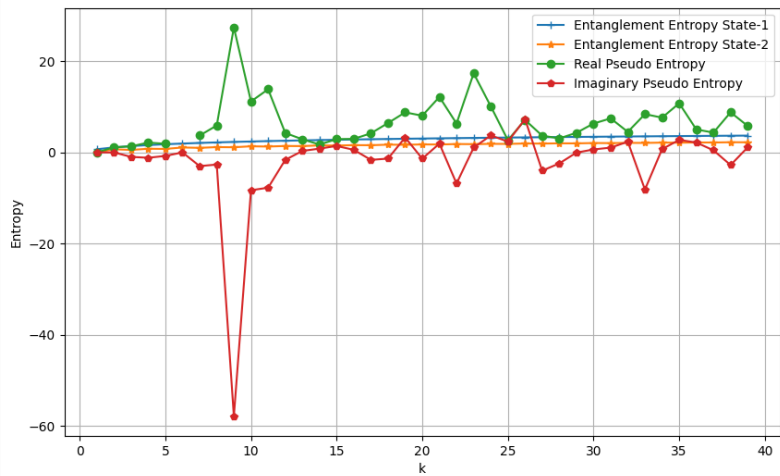
A knot  $\mathcal{K}$  is chiral if it is not isotopic to its mirror image  $\mathcal{K}^*$ ; amphichiral otherwise



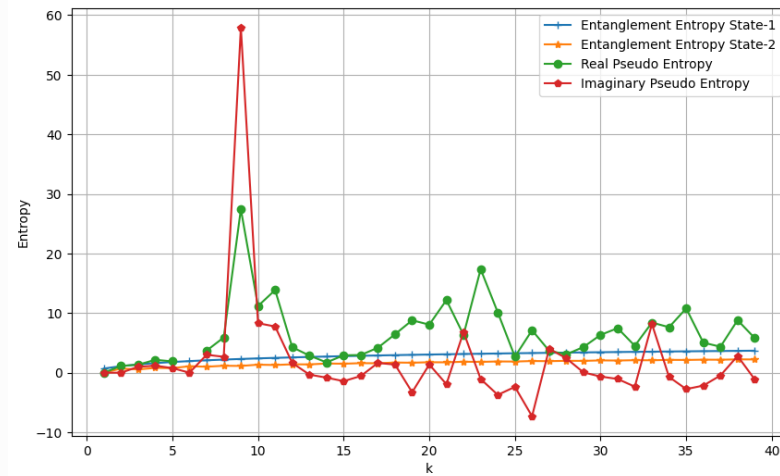
Whitehead link(s)



Borromean link



$|\mathcal{H}\rangle\langle\mathcal{W}|$



$|\mathcal{H}^*\rangle\langle\mathcal{W}^*|$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{L}\rangle \longrightarrow |\mathcal{L}^*\rangle &\implies C_{mn}^{\mathcal{L}}(q) \longrightarrow C_{mn}^{\mathcal{L}^*}(q) = C_{mn}^{\mathcal{L}}(q^{-1}) = C_{mn}^{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{q}) = \overline{C_{mn}^{\mathcal{L}}(q)} \\
 &\implies \lambda \longrightarrow \bar{\lambda} \implies S_{\mathcal{P}} \longrightarrow \overline{S_{\mathcal{P}}} \implies S_{\mathcal{P}}^{\varphi^*|\psi^*} = S_{\mathcal{P}}^{\psi|\varphi}
 \end{aligned}$$

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