Entanglement Entropy and Duality in AdS$_4$

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Section 1

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The term occurring from the variation of the surface equations is vanishing as a consequence of the extremality of the unperturbed surface.
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\delta E = \int_C d\Sigma^\mu T_{\mu\nu} \zeta^\nu,
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where $C$ is any spacelike surface with boundary $\partial A$. 

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$$\delta E = \frac{\pi}{\sin \theta_0} \int_0^{\theta_0} d\theta \sin \theta (\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0) T_{tt}. $$
Section 3

Linearized Gravity in AdS$_4$
We consider linear metric perturbations around AdS$_4$ background

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For both classes Einstein’s equations become equivalent to the same effective Schrödinger problem with respect to the tortoise coordinate $x$ ($dx = \frac{dr}{f(r)}$),

$$- \frac{d^2 \psi (x)}{dx^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{\sin^2 x} \psi (x) = \omega^2 \psi (x).$$

All functions of $r$ in the metric can be expressed in terms of the solutions of the effective Schrödinger problem.
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which implies that the deformation of the entangling curve can be written as

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which means that although the polar cap region and its boundary undergo perturbations, the line element of the entangling curve remains constant!
The same trivially holds for axial perturbations, where the induced metric on the spherical slices of the boundary is not perturbed and the entangling curve is not deformed.
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Section 5

Electric-Magnetic Duality in $\text{AdS}_4$ and Entanglement
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or in other words, if the axial and polar perturbations are characterized by **same frequency, same boundary conditions for** \( \Psi \), meaning opposing boundary conditions for the metric.
The above duality can be better understood in terms of the Weyl tensor. If one defines the dual Weyl tensor like

$$\tilde{C}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu}^{\kappa\lambda} C_{\kappa\lambda\rho\sigma},$$

then a dual metric can be defined as,

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In both cases the relation between \( \tilde{\Psi} \) and \( \Psi \) enforces that dual perturbations are corresponding to the same solution of the identical effective Schrödinger problems and thus, they are characterised by identical frequency and boundary conditions for \( \Psi(x) \).
In four dimensions, the energy-momentum and Cotton tensors are given by appropriate elements of the Weyl tensor like

\[ T_{ab} = - \lim_{r \to \infty} r^3 C_{arbr}, \]
\[ C_{ab} = \lim_{r \to \infty} r^3 \tilde{C}_{arbr}, \]

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Section 6

Discussion
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It would be interesting to study this kind of isoperimetric deformations of the entangling curve in the presence of metric perturbations which do not preserve the entangling curve symmetry, the axial symmetry in our case.
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It would be interesting to check whether such constructions can be achieved in other backgrounds, for example in asymptotically AdS$_4$ black holes.
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Notice that the electric magnetic duality interchanges boundary conditions for the metric, thus, the time evolution of the entangling curve and thus the region $A$ is in general different for the initial and dual CFTs. This is expected because of the non-local realization of electric-magnetic-duality.
Thank you very much