

# Levels of Entanglement

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- $Q(\phi) = m \|\phi\|^4 - \sum_i \text{tr} A_i(\phi)^2$ . This expression is usually called the total linear entropy. In the case when all of the  $d_i$  have dimension 2 this formula is attributed to Brennan.



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- A specific state that is singled out in our study is one introduced by Love

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with  $\zeta = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$ .

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