Contribution Title: SYMMETRY BREAKING IN LAUGHLIN'S STATE ON
                             A CYLINDER
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In this talk we present exact results on a many-body wave function proposed by R.B. Laughlin as an approximate ground state for electrons in the fractional quantum Hall effect. When the wave function is adapted to a cylinder geometry, the correlation functions can be expressed in terms of a discrete one-dimensional polymer system, and the normalization satisfies a simple recurrence relation. This allows us to prove that on sufficiently thin cylinders, the state is periodic with respect to translations along the cylinder axis: at filling factor 1/p, the period is p times the period of the filled Landau level.