Entropy decay for 1D quantum Gibbs samplers

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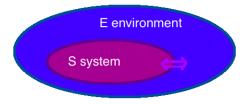


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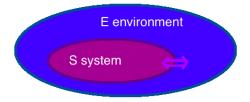


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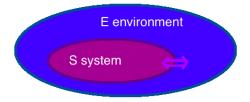


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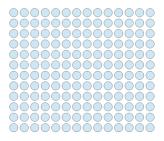


Figure: A quantum spin lattice system.

- Finite lattice $\Lambda \subset \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$.
- To every site $x \in \Lambda$ we associate \mathcal{H}_x (= \mathbb{C}^D).
- The global Hilbert space associated to Λ is $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda} = \bigotimes_{x \in \Lambda} \mathcal{H}_x$.
- The set of bounded linear endomorphisms on \mathcal{H}_{Λ} is denoted by $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda} := \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}).$
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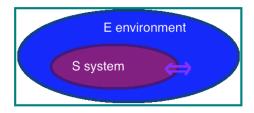


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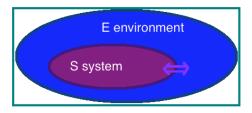


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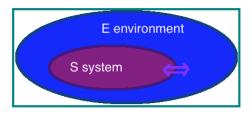


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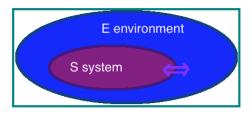


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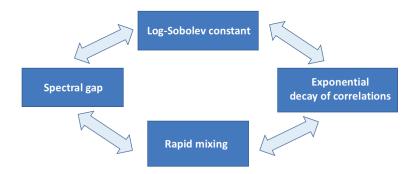
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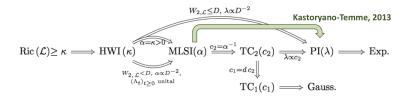
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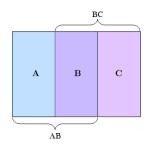
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2. Quasi-factorization of the relative entropy

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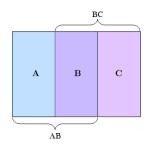
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Let $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. We define a **conditional relative entropy** in A as a function

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verifying the following properties for every ρ_{AB} , $\sigma_{AB} \in \mathcal{S}_{AB}$:

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 - (2.1) $D_A(\rho_{AB}||\sigma_{AB})=0$ if, and only if, $\rho_{AB}=\sigma_{AB}^{1/2}\sigma_B^{-1/2}\rho_B\sigma_B^{-1/2}\sigma_{AB}^{1/2}$.
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Remark

Consider for every $\rho_{AB}, \sigma_{AB} \in \mathcal{S}_{AB}$

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Axiomatic characterization of the CRE (C-Lucia-Pérez García, '18)

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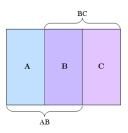


Figure: Choice of indices in $\mathcal{H}_{ABC} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$.

Result of quasi-factorization of the relative entropy, for every ρ_{ABC} , $\sigma_{ABC} \in \mathcal{S}_{ABC}$:

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QUASI-FACTORIZATION FOR THE CRE (C-Lucia-Pérez García, '18)

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$$H(\sigma_{AC}) = \sigma_A^{-1/2} \otimes \sigma_C^{-1/2} \sigma_{AC} \sigma_A^{-1/2} \otimes \sigma_C^{-1/2} - \mathbb{1}_{AC}.$$

Note that $H(\sigma_{AC}) = 0$ if σ_{AC} is a tensor product between A and C.

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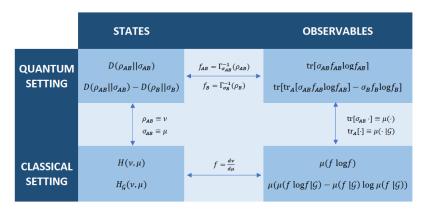


Figure: Identification between classical and quantum quantities when the states considered are classical.

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QUANTUM SPIN LATTICES

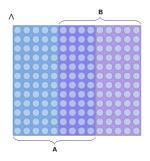


Figure: A quantum spin lattice system Λ and $A, B \subseteq \Lambda$ such that $A \cup B = \Lambda$.

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Examples of positive log-Sobolev constants

Assumption 1

In a tripartite Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_C \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$, A and B not connected, we have

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In particular, classical Gibbs states satisfy this.

Assumption 2

For any $B \subset \Lambda$, $B = B_1 \cup B_2$, it holds:

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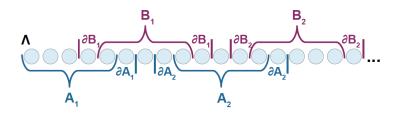
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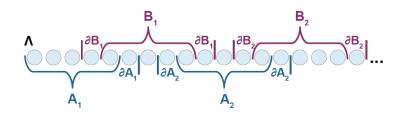




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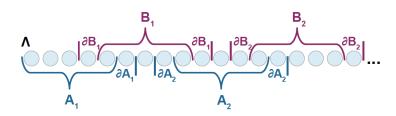


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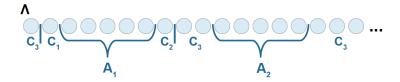
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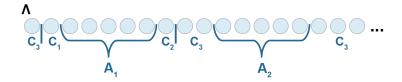
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