

QUANTUM INFORMATION METHODS FOR MANY-BODY PHYSICS

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Exercise Sheet 2 Due: 6 May, 12:00

1 Traces of Operators and Permutations (4 P)

Consider the operator $\mathcal{O}_k \equiv (A \otimes B)^{\otimes k/2} = A \otimes B \otimes A \otimes B \otimes \dots \otimes A \otimes B$, where k is even. Compute explicitly the value of $\langle \mathcal{O}_k \rangle_\pi \equiv \text{Tr}(R_\pi \mathcal{O}_k)$, where $R_\pi \in S_k$, for the following permutations

a) (0.5 P)

$$\pi = (12) \in S_2.$$

b) (0.5 P)

$$\pi = (12)(35)(46) \in S_6.$$

c) (0.5 P)

$$\pi = (1532)(46) \in S_6.$$

d) (0.5 P)

$$\pi = (135)(426) \in S_6.$$

e) (1 P)

$$\pi = (28)(16)(735)(4) \in S_8.$$

f) (1 P)

$$\pi = (281)(6,7,3,4,5) \in S_8.$$

Hint: The graphical notation can simplify the computation.

2 Gram Matrix and Weingarten Matrix (3+2 P)

The Gram matrix is defined by the overlap $G_{\sigma,\pi} = \text{Tr}(R_\sigma^\dagger R_\pi)$, where R_π are permutations operators acting on the replica space $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes k}$, with \mathcal{H} of dimension d . For $d \geq k$, the Weingarten matrix Wg is the inverse of G , namely $\sum_{\pi \in S_k} G_{\rho,\pi} \text{Wg}_{\pi,\sigma} = \delta_{\rho,\sigma}$.

a) Compute the explicit form of the Gram matrix for S_k when: (a) $k = 1$ (0.5 P), (b) $k = 2$ (0.5 P), (c) $k = 3$ (1 P).

b) From the Gram matrix, compute the Weingarten matrix for S_k when: (a) $k = 1$ and $k = 2$ (1 P), (c) (optional) $k = 3$ (2 P).

Hint: use symbolic calculus software to help yourself invert G for $k = 3$.

3 Expectation Values on Symmetric Subspace (4+1 P)

Consider the symmetric projector $P_{\text{sym},k,d}$ on the symmetric subspace $\text{Sym}_{k,d}$ on k replica of an Hilbert space of dimension d . Compute the expectation values $\langle \mathcal{A}_k \rangle_{\text{sym}} = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_k P_{\text{sym},k,d})$ for the following operators \mathcal{A}_k and replica number k

a) (1 P)

$$k = 2 \quad \mathcal{A}_2 = (A \otimes B)^{\otimes k/2}$$

b) (Optional) (1 P)

$$k = 4 \quad \mathcal{A}_4 = A^{\otimes 4}$$

c) (1 P)

$$\text{for generic } k \quad \mathcal{A}_k = (|0\rangle\langle 0|)^{\otimes k}$$

d) (1 P)

$$k = 2 \text{ and } k = 4 \quad \mathcal{A}_k = P^{\otimes k}$$

where P is an operator such that $P^\dagger = P$, $P^2 = \mathbb{1}$ and $\text{Tr}(P) = 0$. (You can think of this as non-trivial Pauli strings).

e) (1 P)

$$\text{for } k = 2, k = 4 \text{ and } k = 6 \quad \mathcal{A}_k = (|0\rangle\langle 0|)^{\otimes k/2} \otimes (|1\rangle\langle 1|)^{\otimes k/2}.$$