

Title: Efficient tomography of generalized coherent states

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Abstract: Quantum tomography and fidelity estimation of multi-partite systems is generally a time-consuming task. Nevertheless, this complexity can be reduced if the desired state can be characterized by certain symmetries measurable with the corresponding experimental setup. In this talk I could explain an efficient way (i.e., in  $\text{polylog}(d)$  time, with  $d$  the dimension of the Hilbert space) to perform tomography and estimate the fidelity of generalized coherent state (GCS) preparation. GCSs differ from the well known coherent states in that the associated Hilbert space is finite dimensional. In particular, the class of GCSs is very important in condensed matter applications. These results are useful to experimentalists seeking the simulations of some quantum systems, such as the Ising model in a transverse field. I'd prefer to give a 30' + talk late in the week, maybe on Thursday afternoon. Part of this work has been done in collaboration with ion-trap experimentalists J. Chiaverini and D. Berkeland, at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Rolando Somma.

EFFICIENT TOMOGRAPHY OF GENERALIZED  
COHERENT STATES

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Motivation: • full state tomography takes, in general,  
exp. time

Can we push it to poly time for special cases?

→ I will show that tomography of GCSs is an example.

GCSs: Definition

$$\mathfrak{h} = \{O_1, \dots, O_M\}$$

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generator set

$$O_j = O_j^\dagger \quad ; \quad O_j: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

$\mathfrak{h}$ : semisimple Lie Algebra

$$\dim(\mathcal{H}) = d < \infty$$

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$$[O_j, O_k] = \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{jk}^{\ell} O_{\ell}$$

↪ define the adjoint representation

$$O_j \longrightarrow \bar{O}_j = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{j^1}^1 & \dots & \lambda_{j^1}^M \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda_{j^M}^1 & \dots & \lambda_{j^M}^M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\bar{O}_j, \bar{O}_k] = \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{jk}^{\ell} \bar{O}_{\ell}$$

↪ matrix commutation

$$\text{Semisimple + orthogonality} \Leftrightarrow \underline{\text{Tr}[\bar{O}_j \bar{O}_k] = \delta_{jk}}$$

## CARTAN-WEYL BASIS OF $\mathfrak{h}$

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$$\mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \underbrace{K_1, \dots, K_n}_{\text{CARTAN SUBALGEBRA}}, \underbrace{E_1^+, \dots, E_m^+}_{\text{"RAISING" OPERATORS}}, E_1^-, \dots, E_m^- \right\}$$

$$[K_i, K_j] = 0 \quad ; \quad (E_i^+)^{\dagger} = E_i^- \rightarrow \text{"LOWERING" ops.}$$

$$[K_i, E_j^+] = \alpha_{ij} E_j^+$$

so, an observable basis would be

$$O_1 = K_1$$

$\vdots$

$$O_n = K_n$$

$$O_{n+1} = E_1^+ + E_1^-$$

$$O_{n+2} = i(E_1^+ - E_1^-)$$

$\vdots$

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GCSs:

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unitary group operation induced by  $h$

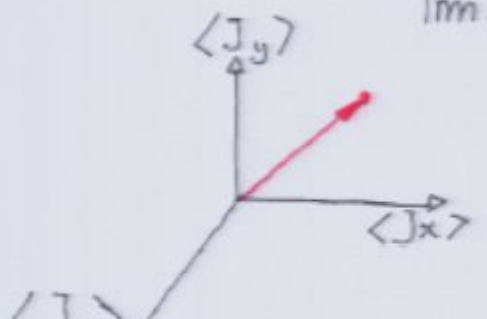
EXAMPLE:  $SU(2) = \{J_z, J_x, J_y\}$

spin 1/2 rep.  $\rightarrow$  all single qubit (pure) states are GCSs

spin 1 rep  $\rightarrow$   $|GCS_s\rangle = e^{i[\gamma_x J_x + \gamma_y J_y + \gamma_z J_z]} |HW\rangle$   
 $|m = \pm 1\rangle$

$|m = \pm 1\rangle$  is a  $|GCS\rangle$

$|m = 0\rangle$  is not a  $SU(2)$ -GCS



EXAMPLE:

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$$SU(2) = \{J_z, J_x, J_y\}$$

$$SU(2) \rightarrow \{J_z, J^+, J^-\} \quad \text{with } J^{\pm} = \frac{J_x \pm i J_y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

WEIGHT STATES  $|W_s\rangle$

$K_i |W_s\rangle = \beta_{i0} |W_s\rangle \rightarrow$  eigenstates of CARTAN ops

HIGHEST WEIGHT STATE  $|HW\rangle$

$$|HW\rangle \in \{|W_s\rangle\}$$

$$\text{and } E_j^+ |HW\rangle = 0 \quad \forall j$$

SU(2) EXAMPLE FOR SPIN  $J$

$$|HW\rangle = |m=J\rangle$$

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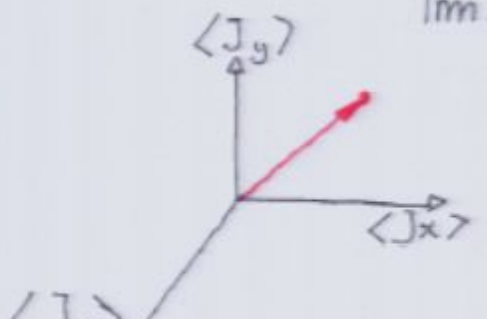
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## SOME FUN PROPERTIES OF GCSs

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(fixed irrep.)

- MINIMUM UNCERTAINTY :

$$\sum_j \left[ \langle \text{GCS} | O_j^2 | \text{GCS} \rangle - \left( \langle \text{GCS} | O_j | \text{GCS} \rangle \right)^2 \right] \text{ is minimum}$$

because  $\sum O_j^2$  is a CASIMIR OPERATOR 'C'

$$\rightarrow [C, O_j] = 0 \quad \forall j$$

GCSs maximize the "relative" purity (h-purity)

$$P_h = \sum_j \langle O_j \rangle^2$$

Example: in  $SU(2)$   $C = J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2 \equiv J^2$



$\mathcal{P}_h$  is maximum for any GCS

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$\Rightarrow$  given <sup>(many copies)</sup> state  $|\psi\rangle$ , obtain  $\langle O_j \rangle_{|\psi\rangle} \forall j$ ,

Compute  $\mathcal{P}_h \rightarrow$  decide whether  $|\psi\rangle$  is  
a GCS or not

• Each GCS of  $h$  is uniquely determined  
(up to irrelevant phases) by  $\langle O_j \rangle \forall j$

$\rightarrow$  GCSs are extremal points in the set  $(\in \mathbb{R}^M,$   
given by  $[\langle O_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle O_M \rangle]$

## Efficient tomography

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Assume  $|\psi\rangle$  is a GCS of  $h = \{O_1, \dots, O_M\}$ ,

and  $\langle \psi | O_j | \psi \rangle = \chi_j$  is known (arb. prec.)  
for all  $j$

→ determine  $|\psi\rangle$  in time poly(M)

$$\rightarrow |\psi\rangle = e^{i \sum_{j=1}^M \delta_j O_j} |HW\rangle = U |HW\rangle$$

determine  $U$ , the quantum circuit  
that prepares  $|\psi\rangle$

Solution:

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1) Build the Hamiltonian

$$H = - \sum_{j=1}^M \chi_j \sigma_j^z$$



Note that  $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle = - \sum \chi_j^2 = - P_h$

$\Rightarrow |\psi\rangle$  is the unique ground state of  $H$ .

because if  $|\psi'\rangle$  is GCS,  $\langle \psi' | \sigma_j^z | \psi' \rangle = \gamma_j$

$$|\langle \psi' | H | \psi' \rangle| = \left| \sum_j \chi_j \cdot \gamma_j \right| = P_h \cdot \cos \Theta_{(x,y)} < P_h$$

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2) Diagonalize  $H = -\sum \chi_j O_j$  to find  
The ground state  $|\psi\rangle$

$$\leadsto U^\dagger H U = H_D = -\sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{\chi}_j K_j$$

CARTAN OPERATORS

in general, we diagonalize by writing

$H$  as a  $d \times d$  matrix. For semisimple Lie Algebras, we can carry the diagonalization in any faithful representation like the adjoint representation of  $M \times M$  matrices:

$$\bar{U}^\dagger \bar{H} \bar{U} = \bar{H}_D = -\sum_{j=1}^n \epsilon_j \bar{K}_j$$

in the adjoint representation, diagonalization  
outputs  $\bar{U} = e^{i \sum_j \xi_j \bar{O}_j}$  and  $\xi_j$

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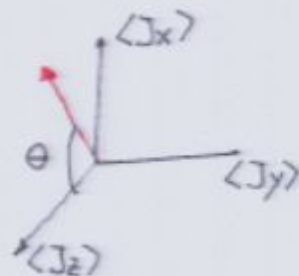
in  $M \cdot \log M / \epsilon$  operations  
 $\epsilon$   
final precision

$$\rightarrow U = e^{i \sum_j \xi_j O_j}$$

Example:  $SU(2) = \{J_z, J_x, J_y\}$

spin  $|J| = 100$

$|\psi\rangle$  a GCS of  $SU(2)$



$$\langle \psi | J_z | \psi \rangle = 100 \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\langle \psi | J_y | \psi \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \psi | J_x | \psi \rangle = 100 \cdot \cos \theta$$

what other predictions can we make?

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$|\psi\rangle$  is a GCS of  $h = \{O_1, \dots, O_M\}$

we know  $\langle \psi | O_j | \psi \rangle = x_j$

$\Rightarrow$  we build  $U = e^{i \sum x_j O_j}$  such that

$U |Hw\rangle = |\psi\rangle$  in time  $\text{poly}(M \cdot \log M)$

$\rightarrow$  can we compute  $\langle \psi | O_j O_k | \psi \rangle$ ?

yes:

$$\langle \psi | O_j O_k | \psi \rangle = \langle Hw | U^\dagger O_j \underbrace{U U^\dagger}_1 O_k U | Hw \rangle$$

in the adjoint representation compute

$$\bar{U}^\dagger \bar{O}_j \bar{U} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{U}^\dagger \bar{O}_k \bar{U}$$

That takes  $\text{poly}(M)$  time.

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Note that 
$$\bar{U}^+ \bar{O}_j \bar{U} = \sum a_{j \star j'} \bar{O}_{j'}$$
$$= \sum_{r=1}^n b_r \bar{K}_r + \sum_{i=1}^m (c_j \bar{E}_j^+ + c_j^* \bar{E}_j^-)$$

The same for  $\bar{U}^+ \bar{O}_k \bar{U}$

→ we go back to the original representation and compute

$$\langle \psi | O_j O_k | \psi \rangle$$

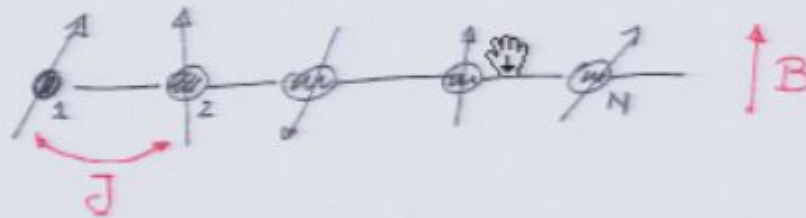
by using the fact that

$$\langle HW | E_j^\pm | HW \rangle = 0$$

and the commutation relations of the algebra

For the Ising Model:

$$H_{\text{ISING}} = J \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^{i+1} + B \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_z^i$$



$$|HW\rangle = |\uparrow \dots \uparrow\rangle$$

$e^{-iH_{\text{ISING}} \cdot t} |HW\rangle \rightarrow$  Generalized Coherent state  
of  $SO(2N)$

$\rightarrow$  We can do tomography by measuring  $\rho_{\text{poly}}(N)$   
observable expectations.