

Title: The Toric Code, Perturbed

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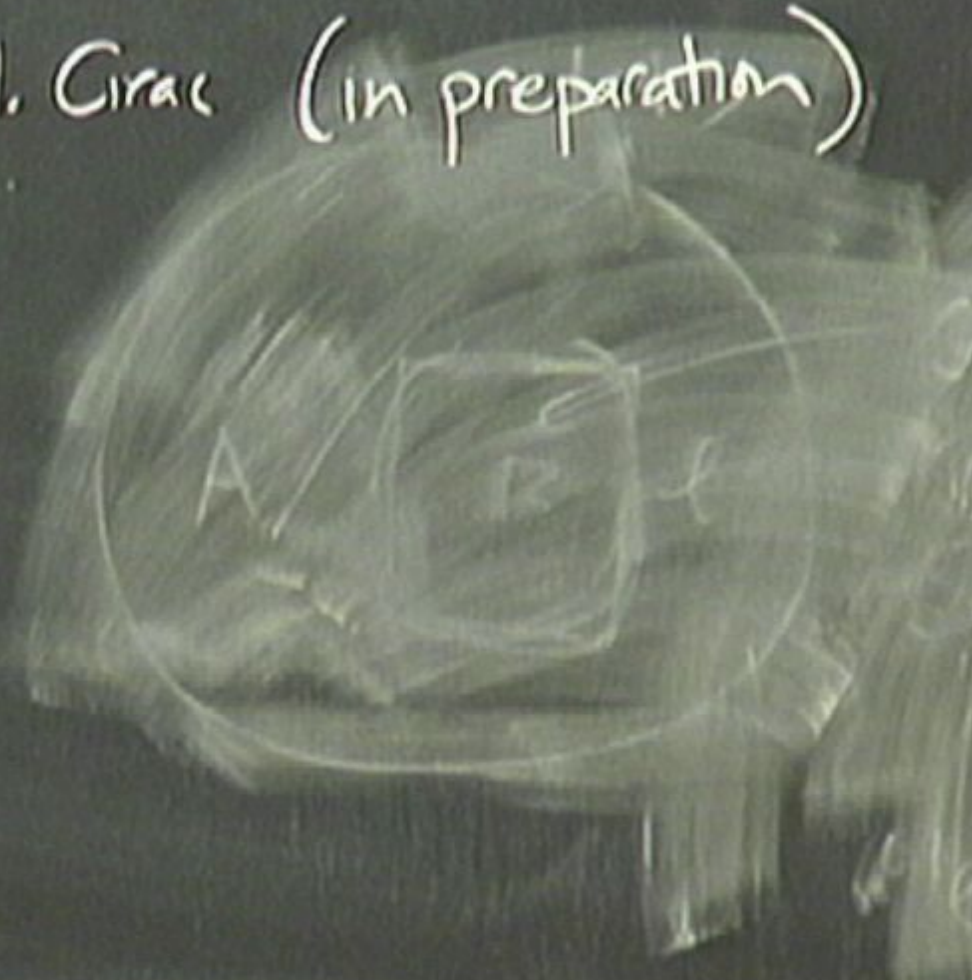
Abstract: By storing quantum information in the degenerate ground state of a Hamiltonian, it is hoped that it can be made quite robust against noise processes. We will examine this situation, with particular emphasis on the Toric code in 2D, and show how adversarial effects, either perturbations to the Hamiltonian or interactions with an environment, destroy the stored information extremely quickly.

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survival time

o ideal  $t \sim \exp(N)$

o potentially "self-correcting"  $t \sim \text{poly}(N)$

o useless  $t \sim \alpha(1)$

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Temperature analogue =  $\frac{\text{total energy of } E}{\# \text{ system spins}}$  <sup>weak coupling to system</sup>  $\|h_i\| \ll 1$

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5%

CAUTION  
REVERSIBLE  
SYSTEM



12 Need For ELMN Correction

14 >

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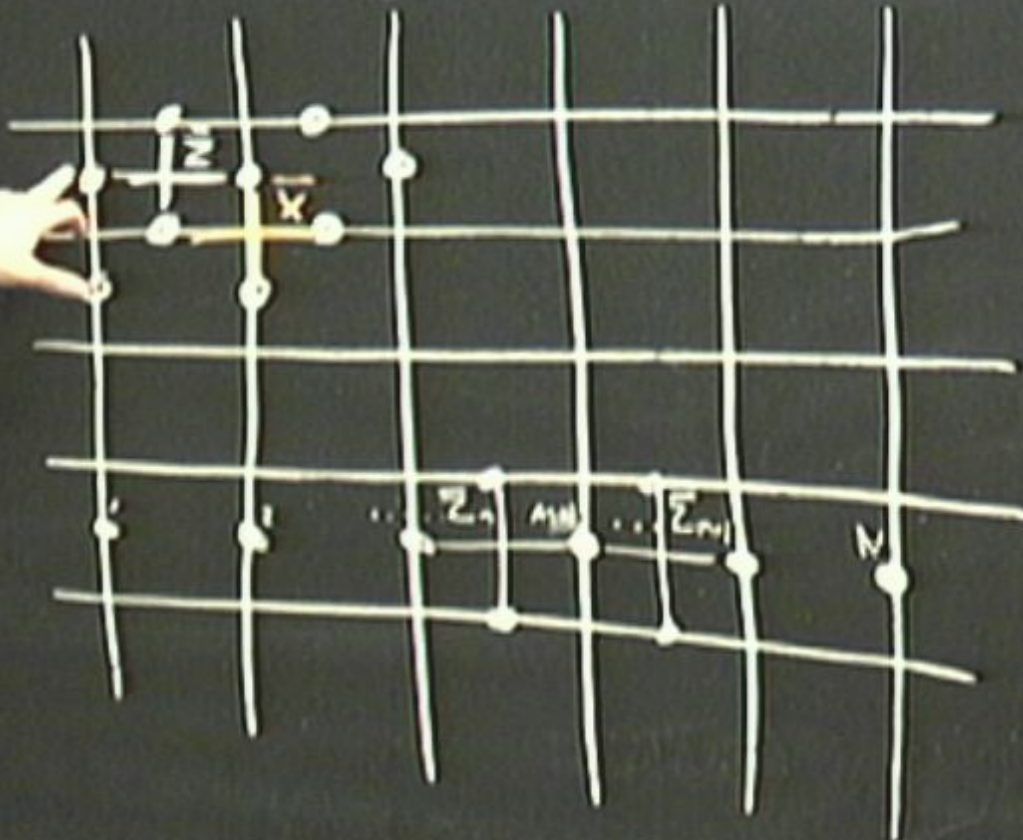
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## 2. Hamiltonian Perturbations

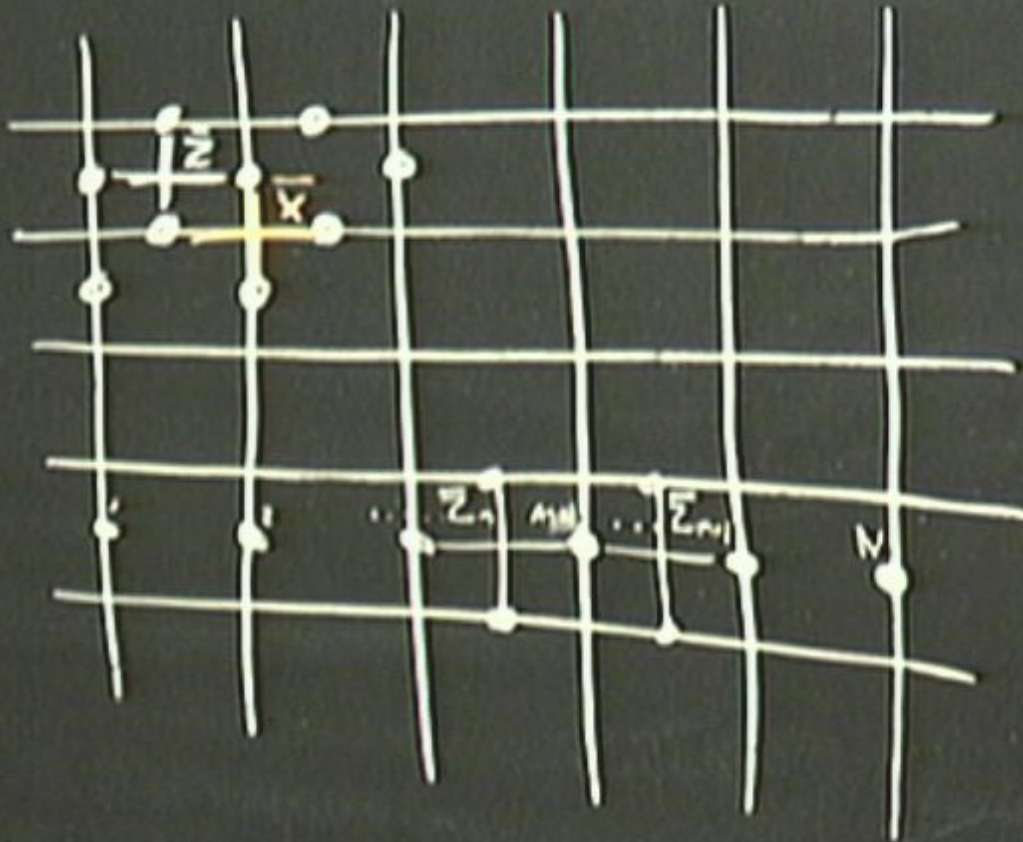
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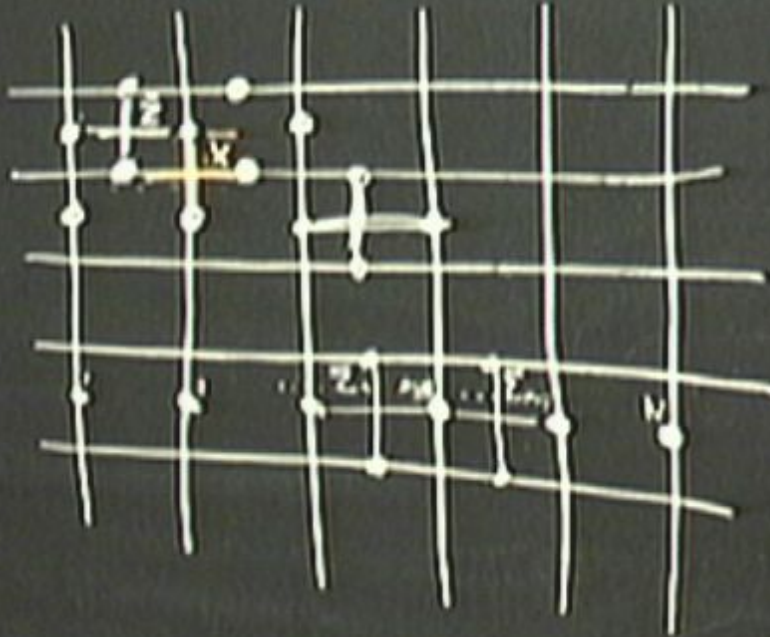




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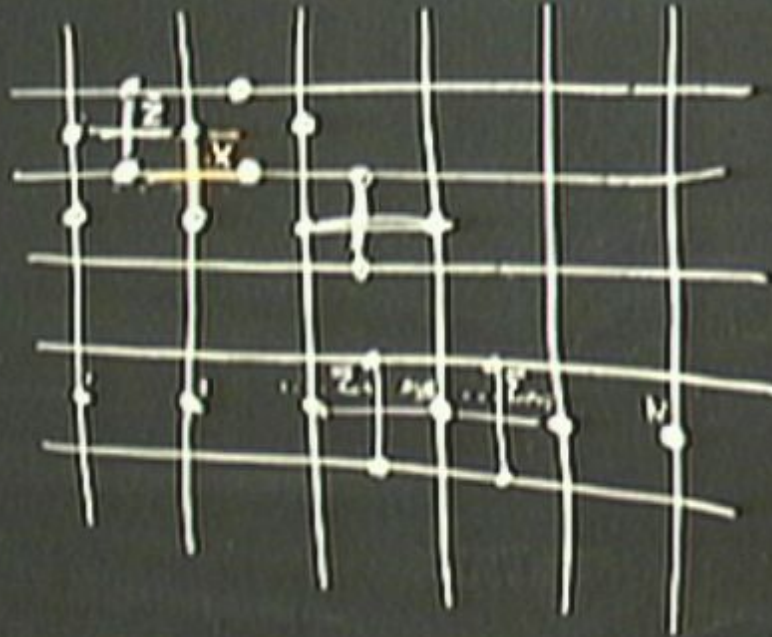
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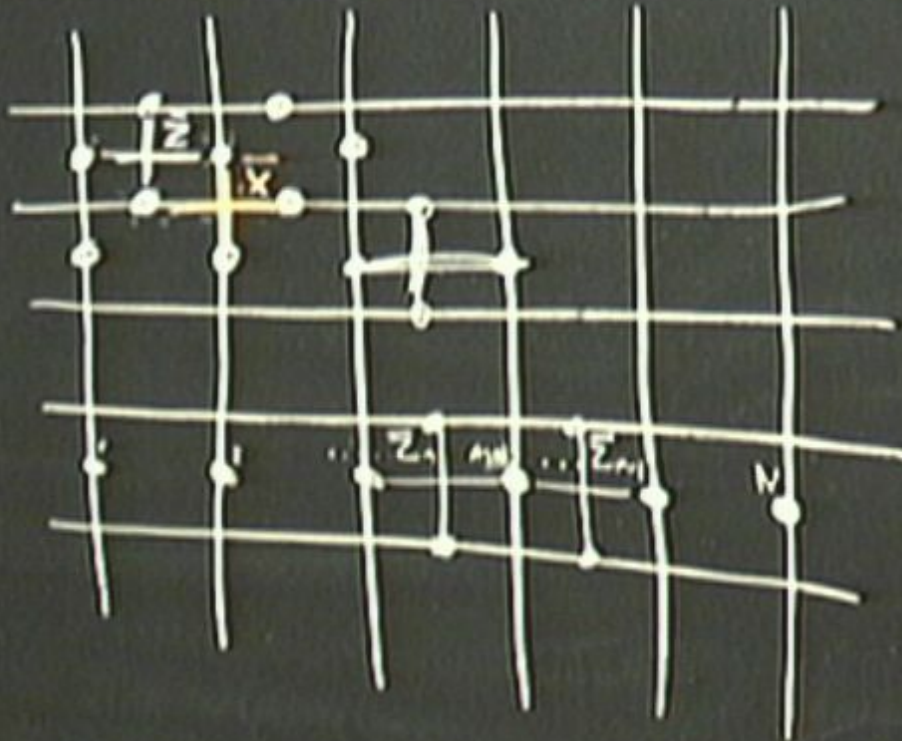
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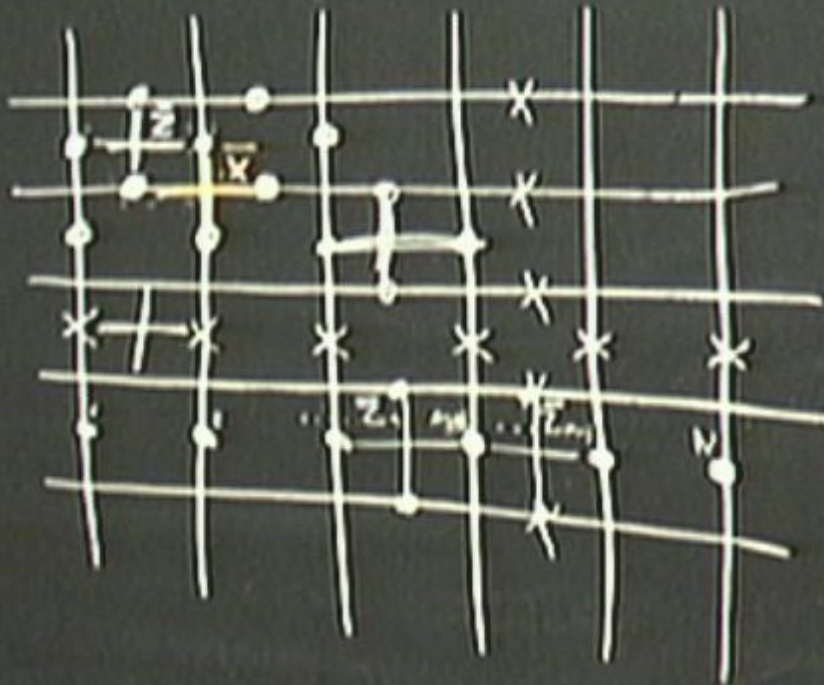


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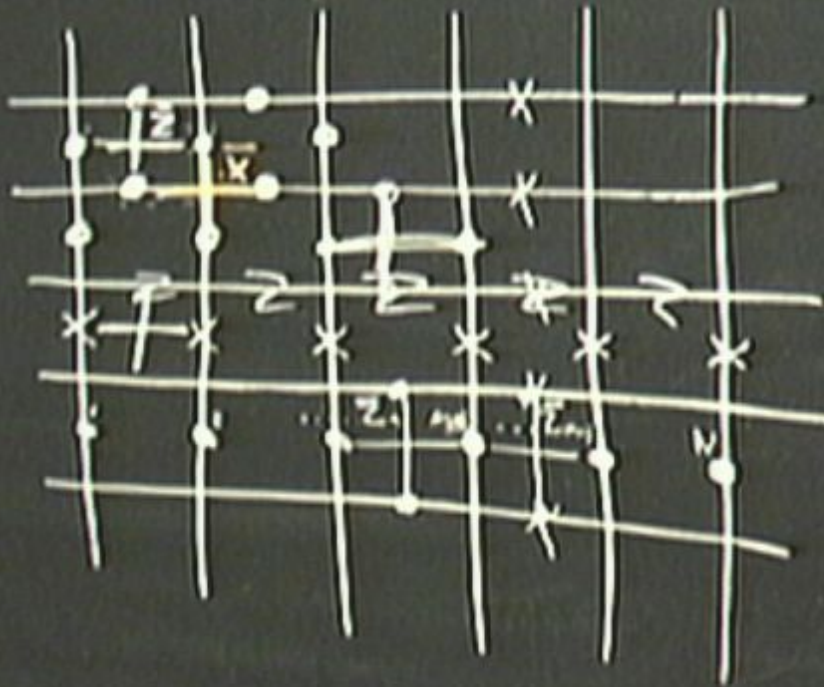


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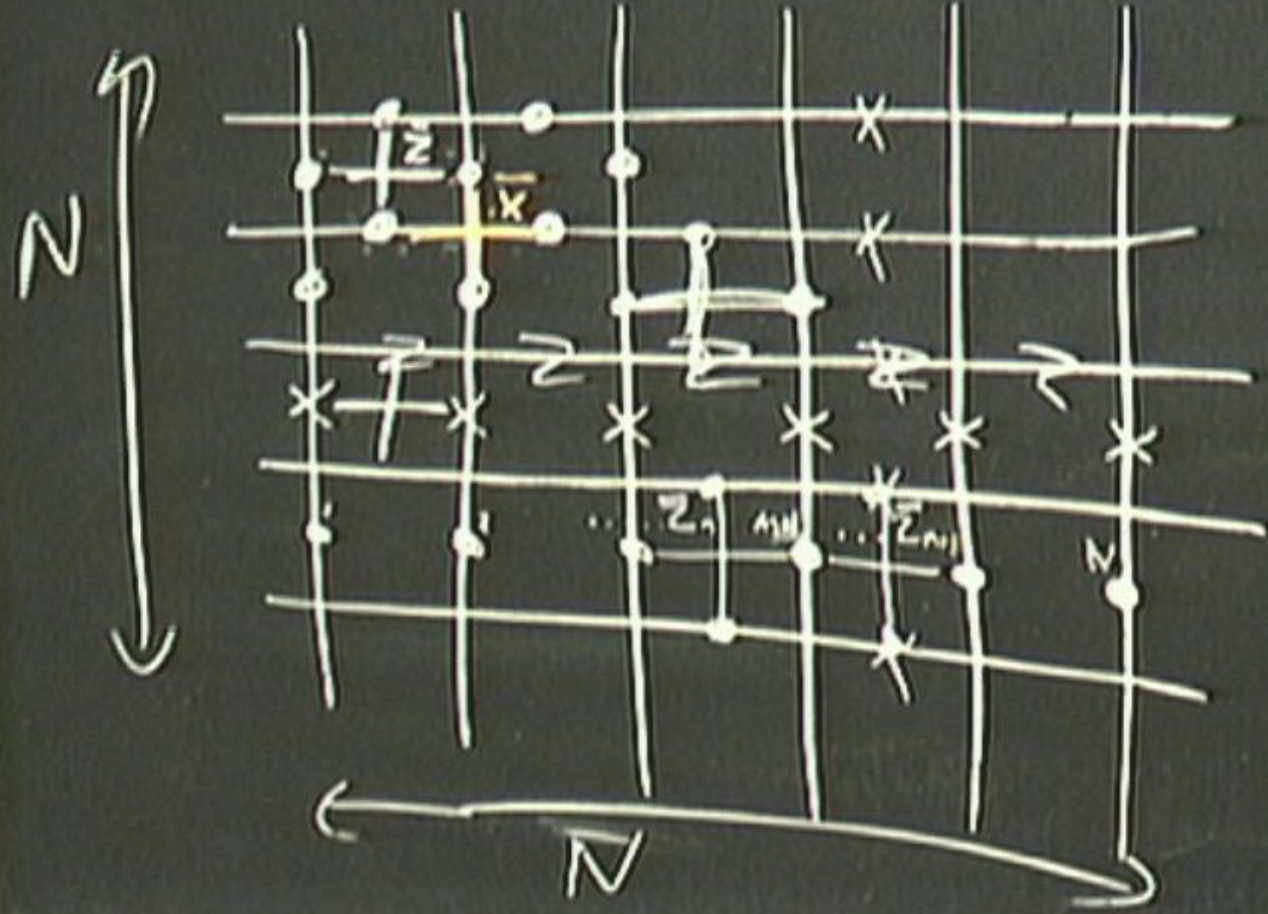
$$H + Y \rightarrow \delta \Sigma' X$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + m) = 0$$

$$\text{TR} (X/Y)$$

2D CD Toric Code

$$H = -\Delta \Sigma$$



$[\bar{X}, \bar{Z}]$   
4-fold deg



12. Method for Eliminating

$$H + V \rightarrow \delta \Sigma X$$

perturbation theory  $\Rightarrow \delta \Sigma^N$

$$\Sigma X \Sigma X = 0$$

Time-Dependent Perturbation Theory

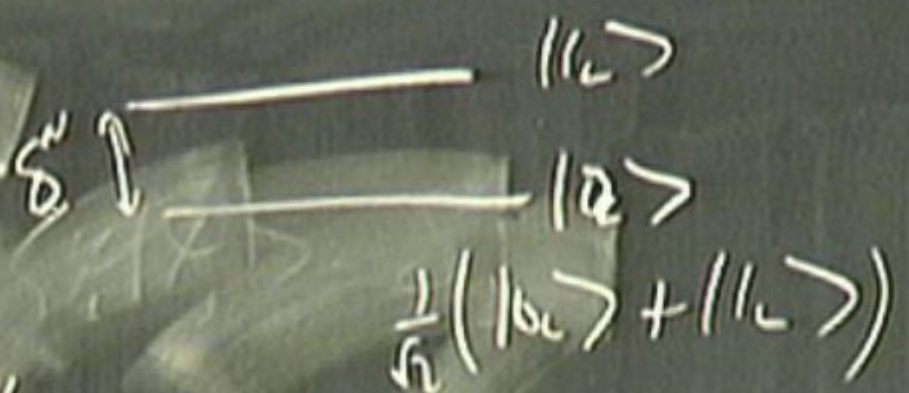
$$H + V$$

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perturbation theory  $\Rightarrow$

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gap in g.s space



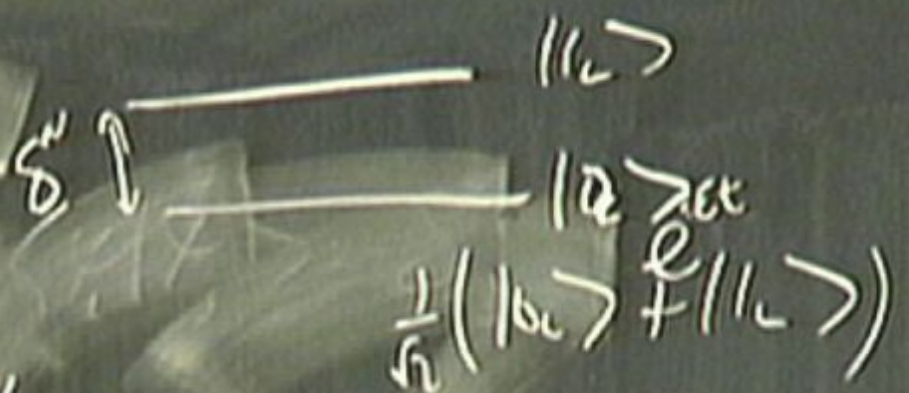
$$X|Y\rangle = 0$$

Elimination

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Series  $\delta^{-2N}$



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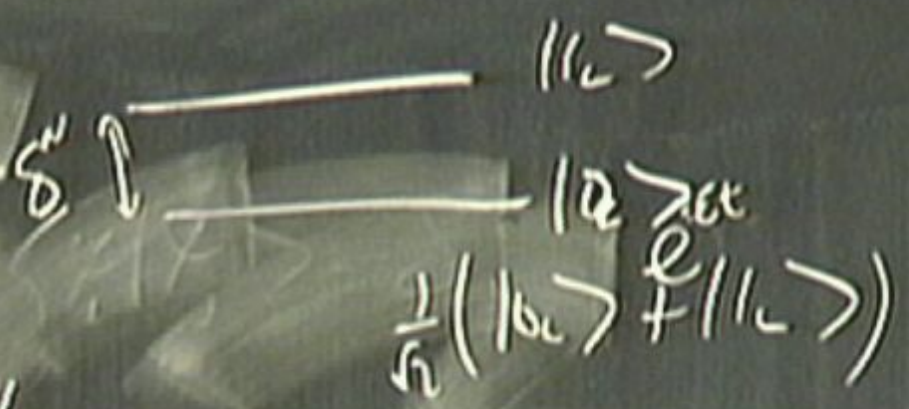
$$\delta \Sigma X$$

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Survival time  $\delta^{-2N}$

$$\delta \ll 1$$

$$\|V\| \ll 1$$



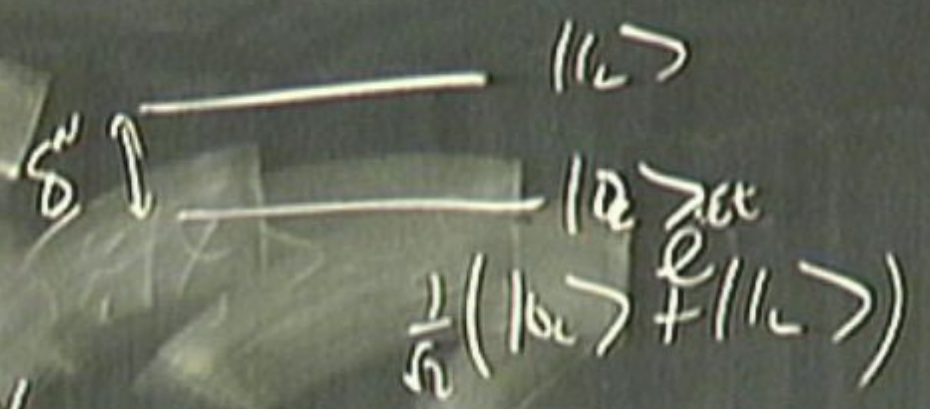
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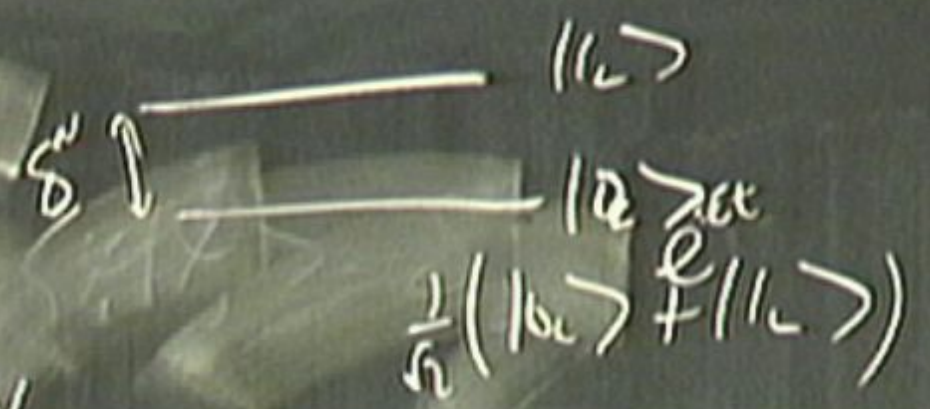
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$$\delta \ll 1 \quad \|V\| \ll 1$$



What is the EHM Character

$$H + V \rightarrow \delta \Sigma^X$$

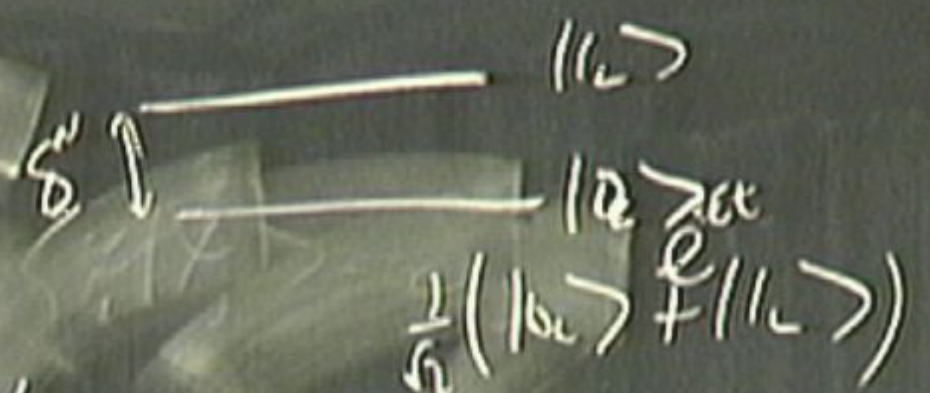


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Weak Limiting EHM Correction

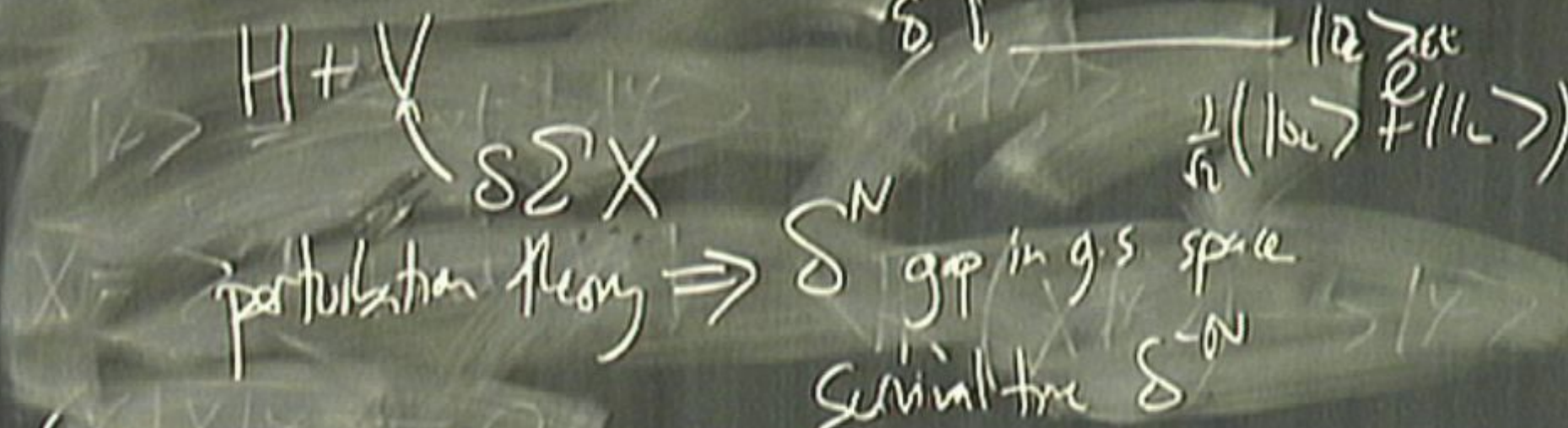
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12. Perturbation Theory Error Correction



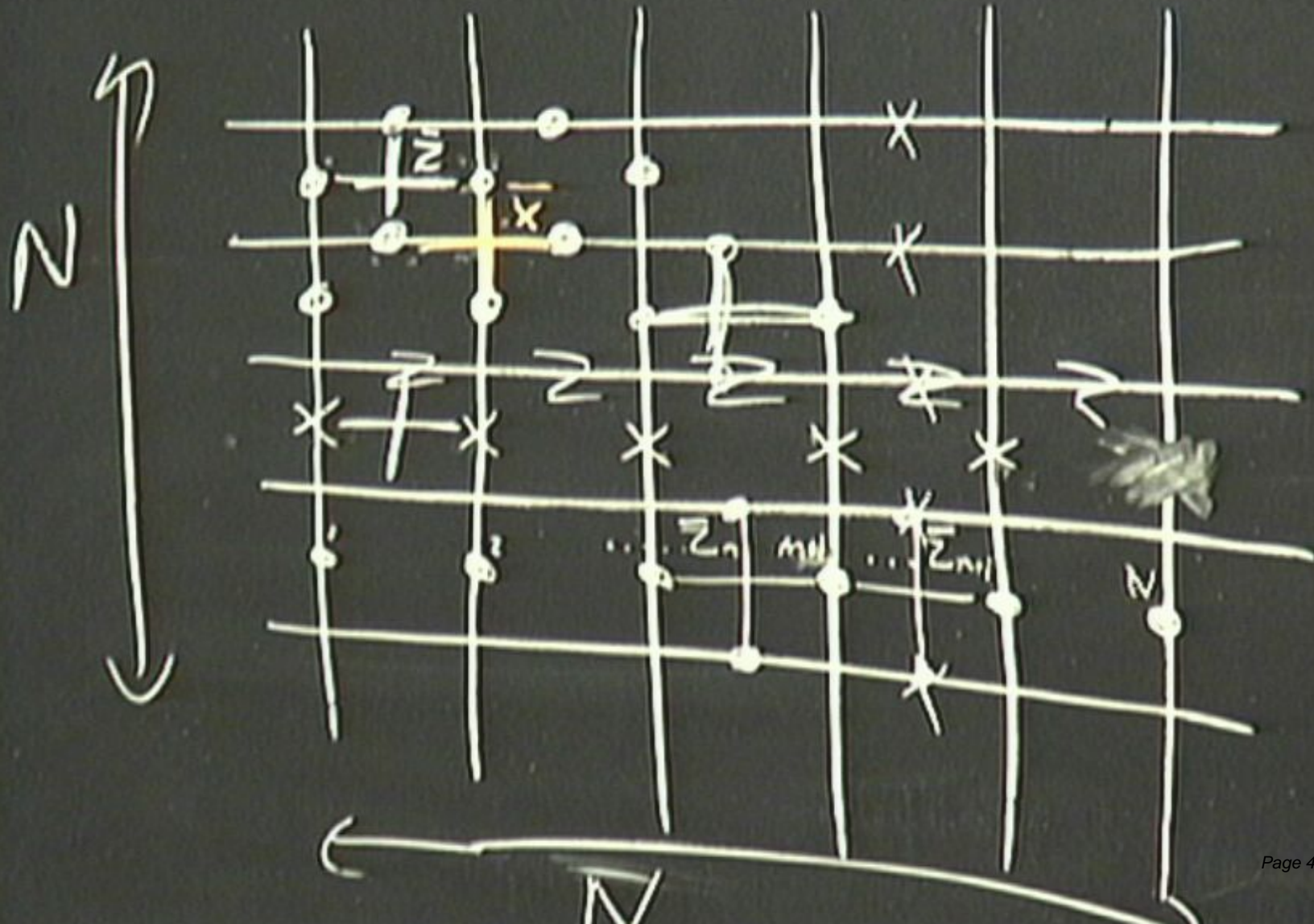
perturbation theory  $\Rightarrow \Delta$  gap in g.s. space  
 Survival time  $\Delta^{-N}$

- $\Delta \ll 1$   $\|V\| \ll 1$
- grand state space changes
- only tells you about state splitting



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10/14 | Total error Bawst 10

Nov 26

Gathering Kallin

Dec 3

Abbey Isl. 1st time

Dec 10

Keith Dicks

23

10/14 1 local error Bawisio  
what does PT do?

Nov 26 4th evening Killin

Dec 3

Abbey Isl. 1st day

Dec 10

Kel + 4 Dishes



200

10/14 1 local error Bawis/0  
what does PT do?

Nov 26 Katherine Kallin

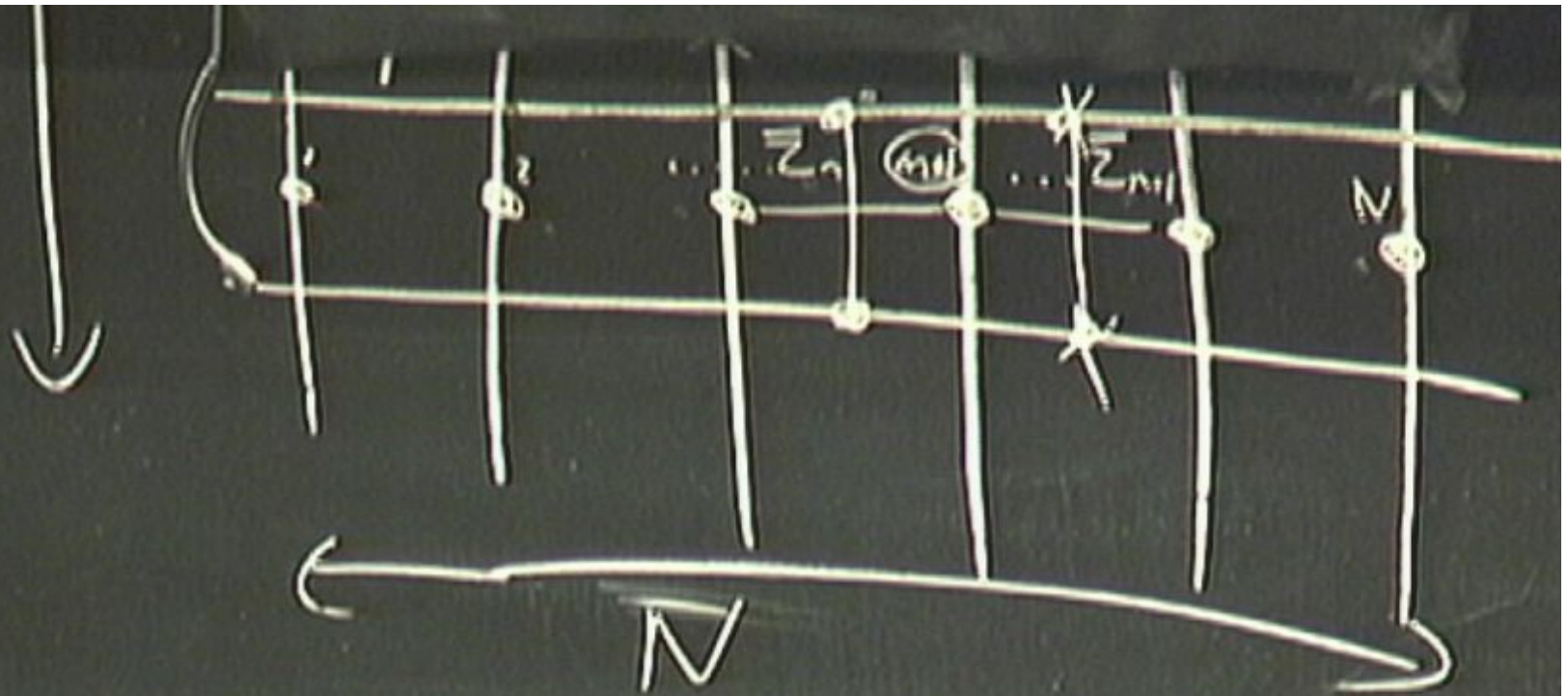
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Abbey Ashford

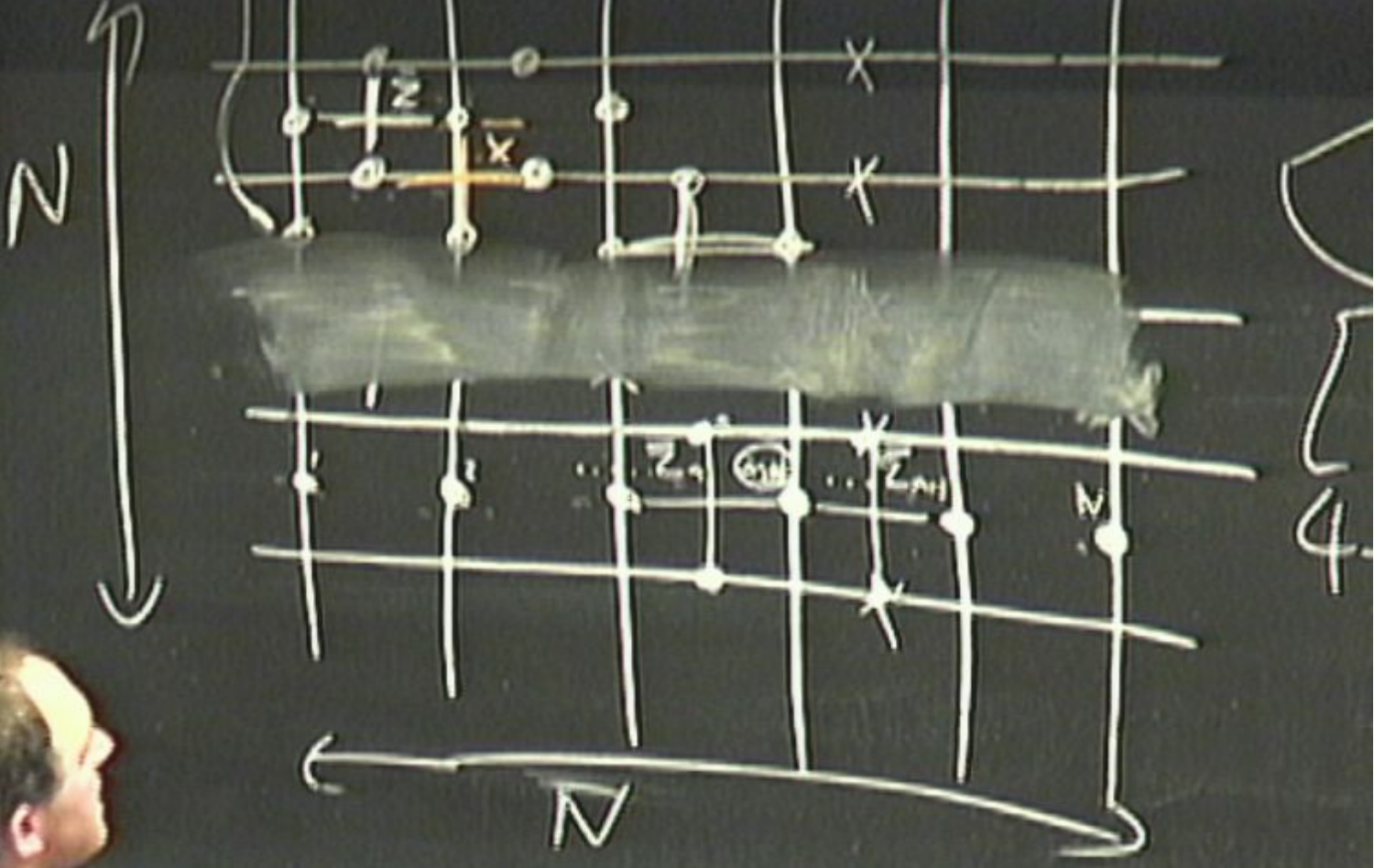
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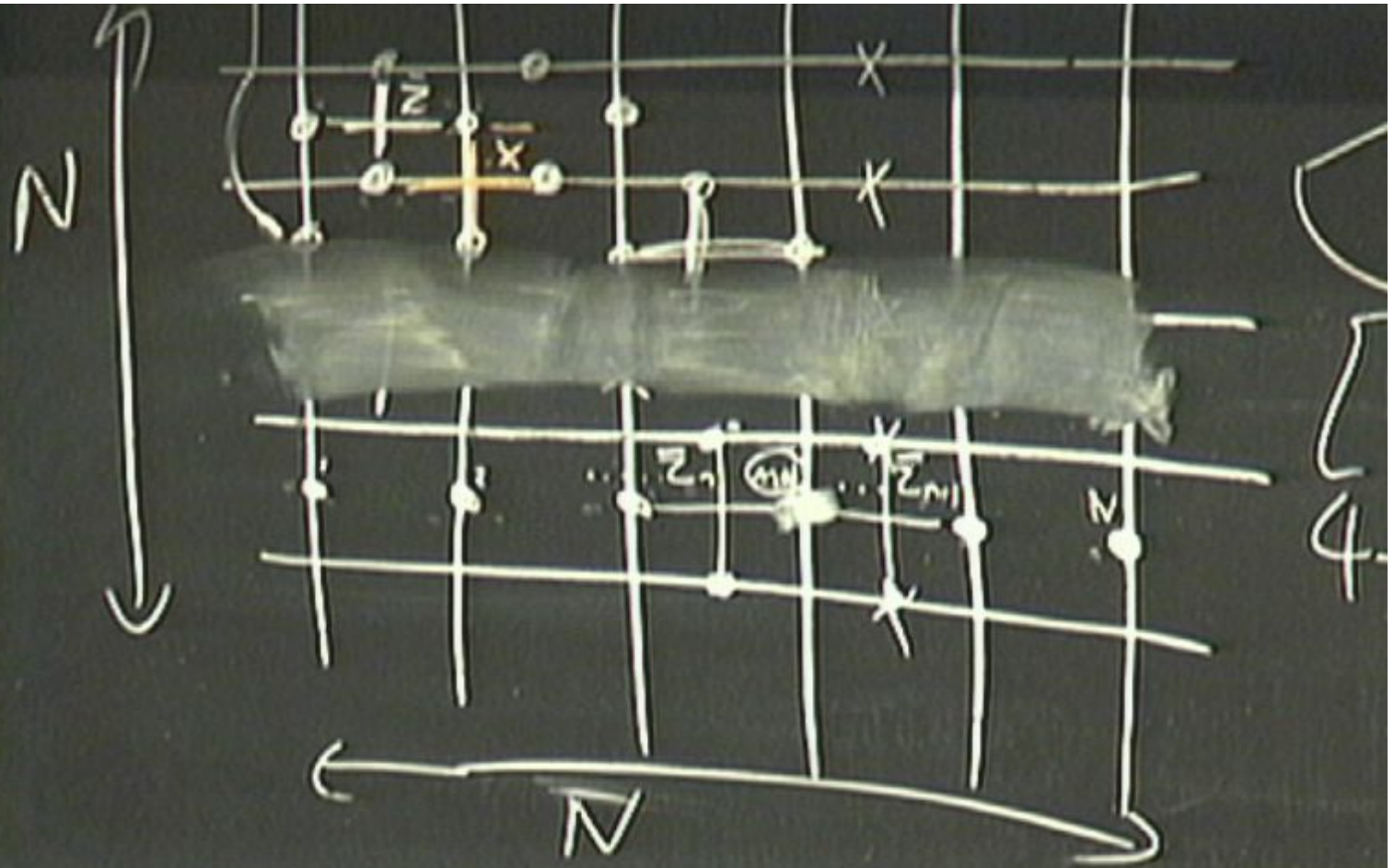
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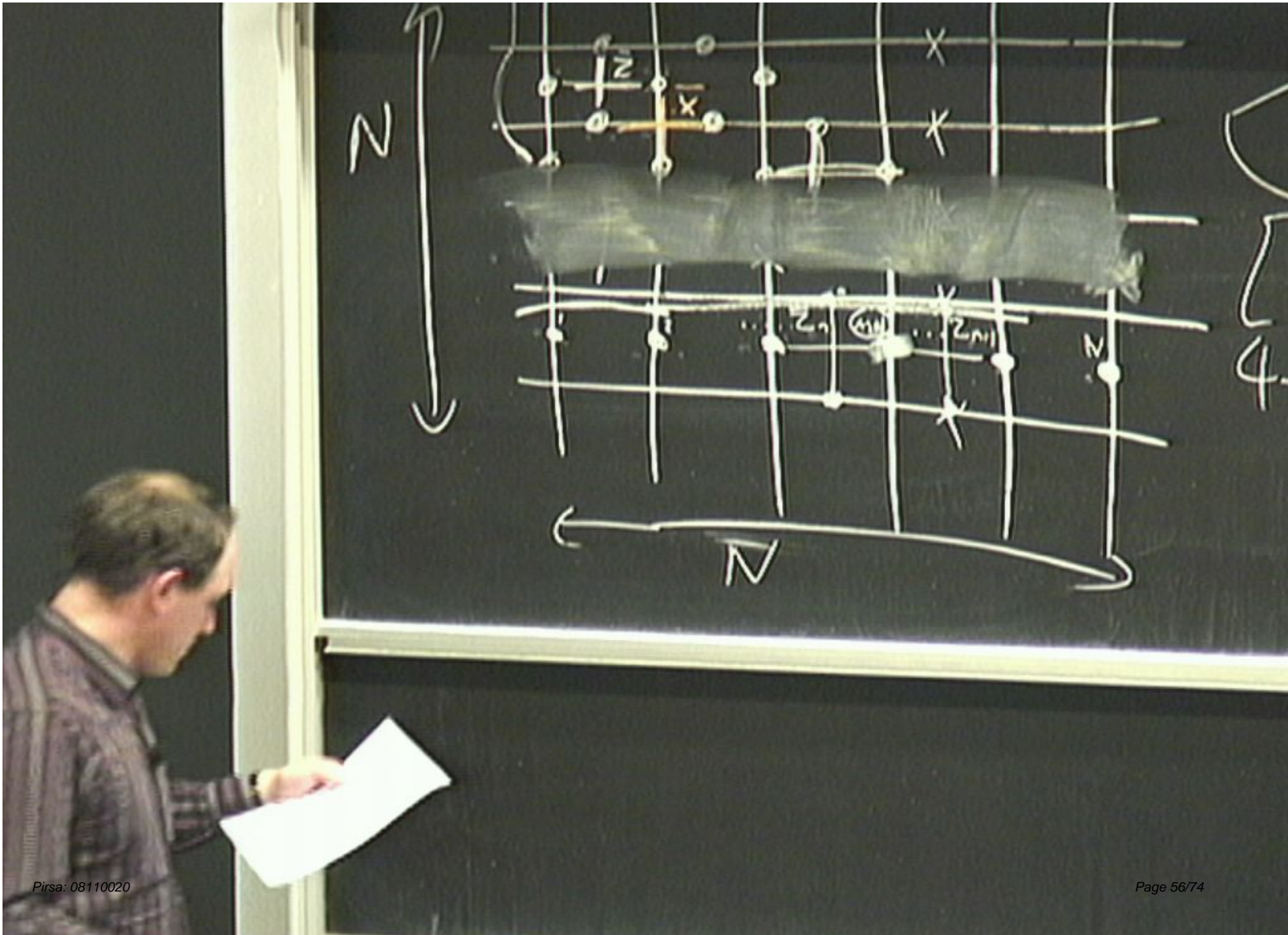
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$$z_{-m}, z_{m+1}$$











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$$\bar{Z}_n \bar{Z}_{n+1} |x\rangle = |x\rangle$$

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$$\begin{cases} J_m |m+1\rangle & n=m \\ J_m |n\rangle & n=m+1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$V = \frac{\delta}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{N-2} J_m X_{m+1} (\psi - \bar{z}_m \bar{z}_{m+1})$$

state of Hamiltonian  $H$

$\alpha(N) = \gamma(N)$   
 survival time  
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g.s with simple local error

$|1\rangle$

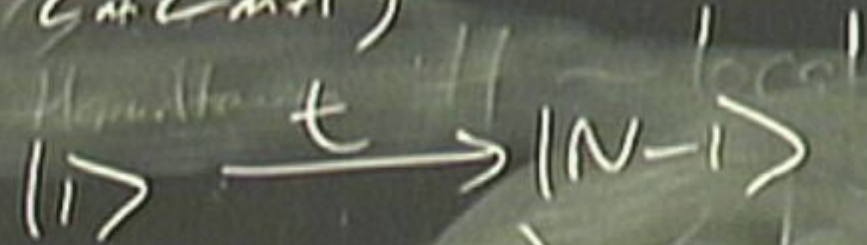
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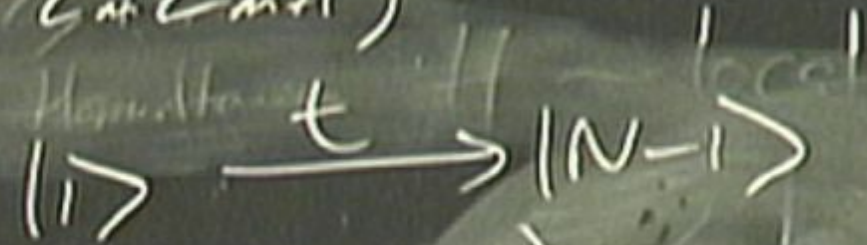
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & J_1 & & & \\ J_1 & 0 & J_2 & & \\ & J_2 & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$J_{m-1}$   
 $J_m$   
 $0$



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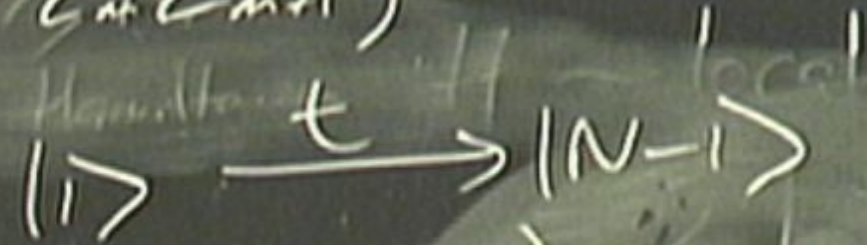
g.s with single local error



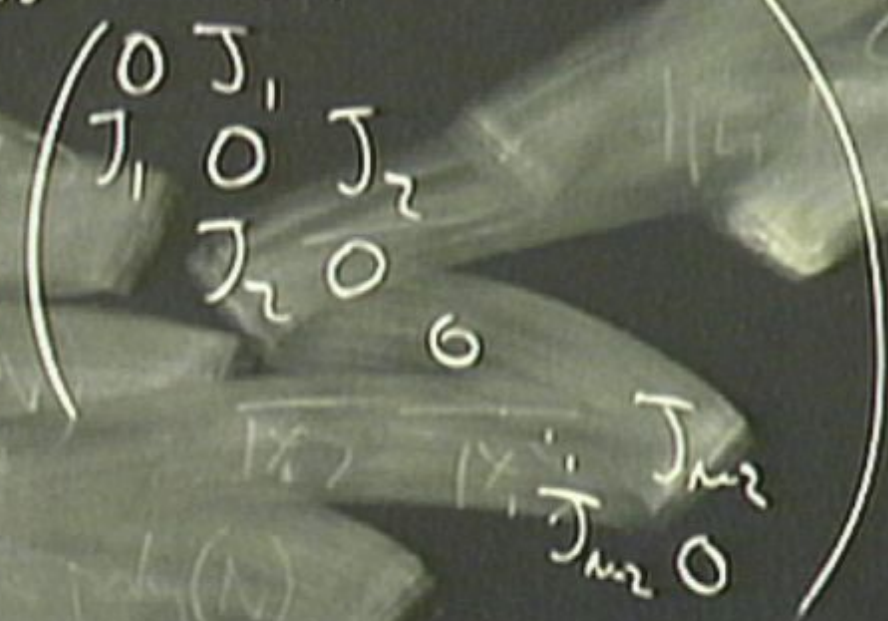
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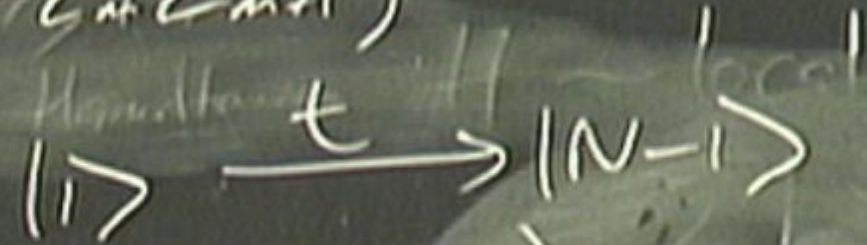
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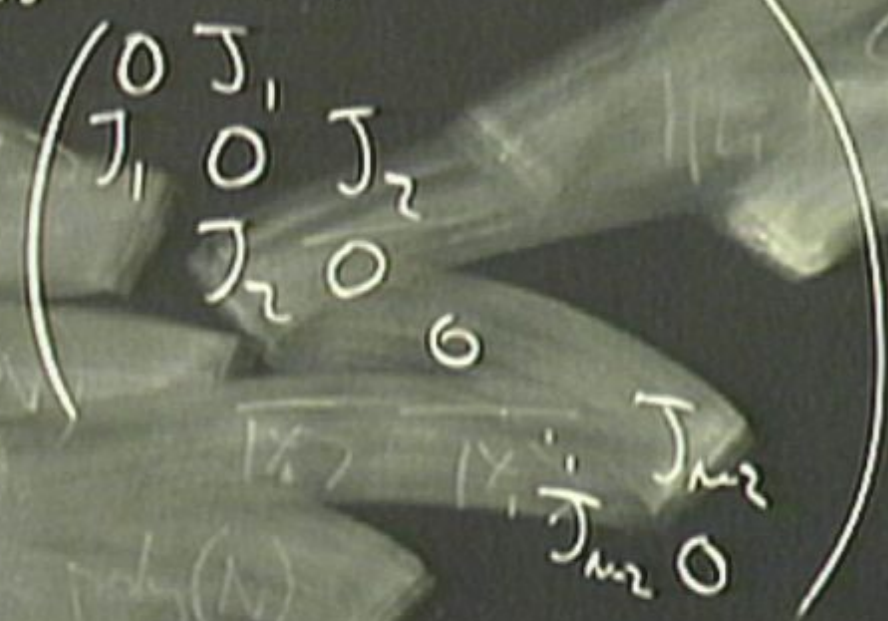
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$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

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$\mathbb{R}(\ )$



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$R(\epsilon)$

$$\sin^2 \epsilon$$

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probability of logical error  $\approx \sin^2 \epsilon \approx 50\%$