

Sub-division gadget of BDLT

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It is stated in Oliveira-Terhal that a 5-local Hamiltonian AB can be transformed into:

$$H_{OT} = \Delta \left(\frac{1 - z_a}{2} \right) + \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{2}}(B - A)x_a, \quad (1)$$

which has the same low-lying eigenspectrum as the original 5-local Hamiltonian to within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ as long as:

$$\Delta = \frac{(\max(\|A\|, \|B\|) \Omega(\sqrt{2}))^6}{\epsilon^2}. \quad (2)$$

When $\|A\|, \|B\| \leq 1$, this becomes:

$$\Delta = \epsilon^{-2}. \quad (3)$$

The same result is obtained in Bravyi-DiVincenzo-Loss-Terhal, except the proof is given by showing that for the S they choose, we have:

$$e^S H e^{-S} = \begin{pmatrix} AB & 0 \\ 0 & G \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$P e^S H e^{-S} P = AB, \quad (5)$$

as long as $\Delta = \epsilon^{-2}$.

In general the unitary transformation $e^S H e^{-S}$ will not preserve the eigenspectrum of H (and hence $P e^S H e^{-S} P$ won't preserve the eigenspectrum of AB) because unitary transformations preserve eigenvalues but not eigenvectors. The eigenvectors of $P e^S H e^{-S} P$ need to be multiplied by e^{-S} to recover the eigenvectors of AB . However it's possible that Eq. 4 holds true to within ϵ if $\Delta = \epsilon^{-2}$, meaning we do not need to multiply by e^{-S} .

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Let's calculate Eq. 3 of 10.1103/PhysRevLett.101.070503 explicitly:

$$H_0 = \Delta \left(\frac{1 - z_a}{2} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}} (B - A) x_a + \frac{J}{2} (A^2 + B^2) \quad (7)$$

$$S = -i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a \quad (8)$$

$$H = H_0 + V \quad (9)$$

$$[S, H] = [S, H_0 + V_1 + V_2] \quad (10)$$

$$= [S, H_0] + [S, V_1] + [S, V_2] \quad (11)$$

$$[S, H_0] = \left[-i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a, \Delta \left(\frac{1 - z_a}{2} \right) \right] \quad (12)$$

$$= \left[-i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a, \frac{\Delta}{2} \right] + \left[-i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a, \frac{-\Delta z_a}{2} \right] \quad (13)$$

$$= \left[i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a, \frac{\Delta z_a}{2} \right] \quad (14)$$

$$= i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a \frac{\Delta z_a}{2} - \frac{\Delta z_a}{2} i \sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} (B - A) y_a \quad (15)$$

$$= i \sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2^3}} (B - A) y_a z_a - z_a (B - A) y_a \quad (16)$$

$$= i \sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2^3}} (B - A) y_a z_a - (B - A) z_a y_a \quad (17)$$

$$= i \sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2^3}} (B - A) [y_a, z_a] \quad (18)$$

$$= i \sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2^3}} (B - A) 2i x_a \quad (19)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}} (B - A) x_a \quad (20)$$

$$[S, V_1] = \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, \sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}(B-A)x_a \right] \quad (21)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a\sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}(B-A)x_a - \sqrt{\Delta J/2}(B-A)x_a \left(-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a \right) \quad (22)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}\sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}((B-A)y_a(B-A)x_a - (B-A)x_a(B-A)y_a) \quad (23)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}\sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}((B-A)^2 y_a x_a - (B-A)^2 x_a y_a) \quad (24)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}\sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}(B-A)^2 [y_a, x_a] \quad (25)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}\sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}(B-A)^2 (-2iz_a) \quad (26)$$

$$= -J(B-A)^2 z_a \quad (27)$$

$$= -J(B^2 - BA + A^2)z_a, \text{ but } B A z_a \text{ is } (k+1)\text{-local} \quad (28)$$

$$[S, V_2] = \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) \right] \quad (29)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) - \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) \left(-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a \right) \quad (30)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{2^3\Delta}}((B-A)(A^2 + B^2)y_a - (A^2 + B^2)(B-A)y_a) \quad (31)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{2^3\Delta}}(B-A)(A^2 + B^2)(y_a - y_a) \quad (32)$$

$$= 0 \quad (33)$$

$$[S, H] = -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a - J(B-A)^2 z_a \quad (34)$$

$$[S, [S, H]] = \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a - J(B-A)^2 z_a \right] \quad (35)$$

$$= \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a \right] + \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -J(B-A)^2 z_a \right] \quad (36)$$

$$\left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a \right] = -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a \left(-\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a \right) - \left(-\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a \right) \left(-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a \right) \quad (37)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}} \left(-\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}} \right) ((B-A)y_a(B-A)x_a - (B-A)x_a(B-A)y_a) \quad (38)$$

$$= i\frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} (y_a x_a - x_a y_a) \quad (39)$$

$$= i\frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} [y_a, x_a] \quad (40)$$

$$= i\frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} (-2iz_a) \quad (41)$$

$$= J(B-A)^2 z_a \quad (42)$$

$$\left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -J(B-A)^2 z_a \right] = -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a (-J(B-A)^2 z_a) - (-J(B-A)^2 z_a) \left(-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a \right) \quad (43)$$

$$= -i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(-J)((B-A)y_a(B-A)^2 z_a - ((B-A)^2 z_a)(B-A)y_a) \quad (44)$$

$$= i\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{2\Delta}}(B-A)^3 (y_a z_a - z_a y_a) \quad (45)$$

$$= i\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{2\Delta}}(B-A)^3 [y_a, z_a] \quad (46)$$

$$= i\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{2\Delta}}(B-A)^3 (2ix_a) \quad (47)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{2J^3}{\Delta}}(B-A)^3 x_a, \text{ contains } A^2 B x_a \text{ and } B^2 A x_a \text{ which both act on } k+1 \text{ qubits.} \quad (48)$$

$$[S, [S, H]] = \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a \right] + \left[-i\sqrt{\frac{J}{2\Delta}}(B-A)y_a, -J(B-A)^2 z_a \right] \quad (49)$$

$$= J(B-A)^2 z_a - \sqrt{\frac{2J^3}{\Delta}}(B-A)^3 x_a \quad (50)$$

$$= J(B-A)^2 \left(z_a - \sqrt{\frac{2J}{\Delta}}(B-A)x_a \right) \quad (51)$$

$$[S, H] + \frac{1}{2}[S, [S, H]] = -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a - J(B-A)^2 z_a + \frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} \left(z_a - \sqrt{\frac{2J}{\Delta}}(B-A)x_a \right) \quad (52)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a + \left(\frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} - J(B-A)^2 \right) z_a - \frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2J}{\Delta}}(B-A)x_a \right) \quad (53)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a - \frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} z_a - \frac{J}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2J}{\Delta}}(B-A)^3 x_a \quad (54)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{J\Delta}{2}}(B-A)x_a - \frac{J(B-A)^2}{2} z_a - \sqrt{\frac{J^3}{2\Delta}}(B-A)^3 x_a \quad (55)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A) \left(\Delta x_a + \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A)z_a + \sqrt{\frac{J^2}{\Delta}}(B-A)^2 x_a \right) \quad (56)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A) \left(\Delta x_a + \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A)z_a \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{\Delta}} \right) \quad (57)$$

$$H + [S, H] + \frac{1}{2}[S, [S, H]] = \Delta \left(\frac{1-z_a}{2} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{\Delta J}{2}}(B-A)x_a + \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) + \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A) \left(\Delta x_a + \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A)z_a \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{\Delta}} \right) \quad (58)$$

$$= \Delta \left(\frac{1-z_a}{2} \right) + \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) + \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A) \left(2\Delta x_a + \sqrt{\frac{J}{2}}(B-A)z_a \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{\Delta}} \right) \quad (59)$$

$$= \Delta \left(\frac{1-z_a}{2} \right) + \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) + \sqrt{2J}(B-A)\Delta x_a + \frac{J}{2}(B-A)^2 z_a + \mathcal{O} \left(\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{\Delta}} \right) \quad (60)$$

$$= \Delta \left(\frac{1-z_a}{2} \right) + \frac{J}{2}(A^2 + B^2) + \sqrt{2J}(B-A)\Delta x_a + \frac{J}{2}(B^2 - BA + A^2)z_a + \mathcal{O} \left(\sqrt{\frac{J^3}{\Delta}} \right) \quad (61)$$