

Construction of general 2-oscillator Hamiltonian

Consider 2 oscillators system with n levels. Let $\rho(t) \in \mathbb{C}^{n^2 \times n^2}$ denote the density matrix. The Hamiltonian $H(t) \in \mathbb{C}^{n^2 \times n^2}$ is given by

$$H(t) = H_s + f_1(t)(a + a^\dagger) + f_2(t)(b + b^\dagger) + i(g_1(t)(a - a^\dagger) + g_2(t)(b - b^\dagger)) \quad (1)$$

and $a = a_1 \otimes I_n, b = I_n \otimes a_1$ and $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the lowering operator

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & 0 & \sqrt{2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & \sqrt{n-1} \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

We solve the Liouville-van-Neumann equation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\rho} &= -i(H(t)\rho - \rho H(t)) && \in \mathbb{C}^{n^2 \times n^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow \text{vec} \dot{\rho} &= -i \underbrace{(I_N \otimes H(t) - H(t)^T \otimes I_N)}_{=: A(t) + iB(t)} \text{vec} \rho && \in \mathbb{C}^{n^4} \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{vec} \rho(t) \in \mathbb{C}^{n^4}$ denotes the vectorized density matrix. Splitting the vectorized density into real and imaginary part $\text{vec} \rho =: u + iv$ we solve the following system for $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^{n^4}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A(t) & -B(t) \\ B(t) & A(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

The real and imaginary part of the system matrix are given by

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= g_1(t) (I_{n^2} \otimes (a - a^\dagger) - (a - a^\dagger)^T \otimes I_{n^2}) \\ &\quad + g_2(t) (I_{n^2} \otimes (b - b^\dagger) - (b - b^\dagger)^T \otimes I_{n^2}) \\ B(t) &= -I_N \otimes H_s + H_s^T \otimes I_N \\ &\quad + f_1(t) (-I_{n^2} \otimes (a + a^\dagger) + (a + a^\dagger)^T \otimes I_{n^2}) \\ &\quad + f_2(t) (-I_{n^2} \otimes (b + b^\dagger) + (b + b^\dagger)^T \otimes I_{n^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $A^\dagger = -A$ and $B^\dagger = B$ with $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n^4 \times n^4}$.

In order to construct A and B , we define the building matrices

$$\begin{aligned} C^+(k, m) &:= I_k \otimes (a_1 + a_1^\dagger) \otimes I_m \in \mathbb{R}^{nkm \times nkm} \\ C^-(k, m) &:= I_k \otimes (a_1 - a_1^\dagger) \otimes I_m \in \mathbb{R}^{nkm \times nkm} \end{aligned}$$

for given $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$. k is the number of repetitions of the blocks $(a_1 + a_1^\dagger) \otimes I_m \in \mathbb{R}^{nm}$. m is the number of repetitions of each $1, \sqrt{2}, \dots$, entry within the blocks. Note that $a_1 \pm a_1^\dagger = C^\pm(1, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Implementing a function that takes k, m as input and returns $C^\pm(k, m)$, we can construct $A(t)$ and $B(t)$ from

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= g_1(t) (C^-(n^2, n) - C^-(1, n^3)^T) + g_2(t) (C^-(n^3, 1) - C^-(n, n^2)^T) \\ B(t) &= f_1(t) (C^+(1, n^3)^T - C^+(n^2, n)) + f_2(t) (C^+(n, n^2)^T - C^+(n^3, 1)) \\ &\quad - I_N \otimes H_s + H_s^T \otimes I_N \end{aligned}$$