

# Quadratic Fermionic Hamiltonians

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## 0.1 Quadratic Fermionic Hamiltonians

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### 0.1.1 Representation of the generic Hamiltonian

A possible representation of a generic Quadratic Fermionic Hamiltonian (QFH) is

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N-1} \left( A_{i,j} a_i^\dagger a_j - \bar{A}_{i,j} a_i a_j^\dagger + B_{i,j} a_i a_j - \bar{B}_{i,j} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger \right), \quad (1)$$

with  $A_{i,j}, B_{i,j} \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $A^\dagger = A$  (hermitian) and  $B^T = -B$  (skew symmetric).

This conditions on  $A$  and  $B$  come from the request for  $\hat{H}$  to be Hermitian and for the fermionic creation and annihilation operators ( $a_i, a_j^\dagger$ ) to obey the Canonical Anticomutation Relations (CAR) (see Appendix ??)

$$\{a_i, a_j\} = \{a_i^\dagger, a_j^\dagger\} = 0 \quad , \quad \{a_i^\dagger, a_j\} = \delta_{i,j}. \quad (2)$$

To simplify the notation we collect the fermionic operators in the vector

$$\vec{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0^\dagger \\ \vdots \\ a_{N-1}^\dagger \\ a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \vec{\alpha}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & \dots & a_{N-1} & a_0^\dagger & \dots & a_{N-1}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

The Hamiltonian may then be written as

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\alpha}^\dagger H_a \vec{\alpha} \quad , \quad H_a = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{A} & B \\ -\bar{B} & A \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

The associated elements are:

$$H_a = \begin{pmatrix} aa^\dagger & aa \\ a^\dagger a^\dagger & a^\dagger a \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

### Majorana representation

Majorana operators are defined in term of Dirac operators as:

$$x_i = \frac{a_i + a_i^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}} \quad , \quad p_i = \frac{a_i - a_i^\dagger}{i\sqrt{2}}. \quad (6)$$

The inverse transformations are:

$$a_i = \frac{x_i + ip_i}{\sqrt{2}} \quad , \quad a_i^\dagger = \frac{x_i - ip_i}{\sqrt{2}}. \quad (7)$$

Majorana operators are hermitian so  $x_i^\dagger = x_i$  and  $p_i^\dagger = p_i$  and they obey the Majorana CAR (MCAR)

$$\{x_i, x_j\} = \{p_i, p_j\} = \delta_{i,j} \quad , \quad \{x_i, p_j\} = 0. \quad (8)$$

We note here that in the Majorana representation the local structure is preserved. Majorana operators labelled by  $i$  correspond fermionic operators labelled by  $i$ , so we still retain the physical space information. Moving to the Majorana representation is just a local (on each site) transformation.

We define the unitary matrix

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & \mathbb{I} \\ i\mathbb{I} & -i\mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \Omega^\dagger = \Omega^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -i\mathbb{I} \\ \mathbb{I} & i\mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

such that  $\vec{r} = \Omega \vec{\alpha}$  is the vector of the Majorana operators

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \\ p_0 \\ \vdots \\ p_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

In the Majorana representation the MCAR can be easily written as

$$\{r_i, r_j\} = \delta_{i,j}, \quad (11)$$

this is one of the advantage of using the Majorana representation.

The Hamiltonian in term of the Majorana operators reads as

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \vec{\alpha}^\dagger \Omega^\dagger \right) \Omega H_a \Omega^\dagger (\Omega \vec{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{r}^\dagger H \vec{r} \quad (12)$$

with

$$H = \Omega H_a \Omega^\dagger = i \begin{pmatrix} \Im\{A+B\} & \Re\{A+B\} \\ \Re\{B-A\} & \Im\{A-B\} \end{pmatrix} = ih. \quad (13)$$

We note that  $H$  is purely imaginary and hermitian (to see this just express the imaginary part and real part as the difference of the conjugates and use the properties of  $A$  and  $B$ ).

The fact that  $H$  is hermitian and purely imaginary imply that  $H$  and  $h$  are skew-symmetric.

The associated elements are:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} xx & xp \\ px & pp \end{pmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

The following identities can be useful:

1.  $x_i^2 = p_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}$
2.  $a^\dagger a = \frac{i}{2} (xp - px) + \frac{1}{2} = ixp + \frac{1}{2}$
3.  $aa^\dagger = \frac{i}{2} (px - xp) + \frac{1}{2} = ipx + \frac{1}{2}$
4.  $xp = -\frac{i}{2} (a^\dagger a - aa^\dagger) = -i (a^\dagger a - \frac{1}{2})$

In this section we will see how to diagonalise the Hamiltonian (??).

To do so we will proceed by first diagonalising Hamiltonian (??) and then moving back to the Dirac representation with (??).

Diagonalising Hamiltonian (??) corresponds to finding a transformation  $O$  that maps the set of Majorana operators  $\vec{r}$  to a new set of Majorana operators  $\vec{s} = O\vec{r}$  such that the Hamiltonian can be written as

$$\hat{H} = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \tilde{h}_i (\tilde{x}_i \tilde{p}_i - \tilde{p}_i \tilde{x}_i). \quad (15)$$

The set of transformation  $O$  that maps a set of Majorana operators to another set of Majorana operators is the set of orthogonal transformations:

$$\delta_{i,j} = \{s_i, s_j\} = \sum_{l,m} O_{i,l} O_{j,m} \{r_l, r_m\} = \sum_l O_{i,l} O_{l,j}^T = (OO^T)_{i,j}. \quad (16)$$

From the property of the skew-symmetric matrices [?, ?] we know that exist a special orthogonal transformation  $O$  such that  $h$  of (??) decompose as

$$\Lambda = O^T h O = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\lfloor N/2 \rfloor} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_i \\ -\lambda_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

with  $\lambda_i = \tilde{h}_i$  real and positive such that  $\pm i\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues of  $h$ .

The orthogonal transformation  $\vec{s} = O\vec{r}$  defines the new collection of Majorana operators

$$\vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}_0 \\ \tilde{p}_0 \\ \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{p}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_{N-1} \\ \tilde{p}_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

Thus with transformation  $O$  we can express the Hamiltonian as

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{s}^\dagger \Lambda \vec{s} \quad (19)$$

that is the desired form (??).

Considering the Dirac representation one is interested in a transformation from Dirac fermionic modes  $\vec{\alpha}$  in Dirac fermionic modes  $\vec{\beta}$  such that the generic quadratic Hamiltonian (??) is mapped to a free fermions Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \epsilon_k \left( b_k^\dagger b_k - b_k b_k^\dagger \right). \quad (20)$$

To do so it is sufficient to map the Majoranas  $\vec{s}$  of the last back to Fermions and one should obtain (??).

The values  $\tilde{h}_i$  of (??) and  $\epsilon_k$  of (??) are related by

$$\epsilon_k = \lambda_k = \tilde{h}_k. \quad (21)$$

## 0.2 Numerical Methods

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### 0.2.1 Diagonalisation of the Hamiltonian

#### Block-diagonal form of real skew-symmetric matrices

In order to obtain the decomposition of  $h$  of (??) one can use the following algorithm

1. Compute numerically a Schur decomposition (or Schur triangularisation as called in [?]) of the skew-symmetric matrix  $h$  such that:  $h = \tilde{O}\tilde{\Lambda}\tilde{O}^T$ . The matrix  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  should be a block-diagonal matrix with each block in the anti-diagonal form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{\lambda}_i \\ -\tilde{\lambda}_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (22)$$

it is not guaranteed that  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$  is positive for each  $i$ . It is necessary to reorder it.

2. Build the ortogonal matrix  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\lfloor N/2 \rfloor} m_i$  with

$$m_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

if  $\tilde{\lambda}_i < 0$  or

$$m_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (24)$$

if  $\tilde{\lambda}_i > 0$ .

3. The final orthogonal transformation is  $O = \tilde{O}M$  such that  $h = O\Lambda O^T$ .

Schur decomposition are usually standard decomposition already implemented in standard libraries. In order to avoid numerical errors it is a good practice to forcefully skew-symmetrise matrix passed to the Schur decomposition routine, thus Schur decompose  $\frac{h-h^T}{2}$ .

In `F-utilities.jl` this is implemented with the function `Diag_Real_Skew(M) → Mf, Of`.

#### Dirac representation

In order to obtain the decomposition of  $H_a$  of (??) one can use the following algorithm:

1. Transform  $H_a$  in  $H$  of (??) with the matrix  $\Omega$  and consider only  $h$ .
2. Apply the Majorana diagonalisation of section ?? to  $h$  to obtain its block diagonal form and the orthogonal transformation  $O$  such that  $\vec{s} = O\vec{r}$
3. In order to move back to the Dirac representation one has to pay attention to how the Majorana operators are ordered in  $\vec{s}$ . In fact, in  $\vec{s}$  the order is  $xp$  (see (??)), so we cannot transform back to the Dirac representation simply applying  $\Omega$  again. To reorder  $\vec{s}$  to order

$xx$  (see (??)) we define the  $2N \times 2N$  matrix

$$F_{xp \rightarrow xx} = \begin{matrix} i=0 \\ i=1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ i=N \\ i=N+1 \\ \vdots \\ i=2N+1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & 1 & \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & 1 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & & & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \vdots & 1 & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 & & & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (25)$$

so that  $F_{xp \rightarrow xx} \vec{s}$  has the order  $xx$  as  $\vec{r}$  and we get

$$\Lambda^M = F_{xp \rightarrow xx} \Lambda F_{xp \rightarrow xx}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_{[N/2]} \\ -\lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda_{[N/2]} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (26)$$

4. . Move from Majoranas to Dirac representation

$$-i\epsilon = \Omega^\dagger \Lambda^M \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} i\lambda_0 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & i\lambda_{[N/2]} & & & \\ & & & -i\lambda_0 & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & -i\lambda_{[N/2]} \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

5. . The final unitary transformation  $\vec{\alpha} = U \vec{\beta}$  read as

$$U = \Omega^\dagger \cdot O \cdot F_{xp \rightarrow xx}^\dagger \cdot \Omega \quad (28)$$

6. . Finally we have  $H_a = U \cdot H_D \cdot U^\dagger$ , that is

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\beta}^\dagger H_D \vec{\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\beta}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \epsilon_N & & \\ & & & -\epsilon_1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & & \dots & 0 & -\epsilon_N \end{pmatrix} \vec{\beta} \quad (29)$$

In `F-utilities.jl` this is implemented with the function `Diag_ferm(M) → Mf, Uf`.

## 0.3 Fermionic Gaussian States

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### 0.3.1 Representations

#### Hilbert space representation

Fermionic Gaussian states are represented by density operators that are exponentials of a QFH. A general Gaussian state is of the form

$$\rho = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\vec{\alpha}^\dagger H_\rho \vec{\alpha}}}{Z} \quad (30)$$

where  $Z$  is a normalisation constant, and  $H_\rho$  is a  $2N \times 2N$  matrix of the same form of (??) in which are encoded all the information about the state and  $\vec{\alpha}$  is a collection of creation and annihilation operators as in (??).

#### Correlation matrix

Gaussian states are Gibbs states of QFH. Since the matrix at the exponent can be diagonalised as in (??), a Gaussian state has a normal-mode decomposition in terms of  $N$  single-mode thermal states of the form  $\sim e^{-\beta_i b_i^\dagger b_i}$ . From this one can see that the state is fully determined by the expectation values of quadratic operators –Kraus–Peschel2002b (see Appendix subsec:correlation-and-parent).

Thus, instead of using the  $2^N \times 2^N$  density matrix to describe the state, we are allowed to just consider the correlation matrix

$$\Gamma_{i,j} \equiv \text{Tr} [\rho \vec{\alpha}_i \vec{\alpha}_j^\dagger] = \begin{pmatrix} a^\dagger a & a^\dagger a^\dagger \\ aa & aa^\dagger \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma^{UL} & \Gamma^{UR} \\ \Gamma^{BL} & \Gamma^{BR} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

Where  $\Gamma$  is Hermitian, matrices  $\Gamma^{BL}$  and  $\Gamma^{UR}$  are skew-symmetric (note that their diagonal is always 0) and thus also  $\Gamma^{BL} = -\overline{\Gamma^{UR}}$  and  $\Gamma^{UL}$  and  $\Gamma^{BR}$  are Hermitian.

The matrix  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \Gamma - \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}$  has the same form of (??), thus is it possible to diagonalise it with the same method used for the Hamiltonian and then add again  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}$  to obtain the diagonal form of  $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma^D = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \nu_N & & \\ & & & 1 - \nu_1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & & \dots & 0 & 1 - \nu_N \end{pmatrix} \quad (32)$$

with  $\nu_i \in [0, 1]$  (the diagonal elements of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  are  $\tilde{\nu}_i \in [-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}]$ ).

To obtain this diagonal form with `F-utilities.jl` from  $\Gamma$  it's sufficient to write:

# Appendix A

## F-utilities

1. `Print_matrix(title, M)`: Print a graphical representation of matrix  $M$  in a figure called `title`.
2. `Build_Omega(N) → Ω`: This function return the  $2N \times 2N$  matrix  $\Omega$  (??).
3. `Build_FxxTxp(N) →  $F_{xx \rightarrow xp}$` : This function return the  $2N \times 2N$  matrix  $F_{xx \rightarrow xp}$  (??).
4. `Build_FxpTxx(N) →  $F_{xp \rightarrow xx}$` : This function return the  $2N \times 2N$  matrix  $F_{xp \rightarrow xx}^T$ .
5. `Diag_Real_Skew(M) →  $M_f, O_f$` : This function implement the Majorana algorithm of section ?? with  $M = h$  a generic skew-symmetric real matrix.  $M_f$  is the matrix we called  $\Lambda$  in (??) and has the following property: it is in the block diagonal form, each  $2 \times 2$  block is skew-symmetric with the upper-right element positive and real and  $M_f$  is in ascending order for the upper diagonal.  $O_f$  is the orthogonal matrix that we called  $O$  and it is an orthogonal matrix such that:  $M = O_f M_f O_f^T$ .
6. `Diag_ferm(M) →  $M_f, U_f$` : This function implement the fermionic algorithm of section ?? with  $M = H_a$ .  $M_f$  is the matrix we called  $H_D$  and it is in diagonal form with the first half diagonal negative and the second one positive.  $U_f$  is the orthogonal matrix that we called  $U$  and it is a unitary matrix such that:  $M = U_f M_f U_f^\dagger$ .
7. `Purity(M) →  $p$` : This function takes as input the correlation matrix  $\Gamma$  and return a Float  $p$  from 0 to 1 that is the purity.
8. `Evolve_gamma(M,D,U,t) →  $M_t$` : This function evolve for a time  $t$  (last argument) the correlation matrix  $\Gamma$  (first argument),  $D$  is the Dirac Hamiltonian diagonalised,  $U$  is the unitary transformation that change basis from the diagonal one to the original one. e.g. If I want to evolve the correlation matrix  $M$  with  $H_a$  for a time  $t$  I would write `M_t=Evolve_gamma(M,Diag_ferm( $H_a$ ),t)`.
9. `Evolve_gamma_imag(M,D,U,t) →  $M_t$` : This function evolve for a time  $t$  (last argument) the pure state correlation matrix  $\Gamma$  (first argument) with the evolution ??,  $D$  is the Dirac Hamiltonian diagonalised,  $U$  is the unitary transformation that change basis from the diagonal one to the original one .N.B.  $M$  must be a pure state ( $\text{Purity}(M) = 1$ ), `Evolve_gamma_imag(M,D,U,t)` is a pure state.
10. `Energy_fermion(M,D,U) →  $e$` : This function return the energy of the correlation matrix  $M$  with respect of the Hamiltonian in the diagonal form  $M$  where  $U$  is the change of basis from the diagonal one to the space one. e.g. If I want to compute the energy of the correlation matrix  $\Gamma$  with respect to the generic quadratic Hamiltonian represented by  $H$  I would write `Energy_fermion( $\Gamma$ ,Diag_ferm( $H$ ))`.

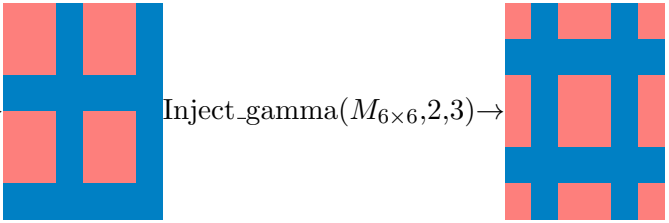


## APPENDIX A. UTILITIES

11. `Reduce_gamma(M, N_partition, first_index) → MT`: This function return the correlation matrix of a subsystem with `N_partition` size starting from the site at `first_index`. e.g. `Reduce_gamma()` return the green the element of the matrix  $M_{6 \times 6}$

$$\text{Reduce\_gamma}(M_{6 \times 6}, 2, 1) \rightarrow \text{Reduce\_gamma}(M_{6 \times 6}, 2, 3) \rightarrow \quad (\text{A.1})$$


12. `Inject_gamma(gamma, injection, first_index) → MT`: This function overwrite the subsystem of gamma starting at `first_index` with the system with correlation matrix injection. The system of injection has to be smaller then the one of gamma. The returned system has same dimension of gamma. e.g. `Inject_gamma()` return the red and blue matrix where the elements in red are the one of the matrix injection.

$$\text{Inject\_gamma}(M_{6 \times 6}, 2, 1) \rightarrow \text{Inject\_gamma}(M_{6 \times 6}, 2, 3) \rightarrow \quad (\text{A.2})$$


13. `Eigenvalues_of_rho(M) →  $\vec{e}$` : This function take as input a correlation matrix  $\Gamma$  and return the vector with all its eigenvalues. N.B. The number of eigenvalues grows exponentially with the size of  $\Gamma$ .
14. `VN_entropy(M) → s`: This function return the Von Neumann Entropy of the system described by the correlation matrix  $M$  in the form of  $\Gamma$ .

## A.1 Useful relations

### A.1.1 Pauli Matrices

1.  $\sigma^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma^z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma^y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma^x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, |+\rangle_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $|-\rangle_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, |+\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}, |-\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}, |0-\rangle_z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, |1+\rangle_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
2.  $\sigma^z \sigma^- = -\sigma^-$
3.  $\sigma^z \sigma^+ = \sigma^+$
4.  $\sigma^- \sigma^z = \sigma^-$
5.  $\sigma^+ \sigma^z = -\sigma^+$
6.  $\sigma^+ \sigma^- = \frac{\sigma^z + \mathbb{I}}{2}$
7.  $\sigma^- \sigma^+ = \frac{\mathbb{I} - \sigma^z}{2}$

1.  $\{a_i, a_j\} = \{a_i^\dagger, a_j^\dagger\} = 0$
2.  $a_i a_j = -a_j a_i; a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger = -a_j^\dagger a_i^\dagger$
3.  $\{a_i, a_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{i,j}$
4.  $a_i a_j^\dagger = \delta_{i,j} - a_j^\dagger a_i$
5.  $a_i a_j = \frac{a_i a_j - a_j a_i}{2}$
6.  $a_i a_j^\dagger = \frac{a_i a_j^\dagger - a_j^\dagger a_i}{2} + \frac{\delta_{i,j}}{2}$
7.  $a_i^\dagger a_j = \frac{a_i^\dagger a_j - a_j a_i^\dagger}{2} + \frac{\delta_{i,j}}{2}$

The action on a state in the occupation basis (defined such that the Canonical Anticommutation Relations (relations 1 and 3) are respected)

1.  $a_i |\vec{\alpha}\rangle = -(-1)^{S_\alpha^j} |\alpha'\rangle$  if  $\alpha_j = 1$  with  $\alpha'_j = 0$  and  $S_\alpha^j = \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \alpha_k$  (if  $\alpha_j = 0$  then is 0)
2.  $a_i^\dagger |\vec{\alpha}\rangle = -(-1)^{S_\alpha^j} |\alpha'\rangle$  if  $\alpha_j = 0$  with  $\alpha'_j = 1$  and  $S_\alpha^j = \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \alpha_k$  (if  $\alpha_j = 1$  then is 0)

Commutators

1.  $[a_i^\dagger, a_j] = \delta_{i,j} - 2a_j a_i^\dagger = a_i^\dagger a_j - \delta_{i,j}$
2.  $[a_i, a_j^\dagger] = \delta_{i,j} - 2a_j^\dagger a_i = a_i a_j^\dagger - \delta_{i,j}$
3.  $[a_i, a_j] = 2a_i a_j$
4.  $[a_i^\dagger, a_j^\dagger] = 2a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger$

### A.1.3 Jordan-Wigner Transformations

spinless fermions  $\rightarrow$  spins

1.  $a_j = -\bigotimes_{k=1}^{j-1} \sigma_k^z \otimes \sigma_j^- \bigotimes_{k=j+1}^N \mathbb{I}_k$
2.  $a_j^\dagger = -\bigotimes_{k=1}^{j-1} \sigma_k^z \otimes \sigma_j^+ \bigotimes_{k=j+1}^N \mathbb{I}_k$
3.  $a_j^\dagger a_j = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{j-1} \otimes \frac{\sigma_j^z + \mathbb{I}_j}{2} \bigotimes_{k=j+1}^N \mathbb{I}_k$

spins  $\rightarrow$  spinless fermions

1.  $\sigma_j^z = a_j^\dagger a_j - a_j a_j^\dagger$
2.  $\sigma_j^x = -\bigotimes_{k=1}^{j-1} \sigma_k^z \otimes (a_j + a_j^\dagger) \bigotimes_{k=j+1}^N \mathbb{I}_j$
3.  $\sigma_j^x = i \bigotimes_{k=1}^{j-1} \sigma_k^z \otimes (a_j^\dagger - a_j) \bigotimes_{k=j+1}^N \mathbb{I}_j$
4.  $\sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x = (a_j^\dagger - a_j)(a_{j+1} + a_{j+1}^\dagger)$

$$3. \sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x = -(\bar{a}_j + a_j)(a_{j+1} - a_{j+1})$$

$$6. \sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^y = i(a_j^\dagger - a_j)(a_{j+1}^\dagger + a_{j+1})$$

$$7. \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^x = i(a_j^\dagger + a_j)(a_{j+1}^\dagger + a_{j+1})$$

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