

# An example of non-positivity in the Redfield equation

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In this notebook, we will construct an example where the Redfield equation becomes non-positive. We will also show how to use the positivity-check routine to stop the solver when this happens.

## 0.1 Ohmic bath

We first create an Ohmic bath with the following parameters:

```
using OpenQuantumTools, OrdinaryDiffEq, Plots, Printf, LaTeXStrings
```

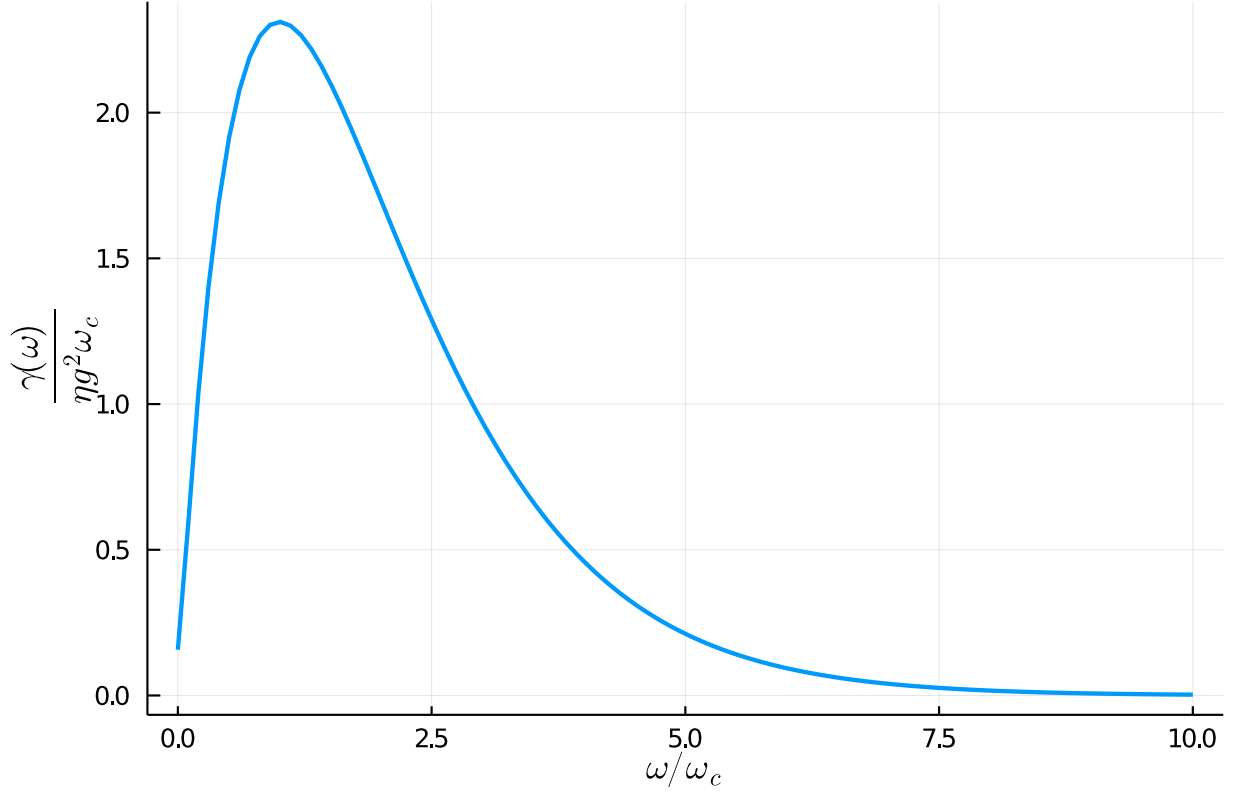
```
 $\beta$  = 4  
T =  $\beta\_2\_temperature(\beta)$   
 $\eta$  = 0.1  
fc= 10/(2 $\pi$ )  
bath = Ohmic( $\eta$ , fc, T)
```

Ohmic bath instance:

```
 $\eta @*(\text{unitless}): 0.1(* @ \omega @*(c \text{ (GHz)}: 1.5915494309189535T \text{ (mK)}: 1.9095587777458247$ 
```

The spectral density  $\gamma$  is plotted below:

```
plot(bath, : $\gamma$ , range(0,10,length=100), linewidth=2, label="")
```



The time scales (defined in [1] Completely positive master equation for arbitrary driving and small level spacing) of the bath are:

```
τsb, err_τsb = τ_SB((x)->correlation(x, bath))
@printf("τ_sb of the Ohmic bath is %.6f with error estimation %.2e \n", τsb, err_τsb)
τb, err_τb = τ_B((x)->correlation(x, bath), 100, τsb)
@printf("τ_b of the Ohmic bath is %.6f with error estimation %.2e \n", τb, err_τb)
```

```
τ@*((*_sb of the Ohmic bath is 0.666454 with error estimation 6.48e-09
τ@*((*_b of the Ohmic bath is 0.201395 with error estimation 1.91e-10
```

## 0.2 Evolution

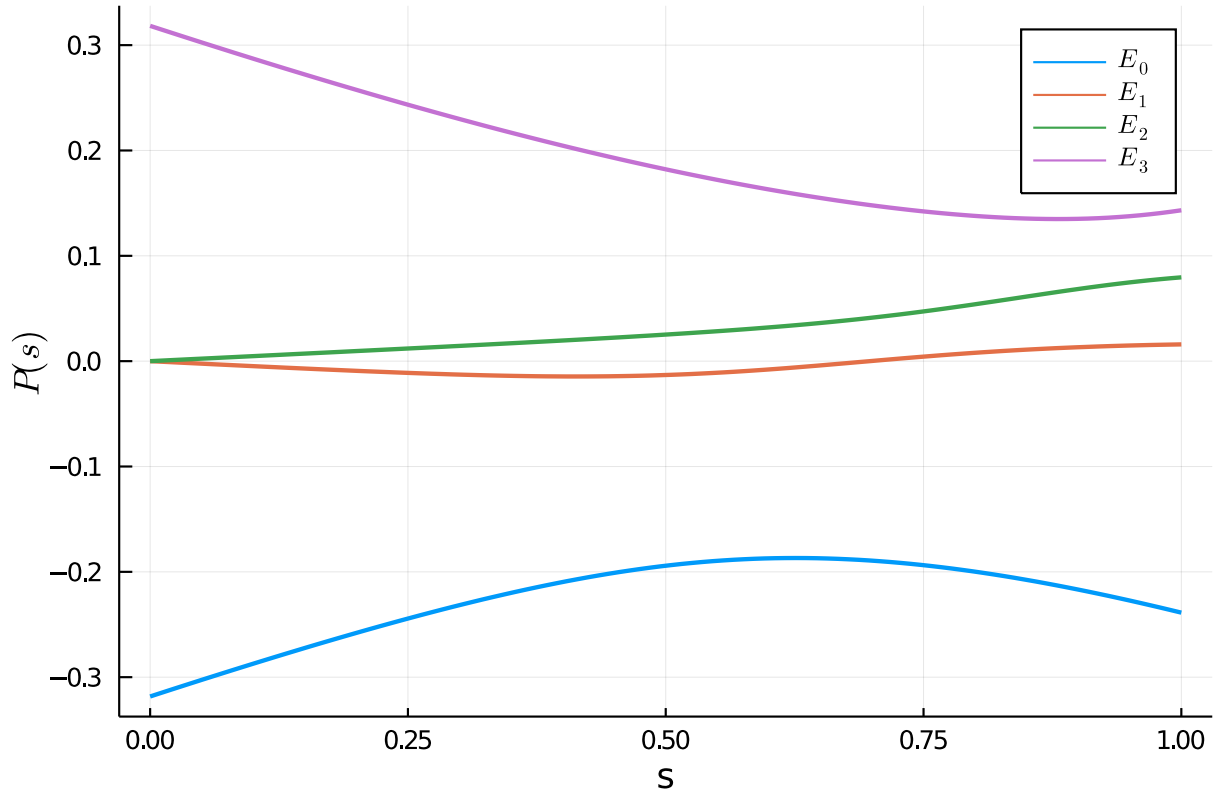
We construct the Hamiltonian by:

```
Hp = 0.5*σz⊗σi - 0.7*σi⊗σz + 0.3*σz⊗σz
Hd = standard_driver(2)
H = DenseHamiltonian([(s)->1-s, (s)->s], [-Hd, Hp], unit=:ħ)
```

```
DenseHamiltonian with Complex{Float64}
with size: (4, 4)
```

The spectrum of the Hamiltonian during is

```
plot(H, range(0,1,length=100), 4, linewidth=2)
xlabel!("s")
ylabel!(L"P(s)")
```



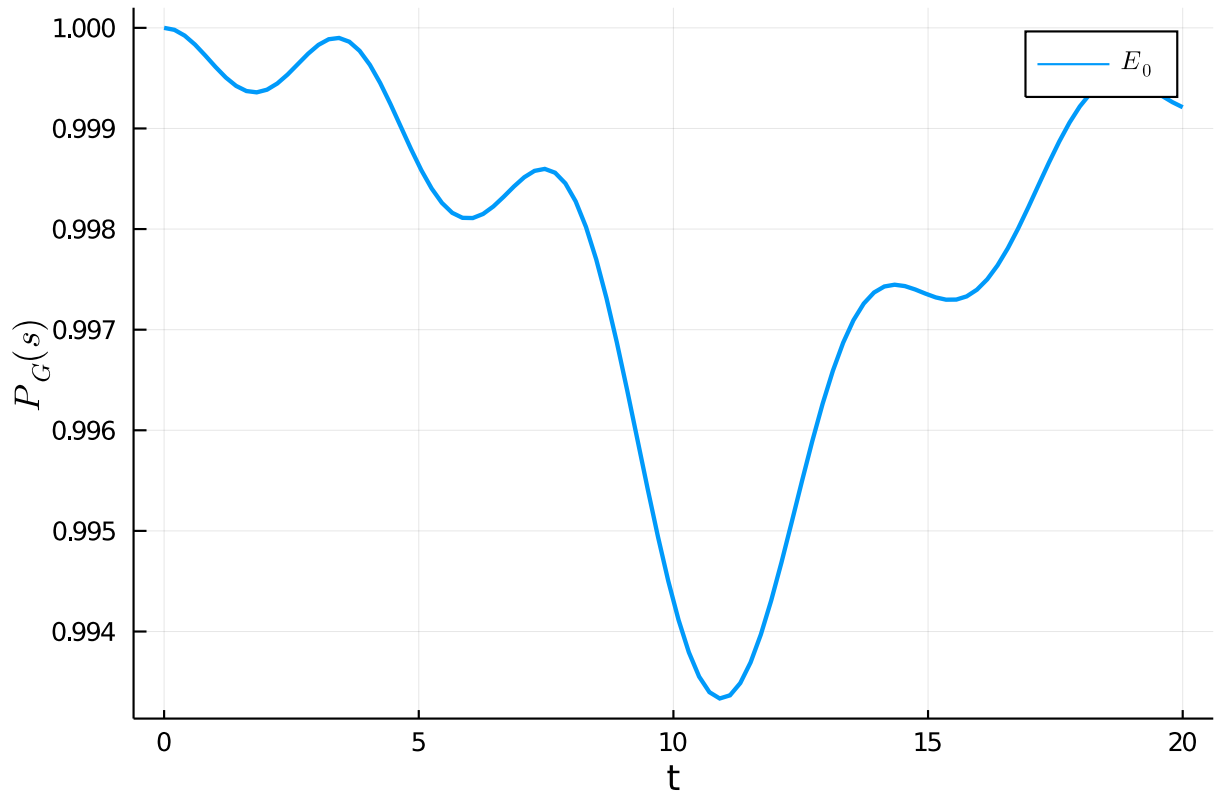
### 0.2.1 Closed system

We now run the closed-system simulation:

```
tf = 20
ρ0 = (σi+σx)⊗(σi+σx)/4
coupling = ConstantCouplings([σz⊗σi, σi⊗σz], unit=:ħ)
annealing = Annealing(H, ρ0, bath=bath, coupling=coupling)
close_sol = solve_von_neumann(annealing, tf, alg = Tsit5(), abstol=1e-6, reltol=1e-6);
```

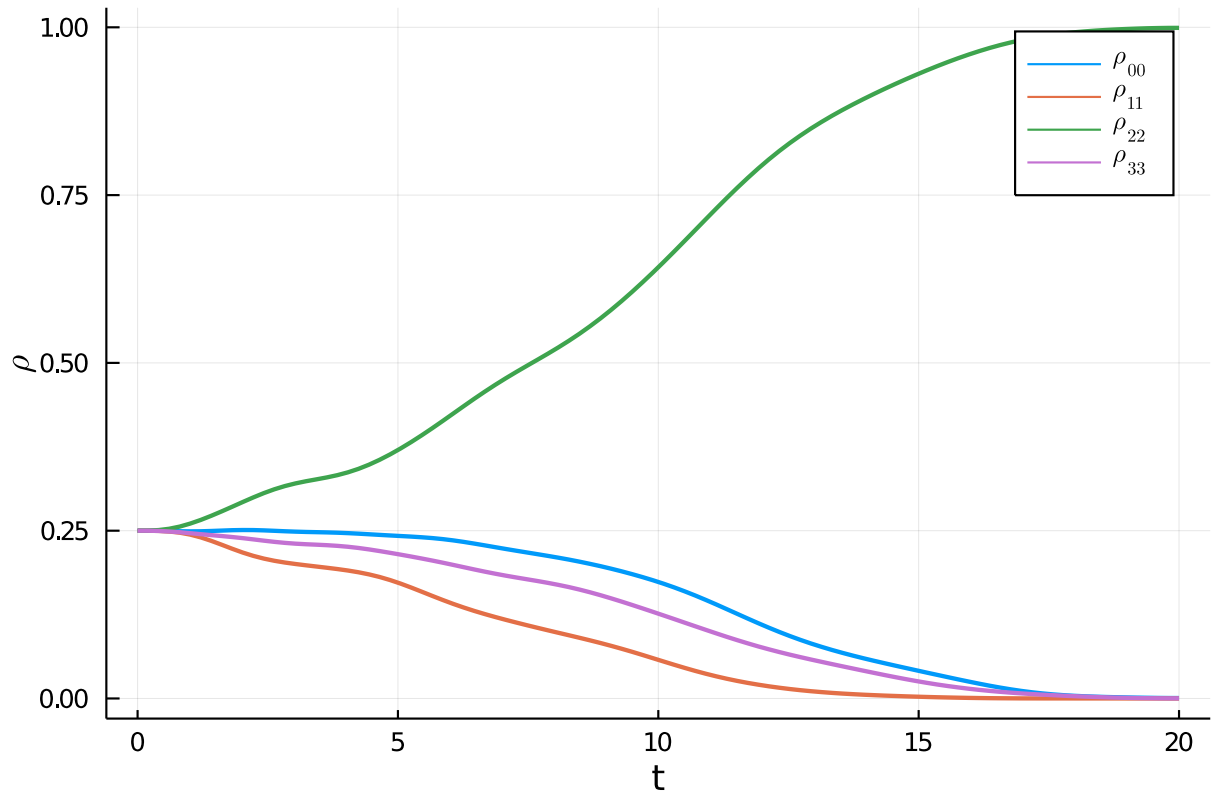
The population of the instantaneous ground state is:

```
plot(close_sol, H, 1, range(0,tf,length=100), linewidth=2)
xlabel!("t")
ylabel!(L"P_G(s)")
```



The populations of the computational states are:

```
t_axis = range(0,tf,length=100)
p_computational_basis = [real(diag(close_sol(s))) for s in t_axis]
p_computational_basis = hcat(p_computational_basis...)
plot(t_axis, p_computational_basis', linewidth=2, label=[L"\rho_{00}" L"\rho_{11}"
L"\rho_{22}" L"\rho_{33}"])
xlabel!("t")
ylabel!(L"\rho")
```



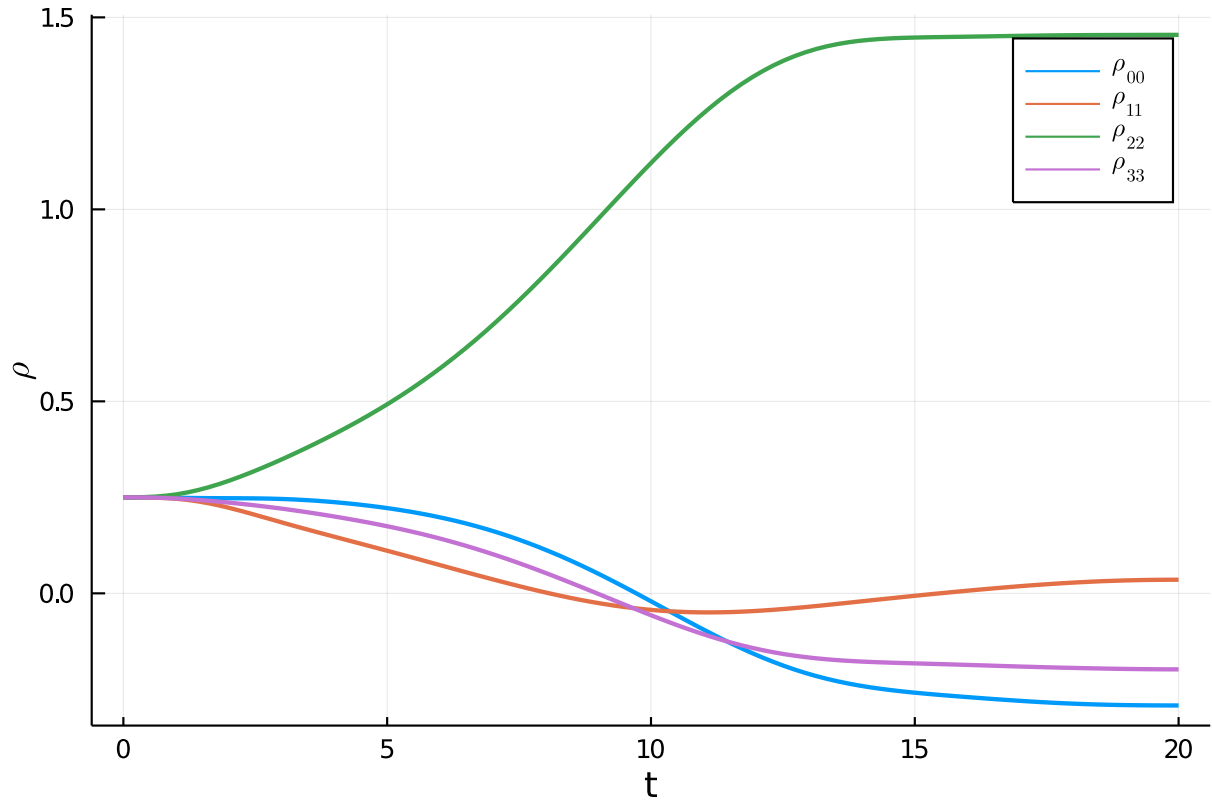
## 0.2.2 Redfield equation

We solve the Redfield equation:

```
tf = 20
U = solve_unitary(annealing, tf, alg = Tsit5(), abstol=1e-7, reltol=1e-7);
redfield_sol = solve_redfield(annealing, tf, U, alg = Tsit5(), abstol=1e-7, reltol=1e-7);
```

We plot the populations of the computational states:

```
t_axis = range(0,tf,length=100)
p_computational_basis = [real(diag(redfield_sol(s))) for s in t_axis]
p_computational_basis = hcat(p_computational_basis...)
plot(t_axis, p_computational_basis', linewidth=2, label=[L"\rho_{00}" L"\rho_{11}"
L"\rho_{22}" L"\rho_{33}"])
xlabel!("t")
ylabel!(L"\rho")
```



We can see that the density matrix becomes negative during evolution.

### 0.2.3 Positivity check

We can add a callback to stop the ODE solver when the density matrix becomes negative.

```
redfield_sol = solve_redfield(annealing, tf, U, alg = Tsit5(), abstol=1e-7, reltol=1e-7,
callback=PositivityCheckCallback())
```

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retcode: Terminated
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Interpolation: specialized 4th order "free" interpolation
```

```
t: 38-element Array{Float64,1}:
```

```
0.0
9.999999999999999e-5
0.0010999999999999998
0.00786551568397621
0.016932240388251633
0.026303763546061412
0.03727043304206125
0.049257562452163145
0.06292827203759598
0.07875976726667351
```

```
:@*(1.67134486024115051.86388132982545042.06457517970948872.2742129686106532.49221591759457932.7193240
```

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38-element Array{*@{Array{Complex{Float64},2},1}):
```

```
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5 + 0.0im; 0.25 + 0.0im 0.25 + 0.0im 0.25 + 0.0im 0.25 + 0.0im]
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