

Efficiently estimating nonlinear properties of quantum states with very few measurement settings

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I. ESTIMATION OF $\text{Tr}(\rho^t)$ WITH GLOBAL HAAR RANDOM UNITARY

Consider that we are given multiple copies of an unknown quantum state ρ on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} of dimension d , and our goal is to estimate the t -th moment $\text{Tr}(\rho^t)$ using single-copy measurements.

Theorem 1. *Suppose $0 < \epsilon < 1$ and $t = \mathcal{O}(1)$ is a positive integer. There exists an algorithm that can estimate $\text{Tr}(\rho^t)$ within ϵ additive error by using single-copy measurements. The sample complexity and number of different random unitaries used by the algorithm are*

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\max\left\{\frac{d^{1-1/t}}{\epsilon^{2/t}}, \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right\}\right), \quad \text{and} \quad \max\left\{1, \frac{1}{d\epsilon^2}\right\}. \quad (1)$$

respectively.

Previously, [Chen and Wang, COLT 2025] and [arXiv:2505.16715] have shown that at least $\Omega(\epsilon^{-2})$ copies of ρ are necessary for the estimation task, even if collective operations are accessible.

A. Estimation protocol

Let S_t be the permutation group of order t . For any element $\pi \in S_t$, we define its corresponding permutation operator to be the unitary operator R_π on $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes t}$ that satisfies

$$R_\pi(|\varphi_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\varphi_t\rangle) = |\varphi_{\pi^{-1}(1)}\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\varphi_{\pi^{-1}(t)}\rangle \quad \forall |\varphi_1\rangle, \dots, |\varphi_t\rangle \in \mathcal{H}. \quad (2)$$

Recall that t is a constant. Our key observation is that, if we can estimate $\sum_{\pi \in S_s} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes s} R_\pi)$ within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ additive error for all $s = 1, \dots, t$, then we can estimate $\text{Tr}(\rho^t)$ accurately within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ error. Due to this reason, in the following we focus on the estimation of $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\pi)$. Our protocol runs as follows: For $q = 1, 2, \dots, N_U$, do

1. Sample a random unitary $U_q \sim \mathbb{U}(d)$.
2. Measure N_M copies of ρ in the basis $\{U_q^\dagger |b\rangle \langle b| U_q\}_{b=0}^{d-1}$ and obtain outcomes $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \{\hat{r}_1, \dots, \hat{r}_{N_M}\}$.
3. Compute the estimator \hat{M}_{U_q} defined in Eq. (3) using $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$.

Finally, output $\hat{M} := N_U^{-1} \sum_q \hat{M}_{U_q}$ as our estimate of $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\pi)$.

Define $\kappa_t = \binom{t+d-1}{t}$ and

$$\hat{M}_U := \binom{N_M}{t}^{-1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t} \frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \hat{r}_{i_2} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}], \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{1}[Y] = 1$ when Y is true and 0 otherwise. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U] &= \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}(\hat{M}_U | U) = \mathbb{E}_U \left[\frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \Pr(\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t} = b | U) \right] = \frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \mathbb{E}_U \left[\sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^t \right] \\ &= \frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \text{Tr} \left[\rho^{\otimes t} \mathbb{E}_{U \sim \mathbb{U}(d)} (U^\dagger |b\rangle \langle b| U)^{\otimes t} \right] = t! \text{Tr} \left(\rho^{\otimes t} \Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(t)} \right) = \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\pi). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Hence, \hat{M} is an unbiased estimator for $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\pi)$.

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B. Variance analyses

The variance of \hat{M} is $\text{Var}[\hat{M}] = N_U^{-1} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U]$, where

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}_U] = \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U^2] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U]^2 = \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}}(\hat{M}_U^2 | U) - \left[\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\pi) \right]^2. \quad (5)$$

In the following, we calculate the first term.

We have

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}}(\hat{M}_U^2 | U) = \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \right)^2 \sum_{\substack{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \\ j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_t}} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{j_t}] | U). \quad (6)$$

Based on the collision number (denoted as $\text{Co}[(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t); (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t)]$), the expectation value will be different. When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t - k$, where $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, t-1\}$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{j_t}] | U) = \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^{t+k} = \frac{d}{\kappa_{t+k}} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(t+k)}) \leq \frac{d}{\kappa_{t+k}}. \quad (7)$$

When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{j_t}] | U) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b, b'=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^t \langle b' | U \rho U^\dagger | b' \rangle^t = \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^{2t} + \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b \neq b'} \langle b^{\otimes t} \otimes b'^{\otimes t} | \mathcal{U}^{\otimes 2t} | \rho^{\otimes 2t} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Here, the first term satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^{2t} = \frac{d}{\kappa_{2t}} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(2t)}) \leq \frac{d}{\kappa_{2t}} = \mathcal{O}(d^{1-2t}); \quad (9)$$

the second term satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b \neq b'} \langle b^{\otimes t} \otimes b'^{\otimes t} | \mathcal{U}^{\otimes 2t} | \rho^{\otimes 2t} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\tau, \pi \in S_{2t}} W_{\tau, \pi}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t)} \sum_{b \neq b'} \langle b^{\otimes t} \otimes b'^{\otimes t} | R_\tau \rangle \langle R_\pi | \rho^{\otimes 2t} \rangle \\ &= d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_t} \sum_{\pi \in S_{2t}} W_{\tau_1 \tau_2, \pi}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t)} \langle R_\pi | \rho^{\otimes 2t} \rangle \\ &= d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_t} W_{\tau_1 \tau_2, \tau_1 \tau_2}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t)} \langle R_{\tau_1 \tau_2} | \rho^{\otimes 2t} \rangle + d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_t} \sum_{\substack{\pi \in S_{2t} \\ \pi \neq \tau_1 \tau_2}} W_{\tau_1 \tau_2, \pi}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t)} \langle R_\pi | \rho^{\otimes 2t} \rangle \\ &= d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_t} d^{-2t} (1 + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1})) \langle R_{\tau_1} | \rho^{\otimes t} \rangle \langle R_{\tau_2} | \rho^{\otimes t} \rangle + d(d-1) d^{-2t} \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}) \\ &= d^{2-2t} \left[\sum_{\tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\tau) \right]^2 + \mathcal{O}(d^{1-2t}), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where the forth equality follows from the fact that $W_{\pi, \pi'}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t)} = d^{-2t} (\delta_{\pi, \pi'} + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}))$.

We then group the estimators and reduce the summation in Eq. (6) to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left(\hat{M}_U^2 \middle| U \right) \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \right)^2 \left[\sum_{k=0}^t \sum_{\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t-k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left(\mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{j_t}] \middle| U \right) \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \right)^2 \left[\sum_{k=0}^t \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left(\mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{j_t}] \middle| U \right) \right] \\
&\leq \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{t! \kappa_t}{d} \right)^2 \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \frac{d}{\kappa_{t+k}} + \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} \left[d^{2-2t} \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\tau) \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(d^{1-2t}) \right] \right\} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \mathcal{O}(d^{t-1-k}) + \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} [1 + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1})] \left[\left(\sum_{\tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\tau) \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}) \right] \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{d^{t-1-k}}{N_M^{t-k}} \right) + \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\tau) \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{d^{i-1}}{N_M^i} \right) + \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\tau) \right)^2, \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

where the first inequality follows from Eqs. (7), (9), (10), and the second inequality holds because

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} &= \left[\frac{N_M!}{t!(N_M-t)!} \right]^{-2} \frac{N_M!}{(2t)!(N_M-2t)!} \cdot \frac{(2t)!}{(t)!(t)!} = \frac{(N_M-t)!^2}{N_M!(N_M-2t)!} \\
&= \left(\frac{N_M-t}{N_M} \right) \left(\frac{N_M-t-1}{N_M-1} \right) \dots \left(\frac{N_M-2t+1}{N_M-t+1} \right) \leq 1. \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

Equations (11) and (5) together imply that

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}] = \frac{1}{N_U} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U] = \frac{1}{N_U} \left[\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left(\hat{M}_U^2 \middle| U \right) - \left(\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} R_\pi) \right)^2 \right] \leq \frac{1}{N_U} \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{d^{i-1}}{N_M^i} \right). \tag{13}$$

To ensure that the additive error is $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, we need to bound this variance by $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$. Consider two cases below:

1. $d < 1/\epsilon^2$. In this case, it suffices to let $N_U = \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}\epsilon^{-2})$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d)$. The sample cost is $N_M N_U = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$.
2. $d \geq 1/\epsilon^2$. In this case, it suffices to let $N_U = \mathcal{O}(1)$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d^{1-1/t}\epsilon^{-2/t})$. So the sample cost is $\mathcal{O}(N_M)$.

To summarize, we have

$$N_U = \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{d\epsilon^2} \right\}, \quad N_M = \min \left\{ \frac{d^{1-1/t}}{\epsilon^{2/t}}, d \right\}, \quad N_U N_M = \max \left\{ \frac{d^{1-1/t}}{\epsilon^{2/t}}, \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \right\}, \tag{14}$$

where we ignored constant coefficients. These results confirm the sample complexity illustrated in Theorem 1. Notably, in the usual case $d \geq 1/\epsilon^2$, we only need $N_U = \mathcal{O}(1)$ random unitaries to estimate the moment $\text{Tr}(\rho^t)$ within additive error ϵ . This is the best result that one can expect.

II. ESTIMATION OF $\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)$ WITH GLOBAL HAAR RANDOM UNITARY

Now we turn to estimate $\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)$ using single-copy measurements, where O is an Hermitian observable on \mathcal{H} that satisfies $\|O\|_\infty \leq 1$. Let $B = \max\{\text{Tr}(O_0^2), 1\}$, where $O_0 = O - \text{Tr}(O)\mathbb{1}/d$ is the traceless part of O .

Theorem 2. *Suppose $t = \mathcal{O}(1)$ and M are positive integers, and $0 < \epsilon < 1$. There is an algorithm based on single-copy measurements that can estimate $\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)$ to within ϵ additive error, with a high success probability. The sample complexity and number of different random unitaries used by the algorithm are*

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\max\left\{\frac{d^{1-1/t}B^{1/t}}{\epsilon^{2/t}}, \frac{B}{\epsilon^2}\right\}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \max\left\{1, \frac{B}{d\epsilon^2}\right\}, \quad (15)$$

respectively.

A. Estimation protocol

Note that

$$\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) = \text{Tr}(O_0\rho^t) + d^{-1}\text{Tr}(O)\text{Tr}(\rho^t). \quad (16)$$

Thanks to Theorem 1 in the last section, here the second term can be estimated within ϵ error by using $\mathcal{O}(d^{1-1/t}\epsilon^{-2})$ copies. The remaining task is to estimate the traceless part of O on ρ^t . Hence, WLOG, in the following we assume that O is a traceless observable.

Recall that t is a constant. Similar as in Sec. I, if we can estimate $\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{s+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes s} \otimes O)R_\pi]$ within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ additive error for all $s = 1, \dots, t$, then we can estimate $\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)$ accurately within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ error. Due to this reason, we can focus on the estimation of $\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)R_\pi]$. Our protocol runs as follows: For $q = 1, 2, \dots, N_U$, do

1. Sample a random unitary $U_q \sim \mathbb{U}(d)$.
2. Measure N_M copies of ρ in the basis $\{U_q^\dagger|b\rangle\langle b|U_q\}_{b=0}^{d-1}$ and obtain outcomes $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \{\hat{r}_1, \dots, \hat{r}_{N_M}\}$.
3. Compute the estimator $\hat{M}_{U_q}(O)$ defined in Eq. (17) using $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$.

Finally, output $\hat{M}(O) := N_U^{-1} \sum_q \hat{M}_{U_q}(O)$ as our estimate of $\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)R_\pi]$.

Define

$$\hat{M}_U(O) := \binom{N_M}{t}^{-1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t} \frac{(t+1)!\kappa_{t+1}}{d} \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \hat{r}_{i_2} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \langle \hat{r}_{i_1} | U O U^\dagger | \hat{r}_{i_1} \rangle, \quad (17)$$

where $\mathbf{1}[Y] = 1$ when Y is true and 0 otherwise. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U(O)] &= \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}(\hat{M}_U(O) | U) = \mathbb{E}_U \left[\frac{(t+1)!\kappa_{t+1}}{d} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \text{Pr}(\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t} = b | U) \langle b | U O U^\dagger | b \rangle \right] \\ &= \frac{(t+1)!\kappa_{t+1}}{d} \mathbb{E}_U \left[\sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^t \langle b | U O U^\dagger | b \rangle \right] \\ &= \frac{(t+1)!\kappa_{t+1}}{d} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) \mathbb{E}_U(U^\dagger | b\rangle\langle b| U)^{\otimes(t+1)}] \\ &= (t+1)! \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) \Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(t+1)}] = \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)R_\pi]. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Hence, $\hat{M}(O)$ is an unbiased estimator for $\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)R_\pi]$.

B. Variance analyses

The variance of $\hat{M}(O)$ is $\text{Var}[\hat{M}(O)] = N_U^{-1} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U(O)]$, where

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}_U(O)] = \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U(O)^2] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U(O)]^2 = \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}} \left(\hat{M}_U(O)^2 | U \right) - \left(\sum_{\pi \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\pi] \right)^2. \quad (19)$$

In the following, we focus on the calculation of the first term.

We have

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}} \left(\hat{M}_U(O)^2 | U \right) = \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{(t+1)! \kappa_{t+1}}{d} \right)^2 \sum_{\substack{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \\ j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_t}} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}} \left[f(\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}, \hat{r}_{j_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{j_t}, U, O) | U \right], \quad (20)$$

where

$$f(\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}, \hat{r}_{j_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{j_t}, U, O) = \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{r}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{r}_{j_t}] \langle \hat{r}_{i_1} | U O U^\dagger | \hat{r}_{i_1} \rangle \langle \hat{r}_{j_1} | U O U^\dagger | \hat{r}_{j_1} \rangle. \quad (21)$$

Based on the collision number (denoted as $\text{Co}[(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t); (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t)]$), the expectation value will be different. When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t - k$, where $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, t-1\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}} [f(\dots) | U] &= \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^{t+k} \langle b | U O U^\dagger | b \rangle^2 \\ &= \frac{d}{\kappa_{t+k+2}} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \otimes O^{\otimes 2} \right) \Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(t+k+2)} \right] \\ &= \frac{d}{(t+k+2)! \kappa_{t+k+2}} \sum_{\pi \in S_{t+k+2}} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \otimes O^{\otimes 2} \right) R_\pi \right] = \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{B}{d^{t+k+1}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where $B = \text{Tr}(O^2)$.

When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{r}} [f(\dots) | U] &= \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b, b'=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^t \langle b' | U \rho U^\dagger | b' \rangle^t \langle b | U O U^\dagger | b \rangle \langle b' | U O U^\dagger | b' \rangle \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^{2t} \langle b | U O U^\dagger | b \rangle^2 + \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b \neq b'} \langle \langle b^{\otimes(t+1)} \otimes b'^{\otimes(t+1)} | \mathcal{U}^{\otimes(2t+2)} | (\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)^{\otimes 2} \rangle \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Here, the first term satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} \langle b | U \rho U^\dagger | b \rangle^{2t} \langle b | U O U^\dagger | b \rangle^2 = \frac{d}{(2t+2)! \kappa_{2t+2}} \sum_{\pi \in S_{2t+2}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \otimes O^{\otimes 2}) R_\pi] = \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{B}{d^{2t+1}} \right); \quad (24)$$

the second term satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_U \sum_{b \neq b'} \langle\langle b^{\otimes(t+1)} \otimes b'^{\otimes(t+1)} | \mathcal{U}^{\otimes(2t+2)} | (\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)^{\otimes 2} \rangle\rangle \\
&= \sum_{\tau, \pi \in S_{2t+2}} W_{\tau, \pi}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t+2)} \sum_{b \neq b'} \langle\langle b^{\otimes(t+1)} \otimes b'^{\otimes(t+1)} | R_\tau \rangle\rangle \langle\langle R_\pi | (\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)^{\otimes 2} \rangle\rangle \\
&= d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_{t+1}} \sum_{\pi \in S_{2t+2}} W_{\tau_1 \tau_2, \pi}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t+2)} \langle\langle R_\pi | (\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)^{\otimes 2} \rangle\rangle \\
&= d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_{t+1}} W_{\tau_1 \tau_2, \tau_1 \tau_2}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t+2)} \langle\langle R_{\tau_1 \tau_2} | (\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)^{\otimes 2} \rangle\rangle + d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_{t+1}} \sum_{\substack{\pi \in S_{2t+2} \\ \pi \neq \tau_1 \tau_2}} W_{\tau_1 \tau_2, \pi}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t+2)} \langle\langle R_\pi | (\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O)^{\otimes 2} \rangle\rangle \\
&= d(d-1) \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_{t+1}} d^{-(2t+2)} (1 + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1})) \langle\langle R_{\tau_1} | \rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O \rangle\rangle \langle\langle R_{\tau_2} | \rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O \rangle\rangle + d(d-1) d^{-(2t+2)} \mathcal{O}(d^{-1} B) \\
&= d^{-2t} \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\tau] \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{B}{d^{2t+1}}\right). \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

where the forth equality follows from the fact that $W_{\pi, \pi'}^{\mathbb{U}(d), (2t+2)} = d^{-(2t+2)} (\delta_{\pi, \pi'} + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}))$.

We then group the estimators and reduce the summation in Eq. (20) to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} (\hat{M}_U(O)^2 | U) \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{(t+1)! \kappa_{t+1}}{d} \right)^2 \left[\sum_{k=0}^t \sum_{\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t-k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} [f(\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}, \hat{r}_{j_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{j_t}, U, O) | U] \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{(t+1)! \kappa_{t+1}}{d} \right)^2 \left[\sum_{k=0}^t \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} [f(\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}, \hat{r}_{j_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{j_t}, U, O) | U] \right] \\
&\leq \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \left(\frac{(t+1)! \kappa_{t+1}}{d} \right)^2 \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{B}{d^{t+k+1}}\right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} \left[d^{-2t} \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\tau] \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{B}{d^{2t+1}}\right) \right] \right\} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \mathcal{O}(d^{t-1-k} B) + \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} [1 + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1})] \left[\left(\sum_{\tau \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\tau] \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{B}{d}\right) \right] \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{d^{t-1-k} B}{N_M^{t-k}}\right) + \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\tau] \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{B}{d}\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{d^{i-1} B}{N_M^i}\right) + \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\tau] \right)^2, \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

where the first equality follows from Eqs. (22), (24), (25), and the second equality holds because $\binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} \leq 1$.

Equations (11) and (5) together imply that

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}(O)] = \frac{1}{N_U} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U(O)] = \frac{1}{N_U} \left[\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} (\hat{M}_U(O)^2 | U) - \left(\sum_{\tau \in S_{t+1}} \text{Tr}[(\rho^{\otimes t} \otimes O) R_\tau] \right)^2 \right] \leq \frac{1}{N_U} \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{d^{i-1} B}{N_M^i}\right). \tag{27}$$

To ensure that the additive error is $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, we need to bound this variance by $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$. Consider two cases below:

1. $d < B/\epsilon^2$.

In this case, it suffices to let $N_U = \mathcal{O}(Bd^{-1}\epsilon^{-2})$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d)$. The sample cost is $N_M N_U = \mathcal{O}(B/\epsilon^2)$.

2. $d \geq B/\epsilon^2$.

In this case, it suffices to let $N_U = \mathcal{O}(1)$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d^{1-1/t} B^{1/t} \epsilon^{-2/t})$. So the sample cost is $\mathcal{O}(N_M)$.

To summarize, we have

$$N_U = \max\left\{1, \frac{B}{d\epsilon^2}\right\}, \quad N_M = \min\left\{\frac{d^{1-1/t} B^{1/t}}{\epsilon^{2/t}}, d\right\}, \quad N_U N_M = \max\left\{\frac{d^{1-1/t} B^{1/t}}{\epsilon^{2/t}}, \frac{B}{\epsilon^2}\right\}, \quad (28)$$

where we ignored constant coefficients. These results confirm the complexity illustrated in Theorem 2. Notably, in the usual case $d \geq B/\epsilon^2$, we only need $N_U = 1$ random unitaries to estimate $\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)$ within additive error ϵ .

III. ESTIMATING PROPERTIES OF PRINCIPAL EIGENSTATES

Suppose ρ is an unknown quantum state with spectral decomposition $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$, where the eigenvalues are arranged in decreasing order $\lambda := \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_d$. Additionally, we assume that $\lambda := \lambda_1$ is larger than λ_2 by a constant value $0 < \mu \leq 1$, i.e., $\lambda - \lambda_2 \geq \mu$. Our goal is to predict properties of the principal eigenstate $|\psi\rangle := |\psi_1\rangle$, that is, to predict the value of $\langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle$, where O is an Hermitian observable with $\|O\|_\infty \leq 1$.

Theorem 3. *Suppose $0 < \epsilon < 1$ is a constant. By using single-copy measurements on $\mathcal{O}(d)$ copies of ρ , the quantity $\langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle$ can be estimated within ϵ additive error. In addition, the circuit complexity is only $\mathcal{O}(1)$.*

Lemma 1. *Suppose $0 < \epsilon < 1$ and integer $t \geq \lceil \log_{1-\mu/3} \frac{\mu\epsilon}{6} \rceil$. Then*

$$\left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} - \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle \right| \leq \epsilon. \quad (29)$$

Proof of Lemma 1. First, note that ρ can be expressed as

$$\rho = \lambda |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \tau_j, \quad (30)$$

where τ_j are quantum states on \mathcal{H} with $\text{Tr}(\tau_i \tau_j) = \delta_{i,j}$, $p_j \in [\mu/3, \lambda - \mu/3]$ for $j = 1, \dots, m-1$, and $p_m \in (0, \lambda - \mu/3]$. Since $\text{Tr}(\rho) = \lambda + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j = 1$, we have

$$m \leq \left\lceil \frac{1-\lambda}{\max_j p_j} \right\rceil \leq \left\lceil \frac{1-\lambda}{\mu/3} \right\rceil \leq \frac{3}{\mu}. \quad (31)$$

By Eq. (30), we have

$$\lambda^t \leq \text{Tr}(\rho^t) = \lambda^t + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t \text{Tr}(\tau_j^t) \leq \lambda^t + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t, \quad (32)$$

$$\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) = \lambda^t \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t \text{Tr}(O\tau_j^t). \quad (33)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} - \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle \right| &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t \text{Tr}(O\tau_j^t)}{\lambda^t} \right|, \left| \frac{\lambda^t \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t \text{Tr}(O\tau_j^t)}{\lambda^t + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t} - \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle \right| \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{p_j}{\lambda} \right)^t |\text{Tr}(O\tau_j^t)|, \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t |\text{Tr}(O\tau_j^t) - \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle|}{\lambda^t + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^t} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{p_j}{\lambda} \right)^t \|O\|_\infty, \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{p_j}{\lambda} \right)^t |\text{Tr}(O\tau_j^t) - \langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle| \right\} \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{p_j}{\lambda} \right)^t \leq 2m \left(\frac{\max_j p_j}{\lambda} \right)^t \leq \frac{6}{\mu} \left(\frac{\lambda - \mu/3}{\lambda} \right)^t \leq \frac{6}{\mu} \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{3} \right)^t \leq \epsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where the last inequality follows from the assumption $t \geq \lceil \log_{1-\mu/3} \frac{\mu\epsilon}{6} \rceil$. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 2. *Suppose $0 < \epsilon < 1$, integer $t \geq 1$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $|a - \text{Tr}(O\rho^t)| \leq \mu^t \epsilon/3$, and $|b - \text{Tr}(\rho^t)| \leq \mu^t \epsilon/3$. Then*

$$\left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} - \frac{a}{b} \right| \leq \epsilon. \quad (35)$$

Proof of Lemma 2. Let $\tilde{\epsilon} := \mu^t \epsilon / 3$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} \right| + \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| \\
&\leq \left| \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} \right| + \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)[\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}]} \right| \\
&\leq \left(\left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| + 1 \right) \cdot \left| \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} \right| \\
&\leq \frac{2\tilde{\epsilon}}{|\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}|} \leq \frac{2\mu^t \epsilon / 3}{\mu^t - \mu^t \epsilon / 3} = \frac{2\epsilon}{3 - \epsilon} \leq \epsilon.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

In the last line we used the fact $\text{Tr}(\rho^t) \geq \lambda^t \geq \mu^t$. Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} \right| + \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| \\
&\leq \left| \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} \right| + \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)[\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}]} \right| \\
&\leq \left(\left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| + 1 \right) \cdot \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} \leq \frac{2\tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \leq \frac{2\mu^t \epsilon / 3}{\mu^t} \leq \epsilon.
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Therefore,

$$\left| \frac{a}{b} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| \leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) - \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right|, \left| \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t) \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t) + \tilde{\epsilon}} - \frac{\text{Tr}(O\rho^t)}{\text{Tr}(\rho^t)} \right| \right\} \leq \epsilon. \tag{38}$$

This completes the proof. \square

IV. ESTIMATION OF NEGATIVITY-MOMENTS

Consider that we are given multiple copies of an unknown quantum state ρ on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. Let n_A and n_B be the qubit number of subsystems A and B , respectively. W.l.o.g., we assume that $n := n_A + n_B$ is even and $n_A \geq n_B$. Our goal is to estimate the t -th order negativity-moment $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^t]$, where t is a constant integer.

Theorem 4. *Suppose $0 < \epsilon < 1$, $d \geq \Omega(\epsilon^{-2})$, and $t = \mathcal{O}(1)$ is a positive integer. There exists an algorithm that can estimate $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^t]$ within ϵ error by using single-copy measurements. The sample complexity, classical computational complexity, and number of random unitaries used by the algorithm are $\mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2-2/t} d_{A_2}^2 \epsilon^{-2})$, $\mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2-2/t} d_{A_2}^2 \epsilon^{-2})$, and $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$, respectively.*

A. Estimation protocol

Notice that if we can estimate $\sum_{\pi \in S_s} \text{Tr}((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes s} R_\pi)$ within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ additive error for all $s = 1, 2, \dots, t$, then we can estimate $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^t]$ within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ error. To achieve this goal, our protocol runs as follows. First, we divide subsystem A into three components A_1 , A_2 , and A_3 , whose qubit numbers satisfy $n_{A_1} = n_{A_3}$ and $n_{A_2} = n_B$. Then we do the following procedure for $q = 1, 2, \dots, N_U$:

1. Sample a random unitary $U_q \sim \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{H}_{A_1 \cup A_2})$.
2. Prepare N_M copies of ρ , and apply U_q on the subsystem $A_1 \cup A_2$ of ρ .
3. For each of the rotated state $\tilde{\rho}_{U_q} = (U_q \otimes I_{A_3, B})\rho(U_q^\dagger \otimes I_{A_3, B})$, we

- (1) measure subsystems A_1 and A_3 in the Bell basis $\{|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|\}_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2}$, and obtain outcomes $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \{\hat{b}_1, \dots, \hat{b}_{N_M}\}$.

Here $|\Phi_b\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{A_1}}} \sum_{i=1}^{d_{A_1}} |i\rangle_{A_1} \otimes W_b |i\rangle_{A_3}$, and W_b are unitary operators with $\text{Tr}(W_b^\dagger W_{b'}) = d_{A_1} \delta_{b, b'}$.

- (2) measure subsystems A_2 and B with the POVM $\{\Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}, \Pi_{\text{asym}}^{(2)}\}$ (equivalently, one can perform the swap test on A_2 and B), and obtain outcomes $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \{\hat{r}_1, \dots, \hat{r}_{N_M}\}$, where $\hat{r}_j \in \{+1, -1\}$.

4. Compute the following estimator using $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$:

$$\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} := \binom{N_M}{t}^{-1} d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t} (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \hat{b}_{i_2} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t}]. \quad (39)$$

Finally, output $\hat{M}^{\text{neg}} := N_U^{-1} \sum_q \hat{M}_{U_q}^{\text{neg}}$ as our estimate of $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi)$.

Next, we shall explain why \hat{M}^{neg} is a valid estimator. Its expectation value is

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] &= \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{\hat{b}}, \mathbf{\hat{r}}}(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} | U) = d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{\hat{b}}, \mathbf{\hat{r}}} \left\{ (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \cdots \hat{r}_{i_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t}] | U \right\} \\
&= d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\#[-1 \text{ among } \{\hat{r}_{i_1}, \hat{r}_{i_2}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}\}] = \ell, \text{ and } \hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = b | U) \right\} \\
&= d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \binom{t}{\ell} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b | U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b | U)^{t-\ell} \right\} \\
&= d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} [\Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b | U) - \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b | U)]^t \right\} \\
&= d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left(\text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes (\Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(2)})_{A_2, B}] - \text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes (\Pi_{\text{asym}}^{(2)})_{A_2, B}] \right)^t \right\} \\
&= d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B}]^t \right\} = d_{A_1}^{2t-2} d_{A_2}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} d_{A_1}^{-t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} \tilde{H}_{b,t}) \quad (40)
\end{aligned}$$

Here, \tilde{H}_t in the last line is defined as

$$\tilde{H}_{b,t} := \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\left(U_{A_1, A_2}^\dagger \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \left(d_{A_1} (|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_{A_1, A_2} \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \right]^{\otimes t} \right\}. \quad (41)$$

According to Lemma 3 below, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{H}_{b,t} &= \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_t} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1} \tau, d_{A_1} d_{A_2}) (R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes (R_\tau)_{A_3} \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_{B_1} \\
&= (d_{A_1} d_{A_2})^{-t} \left[\sum_{\pi \in S_t} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi^\top)_B + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d_{A_1} d_{A_2}}\right) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_t} (R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes (R_\tau)_{A_3} \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right], \quad (42)
\end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the relation $\text{Wg}(\pi^{-1} \tau, d) = d^{-t} (\delta_{\pi, \tau} + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}))$.

By combining Eqs. (40) and (42), the expectation of \hat{M}^{neg} can be further expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] &= \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}[\rho_{AB}^{\otimes t} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi^\top)_B] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d_{A_1} d_{A_2}}\right) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}[\rho_{AB}^{\otimes t} (R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes (R_\tau)_{A_3} \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B] \\
&= \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}\left[\left(\rho_{AB}^{\top_B}\right)^{\otimes t} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi)_B\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d_{A_1} d_{A_2}}\right) \\
&= \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}\left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d_{A_1} d_{A_2}}\right). \quad (43)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in the usual case with $2^{-n/2} = (d_{A_1} d_{A_2})^{-1} \leq \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, \hat{M}^{neg} is a valid estimator for $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}\left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi\right)$. If we can estimate \hat{M}^{neg} within error $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, we can then estimate $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}\left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi\right)$ within error $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$.

Lemma 3 (Eq. (119) in [1]). *Suppose $U \in \mathbb{U}(d)$ and k is a positive integer, then*

$$\mathbb{E}_{U \sim \mu_H} [U^{\otimes k} \otimes U^{*\otimes k}] = \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_k} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1} \sigma, d) |R_\pi\rangle\rangle \langle\langle R_\tau|, \quad (44)$$

where $|R_\pi\rangle\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k=1}^d R_\pi |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\rangle \otimes |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\rangle$ denotes the vectorization of R_π .

B. Variance analyses

The variance of \hat{M}^{neg} is $\text{Var}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] = N_U^{-1} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}]$, where

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}\right)^2\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}\right]^2 \leq \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}\right)^2 \middle| U\right]. \quad (45)$$

Note that

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}\right)^2 \middle| U\right] = \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_{A_1}^{4t-4} d_{A_2}^{2t} \sum_{\substack{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \\ j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_t}} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}) \middle| U\right]. \quad (46)$$

where

$$f(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}) := (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_t} \hat{r}_{j_1} \hat{r}_{j_2} \dots \hat{r}_{j_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_t}]. \quad (47)$$

Based on the collision number (denoted as $\text{Co}[(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t); (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t)]$), the expectation value in the last bracket will be different. When $\text{Co}[(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t); (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t)] = t - k$, where $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, t-1\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}) \middle| U\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[(\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_t} \hat{r}_{j_1} \hat{r}_{j_2} \dots \hat{r}_{j_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = \hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_t}] \middle| U\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Wlog, we assume that (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t) and (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t) coincide on the last $t - k$ pairs. Then the above quantity can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left\{ (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_k} \hat{r}_{j_1} \hat{r}_{j_2} \dots \hat{r}_{j_k}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = \hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_k}] \middle| U \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^{2k} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} (-1)^\ell \Pr\left(\#[-1 \text{ among } \{\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}, \hat{r}_{j_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{j_k}\}] = \ell, \text{ and } \hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = \hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_k} = b \middle| U\right) \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^{2k} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \binom{2k}{\ell} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{2k-\ell} \Pr(\hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-k} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \Pr(\hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-k} \sum_{\ell=0}^{2k} \binom{2k}{\ell} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{2k-\ell} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \Pr(\hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-k} \left[\Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) - \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) \right]^{2k} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes I_{A_2, B} \right]^{t-k} \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right]^{2k} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} d_{A_1}^{-(t+k)} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k}) \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Here, $\mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k}$ in the last line is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k} &:= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\left(U_{A_1, A_2}^\dagger \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \left(d_{A_1}(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes I_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_{A_1, A_2} \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \right]^{\otimes(t-k)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \otimes \left[\left(U_{A_1, A_2}^\dagger \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \left(d_{A_1}(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_{A_1, A_2} \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \right]^{\otimes 2k} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

According to Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Q}_{b,t,k} &= \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{t+k}} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1}\tau, d_{A_1} d_{A_2})(R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes (R_\tau)_{A_3} \otimes \left\{ I_B^{\otimes(t-k)} \otimes \text{Tr}_{1,2,\dots,t-k}[(R_\tau^\top)_B] \right\} \\
&= (d_{A_1} d_{A_2})^{-(t+k)} d_B^{t-k} \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{t+k}} \mathcal{O}(1)(R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes (R_\tau)_{A_3} \otimes (R_{f(\tau)})_B \\
&= \mathcal{O}\left(d_{A_1}^{-(t+k)} d_{A_2}^{-2k}\right) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{t+k}} (R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes (R_\tau)_{A_3} \otimes (R_{f(\tau)})_B.
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

It follows that

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] = \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} d_{A_1}^{-(t+k)} \text{Tr}\left(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \mathcal{Q}_{b,t,k}\right) = \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2-2k-2t} d_{A_2}^{-2k}). \tag{52}$$

When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left(\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \cdots \hat{r}_{i_t} \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t}] \middle| U \right) \right]^2 \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\sum_{\ell=0}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} (-1)^\ell \Pr\left(\#[-1 \text{ among } \{\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}\}] = \ell, \text{ and } \hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = b \middle| U\right) \right]^2 \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^t (-1)^\ell \binom{t}{\ell} \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-\ell} \right]^2 \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left(\sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \left[\Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) - \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) \right]^t \right)^2 \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left(\sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_b\rangle\langle\Phi_b|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right]^t \right)^2 \right\} \\
&= \sum_{b_1, b_2=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_{b_1}\rangle\langle\Phi_{b_1}|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right]^t \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|\Phi_{b_2}\rangle\langle\Phi_{b_2}|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right]^t \right\} \\
&= \sum_{b_1, b_2=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} d_{A_1}^{-2t} \text{Tr} \left(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Here, $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t}$ in the last line is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} &:= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\left(U_{A_1, A_2}^\dagger \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \left(d_{A_1}(|\Phi_{b_1}\rangle\langle\Phi_{b_1}|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_{A_1, A_2} \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \right]^{\otimes t} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \otimes \left[\left(U_{A_1, A_2}^\dagger \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \left(d_{A_1}(|\Phi_{b_2}\rangle\langle\Phi_{b_2}|)_{A_1, A_3} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_{A_1, A_2} \otimes I_{A_3, B} \right) \right]^{\otimes t} \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

According to Lemma 3, when $b_1 = b_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} &= \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{2t}} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1} \tau, d_{A_1} d_{A_2}) (R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes \left[(W_{b_1}^{\otimes t} \otimes W_{b_2}^{\otimes t})_{A_3} (R_\tau)_{A_3} (W_{b_1}^{\otimes t} \otimes W_{b_2}^{\otimes t})_{A_3}^\dagger \right] \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B. \\
&= (d_{A_1} d_{A_2})^{-2t} \left[\sum_{\pi \in S_{2t}} (W_{b_1}^{\otimes t} \otimes W_{b_2}^{\otimes t})_{A_3} (R_\pi)_A (W_{b_1}^{\otimes t} \otimes W_{b_2}^{\otimes t})_{A_3}^\dagger \otimes (R_\pi^\top)_B \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d_{A_1} d_{A_2}}\right) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{2t}} (R_\pi)_{A_1} \otimes (R_\pi)_{A_2} \otimes \left[(W_{b_1}^{\otimes t} \otimes W_{b_2}^{\otimes t})_{A_3} (R_\tau)_{A_3} (W_{b_1}^{\otimes t} \otimes W_{b_2}^{\otimes t})_{A_3}^\dagger \right] \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \sum_{b_1, b_2=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} d_{A_1}^{-2t} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t}) = \sum_{b_1, b_2=1}^{d_{A_1}^2} d_{A_1}^{-2t} \mathcal{O}((d_{A_1} d_{A_2})^{-2t}) = \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{4-4t} d_{A_2}^{-2t}).
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

We then group the estimators and reduce the summation in Eq. (46) to

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 \middle| U \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_{A_1}^{4t-4} d_{A_2}^{2t} \sum_{k=0}^t \sum_{\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t-k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_{A_1}^{4t-4} d_{A_2}^{2t} \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_{A_1}^{4t-4} d_{A_2}^{2t} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2-2k-2t} d_{A_2}^{-2k}) + \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{4-4t} d_{A_2}^{-2t}) \right] \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2t-2k-2} d_{A_2}^{2t-2k}) + \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{2t} \mathcal{O}(1) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{d_{A_1}^{2i-2} d_{A_2}^{2i}}{N_M^i}\right) + \mathcal{O}(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] = \frac{1}{N_U} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}] \leq \frac{1}{N_U} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 \middle| U \right] = \frac{1}{N_U} \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{d_{A_1}^{2i-2} d_{A_2}^{2i}}{N_M^i}\right) + \mathcal{O}(1). \tag{58}$$

To ensure that the additive error of \hat{M}^{neg} is $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, we need to bound this variance by $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$, which can be satisfied by choosing $N_U = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2-2/t} d_{A_2}^2)$. The sample complexity is $N_M N_U = \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{2-2/t} d_{A_2}^2 \epsilon^{-2}) \leq \mathcal{O}(d \epsilon^{-2})$.

V. ESTIMATION OF NEGATIVITY-MOMENTS

Consider that we are given multiple copies of an unknown quantum state ρ on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. Let n_A and n_B be the qubit number of subsystems A and B , respectively. W.l.o.g., we assume that $d_A \geq d_B$. Our goal is to estimate the t -th order negativity-moment $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^t]$, where t is a constant integer.

Theorem 5. *Suppose $0 < \epsilon < 1$, $d_A \geq \Omega(\epsilon^{-2})$, and $t = \mathcal{O}(1)$ is a positive integer. There exists an algorithm that can estimate $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^k]$ within ϵ additive error for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, t$, by using single-copy operations on ρ . The sample complexity and number of different random unitaries used by the algorithm are*

$$N_U N_M = \mathcal{O}\left(\max\left\{\frac{d}{(d_{A_1} \epsilon^2)^{1/t}}, \frac{d}{d_{A_1} \epsilon^2}\right\}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad N_U = \max\left\{1, \frac{1}{d_{A_1} \epsilon^2}\right\}, \quad (59)$$

respectively, where $d_{A_1} = d_A/d_B$.

A. Estimation protocol

Notice that if we can estimate $\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_s} \text{Tr}((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes s} R_\pi)$ within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ additive error for all $s = 1, 2, \dots, t$, then we can estimate $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^t]$ within $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ error. To achieve this goal, our protocol runs as follows. First, we divide subsystem A into two components A_1 and A_2 , whose qubit numbers satisfy $n_{A_2} = n_B$ and $n_{A_1} + n_{A_2} = n_A$. Then we do the following procedure for $q = 1, 2, \dots, N_U$:

1. Sample a random unitary $U_q \sim \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{H}_A)$.
2. Prepare N_M copies of ρ , and apply U_q on the subsystem A of ρ .
3. For each of the rotated state $\tilde{\rho}_{U_q} = (U_q \otimes I_B) \rho (U_q^\dagger \otimes I_B)$, we

- (1) measure subsystems A_1 in the computational basis $\{|b\rangle\}_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}}$, and obtain outcomes $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \{\hat{b}_1, \dots, \hat{b}_{N_M}\}$.
- (2) measure subsystems A_2 and B with the POVM $\{\Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}, \Pi_{\text{asym}}^{(2)}\}$ (equivalently, one can perform the swap test on A_2 and B), and obtain outcomes $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \{\hat{r}_1, \dots, \hat{r}_{N_M}\}$, where $\hat{r}_j \in \{+1, -1\}$.

4. Compute the following estimator using $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$:

$$\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} := \binom{N_M}{t}^{-1} d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t} (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \hat{b}_{i_2} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t}]. \quad (60)$$

Finally, output $\hat{M}^{\text{neg}} := N_U^{-1} \sum_q \hat{M}_{U_q}^{\text{neg}}$ as our estimate of $\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_t} \text{Tr}((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi)$.

Next, we shall explain why \hat{M}^{neg} is a valid estimator. Its expectation value is

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] &= \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}}(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} | U) = d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left\{ (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \cdots \hat{r}_{i_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t}] | U \right\} \\
&= d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\#[-1 \text{ among } \{\hat{r}_{i_1}, \hat{r}_{i_2}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}\}] = \ell, \text{ and } \hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = b | U) \right\} \\
&= d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \binom{t}{\ell} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b | U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b | U)^{t-\ell} \right\} \\
&= d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} [\Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b | U) - \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b | U)]^t \right\} \\
&= d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left(\text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes (\Pi_{\text{sym}}^{(2)})_{A_2, B})] - \text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes (\Pi_{\text{asym}}^{(2)})_{A_2, B})] \right)^t \right\} \\
&= d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B})]^t \right\} = d_A^t d_{A_1}^{-1} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes t} \tilde{H}_{b,t}) \tag{61}
\end{aligned}$$

Here, \tilde{H}_t in the last line is defined as

$$\tilde{H}_{b,t} := \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\left(U_A^\dagger \otimes I_B \right) \left(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_A \otimes I_B \right) \right]^{\otimes t} \right\}. \tag{62}$$

According to Lemma 3 below, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{H}_{b,t} &= \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_t} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1}\tau, d_A) (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \\
&= d_A^{-t} \left[\sum_{\pi \in S_t} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi^\top)_B + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_t} (R_\tau)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right], \tag{63}
\end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the relation $\text{Wg}(\pi^{-1}\tau, d) = d^{-t}(\delta_{\pi, \tau} + \mathcal{O}(d^{-1}))$.

By combining Eqs. (61) and (63), the expectation of \hat{M}^{neg} can be further expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] &= \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr}[\rho_{AB}^{\otimes t} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi^\top)_B] + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_t} \text{Tr}[\rho_{AB}^{\otimes t} (R_\tau)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B] \\
&= \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\rho_{AB}^{\top_B} \right)^{\otimes t} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi)_B \right] + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \\
&= \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right) + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}). \tag{64}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in the usual case with $d_A^{-1} \leq \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, \hat{M}^{neg} is a valid estimator for $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right)$. If we can estimate \hat{M}^{neg} within error $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, we can then estimate $\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right)$ within error $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$.

B. Variance analyses

The variance of \hat{M}^{neg} is $\text{Var}[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}}] = N_U^{-1} \text{Var}[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}]$, where

$$\text{Var}[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}] = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 \right] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}}]^2 = \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 | U \right] - \left[\sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right) + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \right]^2. \tag{65}$$

Note that

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 \middle| U \right] = \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_A^{2t} d_{A_1}^{-2} \sum_{\substack{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \\ j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_t}} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f \left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\} \right) \middle| U \right]. \quad (66)$$

where

$$f \left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\} \right) := (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_t} \hat{r}_{j_1} \hat{r}_{j_2} \dots \hat{r}_{j_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t}] \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_t}]. \quad (67)$$

Based on the collision number (denoted as $\text{Co}[(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t); (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t)]$), the expectation value in the last bracket will be different. When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t - k$, where $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, t - 1\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f \left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\} \right) \middle| U \right] \\ = \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left((\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_t} \hat{r}_{j_1} \hat{r}_{j_2} \dots \hat{r}_{j_t}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = \hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_t}] \middle| U \right). \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

Wlog, we assume that (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t) and (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t) coincide on the last $t - k$ pairs. Then the above quantity can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left\{ (\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \dots \hat{r}_{i_k} \hat{r}_{j_1} \hat{r}_{j_2} \dots \hat{r}_{j_k}) \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = \hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_k}] \middle| U \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^{2k} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} (-1)^\ell \Pr \left(\#[-1 \text{ among } \{\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_k}, \hat{r}_{j_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{j_k}\}] = \ell, \text{ and } \hat{b}_{i_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = \hat{b}_{j_1} = \dots = \hat{b}_{j_k} = b \middle| U \right) \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^{2k} \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \binom{2k}{\ell} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{2k-\ell} \Pr(\hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-k} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \Pr(\hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-k} \sum_{\ell=0}^{2k} \binom{2k}{\ell} (-1)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{2k-\ell} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \Pr(\hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-k} \left[\Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) - \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) \right]^{2k} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes I_{A_2, B}) \right]^{t-k} \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B}) \right]^{2k} \right\} = \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \text{Tr} \left(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

Here, $\mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k}$ in the last line is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k} &:= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\left(U_A^\dagger \otimes I_B \right) \left(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes I_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_A \otimes I_B \right) \right]^{\otimes(t-k)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \otimes \left[\left(U_A^\dagger \otimes I_B \right) \left(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_A \otimes I_B \right) \right]^{\otimes 2k} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

According to Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{b, t, k} &= \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{t+k}} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1} \tau, d_A) (R_\pi)_A \otimes \left\{ I_B^{\otimes(t-k)} \otimes \text{Tr}_{1, 2, \dots, t-k} [(R_\tau^\top)_B] \right\} \\ &= d_A^{-(t+k)} d_B^{t-k} \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{t+k}} \mathcal{O}(1) (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_{f(\tau)})_B \\ &= \mathcal{O} \left(d_A^{-(t+k)} d_B^{t-k} \right) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{t+k}} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_{f(\tau)})_B. \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

It follows that

$$\mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] = \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \text{Tr} \left(\rho^{\otimes(t+k)} \mathcal{Q}_{b,t,k} \right) = \mathcal{O} \left(d_{A_1} d_A^{-(t+k)} d_B^{t-k} \right). \quad (72)$$

When $\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left(\hat{r}_{i_1} \hat{r}_{i_2} \cdots \hat{r}_{i_t} \mathbf{1}[\hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t}] \middle| U \right) \right]^2 \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\sum_{\ell=0}^t \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} (-1)^\ell \Pr \left(\#[-1 \text{ among } \{\hat{r}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{r}_{i_t}\}] = \ell, \text{ and } \hat{b}_{i_1} = \cdots = \hat{b}_{i_t} = b \middle| U \right) \right]^2 \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \sum_{\ell=0}^t (-1)^\ell \binom{t}{\ell} \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^\ell \Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U)^{t-\ell} \right]^2 \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left(\sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \left[\Pr(\hat{r} = +1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) - \Pr(\hat{r} = -1, \hat{b} = b \middle| U) \right]^t \right)^2 \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left(\sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b\rangle\langle b|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B}) \right]^t \right)^2 \right\} \\ &= \sum_{b_1, b_2=1}^{d_{A_1}} \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b_1\rangle\langle b_1|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B}) \right]^t \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\rho}_U(|b_2\rangle\langle b_2|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B}) \right]^t \right\} \\ &= \sum_{b_1, b_2=1}^{d_{A_1}} \text{Tr} \left(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

Here, $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t}$ in the last line is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} &:= \mathbb{E}_U \left\{ \left[\left(U_A^\dagger \otimes I_B \right) \left(|b_1\rangle\langle b_1|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_A \otimes I_B \right) \right]^{\otimes t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \otimes \left[\left(U_A^\dagger \otimes I_B \right) \left(|b_2\rangle\langle b_2|_{A_1} \otimes \text{SWAP}_{A_2, B} \right) \left(U_A \otimes I_B \right) \right]^{\otimes t} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

When $b_1 = b_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} &= \tilde{H}_{b, 2t} = \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{2t}} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1}\tau, d_A) (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \\ &= d_A^{-2t} \left[\sum_{\pi \in S_{2t}} (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\pi^\top)_B + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{2t}} (R_\tau)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right]; \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

when $b_1 \neq b_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1, b_2, t} &= \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{2t}} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1}\tau, d_A) (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \langle b_1^{\otimes t} \otimes b_2^{\otimes t} | R_\tau^\top \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in S_{2t}} \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_t} \text{Wg}(\pi^{-1}\tau_1\tau_2, d_A) (R_\pi)_A \otimes (R_{\tau_1}^\top)_B \otimes (R_{\tau_2}^\top)_B \\ &= d_A^{-2t} \left[\sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2 \in S_t} (R_{\tau_1})_A \otimes (R_{\tau_2})_A \otimes (R_{\tau_1}^\top)_B \otimes (R_{\tau_2}^\top)_B + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \sum_{\pi, \tau \in S_{2t}} (R_\tau)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right], \end{aligned} \quad (76)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \sum_{b=1}^{d_{A_1}} \text{Tr}\left(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b,b,t}\right) + \sum_{b_1 \neq b_2} \text{Tr}\left(\rho^{\otimes 2t} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{b_1,b_2,t}\right) \\
&= d_{A_1} d_A^{-2t} \mathcal{O}(1) + d_{A_1} (d_{A_1} - 1) d_A^{-2t} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[\rho^{\otimes t} \sum_{\tau \in S_t} (R_\tau)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right]^2 + \mathcal{O}(d_A^{-1}) \right\} \\
&= \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1} d_A^{-2t}) + d_{A_1}^2 d_A^{-2t} \text{Tr} \left[\rho^{\otimes t} \sum_{\tau \in S_t} (R_\tau)_A \otimes (R_\tau^\top)_B \right]^2 \\
&= \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1} d_A^{-2t}) + d_{A_1}^2 d_A^{-2t} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right) \tag{77}
\end{aligned}$$

We then group the estimators and reduce the summation in Eq. (66) to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 \middle| U \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_A^{2t} d_{A_1}^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^t \sum_{\text{Co}[(i_1, \dots, i_t); (j_1, \dots, j_t)] = t-k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_A^{2t} d_{A_1}^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[f\left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \{i_1, \dots, i_t, j_1, \dots, j_t\}\right) \middle| U \right] \\
&= \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} d_A^{2t} d_{A_1}^{-2} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \binom{t+k}{t} \binom{t}{k} \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1} d_A^{-(t+k)} d_B^{t-k}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} \left[\mathcal{O}(d_{A_1} d_A^{-2t}) + d_{A_1}^2 d_A^{-2t} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right) \right] \right\} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{t+k} \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{-1} d^{t-k}) + \binom{N_M}{t}^{-2} \binom{N_M}{2t} \binom{2t}{t} \left[\mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{-1}) + \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right) \right] \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{d_{A_1}^{-1} d^{t-k}}{N_M^{t-k}} \right) + \sum_{\pi \in S_t} \text{Tr} \left((\rho^{\top_B})^{\otimes t} R_\pi \right) + \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{-1}). \tag{78}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var} \left[\hat{M}^{\text{neg}} \right] &= \frac{1}{N_U} \text{Var} \left[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right] = \frac{1}{N_U} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_U \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \left[\left(\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right)^2 \middle| U \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[\hat{M}_U^{\text{neg}} \right]^2 \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{N_U} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{d_{A_1}^{-1} d^{t-k}}{N_M^{t-k}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{-1}) \right] = \frac{1}{N_U} \sum_{i=0}^t \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{d^i}{d_{A_1} N_M^i} \right) \tag{79}
\end{aligned}$$

To ensure that the additive error is $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, we need to bound this variance by $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$. Consider two cases below:

1. $d_{A_1} = o(\epsilon^{-2})$. In this case, it suffices to let $N_U = \mathcal{O}(d_{A_1}^{-1} \epsilon^{-2})$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d)$. Then $N_M N_U = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$.
2. $d_{A_1} = \Omega(\epsilon^{-2})$. In this case, it suffices to let $N_U = 1$ and $N_M = \mathcal{O}(d d_{A_1}^{-1/t} \epsilon^{-2/t})$. So the sample cost is $\mathcal{O}(N_M)$.

To summarize, we have

$$N_U = \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{d_{A_1} \epsilon^2} \right\}, \quad N_M = \min \left\{ \frac{d}{d_{A_1}^{1/t} \epsilon^{2/t}}, d \right\}, \quad N_U N_M = \max \left\{ \frac{d}{d_{A_1}^{1/t} \epsilon^{2/t}}, \frac{d}{d_{A_1} \epsilon^2} \right\}, \tag{80}$$

where we ignored constant coefficients.

Notably, in the usual case $d_{A_1} = \Omega(\epsilon^{-2})$, we only need $N_U = 1$ random unitary to estimate PT moments $\text{Tr}[(\rho^{\top_B})^k]$ within additive error ϵ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, t$. This is the best result that one can expect. However, when $d_{A_1} = o(\epsilon^{-2})$, the sample complexity is $\mathcal{O}(d d_{A_1}^{-1} \epsilon^{-2})$, and one needs more than one random unitaries. To address this shortcoming, we can add $n_C = \ln[\Theta(d_{A_1}^{-1} \epsilon^{-2})]$ ancilla qubits to the initial state ρ , and treat the joint subsystem A_1 and C as the new subsystem A'_1 . Then we have $d_{A'_1} = d_{A_1} 2^{n_C} = \Theta(\epsilon^{-2})$. So now we still need only one random unitary (acting on the joint subsystem of A_1 and C), and the new sample complexity reads

$$N'_M = \mathcal{O}(d d_C d_{A'_1}^{-1/t} \epsilon^{-2/t}) = \mathcal{O}(d d_{A_1}^{-1} \epsilon^{-2}). \quad (81)$$

Therefore, we can reduce the number of random unitaries to $N_U = 1$ without increasing the sample cost.

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