

## Appendix A. SAVHO Decryption Function Correctness

The correctness of the decryption function presented in section 3.1.3 and illustrated by both Eq. 4 and Eq. 5 is explained by the following:

1. Retrieving the  $S$  vector elements

For a given cipher-text  $c = [c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}]$  where  $c_i = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{ik}(N_k S_k + R_k)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sqrt{2\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij}c_j - R_i\right) + N_i^2 + S_i^2} - N_i \\
 &= \sqrt{2\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{jk}(N_k S_k + R_k) - R_i\right) + N_i^2 + S_i^2} - N_i \quad (\text{A.1}) \\
 &= \sqrt{2\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{ij}p_{jk}(N_k S_k + R_k) - R_i\right) + N_i^2 + S_i^2} - N_i
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to simplify and avoid the repetition of the computation procedure on all the  $i$ 's values ( $i \in [0, n-1]$ ), the  $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{ij}p_{jk}(N_k S_k + R_k)$  part is calculated then replaced into Eq. (A.1), respectively for two examples:  $i = 0$  and  $i = n-1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{For } i = 0, \\
 & \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{0j}p_{jk}(N_k S_k + R_k) = q_{00}p_{00}(N_0 S_0 + R_0) + q_{00}p_{01}(N_1 S_1 + R_1) + \\
 & \dots + q_{00}p_{0\ n-1}(N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) + q_{01}p_{10}(N_0 S_0 + R_0) + q_{01}p_{11}(N_1 S_1 \\
 & + R_1) + \dots + q_{01}p_{1\ n-1}(N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 0}(N_0 S_0 + \\
 & R_0) + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 1}(N_1 S_1 + R_1) + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ n-1}(N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) \\
 &= (N_0 S_0 + R_0)(q_{00}p_{00} + q_{01}p_{10} + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 0}) + (N_1 S_1 + R_1)(q_{00} \\
 & p_{01} + q_{01}p_{11} + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 1}) + \dots + (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1})(q_{00}p_{0\ n-1} \\
 & + q_{01}p_{1\ n-1} + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ n-1}) \quad (\text{A.2a})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (N_0 S_0 + R_0) \times 1 + (N_1 S_1 + R_1) \times 0 + \dots + (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) \times 0 \\
 & \quad (\text{A.2b})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= N_0 S_0 + R_0$$

Remark: Passing from (A.2a) to (A.2b) is explained at the last part of this section.

Replacing the latter result in Eq. (A.1), one can obtain:

$$\sqrt{2(N_0 S_0 + R_0 - R_0) + N_0^2 + S_0^2} - N_0 = \sqrt{2N_0 S_0 + N_0^2 + S_0^2} - N_0 = \sqrt{(N_0 + S_0)^2} - N_0 = N_0 + S_0 - N_0 = S_0$$

Remark:  $\sqrt{(N_0 + S_0)^2} = |N_0 + S_0| = N_0 + S_0$  since  $N_0 + S_0$  is a positive number as mentioned in 3.1.2.

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For  $i = n - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{n-1j} p_{jk} (N_k S_k + R_k) = q_{n-10} p_{00} (N_0 S_0 + R_0) + q_{n-10} p_{01} (N_1 S_1 \\ & + R_1) + \cdots + q_{n-10} p_{0n-1} (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) + q_{n-11} p_{10} (N_0 S_0 + R_0) + \\ & q_{n-11} p_{11} (N_1 S_1 + R_1) + \cdots + q_{n-11} p_{1n-1} (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) + \cdots + \\ & q_{n-1n-1} p_{n-10} (N_0 S_0 + R_0) + q_{n-1n-1} p_{n-11} (N_1 S_1 + R_1) + \cdots + \\ & q_{n-1n-1} p_{n-1n-1} (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) \\ & = (N_0 S_0 + R_0) (q_{n-10} p_{00} + q_{n-11} p_{10} + \cdots + q_{n-1n-1} p_{n-10}) + (N_1 S_1 + \\ & R_1) (q_{n-10} p_{01} + q_{n-11} p_{11} + \cdots + q_{n-1n-1} p_{n-11}) + \cdots + (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + \\ & R_{n-1}) (q_{n-10} p_{0n-1} + q_{n-11} p_{1n-1} + \cdots + q_{n-1n-1} p_{n-1n-1}) \quad (\text{A.3a}) \\ & = (N_0 S_0 + R_0) \times 0 + (N_1 S_1 + R_1) \times 0 + \cdots + (N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}) \times 1 \\ & \quad (\text{A.3b}) \\ & = N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Passing from (A.3a) to (A.3b) is explained at the last part of this section.

Replacing the latter result in Eq. (A.1), one can obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{2(N_{n-1}S_{n-1} + R_{n-1} - R_{n-1}) + N_{n-1}^2 + S_{n-1}^2 - N_{n-1}} \\
&= \sqrt{2N_{n-1}S_{n-1} + N_{n-1}^2 + S_{n-1}^2 - N_{n-1}} \\
&= \sqrt{(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})^2 - N_{n-1}} \\
&= N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} - N_{n-1} \\
&= S_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $\sqrt{(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})^2} = |N_{n-1} + S_{n-1}| = N_{n-1} + S_{n-1}$  since  $N_{n-1} + S_{n-1}$  is positive as mentioned in 3.1.2.

## 2. Retrieving the plain-text $m$

After recovering  $S_i$  values, the user easily retrieves the plain-text message  $m$  by computing  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} S_i$ .

This demonstration affirms that the SAVHO crypto-system is coherent since from which it has been possible to prove that the user always manages, by decrypting  $c$ , to find the initial message  $m$ .

Before analyzing the homomorphic behavior of SAVHO scheme, we decide to intensively depict the passage we have done from (A.2a) to (A.2b) and from (A.3a) to (A.3b).

Let  $P = (p_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z})$  be an invertible matrix of dimension  $n \times n$  and  $Q = (q_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z})$  represent  $P^{-1}$  the inverse matrix of  $P$ . Therefore,

$$QP = I_{n-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_{00} & \cdots & q_{0\ n-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_{n-1\ 0} & \cdots & q_{n-1\ n-1} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} p_{00} & \cdots & p_{0\ n-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{n-1\ 0} & \cdots & p_{n-1\ n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
q_{00}p_{00} + q_{01}p_{10} + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 0} &= 1 \\
q_{00}p_{01} + q_{01}p_{11} + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 1} &= 0 \\
q_{00}p_{0\ n-1} + q_{01}p_{1\ n-1} + \dots + q_{0\ n-1}p_{n-1\ n-1} &= 0 \\
\vdots & \\
q_{n-1\ 0}p_{00} + q_{n-1\ 1}p_{10} + \dots + q_{n-1\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 0} &= 0 \\
q_{n-1\ 0}p_{01} + q_{n-1\ 1}p_{11} + \dots + q_{n-1\ n-1}p_{n-1\ 1} &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$q_{n-1,0}p_{0,n-1} + q_{n-1,1}p_{1,n-1} + \dots + q_{n-1,n-1}p_{n-1,n-1} = 1$$

The first three equations are used in the passage from (A.2a) to (A.2b) and the last three ones in the passage from (A.3a) to (A.3b).

## Appendix B. SAVHO Homomorphic Addition Correctness

The correctness of the homomorphic addition given in section 3.2.1 and illustrated by Eq. 6 is explained in details as follows:

Let  $c = (c_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n-1}$  and  $c' = (c'_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n-1}$  be two cipher-texts corresponding respectively to two plain-texts  $m$  and  $m'$ .

According to SAVHO crypto-system  $c_i = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{im}(N_m S_m + R_m)$  and  $c'_i = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{ik}(N'_k S'_k + R'_k)$ .

Therefore, the sum of these cipher-texts is given by:

$$c_{add} = c + c' = (\sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{im}(N_m S_m + R_m))_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} + (\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{ik}(N'_k S'_k + R'_k))_{0 \leq i \leq n-1}.$$

The next part shows that retrieving the  $m + m'$  value can be done by decrypting

$c_{add}$ .

### 1. Retrieving the $S + S'$ vector elements

$$\forall i \in [0, n-1],$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij}(\sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{jm}(N_m S_m + R_m) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{jk}(N'_k S'_k + R'_k)) - (R_i + R'_i)) + N_i^2 \\ & + N_i'^2 + S_i^2 + S_i'^2 + 2(N_i + S_i)(N'_i + S'_i))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i - N'_i \\ & = (2(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{jm}(N_m S_m + R_m) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{jk}(N'_k S'_k + R'_k) - (R_i + \\ & R'_i)) + N_i^2 + N_i'^2 + S_i^2 + S_i'^2 + 2(N_i + S_i)(N'_i + S'_i))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i - N'_i \\ & = (2(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jm}(N_m S_m + R_m) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jk}(N'_k S'_k + R'_k) - (R_i + \\ & R'_i)) + N_i^2 + N_i'^2 + S_i^2 + S_i'^2 + 2(N_i + S_i)(N'_i + S'_i))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i - N'_i \end{aligned} \quad (B.1)$$

Proceeding in the same way as in the previous proof:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jm}(N_m S_m + R_m) = N_0 S_0 + R_0$$

$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jk} (N'_k S'_k + R'_k) = N'_0 S'_0 + R'_0$  for  $i = 0$  and they are equal respectively to  $N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1}$  and  $N'_{n-1} S'_{n-1} + R'_{n-1}$  for  $i = n - 1$ .

Therefore, for  $i = 0$ , the Eq. (B.1) computation is given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2(N_0 S_0 + R_0 + N'_0 S'_0 + R'_0 - (R_0 + R'_0)) + N_0^2 + N_0'^2 + S_0^2 + S_0'^2 + 2(N_0 + S_0)(N'_0 + S'_0))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_0 - N'_0 \\
& = (2(N_0 S_0 + R_0 + N'_0 S'_0 + R'_0 - R_0 - R'_0) + N_0^2 + N_0'^2 + S_0^2 + S_0'^2 + 2(N_0 + S_0)(N'_0 + S'_0))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_0 - N'_0 \\
& = (2N_0 S_0 + 2N'_0 S'_0 + N_0^2 + N_0'^2 + S_0^2 + S_0'^2 + 2(N_0 + S_0)(N'_0 + S'_0))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_0 - N'_0 \\
& = \sqrt{(N_0 + S_0)^2 + (N'_0 + S'_0)^2 + 2(N_0 + S_0)(N'_0 + S'_0)} - N_0 - N'_0 \\
& = \sqrt{(N_0 + S_0 + N'_0 + S'_0)^2} - N_0 - N'_0 \\
& = N_0 + S_0 + N'_0 + S'_0 - N_0 - N'_0 \\
& = S_0 + S'_0
\end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $\sqrt{(N_0 + S_0 + N'_0 + S'_0)^2} = |N_0 + S_0 + N'_0 + S'_0| = N_0 + S_0 + N'_0 + S'_0$  since  $N_0 + S_0 > 0$  and  $N'_0 + S'_0 > 0$  as mentioned in 3.1.2.

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For  $i = n - 1$ , the Eq. (B.1) computation is given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2(N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} S'_{n-1} + R'_{n-1} - (R_{n-1} + R'_{n-1})) + N_{n-1}^2 + N_{n-1}'^2 + S_{n-1}^2 + S_{n-1}'^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})(N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = (2(N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + R_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} S'_{n-1} + R'_{n-1} - R_{n-1} - R'_{n-1}) + N_{n-1}^2 + N_{n-1}'^2 + S_{n-1}^2 + S_{n-1}'^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})(N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = (2N_{n-1} S_{n-1} + 2N'_{n-1} S'_{n-1} + N_{n-1}^2 + N_{n-1}'^2 + S_{n-1}^2 + S_{n-1}'^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})(N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = ((N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})^2 + (N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1})^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1})(N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}))^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = \sqrt{(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1})^2} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
&= S_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $\sqrt{(N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1})^2} = |N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}| = N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}$  since  $N_{n-1} + S_{n-1} > 0$  and  $N'_{n-1} + S'_{n-1} > 0$  as mentioned in 3.1.2.

## 2. Retrieving $m + m'$

$m + m'$  is given by summing the result of the previous calculation i.e  $S_0 + S'_0 + \dots + S_{n-1} + S'_{n-1}$  which is equal to  $S_0 + \dots + S_{n-1} + S'_0 + \dots + S'_{n-1}$ .

## Appendix C. SAVHO Homomorphic Average Correctness

The correctness of the homomorphic average given in section 3.2.2 and illustrated by Eq. 7 is explained in details as follows:

Suppose that  $c = (c_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} = (\sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{im}(N_m S_m + R_m))_{0 \leq i \leq n-1}$  and  $c' = (c'_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} = (\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{ik}(N'_k S'_k + R'_k))_{0 \leq i \leq n-1}$  represent two cipher-texts in SAVHO crypto-system. To obtain the average over plain-texts i.e  $\frac{m+m'}{2}$  while operating on cipher-texts the user must decrypt  $c_{Average} = \frac{c+c'}{2} = (\sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{im}(N_m \frac{S_m}{2} + \frac{R_m}{2}))_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} + (\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{ik}(N'_k \frac{S'_k}{2} + \frac{R'_k}{2}))_{0 \leq i \leq n-1}$ .

### 1. Retrieving the $\frac{S+S'}{2}$ vector elements

$\forall i \in [0, n-1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&(2(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij}(\sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{jm}(N_m \frac{S_m}{2} + \frac{R_m}{2}) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{jk}(N'_k \frac{S'_k}{2} + \frac{R'_k}{2})) - (\frac{R_i}{2} + \frac{R'_i}{2})) \\
&+ N_i^2 + N_i'^2 + (\frac{S_i}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_i}{2})^2 + 2(N_i + \frac{S_i}{2})(N'_i + \frac{S'_i}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i - N'_i \\
&= (2(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} p_{jm}(N_m \frac{S_m}{2} + \frac{R_m}{2}) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{jk}(N'_k \frac{S'_k}{2} + \frac{R'_k}{2}) - (\frac{R_i}{2} \\
&+ \frac{R'_i}{2})) + N_i^2 + N_i'^2 + (\frac{S_i}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_i}{2})^2 + 2(N_i + \frac{S_i}{2})(N'_i + \frac{S'_i}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i - N'_i \\
&= (2(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jm}(N_m \frac{S_m}{2} + \frac{R_m}{2}) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jk}(N'_k \frac{S'_k}{2} + \frac{R'_k}{2}) - (\frac{R_i}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{R'_i}{2})) + N_i^2 + N_i'^2 + (\frac{S_i}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_i}{2})^2 + 2(N_i + \frac{S_i}{2})(N'_i + \frac{S'_i}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i - N'_i \quad (\text{C.1})$$

Proceeding in the same way as in appendix A:

$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jm} (N_m \frac{S_m}{2} + \frac{R_m}{2})$  must be equal to  $N_0 \frac{S_0}{2} + \frac{R_0}{2}$  and  $N_{n-1} \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R_{n-1}}{2}$  respectively for  $i = 0$  and  $i = n - 1$ .

while,  $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{ij} p_{jk} (N'_k \frac{S'_k}{2} + \frac{R'_k}{2})$  must be equal to  $N'_0 \frac{S'_0}{2} + \frac{R'_0}{2}$  for  $i = 0$  and  $N'_{n-1} \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R'_{n-1}}{2}$  for  $i = n - 1$ .

Therefore, for  $i = 0$ , the Eq. (C.1) computation is analyzed as following:

$$\begin{aligned} & (2(N_0 \frac{S_0}{2} + \frac{R_0}{2} + N'_0 \frac{S'_0}{2} + \frac{R'_0}{2} - (\frac{R_0}{2} + \frac{R'_0}{2}))) + N_0^2 + N_0'^2 + (\frac{S_0}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_0}{2})^2 \\ & + 2(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2})(N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_0 - N'_0 \\ & = (2(N_0 \frac{S_0}{2} + \frac{R_0}{2} + N'_0 \frac{S'_0}{2} + \frac{R'_0}{2} - \frac{R_0}{2} - \frac{R'_0}{2})) + N_0^2 + N_0'^2 + (\frac{S_0}{2})^2 + \\ & (\frac{S'_0}{2})^2 + 2(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2})(N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_0 - N'_0 \\ & = (2N_0 \frac{S_0}{2} + 2N'_0 \frac{S'_0}{2} + N_0^2 + N_0'^2 + (\frac{S_0}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_0}{2})^2 + 2(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2})(N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_0 - N'_0 \\ & = \sqrt{(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2})^2 + (N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})^2 + 2(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2})(N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})} - N_0 - N'_0 \\ & = \sqrt{(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2} + N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})^2} - N_0 - N'_0 \\ & = N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2} + N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2} - N_0 - N'_0 \\ & = \frac{S_0}{2} + \frac{S'_0}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $\sqrt{(N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2} + N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2})^2} = |N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2} + N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2}| = N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2} + N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2}$  since  $N_0 + \frac{S_0}{2} > 0$  and  $N'_0 + \frac{S'_0}{2} > 0$  as mentioned in 3.1.2.

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For  $i = n - 1$ , the Eq. (C.1) computation is given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2(N_{n-1} \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R'_{n-1}}{2} - (\frac{R_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R'_{n-1}}{2})) + N_{n-1}^2 + N_{n-1}'^2 \\
& + (\frac{S_{n-1}}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2})(N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = (2(N_{n-1} \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{R'_{n-1}}{2} - \frac{R_{n-1}}{2} - \frac{R'_{n-1}}{2}) + N_{n-1}^2 \\
& + N_{n-1}'^2 + (\frac{S_{n-1}}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2})(N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = (2N_{n-1} \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + 2N'_{n-1} \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2} + N_{n-1}^2 + N_{n-1}'^2 + (\frac{S_{n-1}}{2})^2 + (\frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^2 + 2(N_{n-1} \\
& + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2})(N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = ((N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2})^2 + (N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^2 + 2(N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2})(N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = \sqrt{(N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^2} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2} - N_{n-1} - N'_{n-1} \\
& = \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $\sqrt{(N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2})^2} = |N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2}| = N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2}$  since  $N_{n-1} + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} > 0$  and  $N'_{n-1} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2} > 0$  as mentioned in 3.1.2.

## 2. Retrieving $\frac{m+m'}{2}$

Summing the result of the previous computations i.e  $\frac{S_0}{2} + \frac{S'_0}{2} + \dots + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2}$  which is equal to  $\frac{S_0}{2} + \dots + \frac{S_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{S'_0}{2} + \dots + \frac{S'_{n-1}}{2}$  gives  $\frac{m+m'}{2}$  as result.