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QARS Olivier: Majorana and Fermionic Gaussian states

1. Majorana Operators
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N fermionic modes $2N$ operators c_i, c_i^\dagger

$$\{c_i, c_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\{c_i^\dagger, c_j^\dagger\} = 0$$

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define vacuum $|0\rangle$ s.t. $c_i|0\rangle = 0 \quad \forall i$

$$c_i^\dagger|0\rangle = |i\rangle$$

$$c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger |0\rangle = |ij\rangle - |ji\rangle$$

\rightarrow Pauli principle

define Majorana operators:

$$\gamma_{2j} = c_j + c_j^\dagger$$

$$\gamma_{2j+1} = i(c_j - c_j^\dagger)$$

new properties

$$\gamma_j^\dagger = \gamma_j \quad \forall j$$

$$\gamma_j^2 = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\{\gamma_i, \gamma_j\} = 2\delta_{ij}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c_j + c_j^\dagger)(c_j + c_j^\dagger) = c_j c_j + \underbrace{c_j^\dagger c_j + c_j c_j^\dagger}_{= \{c_j^\dagger, c_j\}} + c_j^{\dagger 2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Majorana String

$$\mu(\vec{v}) = \underbrace{(i)^{v^T \omega_L v}}_{\text{convenient algebraic}} \gamma_0^{v_0} \gamma_1^{v_1} \dots \gamma_{2N}^{v_{2N}}$$

$$(1 \dots 0) \rightarrow \gamma_0$$

$$(11 \dots 0) \rightarrow \gamma_0 \gamma_1$$

Finite field
(bitstring)

$$V \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2N}$$

$$\omega_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Symplectic product

$$\langle v, v' \rangle_L = v^T \omega_L v'$$

not local: Jordan-Wigner leads to non local Pauli strings. Pauli strings use a different symplectic matrix

Majorana group: Majorana strings form a group

$$M_{2N} = \{ (i)^a \mu(v) \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}_4, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2N} \}$$

$$\mu(\vec{v}) \mu(\vec{v}') = \xi(v, v') \mu(v + v')$$

\uparrow phase \uparrow XOR
~~AND~~

$$\mu(\vec{v}) \mu(\vec{v}') = (-1)^{v^T \omega v'} \mu(\vec{v}') \mu(\vec{v})$$

if no Majoranas in common, just reorder.

Otherwise $\gamma_i^2 = 1$ disappear:

$$\omega = \hat{1} - 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ 1 & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

define some brackets (commutators)

$$[\mu, \mu'] = \mu \mu' - \mu' \mu$$

$$\langle v, v' \rangle = v^T \omega v'$$

defines a Lie algebra. We are looking for a sub algebra

$$= v^T \omega_L v' + v^T \omega_I v'$$

Max: same as Pauli strings

$$[\gamma_i, \gamma_j] = 0 \quad \text{if } i=j$$

$$\gamma_i \gamma_j - \gamma_j \gamma_i = 2 \gamma_i \gamma_j \quad i \neq j$$

$$[\gamma_i, \gamma_j \gamma_k] = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \neq k \\ 2\gamma_k & i=j \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_i \gamma_j \gamma_k - \gamma_j \gamma_k \gamma_i = 0$$

$$\gamma_i \gamma_i \gamma_k - \gamma_i \gamma_k \gamma_i = 2\gamma_k$$

⋮

an props:

~~$$[\gamma_i, \gamma_j \gamma_k]$$~~

$$[\gamma_i, \gamma_j \gamma_k] = \begin{cases} 2\gamma_k & i=j \neq k \\ 0 & i \neq j \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$[\gamma_i \gamma_j, \gamma_k \gamma_l] = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \neq k \neq l \\ \gamma_i \gamma_k & i \neq k \neq j = l \end{cases}$$

quadratic majorana are closed (sub algebra)
free fermionic Hamiltonian $\binom{2N}{N} \rightarrow$ quadratic
number of operators in that space

$$H = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \gamma_i \gamma_j$$

what if you add one quartic terms

$$[\gamma_i \gamma_j \gamma_k \gamma_l, \gamma_m \gamma_n \gamma_o \gamma_p] \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

Start generating full algebra No 6

many Superselection: define weight

$w(\mu(\vec{v}))$: Hamming weight of \vec{v}

$P(\mu(\vec{v}))$: parity of $w(\mu(\vec{v}))$

Parity operator:

$$(-1)^{\hat{w}} = \mu(\hat{\mathbb{I}})$$

\hat{w} ← weight operator

$$[0, \mu(\hat{\mathbb{I}})] = 0$$

↪ $|even\rangle + |odd\rangle \quad \emptyset$
← can't exist

Superselection rule

if $\langle \psi_0 | H | \psi_1 \rangle = 0$ for some $H \equiv$ selection rule

if $\langle \psi_0 | H | \psi_1 \rangle = 0$ for all operators \equiv superselection

No physical operators that

$$|1\rangle = (1 + c_B^\dagger) |0\rangle$$

Alice sends 0 : apply \mathbb{I}

1 : apply $i(c_A^\dagger - c_A)$

This would allow faster than light communication
because of the ~~for~~ Pauli exclusion

Bob measures $\hat{O} = (1 + c_B + c_B^\dagger)$

gets 1 if Alice prepared 0

0 if Alice prepared \emptyset