1 Gaussian transformations

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1.1 Hamiltonian

1.1.1 a)

$$H_G^\dagger=a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger A_{ij}^*+a_j^\dagger a_i B_{ij}^*+a_i a_j C_{ij}^*+F_i^* a_i^\dagger+L_i^* a_i=H$$
 Giving the conditions,

$$C_{ij} = A_{ij}^*$$

$$B_{ij} = B_{ji}^*$$

$$L_i = F_i^*$$

and so we can write H_G as,

$$H_G = a_i a_j A_{ij} + a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} A_{ij}^* + a_i^{\dagger} a_j B_{ij} + F_i a_i + F_i^* a_i^{\dagger}$$

1.1.2 b)

$$[H_{G}, a_{k}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{i}a_{j}A_{ij} + a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{j}^{\dagger}A_{ij}^{*} + a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{j}B_{ij} + F_{i}a_{i} + F_{i}^{*}a_{i}^{\dagger}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{j}^{\dagger}A_{ij}^{*}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{j}B_{ij}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix} + F_{i}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} a_{i}^{\dagger}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= A_{ij}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{j}^{\dagger}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix} (\delta_{i=k} + \delta_{i\neq k}) (\delta_{j=k} + \delta_{j\neq k}) - B_{kj}a_{j} - F_{k}^{*}$$

$$= A_{kk}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} a_{k}^{\dagger}a_{k}^{\dagger}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix} + A_{ik}^{*}a_{i}^{\dagger} \begin{bmatrix} a_{k}^{\dagger}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix} \delta_{i\neq k} + A_{kj}^{*}a_{j}^{\dagger} \begin{bmatrix} a_{k}^{\dagger}, a_{k} \end{bmatrix} \delta_{j\neq k} - B_{kj}a_{j} - F_{k}^{*}$$

$$= -2A_{kk}^{*}a_{k}^{\dagger} - A_{ik}^{*}a_{i}^{\dagger}\delta_{i\neq k} - A_{kj}^{*}a_{j}^{\dagger}\delta_{j\neq k} - B_{kj}a_{j} - F_{k}^{*}$$

$$= -(A_{jk}^{*} + A_{kj}^{*}) a_{j}^{\dagger} - B_{kj}a_{j} - F_{k}^{*}$$

$$= -(A_{kj}^{*} + A_{kj}^{*}) a_{j}^{\dagger} - B_{kj}a_{j} - F_{k}^{*}$$

By taking the adjoint,

$$\left[H_G, a_k^{\dagger}\right] = \left(A_{kj}^T + A_{kj}\right) a_j + B_{kj}^* a_j^{\dagger} + F_k$$

and so in vector form we got,

$$[H_G, a] = -Ba - (A^T + A)^* a^{\dagger} - F^*$$

 $[H_G, a^{\dagger}] = (A^T + A) a + B^* a^{\dagger} + F$

1.1.3 c

I) We do a few cases and extrapolate the pattern. Note that $[H_G, f] = 0$ for a constant vector f.

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(H_G)^1, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = (-iG) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix} \\
\begin{bmatrix}
(H_G)^2, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = (-iG) \begin{bmatrix} H_G, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\
= (-iG)^2 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} + (-iG) \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix} \\
\begin{bmatrix}
(H_G)^3, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = (-iG)^2 \begin{bmatrix} H_G, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\
= (-iG)^3 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} + (-iG)^2 \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix},$$

so by extrapolation we find for $s \geq 1$,

$$\left[\left(H_G \right)^s, \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) \right] = \left(-iG \right)^s \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) + \left(-iG \right)^{s-1} \left(\begin{array}{c} -F^* \\ F \end{array} \right)$$

II) From the BCH lemma,

$$\begin{split} e^{itH_G} \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) e^{-itH_G} \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \left(it \right)^s \left[\left(H_G \right)^s, \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) \right] \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \left(it \right)^s \left(-iG \right)^s \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) \\ + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \left(it \right)^s \left(-iG \right)^{s-1} \left(\begin{array}{c} -F^* \\ F \end{array} \right) \\ = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \left(tG \right)^s \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) \\ + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(s+1)!} \left(it \right)^{s+1} \left(-iG \right)^s \left(\begin{array}{c} -F^* \\ F \end{array} \right) \end{split}$$

III) For $s \geq 0$,

$$\int_0^t d\tau (i\tau)^s = \left[(-i) \frac{1}{s+1} (i\tau)^{s+1} \right]_0^t$$
$$= (-i) \frac{1}{s+1} (it)^{s+1}$$

IV) We rewrite the sums,

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \left(tG \right)^s \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) = e^{tG} \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right)$$

and

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(s+1)!} (it)^{s+1} (-iG)^s \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} i \int_0^t d\tau (i\tau)^s (-iG)^s \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= i \int_0^t d\tau \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} (\tau G)^s \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= i \int_0^t d\tau e^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} -F^* \\ F \end{pmatrix}$$

Combining these results we obtain,

$$\begin{split} e^{itH_G} \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) e^{-itH_G} = \\ e^{tG} \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{array} \right) + i \int_0^t d\tau e^{\tau G} \left(\begin{array}{c} -F^* \\ F \end{array} \right) \end{split}$$

as was claimed.

1.2 Bogoliubov matrices

1.2.1 a)

We have,

$$C_b \otimes C_b^T - C_b^T \otimes C_b$$

$$= e^{itH_G} C_a e^{-itH_G} \otimes e^{itH_G} C_a^T e^{-itH_G} - e^{itH_G} C_a^T e^{-itH_G} \otimes e^{itH_G} C_a e^{-itH_G}$$

$$= e^{itH_G} \left(C_a \otimes C_a^T - C_a^T \otimes C_a \right) e^{-itH_G}$$

$$= e^{itH_G} \Omega e^{-itH_G} = \Omega$$

where multiplication with e^{itH_G} is elementwise over the array.

1.2.2 b

We write M_+ and D_+ in block form,

$$M_{+} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{array}\right), D_{+} = \left(\begin{array}{c} d_{1} \\ d_{2} \end{array}\right).$$

The symmetry of M_{+} follows from the symmetri of G, we define,

$$X = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{array}\right).$$

Then,

$$G = (XGX)^*.$$

Note that $X^2 = I$. It then follows that,

$$(XM_{+}X)^{*} = (Xe^{tG}X)^{*} = e^{t(XGX)^{*}} = e^{tG} = M_{+}.$$

As a result,

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} M_{22}^* & M_{21}^* \\ M_{12}^* & M_{11}^* \end{array}\right),$$

and so we can write M_{+} in the form,

$$M_{+} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} V & J \\ J^* & V^* \end{array} \right).$$

We have,

$$D_{+} = \int_{0}^{t} d\tau e^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} (iF)^{*} \\ iF \end{pmatrix},$$

and so,

$$(XD_{+})^{*} = \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \left(Xe^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} (iF)^{*} \\ iF \end{pmatrix} \right)^{*}$$
$$= \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \left(Xe^{\tau G} X \right)^{*} X \begin{pmatrix} iF \\ (iF)^{*} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \int_{0}^{t} d\tau e^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} (iF)^{*} \\ iF \end{pmatrix} = D_{+}.$$

It follows that D_+ has the symmetry,

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} d_2^* \\ d_1^* \end{array}\right),$$

and so we can write D_+ in the form,

$$D_{+} = \left(\begin{array}{c} z \\ z^* \end{array}\right).$$

1.2.3 c)

Let

$$C_b = M_+ C_a + D_+$$
.

Then we require that the transformation preserves the commutation relations,

$$C_b \otimes C_b^T - C_b^T \otimes C_b = \Omega.$$

We can rewrite the commutator as,

$$(M_{+}C_{a} + D_{+}) \otimes (C_{a}^{T}M_{+}^{T} + D_{+}^{T}) - (C_{a}^{T}M_{+}^{T} + D_{+}^{T}) \otimes (M_{+}C_{a} + D_{+})$$

$$= M_{+}C_{a} \otimes C_{a}^{T}M_{+}^{T} - C_{a}^{T}M_{+}^{T} \otimes M_{+}C_{a}$$

$$+ M_{+}C_{a} \otimes D_{+}^{T} - D_{+}^{T} \otimes M_{+}C_{a}$$

$$+ D_{+} \otimes C_{a}^{T}M_{+}^{T} - C_{a}^{T}M_{+}^{T} \otimes D_{+}$$

$$+ D_{+} \otimes D_{+}^{T} - D_{+}^{T} \otimes D_{+}$$

For vectors A, B with commuting vector elements we have $A \otimes B^T - B^T \otimes A = 0$, and so we get,

$$C_b \otimes C_b^T - C_b^T \otimes C_b$$

$$= M_+ C_a \otimes C_a^T M_+^T - C_a^T M_+^T \otimes M_+ C_a$$

$$= M_+ C_a \otimes C_a^T M_+^T - \left(M_+ C_a \otimes C_a^T M_+^T \right)^T$$

$$= M_+ C_a \otimes C_a^T M_+^T - M_+ \left(C_a \otimes C_a^T \right)^T M_+^T$$

$$= M_+ \left(C_a \otimes C_a^T - C_a^T \otimes C_a \right) M_+^T$$

$$= M_+ \Omega M_+^T = \Omega$$

Giving the condition,

$$M_{+}\Omega M_{+}^{T} = \Omega.$$

Performing the matrix product in block form, we get the conditions on V, J,

$$\begin{pmatrix} V & J \\ J^* & V^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V^T & J^H \\ J^T & V^H \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} VJ^T - JV^T, & VV^H - JJ^H \\ J^*J^T - V^*V^T, & J^*V^H - V^*J^H \end{pmatrix}.$$

Giving the conditions,

$$VJ^T - JV^T = 0$$
$$VV^H - JJ^H = I.$$

where H indicates the conjugate transpose.

1.2.4 d)

I) We have,

$$VV^H = I + JJ^H$$

 JJ^{H} is clearly positive semi-definite, i.e.

$$u^H J J^H u = \left(J^H u\right)^H \left(J^H u\right) \ge 0$$

for all vectors u. It follows that VV^H is then necessarily positive definite,

$$u^H V V^H u = u^H u + u^H J J^H u > 0.$$

II) Since VV^H is hermitian, it has a spectral decomposition,

$$VV^H = \sum_k \lambda_k v_k \otimes v_k^H$$

where v_k is a normalized vector and λ_k a real number, that are solutions of the hermitian eigenproblem,

$$VV^H v_k = \lambda_k v_k.$$

Since VV^H is positive definite then λ_k are all positive (non-zero). Note that the eigenvectors of a n-dimensional hermitian matrix form an orthonormal basis over the n-dimensional space,

$$\sum_{k} v_k \otimes v_k^H = I_n.$$

Then we can always expand V in the basis v_k ,

$$V = \sum_{k,m} \alpha_{km} v_k \otimes v_m^H.$$

This leads to a condition on α_{km} ,

$$VV^{H} = \left(\sum_{k,m} \alpha_{km} v_{k} \otimes v_{m}^{H}\right) \left(\sum_{s,l} \alpha_{sl} v_{s} \otimes v_{l}^{H}\right)^{H}$$

$$= \sum_{k,m} \sum_{s,l} \alpha_{km} \alpha_{sl}^{*} v_{k} \otimes v_{m}^{H} \cdot v_{s}^{H} \otimes v_{l}$$

$$= \sum_{k,m} \sum_{s,l} \alpha_{km} \alpha_{sl}^{*} v_{k} \otimes v_{s}^{H} \left(v_{m}^{H} \cdot v_{l}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k,s} \left(\sum_{m} \alpha_{km} \alpha_{sm}^{*}\right) v_{k} \otimes v_{s}^{H}$$

$$= \sum_{k} \lambda_{k} v_{k} \otimes v_{k}^{H}.$$

We find that the expansion coefficients of V must satisfy,

$$\sum_{m} \alpha_{km} \alpha_{sm}^* = \lambda_k \delta_{ks}.$$

III) Division by λ_k is always possible because all λ_k are positive (non-zero). Then we can then construct the matrix,

$$V^{-1} = \sum_{k,m} \frac{\alpha_{km}^*}{\lambda_k} v_k^H \otimes v_m,$$

we verify that this is indeed the inverse of V,

$$VV^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k,m} \alpha_{km} v_k \otimes v_m^H\right) \left(\sum_{s,l} \frac{\alpha_{sl}^*}{\lambda_s} v_s^H \otimes v_l\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k,m} \sum_{s,l} \alpha_{km} \frac{\alpha_{sl}^*}{\lambda_s} v_k \otimes v_m^H \cdot v_s^H \otimes v_l$$

$$= \sum_{k,m} \sum_{s,l} \alpha_{km} \frac{\alpha_{sl}^*}{\lambda_s} v_k \otimes v_s^H \left(v_m^H \cdot v_l\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k,s} \frac{1}{\lambda_s} \left(\sum_m \alpha_{km} \alpha_{sm}^*\right) v_k \otimes v_s^H$$

$$= \sum_{k,s} \frac{1}{\lambda_s} \lambda_k \delta_{ks} v_k \otimes v_s^H$$

$$= \sum_{k,s} v_k \otimes v_k^H = I_n$$

It follows that V is always invertible.

1.2.5 e)

We perform the matrix product,

$$\begin{split} M_{+}M_{+}^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} V & J \\ J^{*} & V^{*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V^{H} & -J^{T} \\ -J^{H} & V^{T} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} VV^{H} - JJ^{H}, & -VJ^{T} + JV^{T} \\ J^{*}V^{H} - V^{*}J^{H}, & -J^{*}J^{T} + V^{*}V^{T} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I, & 0 \\ 0, & I \end{pmatrix}, \end{split}$$

We may argue that M_{+}^{-1} preserves the commutator by rewriting the condition,

$$M_{\perp}\Omega M_{\perp}^T = \Omega,$$

via multiplication with M_+^{-1} from the left and M_+^{-T} from the right,

$$\Omega = M_{\perp}^{-1} \Omega M_{\perp}^{-T}.$$

Since the inverse transformation also preserve the commutator, we have the same conditions as before but with $V \to V^H$ and $J \to -J^T$,

$$-V^H J + J^T V^* = 0$$
$$V^H V - J^T J^* = I$$

1.2.6 f)

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} |M_{+}| &= |\exp \left[tG \right]| \\ &= \exp \left[t \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ G \right\} \right] \\ &= \exp \left[it \left(\operatorname{Tr} \left\{ B^{*} \right\} - \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ B \right\} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since B is hermitian it must have real values on the diagonal, and so,

$$\operatorname{Tr}\{B^*\} - \operatorname{Tr}\{B\} = 0$$
$$|M_+| = 1$$

1.2.7 g)

We have,

$$e^{itH_G}C_ae^{-itH_G} = e^{tG}C_a + \int_0^t d\tau e^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} (iF)^* \\ iF \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying with e^{-itH_G} from the left and e^{itH_G} from the right,

$$C_a = e^{-itH_G} e^{tG} C_a e^{itH_G} + e^{-itH_G} \int_0^t d\tau e^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} (iF)^* \\ iF \end{pmatrix} e^{itH_G}$$
$$= e^{tG} e^{-itH_G} C_a e^{itH_G} + \int_0^t d\tau e^{\tau G} \begin{pmatrix} (iF)^* \\ iF \end{pmatrix}$$

Rearranging,

$$e^{-itH_G}C_ae^{itH_G} = e^{-tG}C_a - e^{-tG}\int_0^t d\tau e^{\tau G} \left(\begin{array}{c} (iF)^* \\ iF \end{array} \right)$$

We identify

$$M_{-} = e^{-tG} = M_{+}^{-1}$$
$$D_{-} = -M_{+}^{-1}D_{+}$$

1.3 Transformation of the state

1.3.1 a)

We have the characteristic function,

$$\chi_f(C_\alpha) = \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_f \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega C_a \right] \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i e^{itH_G} \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega C_a \right] e^{-itH_G} \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega \left(M_+ C_a + D_+ \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega M_+ C_a \right] \right\} \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega D_+ \right]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \exp \left[\left(M^{-1} C_\alpha \right)^T \Omega C_a \right] \right\} \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega D_+ \right]$$

$$= \chi_i (M^{-1} C_\alpha) \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega D_+ \right]$$

1.3.2 b)

For the mean we have,

$$\bar{C}_f = \text{Tr} \left\{ \rho_f C_a \right\}$$

$$= \text{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i e^{itH_G} C_a e^{-itH_G} \right\}$$

$$= M_+ \text{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i C_a \right\} + \text{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \right\} D_+$$

$$= M_+ \bar{C}_i + D_+$$

For the covariance matrix we have,

$$\begin{split} \Sigma_f &= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_f C_a^T \otimes C_a \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \Omega - \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_f C_a^T \right\} \otimes \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_f C_a \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \left(C_a^T M_+^T + D_+^T \right) \otimes \left(M_+ C_a + D_+ \right) \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \Omega \\ &- \left(\bar{C}_i^T M_+^T + D_+^T \right) \otimes \left(M_+ \bar{C}_i + D_+ \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \left(C_a^T M_+^T \otimes M_+ C_a \right) \right\} - \bar{C}_i^T M_+^T \otimes M_+ \bar{C}_i + \frac{1}{2} \Omega \\ &= \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i \left(M_+ C_a \otimes C_a^T M_+^T \right)^T \right\} - \left(M_+ \bar{C}_i \otimes \bar{C}_i^T M_+^T \right)^T + \frac{1}{2} \Omega \\ &= M_+ \left[\operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \rho_i C_a^T \otimes C_a \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \Omega - \bar{C}_i^T \otimes \bar{C}_i \right] M_+^T \\ &= M_+ \Sigma_i M_+^T \end{split}$$

1.3.3 c)

Using the result from exercise a),

$$\chi_f(C_\alpha) = \chi_{\text{Th}} \left(M_+^{-1} C_\alpha \right) \exp \left[C_\alpha^T \Omega D_+ \right]$$

$$= \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} C_\alpha^T M_+^{-T} \Omega^T \Sigma_{\text{Th}} \Omega M_+^{-1} C_\alpha \right] \exp \left[-\bar{C}^T \Omega M_+^{-1} C_\alpha - D_+^T \Omega C_\alpha \right]$$

$$= \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} C_\alpha^T \Omega^T M_+ \Sigma_{\text{Th}} M_+^T \Omega C_\alpha \right] \exp \left[-\left(M_+ \bar{C} + D_+ \right)^T \Omega C_\alpha \right]$$

1.3.4 d)

From c) we have that the density matrix of a general gaussian state ρ_f , obtained as.

$$\rho_f = e^{-itH_G} \rho_{\rm Th} e^{itH_G},$$

can be written,

$$\chi_f(K_\alpha) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}C_\alpha^T\Omega^T M_+ \Sigma_{\mathrm{Th}} M_+^T\Omega C_\alpha - \left(M_+\bar{C} + D_+\right)^T\Omega C_\alpha\right].$$

Since Σ_{Th} is the covariance matrix of ρ_{Th} and \bar{C} is the displacement of ρ_{Th} , then by comparison with exercise b), we recognize,

$$\bar{C}_f = M_+ \bar{C} + D_+$$

$$\Sigma_f = M_+ \Sigma_{\mathrm{Th}} M_+^T$$

as the displacement and covariance of ρ_f . The characteristic function of the arbitrary gaussian state ρ_f can then be written as,

$$\chi_f(C_\alpha) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}C_\alpha^T \Omega^T \Sigma_f \Omega C_\alpha - \bar{C}_f^T \Omega C_\alpha\right].$$