

Randomness Conservation for Infinite Quantum Spin Systems

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Abstract

Conservation of randomness has been proven for computable transformations with respect to probabilities over numbers, infinite sequences, and general topologies. In addition conservation of randomness has been proven for quantum operations over finite quantum systems. In this paper, conservation of NS randomness is proven over a broad class of computable dynamics with respect to infinite quantum spin chains.

1 Introduction

For a computable probability p over \mathbb{N} , deficiency of randomness is defined by $\mathbf{d}(a|p) = \lceil -\log p(a) \rceil - \mathbf{K}(a)$, where \mathbf{K} is the prefix free Kolmogorov complexity. For a computable transformation $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, fp denotes the probability $fp(a) = \sum_{f(b)=a} p(b)$. One of the foundational developments of algorithmic information theory is *conservation of randomness*, where [G21]

$$\mathbf{d}(fa|fp) < \mathbf{d}(a|p) + O(1).$$

This simple inequality has many applications, including defining information non-growth laws. Similarly, for computable probability P over $\{0, 1\}^\infty$, one can define deficiency randomness of $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^\infty$ with respect to P as $\mathbf{D}(\alpha|P) = \sup_n \lceil -\log P(\alpha[0..n]) \rceil - \mathbf{K}(\alpha[0..n])$. For a given computable transformation $F : \{0, 1\}^\infty \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\infty$ between infinite sequences one gets the following conservation law, with [G21]

$$\mathbf{D}(F\alpha|FP) < \mathbf{D}(\alpha|P) + O(1).$$

In addition, one can define the deficiency of randomness of one mixed quantum state σ with respect to another quantum state ρ , with $\mathbf{d}(\sigma|\rho)$. In [Eps24], conservation of randomness between mixed states is proven with respect to elementary quantum operations ϵ , with

$$\mathbf{d}(\epsilon(\sigma)|\epsilon(\rho)) < \mathbf{d}(\sigma|\rho) + O(1).$$

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In this paper, we prove conservation of randomness with respect to infinite quantum spin chains Z . The notion of randomness used is *NS Randomness*, [NS19], which is analogous to ML randomness of infinite sequences. One main difference between the two definitions is that quantum states are NS random at a particular order $\delta \in [0, 1]$, where the smaller the δ the more “random” the infinite quantum sequence is. Conservation of NS randomness is proven over a broad class of computable “admissible” dynamics. Dynamics τ_t are one parameter group $*$ -automorphisms over the C^* algebra of quantum states. The result of this paper is as follows.

Theorem. *For infinite quantum spin system Z , computable $t > 0$ admissible computable dynamics τ_t , if Z is NS random at order δ , then $\tau_t(Z)$ is NS random at order ϵ , for all $\epsilon > \delta$. Furthermore, if Z is not NS random at order δ then $\tau_t(Z)$ is not NS random at order ϵ for all $\epsilon < \delta$.*

2 Algebras

Before we introduce NS random sequences, we revisit the notion of C^* algebras and functional states. A C^* algebra, \mathcal{M} , is a Banach algebra and a function $*$: $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ such that

1. For every $x \in \mathcal{M}$, $x^{**} = x$.
2. For every $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$, $(x + y)^* = x^* + y^*$ and $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$.
3. For every $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $x \in \mathcal{M}$, $(\lambda x)^* = \bar{\lambda}x^*$.
4. For all $x \in \mathcal{M}$, $\|x^*x\| = \|x\|\|x^*\|$.

A $*$ -algebra does not necessarily have property (4). A C^* algebra \mathcal{M} is unital if it admits a multiplicative identity $\mathbf{1}$. Set of positive elements of \mathcal{M} represent the quantum observables of the system. A state over unital \mathcal{M} is a positive linear functional $Z : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $Z(\mathbf{1}) = 1$. Since states are positive, they are continuous. States are used to define NS random sequences. The set of states of \mathcal{M} is denoted by $S(\mathcal{M})$. A state is tracial if $Z(x^*x) = Z(xx^*)$, for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$. A $*$ -homomorphism between two C^* -algebras \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} is a mapping $\pi : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ such that

- $\pi(\alpha A + \beta B) = \alpha\pi(A) + \beta\pi(B)$,
- $\pi(AB) = \pi(A)\pi(B)$,
- $\pi(A^*) = \pi(A)^*$.

By definition, $*$ -homomorphisms π are contractive, with $\|A\| \geq \|\pi(A)\|$.

3 Direct Limits

A *direct system* of C^* -algebras is a family (A_i, π_i^j) of C^* -algebras and also $*$ -homomorphisms $\pi_i^j : A_i \rightarrow A_j$ for all $j \geq i$ indexed by a directed set (partially ordered and every finite subset has a majorant), with

- π_i^i is the identity map
- $\pi_j^k \circ \pi_i^j = \pi_i^k$ for all $i \leq j \leq k$.

Consider the product $*$ -algebra $\prod A_i$ and let A' be the $*$ -subalgebra of all elements $a = \{a_i\}$ such that there is an index i_0 with $\pi_i^j(a_i) = a_j$ for all $i_0 \leq i \leq j$. Since each π_i^j is norm-decreasing, the net $\{\|a_i\|\}$ is convergent and we define $\|a\| = \lim \|a_i\|$. If N is the kernel of $\|\cdot\|$ then the Banach space completion of the quotient A'/N is a C^* -algebra. This C^* algebra is called the *direct limit* of (A_i, π_i^j) .

Suppose A is the direct limit of direct system (A_i, π_i^j) . For each element $a \in A$, we associate the sequence $a' = \{a'_j\}$ in A' where $a'_j = 0$ for $j < i$ and $a'_j = \pi_i^j(a)$ for $j \geq i$. The map $\pi_i : A_i \rightarrow A$ is defined by taking a to the image a' , which is a $*$ -homomorphism from A_i to A .

4 CAR Algebras

In this chapter, we restrict our attention to the special case where A_n are $2^n \times 2^n$ complex matrices and the directed set of indices is equal to \mathbb{N} . Furthermore, π_n^{n+1} is the map

$$a \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

This direct limit is known as a CAR algebras. We denote A_k by \mathcal{M}_k and A by $\mathcal{M} - \infty$. The $*$ -homomorphisms from \mathcal{M}_k to \mathcal{M}_∞ is denoted by $\pi_k : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\infty$. Each state $\rho \in S(\mathcal{M}_k)$, can be identified with a density matrix S such that $\rho(X) = \text{Tr}SX$, for all $X \in \mathcal{M}$. States that cannot be represented as the convex combination of other states are called pure states. Otherwise they are called mixed states. States are used interchangeably with density matrices, depending on the context. The tracial state $\tau_n \in S(\mathcal{M}_n)$ corresponds to the matrix $2^{-n} I_{2^n}$. A state $Z \in S(\mathcal{M}_\infty)$ over \mathcal{M}_∞ can be seen as a sequence of density matrices $\{\rho_n\}$ that are coherent under partial traces, with $\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{M}_{n+1}} \rho_{n+1} = \rho_n$. We use $Z|_n$ to denote the restriction of state Z to the algebra \mathcal{M}_n . There is a unique tracial state $\tau \in S(\mathcal{M}_\infty)$, where $\tau|_n = \tau_n$. A projection $p \in \mathcal{M}_\infty$ is a self adjoint positive element such that $p = p^2$. A special projection $p \in \mathcal{M}_n$ is a projection represented by an elementary matrix. An elementary matrix has entries that are algebraic, that is roots of polynomials with rational coefficients. Elementary matrices can be associated with numbers and all the standard algorithms of linear algebra can be performed on such matrices.

5 NS Randomness

An NS Σ_1^0 set is a computable sequence of special projections $\{p_i\}$ in \mathcal{M}_∞ with $p_i \leq p_{i+1}$ over all i . Since $0 \leq p_i \leq p_{i+1} \leq \mathbf{1}$, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} p_i$ exists and is a member of \mathcal{M}_∞ . And since states are continuous, for state ρ and NS Σ_1^0 set G , $\rho(G) = \rho(\lim_i p_i) = \sup_i \rho(p_i)$.

We define NS tests. But initially, we will provide the definition for the classical Martin L f random sequence, to provide a point of reference. A classical Martin L f test, is a sequence $\{U_n\}$ of uniformly Σ_1^0 sets of infinite sequences $U_n \subseteq \{0,1\}^\infty$ such that $\mu(U_n) \leq 2^{-n}$. An infinite sequence $\alpha \in \{0,1\}^\infty$ is Martin-L f random if there is no Martin L f test $\{U_n\}$ such that $\alpha \in \bigcap_n U_n$. There is a universal Martin L f test $\{V_n\}$ such that if $\alpha \notin \bigcap_n V_n$, then α is random.

Mirroring the classical case, a NS test is an effective sequence of NS Σ_1^0 sets $\langle G^r \rangle$ such that $\tau(G^r) \leq 2^{-r}$. Unlike a classical test, which can either pass or fail a sequence, a NS test can pass a quantum state up to a particular order. For $\delta \in (0,1)$, state $Z \in S(\mathcal{M}_\infty)$ fails test $\langle G^r \rangle$ at order δ if $Z(G^r) > \delta$ for all r . Otherwise Z passes the test at order δ . We say Z passes a NS test if it passes it at all orders $\delta \in (0,1)$. A state is NS random at order δ if it passes every NS test at order δ . A state is NS random if it is NS random at every order $\delta > 0$.

Theorem 1 ([NS19]). *There exists a universal NS test $\langle R^n \rangle$, where for each NS test $\langle G^k \rangle$ and each state Z and for each n there exists a k such that $Z(R^n) \geq Z(G^k)$.*

6 Interactions

An interaction Φ is a function from \mathbb{N} to Hermitian elements of \mathcal{M}_n such that $\Phi(n) \in \mathcal{M}_n$. Each $\Phi(n)$ represents the energy of interaction of the set of the first n particles. In the spin system the particles are considered to be fixed at the lattice sites hence the total energy of interaction in a subset consists of the interaction energy of all subsystems. This total energy is defined to be the Hamiltonian $H_\Phi(n)$, with

$$H_\Phi(n) = \sum_{m \leq n} \Phi(m).$$

The set of interactions of a quantum spin system form a real vector space when equipped with the linear structure:

- $(\Phi_1 + \Phi_2)(n) = \Phi_1(n) + \Phi_2(n)$
- $(\lambda\Phi)(n) = \lambda\Phi(n)$.

If $\xi(n) \geq 0$ is a family of positive functions, one gets the norm

$$\|\Phi\|_\xi = \sum_n \|\Phi(n)\| \xi(n).$$

One gets the Banach space B_ξ of interactions:

$$B_\xi = \{\Phi : \|\Phi\|_\xi < \infty\}.$$

$\|\Phi\| = \|\Phi\|_1$. By the Heisenberg picture, the dynamical evolution of any system can be defined in terms of the evolution of the associated observables. For a finite spin system confined to \mathcal{M}_n , with interaction Φ and Hamiltonian H_Φ , this evolution is given by the Heisenberg relations $\tau_t^n : \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n$, with the one parameter $*$ -automorphism group

$$\tau_t^n(A) = e^{itH_\Phi(n)} A e^{-itH_\Phi(n)}.$$

Note that since $H_\Phi(n)$ is Hermitian, $e^{itH_\Phi(n)}$ is unitary.

Definition 1 ([BR79]). *We say interaction Φ of a quantum spin system is admissible if for some $\lambda > 0$,*

$$\|\Phi\|_\lambda = \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{\lambda n} \|\Phi(n+1)\| < \infty$$

Note that this condition includes interactions Φ of a finite range, where there exists a n such that $\Phi(m) = 0$ for all $m > n$.

Theorem 2 ([BR79]). *Let Φ be an admissible interaction. There is a one-parameter group $*$ -automorphisms τ of \mathcal{M}_∞ with*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tau_t^n(A) - \tau_t^n(A)\| = 0,$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{M}_\infty$ uniformly for t in compacts, where $\tau_t^n(A) = e^{itH_\Phi(n)} A e^{-itH_\Phi(n)}$.

Note that the group $*$ -automorphisms τ_t^n are technically defined on \mathcal{M}_n . However using the $\pi_n : \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\infty$ homomorphism, they can be seen as group $*$ -automorphisms over \mathcal{M}_∞ .

Definition 2. *An interaction Φ is computable, if each $\Phi(n)$ is a Hermitian matrix uniformly computable in n .*

Lemma 1. *For computable interaction Φ , one can compute, uniformly in computable $t \in \mathbb{R}$, a projection q , and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, a sequence of elementary unitary transformations $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = e^{itH_\Phi(m)}$ and for all density matrices ρ , $\text{Tr} \rho e^{itH_\Phi(m)} U_n q U_n^* e^{-itH_\Phi(m)} > \text{Tr} \rho q - 2^{-n}$.*

The proof is straightforward.

Theorem 3. *Given admissible computable interaction Φ and computable $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, if state Z is not NS random order δ , then for all $0 < \delta' < \delta$, $Z(\tau_t(\cdot))$ is not NS random at order δ' .*

Proof. Let $\langle G^r \rangle$, $G^r = \langle p_k^r \rangle$ be the NS test that Z fails with at order δ . So $Z(G^r) > \delta$, for all r . So for all r there is a large enough k such that $\text{Tr} Z \upharpoonright n_k^r p_k^r > \delta$. Fix any computable ϵ , such that $0 < \epsilon < \delta$. We show that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $Z(\tau_t^n(\cdot))$ fails at order δ' . For each k, r , and n , using Lemma 1, we compute elementary unitary matrix $U_{n,r,k}$ has, for all density matrices ρ , $\text{Tr} \rho e^{itH_\Phi(n)} U_{n,r,k} p_k^r U_{n,r,k}^* e^{-itH_\Phi(n)} > \text{Tr} \rho p_k^r - \epsilon$. Define the test $\langle G^r(n) \rangle$ as $\langle p(n)_k^r \rangle$, where $p(n)_k^r = U_{n,r,k} p_k^r U_{n,r,k}^*$. So for all r and large enough k ,

$$\begin{aligned} & Z(\tau^n(G^r(n))) \\ & \geq Z(\tau^n(p(n)_k^r)) \\ & \geq \text{Tr} Z_{n_k} e^{itH_\Phi(n)} U_{n,r,k} p_k^r U_{n,r,k}^* e^{-itH_\Phi(n)} \\ & \geq \text{Tr} Z_{n_k} p_k^r - \epsilon \\ & > \delta - \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

So for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $Z(\tau_t^n(\cdot))$ fails an NS test at order δ' , for all $\delta' < \delta$. Denote $\langle W^r \rangle = \langle q_k^r \rangle$ to be the NS test constructed in the following fashion, with $q_k^r = \bigvee_{j \leq k} p(j)_k^{r+j}$. So $Z(\tau_t^n(W^r)) > \epsilon$ for all $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$. Due to Theorem 2, for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a one parameter $*$ -automorphism group τ_t , where $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tau_t(\Psi^r) - \tau_t^n(\Psi^r)\| = 0$. Since Z is continuous, for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$ $Z(\tau_t(W^r)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z(\tau_t^n(W^r)) > \epsilon$. So $Z(\tau_t(\cdot))$ fails NS test $\langle W^r \rangle$ at any order $\delta' < \delta$. \square

Lemma 2. *For computable interaction Φ , one can compute, uniformly in computable $t \in \mathbb{R}$, a projection q , and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, a sequence of elementary unitary transformations $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = e^{itH_\Phi(n)}$ and for all density matrices ρ , $\text{Tr} \rho U_n q U_n^* > \text{Tr} \rho e^{itH_\Phi(n)} q e^{-itH_\Phi(n)} - 2^{-n}$.*

Proof. The proof is straightforward.

Theorem 4. *Given admissible computable interaction Φ and computable $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, if state Z passes every NS test at order δ , then for all $\delta < \delta' < 1$ $Z(\tau_t(\cdot))$ passes every NS at order δ' .*

Proof. Fix computable δ' . It must be for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $Z(\tau_t^n(\cdot))$ passes all NS tests at order δ' . Assume not. Then there exists an NS test $\langle G^r \rangle$, $\langle p_k^r \rangle$ and a n such that for all r , $Z(\tau_t^n(G^r)) > \delta'$. For each k and r , using Lemma 2, we compute elementary unitary matrix $U_{k,r}$ has, for all density matrices ρ , $\text{Tr} \rho U_{k,r} p_k^r U_{k,r}^* > \text{Tr} \rho e^{itH(n)} p_k^r e^{-itH(n)} - \epsilon$. The computable term ϵ is chosen later. Define test $\langle H^r \rangle$ as $\langle q_k^r \rangle$, where $q_k^r = U_{k,r} p_k^r U_{k,r}^*$. So for all r and large enough k ,

$$Z(H^r) \geq \text{Tr} Z_{n_k} U_{k,r} p_k^r U_{k,r}^* > \text{Tr} Z_{n_k} e^{itH_\Phi(\Lambda)} p_k^r e^{-itH_\Phi(\Lambda)} - \epsilon > \delta' - \epsilon > \delta,$$

for proper choice of ϵ , causing a contradiction. So for the universal NS test $\langle W^r \rangle$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, each state $Z(\tau_t^n(\cdot))$ passes $\langle W^r \rangle$ at order δ' . Due to Theorem 2, for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tau_t(W^r) - \tau_t^n(W^r)\| = 0$. Since Z is continuous, for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $Z(\tau_t(W^r)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z(\tau_t^n(W^r)) < \delta'$. So $Z(\tau_t(\cdot))$ passes every NS test at order $\delta' > \delta$ and thus it is NS random at each order δ' . \square

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