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1 Overview

In the last lecture, we represented faithful Gaussian states as thermal states of quadratic Hamiltonians and discussed the Williamson theorem.

In this lecture, we first review a method to find the symplectic eigenvalues of a positive definite matrix. We then derive a relation between the Hamiltonian matrix and the covariance matrix corresponding to a faithful Gaussian state. Finally, we determine formulas for the purity and von Neumann entropy of a Gaussian state. We point readers to [Ser17] for background on some of the topics covered in this lecture.

2 Symplectic eigenvalues of a positive definite matrix

In this section, we discuss a method to find the symplectic eigenvalues of a positive definite matrix M .

Let Ω denote the real, canonical, anti-symmetric form defined as

$$\Omega = I_n \otimes \Omega_1, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Omega_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

which encodes the canonical commutation relations of the quadrature operators. Note that $\Omega\Omega^T = -\Omega^2 = I$.

Let S denote a symplectic matrix such that $S\Omega S^T = \Omega$. It follows that such a matrix S is invertible with inverse given by $S^{-1} = \Omega S^T \Omega^T$. We begin by showing that $\Omega S = S^{-T} \Omega$. This is a direct consequence of the fact that S^T is symplectic, which can be seen from the following steps:

$$S\Omega S^T = \Omega, \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow S\Omega S^T \Omega = -I, \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow S\Omega S^T \Omega S = -S, \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow S^{-1} S\Omega S^T \Omega S = -S^{-1} S, \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega S^T \Omega S = -I, \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow S^T \Omega S = \Omega. \quad (8)$$

It then follows that

$$\Omega S = S^{-T} \Omega. \quad (9)$$

As discussed in the previous lecture, a positive definite $2n \times 2n$ matrix M has the following symplectic decomposition:

$$M = S D S^T, \quad (10)$$

where $d_j > 0$ for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$D = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n d_j \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = D_n \otimes I_2, \quad (11)$$

and

$$D_n = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n). \quad (12)$$

We now establish a connection between the symplectic eigenvalues of a positive definite matrix M and the eigenvalues of the matrix $i\Omega M$. Consider the following chain of equalities:

$$i\Omega M = i\Omega S D S^T \quad (13)$$

$$= i\Omega S (D_n \otimes I_2) S^T \quad (14)$$

$$= S^{-T} (i\Omega) (D_n \otimes I_2) S^T \quad (15)$$

$$= S^{-T} (I_n \otimes i\Omega_1) (D_n \otimes I_2) S^T \quad (16)$$

$$= S^{-T} (D_n \otimes i\Omega_1) S^T \quad (17)$$

$$= S^{-T} (D_n \otimes -\sigma_Y) S^T \quad (18)$$

$$= \underbrace{S^{-T} (I_n \otimes U_2)}_B (D_n \otimes -\sigma_Z) \underbrace{(I_n \otimes U_2^\dagger)}_{B^{-1}} S^T. \quad (19)$$

The first equality follows from (10). The second equality follows from (11). The third equality follows from (9). The fourth equality follows from the definition of Ω as defined in (1). The last two equalities follow from the fact that

$$i\Omega_1 = -\sigma_Y = U_2(-\sigma_Z)U_2^\dagger, \quad (20)$$

where

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{bmatrix}. \quad (21)$$

From (19) and from the fact that $D_n \otimes -\sigma_Z = \text{diag}(-d_1, d_1, -d_2, d_2, \dots, -d_n, d_n)$, it follows that the usual eigendecomposition of $i\Omega M$ is given by $B(D_n \otimes -\sigma_Z)B^{-1}$, where

$$B = S^{-T} (I_n \otimes U_2) \quad (22)$$

is the matrix of eigenvectors. We note that S^{-T} can be expressed in terms of Ω and S . Since $S\Omega S^T = \Omega$, it follows that $S\Omega S^T \Omega^T = \Omega \Omega^T$. Since $\Omega \Omega^T = I$, $S^{-1} = \Omega S^T \Omega^T$. Therefore, $S^{-T} = \Omega S \Omega^T$.

Therefore, a method to find the symplectic eigenvalues of a positive definite matrix M is as follows. We first find the usual eigendecomposition of the matrix $i\Omega M$, and the corresponding eigenvalues provide the information of symplectic eigenvalues of the matrix M . Moreover, the symplectic matrix S corresponding to the transformation $M = SDS^T$, can be found from the eigenvector matrix $B = S^{-T}(I_n \otimes U_2) = \Omega S \Omega^T (I_n \otimes U_2)$ as defined in (22), i.e., $S = B^{-T}(I_n \otimes U_2^T) = \Omega^T B (I_n \otimes U_2^\dagger) \Omega$.

3 Relationship between the Hamiltonian matrix and the covariance matrix for a faithful Gaussian state

In this section, we derive the following relations between the Hamiltonian matrix and the covariance matrix corresponding to a faithful Gaussian state:

$$\sigma = \coth\left(\frac{i\Omega H}{2}\right) i\Omega, \quad (23)$$

$$H = 2 \operatorname{arccoth}(i\Omega \sigma) i\Omega. \quad (24)$$

As discussed in the previous lecture, a positive definite matrix H can be represented in the following symplectic diagonalized form:

$$H = S^T \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} S, \quad (25)$$

where $\lambda_j > 0, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Moreover, the corresponding covariance matrix σ can be written as

$$\sigma = S^{-1} \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \coth\left(\frac{\lambda_j}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} S^{-T}, \quad (26)$$

where $\nu_j \equiv \coth(\lambda_j/2)$ for $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ are the symplectic eigenvalues of σ .

From (19) and (25), it follows that

$$\frac{1}{2} i\Omega H = \frac{1}{2} S^{-1} (I_n \otimes U_2) (D_n \otimes -\sigma_Z) (I_n \otimes U_2^\dagger) S, \quad (27)$$

where $D_n = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$.

Consider the following chain of equalities:

$$\coth\left(\frac{i\Omega H}{2}\right) = S^{-1} (I_n \otimes U_2) \coth\left(\frac{D_n \otimes -\sigma_Z}{2}\right) (I_n \otimes U_2^\dagger) S \quad (28)$$

$$= S^{-1} (I_n \otimes U_2) (\coth(D_n/2) \otimes -\sigma_Z) (I_n \otimes U_2^\dagger) S \quad (29)$$

$$= S^{-1} (\coth(D_n/2) \otimes i\Omega_1) S \quad (30)$$

$$= S^{-1} (\coth(D_n/2) \otimes I_2) (I_n \otimes i\Omega_1) S \quad (31)$$

$$= S^{-1} (\coth(D_n/2) \otimes I_2) i\Omega S \quad (32)$$

$$= S^{-1} (\coth(D_n/2) \otimes I_2) S^{-T} i\Omega \quad (33)$$

$$= \sigma i\Omega. \quad (34)$$

The first equality follows from (27). The second equality follows from the fact that $\coth(\cdot)$ is an odd function. The third equality follows from (20). The fifth equality follows from (1). The sixth equality follows from (9). The last equality follows from (26).

Therefore, we get

$$\coth\left(\frac{i\Omega H}{2}\right)i\Omega = \sigma(i\Omega)(i\Omega) \quad (35)$$

$$= \sigma. \quad (36)$$

Similarly, the relation in (24) can be derived.

4 Uncertainty relation and symplectic eigenvalues of a covariance matrix

Previously, we proved that the following uncertainty relation holds for any n -mode quantum state that has a finite covariance matrix σ :

$$\sigma + i\Omega \geq 0. \quad (37)$$

We now discuss the restriction imposed by the uncertainty relation in (37) on the symplectic eigenvalues of σ . Let S be the symplectic matrix diagonalizing σ as

$$S\sigma S^T = D = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n d_j \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (38)$$

We now prove that (37) implies $d_j \geq 1, \forall j$. Consider the following chain of inequalities:

$$\sigma + i\Omega \geq 0 \quad (39)$$

$$\Rightarrow S(\sigma + i\Omega)S^T \geq 0 \quad (40)$$

$$\Rightarrow S\sigma S^T + iS\Omega S^T \geq 0 \quad (41)$$

$$\Rightarrow D + i\Omega \geq 0 \quad (42)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^n d_j \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (43)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} d_j & i \\ -i & d_j \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (44)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} d_j & i \\ -i & d_j \end{bmatrix} \geq 0, \forall j. \quad (45)$$

Since the eigenvalues of $\begin{bmatrix} d_j & i \\ -i & d_j \end{bmatrix}$ are $d_j + 1$ and $d_j - 1$, it follows from (45) that $d_j \geq 1, \forall j$.

Thus, any quantum covariance matrix σ (i.e., obeying (37)) has all of its symplectic eigenvalues greater than or equal to one.

5 Purification of a Gaussian state

In this section, we study Gaussian purifications of Gaussian states. We begin by determining the mean vector and covariance matrix for a tensor product of two Gaussian states.

5.1 Tensor product of two Gaussian states

Let \bar{r}_A denote the mean vector and σ_A denote the covariance matrix of a Gaussian state ρ_A . Let \bar{r}_B denote the mean vector and σ_B denote the covariance matrix of a Gaussian state ρ_B . Then the mean vector of the tensor product state $\rho_A \otimes \rho_B$ is given by

$$\bar{r}_{AB} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \bar{r}_A \\ \bar{r}_B \end{bmatrix}. \quad (46)$$

Moreover, the covariance matrix of $\rho_A \otimes \rho_B$ is given by

$$\sigma_{AB} \equiv \sigma_A \oplus \sigma_B = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_A & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_B \end{bmatrix}. \quad (47)$$

Similarly, if the mean vector of a Gaussian state is $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{r}_A \\ \bar{r}_B \end{bmatrix}$ and the covariance matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_A & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_B \end{bmatrix}$, then the Gaussian state is a tensor product of two Gaussian states.

5.2 Gaussian purifications of Gaussian states

A thermal state with mean number of photons $\bar{n} \geq 0$ can be expressed in the photon-number basis as follows.

$$\theta(\bar{n}) = \frac{1}{\bar{n} + 1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right)^n |n\rangle \langle n|. \quad (48)$$

Alternatively,

$$\theta(\lambda) = \frac{1}{z(\lambda)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(-\lambda(n + 1/2)) |n\rangle \langle n|, \quad (49)$$

where $z(\lambda) = (e^{\lambda/2} - e^{-\lambda/2})^{-1}$ for $\lambda > 0$ (note that $\lambda = \ln(1 + 1/\bar{n})$).

A purification of the thermal state $\theta_A(\bar{n})$ is given by the following two-mode squeezed vacuum (TMS) state:

$$|\psi_{\text{TMS}}(\bar{n})\rangle_{AR} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\bar{n} + 1}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right)^n} |n\rangle_A |n\rangle_R, \quad (50)$$

where R is a reference system.

The covariance matrix of the two-mode squeezed vacuum state $|\psi_{\text{TMS}}(\bar{n})\rangle_{AR}$ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\bar{n}+1 & 0 & 2\sqrt{\bar{n}(\bar{n}+1)} & 0 \\ 0 & 2\bar{n}+1 & 0 & -2\sqrt{\bar{n}(\bar{n}+1)} \\ 2\sqrt{\bar{n}(\bar{n}+1)} & 0 & 2\bar{n}+1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2\sqrt{\bar{n}(\bar{n}+1)} & 0 & 2\bar{n}+1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (51)$$

which can be written in the following compact form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (2\bar{n}+1)I & 2\sqrt{\bar{n}(\bar{n}+1)}\sigma_Z \\ 2\sqrt{\bar{n}(\bar{n}+1)}\sigma_Z & (2\bar{n}+1)I \end{bmatrix}. \quad (52)$$

By the Williamson theorem, any n -mode Gaussian state ρ can be written as

$$\rho = \hat{D}_{-\bar{r}} \hat{S} \left[\bigotimes_{j=1}^n \theta_{A_j}(\bar{n}_j) \right] \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{D}_{\bar{r}}, \quad (53)$$

where \hat{S} is a unitary generated by a quadratic Hamiltonian. Then a Gaussian purification of ρ is given by

$$\left[\hat{D}_{-\bar{r}} \hat{S} \right]_{A^n} \bigotimes_{j=1}^n |\psi_{\text{TMS}}(\bar{n}_j)\rangle_{A_j R_j}. \quad (54)$$

The mean vector of this purification is $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{r} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Moreover, the covariance matrix of this purification is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma & S \bigoplus_{j=1}^n 2\sqrt{\bar{n}_j(\bar{n}_j+1)}\sigma_Z \\ \left(\bigoplus_{j=1}^n 2\sqrt{\bar{n}_j(\bar{n}_j+1)}\sigma_Z \right) S^T & \bigoplus_{j=1}^n (2\bar{n}_j+1)I_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (55)$$

One can arrive at this conclusion from the fact that

$$\sigma = S \left(\bigoplus_{j=1}^n (2\bar{n}_j+1)I_2 \right) S^T \quad (56)$$

and the covariance matrix for $\bigotimes_{j=1}^n |\psi_{\text{TMS}}(\bar{n}_j)\rangle_{A_j R_j}$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bigoplus_{j=1}^n (2\bar{n}_j+1)I_2 & \bigoplus_{j=1}^n 2\sqrt{\bar{n}_j(\bar{n}_j+1)}\sigma_Z \\ \bigoplus_{j=1}^n 2\sqrt{\bar{n}_j(\bar{n}_j+1)}\sigma_Z & \bigoplus_{j=1}^n (2\bar{n}_j+1)I_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (57)$$

We note that the symplectic matrix for the unitary evolution $\hat{S}_{A^n} \otimes I_{R^n}$ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}. \quad (58)$$

6 Purity of a quantum state

The purity of a quantum state ρ is defined as $\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\}$. We now show that $\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} \leq 1$. Consider the following spectral decomposition of the state ρ :

$$\rho = \sum_x \lambda_x |\phi_x\rangle\langle\phi_x|. \quad (59)$$

Then

$$\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = \sum_x \lambda_x^2. \quad (60)$$

Since $\lambda_x \leq 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_x^2 \leq 1$ and since $\sum_x \lambda_x = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_x \lambda_x^2 \leq 1$. Therefore, if a state is pure, then $\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = 1$.

We now show that if $\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = 1$, then the state is pure. Consider that

$$1 = \text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} \quad (61)$$

$$= \sum_x \lambda_x^2. \quad (62)$$

Moreover, $\text{Tr}\{\rho\} = \sum_x \lambda_x = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{\rho\}^2 = \sum_{x,y} \lambda_x \lambda_y = 1$.

Consider the following chain of inequalities:

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} - \text{Tr}\{\rho\}^2 \quad (63)$$

$$= \sum_x \lambda_x^2 - \left[\sum_{x,y} \lambda_x \lambda_y \right] \quad (64)$$

$$= \sum_x \lambda_x^2 - \left[\sum_x \lambda_x^2 + \sum_{x \neq y} \lambda_x \lambda_y \right] \quad (65)$$

$$= \sum_{x \neq y} \lambda_x \lambda_y. \quad (66)$$

Since $\lambda_x, \lambda_y \geq 0$, the only possibility to satisfy (66) is that $\lambda_x = 1$ and $\lambda_y = 0, \forall y \neq x$. Thus, $\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = 1$ implies that ρ is a pure state.

6.1 Purity of a Gaussian state

In this section, we calculate the purity for Gaussian states. From the Williamson decomposition of an n -mode Gaussian state as defined in (53) and from the fact that the purity is invariant under unitary transformations, we get

$$\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = \prod_{j=1}^n \text{Tr}\{\theta^2(\bar{n}_j)\}. \quad (67)$$

Consider the following chain of equalities:

$$\text{Tr}\{\theta^2(\bar{n}_j)\} = \frac{1}{(\bar{n}_j + 1)^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}_j}{\bar{n}_j + 1} \right)^{2n} \quad (68)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\bar{n}_j + 1)^2} \frac{1}{1 - (\bar{n}_j/(\bar{n}_j + 1))^2} \quad (69)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\bar{n}_j + 1)^2 - \bar{n}_j^2} \quad (70)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\bar{n}_j + 1} \quad (71)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\nu_j} , \quad (72)$$

where ν_j denotes the symplectic eigenvalue of $\theta(\bar{n}_j)$. The first equality follows from the definition of a thermal state as defined in (48). The second equality follows from the sum of an infinite geometric series.

Therefore,

$$\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\nu_j} \quad (73)$$

$$= \sqrt{\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\nu_j^2}} \quad (74)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\prod_{j=1}^n \nu_j^2}} \quad (75)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\sigma)} . \quad (76)$$

The last equality follows from (26) and from the fact that for any symplectic matrix S , $\text{Det}(S) = 1$.

Therefore, the purity of a Gaussian state is

$$\text{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det}(\sigma)}} , \quad (77)$$

which implies that a Gaussian state is pure if and only if $\text{Det}(\sigma) = 1$. Since $\nu_j \geq 1$, an equivalent condition for the purity of a Gaussian state is that all symplectic eigenvalues are equal to one.

7 Entropy of a Gaussian state

In this section, we find an expression for the von Neumann entropy of a Gaussian state.

The von Neumann entropy of a quantum state ρ is defined as

$$S(\rho) \equiv -\text{Tr}\{\rho \ln \rho\} . \quad (78)$$

We begin by expressing a thermal state with the mean photon number \bar{n} in the following form:

$$\theta(\bar{n}) = \frac{1}{\bar{n} + 1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right)^n |n\rangle\langle n| \quad (79)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\bar{n} + 1} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right)^{\hat{n}}. \quad (80)$$

Consider the following chain of equalities:

$$- \text{Tr}\{\theta(\bar{n}) \ln \theta(\bar{n})\} = - \text{Tr} \left\{ \theta(\bar{n}) \ln \frac{1}{\bar{n} + 1} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right)^{\hat{n}} \right\} \quad (81)$$

$$= - \text{Tr} \left\{ \theta(\bar{n}) \ln \left(\frac{1}{\bar{n} + 1} \right) \right\} - \text{Tr} \left\{ \theta(\bar{n}) \hat{n} \ln \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right) \right\} \quad (82)$$

$$= \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \ln \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right) \text{Tr}\{\theta(\bar{n}) \hat{n}\} \quad (83)$$

$$= \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \ln \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{\bar{n} + 1} \right) \bar{n} \quad (84)$$

$$= (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln \bar{n} \quad (85)$$

$$\equiv g(\bar{n}). \quad (86)$$

From unitary invariance and additivity of the von Neumann entropy, we get

$$S(\rho) = S \left(\bigotimes_{j=1}^n \theta(\bar{n}_j) \right), \quad (87)$$

where ρ is an n -mode Gaussian state as defined in (53). Therefore,

$$S(\rho) = \sum_{j=1}^n S(\theta(\bar{n}_j)) \quad (88)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n g(\bar{n}_j) \quad (89)$$

We now derive an alternative formula for the von Neumann entropy of faithful Gaussian states. Let

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2]}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\hat{r} - \bar{r})^T H (\hat{r} - \bar{r}) \right) \quad (90)$$

$$= \hat{D}_{-\bar{r}} \left[\frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2} \hat{r}^T H \hat{r})}{\sqrt{\text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2]}} \right] \hat{D}_{\bar{r}} \quad (91)$$

and let

$$\rho_0 = \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2} \hat{r}^T H \hat{r})}{\sqrt{\text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2]}}. \quad (92)$$

Then from unitary invariance of the von Neumann entropy, we get

$$S(\rho) = S(\rho_0) \quad (93)$$

$$= -\text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \ln \rho_0\} \quad (94)$$

$$= -\text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \ln \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2}\hat{r}^T H \hat{r})}{\sqrt{\text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2]}}\} \quad (95)$$

$$= -\text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \ln \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2]}}\} - \text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \ln \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\hat{r}^T H \hat{r})\} \quad (96)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \hat{r}^T H \hat{r}\} . \quad (97)$$

We now focus on the second term of the aforementioned equation.

$$\text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \hat{r}^T H \hat{r}\} = \text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \sum_{j,k} \hat{r}_j H_{j,k} \hat{r}_k\} \quad (98)$$

$$= \sum_{j,k} H_{j,k} \text{Tr}\{\rho_0 \hat{r}_j \hat{r}_k\} \quad (99)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} H_{j,k} \text{Tr}\{\rho_0 (\{\hat{r}_j, \hat{r}_k\} + [\hat{r}_j, \hat{r}_k])\} \quad (100)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} H_{j,k} (\sigma_{j,k} + i\Omega_{j,k}) \quad (101)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} H_{j,k} \sigma_{j,k} - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j,k} H_{j,k} \Omega_{k,j} \quad (102)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}\{H\sigma\} - \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr}\{H\Omega\} \quad (103)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}\{H\sigma\}, \quad (104)$$

where we used the fact that $\text{Tr}\{H\Omega\} = 0$, which holds because H is symmetric and Ω is antisymmetric.

Therefore,

$$S(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2] + \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}\{H\sigma\} . \quad (105)$$

Moreover, from (24) it follows that

$$S(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \text{Det}[(\sigma + i\Omega)/2] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}\{\text{arccoth}(i\Omega\sigma)i\Omega\sigma\} . \quad (106)$$

This latter expression is valid for pure Gaussian states, with the expression $\text{Tr}\{\text{arccoth}(i\Omega\sigma)i\Omega\sigma\}$ understood in a limiting sense.

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