Quantum states defined by using the finite frame quantization

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Abstract. Finite frame quantization is a discrete version of the coherent state quantization. In the case of a quantum system with finite-dimensional Hilbert space, the finite frame quantization allows us to associate a linear operator to each function defined on the discrete phase space of the system. We investigate the properties of the density operators which can be defined by using this method.

1. Introduction

The quantum particle moving along a straight line is described by using the Hilbert space $L^2(\mathbb{R})$. For the corresponding classical system, $\mathbb{R}$ is the configuration space and $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ the phase space. The position operator
\[ \hat{q} \psi(q) = q \psi(q) \] (1)
and the momentum operator
\[ \hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dq} \] (2)
satisfy the commutation relation
\[ [\hat{q}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar \] (3)
and the relation
\[ \hat{p} = \hat{F}^\dagger \hat{q} \hat{F} \] (4)
where
\[ \hat{F}[\psi](p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{ipq}{\hbar}} \psi(q) \, dq = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{2\pi i pq}{\hbar}} \psi(q) \, dq \] (5)
is the Fourier transform.

In the odd-dimensional case, $d=2s+1$, a discrete version can be obtained by using
\[ \mathcal{R} = \{-s, -s+1, \ldots, s-1, s\} \] (6)
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as a configuration space, the Hilbert space (several representations are presented)

\[ \mathcal{H} \equiv \mathbb{C}^d \equiv \ell^2(\mathcal{R}) = \{ \psi : \mathcal{R} \to \mathbb{C} \} \equiv \{ \psi : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C} \mid \psi(n + d) = \psi(n), \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z} \} \]

with

\[ \langle \psi, \varphi \rangle = \sum_{n=-s}^{s} \overline{\psi(n)} \varphi(n) \]

and the discrete Fourier transform \( \hat{\mathcal{F}} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H} \),

\[ \hat{\mathcal{F}}[\psi](k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} e^{- \frac{2\pi i}{d} kn} \psi(n). \]

The standard basis \( \{ \delta_{-s}, \delta_{-s+1}, ..., \delta_{s-1}, \delta_{s} \} \), where

\[ \delta_m(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = m \mod d \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \mod d \end{cases} \]

is an orthonormal basis. By using Dirac’s notation \( |m\rangle \) instead of \( \delta_m \), we have

\[ \langle m | k \rangle = \delta_{mk}, \quad \sum_{m=-s}^{s} |m\rangle \langle m| = \mathbb{I}, \]

where \( \mathbb{I} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}, \ \mathbb{I} \psi = \psi, \) is the identity operator.

In the discrete case, the position operator \( \hat{q} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H} : \psi \mapsto \hat{q} \psi \) is

\[ \hat{q} \psi(n) = n \psi(n). \]

For the momentum operator \( \hat{p} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H} \), the definition

\[ \hat{p} = \hat{\mathcal{F}}^\dagger \hat{q} \hat{\mathcal{F}} \]

is more adequate than the use of a finite-difference operator instead of \( \frac{d}{dq} \).

In the discrete case, the set

\[ \mathcal{R}^2 = \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} = \{ (n, k) \mid n, k \in \{-s, -s+1, ..., s-1, s\} \} \]

plays the role of phase space.

The Gaussian function of continuous variable \( (\kappa > 0 \text{ is a parameter}) \)

\[ g_\kappa : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, \quad g_\kappa(q) = e^{- \frac{\kappa}{\hbar} q^2} = e^{- \frac{\kappa}{\hbar} q^2} \]

satisfies the relation

\[ \hat{F}[g_\kappa] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\kappa}} g_\kappa. \]

The corresponding Gaussian function of discrete variable, defined as \[11, 15\]

\[ g_\kappa : \mathcal{R} \to \mathbb{R}, \quad g_\kappa(n) = \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{- \frac{\kappa}{\hbar} (n + \alpha d)^2} \]

satisfies the similar relation

\[ \hat{\mathcal{F}}[g_\kappa] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\kappa}} g_\kappa. \]

In this article, we restrict us to the odd-dimensional case, but most of the definitions and results can be extended in order to include the even-dimensional case \( d = 2s \) also.
2. Coherent state quantization

In the continuous case, the quantum state
\[ |0,0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle g_1,g_1 \rangle}} |g_1\rangle \]  
represents the vacuum state. The coherent states [13]
\[ |q,p\rangle = \hat{D}(q,p) |0,0\rangle, \]  
defined by using the displacement operators [13, 16]
\[ \hat{D}(q,p) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} pq} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} q\hat{p}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p\hat{q}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{p} q} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{p} \hat{q}} \]  
satisfy the resolution of the identity
\[ I = \frac{1}{2\pi \hbar} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |q,p\rangle \langle q,p| dq dp. \]  
By using the coherent state quantization, we associate the linear operator [9]
\[ \hat{A}_f = \frac{1}{2\pi \hbar} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(q,p) |q,p\rangle \langle q,p| dq dp \]  
to each function
\[ f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}, \]  
defined on the phase space \( \mathbb{R}^2 \), and such that the integral is convergent.
For example, in the case \( f(q,p) = q \), we get [9]
\[ \hat{A}_f = \frac{1}{2\pi \hbar} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} q |q,p\rangle \langle q,p| dq dp = \hat{q}, \]  
in the case \( f(q,p) = p \), we get [9]
\[ \hat{A}_f = \frac{1}{2\pi \hbar} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} p |q,p\rangle \langle q,p| dq dp = \hat{p}, \]  
and, in the case \( f(q,p) = \frac{p^2 + q^2}{2} \), we get [9]
\[ \hat{A}_f = \frac{1}{2\pi \hbar} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{p^2 + q^2}{2} |q,p\rangle \langle q,p| dq dp = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dq^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dq^2} + \frac{1}{2} q^2. \]  
In the last case, the operator
\[ \hat{A}_f - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dq^2} + \frac{1}{2} q^2 \]  
is the Hamiltonian of the quantum harmonic oscillator.
3. Finite frame quantization

The quantum state \[ |0;0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle g_1|g_1 \rangle}} |g_1\rangle \] (29)
can be regarded as a discrete counterpart of the vacuum state and \( \hat{\mathcal{D}}(n,k): \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}, \)
\[ \hat{\mathcal{D}}(n,k) = e^{-\frac{2\pi i nk}{d}} e^{\frac{2\pi i k\hat{a}}{d} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{p}}{d}}} \] (30)
as displacement operators [16] [17].

**Theorem 1.** The discrete coherent states [8] [17]
\[ |n;k\rangle = \hat{\mathcal{D}}(n,k)|0;0\rangle, \] (31)
satisfy the resolution of the identity
\[ \mathbb{I} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} |n;k\rangle \langle n;k|. \] (32)

**Proof.** Since
\[ e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{p}}{d}} g_1(m) = e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{a}}{d} \hat{a}} g_1(m) = \hat{\mathcal{D}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{p}}{d}} g_1(m) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{a=-s}^{s} e^{\frac{2\pi i ma}{d}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{a}}{d}} \hat{g}_1(a) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{a=-s}^{s} e^{\frac{2\pi i ma}{d}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{a}}{d}} \hat{g}_1(a) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{a=-s}^{s} e^{\frac{2\pi i ma}{d}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i na}{d}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{b=-s}^{s} e^{-\frac{2\pi i ab}{d}} g_1(b) \]
\[ = \sum_{b=-s}^{s} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{a=-s}^{s} e^{\frac{2\pi i a(m-n-b)}{d}} g_1(b) \]
\[ = \sum_{b=-s}^{s} \delta_b(m-n) g_1(b) = g_1(m-n) \]
and
\[ \langle m|n;k\rangle = \langle m|\hat{\mathcal{D}}(n,k)|0;0\rangle \]
\[ \langle m|n;k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle g_1|g_1 \rangle}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i nk}{d}} e^{\frac{2\pi i k\hat{a}}{d} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{p}}{d}}} g_1(m) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle g_1|g_1 \rangle}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i km}{d}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n\hat{p}}{d}} g_1(m) \]
we get
\[ \left\langle m \left| \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} |n;k\rangle \langle n;k| \ell \right. \right\rangle = \frac{1}{d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle g_1|g_1 \rangle}} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} e^{\frac{2\pi i km}{d}} g_1(m-n) e^{-\frac{2\pi i km}{d}} g_1(\ell-n) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{\langle g_1|g_1 \rangle} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{k=-s}^{s} e^{\frac{2\pi i k(n-\ell)}{d}} g_1(m-n) g_1(\ell-n) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{\langle g_1|g_1 \rangle} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} \delta_{n\ell} g_1(m-n) g_1(\ell-n) = \delta_{n\ell}. \]
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By using the finite frame quantization, we associate the linear operator

\[ \hat{\Lambda}_f = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) |n;k\rangle \langle n;k| \]  

(33)

to each function

\[ f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C} \]  

(34)

defined on the discrete phase space \( \mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \).

**Theorem 2.** Let \( f, g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C} \) and \( \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \). We have:

a) \( f(n,k) = 1 \) \( \Rightarrow \) \( \hat{\Lambda}_f = \mathbb{I} \).

b) \( \hat{\Lambda}_{\alpha f + \beta g} = \alpha \hat{\Lambda}_f + \beta \hat{\Lambda}_g \).

c) \( f(n,k) \in \mathbb{R} \) for any \( n, k \) \( \Rightarrow \) \( \hat{\Lambda}_f^\dagger = \hat{\Lambda}_f \).

d) \( f(n,k) \geq 0 \) for any \( n, k \) \( \Rightarrow \) \( \hat{\Lambda}_f \geq 0 \).

e) \( \text{tr} \hat{\Lambda}_f = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) \).

(39)

**Proof.**

a) Direct consequence of (33).

b) Direct consequence of the definition (33).

c) \[ \hat{\Lambda}_f^\dagger = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) \langle |n;k\rangle \langle n;k| \]  

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) |n;k\rangle \langle n;k| = \hat{\Lambda}_f. \]

d) For any \( \psi \in \mathcal{H} \), we have

\[ \langle \psi, \hat{\Lambda}_f \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) \langle \psi | n;k \rangle \langle n;k | \psi \rangle \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) | \langle n;k | \psi \rangle |^2 \geq 0. \]

e) \[ \text{tr} \hat{\Lambda}_f = \sum_{m=-s}^s \langle m | \hat{\Lambda}_f | m \rangle \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{m=-s}^s \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) \langle m | n;k \rangle \langle n;k \rangle \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) \sum_{m=-s}^s \langle n;k | m \rangle \langle m | n;k \rangle \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) \langle n;k | \mathbb{I} | n;k \rangle \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k). \]
In the case \( f(n,k) = \frac{n^2+k^2}{2} \), the operator \( \hat{\Lambda}_f - \frac{1}{2} \) can be regarded as a discrete version of the Hamiltonian of the quantum harmonic oscillator. The eigenfunctions \( \psi_n \) of \( \hat{\Lambda}_f \), considered in the increasing order of the number of sign alternations, can be regarded as a finite counterpart of the Hermite-Gauss functions \( \Psi_n(q) \). In the cases analyzed in [6], the eigenfunctions \( \psi_n \) of \( \hat{\Lambda}_f \) approximate \( \Psi_n(q) \) better than the Harper functions \( h_n \), and approximately satisfy the relation

\[
\hat{F}[\psi_n] = (-i)^n \psi_n. \tag{40}
\]

Instead of the standard definition of the discrete fractional Fourier transform [1,12]

\[
\hat{\mathcal{F}}^\alpha = \sum_{n=0}^{d-1} (-i)^n |h_n\rangle \langle h_n|, \tag{41}
\]

one can use [6]

\[
\hat{\mathcal{F}}^\alpha = \sum_{n=0}^{d-1} (-i)^n \psi_n \langle \psi_n|, \tag{42}
\]
as an alternative definition. The Harper functions (available only numerically) are defined as the eigenfunctions of a discrete version of the Hamiltonian of the quantum harmonic oscillator obtained by using finite-differences [1,12]. The finite frame quantization [6,7,8] seems to behave better than the method based on finite-differences when we have to obtain discrete versions of certain operators.

4. Density operators obtained through finite frame quantization

The finite frame quantization allows us to define a remarkable class of quantum states.

**Theorem 3.** If the function \( f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to [0, d] \) is such that

\[
\sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) = d, \tag{43}
\]

then the corresponding linear operator \( \hat{\sigma}_f : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H} \),

\[
\hat{\sigma}_f = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^s f(n,k) |n;k\rangle \langle n;k| \tag{44}
\]

is a density operator.

**Proof.** Direct consequence of theorem 2. \( \square \)

For example, the state corresponding to \( f(n,k) = \frac{1}{d} \) is the mixed state \( \hat{\sigma}_f = \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{I} \), and the state corresponding to

\[
f(n,k) = \begin{cases} 
  d & \text{for } (n,k) = (m,\ell) \\
  0 & \text{for } (n,k) \neq (m,\ell) 
\end{cases} \tag{45}
\]
is the pure state \( \hat{\sigma}_f = |m;\ell\rangle \langle m;\ell| \), that is, the discrete coherent state \( |m;\ell\rangle \).

**Theorem 4.** The set \( \mathcal{S}_f \) of all the density operators of the form (44) is a convex set.

**Proof.** If \( \lambda \in [0,1] \) and \( \hat{\sigma}_f, \hat{\sigma}_g \in \mathcal{S}_f \), then

\[
(1-\lambda)\hat{\sigma}_f + \lambda \hat{\sigma}_g = \hat{\sigma}_h, \quad \text{where} \quad h(n,k) = (1-\lambda)f(n,k) + \lambda g(n,k). \tag{46}
\]
\( \square \)
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**Theorem 5.** $S_{tr}$ is the convex hull of the set of pure states $\{|n;k⟩⟨n;k| \mid n, k \in \mathcal{R}\}$.

**Proof.** The purity of a state $\hat{σ}_f$ is

$$\text{tr} \hat{σ}_f^2 = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} \sum_{m,ℓ=-s}^{s} f(n, k) f(m, ℓ) |⟨n;k|m;ℓ⟩|^2. \quad (46)$$

Since

$$|⟨n;k|m;ℓ⟩|^2 \leq ⟨n;k|n;k⟩ ⟨m;ℓ|m;ℓ⟩ = 1, \quad (47)$$

$\hat{σ}_f$ is a pure state if and only if $f$ is a function of the form $[45]$, that is, $\hat{σ}_f$ is one of the discrete coherent states $|m;ℓ⟩⟨m;ℓ|$. □

**Theorem 6.** If the function $f : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \to [0, d]$ is such that

$$\sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) = d, \quad (48)$$

then the mean value

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\hat{σ}_f} = \text{tr}(A \hat{σ}_f) \quad (49)$$

of an observable $\hat{A} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ in the state $\hat{σ}_f$ is

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\hat{σ}_f} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) ⟨n;k|\hat{A}|n;k⟩. \quad (50)$$

**Proof.** We have

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\hat{σ}_f} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) \text{tr}(\hat{A} |n;k⟩⟨n;k|) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) \sum_{m=-s}^{s} ⟨m|\hat{A}|n;k⟩⟨n;k|m⟩ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) \sum_{m=-s}^{s} ⟨n;k|m⟩⟨m|\hat{A}|n;k⟩ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) ⟨n;k|\hat{A}|n;k⟩. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 7.** If the function $f : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \to [0, d]$ is such that

$$\sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) = d, \quad (51)$$

then, under the Fourier transform, $\hat{σ}_f$ maps as

$$\hat{σ}_f \mapsto \hat{F} \hat{σ}_f \hat{F}^\dagger = \hat{σ}_g, \quad (52)$$

where $g(n, k) = f(-k, n)$.

**Proof.** Since
\[ \langle m | \hat{\mathcal{D}} | n; k \rangle = \langle m | \hat{\mathcal{D}}(n, k) | 0; 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q_1\cdot q_1)}} \hat{\mathcal{D}}(n, k) g_1(m) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q_1\cdot q_1)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} m \ell} \hat{\mathcal{D}}(n, k) g_1(\ell) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q_1\cdot q_1)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} m \ell} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} n k} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} k \ell} g_1(\ell-n) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q_1\cdot q_1)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} \ell (m-k)} g_1(\ell-n) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q_1\cdot q_1)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} (\ell + n)(m-k)} g_1(\ell) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q_1\cdot q_1)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{n=-s}^{s} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{d} \ell (m-k)} g_1(\ell) \]

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we have \( \hat{\mathcal{D}} | n; k \rangle = | k; -n \rangle \), and consequently

\[ \hat{\mathcal{D}} | f \rangle \hat{\mathcal{D}}^\dagger = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n,k) \hat{\mathcal{D}} | n; k \rangle \langle n; k | \hat{\mathcal{D}}^\dagger \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n,k) | k; -n \rangle \langle k; -n | \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(-k,n) | n; k \rangle \langle n; k |. \quad \square \]

**Theorem 8.** If the function \( f : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \to [0, d] \) is such that

\[ \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n,k) = d, \quad (53) \]

then, under the displacement \( \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \), the operator \( \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \) maps as

\[ \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \hat{\mathcal{D}}^\dagger(m, \ell) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) = \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \]

where \( g(n,k) = f(n-m \mod d, k-\ell \mod d) \).

**Proof.** We have (see \( \mathcal{R} \))

\[ \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \hat{\mathcal{D}}^\dagger(m, \ell) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n,k) \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) | n; k \rangle \langle n; k | \hat{\mathcal{D}}^\dagger(m, \ell) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n,k) | n + m \mod d; k + \ell \mod d \rangle \langle n + m \mod d; k + \ell \mod d | \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n-m \mod d, k-\ell \mod d) | n; k \rangle \langle n; k |. \quad \square \]

**Theorem 9.** If the function \( f : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \to [0, d] \) is such that

\[ \sum_{n,k=-s}^{s} f(n,k) = d, \quad (55) \]

then, under the transposition map \( | j \rangle \langle \ell | \mapsto | \ell \rangle \langle j | \), the operator \( \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \) transforms as

\[ \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{D}}(m, \ell) \]

where \( g(n,k) = f(n,-k) \).

**Proof.** Since
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\[ |n; k\rangle = \sum_{j=-s}^{s} |j\rangle \langle j| n; k\rangle = \sum_{j=-s}^{s} |j\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g_1|}} e^{-\frac{\pi i nk}{d}} e^{\frac{2\pi i kj}{d}} g_1(j-n), \]

under the transposition map \(|j\rangle \langle \ell| \mapsto |\ell\rangle \langle j|\), the operator

\[ |n; k\rangle \langle n; k| = \sum_{j, \ell=-s}^{s} |j\rangle \langle \ell| \frac{1}{|g_1|} e^{\frac{2\pi i kj}{d}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i k\ell}{d}} g_1(j-n) g_1(\ell-n) \]

transforms to

\[ \sum_{j, \ell=-s}^{s} |\ell\rangle \langle j| \frac{1}{|g_1|} e^{\frac{2\pi i kj}{d}} e^{\frac{2\pi i k\ell}{d}} g_1(j-n) g_1(\ell-n) = |n; -k\rangle \langle n; -k|. \]

**Theorem 10.** If the function \(f : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow [0, d]\) is such that

\[ \sum_{n, k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) = d, \]

then, under the parity transform \(|j\rangle \mapsto \Pi |j\rangle = | -j\rangle\), the operator \(\hat{g}_f\) maps as

\[ \hat{g}_f \mapsto \Pi \hat{g}_f \Pi = \hat{g}_g, \]

where \(g(n, k) = f(-n, -k)\).

**Proof.** Since \(g_1(-n) = g_1(n)\), under the transform \(|j\rangle \mapsto \Pi |j\rangle = | -j\rangle\),

\[ |n; k\rangle = \sum_{j=-s}^{s} |j\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g_1|}} e^{-\frac{\pi i nk}{d}} e^{\frac{2\pi i kj}{d}} g_1(j-n), \]

maps to

\[ \sum_{j=-s}^{s} \langle -j| \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g_1|}} e^{-\frac{\pi i nk}{d}} e^{\frac{2\pi i kj}{d}} g_1(j-n) = | -n; -k\rangle. \]

In the odd-dimensional case, the discrete Wigner function \([10, 17, 19]\) of a density operator \(\varrho : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}\), is usually defined as \(\mathcal{W}_\varrho : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\),

\[ \mathcal{W}_\varrho(n, k) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{m=-s}^{s} \frac{\varrho \left( n+m \right)}{\sqrt{n+m}} \langle n+m| \varrho| n-m \rangle. \]

The discrete Wigner function of a pure state \(\varrho = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|\) is \([2, 3, 4, 5]\)

\[ \mathcal{W}_\psi(n, k) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{m=-s}^{s} \frac{\psi(n+m)}{\sqrt{n+m}} \overline{\psi(n-m)}. \]

**Theorem 11.** If the function \(f : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow [0, d]\) is such that

\[ \sum_{n, k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) = d, \]

then the discrete Wigner function of \(\hat{g}_f\) is

\[ \mathcal{W}_{\hat{g}_f}(m, \ell) = C \sum_{n, k=-s}^{s} f(n, k) \sum_{\alpha, \beta=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{\alpha \beta} e^{-\frac{2\pi}{d} (m-n+\alpha \frac{\beta}{2})^2} e^{-\frac{2\pi}{d} (\ell-k+\beta \frac{\alpha}{2})^2}, \]
The tensor product of two tight frames is a tight frame. Particularly, $H$ is a tight frame in $\mathbb{R}^5$. Composite quantum systems defined on the discrete phase space $\mathbb{R}^5$. Density operators obtained through frame quantization.

By using the finite frame quantization, we associate the linear operator:

$$\hat{\phi}_f = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) |n,m;k,\ell\rangle \langle n,m;k,\ell|$$

(63)

to each function

$$f : (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \times (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \rightarrow [0,d],$$

(64)

defined on the discrete phase space $\mathcal{R}^2$, and satisfying the relation

$$\sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) = d.$$

(65)

If $f : \mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_A \rightarrow [0,d_A]$ and $g : \mathcal{R}_B \times \mathcal{R}_B \rightarrow [0,d_B]$ are such that

$$\sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} f(n,k) = d_A, \quad \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} g(m,\ell) = d_B.$$

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Theorem 12. If 
then

\[ \hat{\phi} \otimes \hat{\psi} = \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} f(n,k) |n;k\rangle_A \langle n;k| \otimes \frac{1}{d_B} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} g(m, \ell) |m;\ell\rangle_B \langle m;\ell| \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} f(n,k) g(m, \ell) |n;k\rangle_A \langle n;k| \otimes |m;\ell\rangle_B \langle m;\ell| \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,k) g(m, \ell) |n;k\rangle \otimes |m;\ell\rangle_B \langle n;k| \otimes_B |m;\ell| \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,k) g(m, \ell) |m,n,k,\ell\rangle \langle m,n,k,\ell| \]

\[ = \hat{\psi}_h, \]

where \( h : (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \times (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \rightarrow [0, d] \), \( h(n, m; k, \ell) = f(n,k) g(m, \ell) \).

Theorem 12. If \( f : (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \times (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \rightarrow [0, d] \) is such that

\[ \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) = d, \tag{67} \]

then:

a) \( \text{tr}_A \hat{\phi}_f = \hat{\psi}_f_B \), \( \tag{68} \)

where \( f_B : \mathcal{R}_B \times \mathcal{R}_B \rightarrow [0, d_B], \ f_B(m,\ell) = \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} f(n,m;k,\ell). \)

b) \( \text{tr}_B \hat{\phi}_f = \hat{\psi}_A \), \( \tag{69} \)

where \( f_A : \mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_A \rightarrow [0, d_A], \ f_A(n,k) = \frac{1}{d_B} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell). \)

Proof. a) We have

\[ \text{tr}_A \hat{\phi}_f = \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} \langle a| \hat{\phi}_f |a\rangle_A \]

\[ = \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) \langle a|n,m;k,\ell\rangle \langle n,m;k,\ell|a\rangle_A \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} \langle a|n,k\rangle_A \langle n,k|a\rangle_A \langle m,\ell|B \langle m,\ell| \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} f(n,m;k,\ell) \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} \langle n,k|a\rangle_A \langle a|n,k\rangle_A \langle m,\ell|B \langle m,\ell| \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d_B} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} f(n,m;k,\ell) \langle m,\ell|B \langle m,\ell| \]

\[ = \frac{1}{d_B} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f_B(m,\ell) \langle m,\ell|B \langle m,\ell|. \]

b) Similar to the proof of a). \( \square \)

Theorem 13. In the case \( d_A = d_B \), if \( f : (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \times (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \rightarrow [0, d] \) is such that

\[ \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) = d, \tag{70} \]

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then, under the SWAP transform
\[ \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B : |\varphi\rangle_A \otimes |\psi\rangle_B \mapsto |\psi\rangle_A \otimes |\varphi\rangle_B, \]
(71)

the density operator \( \hat{\rho}_f \) maps as
\[ \hat{\rho}_f \mapsto \text{SWAP}(\hat{\rho}_f) = \hat{\rho}_g, \]
where \( g : (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \times (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \rightarrow [0, d], \ g(n, m; k, \ell) = f(m, n; \ell, k). \)

Proof. We have
\[ \text{SWAP}(\hat{\rho}_f) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{n, k = -s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m, \ell = -s_B}^{s_B} f(n, m; k, \ell) |m; \ell\rangle_A \otimes |n; k\rangle_B \langle \varphi\rangle_A \otimes \langle \varphi\rangle_B, \]
(72)

6. Quantum channels obtained through finite frame quantization

We continue to use the notations from the previous section and choose an auxiliary system \( \mathcal{H}_A' \) such that \( \dim \mathcal{H}_A' = \dim \mathcal{H}_A = 2s_A + 1 \), and consequently \( \mathcal{H}_A' = \{ \psi : \mathcal{R}_A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \}. \)

The pure quantum state
\[ |\Phi\rangle = |\Phi\rangle_{A'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i = -s_A}^{s_A} |i\rangle |i\rangle_A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i = -s_A}^{s_A} |i\rangle \]
(73)
is the most entangled state in \( \mathcal{H}_A' \otimes \mathcal{H}_A. \)

In view of the channel-state duality (also called Choi-Jamiolkowski isomorphism), a quantum channel \( \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_B) \) satisfying the relation \( (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathcal{E})(|\Phi\rangle \langle \Phi|) = \hat{\rho} \) corresponds to each state \( \hat{\rho} : \mathcal{H}_A' \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A' \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \), up to a normalization. Particularly, a quantum channel \( \mathcal{E}_f : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_B) \) corresponds to each state \( \hat{\rho}_f : \mathcal{H}_A' \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A' \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \) with \( f : (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \times (\mathcal{R}_A \times \mathcal{R}_B) \rightarrow [0, d] \) satisfying
\[ \sum_{n, k = -s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m, \ell = -s_B}^{s_B} f(n, m; k, \ell) = d. \]
(74)

In the usual way, we prove that \( \mathcal{E}_f \) admits the representation [14]
\[ \mathcal{E}_f(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{n, k = -s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m, \ell = -s_B}^{s_B} K_{n, m; k, \ell} \hat{\rho} K_{n, m; k, \ell}^\dagger, \]
(75)

involving the Kraus operators \( \hat{K}_{n, m; k, \ell} : \mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_B, \)
\[ \hat{K}_{n, m; k, \ell} |i\rangle_A = \sqrt{\frac{f(n, m; k, \ell)}{d}} \langle \varphi\rangle_A |i|n, m; k, \ell\rangle. \]
(76)

From the definition of \( \hat{K}_{n, m; k, \ell} \) written in the form
\[ \hat{K}_{n, m; k, \ell} |i\rangle_A = \sqrt{\frac{f(n, m; k, \ell)}{d}} \sum_{j = -s_B}^{s_B} |j\rangle_B \langle i|n, m; k, \ell\rangle \]
(77)

we get the relation
\[ B \langle j| \hat{K}_{n, m; k, \ell} |i\rangle_A = \sqrt{\frac{f(n, m; k, \ell)}{d}} \langle i|n, m; k, \ell\rangle, \]
(78)

whence
\[ A \langle i| \hat{K}_{n, m; k, \ell}^\dagger |j\rangle_B = \sqrt{\frac{f(n, m; k, \ell)}{d}} \langle n, m; k, ij\rangle \]
(79)
and consequently
\[ \langle i | \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger |i' \rangle_A = \sqrt{\frac{f(n,m;k,\ell)}{d}} \langle n,m;k,\ell|i' \rangle_A. \] (80)

We have
\[
(\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathcal{E}_f)(|\Phi\rangle \langle \Phi|) = \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathcal{E}_f) |ii\rangle \langle jj|
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathcal{E}_f) |i\rangle_A \langle j| \otimes |i\rangle_A \langle j|
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{n,k=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} |i\rangle_A \langle j| \otimes \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger |i\rangle_A \langle j| \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} f(n,m;k,\ell) |i\rangle_A \langle j| \otimes \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger |i\rangle_A \langle j|
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{d_A} \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} |i\rangle_A \langle j| \otimes \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger |i\rangle_A \langle j|
\]

because
\[
\langle nk | \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} |i\rangle_A \langle j| \otimes \Phi |k\rangle |m\rangle = \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} \langle nk | \langle i| \otimes \Phi \langle j| |m\rangle
\]
\[
= \sum_{i,j=-s_A}^{s_A} \delta_{ni}\delta_{jm} \langle ik| \Phi |j\rangle
\]
\[
= \langle nk | \Phi |m\rangle.
\]

So, up to a normalization, we have \((\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathcal{E}_f)(|\Phi\rangle \langle \Phi|) = \phi_f\). In addition,
\[
\sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell} |i\rangle_A
\]
\[
= \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} \sqrt{\frac{f(n,m;k,\ell)}{d}} \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger (b) b \langle ib |n,m;k,\ell
\]
\[
= \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} \sqrt{\frac{f(n,m;k,\ell)}{d}} \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle a| \hat{K}_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger (b) b \langle ib |n,m;k,\ell
\]
\[
= \sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} \sqrt{\frac{f(n,m;k,\ell)}{d}} \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} \langle a| n,m;k,\ell |b\rangle \langle ab |n,m;k,\ell
\]
\[
= \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle ab | \hat{\phi}_f |ab
\]
\[
= \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle ab | \mathcal{E}_f (|\Phi\rangle \langle \Phi|) |ab
\]
\[
= \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle ab | \hat{\phi}_f \sum_{j,\ell=-s_A}^{s_A} |j\rangle_A \langle j\ell | \mathcal{E}_f (|j\rangle_A \langle \ell|) |ab
\]
\[
= \sum_{b=-s_B}^{s_B} \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle ab | \hat{\phi}_f \sum_{j,\ell=-s_A}^{s_A} \langle i|j\rangle_A \langle \ell| |b\rangle \mathcal{E}_f (|j\rangle_A \langle \ell|) |b
\]
\[
= \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle a| \mathcal{E}_f (|i\rangle_A \langle a|) = \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \langle a| = \sum_{a=-s_A}^{s_A} |a\rangle_A \delta_{ai} = |i\rangle_A,
\]
for any \(i \in \mathcal{R}_A\), and consequently
\[
\sum_{n,k=-s_A}^{s_A} \sum_{m,\ell=-s_B}^{s_B} K_{n,m;k,\ell}^\dagger K_{n,m;k,\ell} = \mathbb{I}_{H_A}.
\] (81)

7. Concluding remarks

The discrete coherent states \((31)\) approximate well \([6]\) the standard coherent states \((20)\). In the case of this finite frame, the use of the frame quantization seems to lead to a remarkable discrete version of certain linear operators \([6]\). Particularly, the density operators defined in this way have some significant properties, and may describe quantum states useful in certain applications.

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