

**CYCLE DECOMPOSITION OF
QUANTUM MARKOV SEMIGROUPS
AND
NON-EQUILIBRIUM PHENOMENA**

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Outline

- irreversible evolution (Markov)
 - ↘ semigroup of (completely) positive maps
- stationary regime
 - ↘ invariant state ρ for c.p. maps \mathcal{T}_t
- equilibrium regime
 - ↘ \mathcal{T}_t symmetric ($\mathcal{T}_t = \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t$ ρ -dual)
- non-equilibrium regime
 - ... lack of good characterisations

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Proposal: find good representations of

$$\mathcal{L} - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$$

generators of (\mathcal{T}_t) and $(\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t)$

Models:

- Spohn - Lebowitz, **CMP 54** (1977)
- Gallavotti - Cohen, **JSP 80** (1995)
- Rey-Bellet - Thomas, **CMP 215** (2000),
CMP 225 (2002)
- Accardi - Imafuku, [quant-ph/0209088](#) (2002)

Common feature:

$\mathcal{L} - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ must show *micro-currents*.

Reversible Markov Chains

$T = (T_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$ stochastic matrix

$$T_{ij} > 0, \quad \sum_{j \in E} T_{ij} = 1,$$

E countable.

$\pi = (\pi_j)_{j \in E}$ faithful invariant distribution

$$\pi_i > 0, \quad \sum_{j \in E} \pi_j = 1, \quad \pi_j = \sum_{k \in E} \pi_k T_{kj}$$

Def. (T, π) is *reversible* (or π is an equilibrium distribution for T) if

$$\pi_i T_{ij} = \pi_j T_{ji}, \quad \forall i, j \quad (\text{detailed balance})$$

Rem. Scalar product on $L^2(E; \pi)$

$$\langle g, f \rangle = \sum_{j \in E} \pi_j \bar{g}_j f_j$$

(T, π) is *reversible* if and only if

$$\langle g, Tf \rangle = \langle Tg, f \rangle$$

Reversible MC - time continuous case

$T(t) := (T_{ij}(t))_{i,j \in E}$ transition op. at time t

$$T_{ij}(t) \geq 0, \quad \sum_{j \in E} T_{ij}(t) = 1,$$

semigroup prop. $T(t+s) = T(t)T(s)$, $t, s \geq 0$

Generator $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$

$$q_{ij} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T_{ij}(t) - \delta_{ij}}{t}$$

$$\pi_i T_{ij}(t) = \pi_j T_{ji}(t) \quad \forall t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \pi_i q_{ij} = \pi_j q_{ji}$$

π -dual \tilde{T}

$$\langle g, T(t)f \rangle = \sum_{j \in E} \pi_i \bar{g}_i T_{ij}(t) f_j = \langle \tilde{T}(t)g, f \rangle$$

$$\tilde{T}(t)g = \pi^{-1} T^*(t)(\pi g)$$

Deviation from equilibrium

“distance” between T and \tilde{T}

“distance” between Q and \tilde{Q}

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M_\pi Q & & M_\pi \tilde{Q} = Q^* M_\pi \\
 (i, j) \rightarrow \pi_i q_{ij} & & (i, j) \rightarrow \pi_j q_{ji} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \text{forward} & & \text{backward}
 \end{array}$$

probability densities on $E \times E$

Equilibrium-deviation can be “measured” by

1) numerical index: *relative entropy*,

2) currents $\pi_i q_{ij} - \pi_j q_{ji} = (M_\pi Q - Q^* M_\pi)_{ij}$,

3) structure of $M_\pi Q - Q^* M_\pi$.

Cycle decomp. of classical Markov chains

Finite Markov Chain, transition matrix (q_{ij})

Defn. A n -cycle is n -tuple of transitions

$$i_1 \rightarrow i_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow i_n \rightarrow i_{n+1} = i_1$$

i_1, \dots, i_n distinct.

Thm. (*Cycle decomposition*)

$$\pi_i q_{ij} = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} w_c J_c(i, j)$$

- \mathcal{C} family of cycles,
- J_c (shift $i_1 \rightarrow i_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow i_n$) passage matrix
$$J_c(h, k) = 1 \quad \text{if } h = i_\ell, k = i_{\ell+1} \text{ for some } \ell$$
$$J_c(h, k) = 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$
- $w_c > 0$ constants

Corollary

$$\pi_i q_{ij} - \pi_j q_{ji} = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} w_c (J_c(i, j) - J_{c^-}(i, j))$$

where c^- is the reverse of the cycle c .

Rem. Defining

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{J}_c(h, k) = J_c(h, k) &= 1 && \text{if } h = i_\ell, k = i_{\ell+1} \\ \bar{J}_c(h, k) &= \delta_{hk} && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

(completion of J_c to a full permutation matrix)
 $\bar{J}_{c^-} = \bar{J}_c^{-1}$ and the unitary matrices \bar{J}_c define automorphisms of $\ell^\infty(E)$.

$$M_\pi Q - Q^* M_\pi = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} w_c (\bar{J}_c - \bar{J}_{c^-})$$

Non-equilibrium

Simplest model: $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q - \tilde{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1 cycle, $Q - \tilde{Q}$ = right shift - left shift, $w_c = 1$

Further models:

“distance” from equilibrium related to: minimal number of cycles, values w_c, \dots

noncommutative versions ...

Quantum Markov Semigroups

\mathfrak{h} complex separable Hilbert space

$\mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{T}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ semigroup of completely positive, identity preserving maps on $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{h})$.

ρ faithful normal invariant state

$$\mathrm{tr}(\rho \mathcal{T}_t(x)) = \mathrm{tr}(\rho x) \quad \forall t \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \mathcal{T}_{*t}(\rho) = \rho$$

$\mathcal{T}_* = (\mathcal{T}_{*t})_{t \geq 0}$ predual semigroup.

Dual semigroup(s) $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ with respect to ρ

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{tr}(\rho \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x)y) &= \mathrm{tr}(\rho x \mathcal{T}_t(y)) \quad \text{or} \\ \mathrm{tr}(\rho^s \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x) \rho^{1-s} y) &= \mathrm{tr}(\rho^s x \rho^{1-s} \mathcal{T}_t(y)) \quad s \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x) = \rho^{-(1-s)} \mathcal{T}_{*t}(\rho^{1-s} x \rho^s) \rho^{-s}$$

Contrary to comm. case $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ may not be $*$ -map, i.e. $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(a)^* \neq \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(a^*)$ for some a if $s \neq 1/2$.

When is $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ a QMS for $s = 0$?

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x) = \rho^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{*t}(\rho x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x))^* = \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x^*) &\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t(x) = \mathcal{T}_{*t}(x\rho)\rho^{-1} \\ &\Rightarrow \rho^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{*t}(\rho x) = \mathcal{T}_{*t}(x\rho)\rho^{-1} \\ &\Rightarrow \rho^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{*t}(\rho x \rho^{-1}) \rho = \mathcal{T}_{*t}(x) \end{aligned}$$

If $\sigma_t(a) := \rho^{it} a \rho^{-it}$ then

$$\mathcal{T}_{*t} \circ \sigma_{-i} = \sigma_{-i} \circ \mathcal{T}_{*t} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{T}_t \circ \sigma_{-i} = \sigma_{-i} \circ \mathcal{T}_t$$

Thm. (F-G-K-V) (under some assumptions)
 $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ is a QMS if and only if $\mathcal{T}_t \circ \sigma_{-i} = \sigma_{-i} \circ \mathcal{T}_t$.

Thm. (Majewski-Streater, J Phys A **31** '88)
 $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ is a QMS if and only if $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ is a *-map. In this case $\mathcal{T}_t \circ \sigma_z = \sigma_z \circ \mathcal{T}_t$ ($|z| \leq 1/2$) and duals of \mathcal{T} for $s \in [0, 1]$ coincide.

Quantum detailed balance (QDB)

QMS \mathcal{T} with dual $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ which is still a QMS and

$$\mathcal{L}(a) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(a) = 2i [K, a], \quad K = K^*.$$

Remark 1. ρ is invariant state for \mathcal{T} and $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$.
Consequence $[K, \rho] = 0$.

Remark 2. In the commutative case there is no derivation $a \rightarrow i [K, a]$ because derivations $\delta : \ell^\infty(E) \rightarrow \ell^\infty(E)$ (E discrete!) are trivial.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(1_{\{j\}}) &= \delta(1_{\{j\}}^2) = 2\delta(1_{\{j\}})1_{\{j\}} \\ \Rightarrow \delta(1_{\{j\}}) &= \varphi_j 1_{\{j\}}, \quad 0 = \delta(1) = \sum_j \varphi_j 1_{\{j\}} \end{aligned}$$

Remark 3. $\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L} - 2i[K, \cdot]$ is conditionally completely positive $\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ is a QMS and both $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_t, \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ commute with σ_{-i}

Generators commuting with σ_{-i}

Theorem (FF-VU, **IDAQP** '07) A generator \mathcal{L} commutes with σ_{-i} if and only if

$$\mathcal{L}(a) = G^*a + \Phi(a) + aG$$

- 1) $[G, \rho] = 0$,
- 2) Φ completely positive commuting with σ_{-i} ,
- 3) structure $\Phi(a) = \sum_{\ell} L_{\ell}^* a L_{\ell}$ where
 $\sigma_{-i}(L_{\ell}) = \lambda_{\ell} L_{\ell}$, $\lambda_{\ell} > 0$,
- 4) G and Φ with the above properties are unique.

Indeed, G is unique up to irI with $r \in \mathbb{R}$.

Corollary. If \mathcal{L} commutes with σ_{-i} then

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(a) = Ga + \tilde{\Phi}(a) + aG^*$$

where

$$\tilde{\Phi}(a) = \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell}^{-1} L_{\ell} a L_{\ell}^*$$

Deviation from q-detailed balance

$$\mathcal{L}(a) = G^*a + \Phi(a) + aG$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(a) = Ga + \tilde{\Phi}(a) + aG^*$$

$$\Phi(a) = \sum_{\ell} L_{\ell}^* a L_{\ell} \quad \tilde{\Phi}(a) = \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell}^{-1} L_{\ell} a L_{\ell}^*$$

Putting $G - G^* = 2iK$, (K self-adjoint)

$$\mathcal{L}(a) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(a) - 2i[K, a] = \Phi(a) - \tilde{\Phi}(a)$$

Deviation from QDB: $\Phi - \tilde{\Phi}$

Commutative inspiration:

write it as difference of automorphisms ...

Non commutative examples

Two-level systems

$\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}^2$. $\mathcal{T}, \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ are QMS iff

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(a) = & i[H, a] - \frac{\eta^2}{2} (L^2 a - 2LaL + aL^2) \\ & - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} (\sigma^- \sigma^+ a - 2\sigma^- a \sigma^+ + a\sigma^- \sigma^+) \\ & - \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\sigma^+ \sigma^- a - 2\sigma^+ a \sigma^- + a\sigma^+ \sigma^-), \end{aligned}$$

with $[L, \rho] = 0 = [H, \rho]$, $\eta, \lambda, \mu \geq 0$ and

$$\sigma^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Consequence: QDB holds.

As in the commutative case!

Three-level system

$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ QMS; no q-detailed balance

$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}^3 \quad (e_1, e_2, e_3) \text{ basis,}$$

$$S e_j = e_{j+1} \quad (\text{mod } 3)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(a) = S^* a S - a$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{3} \quad (\text{normalized trace})$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(a) = S a S^* - a$$

$\mathcal{T}, \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ are QMSs, QDB does not hold

$$\mathcal{L}(a) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(a) = S^* a S - S a S^*$$

Non-equilibrium (\mathcal{T}, ρ) : classification

Natural generalisation: for $x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{h})$ write

$$\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\mathcal{L}(x) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(x) - 2i[H, x] \right) \rho^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

equal to

$$\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\Phi(x) - \tilde{\Phi}(x) \right) \rho^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

in the form

$$\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} w_c (U_c^* x U_c - U_c x U_c^*)$$

with

- U_c unitary
- $w_c > 0$

Generic QMSs - d levels

$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}^d, \quad (e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d} \text{ o.n. basis,} \quad E_k^j = |e_k\rangle\langle e_j|$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = G^*x + \Phi(x) + xG$$

$$Ge_j = -\left(\frac{\mu_j}{2} + i\kappa_j\right)e_j, \quad He_j = i\kappa_j e_j$$

$$\Phi(x) = \sum_{j,k} \varphi_{jk} |e_j\rangle\langle e_k|x|e_k\rangle\langle e_j|$$

where $\mu_j, \varphi_{jk} > 0$, $\kappa_j \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mu_j = \sum_k \varphi_{jk} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}(I) = 0$$

Invariant state

$$\rho = \sum_j \rho_j |e_j\rangle\langle e_j|$$

Rem. Generic QMSs form an open dense set in the class of QMSs obtained from the stochastic (weak-coupling) limit.

Generic QMSs - d levels (cont.)

Putting

$$w_{jk} := \rho_j \varphi_{jk} - \rho_k \varphi_{kj}$$

we can write $\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} (\Phi(x) - \tilde{\Phi}(x)) \rho^{\frac{1}{2}}$ as

$$\sum_{j < k < d} w_{jk} \left(\frac{1}{d} \sum_{m=1}^d \left(U_m^{(jk)*} x U_m^{(jk)} - U_m^{(jk)} x U_m^{(jk)*} \right) \right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U_m^{(jk)} &= e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d} m j} |e_k\rangle \langle e_j| + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d} m k} |e_d\rangle \langle e_k| \\ &+ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d} m d} |e_k\rangle \langle e_d| + \sum_{h \neq j, k, d} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d} m h} |e_h\rangle \langle e_h| \end{aligned}$$

Impossible to write $\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} (\Phi(x) - \tilde{\Phi}(x)) \rho^{\frac{1}{2}}$ as

$$\sum_{j < k < d} w_{jk} \left(V^{(jk)*} x V^{(jk)} - V^{(jk)} x V^{(jk)*} \right)$$

for unitaries $V^{(jk)}$.