

Ninth Exercise Sheet due to 15. May

Exercise 1 (Weak coupling for general interactions) *In this exercise you should convince yourself that the derivation of weak coupling limit for a general interaction*

$$H_{int} = \sum_{\alpha} F_{\alpha} \otimes \Phi_{\alpha}$$

does not provide any additional conceptual difficulty. Decompose all operators F_{α} into eigenprojections of $-i[H_S, \cdot]$ as

$$F_{\alpha} = \sum_{\omega} A_{\alpha}(\omega), \quad e^{itH_S} F_{\alpha} e^{-itH_S} = \sum_{\omega} A_{\alpha}(\omega) e^{-it\omega}.$$

Define a matrix

$$h_{\alpha\beta}(x) = \text{Tr}(G \exp(iH_B x) \Phi_{\alpha} \exp(-iH_B x) \Phi_{\beta}).$$

Show that the limiting weak coupling Lindbladian can be expressed in terms of $\hat{h}_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)$, $A_{\alpha}(\omega)$; $\hat{\cdot}$ stands for the Fourier transform.

Show that the limit operator has the correct Lindblad form provided $\hat{h}_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot)$ is a positive matrix. Prove that this is indeed so using the Bochner theorem.

Exercise 2 (Rotating wave approximation) *If you still have some energy left you can apply the first exercise to a Hamiltonian¹*

$$H = \frac{\omega_0}{2} \sigma_z + \int_0^{\text{cut off}} \omega a_{\omega}^* a_{\omega} d\omega + \lambda \int_0^{\infty} h(\omega) (\sigma_+ a_{\omega} + \sigma_- a_{\omega}^*).$$

This is the Hamiltonian of Exercise 8.a in the rotating wave approximation.

¹If you are unsure about the Hamiltonian take a look at ex sheet.8. Also note that h in the Hamiltonian is a given function not the h appearing in the first exercise.