# Quantum symmetric states on free product C\*-algebras

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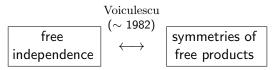


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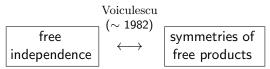


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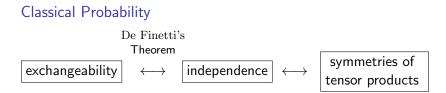
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## Quantum symmetric states

#### Definition (Dykema & K & Williams)

Let *A* be a unital C\*-algebra,  $(\mathfrak{B}, \phi)$  a C\*-probability space and  $\lambda_i \colon \mathfrak{A} \to \mathfrak{B}$  unital \*-homomorphisms  $(i \in \mathbb{N})$ . The sequence  $(\lambda_i)_i$  is said to be **quantum exchangeable w.r.t.**  $\psi$  or the state  $\psi$  is said to be **quantum symmetric** w.r.t.  $(\lambda_i)_i$  if

$$\psi(\lambda_{i_1}(a_1)\cdots\lambda_{i_n}(a_n))\mathbb{1}_{A_s(k)}$$
$$=\sum_{j_1,\dots,j_n=1}^k e_{i_1j_1}\cdots e_{i_nj_n} \ \psi(\lambda_{j_1}(a_1)\cdots\lambda_{j_n}(a_n))\mathbb{1}_{A_s(k)}$$

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# Standing notation — Goal

Throughout A is a unital C\*-algebra and  $\mathfrak{A} := *_1^{\infty} A$  denotes the universal, unital free product of infinitely many copies of A.

QSS(A) denotes the set of all quantum symmetric states on  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

TQSS(A) denotes the set of all tracial quantum symmetric states on  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

#### Proposition

For any unital C\*-algebra A the sets QSS(A) and TQSS(A) are compact, convex subsets of the Banach space dual of  $\mathfrak{A}$  in the weak\*-topology.

#### Goal

Study and characterize QSS(A) and TQSS(A) as far as possible.

What is the free probability counterpart to the following 'classical' result?

#### Theorem (Størmer 1969)

Let A be a unital C\*-algebra and  $\bigotimes_{1}^{\infty} A$  the infinite minimal tensor product of A. Then the set of all symmetric states on  $\bigotimes_{1}^{\infty} A$  is a Choquet simplex and an extreme symmetric state on  $\bigotimes_{1}^{\infty} A$  is an infinite tensor product state of the form  $\bigotimes_{1}^{\infty} \psi$ , with  $\psi \in S(A)$ .

#### Remark

So, for a given unital C\*-algebra, one has a bijective correspondence between symmetric states on  $\bigotimes_{1}^{\infty} A$  and probability measures on S(A).

# Quantum symmetric states arising from freeness

### Proposition

Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a unital C\*-algebra and  $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$  be unital C\*-subalgebra with conditional expectation  $E \colon \mathfrak{B} \to \mathfrak{D}$  (i.e. a projection of norm one onto  $\mathfrak{D}$ ). Suppose that

$$\pi_i \colon A \to \mathfrak{B} \qquad (i \in \mathbb{N})$$

are \*-homorphisms such that  $E \circ \pi_i$  is the same for all *i* and that  $(\pi_i(A))_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is free with respect to *E*. Let  $\pi = *_{i=1}^{\infty} \pi_i \colon \mathfrak{A} \to \mathfrak{B}$  be the resulting free product \*-homomorphism. For a state  $\rho$  on  $\mathfrak{D}$  consider the state  $\psi = \rho \circ E \circ \pi$ . Then  $\psi$  is **quantum symmetric**.

#### Remark

The proof uses Speicher's free  $\mathfrak{D}$ -valued cumulants and the defining properties of the projections  $e_{ij}$  from Wang's quantum permutation groups.

Let  $\psi$  be a state on  $\mathfrak{A} = *_1^{\infty} A$ . Passing to the GNS representation  $(\mathcal{H}_{\psi}, \pi_{\psi}, \Omega_{\psi})$  of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \psi)$ , put

$$\mathcal{M}_{\psi} = \pi_{\psi}(\mathfrak{A})'' \qquad \hat{\psi} := \langle \Omega_{\psi}, ullet \Omega_{\psi} 
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The **tail algebra** of  $\psi$  is the von Neumann subalgebra

$$\mathcal{T}_{\psi} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} W^* \Big( \bigcup_{i=n}^{\infty} \pi_{\psi}(\lambda_i(A)) \Big) \subset \mathcal{M}_{\psi}.$$

#### Proposition (Dykema & K & Williams)

Suppose  $\psi$  is symmetric. Then there exists a normal  $\hat{\psi}$ -preserving conditional expection  $E_{\psi}$  from  $\mathcal{M}_{\psi}$  onto  $\mathcal{T}_{\psi}$ .

# 'Quantum symmetric noncommutative distributions' imply freeness with amalgamation

Theorem (Dykema & K & Williams)

Let  $\psi$  be a quantum symmetric state on  $\mathfrak{A} = *^\infty_1 A$  and put

$$\mathcal{B}_i := W^* \Big( \pi_{\psi}(\lambda_i(\mathcal{A})) \cup \mathcal{T}_{\psi} \Big).$$

Then  $(\mathcal{B}_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is free with respect to  $E_{\psi}$ .

#### Remark

- Our proof is modeled along the proof of K & Speicher (2009), but now starts in an C\*-algebraic setting and does **not** assume the faithfulness of states.

- Curran's approach (2009) considers the more delicate situation of quantum exchangeability of finite sequences in a \*-algebraic setting and obtains the result for infinite sequences as a limiting case. but also under the assumption of faithfulness of the state.

In Størmer's setting of symmetric states on  $\bigotimes_{1}^{\infty} A$ , only abelian tail algebras can arise. But in our setting of quantum symmetric states one has:

## Theorem (Dykema & K '2012)

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a countable generated von Neumann algebra. Then there exists a unital C\*-algebra A and a quantum symmetric state  $\psi$  on  $\mathfrak{A} = *_1^{\infty} A$  such that  $\mathcal{T}_{\psi} \simeq \mathcal{N}$ .

#### Remark

Størmer's approach does **not** use tail algebras; the machinery of ergodic decomposition of states and Choquet theory is available.

# Description of quantum symmetric states QSS(A)

For a unital C\*-algebra A, let  $\mathcal{V}(A)$  be the set (of all equivalence classes) of quintuples  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, E, \sigma, \rho)$  such that

- (i)  $\mathcal{B}$  is a von Neumann algebra,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{D}$  is a unital von Neumann subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,
- (iii)  $E \colon \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{D}$  is a normal conditional expectation onto  $\mathcal{D}$ ,
- (iv)  $\sigma \colon A \to \mathcal{B}$  is a unital \*-homomorphism,
- (v)  $\rho$  is a normal state on  $\mathcal{D}$ ,
- (vi) the GNS representation of  $\rho \circ E$  is a faithful represent. of  $\mathcal{B}$ ; (vii)  $\mathcal{B} = W^* (\sigma(A) \cup D)$ ,
- (viii)  ${\cal D}$  is the smallest unital von Neumann subalgebra of  ${\cal B}$  that satisfies

$$E(d_0\sigma(a_1)d_1\cdots\sigma(a_n)d_n)\in\mathcal{D}$$

whenever  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d_0, \ldots, d_n \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$ .

#### Theorem (Dykema & K & Williams)

There is a bijection  $\mathcal{V}(A) \to QSS(A)$  that assigns to  $W = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, E, \sigma, \rho) \in \mathcal{V}(A)$  the quantum symmetric state  $\psi = \psi_W$  as follows. Let

$$(\mathcal{M}, \widetilde{E}) = (*_{\mathcal{D}})_{i=1}^{\infty}(\mathcal{B}, E)$$

be the amalgamated free product of von Neumann algebras, let

$$\pi_{i} \colon A \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{i\text{-th comp}} \mathcal{M}, \qquad \qquad \pi := \ast_{i=1}^{\infty} \pi_{i} \colon \mathfrak{A} \to \mathcal{M}$$
free product \*-homomorphism

and set  $\psi = \rho \circ \tilde{E} \circ \pi$ . Under this correspondence, the following identifications of objects and resulting constructions can be made:

from GNS construction	$\mathcal{T}_\psi$	$\mathcal{M}_\psi$	$\pi_\psi$	$\hat{\psi}$	$E_{\psi}$			
from quintuple W	$\mathcal{D}$	$\mathcal{M}$	π	$\rho \circ \widetilde{E}$	Ĩ			
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# N-pure states on von Neumann algebras

A state  $\psi$  on a C\*-algebra is said to be **pure** if whenever  $\rho$  is a state on this C\*-algebra with  $t\rho \leq \psi$  for some 0 < t < 1, it follows  $\rho = \psi$ .

## Proposition

Let  $\rho$  be a normal state on the von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{D}$ . TFAE: (i) the support projection of  $\rho$  is a minimal projection in  $\mathcal{D}$ , (ii)  $\rho$  is pure.

To emphasize this support property, a normal pure state  $\rho$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  is called an **n-pure state**.

#### Remark

Von Neumann algebras without discrete type *I* parts possess **no** n-pure states, but such von Neumann algebras **may** appear as tail algebra for a quantum symmetric state.

## Theorem (Dykema & K & Williams)

Let  $\psi \in QSS(A)$  and let  $W = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, E, \sigma, \rho) \in \mathcal{V}(A)$  be the quintuple corresponding to  $\psi$  (under the bijection as indicated in the previous theorem).

 $\psi \in \partial_e \operatorname{QSS}(A) \iff \rho \text{ is an n-pure state on } \mathcal{D}.$ 

#### Remark

- Though having an n-pure state is a restriction on the tail algebra and forces it to have a discrete type I part, the tail algebra can still be quite complicated.

- For various examples of quantum symmetric states with 'exotic tail algebras' see our preprint.

## Central quantum symmetric states

Recall that  $\mathfrak{A} = *_1^{\infty} A$ .

## Notation $ZQSS(A) := \{ \psi \in QSS(A) | \mathcal{T}_{\psi} \subset \mathcal{Z}(\pi_{\psi}(\mathfrak{A})'') \}$ $ZTQSS(A) := TQSS(A) \cap ZQSS(A)$

## Theorem (Dykema & K & Williams)

ZQSS(A) and ZTQSS(A) are compact, convex subsets of QSS(A) and both are Choquet simplices, whose extreme points are the free product states and free product tracial states, respectively:

$$\partial_{e}(\mathsf{ZQSS}(A)) = \{ *_{1}^{\infty} \phi \mid \phi \in \mathsf{S}(A) \} \\ \partial_{e}(\mathsf{ZTQSS}(A)) = \{ *_{1}^{\infty} \tau \mid \tau \in \mathsf{TS}(A) \}$$

#### Remark

ZQSS(A) is that part of QSS(A) which is in analogy to Størmer's result on symmetric states on the minimal tensor product  $\otimes_{1}^{\infty} A$ .

# A final question ...

It is known that TS(A), if non-empty, forms a Choquet simplex. Question Is TQSS(A) a Choquet simplex whenever TS(A) is non-empty?

Thank you for your attention!

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