

Qubits and invariant theory

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Invariants of a 2-qubit density matrix

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- Trevor Welsh, Southampton, UK;
- Chris Cummins, Montreal, Canada.

Key publications

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Introduction and motivation

- Entanglement of a two qubit system is a non-local property
- Measures of entanglement should be independent of local transformations
- A mixed two qubit system is described by its density matrix
- Non-local entangling properties must be described by local invariants
- A complete set of local invariants is provided by the polynomial invariants

Hierarchy of problems

- Determine number of invariants of given degree
 - Count number of invariants of specific degrees
 - Calculate the corresponding generating function - that is evaluate **Molien series**
- Construct invariants explicitly
 - Identify fundamental invariants - known to be finite by **Hilbert's Theorem**
 - Distinguish between **primary** and **secondary** invariants
 - Determine complete structure of ring of invariants: known to be **Cohen-Macauley**

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- Determine all polynomial functions of the 16 components of ρ that are invariant under the local transformations $U \otimes V$ of $SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$, viewed as a subgroup of $SU(16)$.

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- Let n_m be the number of independent polynomial $(SU(2) \times SU(2))$ -invariants of degree m .
- Then n_m is the multiplicity of the identity irrep V_0 in the restriction of $V^{\{m\}}$ from $SU(16)$ to $SU(2) \times SU(2)$.

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● Results obtained using SCHUR (BGW)

$$\begin{aligned} M(q) = & 1 + q + 4q^2 + 6q^3 + 16q^4 + 23q^5 + 52q^6 + 77q^7 \\ & + 150q^8 + 224q^9 + 396q^{10} + 583q^{11} + 964q^{12} + 1395q^{13} \\ & + 2180q^{14} + 3100q^{15} + 4639q^{16} + 6466q^{17} + 9344q^{18} \\ & + 12785q^{19} + 17936q^{20} + 24121q^{21} + 33008q^{22} + 43674q^{23} \\ & + 58512q^{24} + 76277q^{25} + 100312q^{26} + 129009q^{27} \\ & + 166932q^{28} + 212022q^{29} + 270448q^{30} + O(q^{31}). \end{aligned}$$

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For each $\{\lambda\}$ sum coefficients of terms $\{\mu\}, \{\bar{\mu}\}$ and then sum squares to give $n_4 = 3^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 16$.

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- Molien's Theorem then gives $M(q) =$

$$\oint_{|z|=1} \oint_{|w|=1} \frac{(1-z)^2(1-w)^2 z^{-2} w^{-2}}{(1-q)^4(1-qz)^2(1-q/z)^2(1-qw)^2(1-q/w)^2} \frac{dw dz}{(1-qzw)(1-qz/w)(1-qw/z)(1-q/zw)}.$$

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- This implies that:

- there are 10 **primary invariants** with degrees 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 6.
- and 15 **secondary invariants** with degrees 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10, 11, 15.

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- **Aim:** to construct $SO(3) \times SO(3)$ scalars as polynomials in the components of t, s, p and b .

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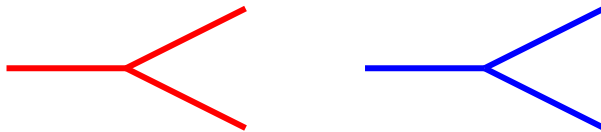
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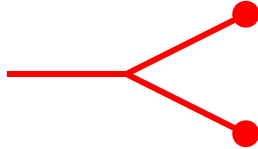
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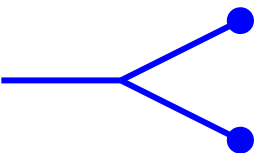


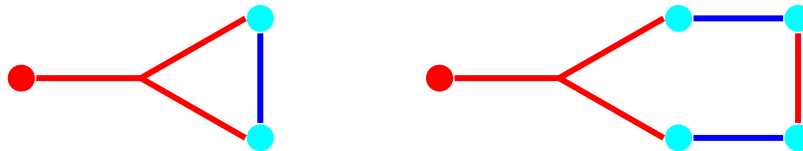
● p -vectors: p_i , $b_{ia}^T s_a$, $b_{ia}^T b_{aj} p_j$, ...

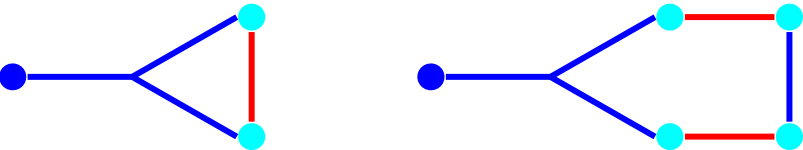


Combinations to be avoided

• $\epsilon_{abc} s_a s_b = 0$ 

• $\epsilon_{ijk} p_i p_j = 0$ 






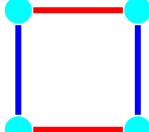





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• $\epsilon_{ijk} b_{ia}^T b_{al} \cdots b_{lb}^T b_{bj} = 0$ 

•
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•
$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} \delta_{kn} + \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} \delta_{kl} + \delta_{in} \delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jn} \delta_{km} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl} \delta_{kn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl}.$$

Invariants involving no ϵ s

$K_1 :=$	t	
$K_2 :=$	$b_{ai}b_{ia}^T$	
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$K_6 :=$	$s_a b_{ai} p_i$	
$K_7 :=$	$b_{ai}b_{ib}^T b_{bj}b_{ja}^T$	
$K_8 :=$	$s_a b_{ai}b_{ib}^T s_b$	
$K_9 :=$	$p_i b_{ia}^T b_{aj} p_j$	
$U_2 :=$	$s_a b_{ai}b_{ib}^T b_{bj} p_j$	
$X_1 :=$	$s_a b_{ai}b_{ib}^T b_{bj}b_{jc}^T s_c$	
$X_2 :=$	$p_i b_{ia}^T b_{aj}b_{jb}^T b_{bk} p_k$	

Invariants involving one ϵ

$$W_1 := \epsilon_{abc} s_a b_{bi} p_i b_{cj} b_{jd}^T s_d$$

$$V_1 := \epsilon_{ijk} p_i b_{ja}^T s_a b_{kb}^T b_{bl} p_l$$

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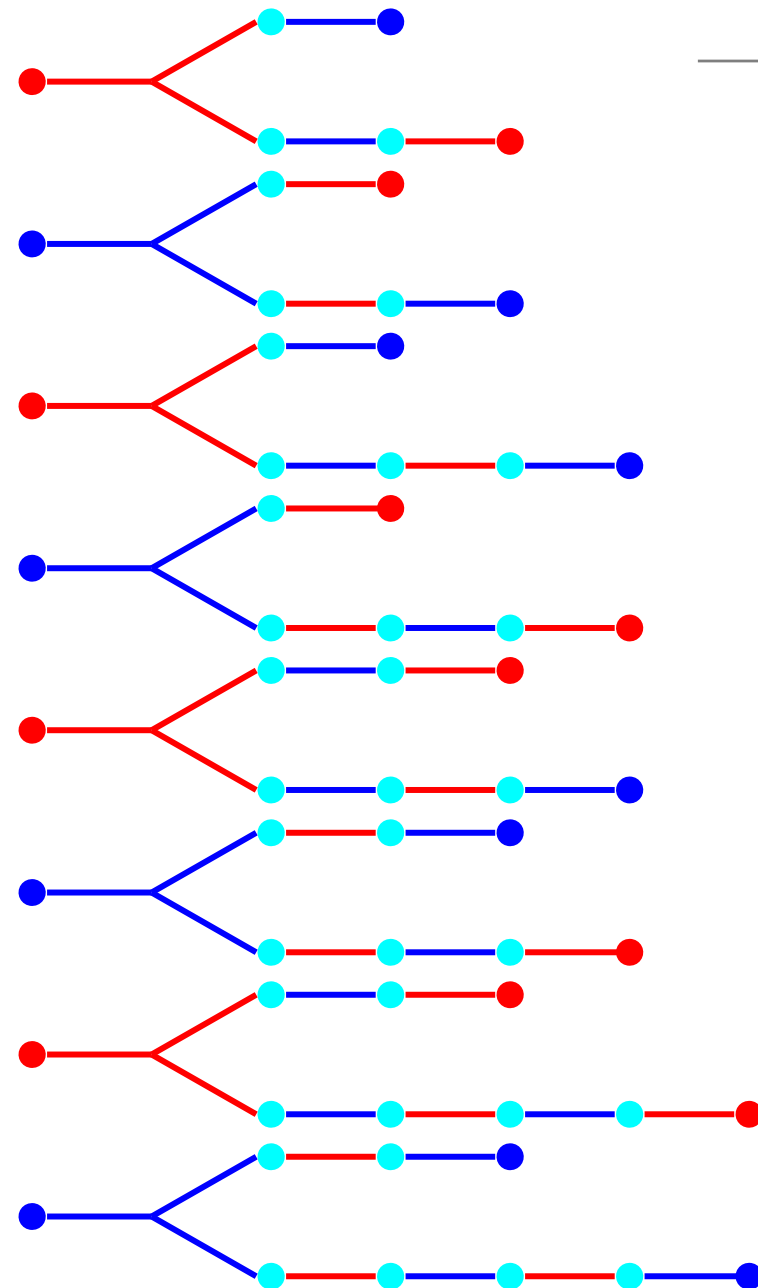
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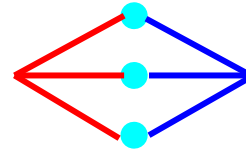
$$V_4 := \epsilon_{abc} s_a b_{bi} b_{id}^T s_d b_{cj} b_{je}^T b_{ek} b_{kf}^T s_f$$

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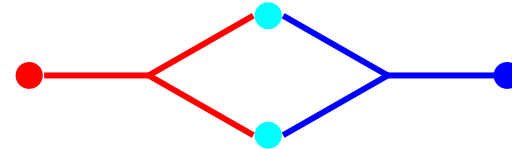


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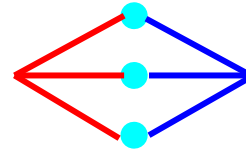


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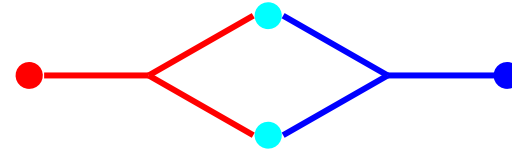


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● Fundamental invariants and their degrees

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3 K_5, K_6

4 K_7, K_8, K_9, U_3

5 U_2

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6 X_1, X_2, V_1, W_1

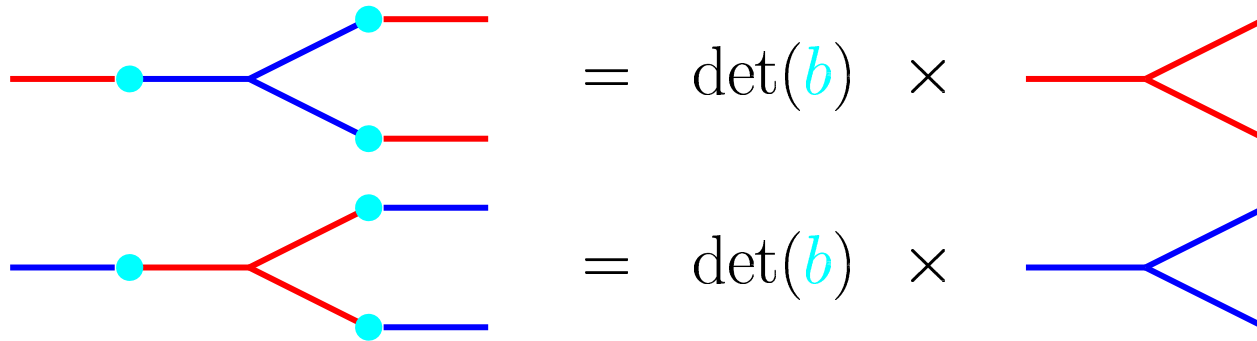
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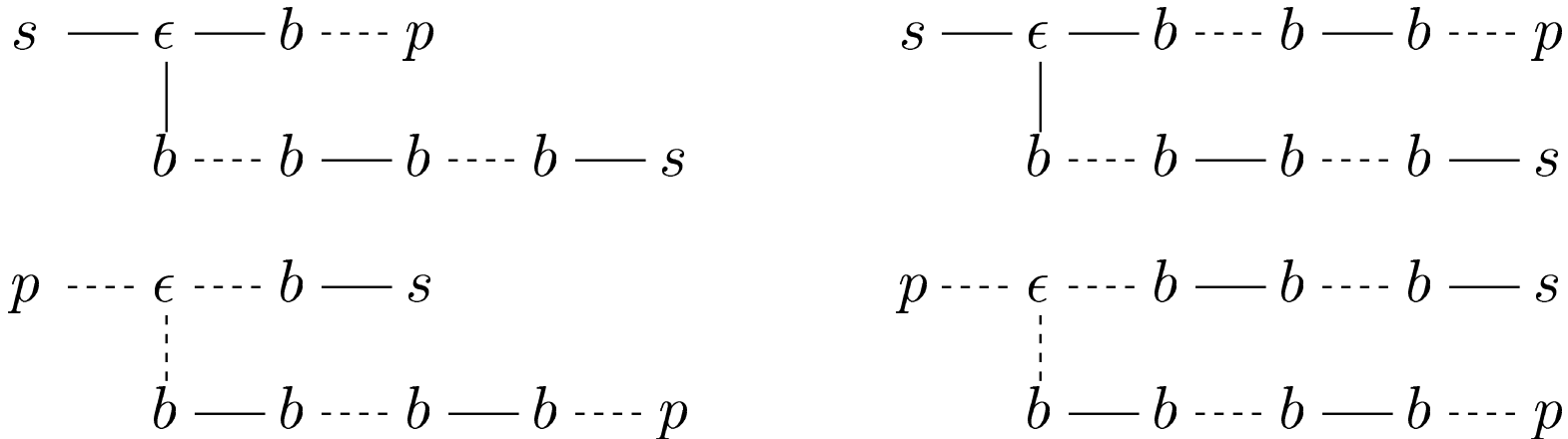
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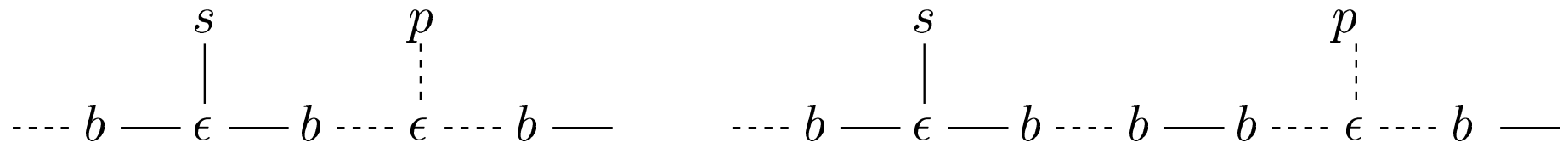
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- Elimination of U_3^2

$$\begin{aligned} &U_3 * U_3 + 8 * K_6 * U_2 - 4 * K_6 * K_6 * K_2 - 4 * K_8 * K_9 \\ &+ 4 * K_3 * K_9 * K_2 + 4 * K_8 * K_4 * K_2 + 2 * K_3 * K_4 * K_7 \\ &- 2 * K_3 * K_4 * K_2^2 - 4 * X_1 * K_4 - 4 * K_3 * X_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- There exists no similar expansion for $U_4 := U_2 * U_3$, but U_4^2 can be eliminated using the above.

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- Similarly, all V_i^2 , W_j^2 and $V_i * W_j$ may be eliminated.

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- Conclude that J_1^2 is linear in J_1, U_2, U_3, U_4 , with coefficients polynomial in K_1, K_2, \dots, K_{10} , and can be eliminated.

Primary and secondary invariants

- As the Molien function suggested there are 10 primary and 15 secondary invariants.
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- 15 secondaries:

$$J_1 = X_1 - X_2 \quad J_4 = J_1 J_2 \quad J_7 = J_1 J_2 J_3$$

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