

# INFORMATION THEORY

## Classical Compression

$$H(p) = H(X)_p = -\sum_x p(x) \log p(x)$$

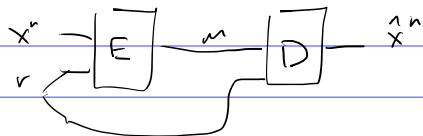
$$T_{p,\delta}^n = \left\{ x^n = (x_1, \dots, x_n) : \left| \frac{1}{n} \log p^{\otimes n}(x^n) - H(p) \right| \leq \delta \right\}$$

$$\epsilon = 1 - p^{\otimes n}(T_{p,\delta}^n) \leq n^{O(1)} 2^{-n\delta} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

## converse

- compress to  $k$  bits

- derandomize



pick  $r$  to maximize  $\Pr[\hat{x}^n = x^n | r]$

-  $S \subseteq \Sigma^n$  = set decoded correctly,  
 $|S| \leq 2^k$

$$p^n(S) \leq p^n(T_{p,\delta}^n \cap S) + p^n(\bar{T}_{p,\delta}^n)$$

$$\leq 2^k 2^{-nH(p) + n\delta} + \epsilon$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ if } \frac{k}{n} < H(p)$$

## Compression

$$S(p) = H(\text{eig}(p)) = -\text{tr}[p \log p]$$

$$0 \leq S(p) \leq \log d$$

$$S(p) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{eig}(p) = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \Leftrightarrow p = |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$S(p) = \log d \Leftrightarrow p = I/d$$

$$S(X) = f_X$$

$$S(X|Y) = S(XY) - S(Y) \quad (\text{this defn carries over})$$

can be negative

$$I(X;Y) = S(X) + S(Y) - S(XY) = S(X) - S(X|Y)$$

Classically  
 Quantum

$I(X;Y)$  = channel capacity

$I(A;B)$   $\rightarrow$   $\left[ \begin{array}{c} A \\ \hline B \end{array} \right] =$  entanglement-assisted classical capacity

typical subspaces & projectors

$$\rho = \sum_{x^n} \lambda_x |v_x\rangle\langle v_x| \quad \rho^{\otimes n} = \sum_{x^n} \lambda_{x^n} |v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}|$$

$$\Pi_{p,\delta}^n = \sum_{x^n \in T_{p,\delta}^n} |v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}| \quad \text{typ. proj.} \quad \text{supp } \Pi_{p,\delta}^n \text{ is typ. subspace}$$

$$\text{tr } \rho^{\otimes n} \Pi_{p,\delta}^n = \sum_{x^n} \lambda_{x^n} \mathbb{1}_{x^n \in T_{p,\delta}^n} = \lambda^n(T_{p,\delta}^n)$$

compression?

$$1) \rho^{\otimes n} \approx \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{E} \\ \text{D} \end{array} \right] - \sigma$$

$$2) |v_{x^n}\rangle \approx \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{E} \\ \text{D} \end{array} \right] - \sigma \quad \mathbb{E} F(|v_{x^n}\rangle, \sigma) \approx 1$$

$x^n \sim \lambda^n$

$$3) \rho = \sum_i p_i |w_i\rangle\langle w_i| \quad |w_i\rangle \approx \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{E} \\ \text{D} \end{array} \right] - \sigma \quad \mathbb{E} F(|w_i\rangle, \sigma) \approx 1$$

$i \sim p^n$

$$4) |\phi_p^{AR}\rangle^{\otimes n} \approx \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{E} \\ \text{D} \end{array} \right] - \sigma \quad F(|\phi_p\rangle^{\otimes n}, \sigma) \approx 1$$

+ means  $\equiv$ , i.e. n qubits

① is too weak 2-4 are all good,  $\approx$  equiv

### Schumacher - Jozsa Compression

$$\{ \Pi_{p,\delta}^n, \mathbb{I} - \Pi_{p,\delta}^n \} \quad \text{tr } \Pi_{p,\delta}^n \leq \exp(n(S(\rho) + \delta))$$

alg. coding  $\rho = \frac{\mathbb{I} + \epsilon Z}{2}$

$$\text{④} \rightarrow \text{③} \rightarrow \text{②}$$

4.3 measure R and get ensemble.  
3.2 pick eigenbasis

$$F\left(\sum_{x^n} |x^n\rangle\langle x^n| \otimes \lambda_{x^n} |v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}|, \sum_{x^n} |x^n\rangle\langle x^n| \otimes \lambda_{x^n} D(E(|v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}|))\right)$$

$$\sum_{x^n} \lambda_{x^n} \langle v_{x^n} | D(E(|v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}|)) | v_{x^n} \rangle$$

$$\sum_{x^n} |x^n\rangle\langle x^n| \otimes \lambda_{x^n} D(E(|v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}|)) = \sum_{x^n} \lambda_{x^n} F(|v_{x^n}\rangle, D(E(|v_{x^n}\rangle\langle v_{x^n}|)))$$

$$F\left(\sum_i p_i |x_i\rangle\langle x_i| \otimes \alpha_i, \sum_i p_i |x_i\rangle\langle x_i| \otimes \beta_i\right) = \left\| \left(\sum_i p_i |x_i\rangle\langle x_i| \otimes \alpha_i\right) \left(\sum_j p_j |x_j\rangle\langle x_j| \otimes \beta_j\right) \right\|_1 = \sum_i p_i \| \alpha_i \beta_i \|_1$$

# Relative entropy

$$\text{Surprise}(x) := \log \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

Huffman coding  $E(X)$  has length  $\lceil \log \frac{1}{p(x)} \rceil$  possible with prefix-free encoding

e.g.

x	p(x)	E(x)
a	1/2	0
b	1/4	10
c	1/8	110
d	1/8	111

$\lceil \cdot \rceil \Rightarrow$  some inefficiency which  $\rightarrow 0$  if we encode blocks of letters

$$H(p) = \mathbb{E}[\text{surprise}(x)] = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

## wrong codebook

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} | \text{Enc}_q(x) | = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{1}{q(x)} \geq \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

$$\text{excess} = D(p||q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad \text{relative entropy}$$

claim:  $D(p||q) \geq 0$

fact

$$1 + z \leq e^z$$

$$\log y \leq y - 1$$

$$\log \frac{1}{y} \geq 1 - y$$

$\forall z \in \mathbb{R}$  Pf  $f(z) = e^z - 1 - z$  is convex

$$f(0) = f'(0) = 0$$

$$D(p||q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

$$\geq \sum_x p(x) \left( 1 - \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \right) = \sum_x p(x) - q(x) = 0$$

$D = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = 1$  always  $\Leftrightarrow p = q$  (later we'll make this robust)

not a metric, not symmetric, no  $\Delta$  neg, etc

Cor  $H(p) \leq \log d$

Pf

$$u = (1/d, \dots, 1/d)$$

$$0 \leq D(p||u) = \sum_x p(x) (\log p(x) + \log d) = \log d - H(p)$$

Cor  $I(X;Y) \geq 0$

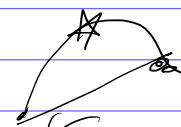
$$D(p_{xy} \parallel p_x \otimes p_y) = \sum_{x,y} p_{xy}(x,y) (\log p(x,y) - \log p_x(x) - \log p_y(y))$$

$$= -H(XY) + H(X) + H(Y)$$

$$= I(X;Y) \geq 0$$

Application

Concavity

$$\sum_x \pi_x H(p_x) \leq H\left(\sum_x \pi_x p_x\right)$$


$$p(x,y) = \pi_x p_x(y) \quad H(Y|X) \leq H(Y)$$

$$H(Y) - H(Y|X) = I(X;Y) \geq 0$$

Hypothesis testing

$x \sim p$  or  $q$

$\alpha = \Pr[\text{guess } q \mid x \sim p]$  type 1

$\beta = \Pr[\text{guess } p \mid x \sim q]$  type 2

symmetric  $\min \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \|p - q\|_1$

Bayesian  $\min \pi \alpha + (1 - \pi) \beta = \|\pi p - (1 - \pi) q\|_1$

asymmetric  $\beta_\epsilon = \min \{ \beta : \alpha \leq \epsilon \}$

we will study  $\beta_\epsilon^n = \beta_\epsilon$  for  $p^n$  vs  $q^n \sim \exp(-nR)$

Chernoff - Stein

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n} \log \beta_\epsilon^n = D(p \parallel q) \quad \forall \epsilon \in (0,1)$$

Examples

1)  $p = q \Leftrightarrow D(p \parallel q) = 0$  i.e. exp. small error always possible

2)  $q = U$   
 $T_{p \parallel q}^n$  guess  $p$   $D(p \parallel U) = \log d - H(p)$   $T_{p \parallel U}^n$  guess  $U$

$$\alpha = P^n(\overline{T_{p,\delta}^n}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\beta = U^n(T_{p,\delta}^n) = \frac{|T_{p,\delta}^n|}{d^n} \leq \exp(nH(p) + n\delta - n \log d) \\ = \exp(-n(D(p||u) - \delta))$$

$$3) \quad D(p||q) = \infty \Leftrightarrow \exists x \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} p(x) > 0 \\ q(x) = 0 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow \text{supp } p \not\subseteq \text{supp } q$$

If we see  $x \in \text{supp } p - \text{supp } q$ , guess  $p$ , otherwise  $q$

$$\alpha = p(\text{supp } q)^n \rightarrow 0 \quad \beta = 0$$

PF sketch of Chernoff-Stern theorem

LRT (likelihood ratio test)

$X^n \sim p^n$  or  $q^n$

$W(X^n) = \log \frac{p^n(X^n)}{q^n(X^n)}$

$E_{X^n \sim p^n} W = n D(p||q)$

$E_{X^n \sim q^n} W = -n D(q||p)$

$A = \{X^n : W \geq n(D(p||q) - \delta)\}$   $X^n \in A \Leftrightarrow q^n(X^n) \leq e^{-n(D-\delta)} p^n(X^n)$   
 $q^n(A) \leq e^{-n(D-\delta)}$   $p^n(A) \leq e^{-n(D-\delta)}$   
 $p^n(A) \rightarrow 1$  by law of large numbers

multiple hypothesis testing

$X^n \sim p^n$  or  $q^n$  for  $q \in Q$   
 rate =  $\min_{q \in Q} D(p||q)$



quantum relative entropy

$D(p||\sigma) = \text{tr} [p (\log p - \log \sigma)]$

$\beta_\epsilon^n = \min \{ \text{tr} M \sigma^{\otimes n} : \text{tr} M \rho^{\otimes n} \geq 1 - \epsilon \}$

q Stein  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n} \log \beta_\epsilon^n = D(p||\sigma)$

$D(p||\sigma) = \infty \Leftrightarrow \text{supp } p \not\subseteq \text{supp } \sigma$

e.g.  $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$   $\sigma = |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$

$A = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$   $B = I - A$

$M = A \otimes B^{\otimes n-1}$   
 $+ B \otimes A \otimes B^{\otimes n-2}$   
 $+ \dots + B^{\otimes n-1} \otimes A$

Application to entropies

$D(p||\sigma) \geq 0$

$S(A) \leq \log d$

$I(A;B) \geq 0$

$S(A) \geq S(A|B)$

# Pf of Stein

want  $M$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr } \rho^{\otimes n} M &\geq \alpha \\ \text{tr } \sigma^{\otimes n} M &\leq e^{-nR} \end{aligned}$$

$$R \approx D(\rho || \sigma)$$

optimal  $M = \left[ \alpha^{-1} \rho^{\otimes n} - 2^{nR} \sigma^{\otimes n} \geq 0 \right]$

following Bjelakovic et al.

$$\rho = \sum_x p_x |\alpha_x\rangle\langle\alpha_x| \quad \sigma = \sum_x s_x |\beta_x\rangle\langle\beta_x|$$

$$\Pi_{\rho|\sigma, \delta}^n = \sum_{x^n: \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log s_{x_i} - \text{tr } \rho \log \sigma \right| \leq \delta} \beta_{x^n} \quad \beta_{x^n} = \beta_{x_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \beta_{x_n}$$

c.f.

$$\Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n = \sum_{x^n \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log s_{x_i} - S(\rho) \right| \leq \delta} |\alpha_{x^n}\rangle\langle\alpha_{x^n}|$$

$$\text{tr } \rho^{\otimes n} \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \text{law of large numbers}$$

$$\left[ \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n \right] = 0$$

$$2^{n(\text{tr } \rho \log \sigma - \delta)} \Pi \leq \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n \leq 2^{n(\text{tr } \rho \log \sigma + \delta)} \Pi$$

Achievability:  $M = \Pi_{\rho|\sigma, \delta}^n \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n$

$\text{tr } \rho^{\otimes n} M \geq 1$  using gentle measurement lemma

$$\text{tr } \sigma^{\otimes n} M \leq \text{tr } \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n 2^{n(\text{tr } \rho \log \sigma + \delta)} \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n \leq 2^{n(S(\rho) + \delta)} 2^{n(\text{tr } \rho \log \sigma + \delta)} = \exp(-n(D(\rho|\sigma) - 2\delta))$$

## converse

suppose  $\text{tr } \rho^{\otimes n} M \geq \alpha$

$$\sigma^{\otimes n} \geq \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} 2^{n(\text{tr } \rho \log \sigma - \delta)}$$

$$\rho^{\otimes n} \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n \leq 2^{-n(S(\rho) - \delta)} \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}^n$$

$$\text{tr } M \sigma^{\otimes n} \geq \text{tr } (M \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}) 2^{n(\text{tr } \rho \log \sigma - \delta)}$$

$$\text{tr } M \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} = \text{tr } \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} M \Pi_{\rho|\sigma}$$

$$\geq \text{tr } \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} M \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} \Pi_{\rho}$$

$$\geq \text{tr } \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} M \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} \Pi_{\rho} \rho^{\otimes n} 2^{-n(S(\rho) - \delta)}$$

$$\geq \text{tr } M \left( \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} \left( \rho^{\otimes n} - \underbrace{(\mathbb{I} - \Pi_{\rho}) \rho^{\otimes n}}_{\text{tr} \leq \epsilon} \right) \Pi_{\rho|\sigma} \right)$$

$$\geq (\alpha - 25\epsilon - \epsilon)$$

$$\rho^{\otimes n} = \overbrace{\Pi_{\rho} \rho^{\otimes n}}^A + \overbrace{(\mathbb{I} - \Pi_{\rho}) \rho^{\otimes n}}^B$$

$$\text{tr } M \sigma^{\otimes n} \geq (\alpha - 25\epsilon - \epsilon) 2^{-n(D(\rho|\sigma) + 2\delta)}$$

## Cor $D(\rho||\sigma) \geq D(\mathcal{E}(\rho) || \mathcal{E}(\sigma))$

Car strong subadditivity

$$I(A:C|B) = I(A:BC) - I(A:B) = D(\rho_{AC} || \rho_A \otimes \rho_C) - D(\rho_{AB} || \rho_A \otimes \rho_B) \geq 0$$

monotonicity under  $\text{tr}_C$

# Applications of information theory to physics

given  $H$

$\rho$  has energy  $\text{tr}(\rho H)$

free energy  $F(\rho) = \text{tr}(\rho H) - T S(\rho)$

minimized by  $\sigma = \frac{e^{-H/T}}{\text{tr} e^{-H/T}}$

This is robust.

$$D(\rho || \sigma) = F(\rho) - F(\sigma) \quad (\text{ Pinsker's inequality })$$

$$\text{so } F(\rho) \leq F(\sigma) + \epsilon \Leftrightarrow D(\rho || \sigma) \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow \|\rho - \sigma\|_1^2 \leq 2\epsilon$$

## Thermalization process

$$\dot{\rho} = \mathcal{L}(\rho) \quad \mathcal{L}(\sigma) = 0$$

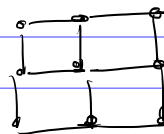
$$\text{MLS1} \quad \frac{d}{dt} D(\rho || \sigma) \leq -2\alpha D(\rho || \sigma)$$

compare with spectral gap  $\lambda = \min -\text{Re } \mu$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(x) = \mu x$   
 $\Rightarrow$  var decays as  $\exp(-\lambda t)$

## Structure of Gibbs state

$$\text{classically } p(x) = \frac{e^{-E(x)/T}}{Z}$$

$$E(x) = \sum_s h_s(x_s) \quad \text{e.g.}$$



$p(x)$  is Markovian

$$\text{i.e. } p(x_A, x_B, x_C) = p(x_B) p(x_A | x_B) p(x_C | x_B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow I(A; C | B)_p = 0$$

quantumly

$$I(A; C | B) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho = \exp(\log \rho^{AB} + \log \rho^{BC} - \log \rho^B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow B \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^L \otimes B_{\alpha}^R$$

$\uparrow$  classical variable

$$\rho = \bigoplus_{\alpha} p_{\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha}^{AB^L} \otimes \omega_{\alpha}^{B_{\alpha}^R C}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists R_{B \rightarrow BC} \text{ s.t. } \rho_{ABC} = (\text{id}_A \otimes R_{B \rightarrow BC})(\rho_{AB})$$

CMI is nonzero for Gibbs states but small  
 small CMI  $\Rightarrow$  approx recovery maps

$$H = \sum_{S \subset V} h_S$$

How does locality of  $H$  affect locality of  $e^{-itH}$ , etc..

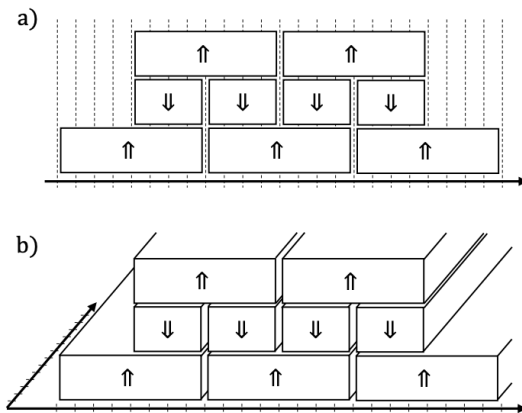
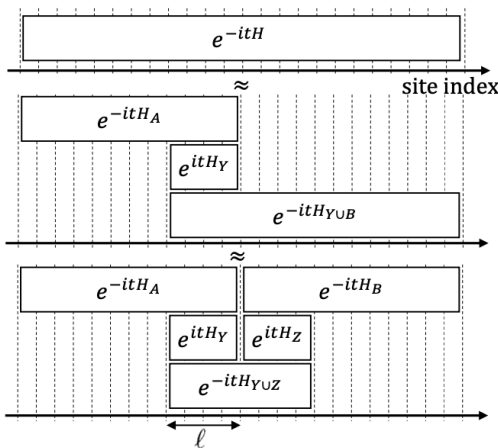
### Lieb-Robinson bound

$$\mu > 0 \quad \alpha := \max_i \sum_{S \ni i} \|h_S\| \cdot |S| e^{\mu \text{diam}(S)}$$

$$\| [A_x(t), B_y] \| \leq 2 \|A_x\| \|B_y\| |x| \exp(-\mu \text{dist}(x,y)) (e^{2\alpha |t|} - 1)$$

$$\exp\left(-\mu \left(\text{dist} - \frac{2\alpha t}{\mu}\right)\right) \Rightarrow \text{approx light-cone with speed } v_{LR}$$

Application Simulating lattice Hamiltonians [Haag, Hastings, Kohnen, Leu '88]



$$\| U_t^{A \cup B} (U_t^B)^{\dagger} U_t^{B \cup C} - U_t^{A \cup B \cup C} \| \leq O\left(e^{-\mu \text{dist}(A,C)}\right) \sum_{S \text{ on } \text{bdy}(A \cup B : C)} \|h_S\|$$

$$W_t := e^{it(H_{AB} + H_C)} e^{-itH_{ABC}} = (U_t^{AB+C})^{\dagger} U_t^{ABC}$$

$$\partial_t W_t = U_t^{AB+C} (H_{ABC} - H_{AB} - H_C) (U_t^{AB+C})^{\dagger} W_t$$

$$\approx U_t^{B+C} H_{B \cup C} (U_t^{B+C})^{\dagger} W_t$$

$$\exp(-\mu \text{dist}(A,C))$$

Application correlation decay in gapped ground states  
 $|\psi_0\rangle = |\psi_{gs}\rangle$

Suppose  $H$  has gap  $g$ , i.e. energies  $E_0 < E_1 = E_0 + g \leq E_2 \leq \dots$   
 then  $|\langle A_x B_y \rangle - \langle A_x \rangle \langle B_y \rangle| \lesssim e^{-\frac{g}{2\sqrt{|x-y|}}} \|A\| \|B\|$

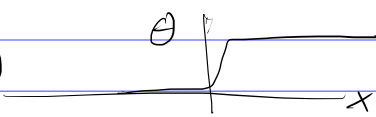
example TFIM  $H = -J \sum_i z_i z_{i+1} - B \sum_i X_i$

$B \gg 0$  unique g.s.  $|\psi_0^{\otimes N} = |\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow\rangle$  no correlations  
 $|B| \ll J$   $|\psi_0^{\otimes N} \approx |1\rangle^{\otimes N}$  have exp. small gap long-range correlations  $\langle z_i z_j \rangle = 1$

pf of correlation decay

Assume WLOG that  $\langle A \rangle = \langle B \rangle = 0$   $E_0 = 0$

$\langle E_i | B^+ | E_j \rangle := \langle E_i | B | E_j \rangle \theta(E_i - E_j)$

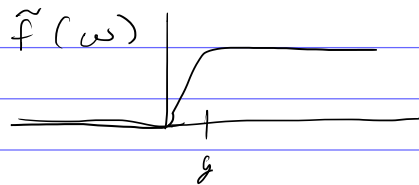


$B^+ |\psi_0\rangle = B |\psi_0\rangle$   $\langle \psi_0 | B^+ = 0$   
 $\langle AB \rangle = \langle AB^+ \rangle = \langle [A, B^+] \rangle$

but  $B^+$  is nonlocal

$\int f(t) B(t) dt = \sum_{i,j} |E_i \langle X | E_j \rangle B_{ij} \int dt f(t) e^{it(E_i - E_j)}$   
 $= \sum_{i,j} |E_i \langle X | E_j \rangle B_{ij} \tilde{f}(E_i - E_j)$

goals for  $f$



$\tilde{f}(w) \approx 0$   $w < 0$   
 $\tilde{f}(w) \approx 1$   $w > g/2$   
 say erf

$|f(t)|$  small if  $t \geq 1/g$

then  $B^+ \approx \int dt f(t) B(t)$

$[A, B^+] \approx \int dt f(t) [A, B(t)]$

balancing terms  $\Rightarrow$  error  $\approx e^{-\mu t}$  if  $t \leq 1/g$   
 $\exp(-\frac{g}{2\sqrt{|x-y|}})$