

# Eigenvalue Distributions of Reduced Density Matrices

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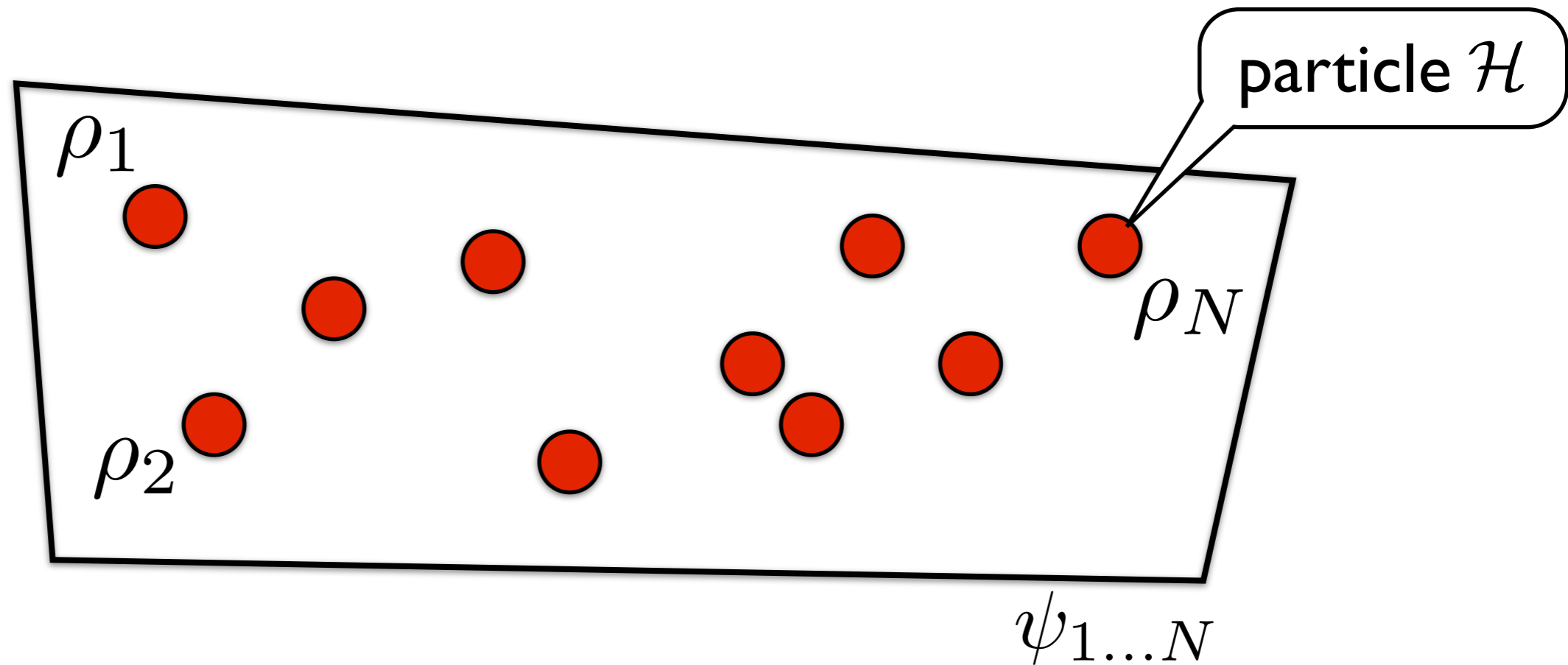
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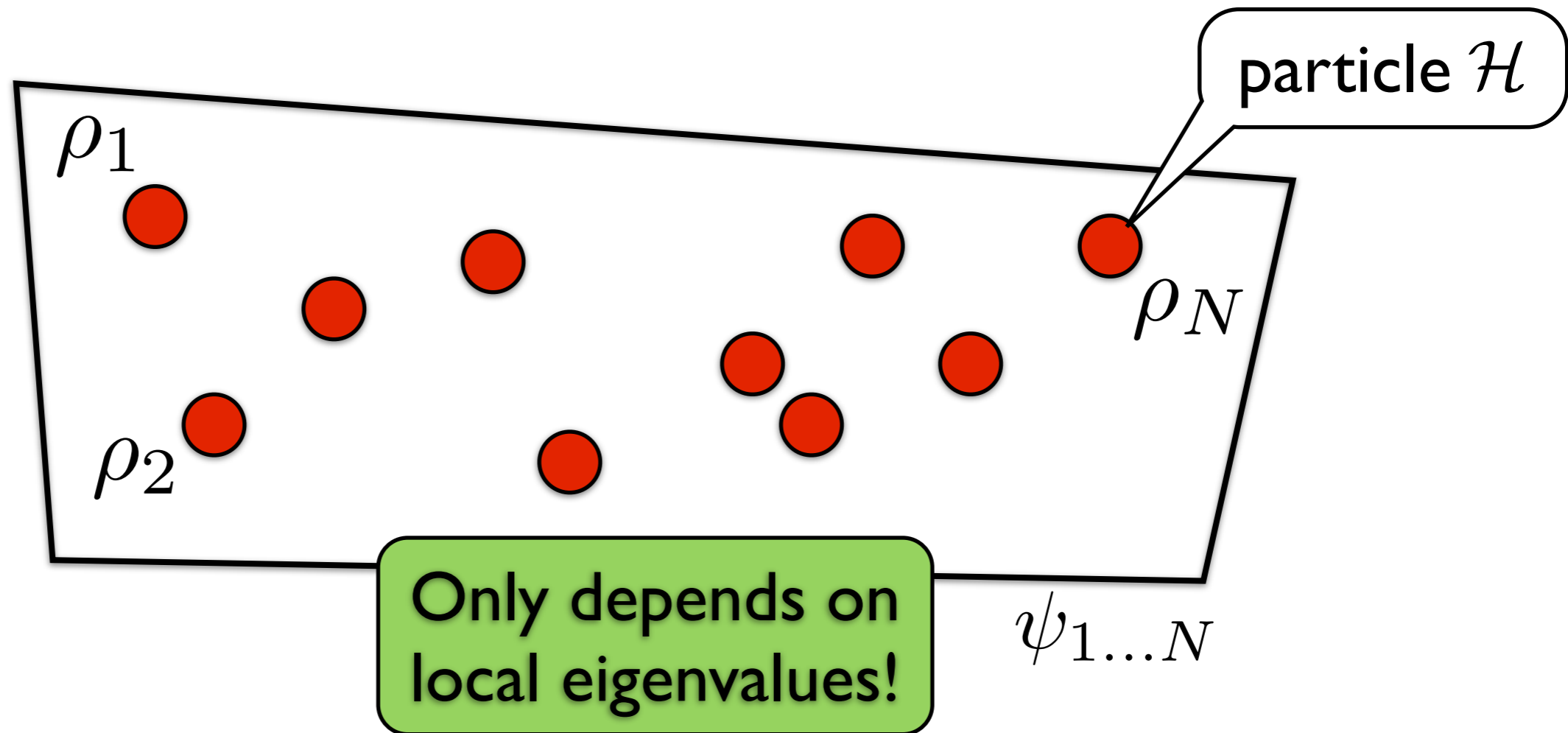
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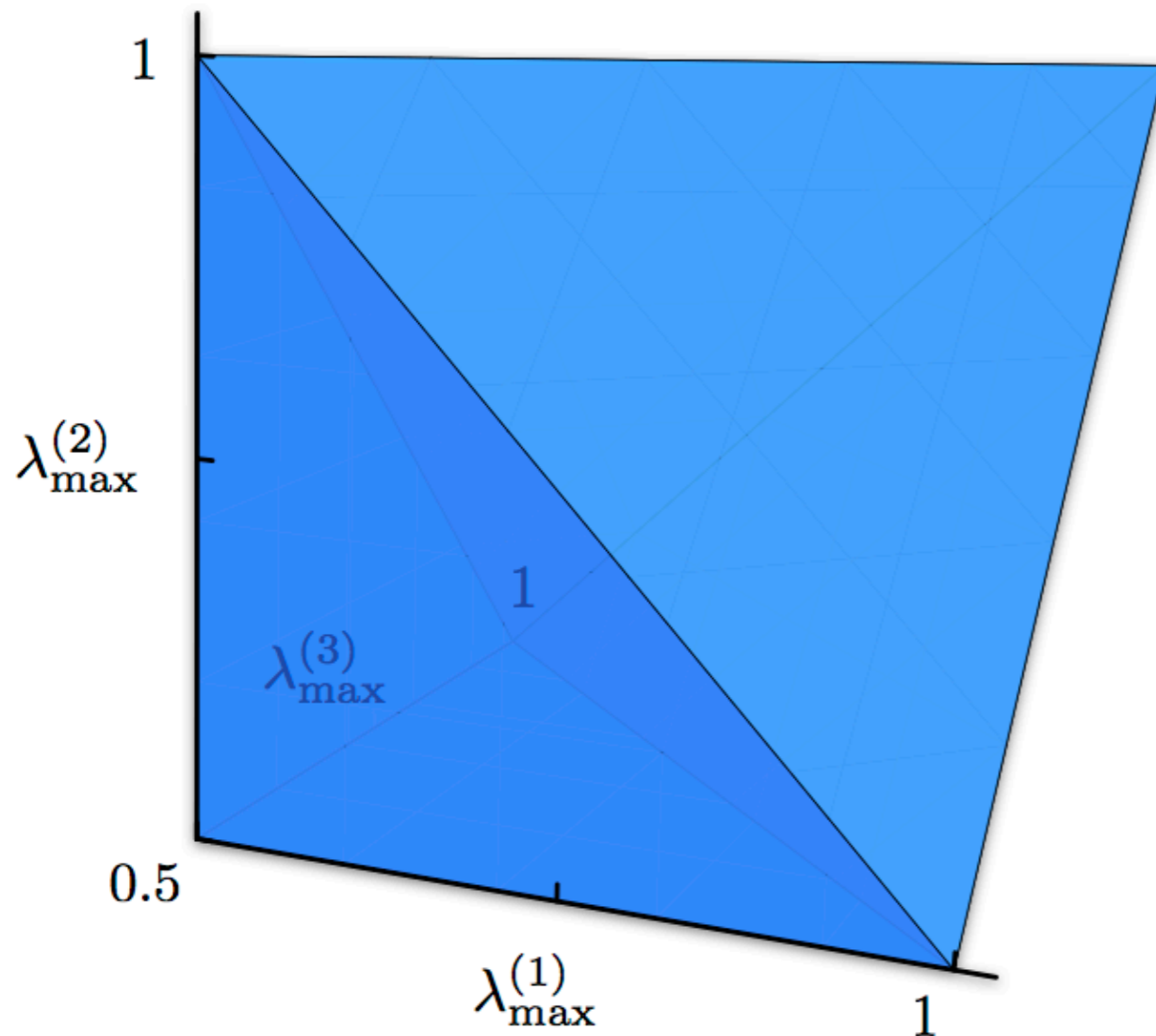
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Higuchi, Sudbery  
& Szulc (2003)

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Mathematical structure: Symplectic Geometry

$$\psi_{1\dots N} \mapsto (\text{eig } \rho_1, \dots, \text{eig } \rho_N)$$

moment  
map

- Result is always a convex polytope (Kirwan)
- Explicit linear inequalities Klyachko (2004), Daftour & Hayden (2004), Berenstein & Sjamaar (2000), Ressayre (2007)
- Representation theory Christandl & Mitchison (2004), Klyachko (2004), Christandl, Harrow & Mitchison (2006)

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Hayden, Leung, Shor & Winter (2004 & 2006)

Motivation: typical entanglement & entropies,  
statistical physics, black hole information

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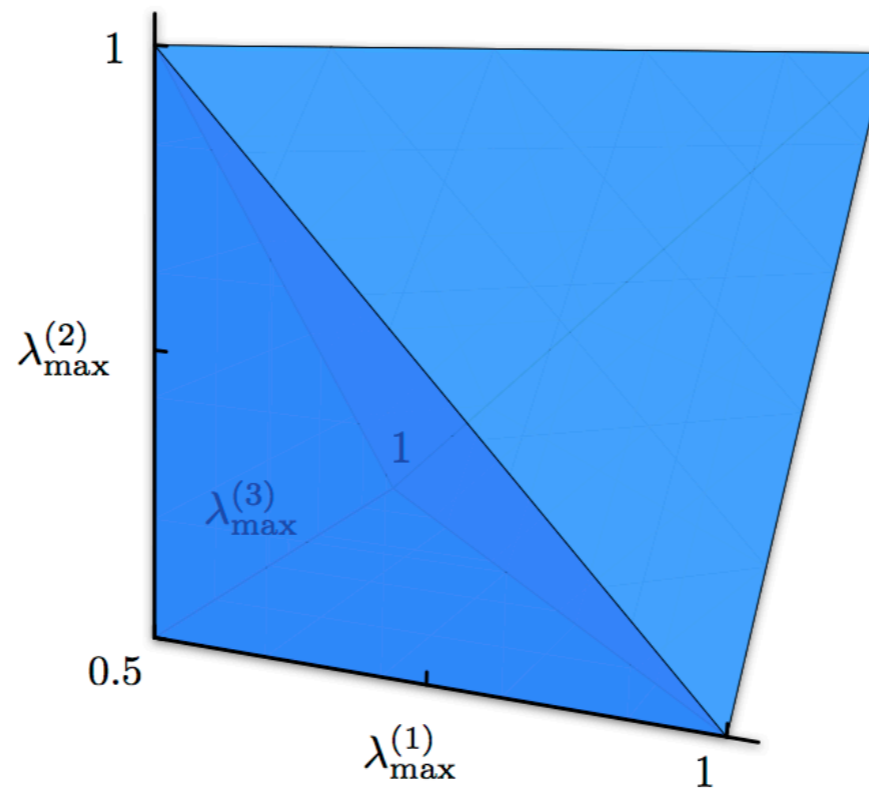
Task: Compute pushforward of  
Liouville measure along moment map

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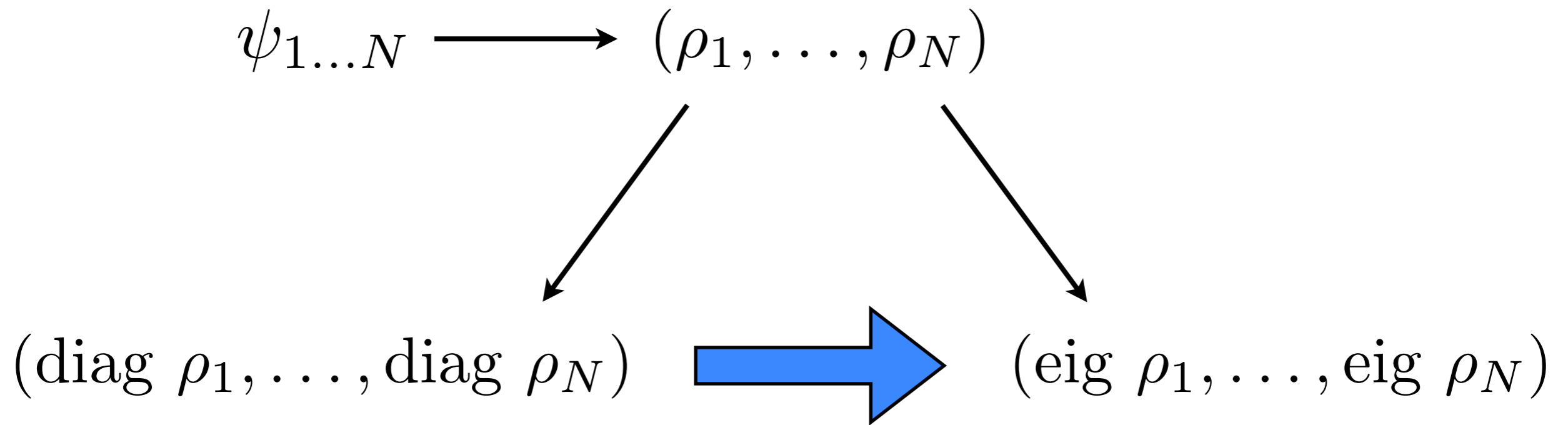
$$\left(\lambda_{\max}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\lambda_{\max}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\lambda_{\max}^{(3)} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{cases} 2 \min \lambda_{\max}^{(k)} + 1 - \lambda_{\max}^{(1)} - \lambda_{\max}^{(2)} - \lambda_{\max}^{(3)} \\ 2 \min \lambda_{\max}^{(k)} - 1 \end{cases}$$

upper pyramid

lower pyramid



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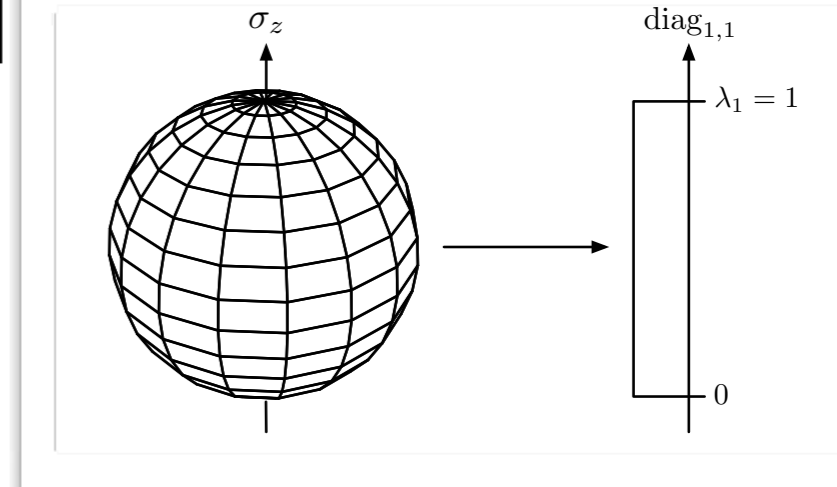
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well-known  
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Archimedes (230 BC),  
Harish-Chandra (1957)

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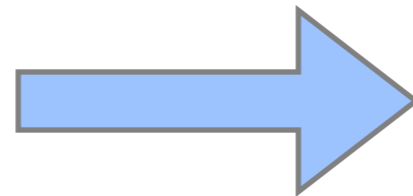
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- Piecewise polynomial density
- Wall-crossing formula:

Classical  
Marginal Problem

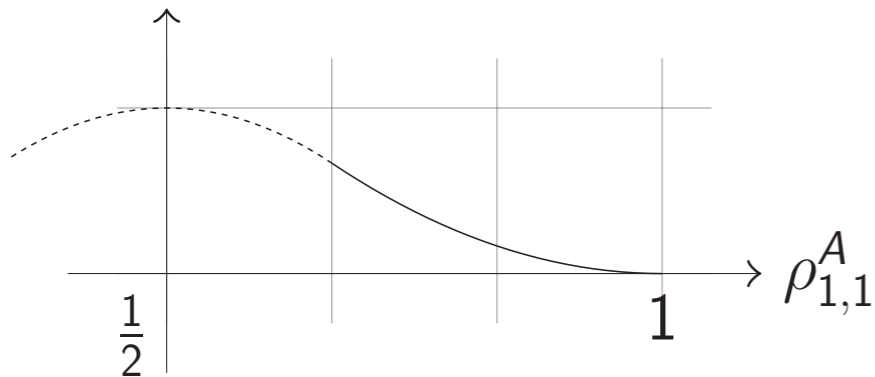
$$f_+(\delta) - f_-(\delta) = \text{Res}_{z=0} \left( \hat{f}_{\hat{W}}(\partial_x, \partial_y) \frac{e^{z\langle \delta - \omega_0, \xi \rangle + \langle \delta, x \rangle + y}}{\prod_{k=m}^n z \langle \omega_k - \omega_0, \xi \rangle + \langle \omega_k, x \rangle + y} \right)_{x=0, y=0}$$

based on Boysal & Vergne (2009)

# Example: Three Bosonic Qubits

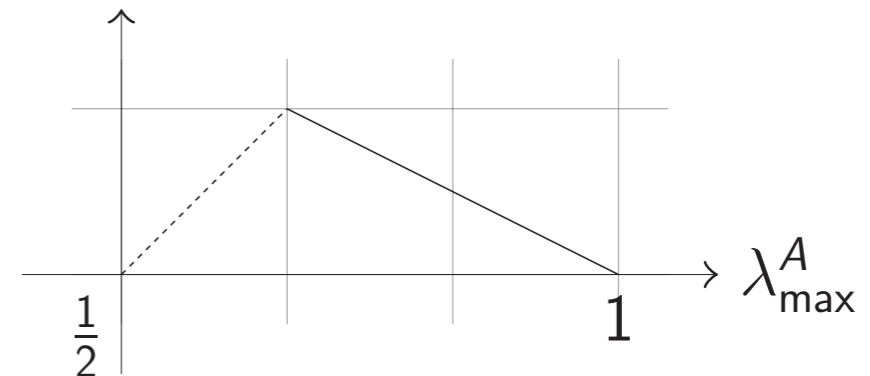
$$\psi_{123} \in \text{Sym}^3(\mathbb{C}^2)$$

1. Distribution of diagonal entries:

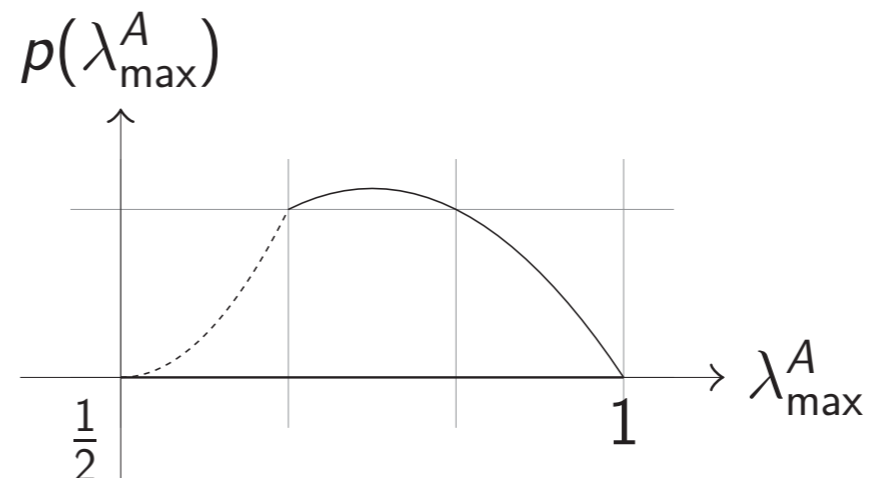


piecewise  
polynomials

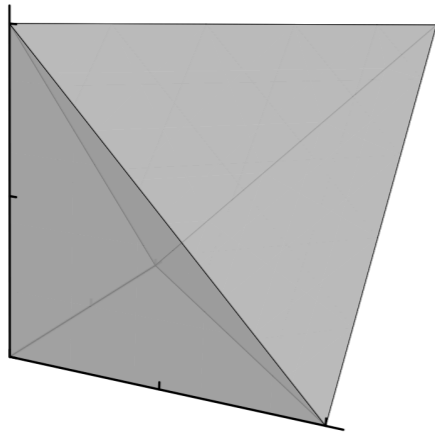
2. Take derivative:



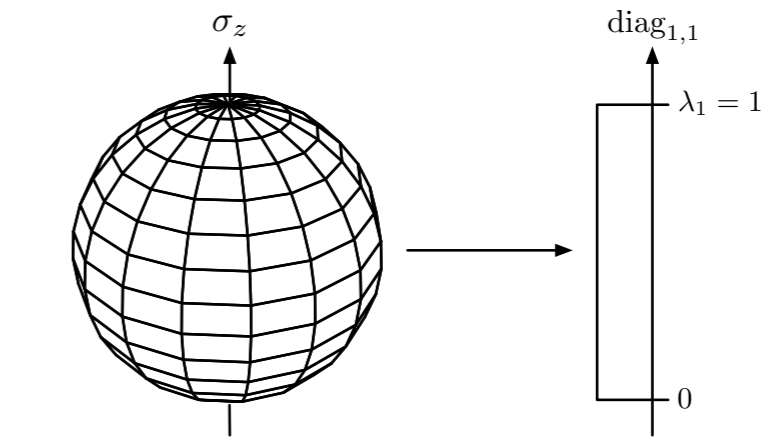
3. Multiply by  
 $v(\lambda_{\max}) = \lambda_{\max} - \frac{1}{2} :$



# Conclusion



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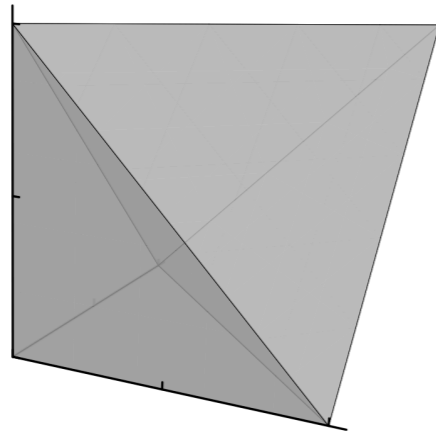
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Algorithm for computing eigenvalue distributions  
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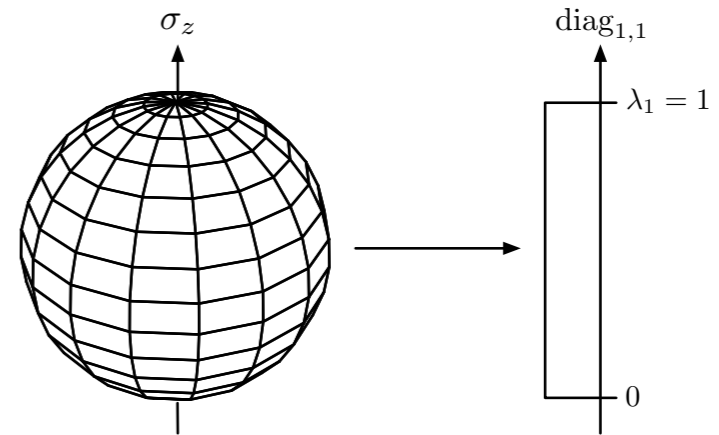
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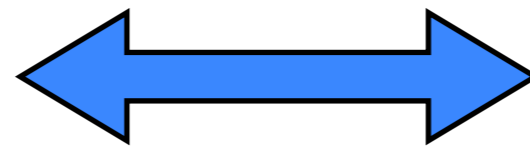
QMP & Entanglement:  
talk by David Gross



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Quantized Algorithm:  
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