

# Bipartite unitary operators inducing unitarily invariant classes of quantum channels

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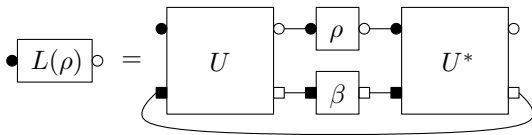
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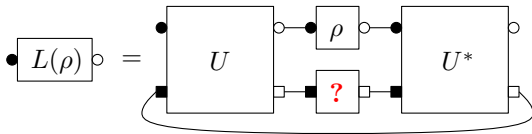
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- What if we do not know / have access to  $\beta$ , the state of the environment ?



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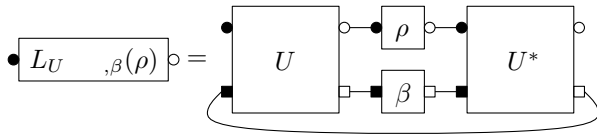
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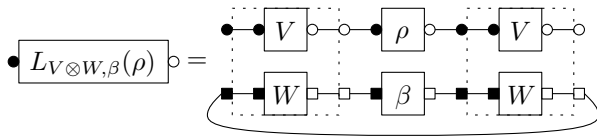
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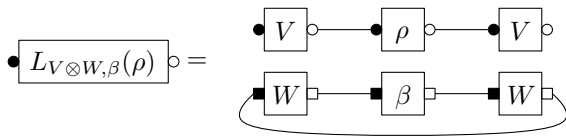
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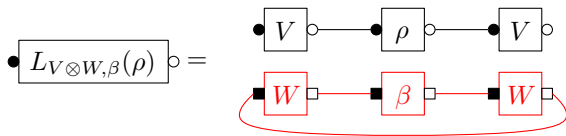
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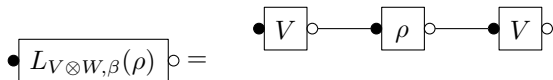
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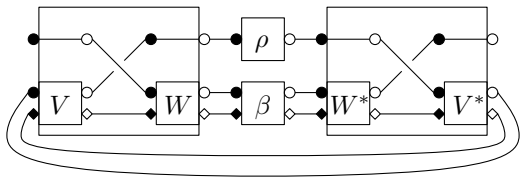
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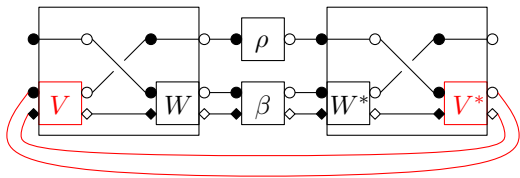
If  $n = k$ , then  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{const}} = F_n \cdot \mathcal{U}_{\text{aut}} = F_n \cdot \{V \otimes W : V, W \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$ .

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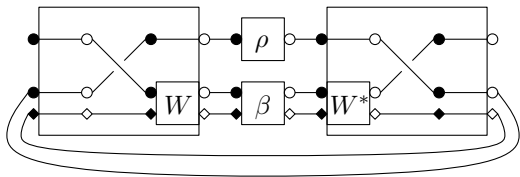




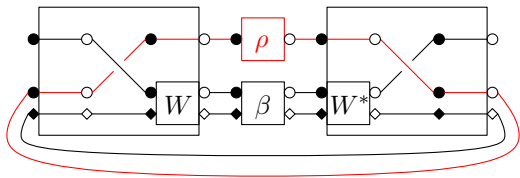
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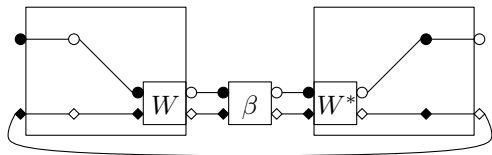
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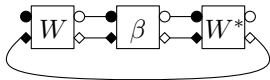
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- $\mathcal{U}_{\text{aut}} = \{V \otimes W : V, W \in \mathcal{U}_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{\text{unital}}$ .
- If  $n > 1$ , then  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{const}} \cap \mathcal{U}_{\text{unital}} = \emptyset$ .
- $\mathcal{U}_{\text{unital}}$  is a non-smooth algebraic variety, of dimension  $nk(n+k-1)$ .

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More generally,  $U \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{block-diag}}^A$  iff.

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where  $U_i$  are unitary operators acting on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $R_i$  are **partial isometries**  $R_i : \mathbb{C}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^r R_i R_i^* = \sum_{i=1}^r R_i^* R_i = I_k$ . Moreover, the decomposition is **unique**, up to the permutation of the terms in the sum and  $\mathbb{C}U_i \neq \mathbb{C}U_j$  for  $i \neq j$ .

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We have the following chain of inclusions

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When  $n = 2$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{block-diag}}^A = \mathcal{U}_{\text{unital}}$ , so we have

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## Question

Characterize the unitarily invariant sets

$$\mathcal{U}_{PPT} = \{U \in \mathcal{U}_{nk} \mid \forall \beta \in \mathcal{M}_k^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}), \\ L_{U,\beta} \text{ is a } PPT \text{ channel} \}$$

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Obviously,  $\mathcal{U}_{const} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{PPT} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{EB}$ . Is there equality?

# The End

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