

REFLECTION POSITIVE DOUBLES

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ABSTRACT. Here we introduce *reflection positive doubles*, a general framework for reflection positivity, covering a wide variety of systems in statistical physics and quantum field theory. These systems may be bosonic, fermionic, or parafermionic in nature. Within the framework of reflection positive doubles, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity. We use a reflection-invariant cone to implement our construction. Our characterization allows for a direct interpretation in terms of coupling constants, making it easy to check in concrete situations. We illustrate our methods with numerous examples.

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I. INTRODUCTION

There is amazing synergy among a number of developments in operator algebra theory, quantum field theory, and statistical physics that first emerged in the 1960's and 1970's. At the time several of these advances appeared independently, but we now understand them as part of a larger picture. Their interrelation may well lead to further deep insights.

The advances we think of include, on the side of mathematics, the Tomita-Takesaki theory for von Neumann algebras [To67, Ta70], the j -positive states of Woronowicz [Wo72], and the self-dual cones of Araki, Connes, and Haagerup [Ar74, Co74, Ha75]. On the side of physics, they include the reflection positivity property discovered by Osterwalder and Schrader for classical fields [OS73a, OS73b, OS75]. In perspective, we now understand how these apparently different ideas overlap as central themes in mathematics and physics.

Following the ground-breaking mathematical work of Tomita and Takesaki, and motivated by the work of Powers and Størmer on states of the CAR algebra [PS70], Woronowicz introduced j -positivity. In

the context of a subalgebra $\mathfrak{A}_+ \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ that is interchanged with its commutant $\mathfrak{A}_- \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ by an antilinear homomorphism $j: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$, this means that a state $\omega: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfies

$$\omega(j(A)A) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathfrak{A}_+, \quad (\text{bosonic case}). \quad (\text{I.1})$$

For a σ -finite von Neumann algebra $\mathfrak{A}_+ \subseteq B(\mathcal{H})$ with modular involution $j(A) = JAJ$, Araki and Connes independently realized that the normal, j -positive states constitute a *self-dual cone* in \mathcal{H} . Connes proved that σ -finite von Neumann algebras are classified up to isomorphism by their self-dual cone; Haagerup's subsequent generalization of these results to the non σ -finite case led to the abstract formulation of Tomita-Takesaki Theory, which proved to have a lasting impact on operator algebra theory.

On the side of mathematical physics, Osterwalder and Schrader formulated the idea of reflection positivity in the context of the Green's functions for the statistical mechanics of classical fields. In hindsight, one understands that this idea is closely related to j -positivity, with j replaced by the time reflection Θ . In this context, reflection positivity is expressed as

$$S(\Theta(F)F) \geq 0, \quad (\text{bosonic case}) \quad (\text{I.2})$$

where S denotes the Schwinger functional defined on an algebra of test functions F , and the positivity (I.2) holds on a subalgebra of functions supported at positive time.

For fermionic systems, the reflection positivity condition can be given in terms of an *antihomomorphism* Θ_a on the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra \mathfrak{A} of test functions. Here, the positive time subalgebra \mathfrak{A}_+ *supercommutes* with the negative time subalgebra \mathfrak{A}_- . Reflection positivity for a gauge-invariant functional S means that $S(\Theta_a(F)F) \geq 0$ for all $F \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. To connect with j -positivity, note that as the algebra is super-commutative, $\Theta(F) = i^{-|F|^2} \Theta_a(F)$ is an antilinear *homomorphism*. Here $|F|$ denotes the \mathbb{Z}_2 -degree of F , which is 0 for even and 1 for odd elements. In terms of Θ , the reflection positivity condition becomes

$$i^{|F|^2} S(\Theta(F)F) \geq 0. \quad (\text{fermionic case}) \quad (\text{I.3})$$

In our previous work [JJ16], we discovered that (I.3) gives the correct formulation of reflection positivity for Majorana fermions, where the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra is no longer super-commutative.

In this paper we generalize this condition to the case of a neutral functional S on a \mathbb{Z}_p -graded (rather than \mathbb{Z}_2 graded) algebra. We find

that the reflection positivity condition becomes

$$\zeta^{|F|^2} S(\Theta(F)F) \geq 0, \quad (\text{general case}) \quad (\text{I.4})$$

with F a homogeneous element of \mathfrak{A}_+ of degree $|F|$, and with ζ an appropriate $2p^{\text{th}}$ root of unity.

I.1. Applications to Mathematical Physics. The importance of the Osterwalder-Schrader construction stems from the fact that the Hilbert space of *every* known scalar quantum theory arises as a quantization defined by this framework; quantum theories with fermions or gauge fields arise as generalizations of this approach.

Another early application of reflection positivity was its use in papers of Glimm, Jaffe, and Spencer to give the first proof in that interacting, non-linear quantum fields satisfy the Wightman axioms [GJS74]. Shortly afterward, these authors used reflection positivity to give the first mathematical proof that discrete symmetry breaking and phase transitions exist in certain quantum field theories [GJS75].

The analysis of Tomita-Takesaki theory led Bisognano and Wichmann to identify the TCP reflection Θ in quantum field theory with a specific case of the Tomita reflection j defined for wedge shaped regions [BW75]. Sewell recognized that the Bisognano-Wichmann theory yields an interpretation of Hawking radiation from black holes [Sew80]. Hislop and Longo analyzed the modular structure of double cone algebras in great detail [HL82]. Also much work of Borchers, Buchholz, Fredenhagen, Rehren, Summers, and others has been devoted to aspects of relations between local quantum field theory and Tomita-Takesaki theory.

Turning from quantum mechanics to lattice statistical physics, reflection positivity was established by Osterwalder and Seiler for lattice gauge theory [O76], as well as for the super-commutative, \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra appearing in lattice QCD [OS78]. Reflection positivity was also central in the first proof of continuous symmetry breaking in lattice systems, through the proof and use of “infrared bounds” by Fröhlich, Simon, and Spencer [FSS76]. Reflection positivity also led to many results by Fröhlich, Israel, Lieb, and Simon [FILS78], for bosonic quantum systems in classical and quantum statistical physics.

I.2. Positive Cones, Twisted Products. The analysis of reflection positivity in the papers [OS73b, OS78, FILS78] used a *cone* of reflection positive elements. This cone mirrors the positivity conditions (I.2)–(I.3) for bosonic and fermionic systems. The cone consists of elements

$$\Theta(A)A, \quad A \in \mathfrak{A}_+, \quad (\text{bosonic case}) \quad (\text{I.5})$$

where \mathfrak{A}_+ is the algebra of observables on one side of the reflection plane. In terms of the antilinear homomorphism Θ , the cones of Osterwalder, Schrader, and Seiler consist of elements of the form

$$i^{|A|^2} \Theta(A)A, \quad A \in \mathfrak{A}_+. \quad (\text{fermionic case}) \quad (\text{I.6})$$

In hindsight, it is clear that these cones are closely related to the self-dual cone of Araki, Connes and Haagerup.

In this paper, we isolate a minimal framework for reflection positivity, covering a variety of different and useful examples, including the above. In brief, we work with a \mathbb{Z}_p -graded, locally convex algebra \mathfrak{A} , equipped with an antilinear homomorphism $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ called the *reflection*.

Let $\mathfrak{A}_+ \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ be a graded subalgebra, and $\mathfrak{A}_- = \Theta(\mathfrak{A}_+)$. We assume that Θ squares to the identity and inverts the grading. Then \mathfrak{A} is called the *q-double* of \mathfrak{A}_+ if the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , and if \mathfrak{A}_+ *paracommutes* with \mathfrak{A}_- , meaning that

$$A_- A_+ = q^{|A_-||A_+|} A_+ A_- , \quad (\text{I.7})$$

for homogeneous $A_{\pm} \in \mathfrak{A}_{\pm}$. Here $q = e^{2\pi i/p}$ is a p^{th} root of unity, and $|A|$ denotes the degree of A in \mathbb{Z}_p . The case $p = 1$ describes bosons, the case $p = 2$ describes fermions, and the case $p > 2$ corresponds to parafermions. We give more details in §II. The generalization of (I.5)–(I.6) is the *reflection positive cone* \mathcal{K}_+ with elements

$$\zeta^{|A|^2} \Theta(A)A. \quad (\text{general case}) \quad (\text{I.8})$$

Here A a homogeneous element of \mathfrak{A}_+ , and ζ is a square root of q , with $\zeta^{p^2} = 1$. The cone \mathcal{K}_+ is closed under multiplication, and point-wise fixed by the reflection Θ . We find it useful to consider the expression (I.8) as a specialization of a reflection-invariant, twisted product,

$$\Theta(A) \circ A = \zeta^{|A|^2} \Theta(A)A. \quad (\text{I.9})$$

Parafermionic commutation relations were proposed in field theory by Green [Gr53]. They are closely tied to representations of the braid group, which lead to a variety of different statistics, see for example [FG90]. Recently, Fendley gave a parafermionic representation of Baxter's clock hamiltonian [F12, F14]. In [JP15b], Jaffe and Pedrocchi gave sufficient conditions for reflection positivity on the 0-graded part of the parafermion algebra, and used this to study topological order [JP14]. Jaffe and Liu found a geometric interpretation of reflection positivity in the framework of planar para algebras, relating reflection positivity in that case to C^* positivity [JL16]. Their proof uses an elegant pictorial interpretation for the twisted product $\Theta(A) \circ A$ in (I.9), as an interpolation between $\Theta(A)A$ and $A\Theta(A)$.

Recently the ideas from Tomita-Takesaki theory have been used by workers in string theory, for instance in the analysis of the black hole complementarity radiation, see [PS13]. It is tempting to conjecture that string theory representations of black-hole partition functions of the form $Z_{\text{BH}} = |Z_{\text{top}}|^2$, proposed in [OSV03, GSY07, P12], have an origin in (and an explanation based on) reflection positivity.

I.3. Overview of the Present Paper. Let $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous, reflection positive ‘background functional’, and let $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ be a reflection invariant element of degree zero. The main problem is to determine necessary and sufficient conditions on H for the functional

$$\tau_H(A) = \tau(Ae^{-H}) \tag{I.10}$$

to be reflection positive. In the case of statistical physics, H is a Hamiltonian and τ_H defines the Boltzmann functional for the system. In the case of functional integrals for quantum theory, H is a perturbation of the action.

In §II we give the basic definitions. In §III, we apply this general setting to a variety of different situations: Tomita-Takesaki theory and von Neumann algebras (describing bosonic systems), Grassmann algebras (describing fermionic classical systems), and Clifford algebras and CAR algebras (describing fermionic quantum systems). Finally, we introduce the *parafermion algebra* and the *CPR algebra*, the analogues of Clifford and CAR algebras for parafermions.

Let us point out that in our general setting, we do *not* assume that \mathfrak{A} is a $*$ -algebra, nor that τ is a state. This allows our framework to cover cases such as Berezin integration on Grassmann algebras [Be66], and neutral complex fields in the sense of [JJM14a, JJM14b].

In §IV and §V, we return to the problem of determining reflection positivity of τ_H in the general setting. Our first main result is Theorem IV.10; the Boltzmann functional τ_H is reflection positive if H allows a decomposition

$$H = H_- + H_0 + H_+,$$

where H_+ is in \mathfrak{A}_+ , H_- is the reflection of H_+ in \mathfrak{A}_- , and $-H_0$ is in the closure of the convex hull of \mathcal{K}_+ . Although the decomposition is familiar, the result is new for Hamiltonians of the generality that we study here.

Our second major result, Theorem V.9, states that these conditions are not only sufficient, but also necessary, under additional factorization and nondegeneracy hypotheses on the ‘background’ functional τ . These extra assumptions are reasonable, and generally assumed, in the framework of statistical physics.

In our third main result, Theorem V.10, we formulate necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity in terms of the *matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane*. These are the coefficients J_{IJ}^0 of H with respect to a distinguished, reflection-invariant basis B_{IJ} of the zero-graded algebra \mathfrak{A}^0 . This is particularly relevant in the context of statistical physics, where the Hamiltonian is usually given in terms of couplings. Theorem V.10 then allows one to easily check reflection positivity in concrete situations.

We end the paper with an extensive list of examples in the context of lattice statistical physics. In §VI, we discuss the lattices we use.

In §VII, we specialize our results to bosonic classical and quantum systems. A special feature of *classical* systems is that the lattice can contain fixed points under the reflection. We exploit this to prove the following: suppose that the reflection is in one of the coordinate directions, that the lattice is rectangular, and that it has nontrivial intersection with the reflection plane. Then *every* reflection-invariant nearest neighbor Hamiltonian yields a reflection positive Boltzmann measure.

In §VIII, we specialize our results to fermionic classical and quantum systems. In the classical case, the ‘background functional’ is the Berezin integral on the Grassmann algebra, and in the quantum case, it is the tracial state on the Clifford algebra or CAR algebra. The results in this section generalize the examples in our previous work [JJ16].

In §IX, we apply our results in the context of lattice gauge theories. In particular, we give a new, gauge equivariant proof of reflection positivity for the expectation defined by the Wilson action. In contrast to the proofs in [O76, OS78, Sei82, MP87], we prove reflection positivity on the *full* algebra of observables, not just on the gauge invariant subalgebra.

Finally, in §X, we give a complete characterization of reflection positivity for parafermions. This extends the results of [JP15b] from the degree zero subalgebra \mathfrak{A}_+^0 to the full algebra \mathfrak{A}_+ , and ties in with the results of Jaffe and Liu [JL16] on the geometric interpretation of reflection positivity for planar para algebras.

II. REFLECTION POSITIVITY FOR \mathbb{Z}_p -GRADED ALGEBRAS

In this section, we introduce the basic notions needed to treat reflection positivity in the \mathbb{Z}_p -graded setting.

II.1. Graded Topological Algebras. Let $p \in \mathbb{N}$, and let \mathfrak{A} be a \mathbb{Z}_p -graded unital algebra. The case $p = 1$ corresponds to bosons, the case $p = 2$ corresponds to fermions, and the case $p > 2$ corresponds to

parafermions. The case $p = 0$ is also allowed; as $\mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$ for $p = 0$, this corresponds to \mathbb{Z} -graded algebras.

Denote the degree (or grading) of $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ by $|A| \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, and denote the homogeneous part of degree k by $\mathfrak{A}^k = \{A \in \mathfrak{A}; |A| = k\}$. The algebra \mathfrak{A} then decomposes as

$$\mathfrak{A} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_p} \mathfrak{A}^k. \quad (\text{II.1})$$

We require that \mathfrak{A} be a locally convex topological algebra. This means that \mathfrak{A} is a locally convex (Hausdorff) topological vector space, for which the multiplication is separately continuous. In the case $p = 0$, we will allow algebras for which the right hand side of (II.1) is dense in \mathfrak{A} .

Note that \mathfrak{A} need not be a $*$ -algebra. The above setting therefore includes not only (graded) C^* -algebras and von Neumann algebras, but also Grassmann algebras and continuous inverse algebras.

II.2. Reflections and q -Doubles. Reflection positivity will be defined with respect to a *reflection* $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$.

Definition II.1 (Reflections). *A reflection $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is a continuous, anti-linear homomorphism which squares to the identity and inverts the grading.*

In other words, we require that $\Theta^2 = \text{Id}$, and that $|\Theta(A)| = -|A|$ for homogeneous elements $A \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Remark II.2. In the literature, RP is not always defined using an anti-linear homomorphism Θ , as we do. In fact, there are 4 possibilities. The transformation Θ may be linear or antilinear; it may be a homomorphism or an anti-homomorphism. In the context of $*$ -algebras, one can go back and forth between an antilinear homomorphism Θ and a linear anti-homomorphism $\tilde{\Theta}$ by defining $\tilde{\Theta}(A) := \Theta(A^*)$. In the context of super-commutative algebras (Grassmann fermions), one can go back and forth between an antilinear homomorphism Θ and a linear anti-homomorphism Θ_a by defining $\Theta(A) = i^{-|A|^2} \Theta_a(A)$. In the general setting that we describe in this paper, it seems that the anti-linear homomorphism in Definition II.1 is the only option.

Let \mathfrak{A}_+ be a distinguished \mathbb{Z}_p -graded subalgebra of \mathfrak{A} , and write $\mathfrak{A}_- := \Theta(\mathfrak{A}_+)$ for its reflection. Define $\mathfrak{A}_\pm := \{A_- A_+; A_\pm \in \mathfrak{A}_\pm\}$. Let q be a complex number satisfying $q^p = 1$ and $|q| = 1$. We require that \mathfrak{A} is the q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ in the following sense.

Definition II.3 (q -Double). *The algebra \mathfrak{A} is the q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ if*

- (1) The linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_-\mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} .
(2) The elements of \mathfrak{A}_\pm satisfy the para-commutation relations

$$A_-A_+ = q^{|A_-||A_+|}A_+A_-, \quad \text{for } A_\pm \in \mathfrak{A}_\pm. \quad (\text{II.2})$$

The q -double is called *bosonic* if $q = 1$, *fermionic* if $q = -1$, and *parafermionic* if $q = e^{2\pi i/p}$ for $p \geq 3$.

Remark II.4. Consider the intersection $\mathfrak{A}_+ \cap \mathfrak{A}_-$. From the para-commutation relation (II.2), we infer that for all $A_0 \in \mathfrak{A}_+ \cap \mathfrak{A}_-$ and $A_\pm \in \mathfrak{A}_\pm$, we have

$$A_0A_+ = q^{|A_0||A_+|}A_+A_0, \quad A_0A_- = q^{-|A_0||A_-|}A_-A_0.$$

Combined with the fact that $\mathfrak{A}_-\mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , this implies that $\mathfrak{A}_+ \cap \mathfrak{A}_-$ is central in the bosonic case. In the fermionic case, this implies that $\mathfrak{A}_+ \cap \mathfrak{A}_-$ is supercentral, meaning that $\{A_0, A\}_+ = 0$ for all $A_0 \in \mathfrak{A}_+ \cap \mathfrak{A}_-$ and $A \in \mathfrak{A}$. Here $\{A, B\}_+ = AB - (-1)^{|A||B|}BA$ is the graded commutator on \mathfrak{A} .

II.3. Functionals and Reflection Positivity. We define reflection positivity for *neutral* functionals.

Definition II.5 (Neutral Functionals). A functional $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is *neutral* if $\varrho(A) = 0$ whenever $|A| \neq 0$.

Neutral functionals on \mathfrak{A} are determined by their restriction to \mathfrak{A}^0 .

Definition II.6 (Reflection Invariance). A functional $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is *reflection invariant* if $\varrho(\Theta(A)) = \overline{\varrho(A)}$ for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}$.

For a given q of modulus 1, let ζ be a complex number with

$$q = \zeta^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta^{p^2} = 1. \quad (\text{II.3})$$

Since $\zeta^{(k+p)^2} = \zeta^{k^2}$, the expression ζ^{k^2} is well defined for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Definition II.7 (Sesquilinear Form on \mathfrak{A}_+). Let ϱ be a neutral functional on \mathfrak{A} . Then $\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho, \zeta}$ is the sesquilinear form on \mathfrak{A}_+ , with

$$\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho, \zeta} = \zeta^{|A|^2} \varrho(\Theta(A)B) \quad (\text{II.4})$$

for homogeneous $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$.

Since ϱ is neutral, (II.4) is nonzero only when $|A| = |B|$. In this case, $\zeta^{|A|^2} = \zeta^{|A||B|} = \zeta^{|B|^2}$. Although the form (II.4) depends on ζ , for most of this paper we fix the value of ζ and drop the subscript in $\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho}$.

Proposition II.8 (Hermitian Form on \mathfrak{A}_+). Let ϱ be a continuous, neutral functional on \mathfrak{A} . Then the sesquilinear form (II.4) is hermitian on \mathfrak{A}_+ if and only if ϱ is reflection invariant.

Proof. Let $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ be homogeneous with $|A| = |B|$. Applying the para-commutation relation (II.2) to $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ and $\Theta(B) \in \mathfrak{A}_-$, we obtain $\Theta(B)A = q^{-|A|^2}A\Theta(B)$. Using this, we find

$$\begin{aligned}\langle B, A \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho} &= \zeta^{|A|^2} \varrho(\Theta(B)A) = \zeta^{-|A|^2} \varrho(A\Theta(B)), \\ \overline{\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho}} &= \overline{\zeta^{|A|^2} \varrho(\Theta(A)B)} = \zeta^{-|A|^2} \overline{\varrho(\Theta(A)B)}.\end{aligned}$$

Setting $X = \Theta(A)B$ and $\Theta(X) = A\Theta(B)$, we see that $\langle B, A \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho} = \overline{\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho}}$ for all $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ if and only if $\varrho(\Theta(X)) = \overline{\varrho(X)}$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{A}_-\mathfrak{A}_+$. As ϱ is continuous and the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_-\mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , the statement follows. \square

Remark II.9. The above argument relies heavily on the fact that q is of modulus 1. For $|q| \neq 1$, reflection invariant functionals would not give rise to hermitian forms.

Definition II.10 (Reflection Positivity). *Let $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a neutral linear functional. Then ϱ is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_+ with respect to Θ if the form (II.4) is positive semidefinite,*

$$\langle A, A \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho} \geq 0, \quad (\text{II.5})$$

for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$.

Proposition II.11. *Every continuous, neutral, reflection positive functional $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is reflection invariant.*

Proof. Since (II.4) is sesquilinear and positive semidefinite, it is hermitian by polarization. The result now follows from Proposition II.8. \square

Note that Definition II.10 depends on the choice of ζ .

Proposition II.12. *Let $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a neutral functional. Then ϱ is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_+ with parameter ζ if and only if it is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_- with parameter $\bar{\zeta}$.*

Proof. Define the sesquilinear form $\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho, \bar{\zeta}}$ on \mathfrak{A}_- by

$$\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho, \bar{\zeta}} = \zeta^{-|A|^2} \varrho(\Theta(A)B) \quad (\text{II.6})$$

for homogeneous $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_-$. The relation (II.2) yields

$$\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho, \bar{\zeta}} = \zeta^{-|A|^2} \varrho(\Theta(A)B) = \zeta^{|A|^2} \varrho(B\Theta(A)) = \langle \Theta(B), \Theta(A) \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho},$$

where both $\Theta(A), \Theta(B) \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. We infer that positivity of the form (II.4) on \mathfrak{A}_+ is equivalent to positivity of the form (II.6) on \mathfrak{A}_- . \square

Remark II.13. Although we singled out the subalgebra \mathfrak{A}_+ , all the statements in the paper remain true if one exchanges \mathfrak{A}_+ with \mathfrak{A}_- , provided that one also exchanges the pair (q, ζ) with $(\bar{q}, \bar{\zeta})$.

Definition II.14 (Quantum Hilbert Space). *Let ϱ be a neutral, reflection positive functional on \mathfrak{A} . Let $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_+$ be the kernel of the positive semidefinite form $\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho}$. Then the quantum Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho}$ is the closure of $\mathfrak{A}_+/\mathcal{N}$, with inner product induced by the positive definite form $\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho}$.*

Denote the closure of $\mathfrak{A}_+^k/\mathcal{N}$ by $\mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho}^k$. Since ϱ is neutral, one has $\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho} = 0$ for homogeneous $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ with $|A| \neq |B|$. It follows that $\mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho}^k \perp \mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho}^{k'}$ for $k \neq k'$, so that

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho}^k \quad (\text{II.7})$$

is a \mathbb{Z}_p -graded Hilbert space. In particular, in the fermionic case $p = 2$, the space $\mathcal{H}_{\Theta, \varrho}$ with the form $(A, B) = \varrho(\Theta(A)B)$ is a *super Hilbert space* in the sense of [DM99].

II.4. The Twisted Product. For $A \in \mathfrak{A}_-$ and $B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$, we introduce the *twisted product* $A \circ B$. It allows for a convenient reformulation of reflection positivity, and plays an important role in [JP15b, JJ16, JL16].

Definition II.15 (Twisted Product). *The twisted product is the bilinear map $\mathfrak{A}_- \times \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ defined by*

$$A \circ B = \zeta^{|A|^2} AB = \zeta^{|B|^2} AB \quad (\text{II.8})$$

if $A \in \mathfrak{A}_-$ and $B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ are homogeneous with $|A| = -|B|$, and by $B \circ A = 0$ if they are homogeneous with $|A| \neq -|B|$.

Remark II.16. If $|B| = -|A|$, then $A \circ B = \zeta^{-|A||B|} AB$ interpolates between the products AB and $BA = q^{-|B||A|} AB$. If $|B| \neq -|A|$, then $\varrho(AB) = \varrho(BA) = 0$ for any neutral functional ϱ on \mathfrak{A} . As we will mainly be interested in expressions of the form $\varrho(A \circ B)$, we have put $A \circ B = 0$.

If $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a neutral functional, then the sesquilinear form can be expressed in terms of the twisted product as

$$\langle A, B \rangle_{\Theta, \varrho} = \varrho(\Theta(A) \circ B), \quad \text{for } A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+. \quad (\text{II.9})$$

In particular, the reflection-positivity condition (II.5) is

$$\varrho(\Theta(A) \circ A) \geq 0, \quad \text{for } A \in \mathfrak{A}_+. \quad (\text{II.10})$$

II.5. The Reflection-Positive Cone. A central idea in this paper is that the reflection-positive functionals on \mathfrak{A} can be characterized in terms of the *reflection-positive cone* $\mathcal{K}_+ \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$. In the bosonic case, this idea appeared first in connection to Tomita-Takesaki modular theory [Wo72, Ar74, Co74, Ha75], and was later used in statistical physics [FILS78]. In the fermionic case, reflection-positive cones were used in [OS78]. We extend the definition of reflection-positive cones to the \mathbb{Z}_p -graded setting as follows.

Definition II.17. *The reflection-positive cone $\mathcal{K}_+ \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^0$ is the set*

$$\mathcal{K}_+ = \{\Theta(A) \circ A \mid A \text{ homogeneous in } \mathfrak{A}_+\}.$$

Denote the convex hull of \mathcal{K}_+ by $\text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, and denote its closure by $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. Since every element of \mathcal{K}_+ is of degree zero, $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^0$. The following proposition shows that the set of continuous, neutral, reflection positive functionals on \mathfrak{A} is precisely the *continuous dual cone* of $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ in \mathfrak{A}^0 .

Proposition II.18. *Let $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous, neutral, linear functional. Then the following are equivalent:*

- a) *The functional ϱ is reflection positive.*
- b) *The functional ϱ is nonnegative on \mathcal{K}_+ .*
- c) *The functional ϱ is nonnegative on $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$.*

Proof. The equivalence of a) and b) follows from Definition II.17 and equation (II.10). As $\mathcal{K}_+ \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, we infer that c) implies b). To show that b) implies c), note that since $\varrho(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ and ϱ is linear, the image of the convex hull of \mathcal{K}_+ is contained in $\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$. As ϱ is continuous, the same holds for its closure $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. \square

Proposition II.19. *The linear span of \mathcal{K}_+ is dense in \mathfrak{A}^0 .*

Proof. Expanding $\Theta(A+B) \circ (A+B)$ and $\Theta(A+iB) \circ (A+iB)$ for $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$, one finds that

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(A) \circ B + \Theta(B) \circ A &\in \mathcal{K}_+ - \mathcal{K}_+ \\ \Theta(A) \circ B - \Theta(B) \circ A &\in i(\mathcal{K}_+ - \mathcal{K}_+). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\Theta(A) \circ B \in \mathcal{K}_+ - \mathcal{K}_+ + i\mathcal{K}_+ - i\mathcal{K}_+$. Since the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , the span of $\Theta(\mathfrak{A}_+) \circ \mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A}^0 . \square

II.6. Boltzmann Functionals. In physical applications, the relevant functionals τ_H are often perturbations of a fixed ‘background’ functional τ by an operator H .

Let $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous, neutral, reflection positive functional on \mathfrak{A} . Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ be a reflection-invariant operator of degree zero,

$$\Theta(H) = H, \quad H \in \mathfrak{A}^0. \quad (\text{II.11})$$

If the exponential series for e^{-H} converges, then the *Boltzmann functional* $\tau_H: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$\tau_H(A) = \tau(A e^{-H}). \quad (\text{II.12})$$

Proposition II.20. *The Boltzmann functional τ_H is continuous, neutral, and reflection invariant.*

Proof. It is continuous since both $A \mapsto A e^{-H}$ and $A \mapsto \tau(A)$ are continuous. It is neutral since H is of degree zero and τ is neutral, and it is reflection invariant since both H and τ are reflection invariant. (This holds for τ by Proposition II.11). \square

Remark II.21. If τ_H is reflection positive for $H \in \mathfrak{A}$, then it is reflection positive for every shift $H' = H + \Delta I$ by a real number $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}$, since $\tau_{H'} = e^{-\Delta} \tau_H$.

In applications to statistical physics, H represents the Hamiltonian of the system, which is usually a hermitian operator in a $*$ -algebra. Note however that we do not require A to be a $*$ -algebra, nor that H be hermitian. This is important for applications in quantum field theory, where H represents the action.

II.7. Factorization. The central question is to determine whether or not τ_H is reflection positive in terms of tractable conditions on H . The first step is to show reflection positivity of the ‘background’ functional τ . This can often be done with the help of the following factorization criterion, expressing that \mathfrak{A}_- and \mathfrak{A}_+ are independent under τ .

Definition II.22 (Factorizing Functionals). *Let $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous, neutral, reflection invariant functional. Then τ is factorizing if there exists a neutral, continuous functional τ_+ on \mathfrak{A}_+ such that*

$$\tau(\Theta(A) \circ B) = \overline{\tau_+(A)} \tau_+(B),$$

for all $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ with $|A| = |B|$.

Since τ is reflection invariant, this is equivalent to

$$\tau(A \circ B) = \tau_-(A) \tau_+(B) \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathfrak{A}_-, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+, \quad (\text{II.13})$$

where $\tau_-(B) := \overline{\tau_+(\Theta(B))}$ for $B \in \mathfrak{A}_-$. Since the span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , a factorizing functional τ is uniquely determined by $\tau_+: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Proposition II.23. *Every factorizing functional $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is reflection positive.*

Proof. If $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ is homogeneous, $\tau(\Theta(A) \circ A) = \overline{\tau_+(A)}\tau_+(A) \geq 0$. \square

II.8. Strictly Positive Functionals. The notion of *strictly positive functionals* generalizes the notion of faithful states to algebras without involution, such as Grassmann algebras. Let $\sharp: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_+$ be a continuous, antilinear map which inverts the grading, $|A^\sharp| = -|A|$.

Definition II.24. *The functional $\tau_+: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is strictly positive with respect to \sharp if*

$$\tau_+(A^\sharp A) > 0$$

for all nonzero $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$.

If \mathfrak{A} is a $*$ -algebra and \sharp is the $*$ -involution, then τ_+ is strictly positive if and only if it is a (not necessarily normalized) faithful state.

Remark II.25. The existence of a strictly positive, factorizing functional $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ implies that $\mathfrak{A}_- \cap \mathfrak{A}_+ = \mathbb{C}\mathbf{1}$, since the restriction of τ to $\mathfrak{A}_- \cap \mathfrak{A}_+$ must have trivial kernel.

III. APPLICATIONS

The above setting is motivated by a large number of applications and examples in both mathematics and physics. Before we continue our investigation into reflection positivity of the Boltzmann functionals τ_H , we pause to outline a number of situations that fit into the general scheme outlined in §II. For more detailed applications in the context of lattice statistical physics, we refer to §VI–X.

III.1. Tensor Products. Let $\Theta_+: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_-$ be an antilinear isomorphism of von Neumann algebras, and let $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_- \otimes \mathfrak{A}_+$ be the (spatial) tensor product of \mathfrak{A}_- and \mathfrak{A}_+ . Then $\Theta(A \otimes B) = \Theta_+(B) \otimes \Theta_+^{-1}(A)$ defines a reflection on \mathfrak{A} , and \mathfrak{A} is a bosonic q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ . Reflection positivity in this setting was studied by Woronowicz under the name j -positivity [Wo72].

If τ_+ is a state on \mathfrak{A}_+ , then the induced state $\tau(\Theta_+(A) \otimes B) = \overline{\tau_+(A)}\tau_+(B)$ on \mathfrak{A} is factorizing, and hence reflection positive. If \sharp is the involution on \mathfrak{A}_+ , then τ_+ is strictly positive in the sense of Definition II.24 if and only if it is faithful. In practice, τ and τ_+ will often be tracial states.

III.2. Tomita-Takesaki Modular Theory. Let $\mathfrak{A} = B(\mathcal{H})$ be the algebra of bounded operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Let $\mathfrak{A}_+ \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ be a factor, and let $\mathfrak{A}'_+ = \mathfrak{A}'_+$ be its commutant. If $\Omega \in \mathcal{H}$ is cyclic and separating for \mathfrak{A}_+ , then the modular involution $J: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ yields an antilinear homomorphism $\Theta(A) = JAJ$, with $\Theta(\mathfrak{A}_+) = \mathfrak{A}'_+$.

This makes \mathfrak{A} a bosonic q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ . Indeed, the algebras \mathfrak{A}'_+ and \mathfrak{A}_+ commute by definition. To see that the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}'_+\mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , note that since \mathfrak{A}_+ is a factor, $(\mathfrak{A}'_+\mathfrak{A}_+)' \subseteq \mathfrak{A}'_+ \cap \mathfrak{A}_+ = \mathbb{C}\mathbf{1}$. Thus $(\mathfrak{A}'_+\mathfrak{A}_+)'' = \mathfrak{A}$, and the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}'_+\mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} by the double commutant theorem.

Although the state $\tau(A) = \langle \Omega, A\Omega \rangle$ is in general not factorizing, it is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_+ , since

$$\tau(\Theta(A)A) = \langle \Omega, JAJA\Omega \rangle = \langle JA^*\Omega, A\Omega \rangle = \langle \Delta^{1/2}A\Omega, A\Omega \rangle \geq 0$$

for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. Since the restriction τ_+ of τ to \mathfrak{A}_+ is faithful, it is strictly positive in the sense of Definition II.24, with \sharp given by the $*$ -involution.

It was shown by Connes and Haagerup [Co74, Ha75] that \mathfrak{A}_+ is characterized up to unitary isomorphism by the *natural positive cone*

$$\mathcal{P}_+^\sharp = \overline{\{\Delta^{1/4}A^*A\Omega; A \in \mathfrak{A}_+\}},$$

related to the reflection-positive cone \mathcal{K}_+ of Definition II.17 by

$$\mathcal{P}_+^\sharp = \overline{\mathcal{K}_+}.$$

From the fact that \mathcal{P}_+^\sharp is self-dual (as discovered independently by Araki [Ar74, Thm. 3] and Connes [Co74, Thm. 2.7]), it follows that τ_H is reflection positive if and only if $e^{-H}\Omega$ is an element of \mathcal{P}_+^\sharp . In §IV, we provide tractable conditions on the Hamiltonian H which ensure that this is the case.

III.3. Grassmann Algebras. Classical fermions are described by the Grassmann algebra $\mathfrak{A} = \bigwedge V$, where V is an oriented Hilbert space of finite, even dimension N . This is the unital algebra with generators $v, w \in V$ and relations

$$vw + wv = 0.$$

An arbitrary basis ψ_i of V yields generators satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_i\psi_j &= -\psi_j\psi_i & \text{for } i \neq j \\ \psi_i^2 &= 0 & \text{for all } i. \end{aligned}$$

The Grassmann algebra is \mathbb{Z} -graded, and hence in particular \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded. The degree of a homogeneous element $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ is denoted by $|A| \in \mathbb{Z}_2$, and we denote the even and odd part of \mathfrak{A} by \mathfrak{A}^0 and \mathfrak{A}^1 .

Suppose that $V = V_- \oplus V_+$, where V_{\pm} are Hilbert spaces of even dimension n . It is important to keep track of the orientation of V , as this determines the sign of the Berezin integral. If ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n is a positively oriented orthonormal basis of V_+ , then

$$\mu_+ = \psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_n$$

is a positively oriented volume on V_+ . Similarly, if μ_- is a positively oriented volume on V_- , then the orientation of V is defined by declaring $\mu = \mu_- \wedge \mu_+$ to be positively oriented. Since we are only working with vector spaces V_{\pm} of even dimension,

$$\mu = \mu_- \wedge \mu_+ = \mu_+ \wedge \mu_- . \quad (\text{III.1})$$

The algebra \mathfrak{A} is the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$, where $\mathfrak{A}_{\pm} = \bigwedge V_{\pm}$ are the Grassmann algebras of V_{\pm} . Suppose that $\theta: V_+ \rightarrow V_-$ is an antilinear, volume preserving vector space isomorphism. We extend it to an antilinear isomorphism $\theta: V \rightarrow V$ with $\theta^2 = \text{Id}$, and $\theta(V_+) = V_-$. Let $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ be the unique antilinear homomorphism that agrees with θ on $V \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$. By (III.1) and the fact that $\Theta(\mu_{\pm}) = \mu_{\mp}$, we find

$$\Theta(\mu) = \Theta(\mu_- \wedge \mu_+) = \mu_+ \wedge \mu_- = \mu . \quad (\text{III.2})$$

Note that for all $A_{\pm} \in \mathfrak{A}$, we have

$$A_- A_+ = (-1)^{|A_-||A_+|} A_+ A_- .$$

In particular, this holds for $A_{\pm} \in \mathfrak{A}_{\pm}$, so \mathfrak{A} is the fermionic q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ . With $\zeta = i$, a functional $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is reflection positive if

$$i^{|A|^2} \varrho(\Theta(A)A) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } A \in \mathfrak{A}_+ . \quad (\text{III.3})$$

Definition III.1. *The Berezin integral is the functional $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by zero on $\bigwedge^k V$ for $k < \dim(V)$, and by $\tau(\mu) = 1$.*

Proposition III.2. *If τ and τ_+ are the Berezin integrals on \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{A}_+ , then τ is neutral, reflection invariant, and factorizing; $\tau(\Theta(A) \circ B) = \overline{\tau_+(A)} \tau_+(B)$ for all $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ with $|A| = |B|$. In particular, τ is reflection positive.*

Proof. The Berezin integral is concentrated on $\bigwedge^{\text{top}} V$, which is of degree $0 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$, as V is of even dimension. Therefore, it is neutral. It is reflection invariant by (III.2), and reflection positivity follows from the factorization property by Proposition II.23.

To prove factorization, note that $\tau(\Theta(A)B) = \overline{\tau_+(A)} \tau_+(B)$ for all $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. It therefore suffices to show that $\tau(\Theta(A) \circ B) = \tau(\Theta(A)B)$. Here we use that $\tau(\Theta(A) \circ B)$ is nonzero only if A and B are multiples of μ_+ . In that case, $|A| = |B| = 0$ in \mathbb{Z}_2 , since V_+ is even dimensional, so that $\Theta(A) \circ B = \Theta(A)B$. \square

For Grassmann algebras, the antilinear map $\sharp: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_+$ is the *Hodge star operator*. It is defined by the requirement that

$$A^\sharp \wedge B = \langle A, B \rangle \mu_+ \quad \text{for all } A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+,$$

where $\mu_+ = \psi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \psi_n$ is the volume of an oriented basis of V_+ . The map \sharp inverts the \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading; since it maps $\bigwedge^k V_+$ to $\bigwedge^{n-k} V_+$, and since $n = \dim(V_+)$ is even, we find $|A^\sharp| = |A| = -|A|$.

Proposition III.3. *The Berezin integral $\tau_+: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is strictly positive with respect to the hodge star operator \sharp .*

Proof. We have

$$\tau_+(A^\sharp A) = \langle A, A \rangle \tau_+(\mu_+) = \langle A, A \rangle > 0$$

for all nonzero $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. □

Remark III.4. Note that unlike in §III.1, the functional τ_+ is *not* the restriction of τ to $\mathfrak{A}_+ \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$, since τ vanishes identically on \mathfrak{A}_+ . Also, in contrast to §III.2, the antilinear map \sharp is neither a homomorphism nor an anti-homomorphism. The Grassmann algebra is not a $*$ -algebra, and the Berezin integral is not a state.

III.4. Clifford Algebras and CAR Algebras. A fermionic quantum system is described by the Clifford algebra $\mathcal{A} = \text{Cl}(V)$. Here V is the complexification of a real Hilbert space $V_{\mathbb{R}}$ with inner product $h: V_{\mathbb{R}} \times V_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. On the complex Hilbert space V , this gives rise to an inner product $\langle v, w \rangle$ and a bilinear form $h_{\mathbb{C}}(v, w)$.

The Clifford algebra $\mathcal{A} = \text{Cl}(V)$ is the unital algebra over \mathbb{C} with generators $v \in V$ and relations

$$vw + wv = 2h_{\mathbb{C}}(v, w)\mathbf{1}.$$

Note that \mathcal{A} is \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded. We denote the degree of a homogeneous element $A \in \mathcal{A}$ by $|A| \in \mathbb{Z}_2$, and we denote the even and odd part of \mathcal{A} by \mathcal{A}^0 and \mathcal{A}^1 , respectively. The complex conjugation $v \mapsto \bar{v}$ on V extends uniquely to an anti-linear anti-involution $A \mapsto A^*$ on $\text{Cl}(V)$ that sends \mathcal{A}^0 to \mathcal{A}^0 and \mathcal{A}^1 to \mathcal{A}^1 . If $V_{\mathbb{R}}$ has an orthonormal basis $\{c_i\}_{i \in S}$, then the operators $c_i \in \text{Cl}(V)$ satisfy the *Canonical Anticommutation Relations*

$$c_i c_j = -c_j c_i \quad \text{for } i \neq j, \quad (\text{CAR-1})$$

$$c_i^2 = \mathbf{1} \quad \text{for all } i, \quad (\text{CAR-2})$$

$$c_i^* = c_i^{-1}. \quad (\text{CAR-3})$$

Definition III.5. *The tracial state $\tau: \text{Cl}(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the unique linear functional with $\tau(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ and $\tau(v_1 \cdots v_k) = 0$ if v_1, \dots, v_k are pairwise orthogonal with respect to $h_{\mathbb{C}}$.*

Suppose that $V = V_+ \oplus V_-$ is an orthogonal decomposition with respect to the bilinear form $h_{\mathbb{C}}$, and that $\theta: V \rightarrow V$ is an antilinear isomorphism of $(V, h_{\mathbb{C}})$ with $\theta(V_+) = V_-$ and $\theta^2 = \text{Id}$. Since $h_{\mathbb{C}}(V_+, V_-) = \{0\}$, the subalgebras $\mathcal{A}_{\pm} = \text{Cl}(V_{\pm})$ supercommute;

$$A_- A_+ = (-1)^{|A_+||A_-|} A_+ A_-$$

for all $A_{\pm} \in \mathcal{A}_{\pm}$. As $V = V_+ \oplus V_-$, the linear span of $\mathcal{A}_- \mathcal{A}_+$ is \mathcal{A} , and $\mathcal{A}_- \cap \mathcal{A}_+ = \mathbb{C}\mathbf{1}$.

The map $\theta: V \rightarrow V$ extends uniquely to an antilinear homomorphism $\Theta: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ with $\Theta(\mathcal{A}_{\pm}) = \mathcal{A}_{\mp}$. It squares to the identity and inverts the grading, $|\Theta(A)| = |A| = -|A|$. It follows that \mathcal{A} is the fermionic q -double of \mathcal{A}_+ . The reflection Θ is a $*$ -homomorphism if and only if $\theta(\bar{v}) = \theta(v)$, but we will not require this to be the case.

Proposition III.6. *The tracial state τ on \mathcal{A} is neutral, faithful, factorizing, and reflection positive on \mathcal{A}_+ .*

Proof. Neutrality is clear from the definition. To see that τ is factorizing, i.e. $\tau(A_- A_+) = \tau(A_-)\tau(A_+)$ for $A_{\pm} \in \mathcal{A}_{\pm}$, note that if both $A_- = v_1 \cdots v_k$ and $A_+ = w_1 \cdots w_l$ are products of pairwise orthogonal vectors, then as $V_+ \perp V_-$, also $A_- A_+$ is a product of pairwise orthogonal vectors. It follows that $\tau(A_- A_+)$ is zero for operators of this type. Since every $A \in \mathcal{A}$ can be decomposed as $A = \tau(A)\mathbf{1} + (A - \tau(A)\mathbf{1})$ with the second term a sum of products of orthogonal vectors, we have $\tau(A_- A_+) = \tau(A_-)\tau(A_+)$ as required. Reflection positivity therefore follows from Proposition II.23. To show that τ is faithful, consider the linear map $\iota: \bigwedge V \rightarrow \text{Cl}(V)$ that sends $A = v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n$ to $\iota(A) = v_1 \cdots v_n$ if v_1, \dots, v_n are pairwise orthogonal. Since ι is a vector space isomorphism, and since $\langle A, A \rangle = \tau(\iota(A)^* \iota(A))$, we have $\tau(A^* A) > 0$ if $A \neq 0$. \square

The CAR algebra \mathfrak{A} is the C^* -algebra defined as the norm closure of $\mathcal{A} = \text{Cl}(V)$ in $B(\mathcal{H}_{\text{GNS}})$. Here \mathcal{H}_{GNS} is the GNS-Hilbert space, the closure of \mathcal{A} with respect to the inner product $\langle A, B \rangle_{\tau} = \tau(A^* B)$. Similarly, \mathfrak{A}_{\pm} is the norm closure of \mathcal{A}_{\pm} . As the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$ is norm dense in \mathfrak{A} , the CAR algebra \mathfrak{A} is the q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ .

III.5. Parafermion Algebras and CPR Algebras. The motivation to consider reflection positivity for \mathbb{Z}_p -graded algebras comes from *Parafermion Algebras*.

Let Λ be an ordered set, and let $\vartheta: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ be an order reversing, fixed point free involution. Then Λ is the disjoint union of Λ_+ and $\Lambda_- = \vartheta(\Lambda_+)$, where Λ_+ is the maximal subset with $\vartheta(\lambda) < \lambda$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda_+$. A typical example is $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + 1/2$, with $\vartheta(\lambda) = -\lambda$ and $\Lambda_{\pm} = \pm(\mathbb{N} + \frac{1}{2})$.

A collection of parafermions of order p is a family of operators c_{λ} , indexed by Λ . The parafermions are characterized by a primitive p^{th} root q of unity, and satisfy the *Canonical Parafermion Relations*

$$c_{\lambda}c_{\lambda'} = qc_{\lambda'}c_{\lambda}, \quad \text{for } \lambda < \lambda', \quad (\text{CPR-1})$$

$$c_{\lambda}^p = 1, \quad (\text{CPR-2})$$

$$c_{\lambda}^* = c_{\lambda}^{-1}. \quad (\text{CPR-3})$$

If we set the degree of each c_i equal to 1, then the algebra generated by the parafermions is graded by $\mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

Definition III.7. *The Parafermion Algebra $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ is the \mathbb{Z}_p -graded $*$ -algebra generated by the parafermions c_{λ} of degree p .*

Denote the degree of $A \in \mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ by $|A| \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. Products of parafermions provide a natural basis $\{C_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$ for $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$. The elements are labelled by the set $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{Z}_p^{(\Lambda)}$ of maps $I: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ with $I_{\lambda} \neq 0$ for only finitely many $\lambda \in \Lambda$. For $I \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{(\Lambda)}$, define the basis element

$$C_I = \overrightarrow{\prod}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} c_{\lambda}^{I_{\lambda}}, \quad (\text{III.4})$$

where $\overrightarrow{\prod}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ indicates that the order of the factors $c_{\lambda}^{I_{\lambda}}$ in the product respects the order of Λ . Note that $C_0 = \mathbf{1}$ is the identity in $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$.

Definition III.8. *The tracial state $\tau: \mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the linear functional with $\tau(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ and $\tau(C_I) = 0$ for $I \neq 0$.*

Proposition III.9. *This is indeed a faithful, tracial state on $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$.*

Proof. It suffices to show that

$$\tau(C_I^*C_J) = \tau(C_JC_I^*) = \delta_{IJ}. \quad (\text{III.5})$$

For this, note that the basis C_I transforms under the anti-linear anti-involution $*$ as

$$C_I^* = \overleftarrow{\prod}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} c_{\lambda}^{-I_{\lambda}}, \quad (\text{III.6})$$

where $\overleftarrow{\prod}_{i \in S}$ denotes that the order of the factors is the reverse to their order in Λ . Since $C_I^*C_J$ and $C_JC_I^*$ are multiples of C_{J-I} , the expression $\tau(C_I^*C_J)$ is zero if $I \neq J$. If $I = J$, then $\tau(C_I^*C_I) = \tau(C_IC_I^*) = 1$. \square

Let \mathcal{H}_{GNS} be the Hilbert space closure of $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ with respect to the nondegenerate inner product $\langle A, B \rangle_\tau = \tau(A^*B)$. It carries the usual GNS-representation of $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$, and has orthonormal Hilbert basis $\{C_I\}_{I \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{(\Lambda)}}$.

Definition III.10. *The CPR algebra $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$ is the \mathbb{Z}_p -graded C^* -algebra arising as the norm closure of $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ in $B(\mathcal{H}_{\text{GNS}})$.*

Define the antilinear isomorphism $\Theta: \mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ of the parafermion algebra by

$$\Theta(c_\lambda) = c_{\theta(\lambda)}^{-1}.$$

Proposition III.11. *The tracial state τ on $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ is reflection invariant; for all $A \in \mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$, we have*

$$\tau(\Theta(A)) = \overline{\tau(A)}. \quad (\text{III.7})$$

Proof. Denote by $\theta(I)$ the index with $\theta(I)_\lambda = I_{\theta(\lambda)}$. Then $\Theta(C_I)$ is a multiple of $C_{-\theta(I)}$, and $\Theta(C_0) = \mathbf{1} = C_0$. Since $\tau(C_I)\tau(C_{-\theta(I)}) = 0$ for $I \neq 0$ and $\tau(C_0) = 1$, we have $\tau(\Theta(C_I)) = \tau(C_I)$ for all $I \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{(\Lambda)}$. As Θ is antilinear, this shows that τ is reflection invariant. \square

It follows that Θ extends to an antilinear homomorphism of the C^* -algebra $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$, and that (III.7) holds for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$.

Let $\mathfrak{A}_\pm(q, \Lambda)$ be the norm closure of the algebra generated by the parafermions c_λ with $\lambda \in \Lambda_\pm$. Then $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$ is the q -double of $\mathfrak{A}_+(q, \Lambda)$. Indeed, $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$ is the norm closure of the linear span of the product $\mathfrak{A}_-(q, \Lambda)\mathfrak{A}_+(q, \Lambda)$. Furthermore, it follows from (CPR-1) that homogeneous elements $A_\pm \in \mathfrak{A}_\pm(q, \Lambda)$ satisfy

$$A_- A_+ = q^{|A_-| - |A_+|} A_+ A_-.$$

Proposition III.12. *The tracial state τ extends to a neutral, faithful, factorizing, reflection invariant state on $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$, which is reflection positive on $\mathfrak{A}_+(q, \Lambda)$.*

Proof. The state τ extends from $\mathcal{A}(q, \Lambda)$ to $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$ by $\tau(A) = \langle \Omega, A\Omega \rangle$, where Ω is the cyclic vector in \mathcal{H}_{GNS} . Reflection invariance follows from the previous discussion, and it is clear from the definition that $\tau(A) = 0$ if A is homogeneous of nonzero degree. It is faithful since $\tau(C_I^* C_J) = \delta_{IJ}$, cf. Proposition III.9.

If $I_\pm \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_\pm}$, then $C_{I_-} C_{I_+}$ is proportional to $C_{I_- + I_+}$. It follows that $\tau(C_{I_-} C_{I_+})$ is zero unless $I_- = I_+ = 0$, in which case it is equal to 1. If we expand $A_\pm \in \mathfrak{A}_\pm(q, \Lambda)$ in a norm convergent sum

$$A_\pm = \sum_{I \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_\pm}} a_I^\pm C_I,$$

then $\tau(A_-A_+) = a_0^- a_0^+$. Since $\tau(A_\pm) = a_0^\pm$, it follows that τ factorizes, $\tau(A_-A_+) = \tau(A_-)\tau(A_+)$. Reflection positivity then follows from Proposition II.23. \square

Remark III.13. Note that in the fermionic case $q = -1$, the relations CPR 1–3 for the CPR algebra coincide with the relations CAR 1–3 for the CAR algebra. Thus the CPR algebra for $p = 2$ and $q = -1$ is isomorphic to the CAR algebra.

IV. SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR REFLECTION POSITIVITY

We return to the general setting of §II, which in particular encompasses the applications in the previous section. We assume that:

- Q1. \mathfrak{A} is a \mathbb{Z}_p -graded, locally-convex, topological algebra.
- Q2. \mathfrak{A} is the q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ .
- Q3. $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous, neutral and reflection positive.

In this setting, and under the natural condition that $\exp: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is continuous, we give the following *sufficient* condition on an element $H \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ of degree zero for its Boltzmann functional $\tau_H(A) = \tau(Ae^{-H})$ to be reflection positive. Namely, this is the case if H admits a decomposition

$$H = H_- + H_0 + H_+, \quad (\text{IV.1})$$

with $H_+ \in \mathfrak{A}_+$, with $-H_0 \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, and with $H_- = \Theta(H_+)$.

We will show in §V that these conditions are *necessary* as well as sufficient, under the additional assumptions that τ is factorizing and strictly positive. These extra assumptions are *not* needed for the results in the present section. This is relevant for applications in quantum field theory and Tomita-Takesaki theory, where the background functional τ is generally not factorizing.

IV.1. The Reflection-Positive Cone. The results in this section rely heavily on the reflection positive cone \mathcal{K}_+ , introduced in §II.5. By Proposition II.18, the (continuous) dual cone of \mathcal{K}_+ is the set of (continuous), neutral, reflection positive functionals $\varrho: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. A key point in the characterization of reflection positive functionals is proving that \mathcal{K}_+ is multiplicatively closed.

Theorem IV.1. *The cone \mathcal{K}_+ is multiplicatively closed, and it is pointwise invariant under reflection. Namely, $\mathcal{K}_+\mathcal{K}_+ \subseteq \mathcal{K}_+$, and $\Theta|_{\mathcal{K}_+} = \text{Id}$.*

The proof uses the following two lemmas. We formulate them separately, as we will need them later on.

Lemma IV.2. *Let $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. Then the reflection of $\Theta(A) \circ B$ is $\Theta(B) \circ A$. In particular, $\Theta(A) \circ A$ is reflection invariant.*

Proof. For $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ of homogeneous degree $|A| = |B|$, one has

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta(\Theta(A) \circ B) &= \Theta(\zeta^{|A||B|} \Theta(A)B) = \bar{\zeta}^{|A||B|} A\Theta(B) \\ &= \bar{\zeta}^{|A||B|} q^{|A||B|} \Theta(B)A = \Theta(B) \circ A,\end{aligned}$$

as claimed. If $|A| \neq |B|$, then the twisted product is zero. \square

Lemma IV.3. *If A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 in \mathfrak{A}_+ are homogeneous with $|A_1| = |B_1|$ and $|A_2| = |B_2|$, then*

$$(\Theta(A_1) \circ B_1) (\Theta(A_2) \circ B_2) = \Theta(A_1 A_2) \circ B_1 B_2. \quad (\text{IV.2})$$

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}(\Theta(A_1) \circ B_1) (\Theta(A_2) \circ B_2) &= \zeta^{|A_1|^2} \zeta^{|A_2|^2} \Theta(A_1) B_1 \Theta(A_2) B_2 \\ &= \zeta^{|A_1|^2} \zeta^{|A_2|^2} q^{-|B_1||\Theta(A_2)|} \Theta(A_1) \Theta(A_2) B_1 B_2 \\ &= \zeta^{(|A_1|+|A_2|)^2} \Theta(A_1 A_2) B_1 B_2.\end{aligned}$$

Here we use $|B_1| = |A_1|$, $|\Theta(A_2)| = -|A_2|$ and $q = \zeta^2$. As $|A_1 A_2| = |A_1| + |A_2|$, the final expression equals $\Theta(A_1 A_2) \circ B_1 B_2$. \square

Proof of Theorem IV.1. The cone \mathcal{K}_+ is reflection invariant by Lemma IV.2, and multiplicatively closed by Lemma IV.3. \square

As we will mainly be interested in *continuous* reflection positive functionals, we will need to extend Theorem IV.1 to the closure $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ of the convex hull $\text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ of \mathcal{K}_+ . Note that $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^0$, as every element of \mathcal{K}_+ is of degree zero. By polarization, we obtain a useful characterization of $\text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$.

Proposition IV.4. *Let $K \in \mathfrak{A}^0$. Then $K \in \text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ if and only if both:*

- (1) *The element K can be written as a finite sum*

$$K = \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} \Theta(C_I) \circ C_J, \quad (\text{IV.3})$$

with $C_I \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ labelled by a finite set \mathcal{I} .

- (2) *Let $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ be the matrix with entries J_{IJ} , labelled by $I, J \in \mathcal{I}$. Then $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is positive semi-definite, and $J_{IJ} = 0$ if $|C_I| \neq |C_J|$.*

Proof. Every $K \in \text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ can be written as a finite convex combination $K = \sum_{r \in \mathcal{I}} p_r \Theta(X_r) \circ X_r$ of elements of \mathcal{K}_+ . In particular, it is of the form (IV.3) with $J_{IJ} = p_I \delta_{IJ}$. Conversely, suppose that K is of the form (IV.3). Since the matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is positive semidefinite, its eigenvalues p_r are nonnegative. As $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ respects the grading, the corresponding eigenvectors $(x_I^r)_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$ can be chosen so that $x_I^r = 0$ unless C_I has a fixed degree $|C_I| = d_r$. It follows that $X_r = \sum_I x_I^r C_I$ is homogeneous of degree $|X_r| = d_r$, and $K = \sum_r \Theta(X_r) \circ X_r \in \text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. \square

We can thus characterize the closure $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ of $\text{co}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ as follows:

Corollary IV.5. *An element $K \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ is in $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ if and only if $K = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n$, with $K_n \in \mathcal{K}_+$ as in (IV.3).*

Corollary IV.6. *The closed, convex cone $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ is multiplicatively closed, and it is pointwise invariant under reflection,*

$$\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \cdot \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+), \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta|_{\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)} = \text{Id}.$$

Proof. As $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is a continuous \mathbb{R} -linear map, $\Theta|_{\mathcal{K}_+} = \text{Id}$ implies that $\Theta|_{\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)} = \text{Id}$. To prove that $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \cdot \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, note that as multiplication $\mathfrak{A} \times \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is separately continuous, left multiplication by $A \in \mathcal{K}_+$ is a continuous linear map $L_A: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$. As $L_A(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_+$, we have $L_A(\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ for every $A \in \mathcal{K}_+$. It follows that $\mathcal{K}_+ \cdot \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. In particular, right multiplication $R_B: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ by $B \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ satisfies $R_B(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. As R_B is a continuous linear map, it follows that $R_B(\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. We conclude that $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \cdot \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+) \subseteq \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, as desired. \square

IV.2. Sufficient Conditions for RP. Using the fact that $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ is multiplicatively closed, we obtain the following criterion for reflection positivity.

Proposition IV.7. *Let $A \mapsto \tau(A)$ be a continuous, reflection positive functional on \mathfrak{A} , and let $K_1, K_2 \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. Then the functionals*

$$A \mapsto \tau(K_1 A), \quad A \mapsto \tau(A K_2), \quad \text{and} \quad A \mapsto \tau(K_1 A K_2)$$

are also continuous and reflection positive.

Proof. In light of Proposition II.18, it suffices to prove that if $A \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, then also KA , AK , and $KA K$ are in $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. This follows from Corollary IV.6. As multiplication is separately continuous, continuity of the above three functionals follows from continuity of τ . \square

Proposition IV.8. *Suppose that $-H \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, and that the exponential series*

$$\exp(-H) - I = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-H)^k \tag{IV.4}$$

converges in \mathfrak{A} . If τ is a continuous, reflection positive functional, then also the Boltzmann functional

$$\tau_H(A) = \tau(A e^{-H})$$

is continuous and reflection positive. Its reflection positive inner product dominates that of τ ,

$$\langle A, A \rangle_{\Theta, \tau_H} \geq \langle A, A \rangle_{\Theta, \tau} \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathfrak{A}_+. \tag{IV.5}$$

Proof. As $-H \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, every term $\frac{1}{k!}(-H)^k$ is in $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ by Corollary IV.6. Since $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ is a convex cone, the same holds for the partial sums in equation (IV.4), and as $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$ is closed, also the limit $K_2 := e^{-H} - I$ is in $\overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$. If τ is continuous and reflection positive, then by Proposition IV.7, the functional $A \mapsto \tau(A(e^{-H} - I))$ is also continuous and reflection positive. It follows that

$$\tau_H(\Theta(A) \circ A) = \tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)e^{-H}) \geq \tau(\Theta(A) \circ A) \geq 0,$$

for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. In particular τ_H is reflection positive. \square

Remark IV.9. We study the reflection-positivity properties of the functional $\tau_H(A) = \tau(Ae^{-H})$ in some detail. Using Proposition IV.7, one sees that similar results hold for the functionals

$${}_H\tau(A) = \tau(e^{-\beta H} A) \quad \text{and} \quad {}_{H_1}\tau_{H_2}(A) = \tau(e^{-\beta H_1} A e^{-\beta H_2}).$$

Theorem IV.10 (Sufficient Conditions for RP). *Suppose that the exponential series $\exp(A) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$ converges for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}$, and that $\exp: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is continuous. Let $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous, neutral, reflection positive functional. Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ have degree zero, and admit a decomposition*

$$H = H_- + H_0 + H_+, \tag{IV.6}$$

with $H_+ \in \mathfrak{A}_+$, with $-H_0 \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, and with $H_- = \Theta(H_+)$. Then the Boltzmann functional $\tau_H(A) = \tau(Ae^{-H})$ is continuous and reflection positive.

Proof. For $\varepsilon > 0$, define $H_\varepsilon \in \mathfrak{A}$ by

$$H_\varepsilon = H_0 - \Theta(\varepsilon^{-1}I - \varepsilon H_+)(\varepsilon^{-1}I - \varepsilon H_+).$$

Let $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ be homogeneous. As $-H_\varepsilon \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, Proposition IV.8 yields

$$\tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)e^{-H_\varepsilon}) \geq 0.$$

Note that $H_\varepsilon = H - \varepsilon^{-2}I - \varepsilon^2\Theta(H_+)H_+$. By Remark II.21, the additive constant $\varepsilon^{-2}I$ does not change reflection positivity. Therefore, $H'_\varepsilon = H - \varepsilon^2\Theta(H_+)H_+$ satisfies

$$\tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)e^{-H'_\varepsilon}) \geq 0.$$

Since $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} H'_\varepsilon = H$ and $\exp: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is continuous, this yields

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)e^{-H'_\varepsilon}) = \tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)e^{-H}) \geq 0,$$

as required. \square

Remark IV.11. In fact, the Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \geq 0$ if H satisfies the conditions of Theorem IV.10.

V. NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR RP

In order to obtain necessary as well as sufficient conditions for reflection positivity, we now introduce a more rigid framework. Let \mathfrak{A} be the q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ , and let τ be a neutral, reflection positive functional on \mathfrak{A} . In addition to the previous assumptions Q1–3, we now require the following, additional properties, described in more detail in §II.7 and §II.8, and in §V.1 below.

- Q4. The algebra \mathfrak{A}_+ comes with an antilinear, grading-inverting map $\sharp : \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_+$. We require that \mathfrak{A}_+ admits an unconditional, homogeneous Schauder basis.
- Q5. The functional $\tau : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ *factorizes* into τ_+ and τ_- .
- Q6. The functional $\tau_+ : \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is *strictly positive* for \sharp .

These additional assumptions are suitable in the context of statistical physics, where one has a uniform background measure or tracial state. This state is generally assumed to be faithful, reflection invariant, and factorizing.

In quantum field theory however, it is necessary to put nearest-neighbor couplings into the background measure, in order to define it mathematically. This destroys the factorization property; in the case of quantum fields, the results on sufficient conditions in the previous section still apply, while the results on necessary conditions in the present section need to be strengthened.

V.1. The Matrix of Coupling Constants. Let τ be a factorizing functional such that τ_+ is strictly positive. Then the scalar product $\langle A, B \rangle = \tau_+(A^\sharp B)$ on \mathfrak{A}_+ is nondegenerate.

We require that \mathfrak{A}_+ has a countable, homogeneous Schauder basis. This is a countable, ordered set $\{v_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$ of homogeneous elements such that every $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ has a unique expansion $A = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} a_I v_I$. Using the Gram-Schmidt procedure, one can find a homogeneous Schauder basis $\{C_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$ of \mathfrak{A}_+ with the following properties:

- B1. There is a unit $C_{I_0} = \mathbf{1}$, for some distinguished index $I_0 \in \mathcal{I}$.
- B2. For all $I, J \in \mathcal{I}$, one has $\tau_+(C_I^\sharp C_J) = \delta_{IJ}$.
- B3. The linear span of $\{C_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$ is dense in \mathfrak{A}_+ .

Note that any set $\{C_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$ of homogeneous elements satisfying B1–3 is a Schauder basis; every $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ has a unique expansion $A = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} a_I C_I$, with $a_I = \tau(C_I^\sharp A)$.

We use the orthogonal basis of \mathfrak{A}_+ to construct a basis of \mathfrak{A}^0 . If $|C_I| = |C_J|$, define the operators $B_{IJ}, \widehat{B}_{IJ} \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ by

$$B_{IJ} = \Theta(C_I) \circ C_J, \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{B}_{IJ} = \Theta(C_I^\sharp) \circ C_J^\sharp. \quad (\text{V.1})$$

Lemma V.1. *The operators B_{IJ} and \widehat{B}_{IJ} , for $|C_I| = |C_J|$, are dual in the sense that*

$$\tau(\widehat{B}_{IJ} B_{I'J'}) = \delta_{II'} \delta_{JJ'}. \quad (\text{V.2})$$

Proof. Using Lemma IV.3, the factorization property of τ , and the fact that \sharp inverts the grading, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\widehat{B}_{IJ} B_{I'J'}) &= \tau(\Theta(C_I^\sharp C_{I'}) \circ C_J^\sharp C_{J'}) \\ &= \tau_+(C_I^\sharp C_{I'}) \tau_+(C_J^\sharp C_{J'}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{V.3})$$

The lemma follows since $\tau_+(C_I^\sharp C_{I'}) = \delta_{II'}$, and $\tau_+(C_J^\sharp C_{J'}) = \delta_{JJ'}$. \square

As the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$ is dense in \mathfrak{A} , every $A \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ has a convergent expansion

$$A = \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{I} \times \mathcal{I}} a_{IJ} B_{IJ}, \quad (\text{V.4})$$

with $a_{IJ} = 0$ if $|C_I| \neq |C_J|$. The sum requires an order on $\mathcal{I} \times \mathcal{I}$, which is obtained in a natural way from the order on \mathcal{I} .

Proposition V.2. *The expansion (V.4) of $A \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ is unique, and the coefficients $a_{IJ} = \tau(\widehat{B}_{IJ} A)$ depend continuously on A .*

Proof. The uniqueness and continuity of the coefficients a_{IJ} follows from the explicit expression, which is a consequence of Lemma V.1. \square

Proposition V.3. *The operators B_{IJ} satisfy $\Theta(B_{IJ}) = B_{JI}$. Therefore, $A \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ is reflection invariant, $\Theta(A) = A$, if and only if the matrix $(a_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is Hermitian, $a_{JI} = \overline{a_{IJ}}$.*

Proof. The second statement follows from the first by uniqueness of the expansion (V.4). The property $\Theta(B_{IJ}) = B_{JI}$ follows immediately from Lemma IV.2. \square

In particular, every Hamiltonian $H \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ of degree zero has a unique expansion

$$-H = \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{I} \times \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} \Theta(C_I) \circ C_J, \quad (\text{V.5})$$

with $J_{IJ} = 0$ unless $|C_I| = |C_J|$. The matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ describes the couplings between $C_J \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ and $\Theta(C_I) \in \mathfrak{A}_-$.

Definition V.4 (The Matrix of Coupling Constants). *The matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is called the matrix of coupling constants.*

The term $J_{I_0I_0}$ in the coupling matrix describes the coefficient of the identity, an irrelevant additive constant in H . Since $C_{I_0} = \mathbf{1}$, the terms J_{I_0J} describe couplings inside \mathfrak{A}_+ . Similarly, the terms J_{II_0} describe couplings inside \mathfrak{A}_- . Finally, the terms J_{IJ} with $I \neq I_0$ and $J \neq I_0$ describe couplings between \mathfrak{A}_- and \mathfrak{A}_+ .

Definition V.5 (Couplings Across the Reflection Plane). *The submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ of $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$, consisting of elements with $I, J \neq I_0$, is called the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane.*

Proposition V.6. *If the matrix of coupling constants $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is Hermitian, then H is reflection invariant. If it is positive semidefinite, then $-H \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$.*

Proof. The first statement follows from Proposition V.3. The second follows from Proposition IV.4, since every finite partial sum of (V.5) is of the form (IV.3) if the matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is positive semidefinite. \square

Remark V.7. In applications, the operator $H \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ is often given in terms of a coupling matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$, by way of the expansion (V.5). Combining Proposition V.6 with Theorem IV.10, we see that τ_H is reflection positive if $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is Hermitian, with positive semidefinite submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ of couplings across the reflection plane. These properties are easy to check in concrete situations.

V.2. Necessary Conditions for RP. In this section, we prove necessary conditions on the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane for the Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}$ to be reflection positive. In §V.3, we will show that these are equivalent to the sufficient conditions in §IV.

Lemma V.8. *Suppose that the exponential series for $\exp(-\beta H)$ converges, and is differentiable at $\beta = 0$. If $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \in [0, \varepsilon)$, then*

$$\tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)H) \leq 0, \quad (\text{V.6})$$

for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ with $\tau(\Theta(A) \circ A) = 0$.

Proof. Consider the function $F(\beta) = \tau((\Theta(A) \circ A) e^{-\beta H}) \geq 0$. At $\beta = 0$, one finds $F(0) = \tau(\Theta(A) \circ A) = 0$. Hence

$$-\left. \frac{d}{d\beta} F(\beta) \right|_{\beta=0} = \tau((\Theta(A) \circ A) H) = \lim_{\beta \downarrow 0} -\frac{F(\beta)}{\beta} \leq 0,$$

as claimed. \square

Theorem V.9. *Suppose that there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the map $\beta \mapsto \exp(-\beta H)$ is well defined on $\beta \in [0, \varepsilon)$, and differentiable at*

$\beta = 0$. If $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \in [0, \varepsilon)$, then the matrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.

Proof. Let $A \in \mathfrak{A}_+$ be homogeneous of degree $|A| = k$, with $\tau_+(A) = 0$. Since τ factorizes, we have $\tau(\Theta(A) \circ A) = |\tau_+(A)|^2 = 0$. Insert the expansion (V.5) into the expression (V.6) obtained in Lemma V.8, and use Lemma IV.3 to find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} \tau((\Theta(A) \circ A)(\Theta(C_I) \circ C_J)) \\ &= \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} \tau(\Theta(AC_I) \circ AC_J) = \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} \bar{\alpha}_I \alpha_J, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{V.7})$$

with $\alpha_I = \tau_+(AC_I)$. In the last expression, we use the fact that τ factorizes and is reflection invariant. Note that $\alpha_{I_0} = \tau_+(A)$ is zero by assumption, and that $\alpha_I = 0$ if $|C_I| \neq -|A|$ since τ is neutral.

Since $J_{IJ} = 0$ unless $|C_I| = |C_J|$, it suffices to check that $0 \leq \sum_{I, J} J_{IJ} \bar{\chi}_I \chi_J$ for every homogeneous vector $(\chi_I)_{\mathcal{I}}$ which has finitely many nonzero entries. Since we are interested in the positivity of the submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ of couplings across the reflection plane, we can restrict attention to vectors for which $\chi_{I_0} = 0$. A vector $(\chi_I)_{\mathcal{I}}$ is called homogeneous of degree $k \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ if every nonzero component χ_I has $|C_I| = k$.

Let $(\chi_I)_{\mathcal{I}}$ be a vector as described above, and set $A = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \chi_I C_I^\sharp$. For this choice of A , we use $\tau_+(C_I^\sharp C_J) = \delta_{IJ}$ (assumption B2 in §V.1) to see that $\alpha_I = \tau_+(AC_I) = \chi_I$. Combining this with (V.7), we find that $0 \leq \sum_{I, J} J_{IJ}^0 \bar{\chi}_I \chi_J$, as required. \square

V.3. Characterization of RP. Combining the sufficient conditions for reflection positivity in Theorem IV.10 with the necessary conditions in Theorem V.9, we obtain the following characterization of reflection positivity. It holds for any q -double \mathfrak{A} satisfying the properties Q1–6, and the further requirements that the exponential map $\exp: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is continuous, and $\beta \mapsto \exp(-\beta H)$ is differentiable at zero.

Theorem V.10. *Let τ be a continuous, neutral, factorizing functional on \mathfrak{A} , and suppose that τ_+ is strictly positive with respect to the map $\sharp: \mathfrak{A}_+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_+$. Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ be a reflection invariant operator of degree zero. Then the following are equivalent:*

- a. *The Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all $0 \leq \beta$.*
- b. *There exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for $0 \leq \beta < \varepsilon$.*

- c. The matrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I}}$ of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.
- d. There is a decomposition $H = H_- + H_0 + H_+$, with $H_+ \in \mathfrak{A}_+$, with $-H_0 \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, and with $H_- = \Theta(H_+)$.

Proof. The implication $a \Rightarrow b$ is clear, and $b \Rightarrow c$ is Theorem V.9. For $c \Rightarrow d$, note that since $H \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ is reflection invariant and $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ is positive semidefinite, we can decompose H as $H = H_+ + H_0 + H_-$ with $-H_0 \in \overline{\text{co}}(\mathcal{K}_+)$, $H_+ \in \mathfrak{A}_+^0$, and $\Theta(H_+) = H_-$. The operators H_0 and H_+ are given in terms of the matrix of coupling constants by

$$-H_0 = \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I} \setminus I_0} J_{IJ}^0 \zeta^{|C_I|} \Theta(C_I) C_J, \quad (\text{V.8})$$

$$-H_+ = \frac{1}{2} J_{I_0 I_0} \mathbf{1} + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}} J_{I_0 J} C_J. \quad (\text{V.9})$$

Finally, $d \Rightarrow a$ is Theorem IV.10. \square

Remark V.11. Note the similarity between Theorem V.10 and Schoenberg's theorem [Sch38a, Sch38b], which states that e^{-H} is a positive definite kernel on a (discrete) set Γ if and only if H is conditionally negative definite. Using a limiting argument, we recover Schoenberg's theorem by applying Theorem V.10 to the algebra $\mathfrak{A} = C_c(\Gamma \times \Gamma)$, with the reflection $\Theta(F)(\gamma_-, \gamma_+) = \overline{F}(\gamma_+, \gamma_-)$, and the algebra \mathfrak{A}_+ consisting of functions $F(\gamma_-, \gamma_+)$ that depend only on γ_+ .

Remark V.12. In the context of modular theory, it was shown by Connes [Co74, Théorème 3.4] that $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all negative as well as positive β , if and only if H is of the form (IV.6) with $H_0 = 0$. By Remark IV.11, the 'if' part of this theorem extends to the \mathbb{Z}_p -graded setting. We recover the 'only if' part if τ is factorizing, which is generally not the case in the context of modular theory. We consider this an indication that there should exist interesting extensions of Theorem V.10 to the case where τ is not factorizing.

VI. LATTICE STATISTICAL PHYSICS

We illustrate our general framework with an extensive list of examples in the context of statistical physics on a lattice. In this section, we establish fundamental notation that we use in sections §VII–X.

VI.1. Lattices. A lattice is a countable set Λ , equipped with a reflection $\vartheta: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ satisfying $\vartheta^2 = \text{Id}$. We choose a decomposition $\Lambda = \Lambda_- \cup \Lambda_+$ such that the intersection $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_+ \cap \Lambda_-$ is the fixed point set of ϑ , and ϑ interchanges Λ_+ with Λ_- .

To each subset $U \subseteq \Lambda$, we associate an algebra \mathfrak{A}_U of observables. The algebra corresponding to a single lattice point $\lambda \in \Lambda$ is denoted by \mathfrak{A}_λ . The nature of the algebras \mathfrak{A}_λ , as well as their mutual exchange relations inside the algebra \mathfrak{A}_Λ of observables associated to the lattice Λ , depends somewhat on the particular situation. In the examples below, $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_\Lambda$ will be the q -double of $\mathfrak{A}_\pm = \mathfrak{A}_{\Lambda_\pm}$.

In most of these examples, we will work with *finite* lattices. This captures the essence of the problem; if one takes the C^* -completion for an infinite lattice, reflection positivity carries over to the infinite case. We illustrate this in the case of parafermion algebras and CPR algebras in §X, where we treat countable lattices. We will allow for a nontrivial fixed point set $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_+ \cap \Lambda_-$ unless specified otherwise.

Remark VI.1 (Reflections in Metric Spaces). In practice, Λ is usually a discrete subset of a metric space \mathcal{M} , and the reflection comes from an isometry $\vartheta_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ which ‘flips’ the ambient space, meaning that $\vartheta_{\mathcal{M}}^2 = \text{Id}$. In that case, $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda \cap P$ is the intersection of Λ with the fixed point set

$$P = \{m \in \mathcal{M}; \vartheta_{\mathcal{M}}(m) = m\}.$$

A typical example is $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^d$, with $\vartheta_{\mathbb{R}^d}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ the orthogonal reflection in a hyperplane $P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ with unit normal \hat{n} , and $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a finite subset with $\vartheta_{\mathbb{R}^d}(\Lambda) = \Lambda$. Then $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda \cap P$ is the intersection of Λ with the reflection plane P , and $\Lambda_\pm = \{\lambda \in \Lambda; \pm\langle \lambda, \hat{n} \rangle \geq 0\}$ is the part of Λ on either side of the reflection plane P , with points on P included.

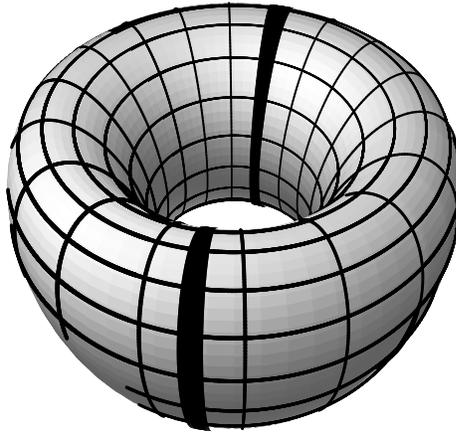


FIGURE 1. Lattice on the torus T^2 . The fixed point set P under a reflection is the union of two copies of T^1 .

Another common situation is where \mathcal{M} is the d -torus $T^d = \mathbb{R}^d/L\mathbb{Z}^d$, and $\vartheta_{T^d}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = (t_1, \dots, -t_i, \dots, t_n)$ is the reflection in one of the coordinates. In that case, the fixed point set

$$P = \{t \in T^d; t_i \in \frac{1}{2}L\mathbb{Z}\}$$

is the disjoint union of *two* tori of dimension $d - 1$, separated by a distance $L/2$ (see Figure 1).

VII. BOSONIC SYSTEMS

We specialize our characterization of reflection positivity to bosonic classical and quantum systems on a finite lattice.

VII.1. Bosonic Classical Systems. We describe an isolated system at a single lattice point λ by a probability space (Ω, Σ, μ) . In the absence of interactions, a bosonic classical system on a lattice Λ is described by the product $\Omega^\Lambda = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \Omega_\lambda$, with the sigma algebra $\Sigma_\Lambda = \bigotimes_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \Sigma_\lambda$ and the product measure μ_Λ . Denote the sigma algebras on $\Omega^{\Lambda_{\pm,0}}$ by $\Sigma_{\pm,0} = \bigotimes_{\lambda \in \Lambda_{\pm,0}} \Sigma_\lambda$, and the corresponding product measures by $\mu_{\pm,0}$.

We now define a reflection Θ of the algebra $L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$. Assume that $\rho: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ is a reflection for the state space of a single system, with $\rho^2 = \text{Id}$ and $\rho_*\mu = \mu$. Then the reflection $\theta: \Omega^\Lambda \rightarrow \Omega^\Lambda$ of the full system Ω^Λ is defined by $\theta(\omega)_\lambda = \rho(\omega_{\vartheta(\lambda)})$. The antilinear reflection $\Theta: L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda) \rightarrow L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$ is

$$\Theta(f)(\omega) = \overline{f(\theta(\omega))}.$$

VII.1.1. Reflection Positivity. We now review the translation of the notion of reflection positivity from algebras to measure spaces.

Definition VII.1. *A complex valued measure ν on Ω^Λ is called reflection positive if*

$$0 \leq \mathbb{E}_\nu(\Theta(f_+)f_+) \tag{VII.1}$$

for all $f_+ \in L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$ that are measurable w.r.t. Σ_+ .

Proposition VII.2. *The measure μ_Λ on $(\Omega^\Lambda, \Sigma_\Lambda)$ is reflection positive if either $\rho = \text{Id}$ or $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$.*

Proof. If $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$, then since $\mu = \mu_- \otimes \mu_+$ and $\mathbb{E}_{\mu_-}(\Theta(f_+)) = \overline{\mathbb{E}_+(f_+)}$,

$$\mathbb{E}_\mu(\Theta(f_+)f_+) = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_-}(\Theta(f_+))\mathbb{E}_{\mu_+}(f_+) = |\mathbb{E}_{\mu_+}(f_+)|^2$$

is nonnegative regardless of ρ . If $\Lambda_0 \neq \emptyset$, let $\langle f_+ \rangle \in L^\infty(\Omega_0, \Sigma_0)$ be the conditional expectation of f_+ with respect to the sigma algebra Σ_0 .

Then

$$\mathbb{E}_\mu(\Theta(f_+)f_+) = \int_{\Omega_0} \overline{\langle f_+ \rangle}(\theta(\omega_0)) \langle f_+ \rangle(\omega_0) \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} \mu_\lambda(d\omega_\lambda).$$

If $\rho = \text{Id}$, then $\theta(\omega_0) = \omega_0$ for all $\omega_0 \in \Omega_0$, so the above expression is manifestly nonnegative. \square

VII.1.2. *Reflection Positivity of Boltzmann Measures.* If the interaction is given by a Hamiltonian $H \in L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$, then the system at inverse temperature β is described by the Boltzmann measure

$$\mu_{\beta H} = e^{-\beta H} \mu. \quad (\text{VII.2})$$

If H is real-valued, then $\mu_{\beta H}$ is a positive measure, which can be normalized to the probability measure $Z(\beta)^{-1} \mu_{\beta H}$, where Z is the partition sum $Z(\beta) = \int_{\Omega^\Lambda} e^{-\beta H} \mu(d\omega)$. In this paper, we allow H and $\mu_{\beta H}$ to be complex valued.

We now formulate the necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity of $\mu_{\beta H}$. Fix bounded, square integrable elements $c_i \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mu)$, labelled by $i \in S$, with the following properties:

- Identity, $c_{i_0} = 1$ for some label $i_0 \in S$.
- Orthogonality, $\int_\Omega \bar{c}_i(\omega) c_j(\omega) \mu(d\omega) = \delta_{ij}$.
- The linear span of the c_i is dense in $L^\infty(\Omega, \mu)$ with respect to the topology of convergence in measure.

From this, we obtain a basis of $L^\infty(\Omega^{\Lambda^+}, \mu_+)$ by

$$C_I(\omega_+) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} c_{i_\lambda}(\omega_\lambda).$$

It is labelled by indices $I \in S^{\Lambda^+}$. Denote by I_0 the index that assigns label i_0 to every $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$. Then $C_{I_0} = 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1$ is the identity function, and $\mathbb{E}_{\mu_+}(C_I) = 0$ for $I \neq I_0$. Further, all C_I are bounded, and their span is dense in $L^\infty(\Omega^{\Lambda^+}, \mu_+)$ for the topology of convergence in measure.

If $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$, then we obtain an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$ labelled by $(I, J) \in S^{\Lambda^+} \times S^{\Lambda^+}$,

$$B_{IJ}(\omega) = \Theta(C_I)C_J(\omega) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} c_{j_\lambda}(\rho(\omega_{\vartheta(\lambda)})) \times \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} c_{j_\lambda}(\omega_\lambda).$$

Again, $\Theta(C_{I_0})C_{I_0} = 1$ and $\mathbb{E}_{\mu_\Lambda}(\Theta(C_I)C_J) = 0$ for $(I, J) \neq (I_0, I_0)$. As the closure of the $\Theta(C_I)C_J$ is dense in $L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$, every hamiltonian $H \in L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$ can be written as

$$-H = \sum_{I, J \in S^{\Lambda^+}} J_{IJ} \Theta(C_I)C_J, \quad (\text{VII.3})$$

where the sum converges in measure, and (J_{IJ}) is the *matrix of coupling constants*. Its submatrix $(J^0)_{IJ}$ of coefficients with $I, J \neq I_0$ is called the *matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane*. Since $\Theta(\Theta(C_I)C_J) = \Theta(C_J)C_I$, one sees that H is reflection invariant, $\Theta(H) = H$, if and only if (J_{IJ}) is hermitian, $J_{JI} = \overline{J_{IJ}}$.

In the case that the lattice Λ does not intersect the reflection plane, we obtain the following necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity.

Theorem VII.3. *Let $H \in L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$ be reflection invariant, $\Theta(H) = H$, and suppose that $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$. Then the Boltzmann measure $\mu_{\beta H} = e^{-\beta H} \mu$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \geq 0$ if and only if the matrix J_{IJ}^0 of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.*

Proof. Apply Theorem V.10 to the algebra $\mathfrak{A} = L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$, with $\mathfrak{A}_\pm = L^\infty(\Omega^{\Lambda^\pm}, \mu_\pm)$ and $\Theta(f)(\omega) = \overline{f(\theta(\omega))}$. \square

If $\Lambda_0 \neq \emptyset$, then the expansion (VII.3) is no longer unique. Nonetheless, we have the following sufficient conditions for reflection positivity in the general case, with either $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$ or $\rho = \text{Id}$.

Theorem VII.4. *Suppose that $H = H_- + H_0 + H_+$, where the element $H_+ \in L^\infty(\Omega_{\Lambda_+}, \mu_+)$ is measurable w.r.t. Σ_+ , $\Theta(H_+) = H_-$, and $H_0 \in L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\Lambda)$ possesses an expansion (VII.3) with a positive semidefinite matrix J_{IJ}^0 of coupling constants. Then the Boltzmann measure $\mu_{\beta H} = e^{-\beta H} \mu$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \geq 0$.*

Note that Theorems VII.3 and VII.4 allow for couplings between arbitrarily many lattice points at arbitrary distance. We now specialize these results to the case of pair interactions, which is of particular relevance.

VII.1.3. *Pair interactions and nearest neighbor interactions.* In this section and the following one, we make some additional assumptions on the form of H , and we give necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity within this class of Hamiltonians.

A *pair interaction Hamiltonian* has the form

$$-H(\omega) = \sum_{\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda} h_{\lambda\lambda'}(\omega_\lambda, \omega_{\lambda'}) + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} V_\lambda(\omega_\lambda). \quad (\text{VII.4})$$

For general pair interactions, we do not impose any restrictions on the finite lattice Λ other than the ones in §VI.1.

A Hamiltonian H is of *nearest neighbor type* if it is of the form (VII.4) with $h_{\lambda\lambda'}$ nonzero only for $|\lambda - \lambda'| = 1$. We have special results for

Hamiltonians describing nearest neighbor interactions on rectangular lattices in \mathbb{R}^d or $T^d = \mathbb{R}^d / (L\mathbb{Z})^d$, of the form

$$\Lambda = \{-L, \dots, L\}^d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \quad \text{or} \quad \Lambda = \{0, \dots, L\}^d \subseteq T^d. \quad (\text{VII.5})$$

Here, we assume that the fixed point set $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is in one of the coordinate planes, and that it intersects the lattice nontrivially.

Theorem VII.5. *Suppose that Λ is a rectangular lattice of the form (VII.5), intersecting the coordinate plane P nontrivially. Let $\theta(\omega_\lambda) = \omega_{\vartheta(\lambda)}$. Then for every reflection invariant nearest neighbor hamiltonian $H \in L^\infty(\Omega^\Lambda, \mu_\lambda)$, the Boltzmann measure $\mu_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \geq 0$.*

Proof. Nearest neighbor Hamiltonians on a lattice that intersects the reflection plane are very special, since they allow a decomposition $H = H_- + H_0 + H_+$ with $H_0 = 0$.

To see this, note that each bond $\langle \lambda, \lambda' \rangle$ is contained in either Λ_+ or Λ_- . We can thus write the hamiltonian as $H = H_- + H_+$ where H_+ is measurable w.r.t. Σ_+ , and $H_- = \Theta(H_+)$. The corollary then follows from Theorem VII.4. To exhibit the splitting, define H_+ by

$$-H_+ = \sum_{\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda_+} \epsilon_{\lambda\lambda'} h_{\lambda\lambda'}(\omega_\lambda, \omega_{\lambda'}) + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} \epsilon_\lambda V_\lambda(\omega_\lambda), \quad (\text{VII.6})$$

with $\epsilon_{\lambda\lambda'} = \frac{1}{2}$ if both λ and λ' are in Λ_0 , and $\epsilon_{\lambda\lambda'} = 1$ otherwise. Similarly, $\epsilon_\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ if $\lambda \in \Lambda_0$ and $\epsilon_\lambda = 1$ if $\lambda \in \Lambda_+ \setminus \Lambda_0$. As H is reflection invariant, it can be written in the form (VII.4) with $h_{\vartheta(\lambda), \vartheta(\lambda')} = \overline{h_{\lambda, \lambda'}}$ and $V_{\vartheta(\lambda)} = \overline{V_\lambda}$. Using this, one verifies that $H = \Theta(H_+) + H_+$, as required. \square

Nearest neighbor interactions on a lattice that does *not* intersect the reflection plane are *not* automatically reflection positive. They are characterized in Remark VII.7

VII.1.4. *Long Range Pair Interactions.* Suppose that for each lattice site λ , we have k random variables $\phi^a \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mu)$, with $a = 1, \dots, k$. We require that $\mathbb{E}_\mu(\phi^a) = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}_\mu(\phi^a \phi^b) = \delta_{ab}$. For example, if Ω is the 2-point space $\{+1, -1\}$ with the counting measure, one can take the single variable $\phi(\omega) = \omega$. If Ω is the block $\Omega = [-\phi_{\max}, \phi_{\max}]^k$ with the normalized Lebesgue measure, or the $k-1$ -sphere $\Omega = S^{k-1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ with the round measure, then one can take ϕ^a to be the coordinate variables. Consider Hamiltonians of the form VII.4 with

$$h_{\lambda, \lambda'} = J_{\lambda, \lambda'}^{ab} \phi_\lambda^a \phi_{\lambda'}^b, \quad (\text{VII.7})$$

where the reflection ρ sends ϕ^a to $s^a\phi^a$, with $s^a = \pm 1$. If the reflection plane $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ does not intersect the lattice, then necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity can be given as follows.

The matrix of couplings across the reflection plane is $(s^a J_{\vartheta(\lambda), \lambda'}^{ab \ 0})$, with entries labelled by (λ, a) and (λ', b) in $\Lambda_+ \times \{1, \dots, k\}$. The following corollary then follows immediately from Theorem VII.3.

Corollary VII.6. *Suppose that H is a reflection invariant Hamiltonian of the form (VII.4), with $h_{\lambda\lambda'}$ given by (VII.7). Then $\mu_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive for all $\beta \geq 0$ if and only if $(s^a J_{\vartheta(\lambda)\lambda'}^{ab \ 0})$ is positive semidefinite.*

Remark VII.7 (Nearest Neighbor). Consider a rectangular lattice

$$\Lambda = \left\{ -\frac{2L+1}{2}, -\frac{2L-1}{2}, \dots, \frac{2L+1}{2} \right\}^d$$

that does not intersect the reflection plane P , and a nearest neighbor Hamiltonian given by $J_{\lambda\lambda'}^{ab}$. Then H is reflection invariant, if for every bond $\langle \vartheta(\lambda), \lambda \rangle$ that crosses the reflection plane, the $k \times k$ -matrix in a and b given by $(s^a J_{\vartheta(\lambda), \lambda}^{ab \ 0})$ is positive semidefinite.

More generally, if $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is any lattice that does not intersect P , and H is a reflection invariant Hamiltonian with $J_{\lambda, \lambda'}^{ab} = f(\lambda - \lambda') J^{ab}$, then $\mu_{\beta H}$ is reflection invariant for all $\beta \geq 0$ if and only if $s^a s^b J^{ab}$ is positive semidefinite, and $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *OS-positive*,

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \bar{z}_i z_j f(\vartheta(\lambda_i) - \lambda_j) \geq 0 \quad (\text{VII.8})$$

for all $(z_i, \lambda_i) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^{d,+}$. (OS stands for Osterwalder-Schrader.) For example, the function $f(\lambda) = |\lambda|^{-s}$ is OS-positive if $s \geq d - 2$ and $s \geq 0$. Naturally, we have a similar sufficient condition for reflection positivity in case that $\Lambda_0 \neq \emptyset$. The only difference is that all signs s^a equal $+1$, as ρ must be the identity.

VII.2. Bosonic Quantum Systems. Suppose that the isolated system at each lattice point λ is a bosonic, quantum mechanical system with n degrees of freedom. This is described by the matrix algebra $\mathfrak{A}_\lambda = M_n(\mathbb{C})$. The total system is given by the algebra

$$\mathfrak{A} = \bigotimes_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_n(\mathbb{C}).$$

In the absence of interactions, the background state τ is the normalized tracial state, given by

$$\tau(A_{\lambda_1} \otimes \dots \otimes A_{\lambda_k}) = \frac{1}{n^k} \text{Tr}(A_{\lambda_1}) \cdots \text{Tr}(A_{\lambda_k}) \quad (\text{VII.9})$$

on the pure tensors. (Here Tr denotes the unnormalized trace.) The reflection $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is the antilinear homomorphism given by

$$\Theta(A_\lambda) = \overline{\rho(A)}_{\vartheta(\lambda)}, \quad (\text{VII.10})$$

where $\bar{}$ denotes complex conjugation and ρ denotes conjugation by an arbitrary invertible operator $R \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$, namely $\rho(A) = RAR^{-1}$. If R is unitary, then $\rho(A^*) = \rho(A)^*$, but we will *not* require that this is the case.

For bosonic quantum systems, we only consider the case $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$, meaning that the reflection ϑ has no fixed points on Λ . If we define

$$\mathfrak{A}_\pm = \bigotimes_{\lambda \in \Lambda_\pm} M_n(\mathbb{C}),$$

then $\Theta(\mathfrak{A}_+) = \mathfrak{A}_-$, and \mathfrak{A} is the linear span of $\mathfrak{A}_- \mathfrak{A}_+$. Since $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_- \otimes \mathfrak{A}_+$, the algebra \mathfrak{A} is the bosonic q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ (cf. §III.1).

Proposition VII.8 (Primitive Reflection Positivity). *The tracial state τ is faithful, factorizing, reflection invariant, and reflection positive;*

$$0 \leq \tau(\Theta(A)A), \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathfrak{A}_+. \quad (\text{VII.11})$$

Proof. By linearity, it suffices to show reflection invariance on the pure tensors $A = A_{\lambda_1} \otimes \dots \otimes A_{\lambda_k}$. This follows from the identity

$$\tau(\Theta(A)) = \frac{1}{n^k} \text{Tr}(\overline{RA_{\lambda_1}R^{-1}}) \dots \text{Tr}(\overline{RA_{\lambda_k}R^{-1}}) = \overline{\tau(A)}. \quad (\text{VII.12})$$

By (II.13), the factorization property can be expressed as $\tau(AB) = \tau_-(A)\tau_+(B)$ for $A \in \mathfrak{A}_-$ and $B \in \mathfrak{A}_+$. This is immediate from (VII.9). The state τ is faithful since it is a finite tensor product of faithful states, and reflection positive by Proposition II.23. \square

Fix an orthonormal basis $\{c_i\}_{i \in S}$ of $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ with respect to the inner product $(X, Y) = \text{Tr}(X^*Y)$ such that $c_0 = \mathbf{1}$. The basis is labelled by $i \in S$. A usual choice is the basis consisting of $\mathbf{1}$, the matrices $E_{kk} - E_{k+1, k+1}$ for $k = 1, \dots, n-1$, and the matrices $E_{kl} + E_{lk}$ and $i(E_{kl} - E_{lk})$ for $1 \leq k < l \leq n$. Here E_{kl} denotes the matrix with entry 1 in the kl place and 0 elsewhere. In the case of $M_2(\mathbb{C})$, these are the Pauli matrices.

From the basis $\{c_i\}_{i \in S}$ for $M_n(\mathbb{C})$, we obtain the tensor product basis

$$C_I = \bigotimes_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} c_{i_\lambda}$$

for \mathfrak{A}_+ , labelled by $I \in S^{\Lambda_+}$. In turn, this yields the basis

$$B_{IJ} = \Theta(C_I) \circ C_J = \Theta(C_I)C_J = \bigotimes_{\kappa \in \Lambda_-} \overline{Rc_{i_{\vartheta(\kappa)}}R^{-1}} \bigotimes_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} c_{j_\lambda}$$

of \mathfrak{A} , labelled by $(I, J) \in S^{\Lambda+} \times S^{\Lambda+}$. Every matrix $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ has a unique expansion

$$-H = \sum_{I, J \in S^{\Lambda+}} J_{IJ} B_{IJ} \quad (\text{VII.13})$$

in the basis B_{IJ} . The basis coefficients form an $S^{\Lambda+} \times S^{\Lambda+}$ -matrix $(J_{IJ})_{S^{\Lambda+}}$, called the *matrix of coupling constants*. The *matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane* is the submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{S^{\Lambda+} \setminus \{0\}}$ where neither C_I nor C_J is the identity.

The following theorem gives necessary and sufficient conditions for reflection positivity of the Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ at inverse temperature $\beta \geq 0$, defined by $\tau_{\beta H}(A) = \tau(A e^{-\beta H})$.

Theorem VII.9. *Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ be reflection invariant, $\Theta(H) = H$. Then the Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}$ is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_+ for all $\beta \geq 0$ if and only if the matrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{S^{\Lambda+} \setminus \{0\}}$ of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.*

Proof. This follows from Theorem V.10. \square

This result extends [JJ16, Theorem 5.2] from $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ to $M_n(\mathbb{C})$. As a simple example of how Theorem VII.9 may be used in a concrete situation, we show that the long range antiferromagnetic Heisenberg model is reflection positive at arbitrary spin s , see [DLS76, FILS78, DLS78]. The Hamiltonian is

$$-H = J \sum_{\lambda \neq \lambda'} |\lambda - \lambda'|^{-v} \sum_{a=x,y,z} S_{\lambda}^a S_{\lambda'}^a,$$

where $S^x, S^y, S^z \in M_{2s+1}(\mathbb{C})$ are hermitian spin matrices for spin s . In the highest weight representation $\pi: \mathfrak{sl}(2) \rightarrow M_{2s+1}(\mathbb{C})$, these are given by

$$S^x = \frac{1}{2}(\pi(e) + \pi(f)), \quad S^y = -\frac{i}{2}(\pi(e) - \pi(f)), \quad \text{and} \quad S^z = \frac{1}{2}\pi(h),$$

where e, h and f are the usual $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -generators with

$$[h, e] = 2e, \quad [h, f] = -2f, \quad \text{and} \quad [e, f] = h.$$

Since $\pi(e), \pi(h)$ and $\pi(f)$ can be realized as real matrices, the map $X \mapsto \overline{X}$ flips the sign of S^y , while leaving S^x and S^z invariant. Since $R = \exp(i\pi S^y)$ represents a 180°-rotation around the y -axis, the map $X \mapsto R X R^{-1}$ flips the sign of S^x and S^z , while leaving S^y invariant.

With the reflection Θ of (VII.10), we therefore find $\Theta(S_{\lambda}^a) = -S_{\vartheta(\lambda)}^a$. The matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane is thus given by

$$J_{\lambda\lambda'}^{0ab} = -J |\vartheta(\lambda) - \lambda'|^{-v} \delta^{ab}$$

for $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda_+$, and $a, b \in \{x, y, z\}$. If Λ is a ϑ -invariant subset of \mathbb{R}^d , then this is a positive semidefinite matrix if $J \leq 0$ and if v is a nonnegative number with $v \geq d - 2$.

VIII. FERMIONIC SYSTEMS

We specialize our characterization of reflection positivity to fermionic classical and quantum systems on a lattice.

VIII.1. Fermionic Classical Systems. A fermionic classical system is described by the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded *Grassmann algebra* $\mathfrak{A} = \bigwedge V$, which we have already considered in §III.3. Here V is an oriented, *even-dimensional* Hilbert space, which may arise either from a single site λ , or from the full lattice Λ .

For applications in physics, the vector space V corresponding to a single site is either $V = W$ (for Weyl spinors) or $V = W \oplus \overline{W}$ (for Dirac spinors). In the latter case, \overline{W} is identified with W by means of an antilinear isomorphism $\psi \mapsto \overline{\psi}$. Here $W = W_s \otimes W_D$ is the tensor product of an s -dimensional, unitary representation W_s for $\text{spin}(d)$ and a D -dimensional unitary representation W_D of the relevant gauge group G . The basis elements are then labelled by $\psi_{\alpha a}$, with $\alpha = 1, \dots, s$ and $a = 1, \dots, D$.

The vector space corresponding to the full lattice Λ is V^Λ , and the algebra is $\mathfrak{A} = \bigwedge V^\Lambda$. The definition of the algebras \mathfrak{A}_- and \mathfrak{A}_+ depends on whether the intersection Λ_0 of Λ_- and Λ_+ is empty or not. In case $\Lambda_0 = \emptyset$, we simply define $V_\pm = V^{\Lambda_\pm}$, and set $\mathfrak{A}_\pm = \bigwedge V^{\Lambda_\pm}$. We allow $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_- \cap \Lambda_+$ to be nonempty only if $V = W \oplus \overline{W}$. In that case, we set

$$\begin{aligned} V_+ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} W_\lambda \oplus \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda_+} (W_\lambda \oplus \overline{W}_\lambda), \\ V_- &= \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} \overline{W}_\lambda \oplus \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda_-} (W_\lambda \oplus \overline{W}_\lambda), \end{aligned} \tag{VIII.1}$$

and we define $\mathfrak{A}_\pm = \bigwedge V_\pm$.

Let $\rho: V \rightarrow V$ be an antilinear isomorphism that squares to the identity. If $V = W \oplus \overline{W}$, we require that ρ interchanges W and \overline{W} . The reflection $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is the unique antilinear homomorphism such that

$$\Theta(\psi_\lambda) = \rho(\psi_{\vartheta(\lambda)})$$

for all $\psi_\lambda \in V_\lambda$. Note that the Grassmann algebra \mathfrak{A} is the fermionic q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+ , cf. §III.3.

Proposition VIII.1 (RP of the Berezin integral). *Suppose that V is even dimensional, and that $\rho(\mu) = \mu$. If $V = W \oplus \overline{W}$, then we require that W is even dimensional, and that the restriction of $\overline{\rho}$ to $W \rightarrow W$ is of determinant 1. Then the Berezin integral is a factorizing, reflection invariant, reflection positive functional of degree zero.*

Proof. Note that an orientation of W defines an orientation on V^Λ , $V^{\Lambda+}$ and $V^{\Lambda-}$. A positively oriented volume μ or μ_\pm is obtained by taking the product of $\overline{\mu}_{W,\lambda}$ and $\mu_{W,\lambda}$ over all the sites λ in the relevant lattice. If $\lambda \in \Lambda_0$, then μ_+ only gets a single factor $\mu_{W,\lambda}$, and μ_- only gets a single factor $\overline{\mu}_{W,\lambda}$.

Since the relevant vector spaces are even dimensional, the order of the products is immaterial. The assumptions on ρ ensure that $\theta: V_+ \rightarrow V_-$ is volume preserving, and that $\mu = \mu_- \wedge \mu_+$. The result then follows from Proposition III.2. \square

We construct a basis of \mathfrak{A} that is adapted to the reflection. First, choose a basis $\{\psi_i\}_{i \in T}$ of W and $\{\psi_i\}_{i \in S}$ of V . From this, we obtain a basis $\psi_{(\lambda,i)}$ of V_+ , labelled by $(\lambda, i) \in (\Lambda_0 \times T) \sqcup (\Lambda_+ \setminus \Lambda_0) \times S$. By choosing an order on this label set, we obtain an ordered basis of $\mathfrak{A}_+ = \bigwedge V_+$ by setting

$$C_I = \psi_{(i_1, \lambda_1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_{(i_k, \lambda_k)}, \quad (\text{VIII.2})$$

if $(\lambda_1, i_1) < \dots < (\lambda_k, i_k)$ is in increasing order. The basis C_I is labelled by the power set

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{P}\left((\Lambda_0 \times T) \sqcup (\Lambda_+ \setminus \Lambda_0) \times S\right). \quad (\text{VIII.3})$$

If $I_0 = \emptyset$, we define $C_{I_0} = \mathbf{1}$ to be the identity. Using the basis C_I of \mathfrak{A}_+ , we obtain a basis B_{IJ} of \mathfrak{A}^0 by

$$B_{IJ} = \sqrt{-1}^{|I|^2} \Theta(C_I) C_J,$$

where $|I| \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ is the cardinality of I modulo 2, and J is restricted to have $|I| = |J|$ modulo 2. This ensures that B_{IJ} is even. (Note that the factor $\sqrt{-1} = \zeta$ comes from the twisted product (II.8).)

Every $H \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ then has a basis expansion

$$-H = \sum_{I,J} J_{IJ} B_{IJ}.$$

The matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is called the *matrix of coupling constants*, and the submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ is called the *matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane*.

Theorem VIII.2. *Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ be a reflection invariant element of degree zero. Then the Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}(A) = \tau(A e^{-\beta H})$ is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_+ for all $\beta \geq 0$, if and only if the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.*

Proof. This follows from Theorem V.10. The Berezin integral is strictly positive by Proposition III.3, and it is factorizing and reflection positive by Proposition VIII.1. \square

VIII.2. Fermionic Quantum Systems. Quantum mechanical fermionic systems are described by *Clifford algebras*, which we considered in §III.4. If the vector space associated to a single lattice site is the finite dimensional vector space V , then the space associated to the full lattice is V^Λ . Correspondingly, the algebra for a single site is $\mathcal{A}_\lambda = \text{Cl}(V)$, and the algebra for the full lattice is $\mathcal{A} = \text{Cl}(V^\Lambda)$.

Let $\rho: V \rightarrow V$ be an antilinear map that squares to the identity, and satisfies $h_{\mathbb{C}}(\rho(v), \rho(v')) = \overline{h_{\mathbb{C}}(v, v')}$ for all $v, v' \in V$. This yields an antilinear isomorphism $\theta: V^\Lambda \rightarrow V^\Lambda$ by $\theta(v_\lambda) = \rho(v_{\theta(\lambda)})$, and hence an antilinear homomorphism $\Theta: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

If $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_+ \cap \Lambda_-$ is nonzero, then we require that $V_{\mathbb{R}} = W_{\mathbb{R}} \oplus W_{\mathbb{R}}$ is an orthogonal direct sum, and that ρ is the antilinear complexification of a real orthogonal transformation $\rho_{\mathbb{R}}: V_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow V_{\mathbb{R}}$ that interchanges the two copies of $W_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Define the vector spaces V_{\pm} as in (VIII.1), and define $\mathcal{A}_{\pm} = \text{Cl}(V^{\Lambda_{\pm}})$. Since $\theta(V_+) = V_-$ and $h_{\mathbb{C}}(V_+, V_-) = \{0\}$, the algebra \mathcal{A} is the fermionic q -double of \mathcal{A}_+ , cf. §III.4.

Choose orthonormal bases $\{c_i\}_{i \in T}$ of $W_{\mathbb{R}}$, and $\{c_i\}_{i \in S}$ of $V_{\mathbb{R}}$. In the same way as in §VIII.1, we obtain a basis C_I of \mathfrak{A}_+ , labelled by the index set \mathcal{I} of equation (VIII.3). It is given by $C_{I_0} = \mathbf{1}$ if $I_0 = \emptyset$, and by

$$C_I = c_{(\lambda_1, i_1)} \cdots c_{(\lambda_k, i_k)}, \quad (\text{VIII.4})$$

if $(\lambda_1, i_1) < \dots < (\lambda_k, i_k)$ is increasing with respect to a chosen order on $(\Lambda_0 \times T) \sqcup (\Lambda_+ \setminus \Lambda_0) \times S$.

Using the basis C_I of \mathcal{A}_+ , we define the basis B_{IJ} of \mathcal{A}^0 by

$$B_{IJ} = \Theta(C_I) \circ C_J = \sqrt{-1}^{|I|^2} \Theta(C_I) C_J.$$

Here $|I| \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ denotes the cardinality of I modulo 2, and $J \in \mathcal{I}$ is restricted to have $|J| = |I|$. Every $H \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ then has a basis expansion $-H = \sum_{I, J} J_{IJ} B_{IJ}$. Explicitly, there exist unique coefficients

$$J_{IJ} = J_{\lambda_1}^{i_1} \cdots J_{\lambda_k}^{i_k} J_{\lambda'_1}^{i'_1} \cdots J_{\lambda'_{k'}}^{i'_{k'}}$$

such that

$$-H = \sum J_{IJ} \sqrt{-1}^{k^2} \rho(c_{\partial(\lambda_1) i_1}) \cdots \rho(c_{\partial(\lambda_k) i_k}) c_{\lambda'_1 i'_1} \cdots c_{\lambda'_k i'_k}.$$

The matrix $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$ is the *matrix of coupling constants*, and $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ is the *matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane*.

Theorem VIII.3. *Let $\tau: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the tracial state of Definition III.5, and let $H \in \mathcal{A}$ be a reflection invariant element of degree zero. Then the Boltzmann functional $\tau_{\beta H}(A) = \tau(A e^{-\beta H})$ is reflection positive on \mathcal{A}_+ for all $\beta \geq 0$, if and only if the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.*

Proof. This follows from Proposition III.6 and Theorem V.10. \square

IX. LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES: EQUIVARIANT QUANTIZATION

We give a characterization of reflection positivity in the context of lattice gauge theories. In particular, this yields a new, gauge equivariant proof for reflection positivity of the functional determined by the Wilson action (IX.7), stated in Corollary IX.2. Wilson introduced this action to be gauge invariant and have the correct pointwise continuum limit. By a miracle, this action also gives a reflection-positive expectation.

In contrast to the proofs in the literature, pioneered by Osterwalder and Seiler [O76, OS78, Sei82], we do *not* fix the gauge on bonds that cross the reflection plane. Rather, we introduce extra degrees of freedom that put the interaction across the reflection plane in a form covered by Theorem V.10. We deal with the problem of fermion doubling as in [MP87].

Using this method, we are able to prove reflection positivity on the full algebra of observables, not just on the gauge invariant part. As a consequence of the quantization procedure, any two elements of \mathfrak{A}_+ that differ by a gauge transformation that does not involve the reflection plane yield the same state in \mathcal{H}_{Θ} .

IX.1. Gauge Bosons. Let G be a compact Lie group, and let Λ' be a hypercubic lattice of width r in \mathbb{R}^d or T^d . Let Λ'' be the set of midpoints $\lambda'' = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda'_1 + \lambda'_2)$ of nearest neighbors λ'_1, λ'_2 in Λ' , and define the lattice as $\Lambda = \Lambda' \cup \Lambda''$. (See Figure 2.)

Denote the set of directed nearest-neighbor bonds in Λ by $E = \{\langle \lambda \lambda' \rangle; |\lambda - \lambda'| = r/2\}$, and denote the set of undirected bonds by $|E| = \{\{\lambda \lambda'\}; |\lambda - \lambda'| = r/2\}$. To describe the bosonic degrees of

freedom, we associate the variable $h_{\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle} \in G$ to the directed nearest-neighbor bond $\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle \in E$. Note that every nearest-neighbor bond contains one site in Λ' , and one in Λ'' . Since $h_{\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle}$ represents the holonomy induced by parallel transport from λ to λ' , we impose $h_{\langle\lambda'\lambda\rangle} = h_{\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle}^{-1}$ for the bond $\langle\lambda'\lambda\rangle$ in the other direction. The Haar measure μ_H on the 1-bond probability space

$$\Omega_{\{\lambda\lambda'\}} = \{(h_{\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle}, h_{\langle\lambda'\lambda\rangle}) \in G \times G; h_{\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle} = h_{\langle\lambda'\lambda\rangle}^{-1}\}$$

is obtained from the Haar measure on G by either one of the two projections to G (the result is the same). Similarly, the configuration space of discrete holonomies for the full system is

$$G^{|E|} := \{h \in G^E; h_{\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle} = h_{\langle\lambda'\lambda\rangle}^{-1}\}.$$

We equip it with the Haar measure obtained from the identification $G^{|E|} \simeq \prod_{\{\lambda\lambda'\} \in |E|} \Omega_{\{\lambda\lambda'\}}$. The associated algebra of bosonic observables is $\mathfrak{A}^B = L^\infty(G^{|E|})$.

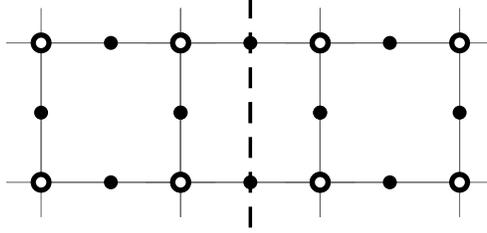


FIGURE 2. Points in Λ' are white, points in Λ'' are black.

The algebra \mathfrak{A}^B contains functions that depend on the holonomies between every pair $\langle\lambda\lambda'\rangle$ of nearest neighbors in Λ . If we zoom out and consider only the ‘coarse’ lattice $\Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda$ (the white points in Figure 2), then the holonomy between the nearest neighbors λ, λ' in Λ' is given by $h_{\lambda\lambda'}^{\Lambda'} = h_{\lambda\lambda''} h_{\lambda''\lambda'}$, where $\lambda'' \in \Lambda''$ is the midpoint between λ and λ' . Define

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\Lambda'}^B \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^B$$

to be the subalgebra of measurable functions that depend only on the variables $h_{\lambda\lambda''}^{\Lambda'}$.

IX.1.1. *Reflection Positivity.* Suppose that the reflection $\vartheta: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ flips a single coordinate x^σ . Then the reflection $\Theta: \mathfrak{A}^B \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^B$ is the anti-linear homomorphism given by

$$\Theta(F)(h_{\langle\lambda,\lambda'\rangle}) = \overline{F(h_{\langle\vartheta(\lambda),\vartheta(\lambda')\rangle})} \quad (\text{IX.1})$$

for all $F \in \mathfrak{A}^B$.

We assume that the fixed point set P is orthogonal to the basis vector \vec{e}_σ , and intersects the lattice Λ halfway between lattice points in Λ' , so $P \cap \Lambda'' = \Lambda_0$. (See Figure 2.) It follows that $\Lambda = \Lambda_- \cup \Lambda_+$ with $\Lambda_- \cap \Lambda_+ = \Lambda_0$, $\Lambda' = \Lambda'_- \cup \Lambda'_+$ with $\Lambda'_- \cap \Lambda'_+ = \emptyset$, and $E = E_- \cup E_+$ with $E_- \cap E_+ = \emptyset$.

Define $\mathfrak{A}_\pm^B = L^\infty(G^{|E_\pm|})$, and consider $\mathfrak{A}_\pm^B \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^B$ as the subalgebra of functions $F: G^{|E|} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that are measurable with respect to $G^{|E_\pm|}$, that is, functions that depend only on the variables $h_{\langle \lambda \lambda' \rangle}$ with λ and λ' both in Λ_\pm . In this setting, \mathfrak{A}^B is the bosonic q -double of \mathfrak{A}_+^B .

As in the previous sections, we construct a basis of \mathfrak{A}^B that is adapted to the reflection. To find a basis for $L^\infty(\Omega_{\{\lambda \lambda'\}}) \simeq L^\infty(G)$ with respect to the topology of convergence in measure, fix a basis $(e_a)_{a \in S_\rho}$ for every irreducible unitary representation (ρ, \mathcal{H}_ρ) of G , and consider the matrix coefficients

$$U_{\lambda \lambda'}^{ab;\rho}(h) = \langle e_a, \rho(h_{\langle \lambda \lambda' \rangle}) e_b \rangle. \quad (\text{IX.2})$$

By the Peter-Weyl Theorem, they constitute an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\Omega_{\{\lambda \lambda'\}}, \mu_H)$, labelled by $(\rho, a, b) \in \widehat{G} \times S_\rho \times S_\rho$. (Since L^2 -convergence implies convergence in measure, this is sufficient.) Note that by unitarity of ρ , we have

$$U_{\lambda \lambda'}^{ab;\rho} = \overline{U_{\lambda' \lambda}^{ba;\rho}}. \quad (\text{IX.3})$$

If we choose a preferred orientation $\langle \lambda \lambda' \rangle$ of each unoriented bond $\{\lambda \lambda'\}$ in $|E_+|$, we obtain an orthonormal basis

$$U_I = \bigotimes_{\{\lambda, \lambda'\} \in |E_+|} U_{\lambda \lambda'}^{ab;\rho} \quad (\text{IX.4})$$

of \mathfrak{A}_+^B , labelled by $I \in \mathcal{I}_B = |E_+|^X$, where $X = \bigsqcup_{\rho \in \widehat{G}} S_\rho \times S_\rho$. Note that $U_{I_0} = 1$ if $I_0 \in \mathcal{I}_B$ assigns to each bond the matrix element 1 of the trivial representation.

By (IX.1), the basis elements $U_{\lambda \lambda'}^{ab;\rho}$ reflect as

$$\Theta(U_{\lambda \lambda'}^{ab;\rho}) = U_{\vartheta(\lambda') \vartheta(\lambda)}^{ba;\rho}. \quad (\text{IX.5})$$

Since $B_{IJ} = \Theta(U_I) U_J$ is an orthogonal Schauder basis of \mathfrak{A}^B for the topology of convergence in measure, any action $S \in \mathfrak{A}^B$ can be uniquely expressed as

$$S = \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} \Theta(U_I) U_J. \quad (\text{IX.6})$$

We denote the matrix of coupling constants by $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$. The submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus I_0}$ of entries with $I, J \neq I_0$ is called the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane.

Theorem IX.1. *Let μ be the Haar measure on $G^{|E|}$, let $S \in \mathfrak{A}^B$ be a reflection-invariant function, and let $\mathbb{E}_{\beta S}: \mathfrak{A}^B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the expectation*

$$\mathbb{E}_{\beta S}(A) = \int_{G^{|E|}} \exp(-\beta S) A(h) \mu(dh)$$

with respect to the (complex) measure $e^{-\beta S} \mu$. Then $\mathbb{E}_{\beta S}$ is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_+^B for every $\beta \geq 0$, if and only if the matrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.

Proof. Since μ is reflection positive by Proposition VII.2, the result follows from Theorem VII.3. \square

IX.2. Lattice Yang-Mills Theory. For example, consider the Wilson action for Yang-Mills theory $S_{YM} = \sum_P S_{YM}^P$, where $P = \langle \lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \rangle$ is an oriented elementary square or ‘plaquette’ in the ‘coarse’ lattice Λ' , and

$$S_{YM}^P = \sum_{a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3} U_{\lambda_0 \lambda_1}^{a_0 a_1} U_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{a_1 a_2} U_{\lambda_2 \lambda_3}^{a_2 a_3} U_{\lambda_3 \lambda_0}^{a_3 a_0} \quad (\text{IX.7})$$

is the trace of the holonomy around P . Here $U_{\lambda_i \lambda_j}^{ab}$ are the matrix elements of $h_{\lambda_i \lambda_j}^{\Lambda'}$ with respect to a fixed unitary irreducible representation ρ of G , defined in (IX.2).

Cyclic permutations of the four vertices yield the same plaquette (and the same contribution), and do not contribute to the sum. Changing the orientation from $\langle \lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \rangle$ to $\langle \lambda_3 \lambda_2 \lambda_1 \lambda_0 \rangle$ changes the oriented plaquette, and yields an extra contribution to the sum. Since $\overline{U_{\lambda \lambda'}^{ab}} = U_{\lambda' \lambda}^{ba}$, one checks that this is the complex conjugate of the original contribution. In particular, S_{YM} is an hermitian element of $\mathfrak{A}_B^A \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_B$.

We now argue that the Wilson action for Yang-Mills theory defines a reflection-positive function in the sense of Theorem IX.1. The idea of our proof is to use the new vertices $\lambda'' \in \Lambda''$ on the plaquettes, halfway between every pair $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda'$ of neighboring old vertices. These are the black vertices in Figure 3. (Actually, only the extra degrees of freedom on the reflection plane are needed, but the other ones are left in for symmetry reasons.)

In order to prove reflection positivity, we express S_{YM}^P in terms of the basis $B_{IJ} = \Theta(U_I)U_J$, cf (IX.6). If $\lambda_{ij} \in \Lambda''$ is the midpoint between $\lambda_i, \lambda_j \in \Lambda'$, then $U_{\lambda_i \lambda_j}^{ab} = \sum_c U_{\lambda_i \lambda_{ij}}^{ac} U_{\lambda_{ij} \lambda_j}^{cb}$. Expanding (IX.7) for a plaquette $P = \langle \lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \rangle$ that intersects the reflection plane in

λ_{01} and λ_{23} and using (IX.5), we find

$$S_{YM}^P = \sum_{a_{01}a_{23}} \Theta \left(\sum_{a_1, a_{12}, a_2} U_{\lambda_{01}\lambda_1}^{a_{01}a_1} U_{\lambda_1\lambda_{12}}^{a_1a_{12}} U_{\lambda_{12}\lambda_2}^{a_{12}a_2} U_{\lambda_2\lambda_{23}}^{a_2a_{23}} \right) \times \sum_{a_1, a_{12}, a_2} U_{\lambda_{01}\lambda_1}^{a_{01}a_1} U_{\lambda_1\lambda_{12}}^{a_1a_{12}} U_{\lambda_{12}\lambda_2}^{a_{12}a_2} U_{\lambda_2\lambda_{23}}^{a_2a_{23}}.$$

From this, we see that the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane for S_{YM} is positive semidefinite.

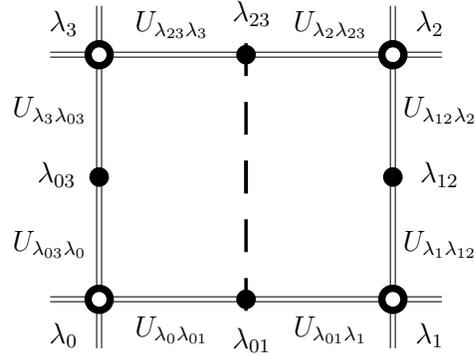


FIGURE 3. Illustration of S_{YM}^P for a single plaquette. Note that $\Theta(U_{\lambda_{01}\lambda_1}) = U_{\lambda_0\lambda_{01}}^T, \dots, \Theta(U_{\lambda_2\lambda_{23}}) = U_{\lambda_{23}\lambda_3}^T$.

Corollary IX.2. *If μ is the Haar measure on $G^{|E|}$, then the expectation $\mathbb{E}_{YM}: \mathfrak{A}_B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by*

$$\mathbb{E}_{YM}(A) = \int_{G^{|E|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2g_0^2} S_{YM}\right) A(h) \mu(dh)$$

is reflection positive on \mathfrak{A}_B^+ for all values of g_0 .

Proof. This follows from Theorem IX.1 by the previous discussion. \square

In particular, the expectation \mathbb{E}_{YM} is reflection positive on the subalgebra $\mathfrak{A}_{\Lambda'}^B$ of functions that depend only on the bond variables $h_{\lambda'\kappa'}^\Lambda$ between points λ', κ' in the ‘coarse’ lattice Λ' .

Note that since our derivation does not use gauge invariance, we get reflection positivity of the full algebra, not just the gauge invariant part.

IX.3. Fermions in Lattice Gauge Theory. The fermionic degrees of freedom live only on the ‘coarse’ sublattice Λ' , (the white dots in Figure 2).

To a single site $\lambda \in \Lambda'$, we associate the Grassmann algebra $\mathfrak{A}_\lambda^F = \bigwedge V$. Here $V = W \oplus W^*$, where $W = W_s \otimes W_\rho$ is the tensor product of

a $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ -representation W_s and a unitary G -representation W_ρ . Both G and $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ act from the left on W , and from the right on W^* .

The algebra of observables for the fermionic part of the theory is

$$\mathfrak{A}^F = \bigwedge \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (W \oplus W^*), \quad (\text{IX.8})$$

and the full algebra of observables is $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}^B \otimes \mathfrak{A}^F$.

Choose a basis $\psi_{\alpha a}$ of W , and denote the dual basis of W^* by $\overline{\psi}_{\alpha a}$. The map $\psi_{\alpha a} \mapsto \overline{\psi}_{\alpha a}$ extends to an antilinear isomorphism $\psi \mapsto \overline{\psi}$ from W to W^* . From the basis of $W \oplus W^*$, we obtain anticommuting generators $\psi_{\alpha a}$ and $\overline{\psi}_{\alpha a}$ of \mathfrak{A}_λ^F . Using these, we find anticommuting generators $\psi_{\alpha a}(\lambda)$ and $\overline{\psi}_{\alpha a}(\lambda')$ of \mathfrak{A}^F ,

$$\{\psi_{\alpha a}(\lambda), \psi_{\alpha' a'}(\lambda')\} = \{\psi_{\alpha a}(\lambda), \overline{\psi}_{\alpha' a'}(\lambda')\} = \{\overline{\psi}_{\alpha a}(\lambda), \overline{\psi}_{\alpha' a'}(\lambda')\} = 0.$$

IX.3.1. *The Reflection.* Assume that $\vartheta: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ flips a single coordinate x^σ , and that the fixed point set P is as in §IX.1.1. Then the corresponding reflection $\Theta: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is the unique antilinear homomorphism satisfying

$$\Theta \overline{\psi}_\lambda = -i \gamma_\sigma \psi_{\vartheta(\lambda)} \quad (\text{IX.9})$$

$$\Theta \psi_\lambda = -i \overline{\psi}_{\vartheta(\lambda)} \gamma_\sigma \quad (\text{IX.10})$$

$$\Theta(F)(h_{\langle \lambda, \lambda' \rangle}) = \overline{F(h_{\langle \vartheta(\lambda), \vartheta(\lambda') \rangle})} \quad (\text{IX.11})$$

for all $F \in \mathfrak{A}^B$ and $\psi \in W$, $\overline{\psi} \in \overline{W}$. Here, the γ_μ are *euclidean* Dirac matrices satisfying $\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 2\delta_{\mu\nu}$ and $\gamma_\mu^\dagger = \gamma_\mu$.

Remark IX.3. Note that we require Θ to be an antilinear *homomorphism*, satisfying $\Theta(AB) = \Theta(A)\Theta(B)$. This deviates slightly from e.g. [OS78, Sei82], where an antilinear *anti-homomorphism* Θ_a is used, satisfying $\Theta_a(AB) = \Theta_a(B)\Theta_a(A)$. For super-commutative algebras such as \mathfrak{A} , one checks that homomorphisms are related to anti-homomorphisms by $\Theta_a(A) = i^{|A|^2} \Theta(A)$ for homogeneous $A \in \mathfrak{A}$, cf. Remark II.2.

The algebra \mathfrak{A}_+ is defined as $\mathfrak{A}_+ = \mathfrak{A}_+^B \otimes \mathfrak{A}_+^F$. Here $\mathfrak{A}_+^B = L^\infty(G^{|E_+|})$ as before, and \mathfrak{A}_+^F is the Grassmann algebra

$$\mathfrak{A}_+^F = \bigwedge \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda'_+} (W \oplus W^*).$$

As usual, we use a basis of \mathfrak{A}_+ to construct a basis of the even subalgebra $\mathfrak{A}^0 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ that is well adapted to the reflection. Recall that

\mathfrak{A}_+^B has the basis U_{I_B} described in equation (IX.4), labelled by the set $\mathcal{I}_B = |E_+|^X$. A basis

$$\Psi_{I_F} = \psi_{\alpha_1 a_1}(\lambda_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge \psi_{\alpha_k a_k}(\lambda_k)$$

of \mathfrak{A}_+^F can be constructed as in Section VIII.1. Since the fermions only live on the ‘coarse’ lattice Λ' which does not intersect the fixed point set, this basis is labelled by I_F in $\mathcal{I}_F = \mathcal{P}(T \sqcup \bar{T} \times \Lambda'_+)$, where T is the set of labels (α, a) of basis vectors of W .

Finally, we obtain a basis $C_I = U_{I_B} \otimes \Psi_{I_F}$ of \mathfrak{A}_+ , labelled by $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_B \times \mathcal{I}_F$. The identity is labelled by $I_0 = (I_0^B, I_0^F)$, where I_0^B labels the identity as before, and $I_0^F = \emptyset$.

If we set $B_{IJ} = i^{|C_I|^2} \Theta(C_I) C_J$ for basis elements C_I and C_J of the same \mathbb{Z}_2 -degree, then any action $S \in \mathfrak{A}^0$ of degree zero can be uniquely expressed as

$$S = \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}} J_{IJ} B_{IJ}. \quad (\text{IX.12})$$

We denote the matrix of coupling constants by $(J_{IJ})_{\mathcal{I}}$. The submatrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus I_0}$ of entries with $I, J \neq I_0$ is called the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane.

Let $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the tensor product of the Berezin integral $\tau_F: \mathfrak{A}_F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of Section VIII.1 and the expectation $\mathbb{E}: \mathfrak{A}_B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with respect to the Haar measure on $G^{|E|}$.

Theorem IX.4. *Let $S \in \mathfrak{A}$ be a reflection-invariant action of degree zero. Then the functional $\tau_S(A) = \tau(e^{-\beta S} A)$ is reflection positive for every $\beta \geq 0$, if and only if the matrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathcal{I} \setminus \{I_0\}}$ of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.*

Proof. By Proposition VIII.1 with $\bar{\rho} = i\gamma_\tau$, the continuous functional τ_F is factorizing and reflection positive. By Proposition VII.2, the same is true for \mathbb{E} , hence also for the functional $\tau: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. The result then follows from Theorem V.10. \square

IX.4. Lattice QCD. We apply this theorem to the lattice QCD-action $S = S_{YM} + S_F$. Here, the fermion action $S_F = S_{FM} + S_{FK}$ is the sum of a mass term and a kinetic term,

$$S_{FM} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} \bar{\psi}_{a\alpha}(\lambda) \Gamma^{\alpha\beta} \psi_{a\beta}(\lambda), \quad (\text{IX.13})$$

$$S_{FK} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\langle \lambda \lambda' \rangle \in E_{\Lambda'}} \bar{\psi}_{a\alpha}(\lambda) \Gamma_{\lambda' - \lambda}^{\alpha\beta} U_{\lambda\lambda'}^{ab} \psi_{\beta b}(\lambda'). \quad (\text{IX.14})$$

The first sum is over sites λ in the ‘coarse’ lattice Λ' , and the second sum is over all *oriented* nearest neighbor bonds in Λ' . (So every pair

gives two contributions.) Recall that $U_{\lambda\lambda'}^{ab} = \sum_c U_{\lambda\lambda'}^{ac} U_{\lambda'\lambda'}^{cb}$ for the site $\lambda'' \in \Lambda''$ halfway in between $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda'$.

We prove reflection positivity for couplings

$$\Gamma = (M - 4s)\mathbf{1}, \quad \Gamma_{\lambda' - \lambda} = \pm\gamma_\mu + s\mathbf{1} \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda' - \lambda = \pm r\vec{e}_\mu, \quad (\text{IX.15})$$

where $s = 0$ or $s = 1$. The choice $s = 0$ corresponds to the ‘naive’ action (which leads to fermion doubling in the continuum limit), and the choice $s = 1$ corresponds to Wilson’s action.

Note that S_F is reflection symmetric, $\Theta(S_F) = S_F$. Indeed, a straightforward calculation shows that this follows from $(\gamma_\sigma \bar{\Gamma} \gamma_\sigma)^T = \Gamma$ for the mass terms, and from $\Gamma_{-\vartheta(\lambda' - \lambda)} = (\gamma_\sigma \bar{\Gamma}_{\lambda' - \lambda} \gamma_\sigma)^T$ for the kinetic terms.

By Theorem IX.4, the mass terms in (IX.13) are irrelevant, as they only contain terms in either \mathfrak{A}_+ or \mathfrak{A}_- . The same holds for the kinetic terms with both λ and λ' in either Λ'_+ or Λ'_- . Therefore, it suffices to consider terms of the form

$$\sum_{\alpha, \beta, a, b, c} \bar{\psi}_{\alpha a}(\lambda_-) \Gamma_{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-}^{\alpha\beta} U_{\lambda_- \lambda_0}^{ac} U_{\lambda_0 \lambda_+}^{cb} \psi_{\beta b}(\lambda_+), \quad (\text{IX.16})$$

with $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$, and either $\lambda_\pm = \lambda_0 \pm \frac{1}{2}r\vec{e}_\sigma$ or $\lambda_\pm = \lambda_0 \mp \frac{1}{2}r\vec{e}_\sigma$. Note that

$$\Theta\left(\sum_b U_{\lambda_0 \lambda_+}^{cb} \psi_{\beta b}(\lambda_+)\right) = -i \sum_a \bar{\psi}_{\alpha a}(\lambda_-) \gamma_\sigma^{\alpha\beta} U_{\lambda_- \lambda_0}^{ac}.$$

If $\lambda_\pm \in \Lambda_\pm$ and $\Gamma_{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} = s\mathbf{1} + \gamma_\sigma$, then the expression (IX.16) can be written as $i\Theta(X_\alpha)X_\alpha$, where $X_\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}^+$ is given by

$$X_\alpha = \kappa_{\beta\alpha} U_{\lambda_0 \lambda_+}^{cb} \psi_{\beta b}(\lambda_+), \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+s}}(\mathbf{1} + s\gamma_\sigma).$$

If $\lambda_\pm \in \Lambda_\mp$ and $\Gamma_{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} = s\mathbf{1} - \gamma_\sigma$, then (IX.16) can be written as $iX_\alpha\Theta(X_\alpha)$, where $X_\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}^-$ is given by

$$X_\alpha = \kappa_{\beta\alpha} U_{\lambda_0 \lambda_+}^{cb} \psi_{\beta b}(\lambda_+), \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+s}}(\mathbf{1} - s\gamma_\sigma).$$

From this, one concludes that the matrix of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.

Theorem IX.5. *For the lattice QCD Lagrangian $S = S_{YM} + S_F$, the linear functional $\tau_S: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $A \mapsto \tau(\exp(-S)A)$ is reflection positive with respect to \mathfrak{A}_+ for $s \in \{0, 1\}$, for all $M, g_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, and for all $\kappa \geq 0$.*

Although this theorem holds for reflections in each of the four coordinate directions, the physical Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_Θ is derived from reflections in the time direction x^0 . It is the completion of \mathfrak{A}_+ with respect

to the positive semidefinite inner product

$$\langle A_+, B_+ \rangle_{\Theta} = \tau(e^{-S}\Theta(A_+)B_+).$$

IX.5. Gauge Transformations. Denote the 4d-gauge group by G^{Λ} , and the 3d-gauge group by G^{Λ_0} . We identify G^{Λ_0} with the quotient of G^{Λ} by the normal subgroup

$$N = \{g \in G^{\Lambda}; g|_{\Lambda_0} = \mathbf{1}|_{\Lambda_0}\}.$$

Every $g \in G^{\Lambda}$ induces an automorphism of \mathfrak{A} , namely the unique one satisfying $h_{\lambda\lambda'} \mapsto g_{\lambda}h_{\lambda\lambda'}g_{\lambda'}^{-1}$, $\psi_{\lambda} \mapsto \rho(g_{\lambda})\psi_{\lambda}$, and $\bar{\psi}_{\lambda} \mapsto \bar{\psi}_{\lambda}\rho(g_{\lambda}^{-1})$. (The fermions transform under a unitary representation ρ of G .) Note that $\Theta\alpha_g\Theta = \alpha_{\theta(g)}$, with $\theta(g)_{\lambda} = g_{\vartheta(\lambda)}$.

Proposition IX.6. *This yields a unitary representation of G^{Λ} on \mathcal{H}_{Θ} , which factors through the quotient $G^{\Lambda_0} \simeq G^{\Lambda}/N$.*

Proof. Since α_g maps \mathfrak{A}_+ to \mathfrak{A}_+ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha_g(A_+), \alpha_g(B_+) \rangle_{\Theta} &= i^{|A_+|^2} \tau(e^{-S}\Theta(\alpha_g(A_+))\alpha_g(B_+)) \\ &= i^{|A_+|^2} \tau(e^{-S}\alpha_{\theta(g)}(\Theta(A_+))\alpha_g(B_+)) \\ &= i^{|A_+|^2} \tau(e^{-S}\alpha_{\bar{g}}(\Theta(A_+))(B_+)). \end{aligned}$$

Here \bar{g} is the gauge transformation with $\bar{g}|_{\Lambda_+} = g|_{\Lambda_+}$ and $\bar{g}|_{\Lambda_-} = \theta(g)|_{\Lambda_-}$. Since both S and τ are gauge invariant, this equals $\langle A_+, B_+ \rangle_{\Theta}$. It follows that the null space of the positive semidefinite form is gauge invariant, and that G^{Λ} acts unitarily on \mathcal{H}_{Θ} .

We show that g acts trivially if $g|_{\Lambda_0} = \mathbf{1}|_{\Lambda_0}$. For this, note that

$$\|\alpha_g(A_+) - A_+\|_{\Theta}^2 = 2\langle A_+, A_+ \rangle_{\Theta} - 2\text{Re}\langle A_+, \alpha_g(A_+) \rangle_{\Theta}.$$

If $g|_{\Lambda_0}$ is trivial, then $\langle A_+, \alpha_g(A_+) \rangle_{\Theta} = \tau(e^{-S}\Theta(A_+)\alpha_g(A_+))$ is equal to $\tau(e^{-S}\alpha_{g_+}(\Theta(A_+)A_+)) = \langle A_+, A_+ \rangle_{\Theta}$, with $g_+|_{\Lambda_+} = g|_{\Lambda_+}$ and $g_+|_{\Lambda_-} = \mathbf{1}|_{\Lambda_-}$. It follows that α_g acts trivially on \mathcal{H}_{Θ} for $g \in N$, so the representation factors through the quotient $G^{\Lambda_0} \simeq G^{\Lambda}/N$. \square

Remark IX.7. In particular, we retain an action of the global gauge group G , which sits inside G^{Λ_0} as the group of constant G -valued functions. This allows one to define charge operators on \mathcal{H}_{Θ} .

X. PARAFERMIONS

We characterize reflection positivity for parafermions. Here, we need our lattice Λ to be *ordered*, and the reflection $\vartheta: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ to be *order reversing* and *fixed point free*. We allow Λ to be either finite or countably infinite, and we define $\Lambda_+ \subseteq \Lambda$ as the maximal subset with $\vartheta(\Lambda_+) \subset \Lambda_+$. The CPR algebra $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$, considered in §III.5, is then the q -double of

the CPR algebra $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda_+)$. The ‘background functional’ is the tracial state $\tau: \mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of Proposition III.12.

The operators C_I of equation (III.4), labelled by $I \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_+}$, constitute a homogeneous Schauder basis of $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda_+)$ with respect to the norm topology, satisfying B1–3. We can thus form a basis B_{IJ} of $\mathfrak{A}^0(q, \Lambda)$ by

$$B_{IJ} = \Theta(C_I) \circ C_J = \zeta^{|I|^2} \Theta(C_I) C_J,$$

labelled by $I, J \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_+}$ with $|I| = |J| \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. Here $|I| = \sum_{\Lambda_+} I_\lambda$ denotes the degree of C_I in \mathbb{Z}_p . Any element $H \in \mathfrak{A}$ of degree zero therefore has a unique norm convergent expansion

$$-H = \sum_{I, J \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_+}} J_{IJ} B_{IJ}, \quad (\text{X.1})$$

with *coupling matrix* $(J_{IJ})_{\mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_+}}$. Denote by $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_+} \setminus \{0\}}$ the matrix of *couplings across the reflection plane*, namely the submatrix of entries with $I, J \neq 0$.

Theorem X.1. *Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$ be a reflection invariant operator of degree zero. Then the functional $\tau_{\beta H}(A) = \tau(A e^{-\beta H})$ is reflection positive on $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda_+)$ for all $\beta \geq 0$ if and only if the matrix $(J_{IJ}^0)_{\mathbb{Z}_p^{\Lambda_+} \setminus \{0\}}$ of coupling constants across the reflection plane is positive semidefinite.*

Proof. This follows from Proposition III.12 and Theorem V.10. \square

Remark X.2. If the lattice is infinite, then the expression (X.1) for the Hamiltonian H is usually not a norm convergent sum. One then approximates these expressions by a sequence H_N of convergent Hamiltonians in $\mathfrak{A}(q, \Lambda)$.

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