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- **XXZ MODEL**
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# INTRODUCTION

**Wigner quasi-probability  
distribution**

$$W(q, p) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \text{Tr}[\rho A(q, p)]$$

$$W(q, p) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle q - x | \rho | q + x \rangle e^{2ixp/\hbar} dx$$

**Phase  
space**

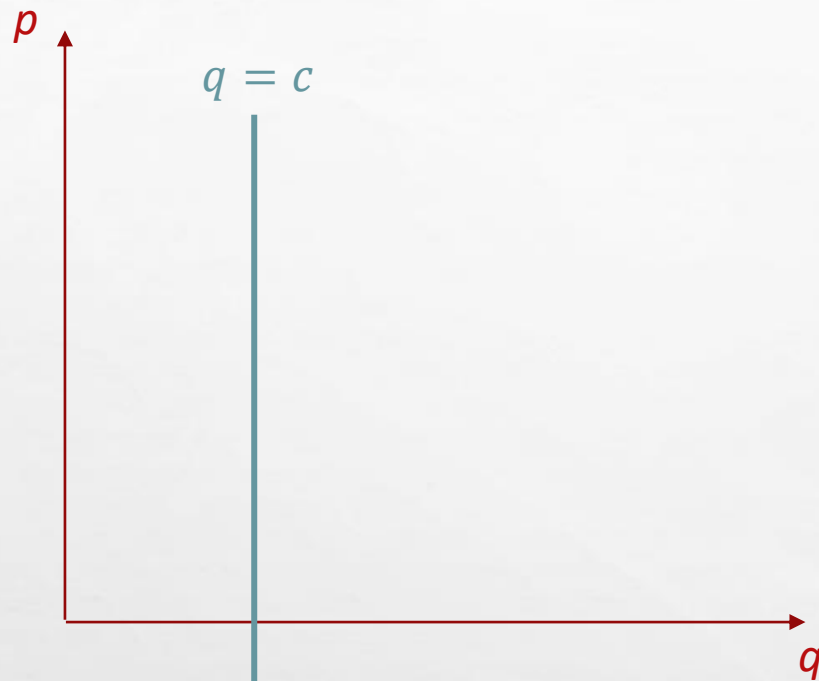
**Hilbert  
Space**

**Density operator**

$$\rho = \sum p_k |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k|$$



## Quasi-probability? No problem!



$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} W(q=c, p) dp$$

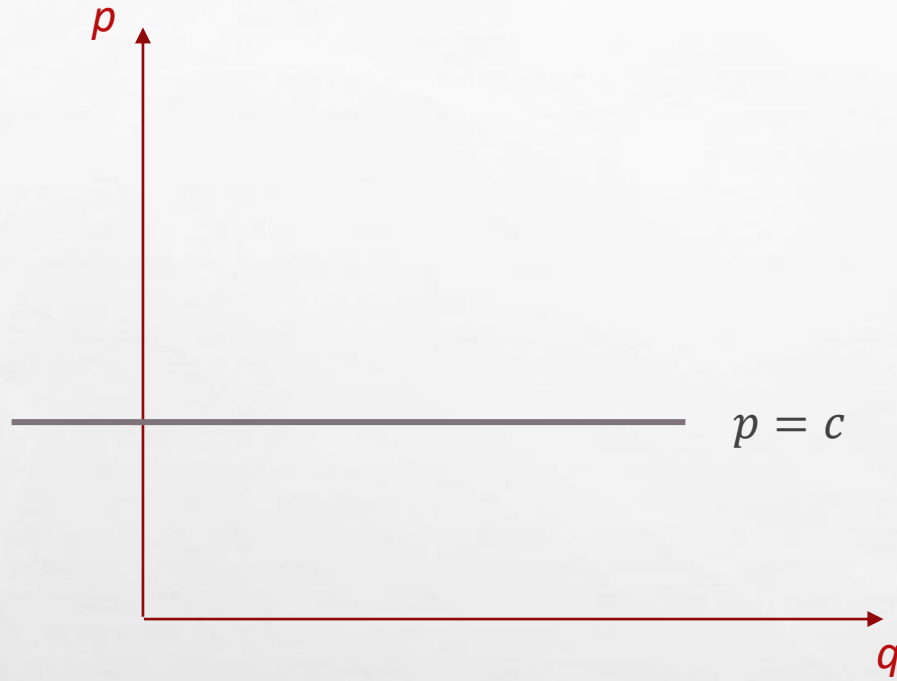
probability that a measure of the observable  $\hat{q}$  yields the eigenvalue  $c$ .

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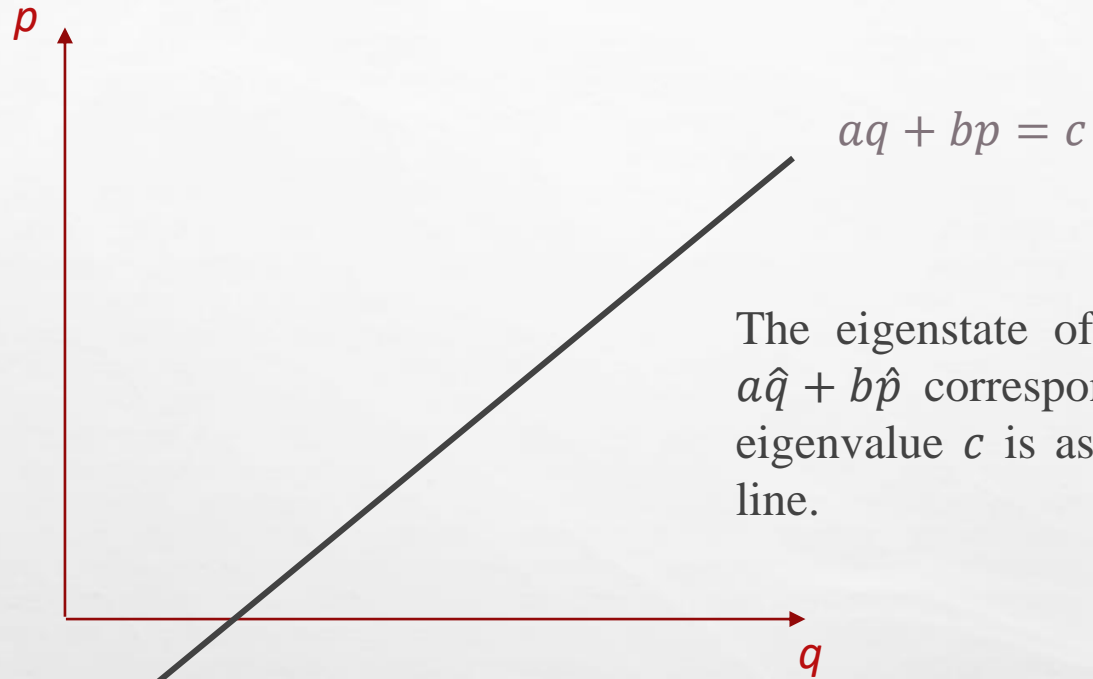


$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} W(q, p = c) dq$$

probability that a measure of the observable  $\hat{p}$  yields the eigenvalue  $c$ .



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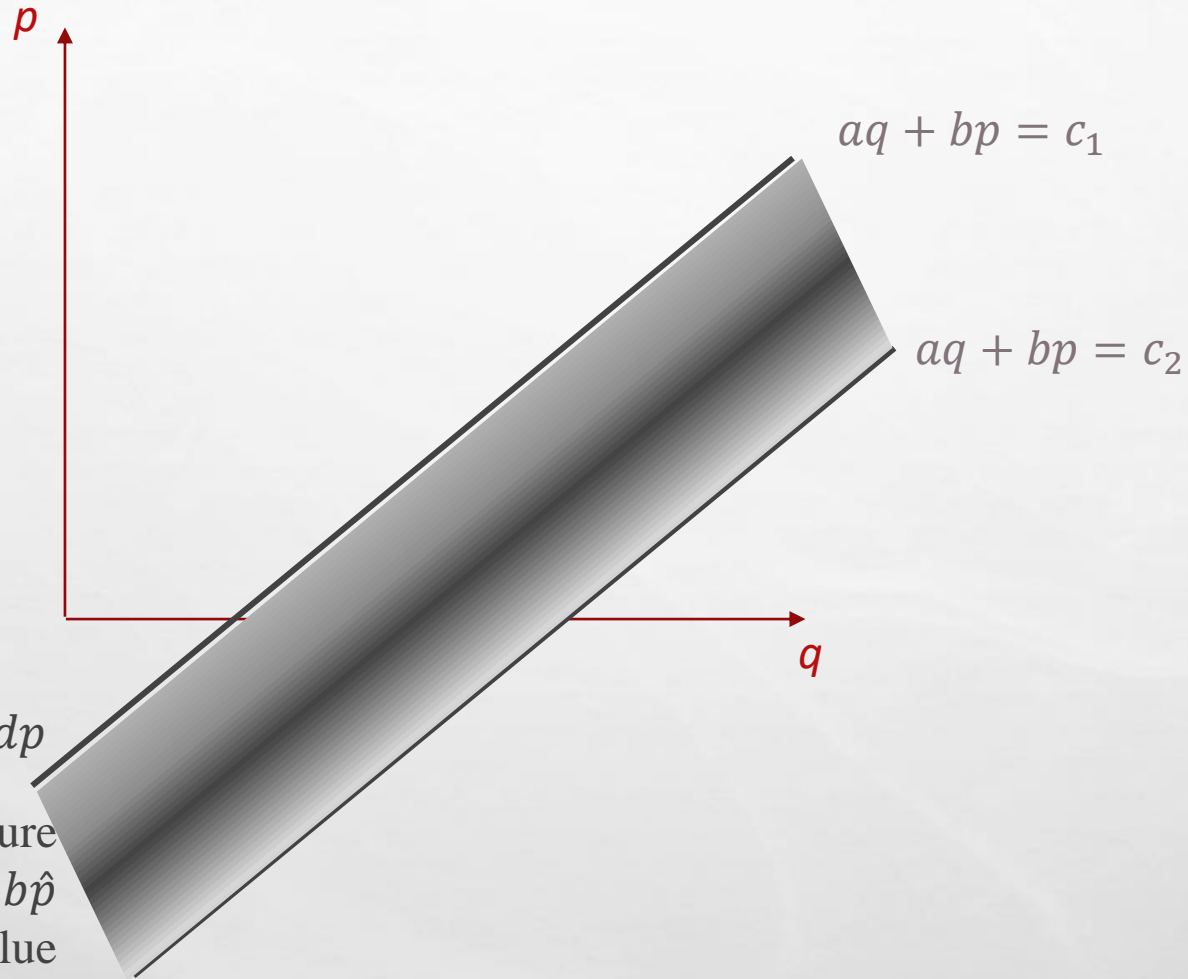


The eigenstate of the operator  $a\hat{q} + b\hat{p}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $c$  is assigned to this line.

$$\int_{aq+bp=c} W(q,p) dq dp$$

probability that a measure of the observable  $a\hat{q} + b\hat{p}$  yields the eigenvalue  $c$ .

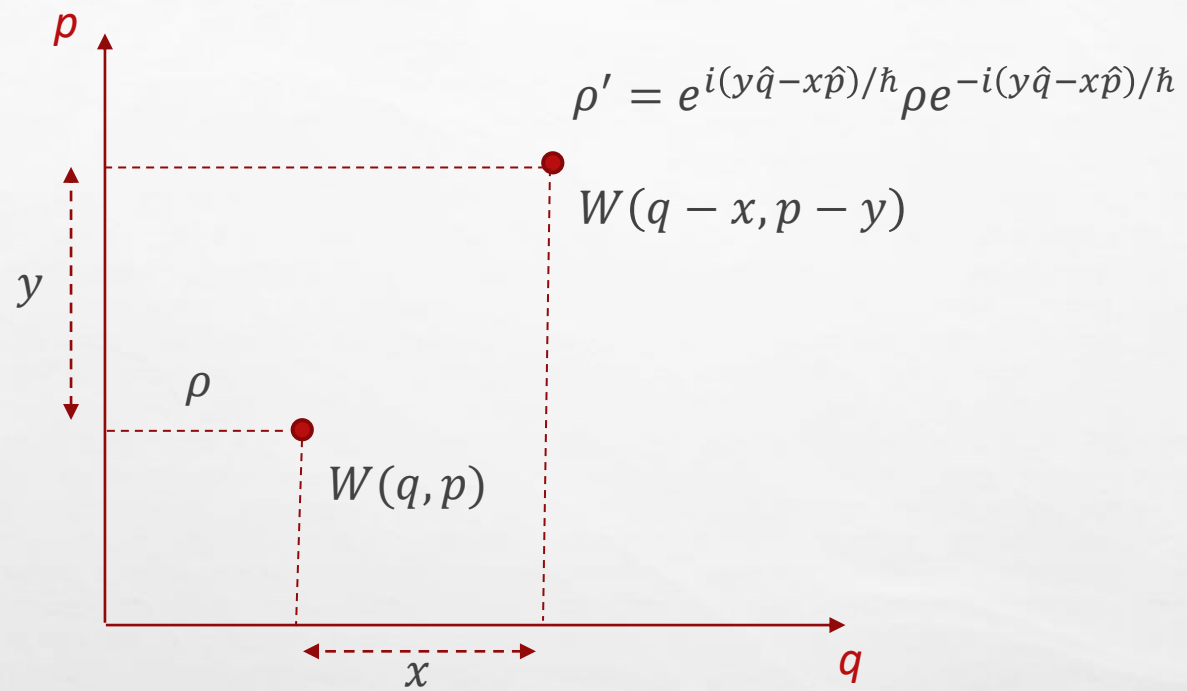
## Quasi-probability? No problem!



$\int_{c_2 < aq + bp < c_1} W(q, p) dq dp$   
probability that a measure  
of the observable  $a\hat{q} + b\hat{p}$   
yields an eigenvalue  
between  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .



## Translational covariance:





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The phase space is a vector space over a finite field.

$(q, p)$  are elements of a Galois field  $\mathbb{F}_n$ .

$n$ , the number of elements in the field is the dimension of the state space of the system.

$\mathbb{F}_n$  exists *if and only if*  $n$  is a prime power.

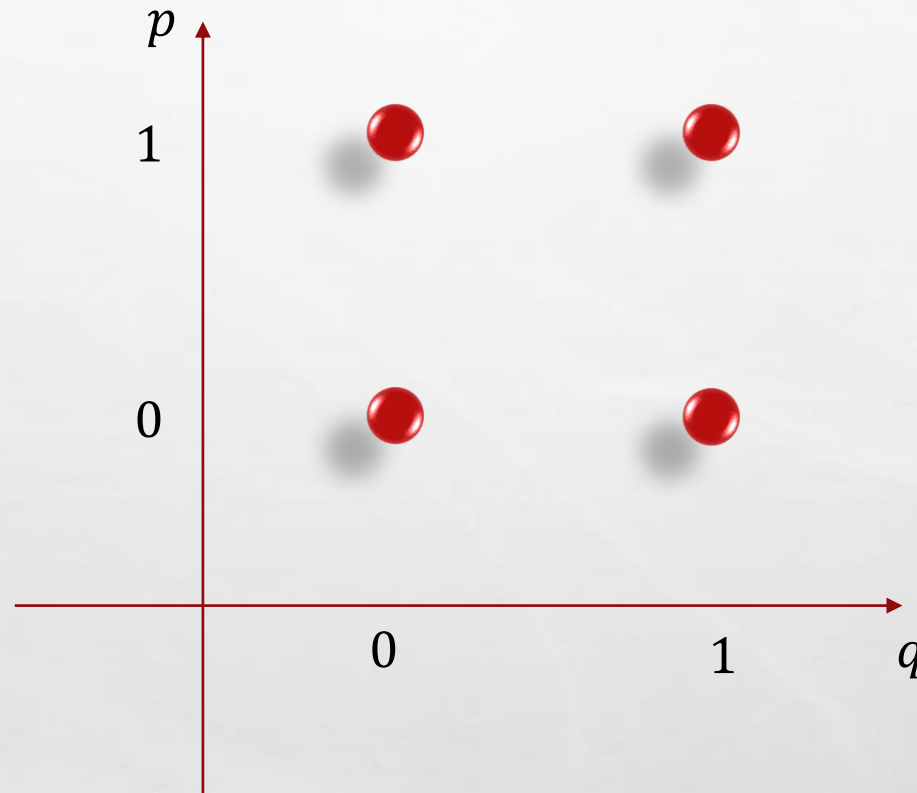
If  $n$  is a prime number, then the field is  $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$  with addition and multiplication *modulo*  $n$ .

If  $n = r^n$  with  $r$  being a prime number, then the field  $\mathbb{F}_n$  is an extension of the field  $\mathbb{F}_r$ .

# One q-bit discrete phase space

(1 qubits  $\Rightarrow n = 2$ )

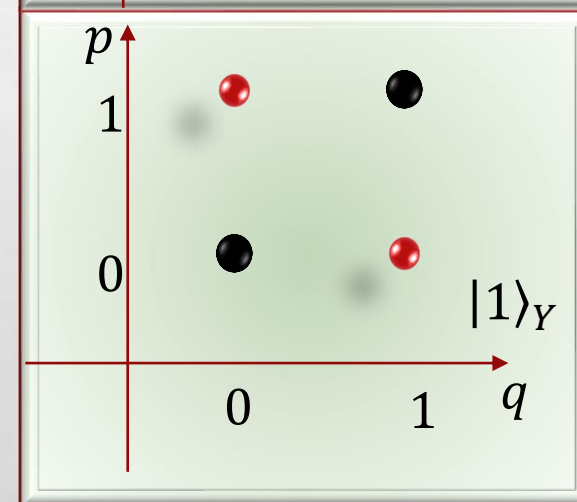
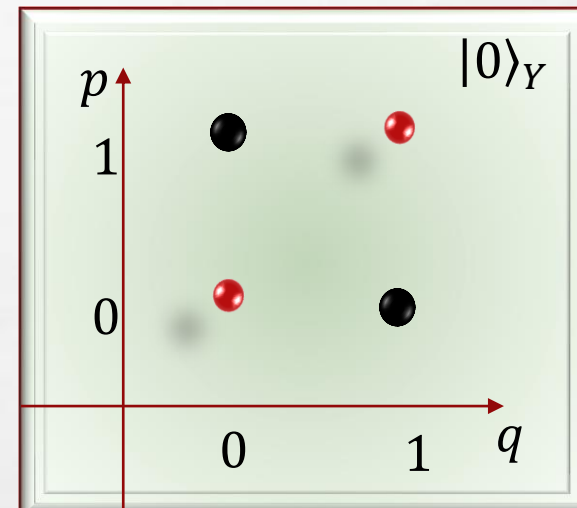
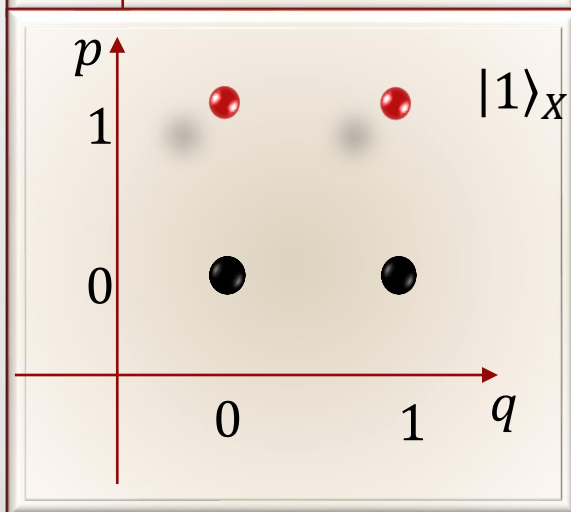
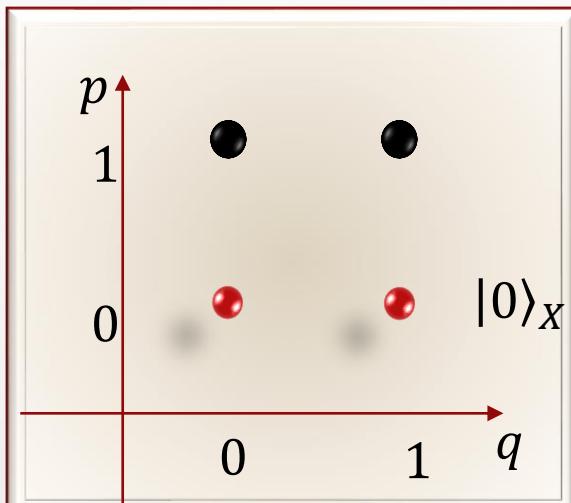
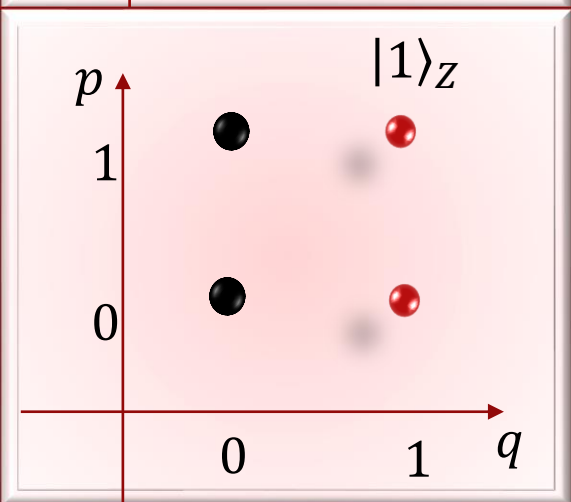
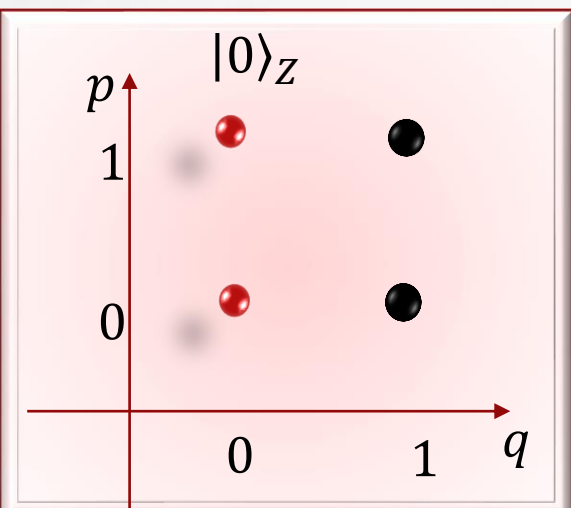
$$\mathbb{F}_2 = (0,1)$$



# One q-bit discrete phase space

Line equation:  $aq + bp = c$

$a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}_2$

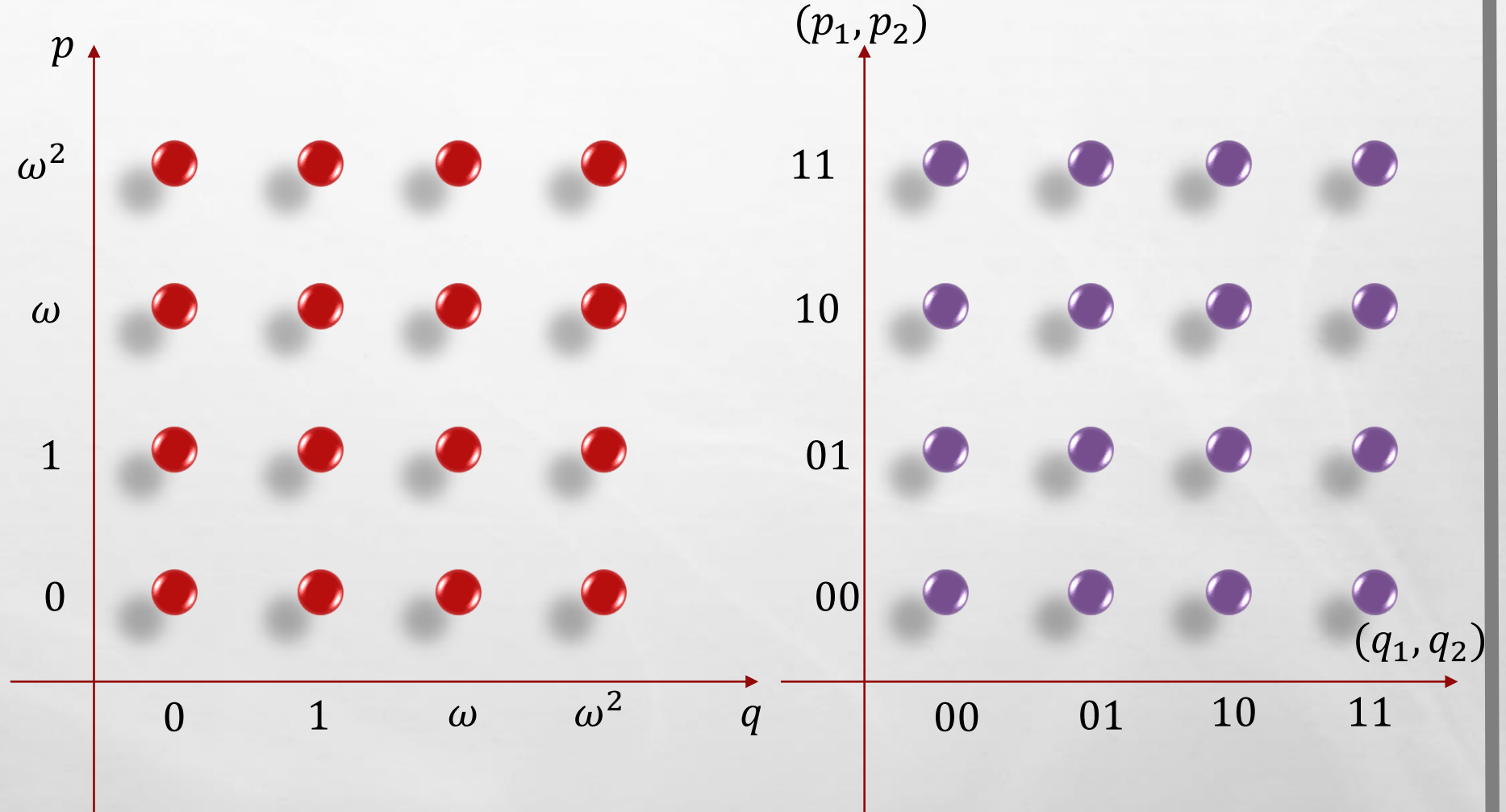


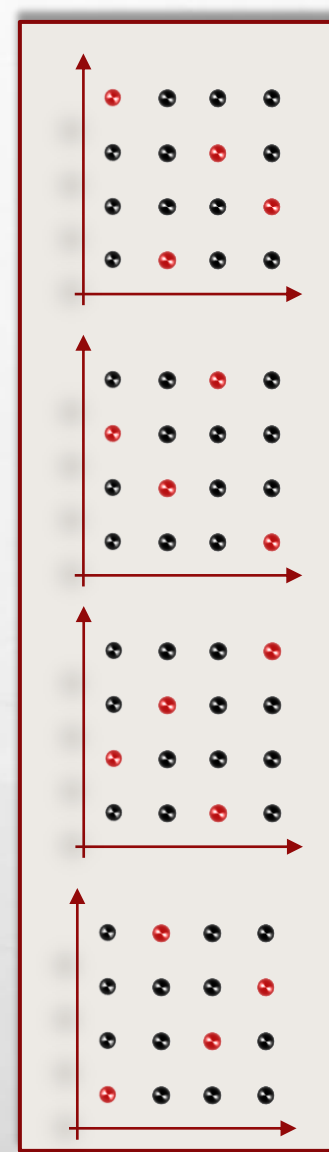
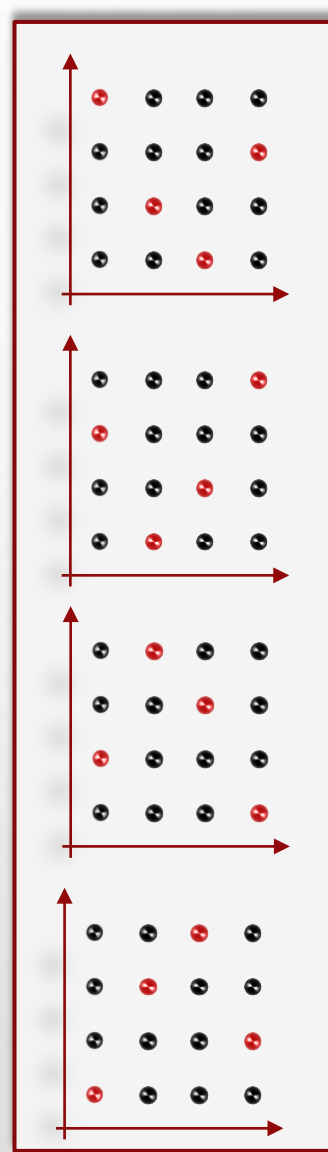
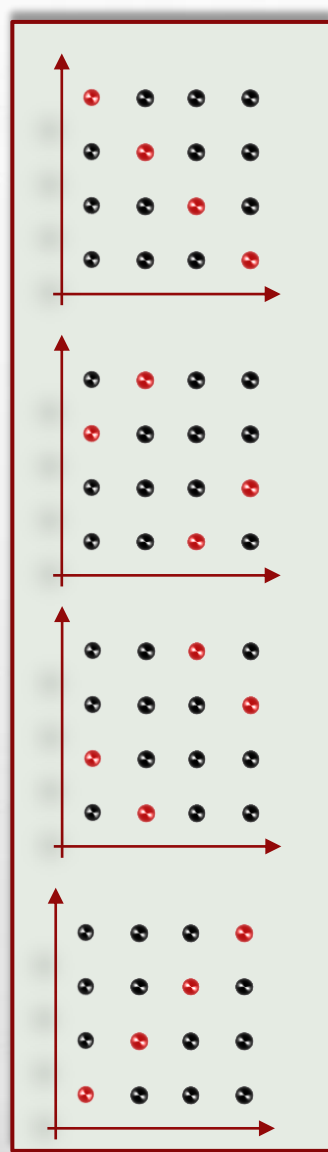
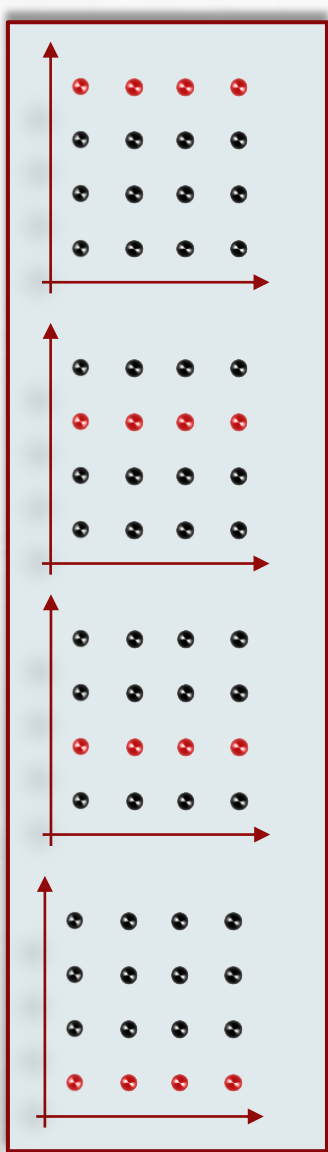
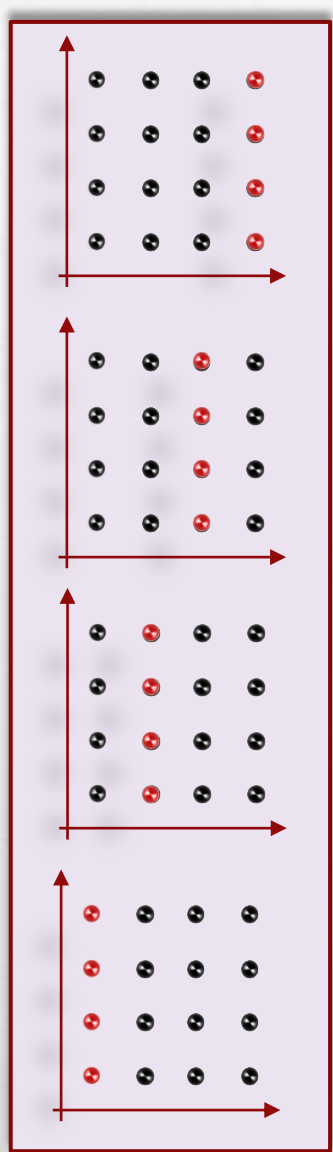
# Two q-bit discrete phase space

(2 qubits  $\Rightarrow n = 4 = 2^2$ )  $\mathbb{F}_4 = (0, 1, \omega, \omega + 1 = \omega^2)$

| +          | 0          | 1          | $\omega$   | $\omega^2$ |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 0          | 0          | 1          | $\omega$   | $\omega^2$ |
| 1          | 1          | 0          | $\omega^2$ | $\omega$   |
| $\omega$   | $\omega$   | $\omega^2$ | 0          | 1          |
| $\omega^2$ | $\omega^2$ | $\omega$   | 1          | 0          |

| $\times$   | 0 | 1          | $\omega$   | $\omega^2$ |
|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
| 0          | 0 | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| 1          | 0 | 1          | $\omega$   | $\omega^2$ |
| $\omega$   | 0 | $\omega$   | $\omega^2$ | 1          |
| $\omega^2$ | 0 | $\omega^2$ | 1          | $\omega$   |





Line equation:  
 $aq + bp = c$

$a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}_4$

# DISCRETE WIGNER FUNCTION

**One to One correspondence between the Hilbert space of states and the Phase space associated to a given system.**

Assign to each line  $\lambda$  in phase space a state as represented by a projector  $Q(\lambda)$ .

Impose that the probability that the system is in state  $Q(\lambda)$  is given by the sum of the Wigner function over the line  $\lambda$ :

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \lambda} W_{\alpha} = \text{Tr}[\rho Q(\lambda)]$$

$$\rho = \sum_{(x_i, p_i)} W(x_i, p_i) \hat{A}(x_i, p_i)$$

$$\hat{A}(x_1, p_1) = \frac{1}{2} [I + (-1)^{x_1} \sigma^z + (-1)^{p_1} \sigma^x + (-1)^{x_1 + p_1} \sigma^y]$$

$$W(x_i, p_i) = \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}(\rho \hat{A}(x_i, p_i))$$

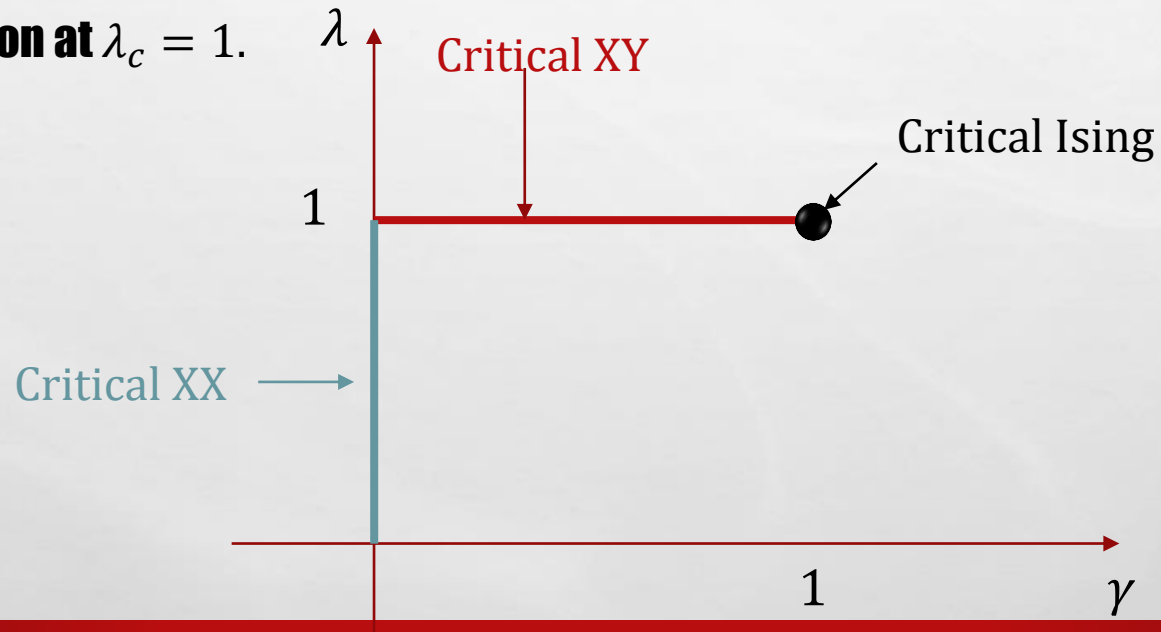
$$\hat{A}(x_1 \dots x_k, p_1 \dots p_k) = \hat{A}(x_1, p_1) \otimes \hat{A}(x_2, p_2) \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{A}(x_k, p_k)$$

# XY MODEL

**Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  anisotropic XY model with periodic boundary conditions:**

$$\mathcal{H}_{XY} = - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{\lambda}{2} \{ (1 + \gamma) \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + (1 - \gamma) \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y \} + \sigma_i^z \right] \quad \gamma \in [0,1]$$

**Second order phase transition at  $\lambda_c = 1$ .**





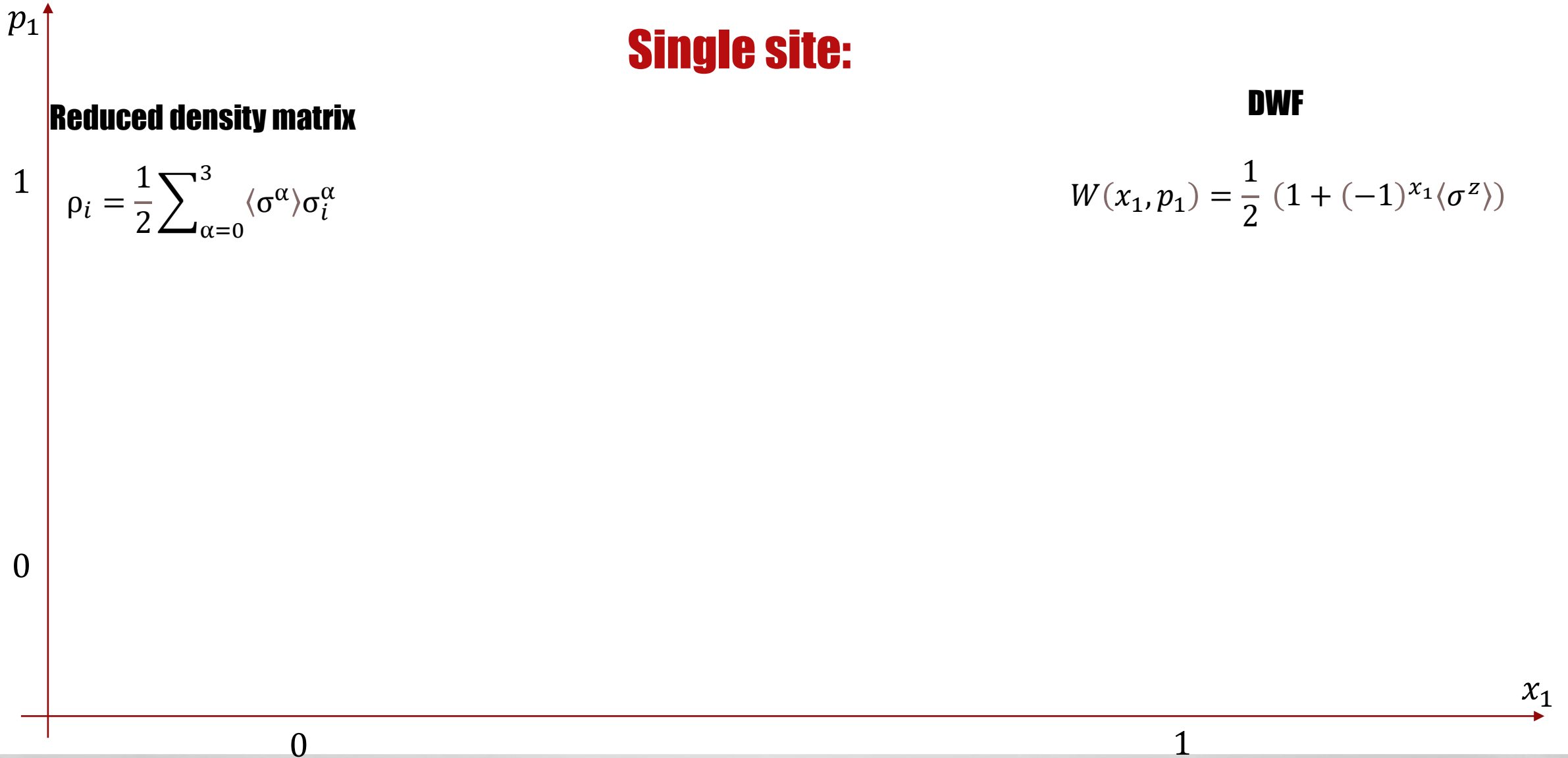
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**Reduced density matrix**

$$\rho_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=0}^3 \langle \sigma^\alpha \rangle \sigma_i^\alpha$$

**DWF**

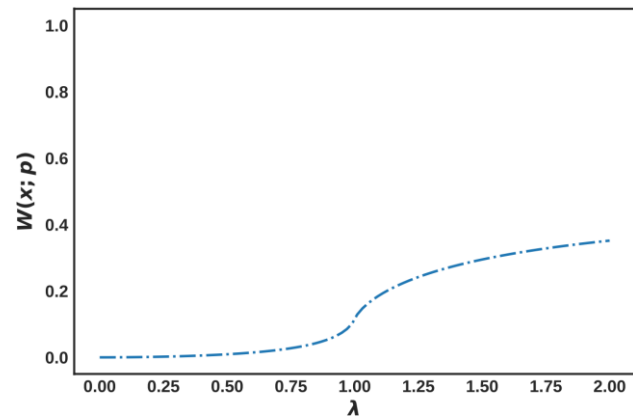
$$W(x_1, p_1) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + (-1)^{x_1} \langle \sigma^z \rangle)$$



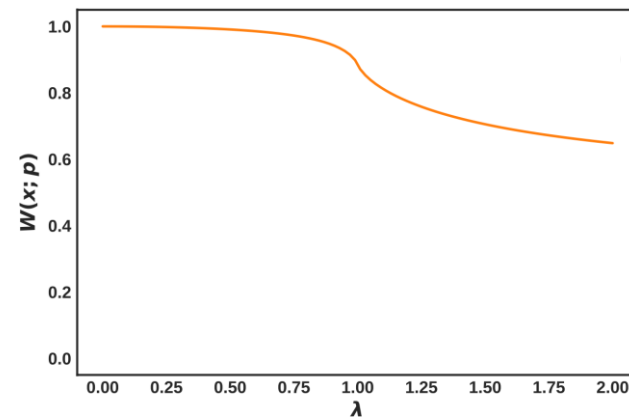
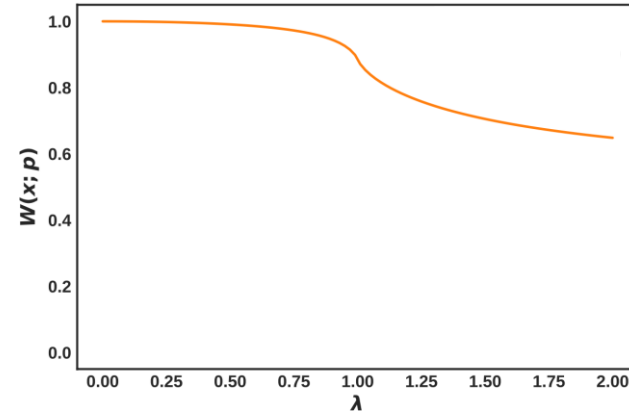
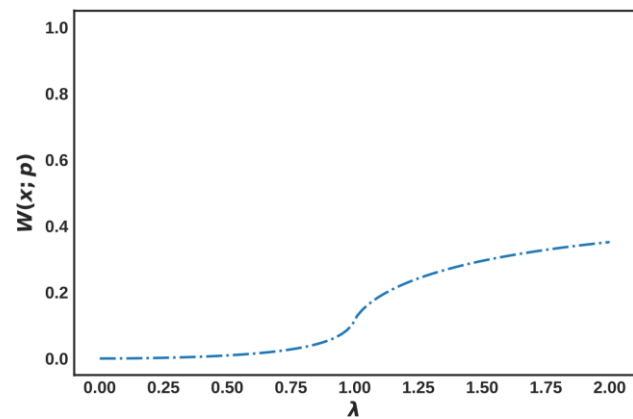
# Single site:

$p_1$

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0



$x_1$

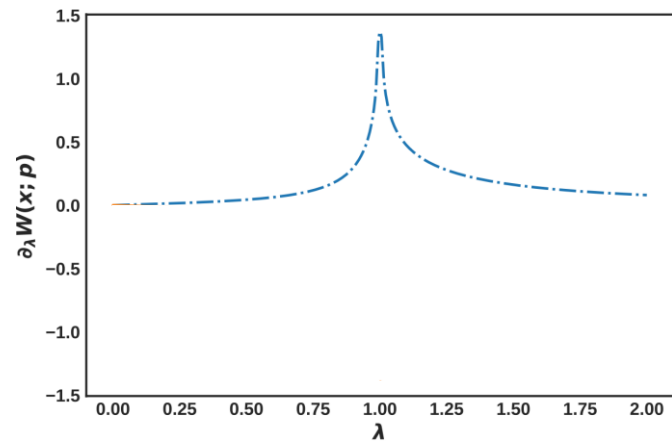
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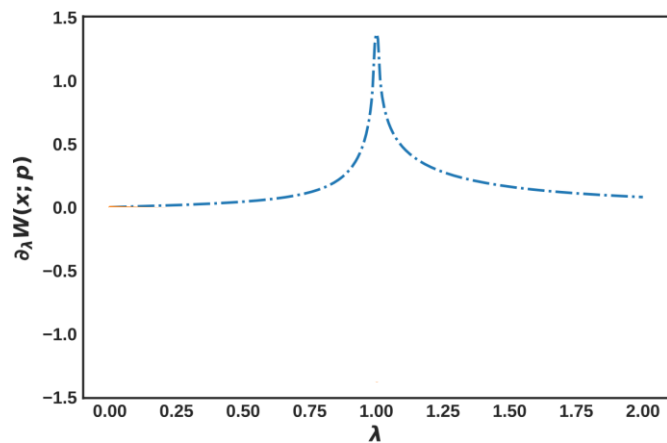
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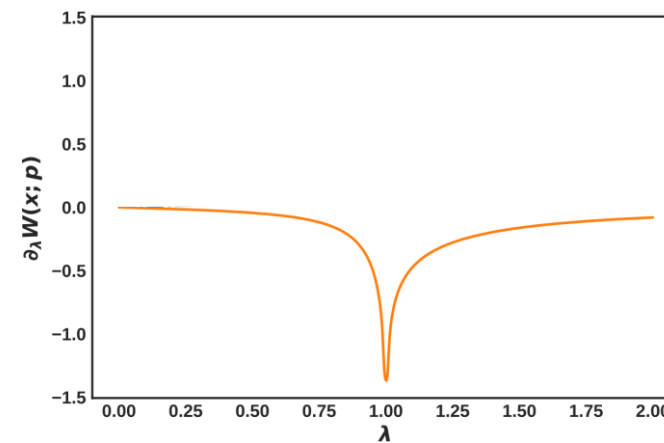
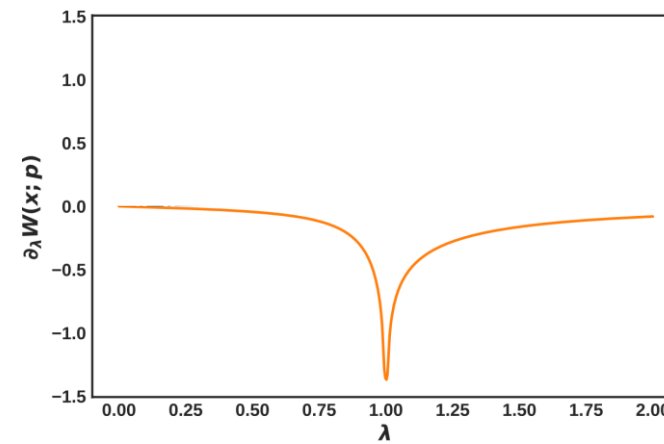
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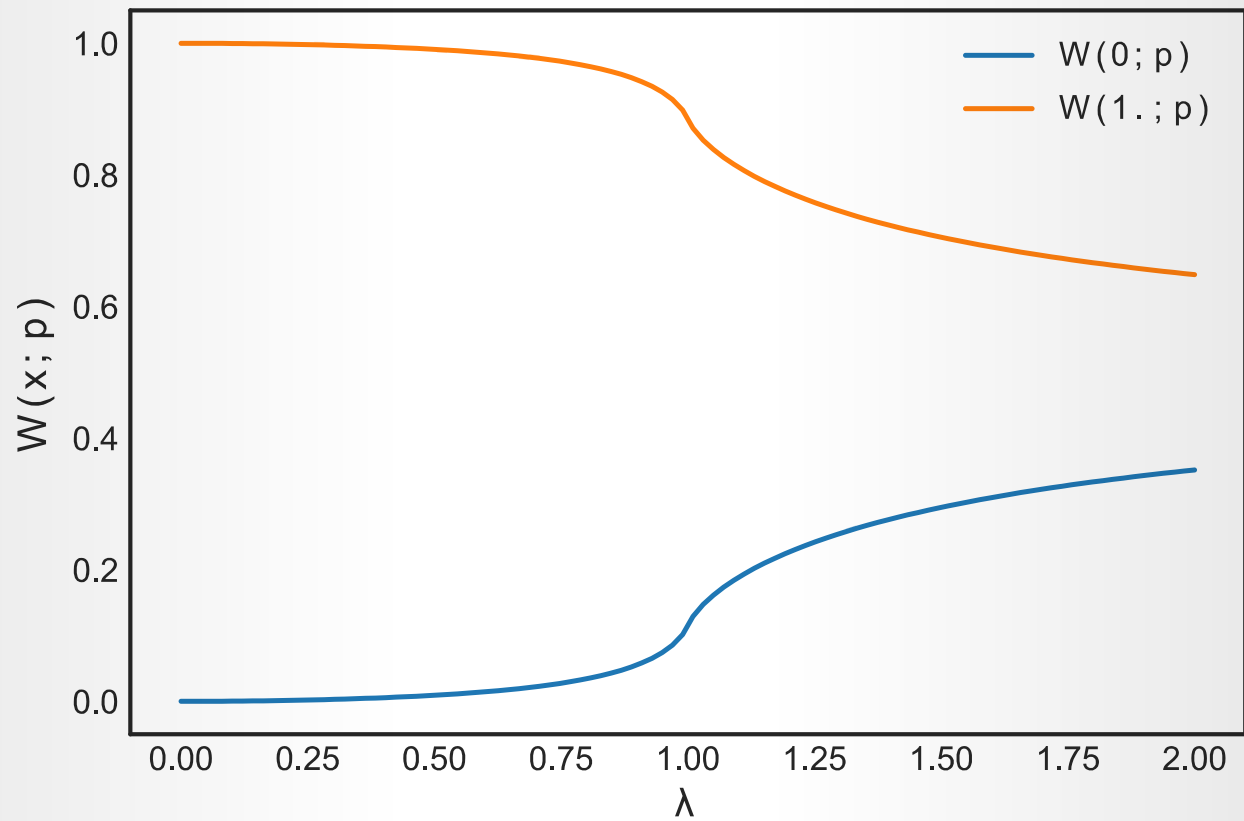
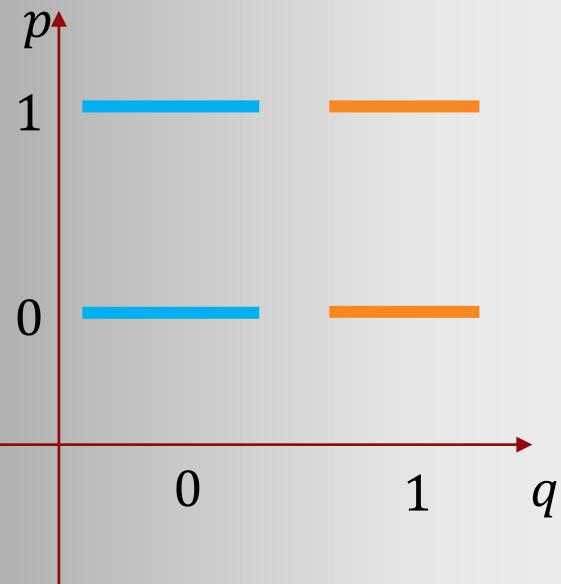
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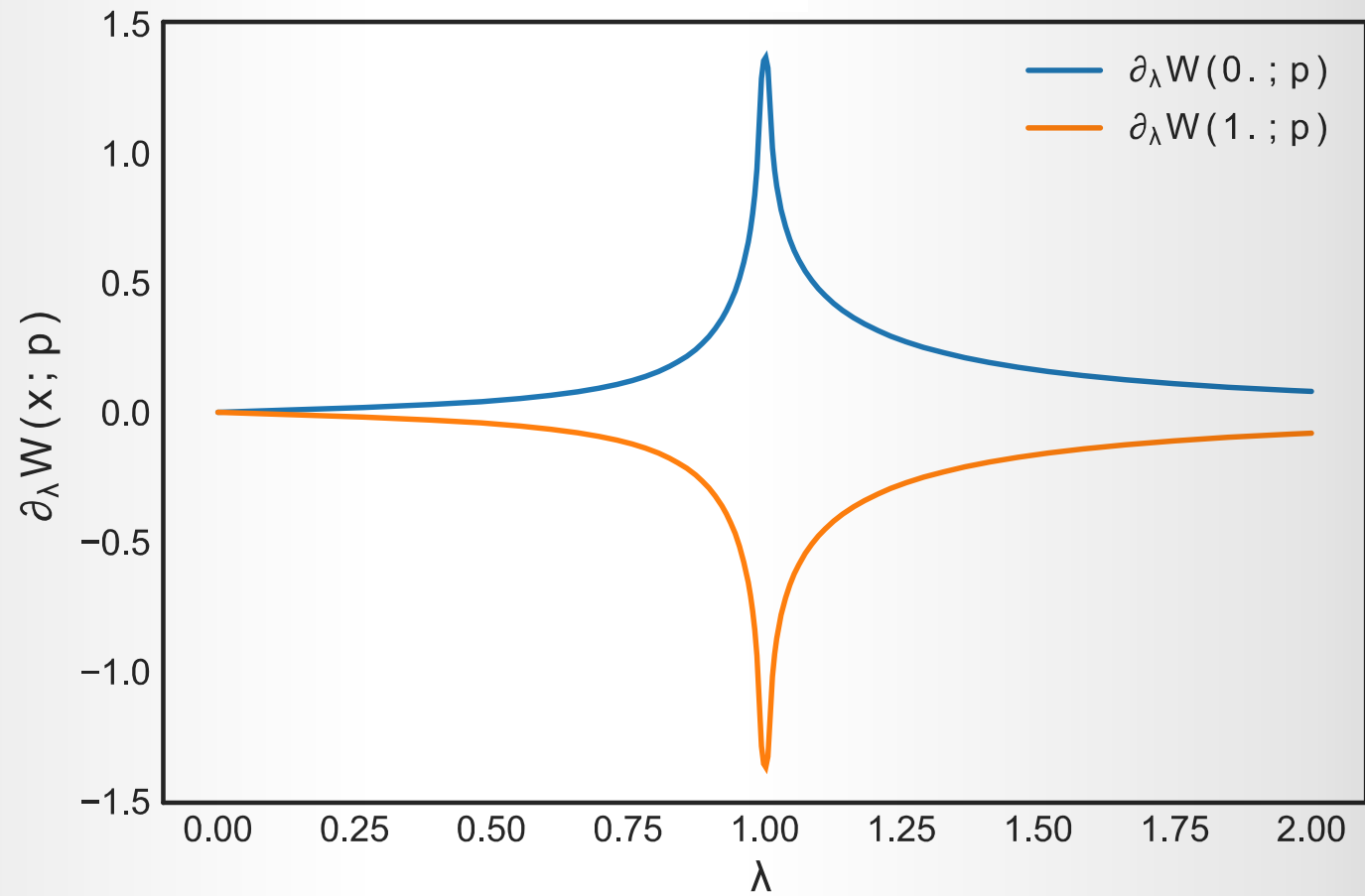
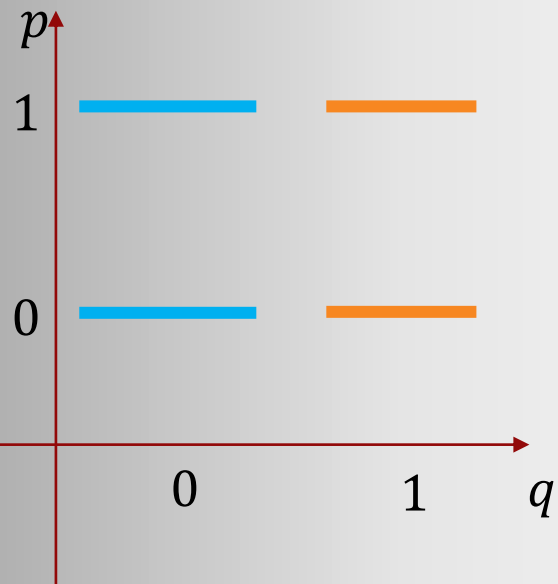
$x_1$

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# Single site:



# Single site:



# Two site:

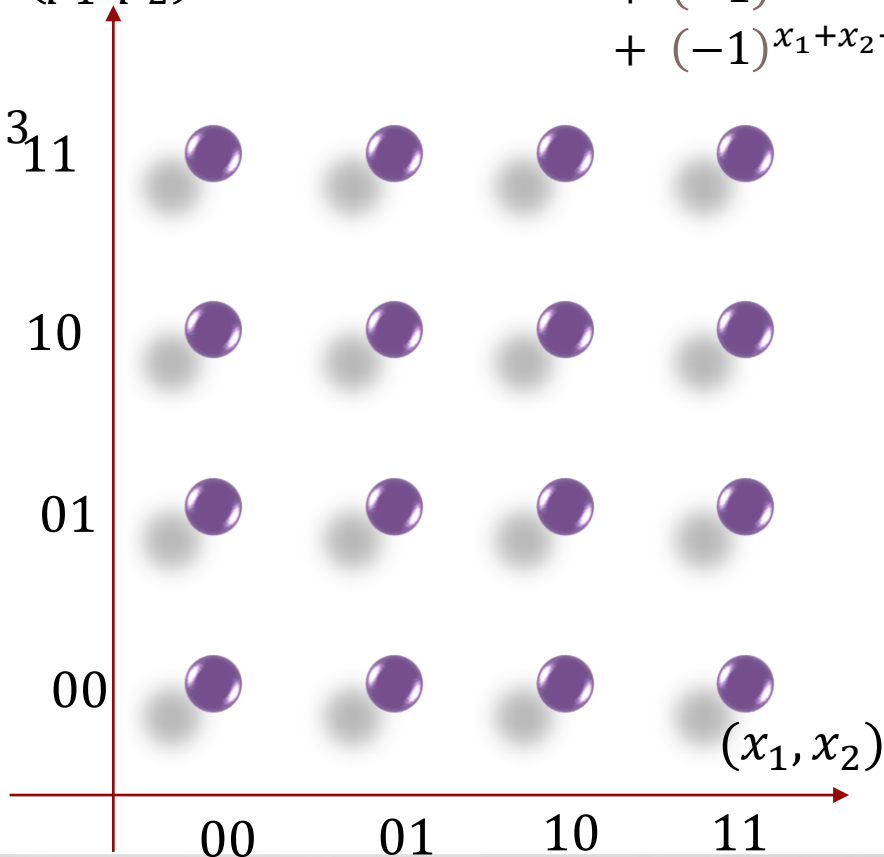
## Reduced density matrix

$$\rho_{i,i+m} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=0}^3 p_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_i^\alpha \otimes \sigma_{i+m}^\beta$$

with  $p_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_{i+m}^\beta \rangle$      $(\alpha, \beta) = 0, 1, 2, 3$

## DWF

$$W_{\rho_{ij}}(x_1, x_2; p_1, p_2) = \frac{1}{16} \left( 1 + [(-1)^{x_1} + (-1)^{x_2}] \langle \sigma^z \rangle + (-1)^{p_1+p_2} \langle \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+m}^x \rangle + (-1)^{x_1+x_2} \langle \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+m}^z \rangle + (-1)^{x_1+x_2+p_1+p_2} \langle \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+m}^y \rangle \right)$$



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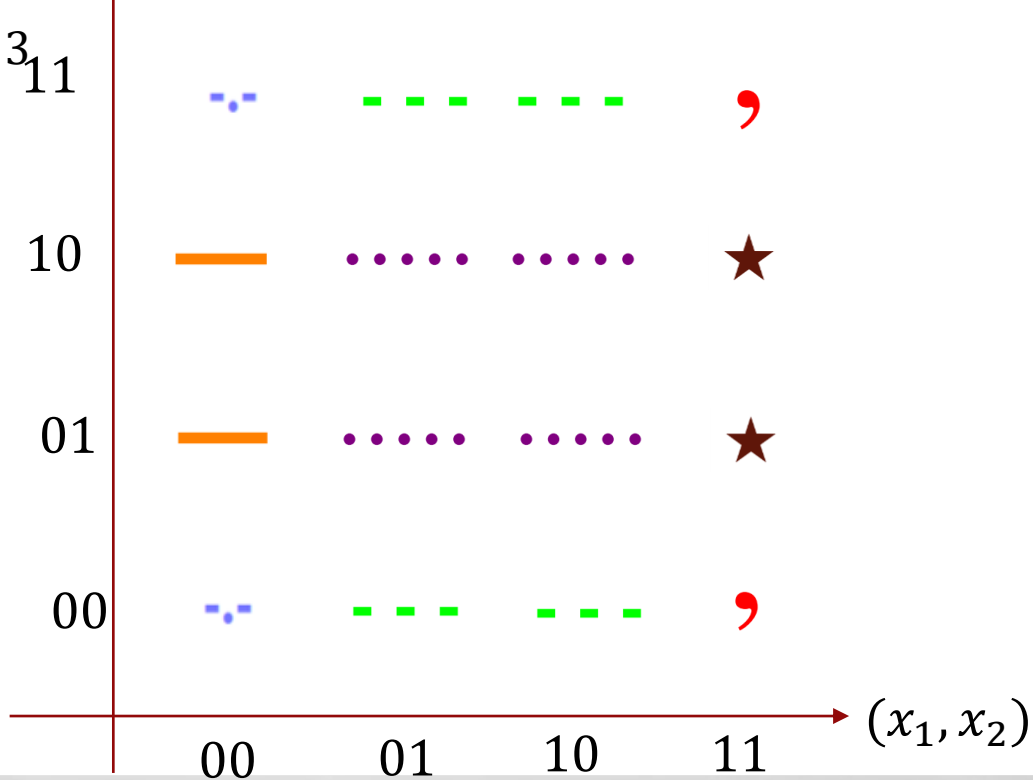
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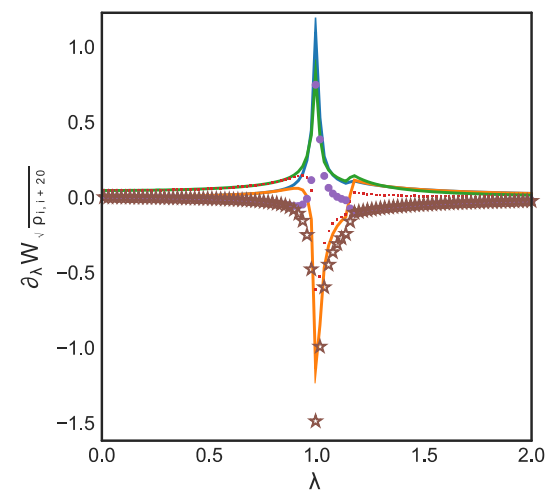
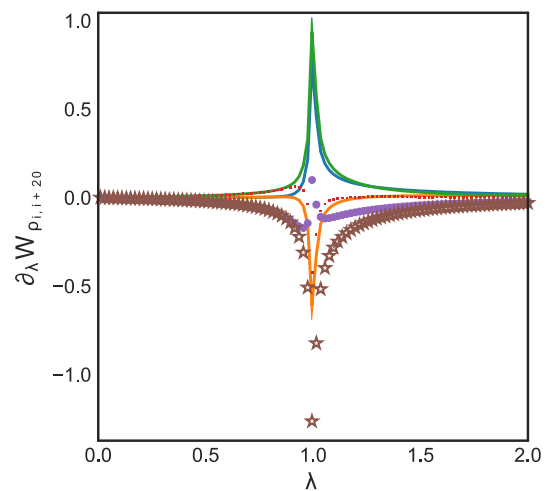
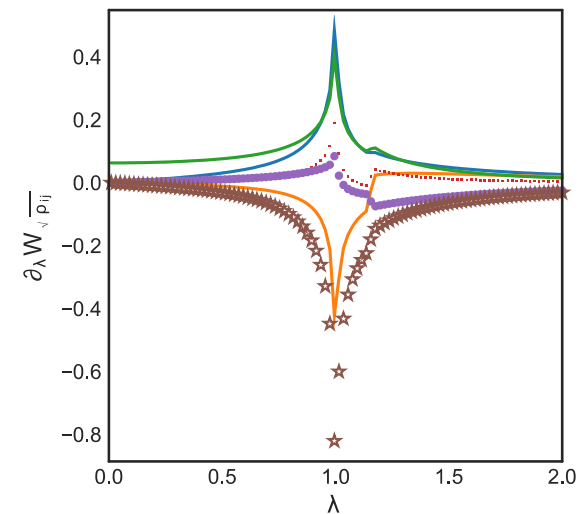
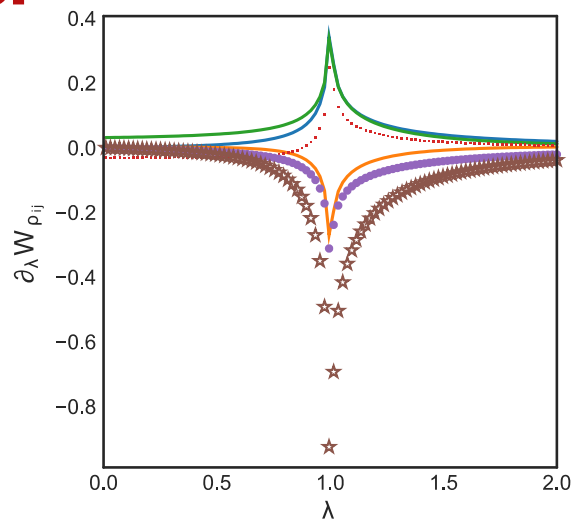
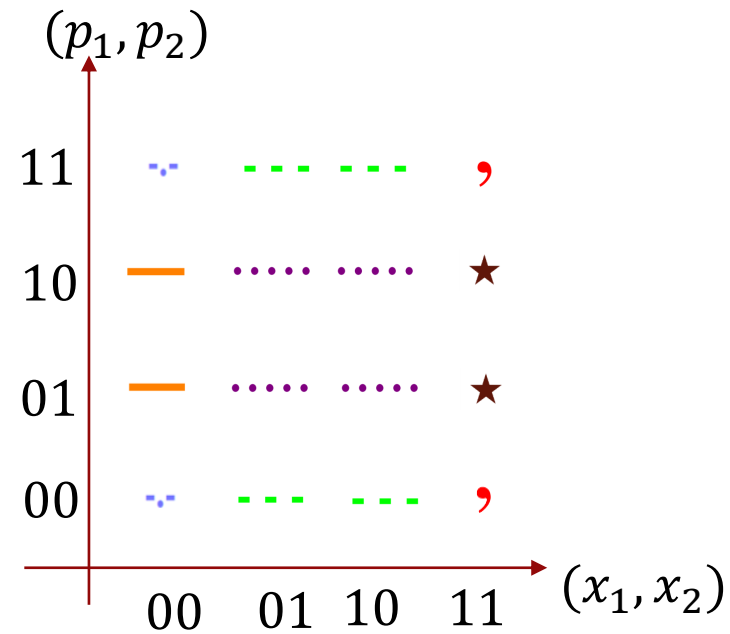
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# Two site:





# XXZ MODEL

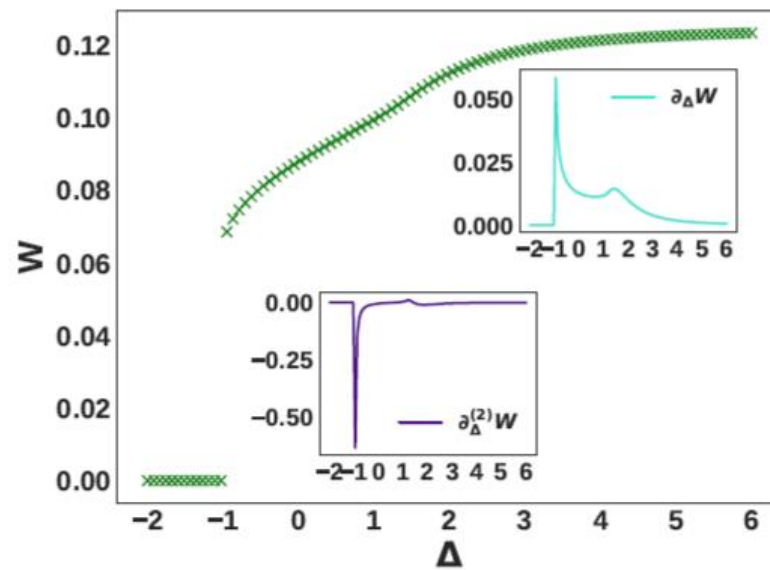
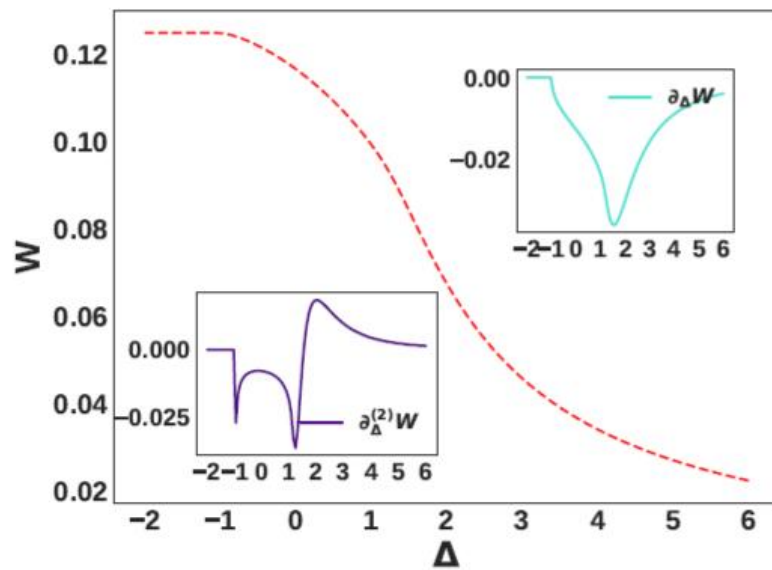
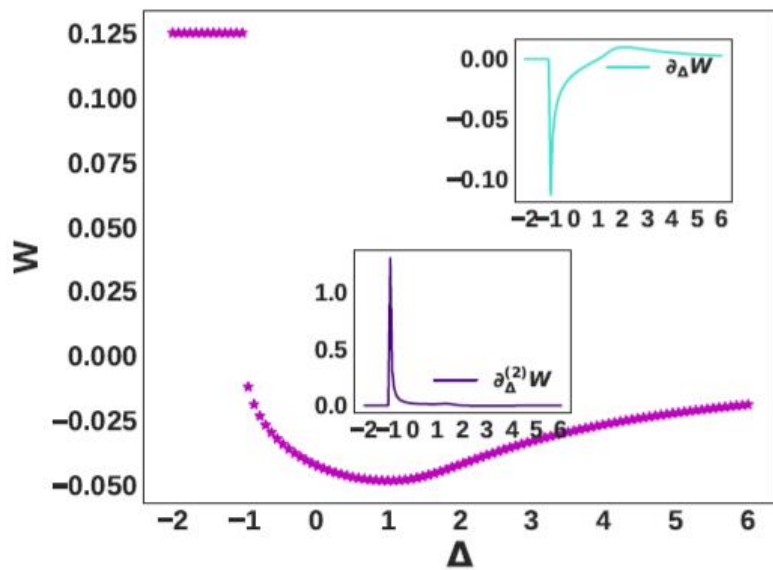
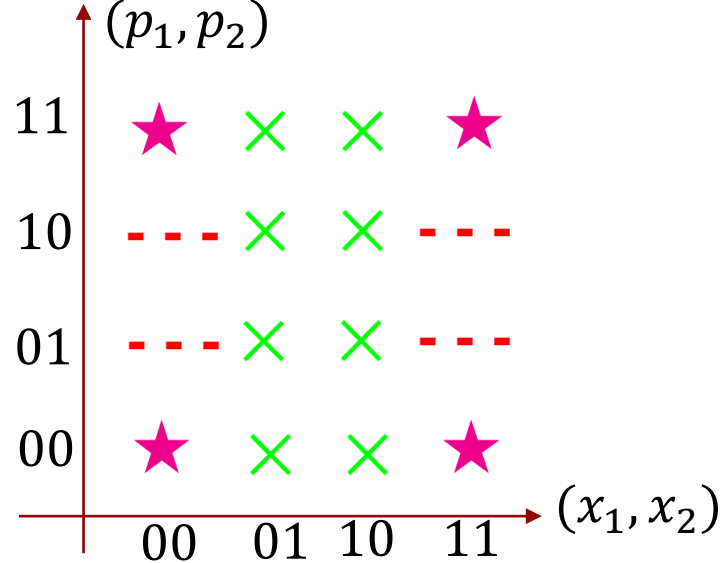
**Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  XXZ model with periodic boundary conditions:**

$$\mathcal{H}_{XXZ} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z$$

**First order phase transition at  $\Delta = -1$ .**

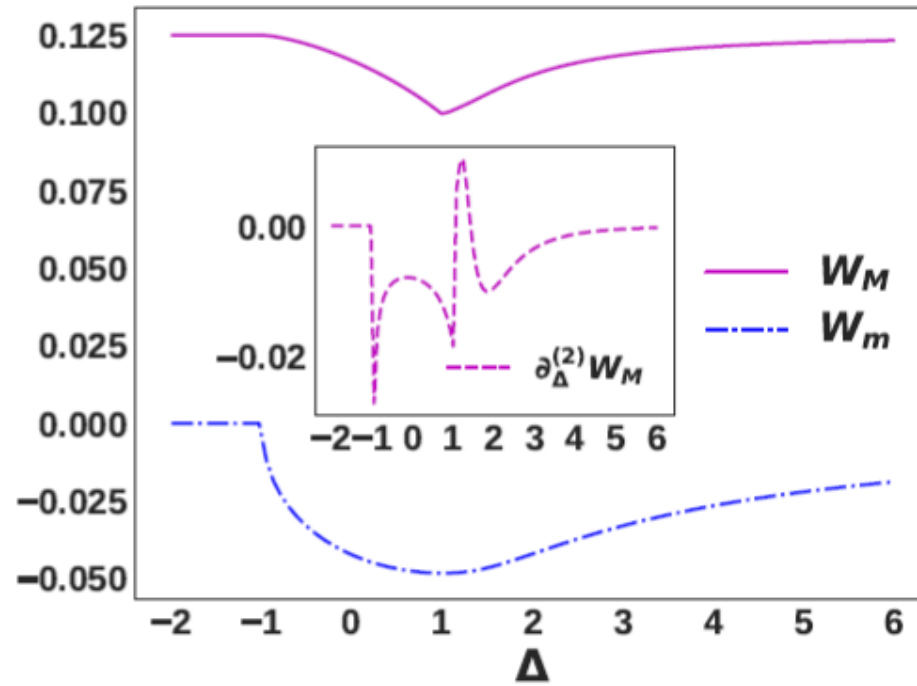
**Continuous phase transition at  $\Delta = 1$ .**

# Two site:



## Two site:

$$W_M = \max(W_{00,00}, W_{00,01}, W_{01,00})$$



$$W_m = \min(W_{00,00}, W_{00,01}, W_{01,00})$$

- **WHY IT WORKS?**
- **WHY IT DOESN'T WORK?**
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- **OTHER DIMENSIONS?**

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