

Quantifying decoherence of quantum Markov semigroups via hypercontractivity.

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Corollary

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- **Summary:**

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Weak version of $\text{LSI}_{2, \mathcal{N}}$ holds generically in finite dimensions, with universal constants.

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- **Open questions:**

Finding optimal weak constants $\text{HC}_{2, \mathcal{N}}(c, d)$ depending on $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{P})$.

Can we get the converse of Gross' lemma for a general non-primitive QMS?

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