


# Quantum Walks of Two Particles: Interaction and Interference

Supervisors: Pr.Dr Andreas Buchleitner - Dr Gabriel  
Dufour

ABEMGNIGNI NJIFON Marianne   
University of Yaounde I, Cameroon  
African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cameroon



July 13, 2018

# What are Quantum Walks?

- Example of a classical random walk

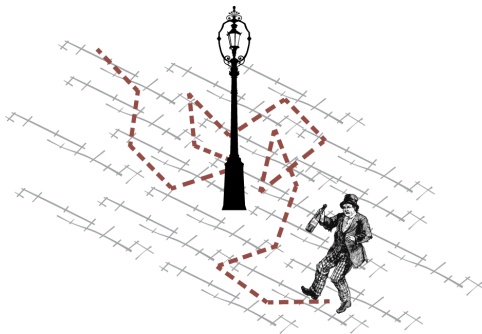
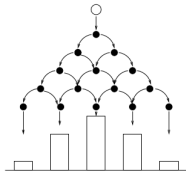


Figure: (<https://rijusarkar.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/random-walk.png>)

# What are Quantum Walks?



**Figure:** ( Julia Kempe. Quantum random walks: an introductory overview. Contemporary Physics, 44(4):307-327, 2003.)

- **Superposition of state** If a particle can be in the state  $|\psi\rangle$  and also in the state  $|\phi\rangle$  then it can be in the state  $|\psi\rangle + |\phi\rangle$

- **Single-particle interference**

$$(\langle\psi| + \langle\phi|) \circ (|\psi\rangle + |\phi\rangle) = \langle\psi| \circ |\psi\rangle + \langle\phi| \circ |\phi\rangle + 2\text{Re}(\langle\phi| \circ |\psi\rangle)$$

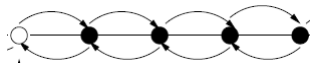
# What motivate us to this study?

- 1 One particle QWs
  - perform quantum algorithm
  - implement quantum cryptography protocols
- 2 Two particles QWs  $\implies$  Understand the many-body problem.

# OUTLINE

- 1 Introduction
  - Description of Continuous Time Quantum Walks (QW)
  - Importance of the topic
- 2 Quantum Walks With One Particle
  - Analytical description of the dynamics
  - Numerical description of the dynamics
- 3 Quantum Walks With Two Particles
  - Analytical description
  - Numerical description
- 4 Conclusion

## Hamiltonian for one particle



**Figure:** Quantum walk with one particle on a line ( Julia Kempe. Quantum random walks: an introductory overview. Contemporary Physics, 44(4):307-327, 2003.)

- Schrödinger equation :

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi_t\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi_t\rangle .$$

- Hamiltonian describing the tunnelling of a particle to a neighboring site:

$$\hat{H}_{1p} = -J \sum_{\ell=1}^{L-1} (|\ell\rangle \langle \ell + 1| + |\ell + 1\rangle \langle \ell|).$$

## Diagonalization of the Hamiltonian

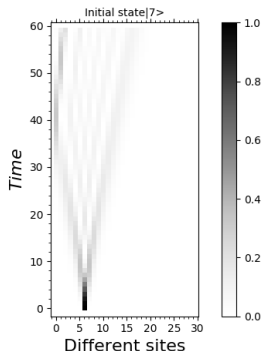
- Diagonalization for hard wall boundary conditions

$$\hat{H}_{1p} = \sum_{n=1}^L \underbrace{-2 \cos \left( \frac{n\pi}{L+1} \right)}_{E_n} |k_n\rangle \langle k_n|.$$

where  $|k_n\rangle = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \sqrt{\frac{2}{L+1}} \sin \left( \frac{n\pi\ell}{L+1} \right) |\ell\rangle$

- We plot the probability density distribution  $P(\ell, t)$  for the particle to be on a site  $\ell$  at a time  $t$ .

## Probability density distribution



**Figure:** Probability density distribution  $P(\ell, t)$  for the quantum walk of one particle on a lattice with  $L=30$  sites.



# Hamiltonian for two particles

- $|\ell, m\rangle =$  state of the system with two particles
  - 1 For distinguishable particles:  $|\ell, m\rangle = |\ell\rangle \otimes |m\rangle$
  - 2 For indistinguishable particles
 
$$\begin{cases} |\ell, \ell\rangle & \text{for } 1 \leq \ell \leq L \\ \text{and } \frac{|\ell, m\rangle + |m, \ell\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} & \text{for } 1 \leq \ell < m \leq L \end{cases}$$
- Hamiltonian

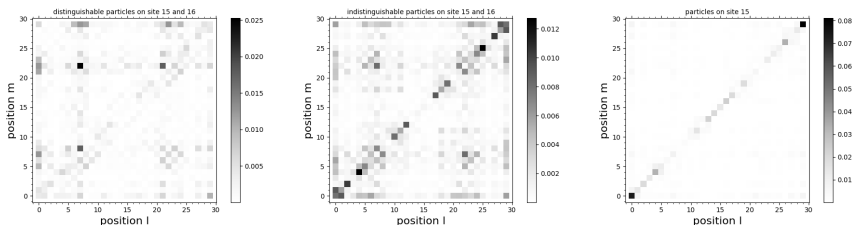
$$\hat{H}_{2p} = \hat{H}_{1p} \otimes \hat{I} + \hat{I} \otimes \hat{H}_{1p} + \hat{V}, \quad \text{where } \hat{V} = U \sum_{\ell=1}^L |\ell, \ell\rangle \langle \ell, \ell|.$$

## Hamiltonian for two particles

- $|\ell, m\rangle =$  state of the system with two particles
  - 1 For distinguishable particles:  $|\ell, m\rangle = |\ell\rangle \otimes |m\rangle$
  - 2 For indistinguishable particles
 
$$\begin{cases} |\ell, \ell\rangle & \text{for } 1 \leq \ell \leq L \\ \text{and } \frac{|\ell, m\rangle + |m, \ell\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} & \text{for } 1 \leq \ell < m \leq L \end{cases}$$
- Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{2p} = \hat{H}_{1p} \otimes \hat{I} + \hat{I} \otimes \hat{H}_{1p} + \hat{V}, \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{V} = U \sum_{\ell=1}^L |\ell, \ell\rangle \langle \ell, \ell|.$$

# Effect of interference



**Figure:** Probability density  $P(\ell, m, t)$  of two particles undertaking a walk on 30 sites, at  $t = 40\hbar/J$  and for  $U = 2J$ . Different panels refer to different initial state and different nature of particles as specified in the heading. Numbers into bracket are particles' initial positions.

## Proposals for future works

- Include more walkers
- Experiment
- Investigate the effect of entanglement
- Include the decoherence

END

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND  
ATTENTION !!!