

ON THE SUPPORT OF THE GROVER WALK ON HIGHER-DIMENSIONAL LATTICES

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Abstract. This paper presents the minimum supports of states for stationary measures of the Grover walk on the d -dimensional lattice by solving the corresponding eigenvalue problem. The numbers of the minimum supports for moving and flip-flop shifts are 2^d ($d \geq 1$) and 4 ($d \geq 2$), respectively.

1. Introduction

The quantum walk was introduced by Aharonov et al. [1] as a generalization of the random walk on graphs. On the one-dimensional lattice \mathbb{Z} , where \mathbb{Z} is the set of integers, the properties of quantum walks are well studied, see Konno [6], for example. There are some results on the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^2 , such as weak limit theorem by Watabe et al. [8] (moving shift case) and Higuchi et al. [2] (flip-flop shift case), and localization shown by Inui et al. [3] (moving shift case) and Higuchi et al. [2] (flip-flop shift case).

In this paper, we present the minimum support of states for the stationary measures of the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d by solving the corresponding eigenvalue problem. As for the number of the support of the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d with moving shift, 2^2 (\mathbb{Z}^2 case) and 3^d (\mathbb{Z}^d case with $d \geq 2$) were given in Stefanak et al. [7] and Komatsu and Konno [4] by the Fourier analysis, respectively. Compared with the above-mentioned previous results, the number of our minimum support for \mathbb{Z}^d case with $d \geq 1$ is 2^d (Theorem 1). Moreover, concerning the number of the support of the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d ($d \geq 2$) with flip-flop shift, 4 was obtained in Higuchi et al. [2] by the spectral mapping theorem, which coincides with our result (Theorem 2). Remark that any finite support does not exist for \mathbb{Z} case.

The rest of the paper is as follows. Section 2 is devoted to the definition of the discrete-time quantum walk on \mathbb{Z}^d . Section 3 deals with the stationary measure of the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d . We give main results on minimum support for the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d with moving shift (Theorem 1) in Section 4 and flip-flop shift

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(Theorem 2) in Section 5, respectively. Section 6 summarizes our paper.

2. Discrete-time quantum walks on \mathbb{Z}^d

In this section, we give the definition of $2d$ -state discrete-time quantum walks on \mathbb{Z}^d . The quantum walk is defined by using a shift operator and a unitary matrix. Let \mathbb{C} be the set of complex numbers. For $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$, the shift operator τ_i is given by

$$(\tau_i f)(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_i) \quad (f : \mathbb{Z}^d \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2d}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d),$$

where $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_d\}$ denotes the standard basis of \mathbb{Z}^d . Let $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,2,\dots,2d}$ be a $2d \times 2d$ unitary matrix. We call this unitary matrix the coin matrix. To describe the time evolution of the quantum walk, decompose the unitary matrix A as

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{2d} P_i A,$$

where P_i denotes an orthogonal projection onto the one-dimensional subspace $\mathbb{C}\eta_i$ in \mathbb{C}^{2d} . Here $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{2d}\}$ denotes the standard basis on \mathbb{C}^{2d} . The walk associated with the coin matrix A for moving and flip-flop shifts are given by

$$\begin{aligned} U_A &= \sum_{i=1}^d \left(P_{2i-1} A \tau_i^{-1} + P_{2i} A \tau_i \right), \\ U_A &= \sum_{i=1}^d \left(P_{2i} A \tau_i^{-1} + P_{2i-1} A \tau_i \right), \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

respectively.

Let $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. The state at time $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq}$ and location $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ can be expressed by a $2d$ -dimensional vector:

$$\Psi_n(\mathbf{x}) = {}^T [\Psi_n^1(\mathbf{x}), \Psi_n^2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \Psi_n^{2d}(\mathbf{x})] \in \mathbb{C}^{2d},$$

where T denotes a transposed operator. For $\Psi_n : \mathbb{Z}^d \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2d}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq}$), it follows from Eq. (2.1) that

$$\Psi_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv (U_A \Psi_n)(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \left(P_{2i-1} A \Psi_n(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_i) + P_{2i} A \Psi_n(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_i) \right),$$

with moving shift case and

$$\Psi_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv (U_A \Psi_n)(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \left(P_{2i} A \Psi_n(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_i) + P_{2i-1} A \Psi_n(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_i) \right),$$

with flip-flop shift case. This equation means that, moving shift case for example, the particle moves at each step one unit to the x_i -axis direction with matrix $P_{2i}A$ or one unit to the $-x_i$ -axis direction with matrix $P_{2i-1}A$. For time $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq}$ and location $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, we define the measure $\mu_n(\mathbf{x})$ by

$$\mu_n(\mathbf{x}) = \|\Psi_n(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathbb{C}^{2d}}^2,$$

where $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{C}^{2d}}$ denotes the standard norm on \mathbb{C}^{2d} . Let $\mathbb{R}_{\geq} = [0, \infty)$. Here we introduce a map $\phi : (\mathbb{C}^{2d})^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}_{\geq})^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ such that if $\Psi_n : \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2d}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, thus we get

$$\phi(\Psi_n)(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{2d} |\Psi_n^j(\mathbf{x})|^2 = \mu_n(\mathbf{x}),$$

namely this map ϕ has a role to transform from amplitudes to measures.

3. Stationary measure of the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d

In this section, we give the definition of the stationary measure for the quantum walk. We define a set of measures, $\mathcal{M}_s(U_A)$, by

$$\mathcal{M}_s(U_A) = \left\{ \mu \in [0, \infty)^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}; \text{ there exists } \Psi_0 \in (\mathbb{C}^{2d})^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \right. \\ \left. \text{such that } \phi(U_A^n \Psi_0) = \mu \text{ (} n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq} \text{)} \right\},$$

where $\mathbf{0}$ is the zero vector. Here U_A is the time evolution operator of quantum walk associated with a unitary matrix A . We call this measure $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_s(U_A)$ the stationary measure for the quantum walk defined by the unitary operator U_A . If $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_s(U_A)$, then $\mu_n = \mu$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq}$, where μ_n is the measure of quantum walk given by U_A at time n .

Next we consider the following eigenvalue problem of the quantum walk determined by U_A :

$$U_A \Psi = \lambda \Psi \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, |\lambda| = 1). \quad (3.1)$$

We introduce the set of solutions of Eq. (3.1) for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\lambda| = 1$ as follows.

$$W(\lambda) = \{\Psi \neq \mathbf{0} : U_A \Psi = \lambda \Psi\}.$$

Then for $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$, we see that $\phi(\Psi) \in \mathcal{M}_s(U_A)$. If the function Ψ satisfied with $\lambda = 1$ in Eq. (3.1), then Ψ is called the *stationary amplitude*. From now on, we focus on the Grover Walk on \mathbb{Z}^d which is defined by the following $2d \times 2d$ coin matrix $G = (g_{ij})_{i,j=1,2,\dots,2d}$ with

$$g_{ij} = \frac{1}{d} - \delta_{ij}.$$

then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Proof. First we assume that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.5)$$

for some $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. Moreover we suppose

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

that is,

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) = 0, \quad (4.6)$$

$$\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) = 0, \quad (4.7)$$

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_k) = 0,$$

$$\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_k) = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

Combining Eq. (4.4) with Eqs. (4.6) and (4.8), we have

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}). \quad (4.9)$$

From the assumption Eqs. (4.5) and (4.9), we put

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}) = \eta, \quad (4.10)$$

where $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\eta \neq 0$. Furthermore, by Eq. (4.4) for $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k$, we obtain

$$\lambda \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) = \lambda \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}) + \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k). \quad (4.11)$$

Combining Eq. (4.11) with Eqs. (4.6), (4.7) and (4.10) implies

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k) = \eta, \quad (4.12)$$

since $\lambda \neq 0$. In a similar way, Eq. (4.4) for $\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k$ becomes

$$\lambda \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k) = \lambda \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k). \quad (4.13)$$

From Eq. (4.13) with Eqs. (4.7) and (4.12), we have

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{e}_k) = \lambda \{ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k) - \eta \}, \quad (4.14)$$

since $\lambda = \pm 1$. Similarly, Eq. (4.4) for $\mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{e}_k$ becomes

$$\lambda\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 4\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{e}_k) = \lambda\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{e}_k). \quad (4.15)$$

From Eq. (4.15) with Eq. (4.14), we get

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - 4\mathbf{e}_k) = \lambda\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{e}_k) + \eta.$$

Continuing this argument repeatedly, we finally obtain

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - (j+1)\mathbf{e}_k) = \lambda\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - j\mathbf{e}_k) + (-\lambda)^{j+1}\eta, \quad (4.16)$$

for any $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Assumption $\#(S(\Psi)) < \infty$ implies that there exists J such that

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - j'\mathbf{e}_k) = \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - j'\mathbf{e}_k) = 0, \quad (4.17)$$

for any $j' \geq J$. Combining Eq. (4.16) with Eq. (4.17) gives $\eta = 0$ since $\lambda \neq 0$. Therefore contradiction occurs, so the proof is complete.

LEMMA 2. *Let $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$. Suppose $\#(S(\Psi)) < \infty$. If there exist $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ such that*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then there exist $m^{(-)} (\leq 0)$ and $m^{(+)} (\geq 0)$ with $m^{(-)} < m^{(+)}$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\alpha\beta \neq 0$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} {}^T [0, 0] & (m < m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\alpha, 0] & (m = m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [0, \beta] & (m = m^{(+)}) \\ {}^T [0, 0] & (m > m^{(+)}) \end{cases}. \quad (4.18)$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2l}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2l}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

for any $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \setminus \{k\}$.

Proof. From Lemma 1, we get $\#(S(\Psi)) \geq 2$. Therefore we see that there exist $m^{(-)}(\leq 0)$ and $m^{(+)}(\geq 0)$ with $m^{(-)} < m^{(+)}$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| + |\gamma| > 0$ and $|\beta| + |\delta| > 0$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} {}^T [0, 0] & (m < m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\alpha, \gamma] & (m = m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\delta, \beta] & (m = m^{(+)}) \\ {}^T [0, 0] & (m > m^{(+)}) \end{cases}. \quad (4.19)$$

By Eq. (4.4) for $\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 2)\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k) \\ = \lambda\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k). \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

Combining Eq. (4.19) with Eq. (4.20) gives

$$\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \gamma = 0, \quad (4.21)$$

since $\lambda \neq 0$. In a similar fashion, from Eq. (4.4) for $\mathbf{x} + (m^{(+)} + 1)\mathbf{e}_k$, we have

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \delta = 0. \quad (4.22)$$

Thus combining Eqs. (4.19), (4.21) and (4.22) implies Eq. (4.18).

By Eq. (4.2) for $\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k$, we have

$$\lambda\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k). \quad (4.23)$$

Then combining Eq. (4.23) with Eq. (4.18) gives

$$\frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \alpha. \quad (4.24)$$

Similarly, by Eq. (4.3) for $\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k$ and Eq. (4.18), we get

$$\frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \beta.$$

From now on, we assume that there exists $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \setminus \{k\}$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2l}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.25)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2l}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.26)$$

First we consider Eq. (4.25) case. We now use Eq. (4.2) with $k \rightarrow l$ and $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k$ to get

$$\lambda\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{e}_l) + \Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k).$$

Using the equation just derived and Eq. (4.24), we have

$$\lambda\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{e}_l) + \Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \alpha. \quad (4.27)$$

By assumption $\Psi^{2l-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = 0$ in Eq. (4.25), we see that Eq. (4.27) becomes

$$\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{e}_l) = \lambda\alpha, \quad (4.28)$$

since $\lambda = \pm 1$. Next we see Eq. (4.4) with $k \rightarrow l$ and $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k - \mathbf{e}_l$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - 2\mathbf{e}_l) + \Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{e}_l) \\ = \lambda\Psi^{2l}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2l}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{e}_l). \end{aligned}$$

Combining this equation with Eq. (4.28) and assumption $\Psi^{2l}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = 0$ in Eq. (4.25) gives

$$\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - 2\mathbf{e}_l) = \lambda\Psi^{2l}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{e}_l) - \lambda^2\alpha,$$

since $\lambda = \pm 1$. By the similar argument repeatedly, we obtain,

$$\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - (j+1)\mathbf{e}_l) = \lambda\Psi^{2l}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - j\mathbf{e}_l) - (-\lambda)^{j+1}\alpha, \quad (4.29)$$

for any $j = 1, 2, \dots$. Assumption $\#(S(\Psi)) < \infty$ implies that there exists J such that

$$\Psi^{2l-1}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - j'\mathbf{e}_l) = \Psi^{2l}((\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) - j'\mathbf{e}_l) = 0, \quad (4.30)$$

for any $j' \geq J$. Combining Eq. (4.29) with Eq. (4.30) gives $\alpha = 0$ since $\lambda \neq 0$. Thus we have a contradiction.

Next we consider Eq. (4.26) case. In a similar fashion, we get $\beta = 0$ and have a contradiction. Therefore the proof of Lemma 2 is complete.

THEOREM 1. *For the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d with moving shift, we have*

$$\#(S(\Psi)) \geq 2^d,$$

for any $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$. In particular, there exists $\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)} \in W(\lambda)$ such that

$$\#(S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)})) = 2^d,$$

for $\lambda = \pm 1$. In fact, we obtain

$$\Psi_{\star}^{(\lambda)}(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda^{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_d} \times {}^T [|x_1\rangle, |x_2\rangle, \dots, |x_d\rangle] \quad (\mathbf{x} \in S(\Psi_{\star}^{(\lambda)})),$$

where

$$S(\Psi_{\star}^{(\lambda)}) = \{ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d : x_k \in \{0, 1\} \ (k = 1, 2, \dots, d) \}.$$

Here $|0\rangle = {}^T [1, 0]$ and $|1\rangle = {}^T [0, 1]$.

Proof. For $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$, there exist $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, we have $\mathbf{x} \in S(\Psi)$.

First we consider $d = 1$ case. From Lemma 1, we see that $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_1 \in S(\Psi)$ or $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1 \in S(\Psi)$, so $\#(S(\Psi)) \geq 2$. In fact, we can construct a $\Psi_{\star}^{(\lambda)} \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$ satisfying $\#(S(\Psi_{\star}^{(\lambda)})) = 2$ as follows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1) \\ \Psi^2(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} {}^T [0, 0] & (m_1 < 0) \\ \lambda^{m_1} \times {}^T [1, 0] & (m_1 = 0) \\ \lambda^{m_1} \times {}^T [0, 1] & (m_1 = 1) \\ {}^T [0, 0] & (m_1 > 1) \end{cases},$$

where $m_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Next we deal with $d = 2$ case. Considering the argument for $d = 1$ case, we can assume

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^2(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \\ \Psi^2(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.31)$$

By Lemma 2 with Eq. (4.31), we can also assume $m^{(-)} = 0$ and $m^{(+)} = 1$ to minimize the $\#(S(\Psi))$, then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^3(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^4(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.32)$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^3(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \\ \Psi^4(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.33)$$

From Lemma 1 with Eqs. (4.32) and (4.33), we obtain “ $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ ” or “ $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ ” and “ $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ ” or “ $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ ” respectively, so

$\#(S(\Psi)) \geq 4$. In fact, we can construct a $\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)} \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$ satisfying $\#(S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)})) = 4$ as follows.

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{cases} \lambda^{m_1+m_2} \times^T [1, 0, 1, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (0, 0) \\ \lambda^{m_1+m_2} \times^T [0, 1, 1, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (1, 0) \\ \lambda^{m_1+m_2} \times^T [1, 0, 0, 1] & (m_1, m_2) = (0, 1) \\ \lambda^{m_1+m_2} \times^T [0, 1, 0, 1] & (m_1, m_2) = (1, 1) \\ {}^T [0, 0, 0, 0] & (\textit{otherwise}) \end{cases}, \quad (4.34)$$

for $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Remark that Eq. (4.34) has been introduced in Stefanak et al. [7]. Continuing a similar argument for $d = 3, 4, \dots$, we have the desired conclusion.

From Eq. (4.34), we obtain the following equation as one of a stationary measure of Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^2 when $\lambda = 1$.

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(x,y)} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(x+1,y)} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(x,y+1)} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(x+1,y+1)},$$

for any $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$. Let $x, y \in \{0, -1\}$, then we easily get $\#(S(\Psi)) = 9$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi = & \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(0,0)} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(0,1)} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(1,0)} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(0,-1)} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(-1,0)} \\ & + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(1,1)} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(1,-1)} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(-1,-1)} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta_{(-1,1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.35)$$

Remark that Eq. (4.35) has been introduced in Komatsu and Konno [4].

5. Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d with flip-flop shift

In this section, we consider the case of the d -dimensional Grover walk with flip-flop shift. The eigenvalue problem $U_G \Psi = \lambda \Psi$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\lambda| = 1$) is

By a similar calculation as in Lemma 1, we get the following equation corresponding to Eq. (4.16).

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - (j+1)\mathbf{e}_k) = -\lambda\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - j\mathbf{e}_k) + \lambda^{j+1}\eta, \quad (5.5)$$

where $\eta = \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x})$ for any $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Assumption $\#(S(\Psi)) < \infty$ implies that there exists J such that

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} - j'\mathbf{e}_k) = \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} - j'\mathbf{e}_k) = 0, \quad (5.6)$$

for any $j' \geq J$. Combining Eq. (5.5) with Eq. (5.6) gives $\eta = 0$ since $\lambda \neq 0$. Therefore contradiction occurs, so the proof is complete.

LEMMA 4. *Let $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$. Suppose $\#(S(\Psi)) < \infty$. If there exist $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ such that*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then there exist $m^{(-)} (\leq 0)$ and $m^{(+)} (\geq 0)$ with $m^{(-)} < m^{(+)}$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\alpha\beta \neq 0$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} {}^T [0, 0] & (m < m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\alpha, 0] & (m = m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [0, \beta] & (m = m^{(+)}) \\ {}^T [0, 0] & (m > m^{(+)}) \end{cases}. \quad (5.7)$$

Moreover, we have

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = 0, \quad (5.8)$$

and

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) = 0.$$

Proof. From Lemma 3, we get $\#(S(\Psi)) \geq 2$. Therefore we see that there exist $m^{(-)} (\leq 0)$ and $m^{(+)} (\geq 0)$ with $m^{(-)} < m^{(+)}$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| + |\gamma| > 0$ and $|\beta| + |\delta| > 0$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \\ \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{e}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} {}^T [0, 0] & (m < m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\alpha, \gamma] & (m = m^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\delta, \beta] & (m = m^{(+)}) \\ {}^T [0, 0] & (m > m^{(+)}) \end{cases}. \quad (5.9)$$

By Eq. (5.4) for $\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 2)\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k) \\ &= \lambda \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k). \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

Combining Eq. (5.9) with Eq. (5.10) gives

$$\Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \gamma = 0, \quad (5.11)$$

since $\lambda \neq 0$. In a similar fashion, from Eq. (5.4) for $\mathbf{x} + (m^{(+)} + 1)\mathbf{e}_k$, we have

$$\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \delta = 0. \quad (5.12)$$

Thus combining Eqs. (5.9), (5.11) and (5.12) implies Eq. (5.7).

By Eq. (5.2) for $\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k$, we have

$$\lambda \Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + (m^{(-)} - 1)\mathbf{e}_k) + \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = \frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k). \quad (5.13)$$

Then combining Eq. (5.13) with Eq. (5.7) gives

$$\frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(-)}\mathbf{e}_k) = 0.$$

Similarly, by Eq. (5.3) for $\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k$ and Eq. (5.7), we get

$$\frac{1}{d}\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m^{(+)}\mathbf{e}_k) = 0.$$

Therefore the proof of Lemma 4 is complete.

THEOREM 2. *For the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d with flip-flop shift, we have*

$$\begin{cases} \#(S(\Psi)) = 0 & (d = 1) \\ \#(S(\Psi)) \geq 4 & (d \geq 2) \end{cases},$$

for any $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$. In particular, there exists $\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)} \in W(\lambda)$ such that

$$\#(S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)})) = 4 \quad (d \geq 2)$$

for $\lambda = \pm 1$. In fact, we obtain

$$\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)}(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda^{x_1+x_2} \times {}^T [(-1)^{x_1+x_2}|x_1\rangle, (-1)^{x_1+x_2+1}|x_2\rangle, \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0}] \quad (\mathbf{x} \in S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)})),$$

where

$$S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)}) = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d : x_1, x_2 \in \{0, 1\}, x_3 = x_4 = \dots = x_d = 0\}.$$

Here $|0\rangle = {}^T[1, 0]$, $|1\rangle = {}^T[0, 1]$ and $\mathbf{0} = {}^T[0, 0]$.

Proof. First, we consider $d = 1$ case. For $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$, there exists $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(x) \\ \Psi^2(x) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From Lemma 4, we have $m_1^{(-)}(\leq 0)$ and $m_1^{(+)}(\geq 0)$ with $m_1^{(-)} < m_1^{(+)}$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\alpha\beta \neq 0$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(x + m_1) \\ \Psi^2(x + m_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} {}^T [0, 0] & (m_1 < m_1^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [\alpha, 0] & (m_1 = m_1^{(-)}) \\ {}^T [0, \beta] & (m_1 = m_1^{(+)}) \\ {}^T [0, 0] & (m_1 > m_1^{(+)}) \end{cases}, \quad (5.14)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma(x + m_1^{(-)}) = 0 \\ \Gamma(x + m_1^{(+)}) = 0 \end{cases}. \quad (5.15)$$

By definition of Γ and Eq. (5.14), we have

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma(x + m_1^{(-)}) = \alpha \\ \Gamma(x + m_1^{(+)}) = \beta \end{cases}. \quad (5.16)$$

Combining Eq. (5.15) with Eq. (5.16), we get $\alpha = \beta = 0$. So we see that the finite support for $d=1$ does not exist.

Next we deal with $d = 2$ case. For $\Psi \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$, we assume that there exists $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^2(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5.17)$$

and we put

$$\begin{cases} m^{(-)} = 0 \\ m^{(+)} = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (5.18)$$

for Eq. (5.7) on Lemma 4 to minimize $\#(S(\Psi))$. By using (5.7) with Eq. (5.18), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^2(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5.19)$$

By definition of Γ with Eqs. (5.8), (5.18) and (5.19), we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^3(\mathbf{x}) \\ \Psi^4(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5.20)$$

since $\alpha \neq 0$.

Similarly, from Lemma 3 with Eq. (5.17), we can assume

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^1(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \\ \Psi^2(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^3(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \\ \Psi^4(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5.21)$$

since $\beta \neq 0$. From Lemma 3 with Eqs. (5.20) and (5.21), we obtain “ $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ or $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ ” and “ $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ or $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 \in S(\Psi)$ ” respectively, so $\#(S(\Psi)) \geq 4$. In fact, we can construct a $\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)} \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$ satisfying $\#(S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)})) = 4$ as follows.

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{cases} {}^T [1, 0, -1, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (0, 0) \\ {}^T [0, -\lambda, \lambda, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (1, 0) \\ {}^T [-\lambda, 0, 0, \lambda] & (m_1, m_2) = (0, 1) \\ {}^T [0, 1, 0, -1] & (m_1, m_2) = (1, 1) \\ {}^T [0, 0, 0, 0] & (\textit{otherwise}) \end{cases}, \quad (5.22)$$

for $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Finally, we consider $d \geq 3$ case by continuing the argument on $d = 2$ case. To expand Eq. (5.22) to $d \geq 3$, we focus on the fact that $\Gamma(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{e}_2) = 0$ for any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ in Eq. (5.22). By assuming $\Psi^{2k-1}(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{e}_2) = \Psi^{2k}(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{e}_2) = 0$ for any $k \in \{3, 4, \dots, d\}$, we can construct a $\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)} \in W(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = \pm 1$ satisfying $\#(S(\Psi_\star^{(\lambda)})) = 4$ as follows.

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x} + m_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{cases} {}^T [1, 0, -1, 0, 0, \dots, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (0, 0) \\ {}^T [0, -\lambda, \lambda, 0, 0, \dots, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (1, 0) \\ {}^T [-\lambda, 0, 0, \lambda, 0, \dots, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (0, 1) \\ {}^T [0, 1, 0, -1, 0, \dots, 0] & (m_1, m_2) = (1, 1) \\ {}^T [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0] & (\textit{otherwise}) \end{cases}.$$

Theorem 2 can be derived from another approach based on the spectral mapping theorem, see Corollary 2 in Higuchi et al. [2].

6. Summary

We presented the minimum supports of states for the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d with moving and flip-flop shifts, respectively, by solving the eigenvalue problem $U_G\Psi = \lambda\Psi$. Results on the moving shift model was obtained by Theorem 1 which coincides with result in Stefanak et al. [7] (\mathbb{Z}^2 case) and improves result in Komatsu and Konno [4] (\mathbb{Z}^d case). Moreover, results on the flip-flop shift model shown by Higuchi et al. [2] was given by Theorem 2. One of the interesting future problems might be to clarify a relationship between the stationary measure and the time-averaged limit measure of the Grover walk on \mathbb{Z}^d .

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