

# Landauer's Principle in Repeated Interaction Systems

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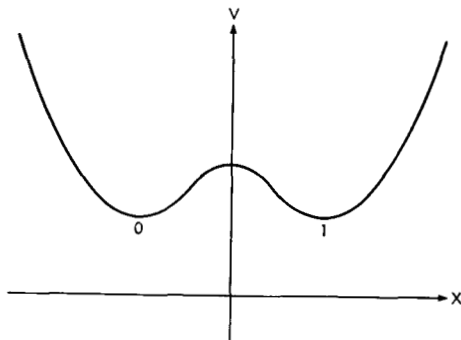
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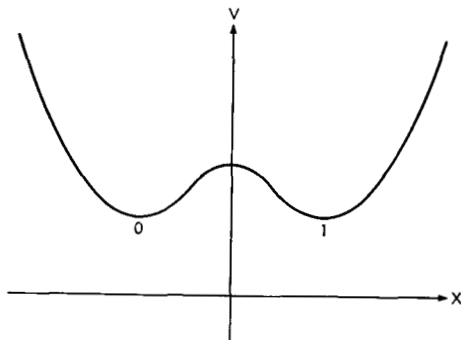
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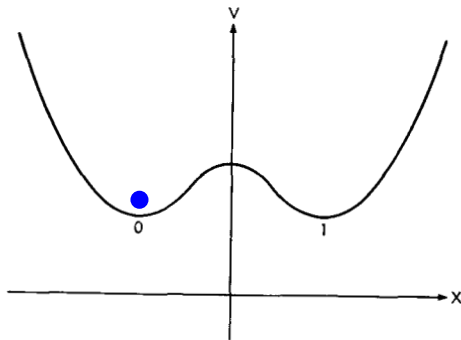
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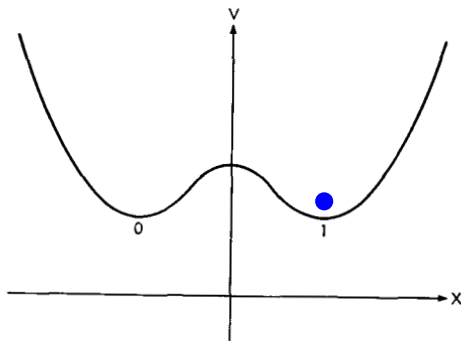
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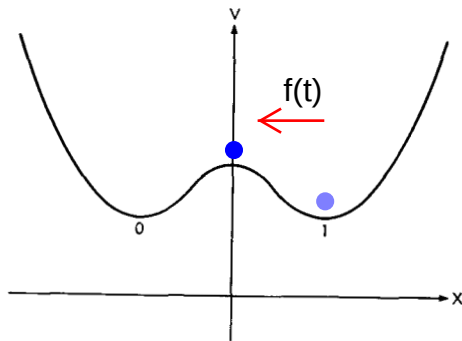
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Now consider if the system starts in state 1

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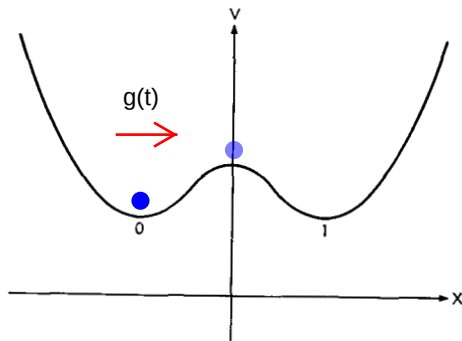
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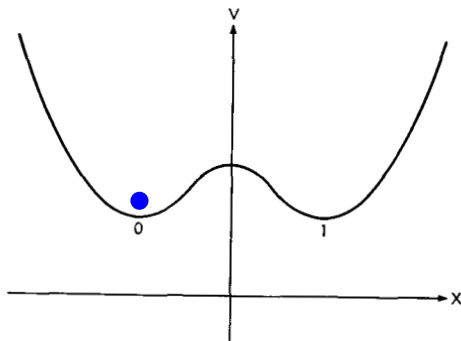
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Then remove the energy we added with a force  $g(t)$  to the right

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Resulting in the system “erased” in state zero without any net energy cost.

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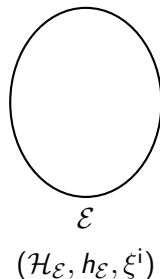
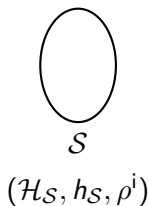
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  - ▶ On the other hand, our erasure map  $E$  cuts the size of phase space; since entropy shouldn't decrease, we must have heat output.

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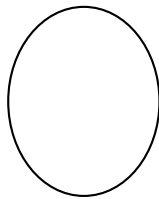
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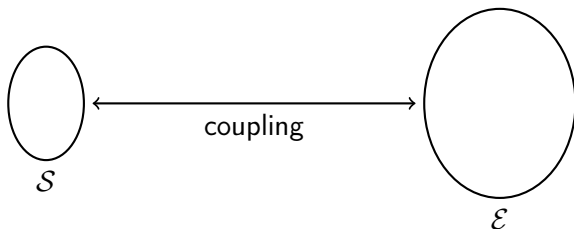
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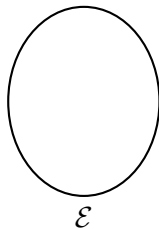
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In fact, tighter bounds exist in finite dimensions [RW14].

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- ▶ Then *adiabatic limit* concerns the solution  $U_T(s)$  of the rescaled Schrödinger equation

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$$\left( U_T(t) - \exp \left( -i T \int_0^{t/T} e(s) ds \right) W(t) \right) P(0) = O(T^{-1})$$

uniformly in  $t \in [0, T]$ .

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- In [JP14], the authors use the Avron-Elgart adiabatic theorem and show  $\sigma_T \rightarrow 0$ , when the reservoir is infinite dimensional, with the help of an ergodicity assumption.

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$$U_k := \exp \left( -i\tau_k (h_{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \text{Id} + \text{Id} \otimes h_{\mathcal{E}_k} + \lambda_k v_k) \right)$$

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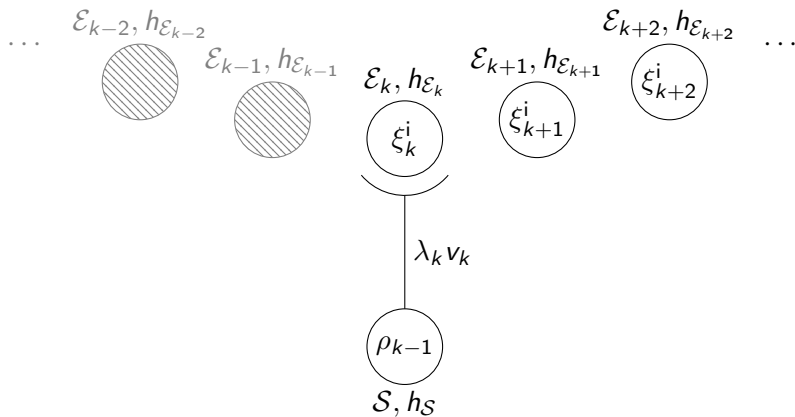
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2.  $\mathcal{S}$  interacts with a chain of probes  $\{\mathcal{E}_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ , one at a time.
3. Assume after interacting with  $k - 1$  probes, the system is in state  $\rho_{k-1}$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  interacts with  $k$ th probe  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , which is initially in state  $\xi_k^i$ , via potential  $v_k$  with coupling constants  $\lambda_k$  for a time  $\tau_k$ , by the unitary operator

$$U_k := \exp \left( -i\tau_k (h_{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \text{Id} + \text{Id} \otimes h_{\mathcal{E}_k} + \lambda_k v_k) \right)$$

4. We trace out  $\mathcal{E}_k$  to obtain the system state

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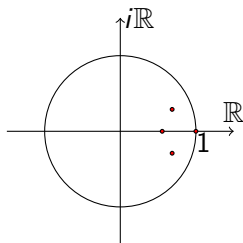
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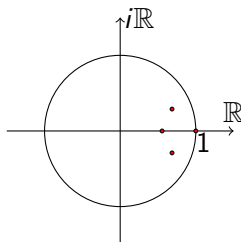
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