

EVEN PARTITIONS IN PLETHYSMS

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ABSTRACT. We prove that for all natural numbers k, n, d with $k \leq d$ and every partition λ of size kn with at most k parts there exists an irreducible $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -representation of highest weight 2λ in the plethysm $\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^{2n}\mathbb{C}^d)$. This gives an affirmative answer to a conjecture by Weintraub (J. Algebra, 129 (1): 103-114, 1990). Our investigation is motivated by questions of geometric complexity theory and uses ideas from quantum information theory.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Statement of the result. Geometric complexity theory is an approach to solve arithmetic versions of the famous $\mathrm{P} \neq \mathrm{NP}$ conjecture and related questions via geometric invariant theory [MS01, MS08]. In this approach it is of interest to have conditions for the occurrence of an irreducible $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -representation \mathcal{V}_μ with highest weight $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d)$ in the plethysm $\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^\ell\mathbb{C}^d)$, see [BLMW09, §8.4] and Section 1.2. Since $\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^\ell\mathbb{C}^d)$ is homogeneous of degree $k\ell$, for the occurrence of \mathcal{V}_μ , it is necessary that μ has the size $|\mu| := \sum \mu_i = k\ell$. Further, it is easy to see that μ should have at most k parts, i.e., $k \leq d$ and $\mu_i = 0$ for $i > k$.

Weintraub [Wei90] conjectured that for the occurrence of \mathcal{V}_μ in $\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^\ell\mathbb{C}^d)$, where ℓ is even, it is sufficient that all the parts μ_i are even. This was supported by explicit computations for small values of the parameters. Manivel [Man98] proved an asymptotic version of this conjecture using geometric methods.

In this paper we prove Weintraub's conjecture.

Theorem. *For all $k, n, d \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k \leq d$ and for all partitions λ of size kn with at most k parts, the irreducible $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -representation $\mathcal{V}_{2\lambda}$ of highest weight 2λ occurs in the plethysm $\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^{2n}\mathbb{C}^d)$.*

Here is a brief outline of the proof. Let $V := \mathbb{C}^d$ and let $2\lambda(T)$ denote the isotypic component of 2λ in $T := (V^{\otimes 2n})^{\otimes k}$. If $2\lambda(T)$ and $\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^{2n}V)$

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intersect nontrivially, then a component of highest weight 2λ could be contained in $\text{Sym}^k(\text{Sym}^{2n}V)$. Indeed, using techniques from quantum information theory, we construct vectors $|v\rangle \in 2\lambda(T)$ and $|\psi\rangle \in \text{Sym}^k(\text{Sym}^{2n}V)$ such that $\langle v|\psi\rangle \neq 0$, which implies a nontrivial intersection. For this construction, which involves a sum of squares, it is essential that all parts of the isotypic component are even.

1.2. Connection to geometric complexity theory. The most important open problem of algebraic complexity theory is Valiant's Hypothesis [Val79, Val82], which is an arithmetic analogue of the famous P versus NP conjecture (see [BCS07] for background information). Valiant's Hypothesis can be easily stated in precise mathematical terms.

Consider the determinant $\det_d = \det[x_{ij}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$ of a d by d matrix of variables x_{ij} , and for $m < d$, the *permanent* of its m by m submatrix defined as

$$\text{per}_m := \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} x_{1, \sigma(1)} \cdots x_{m, \sigma(m)}.$$

We choose $z := x_{dd}$ as a homogenizing variable and view \det_d and $z^{d-m}\text{per}_m$ as homogeneous functions $\mathbb{C}^{d^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of degree d . How large has d to be in relation to m such that there is a linear map $A: \mathbb{C}^{d^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d^2}$ with the property that

$$(*) \quad z^{d-m}\text{per}_m = \det_d \circ A?$$

It is known that such an A exists for $d = O(m^2 2^m)$. Valiant's Hypothesis states that $(*)$ is impossible for d polynomially bounded in m .

Mulmuley and Sohoni [MS01] suggested to study an orbit closure problem related to $(*)$. Note that the group $\text{GL}_{d^2} = \text{GL}_{d^2}(\mathbb{C})$ acts on the space $S^d(\mathbb{C}^{d \times d})^*$ of homogeneous polynomials of degree d in the variables x_{ij} by substitution. Instead of $(*)$, we ask now whether

$$(**) \quad z^{d-m}\text{per}_m \in \overline{\text{GL}_{d^2} \cdot \det_d}.$$

Mulmuley and Sohoni [MS01] conjectured that $(**)$ is impossible for $d = \text{poly}(m)$, which would imply Valiant's Hypothesis.

Moreover, in [MS01, MS08] it was proposed to show that $(**)$ is impossible for specific values m, d by exhibiting an irreducible representation of SL_{d^2} in the coordinate ring of the orbit closure of $z^{d-m}\text{per}_m$, that does not occur in the coordinate ring of $\overline{\text{GL}_{d^2} \cdot \det_d}$. We call such a representation of SL_{d^2} an *obstruction* for $(**)$ for the values m, d .

We can label the irreducible SL_{d^2} -representations by partitions λ into at most $d^2 - 1$ parts: For $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}^{d^2}$ such that $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{d^2-1} \geq \lambda_{d^2} = 0$ we shall denote by $\mathcal{V}_\lambda(\text{SL}_{d^2})$ the irreducible SL_{d^2} -representation obtained from the irreducible GL_{d^2} -representation \mathcal{V}_λ with the highest weight λ by restriction.

If $\mathcal{V}_\lambda(\text{SL}_{d^2})$ is an obstruction for m, d , then we must have $|\lambda| = \sum_i \lambda_i = \ell d$ for some ℓ , see [BLMW09, Prop. 5.6.2]. The irreducible representations

$\mathcal{V}_\lambda(\mathrm{SL}_{d^2})$ not occurring in $\mathbb{C}[\overline{\mathrm{GL}_{d^2} \cdot \det_d}]$ are called candidates for obstructions and can be characterized by the vanishing of certain Kronecker coefficients, see [BLMW09, Prop. 5.2.1] and [BCI09].

For understanding which $\mathcal{V}_\lambda(\mathrm{SL}_{d^2})$ do occur in $\mathbb{C}[\overline{\mathrm{GL}_{d^2} \cdot z^{d-m}\mathrm{per}_m}]$, we first need to understand the case $m = d$.

Proposition 1.1. *Suppose that $|\lambda| = ld$. Then $\mathcal{V}_\lambda(\mathrm{SL}_{d^2})$ occurs in $\mathbb{C}[\overline{\mathrm{GL}_{d^2} \cdot \mathrm{per}_d}]$ iff there exist partitions μ, ν of ld into at most d parts with the following properties:*

- (1) *the tensor product $\mathcal{S}_\mu \otimes \mathcal{S}_\nu \otimes \mathcal{S}_\lambda$ of irreducible representations of the symmetric group \mathfrak{S}_{ld} contains the trivial representation (i.e., the corresponding Kronecker coefficient is strictly positive),*
- (2) *\mathcal{V}_μ and \mathcal{V}_ν both occur in the plethysm $\mathrm{Sym}^d(\mathrm{Sym}^l \mathbb{C}^d)$.*

Proof. This follows by combining [BLMW09, Prop. 4.4.1] with [BLMW09, Prop. 5.5.2]. \square

It is thus essential for the geometric complexity program to understand the plethysms appearing in Weintraub’s conjecture. Our result shows that the second condition (2) is satisfied in “most cases”.

1.3. Techniques from quantum information theory. It is one aim of quantum information theory to understand quantum correlations, or entanglement, between spatially separated quantum systems and to utilise them in novel information processing applications. A mathematical problem arising in this context is the quantum marginal problem. In its simplest form, one wishes to determine the possible triple of spectra of the local quantum states $\rho_A = \mathrm{tr}_{BC}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$, $\rho_B = \mathrm{tr}_{AC}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ and $\mathrm{tr}_{AB}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$, where $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_C}$. In [CM06, Kly04, CHM07] it was shown that this problem is related to an asymptotic version of the problem of the positivity of the Kronecker coefficients of the symmetric group (see condition (1) in Proposition 1.1.). In [CM06, CHM07] this relation is obtained by considering the n -fold tensor product of $|\psi\rangle$ and projecting into the local isotypic components, which are the analogues of typical subspaces in classical information theory. For large n , relations between the local spectra then transfer to relations between representations of the symmetric group. For an application of this work in the context of geometric complexity theory to understand which irreducible representations occur in $\mathbb{C}[\overline{\mathrm{GL}_{d^2} \cdot \det_d}]$, see [BCI09].

The technique can also be applied in order to determine certain asymptotic behaviour of the plethysm coefficient (see also [AK08]). It is the challenge of this work to improve the asymptotical analysis to obtain the precise statement of Weintraub’s conjecture.

2. PRELIMINARIES

2.1. Highest weight vectors. We briefly collect some facts about the representation theory of $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ and refer the reader to [FH91] for details. For our computational purposes it will be convenient to use the bra and ket notation from physics.

A rational $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -module M decomposes into its weight spaces

$$M = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^d} M_\lambda,$$

where M_λ consists of the vectors $|v\rangle \in M$ such that

$$\mathrm{diag}(t_1, \dots, t_d) \cdot |v\rangle = t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_d^{\lambda_d} |v\rangle$$

for all $t_1, \dots, t_d \in \mathbb{C}^\times$. The vectors in M_λ are said to be of *weight* $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d)$.

Let $\mathbf{B}_d \subseteq \mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ denote the group of upper triangular matrices in $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$. A nonzero vector $|v\rangle \in M_\lambda$ is said to be a *highest weight vector* iff the line $\mathbb{C}|v\rangle$ is stable under the action of \mathbf{B}_d . The corresponding weight then satisfies $\lambda_1 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_d$. It is well-known that the $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -submodule generated by a highest weight vector is irreducible and that a $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -submodule is irreducible iff it contains exactly one \mathbf{B}_d -stable line. Hence one can assign to an irreducible $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -module M the weight λ of their highest weight vectors (which are uniquely determined up to a scalar). One calls λ the *highest weight of M* . Two irreducible $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -modules are isomorphic iff they have the same highest weight.

For each $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ with nonincreasing components there exists an irreducible $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -module with highest weight λ . We denote it by \mathcal{V}_λ and call it the *Weyl module of weight λ* .

Lemma 2.1. *Let λ be a partition of kn into at most k parts, $k \leq d$. Then the $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -module \mathcal{V}_λ corresponding to λ contains a nonzero vector of weight $(\underbrace{n, n, \dots, n}_k, \underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{d-k})$.*

Proof. The dimension of the weight space of \mathcal{V}_λ with the weight $\mu \in \mathbb{N}^{kn}$ is given by the Kostka number $\mathbf{K}_{\lambda\mu}$, which is the number of semistandard Young tableaux of shape λ and content μ , cf. [GW09, p. 368]. It is known that $\mathbf{K}_{\lambda\mu} > 0$ iff λ dominates μ , that is, $\sum_{j=1}^i \mu_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^i \lambda_j$ for all i , see [Ful97, p. 26]. On the other hand, it is clear that λ dominates the rectangular partition $(n, n, \dots, n, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$. \square

2.2. Plethysms. Plethysms are compositions of representations. More precisely, given a representation $\rho: G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_\ell(\mathbb{C})$ of a group G and a representation $\tau: \mathrm{GL}_\ell(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_N(\mathbb{C})$ of $\mathrm{GL}_\ell(\mathbb{C})$, the *plethysm* of ρ and τ is defined as the composition $\tau \circ \rho$. In general, plethysms are reducible. Their decomposition into irreducible representations is a notoriously difficult problem as the dimension of $\tau \circ \rho$ is typically large.

Here, we are concerned with $G = \mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$, the representation ρ corresponds to $\mathcal{V}_{(2n,0,0,\dots,0)}$ ($d-1$ zeros) and τ corresponds to $\mathcal{V}_{(k,0,0,\dots,0)}$ ($\ell-1$ zeros). Since $\mathcal{V}_{(2n,0,\dots,0)}$ can be realized as the symmetric power $\mathrm{Sym}^{2n}\mathbb{C}^d$, i.e., the subspace of $(\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes 2n}$ of all vectors invariant under the action of S_{2n} , we are concerned with the decomposition of the specific plethysm

$$\mathrm{Sym}^k(\mathrm{Sym}^{2n}\mathbb{C}^d)$$

into irreducibles.

2.3. Isotypic components. Let M be a rational $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -module. The *isotypic component* $\lambda(M)$ of M of type λ is defined as the sum of all irreducible submodules of M with highest weight λ . Suppose that a unitary invariant Hermitian inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ has been chosen on M . It is a well-known fact [FH91] that distinct isotypic components of M are orthogonal, so the isotypic decomposition $M = \bigoplus_{\lambda} \lambda(M)$ is a decomposition into pairwise orthogonal subspaces.

In the following let $V := \mathbb{C}^d$. On the tensor space $T := V^{\otimes q}$ we have two commuting linear actions, of the general linear group $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ and the symmetric group S_q , namely, for $g \in \mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ and $\pi \in S_q$,

$$\begin{aligned} g(|v_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |v_q\rangle) &:= g|v_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes g|v_q\rangle, \\ \pi(|v_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |v_q\rangle) &:= |v_{\pi^{-1}(1)}\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |v_{\pi^{-1}(q)}\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The action of S_q extends to the group algebra $\mathbb{C}[S_q]$.

We are interested in the isotypic components $\lambda(T)$ of T . The highest weights λ occurring consist of nonnegative numbers and satisfy $|\lambda| = \sum_i \lambda_i = q$. Hence λ is a partition of q into at most d parts. An element $a \in \mathbb{C}[S_q]$ acts as $\mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -morphism and hence leaves $\lambda(T)$ invariant.

We proceed with a few simple observations.

Lemma 2.2. *If $|v_\lambda\rangle \in V^{\otimes p}$ is a highest weight vector of weight λ and $|v_\mu\rangle \in V^{\otimes q}$ is a highest weight vector of weight μ , then $|v_\lambda\rangle|v_\mu\rangle := |v_\lambda\rangle \otimes |v_\mu\rangle$ is a highest weight vector in $V^{\otimes(p+q)}$ of weight $\lambda+\mu$, where $(\lambda+\mu)_i = \lambda_i + \mu_i$.*

Proof. Since $\mathbb{C}|v_\lambda\rangle$ and $\mathbb{C}|v_\mu\rangle$ are B_d -stable lines, it is clear that $|v_\lambda\rangle|v_\mu\rangle$ is also B_d -stable and of weight $\lambda+\mu$. \square

Definition 2.3. *Let $|v_\lambda\rangle \in V^{\otimes q}$ be a highest weight vector of weight λ , $g \in \mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$, and $\pi \in S_q$. Then we call a vector of the form $\pi g|v_\lambda\rangle$ a coherent state of weight λ .*

Lemma 2.2 immediately implies the following.

Corollary 2.4. *If $|w\rangle \in V^{\otimes q}$ is a coherent state of weight λ , then $|w\rangle|w\rangle$ lies in the isotypic component $(2\lambda)(V^{\otimes 2q})$.*

Note that the standard Hermitian inner product on $V = \mathbb{C}^d$ extends in a natural way to a unitary invariant inner product on $T = V^{\otimes q}$.

Our proof strategy for the main theorem is based on the following lemma.

Lemma 2.5. *Let $V = \mathbb{C}^d$, $T = V^{\otimes k\ell}$, and $S := \text{Sym}^k(\text{Sym}^\ell V) \subseteq T$. Further, let μ be a highest weight for $\text{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$. If there exist vectors $|\psi\rangle \in S$ and $|v\rangle \in \mu(T)$ such that $\langle v|\psi\rangle \neq 0$, then $\mu(S)$ is nonzero.*

Proof. Suppose that $\mu(S) = 0$. We need to show that S and $\mu(T)$ are orthogonal. Since $S = \bigoplus_\lambda \lambda(S)$, it is sufficient to show that $\lambda(S)$ and $\mu(T)$ are orthogonal for all $\lambda \neq \mu$ (the case $\lambda = \mu$ being trivial because of $\mu(S) = 0$). But $\lambda(S) \subseteq \lambda(T)$ and $\lambda(T)$ and $\mu(T)$ are orthogonal for $\lambda \neq \mu$. \square

2.4. Construction of highest weight vectors. We will need an explicit construction for highest weight vectors in $V^{\otimes q}$. Let $\{|i\rangle\}$ be the standard orthonormal basis for \mathbb{C}^d . This defines an orthonormal basis of $V^{\otimes q}$ given by $\{|i_1 i_2 \dots i_q\rangle\}$, $i_j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, where we used the shorthand $|i_1 i_2 \dots i_q\rangle = |i_1\rangle \otimes |i_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |i_q\rangle$. We call this basis the *computational basis* borrowing terminology from quantum information theory. For $1 \leq k \leq d$ we define the following vector (sometimes called Slater-determinant)

$$|v_k\rangle := \sum_{\pi \in S_k} \text{sgn}(\pi) \pi |12 \dots k\rangle \in V^{\otimes k}.$$

It is easy to check that $|v_k\rangle$ is a highest weight vector of weight $(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, where 1 occurs k times.

Let λ be a partition of q into at most d parts. To λ there corresponds its *conjugate partition* λ' defined by $\lambda'_j = |\{i \mid \lambda_i \geq j\}|$. (The Young diagram corresponding to λ' is obtained by reflecting the one of λ at the main diagonal.) It follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$(2.1) \quad |v_\lambda\rangle := |v_{\lambda'_1}\rangle |v_{\lambda'_2}\rangle \cdots |v_{\lambda'_{\ell(\lambda')}}\rangle$$

is a highest weight vector in $V^{\otimes q}$ of weight λ , where $\ell(\lambda')$ denotes the number of nonzero parts of λ' . (Note that each coefficient of $|v_\lambda\rangle$, when expanded in the computational basis, is a real number.)

The following is a direct corollary of Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.6. *Let λ be a partition of kn into at most k parts, $k \leq d$. Then the $\text{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ -module \mathcal{V}_λ generated by $|v_\lambda\rangle$ contains a nonzero vector $|u\rangle$ of the form*

$$(2.2) \quad |u\rangle = \sum_{\pi \in S_{nk}} \alpha_\pi \pi \cdot |1^{\otimes n} 2^{\otimes n} \dots k^{\otimes n}\rangle$$

for some $\alpha_\pi \in \mathbb{C}$.

We also need the following well-known fact, which expresses that \mathbb{R}^n is dense in \mathbb{C}^n for the Zariski topology.

Lemma 2.7. *Let $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a polynomial function vanishing on \mathbb{R}^n . Then f vanishes on \mathbb{C}^n .*

3. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

Set $V := \mathbb{C}^d$, $T := V^{\otimes 2nk}$ and $S := \text{Sym}^k(\text{Sym}^{2n}V) \subseteq T$. Let λ be a partition of kn into at most k parts with $k \leq d$. By Lemma 2.5 it suffices to show the existence of vectors $|\psi\rangle \in S$ and $|v\rangle \in 2\lambda(T)$ such that $\langle v|\psi\rangle \neq 0$.

We will now construct the vectors $|v\rangle$ and $|\psi\rangle$ before showing that their inner product is nonzero. Let $|v_\lambda\rangle \in \mathcal{V}_\lambda \subseteq V^{\otimes nk}$ be the highest weight vector of weight λ constructed as in (2.1). By Lemma 2.6 there exists a nonzero vector $|u\rangle \in \mathcal{V}_\lambda$ having the form (2.2). Consider the function $f: \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$(3.1) \quad f(g) := \langle v_\lambda | g | u \rangle = \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_{nk}} \alpha_\pi \langle v_\lambda | g \pi | 1^{\otimes n} 2^{\otimes n} \dots k^{\otimes n} \rangle.$$

We claim that f is nonzero. Indeed, since \mathcal{V}_λ is irreducible, we have $\text{span}\{\text{GL}_d(\mathbb{C}) \cdot |u\rangle\} = \mathcal{V}_\lambda$. Hence there exist $g_i \in \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ and $\beta_i \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ such that

$$|v_\lambda\rangle = \sum_i \beta_i g_i |u\rangle$$

and therefore

$$0 \neq \langle v_\lambda | v_\lambda \rangle = \sum_i \beta_i \langle v_\lambda | g_i | u \rangle = \sum_i \beta_i f(g_i).$$

Hence $f(g_i) \neq 0$ for some i .

The function f is a polynomial in the entries of g and hence f can be continued to $f: \mathbb{C}^{d^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Lemma 2.7 shows the existence of a *real* matrix $g \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ with $f(g) \neq 0$. By a slight perturbation of g we may assume that $g \in \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{R})$.

As $f(g) \neq 0$ it follows from (3.1) that there exists $\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_{nk}$ such that

$$\langle v_\lambda | g \pi | 1^{\otimes n} 2^{\otimes n} \dots k^{\otimes n} \rangle \neq 0.$$

Hence the coherent state $|w\rangle := \pi^{-1} g^{-1} |v_\lambda\rangle$ of weight λ satisfies

$$\langle w | 1^{\otimes n} 2^{\otimes n} \dots k^{\otimes n} \rangle \neq 0.$$

Moreover, $|w\rangle$ has only real coefficients in the computational basis, because $|v_\lambda\rangle$ has only real coefficients, and g is real.

Now we choose

$$|\psi\rangle := |\phi\rangle^{\otimes k} \in S \quad \text{with} \quad |\phi\rangle := \sum_{i=1}^d |i\rangle^{\otimes 2n} \in \text{Sym}^{2n}V.$$

We have $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1=1}^d \sum_{i_2=1}^d \dots \sum_{i_k=1}^d |i_1\rangle^{\otimes 2n} \otimes \dots \otimes |i_k\rangle^{\otimes 2n}$. Let $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{2nk}$ denote the permutation sorting odd and even letters, more specifically,

$$(\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(2nk)) = (1, 3, 5, \dots, 2nk-1, 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2nk).$$

For $|v\rangle := \sigma|w\rangle^{\otimes 2}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle v|\psi\rangle &= \sum_{i_1=1}^d \sum_{i_2=1}^d \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^d \langle w|^{\otimes 2} \sigma^{-1} |i_1\rangle^{\otimes 2n} \otimes \cdots \otimes |i_k\rangle^{\otimes 2n} \\
 (3.2) \quad &= \sum_{i_1=1}^d \sum_{i_2=1}^d \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^d \left(\langle w|i_1^{\otimes n} \cdots i_k^{\otimes n} \rangle \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $|w\rangle$ has only real coefficients in the computational basis, each summand in (3.2) is a nonnegative real number. Hence $\langle w|1^{\otimes n} 2^{\otimes n} \cdots k^{\otimes n}\rangle \neq 0$ ensures that $\langle v|\psi\rangle > 0$. Finally, since $|w\rangle$ is coherent, we have $|w\rangle^{\otimes 2} \in 2\lambda(T)$ by Corollary 2.4 and hence $|v\rangle \in 2\lambda(T)$ by the invariance of $2\lambda(T)$ under the action of the permutation group. \square

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