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*Solutions to Exercise No.4*

#### 4.1 Quasi-probability distributions: Wigner-Weyl distribution

First focus on the definition of the characteristic function:

$$C^{(s)}(\beta, \beta^*) = \text{Tr} \left( e^{i\beta \hat{a}^\dagger + i\beta^* \hat{a}} \rho \right) \quad (1)$$

Expand the exponential term inside:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\beta \hat{a}^\dagger + i\beta^* \hat{a}} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \left( i\beta \hat{a}^\dagger + i\beta^* \hat{a} \right)^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!} (i\beta)^n (i\beta^*)^{m-n} \left( a^{\dagger n} a^{m-n} \right)_s \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{(i\beta)^n (i\beta^*)^{m-n}}{n!(m-n)!} \left( a^{\dagger n} a^{m-n} \right)_s \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\beta)^n (i\beta^*)^m}{n!m!} \left( a^{\dagger n} a^m \right)_s \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Where the  $(\ )_s$  means symmetry ordered, for example:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( a^\dagger a \right)_s &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( a^\dagger a + a a^\dagger \right) \\ \left( a^{\dagger 2} a \right)_s &\equiv \frac{1}{3} \left( a^{\dagger 2} a + a^\dagger a a^\dagger + a a^{\dagger 2} \right) \\ \left( a^\dagger a^2 \right)_s &\equiv \frac{1}{3} \left( a^\dagger a^2 + a a^\dagger a + a^2 a^\dagger \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Then we consider the expectation values of those operator averages, from the above expansion of the characteristic function, we know that:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \left( a^{\dagger p} a^q \right)_s \right\rangle &\equiv \text{tr} \left[ \rho \left( a^{\dagger p} a^q \right)_s \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial^{p+q}}{\partial (i\beta)^p \partial (i\beta^*)^q} C^{(s)}(\beta, \beta^*) \Big|_{\beta^*=\beta=0} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Now we go back to the definition of the Wigner function, which is a Fourier transform of the characteristic function:

$$W(\alpha, \alpha^*) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int d^2\beta e^{-i\beta\alpha^* - i\beta^*\alpha} C^{(s)}(\beta, \beta^*) \quad (5)$$

Let's do an inverse Fourier transform:

$$C^{(s)}(\beta^*, \beta) = \int d^2\alpha W(\alpha, \alpha^*) e^{i\beta\alpha^*} e^{i\beta^*\alpha} \quad (6)$$

Now it becomes obvious that:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \left( a^{\dagger p} a^q \right)_s \right\rangle &= \frac{\partial^{p+q}}{\partial (i\beta)^p \partial (i\beta^*)^q} \int d^2\alpha W(\alpha, \alpha^*) e^{i\beta\alpha^*} e^{i\beta^*\alpha} \Big|_{\beta^*=\beta=0} \\ &= \left( \overline{\alpha^{*p} \alpha^q} \right)_W, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

with:

$$\left( \overline{\alpha^{*p} \alpha^q} \right)_W \equiv \int d^2\alpha W(\alpha, \alpha^*) \alpha^{*p} \alpha^q \quad (8)$$

For a special case in the problem we thus have:

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{a}\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} \rangle = \int W(\alpha, \alpha^*) |\alpha|^2 d^2\alpha \quad (9)$$

## 4.2 Solution : Hanbury Brown–Twiss effect for thermal and laser light

Considering the light emitted by two independent sources  $S$  and  $S'$  into the modes with wave vectors  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{k}' \neq \mathbf{k}$  respectively (otherwise there is no interference pattern). Assuming that  $\omega = c|\mathbf{k}| = c|\mathbf{k}'|$  and that the polarization vectors ( $\epsilon_k$ ) are parallel. The electromagnetic fields can be expressed simply by using

$$\begin{aligned} E^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_i, t) &= E_k^{\text{vac}} e^{-i\omega t} \left( \hat{a}_k e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_i} + \hat{a}_{k'} e^{i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{r}_i} \right) \\ E^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_j, t) &= E_k^{\text{vac}} e^{i\omega t} \left( \hat{a}_k^\dagger e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger e^{-i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

We can now compute the second order correlation function with:

$$G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) = \langle E^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_1, t) E^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_2, t) E^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_2, t) E^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_1, t) \rangle \quad (11)$$

Beforehand, we notice that because this is the identical time correlation function and similar frequencies, all time phases will vanish / be compensated so we will not write them. Additionally, let us adopt the shorthand notation  $\hat{a}_k(j) = \hat{a}_k e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j}$ , then we compute

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) &= \langle E^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_1, t) E^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_2, t) E^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_2, t) E^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_1, t) \rangle \\ &= (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left\langle \left( \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1) \right) \left( \hat{a}_k^\dagger(2) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2) \right) \left( \hat{a}_k(2) + \hat{a}_{k'}(2) \right) \left( \hat{a}_k(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}(1) \right) \right\rangle \\ &= (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left\langle \left( \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_k(1) + \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_k(1) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_k(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_k(1) + \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_k(1) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) + \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_k(1) + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_k(1) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_k^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) + \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_k(1) + \hat{a}_k^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(2)\hat{a}_{k'}(1) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(1)\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger(2)\hat{a}_k(2)\hat{a}_k(1) \right) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Using the commutation relations,  $[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger] = \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')$  and  $[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_{k'}] = [\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger, \hat{a}_k^\dagger] = 0$ , we notice that the second parentheses contains only terms such as  $(\hat{a}_k^\dagger)^2 \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{k'}$  or  $\hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k^2$  or  $(\hat{a}_k^\dagger)^2 \hat{a}_k^2$ . Since we will use a diagonal density matrix of the form  $\hat{\rho} = \sum_n P(n) |n\rangle \langle n|$ , all these non-diagonal terms will vanish when  $\mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{k}'$ , leaving only the diagonal elements of the first parenthesis, which we can rewrite as

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) &= (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left\langle \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{k'} \left( 1 + e^{-i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot(\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{r}_2)} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k'} \hat{a}_{k'} + \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{k'} \hat{a}_k \left( 1 + e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot(\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{r}_2)} \right) \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Now if the average photon number is the same for both modes  $\langle n \rangle = \langle n_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle = \langle n_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle$  and  $\langle n^2 \rangle = \langle n_{\mathbf{k}}^2 \rangle = \langle n_{\mathbf{k}'}^2 \rangle$ , using the commutation relations we get

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) &= (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left\langle \hat{n}_k^2 - \hat{n}_k + \hat{n}_{k'}^2 - \hat{n}_{k'} + 2\hat{n}_k \hat{n}_{k'} \left( 1 + \cos\{(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)\} \right) \right\rangle \\ &= 2 (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left( \langle \hat{n}^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{n} \rangle + \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 \{ 1 + \cos[(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)] \} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

1. For a thermal light, which follows the Bose-Einstein statistics given by the density matrix  $\rho = \sum_n \frac{\langle n \rangle^n}{(1 + \langle n \rangle)^{n+1}} |n\rangle\langle n| = \sum_n (1 - e^{-\beta}) e^{-n\beta} |n\rangle\langle n|$ , where  $\langle n \rangle = 1/(e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1) = 1/(e^\beta - 1)$ , we compute the average  $\langle n^2 \rangle$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n^2 \rangle &= \text{Tr} \{ \hat{\rho} \hat{n}^2 \} = \sum_n \langle n | \rho \hat{n}^2 | n \rangle = \sum_n n^2 \langle n | \rho | n \rangle = \sum_n n^2 \frac{\langle n \rangle^n}{(1 + \langle n \rangle)^{n+1}} = \sum_n n^2 (1 - e^{-\beta}) e^{-n\beta} \\ &= (1 - e^{-\beta}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} \sum_n e^{-n\beta} = (1 - e^{-\beta}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} (1 - e^{-\beta})^{-1} = (1 - e^{-\beta})^{-2} \left[ (1 - e^{-\beta}) e^{-\beta} + 2e^{-2\beta} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{e^\beta - 1} + 2 \left( \frac{1}{e^\beta - 1} \right)^2 = \langle n \rangle + 2 \langle n \rangle^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

It follows that the correlation function can now be expressed as

$$G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) = 2 (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left( 2 \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 + \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 \{ 1 + \cos[(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)] \} \right) \quad (15)$$

2. Finally, we use an identical procedure for a laser source high above threshold (i.e. a phase-diffused coherent state) given by the density matrix  $\rho = e^{-\langle n \rangle} \sum_n \frac{\langle n \rangle^n}{n!} |n\rangle\langle n|$  (notice that it is not possible to express the density matrix as  $\hat{\rho} = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$  due to the phase diffusion). Since the probabilities now follow the Poisson distribution, we use the property  $\langle \Delta n^2 \rangle = \langle \Delta n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2 = \langle n \rangle$  to infer the value of  $\langle n^2 \rangle = \langle n \rangle + \langle n \rangle^2$ . Therefore, the correlation function is

$$G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) = 2 (E_k^{\text{vac}})^4 \left( \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 + \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 \{ 1 + \cos[(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)] \} \right) \quad (16)$$

### Solution: $g^{(2)}(\tau)$ , second order intensity autocorrelation: Measuring quantum statistics and effects of light

One of the applications of the second order correlation function is to distinguish between different light sources, particularly classical from non-classical light. The normalized second order correlation function is defined as:

$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle \hat{E}^{(-)}(t) \hat{E}^{(-)}(t + \tau) \hat{E}^{(+)}(t + \tau) \hat{E}^{(+)}(t) \rangle}{\langle \hat{E}^{(-)}(t) \hat{E}^{(+)}(t) \rangle^2} = \frac{\langle \hat{a}^\dagger(t) \hat{a}^\dagger(t + \tau) \hat{a}(t + \tau) \hat{a}(t) \rangle}{\langle \hat{a}^\dagger(t) \hat{a}(t) \rangle^2} \quad (17)$$

1. Show that  $g^{(2)}(\tau \rightarrow 0)$  has the following form:

$$g^{(2)}(0) = 1 + \frac{\Delta \hat{n}^2 - \langle \hat{n} \rangle}{\langle \hat{n} \rangle^2} \quad (18)$$

where  $\hat{n}$  is the number operator with  $\Delta \hat{n}^2$ , being the variance in photon number.

According to the definition of second order autocorrelation function Eq. 17, we have

$$g^{(2)}(0) = \frac{\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a} \rangle}{\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle^2} = \frac{\langle (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a})^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle^2}{\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle^2} = \frac{\langle \hat{n}^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 + \langle \hat{n} \rangle^2 - \langle n \rangle^2}{\langle \hat{n} \rangle^2} = 1 + \frac{\Delta \hat{n}^2 - \langle \hat{n} \rangle}{\langle \hat{n} \rangle^2} \quad (19)$$

2. Re-calculate Eq. (18) for:

(a) a coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle$

(b) a Fock state  $|n\rangle$

(c) a state  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$ , where  $\alpha_i (i = 0, 1)$  are complex coefficients of vacuum and single photon states.

(d) a squeezed vacuum state  $|\epsilon\rangle$

Using your results, determine if these states are classical or non-classical, knowing the fact that for a non-classical state  $g^{(2)}(0) < 1$ .

(a) For a coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle$ ,  $\langle \hat{n} \rangle = \Delta \hat{n}^2 = |\alpha|^2$ , therefore we have

$$g^{(2)}(0) = 1 + \frac{|\alpha|^2 - |\alpha|^2}{|\alpha|^4} = 1 \quad (20)$$

It is a **classical state**.

(b) For a Fock state  $|n\rangle$ ,  $\langle \hat{n} \rangle = n$ ,  $\langle \hat{n}^2 \rangle = n^2$ ,  $\Delta \hat{n}^2 = 0$ , therefore we have:

$$g^{(2)}(0) = 1 + \frac{0 - n}{n^2} = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{n} < 1 & n > 0 \\ 1 & n = 0 \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

It is a **non-classical state** if  $n > 0$  and a **classical state** if  $n = 0$ , i.e. a vacuum state.

(c) For a superposition state  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$ ,  $\langle \hat{n} \rangle = |\alpha_1|^2$ ,  $\langle \hat{n}^2 \rangle = |\alpha_1|^2$ ,  $\Delta \hat{n}^2 = |\alpha_1|^2 - |\alpha_1|^4$ , therefore we have

$$g^{(2)}(0) = 1 + \frac{|\alpha_1|^2 - |\alpha_1|^4 - |\alpha_1|^2}{|\alpha_1|^4} = 0 \quad (22)$$

It is a **non-classical state**.

(d) For a squeezed state  $|\epsilon\rangle = \hat{S}(\epsilon) |0\rangle$ , where  $\epsilon = re^{i\phi}$ , we have  $\langle \hat{n} \rangle = \sinh^2(r)$ ,  $\Delta \hat{n}^2 = \sinh^2(2r)/2$ , therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} g^{(2)}(0) &= 1 + \frac{\sinh^2(2r)/2 - \sinh^2(r)}{\sinh^4(r)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{2 \sinh^2(r) \cosh^2(r) - \sinh^2(r)}{\sinh^4(r)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{2 \cosh^2(r) - 1}{\sinh^2(r)} \\ &= 2 + \coth^2(r) > 1 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Even though  $g^{(2)}(0) > 1$ , we cannot say that the squeezed vacuum is a classical state since squeezing is indeed a non-classical quantum signature. Here we cite a more general criterion of non-classical state: a state represented with negative or singular value in Glauber-Sudarshan quasidistribution can be referred as a non-classical state <sup>1</sup>.

### Solution: Hong-Ou-Mandel effect

1. (a) From the homework 3 we know the relation between annihilation/creation operators of the modes

$$\hat{a}_1^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_3^\dagger + i\hat{a}_4^\dagger) \quad (24)$$

$$\hat{a}_2^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i\hat{a}_3^\dagger + \hat{a}_4^\dagger) \quad (25)$$

<sup>1</sup>D.N. Klyshko. Observable signs of nonclassical light. Physics Letters A, 213(1):7–15, 1996.

Therefore,

$$|\psi\rangle_{out} = \hat{a}_{1,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{2,V}^\dagger |0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger + i\hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger) (i\hat{a}_{3,V}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{4,V}^\dagger) |0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (i\hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{3,V}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{4,V}^\dagger - \hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{3,V}^\dagger + i\hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{4,V}^\dagger) |0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (i|1, H\rangle_3 |1, V\rangle_3 + |1, H\rangle_3 |1, V\rangle_4 - |1, V\rangle_3 |1, H\rangle_4 + i|1, H\rangle_4 |1, V\rangle_4) \quad (29)$$

(b) The probability of detecting one photon in each output port is

$$|\langle\langle 1, H|_3 \langle 1, V|_4 | \psi_{out} \rangle\rangle|^2 + |\langle\langle 1, V|_3 \langle 1, H|_4 | \psi_{out} \rangle\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (30)$$

(c) The probability of detecting photon pairs in each output port is

$$|\langle\langle 1, H|_3 \langle 1, V|_3 | \psi_{out} \rangle\rangle|^2 = |\langle\langle 1, V|_4 \langle 1, H|_4 | \psi_{out} \rangle\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad (31)$$

2. When the two single photons are indistinguishable, the output state

$$|\psi\rangle_{out} = \hat{a}_{1,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{2,H}^\dagger |0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 \quad (32)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger + i\hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger) (i\hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger) |0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 \quad (33)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (i\hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger - \hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{3,H}^\dagger + i\hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger \hat{a}_{4,H}^\dagger) |0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (i\sqrt{2}|2, H\rangle_3 + |1, H\rangle_3 |1, H\rangle_4 - |1, H\rangle_3 |1, H\rangle_4 + i\sqrt{2}|2, H\rangle_4) \quad (35)$$

$$= \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (|2, H\rangle_3 |0\rangle_4 + |0, H\rangle_3 |2, H\rangle_4) \quad (36)$$

is NOON state with  $N = 2$ . (b) The probability of detecting one photon in each output port is obviously 0. (c) The probability of detecting photon pairs in port H is

$$|\langle\langle 2, H|_3 \langle 0|_4 | \psi_{out} \rangle\rangle|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (37)$$

Similarly, the probability of detecting photon pairs in port V is

$$|\langle\langle 0|_3 \langle 2, H|_4 | \psi_{out} \rangle\rangle|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (38)$$

3. For figure a, the probability of detecting one photon in each output port is  $11/20 \approx \frac{1}{2}$ , the probability of detecting photo pairs in port H is  $5/20 = 1/4$ , probability of detecting photo pairs in port V is  $4/20 \approx 1/4$ . For figure b, probability of detecting photo pairs in port H is  $10/20 = 1/2$ , probability of detecting photo pairs in port V is  $9/20 \approx 1/2$ . The experimental result follows what we predicted.