# SHO Vacuum Entanglement Solutions Report

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# 1 Grade Distribution Analysis

# 1.1 Auto-Verification Results

Model	Correct	Incorrect	Unknown	Success Rate
meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct	0	5	0	0.0%
Qwen/Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct	0	5	0	0.0%
meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	0	5	0	0.0%
Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	0	5	0	0.0%
Qwen/QwQ-32B-Preview	0	5	0	0.0%
chatgpt-40-latest	0	5	0	0.0%
o3-mini	5	0	0	100.0%
o1	0	5	0	0.0%
deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3	0	5	0	0.0%
deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-R1	4	1	0	80.0%

Note: Success Rate = Correct / (Correct + Incorrect) 100%

## 1.2 Overall Grade Distribution



## 1.3 Grade Distribution by Solution Model

Model	Α	В	С	D	Total
meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct	0	1	3	1	5
Qwen/Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct	0	0	1	4	5
meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	0	0	0	5	5
Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	0	0	1	4	5
Qwen/QwQ-32B-Preview	0	0	5	0	5
chatgpt-40-latest	0	0	5	0	5
o3-mini	5	0	0	0	5
o1	5	0	0	0	5
deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3	0	1	4	0	5
deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-R1	0	0	4	1	5

# 1.4 Grade-Verification Correlation Analysis

Grade	Correct	Incorrect	Unknown	Total
A	5(50.0%)	5(50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	10
В	0 (0.0%)	2(100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2
C	4 (17.4%)	19~(82.6%)	0 (0.0%)	23
D	0 (0.0%)	15~(100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	15
Total	9 (18.0%)	41 (82.0%)	0 (0.0%)	50



Note: Percentages in parentheses show the distribution of verification results within each grade.

# 2 Problem SHO Vacuum Entanglement, Difficulty level: 4

**Problem Text:** 

Consider a coupled simple harmonic oscillator governed by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$
 (1)

If the ground state is  $|\Omega\rangle$  and the operator  $\hat{\rho}$  is the vacuum density matrix partially traced over the  $|w\rangle_{x_2}$  components (satisfying  $\hat{x}_2|w\rangle_{x_2} = w|w\rangle_{x_2}$ ), i.e.

$$\hat{\rho} \equiv \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(2)

which is an operator acting on a reduced Hilbert space, compute

$$S \equiv -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{3}$$

which involves the trace over  $x_1$  states.

## 2.1 Expert Solution

Detailed Steps: Diagonalize the original Hamiltonian

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & p_1 & p_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k+g}{2} & -\frac{g}{2} & & \\ -\frac{g}{2} & \frac{k+g}{2} & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2m} & \\ & & & \frac{1}{2m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (4)

One easily finds

$$x_1 = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$
(5)

$$x_2 = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{6}$$

diagonalizes the Hamiltonian such that in the  $(y_1, y_2, q_1 \equiv m\dot{y}_1, q_2 \equiv m\dot{y}_2)$  basis, it is

$$H = (y_1 \quad y_2 \quad q_1 \quad q_2) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k}{2} & 0 & & \\ 0 & \frac{k}{2} + g & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2m} & \\ & & & \frac{1}{2m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (7)

The ladder operators are

$$a_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \sqrt{m\omega_j} y_j + \frac{i}{\sqrt{m\omega_j}} q_j \right) \tag{8}$$

$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad \omega_2^2 = \frac{k+2g}{m} \tag{9}$$

which allows one to rewrite the Hamiltonian as

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{j}^{\dagger} a_{j} \omega_{j} + \frac{\omega_{1} + \omega_{2}}{2}.$$
 (10)

In this basis, we denote the ground state as

$$a_1|00\rangle_{\vec{n}_y} = 0 = a_2|00\rangle_{\vec{n}_y}.$$
(11)

Hence we have found  $|\Omega\rangle = |00\rangle_{\vec{n}_y}$ . We know that the wave function in the  $\vec{y}$  coordinates is the product of well known simple harmonic oscillator solutions:

$$\langle y_1', y_2'|00\rangle_{\vec{n}_y} = \frac{1}{\left(\pi b_1^2\right)^{1/4}} \exp\left[\frac{-\left(y_1'\right)^2}{2b_1^2}\right] \frac{1}{\left(\pi b_2^2\right)^{1/4}} \exp\left[\frac{-\left(y_2'\right)^2}{2b_2^2}\right]$$
(12)

where

$$b_n \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{m\omega_n}} \tag{13}$$

making this a convenient basis to work with. Note

$$\begin{split} \hat{y}_{1}\left(|a\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|b\rangle_{x_{2}}\right) &= \int dy'_{1}dy'_{2}\hat{y}_{1}|y'_{1}y'_{2}\rangle\langle y'_{1}y'_{2}|\left(|a\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|b\rangle_{x_{2}}\right) \\ &= \int dy'_{1}dy'_{2}y'_{1}|y'_{1}y'_{2}\rangle\langle y'_{1}y'_{2}|\left(|a\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|b\rangle_{x_{2}}\right) \\ &= \int dx'_{1}dx'_{2}y'_{1}\left(|x'_{1}\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|x'_{2}\rangle_{x_{2}}\right)\left(x_{1}\langle x'_{1}|\otimes x_{2}\langle x'_{2}|\right)\left(|a\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|b\rangle_{x_{2}}\right) \\ &= \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|a\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|b\rangle_{x_{2}}\right) \end{split}$$

where we used the completeness of the basis, Eqs. (5) and (6), and the usual delta function normalization of the position basis. This and a similar relation for  $\hat{y}_2$  imply

$$|a\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |b\rangle_{x_2} = \left|\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a-b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|. \tag{14}$$

This means

$$_{\vec{n}_{y}}\langle 00|\left(|x_{1}'\rangle_{x_{1}}\otimes|w\rangle_{x_{2}}\right) = _{\vec{n}_{y}}\langle 00|\frac{x_{1}'+w}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{x_{1}'-w}{\sqrt{2}}\rangle = \frac{1}{\left(\pi b_{1}^{2}\right)^{1/4}}\exp\left[\frac{-\left(\frac{x_{1}'+w}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2}}{2b_{1}^{2}}\right]\frac{1}{\left(\pi b_{2}^{2}\right)^{1/4}}\exp\left[\frac{-\left(\frac{x_{1}'-w}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2}}{2b_{2}^{2}}\right].$$
(15)

The partial trace is defined through the following contraction of (2,2) tensor to a (1,1) tensor:

$$\begin{split} \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes_{x_2} \langle w| \right) \left( |00\rangle_{\vec{n}_y \ \vec{n}_y} \langle 00| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \\ &= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \frac{1}{(\pi b_1^2)^{1/4}} \exp\left[\frac{-\left(\frac{x_1'+w}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}{2b_1^2}\right] \frac{1}{(\pi b_2^2)^{1/4}} \exp\left[\frac{-\left(\frac{x_1'-w}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}{2b_2^2}\right] \times \\ &= \frac{1}{(\pi b_1^2)^{1/4}} \exp\left[\frac{-\left(\frac{x_1'+w}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}{2b_1^2}\right] \frac{1}{(\pi b_2^2)^{1/4}} \exp\left[\frac{-\left(\frac{x_1'-w}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}{2b_2^2}\right]. \end{split}$$

Integrate over w, we find

$$\begin{split} \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 \ x_1} \langle x_1' | \frac{1}{(\pi b_1^2)^{1/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_2^2)^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{m}{4} \left(\omega_1 + \omega_2\right) \left(\left[x_1'\right]^2 + \left[x_1''\right]^2\right)\right] \times \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{m \left[\omega_1 + \omega_2\right]}} \exp\left[\frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{\omega_2}}{\sqrt{\omega_1}} - \frac{\sqrt{\omega_1}}{\sqrt{\omega_2}}\right)^2 (x_1' + x_1'')^2}{8\frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2}\right)}\right] \\ &= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 \ x_1} \langle x_1' | \frac{1}{(\pi b_1^2)^{1/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_2^2)^{1/2}} \times \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{m \left[\omega_1 + \omega_2\right]}} \exp\left[\frac{m(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2 2x_1' x_1'' - m \left[8\omega_1\omega_2 + (\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2\right] \left(\left[x_1'\right]^2 + \left[x_1''\right]^2\right)}{8(\omega_1 + \omega_2)}\right]. \end{split}$$

Next, to identify the matrix, use

$$\frac{m(\omega_{2}-\omega_{1})^{2}2x_{1}'x_{1}''-m\left[8\omega_{1}\omega_{2}+(\omega_{1}-\omega_{2})^{2}\right]\left(\left[x_{1}'\right]^{2}+\left[x_{1}''\right]^{2}\right)}{8(\omega_{1}+\omega_{2})} = -\frac{1}{2b^{2}}\left[\left(\left[x_{1}'\right]^{2}+\left[x_{1}''\right]^{2}\right)-2\frac{(\omega_{2}-\omega_{1})^{2}}{\gamma}x_{1}'x_{1}''\right]\right]$$

$$\gamma \equiv 8\omega_{1}\omega_{2}+(\omega_{1}-\omega_{2})^{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} = -\frac{m\gamma}{\gamma}$$
(18)

$$\frac{1}{2b^2} \equiv \frac{1}{8(\omega_1 + \omega_2)} \tag{18}$$

$$b = 2\sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{m[8\omega_1\omega_2 + (\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2]}}$$
(19)

to write

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \frac{1}{(\pi b_1^2)^{1/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_2^2)^{1/2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{m [\omega_1 + \omega_2]}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2b^2} \left( [x_1']^2 + [x_1'']^2 \right) \right] \exp\left(\frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{\gamma b^2} x_1' x_1''\right).$$
(20)

Change basis to energy with a new effective frequency

$$b_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m\omega_3}} \tag{21}$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_{nv} |v\rangle \langle v|\hat{\rho}|n\rangle \langle n|$$
(22)

$$\langle v|\hat{\rho}|n\rangle = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \langle v|x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'|n\rangle \frac{1}{(\pi b_1^2)^{1/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_2^2)^{1/2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{m [\omega_1 + \omega_2]}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2b^2} \left( [x_1']^2 + [x_1'']^2 \right) \right] \exp\left(\frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{\gamma b^2} x_1' x_1''\right)$$
(23)

where

$$\langle x_1'|n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!b_3}\sqrt{\pi}2^n} e^{\frac{-(x_1')^2}{2b_3^2}} H_n\left(\frac{x_1'}{b_3}\right)$$
(24)

are the well known oscillator wave functions and  $b_3$  still has to be chosen. One can show by carrying out the integrals that the matrix is diagonalized if

$$\begin{split} b_3 &= \frac{b}{\left(1 - b^4 \left[\frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{\gamma b^2}\right]^2\right)^{1/4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{m} \omega_1^{1/4} \omega_2^{1/4}} \,. \end{split}$$

 $\langle v|\hat{\rho}|n\rangle = \lambda_n \delta_{vn}$ 

This gives

where

$$\lambda_{n} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{m [\omega_{1} + \omega_{2}]}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_{1}^{2})^{1/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_{2}^{2})^{1/2}} m_{11} \left( \frac{b^{2} \frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{\gamma b^{2}}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - b^{4} \left[ \frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{\gamma b^{2}} \right]^{2}}} \right)^{n-1}$$
$$= \frac{\pi \sqrt{m}}{2 \left[ \omega_{1} + \omega_{2} \right]^{3/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_{1}^{2})^{1/2}} \frac{1}{(\pi b_{2}^{2})^{1/2}} \frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{\left(\sqrt{m} \omega_{1}^{1/4} \omega_{2}^{1/4}\right)^{3} \left( \frac{b_{3}^{2}}{b^{2}} + 1 \right)^{3/2}} \left( \frac{\frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{8\omega_{1}\omega_{2} + (\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}}{1 + \frac{b^{2}}{b_{3}^{2}}} \right)^{n-1}$$

where we used

$$m_{11} = \frac{b^3 \frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{\gamma b^2} \sqrt{2\pi}}{\left(1 + \sqrt{1 - b^4 \left(\frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{\gamma b^2}\right)^2}\right)^{3/2}}$$
$$= \frac{m(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2 \sqrt{2\pi}}{4(\omega_1 + \omega_2) \left(\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{b_3^2}\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{b_3}{b} \end{pmatrix}^2 = \frac{1}{m\omega_1^{1/2}\omega_2^{1/2}} \frac{1}{4\frac{\omega_1+\omega_2}{m[8\omega_1\omega_2+(\omega_1-\omega_2)^2]}} \\ = \frac{1}{\omega_1^{1/2}\omega_2^{1/2}} \frac{8\omega_1\omega_2 + (\omega_1-\omega_2)^2}{4(\omega_1+\omega_2)}.$$

Simplify:

$$\lambda_{n} = \frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{\sqrt{8\omega_{1}\omega_{2} + (\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2} + 4\omega_{1}^{1/2}\omega_{2}^{1/2}(\omega_{1} + \omega_{2})}} \left(\frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{8\omega_{1}\omega_{2} + (\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2} + \omega_{1}^{1/2}\omega_{2}^{1/2}4(\omega_{1} + \omega_{2})}\right)^{n}$$
$$= \frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}} \left[\frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}}\right]^{n}.$$

Since we want to evaluate

$$-\mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = -\partial_n\ln\mathrm{tr}\hat{\rho}^n|_{n=1}$$

(25)

we compute

$$\ln \operatorname{tr} \rho^{n} = \ln \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{j}^{n} \right)$$
$$= \ln \left( \sum_{j} \left[ \frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}} \left[ \frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}} \right]^{j} \right]^{n} \right)$$
$$= n \ln \left[ \frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}} \right] + \ln \left( \sum_{j} \left[ \frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}} \right]^{nj} \right)$$
$$= n \ln \left[ \frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}} \right] - \ln \left( 1 - \left[ \frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}} \right]^{n} \right).$$

Hence, we arrive at

$$S = -\left\{ \ln\left[\frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}}\right] - \frac{\left[\frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}}\right] \ln\left[\frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}}\right]\right)}{\left(1 - \left[\frac{(\omega_{1} - \omega_{2})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}}\right]\right)}\right\}$$
$$= \left[-\ln\left(\frac{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}}\right) - \left(\frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{4\sqrt{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{2}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{(\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})^{2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_{1}} + \sqrt{\omega_{2}})^{4}}\right)\right]$$

where

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$
(26)

**Final Answer:** 

$$S = \left[ -\ln\left(\frac{4\sqrt{\omega_1\omega_2}}{\left(\sqrt{\omega_1} + \sqrt{\omega_2}\right)^2}\right) - \left(\frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{4\sqrt{\omega_1\omega_2}\left(\sqrt{\omega_1} + \sqrt{\omega_2}\right)^2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{(\omega_2 - \omega_1)^2}{\left(\sqrt{\omega_1} + \sqrt{\omega_2}\right)^4}\right) \right]$$
(27)

where

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$
(28)

Answer Requirements: Provide the answer in the form of the python code. Implement the following function

Code Implementation:

```
from math import sqrt, log
def entropy(k:float,g:float,m:float)->float:
  w_1 = sqrt(k/m)
  w_2 = sqrt((k+2*g)/m)
  expr_1 = 4*sqrt(w_1*w_2)
  expr_2 = (sqrt(w_1)+sqrt(w_2))**2
  expr_3 = (w_2-w_1)**2
  return - log(expr_1/expr_2)-(expr_3/expr_1/expr_2)*log(expr_3/expr_2**2)
```

## 2.2 Model Solutions

## 2.2.1 Model: o3-mini

Attempt 1 (2025-02-02T05:47:06.743559Z)

## **Detailed Solution:**

#### Step 1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

We start with the Hamiltonian for two coupled oscillators (we set h = 1 throughout)

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + \frac{g}{2} (x_1 - x_2)^2$$

It is convenient to introduce the normal (centerofmass and relative) coordinates

x

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

with the inverse

$$x_1 = \frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{X-Y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Using the orthogonality of this transformation one finds

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = X^2 + Y^2$$
,  $(x_1 - x_2)^2 = 2Y^2$ .

Thus the potential energy becomes

$$\frac{1}{2}k(x_1^2+x_2^2)+\frac{g}{2}(x_1-x_2)^2=\frac{1}{2}kX^2+\frac{1}{2}(k+2g)Y^2.$$

Similarly the kinetic energy (by the same orthogonal transformation) separates:

$$T = \frac{p_X^2}{2m} + \frac{p_Y^2}{2m} \,.$$

Thus the Hamiltonian decouples into two harmonic oscillators with frequencies

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad , \quad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}} \, .$$

In the ground state the wave function factorizes:

$$\Psi(X,Y) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{m\omega_X}{2}X^2 - \frac{m\omega_Y}{2}Y^2\right].$$

### Step 2. Compute the Reduced Covariance Matrix for Oscillator 1

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing over the  $x_2$  (or equivalently, over Y) degree of freedom. Since the full state is Gaussian the reduced state will also be Gaussian and is completely characterized by its covariance matrix. We now compute the variances for the  $x_1$  degree of freedom. Since

we have

$$\big\langle x_1^2 \big\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Big( \big\langle X^2 \big\rangle + \big\langle Y^2 \big\rangle \Big)$$

 $x_1 = \frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}},$ 

For a harmonic oscillator with Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 \,,$$

its ground state yields

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega} \quad , \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega}{2}$$

Thus, for the normal modes we have:

$$\langle X^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega_X} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{mk}} , \quad \langle Y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega_Y} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{m(k+2g)}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{mk}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{m(k+2g)}} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{mk}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m(k+2g)}} \right)$$

Similarly, writing the momentum in the  $x_1$  coordinate as

$$p_1 = \frac{p_X + p_Y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

we have

$$\langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Big( \langle p_X^2 \rangle + \langle p_Y^2 \rangle \Big) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{mk}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{m(k+2g)}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{mk} + \sqrt{m(k+2g)} \right).$$

Notice that the reduced state (being mixed) is characterized by the quantity

$$\nu = \sqrt{\left\langle x_1^2 \right\rangle \left\langle p_1^2 \right\rangle} \, .$$

Using our results we find

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{mk}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m(k+2g)}} \right) \left( \sqrt{mk} + \sqrt{m(k+2g)} \right).$$

Multiplying out the terms gives

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \Big[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + 1 \Big] = \frac{1}{16} \Big[ 2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} \Big].$$

Thus, the symplectic eigenvalue of the onemode reduced state is

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}$$

(Notice that the mass m cancels out so that  $\nu$  and hence the entropy depends only on the ratio between g and k.)

## Step 3. Compute the Von Neumann (Entanglement) Entropy

For any one mode Gaussian state the von Neumann entropy may be written in terms of its symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  as (see, e.g., Ref. [1])

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}(\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}) = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Thus, substituting our expression for  $\nu$  we obtain our final symbolic answer:

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{$$

#### Step 4. Python Code Implementation

Below is the complete Python code implementing the function

```
import math
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    """
    Compute the entanglement (von Neumann) entropy S for one oscillator
    in a system of two coupled harmonic oscillators with Hamiltonian
```

```
H = \sup_{\{i=1\}} \{2\} \ 1/2*(p_i^2/m + k*x_i^2) + g/2*(x_1 - x_2)^2,
    after tracing over one oscillator.
    The entropy is given by
     S = (+1/2) * \ln(+1/2) - (-1/2) * \ln(-1/2),
    where
         = (1/4)*sqrt(2 + sqrt((k+2g)/k) + sqrt(k/(k+2g))).
    Note: In the derivation the mass cancels, so S is independent of m, but we
                                               include m for completeness.
    Parameters:
     k (float): the spring constant of each individual oscillator.
     g (float): the coupling constant.
     m (float): the mass (will cancel out).
    Returns:
     float: the entanglement entropy (in nats).
    .....
    # To avoid division by zero, we check that k>0 and (k+2g)>0.
    if k \le 0 or (k + 2 * g) \le 0:
       raise ValueError("k and k+2g must be positive.")
    # Compute the ratios that appear in the symplectic eigenvalue
   r = math.sqrt((k + 2*g) / k) # sqrt((k+2g)/k)
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue
   nu = (1/4) * math.sqrt(2 + r + 1/r)
    # Compute the two terms:
   term1 = nu + 0.5
    term2 = nu - 0.5
    # In the limit of no coupling (g=0) we have nu=1/2 so that term2 becomes zero.
    # We take the convention 0*\ln(0)=0.
   S = term1 * math.log(term1)
    if term2 > 0:
       S -= term2 * math.log(term2)
    return S
For example, one may test the function as follows
if __name__ == "__main__"
   k = 1.0 # spring constant
   g = 0.3 # coupling
            # mass
   m = 1.0
   print("Entanglement Entropy S =", entropy(k, g, m))
```

$$\mathbf{Final Answer:} \quad S = \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}$$

Final Answer: S as given above. Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

#### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:40:39.435568Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian using normal coordinates and computes the entanglement entropy for one of the oscillators. The approach is consistent with the standard solution, which involves finding the symplectic eigenvalue and using it to calculate the von Neumann entropy. The final expression for the entropy is different in form but equivalent to the standard solution, as both are derived from the same physical principles and mathematical transformations. The Python code implementation further supports the correctness of the solution by providing a computational method to verify the result.

## Attempt 2 (2025-02-02T05:48:29.162021Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Below is one acceptable solution. We start with the Hamiltonian for two coupled oscillators

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + \frac{g}{2} (x_1 - x_2)^2.$$

A very useful method is to change to normalmode coordinates. Define

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

so that the inverse transformation is

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(X+Y), \qquad x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(X-Y).$$

In these coordinates the potential becomes

$$V = \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_2^2 + \frac{g}{2}(x_1 - x_2)^2$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2}k\left[\frac{(X+Y)^2 + (X-Y)^2}{2}\right] + \frac{g}{2}(\sqrt{2}Y)^2$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}k(X^2 + Y^2) + gY^2$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}kX^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k+2g)Y^2$ .

Thus the normal mode frequencies are

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \qquad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

The ground state is a product state of the two independent oscillators (in the X, Y coordinates). In the ground state for a onedimensional oscillator (with  $\hbar = 1$ ) we have

$$x^2$$
 =  $\frac{1}{2m\omega}$  ,  $\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega}{2}$ 

Expressing  $x_1$  in terms of X and Y (namely,  $x_1 = (X + Y)/\sqrt{2}$ ) one easily shows that

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle X^2 \rangle + \langle Y^2 \rangle \right) = \frac{1}{4m} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_X} + \frac{1}{\omega_Y} \right)$$

and, similarly, since

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (P_X + P_Y), \qquad \langle P_X^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega_X}{2}, \quad \langle P_Y^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega_Y}{2},$$

we have

$$\langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \Big( \omega_X + \omega_Y \Big).$$

Thus the product is

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_X} + \frac{1}{\omega_Y} \right) \left( \omega_X + \omega_Y \right) = \frac{1}{16} \left( 2 + \frac{\omega_Y}{\omega_X} + \frac{\omega_X}{\omega_Y} \right)$$

A onemode Gaussian state is completely characterized by the Williamson eigenvalue (or symplectic eigenvalue) which may be taken as

$$\nu_{\rm symp} = \sqrt{\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle}$$

Hence, introducing

$$\frac{\omega_Y}{\omega_X} = \sqrt{\frac{(k+2g)/m}{k/m}} = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}$$

and its reciprocal, we find

$$\nu_{\rm symp} = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}$$

Now, when one traces over the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  (acting on the  $x_1$  Hilbert space) is a Gaussian (mixed) state whose von Neumann entropy (i.e. the entanglement entropy) is given by

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = \left(\nu_{\mathrm{symp}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu_{\mathrm{symp}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu_{\mathrm{symp}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu_{\mathrm{symp}} - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Thus the final answer in symbolic form is

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt$$

Notice that (when using units in which  $\hbar = 1$ ) the mass *m* cancels out of the final answer because it drops out from the ratio of normalmode frequencies.

Below is the Python code which implements a function that takes k, g and m as inputs and returns S according to the above formula.

import math

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # We work in units with = 1.
    # The two normal mode frequencies are:
    omega_X = math.sqrt(k / m)
    omega_Y = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    \ensuremath{\texttt{\#}} Their ratio (the mass m cancels in the ratio):
    ratio = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / k) # = omega_Y/omega_X
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue:
    nu_symp = 0.25 * math.sqrt(2 + ratio + 1/ratio)
    # The entanglement (von Neumann) entropy for a one-mode Gaussian state is:
    term1 = (nu_symp + 0.5) * math.log(nu_symp + 0.5)
    term2 = (nu_symp - 0.5) * math.log(nu_symp - 0.5) if nu_symp > 0.5 else 0.0
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
Example usage:
if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Set some example parameters:
   k = 1.0
    g = 0.5
    m = 1.0
    print("Entanglement Entropy S =", entropy(k, g, m))
Final Answer:
```

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{$$

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**Evaluations:** 

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Notes: The submitted solution correctly identifies the normal mode frequencies as  $\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , which matches the standard solution. The transformation to normal-mode coordinates and the calculation of the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu_{\text{symp}}$  are correctly performed. The final expression for the entanglement entropy S is derived using the symplectic eigenvalue and matches the expected form for a Gaussian state. The approach is valid and the solution is physically equivalent to the standard solution, demonstrating a correct understanding of the problem.

## Attempt 3 (2025-02-02T05:49:34.160218Z)

Detailed Solution: Below is one complete solution. We start with the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + \frac{g}{2} (x_1 - x_2)^2,$$

which, after writing the last term as

$$\frac{g}{2}(x_1-x_2)^2=\frac{g}{2}(x_1^2-2x_1x_2+x_2^2),$$

may be recast as

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (k+g)(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - 2gx_1x_2 \right].$$

A standard way to decouple this Hamiltonian is to introduce the normal mode coordinates

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

with the inverse relations

$$x_1 = \frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad x_2 = \frac{X-Y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

A short calculation shows that

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = X^2 + Y^2$$
,  $x_1 x_2 = \frac{1}{2}(X^2 - Y^2)$ .

Thus the potential energy becomes

$$\frac{1}{2} \Big[ (k+g)(X^2+Y^2) - 2g\frac{X^2-Y^2}{2} \Big] = \frac{1}{2} \Big[ kX^2 + (k+2g)Y^2 \Big].$$

Also, the kinetic energy separates in the same way. Therefore the Hamiltonian is

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$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( P_X^2 + P_Y^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} k X^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( k + 2g \right) Y^2,$$

with the frequencies

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \qquad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

The ground state is a product of two Gaussians (one for each normal mode). However, our goal is to find the entropy of the reduced density matrix

$$\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2} |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega |$$

obtained by tracing over the  $x_2$  (or equivalently Y) part. In Gaussian states the reduced density matrix is itself Gaussian and may be characterized by its covariance matrix. In particular, one may show that the entanglement (von Neumann) entropy is given in terms of the socalled symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  of the reduced covariance matrix by

$$S = -\text{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

We now determine  $\nu$ . Write  $x_1$  in terms of the normal modes as

$$x_1 = \frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}},$$

so that

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle X^2 \rangle + \langle Y^2 \rangle \right).$$

For the ground state of a harmonic oscillator we have

$$\langle X^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega_X}, \qquad \langle Y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega_Y}.$$

Thus,

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4m} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_X} + \frac{1}{\omega_Y} \right).$$

Similarly, for the momentum operator we have

$$p_1 = \frac{P_X + P_Y}{\sqrt{2}} \implies \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \Big( m\omega_X + m\omega_Y \Big) = \frac{m}{4} \Big( \omega_X + \omega_Y \Big).$$

It is convenient to form the product

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \Big( \frac{1}{\omega_X} + \frac{1}{\omega_Y} \Big) \Big( m \omega_X + m \omega_Y \Big).$$

Defining

$$A = \sqrt{mk}$$
 and  $B = \sqrt{m(k+2g)}$ ,

note that

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{A}{m}, \qquad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}} = \frac{B}{m}.$$

Then one finds

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{A} + \frac{1}{B} \right) (A+B) \right] = \frac{1}{16} \left( 2 + \frac{A}{B} + \frac{B}{A} \right).$$

But

$$\frac{A}{B} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}, \qquad \frac{B}{A} = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}},$$

so that

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \left( 2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} \right).$$

It is standard to define the symplectic eigenvalue as

$$\nu = \sqrt{\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}.$$

Then the entanglement entropy is

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right),$$

with

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}.$$

For ease of implementation one may define

$$n = \nu - \frac{1}{2}$$

so that

 $S = (n+1)\ln(n+1) - n\ln n \, .$ 

This is our final symbolic answer.

We now provide the complete Python implementation. Note that the function

#### entropy(k:float, g:float, m:float)->float

computes the entropy S from the parameters k, g, and m. Below is the full Python code:

```
import math
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    Compute the entanglement entropy S for the reduced density matrix of a two
                                                 coupled
    simple harmonic oscillators with Hamiltonian
    H = \frac{1}{2} * \left[ \frac{p1^2}{m} + \frac{p2^2}{m} \right] + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{k}{x(x1^2+x2^2)} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{g(x1-x2)^2}{2}.
    The entanglement entropy is given by
     S = (+1/2) \ln(+1/2) - (-1/2) \ln(-1/2),
    where
         = (1/4) * sqrt[2 + sqrt(k/(k+2g)) + sqrt((k+2g)/k)].
    Parameters:
      k (float): the spring constant of the individual oscillators
      g (float): the coupling constant between the oscillators
     m (float): the mass of each oscillator
    Returns:
     float: the entanglement entropy S
    # We assume k > 0, m > 0 and k+2g > 0 for stability.
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue
    # Note: m cancels out in the expression for
                                                   so that it depends only on k and g
   nu = 0.25 * math.sqrt(2 + math.sqrt(k/(k+2*g)) + math.sqrt((k+2*g)/k))
    # Compute the two terms needed.
    term1 = nu + 0.5
    term2 = nu - 0.5
    # In the limit of zero entanglement (g=0) one finds term2 -> 0, and 0*\log(0) is
                                                 defined to be 0.
    # Here we simply rely on the fact that when g = 0, term2 is 0 and S = 0.
    # For numerical purposes, one might want to add a small epsilon if needed.
   S = term1 * math.log(term1) - term2 * math.log(term2) if term2 > 0 else 0.0
    return S
Example usage:
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Provide some example parameters:
   k_example = 1.0 # spring constant
                     # coupling constant
# mass
    g_example = 0.5
    m_example = 1.0
    print("Entropy S =", entropy(k_example, g_example, m_example))
```

Final Answer:  

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2$$

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## **Evaluations:**

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Notes: The submitted solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian using normal mode coordinates and derives the entanglement entropy in terms of the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$ . The approach is consistent with the standard solution, which also involves diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and calculating the entropy from the reduced density matrix. The final expression for the entropy S in the submitted solution is equivalent to the standard solution's expression, albeit in a different form. The Python implementation provided is a correct numerical method to compute the entropy given the parameters k, g, and m. Overall, the solution demonstrates a clear understanding of the problem and provides a valid alternative method to reach the same physical result.

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Attempt 4 (2025-02-02T05:50:30.265581Z)

Detailed Solution: We start with the Hamiltonian for two coupled harmonic oscillators,

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + \frac{g}{2} \left( x_1 - x_2 \right)^2.$$

A useful first step is to introduce the normal mode coordinates

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

with the corresponding momenta

$$P_X = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad P_Y = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In these coordinates the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( P_X^2 + P_Y^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ kX^2 + (k+2g)Y^2 \right].$$

Thus the two normal modes have frequencies

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \qquad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

Because the Hamiltonian is quadratic the ground state is a Gaussian  $|\Omega\rangle = |0_X\rangle \otimes |0_Y\rangle$ . Its covariance matrix is diagonal in the normal mode coordinates with

$$\langle X^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega_X}, \quad \langle P_X^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega_X}{2}, \qquad \langle Y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2m\omega_Y}, \quad \langle P_Y^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega_Y}{2}.$$

We wish to trace over the  $x_2$  (or equivalently the Y mode) to obtain the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for oscillator  $x_1$ . In the coordinate basis the  $x_1$  operators are obtained from

$$c_1 = \frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad p_1 = \frac{P_X + P_Y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus,

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Big( \langle X^2 \rangle + \langle Y^2 \rangle \Big) = \frac{1}{4m} \Big( \frac{1}{\omega_X} + \frac{1}{\omega_Y} \Big)$$

and

$$\langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Big( \langle P_X^2 \rangle + \langle P_Y^2 \rangle \Big) = \frac{m}{4} \Big( \omega_X + \omega_Y \Big).$$

Their product is

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \Big( \omega_X + \omega_Y \Big) \Big( \frac{1}{\omega_X} + \frac{1}{\omega_Y} \Big) = \frac{1}{16} \Big( 2 + \frac{\omega_Y}{\omega_X} + \frac{\omega_X}{\omega_Y} \Big).$$

For a single mode Gaussian state the von Neumann entropy (with  $\hbar = 1$ ) can be written in terms of the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  of its covariance matrix. In our case (where the reduced state is mixed) we define

$$\nu = \sqrt{\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2 + \frac{\omega_Y}{\omega_X} + \frac{\omega_X}{\omega_Y}}.$$

Note that when g = 0 the frequencies coincide and we have

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2+1+1} = \frac{1}{2},$$

and the entropy will vanish since the state is pure. Now, using

$$\frac{\omega_Y}{\omega_X} = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}$$
 and  $\frac{\omega_X}{\omega_Y} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}$ ,

we find

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}.$$

The von Neumann (entanglement) entropy for a onemode Gaussian state is given by

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}(\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}) = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Thus our final symbolic answer is:

$$S(k,g,m) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{$$

(Remember that *m* cancels out in the calculation so the entropy depends only on *k* and *g*.) Now we convert this answer into Python code. The function below implements the entropy calculation. (We take care to avoid problems when the argument of the logarithm vanishes; note that for g = 0 we have  $\nu = 1/2$  and the corresponding term is taken to be zero by continuity.) Below is the complete Python code:

```
import math
```

```
g (float): coupling constant
      m (float): mass (included for completeness)
    Returns:
     float: The entanglement entropy (in natural logarithm units).
    if k \leq 0:
        raise ValueError("The spring constant k must be positive.")
    # Compute the ratio terms:
    alpha = math.sqrt((k + 2*g) / k) # This is omega_Y / omega_X
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue nu:
   nu = 0.25 * math.sqrt(2 + alpha + 1/alpha)
    # Define the two terms:
    term_plus = nu + 0.5
    term_minus = nu - 0.5
    # To handle the pure state case (g = 0) where term_minus is zero,
    # we define 0*\log(0) = 0.
    entropy_plus = term_plus * math.log(term_plus)
    entropy_minus = term_minus * math.log(term_minus) if term_minus > 0 else 0.0
    S = entropy_plus - entropy_minus
    return S
Example usage:
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # choose some values for k, g, and m
   k_val = 1.0
    g_val = 0.2
    m_val = 1.0 # note: m does not affect the result
    print("Entropy S =", entropy(k_val, g_val, m_val))
```

Final Answer:

$$S(k,g,m) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{$$

This result and its implementation in Python satisfy the requirements of the problem. **Verification Results:** 

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**Evaluations:** 

### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:40:59.986950Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian using normal mode coordinates and computes the von Neumann entropy for the reduced density matrix of one oscillator. The approach is consistent with the standard solution, which involves finding the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  and using it to calculate the entropy. The final expression for the entropy is equivalent to the standard solution's result, albeit in a different form. The Python implementation accurately reflects the mathematical derivation, ensuring continuity at g = 0. Overall, the solution demonstrates a thorough understanding of the problem and provides a valid alternative method to reach the correct result.

Attempt 5 (2025-02-02T05:51:44.617446Z)

Detailed Solution: We will show that if we start with the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + \frac{g}{2} (x_1 - x_2)^2,$$

then after tracing over the  $x_2$  degree of freedom the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  (which describes the state of oscillator 1) is a singlemode Gaussian state whose von Neumann (or entanglement) entropy is given by

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] = \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \nu - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \nu - \frac{1}{2} \right),$$
$$\nu = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}}}.$$

with

## Step 1. Diagonalizing the Hamiltonian via Normal Modes

Define the normal coordinates

$$x_{\pm} = \frac{x_1 \pm x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad p_{\pm} = \frac{p_1 \pm p_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In these variables the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}(p_{+}^{2} + p_{-}^{2}) + \frac{k}{2}(x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}) + \frac{g}{2}(x_{1} - x_{2})^{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m}(p_{+}^{2} + p_{-}^{2}) + \frac{k}{2}(x_{+}^{2} + x_{-}^{2}) + \frac{g}{2}(\sqrt{2}x_{-})^{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m}(p_{+}^{2} + p_{-}^{2}) + \frac{1}{2}[kx_{+}^{2} + (k + 2g)x_{-}^{2}].$$

Thus the two normal modes have frequencies

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \qquad \omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

Since the ground state of the full Hamiltonian is a product state in the (+, -) coordinates, we have

$$\Psi_0(x_+,x_-) = \psi_+(x_+)\,\psi_-(x_-)\,,$$

with

$$\psi_{\pm}(x_{\pm}) = \left(\frac{m\omega_{\pm}}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left[-\frac{m\omega_{\pm}}{2\hbar}x_{\pm}^{2}\right].$$

## Step 2. Forming the Reduced Density Matrix

One is interested in the reduced density matrix obtained by tracing over the  $x_2$  (or, equivalently, one of the modes after an appropriate change of variables). Writing  $x_1$  in terms of  $x_{\pm}$  as

$$x_1 = \frac{x_+ + x_-}{\sqrt{2}},$$

one finds that the reduced state is a Gaussian state with covariance matrix elements (we set  $\hbar$  explicitly)

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Big( \langle x_+^2 \rangle + \langle x_-^2 \rangle \Big) = \frac{\hbar}{4m} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_+} + \frac{1}{\omega_-} \right),$$

and, noting that

$$p_1=\frac{p_++p_-}{\sqrt{2}},$$

one obtains

$$\langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar m}{4} \left( \omega_+ + \omega_- \right).$$

Thus the product is

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{16} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_+} + \frac{1}{\omega_-} \right) (\omega_+ + \omega_-)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{16} \left( 2 + \frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-} + \frac{\omega_-}{\omega_+} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{16} \left( 2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} \right),$$

$$\frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\omega_-}{\omega_+} = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}.$$

since

## Step 3. The Symplectic Eigenvalue

For a onemode Gaussian state the symplectic eigenvalue (which determines the mixedness) is given by

$$\nu = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} \,.$$

Note that when g = 0 (i.e. when the oscillators are decoupled) one checks that

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2+1+1} = \frac{1}{2}\,,$$

which is the minimum value (corresponding to a pure state) so that the entropy vanishes.

## Step 4. The Entanglement (von Neumann) Entropy

For a single-mode Gaussian state (or thermal oscillator state) with symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  the von Neumann entropy is given by

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Thus, our final answer is

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} + \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} + \frac{1}{2}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k + 2g}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k + 2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k +$$

Any answer equivalent to the boxed expression is correct.

## Step 5. Python Code

The following Python function implements the above result. Notice that due to the fact that  $\frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}$ , the parameter *m* drops out of the final expression. Below is the complete Python code.

```
import math
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    """
    Compute the von Neumann (entanglement) entropy S of the reduced density matrix
    for a coupled harmonic oscillator system with parameters:
        - k: spring constant of the individual oscillators
        - g: coupling constant between the oscillators
        - m: mass (note: m cancels out in the final formula)
    The result is given by:
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+ 1/2)*ln( + 1/2) - ( - 1/2)*ln(
    S = (
                                                    - 1/2)
    where
           = (1/4)*sqrt( 2 + sqrt(k/(k+2g)) + sqrt((k+2g)/k) )
    For g = 0 the oscillators decouple and the entropy vanishes.
    .....
    # Handle the decoupled case
    if abs(g) < 1e-12:
       return 0.0
    # Compute the ratio factors:
    ratio = math.sqrt(k / (k + 2 * g))
    inv_ratio = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / k)
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue
                                          1
    nu = 0.25 * math.sqrt(2.0 + ratio + inv_ratio)
    # To avoid numerical issues when g is very small (so that nu -> 1/2), check:
    term1 = nu + 0.5
    term2 = nu - 0.5
    if term2 < 1e-12:
        return 0.0
    # Compute the entropy S:
    S = term1 * math.log(term1) - term2 * math.log(term2)
    return S
Example usage:
if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Define some example parameters.
   k_val = 1.0
    g_val = 0.1
   m_val = 1.0 # m will cancel out in the final entropy
    S_val = entropy(k_val, g_val, m_val)
    print("The entanglement entropy S is:", S_val)
This code defines the function
```

entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float

which returns the entanglement entropy S computed from the above expression.

Final Answer:

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} + \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} + \frac{1}{2}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k + 2g}} + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k + 2g}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k + 2g}}} - \frac{1}{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{k + 2g}{k +$$

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**Evaluations:** 

## Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:41:05.888891Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian using normal modes and derives the reduced density matrix for one of the oscillators. It then calculates the symplectic eigenvalue and uses it to find the von Neumann entropy of the reduced state. The final expression for the entropy is consistent with the standard solution, albeit in a different form. Both solutions correctly account for the coupling between the oscillators and derive the entropy in terms of the system parameters. The approach and reasoning are sound, and the final answer is physically equivalent to the standard solution.

## 2.2.2 Model: deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-R1

Attempt 1 (2025-02-08T14:46:25.058037+00:00)

### **Detailed Solution:**

```
import math

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
  ratio = 2 * g / k
  term = 1 + ratio
  sqrt_term = term ** 0.25
  inv_sqrt_term = 1.0 / sqrt_term
  nu = (sqrt_term + inv_sqrt_term) / 4.0

  if nu <= 0.5:
    return 0.0

  try:
    s = (nu + 0.5) * math.log(nu + 0.5) - (nu - 0.5) * math.log(nu - 0.5)
  except ValueError:
    # Handle case where nu - 0.5 is 0 (log(0)), which should return 0
    return 0.0
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```

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

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Evaluated by gpt-40 (['2025-02-08T21:04:14.102433+00:00']) Grade: C
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Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem and attempts to derive the entropy of a reduced density matrix for a system of coupled harmonic oscillators. However, there are significant issues in the derivation and understanding of the problem. The solution correctly identifies the need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and perform a normal mode transformation, but it fails to correctly compute the symplectic eigenvalue and the entropy. The solution incorrectly concludes that the entropy is independent of the mass m, which contradicts the physical dependence of the frequencies on m. The Python code provided attempts to compute the entropy but does not correctly handle the mathematical expressions derived. The solution lacks clarity and contains redundant and incorrect steps, leading to an incorrect final result.

Attempt 2 (2025-02-08T14:52:38.053626+00:00)

## **Detailed Solution:**

```
import math

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
   gamma = g / k
   sqrt_term = math.sqrt(1 + 2 * gamma)
   numerator = 1 + sqrt_term
   denominator = 2 * (1 + 2 * gamma) ** 0.25
   nu = numerator / denominator
   # Compute the entropy using the symplectic eigenvalue nu
   term1 = (nu + 0.5) * math.log(nu + 0.5) if (nu + 0.5) > 0 else 0
   term2 = (nu - 0.5) * math.log(nu - 0.5) if (nu - 0.5) > 0 else 0
   S = term1 - term2
   return S
```

Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.080393+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

### **Evaluations:**

**Evaluated by gpt-4o** (['2025-02-08T21:04:24.462980+00:00']) Grade: D Notes: The submitted solution is fundamentally flawed. The approach taken to compute the entropy of the reduced density matrix is incorrect. The solution incorrectly assumes that the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  is given by  $(\omega_1 + \omega_2)/(2\sqrt{\omega_1\omega_2})$ , leading to incorrect results, especially when g = 0. The solution fails to recognize that when g = 0, the oscillators are decoupled, and the reduced state should be pure, resulting in zero entropy. The Python code provided does not correctly compute the entropy and ignores the parameter m, which is inconsistent with the problem statement. The solution lacks a correct understanding of the covariance matrix approach and the symplectic eigenvalue calculation for Gaussian states. Overall, the solution shows little understanding of the mathematical concepts involved in computing the von Neumann entropy for coupled harmonic oscillators.

Attempt 3 (2025-02-08T14:56:34.867887+00:00)

#### **Detailed Solution:**

```
import math

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    t = (2 * g) / k
    sqrt_term = math.sqrt(1 + t)
    numerator = 1 + sqrt_term
    denominator = 4 * ((1 + t) ** 0.25)
    nu = numerator / denominator
    term1 = (nu + 0.5) * math.log(nu + 0.5) if (nu + 0.5) > 0 else 0.0
    term2 = (nu - 0.5) * math.log(nu - 0.5) if (nu - 0.5) > 0 else 0.0
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
```

Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.081068+00:00']) Status: Correct

## **Evaluations:**

Evaluated by gpt-40 (['2025-02-08T21:04:32.729300+00:00']) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem by attempting to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and compute the entropy of the reduced density matrix. However, there are significant issues in the derivation and understanding of the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$ . The solution incorrectly concludes that the entropy S is independent of m, which contradicts the standard solution. The approach to compute  $\nu$  and the entropy formula used are not aligned with the standard method, leading to incorrect results. The Python code implementation also reflects these misunderstandings. The solution needs a more accurate derivation of the symplectic eigenvalue and a correct application of the entropy formula for Gaussian states.

Attempt 4 (2025-02-08T15:00:45.670896+00:00)

#### **Detailed Solution:**

```
import math

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    a = 1 + (2 * g) / k
    sqrt_k = math.sqrt(k)
    sqrt_k_plus_2g = math.sqrt(k + 2 * g)
```

```
numerator = sqrt_k + sqrt_k_plus_2g
denominator = 4 * (k * (k + 2 * g)) ** 0.25
nu = numerator / denominator
term_plus = (nu + 0.5) * math.log(nu + 0.5)
term_minus = (nu - 0.5) * math.log(nu - 0.5) if nu > 0.5 else 0.0
S = term_plus - term_minus
return S
```

## Verification Results:

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## **Evaluations:**

Evaluated by gpt-40 (['2025-02-08T21:04:42.440276+00:00']) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem, but there are significant issues. The solution correctly identifies the need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and compute the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix. However, the analysis is overly verbose and lacks clarity, leading to confusion about the role of the mass m. The solution correctly identifies the normal mode frequencies  $\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , but fails to clearly demonstrate how the entropy S is computed from these frequencies. The Python code provided does not use the mass m, which contradicts the problem's requirement for the entropy function to take m as an input. The solution needs to be more concise and focused on deriving the correct expression for the entropy S using the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  and ensuring that all parameters are appropriately considered.

Attempt 5 (2025-02-08T15:05:00.711413+00:00)

#### **Detailed Solution:**

To compute the entropy S for the reduced density matrix of a coupled harmonic oscillator system, we follow these steps:

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian: Transform to normal coordinates to decouple the oscillators. 2. Determine Normal Mode Frequencies: Calculate the frequencies of the normal modes. 3. Compute the Symplectic Eigenvalue: Use the normal mode frequencies to find the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$ . 4. Calculate the Entropy: Use the formula for the von Neumann entropy in terms of  $\nu$ .

Final Answer: The entropy S is given by:

$$S = \frac{\nu + 1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{\nu + 1}{2}\right) - \frac{\nu - 1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{\nu - 1}{2}\right)$$

where  $\nu = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2\sqrt{\omega_1 \omega_2}}$ , with  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ .

import math

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega1 = math.sqrt(k / m)
    omega2 = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    product = omega1 * omega2
    if product == 0:
        return 0.0
    nu = (omega1 + omega2) / (2 * math.sqrt(product))
    term1 = (nu + 1) / 2
    term2 = (nu - 1) / 2
    if term2 <= 0:
        return 0.0
    # Compute the entropy using natural logarithm
    s = term1 * math.log(term1) - term2 * math.log(term2)
    return s
```

Verification Results:

## Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.082403+00:00']) Status: Correct

## **Evaluations:**

**Evaluated by gpt-4o** (['2025-02-08T21:04:54.479152+00:00']) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem and attempts to follow the correct approach by diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and computing the entropy using the symplectic eigenvalue. However, there are significant issues: the solution is overly verbose and lacks clarity, making it difficult to follow the logical steps. The final expression for the entropy is not clearly derived, and the Python implementation is not directly related to the detailed steps provided. The solution does not clearly connect the symplectic eigenvalue calculation to the entropy formula, and the handling of edge cases in the Python code is not well justified. The approach has merit, but the execution is flawed.

## 2.2.3 Model: meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct

Attempt 1 (2025-01-31T05:17:06.761473Z)

Attempt 2 (2025-01-31T05:20:15.581438Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we will follow the steps outlined in the prompt. Step 1: Understand the Problem

We are given a coupled simple harmonic oscillator governed by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$
 (37)

The ground state is  $|\Omega\rangle$  and the operator  $\hat{\rho}$  is the vacuum density matrix partially traced over the  $|w\rangle_{x_2}$  components.

Step 2: Devise a Plan

To compute the entropy  $S \equiv -\text{Tr}_{x_1} [\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}]$ , we need to find the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  and then compute its trace and logarithm.

Step 3: Carry Out the Plan

First, we need to find the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ . The Hamiltonian can be rewritten as

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( k x_1^2 + k x_2^2 + g (x_1 - x_2)^2 \right)$$
(38)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (k+g) x_1^2 + (k+g) x_2^2 - 2g x_1 x_2 \right).$$
(39)

We can diagonalize the quadratic form in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  by introducing new coordinates  $x_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_1 \pm x_2)$ . The Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_+^2}{m} + \frac{p_-^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (k+g) x_+^2 + k x_-^2 \right).$$
(40)

The ground state is then

$$|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}\sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{-}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{+}^{2} - \frac{m\omega_{-}}{2\hbar}x_{-}^{2}\right),\tag{41}$$

where  $\omega_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}$  and  $\omega_{-} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ . Next, we need to compute the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We have

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes_{x_2} \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(42)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dw'_{x_2} \langle w|\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega|w'\rangle_{x_2} \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(43)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dw'_{x_2} \langle w | \Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | w' \rangle_{x_2} \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right).$$
(44)

Using the expression for  $|\Omega\rangle$ , we can compute the matrix elements

$$x_{2}\langle w|\Omega \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}\sqrt[4]{\frac{m\omega_{+}}{m\omega_{-}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{4\hbar}(x_{1}+x_{2})^{2}-\frac{m\omega_{-}}{4\hbar}(x_{1}-x_{2})^{2}\right)$$
(45)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}\sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{-}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{4\hbar}(x_{1}+w)^{2} - \frac{m\omega_{-}}{4\hbar}(x_{1}-w)^{2}\right).$$
(46)

Substituting this into the expression for  $\hat{\rho}$ , we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dw' \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_+}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_-}}} \exp\left( -\frac{m\omega_+}{2\hbar} (x_1 + w)^2 - \frac{m\omega_-}{2\hbar} (x_1 - w)^2 \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(47)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_+}}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_+}{2\hbar}x_1^2\right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right).$$
(48)

The reduced density matrix is then

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}} \int dx_{1}'' \int dx_{1}' \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x_{1}''\rangle_{x_{1}x_{1}} \langle x_{1}''|x_{1}'\rangle_{x_{1}x_{1}} \langle x_{1}'|$$
(49)

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}}\int dx_{1}''\int dx_{1}'\exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right)|x_{1}''\rangle_{x_{1}x_{1}}\langle x_{1}'|$$
(50)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}} \int dx_{1}' \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x_{1}'\rangle_{x_{1}x_{1}} \langle x_{1}'|.$$
(51)

Now, we can compute the entropy  $S \equiv -\text{Tr}_{x_1} [\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}]$ . We have

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{52}$$

$$= -\int dx'_{1 x_1} \langle x'_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x'_1 \rangle_{x_1}$$
(53)

$$= -\int dx'_{1\,x_{1}}\langle x'_{1}| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}} \int dx''_{1} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x''_{1}\rangle_{x_{1}\,x_{1}} \langle x''_{1}| \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}} \int dx''_{1} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x''_{1}\rangle_{x_{1}\,x_{1}} \langle x''_{1}|\right) |x'_{1}\rangle_{x_{1}}$$

$$(54)$$

$$= -\int dx'_{1\ x_{1}}\langle x'_{1}| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}} \int dx''_{1} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x''_{1}\rangle_{x_{1\ x_{1}}}\langle x''_{1}| \left(-\ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}\right) - \frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x'_{1}\rangle_{x_{1}} \quad (55)$$

$$= \int dx'_{1\ x_{1}}\langle x'_{1}| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}} \int dx''_{1} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x''_{1}\rangle_{x_{1\ x_{1}}}\langle x''_{1}| \left(\ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}\right) + \frac{m\omega_{+}}{2\hbar}x_{1}^{2}\right) |x'_{1}\rangle_{x_{1}} \quad (56)$$

$$= \int dx_1' \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_+}}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_+}{2\hbar}x_1^2\right) \left(\ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_+}}\right) + \frac{m\omega_+}{2\hbar}x_1^2\right)$$
(57)

$$=\ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}.$$
(58)

Therefore, the final answer is

$$S = \ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{h}{m\omega_{+}}}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \tag{59}$$

$$=\ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}}}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \tag{60}$$

$$=\ln\left(\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar^2}{m(k+g)}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}.$$
(61)

Now, we can convert this expression into Python code.

## import math

```
def entropy(k:float,g:float,m:float)->float:
    """
    Compute the entropy of a coupled simple harmonic oscillator.
    Parameters:
    k (float): The spring constant.
    g (float): The coupling constant.
    m (float): The mass.
    Returns:
    float: The entropy.
    """
```

```
# Compute the entropy
S = math.log(math.sqrt(math.pi)*math.pow(m*(k+g)/math.pow(math.hbar,2),-0.25))+0.
5
```

```
return S
```

Note that this code assumes that the physical constant math.hbar is defined. In Python, math.hbar is not a built-in constant, so you would need to define it yourself, for example, math.hbar = 1.0545718e-34. Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:36:44.770616Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem but has significant issues. The approach to diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and finding the ground state is correct in principle, but the final expression for the entropy S is incorrect and does not match the standard solution. The submitted solution simplifies the problem incorrectly by not considering the correct transformation and basis change, leading to an incorrect expression for the reduced density matrix and entropy. Additionally, the solution does not correctly handle the coupling term  $g(x_1 - x_2)^2$  in the Hamiltonian, which affects the frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The final entropy expression should involve these frequencies as shown in the standard solution. The Python code provided is also based on the incorrect entropy expression.

Attempt 3 (2025-01-31T05:22:11.256342Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we first need to find the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the coupled harmonic oscillator.

The Hamiltonian can be rewritten as

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$
(62)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( k x_1^2 + k x_2^2 + g (x_1 - x_2)^2 \right)$$
(63)

$$=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{p_1^2}{m}+\frac{p_2^2}{m}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\left((k+g)x_1^2+(k+g)x_2^2-2gx_1x_2\right)$$
(64)

To diagonalize the Hamiltonian, we introduce new coordinates  $x_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_1 \pm x_2)$ . Then the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_+^2}{m} + \frac{p_-^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (k+g)x_+^2 + (k-g)x_-^2 \right)$$
(65)

Now we can see that the Hamiltonian is a sum of two independent harmonic oscillators with frequencies  $\omega_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{k \pm g}{m}}$ .

The ground state of the coupled harmonic oscillator is then

$$\Omega \rangle = |\omega_+\rangle \otimes |\omega_-\rangle \tag{66}$$

where  $|\omega_{\pm}\rangle$  are the ground states of the two independent harmonic oscillators.

Now we can compute the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We have

$$\hat{\rho} \equiv \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes_{x_2} \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

$$(67)$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dx_2'' \int dx_2' \left( |x_2''\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2''| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_2'\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2'| \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(68)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dx_2'' \int dx_2' \left( x_2 \langle x_2'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | x_1' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | x_2' \rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2' | \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right)$$
(69)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \left| x_1 \langle x_1''|\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | x_1' \rangle_{x_1} \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \right)$$
(70)

Now we can see that  $\hat{\rho}$  is a density matrix of a single harmonic oscillator with frequency  $\omega_+$ . The entropy of the reduced density matrix is then

$$S \equiv -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{71}$$

$$= -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}}{\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \right]} \right) \right] - \ln \mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \right]$$
(72)

$$= -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\left(\frac{\hat{\rho}}{1}\right)\right] - \ln 1 \tag{73}$$

$$= -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{74}$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is a density matrix of a single harmonic oscillator with frequency  $\omega_+$ , we have

$$S = \left(1 + \frac{h\omega_+}{k_BT}\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{h\omega_+}{k_BT}\right) - \frac{h\omega_+}{k_BT} \ln\frac{h\omega_+}{k_BT}$$
(75)

However, since the temperature T is not given in the problem, we assume that the system is at zero temperature. Then the entropy becomes

$$S = \left(1 + \frac{\hbar\omega_+}{0}\right)\ln\left(1 + \frac{\hbar\omega_+}{0}\right) - \frac{\hbar\omega_+}{0}\ln\frac{\hbar\omega_+}{0}$$
(76)

$$= (1+\infty)\ln(1+\infty) - \infty\ln\infty$$
<sup>(77)</sup>

$$=\infty$$
 (78)

However, this is not a correct answer. The correct answer is that the entropy is a function of the ratio of the frequencies  $\omega_+$  and  $\omega_-$ .

To get the correct answer, we need to go back to the expression of the entropy and use the fact that the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is a density matrix of a single harmonic oscillator with frequency  $\omega_+$ . After some calculations, we get

$$S = \frac{\hbar\omega_+}{\hbar\omega_-} \ln \frac{\hbar\omega_+}{\hbar\omega_-} - \ln \frac{\hbar\omega_+}{\hbar\omega_-}$$
(79)

$$=\frac{\sqrt{k+g}}{\sqrt{k-g}}\ln\frac{\sqrt{k+g}}{\sqrt{k-g}}-\ln\frac{\sqrt{k+g}}{\sqrt{k-g}}$$
(80)

Now we can convert this expression into Python code:

```
import math
```

Note that the mass m is not used in the calculation of the entropy, so we can ignore it. Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

#### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:36:53.374008Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows some understanding of the problem by attempting to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and compute the reduced density matrix. However, there are significant issues. The solution incorrectly assumes the entropy is a function of temperature, leading to an incorrect expression for entropy at zero temperature. The final expression for entropy,  $S = \frac{\sqrt{k+g}}{\sqrt{k-g}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{k+g}}{\sqrt{k-g}} - \ln \frac{\sqrt{k+g}}{\sqrt{k-g}}$ , does not match the standard solution, which involves a more complex expression involving the frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The approach to diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and finding the ground state is partially correct, but the final entropy calculation is flawed.

## Attempt 4 (2025-01-31T05:26:44.006595Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we first need to find the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the coupled simple harmonic oscillator. The Hamiltonian can be rewritten as

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$
(81)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( k x_1^2 + k x_2^2 + g (x_1 - x_2)^2 \right)$$
(82)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (k+g)x_1^2 + (k+g)x_2^2 - 2gx_1x_2 \right)$$
(83)

We can diagonalize the quadratic form in the coordinates by introducing new coordinates  $x_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_1 \pm x_2)$ . In these coordinates, the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_+^2}{m} + \frac{p_-^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (k+g) x_+^2 + (k-g) x_-^2 \right)$$
(84)

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is a product of the ground states of the two independent harmonic oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |\Omega\rangle_{+} \otimes |\Omega\rangle_{-} \tag{85}$$

$$= \left(\frac{m(k+g)}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m(k+g)}{2\hbar}x_+^2\right) \left(\frac{m(k-g)}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m(k-g)}{2\hbar}x_-^2\right)$$
(86)

Now we can compute the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ :

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{87}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dx_2'' \int dx_2' \left( x_2 \langle w| x_2''\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2''| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_2'\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2'|w\rangle_{x_2} \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{88}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dx_2'' \int dx_2' \left( x_2 \langle x_2'|x_2'\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2''| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_2'\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle x_2'| \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{89}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dx_2'' \int dx_2' \delta(x_2'' - x_2') \left( x_2 \langle x_2''| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_2'\rangle_{x_2} \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{90}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dx_2' \left( x_2 \langle x_2'| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_2'\rangle_{x_2} \right) \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{91}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \langle \Omega|\Omega\rangle \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{92}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \tag{93}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \langle x_1 \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \rangle \right)$$
(94)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1} \delta(x_1'' - x_1')_{x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(95)

$$= \int dx_1'' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} (x_1'') \right) \tag{96}$$

Now we can compute the entropy S:

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{97}$$

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( \, _{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \left( | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \right) \tag{98}$$

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | \right) \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) \right) \ln \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) \right) \left( |x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \right)$$
(99)

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | \right) \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | x_1''\rangle_{x_1} \right) \right) \ln \left( \int dx_1' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) \right)$$
(100)

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( {}_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \delta(x_1' - x_1'') \right) \right) \ln \left( \int dx_1' \left( \delta(x_1' - x_1'')_{x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) \right)$$
(101)

$$= -\int_{-\infty} dx_1'' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' \rangle \left( |x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \right) \ln \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' \rangle \right) \right)$$
(102)

$$= -\int dx_1'' \delta(x_1'' - x_1'') \ln\left(x_1(x_1''|)\right)$$
(103)

$$= -\ln\left(x_{1}(x_{1}'')\right) \tag{104}$$

However, this is not a well-defined expression. To get a well-defined expression, we need to regularize the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We can do this by introducing a small parameter  $\epsilon$  and replacing the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}_{\epsilon} &= \int dx_{1}^{\prime\prime} \int dx_{1}^{\prime} \left( |x_{1}^{\prime\prime}\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}^{\prime\prime} | \right) \left( \int dx_{2}^{\prime\prime} \int dx_{2}^{\prime} \left( x_{2} \langle w | x_{2}^{\prime\prime}\rangle_{x_{2} x_{2}} \langle x_{2}^{\prime\prime} | \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_{2}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{2} x_{2}} \langle x_{2}^{\prime} | w \rangle_{x_{2}} \right) \right) \left( |x_{1}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}^{\prime} | \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \\ & (105) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int dx_{1}^{\prime\prime} \int dx_{1}^{\prime} \left( |x_{1}^{\prime\prime}\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}^{\prime\prime} | \right) \left( \int dx_{2}^{\prime\prime} \int dx_{2}^{\prime} \left( x_{2} \langle x_{2}^{\prime\prime} | x_{2}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{2} x_{2}} \langle x_{2}^{\prime\prime} | \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_{2}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{2} x_{2}} \langle x_{2}^{\prime} | \right) \right) \left( |x_{1}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}^{\prime} | \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \\ & (106) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int dx_{1}^{\prime\prime} \int dx_{1}^{\prime} \left( |x_{1}^{\prime\prime}\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}^{\prime\prime} | \right) \left( \int dx_{2}^{\prime\prime} \int dx_{2}^{\prime} \delta(x_{2}^{\prime\prime} - x_{2}^{\prime}) \left( x_{2} \langle x_{2}^{\prime\prime} | \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_{2}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{2}} \right) \right) \left( |x_{1}^{\prime}\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}^{\prime} | \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \\ & (107) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int dx_{1}'' \int dx_{1}' \left( |x_{1}''\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}''| \right) \left( \int dx_{2}' \left( x_{2} \langle x_{2}'| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_{2}'\rangle_{x_{2}} \right) \right) \left( |x_{1}'\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}'| \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}}$$
(108)  
$$= \int dx_{1}'' \int dx_{1}' \left( |x_{1}''\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}''| \right) \left( \langle \Omega|\Omega\rangle \right) \left( |x_{1}'\rangle_{x_{1} x_{1}} \langle x_{1}'| \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}}$$
(109)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \langle \Omega | \Omega \rangle \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) e^{-\epsilon H}$$

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) e^{-\epsilon H}$$
(110)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) e^{-\epsilon H}$$
(111)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1} \delta(x_1'' - x_1')_{x_1} (x_1'|) e^{-\epsilon H} \right)$$
(112)

$$= \int dx_1'' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) e^{-\epsilon \tilde{H}}$$
(113)

Now we can compute the entropy S:

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho}_{\epsilon} \ln \hat{\rho}_{\epsilon} \right] \tag{114}$$

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( x_1(x_1'') \hat{\rho}_{\epsilon} \ln \hat{\rho}_{\epsilon} \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1} \right)$$

$$\tag{115}$$

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | \right) \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) \right) \ln \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \right) \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1} \right)$$
(116)

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | \right) \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | x_1''\rangle_{x_1} \right) \right) \ln \left( \int dx_1' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \right)$$
(117)

$$= -\int dx_1'' \left( x_1 \langle x_1'' | \right) \left( \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \delta(x_1' - x_1'') \right) \right) \ln \left( \int dx_1' \left( \delta(x_1' - x_1'')_{x_1} \langle x_1' | \right) e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \right)$$
(118)  
$$\int dx_1'' \left( - \langle x_1'' | -\epsilon \hat{H} \right) \ln \left( - \langle x_1'' | -\epsilon \hat{H} \right) \left( - \langle x_1'' | -\epsilon \hat{H} \right) \right) \ln \left( - \langle x_1'' | -\epsilon \hat{H} \right)$$
(119)

$$= -\int dx_1 \left( x_1 \langle x_1 \rangle \left( |x_1\rangle_{x_1} \right) \ln \left( x_1 \langle x_1'| e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \right) \right)$$
(119)  
$$= -\int dx_1'' \delta(x_1'' - x_1'') \ln \left( x_1 \langle x_1''| e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \right)$$
(120)

$$= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{x_1} \langle x_1'' | e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}}\right)$$
(121)

Now we can take the limit  $\epsilon \to 0$ :

$$S = -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \ln \left( \left| x_1 \left( x_1'' \right) \right| e^{-\epsilon \hat{H}} \right)$$
(122)

$$= -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \ln\left( {}_{x_1} \left( {x_1''} \right) \left( 1 - \epsilon \hat{H} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right) \right)$$
(123)

$$= -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \ln\left(1 - \epsilon_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \hat{H} | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)\right)$$
(124)

$$= -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \left( -\epsilon_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \hat{H} | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right)$$
(125)

$$= {}_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \hat{H} | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \tag{126}$$

$$=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\hbar(k+g)}{m}\right) \tag{127}$$

Therefore, the final answer is:

import math

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```
def entropy(k:float,g:float,m:float)->float:
    hbar = 1.0 # Planck constant
    return 0.5 * (hbar * (k + g)) / m
Example usage:
k = 1.0 # spring constant
g = 0.5 # coupling constant
m = 1.0 # mass
s = entropy(k, g, m)
print("Entropy:", s)
```

#### Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:37:03.012381Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution contains several fundamental issues. Firstly, the approach to finding the ground state and diagonalizing the Hamiltonian is incorrect. The transformation to new coordinates  $x_{\pm}$  is not properly utilized to diagonalize the Hamiltonian, and the subsequent steps do not align with the standard solution's method of using ladder operators and normal modes. Secondly, the computation of the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is flawed, as it does not correctly implement the partial trace over the  $x_2$  coordinate, leading to an incorrect expression for the density matrix. Thirdly, the entropy calculation is incorrect; the expression  $S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\hbar(k+g)}{m} \right)$  is not derived from the correct form of the density matrix and does not match the standard solution's result. The final answer provided is not equivalent to the standard solution's entropy expression, which involves logarithmic terms and frequency ratios. Overall, the solution demonstrates a lack of understanding of the necessary quantum mechanical concepts and mathematical techniques required to solve the problem correctly.

Attempt 5 (2025-01-31T05:29:18.746765Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we will follow the steps outlined in the prompt. Step 1: Understand the Problem

We are given a coupled simple harmonic oscillator governed by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$
 (128)

The ground state is  $|\Omega\rangle$ , and we need to compute the entropy

$$S \equiv -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{129}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the vacuum density matrix partially traced over the  $|w\rangle_{x_2}$  components. Step 2: Devise a Plan

To solve this problem, we will first need to find the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the coupled harmonic oscillator. Then, we will compute the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  by tracing over the  $|w\rangle_{x_2}$  components. Finally, we will compute the entropy S using the formula above.

Step 3: Carry Out the Plan

Step 3.1: Find the Ground State  $|\Omega\rangle$ 

To find the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ , we will first need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian H. We can do this by introducing the normal modes

$$x_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (x_1 \pm x_2), \tag{130}$$

$$p_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (p_1 \pm p_2). \tag{131}$$

In terms of these normal modes, the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \sum_{i=\pm} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_i^2 x_i^2 \right)$$
(132)

where

$$\omega_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} + \frac{g}{m} \pm \frac{g}{m}}.$$
(133)

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is then given by

$$|\Omega\rangle = |\omega_+\rangle \otimes |\omega_-\rangle \tag{134}$$

where  $|\omega_{\pm}\rangle$  are the ground states of the individual harmonic oscillators. Step 3.2: Compute the Density Matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

To compute the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , we will first need to compute the matrix elements

$$\langle x_1''|_{x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes {}_{x_2} \langle w|\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega|x_1' \rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w \rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'|.$$

$$\tag{135}$$

Using the fact that  $|\Omega\rangle = |\omega_+\rangle \otimes |\omega_-\rangle$ , we can write

$$\langle x_1''|_{x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes {}_{x_2} \langle w|\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega|x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| = \langle x_1''|\omega_+\rangle \langle \omega_+|x_1'\rangle \langle x_1''|\omega_-\rangle \langle \omega_-|w\rangle \langle w|\omega_-\rangle \langle \omega_-|x_1'\rangle.$$
(136)

Using the fact that  $\langle x|\omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4}\sqrt{\sigma}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ , where  $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$ , we can write

$$\langle x_1''|_{x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes {}_{x_2} \langle w|\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega|x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2} \sqrt{\sigma_+ \sigma_-}} e^{-\frac{(x_1''-x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1''-w_1)^2}{2\sigma_-^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1'-w_1)^2}{2\sigma_-^2}}.$$
 (137)

Integrating over w, we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}\sqrt{\sigma_{+}\sigma_{-}}} \int dx_{1}'' \int dx_{1}' \int dw \, e^{-\frac{(x_{1}''-x_{1}')^{2}}{4\sigma_{+}^{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{1}''-w)^{2}}{2\sigma_{-}^{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{1}'-w)^{2}}{2\sigma_{-}^{2}}} |x_{1}''\rangle_{x_{1}x_{1}} \langle x_{1}'|.$$
(138)

Performing the Gaussian integral over w, we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}\sqrt{\sigma_+\sigma_-}} \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \, e^{-\frac{(x_1''-x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1''-x_1')^2}{4\sigma_-^2}} |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'|. \tag{139}$$

Step 3.3: Compute the Entropy S

To compute the entropy S, we will first need to compute the matrix elements

$$\langle x_1''|\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}|x_1'\rangle. \tag{140}$$

Using the fact that  $\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}\sqrt{\sigma_+\sigma_-}} \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' e^{-\frac{(x_1''-x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1''-x_1')^2}{4\sigma_-^2}} |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'|$ , we can write

$$\langle x_1'' | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1' \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{\sigma_+ \sigma_-}} \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \, e^{-\frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_-^2}} \ln \left( \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2} \sqrt{\sigma_+ \sigma_-}} e^{-\frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_-^2}} \right).$$
(141)

Using the fact that  $\ln(ab) = \ln a + \ln b$ , we can write

$$\langle x_1'' | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1' \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{\sigma_+ \sigma_-}} \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \, e^{-\frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_-^2}} \left( -\ln \pi^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \sigma_+ - \frac{1}{2} \ln \sigma_- - \frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_+^2} - \frac{(x_1'' - x_1')^2}{4\sigma_-^2} \right)$$
(142)

Performing the Gaussian integrals over  $x_1''$  and  $x_1'$ , we get

$$\langle x_1'' | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1' \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \pi - \frac{1}{4} \ln \sigma_+ - \frac{1}{4} \ln \sigma_- - \frac{1}{2}.$$
 (143)
Taking the trace over  $x_1$ , we get

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{144}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\ln\pi + \frac{1}{4}\ln\sigma_{+} + \frac{1}{4}\ln\sigma_{-} + \frac{1}{2}.$$
 (145)

Using the fact that  $\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{\pm}}}$ , we can write

$$S = \frac{1}{2}\ln\pi + \frac{1}{4}\ln\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{+}} + \frac{1}{4}\ln\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{-}} + \frac{1}{2}.$$
 (146)

Final Answer:

import math

Note that this code assumes that the input values k, g, and m are positive. If these values can be negative, additional checks should be added to handle these cases correctly. **Verification Results:** 

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.054344+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:37:09.306602Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem by attempting to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and compute the entropy. However, there are significant issues: 1) The transformation to normal modes is correct, but the calculation of the ground state and density matrix is not fully aligned with the standard solution. 2) The entropy calculation is incorrect; it does not match the standard solution's final expression for entropy. 3) The code provided does not correctly implement the entropy formula derived in the standard solution. The approach has some merit, but the execution contains major flaws.

# 2.2.4 Model: Qwen/Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct

# Attempt 1 (2025-01-31T12:04:57.669307Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled simple harmonic oscillator:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

We need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ .

Step 2: Devise a Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian: Transform the Hamiltonian into a form that separates the normal modes. 2. Find the Ground State: Determine the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the new coordinates. 3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix: Trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom to obtain  $\hat{\rho}$ . 4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy: Use the reduced density matrix to compute S.

Step 3: Carry Out the Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian can be written in matrix form:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} + kx_1^2 + kx_2^2 + g(x_1 - x_2)^2 \right)$$

This can be rewritten as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (k+g)x_1^2 + (k+g)x_2^2 - 2gx_1x_2 \right)$$

To diagonalize the quadratic form, we perform a change of variables:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The transformation matrix U is chosen such that:

$$U^{T}\begin{pmatrix} k+g & -g\\ -g & k+g \end{pmatrix} U = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{1}^{2} & 0\\ 0 & \omega_{2}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues  $\omega_1^2$  and  $\omega_2^2$  are the roots of the characteristic equation:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} k+g-\omega^2 & -g\\ -g & k+g-\omega^2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
$$(k+g-\omega^2)^2 - g^2 = 0$$
$$(k+g-\omega^2)^2 = g^2$$
$$k+g-\omega^2 = \pm g$$
$$\omega_1^2 = k + 2g, \quad \omega_2^2 = k$$

The corresponding eigenvectors are:

Thus, the transformation matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\-1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1&1\\1&-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Find the Ground State

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the new coordinates  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  is:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_{y_1} \otimes |0\rangle_{y_2}$$

3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out  $y_2$ :

 $\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{y_2}(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|)$ 

In the  $y_1$  basis:

 $\hat{\rho} = |0\rangle_{y_1} \langle 0|_{y_1}$ 

4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{y_1}\left(\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right)$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is a pure state in the  $y_1$  basis:

$$\hat{\rho} = |0\rangle_{y_1} \langle 0|_y$$

The von Neumann entropy of a pure state is zero:

S = 0

Final Answer The von Neumann entropy S is:

S = 0

Python Code

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
return 0.0

This function returns the von Neumann entropy S for the given parameters k, g, and m. Since the entropy is zero, the function always returns 0.0.

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

## Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:37:16.667125Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution incorrectly concludes that the von Neumann entropy S is zero. The standard solution shows that the entropy is a non-zero expression involving  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The submitted solution fails to properly account for the entanglement between the modes  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  after tracing out  $x_2$ . The approach to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and find the ground state is correct, but the conclusion about the entropy being zero is fundamentally flawed. The solution does not correctly compute the reduced density matrix or the entropy from it.

Attempt 2 (2025-01-31T12:06:19.186620Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled simple harmonic oscillator:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

We need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ .

Step 2: Devise a Plan

1. **Diagonalize the Hamiltonian**: Transform the Hamiltonian into a form that separates the coupled oscillators. 2. Find the Ground State: Determine the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the transformed Hamiltonian. 3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix: Partially trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom to obtain  $\hat{\rho}$ . 4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy: Use the reduced density matrix to compute  $S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} [\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}]$ . Step 3: Carry Out the Plan 1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian can be written in matrix form:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} + kx_1^2 + kx_2^2 + g(x_1 - x_2)^2 \right)$$

This can be rewritten as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} + (k+g)x_1^2 + (k+g)x_2^2 - 2gx_1x_2 \right)$$

We can diagonalize this Hamiltonian by a change of variables:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\theta$  is chosen such that the cross term  $-2gx_1x_2$  is eliminated. The angle  $\theta$  is given by:

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2g}{k+g-k} = \frac{2g}{g} = 2$$

Thus,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{8}$ .

The new Hamiltonian in terms of  $x'_1$  and  $x'_2$  is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1'^2}{m} + \frac{p_2'^2}{m} + \omega_1^2 x_1'^2 + \omega_2^2 x_2'^2 \right)$$

where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are the new frequencies:

$$\omega_1^2 = k + g + \sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2} = k + g + \sqrt{k^2 + 2kg + g^2 - 4g^2} = k + g + \sqrt{k^2 - 2kg + g^2} = k + g + (k-g) = 2k$$
$$\omega_2^2 = k + g - \sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2} = k + g - \sqrt{k^2 - 2kg + g^2} = k + g - (k-g) = 2g$$

2. Find the Ground State

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the new coordinates is:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_{x_1'} \otimes |0\rangle_{x_2'}$$

where  $|0\rangle_{x'_1}$  and  $|0\rangle_{x'_2}$  are the ground states of the harmonic oscillators with frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , respectively. 3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2}(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|)$$

In the new coordinates, this is:

$$\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2'}\left(|0\rangle_{x_1'}\langle 0|_{x_1'} \otimes |0\rangle_{x_2'}\langle 0|_{x_2'}\right) = |0\rangle_{x_1'}\langle 0|_{x_1'}$$

4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]$$

Since  $\hat{\rho} = |0\rangle_{x'_1} \langle 0|_{x'_1}$ , it is a pure state, and the von Neumann entropy of a pure state is zero:

S = 0

0

Final Answer The von Neumann entropy S is:

Python Code

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
return 0.0
```

Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.055198+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:37:22.702657Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution incorrectly concludes that the von Neumann entropy S is zero. The standard solution shows a detailed calculation leading to a non-zero entropy expression. The submitted solution fails to account for the coupling between the oscillators correctly and does not perform the necessary calculations to find the correct reduced density matrix and its entropy. The approach of diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and finding the ground state is mentioned, but the execution is flawed, leading to an incorrect conclusion. The frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are also incorrectly calculated, affecting the entire solution.

Attempt 3 (2025-01-31T12:08:02.632431Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled simple harmonic oscillator:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)}{2}$$

We need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ .

Step 2: Devise a Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian: Transform the Hamiltonian into a form that separates the normal modes. 2. Find the Ground State: Determine the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the new coordinates. 3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix: Trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom to obtain  $\hat{\rho}$ . 4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy: Use the reduced density matrix to compute S.

Step 3: Carry Out the Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian can be rewritten in terms of normal modes. Define new coordinates:

$$\begin{array}{l}
Q_1 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\
Q_2 = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{array}$$

and corresponding momenta:

$$P_1 = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ P_2 = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Substitute these into the Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_1^2}{m} + \frac{P_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( kQ_1^2 + (k+2g)Q_2^2 \right)$$

This Hamiltonian is now a sum of two uncoupled harmonic oscillators:

$$H = H_1 + H_2$$

where

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_1^2}{m} + kQ_1^2 \right)$$
$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_2^2}{m} + (k+2g)Q_2^2 \right)$$

2. Find the Ground State

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the product of the ground states of the two harmonic oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |\Omega_1\rangle \otimes |\Omega_2\rangle$$

where  $|\Omega_1\rangle$  and  $|\Omega_2\rangle$  are the ground states of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively.

3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $Q_2$  (or  $x_2$ ) degrees of freedom:

 $\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{Q_2}(|\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega|)$ 

Since  $|\Omega\rangle = |\Omega_1\rangle \otimes |\Omega_2\rangle$ , we have:

$$= |\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\otimes \operatorname{Tr}_{Q_2}(|\Omega_2\rangle\langle\Omega_2|)$$

The trace of the ground state of a harmonic oscillator is a Gaussian:

 $\hat{\rho}$ 

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{Q_2}\left(|\Omega_2\rangle\langle\Omega_2|\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar/\omega_2}}$$

where  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . Thus, the reduced density matrix is:

$$\hat{\rho} = |\Omega_1\rangle \langle \Omega_1| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi \hbar/\omega_2}}$$

4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy

The von Neumann entropy  ${\cal S}$  is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{Q_1}\left(\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right)$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is a pure state in the  $Q_1$  subspace, the von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{Q_1}\left(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\ln\left(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\cdot\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar/\omega_2}}\right)\right)$$

The logarithm of a pure state is:

$$\ln\left(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\cdot\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar/\omega_2}}\right) = \ln\left(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\right) + \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar/\omega_2}}\right)$$

Since  $\ln(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|) = -\infty$  for a pure state, the von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{Q_1}\left(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\cdot\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar/\omega_2}}\right)\right)$$

The trace of a pure state is 1, so:

$$S = -\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar/\omega_2}}\right)$$

Simplify the logarithm:

$$S = \ln\left(\sqrt{\pi \hbar/\omega_2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\pi \hbar/\omega_2\right)$$

Since 
$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$
, we have:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \pi \hbar \sqrt{\frac{m}{k+2g}} \right)$$
$$S = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \pi \hbar \sqrt{\frac{m}{k+2g}} \right)$$

Final Answer:

Python Code

```
import math
```

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    hbar = 1.0 # Set hbar to 1 for simplicity
    omega_2 = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    S = 0.5 * math.log(math.pi * hbar * math.sqrt(m / (k + 2 * g)))
    return S
```

This Python function computes the von Neumann entropy S for the given parameters k, g, and m. Verification Results: Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.055685+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:37:28.344536Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution has significant issues and does not match the standard solution. The standard solution involves diagonalizing the Hamiltonian, finding the ground state, computing the reduced density matrix, and calculating the von Neumann entropy using a detailed transformation and integration process. The submitted solution simplifies the problem incorrectly by assuming the trace of the ground state of a harmonic oscillator is a Gaussian, which is not applicable in this context. Additionally, the final expression for the entropy is incorrect and does not match the standard solution's result. The approach lacks the necessary steps and understanding of the problem's complexity.

Attempt 4 (2025-01-31T12:09:38.070757Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled simple harmonic oscillator:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$
 (147)

The ground state is denoted by  $|\Omega\rangle$ , and we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$S \equiv -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]. \tag{148}$$

Step 2: Devise a Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian: Transform the Hamiltonian into a form that separates the normal modes. 2. Find the Ground State: Determine the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the new basis. 3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix: Trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom to obtain  $\hat{\rho}$ . 4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy: Use the reduced density matrix to compute S.

Step 3: Carry Out the Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian can be written in matrix form:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( p_1^2 + p_2^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( x_1 \quad x_2 \right) \begin{pmatrix} k+g & -g \\ -g & k+g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(149)

To diagonalize the Hamiltonian, we need to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} k+g & -g \\ -g & k+g \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (150)

The eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are given by:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm \sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2}}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm \sqrt{k^2 + 2kg + g^2 - 4g^2}}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm \sqrt{k^2 - 2kg + g^2}}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm (k-g)}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g)}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g)}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g)}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g)}{2} = \frac{(k+g) \pm (k-g) \pm (k-g)$$

Thus, the eigenvalues are:

$$\lambda_1 = k, \quad \lambda_2 = k + 2g. \tag{152}$$

The corresponding eigenvectors are:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\-1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{153}$$

We can transform the coordinates to the normal modes:

$$x_1' = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_2' = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$
 (154)

The Hamiltonian in the new coordinates is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( p_1^{\prime 2} + p_2^{\prime 2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( k x_1^{\prime 2} + (k + 2g) x_2^{\prime 2} \right).$$
(155)

2. Find the Ground State

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the new coordinates is a product of the ground states of two independent harmonic oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |\Omega_1\rangle \otimes |\Omega_2\rangle,\tag{156}$$

where  $|\Omega_1\rangle$  and  $|\Omega_2\rangle$  are the ground states of the harmonic oscillators with frequencies  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2n}{m}}$ 

 $\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , respectively.

3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2}\left(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\right). \tag{157}$$

Since  $|\Omega\rangle = |\Omega_1\rangle \otimes |\Omega_2\rangle$ , we have:

$$\hat{\rho} = |\Omega_1\rangle \langle \Omega_1| \otimes \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2}(|\Omega_2\rangle \langle \Omega_2|) \,. \tag{158}$$

The trace over  $x_2$  of the ground state of a harmonic oscillator is a thermal state with temperature  $T \to 0$ , which is a pure state. Therefore, the reduced density matrix is:

$$\hat{\rho} = |\Omega_1\rangle \langle \Omega_1|. \tag{159}$$

4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy

The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left(\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right). \tag{160}$$

Since  $\hat{\rho} = |\Omega_1\rangle \langle \Omega_1|$  is a pure state, the von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\ln|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|) = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}(|\Omega_1\rangle\langle\Omega_1|\ln 1) = 0.$$
(161)

Final Answer

The von Neumann entropy S is:

$$S = 0.$$
 (162)

Python Code

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
return 0.0
```

This function returns the von Neumann entropy S for the given parameters k, g, and m. Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:37:34.279741Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution incorrectly concludes that the von Neumann entropy S is 0. The standard solution shows that S is a non-zero expression involving  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The submitted solution fails to account for the entanglement between the modes  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , which leads to a non-zero entropy when tracing out one of the modes. The approach in the submitted solution does not correctly handle the reduced density matrix and its entropy calculation, leading to a fundamentally flawed result.

Attempt 5 (2025-01-31T12:11:10.444713Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled simple harmonic oscillator:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

We need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ .

Step 2: Devise a Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian: Transform the Hamiltonian into a form that separates the degrees of freedom. 2. Find the Ground State: Determine the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the transformed Hamiltonian. 3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix: Partially trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom to obtain  $\hat{\rho}$ . 4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy: Use the reduced density matrix to compute  $S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} [\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}]$ . Step 3: Carry Out the Plan

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian can be written in matrix form:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} + kx_1^2 + kx_2^2 + g(x_1 - x_2)^2 \right)$$

This can be rewritten as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} + (k+g)x_1^2 + (k+g)x_2^2 - 2gx_1x_2 \right)$$

We can diagonalize this Hamiltonian by a change of variables. Let:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The transformation matrix is chosen such that the cross term  $-2gx_1x_2$  is eliminated. The angle  $\theta$  is given by:

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2g}{k+g-k} = \frac{2g}{g} = 2$$

Thus,

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}\arctan(2)$$

The new Hamiltonian in terms of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} + \omega_1^2 y_1^2 + \omega_2^2 y_2^2 \right)$$

where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are the eigenfrequencies of the system.

2. Find the Ground State

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the Hamiltonian is a product state of the ground states of the two decoupled harmonic oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_{y_1} \otimes |0\rangle_{y_2}$$

3. Compute the Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $y_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{y_2}(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|)$$

Since  $|\Omega\rangle$  is a product state, this reduces to:

$$\hat{\rho} = |0\rangle_{y_1} \langle 0|_{y_1}$$

4. Compute the von Neumann Entropy The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{y_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]$$

For a pure state, the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is a projection operator, and its von Neumann entropy is zero. However, in the context of the problem, we need to consider the entanglement entropy, which is non-zero for mixed states. The entanglement entropy for a harmonic oscillator system is given by:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\omega_1 - \omega_2} \right)$$

where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are the eigenfrequencies of the decoupled oscillators. The eigenfrequencies are:

$$\omega_{1} = \sqrt{\frac{k + g + \sqrt{(k + g)^{2} - 4g^{2}}}{m}}$$
$$\omega_{2} = \sqrt{\frac{k + g - \sqrt{(k + g)^{2} - 4g^{2}}}{m}}$$

Thus, the entanglement entropy is:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{\frac{k+g+\sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2}}{m}} + \sqrt{\frac{k+g-\sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2}}{m}}}{\sqrt{\frac{k+g+\sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2}}{m}} - \sqrt{\frac{k+g-\sqrt{(k+g)^2 - 4g^2}}{m}}} \right)$$

Final Answer

```
import math
```

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega1 = math.sqrt((k + g + math.sqrt((k + g)**2 - 4 * g**2)) / m)
    omega2 = math.sqrt((k + g - math.sqrt((k + g)**2 - 4 * g**2)) / m)
    S = 0.5 * math.log((omega1 + omega2) / (omega1 - omega2))
    return S
```

This function computes the von Neumann entropy S for the given parameters k, g, and m. Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.056575+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

#### **Evaluated by gpt-4o** (2025-02-03T22:37:43.472415Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem but has significant issues. The diagonalization of the Hamiltonian is attempted, but the transformation used is incorrect. The angle  $\theta$  is not correctly derived, leading to incorrect expressions for  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The final expression for the entropy S is also incorrect. The standard solution uses a different approach to find the eigenfrequencies and the entanglement entropy, which involves a more detailed analysis of the Hamiltonian and the reduced density matrix. The submitted solution lacks the necessary steps to correctly compute the von Neumann entropy for the given system.

# ${\bf 2.2.5} \quad {\bf Model: meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct}$

Attempt 1 (2025-01-31T18:33:24.350930Z)

Attempt 2 (2025-01-31T18:37:03.760882Z)

Attempt 3 (2025-01-31T18:40:42.582735Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we need to follow the steps outlined in the problem statement. Step 1: Understand the Problem The problem involves a coupled simple harmonic oscillator governed by a Hamiltonian. We are asked to compute the entropy S of the system, which is defined as the trace over the  $x_1$  states of the logarithm of the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ .

Step 2: Devise a Plan To compute the entropy, we need to first find the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . The density matrix is given by the partial trace of the vacuum state  $|\Omega\rangle$  over the  $|w\rangle_{x_2}$  components.

Step 3: Carry Out the Plan To find the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , we need to evaluate the integral

$$\hat{\rho} \equiv \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(179)

We can simplify this expression by using the properties of the vacuum state  $|\Omega\rangle$  and the harmonic oscillator states  $|x\rangle$ .

Step 4: Simplify the Density Matrix Using the properties of the vacuum state and the harmonic oscillator states, we can simplify the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  to

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( \int dw |w\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle w | \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(180)

Step 5: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral over w, we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 \ x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 \ x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(181)

Step 6: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|_{x_1} \langle x_1' | x_1' \rangle_{x_1}$$
(182)

Step 7: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral over  $x_1''$  and  $x_1'$ , we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \delta(x_1'' - x_1') = \int dx_1 |x_1\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1 |$$
(183)

Step 8: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1 |x_1\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1 | = \mathbb{I}_{x_1}$$
(184)

Step 9: Compute the Entropy The entropy S is given by

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{185}$$

Since  $\hat{\rho} = \mathbb{I}_{x_1}$ , we have

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\mathbb{I}_{x_1}\ln\mathbb{I}_{x_1}\right] \tag{186}$$

Step 10: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \ln \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right] = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \cdot 0 \right] = 0$$
(187)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 11: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 12: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{188}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term.

Step 13: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1|\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}|x_1\rangle \tag{189}$$

Step 14: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(190)

Step 15: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}(\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}\left(\ln\left(\int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right)\right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(191)

Step 16: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(192)

Step 17: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(193)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 18: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 19: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{194}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term.

Step 20: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle \tag{195}$$

Step 21: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(196)

Step 22: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(197)

Step 23: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(198)

Step 24: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(199)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 25: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 26: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{200}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term. Step 27: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1|\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}|x_1\rangle$$
(201)

Step 28: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(202)

Step 29: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}(\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}\left(\ln\left(\int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right)\right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(203)

Step 30: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(204)

Step 31: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(205)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 32: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 33: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{206}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term.

Step 34: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle \tag{207}$$

Step 35: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(208)

Step 36: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(209)

Step 37: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(210)

Step 38: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(211)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 39: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 40: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression S

$$\mathcal{F} = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{212}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term. Step 41: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle$$
(213)

Step 42: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(214)

Step 43: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}(\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}\left(\ln\left(\int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right)\right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(215)

Step 44: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(216)

Step 45: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(217)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 46: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 47: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{218}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term.

Step 48: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle \tag{219}$$

Step 49: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(220)

Step 50: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(221)

Step 51: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(222)

Step 52: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(223)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 53: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 54: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{224}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term. Step 55: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1|\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}|x_1\rangle$$
(225)

Step 56: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(226)

Step 57: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}(\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}\left(\ln\left(\int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right)\right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(227)

Step 58: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(228)

Step 59: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(229)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 60: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 61: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{230}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term.

Step 62: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle \tag{231}$$

Step 63: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(232)

Step 64: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(233)

Step 65: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(234)

Step 66: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(235)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 67: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 68: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{236}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term. Step 69: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1|\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}|x_1\rangle$$
(237)

Step 70: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(238)

Step 71: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}(\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho}\left(\ln\left(\int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right)\right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(239)

Step 72: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(240)

Step 73: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{I}_{x_1} \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \cdot 0 | x_1 \rangle = 0$$
(241)

However, this is not the correct answer. We need to consider the coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian. Step 74: Consider the Coupling Term The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  affects the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . We need to take this into account when computing the entropy.

Step 75: Compute the Entropy with the Coupling Term To compute the entropy with the coupling term, we need to evaluate the expression

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{242}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density matrix with the coupling term. Step 76: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1|\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}|x_1\rangle$$
(243)

Step 77: Evaluate the Integral Evaluating the integral, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle$$
(244)

Step 78: Simplify the Expression Simplifying the expression, we get

$$S = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} (\ln \hat{\rho}) | x_1 \rangle = -\int dx_1 \langle x_1 | \hat{\rho} \left( \ln \left( \int dx_1'' | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | \right) \right) | x_1 \rangle$$
(245)

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:38:10.610136Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution is fundamentally flawed. It repeatedly attempts to compute the entropy S by incorrectly assuming that the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is the identity matrix  $\mathbb{I}_{x_1}$ , leading to an incorrect conclusion that the entropy is zero. The solution fails to properly account for the coupling term  $g \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  in the Hamiltonian, which is crucial for the correct computation of the density matrix and the entropy. The approach does not align with the standard solution, which involves diagonalizing the Hamiltonian, finding the correct density matrix, and computing the entropy using the correct expressions for the eigenvalues of the density matrix. The repeated steps indicate a lack of understanding of the problem's requirements and the necessary mathematical concepts.

Attempt 4 (2025-01-31T18:44:21.306633Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we first need to compute the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  and then find the trace over the  $x_1$  states.

Step 1: Compute the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

The density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is given by

$$\hat{\rho} \equiv \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(358)

We can simplify this expression by using the properties of the inner product. Step 2: Simplify the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

Using the properties of the inner product, we can simplify the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  as follows:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes |x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(359)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |w\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle w| \right)$$
(360)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \int dw \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |w\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle w| \right)$$
(361)

We can further simplify the expression by using the properties of the inner product.

Step 3: Simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

Using the properties of the inner product, we can simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  as follows:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \int dw \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |w\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle w| \right)$$
(362)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \left( \int dw \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \right) \left( \int dw \left( |w\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle w| \right) \right)$$
(363)

Since the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is a normalized state, we have  $\int dw (|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) = 1$ .

Step 4: Simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

Using the result from the previous step, we can simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  as follows:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \left( \int dw \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \right) \left( \int dw \left( |w\rangle_{x_2 x_2} \langle w| \right) \right)$$
(364)

$$= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(365)

We can further simplify the expression by using the properties of the inner product.

Step 5: Simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

Using the properties of the inner product, we can simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  as follows:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(366)

$$= \int dx_1'' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} (x_1''| \right) \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} (x_1'| \right)$$
(367)

Since the states  $|x_1''\rangle_{x_1}$  and  $|x_1'\rangle_{x_1}$  are orthonormal, we have  $\int dx_1'' (|x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|) = 1$  and  $\int dx_1' (|x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'|) = 1$ .

Step 6: Simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ 

Using the results from the previous step, we can simplify the expression for the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  as follows:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \right) \int dx_1' \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$
(368)

$$= 1 \cdot 1 \tag{309}$$

$$= 1$$
 (370)

This result is expected, since the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is a normalized state.

Step 7: Compute the entropy S

The entropy S is given by

$$S \equiv -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{371}$$

Since the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is a normalized state, we have  $\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right] = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln 1\right] = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}0\right] = 0$ .

Step 8: Compute the entropy SUsing the result from the previous step, we can compute the entropy S as follows:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right] \tag{372}$$

 $= -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} 0 \right] \tag{373}$ 

= 0 (374)

This result is expected, since the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is a normalized state. Step 9: Convert the final mathematical expression into Python code Here is the Python code that implements the function entropy:

```
import numpy as np

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    """
    Compute the entropy S of a coupled simple harmonic oscillator.

Parameters:
    k (float): The spring constant.
    g (float): The coupling constant.
    m (float): The mass.

Returns:
    float: The entropy S.
    """
    # The density matrix rho is a normalized state, so its entropy is zero.
    S = 0
    return S
```

The final answer is: 0 Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.057131+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:38:26.862989Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution is fundamentally flawed. It incorrectly simplifies the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  to 1, which is not consistent with the standard solution. The standard solution involves a detailed calculation of the density matrix and its partial trace, leading to a non-zero entropy S. The submitted solution incorrectly concludes that the entropy is zero, which shows a lack of understanding of the problem's complexity and the mathematical concepts involved. The approach does not align with the standard solution's method of diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and computing the entropy from the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix.

#### 2.2.6 Model: Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct

# Attempt 1 (2025-02-01T00:59:07.645564Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  after tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom. Let's proceed step-by-step. Step 1: Understanding the Hamiltonian and Ground State The Hamiltonian for the coupled harmonic oscillators is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the simultaneous eigenstate of the Hamiltonian and the number operators for each oscillator.

Step 2: Constructing the Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is given by:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This can be simplified to:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \, |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 \, x_1} \langle x_1''|_{x_2} \langle w| \,\Omega(x_1, x_2) \,\Omega^*(x_1', x_2) \, |x_1'\rangle_{x_1 \, x_1} \langle x_1'| \, |w\rangle_{x_2}$$

Here,  $\Omega(x_1, x_2)$  is the ground state wavefunction of the coupled system. Step 3: Tracing Out the  $x_2$  Degrees of Freedom To find the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$ , we trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho}_{x_1} = \int dx_2 \,\hat{\rho} \, {}_{x_2} \langle x_2 |.$$

This results in:

$$\hat{\rho}_{x_1} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dx_2 |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|_{x_2} \langle x_2 | \Omega(x_1, x_2) \Omega^*(x_1', x_2) | x_1'\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1' | | x_2 \rangle_{x_2}.$$

Since  $x_2 \langle x_2 | | x_2 \rangle_{x_2} = 1$ , we have:

$$\hat{\rho}_{x_1} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \int dx_2 \,\Omega(x_1, x_2) \,\Omega^*(x_1', x_2).$$

Let  $C(x_1, x'_1) = \int dx_2 \,\Omega(x_1, x_2) \,\Omega^*(x'_1, x_2)$ . Then:

$$\hat{\rho}_{x_1} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1'' | C(x_1, x_1').$$

The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho}_{x_1} \ln \hat{\rho}_{x_1} \right].$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$  is diagonal in the  $x_1$  basis, the trace simplifies to:

$$S = -\sum_{x_1} \lambda_{x_1} \ln \lambda_{x_1},$$

where  $\lambda_{x_1}$  are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$ . Step 4: Eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$  The eigenvalues  $\lambda_{x_1}$  are given by the diagonal elements of  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$ :

$$\lambda_{x_1} = C(x_1, x_1).$$

Thus, the entropy is:

$$S = -\sum_{x_1} C(x_1, x_1) \ln C(x_1, x_1)$$

Step 5: Simplifying the Expression For the ground state of the coupled harmonic oscillator, the wavefunction  $\Omega(x_1, x_2)$  can be expressed in terms of the ground state wavefunctions of the individual oscillators. The overlap  $C(x_1, x_1)$  can be computed using the properties of the ground state wavefunctions. Final Answer: The final expression for the entropy S is:

$$S = -\sum_{x_1} C(x_1, x_1) \ln C(x_1, x_1).$$

Python Code Implementation:

```
import numpy as np
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Define the ground state wavefunction overlap C(x1, x1)
    # This is a placeholder for the actual computation of C(x1, x1)
    # In practice, this would involve solving the coupled harmonic oscillator problem
    # and computing the overlap of the ground state wavefunctions.
    # For simplicity, let's assume C(x1, x1) is a known function of k, g, and m.
    # Here we use a placeholder function for demonstration.
    def C(x1, x1_prime):
        # Placeholder function for the overlap
        return np.exp(-0.5 * (k/m) * (x1 - x1_prime)**2)
    # Sum over x1 (discretized for numerical computation)
    x1_values = np.linspace(-10, 10, 1000)
    C_values = [C(x1, x1) for x1 in x1_values]
    S = -np.sum(C_values * np.log(C_values))
    return S
Example usage
k = 1.0
g = 0.5
m = 1.0
print(entropy(k, g, m))
```

This code provides a placeholder for the actual computation of the overlap  $C(x_1, x_1)$ , which would need to be derived from the specific form of the ground state wavefunction of the coupled harmonic oscillator. Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.065105+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:38:34.920683Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution demonstrates a basic understanding of the problem by attempting to compute the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix. However, it lacks crucial details and steps present in the standard solution. The standard solution involves diagonalizing the Hamiltonian, finding the ladder operators, and computing the entropy using the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix. The submitted solution does not perform these steps and instead provides a general outline without deriving the specific form of the overlap function  $C(x_1, x'_1)$  or the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{x_1}$ . Additionally, the final expression for the entropy  $S = -\sum_{x_1} C(x_1, x_1) \ln C(x_1, x_1)$  is not equivalent to the standard solution's final answer. The Python code is a placeholder and does not reflect the actual computation needed for the problem.

Attempt 2 (2025-02-01T00:59:44.304186Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve the problem, we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ . Step 1: Understanding the Hamiltonian and Ground State The Hamiltonian for the coupled harmonic oscillators is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the simultaneous eigenstate of the Hamiltonian and the position operators  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Step 2: Constructing the Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes |x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This can be simplified to:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' x_1 \langle x_1'' | \left( \int dw x_2 \langle w | x_2 \langle w | \right) (|\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega |) \left( \int dw x_2 \langle w | x_1 \langle x_1' | \right) |x_1' \rangle_{x_1} |x_1'' \rangle_{x_1}$$

Since  $\int dw x_2 \langle w | x_2 \langle w | = 1$ , we have:

$$\begin{split} \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \left( |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right) \,_{x_1} \langle x_1' | |x_1' \rangle_{x_1} |x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \\ \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \left( |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right) |x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \\ \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \left( |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right) |x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \\ \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \left( |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right) | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \\ \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \left( |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right) | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \\ \hat{\rho} &= \int dx_1'' \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \,_{x_1} \langle x_1'' | \left( |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right) | x_1'' \rangle_{x_1} \end{split}$$

Step 3: Computing the Von Neumann Entropy The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right]$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is a diagonal matrix in the  $x_1$  basis, the trace can be computed as:

$$S = -\sum_{x_1} \lambda_i \ln \lambda_i$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}$ .

Step 4: Simplifying the Expression For the ground state of the coupled harmonic oscillator, the eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}$  are known to be:

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m} + \frac{g}{m}}\right) \right)$$

Thus, the von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = -\sum_{x_1} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m} + \frac{g}{m}}\right) \right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m} + \frac{g}{m}}\right) \right) \right)$$

Step 5: Implementing the Solution in Python

```
import numpy as np
```

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega = np.sqrt(k/m + g/m)
    lambda_val = 0.5 * (1 + np.cos(np.pi / 2 * omega))
    S = -lambda_val * np.log(lambda_val)
    return S
```

This function computes the von Neumann entropy S given the parameters k, g, and m. Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.065620+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:38:41.936647Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution contains significant errors and lacks a correct understanding of the problem. The standard solution involves diagonalizing the Hamiltonian, finding the ladder operators, and computing the von Neumann entropy using the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix. The submitted solution incorrectly simplifies the reduced density matrix and does not correctly compute the eigenvalues or the entropy. The expression for the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  is incorrect, and the entropy calculation does not match the standard solution. Additionally, the Python implementation does not reflect the correct mathematical procedure or result. Overall, the approach is fundamentally flawed and does not demonstrate an understanding of the necessary quantum mechanics concepts involved in the problem.

#### Attempt 3 (2025-02-01T01:00:09.361412Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ . Step 1: Understanding the Hamiltonian and Ground State The Hamiltonian for the coupled simple harmonic oscillator is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the simultaneous eigenstate of the Hamiltonian and the number operators for each mode.

Step 2: Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes |x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right) \langle |w\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle |w\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle |w\rangle_{x$$

This can be simplified to:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \, |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|_{x_2} \langle w|\Omega\rangle \, \langle \Omega|w\rangle_{x_1} \langle x_1'|x_1'\rangle_{x_1}.$$

Since  $\langle w | \Omega \rangle$  and  $\langle \Omega | w \rangle$  are the overlap integrals of the ground state with the eigenstates of  $x_2$ , we can write:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \rho_{x_2}(w) x_1 \langle x_1'|x_1'\rangle_{x_1}.$$

Here,  $\rho_{x_2}(w)$  is the reduced density matrix of the  $x_2$  degree of freedom. Step 3: Reduced Density Matrix of  $x_2$  The reduced density matrix  $\rho_{x_2}(w)$  is obtained by tracing out  $x_1$  from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ :

$$\rho_{x_2}(w) = \int dx_1 |x_1\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1 | |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | |x_1\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1 |.$$

For a harmonic oscillator, the ground state is a Gaussian wavefunction, and the reduced density matrix of the  $x_2$  degree of freedom is also a Gaussian. The exact form of  $\rho_{x_2}(w)$  can be derived from the ground state wavefunction, but for simplicity, we can use the fact that the reduced density matrix of a harmonic oscillator ground state is a thermal state at zero temperature, which is a pure state.

Step 4: Von Neumann Entropy The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is a pure state (a thermal state at zero temperature), the von Neumann entropy is zero:

S = 0.

0

Final Answer:

Python Code: def entropy(k:float, g:float, m:float) -> float: return 0.0

This code defines a function entropy that returns 0, as the von Neumann entropy of a pure state is always zero.

Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.066049+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:38:47.822188Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution incorrectly concludes that the von Neumann entropy is zero. The standard solution shows that the entropy is non-zero and provides a detailed calculation involving the reduced density matrix and its eigenvalues. The submitted solution fails to account for the entanglement between the degrees of freedom, which leads to a non-zero entropy. The approach in the submitted solution is fundamentally flawed as it assumes the reduced density matrix is a pure state, which is incorrect for the given problem.

### Attempt 4 (2025-02-01T01:00:48.977951Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve the problem, we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ . Step 1: Understanding the Hamiltonian and Ground State The Hamiltonian for the coupled simple harmonic oscillator is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the eigenstate of the Hamiltonian with the lowest energy. Step 2: Ground State Wavefunction The ground state wavefunction for a single harmonic oscillator is:

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$$\psi_0(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega x^2}{2\hbar}}$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ . For the coupled system, the ground state can be written as a product of single-particle ground states:

$$|\Omega\rangle = \psi_0(x_1) \otimes \psi_0(x_2)$$

Step 3: Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom:

$$\hat{
ho} = \int dx_2 |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega |$$

Since  $|\Omega\rangle = \psi_0(x_1) \otimes \psi_0(x_2)$ , we have:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_2 \,\psi_0(x_1) \psi_0^*(x_2) \otimes \psi_0(x_2) \psi_0^*(x_1)$$

This simplifies to:

$$\hat{
ho}=\psi_0(x_1)\otimes\int dx_2\,\psi_0(x_2)\psi_0^*(x_2)\psi_0^*(x_1)=\psi_0(x_1)\otimes\psi_0^*(x_1)$$

Thus,  $\hat{\rho}$  is a diagonal matrix in the  $x_1$  basis:

$$\hat{\rho} = \psi_0(x_1)\psi_0^*(x_1)$$

Step 4: Von Neumann Entropy The von Neumann entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right]$$

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is diagonal, the trace simplifies to:

$$S = -\int dx_1 \psi_0(x_1) \psi_0^*(x_1) \ln \left( \psi_0(x_1) \psi_0^*(x_1) \right)$$

Using the ground state wavefunction:

$$\psi_0(x_1) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{2\hbar}}$$

we have:

$$\psi_0(x_1)\psi_0^*(x_1) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}}$$

Thus:

$$S = -\int dx_1 \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}} \ln\left(\left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}}\right)$$

This can be split into two integrals:

$$S = -\int dx_1 \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right) - \frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}\right)$$
$$S = -\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right) \int dx_1 \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}} + \frac{m\omega}{\hbar} \int dx_1 \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} x_1^2 e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}}$$

The first integral is 1 (normalization):

$$\int dx_1 \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}} = 1$$

The second integral is the second moment of a Gaussian distribution:

$$\int dx_1 \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} x_1^2 e^{-\frac{m\omega x_1^2}{\hbar}} = \frac{\hbar}{m\omega}$$

Thus:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right) + \frac{m\omega}{\hbar} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{m\omega} = -\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right) + 1$$
$$S = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)$$

Step 5: Python Code Implementation

import numpy as np

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega = np.sqrt(k / m)
    hbar = 1.0545718e-34 # Planck's constant in J*s
    S = 1 - 0.5 * np.log((m * omega) / (np.pi * hbar))
    return S
```

This code defines the function entropy that computes the von Neumann entropy given the parameters k, g, and m.

Verification Results:

#### Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.066544+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:38:58.994771Z) Grade: D

Notes: The submitted solution fundamentally misunderstands the problem. It treats the system as two independent harmonic oscillators, ignoring the coupling term  $g(x_1 - x_2)^2/2$  in the Hamiltonian. This leads to an incorrect form of the ground state wavefunction and reduced density matrix. The standard solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian, accounts for the coupling, and derives the correct expressions for the frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The submitted solution's final expression for the entropy  $S = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)$  is not equivalent to the standard solution's result, which involves the coupled frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The approach and calculations in the submitted solution do not reflect an understanding of the coupled system dynamics.

Attempt 5 (2025-02-01T01:01:18.839191Z)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for the coupled harmonic oscillator system. Let's proceed step-by-step. Step 1: Understanding the Hamiltonian and Ground State The Hamiltonian for the coupled harmonic oscillator is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the eigenstate of the Hamiltonian with the lowest energy. Step 2: Constructing the Reduced Density Matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  The density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is given by:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This can be simplified to:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \, |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle x_1'| |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle$$

Since  $\langle w | w \rangle = 1$ , we can simplify further:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_2} \langle w|_{x_1} \langle x_1'||x_1'\rangle_{x_1}$$

Step 3: Trace Over  $x_1$  States The trace over  $x_1$  states is:

 $S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]$ 

Since  $\hat{\rho}$  is a product of states in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , the trace over  $x_1$  will effectively average over the  $x_1$  states. Step 4: Simplifying the Expression Given the form of  $\hat{\rho}$ , we can see that the trace over  $x_1$  will result in a sum over the eigenstates of the  $x_1$  part of the system. The von Neumann entropy for a system in a pure state is zero, but for a mixed state, it is given by the Shannon entropy of the eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}$ .

For a coupled harmonic oscillator, the ground state is typically a coherent state, and the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  will be a thermal state. The von Neumann entropy for a thermal state in a harmonic oscillator is given by:

$$S = k_B \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}\right)$$

where  $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$  and  $\omega$  is the frequency of the oscillator.

However, for the given problem, we need to consider the effect of the coupling term g. The exact form of the entropy will depend on the specific form of the ground state and the coupling term. For simplicity, we can assume that the entropy is proportional to the coupling term g.

Step 5: Final Expression The final expression for the von Neumann entropy S is:

$$S = \ln\left(1 + e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}\right)$$

where  $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$  and  $\omega$  is the frequency of the oscillator. Step 6: Implementing the Python Code Now, we implement the final expression in Python:

```
import numpy as np
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Calculate the frequency of the oscillator
    omega = np.sqrt(k / m)
    # Calculate the inverse temperature beta
    # For simplicity, we assume a temperature T = 1 (in units where k_B = 1)
    beta = 1.0
    # Calculate the von Neumann entropy
    S = np.log(1 + np.exp(-beta * omega))
    return S
```

This code defines a function entropy that computes the von Neumann entropy given the parameters k, g, and m.

Verification Results:

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Evaluations:

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Notes: The submitted solution does not correctly address the problem of finding the von Neumann entropy for the reduced density matrix of a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The standard solution involves diagonalizing the Hamiltonian, finding the ladder operators, and computing the entropy using the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix. The submitted solution incorrectly simplifies the problem to a single harmonic oscillator and uses an incorrect expression for the entropy, assuming a thermal state without justification. The final expression for entropy is unrelated to the standard solution's result, which involves specific frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  derived from the coupling terms. Additionally, the Python code provided does not reflect the complexity of the problem and incorrectly assumes a simple harmonic oscillator entropy formula.

# 2.2.7 Model: Qwen/QwQ-32B-Preview

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**Detailed Solution:** Alright, I've got this problem about a coupled simple harmonic oscillator, and I need to find the entropy S of the reduced density matrix. It's a bit intimidating at first glance, but I'll take it step by step.

First, I need to understand the Hamiltonian given:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

This looks like two harmonic oscillators coupled by a spring with coupling constant g. So, it's not just two independent oscillators; their positions affect each other.

My goal is to find the entropy S, which is defined as:

# $S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1}[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}]$

Where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the reduced density matrix, obtained by partial tracing over the x2 degrees of freedom. Alright, let's start by understanding the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ . For uncoupled harmonic oscillators, the ground state is well-known, but here they are coupled, so I need to find the ground state of the coupled system. Maybe I can diagonalize the Hamiltonian to find the normal modes of the system. That often simplifies coupled oscillator problems.

Let me write the Hamiltonian in matrix form. The kinetic and potential energy parts can be expressed in terms of the momenta and positions.

First, the kinetic energy part:

$$T = \frac{1}{2m} (p_1^2 + p_2^2)$$

And the potential energy:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(kx_1^2 + kx_2^2) + g\frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

Simplify V:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_2^2 + \frac{g}{2}(x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2)$$
$$V = \frac{1}{2}(k+g)x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)x_2^2 - gx_1x_2$$

So, the total Hamiltonian is:

$$H = T + V = \frac{1}{2m}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)x_2^2 - gx_1x_2$$

This looks like a quadratic form in p1, p2, x1, x2. To diagonalize it, I can write it in matrix form. Let's define a vector:

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, H can be written as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{u}$$

Where A is a 4x4 matrix. Let's find A. The kinetic energy part is:

$$T = \frac{1}{2m}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) = \frac{1}{2}(p_1 \quad p_2 \quad x_1 \quad x_2) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The potential energy part is:

So, the total Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{u}$$

Where:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & k+g & -g\\ 0 & 0 & -g & k+g \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, to diagonalize H, I need to find a transformation that diagonalizes A. Alternatively, perhaps it's easier to consider the equations of motion and find the normal modes. Let me write the equations of motion for x1 and x2. From Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} = \frac{p_1}{m}$$
$$\dot{p}_1 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} = -(k+g)x_1 + gx_2$$

Similarly:

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} = \frac{p_2}{m}$$
$$\dot{p}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} = -(k+g)x_2 + gx_1$$

So, we have:

$$\ddot{x}_1 = \frac{1}{m}\dot{p}_1 = -\frac{k+g}{m}x_1 + \frac{g}{m}x_2$$
$$\ddot{x}_2 = \frac{1}{m}\dot{p}_2 = \frac{g}{m}x_1 - \frac{k+g}{m}x_2$$

This is a system of coupled differential equations. To solve it, I can look for normal mode solutions where x1 and  $x_2$  oscillate with the same frequency. Assume:

$$x_1(t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$$
$$x_2(t) = Be^{i\omega t}$$

Plugging into the equations of motion:

$$-\omega^2 A e^{i\omega t} = -\frac{k+g}{m} A e^{i\omega t} + \frac{g}{m} B e^{i\omega t}$$
$$-\omega^2 B e^{i\omega t} = \frac{g}{m} A e^{i\omega t} - \frac{k+g}{m} B e^{i\omega t}$$

Dividing both sides by  $e^{i\omega t}$ , we get :

$$-\omega^2 A = -\frac{k+g}{m}A + \frac{g}{m}B$$

$$-\omega^2 B = \frac{g}{m}A - \frac{k+g}{m}B$$

Rearranging:

$$\left(\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m}\right)A + \frac{g}{m}B = 0$$
$$\frac{g}{m}A + \left(\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m}\right)B = 0$$

This is a homogeneous system of equations, and for non-trivial solutions, the determinant must be zero:

$$\frac{\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m}}{\frac{g}{m}} \frac{\frac{g}{m}}{\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m}} = 0$$

Calculating the determinant:

$$\left(\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{g}{m}\right)^2 = 0$$
$$\left(\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{g}{m}\right)^2$$
$$\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m} = \pm \frac{g}{m}$$

So, two solutions for <sup>2</sup>: 1.  $\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m} = \frac{g}{m} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k+g}{m} + \frac{g}{m} = \frac{k+2g}{m}$ 2.  $\omega^2 - \frac{k+g}{m} = -\frac{g}{m} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k+g}{m} - \frac{g}{m} = \frac{k}{m}$ So, the normal mode frequencies are:

 $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ Now, to find the normal modes, we need to find the ratios of A and B for each frequency. For  $\omega^2 = \frac{k+2g}{m}$ :

$$\left(\frac{k+2g}{m} - \frac{k+g}{m}\right)A + \frac{g}{m}B = 0$$
$$\left(\frac{g}{m}\right)A + \frac{g}{m}B = 0$$
$$A + B = 0$$

 $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ 

B = -A

So, the normal mode is  $x_1 = Ae^{i\omega_2 t}$ ,  $x_2 = -Ae^{i\omega_2 t}$ . So, the relative displacement is maximized. For  $\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ :

$$\left(\frac{k}{m} - \frac{k+g}{m}\right)A + \frac{g}{m}B = 0$$
$$\left(-\frac{g}{m}\right)A + \frac{g}{m}B = 0$$
$$-A + B = 0$$

B = A

So, the normal mode is  $x_1 = Ae^{i\omega_1 t}$ ,  $x_2 = Ae^{i\omega_1 t}$ . So, the centers of the oscillators move together. Now, I can define new coordinates corresponding to these normal modes. Let:

$$q_1 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ q_2 = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Then, the momenta are:

$$p_{q1} = \frac{p_{x1} + p_{x2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$p_{q2} = \frac{p_{x1} - p_{x2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Now, express H in terms of q1, q2,  $p_{q1}, p_{q2}$ . First, express x1 and x2 in terms of q1 and q2:

$$x_1 = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Similarly for  $p_{x1}andp_{x2}$ :

$$p_{x1} = \frac{p_{q1} + p_{q2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$p_{x2} = \frac{p_{q1} - p_{q2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Now plug these into H. First, kinetic energy:

$$T = \frac{1}{2m} (p_{x1}^2 + p_{x2}^2) = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \left( \frac{p_{q1} + p_{q2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{p_{q1} - p_{q2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \right)$$
$$T = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{(p_{q1} + p_{q2})^2 + (p_{q1} - p_{q2})^2}{2} \right)$$
$$T = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{2p_{q1}^2 + 2p_{q2}^2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2m} (p_{q1}^2 + p_{q2}^2)$$

Potential energy:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(k+g)x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)x_2^2 - gx_1x_2$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(k+g)\left(\frac{q_1+q_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)\left(\frac{q_1-q_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 - g\left(\frac{q_1+q_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\left(\frac{q_1-q_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(k+g)\left(\frac{q_1^2+2q_1q_2+q_2^2}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)\left(\frac{q_1^2-2q_1q_2+q_2^2}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{q_1^2-q_2^2}{2}\right)$$

$$V = \frac{k+g}{4}(q_1^2+2q_1q_2+q_2^2+q_1^2-2q_1q_2+q_2^2) - \frac{g}{2}(q_1^2-q_2^2)$$

$$V = \frac{k+g}{4}(2q_1^2+2q_2^2) - \frac{g}{2}(q_1^2-q_2^2)$$

$$V = \frac{k+g}{2}(q_1^2+q_2^2) - \frac{g}{2}(q_1^2-q_2^2)$$

$$V = \frac{k+g-g}{2}q_1^2 + \frac{k+g+g}{2}q_2^2$$

$$V = \frac{k}{2}q_1^2 + \frac{k+2g}{2}q_2^2$$

So, the Hamiltonian in terms of q1 and q2 is:

$$H = \frac{p_{q1}^2}{2m} + \frac{p_{q2}^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{2}q_1^2 + \frac{k+2g}{2}q_2^2$$

This shows that q1 and q2 oscillate independently with frequencies 1 and 2 as found earlier. Now, the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the tensor product of the ground states of the two independent oscillators. Lets denote the ground state of q1 oscillator as  $|0\rangle_{q1}$  and that of q2 as  $|0\rangle_{q2}$ . Then,

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_{q1} \otimes |0\rangle_{q2}$$

Now, I need to find the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  by partial tracing over x2, which in terms of q1 and q2, would correspond to partial tracing over one of the coordinates. Wait a minute, I need to express x2 in terms of q1 and q2.

From earlier:

$$x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So, tracing over  $x^2$  would involve integrating out  $x^2$ , but in terms of  $q^1$  and  $q^2$ , that would correspond to integrating over one of the q's.

Actually, perhaps it's easier to express the density matrix in terms of x1 and x2, and then perform the partial trace over x2.

Let me recall the definition of  $\hat{\rho}$ :

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes |x_2 \langle w| \right) |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This looks quite involved. Maybe there's a simpler way to compute the reduced density matrix.

Alternatively, since the system is quadratic, the ground state is a Gaussian state, and the reduced density matrix for a Gaussian state can be found by integrating out one of the variables.

Perhaps I can find the wave function of the ground state in position space and then compute the reduced density matrix by integrating out x2.

First, let's find the ground state wave function.

Given that the Hamiltonian is quadratic, the ground state is a Gaussian wave function.

The general form of the ground state wave function for a two-dimensional harmonic oscillator is:

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}$$

But in our case, the Hamiltonian is coupled, so the ground state wave function will be a function of the normal coordinates q1 and q2.

From earlier, we have:

$$H = \frac{p_{q1}^2}{2m} + \frac{p_{q2}^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{2}q_1^2 + \frac{k+2g}{2}q_2^2$$

So, the ground state wave function in terms of q1 and q2 is:

$$\psi_0(q_1, q_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{2\hbar}q_1^2} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2}{2\hbar}q_2^2}$$

Where  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . Now, to express this in terms of x1 and x2, we use the relations:

$$q_1 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ q_2 = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So,

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{2h} \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2}{2h} \left(\frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}$$

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{4\hbar}(x_1 + x_2)^2 - \frac{m\omega_2}{4\hbar}(x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

Now, the density matrix  $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$  is  $\psi_0(x_1, x_2)\psi_0^*(x_1', x_2')$ , but I need to compute the reduced density matrix by integrating out x2.

Alternatively, perhaps there's a smarter way to compute the entropy S for a Gaussian state.

Since the ground state is Gaussian, and the reduced density matrix will also be Gaussian, the entropy can be computed using known formulas for the entropy of Gaussian states.

In quantum information theory, the von Neumann entropy of a Gaussian state is related to the covariance matrix.

First, I need to find the covariance matrix of the reduced state.

But perhaps this is getting too complicated. Maybe I should stick to the definition and compute the partial trace.

Let me try to compute  $\hat{\rho}$  explicitly.

Given:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 \ x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes \ _{x_2} \langle w| \right) |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 \ x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This looks like a very involved integral. Maybe there's a simpler expression for the reduced density matrix. Alternatively, perhaps I can use the fact that for Gaussian states, the reduced density matrix is also Gaussian, and its covariance matrix can be obtained by partial tracing.

Given that, I can compute the covariance matrix elements for x1 and p1, and then use the formula for the entropy of a Gaussian state.

The von Neumann entropy S for a Gaussian state is given by:

$$S = \sum_{i} \left[ \lambda_{i} \ln \lambda_{i} - (\lambda_{i} - 1) \ln(\lambda_{i} - 1) \right]$$

Where  $\lambda_i$  are the symplectic eigenvalues of the covariance matrix.

But perhaps this is overkill for this problem.

Alternatively, perhaps I can compute the entropy directly from the definition.

Given that the reduced density matrix is Gaussian, its matrix elements in the position basis can be written as:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \psi_0(x_1, x_2) \psi_0^*(x_1', x_2)$$

So,

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{4h}(x_1 + x_2)^2 - \frac{m\omega_2}{4h}(x_1 - x_2)^2} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{4h}(x_1' + x_2)^2 - \frac{m\omega_2}{4h}(x_1' - x_2)^2} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{4h}(x_1' + x_2)^2 - \frac{m\omega_2}{4h}(x_1' - x_2)^2}$$

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} \int dx_2 e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{4\hbar}[(x_1+x_2)^2 + (x_1'+x_2)^2] - \frac{m\omega_2}{4\hbar}[(x_1-x_2)^2 + (x_1'-x_2)^2]}$$

This integral looks messy. Maybe there's a better way to compute this. Alternatively, perhaps I can express the reduced density matrix in terms of the normal modes. Since q1 and q2 are decoupled, maybe I can express the reduced density matrix in terms of q1 and q2. Wait, actually, x2 is related to q1 and q2 as follows:

$$x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So, integrating over x2 would correspond to integrating over q2.

Therefore, the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out q2.

Given that, and since q1 and q2 are independent, the reduced density matrix should just be the density matrix of q1.

Wait, but I need to confirm this.

The ground state is  $|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_{q1} \otimes |0\rangle_{q2}$ .

Tracing out q2 corresponds to taking the partial trace over q2, which would give  $\hat{\rho} = |0\rangle_{q1} \langle 0|_{q1}$ .

But I need to express this in terms of x1.

Alternatively, perhaps I need to find the marginal probability distribution for x1 by integrating out x2 from the full wave function.

Let me try that. The probability density is  $|\psi_0(x_1, x_2)|^2$ . So, the marginal probability for x1 is:

$$ho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \psi_0(x_1, x_2) \psi_0^*(x_1', x_2)$$

Which is what I wrote earlier.

This seems unavoidable.

Alternatively, perhaps I can switch to the normal mode coordinates q1 and q2, and express x1 in terms of q1 and q2.

Given that, perhaps the integral becomes easier.

Let me try that. We have:

$$x_1 = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So,  $dx_1dx_2 = dq_1dq_2$ , since the Jacobian of the transformation is 1. Now, express  $\rho(x_1, x'_1)$  in terms of q1 and q2. First, express x1 and x1' in terms of q1 and q2.

$$x_1 = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$x_1' = \frac{q_1' + q_2'}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Wait, but in the integral, x1 and x1' are independent variables, so perhaps it's better to keep them as they are.

Alternatively, perhaps I can change variables in the integral from x2 to q2, keeping x1 fixed. Let me think differently.

Express  $\psi_0(x_1, x_2)$  in terms of q1 and q2.

We have:

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1}{4h}(x_1 + x_2)^2 - \frac{m\omega_2}{4h}(x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

Let me define:

$$a = \frac{m\omega_1}{4\hbar}$$
$$b = \frac{m\omega_2}{4\hbar}$$

Then,

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-a(x_1+x_2)^2 - b(x_1-x_2)^2}$$

Now, expand the exponents:

$$-a(x_1 + x_2)^2 - b(x_1 - x_2)^2 = -a(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2) - b(x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2)$$
$$= -(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2$$

So,

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2}$$

Now, the reduced density matrix is:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \psi_0(x_1, x_2) \psi_0^*(x_1', x_2)$$

Since the wave function is real,  $\psi_0^* = \psi_0$ . So,

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \times \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1'^2 - (a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \times \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1'^2 - (a+b)x_2'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \times \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1'^2 - (a+b)x_2'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \times \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1'^2 - (a+b)x_2'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \times \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1'^2 - (a+b)x_2'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \times \left[ \left( \frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-(a+b)x_1'^2 - (a+b)x_2'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2} \right] \right]$$

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_1'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} \times \int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1+x_1')x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_1'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} \times \int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1+x_1')x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_1'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} \times \int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1+x_1')x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - 2(a+b)x_1'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} \times \int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1+x_1')x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - 2(a+b)x_1'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} \times \int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1+x_1')x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2(a+b)x_1^2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2(a+b)x_1^2 - 2(b-a)(x_1+x_1')x_2} dx_2 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2(a+b)x_1^2 - 2(a+b)x_1^2 -$$

Now, the integral is a Gaussian integral:

$$\int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1 + x_1')x_2}$$

This is of the form:

$$\int dx \, e^{-ax^2 + bx} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{\frac{b^2}{4a}}$$

So, here:

$$a = 2(a+b)$$

$$b = 2(b-a)(x_1 + x_1')$$

Thus,

$$\int dx_2 e^{-2(a+b)x_2^2 + 2(b-a)(x_1 + x_1')x_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2(a+b)}} e^{\frac{[2(b-a)(x_1 + x_1')]^2}{8(a+b)}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2(a+b)}} e^{\frac{(b-a)^2(x_1 + x_1')^2}{2(a+b)}}$$

Therefore, the reduced density matrix is:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-(a+b)x_1^2 - (a+b)x_1'^2 + 2(b-a)x_1x_2 - 2(b-a)x_1'x_2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2(a+b)}} e^{\frac{(b-a)^2(x_1+x_1')^2}{2(a+b)}}$$

This still looks complicated. Maybe I need to combine exponents. Let me recall that a Gaussian integral of the form:

$$\int dx \, e^{-ax^2 + bx} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{\frac{b^2}{4a}}$$

So, perhaps I can complete the square in the exponent.

Alternatively, perhaps there is a better way to approach this problem.

Given that time is limited, maybe I can look up the formula for the entropy of a Gaussian state.

For a quantum harmonic oscillator in its ground state, the entropy is zero because it's a pure state.

But in this case, we are considering a reduced density matrix, which is mixed, so the entropy should be greater than zero.

In general, for a quantum harmonic oscillator with Hamiltonian  $H = \hbar \omega (a^{\dagger} a + 1/2)$ , the entropy of the reduced state can be computed from the covariance matrix.

Alternatively, perhaps I can use the fact that the entropy of a Gaussian state is related to its covariance matrix by:

$$S = \ln \sqrt{\det(\sigma/(\hbar/2))}$$

Where is the covariance matrix.

But I need to confirm this.

Alternatively, perhaps I can use the purity of the state to find the entropy.

The purity is  $Tr(\rho^2)$ , and for a Gaussian state, it's related to the covariance matrix.

But perhaps this is getting too involved.

Given time constraints, maybe I should accept that this is a complex calculation and proceed to write a Python function that computes the entropy based on some formula. Alternatively, perhaps I can assume that the reduced density matrix is thermal and relate the entropy to the effective temperature.

But this is speculative. Given that, perhaps I can look for a **Verification Results:** 

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Notes: The submitted solution demonstrates a basic understanding of the problem by identifying the Hamiltonian and attempting to find the normal modes. However, it lacks a coherent and complete approach to solving the problem. The solution does not reach a final expression for the entropy S, and there are significant gaps in the reasoning, particularly in the calculation of the reduced density matrix and the entropy. The solution does not effectively utilize the diagonalization of the Hamiltonian or the properties of Gaussian states to compute the entropy. Additionally, the solution is verbose and lacks focus, with many speculative and incomplete thoughts. The correct frequencies  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$  are identified, but the solution does not proceed to use these to find the entropy as in the standard solution.

Attempt 5 (2025-02-01T04:56:29.762452Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Alright, I've got this problem about a coupled simple harmonic oscillator, and I need to find the entropy S of the reduced density matrix. It's a bit intimidating at first glance, but I'll take it step by step. Let's start by understanding the problem and then devise a plan to solve it.

Understanding the Problem

We have a system of two coupled harmonic oscillators described by the Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

This Hamiltonian consists of the kinetic and potential energies of two oscillators, plus an interaction term that couples them through their displacement difference.

We're given the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of this system and need to find the entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , which is obtained by tracing out the degrees of freedom associated with  $x_2$ . The entropy is defined as:

 $S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]$ 

So, my goal is to compute this entropy.

Devise a Plan

To tackle this problem, I need to follow these steps:

1. **Diagonalize the Hamiltonian**: Find the normal modes of the coupled oscillators to simplify the Hamiltonian into uncoupled oscillators. This will make it easier to find the ground state.

2. Find the Ground State: Determine the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  in terms of the normal mode coordinates.

3. Construct the Reduced Density Matrix: Trace out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom to obtain  $\hat{\rho}$ .

4. Compute the Entropy: Calculate the entropy S using the reduced density matrix.

Let's start with the first step.

Step 1: Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

First, let's write this in matrix form. The kinetic and potential energy terms can be expressed in terms of the position and momentum operators.
The kinetic energy term is:

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{p_i^2}{2m}$$

The potential energy term is:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} kx_{i}^{2} + g \frac{(x_{1} - x_{2})^{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x_{1} & x_{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k+g & -g \\ -g & k+g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

So, the Hamiltonian can be written as:

$$H = T + V = \frac{1}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k+g & -g \\ -g & k+g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

To diagonalize this, we need to find the normal modes. This involves finding the eigenfrequencies and eigenvectors of the system.

Let's define the matrix:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix}, \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} k+g & -g \\ -g & k+g \end{pmatrix}$$

The equations of motion are:

$$M\ddot{X} + KX = 0$$

Assuming solutions of the form  $X \propto e^{i\omega t}$ , we get:

$$(K - \omega^2 M)X = 0$$

So, the eigenfrequencies  $\omega$  satisfy:

$$\det(K - \omega^2 M) = 0$$

Plugging in M and K:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} k+g-\omega^2m & -g\\ -g & k+g-\omega^2m \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

This gives:

$$(k+g-\omega^2 m)^2 - g^2 = 0$$
$$(k+g-\omega^2 m)^2 = g^2$$
$$k+g-\omega^2 m = \pm g$$

So, we have two solutions: 1.  $k + g - \omega^2 m = g \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ 2.  $k + g - \omega^2 m = -g \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k+2g}{m}$ Thus, the eigenfrequencies are:

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

Next, we find the eigenvectors corresponding to these frequencies. For  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ :

$$(K - \omega_1^2 M) X = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} k + g - k & -g \\ -g & k + g - k \end{pmatrix} X = \begin{pmatrix} g & -g \\ -g & g \end{pmatrix} X = 0$$

This gives the equation:

 $gx_1 - gx_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ 

So, the eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$ For  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ :

$$(K - \omega_2^2 M) X = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} k + g - (k + 2g) & -g \\ -g & k + g - (k + 2g) \end{pmatrix} X = \begin{pmatrix} -g & -g \\ -g & -g \end{pmatrix} X = 0$$

This gives:

$$-gx_1 - gx_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2$$

So, the eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Now, we can define the normal coordinates  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  as linear combinations of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where A is the matrix of eigenvectors:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in terms of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , we need  $A^{-1}$ :

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{q_1 + q_2}{q_1 - q_2} \\ \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, for momenta:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} p_{q1} \\ p_{q2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{q1} \\ p_{q2} \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, express the Hamiltonian in terms of  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $p_{q1}$ , and  $p_{q2}$ :

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{p_{qi}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_i^2 q_i^2$$

Substituting  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ :

$$H = \frac{p_{q1}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 q_1^2 + \frac{p_{q2}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_2^2 q_2^2$$
$$= \frac{p_{q1}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kq_1^2 + \frac{p_{q2}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}(k+2g)q_2^2$$

This is now a sum of two uncoupled harmonic oscillators.

Step 2: Find the Ground State

The ground state of the system in the normal mode coordinates is the tensor product of the ground states of the individual oscillators.

For a harmonic oscillator with frequency  $\omega$ , the ground state wave function is:

$$\psi_0(q) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega q^2}{2h}}$$

So, the ground state of the combined system is:

 $|\Omega\rangle = |\omega_{q1}, 0\rangle \otimes |\omega_{q2}, 0\rangle$ 

Where  $|\omega_{qi}, 0\rangle$  is the ground state of the i-th oscillator.

Step 3: Construct the Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the full density matrix  $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$ .

Given the expression:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This looks a bit complicated, but it's essentially performing a partial trace over  $x_2$ .

In practice, this means integrating over  $x_2$ , or in this case, over the eigenvalues w of  $\hat{x}_2$ . To simplify, let's express everything in terms of the normal coordinates  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , since the Hamiltonian is diagonal in these coordinates.

First, express  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in terms of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ :

$$x_1 = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{2}, \quad x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2}$$

Similarly, express the position eigenstates  $|x_1\rangle$  and  $|x_2\rangle$  in terms of  $|q_1\rangle$  and  $|q_2\rangle$ . However, this change of variables might be too involved. Perhaps there's a better way to approach the partial trace.

Alternatively, since the system is composed of two uncoupled oscillators in the normal coordinates, the density matrix in the normal coordinates is a product state:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |\omega_{q1}, 0\rangle \otimes |\omega_{q2}, 0\rangle$$

Thus, the density matrix is:

$$|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| = |\omega_{q1}, 0\rangle\langle\omega_{q1}, 0| \otimes |\omega_{q2}, 0\rangle\langle\omega_{q2}, 0|$$

Now, to trace out  $x_2$ , which corresponds to one of the normal coordinates, say  $q_2$ , because  $x_2$  is related to both  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ .

Wait a minute, actually,  $x_2$  is a linear combination of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , so tracing out  $x_2$  is not directly equivalent to tracing out one of the normal coordinates.

This seems tricky. Maybe it's better to stick to the original coordinates for the partial trace.

Let's consider the density matrix in the position representation:

$$p(x_1'', x_1'; x_2'', x_2') = \langle x_1'' | \langle x_2'' | | \Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | | x_1' \rangle | x_2' \rangle$$

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$  is obtained by integrating out  $x_2$ :

$$\rho_{x_1}(x_1'',x_1') = \int dx_2 \rho(x_1'',x_1';x_2,x_2)$$

But in the problem statement, the expression for  $\hat{\rho}$  seems to involve a different kind of partial trace, involving the eigenstates  $|w\rangle_{x_2}$ .

Perhaps it's best to interpret  $\hat{\rho}$  as the partial trace over  $x_2$ , which in the position representation would indeed involve integrating over  $x_2$ .

Given that, I can proceed by computing the reduced density matrix in the  $x_1$  basis.

First, find the wave function of the ground state in the original coordinates.

Given that the Hamiltonian is quadratic, the ground state is a Gaussian wave function in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

The general form of the ground state wave function for a two-dimensional harmonic oscillator with interaction is:

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\alpha(x_1^2 + x_2^2)/2}$$

But with the coupling, it's more involved. Perhaps I should express it in terms of the normal coordinates. Lets denote the ground state wave function in terms of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ :

$$\psi_0(q_1, q_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1 q_1^2}{2\hbar}} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2 q_2^2}{2\hbar}}$$

Now, express  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :

 $q_1 = x_1 + x_2, \quad q_2 = x_1 - x_2$ 

Wait, earlier I had:

So,

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow q_1 = x_1 + x_2, \quad q_2 = x_1 - x_2$$

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1(x_1+x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}}$$

Wait, this doesn't seem right. The transformation should account for the Jacobian. Actually, when changing variables in the wave function, I need to consider how the wave function transforms under the coordinate transformation. Given that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The inverse transformation is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{q_1 + q_2}{2} \\ \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Jacobian of the transformation is:

$$J = \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, the wave function in the original coordinates is:

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \psi_0(q_1, q_2) \cdot |J|^{-1/2} = \psi_0(q_1, q_2) \cdot 2^{1/2}$$

Substituting  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :

$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1(x_1+x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}}$$

This seems quite involved. Maybe there's a better way to find the reduced density matrix.

Alternatively, since the system is composed of two uncoupled oscillators in the normal coordinates, the density matrix is a product state in those coordinates. Tracing out one of the oscillators should give a thermal state for the remaining oscillator.

Wait, but in this case, it's a ground state, so tracing out one oscillator should give a mixed state for the other. Let me recall that for two uncoupled harmonic oscillators in their ground states, the reduced density matrix for one oscillator is just the density matrix of that oscillator, which is pure. But in this problem, because of the coupling, it's different.

Actually, after diagonalizing the Hamiltonian, the system is uncoupled, so perhaps the reduced density matrix is straightforward.

Wait, perhaps I need to consider the relationship between  $x_1$  and the normal coordinates. Let me try to express  $x_1$  in terms of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ :

$$x_1 = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{2}$$

Similarly,

$$x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2}$$

So,  $x_1$  is a linear combination of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ .

Given that, perhaps I can express the reduced density matrix by integrating out  $x_2$ , which corresponds to integrating out  $q_2$ .

Wait, but  $x_2$  is related to both  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ . Maybe it's better to work in the normal coordinate basis. Alternatively, perhaps I can use the fact that for Gaussian states, the reduced density matrix is also Gaussian, and its properties can be derived from the covariance matrix.

Given that the ground state of a harmonic oscillator is Gaussian, and the coupling is quadratic, the ground state remains Gaussian.

So, perhaps the reduced density matrix is also Gaussian, and I can compute its variance to find the entropy.

Let me look into this approach.

Step 4: Compute the Entropy

Given that the state is Gaussian, the entropy can be computed from the covariance matrix.

First, find the covariance matrix of the full system in the ground state.

For a quantum harmonic oscillator, the uncertainty in position and momentum is related to the ground state spread.

In general, for a quantum system, the covariance matrix elements are:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{r_i, r_j\} \rangle - \langle r_i \rangle \langle r_j \rangle$$

Where  $r_i$  and  $r_j$  are the phase space variables (position and momentum).

For the ground state, the expectation values of positions and momenta are zero, so:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{r_i, r_j\} \rangle$$

In the normal coordinates, the covariance matrix will be diagonal.

Alternatively, perhaps it's easier to compute the reduced density matrix in the  $x_1$  basis and then compute its entropy.

Let me try to compute the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$ .

Given that the full density matrix is  $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$ , the reduced density matrix is:

$$\hat{\rho}_{x_1} = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2} \left[ |\Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | \right]$$

In the position representation, this is:

$$\rho_{x_1}(x_1'',x_1') = \int dx_2 \,\psi_0(x_1'',x_2) \psi_0^*(x_1',x_2)$$

Where  $\psi_0(x_1, x_2)$  is the ground state wave function. From earlier, we have:

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$$\psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1(x_1+x_2)^2}{4h}} \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi h}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1-x_2)^2}{4h}}$$

So,

$$\rho_{x_1}(x_1'',x_1') = \int dx_2 \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1(x_1''+x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1''-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_1(x_1'+x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}} \\ \times \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_2(x_1'-x_2)^2}{4$$

This looks quite complicated. Maybe there's a better way.

Alternatively, since the ground state is Gaussian, the reduced density matrix will also be Gaussian, and its covariance matrix can be obtained by partial tracing.

In quantum information theory, for Gaussian states, the von Neumann entropy can be computed directly from the covariance matrix.

Let me recall that for a Gaussian state, the entropy is related to the symplectic eigenvalues of the covariance matrix.

But this might be too advanced for my current level. Maybe I can find a simpler way.

Let me consider that in the normal coordinates, the system is uncoupled, and the density matrix is a product state.

So,  $|\Omega\rangle = |\omega_{q1}, 0\rangle \otimes |\omega_{q2}, 0\rangle$ 

Tracing out  $x_2$  is equivalent to tracing out one of the normal coordinates, since  $x_2$  is a linear combination of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ .

Wait, perhaps it's better to express  $x_2$  in terms of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , and then perform the partial trace.

Given that  $x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2}$ , tracing out  $x_2$  would involve integrating over  $x_2$ , which corresponds to integrating over combinations of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ .

This seems too convoluted. Maybe I should look for a different approach.

Let me consider that the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}_{x_1}$  can be written in terms of the expectation values of the position and momentum operators for  $x_1$ .

Given that, perhaps I can compute the expectation values  $\langle x_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle p_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle x_1^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle p_1^2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle x_1 p_1 \rangle$ , and use these to construct the covariance matrix for  $x_1$  and  $p_1$ .

Then, the von Neumann entropy for a Gaussian state is given by:

$$S = \log\left(\frac{\sqrt{\det\sigma}}{\hbar/2}\right)$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the covariance matrix.

Wait, I need to be careful with the formula for the entropy of a Gaussian state. Actually, for a single mode Gaussian state, the von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 2\pi e \,\hbar \,\sigma \right)$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the uncertainty in position or momentum, depending on the convention. But I need to verify this.

Alternatively, perhaps I should look up the formula for the entropy of a Gaussian state in terms of its covariance matrix.

Given time constraints, I'll assume that the reduced density matrix is Gaussian and compute its covariance matrix in terms of  $x_1$  and  $p_1$ , and then use the known formula for the entropy. First, let's compute the covariance matrix elements.

The covariance matrix  $\sigma$  for the reduced system is a 2x2 matrix with elements:

$$\sigma_{11} = \langle x_1^2 \rangle - \langle x_1 \rangle^2, \quad \sigma_{22} = \langle p_1^2 \rangle - \langle p_1 \rangle^2, \quad \sigma_{12} = \sigma_{21} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{x_1, p_1\} \rangle - \langle x_1 \rangle \langle p_1 \rangle$$

For the ground state, the expectation values of positions and momenta are zero, so:

$$\sigma_{11} = \langle x_1^2 \rangle, \quad \sigma_{22} = \langle p_1^2 \rangle, \quad \sigma_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{ x_1, p_1 \} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle x_1 p_1 + p_1 x_1 \rangle$$

In quantum mechanics, for canonical variables,  $\langle xp + px \rangle = 2i\hbar$ , but I need to verify this. Actually, for the ground state of a harmonic oscillator, the uncertainty product is  $\sigma_x \sigma_p = \hbar/2$ , and  $\langle xp + px \rangle = 2i\hbar$ .

Wait, no. In fact, for canonical variables,  $[x, p] = i\hbar$ , and the anticommutator is  $\{x, p\} = xp + px$ . The expectation value  $\langle \{x, p\} \rangle = 2\langle xp \rangle$ , but in the ground state,  $\langle xp \rangle = \frac{i\hbar}{2}$ , so  $\langle \{x, p\} \rangle = i\hbar$ . Therefore,

$$\sigma_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \times i\hbar = \frac{i\hbar}{2}$$

But covariance matrices are real and symmetric, so perhaps I need to consider only real parts. Wait, in quantum mechanics, the covariance matrix can have imaginary parts due to the uncertainty principle. Actually, in the context of Gaussian states, the covariance matrix is defined differently, incorporating both position and momentum variables.

Let me recall that the covariance matrix  $\sigma$  for a quantum system is defined as:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{r_i, r_j\} \rangle - \langle r_i \rangle \langle r_j \rangle$$

Where  $r_i$  and  $r_j$  are the phase space variables.

In our case, since we're dealing with a single degree of freedom  $x_1$  and  $p_1$ , the covariance matrix is:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1^2 \rangle & \langle x_1 p_1 \rangle \rangle \\ \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle & \langle p_1^2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

In the ground state,  $\langle x_1 \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle p_1 \rangle = 0$ , so this simplifies to:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1^2 \rangle & \langle x_1 p_1 \rangle \\ \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle & \langle p_1^2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, using the commutation relation  $[x_1, p_1] = i\hbar$ , we have:

$$\langle x_1 p_1 \rangle - \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle = i\hbar$$

Therefore,

$$\langle x_1 p_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{ x_1, p_1 \} \rangle - \frac{i\hbar}{2} = 0 - \frac{i\hbar}{2} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2}$$

$$\langle p_1 x_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{ p_1, x_1 \} \rangle + \frac{i\hbar}{2} = 0 + \frac{i\hbar}{2} = \frac{i\hbar}{2}$$

Wait, this seems off. Let's correct it. Actually, the anticommutator is:

$${x_1, p_1} = x_1 p_1 + p_1 x_1$$

In the ground state,  $\langle x_1p_1+p_1x_1\rangle=0,$  because the ground state is real and even. Therefore,

$$\langle x_1 p_1 \rangle + \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle x_1 p_1 \rangle = - \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle$$

Also, from the commutator:

$$\langle x_1 p_1 \rangle - \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle = i\hbar$$

Solving these two equations: Let  $a = \langle x_1 p_1 \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle$ Then:

$$a + b = 0$$

$$a - b = i\hbar$$

Solving,  $a = \frac{i\hbar}{2}$ ,  $b = -\frac{i\hbar}{2}$ Therefore,

$$\langle x_1 p_1 \rangle = \frac{i\hbar}{2}, \quad \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle = -\frac{i\hbar}{2}$$

But this seems inconsistent with the earlier statement that  $\langle xp + px \rangle = 0$ . Let's clarify. Actually, for the ground state of a harmonic oscillator,  $\langle xp + px \rangle = 0$ , and  $\langle xp - px \rangle = i\hbar$ , which implies:

$$\langle xp \rangle = \frac{i\hbar}{2}, \quad \langle px \rangle = -\frac{i\hbar}{2}$$

Now, the covariance matrix is:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1^2 \rangle & \langle x_1 p_1 \rangle \\ \langle p_1 x_1 \rangle & \langle p_1^2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1^2 \rangle & \frac{i\hbar}{2} \\ -\frac{i\hbar}{2} & \langle p_1^2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

However, covariance matrices are typically real and symmetric. In quantum mechanics, the proper way to define the covariance matrix is in terms of the symmetric correlation functions.

Perhaps I need to use the symplectic eigenvalues to compute the entropy.

Alternatively, perhaps I should look up the formula for the entropy of a reduced Gaussian state.

Given time constraints, I'll assume that the entropy S for a reduced single-mode Gaussian state is given by:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 2\pi e \, \hbar \, \sigma \right)$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the uncertainty in position or momentum, whichever is relevant. But I need to verify this.

Alternatively, perhaps I should use the purity of the reduced density matrix to find the entropy.

Wait, maybe it's better to compute the entropy directly from the density matrix.

Given that  $\hat{\rho}$  is Gaussian, and knowing its covariance matrix, the entropy can be computed using standard **Verification Results:** 

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**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:39:54.396666Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution demonstrates a basic understanding of the problem, including the need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and find the normal modes. However, it lacks clarity and coherence in the execution of steps, particularly in constructing the reduced density matrix and computing the entropy. The solution does not reach a final answer equivalent to the standard solution. There are significant issues with the application of concepts related to Gaussian states and covariance matrices, and the solution does not effectively utilize the symplectic eigenvalues or the correct formula for entropy. The approach has some merit, but it is incomplete and contains major flaws.

## 2.2.8 Model: chatgpt-4o-latest

Attempt 1 (2025-02-02T03:22:06.825430Z)

#### **Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem

We are tasked with computing the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , which is obtained by partially tracing over the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom of the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The Hamiltonian is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$

The von Neumann entropy is defined as:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$$

Step 2: Analyze the Hamiltonian and Ground State

The Hamiltonian describes two coupled harmonic oscillators. The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  introduces a correlation between the two oscillators. To solve the problem, we need to:

1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian to find the normal modes of the system. 2. Compute the ground state wavefunction  $|\Omega\rangle$  in terms of the normal modes. 3. Trace out the  $x_2$  degree of freedom to obtain the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . 4. Compute the von Neumann entropy S.

Step 3: Diagonalize the Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian can be rewritten as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}\left[kx_1^2 + kx_2^2 + g(x_1 - x_2)^2\right].$$

Expanding the coupling term:

$$g(x_1 - x_2)^2 = gx_1^2 - 2gx_1x_2 + gx_2^2.$$

Thus, the potential energy becomes:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (k+g)x_1^2 + (k+g)x_2^2 - 2gx_1x_2 \right].$$

The cross term  $-2gx_1x_2$  indicates coupling between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . To diagonalize the Hamiltonian, we introduce normal mode coordinates:

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In terms of X and Y, the potential energy becomes:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (k+2g)Y^2 + kX^2 \right].$$

The kinetic energy remains separable in X and Y. Thus, the Hamiltonian becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (P_X^2 + P_Y^2) + \frac{1}{2} [kX^2 + (k+2g)Y^2].$$

This describes two independent harmonic oscillators with frequencies:

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$

Step 4: Ground State Wavefunction

The ground state wavefunction of the system is a product of the ground state wavefunctions of the two normal modes:

$$\psi_{\Omega}(X,Y) = \psi_X(X)\psi_Y(Y),$$

where:

$$\psi_X(X) = \left(\frac{m\omega_X}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_X X^2}{2\hbar}}, \quad \psi_Y(Y) = \left(\frac{m\omega_Y}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_Y Y^2}{2\hbar}}$$

Transforming back to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , the ground state wavefunction becomes:

$$\psi_{\Omega}(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_X}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_Y}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m}{2\hbar} \left[\omega_X \frac{(x_1+x_2)^2}{2} + \omega_Y \frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}\right]}$$

Step 5: Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out  $x_2$ :

$$\hat{\rho}(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \,\psi_{\Omega}(x_1, x_2) \psi_{\Omega}^*(x_1', x_2).$$

Substituting  $\psi_{\Omega}(x_1, x_2)$ , the integral can be evaluated to yield a Gaussian form for  $\hat{\rho}$ . The result is:

$$\hat{\rho}(x_1, x_1') = \sqrt{\frac{m\Omega}{\pi\hbar}} e^{-\frac{m\Omega}{2\hbar}(x_1^2 + x_1'^2)} e^{\frac{m\Omega'}{\hbar}x_1x_1'},$$

where:

$$\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{k(k+2g)}{m(k+g)}}, \quad \Omega' = \frac{g}{k+g}.$$

Step 6: Von Neumann Entropy

The eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}$  are related to the thermal occupation numbers of a single harmonic oscillator with frequency  $\Omega$ . The von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = -\sum_{n} p_n \ln p_n,$$

where  $p_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}$ . For a Gaussian state, the entropy is:

$$S = \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Omega'^2}}\right).$$

Substituting  $\Omega' = \frac{g}{k+q}$ , we find:

$$S = \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+g}{k-g}}\right)$$

Final Answer (Symbolic):

$$S = \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+g}{k-g}}\right)$$

Step 7: Python Code Implementation

Below is the Python code to compute the entropy S:

```
import math
```

```
S = math.log(math.sqrt((k + g) / (k - g)))
return S
```

Final Answer (Python Code):

```
import math
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    .....
    Compute the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix for a coupled
                                                harmonic oscillator.
   Parameters:
   k (float): Spring constant of the oscillators.
   g (float): Coupling constant between the oscillators.
   m (float): Mass of the oscillators (not used in the entropy formula).
   Returns:
   float: The von Neumann entropy S.
    .....
   if g \ge k:
        raise ValueError("The coupling constant g must satisfy g < k to ensure
                                                    stability.")
   S = math.log(math.sqrt((k + g) / (k - g)))
   return S
```

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

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Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem and correctly identifies the need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and compute the von Neumann entropy. However, there are significant issues: 1) The final expression for the entropy  $S = \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+g}{k-g}}\right)$  is incorrect compared to the standard solution, which involves a more complex expression involving  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . 2) The approach to finding the reduced density matrix and the entropy lacks the detailed steps and transformations present in the standard solution, such as the use of ladder operators and the specific form of the Hamiltonian in terms of normal modes. 3) The Python code provided does not match the complexity of the problem as solved in the standard solution and does not account for the detailed derivation of the entropy expression. Overall, while the approach has some merit, it fails to capture the full complexity and correctness of the standard solution.

Attempt 2 (2025-02-02T03:22:26.395715Z)

Detailed Solution: Step 1: Understanding the Problem

We are tasked with computing the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The Hamiltonian describes two coupled oscillators, and the reduced density matrix is obtained by tracing out the degrees of freedom associated with  $x_2$ . The entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right]$$

Step 2: Analyzing the Hamiltonian The Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$

The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  introduces a correlation between the two oscillators. To simplify the problem, we rewrite the Hamiltonian in terms of normal modes.

Normal Mode Analysis Define the center-of-mass coordinate X and relative coordinate x:

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

The corresponding momenta are:

$$P_X = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad P_x = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In terms of these variables, the Hamiltonian becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_X^2}{m} + \omega_X^2 X^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_x^2}{m} + \omega_x^2 x^2 \right),$$

where the normal mode frequencies are:

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_x = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$

Thus, the system decouples into two independent harmonic oscillators: one with frequency  $\omega_X$  and the other with frequency  $\omega_x$ .

Step 3: Reduced Density Matrix

The ground state of the system is the product of the ground states of the two independent oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_X \otimes |0\rangle_x.$$

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  (or equivalently x) degrees of freedom. For a Gaussian state, the reduced density matrix is also Gaussian, and its entropy depends on the symplectic eigenvalues of the covariance matrix.

Covariance Matrix and Symplectic Eigenvalues

The covariance matrix of the full system in the ground state is:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1^2 \rangle & \langle x_1 x_2 \rangle \\ \langle x_2 x_1 \rangle & \langle x_2^2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}.$$

From the normal mode decomposition, the variances are:

$$\langle X^2 \rangle = \frac{h}{2m\omega_X}, \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{h}{2m\omega_x}.$$

Transforming back to the original coordinates:

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle = \frac{\langle X^2 \rangle + \langle x^2 \rangle}{2}, \quad \langle x_2^2 \rangle = \frac{\langle X^2 \rangle + \langle x^2 \rangle}{2}, \quad \langle x_1 x_2 \rangle = \frac{\langle X^2 \rangle - \langle x^2 \rangle}{2}.$$

The symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  of the reduced covariance matrix is:

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$$\nu = \sqrt{\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle x_2^2 \rangle - \langle x_1 x_2 \rangle^2}$$

Substituting the variances:

$$\nu = \sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{2m\omega_X} + \frac{h}{2m\omega_x}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{h}{2m\omega_X} - \frac{h}{2m\omega_x}\right)^2}.$$

Simplify:

$$\nu = \frac{\hbar}{2m} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\omega_X \omega_x}}.$$

Entropy of the Reduced Density Matrix The von Neumann entropy for a Gaussian state is:

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Substitute  $\nu = \frac{\hbar}{2m} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\omega_X \omega_x}}$  into this expression. Step 4: Python Implementation The final Python implementation computes S given k, g, and m.

```
import numpy as np
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Define the angular frequencies
    omega_X = np.sqrt(k / m)
    omega_x = np.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue
    hbar = 1.0    # Planck's constant (set to 1 in natural units)
    nu = (hbar / (2 * m)) * np.sqrt(1 / (omega_X * omega_x))
    # Compute the entropy
    term1 = (nu + 0.5) * np.log(nu + 0.5)
    term2 = (nu - 0.5) * np.log(nu - 0.5)
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
```

Final Answer: The von Neumann entropy S is computed using the above Python function. Verification Results:

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## **Evaluations:**

**Evaluated by gpt-4o** (2025-02-03T22:40:09.844423Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution demonstrates a basic understanding of the problem by identifying the need to compute the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix for a coupled harmonic oscillator system. However, there are significant issues in the approach. The solution correctly identifies the normal mode frequencies as  $\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_x = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , which matches the standard solution's  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The solution attempts to compute the entropy using the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$ , but the expression for  $\nu$  is incorrect. The standard solution involves a more complex derivation involving partial traces and matrix diagonalization, which is not addressed in the submitted solution. Additionally, the final entropy expression in the submitted solution does not match the standard solution's final answer. The Python implementation is a good attempt but lacks the correct mathematical foundation from the standard solution.

Attempt 3 (2025-02-02T03:22:47.969575Z)

Detailed Solution: Step 1: Understand the Problem

We are tasked with computing the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , which is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$ -degree of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The Hamiltonian is given as:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The von Neumann entropy is defined as:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$$

We will compute this entropy symbolically and then implement the result in Python.

Step 2: Analyze the Hamiltonian and Ground State

The Hamiltonian describes two coupled harmonic oscillators. Let us rewrite it in terms of the coupling:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}(k+g)(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - gx_1x_2.$$

The coupling term  $-gx_1x_2$  indicates that the oscillators are not independent. To simplify the problem, we diagonalize the Hamiltonian by introducing normal modes.

Normal Modes

Define the center-of-mass and relative coordinates:

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In terms of these coordinates, the Hamiltonian becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (P_X^2 + P_Y^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (k+g)X^2 + (k+2g)Y^2 \right],$$

where  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$  are the conjugate momenta for X and Y, respectively. This Hamiltonian describes two independent harmonic oscillators with frequencies:

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}, \quad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

The ground state of the system is a product of the ground states of these two oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_X \otimes |0\rangle_Y.$$

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Step 3: Reduced Density Matrix

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$ -degree of freedom. In terms of the normal modes, this corresponds to tracing out the Y-degree of freedom. The reduced density matrix for the X-oscillator is Gaussian, with a covariance matrix determined by the ground state wavefunction. The von Neumann entropy of a Gaussian state is given by:

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

where  $\nu$  is the symplectic eigenvalue of the reduced covariance matrix.

Step 4: Symplectic Eigenvalue

The symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$  is related to the frequencies of the oscillators. For the reduced density matrix of the X-oscillator,  $\nu$  is given by:

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\omega_Y}{\omega_X}} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}}$$

Step 5: Von Neumann Entropy Substituting  $\nu$  into the entropy formula:

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

This is the symbolic expression for the von Neumann entropy.

Step 6: Python Implementation

We now implement the above formula in Python. The function will take k, g, and m as inputs and return the entropy S.

```
import numpy as np
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue
    nu = 0.5 * np.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / (k + g))
    # Compute the von Neumann entropy
    term1 = (nu + 0.5) * np.log(nu + 0.5)
    term2 = (nu - 0.5) * np.log(nu - 0.5)
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
```

Final Answer:

The von Neumann entropy is given by:

$$S = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k+g}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Python implementation:

import numpy as np

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Compute the symplectic eigenvalue
    nu = 0.5 * np.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / (k + g))
    # Compute the von Neumann entropy
    term1 = (nu + 0.5) * np.log(nu + 0.5)
    term2 = (nu - 0.5) * np.log(nu - 0.5)
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
```

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:40:16.083231Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem by identifying the need to compute the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix. It correctly identifies the Hamiltonian and attempts to diagonalize it using normal modes. However, the final expression for the entropy differs significantly from the standard solution. The standard solution involves a detailed calculation of the reduced density matrix and its eigenvalues, leading to a specific expression for the entropy involving logarithms of frequency ratios. The submitted solution instead uses a symplectic eigenvalue approach, which is not equivalent to the standard solution's result. The approach has some merit, but it lacks the detailed steps and correct final expression found in the standard solution.

Attempt 4 (2025-02-02T03:23:09.302340Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem We are tasked with computing the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The Hamiltonian describes two coupled oscillators, and the reduced density matrix is obtained by tracing out the degrees of freedom associated with  $x_2$ . The entropy S is given by:

 $S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$ 

Step 2: Analyze the Hamiltonian The Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  introduces interaction between the two oscillators. To simplify the problem, we diagonalize the Hamiltonian by introducing normal modes.

Normal Modes Define the center-of-mass coordinate X and relative coordinate x:

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The corresponding momenta are:

$$P_X = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad P_x = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In terms of these variables, the Hamiltonian becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_X^2}{m} + (k+g)X^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_x^2}{m} + (k+2g)x^2 \right).$$

This describes two independent harmonic oscillators: 1. A center-of-mass mode with frequency  $\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}$ ,

2. A relative mode with frequency  $\omega_x = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . Ground State Wavefunction The ground state wavefunction of the system is a product of the ground state wavefunctions of the two independent oscillators:

$$\Psi_{\Omega}(X,x) = \psi_X(X)\psi_x(x),$$

where:

$$\psi_X(X) = \left(\frac{m\omega_X}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_X X^2}{2\hbar}}, \quad \psi_x(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega_x}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega_x x^2}{2\hbar}}.$$

Step 3: Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom. In terms of the normal modes, this corresponds to tracing out the relative coordinate x. The reduced density matrix in the  $x_1$ -basis is:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx \, \Psi_{\Omega}^*(x_1, x) \Psi_{\Omega}(x_1', x)$$

Using the transformation to normal modes:

$$x_1 = \frac{X+x}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{X-x}{\sqrt{2}},$$

the wavefunction becomes:

$$\Psi_{\Omega}(x_1, x) = \psi_X\left(\frac{x_1 + x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\psi_x\left(\frac{x_1 - x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Substituting the explicit forms of  $\psi_X$  and  $\psi_x$ , and performing the Gaussian integral over x, we find that  $\rho(x_1, x_1')$  is a Gaussian function:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \left(\frac{m\bar{\omega}}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{m\bar{\omega}}{2\hbar}(x_1^2 + x_1'^2)} e^{\frac{m\bar{\omega}}{\hbar}\frac{\omega_X - \omega_x}{\omega_X + \omega_x} x_1 x_1'},$$

where:

$$\bar{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_X \omega_x}.$$

Step 4: Von Neumann Entropy The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  corresponds to a thermal state of a single harmonic oscillator with effective frequency  $\bar{\omega}$ . The von Neumann entropy for such a state is:

$$S = \ln\left(\frac{\omega_X + \omega_x}{\omega_X - \omega_x}\right).$$

Final Answer (Symbolic Expression):

$$S = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{k+g} + \sqrt{k+2g}}{\sqrt{k+g} - \sqrt{k+2g}}\right).$$

Step 5: Python Implementation Below is the Python implementation of the entropy calculation.

```
import math
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    .....
    Compute the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix for a coupled
                                                harmonic oscillator.
   Parameters:
   k (float): Spring constant of the uncoupled oscillators.
   g (float): Coupling constant between the oscillators.
   m (float): Mass of the oscillators.
```

```
Returns:
float: The von Neumann entropy.
"""
omega_X = math.sqrt((k + g) / m)
omega_x = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
return math.log((omega_X + omega_x) / (omega_X - omega_x))
Example usage:
print(entropy(1.0, 0.5, 1.0))
```

This function computes the von Neumann entropy S given the spring constant k, coupling constant g, and mass m.

Verification Results:

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Evaluations:

## Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:40:22.841085Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem and correctly identifies the need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian using normal modes. However, there are significant issues with the final expression for the von Neumann entropy. The standard solution derives the entropy as a function of the frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , which are related to the spring constants and coupling. The submitted solution incorrectly computes the entropy as  $S = \ln\left(\frac{\omega_X + \omega_x}{\omega_X - \omega_x}\right)$ , which does not match the standard solution's final expression. The approach to diagonalizing the Hamiltonian and computing the reduced density matrix is partially correct, but the final entropy expression is incorrect. Additionally, the Python implementation reflects this incorrect formula. The solution lacks the detailed derivation steps present in the standard solution, leading to the incorrect final result.

Attempt 5 (2025-02-02T03:23:28.687105Z)

**Detailed Solution:** Step 1: Understand the Problem

We are tasked with computing the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The Hamiltonian describes two coupled oscillators, and the reduced density matrix is obtained by tracing out the degrees of freedom associated with  $x_2$ . The von Neumann entropy is defined as:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$$

The problem involves: 1. Diagonalizing the Hamiltonian to find the eigenstates and eigenvalues. 2. Using the ground state wavefunction to compute the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . 3. Calculating the von Neumann entropy S from the eigenvalues of  $\hat{\rho}$ .

Step 2: Diagonalization of the Hamiltonian The Hamiltonian is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$

The coupling term  $g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2}$  can be expanded as:

$$g\frac{(x_1-x_2)^2}{2} = \frac{g}{2}(x_1^2-2x_1x_2+x_2^2).$$

Thus, the Hamiltonian becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \frac{p_2^2}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (k+g)x_1^2 + (k+g)x_2^2 - 2gx_1x_2 \right]$$

This can be written in matrix form as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1\\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k+g & -g\\ -g & k+g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The potential energy matrix is:

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} k+g & -g \\ -g & k+g \end{bmatrix}.$$

Diagonalizing K, we find the normal modes of the system.

Step 3: Normal Modes and Frequencies

The eigenvalues of K determine the normal mode frequencies. Solving the eigenvalue problem:

$$\det\left(K-\lambda I\right)=0,$$

we find:

$$\lambda = k + g \pm g.$$

Thus, the eigenvalues are:

$$\lambda_1 = k, \quad \lambda_2 = k + 2g.$$

The corresponding normal mode frequencies are:

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$

The normal modes are linear combinations of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , corresponding to the center-of-mass and relative motion of the oscillators.

Step 4: Ground State Wavefunction

The ground state wavefunction of the coupled system is a Gaussian:

$$\Psi_0(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \omega_1 X_1^2 + \omega_2 X_2^2 \right)},$$

where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are the normal mode coordinates.

Step 5: Reduced Density Matrix

Tracing out  $x_2$ , the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is also Gaussian, with eigenvalues related to the normal mode frequencies:

$$\hat{\rho} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_2} \right) e^{-n\beta \hbar \omega_2}$$

Step 6: Von Neumann Entropy

The von Neumann entropy for a Gaussian state is:

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right),$$

where  $\nu = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}}$ .

Final Answer (Symbolic Expression) The von Neumann entropy is:

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right),$$

where:

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}}, \quad \omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$

Python Code Implementation

```
import numpy as np
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Compute the normal mode frequencies
    omega_1 = np.sqrt(k / m)
    omega_2 = np.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    # Compute the parameter nu
    nu = 0.5 * np.sqrt(omega_2 / omega_1)
    # Compute the von Neumann entropy
    term1 = (nu + 0.5) * np.log(nu + 0.5)
    term2 = (nu - 0.5) * np.log(nu - 0.5)
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
```

This function computes the von Neumann entropy S for given values of k, g, and m. Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:40:33.224730Z) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem and correctly identifies the normal mode frequencies  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . However, it diverges significantly from the standard solution in the calculation of the von Neumann entropy. The standard solution involves a detailed derivation of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  and its eigenvalues, leading to a specific expression for the entropy S. The submitted solution uses a different approach, assuming a Gaussian form for  $\hat{\rho}$  and a different expression for S, which does not match the standard solution. Additionally, the Python code provided does not align with the detailed steps of the standard solution, particularly in the entropy calculation. The approach has some merit but lacks the necessary detail and correctness in the final entropy expression.

#### 2.2.9 Model: 01

Attempt 1 (2025-02-02T10:12:38.737034Z)

**Detailed Solution:** 

# Solution Outline:

## Step 1: Diagonalize the Hamiltonian and identify the normal modes.

We begin with the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

A standard way to proceed is to define the normal-mode coordinates

$$X_+ = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad X_- = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

with corresponding conjugate momenta  $P_+ = \frac{p_1+p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $P_- = \frac{p_1-p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ . In these coordinates, one finds that

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_{+}^{2}}{m} + k X_{+}^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_{-}^{2}}{m} + (k + 2g) X_{-}^{2} \right),$$

i.e., a sum of two independent harmonic oscillators with frequencies

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \qquad \omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$

## Step 2: Ground-state wavefunction and reduced density matrix.

Because the Hamiltonian separates into two decoupled harmonic oscillators in  $(X_+, P_+)$  and  $(X_-, P_-)$ , its ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  factorizes in the  $\{X_+, X_-\}$  basis:

$$\Psi(x_1, x_2) = \Psi_+(X_+) \Psi_-(X_-),$$

where each  $\Psi_{\pm}$  is a Gaussian wavefunction for the respective normal mode. However, when viewed in the original coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$ , the ground state does *not* factorize in terms of the subsystem coordinates  $x_1$  alone and  $x_2$  alone, implying entanglement between the two oscillators.

The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for oscillator 1 is obtained by tracing out oscillator 2:

$$\hat{\rho} = \mathrm{Tr}_{x_2} [|\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega|].$$

Because the global ground state is Gaussian, this partial trace yields a single-mode Gaussian state for oscillator 1.

#### Step 3: Covariance matrix and symplectic eigenvalue $\nu$ .

A convenient way to determine the entanglement entropy is via the local (i.e. reduced) covariance matrix of  $(x_1, p_1)$ . One finds that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_1^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle X_+^2 \rangle + \langle X_-^2 \rangle \right) = \frac{1}{4m} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_+} + \frac{1}{\omega_-} \right), \\ \langle p_1^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle P_+^2 \rangle + \langle P_-^2 \rangle \right) = \frac{m}{4} \left( \omega_+ + \omega_- \right), \end{aligned}$$

and  $\langle x_1p_1 + p_1x_1 \rangle = 0$  for the ground state. Consequently, the reduced covariance matrix for oscillator 1 is diagonal, and its determinant is

$$\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{16} \frac{\left(\omega_+ + \omega_-\right)^2}{\omega_+ \omega_-}$$

Defining the single-mode symplectic eigenvalue as  $\nu = \sqrt{\langle x_1^2 \rangle \langle p_1^2 \rangle}$ , one obtains

$$\nu \ = \ \frac{\omega_+ + \omega_-}{4 \sqrt{\omega_+ \, \omega_-}} \ . \label{eq:null_phi}$$

Substituting  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{k/m}$  and  $\omega_- = \sqrt{(k+2g)/m}$  shows that the mass *m* cancels out in the dimensionless ratio, leaving

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} \right).$$

If g = 0, then  $\omega_+ = \omega_-$ , yielding  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  and zero entanglement entropy, as expected for two uncoupled oscillators in a product state.

### Step 4: Von Neumann entropy for a single-mode Gaussian state.

A single-mode Gaussian state of symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu \geq \frac{1}{2}$  has von Neumann entropy

$$S(\nu) = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Hence the entanglement entropy of oscillator 1 with oscillator 2 in the ground state is

S

$$= -\text{Tr}_{x_1} \Big[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \Big] = \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \nu - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \nu - \frac{1}{2} \right),$$

where

$$\nu = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} \right)$$

This completes the symbolic solution for the desired entropy S as a function of k and g (and one sees it does not depend on m, once working in units with h = 1).

Final Symbolic Expression: 
$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad \nu = \frac{1}{4} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{2g}{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2g}{k}}}\right).$$

# Python Implementation

Below is a complete Python function that computes the above entropy. Even though the mass m does not appear in the final result, we keep it in the function signature as requested:

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
.....
Computes the entanglement entropy S for the reduced state of one
of the two coupled harmonic oscillators in the ground state.
Parameters
  _ _ _ _ _
k : float
    The single-oscillator spring constant.
g : float
    The coupling strength parameter.
m : float
    The mass of each oscillator (does not affect the final value
    in these chosen units, but included for completeness).
Returns
 ____
float
   The entanglement entropy S.
import math
# Dimensionless ratio:
alpha = 1.0 + 2.0 * g/k
# Symplectic eigenvalue nu for the single-mode Gaussian state:
nu = 0.25*(math.sqrt(alpha) + 1.0/math.sqrt(alpha))
# Entanglement entropy of a single-mode Gaussian with symplectic eigenvalue nu:
term1 = (nu + 0.5) * math.log(nu + 0.5)
term2 = (nu - 0.5) * math.log(nu - 0.5)
return term1 - term2
```

Final Answer:

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad \nu = \frac{1}{4}\left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{2g}{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2g}{k}}}\right)$$

Verification Results:

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#### Evaluations:

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:41:14.521920Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian using normal mode coordinates and identifies the normal mode frequencies as  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , which matches the standard solution. The solution then proceeds to calculate the reduced density matrix and the symplectic eigenvalue  $\nu$ , which is used to compute the entanglement entropy S. The final expression for S in terms of  $\nu$  is consistent with the standard solution's approach to calculating the von Neumann entropy for a single-mode Gaussian state. The Python implementation provided also correctly computes the entropy based on the derived expressions. Overall, the solution demonstrates a clear understanding of the problem and provides a physically equivalent result to the standard solution.

Attempt 2 (2025-02-02T10:14:12.493034Z)

## **Detailed Solution:**

#### Step 1. Understand the Problem

We have two coupled harmonic oscillators with Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k \, x_i^2 \right) + g \, \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}.$$

Its ground state is  $|\Omega\rangle$ . We define the operator  $\hat{\rho}$  as the partial trace of the pure-state projector  $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$  over the second oscillator's degree of freedom (associated with the coordinate  $x_2$ ). The quantity of interest is the von Neumann (entanglement) entropy

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}[\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}].$$

Our goal is to find an explicit expression for S in terms of the parameters k, g, and m.

## Step 2. Devise a Plan

1. Rewrite the Hamiltonian in terms of its normal modes to identify the normal-mode frequencies. 2. Note that the ground state in normal-mode coordinates factorizes, but in the original coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  it becomes entangled. 3. The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for one oscillator in a two-mode Gaussian ground state is known to be that of a thermal-like (mixed) state with an effective "mean excitation number"  $\bar{n}$ . 4. The von Neumann entropy of a single-mode thermal state with average number  $\bar{n}$  is

$$S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}).$$

5. Determine  $\bar{n}$  by comparing the normal-mode frequencies and using standard formulas for two-mode squeezed (Gaussian) states.

# Step 3. Carry Out the Plan

(a) Normal Modes. Define the normal-mode coordinates

$$x_+ = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad x_- = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

and their conjugate momenta

$$p_+ = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad p_- = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( p_+^2 + p_-^2 \right) + \frac{k}{2} x_+^2 + \frac{k+2g}{2} x_-^2$$

Hence, the two normal-mode frequencies are

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}.$$

(b) Reduced Density Matrix and Effective Occupation Number. In the ground state, the two modes are each in their respective harmonic-oscillator ground states in  $(x_+, x_-)$ -space. Transforming back to  $(x_1, x_2)$  mixes these modes and creates entanglement between the two original oscillators. A standard result for two coupled harmonic oscillators in a pure Gaussian ground state is that tracing out one oscillator yields a thermal-like state of the remaining oscillator with average excitation number

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\omega_-}{\omega_+}} + \sqrt{\frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-}} - 2 \right).$$

Since  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{k/m}$  and  $\omega_- = \sqrt{(k+2g)/m}$ , their ratio is independent of m, viz.  $\frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}}$ . The above formula then becomes

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2 \right)$$

(c) Entanglement Entropy. The von Neumann entropy of a single-mode thermal state with mean occupation  $\bar{n}$  is

$$S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n})$$

Hence, for our coupled-oscillator ground state, the reduced entropy of either oscillator is

$$S = \left[\bar{n}+1\right] \ln\left[\bar{n}+1\right] - \bar{n} \ln\left[\bar{n}\right],$$

where

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2\,g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2\,g}} - 2 \right)$$

**Final Symbolic Expression** 

$$S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n}), \text{ where } \bar{n} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2\right).$$

## Python Code Implementation

Below is a self-contained Python function that takes in k, g, and m (though m will not affect the final dimensionless ratio) and returns the entanglement entropy S.

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
import math
# Compute the dimensionless ratio alpha = sqrt((k+2g)/k).
alpha = math.sqrt((k + 2*g) / k)
# Compute the average occupation number \bar{n}.
nbar = 0.25 * (alpha + 1.0/alpha - 2.0)
# If nbar is effectively zero (e.g. g = 0), return 0.0 directly
if abs(nbar) < 1e-14:
    return 0.0
# Von Neumann entropy for a thermal state with mean occupation nbar.
S = (nbar + 1.0)*math.log(nbar + 1.0) - nbar*math.log(nbar)
return S
```

Final Answer: The entanglement entropy of the first oscillator (and similarly of the second) in the ground state of the coupled system is

$$S = (\bar{n}+1) \ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}), \quad \bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2 \right),$$

and is implemented in the provided Python function. Verification Results:

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Evaluations:

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Notes: The submitted solution correctly identifies the problem of finding the entanglement entropy for two coupled harmonic oscillators. It follows a valid approach by diagonalizing the Hamiltonian to find the normal modes and their frequencies, which are consistent with the standard solution:  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . The solution then uses the known result for the entanglement entropy of a thermal-like state with an effective mean excitation number  $\bar{n}$ , which is derived correctly as  $\bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2 \right)$ . The final expression for the entropy  $S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n})$  is consistent with the expected form for a single-mode thermal state. The Python code provided correctly implements this calculation. Overall, the solution is physically equivalent to the standard solution and demonstrates a correct reasoning approach.

Attempt 3 (2025-02-02T10:16:32.581972Z)

#### **Detailed Solution:**

## Solution Explanation and Derivation

#### 1. Understand the Problem

We have two coupled harmonic oscillators with coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of equal mass m. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

Its ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is a Gaussian (vacuum) in the normal-mode basis but is entangled in the original  $(x_1, x_2)$  basis. Tracing out oscillator 2 leaves a reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  that acts on the  $x_1$  Hilbert space. The quantity we wish to compute is the von Neumann entanglement entropy:

$$S = -\operatorname{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}\right].$$

# 2. Devise a Plan

A standard way to compute the entanglement entropy of two coupled harmonic oscillators is to: 1. Diagonalize the Hamiltonian in terms of normal modes. 2. Express the ground state in those modes (which factorizes there). 3. Recognize that when reverting to the original coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$ , the resulting state is (generically) entangled. 4. The partial trace (over  $x_2$ ) of a two-mode Gaussian ground state is a single-mode Gaussian (thermal-like) state with some effective occupation number  $\bar{n}$ . 5. The von Neumann entropy of a thermal-like single-mode state with mean occupancy  $\bar{n}$  is a well-known formula.

## 3. Carry Out the Plan

#### Step A: Normal-Mode Frequencies

Define the center-of-mass coordinate

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad P_X = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

and the relative coordinate

$$= \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad P_Y = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In these variables, the Hamiltonian becomes a sum of two decoupled harmonic oscillators,

Y

$$H = \frac{P_X^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{2}X^2 + \frac{P_Y^2}{2m} + \frac{k+2g}{2}Y^2$$

Hence the two normal-mode frequencies are

$$\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

## Step B: Ground State in Normal Coordinates and Entanglement

Although the ground state in (X, Y) coordinates factorizes as  $|0_X\rangle \otimes |0_Y\rangle$ , it is entangled in the original  $(x_1, x_2)$  basis. When we trace out the second oscillator (equivalently, trace out some mixture of (X, Y) that corresponds to  $x_2$ ), the reduced state for oscillator 1 becomes thermal-like with mean excitation number  $\bar{n}$ . A well-known result for two coupled harmonic oscillators of equal mass m shows that this mean occupancy  $\bar{n}$  is given by

$$\bar{n} = \frac{\omega_+^2 + \omega_-^2}{4\omega_+\omega_-} - \frac{1}{2},$$

where  $\omega_+$  and  $\omega_-$  are the two normal-mode frequencies. In our case,

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}, \quad \omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}.$$

A short calculation shows

$$\omega_{+}^{2} + \omega_{-}^{2} = \frac{k+2g}{m} + \frac{k}{m} = \frac{2(k+g)}{m}, \qquad \omega_{+} \omega_{-} = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{\sqrt{k(k+2g)}}{m}.$$

Thus

$$\bar{n} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\omega_+^2 + \omega_-^2}{4\,\omega_+\,\omega_-} = \frac{\frac{2(k+g)}{m}}{4\,\frac{\sqrt{k\,(k+2g)}}{m}} = \frac{k+g}{2\sqrt{k\,(k+2g)}}$$

Hence

$$\bar{n} = \frac{k+g}{2\sqrt{k(k+2g)}} - \frac{1}{2}$$

#### Step C: Von Neumann Entropy of a Thermal-Like Single-Mode State

A single-mode state with mean excitation number  $\bar{n}$  has von Neumann entropy

$$S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}).$$

Therefore, combining everything, the entanglement entropy of the reduced state is

$$S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}),$$
$$\bar{n} = \frac{k + g}{2\sqrt{k(k + 2g)}} - \frac{1}{2}.$$

where

Notice that m cancels out in the ratio of frequencies, so the final entropy depends only on the dimensionless combination 
$$\frac{g}{L}$$
.

#### **Final Symbolic Expression**

$$S = \left[\bar{n}+1\right]\ln\left[\bar{n}+1\right] - \bar{n}\ln\left[\bar{n}\right], \text{ with } \bar{n} = \frac{k+g}{2\sqrt{k(k+2g)}} - \frac{1}{2}.$$
  
Final Answer:  
$$\overline{S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n})}, \text{ where } \bar{n} = \frac{k+g}{2\sqrt{k(k+2g)}} - \frac{1}{2}$$

## Python Code Implementation

Below is the required Python function that takes (k, g, m) as inputs and returns the entanglement entropy. Note that (m does not explicitly appear in the final ratio). The code also handles the g = 0 case by returning zero (since there is no coupling and hence no entanglement):

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
.....
Computes the entanglement entropy S for the reduced density matrix
of one oscillator in the ground state of two coupled harmonic oscillators
with parameters (k, g, m).
S = (nbar+1)*ln(nbar+1) - nbar*ln(nbar), where
nbar = (k+g) / (2*sqrt[k*(k+2g)]) - 1/2.
If g=0, the oscillators are uncoupled and S=0.
......
import math
# If no coupling, no entanglement => entropy = 0.
if abs(g) < 1e-15:
   return 0.0
# Mean excitation number in the thermal-like state after tracing out oscillator 2
nbar = (k + g) / (2.0 * math.sqrt(k * (k + 2.0*g))) - 0.5
# Guard against numerical issues if nbar \tilde{} 0
if nbar \leq = 0.0:
   return 0.0
# Entanglement entropy formula
return (nbar + 1.0)*math.log(nbar + 1.0) - nbar*math.log(nbar)
```

This completes the solution. Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

# Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:41:36.409011Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly follows the steps to compute the entanglement entropy of two coupled harmonic oscillators. It starts by diagonalizing the Hamiltonian to find the normal-mode frequencies, which are consistent with the standard solution:  $\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . The solution then calculates the mean excitation number  $\bar{n}$  using these frequencies, leading to the correct expression for the von Neumann entropy. The final expression for the entropy  $S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n})$  is equivalent to the standard solution's result. The approach is clear, logical, and includes all necessary steps, demonstrating a strong understanding of the problem.

Attempt 4 (2025-02-02T10:20:36.987436Z)

**Detailed Solution:** 

Step 1: Diagonalize the Hamiltonian and find the normal modes.

We have the Hamiltonian for two coupled harmonic oscillators:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + g \frac{\left( x_1 - x_2 \right)^2}{2}.$$

Rewriting the potential part,

$$\frac{1}{2}k(x_1^2+x_2^2) + \frac{g}{2}(x_1-x_2)^2 = \frac{k+g}{2}(x_1^2+x_2^2) - gx_1x_2.$$

It is convenient to define the *normal-mode* coordinates:

$$X_+ = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad X_- = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}},$$

along with their corresponding conjugate momenta  $P_+ = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $P_- = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ . In these new variables, the Hamiltonian separates into two independent harmonic-oscillator pieces,

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_{+}^{2}}{m} + (k+2g) X_{+}^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_{-}^{2}}{m} + k X_{-}^{2} \right).$$

Hence the two normal-mode frequencies are

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}, \qquad \omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}.$$

#### Step 2: Ground state and reduced density matrix.

The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  factorizes in the  $(X_+, X_-)$  basis, but in terms of  $x_1, x_2$  it is an entangled Gaussian. Tracing out oscillator  $x_2$  induces a reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  acting only on the  $x_1$  subspace. This  $\hat{\rho}$  is again Gaussian (thermal-like) because the global ground state is Gaussian.

## Step 3: Compute the covariance for oscillator 1.

One can show that the single-oscillator reduced state  $\hat{\rho}$  is effectively a thermal state with some average excitation number  $\bar{n}$ . A convenient way to see this is via the annihilation/creation operators for the first oscillator (of natural frequency  $\sqrt{k/m}$ ):

$$a_1 = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_1}{2}} x_1 + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\omega_1}} p_1, \quad \omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

so that

$$a_1^{\dagger}a_1 \; = \; \frac{m\,\omega_1}{2}\,x_1^2 \; + \; \frac{1}{2\,m\,\omega_1}\,p_1^2 \; - \; \frac{1}{2}.$$

After evaluating the ground-state expectation values  $\langle x_1^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle p_1^2 \rangle$  in the presence of coupling g, one finds that the first oscillators reduced state has

$$\langle a_1^{\dagger} a_1 \rangle = \bar{n} = \frac{1}{8} \Big( \frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-} + \frac{\omega_-}{\omega_+} - 2 \Big).$$

Define the ratio

$$\Lambda = \frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-} = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} > 1 \quad (\text{for } g > 0)$$

Then

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{8} \left( \Lambda + \frac{1}{\Lambda} - 2 \right).$$

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# Step 4: Entanglement entropy.

Because the global state  $|\Omega\rangle$  is pure, the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  of oscillator 1 has von Neumann entropy

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1}[\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}].$$

But a single-mode thermal (or thermal-like) state with mean occupation  $\bar{n}$  has von Neumann entropy

$$S(\bar{n}) = (\bar{n}+1) \ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n} \ln \bar{n}$$

Thus,

$$S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}),$$

where  $\bar{n}$  is given by

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{8} \Big( \Lambda + \frac{1}{\Lambda} - 2 \Big), \quad \Lambda = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}.$$

Notice that the final expression is *independent* of the mass m, since the ratio  $\omega_+/\omega_-$  does not depend on m. Putting it all together, a convenient closed form is:

$$S = (\bar{n}+1) \ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}), \text{ where } \bar{n} = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2 \right).$$

This is the entanglement entropy of oscillator 1 (in its ground-state bipartition with oscillator 2).

Final Answer (Symbolic Expression):

$$S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n}), \quad \bar{n} = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2 \right)$$

## Step 5: Convert to Python Code.

Below is a self-contained Python function that, given k, g, m, returns the value of the entropy. (Note that the dependence on m cancels out in the final formula, but we keep the parameter in the function signature as requested.)

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
.....
Computes the entanglement entropy S of one oscillator
in the ground state of two coupled harmonic oscillators
with parameters k, g, m. The result is dimensionless
and does not actually depend on m.
.....
import math
# If g == 0, there is no coupling and the state is a product state => S=0
if abs(g) < 1e-14:
    return 0.0
# Ratio of normal-mode frequencies (independent of m).
Lambda = math.sqrt((k + 2*g) / k)
# Occupation number of the reduced thermal-like state
n = 0.125 * (Lambda + 1.0/Lambda - 2.0)
# If n = 0 (i.e., no entanglement), S = 0 exactly
if n < 1e-14:
   return 0.0
# Von Neumann entropy of a single-mode thermal state with mean occupation n
return (n + 1.0)*math.log(n + 1.0) - n*math.log(n)
```

Final Answer: The entanglement entropy is

$$S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n}), \text{ where } \bar{n} = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2 \right),$$

and the corresponding Python implementation is the code block above. **Verification Results:** 

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**Evaluations:** 

Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:41:46.009419Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly diagonalizes the Hamiltonian and finds the normal modes, matching the standard solution's approach. It identifies the normal-mode frequencies as  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$  and  $\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ , which are equivalent to the standard solution's  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The solution then computes the entanglement entropy using the occupation number  $\bar{n}$ , which is derived correctly as  $\bar{n} = \frac{1}{8}(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2)$ . The final expression for the entropy  $S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n})$  is consistent with the standard solution's result. The Python code provided accurately implements the mathematical solution. Overall, the solution is physically equivalent to the standard answer and demonstrates a correct reasoning approach.

Attempt 5 (2025-02-02T10:22:18.621019Z)

# **Detailed Solution:**

# Solution in LaTeX:

### Step 1: Understand the Problem

We have a system of two coupled harmonic oscillators with Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + k x_i^2 \right) + g \frac{\left( x_1 - x_2 \right)^2}{2}$$

Its ground state is denoted  $|\Omega\rangle$ . We then form the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  by taking the pure state  $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$  and partially tracing out the  $x_2$  degree of freedom:

$$\hat{\rho} = \int dx_1'' \int dx_1' \int dw \left( |x_1''\rangle_{x_1 x_1} \langle x_1''| \otimes x_2 \langle w| \right) \left( |\Omega\rangle \langle \Omega| \right) \left( |x_1'\rangle_{x_1} \otimes |w\rangle_{x_2 x_1} \langle x_1'| \right)$$

This  $\hat{\rho}$  acts only on the  $x_1$ -Hilbert space. We wish to find the *entanglement (von Neumann) entropy* of this reduced state,

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \Big[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \Big].$$

## Step 2: Devise a Plan — Normal-Mode Diagonalization

A standard approach to coupled harmonic oscillators is to switch to normal-mode coordinates. Define

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

with corresponding canonical momenta

$$P_X = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad P_Y = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

It is straightforward to check that the Hamiltonian splits into two decoupled harmonic-oscillator parts:

$$H = \frac{P_X^2}{2m} + \frac{P_Y^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kX^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k+2g)Y^2.$$

Hence the two normal-mode frequencies are

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}, \qquad \omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}.$$

Although the ground-state wavefunction is then a simple product in (X, Y)-space, the original coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  are linear combinations of (X, Y); this mixing creates entanglement between the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  subsystems.

## Step 3: Carry Out the Plan — Entropy from Squeezing Formula

For two coupled (identical mass) harmonic oscillators in their global ground state, tracing out one oscillator yields a *thermal-like* (mixed) state for the other oscillator. A well-known result in Gaussian quantum mechanics is that the reduced density matrix of one oscillator (after tracing out the other) has an average (thermal) occupation number

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\omega_+}{\omega_-}} + \sqrt{\frac{\omega_-}{\omega_+}} - 2 \right).$$

In our case,  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ ,  $\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ , so the ratio  $\omega_+/\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}$ . Observe that the mass *m* cancels in that ratio.

The von Neumann entropy of a single-mode thermal state with mean occupation number  $\bar{n}$  is

$$S = (\bar{n} + 1) \ln(\bar{n} + 1) - \bar{n} \ln(\bar{n}).$$

Therefore, for our system,

$$S = \left(\bar{n}+1\right)\ln\left(\bar{n}+1\right) - \bar{n}\ln\left(\bar{n}\right), \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{n} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2\right).$$

This is the desired entanglement entropy of the reduced state  $\hat{\rho}$ .

#### Final symbolic expression for S:

$$S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n}), \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{n} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2\right).$$

# Step 4: Convert to Python Code

Below is a self-contained Python function implementing the above formula. Note that the entropy formula depends only on the ratio  $\frac{k+2g}{k}$ ; the parameter m does not affect the final result but is included as per the required function signature.

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
.....
Computes the entanglement entropy S for the reduced
ground-state density matrix of one of two coupled
harmonic oscillators with parameters (k, g, m).
Though m is present in the problem, the final expression
does not depend on m because it cancels out in the ratio
of normal-mode frequencies.
.....
import math
# Ratio of normal-mode frequencies
ratio = (k + 2*g) / k \# = (omega_+^2) / (omega_-^2)
# Mean occupation number in the reduced state
nbar = 0.25*( math.sqrt(ratio) + 1/math.sqrt(ratio) - 2 )
# If nbar is numerically very close to zero, entropy is zero
if nbar <= 1e-14:
    return 0.0
# Entropy formula for a single-mode thermal-like state
return (nbar + 1)*math.log(nbar + 1) - nbar*math.log(nbar)
```

#### **Final Answer:**

$$S = (\bar{n}+1)\ln(\bar{n}+1) - \bar{n}\ln(\bar{n}), \quad \bar{n} = \frac{1}{4} \Big(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+2g}} - 2\Big).$$

And the corresponding Python implementation is exactly as shown above. **Verification Results:** 

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.076395+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

**Evaluations:** 

### Evaluated by gpt-40 (2025-02-03T22:41:53.911699Z) Grade: A

Notes: The submitted solution correctly identifies the problem of finding the entanglement entropy of a reduced density matrix for a system of two coupled harmonic oscillators. It uses a standard approach of normal-mode diagonalization to decouple the Hamiltonian into two independent harmonic oscillators with frequencies  $\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$  and  $\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ . The solution then applies a known result from Gaussian quantum mechanics to find the mean occupation number  $\bar{n}$  and subsequently the von Neumann entropy S. The final expression for S is consistent with the standard solution, albeit in a different form. The Python code provided correctly implements the derived formula. The approach and reasoning are sound, and the solution is physically equivalent to the standard answer.

### 2.2.10 Model: deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3

Attempt 1 (2025-02-07T00:54:08.968020+00:00)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we will follow a structured approach. We will first derive the symbolic expression for the entropy S and then implement it in Python.

Step 1: Understanding the Problem

We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled harmonic oscillator system:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

We need to compute the entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , which is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$ .

Step 2: Diagonalizing the Hamiltonian

To simplify the problem, we diagonalize the Hamiltonian. We introduce normal coordinates  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  such that:

$$x_1 = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The Hamiltonian in terms of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_1^2}{m} + \omega_1^2 q_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_2^2}{m} + \omega_2^2 q_2^2 \right)$$

where  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . Step 3: Ground State Wavefunction

The ground state wavefunction in the normal coordinates is a product of Gaussian functions:

$$\psi_0(q_1, q_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_1 q_1^2}{2\hbar} - \frac{m\omega_2 q_2^2}{2\hbar}\right).$$

Step 4: Reduced Density Matrix

To obtain the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , we trace out  $q_2$ . The reduced density matrix in the  $q_1$  basis is:

$$\rho(q_1,q_1') = \int dq_2 \,\psi_0(q_1,q_2) \psi_0^*(q_1',q_2).$$

After performing the integral, we find:

$$\rho(q_1, q_1') = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi \hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_1(q_1^2 + q_1'^2)}{2\hbar}\right).$$

Step 5: Entropy Calculation The entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{q_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right].$$

For a Gaussian state, the entropy can be expressed in terms of the symplectic eigenvalues. The symplectic eigenvalues  $\nu$  are given by:

$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}}$$

The entropy is then:

$$S = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right)\ln\left(\nu - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Step 6: Final Symbolic Expression

The final symbolic expression for the entropy S is:

$$S = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

where  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . Step 7: Python Implementation Now, we implement the final expression in Python:

```
import math
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega1 = math.sqrt(k / m)
    omega2 = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    nu = math.sqrt(omega1 / omega2)
    term1 = (nu + 0.5) * math.log(nu + 0.5)
    term2 = (nu - 0.5) * math.log(nu - 0.5)
    S = term1 - term2
    return S
Example usage:
print(entropy(1.0, 0.5, 1.0))
```

Final Answer: The entropy S is given by the Python function entropy (k, g, m) as implemented above. Verification Results:

Auto verification result (['2025-02-18T05:49:52.076928+00:00']) Status: Incorrect

#### **Evaluations:**

**Evaluated by gpt-4o** (['2025-02-07T21:46:58.427501+00:00']) Grade: C

Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem by attempting to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and compute the entropy of the reduced density matrix. However, there are significant issues: 1) The expression for the entropy S in the submitted solution is different from the standard solution. The standard solution involves a more complex expression involving  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , while the submitted solution uses a simplified form based on symplectic eigenvalues. 2) The approach to calculating the reduced density matrix and entropy is not aligned with the detailed steps in the standard solution, which involves more intricate calculations and transformations. 3) The Python implementation is not directly comparable to the standard solution's final expression. Overall, the approach has some merit but lacks the necessary depth and accuracy to match the standard solution.

Attempt 2 (2025-02-07T00:55:30.041544+00:00)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we will follow a structured approach, starting with the mathematical derivation and then converting the final expression into Python code.

Step 1: Mathematical Derivation

1.1 Hamiltonian Analysis The Hamiltonian for the coupled harmonic oscillators is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

This Hamiltonian can be rewritten in terms of normal modes. Lets define the normal coordinates:

$$X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad Y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The Hamiltonian in terms of these normal coordinates becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_X^2}{m} + (k+g)X^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_Y^2}{m} + (k+g)Y^2 \right).$$

Here,  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$  are the momenta conjugate to X and Y, respectively. 1.2 Ground State Wavefunction The ground state wavefunction of the system is a product of the ground state wavefunctions of the two normal modes:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0_X\rangle \otimes |0_Y\rangle.$$

The wavefunctions in position space are Gaussian:

$$\langle X|0_X\rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega_X}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_X X^2}{2\hbar}\right)$$

$$\langle Y|0_Y\rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega_Y}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_Y Y^2}{2\hbar}\right),$$

where  $\omega_X = \sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}$  and  $\omega_Y = \sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}$ . 1.3 Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom

 $\hat{\rho} = \operatorname{Tr}_{x_2}(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|).$ 

In position space, this becomes:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dx_2 \,\Omega(x_1, x_2) \Omega^*(x_1', x_2).$$

Using the normal coordinates, we can express  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in terms of X and Y:

$$x_1 = \frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{X-Y}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

The ground state wavefunction in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  is:

$$\Omega(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_X}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_Y}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_X(x_1+x_2)^2}{4\hbar} - \frac{m\omega_Y(x_1-x_2)^2}{4\hbar}\right)$$

After performing the integral over  $x_2$ , the reduced density matrix  $\rho(x_1, x_1')$  is found to be Gaussian. 1.4 Entropy Calculation The entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$$

For a Gaussian density matrix, the entropy can be expressed in terms of the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix. The final expression for the entropy is:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{\omega_X \omega_Y}{\omega_X \omega_Y - \omega_X \omega_Y} \right) + 1 \right).$$
$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{(k+g)^2}{k^2} \right) + 1 \right).$$

Simplifying, we get:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{(\kappa + g)}{k^2} \right) + 1 \right)$$

Step 2: Python Implementation

Now, we convert the final mathematical expression into Python code:

```
import math
```

```
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
   omega_X = math.sqrt((k + g) / m)
    omega_Y = math.sqrt((k + g) / m)
    entropy_value = 0.5 * (math.log((omega_X * omega_Y) / (omega_X * omega_Y -
                                               omega_X * omega_Y)) + 1)
   return entropy_value
```

Final Answer: The entropy S is given by the Python function entropy (k, g, m), which computes the entropy based on the derived expression.

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

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Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem by attempting to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and calculate the entropy. However, there are significant issues: 1) The normal mode frequencies  $\omega_X$  and  $\omega_Y$  are incorrectly stated as  $\sqrt{\frac{k+g}{m}}$  instead of  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . 2) The entropy expression derived is incorrect and does not match the standard solution. The expression  $S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{(k+g)^2}{k^2} \right) + 1 \right)$  is not equivalent to the standard solution's entropy expression. 3) The Python code provided is based on this incorrect expression and will not yield the correct result. The approach has some merit, but the execution is flawed.

Detailed Solution: To solve this problem, we will follow a structured approach, starting with the mathematical derivation and then translating the final result into Python code.

Step 1: Mathematical Derivation

1.1 Hamiltonian and Normal Modes The Hamiltonian for the coupled harmonic oscillators is given by:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

To simplify the problem, we introduce normal coordinates  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  such that:

$$x_1 = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{Q_1 - Q_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

The Hamiltonian in terms of these normal coordinates becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_1^2}{m} + \omega_1^2 Q_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P_2^2}{m} + \omega_2^2 Q_2^2 \right),$$

where  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . 1.2 Ground State Wavefunction The ground state wavefunction  $|\Omega\rangle$  in the normal coordinates is a product of the ground states of two independent harmonic oscillators:

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle_{Q_1} \otimes |0\rangle_{Q_2}.$$

The wavefunction in the position representation is:

$$\langle Q_1, Q_2 | \Omega \rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_1 Q_1^2}{2\hbar} - \frac{m\omega_2 Q_2^2}{2\hbar}\right).$$

1.3 Reduced Density Matrix The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom. The resulting density matrix in the  $x_1$  basis is:

$$\rho(x_1, x_1') = \int dw \langle x_1, w | \Omega \rangle \langle \Omega | x_1', w \rangle.$$

After performing the integration, we find that  $\rho(x_1, x_1')$  is a Gaussian function with a specific covariance matrix.

1.4 Entropy Calculation The entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$$

For a Gaussian state, the entropy can be expressed in terms of the symplectic eigenvalues  $\nu_i$  of the covariance matrix:

$$S = \sum_{i} \left(\nu_{i} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu_{i} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\nu_{i} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln\left(\nu_{i} - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

For our system, the symplectic eigenvalues are related to the normal mode frequencies:

$$\nu_1 = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{coth}\left(\frac{h\omega_1}{2k_BT}\right), \quad \nu_2 = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{coth}\left(\frac{h\omega_2}{2k_BT}\right).$$

At zero temperature  $(T \rightarrow 0)$ , the entropy simplifies to:

$$S = \sum_{i} \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) = 0.$$

However, for finite temperature, the entropy is non-zero and depends on the parameters k, g, and m. Step 2: Python Implementation

Based on the above derivation, we can implement the entropy calculation in Python. The entropy function will take the parameters k, g, and m as inputs and return the computed entropy.

```
import numpy as np
def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    # Constants
    hbar = 1.0545718e-34 # Reduced Planck constant
    kB = 1.380649e - 23
                           # Boltzmann constant
    T = 1.0
                           # Temperature (arbitrary units)
    # Normal mode frequencies
    omega1 = np.sqrt(k / m)
    omega2 = np.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    # Symplectic eigenvalues
    nu1 = 0.5 / np.tanh(hbar * omega1 / (2 * kB * T))
    nu2 = 0.5 / np.tanh(hbar * omega2 / (2 * kB * T))
    # Entropy calculation
    S = ((nu1 + 0.5) * np.log(nu1 + 0.5) - (nu1 - 0.5) * np.log(nu1 - 0.5)) + \langle (nu1 - 0.5) + np.log(nu1 - 0.5) \rangle
        ( (nu2 + 0.5) * np.log(nu2 + 0.5) - (nu2 - 0.5) * np.log(nu2 - 0.5) )
    return S
Example usage
k_value = 1.0
g_value = 0.5
m_value = 1.0
print(entropy(k_value, g_value, m_value))
```

Final Answer: The entropy S for the coupled harmonic oscillator system is computed using the provided Python function entropy (k, g, m). The function calculates the entropy based on the parameters k, g, and m, and returns the result.

Verification Results:

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**Evaluations:** 

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Notes: The submitted solution demonstrates a basic understanding of the problem by correctly identifying the Hamiltonian and introducing normal coordinates. However, there are significant issues in the approach to calculating the entropy. The solution incorrectly assumes that the entropy at zero temperature is zero, which contradicts the standard solution's non-zero entropy expression. Additionally, the use of symplectic eigenvalues and the entropy formula involving them is not aligned with the standard solution's approach. The Python implementation is based on these incorrect assumptions, leading to a final answer that does not match the standard solution. The solution lacks the detailed steps and transformations present in the standard solution, such as the diagonalization of the Hamiltonian and the calculation of the reduced density matrix. Overall, while the approach has some merit, it contains major flaws that lead to an incorrect final result.

Attempt 4 (2025-02-07T00:58:20.438673+00:00)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we need to compute the von Neumann entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  for a coupled harmonic oscillator system. The von Neumann entropy is given by:

 $S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right]$ 

Step 1: Hamiltonian and Normal Modes The Hamiltonian for the coupled harmonic oscillators is:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

To simplify the problem, we can transform the coordinates to normal modes. Let's define the normal coordinates  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  as:

$$q_1 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad q_2 = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The Hamiltonian in terms of the normal modes becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_{q_1}^2}{m} + \omega_1^2 q_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_{q_2}^2}{m} + \omega_2^2 q_2^2 \right)$$

where the frequencies are:

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$$

Step 2: Ground State Wavefunction

The ground state wavefunction in the normal coordinates is a product of Gaussian functions:

$$\Psi_0(q_1, q_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_1 q_1^2}{2\hbar} - \frac{m\omega_2 q_2^2}{2\hbar}\right)$$

Step 3: Reduced Density Matrix

To find the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , we trace out the  $q_2$  degree of freedom. The reduced density matrix in the  $q_1$  basis is:

$$\rho(q_1, q_1') = \int dq_2 \Psi_0(q_1, q_2) \Psi_0^*(q_1', q_2)$$

After performing the integration, we find that  $\rho(q_1, q'_1)$  is a Gaussian function with a certain width determined by the frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ .

Step 4: Entropy Calculation

The von Neumann entropy of a Gaussian state is given by:

$$S = \sum_{i} \left( \frac{\nu_i + 1}{2} \ln \frac{\nu_i + 1}{2} - \frac{\nu_i - 1}{2} \ln \frac{\nu_i - 1}{2} \right)$$

where  $\nu_i$  are the symplectic eigenvalues of the covariance matrix. For our system, the symplectic eigenvalues are related to the frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ .

After some algebra, the entropy S can be expressed as:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\omega_1 - \omega_2} \ln \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\omega_1 - \omega_2} - \ln \frac{4\omega_1 \omega_2}{(\omega_1 + \omega_2)^2} \right)$$

Step 5: Final Expression

Substituting the expressions for  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , we get:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{k} + \sqrt{k+2g}}{\sqrt{k} - \sqrt{k+2g}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{k} + \sqrt{k+2g}}{\sqrt{k} - \sqrt{k+2g}} - \ln \frac{4\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k+2g}}{(\sqrt{k} + \sqrt{k+2g})^2} \right)$$

Step 6: Python Implementation Now, we implement the final expression in Python:

```
import math

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega1 = math.sqrt(k / m)
    omega2 = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)

    term1 = (omega1 + omega2) / (omega1 - omega2)
    term2 = math.log((omega1 + omega2) / (omega1 - omega2))
    term3 = math.log((4 * omega1 * omega2) / (omega1 + omega2)**2)

    S = 0.5 * (term1 * term2 - term3)
    return S
```
This function computes the von Neumann entropy S given the parameters k, g, and m. The function uses the math module to perform the necessary mathematical operations. Final Answer: The von Neumann entropy S is computed using the provided Python function.

Verification Results:

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## Evaluations:

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Notes: The submitted solution correctly identifies the problem as finding the von Neumann entropy of a reduced density matrix for a coupled harmonic oscillator system. It follows a valid approach by transforming to normal modes and computing the ground state wavefunction. The solution correctly identifies the frequencies  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , which match the standard solution. However, there are some discrepancies in the final expression for the entropy S. The submitted solution uses a different form involving symplectic eigenvalues, which is a valid approach but leads to a different expression than the standard solution. The Python implementation is a nice addition, but the final expression for S does not match the standard solution's boxed result. The core understanding is demonstrated, but the final result differs due to the method used.

## Attempt 5 (2025-02-07T00:59:35.093315+00:00)

**Detailed Solution:** To solve this problem, we will follow a structured approach. We will first derive the symbolic expression for the entropy S and then implement it in Python.

Step 1: Understanding the Problem

We are given a Hamiltonian for a coupled harmonic oscillator system:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_i^2}{m} + kx_i^2 \right) + g \frac{(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

The ground state of this system is  $|\Omega\rangle$ . We are to compute the entropy S of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , which is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom. Step 2: Deriving the Entropy

The entropy S is given by:

$$S = -\mathrm{Tr}_{x_1} \left[ \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} \right].$$

To compute this, we need to find the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ . The reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  is obtained by tracing out the  $x_2$  degrees of freedom from the ground state density matrix  $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|$ . The ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  of the coupled harmonic oscillator system can be expressed in terms of normal modes. The Hamiltonian can be diagonalized by introducing normal coordinates  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ :

$$q_1 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad q_2 = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The Hamiltonian in terms of these normal coordinates is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_{q_1}^2}{m} + \omega_1^2 q_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_{q_2}^2}{m} + \omega_2^2 q_2^2 \right),$$

where  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ . The ground state wavefunction in terms of the normal coordinates is:

$$\Omega(q_1, q_2) = \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{m\omega_2}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_1 q_1^2}{2\hbar} - \frac{m\omega_2 q_2^2}{2\hbar}\right)$$

To find the reduced density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$ , we trace out  $q_2$ :

$$\hat{\rho}(q_1, q_1') = \int dq_2 \,\Omega(q_1, q_2) \Omega^*(q_1', q_2)$$

The entropy S is then given by the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix:

$$S = -\text{Tr}_{q_1}\left[\hat{\rho}\ln\hat{\rho}\right].$$

After performing the integration and diagonalization, the entropy S can be expressed in terms of the parameters k, g, and m:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} - 1 \right) \ln \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} - 1 \right).$$

Substituting  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{m}}$ , we get:

$$S = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - 1\right)\ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{k+2g}{k}} - 1\right).$$

Step 3: Implementing the Solution in Python Now, we will implement the derived expression in Python.

```
import math

def entropy(k: float, g: float, m: float) -> float:
    omega1 = math.sqrt(k / m)
    omega2 = math.sqrt((k + 2 * g) / m)
    ratio = omega2 / omega1
    S = 0.5 * math.log(ratio) + 0.5 * (ratio - 1) * math.log(ratio - 1)
    return S

Example usage:
print(entropy(1.0, 0.5, 1.0))
```

Final Answer: The entropy S is given by the Python function entropy(k, g, m), which computes the entropy based on the derived expression.

Verification Results:

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## **Evaluations:**

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Notes: The submitted solution shows a basic understanding of the problem and correctly identifies the need to diagonalize the Hamiltonian and trace out degrees of freedom to find the reduced density matrix. However, there are significant issues in the final expression for the entropy S. The derived expression for S in the submitted solution,  $S = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} - 1\right) \ln \left(\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} - 1\right)$ , does not match the standard solution's final answer. The standard solution involves a more complex expression involving terms like  $\ln \left(\frac{4\sqrt{\omega_1\omega_2}}{(\sqrt{\omega_1}+\sqrt{\omega_2})^2}\right)$  and additional terms. The approach has merit, but the final result is incorrect due to these discrepancies.