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17.1 Entanglement of random states

Recall that last time we studied entanglement in random states. We showed that for $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B}$,

$$\mathbb{E}S(A)_\psi \geq \mathbb{E}S_2(\psi_A) \quad (17.1)$$

$$\geq -\log \mathbb{E} \operatorname{tr} \psi_A^2 \quad (17.2)$$

where

$$\mathbb{E} \operatorname{tr} \psi_A^2 = \frac{d_A + d_B}{d_A d_B + 1} \quad (17.3)$$

For $d = d_A = d_B$, we get

$$\mathbb{E}S(A)_\psi \geq \log \frac{d^2 + 1}{2d} \geq \log(d) - 1 \quad (17.4)$$

For $d_A \ll d_B$, we get

$$\mathbb{E}S(A)_\psi \geq \log(d_A) - \log\left(1 + \frac{d_A}{d_B}\right) \approx \log d_A \quad (17.5)$$

That is, a random n -qubit state has k -qubit marginals that look like $I/2^k$ if $k < n/2$.

How accurate is this bound? Suppose that

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{ij} G_{ij} |i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle \quad (17.6)$$

with

$$\mathbb{E}|G_{ij}|^2 = \frac{1}{d_A d_B} \quad (17.7)$$

Then this has marginals $\psi_A = GG^\dagger$, corresponding to the complex Wishart distribution.

The histogram of eigenvalues λ of ψ_A follows the Marchenko-Pastor laws and satisfies

$$\lambda_{min} \approx \frac{1}{d_A} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{d_A}{d_B}}\right)^2 \quad (17.8)$$

$$\lambda_{max} \approx \frac{1}{d_A} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{d_A}{d_B}}\right)^2 \quad (17.9)$$

$$\mu(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda_{max} - \lambda)(\lambda - \lambda_{min})}}{2\pi(d_A/d_B)\lambda} \quad (17.10)$$

where $\mu(\lambda)$ is the density. A sketch of the proof goes like the following:

$$\text{tr}\psi_A^k = \binom{d_A + k - 1}{k}^{-1} \text{tr}\Pi_{sym}(C_{A_1 \dots A_k} \otimes I_{B_1 \dots B_k}) \quad (17.11)$$

$$\approx d_A \int \mu(\lambda) \lambda^k d\lambda \quad (17.12)$$

A special case of this is when $d = d_A = d_B$. Then $\lambda_{min} \sim 1/d^2$, $\lambda_{max} \approx 4/d$, and

$$\mu(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{4/d - \lambda}}{2\pi\sqrt{\lambda}} \quad (17.13)$$

$$\mu(\sqrt{\lambda}) = \frac{\sqrt{4/d - \lambda}}{\pi} \quad (17.14)$$

This is known as the quarter-circle law (note that there's a Wigner semicircle law for eigenvalues of $G + G^\dagger$, and a circle law for eigenvalues of G).

17.2 Note on Renyi entropies

Suppose we have a state

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle \langle 0| \otimes (I/2)^{\otimes a} \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|^{\otimes (b-a)} + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle \langle 1| \otimes (I/2)^{\otimes b} \quad (17.1)$$

for $a < b$. Then

$$S_0(\rho) = \log(2^a + 2^b) \approx b + 2^{a-b} \quad (17.2)$$

$$S_\infty(\rho) = a + 1 \quad (17.3)$$

$$S(\rho) = 1 + \frac{a+b}{2} \quad (17.4)$$

$$S_\alpha(\rho) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log(2^a(2^{a+1})^{-\alpha} + 2^b(2^{b+1})^{-\alpha}) \quad (17.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\alpha} [\log((2^{1-\alpha})^a + (2^{1-\alpha})^b) - \alpha] \quad (17.6)$$

For $\alpha > 1$ the first term dominates, while for $\alpha < 1$ the second term dominates. This is why we like taking $\alpha = 1$, where the contributions are the same

17.3 k-designs

Say that μ is a distribution on S_d , the states in \mathbb{C}^d . Then μ is a k-design if

$$\mathbb{E}_{|\psi\rangle \sim \mu} \psi^{\otimes k} = \mathbb{E}_{\psi \sim \text{Uniform}} \psi^{\otimes k} = \Pi_{\text{sym}} \binom{d+k-1}{k}^{-1} \quad (17.1)$$

Note that we can also define approximate k-designs. 1-designs are pretty easy to come up with, i.e. $\{|000\rangle, \dots, |111\rangle\}$ is a 1-design. Stabilizer states are 2-designs (and also 3-designs). (Recall that stabilizer states are those that can be written as $C|0^n\rangle$ for C a Clifford state. Alternatively, we can define them as the simultaneous +1 eigenstate of n commuting operators of the form $\sigma_{i_1} \otimes \sigma_{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_{i_n}$.)

17.3.1 Application: ϵ -randomizing maps

We say that $N : D_d \rightarrow D_d$ is ϵ -randomizing if $\forall \rho$,

$$\|N(\rho) - I/d\|_\infty \leq \epsilon/d \quad (17.2)$$

We will consider maps of the form

$$N(\rho) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i \rho U_i^\dagger \quad (17.3)$$

How large does n need to be? (Recall that we can do remote state preparation with cost $\log n$.) Note that

$$\text{rank } N(|1\rangle \langle 1|) \leq n \quad (17.4)$$

$$(17.5)$$

For a choice of $\epsilon < 1$,

$$\|N(|1\rangle \langle 1|) - I/d\|_\infty \leq 1/d \quad (17.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } N(|1\rangle \langle 1|) = d \quad (17.7)$$

Thus $n \geq d$.

Note that the generalized Paulis work with $n = d^2$, $\epsilon = 0$. In fact, $\epsilon = 0$ allows for teleportation. To see this, note that $\epsilon = 0 \Rightarrow N(\rho) = I/d \Rightarrow N(X) = \text{tr}(X)I/d$ by linearity. Then

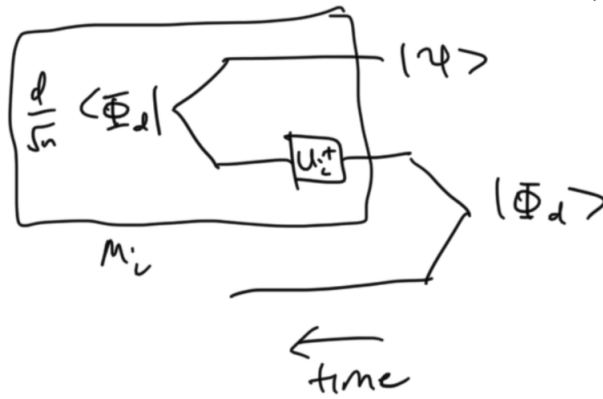
$$(I \otimes N)(\Phi_d) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j| \otimes N(|i\rangle \langle j|) \quad (17.8)$$

$$= (I/d) \otimes (I/d) \quad (17.9)$$

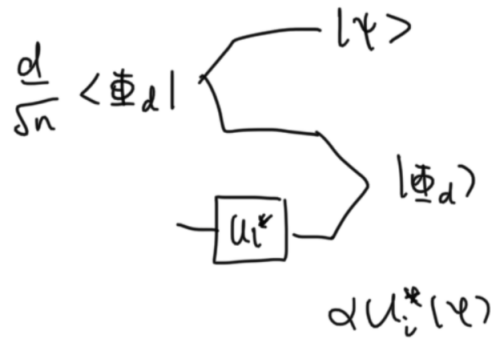
Thus the set of operators

$$M_i = \frac{d^2}{n} (I \otimes U_i) \Phi_d (I \otimes U_i^\dagger) \tag{17.10}$$

is PSD and satisfies $\sum_i M_i = I$, so it forms a POVM. We can draw the following diagram for a teleportation protocol:



Moving the unitary and transposing, this becomes



Note that this also gives us a lower bound $n \geq d^2$ (otherwise we could do teleportation with less than $n < d^2$).

If we let $\epsilon > 0$, it's possible to have $n = O(d/\epsilon^2)$. Let

$$\alpha = \max_{\rho} \|N(\rho) - I/d\|_{\infty} = \epsilon/d \tag{17.11}$$

$$= \max_{\rho, \sigma} |\text{tr}(N(\rho) - I/d)\sigma| \tag{17.12}$$

$$= \max_{|\rho\rangle, |\varphi\rangle} |\text{tr}N(\psi)\varphi - 1/d| \tag{17.13}$$

$$= \max_{|\rho\rangle, |\varphi\rangle} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr}[U_i \psi U_i^\dagger \varphi] - 1/d \right| \tag{17.14}$$

We will later use the fact that

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr}[U_i A U_i^\dagger B] - 1/d \right| \leq \|A\|_1 \|B\|_1 \left(\frac{1}{d} + \alpha \right) \quad (17.15)$$

for A, B Hermitian. Now fix ψ, φ, i , and let

$$\text{tr} U_i \psi U_i^\dagger \varphi = |\gamma_1|^2 \quad (17.16)$$

where $U_i |\psi\rangle = |\gamma\rangle$, $|\varphi\rangle = |1\rangle$. Also let $|g\rangle = r |\gamma\rangle$ so that

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(\lambda |\gamma_1|^2) \leq \mathbb{E} e^{\lambda r^2} \mathbb{E} \exp(\lambda |\gamma_1|^2) \quad (17.17)$$

$$= \mathbb{E} e^{-\lambda |g_1|^2} \quad (17.18)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \lambda/d} \quad (17.19)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \exp\left(\lambda \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \text{tr}[U_i \psi U_i^\dagger \varphi]\right) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{nd}\right)^{-n} \quad (17.20)$$

after some algebra (see quant-ph/0307100 for more details).

Now, for fixed ψ, φ , we have that

$$\Pr \left[\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \text{tr}[U_i \psi U_i^\dagger \varphi] - \frac{1}{d} \right| \geq \epsilon/d \right] \leq \exp(-cn\epsilon^2) \quad (17.21)$$

We want to be able to make a statement about

$$\Pr \left[\exists \psi, \varphi \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \text{tr}[U_i \psi U_i^\dagger \varphi] - \frac{1}{d} \right| \geq \epsilon/d \right] \quad (17.22)$$

Normally we would use a union bound, but in this case we need to use a δ -net. Specifically, we say that M is a δ -net if $\forall |x\rangle \in S_d, \exists |\beta\rangle \in M$ such that $\| |\alpha\rangle - |\beta\rangle \|_2 \leq \delta$.

We claim that there exists a M of size $|M| \leq (1 + (2/\delta))^{2d}$. To prove this, we add $|\beta_1\rangle, |\beta_2\rangle, \dots$ to M until $\| |\beta_i\rangle - |\beta_j\rangle \|_2 > \delta$ no longer holds. Note that the $B(|\beta_i\rangle, \delta/2)$ are all disjoint and are contained in $B(0, 1 + \delta/2)$. Letting $\text{Vol}(B(0, r)) = C_d r^{2d}$, $|M| C_d (\delta/2)^{2d} \leq C_d (1 + \delta/2)^{2d} \Rightarrow |M| \leq (1 + 2/\delta)^{2d}$.

Now converting this to the trace norm,

$$\| |\psi\rangle - |\varphi\rangle \|_{\ell_2} \geq \frac{1}{2} \| \psi - \varphi \|_{S_1} \quad (17.23)$$

Thus M is a δ -net with $|M| \leq (3/\delta)^{2d}$.

Now let

$$\beta = \max_{|\psi_0\rangle, |\varphi_0\rangle \in M} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} U_i \psi_0 U_i^\dagger \varphi_0 - \frac{1}{d} \right| \quad (17.24)$$

Note that

$$\Pr[\beta \geq \epsilon/d] \leq (3/\delta)^{4d} e^{-cn\epsilon^2} < 1 \quad (17.25)$$

if we choose $\delta = O(1)$, $n = O(d/\epsilon^2)$. Now we just need to extend to points not in the net. Letting

$$\|\psi - \psi_0\|_1 \leq 2\delta \quad (17.26)$$

$$\|\varphi - \varphi_0\|_1 \leq 2\delta \quad (17.27)$$

for some ψ, φ ,

$$\alpha = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} U_i \psi U_i^\dagger \varphi - \frac{1}{d} \right| \quad (17.28)$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} U_i \psi_0 U_i^\dagger \varphi_0 - \frac{1}{d} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} U_i (\psi - \psi_0) U_i^\dagger \varphi_0 \right| + \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} U_i \psi_0 U_i^\dagger (\varphi - \varphi_0) \right| \quad (17.29)$$

$$\leq \beta + 2 \cdot 2\delta \left(\frac{1}{d} + \alpha \right) \quad (17.30)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \leq \frac{1}{1-4\delta} \left(\beta + \frac{4\delta}{d} \right) = O(\epsilon/\delta) \quad (17.31)$$

Note that $(I \otimes N)\Phi_d$ has rank d/ϵ^2 but is LOCC-indistinguishable from $I/d \otimes I/d$ with rank d^2 . Thus it accomplishes data hiding.