

Introduction à la théorie quantique de l'information

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Information et calcul quantiques

Théorie quantique de l'information

La théorie quantique de l'information est essentiellement divisée en deux secteurs:

1. le **calcul quantique** : les algorithmes quantiques
2. la **communication de l'information quantique** : les protocoles de transmission (sécurisée) des données (quantiques).

La théorie quantique exploite les propriétés de la mécanique quantique, telles que

- ▶ la **superposition** : l'espace d'états d'un système quantique est linéaire. Dans la théorie classique, l'information est codée dans des **bits**, qui ne peuvent prendre que les valeurs discrètes 0 et 1. Au contraire, un **qubit** est un vecteur de norme 1 de l'espace $\mathbb{C}^2 = \text{span}\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$.
- ▶ l'**intrication** : il existe des systèmes quantiques constitués de plusieurs composantes, dont l'état ne peut être décrit en termes des états des parties constituantes.

Protocoles et algorithmes quantiques

- ▶ **1982**: Feynman propose d'utiliser un **ordinateur quantique** pour simuler des systèmes quantiques.
- ▶ **1984**: Bennett et Brassard inventent un mécanisme d'échange de clé quantique [BB84], dont la sécurité repose sur une hypothèse physique.
- ▶ **1989**: BB84 réalisé dans une expérience.
- ▶ **1992**: Deutsch et Jozsa donne le premier exemple d'un algorithme quantique qui est plus efficace qu'un algorithme classique
- ▶ **1994**: Shor invente un algorithme quantique pour factoriser un entier naturel N en temps $O(\log^3 N)$ vs. $O(\exp(\log^{1/3} N))$ pour le meilleur algorithme classique connu.
- ▶ **2012**: $21 = 3 \times 7$ expérimentalement en utilisant des photons.
- ▶ **2015**: D-Wave Systems, la première entreprise d'informatique quantique, annonce un ordinateur quantique (non-universel) avec 1000 qubits.
- ▶ **2018**: La course vers la **suprématie quantique**: environ 50-100 qubits.

Vers une théorie de Shannon quantique: états et canaux

Quantum states

States	Deterministic	Random mixture
Classical	$x \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$	$p \in \mathbb{R}^d, p_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$
Quantum	$\psi \in \mathbb{C}^d, \ \psi\ = 1$	$\rho \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}), \rho \geq 0, \text{Tr } \rho = 1$

- ▶ Quantum systems with d degrees of freedom are described by **density matrices** or **mixed states**

$$\rho \in \mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^d); \quad \text{Tr } \rho = 1 \text{ and } \rho \geq 0.$$

- ▶ **Pure states** are the particular case of rank one projectors, and correspond to unit vectors $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^d$

$$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \in \mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^d).$$

They are the **extreme points** of the convex body $\mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^d)$

Entanglement

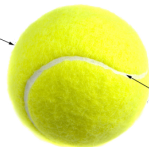
- ▶ Two quantum systems: $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B})$.
- ▶ A mixed state ρ_{AB} is called **separable** if it can be written as a convex combination of product states

$$\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{SEP} \iff \rho_{AB} = \sum_i t_i \sigma_i^{(A)} \otimes \sigma_i^{(B)},$$

with $t_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i t_i = 1$, $\sigma_i^{(A,B)} \in \mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^{d_{A,B}})$.

- ▶ Non-separable states are called **entangled**.
- ▶ Pure states: $|x\rangle\langle x|$ is separable
 $\iff x = y \otimes z$.
- ▶ All bi-partite quantum pure states have dimension $d_A d_B - 1$, whereas product states have dimension $d_A + d_B - 2$, which is strictly smaller \implies **a generic pure state is entangled!**

Ball surface
all states



White line
separable states

Mixed state entanglement is hard, but...

- ▶ Deciding if a given ρ_{AB} is separable is NP-hard. Detecting entanglement for general states is a difficult, central problem in QIT.
- ▶ A linear map $f : \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}^{d'})$ is called
 - ▶ **positive** if $A \geq 0 \implies f(A) \geq 0$;
 - ▶ **completely positive** if $\text{id}_k \otimes f$ is positive for all $k \geq 1$.
- ▶ If $f : \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}^{d_B}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}^{d_B})$ is CP, then for **every** state ρ_{AB} one has $[\text{id}_{d_A} \otimes f](\rho_{AB}) \geq 0$.
- ▶ If $f : \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}^{d_B}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}^{d_B})$ is only positive, then for every **separable** state ρ_{AB} , one has $[\text{id}_{d_A} \otimes f](\rho_{AB}) \geq 0$.
- ▶ Indeed,

$$[\text{id}_{d_A} \otimes f] \left(\sum_i t_i \sigma_i^{(A)} \otimes \sigma_i^{(B)} \right) = \sum_i t_i \sigma_i^{(A)} \otimes f(\sigma_i^{(B)}) \geq 0,$$

since each term is positive semidefinite.

Entanglement detection via positive, but not CP maps

- ▶ Positive, but not CP maps f yield **entanglement criteria**: given ρ_{AB} , if $[\text{id}_{d_A} \otimes f](\rho_{AB}) \not\geq 0$, then ρ_{AB} is entangled.
- ▶ The following converse holds: if, for **all** positive, but not CP maps f , $[\text{id}_{d_A} \otimes f](\rho_{AB}) \geq 0$, then ρ_{AB} is separable.

- ▶ The transposition map $\Theta(X) = X^T$ is positive, but not CP. Let

$$\mathcal{PPT} := \{\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B}) \mid [\text{id}_{d_A} \otimes \Theta_{d_B}](\rho_{AB}) \geq 0\}.$$

- ▶ We have $\mathcal{SEP} \subseteq \mathcal{PPT}$, with equality iff

$$(d_A, d_B) \in \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}.$$

- ▶ This is the consequence of a deep result in operator algebra: every positive map $f : \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{2,3}(\mathbb{C})$ can be written as

$$f = g_1 + \Theta \circ g_2, \quad \text{with } g_{1,2} \text{ CP.}$$

- ▶ Question: for large $d_{A,B}$ how much smaller is \mathcal{SEP} than \mathcal{PPT} ?

The PPT criterion at work

- ▶ Consider the **Bell state** $\rho_{AB} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$, where

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \ni |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle_A \otimes |0\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A \otimes |1\rangle_B).$$

- ▶ Written as a matrix in $\mathcal{M}_{2,2}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C})$

$$\rho_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ▶ Partial transposition: transpose each block B_{ij} :

$$[\text{id}_2 \otimes \Theta](\rho_{AB}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

- ▶ This matrix is no longer positive \implies the state is entangled.

Quantum channels

Channels	Deterministic	Random mixture
Classical	$f : \{1, \dots, d\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, d\}$	Q Markov (stochastic)
Quantum	$U \in \mathcal{U}(d)$	Φ CPTP map

- ▶ **Quantum channels:** CPTP maps $\Phi : \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{d'}(\mathbb{C})$
 - ▶ CP - complete positivity: $\Phi \otimes \text{id}_r$ is a positive map, $\forall r \geq 1$
 - ▶ TP - trace preservation: $\text{Tr} \circ \Phi = \text{Tr}$.
- ▶ Example 1: unitary conjugation $\Phi(X) = UXU^*$ for a unitary matrix $U \in \mathcal{U}(d)$.
- ▶ Example 2: depolarizing channel $\Delta(X) = (\text{Tr } X) \frac{I}{d}$.

Structure of CPTP maps

Theorem (Stinespring-Kraus-Choi)

Let $\Phi : \mathcal{M}_d \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d$ be a linear map. The following assertions are equivalent:

1. The map Φ is **completely positive** and trace preserving.
2. There exist an integer n ($n = d^2$ suffices) and an isometry $V : \mathbb{C}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ such that

$$\Phi(X) = [\text{id}_d \otimes \text{Tr}_n](VXV^*).$$

3. There exist operators $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})$ satisfying $\sum_i A_i^* A_i = I_d$ such that

$$\Phi(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i X A_i^*.$$

4. The Choi matrix C_Φ is **positive semidefinite**, where

$$C_\Phi := \sum_{i,j=1}^d E_{ij} \otimes \Phi(E_{ij}) \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}).$$

(Minimum Output) Entropy

- ▶ von Neumann and Rényi **entropies** of quantum states

$$H(\rho) = H^1(\rho) = -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho) \quad H^p(\rho) = \frac{\log \text{Tr} \rho^p}{1-p}, \quad p > 0.$$

- ▶ Entropies are **additive**

$$H^p(\rho_A \otimes \rho_B) = H^p(\rho_A) + H^p(\rho_B).$$

- ▶ **p**-Minimal **O**utput **E**ntropy of a quantum channel

$$H_{\min}^p(\Phi) = \min_{\rho \in \mathcal{M}_d^{1,+}(\mathbb{C})} H^p(\Phi(\rho)) = \min_{x \in \mathbb{C}^d, \|x\|=1} H^p(\Phi(|x\rangle\langle x|)).$$

- ▶ Is the **p**-MOE **additive**:

$$\forall \Phi, \Psi \quad H_{\min}^p(\Phi \otimes \Psi) = H_{\min}^p(\Phi) + H_{\min}^p(\Psi) \quad ?$$

- ▶ **NO!!!**

- ▶ $p > 1$: Hayden + Winter '08;
- ▶ $p = 1$: Hastings '09.

- ▶ **Why care?** Simple formula for the classical capacity of quantum channels: if additivity holds, then there is no need to use inputs entangled over multiple uses of Φ .

États quantiques aléatoires et la transposée partielle

Probability measures on $\mathcal{M}_d^{1,+}(\mathbb{C})$

- ▶ We want to measure volumes of subsets of $\mathcal{M}_d^{1,+}(\mathbb{C})$, with $d = d_A d_B$.
- ▶ A natural choice is to use the Lebesgue measure (see $\mathcal{M}_d^{1,+}(\mathbb{C})$ as a compact subset of $\mathcal{M}_d^{sa}(\mathbb{C})$). The set of separable states \mathcal{SEP} has positive volume, since \mathcal{SEP} contains an open ball around I/d .
- ▶ Another choice - open quantum systems point of view: assume your system Hilbert space $\mathbb{C}^d = \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B}$ is coupled to an environment \mathbb{C}^{d_C} .
- ▶ On the tri-partite system $\mathcal{H}_{ABC} = \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_C}$, consider a random pure state $|\psi\rangle_{ABC}$, i.e. a uniform random point on the unit sphere of the total Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_{ABC} . Trace out the environment \mathbb{C}^{d_C} to get a random density matrix

$$\rho_{AB} = [\text{id}_A \otimes \text{id}_B \otimes \text{Tr}_C] |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{ABC}.$$

- ▶ These probability measures have been introduced by Życzkowski and Sommers and they are called the induced measures of parameters $d = d_A d_B$ and $s = d_C$; we denote them by $\mu_{d,s}$.
- ▶ Remarkably, the Lebesgue measure is obtained for $s = d$.

Probability measures on $\mathcal{M}_d^{1,+}(\mathbb{C})$

- ▶ Here's an equivalent way of defining the measures $\mu_{d,s}$, in the spirit of Random Matrix Theory.
- ▶ Let $X \in \mathcal{M}_{d \times s}(\mathbb{C})$ be a $d \times s$ matrix with **i.i.d. complex standard Gaussian entries** (i.e. a **Ginibre** random matrix). Define

$$W_{d,s} = XX^* \text{ and } \mathcal{M}_d^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^d) \ni \rho_{d,s} = \frac{XX^*}{\text{Tr}(XX^*)} = \frac{W_{d,s}}{\text{Tr} W_{d,s}}.$$

- ▶ The random matrix $W_{d,s}$ is called a **Wishart** matrix and the distribution of $\rho_{d,s}$ is precisely $\mu_{d,s}$.
- ▶ The measure $\mu_{d,s}$ is unitarily invariant: if $\rho \sim \mu_{d,s}$ and U is a fixed unitary matrix, then $U\rho U^* \sim \mu_{d,s}$.
- ▶ Density of $\mu_{d,s}$: $d\mathbb{P}(\rho) = C_{d,s} \det(\rho)^{s-d} \mathbf{1}_{\rho \geq 0, \text{Tr} \rho = 1} d\rho$.
- ▶ Integrating out the eigenvectors, we obtain the eigenvalue density formula for random quantum states:

$$d\mathbb{P}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d) = C'_{d,s} \left[\prod_i \lambda_i^{s-d} \right] \left[\prod_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 \right] \mathbf{1}_{\lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_i \lambda_i = 1} d\lambda.$$

Eigenvalues for induced measures

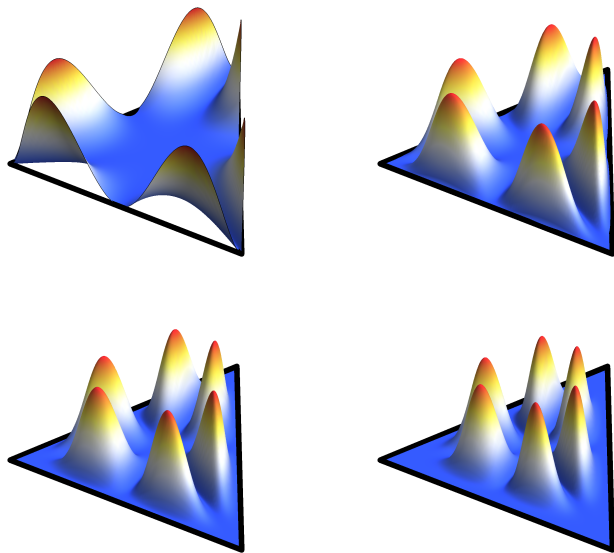


Figure: Induced measures for $d = 3$ and $s = 3, 5, 7, 10$.

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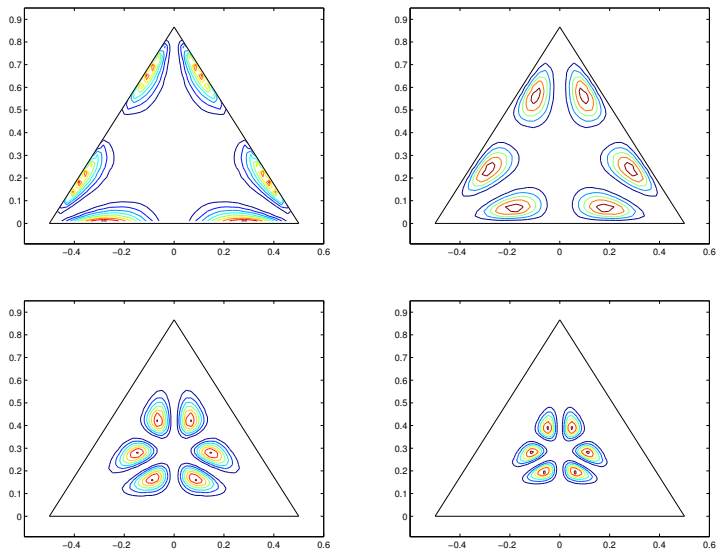


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Volume of convex sets under the induced measures

- ▶ Fix d , and let $C \subset \mathcal{M}^{1,+}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ a convex body, with $I_d/d \in \text{int}(C)$.
Then

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{d,s}(C) = 1.$$

In other words, the eigenvalues of a random density matrix $\rho_{AB} \sim \mu_{d,s}$ with d fixed and $s \rightarrow \infty$ converge to I/d .

Definition

A pair of functions $(s_0(d), s_1(d))$ are called a **threshold** for a family of convex sets $(K_d)_d$ if both conditions below hold

- ▶ If $s(d) \lesssim s_0(d)$, then

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{d,s(d)}(K_d) = 0;$$

- ▶ If $s(d) \gtrsim s_1(d)$, then

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{d,s(d)}(K_d) = 1.$$

Thresholds for entanglement criteria

- Below, the **threshold** functions $s_{0,1}(d)$ are of the form

$$s_0(d) = s_1(d) = cd; \quad \text{we put } r := \min(d_A, d_B).$$

Crit. \ Reg.	$d_A = d_B \rightarrow \infty$	$d_B \rightarrow \infty$	$d_A \rightarrow \infty$
SEP	∞ ($r \lesssim c \lesssim r \log^2 r$)	?	?
PPT	4	$2 + 2\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{r^2}}$	$2 + 2\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{r^2}}$

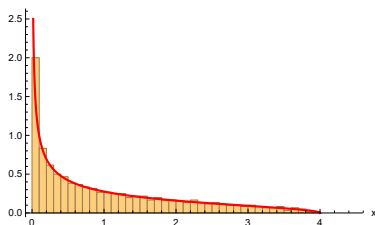
- The results in the table above can be interpreted in the following way: for a **convex set** K having a **threshold** c , a random density matrix $\rho_{AB} \sim \mu_{d,s}$ with large s, d will satisfy
 - If $s/d > c$, $\mathbb{P}[\rho_{AB} \in K] \approx 1$
 - If $s/d < c$, $\mathbb{P}[\rho_{AB} \in K] \approx 0$.
- In particular, in the regime $d_A = d_B \rightarrow \infty$, $s \sim cd$ with $c > 4$, random quantum states are **PPT and entangled!** In other words, in this regime, the PPT criterion is very weak.

Wishart matrices

Theorem (Marcenko-Pastur)

Let W be a complex Wishart matrix of parameters (d, cd) . Then, almost surely with $d \rightarrow \infty$, the empirical spectral distribution of W/d converges in moments to a **free Poisson distribution** (a.k.a. **Marčenko-Pastur distribution**) π_c of parameter c .

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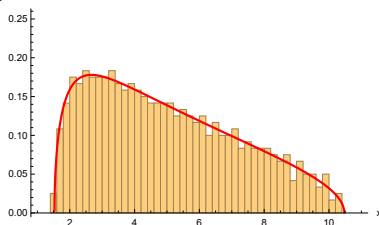


Figure: Eigenvalue distribution for Wishart matrices. In blue, the density of theoretical limiting distribution, π_c . In the two pictures, $d = 1000$, and $c = 1, 5$.

Partial transposition of a Wishart matrix

Theorem (Banica, N.)

Let W be a complex Wishart matrix of parameters (dn, cdn) . Then, almost surely with $d \rightarrow \infty$, the empirical spectral distribution of $[\text{id} \otimes \Theta](W_{AB}/d)$ converges in moments to a **free difference of free Poisson distributions** of respective parameters $cn(n \pm 1)/2$.

Corollary

The limiting measure above has positive support iff

$$c > c_{PPT} := 2 + 2\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}}.$$

Partial transposition criterion - numerics

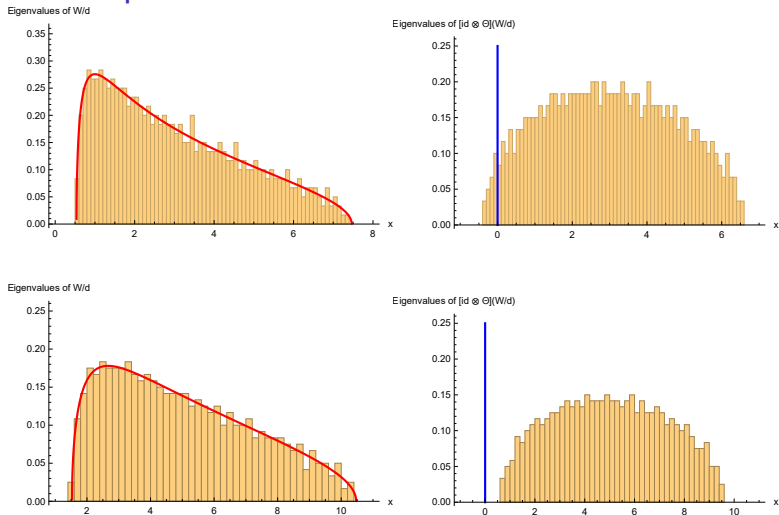


Figure: Wishart matrices before (left) and after (right) the application of the partial transposition. Here, $d = d_A = 200$, $n = d_B = 3$, and $c = 3$ (top), $c = 5$ (bottom). Note that $3 < c_{PT}^{n=3} = 3.88562 < 5$.

Canaux quantiques aléatoires et la propriété d'additivité

Random quantum channels

- ▶ Counterexamples to additivity conjectures are **random**.
- ▶ Random quantum channels from **random isometries**

$$\Phi : \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_k(\mathbb{C}), \quad \Phi(\rho) = [\text{id}_k \otimes \text{Tr}_n](V\rho V^*),$$

where V is a Haar random partial isometry

$$V : \mathbb{C}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k \otimes \mathbb{C}^n.$$

- ▶ We shall assume that $n \rightarrow \infty$, $d \sim tkn$, and k, t are fixed parameters.
- ▶ How to get counterexamples to the **additivity conjecture**?
- ▶ Choose Φ to be random and $\Psi = \bar{\Phi}$; this way,
 $H_{\min}^p(\Psi) = H_{\min}^p(\Phi)$.
- ▶ Bound

$$H_{\min}^p(\Phi \otimes \bar{\Phi}) \leq B_2 < 2B_1 \leq 2H_{\min}^p(\Phi).$$

- ▶ Bound B_2 : choose the maximally entangled input and upper bound the entropy of the output.

Strategy for B_1

- ▶ Remember: we want

$$H_{\min}^p(\Phi \otimes \bar{\Phi}) \leq B_2 < 2B_1 \leq 2H_{\min}^p(\Phi).$$

- ▶ We shall do more: we compute **the exact limit** (as $n \rightarrow \infty$) of $H_{\min}^p(\Phi)$.

Theorem (Belinschi, Collins, N. '13)

For all $p \geq 1$, almost surely,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_p^{\min}(\Phi) = H_p(a, \underbrace{b, b, \dots, b}_{k-1}),$$

where a, b do not depend on p , $b = (1 - a)/(k - 1)$ and $a = \varphi(1/k, t)$ with

$$\varphi(s, t) = \begin{cases} s + t - 2st + 2\sqrt{st(1-s)(1-t)} & \text{if } s + t < 1; \\ 1 & \text{if } s + t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Entanglement of a subspace

- ▶ For a vector $x = \sum_{i=1}^k \sqrt{\lambda_i(x)} e_i \otimes f_i$, define $H(x) = H(\lambda(x)) = -\sum_i \lambda_i(x) \log \lambda_i(x)$, the **entropy of entanglement** of the bipartite pure state x .
- ▶ Note that
 1. The state x is **separable**, $x = e \otimes f$, iff $H(x) = 0$.
 2. The state x is **maximally entangled**, $x = k^{-1/2} \sum_i e_i \otimes f_i$, iff $H(x) = \log k$.
- ▶ For a subspace $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^k \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$, define

$$H_p^{\min}(V) = \min_{y \in V, \|y\|=1} H_p(y),$$

the minimal entanglement of vectors in V .

- ▶ Recall that we are interested in random isometries $V : \mathbb{C}^{tnk} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ and the channels Φ they define. It turns out that $H_p^{\min}(\Phi) = H_p^{\min}(\text{Ran } V)$, so we focus on **subspace entanglement** from now on.

Singular values of vectors from a subspace

- ▶ Entropy is just a statistic, look at **the set of all singular values** directly!
- ▶ For a subspace $V \subset \mathbb{C}^k \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ of dimension $\dim V = d$, define the set eigen-/singular values or Schmidt coefficients

$$K_V = \{\lambda(x) : x \in V, \|x\| = 1\}.$$

- ▶ Example: the **anti-symmetric subspace**

- ▶ Let $k = n$ and put $V = \Lambda^2(\mathbb{C}^n)$.
- ▶ $\dim V = n(n-1)/2$.
- ▶ Example of a vector in V :

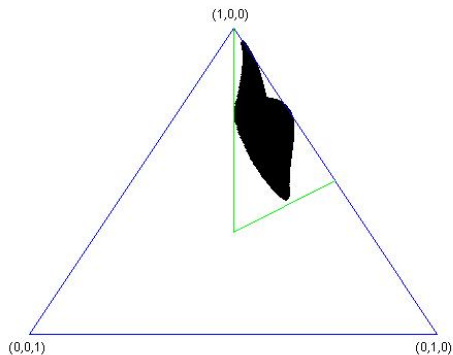
$$V \ni x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e \otimes f - f \otimes e).$$

- ▶ **Fact:** singular values of vectors in V come in pairs.
- ▶ The least entropy vector in V is as above, with $e \perp f$ and $H(x) = \log 2$.
- ▶ Thus, $H^{\min}(V) = \log 2$ and one can show that

$$K_V = \{(\lambda_1, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_2, \dots) \in \Delta_n : \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_i \lambda_i = 1/2\}.$$

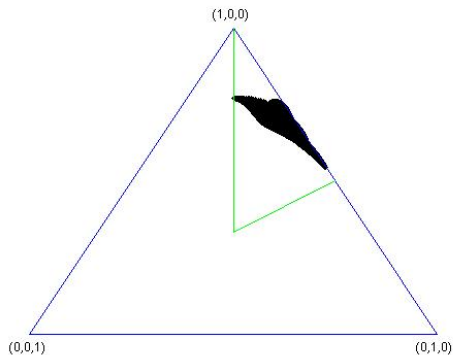
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$V = \text{span}\{G_1, G_2\}$, where $G_{1,2}$ are 3×3 independent Ginibre random matrices.



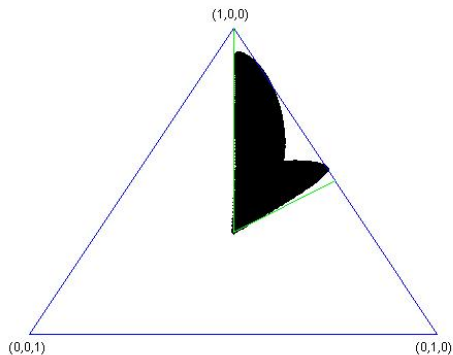
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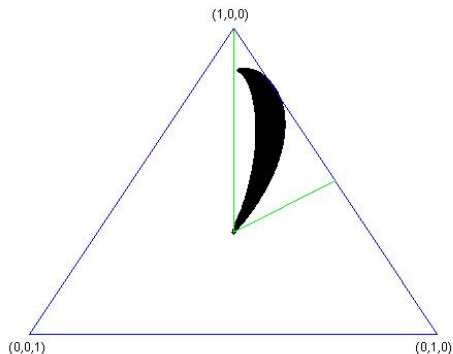
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Random subspaces - the (t) -norm

- ▶ Recall that we are interested in random isometries/subspaces in the following asymptotic regime: k fixed, $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $d \sim tkn$, for a fixed parameter $t \in (0, 1)$.

Theorem (Belinschi, Collins, N. '10)

For a sequence of uniformly distributed random subspaces V_n , the set K_{V_n} of singular values of unit vectors from V_n converges (almost surely, in the Hausdorff distance) to a **deterministic, convex** subset $K_{k,t}$ of the probability simplex Δ_k

$$K_{k,t} := \{\lambda \in \Delta_k \mid \forall x \in \Delta_k, \langle \lambda, x \rangle \leq \|x\|_{(t)}\}.$$

with the (t) -norm being defined as follows:

$$\|x\|_{(t)} := \|p_t x p_t\|_{\infty},$$

where x an element having spectrum x , and p is a projection of trace t , **free** from x .

- ▶ If $t > 1 - 1/k$, $\|\cdot\|_{(t)} = \|\cdot\|_{\infty}$; also $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \|x\|_{(t)} = k^{-1} |\sum_i x_i|$.

An open problem

Find **explicit** (i.e. non-random) examples of subspaces $V \subset \mathbb{C}^k \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ with

1. **large** $\dim V$;
2. **large** $H_{\min}(V)$.

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