

Multipartite entanglement detection via projective tensor norms

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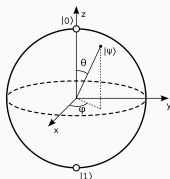
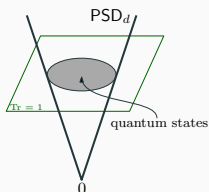
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Entanglement in quantum theory

Quantum states — single systems

- Pure quantum states of one particle: unit norm vectors inside a complex Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^d$
- Mixed quantum states (or density matrices): positive semidefinite matrices of unit trace $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{Tr} \rho = 1$. Importantly, the set of quantum states is **not a simplex** (as in classical probability)
- In other words

$$\text{quantum states} = \text{PSD}_d \cap \{\text{Tr} = 1\}$$



- Metric point of view: $\{X \in \mathcal{M}_d^{\text{sa}}(\mathbb{C}) : \text{Tr} X = \|X\|_{S_1^d} = 1\} \rightsquigarrow S_1^d$
- Extreme points: pure states $P_x = |x\rangle\langle x|$, with $x \in \mathbb{C}^d$, $\|x\| = 1$

More systems

- More particles \rightsquigarrow **tensor product** of the Hilbert spaces $\mathbb{C}^{d_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_m}$
- Notion of positivity?

$$\text{PSD}_{d_1} \otimes_{\min} \text{PSD}_{d_2} \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+ \cdot \{\text{quantum states on } \mathbb{C}^{d_1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_2}\} \subseteq \text{PSD}_{d_1} \otimes_{\max} \text{PSD}_{d_2}$$

- Nature chose **intermediate setting**

$$\{\text{quantum states on } \mathbb{C}^{d_1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_2}\} = \text{PSD}_{d_1 d_2} \cap \{\text{Tr} = 1\}$$

- Elements in the **min** tensor product are called **separable**

$$\rho = \sum_{k=1}^r p_k \rho_k^1 \otimes \rho_k^2$$

with $\rho_k^{1,2} \in \text{PSD}_{d_{1,2}}$ and $\text{Tr} \rho_k^{1,2} = 1$ and p a probability distribution

- Separable states can be prepared **locally** (+ shared randomness)
- Non-separable states $\text{PSD}_{d_1 d_2} \setminus \text{PSD}_{d_1} \otimes_{\min} \text{PSD}_{d_2}$ are called **entangled**
- Example: the **maximally entangled state** $\omega_d := \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i,j=1}^d |e_i \otimes e_j\rangle \langle e_j \otimes e_i|$
- Pure state $\rho = |x\rangle \langle x|$ is separable iff $x = x^1 \otimes x^2$

Entanglement vs separability

- Deciding whether a given state is **separable or entangled** (i.e. membership in $\text{PSD} \otimes_{\min} \text{PSD}$) is NP-hard [**Gurvits**]
- Necessary conditions for separability (or sufficient conditions for entanglement), which are computationally efficient
- **Partial transposition criterion** (PPT) [**Peres, Horodecki**³]: given ρ bipartite quantum state (\mathbb{T} is the transposition map)

$$\rho \text{ separable} \implies [\text{id} \otimes \mathbb{T}](\rho) \geq 0$$

- PPT is also sufficient in dimensions 2×2 and 2×3 [**Woronowicz**]
- **Realignment criterion** [**Chen, Wu; Rudolph**]: define the realignment ρ^R of $\rho \in \mathcal{M}_d \otimes \mathcal{M}_d$ as $\rho_{ij,kl}^R = \rho_{ik,jl}$



- $\rho \text{ separable} \implies \|\rho^R\|_{\mathcal{S}_1^{d^2}} \leq 1$
- Both PPT and realignment criteria detect all **pure** entangled states

Tensor norms in Banach spaces

Injective and projective tensor norms

Definition

Consider m Banach spaces A_1, \dots, A_m . For a tensor $x \in A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_m$, we define its **projective tensor norm**

$$\|x\|_\pi := \inf \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^r \|a_k^1\| \cdots \|a_k^m\| : a_k^i \in A_i, x = \sum_{k=1}^r a_k^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_k^m \right\}$$

and its **injective tensor norm**

$$\|x\|_\varepsilon := \sup \{ \langle \alpha^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha^m, x \rangle : \alpha^i \in A_i^*, \|\alpha^i\| \leq 1 \}$$

- The projective and injective norms are examples of **tensor norms** (aka **reasonable cross-norms**):

$$\|a^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a^m\|_\pi = \|a^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a^m\|_\varepsilon = \|a^1\| \cdots \|a^m\| \quad + \text{ same for dual norms}$$

- Basic examples: $\|\cdot\|_{S_1^d} = \|\cdot\|_{\ell_2^d \otimes_\pi \ell_2^d}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{S_\infty^d} = \|\cdot\|_{\ell_2^d \otimes_\varepsilon \ell_2^d}$
- For any other tensor norm $\|\cdot\|$ on $A_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes A_m$, we have

$$\forall x \in A_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes A_m, \quad \|x\|_\varepsilon \leq \|x\| \leq \|x\|_\pi$$

Entanglement with tensor norms

Proposition

A *pure* quantum state $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^{d_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_m}$, $\|\psi\|_2 = 1$, is separable iff

$$\|\psi\|_{\ell_2^{d_1} \otimes_\varepsilon \cdots \otimes_\varepsilon \ell_2^{d_m}} = \|\psi\|_{\ell_2^{d_1} \otimes_\pi \cdots \otimes_\pi \ell_2^{d_m}} = 1$$

- The *geometric measure of entanglement*:

$$G(\psi) := -\log \sup_{\varphi_i \in H_i, \|\varphi_i\|=1} |\langle \varphi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi_m, \psi \rangle|^2 = -2 \log \|\psi\|_\varepsilon$$

Theorem

For a multipartite *mixed* quantum state $\rho \in \mathcal{M}_{d_1}(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{M}_{d_m}(\mathbb{C})$, $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$, the following assertions are equivalent:

- ρ is separable
- $\|\rho\|_{S_{1,sa}^{d_1} \otimes_\pi \cdots \otimes_\pi S_{1,sa}^{d_m}} = 1$
- $\|\rho\|_{S_1^{d_1} \otimes_\pi \cdots \otimes_\pi S_1^{d_m}} = 1$

Entanglement testers

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Definition

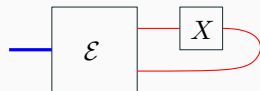
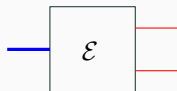
To a n -tuple of matrices $(E_1, \dots, E_n) \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})^n$, we associate the linear map

$$\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$$
$$X \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^n \langle E_k, X \rangle |k\rangle$$

where $\{|k\rangle\}_{k=1}^n$ is some orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^n .

The map \mathcal{E} is called an **entanglement tester** if

$$\|\mathcal{E}\|_{S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n} = 1$$



- The **main idea** of this work is to use m testers $\mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{E}_m$ to embed the projective tensor product of S_1 spaces inside the projective tensor product of the (**simpler, commutative**) ℓ_2 spaces
- In other words, we reduce the problem of multipartite **mixed** entanglement to that of multipartite **pure** entanglement

Detecting entanglement

Proposition

If $\mathcal{E}_1, \dots, \mathcal{E}_m$ are entanglement testers, then, for any multipartite quantum state ρ , we have

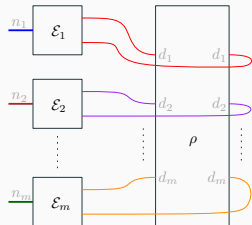
$$\rho \text{ separable} \iff \|\rho\|_{S_1^{d_1} \otimes_{\pi} \dots \otimes_{\pi} S_1^{d_m}} = 1 \implies$$

$$\|\mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{E}_m(\rho)\|_{\ell_2^{n_1} \otimes_{\pi} \dots \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{n_m}} \leq 1$$

Reciprocally, we have the following **entanglement criterion**:

$$\|\mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{E}_m(\rho)\|_{\ell_2^{n_1} \otimes_{\pi} \dots \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{n_m}} > 1$$

$\implies \rho$ is entangled



- We reduce the evaluation of the tensor norm

$$S_1^{d_1} \otimes_{\pi} \dots \otimes_{\pi} S_1^{d_m} \cong (\ell_2^{d_1} \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{d_1}) \otimes_{\pi} \dots \otimes_{\pi} (\ell_2^{d_m} \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{d_m}) \quad [2m \text{ factors}]$$

to that of

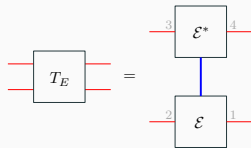
$$\ell_2^{n_1} \otimes_{\pi} \dots \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{n_m} \quad [m \text{ factors}]$$

Equivalent testers

To a tester \mathcal{E} , we associate its **test operator**

$$T_E \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})$$

$$T_E = \sum_{k=1}^n E_k \otimes E_k^*$$



Definition

Two testers $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ are called **equivalent** if there exists a unitary operator $U \in \mathcal{U}(n)$ such that, for all $X \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})$, we have

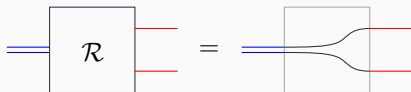
$$\mathcal{F}(X) = U\mathcal{E}(X).$$

Proposition

Two testers $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ are **equivalent** if and only if they have the same test operator $T_E = T_F$.

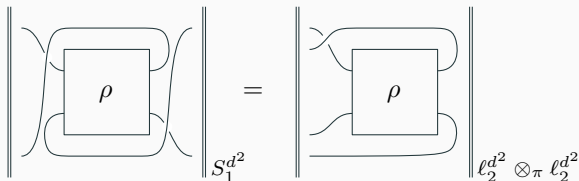
Example 1: Realignment

- Recall the realignment criterion: $\|\rho^R\|_{S_1^{d^2}} > 1 \implies \rho$ entangled
- Let $\mathcal{R} = \text{id} : \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d^2}$. \mathcal{R} is a tester: $\|\mathcal{R}\|_{S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^{d^2} \cong S_2^d} = 1$



- We have

$$\rho^R = [\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{R}](\rho)$$



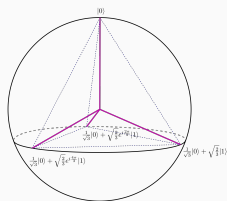
- Hence, the realignment criterion corresponds to the $\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{R}$ tester
- Natural generalization to the multipartite setting: $\mathcal{R}^{\otimes m}$

Example 2: SIC POVM

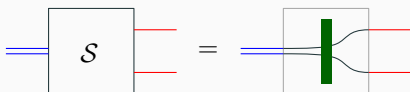
- A **spherical 2-design** $\{|x_k\rangle\}_{k=1}^N$ is a finite subset of the unit sphere of \mathbb{C}^d having the same first 2 moments as the Haar measure

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N |x_k\rangle\langle x_k|^{\otimes 2} = \frac{P_{\text{sym}}}{d(d+1)/2}$$

- Spherical 2-designs with $N = d^2$ are known as **SIC POVMs**. we have $|\langle x_i, x_j \rangle|^2 = 1/(d+1)$ for $i \neq j$
- Existence is conjectured in every dimension, proven for $d = 1, \dots, 16, 19, 24, 35, 48$
- Any 2-design with d^2 elements defines a tester



$$\mathcal{S} : X \mapsto \sqrt{\frac{d+1}{2d}} \sum_{k=1}^{d^2} \langle x_k | X | x_k \rangle |k\rangle$$



The power of testers

Perfect testers

Definition

A tester $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ is called **perfect** if, for any pure states $\varphi, \chi \in \mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$, at least one of them entangled,

$$\|\mathcal{E}^{\otimes 2}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\chi|)\|_{\ell_2^n \otimes \ell_2^n} > 1$$

Theorem

For a linear map $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ the following statements are equivalent:

- \mathcal{E} is a **perfect tester**
- The norm $\|\mathcal{E}\|_{S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n} = 1$ is **attained at all the extremal points** of the unit ball of S_1^d : for all unit vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^d$ we have $\|\mathcal{E}(|x\rangle\langle y|)\|_2 = 1$
- \mathcal{E} is an **isometry** $S_2^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$

- The realignment tester \mathcal{R} is perfect, but the SIC POVM map \mathcal{S} is not...

Actually...

Definition

A \mathbb{R} -linear map $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{M}_d^{\text{sa}}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is called an \mathbb{R} -tester if

$$\|\mathcal{F}\|_{S_1^{d,\text{sa}} \rightarrow \ell_2^n} = 1$$

An \mathbb{R} -tester $\mathcal{F} : S_1^{d,\text{sa}} \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ is called \mathbb{R} -perfect if, for any pure entangled state $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$,

$$\|\mathcal{F}^{\otimes 2}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_{\ell_2^n \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^n} > 1$$

Theorem

For an \mathbb{R} -linear map $\mathcal{F} : S_1^{d,\text{sa}} \rightarrow \ell_2^n$, the following are equivalent:

- \mathcal{F} is an \mathbb{R} -perfect tester
- The norm $\|\mathcal{F}\|_{S_1^{d,\text{sa}} \rightarrow \ell_2^n} = 1$ is attained at all the extremal points of the unit ball of $S_1^{d,\text{sa}}$: for all unit vectors $x \in \mathbb{C}^d$ we have $\|\mathcal{E}(|x\rangle\langle x|)\|_2 = 1$

- The SIC POVM map \mathcal{S} is a perfect \mathbb{R} -tester

Symmetric testers

- A tester $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ is called **symmetric** if its test operator is a linear combination of the sym. and the anti-sym. projections $T_E = \alpha F + \beta I$
- The matrix T_E above is a valid test operator iff $\alpha \geq 0$ and $\beta \geq -\alpha/d$
- Recall $\mathcal{R} \rightsquigarrow (\alpha, \beta) = (1, 0)$ and $\mathcal{S} \rightsquigarrow (\alpha, \beta) = (1/2, 1/2)$

Proposition

Consider an arbitrary bipartite unit vector $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$, with Schmidt decomposition $|\varphi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r \sqrt{\lambda_i} |e_i f_i\rangle$. Let $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ be a symmetric tester as above. We have

$$\|\mathcal{E}^{\otimes 2}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_1 = \alpha + \beta + 2\alpha \sum_{i < j} \sqrt{\lambda_i \lambda_j}$$

- For any pure state $|\varphi\rangle$ we have

$$\|\mathcal{R}^{\otimes 2}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_1 - 1 = 2 (\|\mathcal{S}^{\otimes 2}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_1 - 1)$$

- This solves a conjecture from [SAZG18]¹

¹Shang et al. - Enhanced entanglement criterion via SIC measurements - PRA 2018

Realignment vs. SIC POVM

- In [SAZG18] the authors conjectured that any entangled state detected by the realignment criterion is also detected by the SIC POVM criterion

Theorem

For any quantum state ρ on $\mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$, we have

$$\|\mathcal{S}^{\otimes 2}(\rho)\|_{\ell_2^{d^2} \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{d^2}} \geq \frac{\|\mathcal{R}^{\otimes 2}(\rho)\|_{\ell_2^{d^2} \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{d^2}} + 1}{2}$$

- **Proof idea:** perturbation theory for S_1 norm by non-unitary conjugations

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i |a_i\rangle\langle b_i| \implies \|SXS^*\|_1 \geq \|X\|_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_i|^2 - 1) \langle b_i | X | b_i \rangle$$

- For many families of quantum states, such as
 - **isotropic states:** $\rho = p\omega_d + (1-p)I/d^2$
 - **Werner states** $\rho = q\hat{P}_{sym} + (1-q)\hat{P}_{asym}$

the inequality is saturated

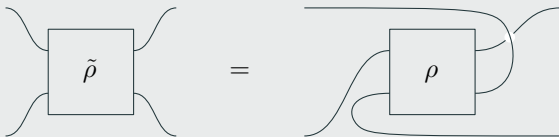
Completeness of the testers for mixed bipartite states

Theorem

Let ρ be an *entangled* state on $\mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$. Then, *there exists a tester* $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^{d^2}$ such that

$$\|[\mathcal{E}^\# \otimes \mathcal{E}](\tilde{\rho})\|_{\ell_2^{d^2} \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{d^2}} > 1,$$

where $\mathcal{E}^\# : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^{d^2}$ is the tester whose operators are the adjoints of those of \mathcal{E} , and $\tilde{\rho}$ is obtained by *permuting the legs* of ρ as follows:



- Note that $\|\rho\|_{S_1^d \otimes_{\pi} S_1^d} = \|\tilde{\rho}\|_{S_1^d \otimes_{\pi} S_1^d}$
- Start from an entanglement witness W such that $\langle W, \rho \rangle > 1$ and $\|W\|_{S_{\infty}^d \otimes_{\varepsilon} S_{\infty}^d} = 1$
- Massage W and take $\mathcal{E} = \sqrt{W'}$

Completeness for multipartite pure states

- Recall

$$\|\varphi\|_{(\ell_2^d)^{\otimes m}} = \sup_{\|\psi_i\| \leq 1} \langle \psi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \psi_m, \varphi \rangle$$

Theorem

For any unit vector $\varphi \in (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes m}$,

$$\|\mathcal{R}^{\otimes m}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_{(\ell_2^{d^2})^{\otimes m}} \geq \frac{1}{\|\varphi\|_{(\ell_2^d)^{\otimes m}}}$$

If in addition φ is non-negative (meaning that its coefficients in the canonical basis of $(\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes m}$ are all non-negative), then

$$\|\mathcal{R}^{\otimes m}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_{(\ell_2^{d^2})^{\otimes m}} \geq \frac{1}{\|\varphi\|_{(\ell_2^d)^{\otimes m}}^2}$$

In particular, we have

$$\varphi \text{ entangled} \implies \|\mathcal{R}^{\otimes m}(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)\|_{(\ell_2^{d^2})^{\otimes m}} > 1$$

The take-home slide

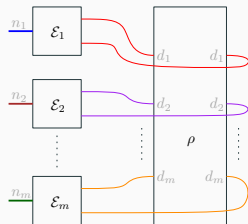
- Mixed quantum state: $\rho \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})$, $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$
- Multipartite quantum state ρ is **separable** if

$$\rho = \sum_{k=1}^r p_k \rho_k^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_k^m$$

- Equiv. charact. in terms of **projective tensor norm**

$$\|\rho\|_{S_1^{d_1} \otimes_{\pi} \cdots \otimes_{\pi} S_1^{d_m}} = 1$$

- Entanglement **tester**: contraction $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$
- **Ent. criterion**: $\|[\mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{E}_m](\rho)\|_{\ell_2^{n_1} \otimes_{\pi} \cdots \otimes_{\pi} \ell_2^{n_m}} > 1 \implies \rho$ entangled
- General framework, encompasses (and extends) many known criteria (realignment \mathcal{R} , SIC POVM \mathcal{S}). Proof of conjecture $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{S}$
- Testers complete for mixed bipartite states* and pure multipartite states



Open problems

- Completeness for mixed multipartite states
- Imperfect testers $\mathcal{E} : S_1^d \rightarrow \ell_2^n$ with $n \ll d^2$