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- Local correlation matrices
- Quantum correlation matrices
- The relations between quantum correlation and local correlation matrices

3 Grothendieck Inequality

Let's get on the same page

- We should know what a *state* is
- We should know what the *tensor product* does
- We should be familiar with the *Dirac notation*

Quantum systems

- A quantum system is a portion of the whole universe. For example a set of electrons.
- A quantum system X is associated with a copy of \mathbb{C}^k
- It may consist of subsystems X_1, \dots, X_N each of which is associated with a copy of \mathbb{C}^{n_i} . In this case $k = n_1 \dots n_N$

Measurements

- A measurement can be performed on a system X that is in state ρ
- Let \mathcal{A} be a finite set of outcomes of the measurement
- The measurement itself is defined by a set of psd matrices $\{F^a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ that sum up to the identity matrix, i.e. $\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} F^a = I$

Measurements

- A projective measurement is defined by psd matrices that satisfy
$$F^a F^b = \delta_{ab} F^a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}$$
- The outcome of a measurement is a random variable χ with probability distribution: $\mathbb{P}[\chi = a] = \text{Tr}(\rho F^a)$
- To define an expected value we define outcomes in \mathcal{A} as real numbers

Measurements

- $\mathbb{E}[\chi] = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a \text{Tr}(\rho F^a) = \text{Tr}(\rho(\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a F^a))$
- $\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a F^a$ is called observable
- A simple case we will use later are $\{-1, 1\}$ -valued observables
- if we consider projective measurements we have

$$(F^+ - F^-)^2 = \underbrace{F^{+2}}_{=F^+} - \underbrace{F^+ F^-}_{\delta_{+-}=0} + \underbrace{F^{-2}}_{F^-} = F^+ + F^- = I$$

- i.e. a $\{-1, 1\}$ -valued observable is both unitary and Hermitian

Doling out subsystems

- Consider a system X consisting of subsystems X_1, \dots, X_N which we distribute among N parties, which may be located anywhere in the universe
- The parties *share* the state X is in
- Every party may perform a measurement on their subsystem X_i , i.e. there are N sets of psd matrices $\{F^{a_1}\}_{a_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_1}, \dots, \{F^{a_N}\}_{a_N \in \mathcal{A}_N} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_N \times n_N}$

The joint probability distribution of the N measurement outcomes χ_1, \dots, χ_N is

$$\mathbb{P}[\chi_1 = a_1, \chi_2 = a_2, \dots, \chi_N = a_N] = \text{Tr}(\rho F_1^{a_1} \otimes \dots \otimes F_N^{a_N})$$

Entanglement

- We will only consider pure states meaning states that they have rank 1 and therefore can be written as $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$
- A state is called product state if it can be written as $|\psi\rangle = |\psi_1\rangle|\psi_2\rangle \dots |\psi_N\rangle$
- When a vector $|\psi\rangle$ is referred to as a state we mean the matrix $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$
- A state that is not a product state is called entangled

Example

- Let $|\psi\rangle = |\psi_A\rangle|\psi_B\rangle$ be a system and give $|\psi_A\rangle$ to Alice and $|\psi_B\rangle$ to Bob
- Let them perform measurements $\{G^b\}_{b \in \mathcal{B}}$ and $\{F^a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$ on their respective quantum systems
- What is the probability of Alice getting measurement outcome $\chi_A = a$ and Bob getting $\chi_B = b$?

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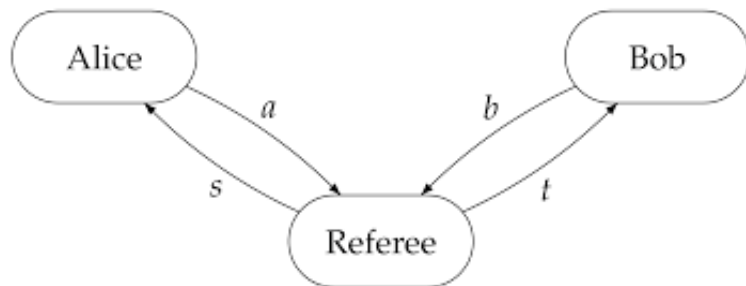
$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Tr}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|F^a \otimes G^b) &= \langle\psi|F^a \otimes G^b|\psi\rangle \\ &= (\langle\psi_A| \otimes \langle\psi_B|)(F^a \otimes G^b)(|\psi_A\rangle \otimes |\psi_B\rangle) \\ &= ((\langle\psi_A|F^a) \otimes (\langle\psi_B|G^b))(|\psi_A\rangle \otimes |\psi_B\rangle) \\ &= \langle\psi_A|F^a|\psi_A\rangle \otimes \langle\psi_B|G^b|\psi_B\rangle \\ &= \langle\psi_A|F^a|\psi_A\rangle\langle\psi_B|G^b|\psi_B\rangle\end{aligned}$$

This is equal to the product of the probabilities of Alice measuring a and Bob measuring b , i.e. the outcome do not correlate.

Nonlocal games

- Three participants: Alice, Bob and a referee
- Referee does out a question s to Alice and a question t to Bob
- Alice and Bob are assumed to be located anywhere in the universe respectively
- Alice and Bob must not communicate
- Alice sends answer a Bob sends answer b back to the referee, who then decides whether both win or both lose

Nonlocal games



Mathematically speaking

- Four finite sets $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}$
- probability distribution π over $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{T}$
 $\pi : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{T} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- The referee sends with probability $\pi(s, t)$ s to Alice and t to Bob
- They answer with an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $b \in \mathcal{B}$ respectively
- A map $V : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- They win if $V(s, t, a, b) = 1$ and lose otherwise

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- A deterministic strategy is a map $a : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ for Alice and $b : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ for Bob. The winning probability then is:

$$\mathbb{E}_{s,t \sim \pi} [V(a(s), b(t), s, t)]$$

Quantum case

- Suppose Alice and Bob have a subsystem X_A, X_B of a quantum system X which is in state ρ , i.e. Alice and Bob share state ρ
- If the state is entangled measurements can give correlated measurement outcomes
- Alice and Bob may gain information by performing measurements
- Answering according to measurement outcomes could increase winning probability

Mathematically speaking

- A quantum system X consisting of two n -dimensional subsystems X_A, X_B in some entangled state ρ
- Alice performs a measurement $\{F_s^a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ on her subsystem X_A and Bob performs a measurement $\{G_t^b\}_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ on his subsystem X_B
- They send their measurement outcome as their answer to the referee
- Their winning probability is:

$$\mathbb{E}_{s,t \sim \pi} \left[\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \text{Tr}(\rho F_s^a \otimes G_t^b) V(a, b, s, t) \right]$$

- Since states are convex combinations of pure states and the trace function is linear we only need to consider pure entangled states

Two player XOR games

- Let the sets \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be $\{0, 1\}$, so Alice and Bob both answer either with 1 or 0
- The predicate V is defined as $V(a, b, s, t) = [a \oplus b = f(s, t)]$, where $f : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- A truth table for $a \oplus b$ looks like this

\oplus	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

Bias and violation ratio

- Alice and Bob can always win with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ by flipping an unbiased coin
- The classical bias of an XOR game G is defined as the difference of the probabilities of winning and losing for an optimal strategy and denoted by $\beta(G)$
- The bias $\beta^*(G)$ of entangled strategies is calculated the same way
- It is twice the amount by which the maximal winning probability exceeds $\frac{1}{2}$
- The violation ratio is defined as $\frac{\beta^*(G)}{\beta(G)}$

Signs and observables

- It is convenient to use the $\{-1, 1\}$ -basis instead of the $\{0, 1\}$ -basis for boolean valued objects.
- Let $a : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ and $b : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be classical strategies and π the probability distribution the referee uses to pick s, t
- The bias is given by the probability under π that $a(s) \oplus b(t) = f(s, t)$ minus the probability under π that $a(s) \oplus b(t) \neq f(s, t)$

This means the bias can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} \left[(-1)^{[a(s) \oplus b(t) = f(s,t)]} \right] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} \left[(-1)^{a(s) \oplus b(t) + f(s,t)} \right] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} \left[(-1)^{a(s)} (-1)^{b(t)} (-1)^{f(s,t)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

And we can define the sign matrix $\Sigma_{s,t} = (-1)^{f(s,t)}$ and functions $\chi(s) = (-1)^{a(s)}$ and $\psi(t) = (-1)^{b(t)}$. So the bias is

$$\mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} [\chi(s)\psi(t)\Sigma_{st}]$$

- The outcomes in an XOR game are $\{0, 1\}$
- Alice and Bob have measurements $\{F_s^0, F_s^1\}$ and $\{G_t^0, G_t^1\}$ and share an entangled state
- The probability of Alice and Bob answering with a, b upon receiving s, t respectively is $\langle \psi | F_s^a \otimes G_t^b | \psi \rangle$
- Lets calculate the expected value of $(-1)^{a \oplus b}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (1) \cdot \mathbb{P}[a = b] + (-1) \cdot \mathbb{P}[a \neq b] = \\
 & = \langle \psi | F_s^0 \otimes G_t^0 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | F_s^1 \otimes G_t^1 | \psi \rangle \\
 & \quad - \langle \psi | F_s^1 \otimes G_t^0 | \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | F_s^0 \otimes G_t^1 | \psi \rangle \\
 & = \langle \psi | (F_s^0 - F_s^1) \otimes (G_t^0 - G_t^1) | \psi \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

- Define $\{-1, 1\}$ -observables $F_s = F_s^0 - F_s^1$ and $G_t = G_t^0 - G_t^1$ with the property that its difference squared is the identity matrix
- Using this strategy the bias becomes

$$\mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} [\langle \psi | F_s \otimes G_t | \psi \rangle \Sigma_{s,t}]$$

More generally speaking

- For any XOR game the bias is defined as the difference of the probabilities of winning and loosing
- Which is, if considering the $\{-1, 1\}$ basis, the expected value
- We are looking to maximize this quantity

Classical strategies

When using classical strategies this is

$$\max\{\mathbb{E}_{(s,t)\sim\pi} [\Sigma_{st}\chi(s)\psi(t)] : \chi : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{-1,1\}, \\ \psi : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \{-1,1\}\}$$

Entangled strategies

When using entangled strategies the winning probability might increase indefinitely with the dimensions, so we use the $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{ \mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} [\Sigma_{st} \langle \psi | F_s \otimes G_t | \psi \rangle] : |\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^n, \\ F_s, G_t \in O(\mathbb{C}^n) \}$$

The CHSH game

- The CHSH game (Clauser, Horner, Shimony, Holt) is a two player XOR game with $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{T} = \{0, 1\}$ and π being the uniform distribution
- $f(s, t) = s \wedge t$, i.e. $f(1, 1) = 1$ and $f(0, 0) = f(0, 1) = f(1, 0) = 0$
- Alice and Bob can win $\frac{3}{4}$ of the games by using deterministic strategies $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$ or $(0, 1)$

Quantum strategy

- Let Alice and Bob share an EPR state
- Define

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $XY + YX = 0$ and $X^2 = Y^2 = I$
- For Alice define the observable for question 0 by $F_0 = X$ and for question 1 by $F_1 = Y$
- Bobs observables are going to be $G_0 = (X - Y)/\sqrt{2}$ for question 0 and $G_1 = (X + Y)/\sqrt{2}$ for question 1

The following auxiliary calculations will be helpful later:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{EPR} | X \otimes X | \text{EPR} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{2} = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \text{EPR} | Y \otimes Y | \text{EPR} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1
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Lets calculate the expected values of the sign $a \oplus b$:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{EPR} | F_0 \otimes G_0 | \text{EPR} \rangle &= \langle \text{EPR} | X \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(X - Y) | \text{EPR} \rangle \\ &= \langle \text{EPR} | X \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}X | \text{EPR} \rangle - \langle \text{EPR} | X \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}Y | \text{EPR} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \text{EPR} | F_1 \otimes G_1 | \text{EPR} \rangle &= \langle \text{EPR} | Y \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (X + Y) | \text{EPR} \rangle \\
&= \langle \text{EPR} | Y \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} X | \text{EPR} \rangle + \langle \text{EPR} | Y \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Y | \text{EPR} \rangle \\
&= 0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
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 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
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 &= 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\langle \text{EPR} | F_s \otimes G_t | \text{EPR} \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, (0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1) \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, (1, 1) \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\langle \text{EPR} | F_s \otimes G_t | \text{EPR} \rangle = \frac{(-1)^{s \wedge t}}{\sqrt{2}}, s, t \in \{0, 1\}$$

The bias of the entangled strategy equals

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{(s,t) \sim \pi} [\Sigma_{s,t} \langle \psi | F_s \otimes G_t | \psi \rangle] &= \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{s,t=0}^1 (-1)^{s \wedge t} \langle \text{EPR} | F_s \otimes G_t | \text{EPR} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

The bias is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ from which follows that the winning probability is by definition:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos(\pi/8) \approx 0.85 \dots$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_i Y_j] &= \mathbb{E}[X_i^{(\alpha)} Y_j^{(\alpha)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha=0\}}] + \mathbb{E}[X_i^{(\alpha)} Y_j^{(\alpha)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha=1\}}] \\ &= \beta \mathbb{E}[X_i^{(0)} Y_j^{(0)}] + (1 - \beta) \mathbb{E}[X_i^{(1)} Y_j^{(1)}] \end{aligned}$$



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- Set $X = (X_1, \dots, X_m)$ and $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$, then $X \in [-1, 1]^m$, $Y \in [-1, 1]^n$ almost surely.

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