

## Q&A (2.71-2.80)

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**Exercise 2.71: (Criterion to decide if a state is mixed or pure)** Let  $\rho$  be a density operator. Show that  $\text{tr}(\rho^2) \leq 1$ , with equality if and only if  $\rho$  is a pure state.

**Answer:**

1. Since  $\rho$  is positive, it must have a spectral decomposition,  $\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle \langle i|$   
the result of  $\sum_i |i\rangle \langle i|$  is a matrix, and the Diagonal elements is  $\sum_i \lambda_i \langle i|i\rangle$  for  $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^2 &= \sum_{ij} \lambda_i \lambda_j |i\rangle \langle i|j\rangle \langle j| \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i^2 |i\rangle \langle i| \\ \text{tr}(\rho^2) &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_i \lambda_i^2 |i\rangle \langle i|\right) \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i^2 \text{tr}(|i\rangle \langle i|) \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i^2 \langle i|i\rangle \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i^2\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Since  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$ , then  $\sum_i \lambda_i^2 \leq \sum_i \lambda_i = 1$ . When  $\lambda_i = 1$ , it's a pure state.

$$\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle \langle i| = \sum_i |i\rangle \langle i|$$

$$\text{tr}(\rho^2) = \text{tr}\left(\sum_{ij} |i\rangle \langle i|j\rangle \langle j|\right)$$

**Exercise 2.72: (Bloch sphere for mixed states)** The Bloch sphere picture for pure states of a single qubit was introduced in Section 1.2. This description has an important generalization to mixed states as follows.

- (a) Show that an arbitrary density matrix for a mixed state qubit may be written as

$$\rho = \frac{I + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2},\tag{2}$$

where  $\vec{r}$  is a real three-dimensional vector such that  $||\vec{r}|| \leq 1$ . This vector is known as the *Bloch vector* for the state  $\rho$ .

- (b) What is the *Bloch vector* representation for the state  $\rho = I/2$ ?

- (c) Show that a state  $\rho$  is pure if and only if  $|\vec{r}| = 1$ .
- (d) Show that for pure states the description of the *Bloch vector* we have given coincides with that in Section 1.2.

**Answer:**

Since density matrix is Hermitian, matrix representation is  $\rho = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b^* & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $a, d \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$b \in \mathbb{C}$ . Because  $\rho$  is density matrix,  $\rho = a + d = 1$ .

Define  $a = \frac{(1+r_3)}{2}$ ,  $d = \frac{(1-r_3)}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{(r_1 - ir_2)}{2}$ ,  $r_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

In this case,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} &= r_1 \sigma_1 + r_2 \sigma_2 + r_3 \sigma_3 \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} r_3 & (r_1 - ir_2) \\ (r_1 + ir_2) & -r_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \rho &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b^* & d \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (1+r_3) & (r_1 - ir_2) \\ (r_1 + ir_2) & (1-r_3) \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} r_3 & (r_1 - ir_2) \\ (r_1 + ir_2) & -r_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (I + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Thus for arbitrary density matrix can be written as  $\rho = \frac{I + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}$ .

Next, we prove the condition that  $|\vec{r}| \leq 1$ .

Since  $\rho$  is a positive operator, then the eigenvalues of  $\rho$  are non-negative.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(\rho - \lambda I) &= \det \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (1+r_3) - \lambda & (r_1 - ir_2) \\ (r_1 + ir_2) & (1-r_3) - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{4} (1+r_3) - \lambda \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} (1-r_3) - \lambda \right) - \frac{1}{4} (r_1 - ir_2)(r_1 + ir_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 - r_3^2 - (r_1^2 + r_2^2)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 - |\vec{r}|^2) \\
 &= 0 \\
 \lambda &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 * \frac{1}{4} (1 - |\vec{r}|^2)}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1 \pm |\vec{r}|}{2} \\
 &\geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Since  $\frac{1-|\vec{r}|}{2} \geq 0 \rightarrow |\vec{r}| \leq 1$ .

$$2. \quad \rho = \frac{I}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (1+r_3) & (r_1 - ir_2) \\ (r_1 + ir_2) & (1-r_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$r_3 = 0$ ,  $r_1 = ir_2 = 0$ , thus *Bloch vector* is  $\vec{r} = (0, 0, 0)$  and in the center of the ball.

3.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho^2 &= \frac{I + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2} \frac{I + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (I + 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (I + 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + (r_1\sigma_1 + r_2\sigma_2 + r_3\sigma_3)(r_1\sigma_1 + r_2\sigma_2 + r_3\sigma_3)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( I + 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \left( \sum_{ij} r_i r_j (\delta_{ij} I + \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (I + 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + (r_1 r_2 \sigma_3 - r_2 r_1 \sigma_3 - r_1 r_3 \sigma_2 + r_3 r_1 \sigma_2 + r_2 r_3 \sigma_1 - r_3 r_2 \sigma_1 + r_1 r_1 I + r_2 r_2 I + r_3 r_3 I)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (I + 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \|\vec{r}\|^2 I) \\
 \text{tr}(\rho^2) &= \frac{1}{4} (2 + 2\|\vec{r}\|^2) (\because \text{tr}(\sigma_i) = 0, i = 1, 2, 3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \|\vec{r}\|^2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

If  $\rho$  is pure, then  $\text{tr}(\rho^2) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}(\rho^2) &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \|\vec{r}\|^2) = 1 \\
 1 + \|\vec{r}\|^2 &= 2 \\
 \|\vec{r}\|^2 &= 1 \\
 \|\vec{r}\| &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Conversely, if  $\|\vec{r}\| = 1$ , then  $\text{tr}(\rho^2) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \|\vec{r}\|^2) = 1$ . Therefore,  $\rho$  is pure.

4.

**Exercise 2.73:** Let  $\rho$  be a density operator. A *minimal ensemble* for  $\rho$  is an ensemble  $\{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$  containing a number of elements equal to the rank of  $\rho$ . Let  $|\psi\rangle$  be any state in the support of  $\rho$ . (The support of a Hermitian operator  $A$  is the vector space spanned by the eigenvectors of  $A$  with non-zero eigenvalues.) Show that there is a minimal ensemble for  $\rho$  that contains  $|\psi\rangle$ , and moreover that in any such ensemble  $|\psi\rangle$  must appear with probability

$$p_i = \frac{1}{\langle \psi_i | \rho^{-1} | \psi_i \rangle}, \tag{7}$$

where  $\rho^{-1}$  is defined to be the inverse of  $\rho$ , when  $\rho$  is considered as an operator acting only on the support of  $\rho$ . (This definition removes the problem that  $\rho$  may not have an inverse.)

**Answer:**

The density operator  $\rho$  can be spectral decomposition,  $\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle \langle i|$ ,  $\lambda_i > 0$ , then  $\rho^{-1} = \sum_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i} |i\rangle \langle i|$ . Obviously,  $\{\sqrt{\lambda_i} |i\rangle\}$  is a minimal ensemble for  $\rho$  (note: a number of  $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$  equal to the rank of density operator  $\rho$ ). Suppose  $\{\sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle\}$  is the *minimal ensemble* of density

operator  $\rho$  and  $\{p_i = \lambda_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$ , Since  $|\psi_i\rangle = \sum_j a_j |j\rangle$ , then  $a_j = \langle j|\psi_i\rangle$ , According to postulate 2, There is a unitary operator  $U$  and probability  $p_i$ , so that  $|\psi_i\rangle$  enters state  $U|\psi_i\rangle$  with probability  $\sqrt{p_i}$ , so there is

$$|\widetilde{\psi_i}\rangle = \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle = \sqrt{p_i} \left( \sum_j a_j |j\rangle \right) = \sum_j u_{ij} |\widetilde{j}\rangle = \sum_j u_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_j} |j\rangle. \quad (8)$$

Then  $\sqrt{p_i} a_j = u_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_j}$ , after squaring both sides of the equation,  $|u_{ij}|^2 = p_i \frac{|a_j|^2}{\lambda_j}$ . Since the sum of the squares of the elements in each row and column of an arbitrary unitary matrix is equal to 1,  $\sum_i |u_{ij}|^2 = 1$ .

$$p_i \sum_j \frac{|a_j|^2}{\lambda_j} = \lambda_j |u_{ij}|^2 = 1 \quad (9)$$

Also because  $\rho^{-1} = \sum_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i} |i\rangle \langle i|$ ,  $\sum_j \frac{|a_j|^2}{\lambda_j} = \langle \psi_i | \rho^{-1} | \psi_i \rangle$ , then:

$$p_i = \frac{1}{\sum_j \frac{|a_j|^2}{\lambda_j}} = \frac{1}{\langle \psi_i | \rho^{-1} | \psi_i \rangle} \quad (10)$$

**Exercise 2.74:** Suppose a composite of systems  $A$  and  $B$  is in the state  $|a\rangle |b\rangle$ , where  $|a\rangle$  is a pure state of system  $A$ , and  $|b\rangle$  is a pure state of system  $B$ . Show that the reduced density operator of system  $A$  alone is a pure state.

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{AB} &= |a\rangle \langle a| \otimes |b\rangle \langle b| \\ \rho^A &= \text{tr}_B(\rho^{AB}) \\ &= |a\rangle \langle a| \text{tr}(|b\rangle \langle b|) \\ &= |a\rangle \langle a| \langle b|b\rangle \\ &= |a\rangle \langle a| \\ \text{tr}((\rho^A)^2) &= \text{tr}(|a\rangle \langle a| |a\rangle \langle a|) \\ &= \text{tr}(|a\rangle \langle a|) \\ &= \langle a|a\rangle \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Thus  $\rho^A$  is pure.

**Exercise 2.75:** For each of the four Bell states, find the reduced density operator for each qubit.

**Answer:**

Suppose the four Bell states which  $|\psi_i\rangle$ ,  $i=1,2,3,4$  are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
|\psi_1\rangle &= \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\
|\psi_2\rangle &= \frac{|00\rangle - |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\
|\psi_3\rangle &= \frac{|10\rangle + |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\
|\psi_4\rangle &= \frac{|01\rangle - |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^1 &= \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\langle 00| + \langle 11|}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&= \frac{|00\rangle \langle 00| + |00\rangle \langle 11| + |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|}{2} \\
\rho^A &= \text{tr}_B \left( \frac{|00\rangle \langle 00| + |00\rangle \langle 11| + |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{\text{ket} 0 \langle 0| \langle 0| 0\rangle + |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0| 1\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1| 0\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1| 1\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^B &= \text{tr}_A \left( \frac{|00\rangle \langle 00| + |00\rangle \langle 11| + |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0| 0\rangle + |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0| 1\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1| 0\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1| 1\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^2 &= \frac{|00\rangle - |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\langle 00| - \langle 11|}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&= \frac{|00\rangle \langle 00| - |00\rangle \langle 11| - |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|}{2} \\
\rho^A &= \text{tr}_B \left( \frac{|00\rangle \langle 00| - |00\rangle \langle 11| - |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0| 0\rangle - |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0| 1\rangle - |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1| 0\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1| 1\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^B &= \text{tr}_A \left( \frac{|00\rangle \langle 00| - |00\rangle \langle 11| - |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0| 0\rangle - |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0| 1\rangle - |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1| 0\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1| 1\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^3 &= \frac{|10\rangle + |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\langle 10| + \langle 01|}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&= \frac{|10\rangle \langle 10| - |10\rangle \langle 01| - |01\rangle \langle 10| + |01\rangle \langle 01|}{2} \\
\rho^A &= \text{tr}_B \left( \frac{|10\rangle \langle 10| - |10\rangle \langle 01| - |01\rangle \langle 10| + |01\rangle \langle 01|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0|0\rangle - |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0|1\rangle - |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1|0\rangle + |0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1|1\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^B &= \text{tr}_A \left( \frac{|10\rangle \langle 10| - |10\rangle \langle 01| - |01\rangle \langle 10| + |01\rangle \langle 01|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1|1\rangle - |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1|0\rangle - |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0|1\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0|0\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2} \\
\rho^4 &= \frac{|01\rangle - |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\langle 01| - \langle 10|}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&= \frac{|01\rangle \langle 01| - |01\rangle \langle 10| - |10\rangle \langle 01| + |10\rangle \langle 10|}{2} \\
\rho^A &= \text{tr}_B \left( \frac{|01\rangle \langle 01| - |01\rangle \langle 10| - |10\rangle \langle 01| + |10\rangle \langle 10|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1|1\rangle - |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1|0\rangle - |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0|1\rangle + |1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0|0\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2} \\
\rho^B &= \text{tr}_A \left( \frac{|01\rangle \langle 01| - |01\rangle \langle 10| - |10\rangle \langle 01| + |10\rangle \langle 10|}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{|1\rangle \langle 1| \langle 0|0\rangle - |1\rangle \langle 0| \langle 0|1\rangle - |0\rangle \langle 1| \langle 1|0\rangle + |0\rangle \langle 0| \langle 1|1\rangle}{2} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1|}{2} \\
&= \frac{I}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

**Exercise 2.76:** Extend the proof of the Schmidt decomposition to the case where  $A$  and  $B$  may have state spaces of different dimensionality.

**Answer:**

**Exercise 2.77:** Suppose  $ABC$  is a three component quantum system. Show by exam-

ple that there are quantum states  $|\psi\rangle$  of such systems which can not be written in the form

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle |i_C\rangle \quad (18)$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are real numbers, and  $|i_A\rangle, |i_B\rangle, |i_C\rangle$  are orthonormal bases of the respective systems. **Answer:**

**Exercise 2.78:** Prove that a state  $|\psi\rangle$  of a composite system  $AB$  is a product state if and only if it has Schmidt number 1. Prove that  $|\psi\rangle$  is a product state if and only if  $\rho_A$  (and thus  $\rho_B$ ) are pure states.

**Answer:**

If  $|\psi\rangle$  of a composite system  $AB$  is a product state, then the state  $|i_A\rangle$  for system  $A$  and  $|i_B\rangle$  for system  $B$ , so that  $|\psi\rangle = |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle$ . Therefore the Schmidt number is 1.

Conversely, if Schmidt number is 1.  $|\psi\rangle$  is written as  $|\psi\rangle = |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle$ , thus  $|\psi\rangle$  is a product state.

If  $|\psi\rangle$  is a product state,  $|\psi\rangle = |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{AB} &= |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| \otimes |i_B\rangle \langle i_B| \\ \rho^A &= \text{tr}_B(\rho^{AB}) \\ &= |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| \text{tr}(|i_B\rangle \langle i_B|) \\ &= |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| \langle i_B | i_B \rangle \\ &= |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| \\ \text{tr}((\rho^A)^2) &= \text{tr}(|i_A\rangle \langle i_A| |i_A\rangle \langle i_A|) \\ &= \text{tr}(|i_A\rangle \langle i_A|) \\ &= \langle i_A | i_A \rangle \\ &= 1 \\ \text{tr}((\rho^B)^2) &= \text{tr}(|i_B\rangle \langle i_B| |i_B\rangle \langle i_B|) \\ &= \text{tr}(|i_B\rangle \langle i_B|) \\ &= \langle i_B | i_B \rangle \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Thus  $\rho_A$  (and thus  $\rho_B$ ) are pure states.

Conversely, If  $\rho_A$  (and thus  $\rho_B$ ) are pure states. The state is written as  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^A &= \text{tr}_B(|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|) \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| \text{tr}_B(\sum_i \lambda_i^* |i_B\rangle \langle i_B|) \\ &= \sum_i (\lambda_i)^2 |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Since  $\rho_A$  is pure states,  $\text{tr}((\rho^A)^2) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}((\rho^A)^2) &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_{i,j} (\lambda_i)^2 (\lambda_j)^2 |i_A\rangle \langle i_A| j_A\rangle \langle j_A|\right) \\
 &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_i \lambda_i^4 |i_A\rangle \langle i_A|\right) \\
 &= \sum_i \lambda_i^4 \langle i_A| i_A\rangle \\
 &= \sum_i \lambda_i^4 = 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Because of  $\sum_i \lambda_i^4 = 1$  and  $\sum_i (\lambda_i)^2 = 1$ , Thus we can get  $\lambda_i^2 = \lambda_i^4$  where  $\lambda_i$  are non-negative real numbers. Then, Only one  $i$  is equal to 1, and the other  $i$  is equal to 0. Thus, we proved that  $|\psi\rangle = |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle$ .

**Exercise 2.79:** Consider a composite system consisting of two qubits. Find the Schmidt decompositions of the states

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, \text{ and } \frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle}{2}.$$

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= \frac{|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

The composite system is consisted by the state  $|i_A\rangle$  for system  $A$  and the state  $|i_B\rangle$  for system  $B$ . The standard orthogonal basis of the  $A$  and  $B$  systems consist of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Suppose  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then the above equation equal  $|\psi\rangle |\psi\rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle}{2} \\
 &=
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

**Exercise 2.80:** Suppose  $|\psi\rangle$  and  $|\phi\rangle$  are two pure states of a composite quantum system with components  $A$  and  $B$ , with identical Schmidt coefficients. Show that there are unitary transformations  $U$  on system  $A$  and  $V$  on system  $B$  such that  $|\psi\rangle = (U \otimes V) |\phi\rangle$ .

**Answer:**

Suppose  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle_A |\psi_i\rangle_B$  and  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i |\phi_i\rangle_A |\phi_i\rangle_B$ . Define  $U = \sum_i |\psi_i\rangle_A \langle \phi_i|_A$  and



$$V = \sum_j |\psi_j\rangle_B \langle\phi_j|_B.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(U \otimes V) |\phi\rangle &= \sum_i \lambda_i U |\phi_i\rangle_A V |\phi_i\rangle_B \\
&= \sum_{i,j,k} \lambda_i |\psi_j\rangle_A \langle\phi_j|_A |\phi_i\rangle_A |\psi_k\rangle_B \langle\phi_k|_B |\phi_i\rangle_B \\
&= \sum_i \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle |\psi_i\rangle \\
&= |\psi\rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$