

Lecture 2

2. Multiple Systems

We can encode information in large single systems

But it's often more convenient to consider collections of small systems.

Again we start from classical systems

① Classical information

classical state sets

Suppose we have X with Σ & Y with Γ .

we can consider the single system (X, Y)

what are its classical states?



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Answer : Classical state set of (X, Y)
 is the Cartesian product of $\Sigma \otimes \Gamma$

$$2, \quad \Sigma \times \Gamma = \{(a, b) : a \in \Sigma \text{ & } b \in \Gamma\}$$

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If we say (X, Y) is in $(a, b) \in \Sigma \times \Gamma$ we
 mean X is in a $\overset{\wedge}{\Sigma}$ & Y is in $b \overset{\wedge}{\Gamma}$. //

For more than two systems we can
 generalize straightforwardly--

Given X_1, \dots, X_n with $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_n$ the classical
 state set of (X_1, \dots, X_n) is

$$\Sigma_1 \times \dots \times \Sigma_n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_1 \in \Sigma_1, \dots, a_n \in \Sigma_n\}$$

String representation of states

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↳ it is often convenient to denote the joint state (a_1, \dots, a_n) via $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$.

Example : bits (of course)

↳ consider x_1, \dots, x_{10} with

$$\Sigma_1 = \dots = \Sigma_{10} = \{0, 1\}$$

↳ states of the joint system $\in \Sigma_1 \times \Sigma_{10} = \{0, 1\}^{10}$

[length 10 strings using the
binary alphabet!]

0000000000
0000000001
0000000010

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1111111111

} 2^{10} states

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In general if we have an alphabet
 $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ then $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}^m$
has n^m states.

→ make sure you understand this!

Probabilistic States

↳ A probabilistic state of a joint system assigns a probability to each possible joint state

Example: $X \otimes Y$ are bits

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \mathcal{E} = \Gamma = \{0, 1\} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Pr((X, Y) = 00) = 1/2$$

$$\Pr((X, Y) = 01) = 0$$

$$\Pr((X, Y) = 10) = 0$$

$$\Pr((X, Y) = 11) = 1/2$$

Note $X \otimes Y$ are "correlated"
↳ they always agree

Ordering Cartesian products

Just as in single systems we represent probabilistic states as vectors with an entry for each element of the state set.

But we have to impose an order!

For cartesian products there is a convention!

$$\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \Sigma_1 \times \Sigma_2 = \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{0, 1\} \end{array}$$

this is called
"alphabetical ordering"

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So, let's consider the system (X_1, X_2)
 with $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \{0, 1\}$

↳ state of the system is a probability vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^{2^2}$

$$\text{2, } v = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{l} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{array}$$

NB \rightarrow we will work with bitstrings a lot.
 2, check you know $\{0, 1\}^m$!



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Independence of two systems

↳ We say that the systems within a state of two systems are independent if learning something about the one yields no information about the other.

2, lets be precise...

↳ Given $X \in \mathcal{E}$ and $Y \in \mathcal{F}$ we say X & Y are independent if

$$\Pr((X,Y) = ab) = [\Pr(X=a)] \times [\Pr(Y=b)]$$

for all $ab \in \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{F}$.



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We can rephrase this in terms of probability vectors...

↳ Assume (X, Y) is in the state $|v\rangle$ with

$$|v\rangle = \sum_{a,b \in \Sigma \times \Gamma} p_{ab} |ab\rangle$$

X & Y are independent if \exists

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_{a \in \Sigma} q_a |a\rangle \quad \& \quad |\psi\rangle = \sum_{b \in \Gamma} r_b |b\rangle$$

state of X state of Y

such that $p_{ab} = q_a r_b$



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Examples

- (X, Y) with $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F} = \{0, 1\}$

$$\hookrightarrow |V\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|01\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|10\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|11\rangle$$

$\hookrightarrow X$ & Y are independent because

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{4}|00\rangle + \frac{3}{4}|11\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & - \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{12} \end{array}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{2}{3}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{3}|11\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

satisfies the condition!

- But for $|V\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|11\rangle$ the systems are not independent!

\Rightarrow Suppose they were independent

$$\hookrightarrow \text{either } p_0 = 0 \text{ or } r_1 = 0 \quad (\text{otherwise } p_{01} \neq 0)$$

\hookrightarrow but then either $p_{00} = 0$ or $p_{11} = 0$

\hookrightarrow but this is not the case!

We have defined independent systems (10)

Now, a correlated system is any system which is not independent.

Tensor products of vectors

This notion will help us significantly.

Defn: Given $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{a \in \Sigma} \alpha_a |a\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle = \sum_{b \in \Gamma} B_b |b\rangle$

The tensor product is

$$|\phi\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle = \sum_{a, b \in \Sigma \times \Gamma} \alpha_a B_b |ab\rangle.$$

Equivalently, $|\pi\rangle = |\phi\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle$ is defined

via

$$\langle ab | \pi \rangle = \langle a | \phi \rangle \langle b | \gamma \rangle$$

$\forall a \in \Sigma, b \in \Gamma$.

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We now have an easy definition of independence... \cup

$\hookrightarrow (x, y)$ is an independent system if the joint vector $| \pi \rangle$ is a tensor product of prob vectors for $x \otimes y$,

i.e. if $| \pi \rangle = | \phi \rangle \otimes | \psi \rangle$



we call $| \pi \rangle$ a "product state"

Notation

\hookrightarrow we often use $| \phi \rangle | \psi \rangle$ for $| \phi \rangle \otimes | \psi \rangle$

\hookrightarrow essentially always



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We also use alphabetical ordering
for tensor products of column vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ \vdots \\ B_K \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 B_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_1 B_K \\ \alpha_2 B_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_2 B_K \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m B_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m B_K \end{pmatrix}$$

So we note that

$$|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle = |ab\rangle$$



standard basis vectors!

We sometimes write $|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle = |a, b\rangle$



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Properties of the tensor product

The tensor product is bilinear

① linearity in first argument

$$\hookrightarrow (|\phi_1\rangle + |\phi_2\rangle) \otimes |\psi\rangle = |\phi_1\rangle|\psi\rangle + |\phi_2\rangle|\psi\rangle$$

$$(\alpha|\phi\rangle) \otimes |\psi\rangle = \alpha|\phi\rangle|\psi\rangle$$

② linearity in second argument

$$|\phi\rangle \otimes (|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle) = |\phi\rangle|\psi_1\rangle + |\phi\rangle|\psi_2\rangle$$

$$|\phi\rangle \otimes (\alpha|\psi\rangle) = \alpha|\phi\rangle|\psi\rangle$$

NB $(\lambda|\phi\rangle) \otimes |\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle \otimes (\lambda|\psi\rangle) = \lambda|\phi\rangle|\psi\rangle$

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Independence & tensor products for more than two systems

We can generalize straightforwardly

Given $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_n$ the

joint state $|\psi\rangle$ is a product state if

$$|\psi\rangle = |\alpha_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\alpha_n\rangle$$

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defined via

$$\langle a_1 \dots a_n | \psi \rangle = \langle a_1 | \phi_1 \rangle \dots \langle a_n | \phi_n \rangle$$

or

recursively via

$$|\phi\rangle \otimes |\phi_n\rangle = (|\phi\rangle \times \dots \times |\phi_{n-1}\rangle) \otimes |\phi_n\rangle$$

now it's multilinear

$$\beta |a_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |a_n\rangle = |a_1 \dots a_n\rangle = |a_1, \dots, a_n\rangle$$

Measurements of probabilistic states

- ↳ if we view a joint system as a single system
 then measurement is easy → we already know how.
- } Example (x, y) in state

$$|xy\rangle = \gamma_1 |00\rangle + \gamma_2 |11\rangle$$

<u>outcome</u>	<u>Probability</u>
00	γ_1
01	0
10	0
11	γ_2

↳ Once we see an outcome we are in the corresponding basis state.

Partial measurements

- ↳ There is something new here!
- ↳ we can choose to measure only part of a joint system!
- ↳ we will get an outcome for each measured system & our knowledge of remaining systems will be effected!

Simple case: Two systems B & C measure only one $X \otimes Y$ with $\Sigma_{X,Y}$

↳ measure X



of course the probability to see a GE
must be the same as if we had
measured both systems

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$$\hookrightarrow \Pr(X=a) = \sum_{b \in \Gamma} \Pr((X,Y) = (a,b))$$


marginal formula for X
(marginalize over Y)

Makes intuitive sense


Probabilities reflect our belief about
some definite state of the system.

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Now, we have to update our description of Y given what we learned about X

$$\hookrightarrow \Pr(Y = b | X = a) = \frac{\Pr((X, Y) = (a, b))}{\Pr(X = a)}$$

conditional probability

In terms of probability vectors...

$$|Y\rangle = \sum_{a,b \in \text{Exr}} p_{ab} |ab\rangle$$

$$\Pr(X = a) = \sum_{b \in r} p_{ab}$$

\therefore reduced state of X is

$$|Y\rangle = \sum_{a \in S} \left(\sum_{c \in r} p_{ac} \right) |a\rangle$$

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if we obtain outcome $a \in \Sigma$ when we measure X , then probabilistic state of Y is updated via

$$|\Pi_a\rangle = \frac{\sum_{b \in \Gamma} p_{ab} |b\rangle}{\sum_{c \in \Gamma} p_{ac}} \Pr(X=a)$$

So, if we measure X & see $a \in \Sigma$ the updated joint state of the system is

$$|\Psi\rangle = |a\rangle \otimes |\Pi_a\rangle$$

We can think of this factor as a "normalization" constant which accounts for the knowledge we gained learning about X .

↳ useful for calculations

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Example: X with $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Y with $\Gamma = \{1, 2, 3\}$

\Rightarrow assume $|N\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|01\rangle + \frac{1}{12}|03\rangle + \frac{1}{12}|11\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|12\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|13\rangle$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

lets work through what happens if X is measured..

\hookrightarrow Note that we can use bilinearity to write

$$|N\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes \left(\frac{1}{2}|1\rangle + \frac{1}{12}|3\rangle \right) + |1\rangle \otimes \left(\frac{1}{12}|1\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|2\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|3\rangle \right)$$

Can always do this!

Now analysis is easy:

$$\Pr(X=0) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{7}{12} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \frac{7}{12} + \frac{5}{12} = 1$$

$$\Pr(X=1) = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{12} \quad \text{good!}$$

If we see $X = 0$

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$$\hookrightarrow \text{state of } j \Rightarrow \frac{p_{01} |1\rangle + p_{03} |3\rangle}{3|1\rangle} \quad (\Pr(X=0))$$

If we see $X = 1$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{state of } j \Rightarrow \frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle + |3\rangle}{5|1\rangle}$$

Operations on probabilistic states of joint systems

\hookrightarrow again, viewing as a single system

\downarrow makes life easier...

\hookrightarrow operations are represented by stochastic matrices (with rows & columns indexed by $2 \times r$)

\hookrightarrow example

Example: $X \otimes Y$ on bits

2, if $x = 1$

↳ perform NOT on y

else

↳ do nothing

"controlled not"

→ x is control bit

→ y is target

$CNOT =$
 $(x \text{ control}$
 $y \text{ target})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 00 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \bullet \\ \downarrow \\ x \longleftarrow \bullet \\ \uparrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

↓
 $|00\rangle \mapsto |00\rangle$
 $|01\rangle \mapsto |01\rangle$
 $|10\rangle \mapsto |11\rangle$
 $|11\rangle \mapsto |10\rangle$

$$= |00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| + |11\rangle\langle 10| + |10\rangle\langle 11|$$

→ if y is control & x is target

$$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↳ check you understand this!

Example

↳ Perform one of the following operations with probability $\frac{1}{2}$

- Set Y to be equal to X
- Set X to be equal to Y

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ 11 & 00 & 00 & 00 \\ 00 & 00 & 00 & 00 \\ 00 & 11 & 11 & 11 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1010 \\ 0000 \\ 0000 \\ 0101 \end{pmatrix}$$

↓
write this in

bra-ket notation

$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\mapsto |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\mapsto |00\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\mapsto |11\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\mapsto |11\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\mapsto |00\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\mapsto |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\mapsto |11\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\mapsto |11\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$Set \quad Y = X$$

$$Set \quad X = Y$$

Independent operations

↳ what if we act on X with M

on Y with N

\downarrow
stochastic matrices
representing the
operation

↳ what is the stochastic matrix for the joint operation??

↳ we need tensor product
for matrices!

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Matrix tensor product

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$$M = \sum_{a, b \in \Sigma} \alpha_{ab} |a\rangle\langle b|$$

$$N = \sum_{c, d \in \Gamma} \beta_{cd} |c\rangle\langle d|$$

$$M \otimes N = \sum_{a, b \in \Sigma} \sum_{c, d \in \Gamma} \alpha_{ab} \beta_{cd} |ac\rangle\langle bd|$$

or equivalently

$$\langle ac | M \otimes N | bd \rangle = \underset{\text{row}}{\langle a | M | b \rangle} \underset{\text{column}}{\langle c | N | d \rangle}$$

for all $a, b \in \Sigma$ & $c, d \in \Gamma$.

or equivalently, the unique matrix satisfying

$$M \otimes N (|\phi\rangle\otimes|\psi\rangle) = (M|\phi\rangle)\otimes(N|\psi\rangle)$$

for all $|\phi\rangle$ & $|\psi\rangle$.

We also have this convention for matrices

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \dots & \alpha_{mm} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & \dots & B_{1K} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{K1} & \dots & B_{KK} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} B_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{11} B_{1K} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{11} B_{K1} & \dots & \alpha_{11} B_{KK} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} B_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{m1} B_{1K} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} B_{K1} & \dots & \alpha_{m1} B_{KK} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha_{11} B) & \dots & (\alpha_{1m} B) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\alpha_{m1} B) & \dots & (\alpha_{mm} B) \end{pmatrix}$$

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We define tensor products of multiple matrices analogously --

$$M_1 \otimes \otimes M_m$$

$$\langle a_1 \dots a_m | M_1 \otimes \otimes M_m | b_1 \dots b_m \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_1 | M_1 | b_1 \rangle \dots \langle a_n | M_n | b_n \rangle$$

$$\forall a_i, b_i \in \mathcal{E}_i \dots a_m, b_m \in \mathcal{E}_m$$

We can also do it recursively!

Finally, tensor product is multiplicative

$$(M_1 \otimes \otimes M_n) (N_1 \otimes \otimes N_n)$$

$$= (M_1 N_1) \otimes \otimes (M_n N_n)$$

$\forall M_i \otimes N_i$ (for which dimensions match)

Independent operations continued

if M acts on $X \otimes N$ acts on Y

↳ joint operation is $M \otimes N$ on (X, Y)

NB for states \otimes operations

tensor products represent
independence!

→ if $X \otimes Y$ are independently in $| \phi \rangle \otimes | \psi \rangle$

↳ joint state = $| \phi \rangle \otimes | \psi \rangle$

→ if react independently on $X \otimes Y$

↳ joint operation is a tensor product
 $M \otimes N$

Example

L, consider $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = M$

L, $|0\rangle \mapsto |0\rangle$
 $|1\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle$

if we apply M to X & NOT to Y

L $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Stochastic!

Note, if we only act on X , that means acting on Y with the identity

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$