

# Density Matrices

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- Quantum N-bodies system formed by N non entangled subsystems, each described  $\psi_i \in \mathcal{H}^d$ , is represented by  $\Psi(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_N)$ 
  1. if  $\psi_i$  are non interacting,  $\Psi$  separable pure state:  $d \cdot N$  coefficients (info is "compressed"!)
  2. general case  $\Psi \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes N}$ : needed  $d^N$  coefficients
- Density matrix  $\rho = \sum_{k=1}^N |\psi_k\rangle\langle\psi_k|$ 
  1. Hermitian
  2.  $\text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$  if  $\Psi$  is normalized
  3.  $\rho^2 = \rho$  if  $\Psi$  is pure, hence  $\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = 1$  ( $\rho$  has been built as a projector)
- Reduced density matrix for subsystem B (i.e. tracing over A):
  1.  $(\rho_B)_{mn} = \sum_i \langle i_A | \langle m_B | \rho | n_B \rangle | i_B \rangle$
  2. Hermitian
  3.  $\text{Tr}(\rho_{red}) = 1$
  4. Purity is not conserved anymore!  $\text{Tr}(\rho_{red}^2) \neq 1$

$\Psi_{\text{separable}} \rightarrow \Psi_{\text{FULL}}$ .

Mapping similar to change of basis  $Num_{10} \rightarrow Num_d$  with  $N$  digits.

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1 DO jj = 1, psi_multi_state%n_vectors
2   rest = MOD(temp, psi_multi_state%d_dim)
3   index_separable = 1+rest+(psi_multi_state%n_vectors-
4     jj)*psi_multi_state%d_dim
5   psi_multi_state%coeffs(ii+1) = &
6     & psi_multi_state%coeffs(ii+1)*psi_separable%coeffs(
7     index_separable)
8   temp = (temp-rest)/psi_multi_state%d_dim
9 END DO
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Given  $\Psi$ , to compute  $\rho$ :

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1 FUNCTION OUTER_PROD_vec(x,y) RESULT(res)
2   TYPE(CMATRIX) :: res; COMPLEX*16, DIMENSION(:) :: x,y
3   res%dims(1) = SIZE(x); res%dims(2) = SIZE(y)
4   res%element = MATMUL(RESHAPE(x, (/res%dims(1),1/)),
5     RESHAPE(CONJG(y), (/1,res%dims(2)/)))
6 END FUNCTION
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- Computational limits (How large  $N$  can be?)
  1. Given by memory storage, specially for the matrix
  2. Double complex variable occupies 16 bytes
  3. 5-6 GB RAM usually free, thus  $d^{2N} \lesssim 4 \cdot 10^8$
  4. if qubits ( $d = 2$ ),  $N_{max} = 14$  ( $\sim 4.3GB$ ).  
As other examples ( $d = 3, N = 9$ ) or ( $d = 5, N = 7$ ) are already too much!
- Debug
  1. Parameters are meaningful ( $d, N > 0$ )
  2. Size of vectors compatible if coefficients, separable flag, number of subsystems  $N$  and  $d$  were given (either  $d \cdot N$  or  $d^N$ )
  3. If  $\Psi_{separable}$ , first need compute  $\Psi_{full}$  and then  $\rho$
  4.  $\rho$  is Hermitian
  5.  $Tr(\rho) = 1$
  6.  $\rho^2 = \rho$
  7.  $\rho_{red}$  is Hermitian
  8.  $Tr(\rho_{red}) = 1$

## Bell State

$$\text{Bell state } |\psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

What we expect:

$$\rho_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho_1 = \rho_2 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}_2$$

## Results

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Density matrix:
( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00)
( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 5.00E-01, 0.00E+00) (-5.00E-01, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00)
( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) (-5.00E-01, 0.00E+00) ( 5.00E-01, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00)
( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00)

Reduced density matrix tracing over subsystem 1:
( 5.00E-01, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00)
( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 5.00E-01, 0.00E+00)

Reduced density matrix tracing over subsystem 2:
( 5.00E-01, 0.00E+00) ( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00)
( 0.00E+00, 0.00E+00) ( 5.00E-01, 0.00E+00)
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## Further developments

- Dealing better with inputs and, more advanced, mixed states
- Check for non-negativeness of density matrix