

Exercise 9.2.1

Suppose we have pure state $|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ which are defined as

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_x \sqrt{p(x)} |x\rangle \quad (1a)$$

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_x \sqrt{q(x)} |x\rangle \quad (1b)$$

where $\{|x\rangle\}$ is some orthonormal basis for \mathcal{H} . The fidelity $F(|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle)$ is obtained by

$$\begin{aligned} F(|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle) &= |\langle\psi|\phi\rangle|^2 \\ &= \left| \left[\sum_y \left(\sqrt{p(y)} \right)^* \langle y| \right] \left(\sum_x \sqrt{q(x)} |x\rangle \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \sum_{x,y} \left(\sqrt{p(y)} \right)^* \sqrt{q(x)} \langle y|x\rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \sum_x \left(\sqrt{p(x)} \right)^* \sqrt{q(x)} \right|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Note that $\sqrt{p(x)}$ and $\sqrt{q(x)}$ are non-negative real number since $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are two probability distribution, then eq. (2) becomes

$$F(|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle) = \left[\sum_x \sqrt{p(x)q(x)} \right]^2 \quad (3)$$