Quantum Information Theory - 67749

Exercise 2, June 4, 2025

## Submission Guidelines.

- Due date - June 25, 2025.
- Make sure your submission is clear. Unreadable assignments will get zero score.
- Using any Generative AI tool is forbidden but not enforced. Yet, please keep in mind that we might call you for an interview about your assignment.

# 1 Entropy.

## 1.1 Information Quantties Properties.

1. **Entropy Upper Bound.**

   (a) Show that the classical entropy is bounded from above by the logarithm of the dimension of the alphabet. Use the non-negativity of the divergence and its relation to the entropy.

   (b) Similarly to the previews section, bound the von Neumann entropy using the non-negativity of the divergence.

2. **Mutual Information Upper Bound.** Prove that $S(A;B) \leq 2\min\{S(A), S(B)\}$.

3. **Mutual Information Chain Rule.** Prove the chain rule for the mutual infomration:

$$S(AB;C) = S(A;C) + S(B;C|A)$$

4. **Entropy of Reduced Entangled State.** Consider the sate $\rho$ over the system $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$.

   (a) Prove that if $S(A) \geq S(AB)$ then $\rho$ is entangled.

   (b) Show, that the condition is not necessary, that is, give an example of an entangled state for which the reduced state $\rho_A$ has lower entropy than $\rho$.

5. **Conditional Mutual Information.** consider a joint system $ABX$ where $X$ is classical, show that the conditional mutual information $S(A;B|X)$ can be written as $\sum_x p(x)S(A;B|X=x)$, same as classical conditional MI.

6. **Trace Convexity.** Prove that if $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is convex, then $A \mapsto \mathbf{Tr} f(A)$ is also convex.

## 1.2 Computing Entropy.

Compute the entropy of the following densitiy matrices.

1. Let $V$ be a subset of $2^n$. Denote by $|V\rangle$ the uniform superposition over $V$, defined as $|V\rangle = \sum_{v\in V} |v\rangle$ (up to normalization). Denote by $\rho_V$ the uniform distribution over $V$, namely, sampling from $\rho_V$ gives any element $v \in V$ with equals probability. Compute the entropies of $|V\rangle$ and $\rho_V$.

2. Consider the fully entangled state $|\Omega\rangle = \sum_x |x, x\rangle$ (up to normalization) over the system $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. Compute the entropy $S(A, B)$ and the conditional entropy $S(A|B)$.

# 2 Fidelity.

Compute the fidelity between $\rho$ and $\sigma$ in the following cases:

1. When $\rho$ and $\sigma$ commute.

2. When $\rho$ is mixed and $\sigma$ is pure.

3. When $\rho = \alpha I + \beta X$ and $\sigma = \gamma I + \delta Z$.

   **Remark 2.1.** *Observes that the normalization condition* $\mathbf{Tr}\rho = 1$ *implies* $\alpha = \gamma = 1$*. Yet, for the sake of practice, we will keep the parametrization.*

# 3 Schmedit.

Prove that a pure state is entangled if and only if its Schmidt number is greater than one.