

Density Matrices

1 Abstract

Firstly our aim is to describe a N-body quantum system in both separable and inseparable states case, in both of them each subsystem's wave function lives in a d-dimensional Hilbert space C^d . Then we focus on case N=2 and we will test the program in case of two qubits with spin one-half.

2 Theory

Suppose we have a N-body quantum system composed by N particles and each subsystem's wave function ψ lives in d-dimensional Hilbert space C^d .

So we want to compute total system's wave function $\Psi(\psi_1, \psi_2 \dots \psi_N) \in C^{d^N}$.

In order to achieve this aim, in most general case, we must use d^N complex coefficients: one for each possible system's state $|\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle$, where α_i is i-th subsystem's base composed by d eigenvectors.

$$\Psi = \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N} C_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle \quad (1)$$

Nevertheless if Ψ is composed by all *separable* states and so $|\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = |\alpha_1\rangle \otimes |\alpha_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\alpha_N\rangle$ we need only Nd complex coefficients and previous formula becomes:

$$\Psi = \bigotimes_{i=1}^N \sum_{\alpha_i} C_{i, \alpha_i} |\alpha_i\rangle \quad (2)$$

Then we can define *density matrix* as $\rho = |\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|$ and also *reduced* ones for each subsystem.

3 Code development

My code is composed by two units program : one *module* and one *main program*.

- MODULE *ex8*:

here we define 3 functions and 1 subroutine :

\mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 functions, receive ,as inputs, number of subsystems N , their Hilbert space dimension d and, respectively, a complex coefficients list *coeff* with dN and d^N elements.

In this way we can compute and print on terminal total system's wave function Ψ both in separable and inseparable case. For aesthetic reason \mathbf{a}_2 receives also, as input, a logical variable *bool* : if *bool* is TRUE the code will print total system's wave function as inseparable case otherwise it will print total system's wave function as separable one.

In \mathbf{b} function given (d, N, Ψ) , we compute ,the *density matrix* ρ .

In \mathbf{c} subroutine given (d, ρ) , we compute the *reduced matrices* ρ_1 and ρ_2 for subsystem 1 and 2 .

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rho_1=(0.0,0.0)
rho_2=(0.0,0.0)

do k=1,d
  do h=1,d
    do i=1,d

      rho_1(k,h)=rho_1(k,h)+rho( i+(k-1)*d, i+(h-1)*d )

    end do
  end do
end do

do k=1,d
  do h=1,d
    do i=1,d

      rho_2(k,h)=rho_2(k,h)+rho( i+(i-1)*(d-1)+(k-1), i+(i-1)*(d-1)+(h-1) )

    end do
  end do
end do

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- PROGRAM *main*:

here i recall module defined above and define two different complex coefficients list *n.i.states* and *i.states* that they will be passed as *coeff* to *a₁* and *a₂* functions .

Furthermore here define *bool* logical variable and its value .

4 Results

In order to test if program works properly,as suggest by exercise itself, we simulate a system composed by N=2 qubits ,*A* and *B*, in d=2 possible spin states.

In separable case in order to visualize better subsystem's wave function we use $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ otherwise for inseparable one we use $|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle$ and $|11\rangle$.

So we let begins showing separable case :

$$\Psi = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle_A + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle_A \right) \otimes |0\rangle_B \quad (3)$$

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Total wavefunction for 2 non interacting particles is :
(
( 0.7071068+ 0.0000000*i ) | 0>_particle 1+
( 0.7071068+ 0.0000000*i ) | 1>_particle 1+
)
(X)
(
( 1.0000000+ 0.0000000*i ) | 0>_particle 2+
( 0.0000000+ 0.0000000*i ) | 1>_particle 2+
)

The density matrix is :

|      (0.499999970,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.499999970,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000) |
|      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000) |
|      (0.499999970,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.499999970,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000) |
|      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000) |

The reduced density matrix for subsystem 1 is :

|      (0.499999970,0.00000000)      (0.499999970,0.00000000) |
|      (0.499999970,0.00000000)      (0.499999970,0.00000000) |

The reduced density matrix for subsystem 2 is :

|      (0.999999940,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000) |
|      (0.00000000,0.00000000)      (0.00000000,0.00000000) |
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and then we continue with an example of inseparable one:

$$\Psi = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |00\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle \right) \quad (4)$$

Total wavefunction for 2 interacting particles is :

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( 0.7071068+ 0.0000000*i )*|00>
+
( 0.0000000+ 0.0000000*i )*|01>
+
( 0.0000000+ 0.0000000*i )*|10>
+
( -0.7071068+ 0.0000000*i )*|11>
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The density matrix is :

	(0.499999970,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(-0.499999970,0.00000000)	
	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(-0.00000000,0.00000000)	
	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(-0.00000000,0.00000000)	
	(-0.499999970,0.00000000)	(-0.00000000,0.00000000)	(-0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.499999970,-0.00000000)	

The reduced density matrix for subsystem 1 is :

	(0.499999970,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	
	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.499999970,0.00000000)	

The reduced density matrix for subsystem 2 is :

	(0.499999970,0.00000000)	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	
	(0.00000000,0.00000000)	(0.499999970,0.00000000)	

5 Comments and Self-Evaluation

Dealing with efficiency, from computational point of view, initialize separable states is more convenient than inseparable ones.

In fact, starting from $N=2$ and $d=2$ (simplest case), $dN \leq d^N$ always for each couple (N, d)

Next upgrade can be to generalize reduced density matrices for generic N subsystems.