

Last time:  $|\varphi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$  induce  $\varphi \in B(\mathbb{C}^n)^* \cong L(B(\mathbb{C}^n), \mathbb{C})$   
 $\varphi(A) = \langle \varphi | A \otimes I | \varphi \rangle$   $\mathbb{M}_n^*$

Fact:  $\forall f \in \mathbb{M}_n^*$ ,  $\exists$  operator  $\rho \in \mathbb{M}_n$  s.t.  $f(A) = \text{tr}(A\rho)$

$\varphi \in \mathbb{M}_n^*$  is called a linear functional of  $\mathbb{M}_n$

What property  $\varphi$  have

$$\rho \in B(\mathbb{C}^n), \quad \varphi(A) = \text{tr}(A\rho)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \varphi(I) = \langle \varphi | I \otimes I | \varphi \rangle = \langle \varphi | \varphi \rangle = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{tr}(\rho I) = \text{tr}(\rho) = 1$$

called, unital

trace 1

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{If } A \geq 0, \quad \varphi(A) = \langle \varphi | A \otimes I | \varphi \rangle \geq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall A \geq 0 \quad \text{tr}(\rho A) \geq 0$$

called positive

$\rho \geq 0$

Lemma  $\text{tr}(\rho A) \geq 0$  for  $\forall A \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho \geq 0$

Pf: (See Homework)

$\varphi \in \mathbb{M}_n^*$  is called a state

$\rho \in \mathbb{M}_n$  is a density operator

if  $\varphi$  is positive and unital

if  $\rho \geq 0$  and  $\text{tr}(\rho) = 1$

$$S(\mathbb{M}_n) = \{\varphi \in \mathbb{M}_n^* \mid \varphi \text{ positive unital}\} \stackrel{1 \text{ to } 1}{\cong} D(\mathbb{M}_n) = \{\rho \in \mathbb{M}_n \mid \rho \geq 0, \text{tr}(\rho) = 1\}$$

$$S(\mathbb{M}_n) \ni \varphi \rightarrow \exists ! d_\varphi \in \mathbb{M}_n \text{ s.t. } \varphi(A) = \text{tr}(A d_\varphi)$$

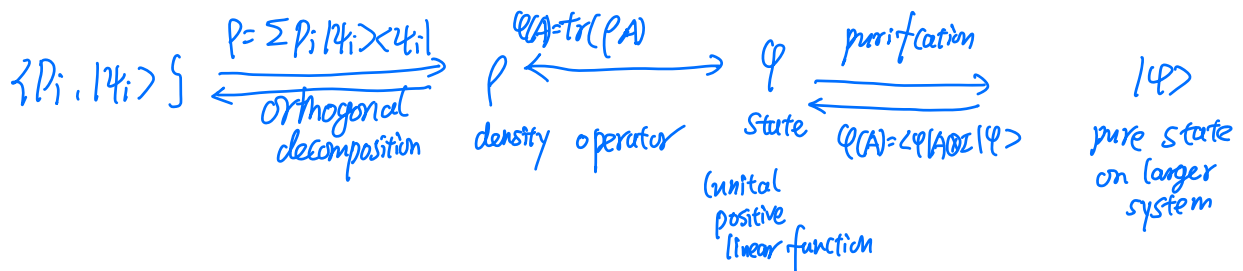
$$D(\mathbb{M}_n) \ni \rho \rightarrow \varphi_\rho(A) := \text{tr}(A\rho)$$

Fact.  $D(\mathbb{M}_n) \cong S(\mathbb{M}_n)$  is a convex set.

If  $\rho_i \in D(\mathbb{M}_n)$ ,  $\sum_{\rho_i \geq 0} \lambda_i = 1$ , then  $\sum \lambda_i \rho_i \in D(\mathbb{M}_n)$

A state of a quantum system  $\mathbb{C}^n$  can be equivalently described by one of the following

- ① A state  $\varphi: B(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , i.e.  $\varphi(I)=1$  and  $\varphi(A) \geq 0$  if  $A \geq 0$
- ② A density operator  $\rho \in B(\mathbb{C}^n)$  s.t.  $\text{tr}(\rho)=1$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$
- ③ An ensemble of pure state  $\{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$   $\sum p_i=1, p_i \geq 0, |\psi_i\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n$
- ④ A state vector  $|\varphi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$  for some  $m$



### Examples

① Pure state = vector state:  $|\varphi\rangle \leftrightarrow \varphi(A) = \langle \varphi | A | \varphi \rangle \leftrightarrow \rho = |\varphi\rangle\langle \varphi|$  density operator

② A mixed state  $\rho = \sum p_i |\varphi_i\rangle\langle \varphi_i|$   $\{|\varphi_i\rangle\}$  orthonormal set  
 $\sum p_i = 1, p_i \geq 0$

Mixed state are convex combination of pure state

If  $p_i = 1, p_j = 0 \forall j \neq i \Rightarrow \rho = |\varphi_i\rangle\langle \varphi_i|$  pure state

For  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $p_i = \frac{1}{n}, \rho = \sum \frac{1}{n} |\varphi_i\rangle\langle \varphi_i| = \frac{1}{n} I$ , completely mixed state  
 like uniform distribution  $(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n})$

③ Flat state:  $P$  projection.  $\rho = \frac{P}{\text{tr}(P)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k |\varphi_i\rangle\langle \varphi_i|$   $\{|\varphi_i\rangle\}$  O.N.B of  $\text{Ran}(P)$ .  
 $k = \text{tr}(\rho) \in \mathbb{N}$

④ Ensemble of pure states  $\{p_i, |\varphi_i\rangle\} \rightarrow \rho = \sum p_i |\varphi_i\rangle\langle \varphi_i|$

e.g.  $\lambda|0\rangle\langle 0| + (1-\lambda)|1\rangle\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda|+\rangle\langle +| + (1-\lambda)|-\rangle\langle -| = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2\lambda-1}{2} \\ \frac{2\lambda-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}|+\rangle\langle +| + \frac{1}{2}|-\rangle\langle -|$

Postulate 1: Quantum system  $\mathbb{C}^n$   
 State  $\rho = \sum p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$  density operator  
 $\{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$  ensemble  
 $\varphi(\cdot) = \text{tr}(\rho \cdot)$  "state"

Postulate 2: Observables  $A = A^*$  expected value  
 $\varphi(A) = \text{tr}(\rho A) = \sum_i p_i \langle\psi_i| A |\psi_i\rangle$

Measurement  $\{E_m\}$  : prob. of outcome  $m$   
 POVM  $\varphi(E_m) = \text{tr}(\rho E_m) = \sum_i p_i \langle\psi_i| E_m |\psi_i\rangle$   
 $E_m \geq 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(E_m) \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_m E_m = I \Rightarrow \sum \varphi(E_m) = \varphi(\sum E_m) = \varphi(I) = 1$

So  $\{\varphi(E_m)\}$  prob. density function

Postulate 3: Transformation of closed system : Unitary  $U$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &\rightarrow U|\psi\rangle \\ \{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\} &\rightarrow \{p_i, U|\psi_i\rangle\} \quad (U|\psi_i\rangle)^* = \langle\psi_i| U^* \\ \rho = \sum p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| &\rightarrow \sum p_i U|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| U^* \\ &= U \left( \sum p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \right) U^* \\ &= U \rho U^* \text{ unitary conjugate} \end{aligned}$$

Postulate 4: Composite System  $\leftrightarrow$  Tensor product space  $\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$

What type of density operators we can have on  $\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$ ?

## Joint States

Denote  $H_A = \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $H_B = \mathbb{C}^m$ . A density operator  $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(H_A \otimes H_B)$  is called a joint state over composite system AB.

### ① Product state

Let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $G \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^m)$ . Then  $\rho \otimes G \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^{nm})$

Fact: a)  $\text{tr}(A \otimes B) = \text{tr}(A) \text{tr}(B)$ . b)  $\rho \geq 0, G \geq 0 \Rightarrow \rho \otimes G \geq 0$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{4} |0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{3}{4} |1\rangle\langle 1| & G &= \frac{1}{3} |+\rangle\langle +| + \frac{2}{3} |-\rangle\langle -| = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix} & \rho \otimes G &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}G & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4}G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & -\frac{1}{24} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{24} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & -\frac{1}{24} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{24} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Completely mixed state  $\frac{1_n}{n} \otimes \frac{1_m}{m} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{n} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{nm} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1_{nm}}{nm}$

Classical analog:  $P_{XY} = P_X \times P_Y$  independent distribution

2. Separable state  $W = \sum_i \lambda_i \rho_i \otimes G_i$   $\sum \lambda_i = 1, \lambda_i \geq 0$   
convex combination of product state  $\rho_i \in \mathcal{D}(H_A), G_i \in \mathcal{D}(H_B)$

Example. a)  $\rho \otimes G$  product state

b)  $W = \sum \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes G_i$   $G_i \in \mathcal{D}(H_B), \sum \lambda_i = 1, \lambda_i \geq 0$  classical-quantum state

If  $[G_i, G_j] = 0 \forall i, j$  Then  $\exists$  a O.N.B  $|\varphi_k\rangle$  s.t.  $\forall i, G_i = \sum_k p_{i,k} |\varphi_k\rangle\langle \varphi_k|$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } W &= \sum \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes G_i = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes \sum_k p_{i,k} |\varphi_k\rangle\langle \varphi_k| \\ &= \sum_{i,k} \lambda_i p_{i,k} |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes |\varphi_k\rangle\langle \varphi_k| \end{aligned}$$

Definition: A joint state  $\rho_{AB}$  is called entangled if it is not separable

Example:  $|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\text{density } |\Phi^+\rangle \langle \Phi^+| = \left( \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{\langle 00| + \langle 11|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle \langle 00| + |00\rangle \langle 11| + |11\rangle \langle 00| + |11\rangle \langle 11|)$$

O.N.B  $\{|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle\}$

$$|\Phi^+\rangle \langle \Phi^+| = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

How to see this is not separable state

In general,  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$ . if  $|\psi\rangle \neq |h_1\rangle \otimes |h_2\rangle$  product vector  
then  $|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$  is an entangled state

Marginal state / Reduced density

Given a joint state  $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_{AB})$ , it induces a state on A.

$$\varphi_A: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}. \quad \varphi_A(X) = \text{tr}_{AB}(X_A \otimes I_B) \rho_{AB}$$

$$= \text{tr}_A(X_A \rho_A) \text{ for some } \rho_A$$

$$\rho_A = \text{Id} \otimes \text{tr}_B(\rho_{AB})$$

More explicitly,  $\rho_{AB} = \sum a_{ij,kl} e_{ij} \otimes e_{kl}$

$$\rho_A = \text{id}_A \otimes \text{tr}_B(\rho_{AB}) = \sum a_{ij,kl} \text{Id}(e_{ij}) \otimes \text{tr}_B(e_{kl})$$

$$= \sum_{k,i,j} a_{ij, kk} e_{ij}$$

For example:  $\textcircled{1} \mathcal{W}_{AB} = \rho_A \otimes \phi_B \Rightarrow \mathcal{W}_A = \text{id}_A \otimes \text{tr}_B = \rho_A \text{tr}_B(\phi_B) = \rho_A$

$$W_B = G_B$$

$$\textcircled{2} W_{AB} = \sum \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes G_i \quad W_A = \sum \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i| \quad W_B = \sum \lambda_i G_i$$

$$\textcircled{3} \varphi_{AB} = |\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|, \quad |\varphi\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \varphi_A = \varphi_B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|\varphi\rangle = a|00\rangle + b|11\rangle \quad \varphi_A = |a|^2|0\rangle\langle 0| + |b|^2|1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\varphi_B = |a|^2|0\rangle\langle 0| + |b|^2|1\rangle\langle 1|$$

Now: back to our equivalence:

$$\text{Given } |\varphi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m, \rightarrow \varphi: B(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \rho_\varphi \in B(\mathbb{C}^n)$$

vector state                  state     $\varphi(X) = \langle \varphi | X \otimes I | \varphi \rangle$      $\varphi(X) = \text{tr}(\rho_\varphi X)$

How to compute  $\rho_\varphi$  from  $|\varphi\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi | X \otimes I | \varphi \rangle &= \text{tr}_{AB}(X \otimes I |\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|) \\ &= \text{tr}_A \otimes \text{tr}_B(X \otimes I |\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|) \\ &= \text{tr}_A(X \text{tr}_B(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|)) \\ &= \text{tr}_A(X \text{tr}_B(\varphi_{AB})) = \text{tr}_B(X \varphi_A) \\ \rho &= \varphi_A = \text{tr}_B(|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|) \end{aligned}$$

Can we go back?  $\rho \in B(\mathbb{C})^n \xrightarrow{\text{density}} \text{find } |\rho\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m \text{ s.t.}$   
 $\text{tr}_B(|\rho\rangle\langle\rho|) = \rho$

Purification.

Given a mixed state  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(H_A)$

① Does there exist a joint state  $W_{AB}$  such that  $W_A = \rho$ ?

② ... a pure joint state  $\varphi_{AB} = |\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|$  such that  $\varphi_A = \rho$ ?  
 Such  $|\varphi\rangle$  is called a purification of  $\rho$ .

① Yes.  $\mathcal{W}_{AB} = \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$

② Given  $\rho = \sum p_i |\varphi_i\rangle\langle\varphi_i|$ . Define  $|\varphi\rangle_{AA'} = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |\varphi_i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle$   $A \cong A'$

Then  $\varphi = |\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|$  has reduced density  $\rho$  on  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id}_A \otimes \text{tr}_{A'} (|\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi|) &= \text{id}_A \otimes \text{tr}_{A'} \left( \sum_{i,j} \sqrt{p_i} \sqrt{p_j} |\varphi_i\rangle\langle\varphi_j| \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| \right) \\ &= \sum_i p_i |\varphi_i\rangle\langle\varphi_i| = \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Uhlmann): Let  $\rho_A$  be any purification of  $\rho$ . Then there exists an isometry  $V \in L(H_{A'}, H_C)$  such that  $V|\varphi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ .

$\begin{matrix} S \\ \parallel \\ H_A \end{matrix}$

