

# Quantum information and computing:

## Report 8

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The efficiency in the initialization of a state vector describing a separable state and a generic state are compared. The density matrix corresponding to a generic state vector of a 2 body system is computed and the reduced density matrices corresponding to the 2 single body systems are obtained by tracing over the full density matrix

### I. THEORY

A density matrix is a matrix that describes the statistical state, whether pure or mixed, of a system in quantum mechanics. The probability for any outcome of any well-defined measurement upon a system can be calculated from the density matrix for that system. Given a state vector  $|\psi\rangle$ , its corresponding density matrix is given by

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

In the case of a statistical ensemble the density matrix will be given by

$$\rho = \sum_j p_j |\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|$$

In the case of a separable state of N bodies in D dimensions, that is a state that can be written as a tensor product and so without entanglement, it is only required to store the D factors for each body and so only D\*N coefficients are required. For a generic N body state the entire  $D^N$  coefficients are required to store the information regarding the entanglement of the state. In the case of a density matrix representing a many-body system it is possible to obtain the reduced density matrix referring to only a subsystem using

$$\rho_A = \sum_{\beta} \langle\beta| \rho_{AB} |\beta\rangle$$

where  $\rho_{AB}$  is the full density matrix of the system,  $|\beta\rangle$  is the basis for sub-system B and  $\rho_A$  is the reduced density matrix referring to sub-system A.

### II. CODE DEVELOPMENT

The code uses the same structure of previous exercises. In this case there are three possible optional flags: DEBUG, TIME and GENERIC.

```
1 CALL GET_COMMAND_ARGUMENT(1,input_file)
2 open (unit = 5, file = input_file)
3 CALL FATAL( LEN_TRIM(input_file) == 0, "
  main","Missing input file name" )
4
5 CALL GET_COMMAND_ARGUMENT(2,output_rad)
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6 CALL FATAL( LEN_TRIM(output_rad) == 0, "
  main","Missing output file name" )
7 open (unit = 10, Access = 'append', file = TRIM
  (output_rad)//".txt")
8
9 CALL GET_COMMAND_ARGUMENT(3,call_flags)
10 IF (call_flags == "DEBUG") D_FLAG = .TRUE.
11 IF (call_flags == "TIME") Time_flag = .
  TRUE.
12 IF (call_flags == "GENERIC") Generic_flag
  = .TRUE.
13 CALL GET_COMMAND_ARGUMENT(4,call_flags)
14 IF (call_flags == "DEBUG") D_FLAG = .TRUE.
15 IF (call_flags == "TIME") Time_flag = .
  TRUE.
16 IF (call_flags == "GENERIC") Generic_flag
  = .TRUE.
17
18
19 IF (Time_flag .EQV. .FALSE.) Generic_flag = .
  TRUE.
20 read(5,'(I10)',iostat=ierror) D,N
21 CALL FATAL( ierror > 0 , "main","Inputs
  are not integers" )
22
23 CALL FATAL( D <= 0 , "main","Dimension
  must be non-negative" )
24 CALL FATAL( N <= 0 , "main","Number of
  elements must be non-negative" )
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If the DEBUG flag is used the code will print on screen the different relevant quantities during execution. If the TIME flag is used, the time required to allocate and initialize the separable state vector of a system with dimension D and N bodies is computed. If both the TIME and GENERIC flag are used the time required for generic state vectors is computed. The reason for this difference is that the time scales for the two cases are completely different and so it is necessary to use vectors of very different dimensions in the two cases to have similar initialization times. If the TIME flag is activated the program will not allocate and compute the density matrices

```
1 IF (Time_flag) call cpu_time(start)
2 DO i = 1,D*N
3   wavefunction(i) = COMPLEX(RAND(),RAND())
4 END DO
5 norm_wave = 0
6 DO i = 1,D*N
7   norm_wave = norm_wave + wavefunction(i) *
  CONJG(wavefunction(i))
8 END DO
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9  wavefunction = wavefunction/SQRT(norm_wave)
10
11  IF (Time_flag) call cpu_time (finish)
12  !write(10,*)D," ", finish-start
13
14  IF (Time_flag) call cpu_time(start_2)
15
16  IF (Generic_flag) THEN
17  DO i = 1,D**N
18      N_body(i) = COMPLEX(RAND(),RAND())
19  END DO
20  norm_n_body = 0
21  DO i = 1,D*N
22      norm_n_body = norm_n_body + N_body(i) *
23      CONJG(N_body(i))
24  END DO
25  N_body = N_body/SQRT(norm_n_body)
26  ENDF
27
28  IF (Time_flag) call cpu_time (finish_2)
29  IF (Time_flag) write(10,*)D,N, finish-start,
    finish_2 - start_2

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If instead the TIME flag is not activated, the density matrix of the generic state is computed for a two body system

```

1  IF (Time_flag .EQV. .FALSE.) THEN
2      DO i = 1,D**2
3          DO j = 1,D**2
4              density(i,j) = N_body(i)*CONJG(N_body(j))
5          END DO
6      END DO
7  END IF
8  IF (Time_flag .EQV. .FALSE.) CALL CHECKPOINT(
    D_FLAG,"After Allocation", D,N,wavefunction,
    N_body,density,subden_1,subden_2)

```

And the reduced density matrices for the two subsystems is then computed as shown in the theory section

```

1  IF (Time_flag .EQV. .FALSE.) THEN
2      DO i = 1,D
3          DO j = 1,D
4              subden_2(i,j) = 0
5              DO k = 1,D
6                  subden_2(i,j) = subden_2(i,j) +
    density(i+D*(k-1),j+D*(k-1))
7              END DO
8          END DO
9      END DO
10     DO i = 1,D
11         DO j = 1,D
12             subden_1(i,j) = 0
13             DO k = 1,D
14                 subden_1(i,j) = subden_1(i,j) +
    density(k+D*(i-1),k+D*(j-1))
15             END DO
16         END DO
17     END DO

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18 END IF

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Finally all the informations regarding the allocation time in case of the TIME flag or regarding the density matrices otherwise is printed to file

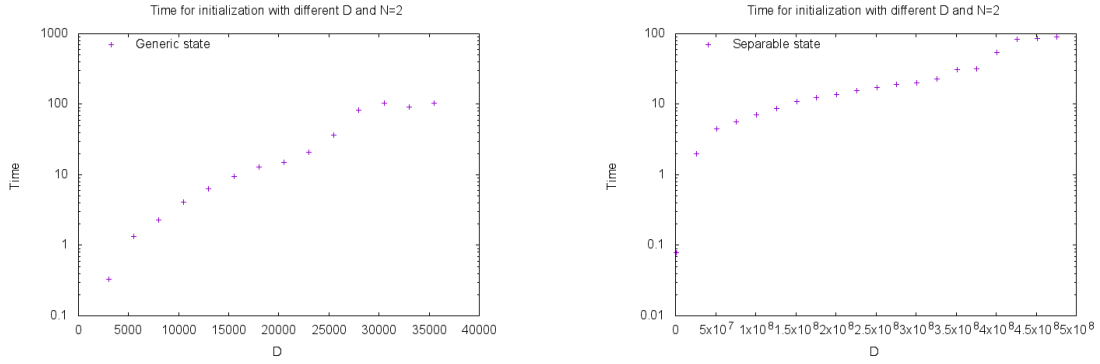
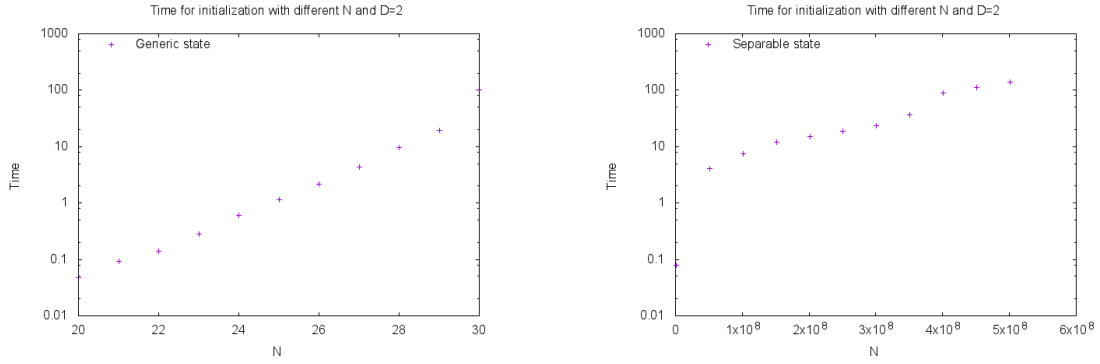
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1  IF (Time_flag .EQV. .FALSE.) THEN
2      write (10,*) "Separable state ",wavefunction
3      write (10,*) "Norm of separable state ",SQRT(
    norm_wave)
4      write (10,*) "Generic state ",N_body
5      write (10,*) "Norm of generic state ",SQRT(
    norm_n_body)
6      trace = 0
7      DO i = 1,D**N
8          trace = trace + density(i,i)
9      END DO
10     write (10,*) "Trace of density ",trace
11     write (10,*) "Density matrix ",density
12     trace = 0
13     DO i = 1,D**N
14         trace = trace + subden_1(i,i)
15     END DO
16     write (10,*) "Trace of density matrix of first
    system ",trace
17     write (10,*) "Density matrix of first system",
    subden_1
18     trace = 0
19     DO i = 1,D**N
20         trace = trace + subden_2(i,i)
21     END DO
22     write (10,*) "Trace of density matrix of
    second system ",trace
23     write (10,*) "Density matrix of second system",
    subden_2
24 END IF

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### III. RESULTS

The code has been used to test the different initialization times for generic and separable states and in particular it was checked how the initialization times with  $N = 2$  and increasing dimension  $D$  for Hilbert space of each body (Fig. 1) and in the case of qubits ( $D=2$ ) and increasing  $N$  (Fig. 2). It is clear from the different scales on the x axis that separable states are much faster to initialize than generic states and that while for a separable state there is a symmetry between varying  $D$  and  $N$  (the number of elements is  $D*N$ ), the scaling is much more severe for  $N$  in the generic case (the number of elements is  $D^N$ ). Notice that in all cases the code stopped when crashing due to lack of memory. After fixing  $D = 2$  and  $N = 2$  the code has been tested to compute the reduced density matrices and in particular, initializing the a generic state with random complex values, the results computed were

FIG. 1. Initialization time for a generic (left) and separable (right) state with  $N = 2$  and varying  $D$ FIG. 2. Initialization time for a generic (left) and separable (right) state with  $D = 2$  and varying  $N$ 

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 0.489 & 0.273 - i2.06E - 003 & 0.218 - i0.276 & 0.194 + i0.113 \\ 0.273 + i2.060E - 003 & 0.152 & 0.123 - i0.153 & 0.108 + i6.430E - 002 \\ 0.218 + i0.276 & 0.123 + i0.153 & 0.253 & 2.300E - 002 + i0.160 \\ 0.194 - i0.11 & 0.108 - i6.43E - 002 & 2.30E - 002 - i0.160 & 0.104 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.642 & 0.327 - i0.212 \\ 0.327 + i0.212 & 0.357 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.743 & 0.296 + i0.158 \\ 0.296 - i0.158 & 0.256 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### IV. SELF-EVALUATION

The difference between a generic and a separable state was tested by comparing the initialization times and it is clear how using separable states allows for significantly lower initialization times and memory resources needed. A code for computing the reduced density matrix of a

system with 2 bodies and a generic dimension was implemented. The code also checks that the trace is equal to 1 for all the three density matrices. In the future the code could be generalized to system with  $N$  bodies and trying to check autonomously if the input state are separable or not