

§1 Overview

Motivation: Entropy inequalities — Monotonicity of relative entropy, strong subadditivity, quantum data processing inequality & continuation of quantum entropy.

§2 Quantum Relative Entropy

Motivation: Quantum Relative Entropy can be used to express many quantities of interest. We as before establish properties of it first.

Defⁿ (Kernel & Support). For $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}')$, the Kernel is

$$\ker(A) := \{|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} : A|\psi\rangle = 0\}.$$

The support of A is the orthogonal subspace to $\ker(A)$,

$$\text{supp}(A) := \{|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} : A|\psi\rangle \neq 0\}.$$

For A Hermitian with $A = \sum_i a_i |i\rangle\langle i|$,

$$\text{supp}(A) := \text{span}\{|i\rangle : a_i \neq 0\}.$$

Projection into the support of A is,

$$\pi_A := \sum_{i: a_i \neq 0} |i\rangle\langle i|.$$

Defⁿ (Quantum Relative Entropy). $D(\rho||\sigma) := \text{tr}(\rho(\log \rho - \log \sigma))$
 for $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H})$ & a positive semi-definite operator $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$
 with $\text{supp}(\rho) \subseteq \text{supp}(\sigma)$.
 Else $D(\rho||\sigma) = +\infty$.

Remark: This defⁿ is consistent with the classical case.

Remark 2: Well, $D'(\rho||\sigma) := \text{tr}(\rho \log(\rho^{1/2} \sigma \rho^{1/2}))$ is also consistent

in the classical case.

"We" single out "our" defⁿ \because it is meaningful as it answers a sensible quantum-information processing task (what?) & (b) it reduces to answers of previous questions we've already asked.

Intuiⁿ: This is intuitively like a distance measure b/w quantum states
NB/: Not a mathematical distance (doesn't satisfy the claim triangle inequality.)

Proposition 3. $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H})$, $\sigma \geq 0 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$

$$D(\rho \| \sigma) = \inf_{\epsilon \geq 0} D(\rho \| \sigma + \epsilon \mathbb{I}).$$

proof: Perhaps given later.

Remark: Justifies further the choice of defⁿ of D .

Thm 4 (Monotonicity of Quantum Relative Entropy).

For $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H})$, $\sigma \geq 0 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ & $\mathcal{N}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}')$, a quantum channel,

$$D(\rho \| \sigma) \geq D(\mathcal{N}(\rho) \| \mathcal{N}(\sigma))$$

proof: comes a little later.

Claim: Thm 4 \Rightarrow non-negativity of relative entropy in certain cases.

Thm 5 (Non-negativity).

For $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H})$, $\sigma \geq 0 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ with $\text{tr}\{\sigma\} \leq 1$,

$$D(\rho \| \sigma) \geq 0$$

$$\& D(\rho \| \sigma) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho = \sigma.$$

proof. Apply Thm 4 using the trace map.

$$D(\rho \| \sigma) \geq D(\text{tr}(\rho) \| \text{tr}(\sigma)) = \cancel{\text{tr}(\rho)} \log\left(\frac{\text{tr}(\rho)}{\text{tr}(\sigma)}\right) \geq 0$$

NB: $\rho = \sigma \Rightarrow \log \rho - \log \sigma = 0 \Rightarrow D(\rho \| \sigma) = 0$

NB: $D(\rho \| \sigma) = 0 \Rightarrow$ the inequality is saturated. $\Rightarrow \text{tr}\{\sigma\} = \text{tr}(\rho) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma$ is a valid density operator.

Applying Thm 4, we have $D(M(\rho) \| M(\sigma)) \leq D(\rho \| \sigma) = 0$

also we just proved $D(\cdot \| \cdot) \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow D(M(\rho) \| M(\sigma)) = 0 \Rightarrow M(\rho) = M(\sigma)$

$\Rightarrow \rho = \sigma \left[\begin{array}{l} \because \text{we can choose } M \text{ to be the optimal} \\ \text{measurement} \Rightarrow \max_M \|M(\rho) - M(\sigma)\|_1 \\ = \|\rho - \sigma\|_1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \rho = \sigma \end{array} \right] \quad \square$

§ 2.1 Deriving Other Entropies from Quantum Relative Entropy

Motivⁿ: We show how Relative Entropy is a "parent quantity" for other entropies/information.

Claim 6: For $P_A \geq 0 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A)$, $Q_B \geq 0 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_B)$

$$\log(P_A \otimes Q_B) = \log(P_A) \otimes \mathbb{1}_B + \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \log(Q_B)$$

proof: simultaneously diagonalize & use common sense \square .

Claim 7: (Mutual Information & Relative Entropy).

Let $P_{AB} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} I(A; B)_\rho &= D(P_{AB} \| P_A \otimes P_B) \\ &= \min_{\sigma_B} D(P_{AB} \| P_A \otimes \sigma_B) \\ &= \min_{\omega_A} D(P_{AB} \| \omega_A \otimes P_B) \\ &= \min_{\omega_A, \sigma_B} D(P_{AB} \| \omega_A \otimes \sigma_B) \end{aligned}$$

where the optimisation is w.r.t $\omega_A \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_A)$, $\sigma_B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_B)$.

proof: see rough, page 1.

Claim 8 (Conditional Entropy & Relative Entropy).

For $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$

$$\begin{aligned} I(A|B)_\rho &= D(\rho_{AB} \| \mathbb{I}_A \otimes \rho_B) \\ &= \min_{\sigma_B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_B)} D(\rho_{AB} \| \mathbb{I}_A \otimes \sigma_B) \end{aligned}$$

proof: see rough, page 1

Claim 9 (Relative Entropy of Classical-Quantum States).

For $\rho_{XB} := \sum_x p_x(x) |x\rangle\langle x|_X \otimes \rho_B^x$ & $\sigma_{XB} := \sum_x p_x(x) |x\rangle\langle x|_X \otimes \sigma_B^x$

$$D(\rho_{XB} \| \sigma_{XB}) = \sum_x p_x(x) D(\rho_B^x \| \sigma_B^x)$$

proof: <skipped for now>.

§ 3 Quantum Entropy Inequalities

Remark: Monotonicity of quantum relative entropy entails many corollaries

Corollary 10 (Strong Subadditivity). $I(A'; B|C)_\rho \geq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow H(AC)_\rho + H(BC)_\rho \geq H(ABC)_\rho + H(C)_\rho$$

proof: For
$$\begin{aligned} I(A'; B|C)_\rho &= H(AC)_\rho + H(BC)_\rho - H(ABC)_\rho - H(C)_\rho \\ &= H(B|C) - H(B|AC)_\rho \end{aligned}$$

From claim 8, we have
$$\begin{aligned} -H(B|AC)_\rho &= D(\rho_{ABC} \| \mathbb{I}_B \otimes \rho_{AC}) \\ &\& H(B|C)_\rho = -D(\rho_{BC} \| \mathbb{I} \otimes \rho_C) \end{aligned}$$

Also we have
$$\begin{aligned} D(\rho_{ABC} \| \mathbb{I}_B \otimes \rho_{AC}) &\geq D(\text{tr}_A(\rho_{ABC}) \| \text{tr}_A(\mathbb{I}_B \otimes \rho_{AC})) \\ (\text{from thm 1}) &= D(\rho_{BC} \| \mathbb{I}_B \otimes \rho_C) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(B|C) \geq H(B|AC) \Rightarrow I(A'; B|C)_\rho \geq 0 \quad \square$$

Corollary 11 (Joint convexity of Quantum Relative Entropy).

For $\rho^x \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}), \sigma^x \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H})$, let $\rho := \sum_x p_x(x) \rho^x$
 $\sigma := \sum_x p_x(x) \sigma^x$ then

$$D(\rho \| \sigma) \leq \sum_x p_x(x) D(\rho^x \| \sigma^x).$$

proof. Use $\rho_{XB} := \sum_x p_x(x) |x\rangle\langle x|_X \otimes \rho_B^x$

$$\sigma_{XB} := \sum_x p_x(x) |x\rangle\langle x|_X \otimes \sigma_B^x$$

so that
$$\sum_x p_x(x) D(\rho_B^x \| \sigma_B^x) \stackrel{\text{claim 9}}{=} D(\rho_{XB} \| \sigma_{XB})$$

$$\stackrel{\text{thm 4}}{\geq} D(\rho_B \| \sigma_B). \quad \square$$

Corollary 12 (Unital Channels Increase Entropy).

For $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H})$ & $\mathcal{N}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, a unital channel,

$$H(\mathcal{N}(\rho)) \geq H(\rho)$$

proof.

$$H(\rho) = -D(\rho \| \mathbb{1})$$

$$H(\mathcal{N}(\rho)) = -D(\mathcal{N}(\rho) \| \mathbb{1})$$

$$= -D(\mathcal{N}(\rho) \| \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{1})) \quad \because \mathcal{N} \text{ is unital}$$

$$\geq -D(\rho \| \mathbb{1}) \quad \because \text{thm 4}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(\mathcal{N}(\rho)) \geq H(\rho) \quad \square$$

§ 3.1 Quantum Data Processing

Intuiⁿ: similar to the classical case, performing quantum data processing reduces quantum correlations (we'll show this)

Situation: Alice & Bob share a state ρ_{AB} . $I(A>B)$ is reduced if Bob applies some map to his part & the state is $\sigma_{AB'}$, say, thereafter. More precisely

$$I(A>B)_\rho \geq I(A>B')_\sigma$$

Thm 13 (Quantum Data Processing for Coherent Information).

For $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$, $\mathcal{N}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_B) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{B'})$

(some quantum channel), define $\sigma_{AB'} := \mathcal{N}_{B \rightarrow B'}(\rho_{AB})$.

Then

$$I(A>B)_\rho \geq I(A>B')_\sigma$$

proof. $I(A>B)_\rho \stackrel{\text{claim 8}}{=} D(\rho_{AB} \| \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \rho_B)$

$$I(A>B')_\sigma = D(\sigma_{AB} \| \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \sigma_{B'})$$

$$= D(\mathcal{N}_{B \rightarrow B'} \sigma_{AB} \| \mathcal{N}_{B \rightarrow B'} (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \rho_B))$$

thm 4

$$\Rightarrow I(A>B)_\rho \geq I(A>B')_\sigma$$

□

Thm 14 (Quantum Data Processing for Mutual Information).

For $\rho_{AB} \in D(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$, $\mathcal{N}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{A'})$ (quantum channel)

& $\mathcal{M}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_B) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{B'})$ (another quantum channel)

define $\sigma_{A'B'} := (\mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow A'} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{B \rightarrow B'}) \rho_{AB}$.

Then $I(A>B)_\rho \geq I(A'>B')_\sigma$

proof. use claim 7 & thm 4 as above.

□

§ 4 Continuity of Entropy

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Rough:

$$H(A)_p = -\text{tr}(\rho \log \rho)$$

$$I(A; B) = H(A) - H(A|B)$$

$$= H(A) + H(B) - H(A, B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \rho_B) &= \text{tr}(\rho_{AB} [\log(\rho_{AB}) - \log(\rho_A \otimes \rho_B)]) \\ &= \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \log(\rho_{AB})] - \\ &\quad \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \log(\rho_A) \otimes \mathbb{1}_B] - \\ &\quad \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \log(\rho_B)] \\ &= -[H(A, B) - H(A) - H(B)] \\ &= -H(A, B) + H(A) + H(B). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \sigma_B) &= \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} (\log(\rho_{AB}) - \log(\rho_A \otimes \sigma_B))] \\ &= \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \log(\rho_{AB})] - \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \log(\rho_A \otimes \sigma_B)] \\ &= -H(A, B) - \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \log(\rho_A)] - \text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \log(\sigma_B)] \\ &= -H(A, B) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{tr}[\rho_{AB} \mathbb{1} \otimes \log(\sigma_B)]$$

$$= -\text{tr}[\rho_B \log(\sigma_B)]$$

$$\stackrel{||}{=} H(B)$$

$$-\text{tr}[\rho_B \log \rho_B] \leq -\text{tr}(\rho_B \log \sigma_B)$$

$$\text{tr}[\rho_B \log \rho_B] \geq \text{tr}(\rho_B \log \sigma_B)$$

$$\text{tr}[\rho_B (\log \rho_B - \log \sigma_B)] \geq 0$$

$$\therefore D(\rho_B \| \sigma_B) \geq 0$$

$$I(A; B) = D(\rho_{AB} \| \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

$$= \min_{\sigma_B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_B)} D(\rho_{AB} \| \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \sigma_B)$$

$$\text{tr}(\rho_{AB} (\log \rho_{AB} - \log(\mathbb{1} \otimes \rho_B)))$$

$$\text{tr}(\rho_A) - H(A, B) + H(B)$$

$$= H(B|A)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{tr} \left[\rho_{XB} (\log \rho_{XB} - \log \sigma_{XB}) \right] \\
 = & \text{tr} \left[\sum_x \rho_X(x) |x\rangle \langle x|_X \otimes \rho_B \approx \log \sum_x \rho_X(x) \right] \quad \text{(skipped for now)}
 \end{aligned}$$