

The classical analogue of quantum mechanics

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Outline

The classical analogue of

1. Mixed states
2. Quantum entropy
3. Multipartite states
4. Bound entanglement and superactivation

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Our insights

- ▶ New bound entangled states with private key
- ▶ Implications for classical key distillation protocols

Motivation

The Horodecki *Magnum Opus* [HHHH09]

The classical key agreement scenario is an elder sibling of an entanglement-distillation-like scenario. [...] The analogy has been recently explored and proved to be fruitful for establishing new phenomena in classical cryptography, and new links between privacy and entanglement theory. The connections are quite beautiful, however, they still remain not fully understood.

Previous work

Classical information theory

Secret key from common randomness by public discussion [[Mau93](#), [AC93](#)]

Classical analog of entanglement [[CP02](#)]

Quantum	Classical
Quantum bits	Secret classical bits
Classical bits	Public classical bits
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 11\rangle$	$p_{00} = p_{11} = \frac{1}{2}$

Negative information

- ▶ Conditional quantum entropy can be negative [[HOW05](#)]
- ▶ This has a classical analogue [[OSW05](#)]

Distributions vs. quantum states

State space

Classical	Quantum
$P_A \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$	$ \psi\rangle_A \in \mathbb{C}^n$
$\sum_a p(a) = 1$	$\sum_a \langle a \psi\rangle_A ^2 = 1$

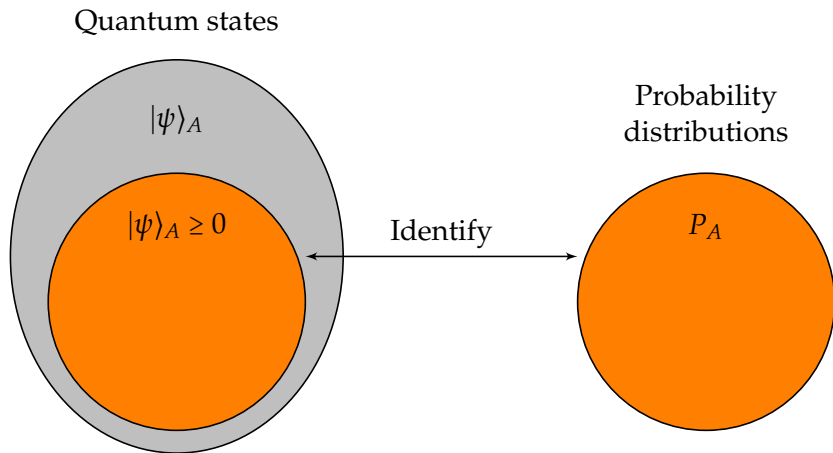
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$$\begin{aligned} p(a) &= |\langle a|\psi\rangle_A|^2 & (P_A &= |\psi\rangle_A^2) \\ |\psi\rangle_A &= \sum_a \sqrt{p(a)} |a\rangle_A & (|\psi\rangle_A &= \sqrt{P_A}) \end{aligned}$$

“Classical” quantum states

If $|\psi\rangle_A \geq 0$ then we identify $|\psi\rangle_A$ and P_A (they are different descriptions of the same object)

The basic quantum-classical correspondence



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2. Similarly, in classical theory, we never talk or think of a probability distribution on a given state space. Instead, we always explicitly include an extra eavesdropper system and describe the joint distribution on both systems.

Talking of probability distributions without referring to the extra eavesdropper system makes no sense!

States on a single system



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(and environment!)

$$|\psi\rangle_A \mapsto |\psi\rangle_A|0\rangle_E$$

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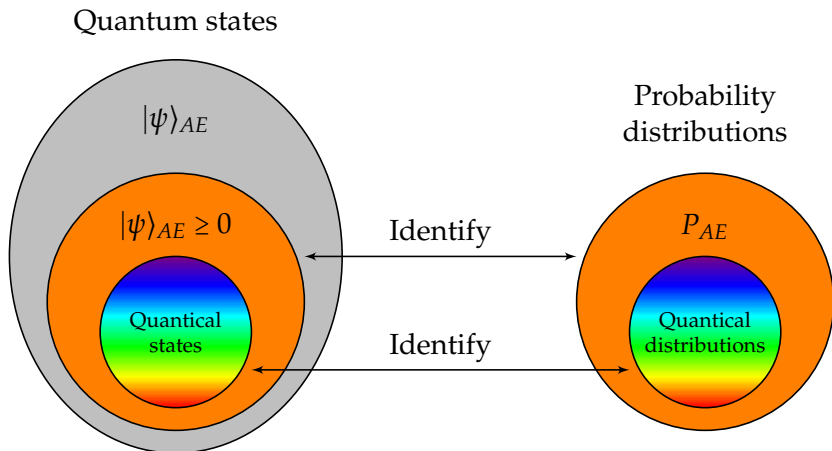
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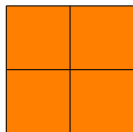
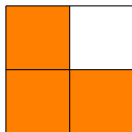
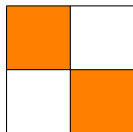
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Computing entropy from purification

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- ▶ The *quantical entropy* of P_{AE} is

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Gotcha!

Multipartite states

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Unambiguous tripartite distributions

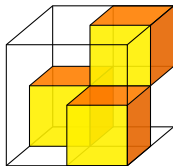
Olive property

P_{ABE} is *unambiguous* if any single party's state can be unambiguously determined by the rest of the parties

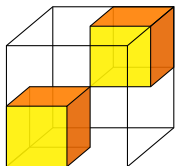
$$\forall b, e : |\{a : p(a, b, e) \neq 0\}| \leq 1$$

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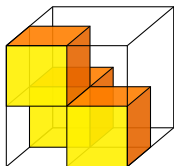
Genuine tripartite entanglement



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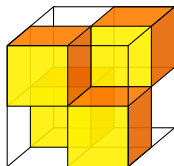


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Three qubits can be entangled only in two ways [DVC00]
because $|GHZ\rangle$ and $|Odd\rangle$ are equivalent via $H^{\otimes 3}$

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- ▶ Sometimes key can be extracted even when no EPR pairs can be distilled [HHHO05, HPHH08]

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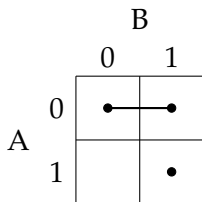
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$$K(P_{ABE}) = \max_{A \rightarrow X \rightarrow M} [I(X; B|M) - I(X; E|M)]$$
$$\geq \max_{A \rightarrow X} [I(X; B) - I(X; E)]$$

Recipe

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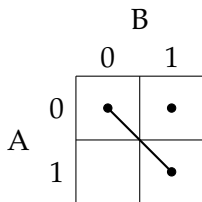


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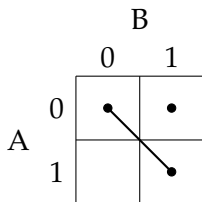


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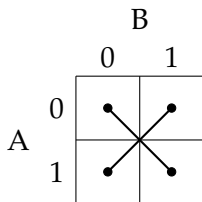
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PT-invariant

- ▶ Union of crosses
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$$\begin{aligned} & (a|00\rangle_{AB} + b|11\rangle_{AB})|x\rangle_E \\ & + (c|01\rangle_{AB} + d|10\rangle_{AB})|y\rangle_E \end{aligned}$$

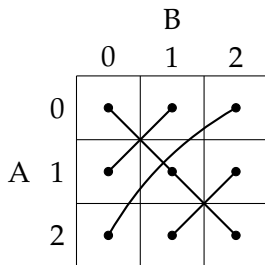
Unambiguous

- ▶ Union of disjoint cliques
- ▶ No repeated rows or columns within a clique

PT-invariant

- ▶ Union of crosses
- ▶ Each cross has zero determinant

Example in 3×3

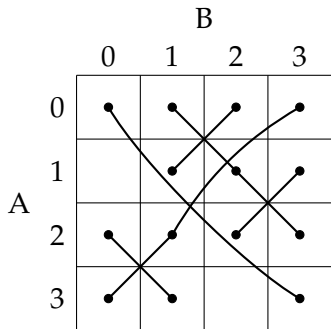


$$K(P_{ABE}) \geq 0.0057852$$

$$P_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.167184 & 0.171529 & 0.001243 \\ 0.089041 & 0.091355 & 0.017492 \\ 0.441714 & 0.017157 & 0.003285 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q_{X|A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.670965 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.329035 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example in 4×4

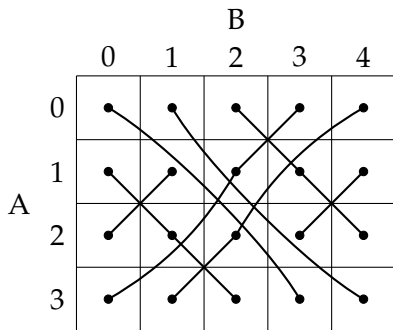


$$K(P_{ABE}) \geq 0.0293914$$

$$K(P_{ABE}) \geq 0.0213399$$

in [HPHH08]

Example in 4×5



$$K(P_{ABE}) \geq 0.0480494$$

Superactivation

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- ▶ Let \mathcal{N} have bound entangled Choi matrix with private key
- ▶ Let \mathcal{E} be the 50% erasure channel
- ▶ $Q(\mathcal{N}) = Q(\mathcal{E}) = 0$
- ▶ $Q(\mathcal{N} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \geq \frac{1}{2}P(\mathcal{N})$
- ▶ This holds also for the quantical capacities!

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This work: *To fully understand something quantum, one has to at least understand its quantical equivalent*

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Capacities

Quantum capacity

$$Q(\mathcal{N}) \geq \max_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'}} \frac{1}{2} [I(A;B) - I(A;E)]_{|\phi\rangle_{ABE}}$$

where $\mathcal{N}^{A' \rightarrow BE}$ and $|\phi\rangle_{ABE} = U_{\mathcal{N}}|\psi\rangle_{AA'}$

Private capacity

$$P(\mathcal{N}) \geq \max_{\rho_{XA'}} [I(X;B) - I(X;E)]_{\sigma_{XBE}}$$

where $\rho_{XA'} = \sum_x p_x |x\rangle\langle x|_X \otimes \rho_x^{A'}$ and $\sigma_{XBE} = U_{\mathcal{N}}\rho_{XA'}U_{\mathcal{N}}^\dagger$