Certification of many-body quantum states

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Assuming perfect knowledge of the devices in the experiment may be questionable, in view of the high complexity of experimental setups.





In which Hilbert space does this setup live?!



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Goal: to extract information about the system **only** from the measurement statistics and without making any modeling or a priori assumption on the devices, which are seen as black boxes.

Entanglement detection

An *N*-particle quantum state is entangled if:

$$\rho \neq \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i \rho_i^{(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_i^{(N)}$$

States that can be written in this form are separable, or non-entangled. They can be prepared using only local quantum operations and classical communication.





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One can now measure an entanglement witness, e.g.: $\langle \sigma_X \otimes \sigma_X \rangle + \langle \sigma_Z \otimes \sigma_Z \rangle \le 1$

One can perform full tomography, reconstruct the quantum state and apply an entanglement criterion, such as partial transposition.

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Now, no assumption is made on the applied measurements.

Bell inequalities are the only device-independent entanglement witnesses.

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One needs to efficiently extract relevant information from restricted data.



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If $d_o < d_i^2$ the map contracts the space. If we apply the map to the initial state, say on the last two particles, one gets:

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Remark: an entanglement witness is an example of these maps where the final state is a scalar.

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Tensor networks

Tensor network notation: a tensor made of the contraction of different tensors. The open indices in the network are the indices of the resulting tensor, while the connected, also known as bond, indices are contracted.



- (a) $|v\rangle = \sum_i v_i |i\rangle$
- (b) $M = \sum_{ij} M_{ij} |j\rangle \langle i|$
- (c) $A = \sum_{ijk} A_{ijk} |j\rangle |k\rangle \langle i|$

(d) Matrix multiplication: R = NM

(e) General tensor network

Tensor networks

Usually employed to represent quantum states in a many-body context, but they can apply to any object consisting of indices, for example correlations.



Known forms: MPS and MERA



 $P(a_1 \dots a_N | x_1 \dots x_N)$



The object to be detected is coarse grained until a standard criterion, say a witness, is applied to it. This witness can usually also be seen as the last step of the connector network.
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Detecting if a point is local can be solved by linear programming:

$$\exists p_i \geq 0$$
 such that $P(a_1 \dots a_N | x_1 \dots x_N) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i P_{L,i}^{\text{ext}}$

The number of extreme points is $n = r^{mN}$. Already in the simplest scenario, r = m = 2, the linear program becomes prohibitive for $N \gtrsim 10$.

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 A family of n Bell inequalities can be used to define a connector, where the resulting conditional probability distribution has n inputs and two outputs, where P(a = 0|x) = β_x.



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Examples:

- We apply the considerations to six-qubit PPT states constructed from UPB bases and detect them.
- We also consider mixed states of 60 qubits with efficient MPDO decomposition.



Entanglement marginal problems

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- overlap, in which case they satisfy the compatibility conditions:

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If the entanglement marginal problem has a solution, then:

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Doherty-Parrilo-Spedalieri

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We denote each condition by \mathbb{H}^{L} . All together they define a hierarchy \mathbb{H} . If a test in the hierarchy is not satisfied, the reduced states must come from an entangled state.

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The hierarchy \mathbb{H} tends to the set of separable states with compatible measures.

The hierarchy is complete for the problem if, and only if the classical marginal problem is trivial, that is, it follows from local compatibility.

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The hierarchy is complete because the classical problem has a trivial solution:

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For the chain, the corresponding set of states is given by the set of separable states satisfying $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21}$.

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