Any time inhomogeneous quantum memoryless process "converges"

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Positive and Completely Positive

Positive
$$T(\rho) \ge 0$$
, $\rho \ge 0$
Trace Preserving $tr T(\rho) = tr \rho$

Send density operators
To density operators

Completely positive
$$T \otimes 1(\rho) \ge 0$$
, $T(\rho) = \operatorname{tr}_{H_0} U(\rho \otimes \rho_0) U^*$
Trace Preserving $\operatorname{tr} T(\rho) = \operatorname{tr}_{\rho} U(\rho \otimes \rho_0) U^*$

Memoryless Process and CPTP maps

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$$\Gamma_{\rm t}$$
 is CPTP \Leftrightarrow $\Gamma_{\rm t}(\rho) = {\rm tr}_{H_0} U(\rho \otimes \sigma_t) U^*$ U : unitary

The process is memoryless, in the sense that σ_t has to be refreshed for each time

Quantum analogue of Markov chain

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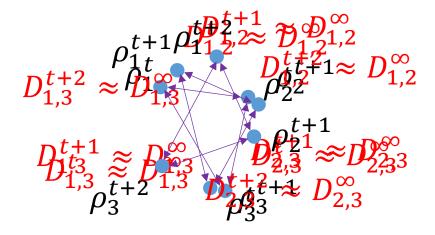
However ···

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"good"
$$\Leftrightarrow D(\rho_1, \rho_2) \ge D(\Gamma(\rho_1), \Gamma(\rho_2))$$
 , $\forall \Gamma : \mathsf{CPTP}$

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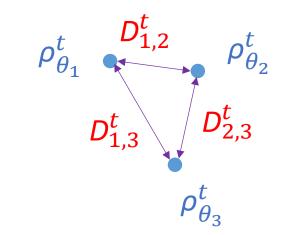
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$$\rho_1^t \rightarrow \rho_1^* \mod \text{unitary ??}$$

Formulation (I)

 $E \coloneqq \{\rho_{\theta}; \theta \in \Theta\}$: set of possible initial states (may be all sates over Hilbert space H)

- 1. Consider convergence of the collection of states rather than convergence of each state
- 2. Want to view $\{\rho_{\theta}; \theta \in \Theta\} \sim \{U\rho_{\theta}U^*; \theta \in \Theta\}$



Formulation (II): equivalence relation

$$E \coloneqq \{\rho_{\theta}; \theta \in \Theta\} \quad F \coloneqq \{\sigma_{\theta}; \theta \in \Theta\}$$

$$E \sim F \Leftrightarrow E \geq F, E \leq F$$

Def (Ver.1)

$$E \ge F \Leftrightarrow D(\rho_{\theta_1}, \rho_{\theta_2}, \cdots, \rho_{\theta_k}) \ge D(\sigma_{\theta_1}, \sigma_{\theta_2}, \cdots, \sigma_{\theta_k})$$

D : Monotone non-increasing by CPTP maps e.g. Holevo's capacity $\inf_{\rho_*} \sup_{\theta} D(\rho_{\theta}, \rho_*)$

[E] embodies all the information quantities defined on E

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Def (Ver.2)

$$E \ge F \iff \sigma_{\theta} = \Gamma(\rho_{\theta}), \exists \Gamma: CPTP$$

E ~ *F* iff *E* can be mapped to *F* reversibly

e.g.
$$\sigma_{\theta} = U \rho_{\theta} U^*$$

(If E= all the states, reversible \Leftrightarrow unitary)

 $[E] := \{E'; E' \sim E\}$ correction of E' equivalent to E

Formulation (IV)

Th (quantum randomization criterion, [M 2010])

Def ver. 1 \Leftrightarrow Def ver. 2

 $D(\rho_1, \rho_2, ..., \rho_d)$ can be thought as average gain of certain operational task

 $E \ge F$ means E is more informative than F

$$E_1 \ge E_2 \ge \cdots \ge E_t \ge \cdots$$
 monotone decreasing sequence

$$E_t \coloneqq \{\rho_\theta^t; \theta \in \Theta\}$$

Formulation (V)

To define limit, define distance btw [E] and [F]

$$\delta([E], [F]) := \inf_{\Gamma: \text{CPTP } \theta \in \Theta} \|\Gamma(\rho_{\theta}) - \sigma_{\theta}\|_{1}$$

But
$$\delta([E], [F]) \neq \delta([F], [E])$$
,

$$\Delta([E], [F]) := \max\{\delta([E], [F]), \delta([F], [E])\}$$

Δ is distance:

$$\Delta([E], [F]) = 0 \Leftrightarrow [E] = [F]$$

$$\Delta([E], [E']) + \Delta([E'], [E'']) \ge \Delta([E], [E''])$$

Background: comparison of statistical experiments

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Background: comparison of statistical experiments

Statistical experiments $E = \{p_{\theta}\}$

= parametrized family of probability distributions

Statistical Inference (test, estimation, etc)

= data processing to obtain information about ϑ

Compare "information" contained in $E = \{p_{\theta}\}$ and $F = \{q_{\theta}\}$

Applications:

- 1. Experimental design
- 2. Approximation of probability distribution family ex. Approximation of $E^n = \{p_{\theta}^n\}$ by Gaussian shift family

Assertion

Th

If dim
$$H < \infty$$
, $\exists E_{\infty} = \{ \rho_{\theta}^{\infty}; \theta \in \Theta \}$
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \Delta([E_t], [E_{\infty}]) = 0$$

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If dim
$$H < \infty$$
, $\Gamma_t = \Gamma$,
$$\Gamma(E_{\infty}) \sim E_{\infty}$$

$$\Gamma(E_{\infty}) = \{\Gamma(\rho_{\theta}^{\infty}); \theta \in \Theta\}$$
 is a fixed point

Strongly and Weakly Ergodic

Def

The process $\{\Gamma_t\}$ is strongly ergodic iff

$$\forall \rho \ \lim_{t \to \infty} \left\| \Gamma_t \circ \dots \circ \Gamma_2 \circ \Gamma_1(\rho) - \rho_* \right\|_1 = 0$$

weakly ergodic iff

$$\limsup_{t\to\infty} \|\Gamma_t\circ\cdots\circ\Gamma_2\circ\Gamma_1(\rho)-\Gamma_t\circ\cdots\circ\Gamma_2\circ\Gamma_1(\rho')\|_1=0$$





Fact

The process $\{\Gamma_t\}$ is weakly ergodic iff

$$E_{\infty} = \{ \rho_{\theta}^{\infty} = \rho_*; \ \theta \in \Theta \}$$
 (ρ_{θ}^{∞} is independent of θ)

Sketch of the Proof

eigenvalue analysis does NOT work, for Γ₊ depends on t

Suffices to show the assertion for $|\Theta| = (\dim H)^2 (< \infty)$

choose
$$\rho_{\theta_1}$$
, ρ_{θ_2} , \cdots , $\rho_{\theta_{(\dim H)^2}}$ spanning the state space

 $\{[E]; E \text{ is a family over } \Theta\}$ is compact

 $\{[E_t]: t \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has accumulation point $[E_\infty]$

Show
$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \Delta([E_t], [E_\infty]) = 0$$
 using properties of Δ , $E_1 \ge E_2 \ge \cdots \ge E_t \ge \cdots$

Representation of [E]: classical case

Motivation: equivalence class is too abstract

For simplicity, let
$$\Theta = \{0,1\}$$
 $E = \{p_0, p_1\}$ $F = \{q_0, q_1\}$

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Relative Information Spectrum

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
 Distribution of $\ln\left(\frac{p_0}{p_1}\right)$ when $x \sim p_0(x)$

- 1. expectation is relative entropy, contains more info.
- 2. Essential in information theory of non-stationary process
- 3. Characteristic function (Hellinger transform)

$$\phi_E(\alpha) = E_{p_0} \left[\exp \left\{ \alpha \ln \left(\frac{p_0}{p_1} \right) \right\} \right] = \int p_0^{1-\alpha}(x) p_1^{\alpha}(x) \ dx$$

Fact

$$E \sim F \iff \phi_E(\alpha) = \phi_F(\alpha), \forall \alpha, 0 \le \alpha \le 1$$

On mathematics ···

- Proof heavily relies on dim H<∞
- In classical case, can remove this condition, though the statement becomes a bit weaker.

(convergence w.r.t. "weak topology")

Uses representation of [E]

In quantum case, can we?

No good representation of [E] so far

Discussion

Assertion

$$\dim H < \infty$$
, $E_t := \{\rho_\theta^t; \theta \in \Theta\}$

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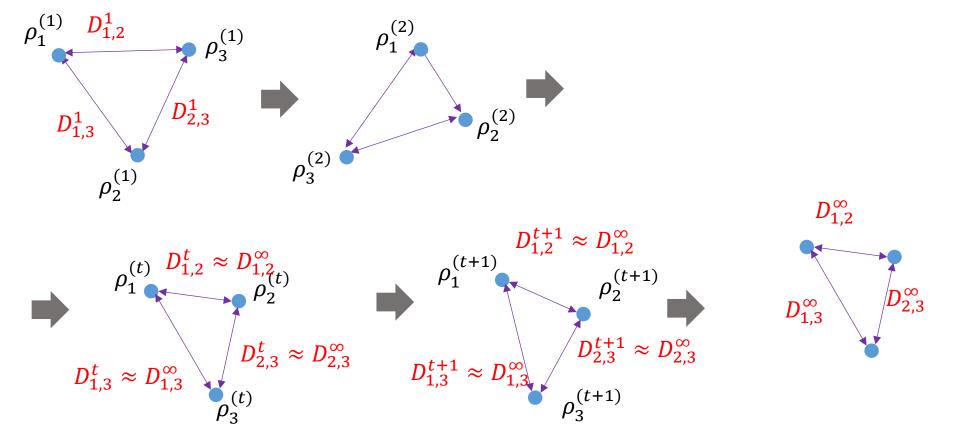
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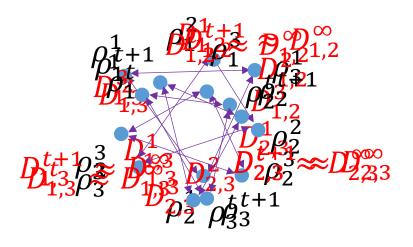


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