

Measures of quantum entanglement

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Tensors from the physics viewpoint
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Notations and facts I

A pure state in QI correspond to a vector of unit length in \mathcal{H} : $\mathbf{x} = |x\rangle$

a Hilbert space over \mathbb{C} inner product $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{y}^* \mathbf{x} = \langle y|x \rangle$, norm $\|\mathbf{x}\|$

To a system consisting of d -parts correspond d -tensor product

$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_d$, for simplicity $\mathcal{H}_i = \mathbb{C}^{n_i}$

$\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{H}$ is unentangled if it is a product state

$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{v}_d = |v_1\rangle \cdots |v_d\rangle = |i_1 \cdots i_d\rangle$

Notations and facts II

$$[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}, \mathbf{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d, [\mathbf{n}] = [n_1] \times \dots \times [n_d]$$

$$\mathbb{F} \text{ a field, in QI } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}, \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbb{F}^{n_j} = \mathbb{F}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d} = \mathbb{F}^{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$d\text{-mode tensor } \mathcal{T} = [t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}] \in \mathbb{F}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}, i_j \in [n_j], j \in [d]$$

$$d = 1 \text{ vector: } \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T; d = 2 \text{ matrix } A = [a_{ij}], d \geq 3 \text{ tensor}$$

$$\text{rank one tensor } \mathcal{T} = [x_{i_1,1} x_{i_2,2} \dots x_{i_d,d}] = \mathbf{x}_1 \otimes \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \otimes \mathbf{x}_d = \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j \neq 0$$

$$\text{IP: } \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S} \rangle = \sum_{i_j \in [n_j], j \in [d]} \overline{t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}} s_{i_1, \dots, i_d}, \quad \|\mathcal{T}\|_{HS} := \sqrt{\langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T} \rangle}$$

$$\text{Contraction: } \mathcal{T} \times (\otimes_{j=2}^d \mathbf{x}_j) = \sum_{i_j \in [n_j], j \in \{2, \dots, d\}} t_{i_1, \dots, i_d} x_{i_j, j} \in \mathbb{F}^{n_1}$$

$$\mathcal{T} \times (\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j) = \sum_{i_j \in [n_j], j \in \{1, \dots, d\}} t_{i_1, \dots, i_d} x_{i_j, j} \in \mathbb{F}$$

$$S(n, \mathbb{F}) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n, \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1\} - \text{unit sphere in } \mathbb{F}^n, (\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R})$$

Notations and facts III

rank of tensor: rank \mathcal{T} - minimal decomposition $\mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i}$

The computation of rank \mathcal{T} NP-complete over finite fields

NP-hard over \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} for $d \geq 3$ - Håstad 1990

Short explanation why: let $\mathcal{T} = [t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}] \in \mathbb{F}^n$

Denote $\mathcal{T}_k = [t_{i_1, \dots, i_{d-1}, k}] \in \otimes_{j=1}^{d-1} \mathbb{F}^{n_j}, k \in [n_d]$

rank \mathcal{T} - minimal number of rank-one tensors spanning

$\text{span}(\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_{n_d}) \subset \otimes_{j=1}^{d-1} \mathbb{F}^{n_j}$

Notations and facts IV

unfolding tensor in mode: 1 $T_1(\mathcal{T}) \in \mathbb{F}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{F}^{n_2 \times \dots \times n_d}$

equivalent to view \mathcal{T} as bipartite state $\{i\} \cup \{[d] \setminus \{i\}\}$.

unfolded rank: $\text{rank}_i \mathcal{T} = \text{rank } T_i(\mathcal{T})$

$\max\{\text{rank}_i \mathcal{T}, i \in [d]\} \leq \text{rank } \mathcal{T}$

By choosing a basis in \mathbb{F}^{n_i} containing column space of $T_i(\mathcal{T})$

we can assume $n_i = \text{rank}_i \mathcal{T}$ for $i \in [d]$

Tensors and Quanta

State $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$ (normalized, nonnormalized: $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$)

$\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ d -partite state, shared by d parties

$\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ bipartite state, shared by Alice and Bob

\mathcal{T} unentangled if $\text{rank } \mathcal{T} = 1$, otherwise \mathcal{T} entangled

$\text{rank } \mathcal{T}$ measurement of entanglement

$\text{rank } \mathcal{T} = 1 \iff \text{rank}_i(\mathcal{T}) = 1$ for $i \in [d]$

Entanglement easy to detect

Geometric measure of entanglement

$\mathbf{P}(n) = \{\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbb{F}^n, \|\mathbf{x}_j\| = 1\}$ unentangled states

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{spec}} = \max\{|\langle \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j, \mathcal{T} \rangle|, \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbf{P}(n)\} = \max\{\Re \langle \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j, \mathcal{T} \rangle\}$$

$$\text{gme}(\mathcal{T}) = \min\{\|\mathcal{T} - \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j\|, \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbf{P}(n)\} = \sqrt{2(1 - \|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{spec}})}$$

Maximally entangled state \mathcal{T} : $\|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{spec}}$ - minimal

$T \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$, $\|T\|_{\text{spec}} = \sigma_1(A)$ - maximum singular value, spectral norm

$$\|T\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_i^2(A) \Rightarrow \|T\|_{\text{spec}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\min(m,n)}}$$

Equality holds for Bell state: $T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The matrix case

$$T \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \|T\| = 1 \Rightarrow \text{rank } T \in [\min(m, n)]$$

$\text{rank } T = 1$ iff T unentangled,

maximally entangled $\text{rank } T = \min(m, n)$, and

$$\sigma_i(T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\min(m, n)}} \text{ for } i \in [\min(m, n)].$$

Computation of tensor rank I

$$\mathcal{T} \in \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbb{C}^{n_j}, \quad 3 \leq d, \quad 2 \leq n_1 \leq \dots \leq n_d$$

Claim: $\text{rank } \mathcal{T} > r$ iff the system of polynomial equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i} - \mathcal{T} = 0 \text{ is unsolvable}$$

Hilbert nullstellensatz: the system of polynomial equations

$$f_l(\mathbf{z}) = 0, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^M, l \in [s] \text{ is not solvable iff (1) } \sum_{l=1}^s a_l(\mathbf{z}) f_l(\mathbf{z}) = 1$$

Efficient HN: Let $\deg f_1 \geq \dots \geq \deg f_s$. If (1) solvable over $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{z}]$ then

$$(1) \text{ is solvable with (2) } \deg a_i f_i \leq 2 \deg f_s \prod_{i=1}^{\min(M,s)-1} \deg f_i \text{ for } i \in [s]$$

If $\deg f_s \geq 3$ one can drop factor 2 in (2)

Computation of tensor rank II

$$\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{x}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{d,r}), M = M(r, \mathbf{n}) = r \sum_{j=1}^d n_j, \mathbf{s} = N(\mathbf{n}) = \prod_{j=1}^d n_j$$

Write $a_l(\mathbf{z})$ as a polynomial with unknown coefficients

(1) is system of linear equations with less $eN(\mathbf{n})d^{(M(r,\mathbf{n})-1)M(r,\mathbf{n})}$

variables, and $ed^{(M(r,\mathbf{n})-1)M(r,\mathbf{n})}$ equations

Gauss elimination complexity is $O(d^{3M(r,\mathbf{n})(M(r,\mathbf{n})-1)})$

Computation of tensor rank III

Algorithm for finding rank \mathcal{T} :

Set $r = 1$, check if $\text{rank}_i \mathcal{T} = 1$ for $i \in [d]$

if yes rank $\mathcal{T} = 1$, finish

set $r = r + 1$, check if (1) solvable

if solvable, set $r = r + 1$,

if not rank $\mathcal{T} = r$, finish

First identifiability result: Kruskal's theorem

$K(S)$ -Kruskal rank of a finite set $S \subset \mathbb{F}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is the maximum $\ell (\leq |S|)$:

every ℓ vectors in S are linearly independent

$$(1) \mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i} \in \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbb{F}^{n_j}, d \geq 3, S_j = \{\mathbf{x}_{j,1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{j,r}\}, j \in [d]$$

Kruskal's thm: If $2r + d - 1 \leq \sum_{j=1}^d K(S_j) \Rightarrow$

(1) unique rank decomposition (up to permuting the rank-one factors)

Kruskal 1976 $d = 3$ and $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$

Sidoropoulos-Bro 2000 $d \geq 4$ and $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$

Rhodes 2010 $d = 3$ and \mathbb{F} any field $\Rightarrow d \geq 3$

More: Domanov-De Lathauwer, Chiantini-Ottaviani-Vannieuwenhoven

d -rank tensors and border rank

$V(r, \mathbf{n}) = \{\mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i} \in \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbb{C}^{n_j}\}$ -constructible set

(quasi-affine variety): a boolean combination of affine varieties.

$r_{\max}(d, \mathbf{n})$ -the smallest $r > 1$ s.t. $V(r-1, \mathbf{n}) \subset V(r, \mathbf{n})$

Tensors of rank- r - $R(r, \mathbf{n}) = V(r, \mathbf{n}) \setminus V(r-1, \mathbf{n})$ is constructible

$V(1, \mathbf{n})$ an irreducible variety - Segre variety

$V(2, \mathbf{n})$ is not a closed set for $d \geq 3, \min\{n_j, j \in [d]\} \geq 2$:

$$\mathcal{W}_d = \mathbf{x} \otimes^{d-1} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{x} \otimes^{d-2} \mathbf{y} + \dots + \otimes^{d-2} \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y} + \otimes^{d-1} \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{x}$$

$\text{rank } \mathcal{W}_d = d$ for $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ linearly independent,

$$\mathcal{W}_d = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1} ((\mathbf{y} + t\mathbf{x})^{\otimes d} - \mathbf{y}^{\otimes d}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{W}_d \in \text{Closure}(V(2, \mathbf{n}))$$

border rank-brank \mathcal{T} -the minimum r s.t. \mathcal{T} is limit of tensors of rank- r

Bini-Lotti-Romani 1980

Generic rank and subgeneric rank conjecture

generic rank - $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n})$ - the smallest $r > 1$ s.t. Closure $V(r, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{n}}$

generic rank $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n})$ - rank of a randomly chosen state in $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{n}}$

subgeneric rank $r < \text{grank}(\mathbf{n})$

Conjecture: $\mathcal{T} \in V(r, \mathbf{n})$, $r < \text{grank}(\mathbf{n})$ in critical range and

in general position is in $R(r, \mathbf{n})$, and has unique rank decomposition

partial results Chiantini-Ottaviani-Vannieuwenhoven 2014, 2017

Kruskal's theorem: If $2r + d - 1 \leq \sum_{j=1}^d \min(n_j, r)$ every tensor

$\mathcal{T} \in V(r, d)$ s.t. each $\{\mathbf{x}_{j,1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{j,r}\}$ in general linear position

is in $R(r, \mathbf{n})$ and has unique rank decomposition

Computation of generic rank

Assume $2 \leq n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_d$ (**Recall that** $\text{rank } \mathcal{T} \leq \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} n_j$)

Dimension count: $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n}) \geq \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n}) := \lceil \frac{\prod_{j=1}^d n_j}{(\sum_{j=1}^d n_j) - d + 1} \rceil$

(**Number of parameters in** $\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j$ **is** $(\sum_{j=1}^d n_j) - d + 1$)

Terracini's lemma: $\mathbf{F}_r : (\mathbb{F}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{F}^{n_d})^r \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$

$$\mathbf{F}_r = \sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i}$$

$\text{grank}(\mathbf{n})$ **minimum** r **s. t.** $\text{rank } D(\mathbf{F}_r) = N(\mathbf{n})$ **at a generic point**

For $1 + \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} (n_j - 1) \leq n_d \leq \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} n_j$ **we have** $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n}) = n_d$

Critical range: $2 \leq n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_d \leq \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} (n_j - 1)$

Table of generic ranks: $\mathbf{n} = n^{\times d} := (n, \dots, n) \in \mathbb{N}^d$

$d \setminus n$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	^{1,6} 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	^{6,7,8} 2	^{7,8,5} 7,8,7	^{1,7,8} 10	^{7,8} 14 ^{7,8} 19	^{1,7,8} 24	⁷ 30		
4	^{1,6,8} 4	⁸ 9 ^{1,8} 20	⁸ 37	⁸ 62 ⁸ 97	142	199		
5	^{1,6} 6	23 ^{1,6} 64	149	¹ 300 543				
6	^{1,6} 10	¹ 57 ¹ 216	^{1,6} 625	¹ 1506				
7	^{1,6} 16	146 745			¹ 6 ⁵		¹ 41944	
8	⁶ 29	386				^{1,6,7} 6		
9	^{1,6} 52	1036					^{1,6,8} 7	
10	^{1,6} 94				¹ 1185612			^{1,6,9} 8
11	⁶ 171			¹ 1085070				
12	^{1,6} 316	¹ 21258						
13	^{1,6} 586	^{1,6,3} 10		¹ 23032135				
14	⁶ 1093				¹ 1103720622			
15	⁶ 2048							
16	^{1,6} 3856			¹ 2347506010	^{1,2} 16 ³ 12		¹ 2490928997440	¹ 689655 (0.1)

Combinatorial upper bound on generic ranks

Conjecture: In critical range $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n}) = \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n})$

with exceptional cases $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n}) = \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n}) + 1$

Not known for most (n_1, n_2, n_3) , but known for some $n^{\times d}$: all $2^{\times d}$

Let $\text{dist}(\cdot, \cdot)$ be Hamming metric on $[\mathbf{n}] = [n_1] \times \cdots \times [n_d]$

$\mathcal{A} \subset [\mathbf{n}]$ dominating: $\text{dist}(c, \mathcal{A}) \leq 1$ for all $c \in [\mathbf{n}]$: $|\mathcal{A}| \geq \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n})$

$\mathcal{B} \subset [\mathbf{n}]$ 3-separated: $\text{dist}(c, d) \geq 3, c \neq d \in \mathcal{B}$: $|\mathcal{B}| \leq \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n})$

$\gamma(\mathbf{n}) \geq \kappa(\mathbf{n})$ min and max of dominating and 3-separated sets, respec.

Catalisano-Geramita-Gimigliano 2002: $\gamma(\mathbf{n}) \geq \text{grank}(\mathbf{n})$

Proof: column space of $D(\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_{i_j})$ spanned by

$$\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_{k_j} - \text{dist}((k_1, \dots, k_d), (i_1, \dots, i_d)) \leq 1$$

Combinatorial upper bound on generic ranks II

1-perfect code $\mathcal{C} \subset [\mathbf{n}]$: dominating and 3-separated ($|\mathcal{C}| = \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n})$)

If $[\mathbf{n}]$ has 1-perfect code then $\text{grank}(\mathbf{n}) = \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n})$

perfect codes exist for $n_1 = \dots = n_d = n = q^l$, $d = \frac{n^{a+1}-1}{n-1}$ q prime

$G = ([\mathbf{n}], E(\mathbf{n}))$, $\{a, b\} \in E(\mathbf{n}) \iff \text{dist}(a, b) = 1$

G - $M(\mathbf{n}) = \sum_{j=1}^d (n_j - 1)$ -regular, $||[\mathbf{n}]|| = N(\mathbf{n}) = \prod_{j=1}^d n_j$

Greedy algorithm: $\gamma(\mathbf{n}) \leq \text{grank}_0(\mathbf{n}) O(\log M(\mathbf{n}))$

$\gamma(n^{\times d}) \leq \lceil \frac{n^d}{d(n-1)+1} \rceil O(d \log n)$

Can this upper bound improved for this special graph?

Upper bound on maximum rank

Blekherman-Teitler 2015: $r_{\max}(\mathbf{n}) \leq 2 \operatorname{grank}(\mathbf{n})$

by showing that any tensor is a sum of two generic tensors

Know results

p	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$r_{\max}(3, 3, p)$	3	4	5	6	{6, 7}	7	8	8	9

p	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$\operatorname{grank}(3, 3, p)$	3	3	5	5	5	6	7	8	9

Rank of $2 \times p \times q$ tensors for $2 \leq p \leq q$

3-tensor $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p \times q}$ can be viewed as an album of

n photos $T_1, \dots, T_n \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times q}$,

change of basis in $\mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{C}^p, \mathbb{C}^q$ corresponds

$A \times B \times C \in \mathbf{GL}(\mathbb{C}^n) \times \mathbf{GL}(\mathbb{C}^p) \times \mathbf{GL}(\mathbb{C}^q)$: $(I, B, C)(T_i) = BT_iC^\top$

action of $A = [a_{ij}]$ corresponds to $T'_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}T_j$

Kronecker 1890 gave a canonical form of $B(T_1, T_2)C^\top$

Jájá 1979 determined the rank of \mathcal{T} using Kronecker's form

$\text{grank}(2, p, q) = \min(q, 2p)$ for $2 \leq p \leq q$

noncritical range: $p = 1 + (2 - 1)(p - 1) \leq q$

$r_{\max}(2, p, q) = p + \lfloor \min(q, 2p)/2 \rfloor$ Atkinson-Stephens 1979

Kruskal's theorem applies for $r \leq \lfloor (p + q)/2 \rfloor$

Strassen's direct sum conjecture

Assume $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{m}}$, $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{n}}$, $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_d)$, $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_d)$

View $\mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{T}$ as a tensor in $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{m}+\mathbf{n}}$

Clearly $\text{rank}(\mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{T}) \leq \text{rank} \mathcal{S} + \text{rank} \mathcal{T}$

For matrices ($d = 2$) equality holds

Strassen 1973 conjectured equality, Shitov disproved 2017 for $d = 3$

JáJá-Takche 1986 proved Strassen conjecture for $d = 3$ and

either $2 \in \{m_1, m_2, m_3, n_1, n_2, n_3\}$

or $2 \in \{m_i m_j - m_k, n_i n_j - m_k\}$ for some i, j, k s.t. $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

Buczyński-Postinghel-Rupniewski 2020 proved extra cases for $d = 3$

$\text{rank} \oplus^k \mathcal{T} = k \text{rank} \mathcal{T}$ if $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{(n_1, n_2, n_3)}$ satisfies J-T or B-P-R conditions

Kronecker tensor product

$\mathbf{U} := \otimes_K^{i \in [l]} \mathbf{V}_i$ viewing \mathbf{U} as a vector space of dimension $\prod_{i=1}^l \dim \mathbf{V}_i$

Kronecker product of two matrices $A \otimes_K B = [a_{ij}] \otimes_K B = [a_{ij} B]$,

$A \in \mathbb{C}^{m_1 \times n_1}$, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{m_2 \times n_2}$, acts on $\mathbb{C}^{n_1} \otimes_K \mathbb{C}^{n_2} \cong \mathbb{C}^{n_1 n_2}$

$\otimes_K^{i \in [l]} (\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{V}_{j,i}) := \otimes_{j=1}^d (\otimes_K^{i \in [l]} \mathbf{V}_{j,i})$ is d -tensor space

Example $d = 3$ and $l = 2$:

Alice, Bob and Charlie $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ each have two particles $i \in \{1, 2\}$

$\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{V}_{1,1} \otimes_K \mathbf{V}_{1,2}) \otimes (\mathbf{V}_{2,1} \otimes_K \mathbf{V}_{2,2}) \otimes (\mathbf{V}_{3,1} \otimes_K \mathbf{V}_{3,2})$ unfolding of

$\mathbf{V} = \otimes_{j=1}^3 (\mathbf{V}_{j,1} \otimes \mathbf{V}_{j,2}) \cong (\otimes_{j=1}^3 \mathbf{V}_{j,1}) \otimes (\otimes_{j=1}^3 \mathbf{V}_{j,2})$

$\mathcal{T} \in \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}' \in \mathbf{U}$ and $\text{rank } \mathcal{T}' \leq \text{rank } \mathcal{T}$, $\text{rank } (\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{T}) \leq (\text{rank } \mathcal{S})(\text{rank } \mathcal{T})$

Theorem $\text{rank } \mathcal{W}_3 \otimes_K \mathcal{W}_3 = 7 < \text{rank } \mathcal{W}_3 \otimes \mathcal{W}_3 = 8 < (\text{rank } \mathcal{W}_3)^2 = 9$

1st eq. Chen-Chitambar-Duan-Winter 2010, 2nd eq. Chen-Friedland 2018

Symmetric tensors (Bosons in physics)

Symmetric d -mode tensor $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{S}^d \mathbb{F}^n$: $n_1 = \dots = n_d = n$,

entries s_{i_1, \dots, i_d} are symmetric in all indexes;

$s_{i_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, i_{\sigma(d)}} = s_{i_1, \dots, i_d}$ for a permutation $\sigma : [d] \rightarrow [d]$

rank $T(\mathcal{S}) = \text{rank } T_k(\mathcal{S})$ (unfolding in k -mode) for all $k \in [d]$

rank one symmetric tensor $\mathbf{x}^{\otimes d} (= \otimes^d \mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{x} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{x} \neq 0$

symmetric rank (Waring rank): $\text{srank } \mathcal{S} := \min\{r, \mathcal{S} = \sum_{k=1}^r \varepsilon_k \mathbf{x}_k^{\otimes d}\}$

$\varepsilon_k = 1$ if $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$, $\varepsilon_k = \pm 1$ if $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ and d even

$\text{sgen}(n^{\times d})$ -symmetric generic rank over

Alexander-Hirshowitz 1995: $\text{sgen}(n^{\times d}) = \lceil (n+d-1)/d \rceil = \text{sgrank}_0(n^{\times d})$

Exceptions: $n = 3, d = 4$, $n = 4, d = 4$, $n = 5, d = 3$, $n = 5, d = 4$

$\text{sgrank}(n^{\times d}) = \text{sgrank}_0(n^{\times d}) + 1$

Computation of symmetric tensor rank

For $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{S}^d \mathbb{C}^n$, $\text{srank } \mathcal{S} > r$ iff the system $\sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{x}_i^{\otimes d} - \mathcal{S} = 0$ not solvable

Number of variables $M(r, n) = rn$, number of equations $s = \binom{n+d-1}{n-1}$

Number of linear coefficients for the system $\sum_{i=1}^s a_i(\mathbf{z}) f_i(\mathbf{z}) = 1$:

$$\leq O((d+1)^{n-1} d^{(nr)(nr-1)})$$

Number of linear equations for monomial coefficients $\leq d^{(nr)(nr-1)}$

Gauss elimination needs $O(\binom{n+d-1}{n-1} d^{3(nr)(nr-1)})$ flops

Corollary: for a fixed n, r finding if $\text{rank } \mathcal{S} \leq r$ is polynomial in d

Maximum rank and identifiability of symmetric tensors

$r_{\max}(d, n)$ -the maximum rank of (d, n) symmetric tensors

Buczyński-Han-Mella-Teitler 2018: $r_{\max}(d, n) \leq 2r_{\text{gen}}(d, n) - 1$

$$r_{\max}(d, 2) = d, r_{\text{gen}}(d, 2) = \left\lceil \frac{d+1}{2} \right\rceil, r_{\max}(3, 3) = 5, r_{\text{gen}}(3, 3) = 4,$$

$$r_{\max}(4, 3) = 7, r_{\text{gen}}(4, 3) = 6, r_{\max}(5, 3) = 10, r_{\text{gen}}(5, 3) = 7,$$

$$r_{\max}(3, 4) \geq 7$$

Chiantini-Ottaviani-Vannieuwenhoven 2017: for $r < r_{\text{gen}}(d, n)$

a symmetric tensor of symmetric rank r in general position has unique symmetric rank decomposition, except in the cases:

$d = 6, n = 3$ and $r = 9$, $d = 4, n = 4$ and $r = 8$, $d = 3, n = 6$ and $r = 9$

Homogeneous polynomials & symmetric tensors

$$\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}, \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^\top \in \mathbb{F}^n, [n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j_k+1 \in [d+1], k \in [n], j_1 + \dots + j_n = d} \frac{d!}{j_1! \dots j_n!} f_{j_1, \dots, j_n} x_1^{j_1} \dots x_n^{j_n} \in \mathcal{P}(d, n, \mathbb{F})$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{J}(d, n)} c(\mathbf{j}) f_{\mathbf{j}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{j}}, \quad \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{j}} = x_1^{j_1} \dots x_n^{j_n}, \quad c(\mathbf{j}) = \frac{d!}{j_1! \dots j_n!}$$

$$\mathcal{J}(d, n) = \{\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n, j_1 + \dots + j_n = d\}, |\mathcal{J}(d, n)| = \binom{n+d-1}{n-1}$$

$$\dim \mathcal{P}(d, n, \mathbb{F}) = \binom{n+d-1}{n-1}, \dim \mathcal{P}(d, 2, \mathbb{F}) = d + 1$$

$$\dim \mathcal{P}(d, n, \mathbb{F}) = O(d^{n-1}) \text{ for a fixed value of } n$$

$$\mathcal{P}(d, n, \mathbb{F}) \sim \mathbb{F}^{\mathcal{J}(d, n)} = \{\mathbf{f} = (f_{\mathbf{j}}), \mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{J}(d, n)\}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{J}(d, n)} c(\mathbf{j}) f_{\mathbf{j}} \bar{g}_{\mathbf{j}}, \quad \|\mathbf{f}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f} \rangle} \text{ Hilbert-Schmidt norm}$$

$$\text{Connection to symmetric tensors: } \mathcal{S} = [\mathcal{S}_{i_1, \dots, i_d}] \in \mathcal{S}^d \mathbb{F}^n$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{S} \times \mathbf{x}^{\otimes d} = \sum_{j_l, i_l \in [d]} \mathcal{S}_{i_1, \dots, i_d} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_d}, \quad f_{j_1, \dots, j_n} = \mathcal{S}_{i_1, \dots, i_d}$$

$$j_l - \text{the number of times } l \in [n] \text{ appears in } \{i_1, \dots, i_d\}$$

Skew symmetric tensors (Fermions in physics)

$\wedge^d \mathbb{F}^n \subset \mathbb{F}^{n \times d}$ subspace of skew symmetric tensors, $\dim \wedge^d \mathbb{F}^n = \binom{n}{d}$

Exterior algebra

$\mathcal{T} \in \wedge^d \mathbb{F}^n$ spanned by $\mathbf{x}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{x}_d = \sum_{\sigma \in \Pi(d)} \text{sign}(\sigma) \mathbf{x}_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{x}_{\sigma(d)}$

Note: $0 \neq \mathbf{x}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{x}_d = \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{y}_d, \langle \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle = c^2 \delta_{ij}, c > 0$

$\text{span}(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_d) = \text{span}(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_d)$

dimension of Grassmanian $\text{Gr}(d, n, \mathbb{F}) = (n - d)d$

$\text{arank } \mathcal{T}$ - min # terms in decomp. of \mathcal{T} as sum of wedge products

minimal number of d -dimensional subspaces in \mathbb{F}^n representing \mathcal{T}

$d! \text{arank } \mathcal{T} \geq \text{rank } \mathcal{T}$

$\text{agrang}(n \times d) \geq \lceil \frac{\binom{n}{d}}{(n-d)d+1} \rceil$ (affine parameter count)

How good this bound is for $3 \leq d \leq n/2$ (Duality)?

Spectral norm of tensors

For $\mathcal{T} \in \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbb{F}^{n_j}$ the spectral norm is

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{spec}, \mathbb{F}} = \max\{|\mathcal{T} \times (\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j)|, \mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbb{F}^{n_j}, \|\mathbf{x}_j\| = 1, j \in [d]\}$$

Banach's theorem-1938: for symmetric $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{S}^d \mathbb{F}^n$

$$\|\mathcal{S}\|_{\text{spec}, \mathbb{F}} = \max\{|\mathcal{S} \times (\mathbf{x}^{\otimes d})|, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n, \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1\}$$

Redis.: Hübener-Kleinmann-Wei-González-Guillén-Gühne 2009 (C)

Chen-He- Li-Zhang, Zhang-Ling-Qi 2012, Friedland 2013 (R)

Analog of Banach's theorem for Fermions

For $\mathcal{T} \in \bigwedge^d \mathbb{F}^n$

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{spec}, \mathbb{F}} = \max\{|\mathcal{T} \times (\otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j)|, \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}\} =$$

$$\max\{\frac{1}{d!} |\mathcal{T} \times \mathbf{x}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{x}_d|, \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}\}$$

The value of spectral norm depends on \mathbb{F}

Spectral norm of real tensor over \mathbb{C} maybe higher than its norm over \mathbb{R} :

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{e}_1^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^{\otimes 2} - \mathbf{e}_2^{\otimes 3}) \in \mathcal{S}^3 \mathbb{R}^2$$

Use Banach's theorem to show:

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{spec, \mathbb{R}} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \|\mathcal{T}\|_{spec, \mathbb{C}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

NP-hardness of computation of spectral norm

NP-hard to compute spectral norm for $d \geq 3$: Hillar-Lim 2013

Friedland-Lim 2018:

NP-hard to compute spectral norm of symmetric tensors for $d = 4$:

To compute clique number $\kappa(\mathbf{G})$ of undirected graph is NP-complete

undirected graph: $f(\mathbf{x}) = 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ij} x_i^2 x_j^2$, $a_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$

Motzkin-Strauss 1965: spectral norm of symmetric tensor $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{S}^4 \mathbb{R}^n$

corresponding to f is $1 - \frac{1}{\kappa(\mathbf{G})}$

$$\|\mathcal{S}\|_{\text{spec}, \mathbb{R}} = \|\mathcal{S}\|_{\text{spec}, \mathbb{C}}$$

Computation of spectral norm of symmetric tensors I

With $\mathcal{S} \in S^d \mathbb{C}^n$ associate $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{S} \times \mathbf{x}^{\otimes d} \in P(d, n, \mathbb{C})$

Critical points of $\Re f(\mathbf{x})$ on $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$ satisfy

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}) = \lambda \bar{\mathbf{y}}, \|\mathbf{y}\| = 1, \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{d} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{S} \times \mathbf{x}^{\otimes (d-1)}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{x}) = \overline{\mathbf{F}(\bar{\mathbf{x}})}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})) \text{ critical points: } \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{y}) = \lambda^{d-1} \mathbf{y}$$

which equivalent to nonzero fixed point $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}$

For most $\mathcal{S} \in S^d \mathbb{C}^n$ (whose hyperdeterminant nonzero)

$$(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0})$$

$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ has $(d-1)^{2n}$ finite solutions counting with multiplicities

$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ is always isolated zero of multiplicity one

Computation of spectral norm of symmetric tensors II

There exists an extensive literature and software

on solving polynomial equations with isolated roots

Friedland-Wang 2020: Bit complexity of computation

within precision $\delta > 0$ is $O(d^{8n})$

Corollary: For a fixed n the complexity of finding spectral norm

is polynomial in d

The most entangled 3-qubit and 4-qubit

Chen-Xu-Zhu 2010: $|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle)$

$\| |W\rangle \|_{spec} = \frac{2}{3}$ ($< \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ -spectral norm of most entangled 2-qubit)

Higuchi-Sudbery conjecture 2000 most entangled 4-qubit

$\mathcal{M}_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(|0011\rangle + |1100\rangle + \omega(|1010\rangle + |0101\rangle) + \omega^2(|1001\rangle + |0110\rangle))$

$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$

$\| \mathcal{M}_4 \|_{spec} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

Proved by: Derksen-Friedland-Lim-Wang 2017

Most equidimensional states are maximally entangled

$$1 = \|\mathcal{T}\|^2 = \sum_{i_1 \in [n_1], \dots, i_d \in [n_d]} |t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}|^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{spec}} \geq \|\mathcal{T}\|_{\ell_\infty} = \max |t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}| \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(\mathbf{n})}}, \quad N(\mathbf{n}) = n_1 \cdots n_d$$

Equidimensional tensors: $n^{\times d} = (n, \dots, n) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ - **d -qunits**

$$d \geq -2 \log_2 \|\mathcal{T}\|_{\ell_\infty}, \quad \mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{n^{\times d}}, \|\mathcal{T}\| = 1$$

Haar measure on $S(n^{\times d}) = \{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{n^{\times d}}, \|\mathcal{T}\| = 1\}$

Gross-Flammia-Eisert 2009 for d -qubits

$$\mathbf{P}\left(-2 \log_2 \|\mathcal{T}\|_{\infty} \geq d - 2 \log_2(d) - 3\right) \geq 1 - e^{-d^2}, \quad \text{for } d \geq 11$$

Similar results for d -qunits Derksen-Makam 2020

Most symmetric states are maximally entangled

Bosons: $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{S}^d \mathbb{C}^n$, $\|\mathcal{S}\| = 1$

Dicke basis $\mathcal{D}_{1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_d \leq n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c(i_1, \dots, i_d, n)}} \sum_{\sigma: [d] \rightarrow [d]} \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_{i_{\sigma(j)}}$

$\dim \mathbb{S}^d \mathbb{C}^n = d_{n,d} =: \binom{n+d-1}{d}$, $\|\mathcal{S}\|_\infty = \max\{\sqrt{c(i_1, \dots, i_d, n)} |s_{i_1, \dots, i_d}|\}$

Friedland-Kemp 2018:

$$-2 \log_2 \|\mathcal{S}\|_\infty \leq \log_2 d_{n,d}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}\left(-2 \log_2 \|\mathcal{S}\|_\infty \geq \log_2 d_{n,d} - \log_2 \log_2 d_{n,d} - 3 \log_2 n - 3\right) \\ \geq 1 - (d_{n,d})^{-5n^3} \end{aligned}$$

Qubit bosons $n = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}\left(-2 \log_2 \|\mathcal{S}\|_\infty \geq \log_2(d+1) - \log_2 \log_2(d+1) - 3 \log_2 2 - 3\right) \\ \geq 1 - (d+1)^{-40} \end{aligned}$$

Nuclear norm of tensors

The nuclear norm of a tensor is the dual of the spectral norm:

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} = \max\{\Re(\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{X}), \|\mathcal{X}\|_{spec, \mathbb{F}} \leq 1\}$$

For matrices $d = 2$ $\|\mathcal{T}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} = \sum \sigma_i(\mathcal{T})$

$\mathbf{B}_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} := \{\mathcal{T} \in \otimes^d \mathbb{F}^{n_i}, \|\mathcal{T}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} \leq 1\}$ - the unit ball of the nuclear norm

$\otimes_1^d \mathbf{x}_i, \prod_{i=1}^d \|\mathbf{x}_i\| = 1, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{F}^{n_i}, i \in [d]$ are extreme points of $\mathbf{B}_{nuc, \mathbb{F}}$

Minimal characterization of the nuclear norm, minimal energy:

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} = \min\{\sum_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^d \|\mathbf{x}_{j,i}\|, \sum_{i=1}^k \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i} = \mathcal{T}\}$$

Nuclear norm of Bosons and Fermions

Friedland-Lim analog of Banach's theorem for symmetric tensors

$$\|\mathcal{S}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} = \min\{\sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{x}_i\|^d, \mathcal{S} = \sum \varepsilon_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\otimes d}\}$$

$\varepsilon_i = \pm 1$ if $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ and d even, otherwise $\varepsilon_i = 1$

$\|\mathcal{S}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}}$ is NP-Hard to compute for $d \geq 3$,

follows from duality Friedland-Lim 2016

Characterization of $\|\mathcal{T}\|_{spec}$ of $\mathcal{T} \in \wedge^d \mathbb{F}^n$ yields

$$\|\mathcal{T}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d!}} \min\{\sum_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^d \|\mathbf{x}_{j,i}\|,$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{x}_{1,i} \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{x}_{d,i}, \langle \mathbf{x}_{j,i}, \mathbf{x}_{l,i} \rangle = \delta_{jl}\}$$

Nuclear rank

$\text{nrank } \mathcal{T}$ - minimal number of components in nuclear decomposition:

$$\mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_{j,i}, \quad \|\mathcal{T}\|_{\text{nuc}, \mathbb{F}} = \sum_{i=1}^r \otimes_{j=1}^d \|\mathbf{x}_{j,i}\|$$

for matrices $d = 2$ nuclear rank is the rank

$\text{nrank } \mathcal{T} \geq \text{rank } \mathcal{T}$, nrank is lower semicontinuous:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}_k = \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{nrank } \mathcal{T}_k \geq \text{nrank } \mathcal{T}$$

No border rank phenomenon

Examples

$|GWZ\rangle = \mathbf{e}_1^{\otimes 3} + \mathbf{e}_2^{\otimes 3}$ is nuclear decomposition (unfold and use SVD)

$$\mathcal{W}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1$$

$$\|\mathcal{W}_3\| = 2/\sqrt{3} \text{ (easy)}, \|\mathcal{W}_3\|_1 = (3\sqrt{3})/2, \text{nrnk } \mathcal{W}_3 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_3 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{e}_2 \right)^{\otimes 3} + \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \zeta \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \zeta^2 \mathbf{e}_2 \right)^{\otimes 3} \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \zeta^2 \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \zeta \mathbf{e}_2 \right)^{\otimes 3} \right), \quad \zeta = e^{2\pi i/9} \end{aligned}$$

Geometric interpretation of nuclear rank

Extreme points of $B_{nuc, \mathbb{F}}$: $S(n_1, \mathbb{F}) \times \cdots \times S(n_d, \mathbb{F})$

Hence $B_{nuc, \mathbb{F}}$ an orbitop:

The convex hull of the orbit of $\otimes \mathbf{e}_1^{\otimes d}$

under the action of $\mathbf{U}(n_1, \mathbb{F}) \times \cdots \times \mathbf{U}(n_d, \mathbb{F})$

$\text{nrank } \mathcal{T}, \|\mathcal{T}\|_{nuc, \mathbb{F}} = 1$ minimal decomposition of \mathcal{T} on face of B_{nuc}

$\text{ngrank } \mathcal{T}$ -minimal decomposition of generic \mathcal{T} on a maximal facet

Dimension of maximal face: $\leq \mu(\mathbf{n}, \mathbb{R}) = N(\mathbf{n}) - 1 - \sum_{j=1}^d n_j(n_j - 1)/2$

$\leq \mu(\mathbf{n}, \mathbb{C}) = 2N(\mathbf{n}) - 1 - \sum_{j=1}^d (n_j^2 - n_j + 1)$

Caratheodory: $\text{nrank}_{\mathbb{F}}(\mathcal{T}) \leq \mu(\mathbf{n}, \mathbb{F})$

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