

$$FT(\text{Lie group } H) = |H^\perp\rangle$$

More linear algebra review

Linear transformations \leftrightarrow matrices (in a basis)

- Hermitian if $M = M^\dagger$
- normal if $MM^\dagger = M^\dagger M$
- unitary if $MM^\dagger = I$
- projection/projector if $M^2 = M$
- positive semi-definite if $\langle v | M | v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall |v\rangle$

Thm: M is diagonalizable $\iff M$ is normal.

ie. \exists an o.n. basis $\{|i\rangle\}$ with $M|i\rangle = \lambda_i |i\rangle$

Hermitian \Rightarrow real eigenvalues $M^\dagger|i\rangle = \bar{\lambda}_i |i\rangle = M|i\rangle = \lambda_i |i\rangle$

unitary \Rightarrow unit eigenvalues $\langle i | U^\dagger U | i \rangle = |\lambda_i|^2 \langle i | i \rangle = \langle i | i \rangle$

$M \geq 0 \Rightarrow$ Hermitian, nonnegative eigenvalues

Thm: Singular value decomposition (SVD)

For any M , M can be written as $U D V^\dagger$, where U and V are unitary and D is diagonal (nonnegative).

ie. \exists o.n. bases $\{|v_i\rangle\}, \{|w_i\rangle\}$ st.

$$M = \sum_i \lambda_i |v_i\rangle \langle w_i|, \quad \lambda_i \geq 0$$

Commutator \neq anticommutator

$[A, B] = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ simult. diagonalizable

Trace $\text{Tr } M = \sum_i M_{ii}$

- linear $\text{Tr}(A+B) = \text{Tr } A + \text{Tr } B$

- cyclic $\text{Tr}(ABC) = \text{Tr}(CAB) = \text{Tr}(BCA)$

- $\text{Tr}(A |v\rangle \langle v|) = \langle v | A | v \rangle \Rightarrow \text{Tr } |v\rangle \langle v| = \langle v | v \rangle = \| |v\rangle \|^2$

Lie-Trotter formula $e^{A+B} = \left(e^{A/n} e^{B/n} \right)^n + O\left(\frac{\| [A, B] \|}{n}\right)$ (first order)

Claim: The ensembles

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \text{ with prob. } \frac{1}{2} \\ |1\rangle \text{ with prob. } \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \text{ and } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \text{ w/prob. } \frac{1}{2} \\ |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \text{ w/prob. } \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

are indistinguishable in every way. They are equivalent states, i.e., the same.

"Proof" 1: Let π_1, π_2 be two orthogonal one-qubit projectors.

$P[\text{measure } \pi_1 \text{ in ensemble 1}]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} P[\text{measure } \pi_1 \text{ from } |0\rangle] + \frac{1}{2} P[\text{measure } \pi_1 \text{ from } |1\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\pi_1 |0\rangle\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\pi_1 |1\rangle\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle 0 | \pi_1 | 0 \rangle + \langle 1 | \pi_1 | 1 \rangle) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left[\pi_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$P[\text{measure } \pi_1 \text{ in ensemble 2}]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \|\pi_1 |+\rangle\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\pi_1 |-\rangle\|^2 \\ &= \text{Tr} \left[\pi_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{|+\rangle\langle +|}_{\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} + \underbrace{|-\rangle\langle -|}_{\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof 2: Purifications of the two ensembles are

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle), \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle + |-\rangle \otimes |-\rangle)$$

These are the same states. \square

(Shorter proof, but required a guess. Density matrices are a systematic formalism that always works.)

Density matrices

Def: The density matrix of a pure state $|\psi\rangle$ is $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$.

Example:

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\alpha} & \bar{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha|^2 & \alpha\bar{\beta} \\ \alpha\beta & |\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha|00\rangle + \beta|11\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha|^2 & 0 & 0 & \alpha\bar{\beta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha\beta & 0 & 0 & |\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Def: The density matrix for a mixed state $\{|\psi_i\rangle \text{ with prob. } p_i\}$ is

$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

Operations on density matrices:

- Unitaries $U: |i\rangle \mapsto U|i\rangle$
 $\rho \mapsto U\rho U^\dagger$

since $\sum_i p_i U|i\rangle\langle i|U^\dagger$
 $= \sum_i p_i U|i\rangle\langle i|U^\dagger$
 $= U\rho U^\dagger$

- Measurements

Theorem: Consider a mixture $p_j |i_j\rangle \rightarrow \rho$

Measuring in the basis $|\beta_1\rangle, \dots, |\beta_N\rangle$, i.e. $\Pi_i = |\beta_i\rangle\langle\beta_i|$,
 outcome $|\beta_i\rangle$ is observed with probability

$$\langle\beta_i|\rho|\beta_i\rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho\Pi_i).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[i] &= \sum_j p_j |\langle\beta_i|i_j\rangle|^2 = \sum_j p_j \langle\beta_i|i_j\rangle\langle i_j|\beta_i\rangle \\ &= \langle\beta_i|\left(\sum_j p_j |i_j\rangle\langle i_j|\right)|\beta_i\rangle = \langle\beta_i|\rho|\beta_i\rangle. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Corollary: Measuring ρ in the standard basis,
 $\mathbb{P}[\text{outcome } i] = \rho_{ii}$.

Mixtures with the same density matrix are indistinguishable.

Examples: While any pure state $|i\rangle$ has a unique ensemble description ($|i\rangle$ with probability 1), any impure mixed state has an infinite number of equivalent ensemble representations.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}: |0\rangle \\ \frac{1}{2}: |1\rangle \end{array} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}: |+\rangle \\ \frac{1}{2}: |-\rangle \end{array} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{3}: |0\rangle \\ \frac{1}{3}: \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}|1\rangle \\ \frac{1}{3}: \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}|1\rangle \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Claim: ρ is impure
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{Tr}(\rho^2) < 1$
 $\sum_i \lambda_i^2$

Properties of density matrices:

- $\text{Tr} \rho = 1$ (follows from the corollary, or...)
- ρ is Hermitian $\rho = \rho^\dagger$
- ρ is positive semidefinite, i.e. has nonnegative eigenvalues

A matrix satisfying these properties can be diagonalized $\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |e_i\rangle\langle e_i|$,
 thus corresponds to an ensemble. \Rightarrow These properties characterize quantum states.

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 examples
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Example: Bloch sphere of one-qubit states

- full characterization of 1-qubit density matrices

Claim: Let $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ the Pauli matrices.

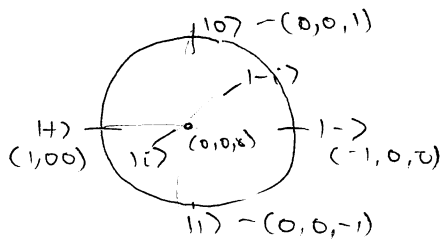
Any 2×2 matrix σ can be expanded

$$\sigma = sI + xX + yY + zZ$$

for $s, x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$, or $\in \mathbb{R}$ if σ is Hermitian.

Then σ is a density matrix $\Leftrightarrow s = \frac{1}{2}$, $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}$.

Proof: Trivial. \square



$$\text{Tr}(\sigma^2) = 2(s^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$$= 1 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

\Rightarrow pure states on the surface

Opposite pure states are orthogonal.

Unitaries \Leftrightarrow Rotations
(up to a phase)

$$SU(2)/\pm 1 \cong SO(3)$$

$$\exp\left(i\frac{\sigma}{2}(xX + yY + zZ)\right) \leftrightarrow \text{R about } (x,y,z)$$

Removing & adding subsystems: The partial trace and purification

Def: Partial trace

For a matrix $M \in \mathcal{L}(H_A \otimes H_B)$

$$M = \sum_{i,j,k,l} m_{ik,jl} |i\rangle\langle j| \otimes |k\rangle\langle l|$$

$i, j = 1 \dots \dim H_A$
 $k, l = 1 \dots \dim H_B$

$$\text{Tr}_B(M) = \sum_{i,j} \left(\sum_k m_{ik,jk} \right) |i\rangle\langle j| \in \mathcal{L}(H_A)$$

$$\text{Tr}_A(M) = \sum_{k,l} \left(\sum_i m_{ik,il} \right) |k\rangle\langle l| \in \mathcal{L}(H_B)$$

Examples: ① $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2)$

$$\text{Tr}_B(M) = \begin{pmatrix} a+f & c+h \\ i+n & k+p \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Tr}_A M = \begin{pmatrix} a+k & b+l \\ e+o & f+p \end{pmatrix}$$

② $M \otimes N \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_A} N \cdot \text{Tr}(M)$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_B} M \cdot \text{Tr}(N)$

The state of a subsystem A of a state $\rho_{AB} \Rightarrow \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho_{AB}$.

eg. $\mathbb{P}[\text{Alice measures } 0]$

$$= \sum_{b=0}^1 \langle 0| \langle b| \rho_{AB} |b\rangle |0\rangle$$

$$= \text{Tr} [|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \mathbb{1} \rho]$$

$$= \langle 0| \rho_A |0\rangle$$

Note: Indeed $\rho_A^\dagger = \rho_A$, $\text{Tr} \rho_A = \text{Tr} \rho = 1$, and $\rho_A \geq 0$

$$\langle \psi | \rho_A | \psi \rangle = \sum_j \langle \psi | \langle j | \rho | j \rangle | \psi \rangle \geq 0$$

Purification: $\rho = \sum_i p_i |i\rangle\langle i| \xrightarrow{\text{purify}} |\psi\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{partial trace}}$
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not unique!

