

11/4/10 SIC 710 Lecture 16 Quantum noiseless coding theorem, Entanglement concentration & distillation

Recall: (classical)
Shannon entropy $H(\vec{p})$

Def: $H(\vec{p}) = -\sum p_i \log p_i$
 $= \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \vec{p}} \left[\log \frac{1}{p_X} \right]$

for a d -dimensional system:

$0 \leq H(\vec{p}) \leq \log_2 d$
 equality iff \vec{p} is atomic
 equality iff $\vec{p} = (\frac{1}{d}, \dots, \frac{1}{d})$

subadditive: for a joint distribution \vec{p}_{AB}
 $H(\vec{p}_{AB}) \leq H(\vec{p}_A) + H(\vec{p}_B)$

where \vec{p}_A is the marginal
 $\text{dist } \vec{p}_A(i) = \sum_j p_{AB}(i,j)$
 equality iff $\vec{p}_{AB} = \vec{p}_A \otimes \vec{p}_B$ independent

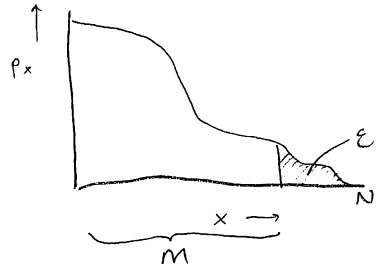
however: while $H(\vec{p}_{AB}) \geq \max\{H(\vec{p}_A), H(\vec{p}_B)\}$
 uncertainty measure
 combinatorially: $\binom{n}{pn} \approx 2^{nH(p,1-p)}$

Recall: Classical data compression

Setting: Given a distribution \vec{p} over N possible messages $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$.
Want a compression scheme into M messages (hopefully $M \ll N$)
 so that $\mathbb{P}_{X \sim \vec{p}} [\text{message } X \text{ can be recovered from its compression}] \approx 1$.

Optimal (information-theoretic) data compression:

- Sort the messages according to their probabilities

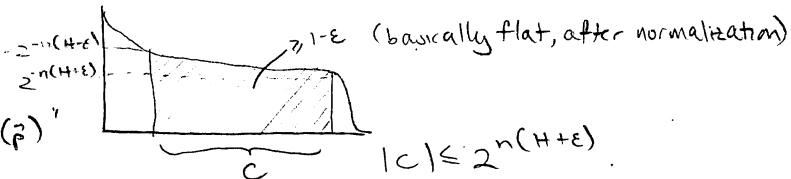


- If we are willing to tolerate error ϵ , then throw away tail messages up to ϵ probability mass

Noiseless coding theorem: Fix a distribution \vec{p} . Let $\epsilon > 0$. For n large enough, consider n independent copies of \vec{p} , i.e. $\vec{p}^{\otimes n}$. Then
 $C = \{x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \mid \vec{p}^n(x) \in [2^{-n(H+\epsilon)}, 2^{-n(H-\epsilon)}]\}$

satisfies $\mathbb{P}[X \in C] \geq 1 - \epsilon$.

\Rightarrow "for product dists $\vec{p}^{\otimes n}$, typical msgs fall in a small set, determined by $H(\vec{p})$ "



Quantum noiseless coding theorem

Fix a $d \times d$ density matrix ρ .

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and n be large enough.

Consider n independent copies of ρ , $\rho^{\otimes n}$.

Then there exists a subspace $V \subset (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes n}$, with orthogonal projection Π_V , such that

- ① $\dim(V) = \text{Tr}(\Pi_V) \leq 2^{n(S(\rho) + \epsilon)}$
- ② $\text{Tr}[\Pi_V \rho^{\otimes n}] \geq 1 - \epsilon$.

Observe: ② \Rightarrow all but ϵ fraction of $\rho^{\otimes n}$ is supported on V
(measuring Π , $\mathbb{1} - \Pi$ gives Π w/ prob. $\geq 1 - \epsilon$)
① $n(S(\rho) + \epsilon)$ qubits suffice to hold an arbitrary state in V .

Proof:

Diagonalize ρ , $\rho = \sum_i p_i |i\rangle\langle i|$ for an orthonormal basis $\{|i\rangle\}$.
In this basis, ρ is a probability distribution, so apply the classical noiseless coding theorem.

$\Rightarrow C = \{x = i_1 i_2 \dots i_n \mid p^n(x) \in [2^{-n(S+\epsilon)}, 2^{-n(S-\epsilon)}]\}$ has $\mathbb{P}_{x \leftarrow \rho^{\otimes n}}[x \in C] \geq 1 - \epsilon$.

Let V be the span of C ,

$$\text{ie. } \Pi_V = \sum_{x \in C} |x\rangle\langle x|.$$

$$\text{① } \text{Tr} \Pi_V = |C| \leq 2^{n(S+\epsilon)} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{② } \text{Tr} \Pi_V \rho^{\otimes n} &= \sum_{x \in C} \text{Tr} |x\rangle\langle x| \rho^{\otimes n} \\ &= \sum_{x \in C} \langle x | \rho^{\otimes n} |x\rangle \\ &= \sum_{x \in C} \mathbb{P}[X=x] = \mathbb{P}[X \in C] \geq 1 - \epsilon \checkmark \square \end{aligned}$$

Typical application: Take $\rho^{\otimes n}$, measure Π , $\mathbb{1} - \Pi$. If get Π (usually you do), then rotate the space into $n(S+\epsilon)$ qubits.
Later can undo the rotation.

Moral: Just as holds classically, many copies of a quantum state are mostly concentrated in a small "typical subspace" (if $S(\rho)$ is small).

(This is also optimal)

entanglement is a fundamental new feature of quantum mechanics

Application: Entanglement measures. (for pure, bipartite states)

A. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$ D. $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle + |22\rangle + |33\rangle)$

B. $|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$ E. $\sqrt{1-3\epsilon^2}|00\rangle + \epsilon|11\rangle + \epsilon|22\rangle + \epsilon|33\rangle$

C. $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|00\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}|11\rangle$ F. $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$

Order these states by "entanglement"

- possible answer: Schmidt rank

$$B = 1 < A = C = 2 < D = E = 4$$

but E is barely entangled!

- possible answer: "ε-approx. Schmidt rank" (which I just made up)

= min Schmidt rank of a state within ε

$$B = E = 1 < A = C = 2 < D = 4$$

still imprecise

Best answer: $E(|\Psi\rangle_{AB}) = S(\rho_A) = S(\rho_B)$.

$$B = 0 < E = H(1-3\epsilon^2, \epsilon^2, \epsilon^2, \epsilon^2) \ll H(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}) \underset{C}{<} H(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \underset{A}{=} 1 < H(\frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{4}) = 2 = D$$

Why?

Data compression \Rightarrow

$n(S(\rho_A) + \epsilon)$ copies of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)_{AB}$ suffice to create $|\Psi\rangle_{AB}^{\otimes n}$ using classical communication

Conversely, n copies of $|\Psi\rangle_{AB}$ can be locally converted into $n(S(\rho_A) - \epsilon)$ copies of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$

** (Bipartite, pure) entanglement is asymptotically interconvertible, with Bell pairs $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)_{AB}$ as a basic unit.

eg. if $\rho_{AB} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$, $\sigma_{AB} = |\Phi\rangle\langle\Phi|$
 $S(\rho_A) = 5$ $S(\sigma_A) = 4$

then asymptotically $5n$ copies of $|\Psi\rangle$ can be locally converted into $\sim 4n$ copies of $|\Phi\rangle$, and vice versa!

(this is not true for single states)

Proof:

1. Use $\approx nS(\rho_A)$ Bell pairs $|00\rangle + |11\rangle$ to generate n copies of $|4\rangle$ between Alice & Bob.
2. Use n copies of $|4\rangle$ to generate $\approx nS(\rho_A)$ Bell pairs.

Setting



①: Alice prepares $|4\rangle_{AB}^{\otimes n}$ on her side

Using data compression, she compresses half the states down to a $2^{n(S+\epsilon)}$ -dimensional space, which she rotates into $n(S+\epsilon)$ qubits. (Fails w/ prob. ϵ)

She teleports these qubits to Bob, and he rotates them back to V .

② Converting $|4\rangle_{AB}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \left(\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)_{AB}^{\otimes (n(S+\epsilon))}$

Intuitive idea (see [Preskill, 5.5] for more):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)_{AB}^{\otimes m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{b_1=0}^1 \sum_{b_2=0}^1 \dots \sum_{b_m=0}^1 |b_1, b_1\rangle_{AB} \otimes |b_2, b_2\rangle_{AB} \otimes \dots \otimes |b_m, b_m\rangle_{AB}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}^m} |b, b\rangle_{AB}$$

has uniform Schmidt coefficients $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}}$

- On the typical subspace V , eigenvalues of ρ_A lie in $[2^{-n(S+\epsilon)}, 2^{-n(S-\epsilon)}]$, i.e. are also roughly flat, & these are the Schmidt coefficients of $(\Pi_V \otimes \Pi_V)_{AB} |4\rangle_{AB}^{\otimes n}$; \therefore If Alice & Bob both apply data compression, they are close to getting nS Bell pairs (or a state w/same Schmidt coeffs).
- Technical issues: eigenvalues not flat enough, rank not a power of 2...