Evaluation of convex roof entanglement measures

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- Tangle
- Other quantities
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- Many experiments are aiming to create entangled states.
- We need to calculate entanglement measures for these states.
- Apart from trivial system sizes, we cannot do it.

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The entanglement of a bipartite quantum state

For pure states, it is defined as

 $E(|\Psi\rangle) = S[\operatorname{Tr}_1(|\Psi\rangle)],$

for pure states, where *S* is an entropy.

For mixed states, it is defined with a convex roof as

$$E(\varrho) = \min_{\{\rho_k, |\Psi_k\rangle\}} \bigg(\sum_k \rho_k E(|\Psi_k\rangle) \bigg),$$

where $\{p_k, |\Psi_k\rangle\}$ is a decomposition to pure states

$$\varrho = \sum_{k} p_{k} |\Psi_{k}\rangle \langle \Psi_{k}|.$$

$$S_{\text{lin}}(\varrho) = 1 - \text{Tr}(\varrho^2).$$

 Known: linear entropy of entanglement for pure states can be defined as an expectation value on two copies (AB and A'B') as

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{lin}}(|\Psi\rangle) = \mathrm{Tr}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{AA'}} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{BB'}}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|)_{\mathcal{AB}} \otimes (|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|)_{\mathcal{A'B'}}],$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{AA'}} := (\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{F})_{\mathrm{AA'}}$$

and \mathcal{F} is the flip operator.

Linear entropy for mixed states: convex roof

For mixed states

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{E}_{\mathrm{lin}}(\varrho) &= \min_{\{p_k, |\Psi_k\rangle\}} \sum_{k} p_k \mathsf{E}_{\mathrm{lin}}(|\Psi_k\rangle) = \\ &= \min_{\{p_k, |\Psi_k\rangle\}} \sum_{k} p_k \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}|\Psi_k\rangle\langle\Psi_k|^{\otimes 2}) \\ &= \min_{\omega_{12}} \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}\omega_{12}), \end{aligned}$$

where ω_{12} are symmetric separable states, i.e.,

$$\omega_{12} = \sum_{k} p_{k} |\Psi_{k}\rangle \langle \Psi_{k}| \otimes |\Psi_{k}\rangle \langle \Psi_{k}|.$$

• This is the key step in our approach.

• Mapping of the problem

• We connected the separability theory to a general mathematical problem.

How to calculate it

• The convex roof of the linear entropy can be written as

$$E_{\text{lin}}(\varrho) = \min_{\substack{\omega_{12} \\ \text{s.t.}}} \quad \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_{AA'}\omega_{12}),$$

s.t. ω_{12} is symmetric, separable,
 $\omega_1 = \varrho,$

where $\omega_1 \equiv \text{Tr}_2(\omega_{12})$.

A lower bound can be obtained as with the PPT condition

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E}_{\text{lin}}(\varrho) &= \min_{\substack{\omega_{12} \\ \text{s.t.}}} & \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}\omega_{12}), \\ \text{s.t.} & \omega_{12} \text{ is symmetric PPT,} \\ & \omega_{1} = \varrho, \end{split}$$

where $\omega_1 \equiv \text{Tr}_2(\omega_{12})$. This is a semidefinite program.

• The lower bound

- is nonzero for all states with a non-positive semidefinite partial transpose (NPPT).
- is nonzero for some states with a positive semidefinite partial transpose (PPT).
- For all non-PPT states and for all states that do not have a 2 : 2 symmetric extension we have a nonzero bound.
- Moreover, for all states having a 2:2 PPT symmetric extension the bound is zero. [Extensions: Doherty, Parrilo, Spedalieri, PRA 69, 022308 (2004)]

Example: Entanglement of a PPT state

- 3 × 3 Horodecki state mixed with white noise.
- a = parameter of the state, 1 p = noise fraction



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Wootters' Tangle

- The well-known tangle for three-qubits can be defined as a fourth-order polynomial in expectation values.
 [A. Osterloh and J. Siewert, Phys. Rev. A 86, 042302 (2012).]
- Hence, it can be obtained as an optimization over four-partite symmetric separable states

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\varrho) &= \min_{\omega_{1234}} & \operatorname{Tr}(\mathcal{T}\omega_{1234}), \\ \text{s.t.} & \omega_{1234} \text{ symmetric, fully separable,} \\ & \omega_1 &= \varrho, \end{aligned}$$

where T is an operator (4 parties with 3 qubits each).

• Similar idea works: replace separable states by PPT states.

Example: tangle of a two-parameter family of states

 $\varrho(x, y) = x |GHZ^+\rangle\langle GHZ^+| + y |GHZ^-\rangle\langle GHZ^-| + (1 - x - y) |W\rangle\langle W|$



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- Schmidt number. I.e., the convex roof of $R_3(|\Psi\rangle) = \sum_{i < j < k} \lambda_i \lambda_j \lambda_k$ tells us whether the Schmidt number is larger than 2.
- Entanglement vs. CHSH violation
- Lower bound on entanglement based on some measurement results
- Concave roof instead of convex roofs: E. of assistance
- Lower bound on quantum Fisher information based some measurement results. [Tóth, Petz, PRA 2013.]
- One can get even a witness!!

[For references, please see our work on the arxive.]

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- To strengthen the bound, a criterion stronger than PPT must be employed.
- For example, the method of PPT symmetric extensions can be used.
 [Doherty, Parrilo, Spedalieri, Phys. Rev. A 69, 022308 (2004)]
- Sequence of lower bounds $E_{\text{lin}}^{(n)}$ with increasing accuracies.
- Calculation: semidefinite program.

Summary

- We showed how to obtain a good lower bound on quantities defined with convex roofs.
- We used it for calculating entanglement measures and the tangle, and several other quantities.

See: GT, T. Moroder, and O. Gühne, Evaluation of convex roof entanglement measures, Phys. Rev. Lett, in press; arxiv:1409.3806.

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