

Optimal generalized variance and quantum Fisher information

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Why variance and the quantum Fisher information is important?

- Variance is a quantity appearing often in all areas of physics.
- Quantum Fisher information is an important notion in metrology. Any connection between the two is interesting.
- Concave roofs, convex roofs are also interesting - they are typically difficult to compute.

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Variance

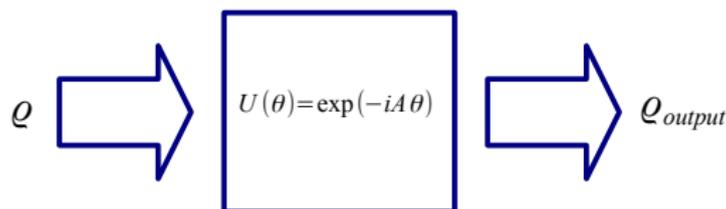
- The variance is defined as

$$(\Delta A)^2_{\rho} = \langle A^2 \rangle_{\rho} - \langle A \rangle_{\rho}^2.$$

- The variance is **concave**.

Quantum Fisher information

- The small parameter θ must be estimated by making measurements on the output state :



- Cramér-Rao bound

$$\Delta\theta \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{F_Q^{\text{usual}}[\rho, A]}}$$

- The quantum Fisher information is

$$F_Q^{\text{usual}}[\rho, A] = 2 \sum_{i,j} \frac{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}{\lambda_i + \lambda_j} |A_{ij}|^2.$$

- For pure states, $F_Q^{\text{usual}}[\rho, A] = 4(\Delta A)^2_{\rho}$, and it is **convex**.

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Entanglement detection with the variance

- For a product states $\varrho = \varrho_1 \otimes \varrho_2$ we have

$$(\Delta(A_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes A_2))^2_{\varrho} = (\Delta A_1)^2_{\varrho_1} + (\Delta A_2)^2_{\varrho_2}.$$

Here, A_1 and A_2 act on the first and second subsystem, respectively.

- B_1 and B_2 , acting on the same subsystems. They fulfill the uncertainty relations

$$(\Delta A_k)^2_{\varrho_k} + (\Delta B_k)^2_{\varrho_k} \geq L_k,$$

where L_k are some constants.

- Hence, for product states

$$(\Delta(A_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes A_2))^2_{\varrho} + (\Delta(B_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes B_2))^2_{\varrho} \geq L_1 + L_2.$$

- Due to convexity, also true for separable states.

Entanglement detection with the variance II

- Note that only two properties of the variance were used:
 - For pure states, it is $\langle A^2 \rangle_\psi - \langle A \rangle_\psi^2$.
 - It is concave.
- Another quantity with these properties could also be used for entanglement detection.
- If it were smaller than the variance, then it would even be better than the variance for this purpose.

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Entanglement detection with the q. Fisher information

- For our bipartite system, for pure states we have

$$(\Delta A_k)_{\rho_k}^2 \leq M_k,$$

where M_k are some constants.

- Based on these, for pure product state we have

$$(\Delta(A_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes A_2))_{\rho}^2 \leq M_1 + M_2,$$

- Then, due to the convexity of the quantum Fisher information, for mixed separable states we have.

$$F_Q^{\text{usual}}[\rho, A_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes A_2] \leq 4(M_1 + M_2).$$

Any state that violates this is entangled.

Entanglement detection with the q. Fisher information II

- Note that only two properties of the quantum Fisher information were used:
 - For pure states, it is $\langle A^2 \rangle_\psi - \langle A \rangle_\psi^2$.
 - It is convex.
- Another quantity with these properties could also be used for entanglement detection.
- If it were larger than the usual quantum Fisher information, then it would even be better for this purpose.

Generalized variance

Definition 1. Generalized variance $\text{var}_\varrho(A)$ is defined as follows.

- 1 For pure states, we have

$$\text{var}_\Psi(A) = (\Delta A)^2_\Psi.$$

- 2 For mixed states, $\text{var}_\varrho(A)$ is concave in the state.

Definition 2. The minimal generalized variance $\text{var}_\varrho^{\min}(A)$ is defined as follows.

- 1 For pure states, it equals the usual variance

$$\text{var}_\Psi^{\min}(A) = (\Delta A)^2_\Psi,$$

- 2 For mixed states, it is defined through a **concave roof** construction

$$\text{var}_\varrho^{\min}(A) = \sup_{\{p_k, \Psi_k\}} \sum_k p_k (\Delta A)^2_{\Psi_k},$$

where

$$\varrho = \sum_k p_k |\Psi_k\rangle\langle\Psi_k|.$$

Theorem 1

Theorem 1. The minimal generalized variance is the usual variance

$$\text{var}_{\varrho}^{\min}(A) = (\Delta A)_{\varrho}^2.$$

In other words, **the variance its own concave roof.**

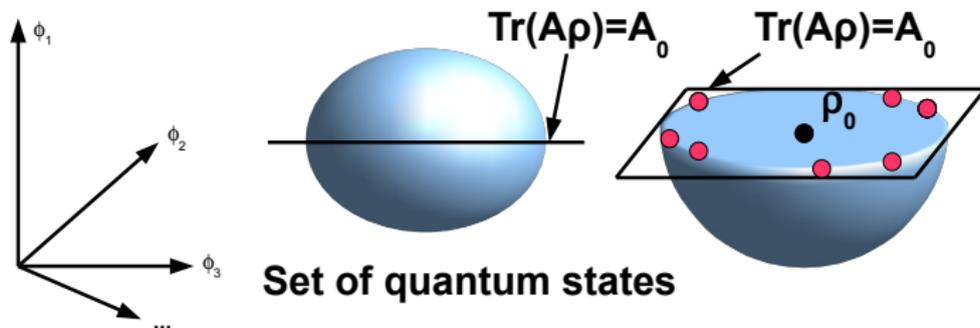
Handwaving proof:

$$(\Delta A)_{\varrho}^2 = \sum_k p_k (\Delta A)_{\psi_k}^2 + (\langle A \rangle_{\psi_k} - \langle A \rangle_{\varrho})^2.$$

You can always find a decomposition such that $\langle A \rangle_{\psi_k} = \langle A \rangle_{\varrho}$ for all k .

Theorem 1

Handwaving proof, continuation, Geometric argument:



For details, please see arxiv:1109.2831.

Generalized quantum Fisher information

Definition 3. The generalized quantum Fisher information $F_Q[\varrho, A]$ is defined as follows.

- 1 For pure states, we have

$$F_Q[\varrho, A] = 4(\Delta A)^2_\psi.$$

The factor 4 appears for historical reasons.

- 2 For mixed states, $F_Q[\varrho, A]$ is convex in the state.

Definition 4. $F_Q^{\max}[\varrho, A]$ is defined as follows.

- 1 For pure states, it equals four times the usual variance

$$F_Q^{\max}[\varrho, A] = 4(\Delta A)^2_\psi.$$

- 2 For mixed states, it is defined through a **convex roof** construction

$$F_Q^{\max}[\varrho, A] = 4 \inf_{\{\rho_k, \psi_k\}} \sum_k p_k (\Delta A)^2_{\psi_k}.$$

Theorem 2

Theorem 2. The maximal generalized quantum Fisher information is the usual quantum Fisher information for rank-2 states.

$$F_Q^{\max}[\varrho, A] = F_Q^{\text{usual}}[\varrho, A]$$

In other words, the quantum Fisher information is the convex roof of the variance for rank-2 states.

It would be interesting to find connection to the statements of [B.M. Escher, R.L. de Matos Filho, and L. Davidovich, *Nature Phys.* (2011)] concerning quantum Fisher information and purifications. (For the idea, thanks to Rafal Demkowicz-Dobrzanski.)

Generalized variance and quantum Fisher information in the literature

- D. Petz defined before generalized variances and quantum Fisher informations.
- He presents formulas, that define a variance and a corresponding quantum Fisher information for each each standard matrix monotone function $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$.
- Surprisingly, his variances and quantum Fisher informations definitions fit the definitions of this presentation.
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Summary

- We discussed how to define the generalized variance and the generalized quantum Fisher information.
- We found that the variance has its own concave roof, while the quantum Fisher information is its own convex roof for rank-2 states.

See:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

