

Lecture 9

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can generalize Bell states to
qudit Bell states, using Heisenberg

- Weyl operators $\{W_{z,x} : 0 \leq z, x \leq d-1\}$

$$W_{z,x} = Z(z) X(x)$$

where

$$Z(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} e^{2\pi i k z / d} |k\rangle \langle k|$$

$$X(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} |k+x\rangle \langle k|$$

Qudit Bell states are

$$|\Phi_{z,x}\rangle = (W_{z,x} \otimes I) |\Phi_d\rangle$$

$$\text{where } |\Phi_d\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} |j\rangle |j\rangle$$

is canonical maximally entangled state.

Can prove that

$$\langle \Phi_{z,x} | \Phi_{z',x'} \rangle = \delta_{z,z'} \delta_{x,x'}$$

so that $\{ |\Phi_{z,x}\rangle \}_{z,x}$ is
an orthonormal set.

then

$$\sum_{z,x=0}^{d-1} |\Phi_{z,x}\rangle \langle \Phi_{z,x}| = I \otimes I$$

State purification

Let ρ_A be a state of a system A .

A purification of ρ_A is a pure state $|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|_{RA}$ such that

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Thm.: For every state ρ_A ,
 \exists a purification $|\psi\rangle_{RA}$ such
that $d_R \geq \text{rank}(\rho_A)$

Proof. spectral decomposition:

$$\rho_A = \sum_{k=1}^r \lambda_k |\phi_k\rangle\langle\phi_k|_A$$

Now construct

$$|\psi\rangle_{RA} = \sum_{k=1}^r \sqrt{\lambda_k} |k\rangle_R \otimes |\phi_k\rangle_A$$

can check that

$$\text{Tr}_R [|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RA}] = \rho_A$$

What happened? changed probabilities

$\{\lambda_k\}$ to probability amplitudes

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can also construct a purification
of ρ_A as

$$|\psi\rangle_{RA} = (I_R \otimes \sqrt{\rho_A}) |\Gamma\rangle_{RA}$$

$$\text{where } |\Gamma\rangle_{RA} = \sum_{i=0}^{d_A-1} |i\rangle_R |i\rangle_A$$

interpretation of purification:

mixedness in a state can
be thought of as being
due to entanglement w/
an inaccessible reference
system,

if $\rho_A = |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|_A$, then only
possible purification is

$$|\psi\rangle_{RA} = |\phi\rangle_R \otimes |\phi\rangle_A$$

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All purifications are related by an isometry acting on reference system:

$$|\psi'\rangle_{RA} = (V_{R \rightarrow R'} \otimes I_A) |\psi\rangle_{RA}$$

Consider that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}_{R'} [(V_{R \rightarrow R'} \otimes I_A) |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RA} \\ & \quad (V_{R \rightarrow R'} \otimes I_A)^\dagger] \\ &= \text{Tr}_R [(V_{R \rightarrow R'})^\dagger V_{R \rightarrow R'} \otimes I] |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RA} \\ &= \text{Tr}_R [|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RA}] \\ &= \rho_A \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow |\psi'\rangle$ is purification of ρ_A

can also show via Schmidt decomposition that $|\psi'\rangle_{RA}$ & $|\psi\rangle_{RA}$ are related by isometry

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Extension of a state

\mathcal{W}_{PA} is an extension of ρ_A

$$\text{if } \text{Tr}_R [\mathcal{W}_{PA}] = \rho_A$$

(\mathcal{W}_{PA} need not be pure)

Group - Invariant States

- A group G is a tuple

$(G, *)$ consisting of a set G

an associative operation $*$.

- $*$ is defined so that

$$g * g' \in G \quad \forall g, g' \in G.$$

Also, \exists identity satisfying

$$\text{id} * g = g = g * \text{id} \quad \forall g \in G$$

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- associated w/ every element g
is an inverse g^{-1} satisfying

$$g * g^{-1} = g^{-1} * g = id$$

unitary representation of a group

is a set $\{U(g)\}_{g \in G}$ of unitary operators

satisfying $U(g)U(g') = U(g * g') \forall g \in G.$

action of group representation

on a quantum system is

defined by $\rho \rightarrow U(g)\rho U(g)^\dagger$
 $\forall g \in G$

group invariant state satisfies

$$\rho = U(g)\rho U(g)^\dagger \forall g \in G$$

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Examples

"Incoherent" states

cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_2 represented by $\{I, \sigma_z\}$

group invariant states are

$$p|0\rangle\langle 0| + (1-p)|1\rangle\langle 1| \quad \forall p \in [0, 1]$$

permutation symmetric for two qubits

symmetric group S_2 represented by $\{I \otimes I, \text{SWAP}\}$

where
$$\text{SWAP} = \sum_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j| \otimes |j\rangle\langle i|$$

can check that

$$|\Phi\rangle\langle\Phi| \text{ where } |\Phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

is group invariant