

1.3 Quantum Dynamics and Complete Positivity

- Schrödinger equation: $i \partial_t |\psi_t\rangle = H |\psi_t\rangle \quad (t \in \mathbb{R})$; $H = H^\dagger$: Hamiltonian

Formal solution: $|\psi_t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi\rangle$

$U_t = e^{-iHt}$: unitary dynamics, $U_t^\dagger = U_{-t} = e^{iHt}$

Reversible: $U_{-t} U_t = \mathbb{1}$

Group composition law: $U_t \circ U_s = U_{t+s} \quad \forall t, s \in \mathbb{R}$

- Liouville-von Neumann equation: $\partial_t \rho_t = -i [H, \rho_t]$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t (|\psi_t\rangle \langle \psi_t|) &= \partial_t |\psi_t\rangle \langle \psi_t| + |\psi_t\rangle \partial_t \langle \psi_t| = -i H |\psi_t\rangle \langle \psi_t| + i |\psi_t\rangle \langle \psi_t| H \\ &= -i [H, |\psi_t\rangle \langle \psi_t|] \end{aligned}$$

Formal solution: $|\psi_t\rangle \langle \psi_t| = U_t |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| U_t^\dagger$

initial density matrix: $\rho = \sum_j d_j |\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j| \rightarrow \rho_t = \sum_j d_j U_t |\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j| U_t^\dagger = U_t \rho U_t^\dagger$

$$\boxed{\partial_t \rho_t = -i [H, \rho_t]}$$

Remark: the unitary Schrödinger dynamics defines a linear map M_t

on the space of states: $M_t : \mathcal{D}(S) \ni \rho \mapsto \rho_t = M_t[\rho] = U_t \rho U_t^\dagger$

satisfying the group composition law $M_t \circ M_s = M_{t+s} \quad \forall s, t \geq 0$

Definition 1.3.1. (Duality)

Let $B(\mathcal{H})$ the set of bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} , namely

$$X \in B(\mathcal{H}) \Rightarrow \|X\psi\| \leq \|X\| \|\psi\|, \quad \|X\| < +\infty, \quad \forall \psi \in \mathcal{H}.$$

$B(\mathcal{H})$ is a so-called C^* algebra: $X^\dagger \in B(\mathcal{H}), \quad XY \in B(\mathcal{H})$ if $X, Y \in B(\mathcal{H})$.

To every linear map $L : \mathcal{D}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(S)$ there corresponds a dual map

$$L^T : B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H}) \quad \text{such that} \quad \text{Tr}(L[\rho]X) = \text{Tr}(\rho L^T[X]) \quad \forall \rho \in \mathcal{D}(S), X \in B(\mathcal{H})$$

Remark

By duality one moves from the Schrödinger to the Heisenberg picture:
in the first one states change, in the other one operators without altering mean values.

• Example 1.3.1

$$\mathcal{S}(S) \ni \rho \xrightarrow{U_t} \rho_t := \mathcal{U}_t[\rho] = U_t \rho U_t^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \ni X \xrightarrow{U_t} X_t := \mathcal{U}_t^\dagger[X] = U_t^\dagger X U_t$$

In fact, by cyclicity of trace (property 2 on page 3): $\text{Tr}(\rho_t X) = \text{Tr}(U_t \rho U_t^\dagger X)$
 $= \text{Tr}(\rho U_t^\dagger X U_t) = \text{Tr}(\rho X_t)$

• Irreversible Quantum Dynamics

(Measurement Processes)

Given a discrete spectrum observable $A = A^\dagger = \sum_\alpha a_\alpha |a_\alpha\rangle\langle a_\alpha|$ of S
 and a state vector $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$, measuring A one finds

the eigenvalues a_α with probabilities $|\langle a_\alpha | \psi \rangle|^2$ leaving the system in the state $|a_\alpha\rangle$

If no results are selected the post-measurement state is $\sum_\alpha |\langle a_\alpha | \psi \rangle|^2 |a_\alpha\rangle\langle a_\alpha|$

The process amounts to $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \rightarrow \sum_\alpha \langle a_\alpha | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | a_\alpha \rangle |a_\alpha\rangle\langle a_\alpha| = \sum_\alpha P_\alpha |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| P_\alpha$
 or on initial mixed states,

$$\rho \mapsto \sum_\alpha P_\alpha \rho P_\alpha, \quad P_\alpha = |a_\alpha\rangle\langle a_\alpha|$$

Definition 1.3.2.

P.O.V.M. measurement (Positive Operator Valued Measure)

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The process $\rho \mapsto \mathcal{E}_P[\rho] = \sum_{\alpha} P_{\alpha} \rho P_{\alpha}$ with $P_{\alpha} P_{\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} P_{\alpha}$ is called a projective measurement.

In general, given a set $X_{\alpha} \in B(\mathcal{H})$ such that $\sum_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}^{\dagger} X_{\alpha} = \mathbb{1}$

the process $\rho \mapsto \mathcal{E}_X[\rho] = \sum_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \rho X_{\alpha}^{\dagger}$ is called a P.O.V.M. measurement.

Remark

The operators X_{α} need not even be self-adjoint: in any case $\mathcal{E}_X[\rho]$ is again a density matrix: $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{E}_X[\rho]) = \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}^{\dagger} X_{\alpha} \rho\right) = \text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$

$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{E}_X[\rho] | \psi \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \langle X_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \psi | \rho | X_{\alpha} \psi \rangle \geq 0$$

Exercise 1.3.1.

: Prove that P.O.V.M.s naturally emerge when using two different Stern-Gerlach apparatuses one after the other.

Remark: $\mathcal{M}_t[\rho] = U_t \rho U_t^\dagger$ and $\mathcal{E}_x[\rho] = \sum_\alpha X_\alpha \rho X_\alpha^\dagger$

are linear maps that preserve both trace and positivity of density matrices.

Exercise 1.3.2.: Prove that the dual map of \mathcal{E}_x (see Definition 1.3.1) is

$$\mathcal{E}_x^T[A] = \sum_\alpha X_\alpha^\dagger A X_\alpha \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \quad (\text{Use the cyclicity of the trace})$$

Prove that \mathcal{E}_x^T preserves positivity but not necessarily trace.

Definition 1.3.3.

Positivity preserving linear maps on $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ are called positive

$\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ such that $\mathcal{E}[X] \geq 0 \quad \forall X \geq 0$ is called positive

Remark: \mathcal{E} above acts on operators $\text{Tr}(\rho \mathcal{E}[X]) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{E}^T[\rho] X)$
defines its dual action \mathcal{E}^T on states.

- Coupling to ancillas

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Every quantum system S described by a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} can be statistically coupled to a finite n -level ancillary quantum system S_n described by the Hilbert space \mathbb{C}^n . The Hilbert space of the compound system is $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ with state vectors of the form

$$|\psi\rangle \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |\psi_1\rangle \\ |\psi_2\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |\psi_n\rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad |\psi\rangle, |\psi_i\rangle = \phi_i |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$$

and their linear combinations.

The compound observables form the algebra $B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C}) = M_n(B(\mathcal{H}))$ where $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is the algebra of $n \times n$ complex matrices, the observables of S_n , and $M_n(B(\mathcal{H}))$ denotes the $n \times n$ matrices with entries from $B(\mathcal{H})$, of the form

$$X \otimes \sum_{i,j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j| = \sum_{i,j=1}^n X_{ij} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & \dots & X_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ X_{n1} & \dots & X_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad X_{ij} = \gamma_{ij} X \in B(\mathcal{H})$$

and their linear combinations.

Exercise 1.3.3.

Write down the explicit action of a generic $X \in B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})$ on a generic $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$.

$\{|i\rangle\}_{i=1}^n$ ONB in \mathbb{C}^n ; $\{|i\rangle\langle j|\}_{i,j=1}^n$ matrix units in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$

$X_{ij} \in B(\mathcal{H})$ $|\psi_k\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$

$$X = \sum_{i,j=1}^n X_{ij} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|, \quad |\psi\rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n |\psi_k\rangle \otimes |k\rangle$$

$$X|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n X_{ij} |\psi_k\rangle \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|k\rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^n X_{ij} |\psi_j\rangle \otimes |i\rangle$$

Definition 1.3.4.

The lifting of a linear map $\mathcal{L}: B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H})$ to $B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_n$

where $\text{id}_n[|i\rangle\langle j|] = |i\rangle\langle j|$ for all matrix units in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$
denotes the identity map

Question : if $\mathcal{L} : B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H})$ is positive
is it such also $\mathcal{L} \otimes id_n : B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \dots$?

Answer : NO

Example 1.3.2. Consider the **transposition** on $M_2(\mathbb{C})$.

$$\tau \left[\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

It is a positive linear map since it does not change the spectrum of matrices. Consider the action of $\tau \otimes id_2$ on the positive operator $P_{00} = |e_{00}\rangle\langle e_{00}|$ (see Example 1.2.1)

$$\tau \otimes id_2 [P_{00}] = \frac{1}{4} [1 \otimes 1 + \epsilon_x \otimes \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y \otimes \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z \otimes \epsilon_z] = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore $P_{00} \geq 0$ is turned by $\tau \otimes id_2$ into an operator with a negative eigenvalue.

τ is **positive** but $\tau \otimes id_2$ is **NOT positive**

- Positive maps $\mathcal{L}: B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{K})$ that remain positive when lifted are called Completely Positive (CP)

Definition 1.3.5.

A linear map $\mathcal{L}: B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{K})$ is called n -positive if $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_n$: $B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{K}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is positive;

completely positive if \mathcal{L} is n -positive for all $n \geq 1$

Remark: when $n=1$ $M_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_1 = \mathcal{L}$
so that 1-positivity = positivity

QUESTION: How does one identify CP maps?

Remark : transposition τ maps qubit states into qubit states
 $\tau \otimes \text{id}_2$ maps the entangled state $|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$ into $\tau \otimes \text{id}_2 [|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|]$ which has negative eigenvalues and cannot be a bona fide state of the compound system $S_2 + S_2$.

Remark : Lack of positivity preservation occurs only with entangled states. If all states of $S + S_n$ were separable (see Definition 1.2.4.)

then

$$\rho = \sum_{i,j} d_{ij} \rho_{1i} \otimes \rho_{2j} \rightarrow \tau \otimes \text{id}_n[\rho] = \sum_{i,j} d_{ij} \tau[\rho_{1i}] \otimes \rho_{2j} \geq 0$$

$d_{ij} \geq 0$ $\rho_{1i} \geq 0$ $\rho_{2j} \geq 0$

for all positive linear maps $d: B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H})$.

- Step 1: identify positive operators in $B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})$

Lemma 1.3.1.

Elementary operators of the form

$$X_{ee} := \sum_{i,j=1}^m X_i^\dagger X_j \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| \in B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})$$

with $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^m \in B(\mathcal{H})$, $\{|i\rangle\}_{i=1}^n$ ONB in \mathbb{C}^n are positive.

Proof

For generic state vectors $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{k=1}^m |\psi_k\rangle \otimes |k\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\langle \psi | X_{ee} | \psi \rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^m \langle \psi_i | X_i^\dagger X_j | \psi_j \rangle = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m X_j | \psi_j \rangle \right\|^2 \geq 0$$

Remark: linear combinations of X_{ee} with positive coefficients are also positive:

$$X = \sum_a d_a X_{ee}^a \geq 0 \iff d_a \geq 0$$

— From now on we shall consider both S and S_n finite level systems,
 $S = S_m$, so that $S_m + S_n$ is described by the Hilbert space
 $\mathbb{C}^m \otimes \mathbb{C}^n = \mathbb{C}^{mn}$ and by the algebra $M_m(\mathbb{C}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C}) = M_n(M_m(\mathbb{C}))$

Lemma 1.3.2 Positive $X \in M_m(\mathbb{C}) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})$ are combinations
of $X_{ee} \geq 0$ with positive coefficients.

Proof. From spectralization $0 \leq X = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{mn} x_{\alpha} |\phi_{\alpha}\rangle \langle \phi_{\alpha}|$

with eigenvalues $x_{\alpha} \geq 0$ and eigenvectors $\langle \phi_{\alpha} | \phi_{\beta} \rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$

Writing $|\phi_{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{k=1}^m |\phi_{\alpha k}\rangle \otimes |k\rangle$, $|\phi_{\alpha k}\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^m$, $\{|k\rangle\}_{k=1}^m$ O.N.B. in \mathbb{C}^n

one gets $X = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{mn} x_{\alpha} \sum_{k,l=1}^m |\phi_{\alpha k}\rangle \langle \phi_{\alpha l}| \otimes |k\rangle \langle l|$

$$= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{mn} x_{\alpha} X_{ee}^{\alpha} \quad ; \quad X_{ee}^{\alpha} := \sum_{k,l=1}^m (|\phi_{\alpha k}\rangle \langle \phi_{\alpha l}|) (|k\rangle \langle l|) \otimes |k\rangle \langle l|$$

that is $X_{ee}^{\alpha} = \sum_{k,l=1}^m X_{\alpha k}^{\dagger} X_{\alpha l} \otimes |k\rangle \langle l|$ with $X_{\alpha l} = |\phi\rangle \langle \phi_{\alpha l}|$
 $\forall |\phi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^m$ such that $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = 1$

Remark : Lemma 1.3.2 says that m -positivity can be checked on positive operators $X \in \mathcal{P}$.

Proposition 1.3.1. $\mathcal{L} : M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_m(\mathbb{C})$ is CP **iff**

$$M_m(\mathbb{C}) \ni X \mapsto \mathcal{L}[X] = \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} X L_{\alpha}, \quad L_{\alpha} \in M_m(\mathbb{C}).$$

Proof. $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_n [X \in \mathcal{P}] = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \mathcal{L}[X_i^{\dagger} X_j] \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|$
 $= \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \underbrace{(X_i L_{\alpha})}_{Y_{i\alpha}^{\dagger}} \underbrace{(X_j^{\dagger} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger})}_{Y_{j\alpha}} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| \geq 0$

Indeed, $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_n [X \in \mathcal{P}]$ is a positive elementary generator for all $n \geq 1$.

Example 1.3.3.

The unitary dynamics
and the P.O.V.M. processes

$$X \mapsto X_t = U_t^{\dagger} X U_t$$

$$X \mapsto \sum_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}^{\dagger} X X_{\alpha}$$

are CP (see Remark on page 23 and Exercise 1.3.2.)

- Step 2: Show that all CP maps $L: M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$ are of the form

$$L: M_m(\mathbb{C}) \ni X \mapsto L[X] = \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} X L_{\alpha}$$

Theorem 1.3.4.

$L: M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is CP if and only if

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$$M_L := L \otimes id_m [P_{unif}^{(m)}] \geq 0 \quad \text{where } P_{unif}^{(m)} = |\Psi_{unif}^{(m)}\rangle \langle \Psi_{unif}^{(m)}|$$

$$|\Psi_{unif}^{(m)}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=1}^m |j\rangle \otimes |j\rangle \quad (\text{see Exercise 1.2.2.})$$

Proof

If L is CP, then $L \otimes id_n$ is positive for all n , thus also for $n=m$ whence $L \otimes id_m$ must preserve the positivity of $P_{unif}^{(m)}$.

If $X = L \otimes id_m [P_{unif}^{(m)}] \geq 0$ then by spectralization

$$X = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{m^2} x_{\alpha} |\Psi_{\alpha}\rangle \langle \Psi_{\alpha}| \quad x_{\alpha} \geq 0 \quad \langle \Psi_{\alpha} | \Psi_{\beta} \rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$|\Psi_{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^m |\Psi_{\alpha j}\rangle \otimes |j\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^m (V_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |j\rangle) \otimes |j\rangle = \tilde{V}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |\Psi_{unif}^{(m)}\rangle$$

where $\langle k | \tilde{V}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |j\rangle = \sqrt{m} \langle k | \Psi_{\alpha j}\rangle$. Then,

$$L \otimes id_m [P_{unif}^{(m)}] = \sum_{\alpha} [L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \otimes \mathbb{1}] P_{unif}^{(m)} [L_{\alpha} \otimes \mathbb{1}], \quad [L_{\alpha} = \sqrt{x_{\alpha}} \tilde{V}_{\alpha}]$$

The proof is concluded upon using the next lemma.

Lemma 1.3.3.

$$\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_m [P_{\text{unif}}^{(m)}] = \sum_a L_a^\dagger \otimes I P_{\text{unif}}^{(m)} L_a \otimes I$$

iff $\mathcal{L}[X] = \sum_a L_a^\dagger X L_a \quad \forall X \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$.

Proof

\mathcal{L} is determined by its action $\mathcal{L}[|i\rangle\langle j|]$ on the matrix units;

indeed, $\mathcal{L}[X] = \sum_{i,j=1}^m X_{ij} \mathcal{L}[|i\rangle\langle j|]$ for $X = \sum_{i,j=1}^m X_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|$.

$\mathcal{L}[|i\rangle\langle j|]$ is in turn defined by the matrix entries $\langle k | \mathcal{L}[|i\rangle\langle j|] | l \rangle$.

There follows from those of $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_m [P_{\text{unif}}^{(m)}]$

$$\begin{aligned} m \langle k \otimes i | \mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_m [P_{\text{unif}}^{(m)}] | l \otimes j \rangle &= \sum_{a,b,c=1}^m \langle k | \mathcal{L}[|a\rangle\langle b|] | l \rangle \langle i | a \rangle \langle b | j \rangle \\ &= \langle k | \mathcal{L}[|i\rangle\langle j|] | l \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Remark : The complete positivity of $\mathcal{L}: M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is checked not on all $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_n$, $n=1,2,\dots$, but only for $n=m$ and looking not at all $\mathcal{L} \otimes \text{id}_m [X]$ for all positive $X \in M_m(\mathbb{C}) \otimes M_m(\mathbb{C})$ but only for $X = P_{\text{unif}}^{(m)}$, the uniform projection.
(see Example 1.3.2.)

Definition 1.3.6.

A CP map $\mathcal{L}: M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is called unital (CPU)

$$\text{iff } \mathcal{L}[\mathbb{1}] = \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} L_{\alpha} = \mathbb{1}.$$

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Lemma 1.3.4.

$\mathcal{L}: M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is CPU iff its dual

\mathcal{L}' on $\mathcal{B}(M_n(\mathbb{C}))$ (space of states) preserves the trace.

Proof

$$\mathcal{L}[X] = \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} X L_{\alpha}, \quad \mathcal{L}'[\rho] = \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha} \rho L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}$$

$$X \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$$

$$\rho \in \mathcal{B}(M_n(\mathbb{C}))$$

(with the notation of Definition 1.3.1. : $(\mathcal{L}')^T = \mathcal{L}$)

$$\sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} L_{\alpha} = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \text{Tr } \rho = \text{Tr}(\rho \mathbb{1}) = \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha} \rho L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}\right) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}'[\rho])$$

$$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}'[\rho]) = \text{Tr } \rho = \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha} \rho L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}\right) = \text{Tr}\left(\rho \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} L_{\alpha}\right) \quad \forall \rho \in \mathcal{B}(M_n(\mathbb{C}))$$

implies $\sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} L_{\alpha} = \mathbb{1}$ (convince yourselves).

Exercise 1.3.4.

Transposition on $M_n(\mathbb{C})$: positive map

$$\tau \otimes \text{id}_n [P_{\text{unif}}^{(n)}] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \tau[|i\rangle\langle j|] \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n |j\rangle\langle i| \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|$$

$V := \sum_{i,j=1}^n |j\rangle\langle i| \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|$ is the so-called Flip operator

$$V |\psi \otimes \phi\rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle i|\psi\rangle \langle j|\phi\rangle |j\rangle \otimes |i\rangle = |\phi \otimes \psi\rangle$$

$$V^2 = \mathbb{1} ; \quad V \frac{|ij\rangle + |ji\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|ij\rangle + |ji\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} , \quad V |ii\rangle = |ii\rangle , \quad V \frac{|ij\rangle - |ji\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = - \frac{|ij\rangle - |ji\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\tau \otimes \text{id}_n [P_{\text{unif}}^{(n)}]$ has eigenvalue -1 with multiplicity $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

Definition 1.3.7.

Given a linear map $d: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$

$d \otimes \text{id}_n [P_{\text{unif}}^{(n)}]$ is called the Choi-matrix of d .

d is CP iff its Choi-matrix is positive semi-definite.

Example 1.3.4.

Transposition on qubits

Pauli matrix algebra :

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_i \sigma_j = i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k \\ \sigma_i^2 = \mathbb{1} \end{cases} \begin{cases} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = i \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_2 \sigma_3 = i \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_3 \sigma_1 = i \sigma_2 \end{cases}$$

$i \neq j \Rightarrow \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_i = -\sigma_j$

Consider the map $\mathcal{L}[X] = \frac{1}{2} (X + \sigma_x X \sigma_x - \sigma_y X \sigma_y + \sigma_z X \sigma_z) \quad \forall X \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$

$\mathcal{L}[1] = 1, \quad \mathcal{L}[\sigma_x] = \sigma_x, \quad \mathcal{L}[\sigma_y] = -\sigma_y, \quad \mathcal{L}[\sigma_z] = \sigma_z$

It acts exactly as the transposition on the Pauli matrices.

Exercise 1.3.5

Hilbert-Schmidt scalar product

Prove that $(X, Y) \mapsto \langle\langle X, Y \rangle\rangle := \text{tr}(X^\dagger Y) \quad X, Y \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$

has all the properties of a scalar product.

Example 1.3.5

The normalized Pauli matrices $\left\{ \frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\sigma_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\sigma_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\sigma_3}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} =: \left\{ \tilde{\sigma}_\mu \right\}_{\mu=0}^3$

form a Hilbert-Schmidt ONS in $M_2(\mathbb{C})$.

$\langle\langle \tilde{\sigma}_\mu, \tilde{\sigma}_\nu \rangle\rangle = \delta_{\mu\nu}; \quad M_2(\mathbb{C}) \ni X = \sum_{\mu=0}^3 X_\mu \tilde{\sigma}_\mu, \quad X_\mu = \langle\langle \tilde{\sigma}_\mu, X \rangle\rangle = \overline{\text{tr}\left(\frac{X \sigma_\mu}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}$

Example 1.3.6

The matrix units $|i\rangle\langle j| =: e_{ij} \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ form a HS orthonormal basis.

$$\langle\langle e_{ij} | e_{kl} \rangle\rangle = \text{Tr}(e_{ij}^\dagger e_{kl}) = \text{Tr}(|j\rangle\langle i| |k\rangle\langle l|) = \langle i | k \rangle \langle l | j \rangle = \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}$$

$$M_n(\mathbb{C}) \ni X = \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|$$

Exercise 1.3.6

Construct a HS ONB in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ consisting of self-adjoint matrices.

$$f_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{e_{ij} + e_{ji}}{2}, \quad f_{ij}^{(2)} = \frac{e_{ij} - e_{ji}}{2i} \quad i \neq j; \quad f_{ii}^{(3)} = |i\rangle\langle i|$$

Remark self-adjoint $X = X^\dagger \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ can be represented by real vectors $|x\rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$:

$$X = \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_{ij}^{(1)} f_{ij}^{(1)} + \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_{ij}^{(2)} f_{ij}^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ii}^{(3)} f_{ii}^{(3)}$$
$$X^\dagger = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \overline{x_{ij}^{(1)}} f_{ij}^{(1)} + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \overline{x_{ij}^{(2)}} f_{ij}^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x_{ii}^{(3)}} f_{ii}^{(3)}$$

$$\langle\langle X | Y \rangle\rangle = \text{Tr}(X^\dagger Y) = \text{Tr}(XY)$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_{ij}^{(1)} y_{ij}^{(1)} + \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_{ij}^{(2)} y_{ij}^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ii}^{(3)} y_{ii}^{(3)} = \langle x | y \rangle$$

Remark: Positive maps are not fully physically consistent unless they are also Completely Positive.

If $\Lambda: M_d(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is only Positive then the entangled state $\rho_{\text{unif}}^{(a)} \in \mathcal{D}(S+S)$ does not stay positive under $\Lambda \otimes \text{id}$.

In a few words: Λ can be good for one quantum system S but $\Lambda \otimes \text{id}$ need not be good for $S+S$ unless Λ is Completely Positive.

Exercise 1.3.7

Transposition is not a physically consistent map.

Try a physical explanation of this fact.

T is in quantum mechanics associated with "time-inversion": it must be generated globally, it cannot be performed just on parts of a system as $T \otimes \text{id}$ does.