The Quantum Marginal Problem, Entanglement Polytopes and Pauli's Principle

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Fix subsets of the particles $S_i \subseteq \{1, \ldots, N\}$

For each subset, given a density matrix ρ_{S_i}

Are these compatible? $\exists \rho_{[N]} : \operatorname{tr}_{[N] \setminus S_i} \rho_{[N]} = \rho_{S_i}$?



$$\min_{\rho} \operatorname{tr} \rho H = \min_{\rho} \operatorname{tr} \rho \left(\sum_{i} \mathbf{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes h_{i,i+1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{1} \right)$$
$$= \min_{\rho} \left(\sum_{i} \operatorname{tr} \rho \mathbf{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes h_{i,i+1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{1} \right)$$
$$= \min_{\rho} \left(\sum_{i} \operatorname{tr} \rho_{i,i+1} h_{i,i+1} \right) = \min_{\{\rho_{i,i+1}\}} \left(\sum_{i} \operatorname{tr} \rho_{i,i+1} h_{i,i+1} \right)$$
$$\operatorname{poly}(\mathsf{N})$$
$$\operatorname{variables}$$

The Quantum Marginal Problem

- studied since beginnings of quantum theory
- computionally difficult QMA-complete (Liu, 2006) \Rightarrow NP-hard

currently in quantum information and computation

v. Neumann entropy

occupation numbers

 $\lambda_i < 1$

 $S(\rho_{12}) + S(\rho_{23}) \ge S(\rho_2) + S(\rho_{123})$

- fermionic version, N-representability problem quantum chemistry QMA-complete (Liu, Ch.& Verstraete, 2007)
- partial understanding Pauli principle
 Entropy inequalities (Lieb& Ruskai 1973, Pippenger 2003)



One-Body Quantum Marginal Problem

$$\rho_{1} \qquad \rho_{2} \qquad \rho_{N}$$
f $\rho_{i} \qquad \text{compatible:} \qquad \operatorname{tr}_{[N]\setminus i}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \rho_{i}$
Then $\tilde{\rho}_{i} := u_{i}\rho_{i}u_{i}^{\dagger} \operatorname{compatible:} \qquad \operatorname{tr}_{[N]\setminus i}|\tilde{\psi}\rangle\langle\tilde{\psi}| = \tilde{\rho}_{i}$
 $\downarrow \psi\rangle := u_{1}\otimes\cdots\otimes u_{N}|\psi\rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{ compatibility constraints}$
depend only on eigenvalues $\lambda^{(i)} = (\lambda_{1}^{(i)}, \ldots, \lambda_{d}^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$

Shape of set of admissible $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \cdots, \lambda^{(N)}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$?



convex polytope Kirwan convexity theorem for moment map inscribing inequalities (Berenstein-Sjamaar 2000, Klyachko 2004, Daftuar & Hayden 2004) representation theory (Ch. & Mitchison, Klyachko 2004) probability measure (Ch., Doran, Kousidis, Walter 2012)



 $(\lambda_A, \lambda_B, \lambda_C) \longleftrightarrow (\rho_A, \rho_B, \rho_C) \leftarrow |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|_{ABC}$







Entanglement

state transformations

 $\psi_{ABC} \mapsto \psi'_{ABC}$

LOCC: local operations and classical communication

- well-motivated
- complicated definition
- two parties solved (Nielsen majorisation)
- three or more parties: unsolved (MREGS?)

SLOCC: stochastic LOCC

- positive success probability (length doesn't matter)
- easy characterisation

 $\psi_{ABC} \mapsto \psi'_{ABC} = g_a \bigotimes g_b \bigotimes g_c \psi_{ABC}$

matrices

Entanglement

entanglement class: set of states $\psi_{ABC} \leftrightarrow \psi'_{ABC}$

entanglement class = orbit of $SL(d_A) \times SL(d_B) \times SL(d_C)$

3 qubits, 6 orbits: fully separable $|000\rangle$

biseparable $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00+11\rangle|0\rangle$ and permutations $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|000+111\rangle$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|000+111\rangle$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|001+010+100\rangle)$

4 qubits, infinite number of orbits n qubits/fermions, exp(O(n)) many parameters intractable!



convex polytope: entanglement polytope

Brion convexity theorem for moment map Walter, Doran, Gross, Ch. 2012

subpolytope of quantum marginal polytope computation using representation theory (difficult)

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uses local information only finite number of polytopes robust against experimental noise

Entanglement Polytopes: 3 qubits



 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|000+111\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|001+010+100\rangle$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle|00+11\rangle \qquad |000\rangle$$
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00+11\rangle|0\rangle$$

Entanglement Polytopes: 3 qubits



Entanglement criterion point is not in W polytope (and not in fully or biseparable ones) cannot be in W-class (and not in fully or biseparable ones) must be entangled of GHZ type

Entanglement Polytopes: 4 qubits



polytope explorer @ <u>http://polytopes.leetspeak.org/</u>



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Summary

- The Quantum Marginal Problem computationally difficult
- One-Body Quantum Marginal Problem eigenvalue inequalities
- Entanglement Polytopes (arxiv:1208.0365, Walter et al.)
- Pinning of Fermionic
 Occupation Numbers

 (arxiv.1210.5531, to appear in PRL, Schilling et al.)
- talk to me about relation to entropy inequalities representation theory P vs NP problem







