

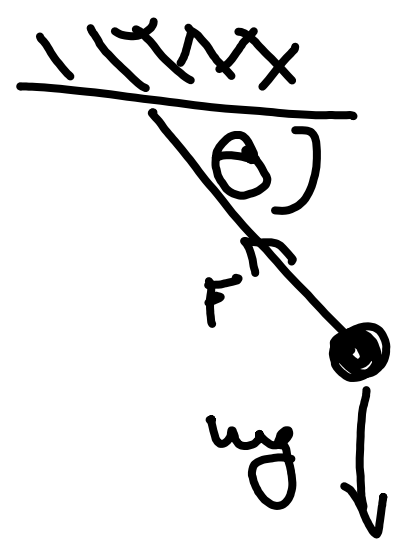
Quantum framework

General framework how to describe "quantum" systems, let them be mechanical/electromagnetic (+ 2 other forces are in play - no gravity)

Usually I say quantum mechanics.

Framework: guide what tools to use to describe systems.

For example, classical mechanical systems:



- STATE: θ
- Goal: understand $\theta(t)$
- Forces. One gets 2nd order diff. equations ($F = m \cdot a = m \ddot{x}$)
- Re-expressing as 1st order
$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

How to do it exactly is mechanics.

The fact that we do it this way is the framework.

Other frame work is proba. theory.
In the simplest form, the deterministic system can be described by a discrete variable, e.g. a coin can be Head/Tail. When we don't have full knowledge, we use a probabilistic description: e.g. 25% Head, 75% Tail.

STATE: probability distribution (p)

To describe the system, we want to know the time dependence: $p(t)$.

TIME EVOLUTION: Eg. some kind of master equation $\dot{p} = F(p), \dots$

MEASUREMENT: reveal extra info about the system, e.g. check if coin is Head/Tail. (Can also reveal partial information) OFC. after measurement you have to update the proba distribution.

Quantum framework:

- I will say q. mechanics, but:
- Discrete Degrees of Freedom (DDF),
i.e. I'm not going to talk about
eg. position. Instead think of
a coin: Head/Tail. Physically,
often these are some magnetic
moments.

The constituents of framework:

- STATES
- TIME EVOLUTION
- MEASUREMENTS.

There are actually 2 frameworks:

- "deterministic": or closed q. systems
- "probabilistic": or open q. systems, where
we give up "full" understanding.

Even in det. q. systems measurements are

important as they change the state.
(getting out info also requires interaction)

STATES:

- Closed systems: $|v\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$, $\|v\|=1$,
 $|v\rangle \approx e^{i\varphi} |v\rangle$ ($\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$)

Open systems: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{tr}(\rho) = 1$.

If $\rho = |v\rangle\langle v|$ (w/ $\|v\|=1$), then
 ρ is called pure and it actually
describes a closed system w/
state $|v\rangle$.

Note: $|e^{i\varphi}v\rangle\langle e^{i\varphi}v| = |v\rangle\langle v|$.

The state $\frac{1}{d} \mathbb{1}$ is called max. mixed

state, reflects 0 knowledge.

These states reflect partial knowledge
of the system. The classical
probabilistic description carries


Over in the following sense:

if we have a system that is in a state $|\psi_i\rangle$ w/ probability P_i , then our description is

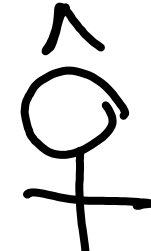
$$\rho = \sum_i P_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

State of i^{th} possibility.

Example: state preparation.


 50% \rightarrow $|0\rangle$
 50% \rightarrow $|1\rangle$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}$$


 50% \rightarrow $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle$
 50% \rightarrow $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} |+\rangle\langle +| + \frac{1}{2} |-\rangle\langle -| = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}$$

• Composite systems:

(Proba theory: if 1 coin is described

by $P \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $P \geq 0$, $\sum_i P_i = 1 \Rightarrow$ 2 coins

are described by specifying proba

of each outcome: HH, HT, TH, TT

$\Rightarrow p \in \mathbb{R}^2 \otimes \mathbb{R}^2$

In quantum systems if system A is described on Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_A , system B on Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_B , then the composite system (2 coins) is described on $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. That is:

Closed system: $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

Open system: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) \cong \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$.

TIME EVOLUTION

Closed systems, discrete timesteps

(see proba theory: $p \mapsto Sp$ w/

S is a stochastic matrix:

doesn't change $p \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$)

$|\psi\rangle \mapsto U|\psi\rangle$ where U

doesn't change the norm of

any vector \leadsto unitary.

Time ev. of ^{indep.} comp. system: $U_A \otimes U_B$

→ Cont. time:

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = U(t)|\Psi\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle &= \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} U(t)}_{iH(t) \cdot U(t)} |\Psi\rangle \\ &= iH(t) |\Psi(t)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Open systems

We will only consider discrete time evolution / state transformation.

→ Linear map T

→ Positive to positive $T(\rho) \geq 0$ if $\rho \geq 0$

→ Keep the trace $\text{Tr } T(\rho) = 1$ if $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$

→ If $\rho \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$, $\rho \geq 0$, then

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho) \geq 0.$$

These maps are called completely positive trace-preserving maps,
or quantum channels.

We will learn more about them later.

★ End.

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Recap:

- * $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $A = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|$ is positive if
 - (a) $\langle v | A | v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall |v\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
 - (b) $A = A^\dagger$ and all eig. vectors > 0
 - (c) $A = X X^\dagger$ for some $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$} all equivalent

* $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ has ONB $\{|i\rangle\}_{\mathcal{H}_A}$, then $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ has ONB $\{|ij\rangle\}$

$$|v\rangle = \sum_i v_i |i\rangle, |w\rangle = \sum_j w_j |j\rangle \Rightarrow v \otimes w = \sum_{ij} v_i w_j |ij\rangle$$

$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$ similar,

$$A = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|, B = \sum_{kl} B_{kl} |k\rangle\langle l| :$$

$$A \otimes B = \sum_{ijkl} A_{ij} B_{kl} |ik\rangle\langle jl| = \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} B & \dots & A_{0d-1} B \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{d-1,0} B & \dots & A_{d-1,d-1} B \end{pmatrix}$$

Quantum theory

* Theory: mechanics/electrodynamics etc.

* STATES: math. obj. used to describe a system

* TIME EVOLUTION:

* MEASUREMENT: how to get out info. from descr.

* Open/closed systems

→ closed: usual q.mech. (isolated, pure, ...)

→ open: interaction w/ environment, don't want to describe environment



STATES:

→ Open systems: density operators / mixed states

$$\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \rho \geq 0, \text{tr} \rho = 1$$

→ Linearity: P_1 proba. ρ_1 and $1-P_1$ proba. $\rho_2 \equiv P_1 \rho_1 + (1-P_1) \rho_2 = \rho$.

→ closed systems: special density operators: rank-1, called pure states:

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \text{ w/ } |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}, \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1.$$

The state of closed system is described by $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$.

Note: as real description is ρ ,

$|\psi\rangle$ and $e^{i\varphi} |\psi\rangle$ ($\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$) descr. same

→ comp. systems: on tensor product state.

TIME EVOLUTION

→ closed systems: $|\psi\rangle \mapsto U|\psi\rangle$, U unitary.

→ open systems: $\rho \mapsto T(\rho)$, where

T is → linear

→ trace preserving

→ $(T_A \otimes \text{id}_B)(\rho_{AB}) \geq 0 \quad \forall B$ and $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$
density mx.

MEASUREMENT:

→ You look at the q. system, get out some info, but disturb the system as well ⇒ state change. "collapses"

Formalism is the same for open/closed system.

Def: POSITIVE operator valued measurement (POVM):
Given by a set $\{\Pi_i\}_{i=1}^m$, m : # of diff. outcomes such that

$$\sum_i \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i = \mathbb{1}.$$

• Then proba of i^{th} outcome:

$$p_i = \text{tr}(\rho \Pi_i \rho^\dagger \Pi_i^\dagger) = \text{tr}(\rho \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i)$$

(Note: $\sum_i p_i = \sum_i \text{tr}(\rho \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i) = \text{tr}(\rho) = 1$)

and $p_i > 0$ as $\Pi_i \rho \Pi_i^\dagger \geq 0$, and

$\text{tr} = \sum$ of eig. values.

• State after measurement:

$$\rho_i = \frac{1}{p_i} \Pi_i \rho \Pi_i^\dagger.$$

Special case

If M_i are Hermitian projectors, $M_i = P_i$
w/ $P_i^2 = P_i = P_i^\dagger$, then it's called
projective measurement.

In this case: $\sum_i P_i = \mathbb{1}$

• $P_i = \text{tr}\{P_i \rho P_i^\dagger\} = \text{tr}\{\rho P_i^\dagger P_i\} = \text{tr}\{\rho P_i\}$

• $S_i = \frac{1}{P_i} \cdot P_i \rho P_i^\dagger = \frac{1}{P_i} P_i \rho P_i$

For pure states: $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ w/ $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$

$\rightarrow P_i = \text{tr}\{P_i |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| P_i^\dagger\} = \langle\psi| P_i^\dagger P_i |\psi\rangle$

for proj. meas: $\langle\psi| P_i |\psi\rangle$

$\rightarrow |\psi_i\rangle = \frac{P_i |\psi\rangle}{\|P_i |\psi\rangle\|} = \frac{P_i |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{P_i}}$

Same for proj. meas.

$\text{tr}\{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|\} = \sum_i \langle i|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|i\rangle = \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle$
(cyclicality of tr)

We will also say "measuring an operator O " when $O = O^\dagger$, and

we mean: $O = \sum_i \lambda_i P_i$ spect. decomp.

$\cdot P_i = P_i^\dagger = P_i^2$
 $\cdot \sum_i P_i = \mathbb{1}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \cdot P_i = P_i^\dagger = P_i^2 \\ \cdot \sum_i P_i = \mathbb{1} \end{array} \right\}$ they form a measurement.

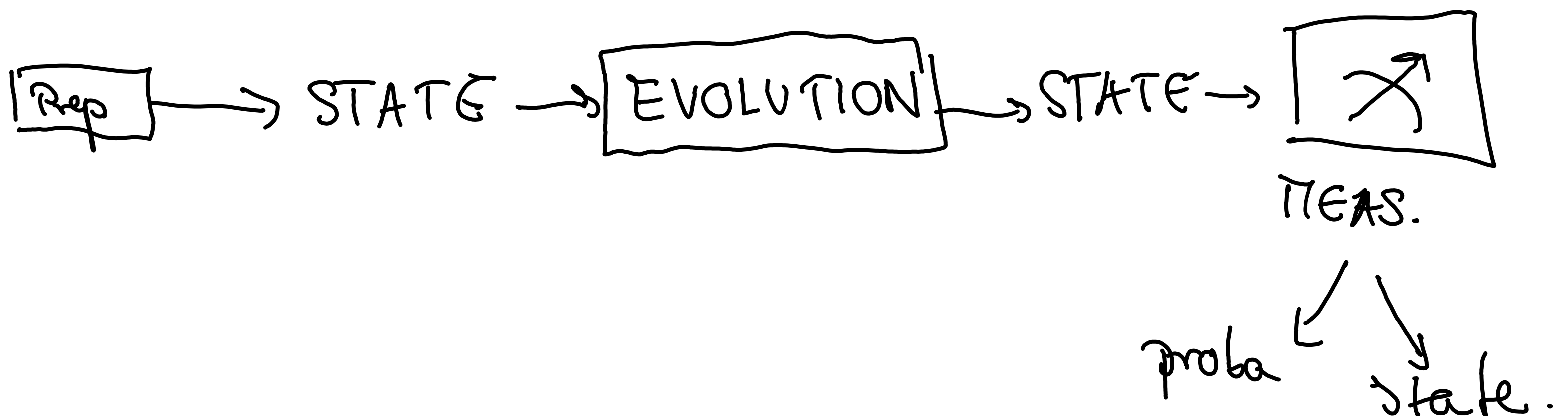
If P_i are rank-1, $P_i = |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \rightarrow$ meas. in a basis.

We have seen: quantum theory

\rightarrow How to describe STATES

\rightarrow How to describe TIME EVOLUTION

\rightarrow How to describe MEASUREMENTS.



Let's see some examples before more details.

$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{C}^2$: "qubits"

closed systems: $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$, $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$.

mixed states: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2) = \mathcal{M}_2$

$$\rho \geq 0, \quad \text{tr}\{\rho\} = 1.$$

$\text{rank } \rho = \begin{cases} 1 & \rightarrow \text{pure states: } \rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \\ 2 & \rightarrow \text{mixed states.} \end{cases}$

Any self-adjoint matrix can be written as
(see exercise) 2×2 complex

$$\rho = \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbb{1} + \frac{x}{2} X + \frac{y}{2} Y + \frac{z}{2} Z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha+z & x-iy \\ x+iy & \alpha-z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr } \rho = 2\alpha \Rightarrow \text{tr } \rho = 1 \text{ iff } \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{1} + xX + yY + zZ) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+z & x-iy \\ x+iy & 1-z \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rho \geq 0$: self-adjoint: OK.

eig. values:

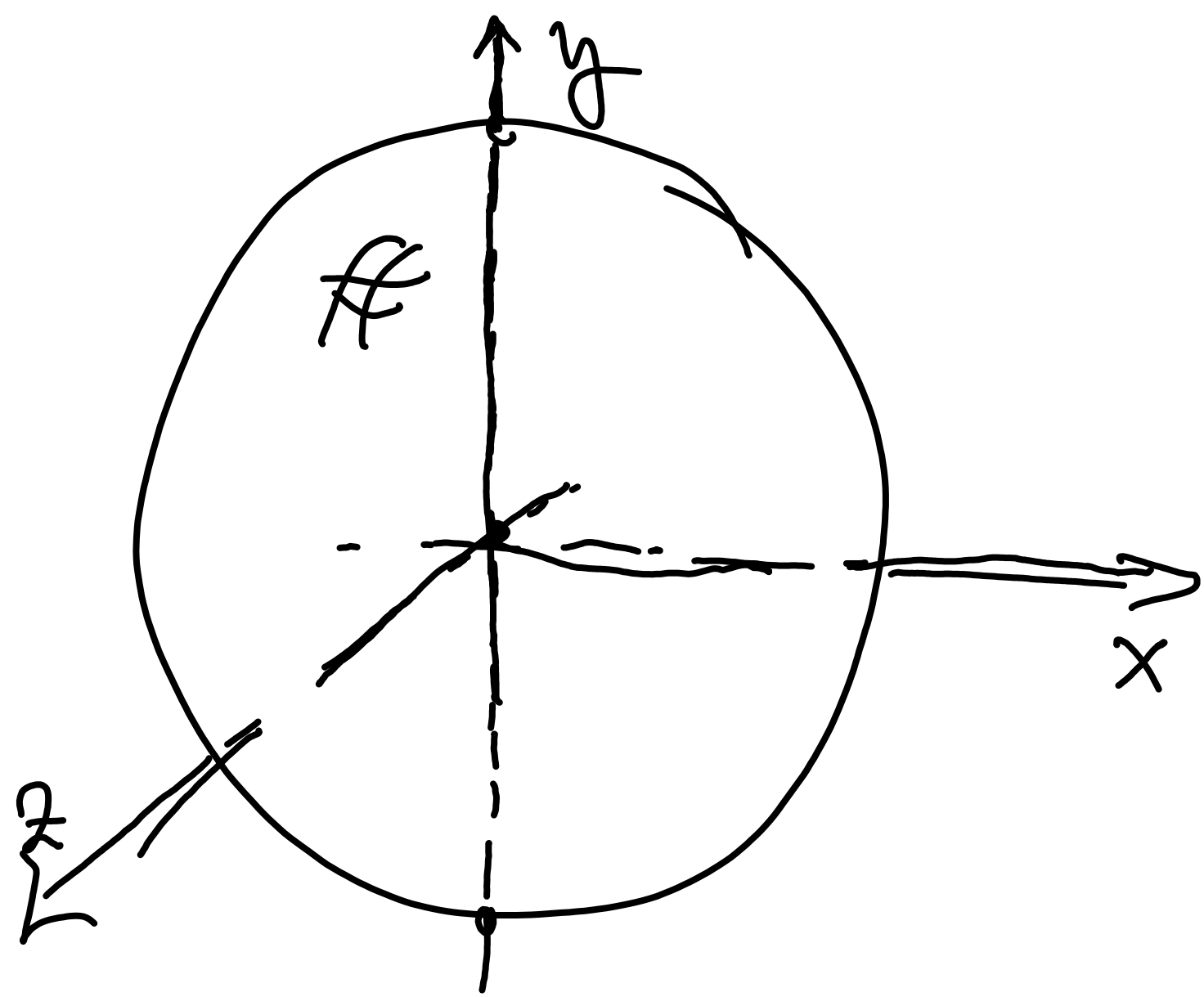
$$\begin{aligned} & (1+z-\lambda)(1-z-\lambda) - (x+iy)(x-iy) = 0 \\ & = (1-\lambda)^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

Therefore $\rho \geq 0$ iff $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$.

Note: ρ is pure iff it is rank 1
 iff $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

So one can depict 2D density matrices
 w/ a 3D sphere:



+ Center: $\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}$

+ Surface: pure states

+ inside: mixed states.

Special points: $N: \frac{1}{2}(1+y) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$S: \frac{1}{2}(1-y) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$E: \frac{1}{2}(1+x) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |+\rangle\langle+|$

$W: \frac{1}{2}(1-x) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |-\rangle\langle-|$

$F: \frac{1}{2}(1+z) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 0|$

$B: \frac{1}{2}(1-z) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |1\rangle\langle 1|$

TIME EVOLUTION (pure systems):

$| \psi \rangle \mapsto U | \psi \rangle$, U unitary.

Example: H : Hadamard gate.

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (X+Z)$$

$$H^\dagger = H, \quad H^2 = \frac{1}{2} (X+Z)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1+1 + \underbrace{XZ+ZX}_0) = 1.$$

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle,$$

and $|+\rangle$ is the $+1$ eig. state of X .

$$H|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle,$$

and $|-\rangle$ is the -1 eig. state of X .

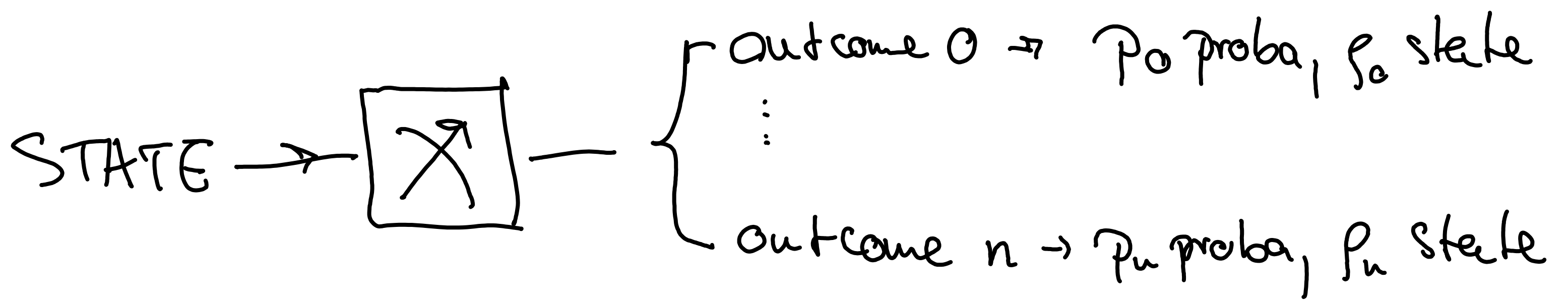
Note: H transforms btw eig. states of X and Z , because

$$HXH = \frac{1}{2} (X+Z)X(X+Z) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{XXX}_X + \underbrace{XXZ}_Z + \underbrace{ZXX}_Z + \underbrace{ZXX}_{-X} \right) = Z.$$

or $X = HZH^\dagger$, it diagonalizes X .

Measurement:



"Measurement in 2 basis": meas. in basis where Z is diagonal: $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$.

$$\text{That is, } \Pi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Pi_0^2 = \Pi_0 = \Pi_0^+ \\ \Pi_1^2 = \Pi_1 = \Pi_1^+ \end{array} \right\} \text{proj. measurement}$$

$$\Pi_0^+ \Pi_0 + \Pi_1^+ \Pi_1 = \Pi_0 + \Pi_1 = \mathbb{1}, \text{ so they form a measurement.}$$

There are 2 outcomes: "0" and "1"

$$P_0 = \text{tr}\{\Pi_0 \rho\} = \langle 0 | \rho | 0 \rangle$$

$$P_1 = \text{tr}\{\Pi_1 \rho\} = \langle 1 | \rho | 1 \rangle$$

cut post-meas. state

$$\frac{\Pi_0 \rho \Pi_0^\dagger}{\text{tr}\{\Pi_0 \rho \Pi_0^\dagger\}} = \frac{|0\rangle\langle 0| \rho |0\rangle\langle 0|}{\langle 0| \rho |0\rangle} = |0\rangle\langle 0|.$$

$$\frac{\Pi_1 \rho \Pi_1^\dagger}{\text{tr}\{\Pi_1 \rho \Pi_1^\dagger\}} = |1\rangle\langle 1|.$$

If ρ is pure: $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ w/ $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$,

$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$, then

$$P_0 = \langle 0|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|0\rangle = |\alpha|^2,$$

$$P_1 = \langle 1|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|1\rangle = |\beta|^2.$$

"Measurement in X basis": meas. in the basis where X is diagonal.

$$X = |+\rangle\langle+| + |-\rangle\langle-|,$$

So it is the basis $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$

General operator:

$$P_+ = \langle+|\rho|+\rangle \quad P_+ = |+\rangle\langle+|$$

$$P_- = \langle-|\rho|-\rangle \quad P_- = |-\rangle\langle-|$$

Pure states: $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$, $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$

Then

$$P_+ = |\langle+|\psi\rangle|^2 = \frac{|\alpha+\beta|^2}{2}, \text{ post meas. state: } |+\rangle$$

$$P_- = |\langle-|\psi\rangle|^2 = \frac{|\alpha-\beta|^2}{2}, \text{ post meas. state: } |-\rangle$$

Note: Sanity check:

$$P_+ + P_- = \frac{|\alpha+\beta|^2}{2} + \frac{|\alpha-\beta|^2}{2} = 1.$$

"Measurement in \mathcal{Y} basis":

→ Take \mathcal{Y}

→ Write $\mathcal{Y} = \sum_i \lambda_i P_i = \sum_i \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$

→ Meas. operators $P_i = |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$

Here: $|\psi_0\rangle = (|0\rangle + i|1\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = (|0\rangle - i|1\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

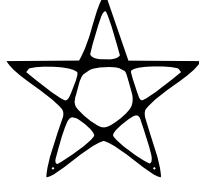
Note: works for general operator $O = O^\dagger$,
even if there are deg. eig. vectors!

That is, $O = O^\dagger$ can be written

$$O = \sum_i \lambda_i P_i \quad (= \sum_i \lambda_i \sum_j |\psi_{ij}\rangle\langle\psi_{ij}|)$$

$$\text{w/ } \sum_i P_i = 1, \quad P_i^\dagger = P_i = P_i^2.$$

"Measuring O " / "measuring in O -basis":
is the projective measurement $\{P_i\}$.

End 

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Recap: quantum mechanics axioms

- "degrees of freedom": \mathcal{H} , composite: $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

- state: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{tr}\{\rho\} = 1$
density matrix.

[$\rho \geq 0$ iff $\rho = \rho^\dagger$ and all of its eig. values ≥ 0]

pure states: $\text{rank} = 1$, $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$.

In this case we just write

$$|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}, \|\psi\rangle\| = 1, |\psi\rangle \equiv e^{i\phi} |\psi\rangle$$

for states. This is the typical description.

- time evolution:

* closed system: unitaries

$$|\psi\rangle \mapsto U|\psi\rangle$$

$$\rho \mapsto U\rho U^\dagger$$

* open system:

$$\rho \mapsto T(\rho) \quad T \text{ is a channel:}$$

* T is linear

* trace preserving. $\text{tr}(T(x)) = \text{tr}(x)$

* completely positive: $\forall x$ hilt. sp. $\rho_{\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B} \geq 0$ if $\rho_{\mathcal{H}_A} \geq 0$.

$$(T \otimes \text{id}_B)(\rho_{\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B}) \geq 0 \text{ if } \rho_{\mathcal{H}_A} \geq 0.$$

(We'll see later why)

- Measurement: outcomes, probabilities, post-meas. state

A meas. w/ n outcomes is given by

$$\{\Pi_i\}_{i=1}^n \text{ s.t. } \sum_i \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i = \mathbb{1}.$$

Probability of outcome i is

$$p_i = \text{tr}\{\rho_i \Pi_i^\dagger\} = \text{tr}\{\rho \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i\}$$

Post-meas. state is

$$\rho_i = \frac{1}{p_i} \Pi_i \rho \Pi_i^\dagger.$$

Today: more about meas. and states.

If you don't want to describe post-meas. states, then it is enough to give the operators $E_i = \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i$ i.e. this meas. is given by $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^n$ s.t. $E_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i E_i = \mathbb{1}$, and $p_i = \text{tr}\{\rho E_i\}$.

\rightarrow positive operators \rightarrow Positive Operator Valued Measurement, POVM,

• Measuring $O = O^\dagger$: $O = \sum_j \lambda_j P_j \rightarrow \{P_j\}$ POVM
 $\langle O \rangle = \sum_j \lambda_j p_j = \sum_j \lambda_j \text{tr}(\rho P_j) = \text{tr}(\rho O)$.

Convex structure of the state space:

Let V be a real vector space,

$S \subseteq V$ a subset. We say that S is convex if $\forall v, w \in S$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\lambda v + (1-\lambda)w \in S.$$

Then: The set of density matrices

$$S = \{ \rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{H}) \mid \text{tr}(\rho) = 1 \text{ and } \rho \geq 0 \}$$

is convex.

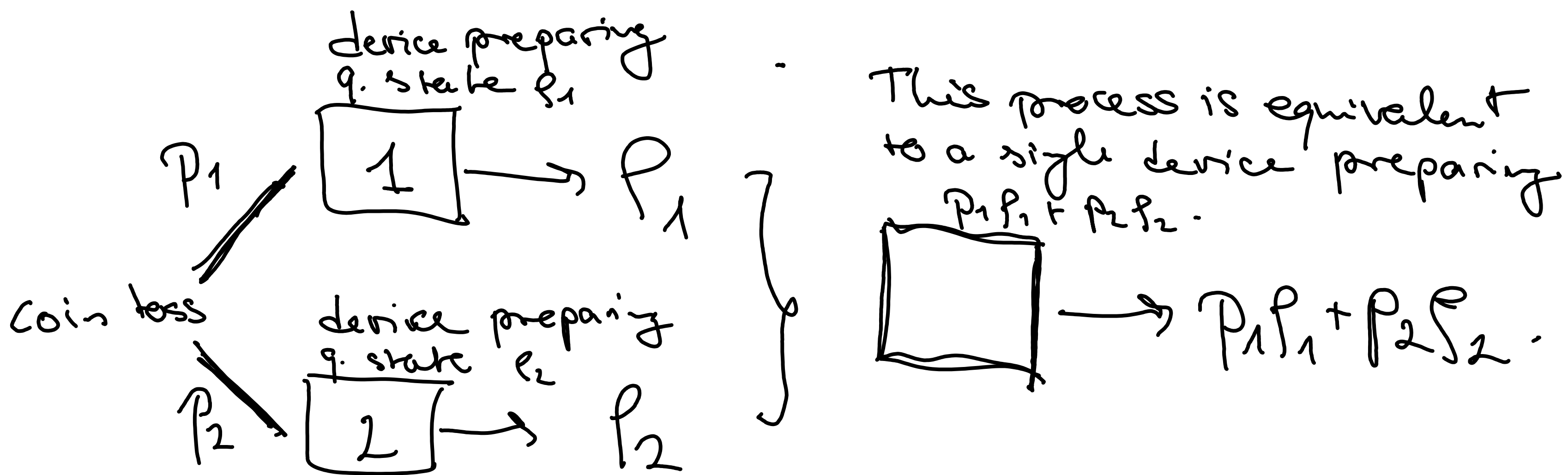
Proof: Let $p \in [0, 1]$, $\rho, \sigma \in S$. Then

$$\text{tr}(p\rho + (1-p)\sigma) = p \text{tr}(\rho) + (1-p) \text{tr}(\sigma) = p + 1-p = 1.$$

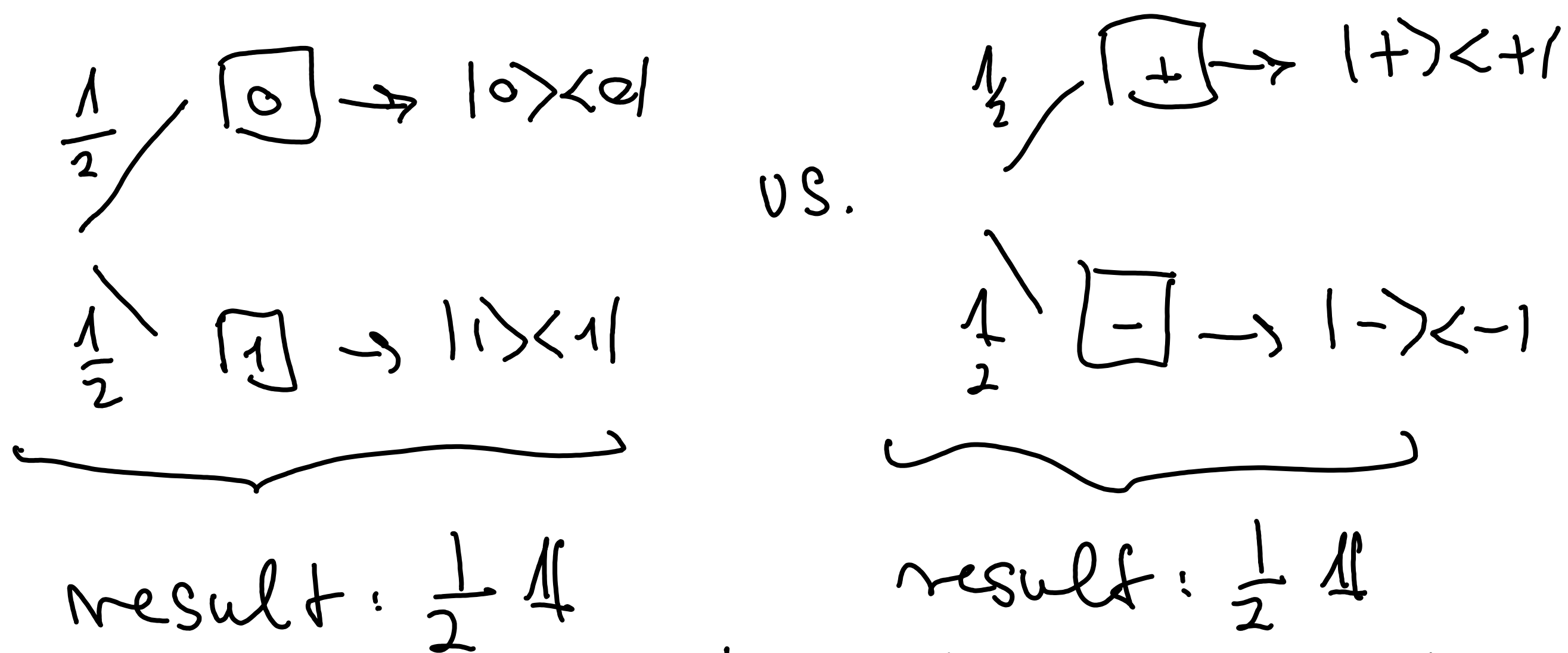
$$\text{As } p \geq 0 \text{ and } 1-p \geq 0 \quad p\rho + (1-p)\sigma \geq 0. \quad \square$$

This convex structure is exactly the same as what you expect from probabilistic interpretation:

On the probabilistic interpretation of mixed states:



For example:



Can't differentiate!

This probabilistic interpretation helps to understand why one uses POVMs (w/o post-measurement description) to describe measurements:
 What do we want from a measurement?

"outcomes" w/ probabilities.

$$M: \rho \mapsto p \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad p_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$$

We want M to keep this complex str.:

$$M(p_1 \rho_1 + p_2 \rho_2) = p_1 \cdot p + p_2 \cdot p$$

So we want M to be linear.

Any lin. op. is of the form

$$p_i = \text{tr}(\rho E_i), \quad E_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}).$$

We want $p_i \in \mathbb{R}, p_i \geq 0$, so

$$\text{tr}(\rho E_i) \geq 0 \quad \forall \rho, \text{ in part. pure}$$

states: $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$:

$$\text{tr}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| E_i) = \langle\psi| E_i |\psi\rangle \geq 0, \text{ so } E_i \geq 0.$$

Finally, $\sum_i p_i = 1 = \sum_i \text{tr}(\rho E_i)$ implies

$$\sum_i E_i = 1 \quad (\text{e.g. through setting } \rho \text{ pure, } \langle\psi| \sum_i E_i |\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1)$$

The density operator ρ reflects all knowledge about the system (the same way as a probab. distr. reflects all knowledge about a cl. system); and this descr. is the most compressed.

Thm: ρ is uniquely determined by

(the exp. value of) all possible meas.

descr. by $O=O^\dagger$.

Proof: $V = \{A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \mid A=A^\dagger\}$ is a real v -space:

if $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $A, B \in V$ then $\lambda A + \mu B \in V$.

It has scalar product

$$(A, B) = \text{tr}(A^\dagger B) = \text{tr}(AB).$$

Take an ONB: $(O_i, O_j) = \delta_{ij}$

$$\bullet \rho = \sum_i \lambda_i O_i$$

$$\bullet \langle O_i | \rho | O_i \rangle = \text{tr}\{\rho O_i\} = \sum_j \lambda_j \text{tr}(O_i O_j) = \lambda_i$$

So

$$\rho = \sum_i \langle O_i | \rho | O_i \rangle \cdot O_i.$$

That is ρ uniquely encodes all info about the system. Compare: $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$, $\|\psi\|=1$.

$$|\psi\rangle \equiv U \cdot |\psi\rangle \quad \text{for } |U|=1.$$

Def: a set $\{(P_i, \rho_i)\}$ with $P_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i P_i = 1$ and ρ_i density matrices are called an ensemble.

If $\rho = \sum_i P_i \rho_i$, then $\{(P_i, \rho_i)\}$ is an ensemble decomposition of ρ .

Note: Meas. outcomes w/ post-meas. states form an ensemble:

$$P_i = \text{tr}\{\rho \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i\} \Rightarrow \text{proba distr.}$$

$$\rho_i = \frac{1}{P_i} \Pi_i \rho \Pi_i^\dagger \Rightarrow \rho_i \text{ are density matrices.}$$

In general, it is not an ensemble decomp. of ρ .

E.g. $\Pi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$, $\Pi_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$ in \mathbb{C}^2

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} (1 + aX + bY + cZ) \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ll} P_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1+c) & \rho_0 = \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| \\ P_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1-c) & \rho_1 = \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1| \end{array}$$

$$P_0 \rho_0 + P_1 \rho_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1+cZ).$$

There are different decompositions and they are not inherent to ρ .

can't pick one / distinguish them.

Given any mixed state, one can imagine it as a mixture of pure states,
e.g.

$$\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |t_i\rangle\langle t_i| \quad \text{eigen decomposition.}$$

→ this might not be unique:

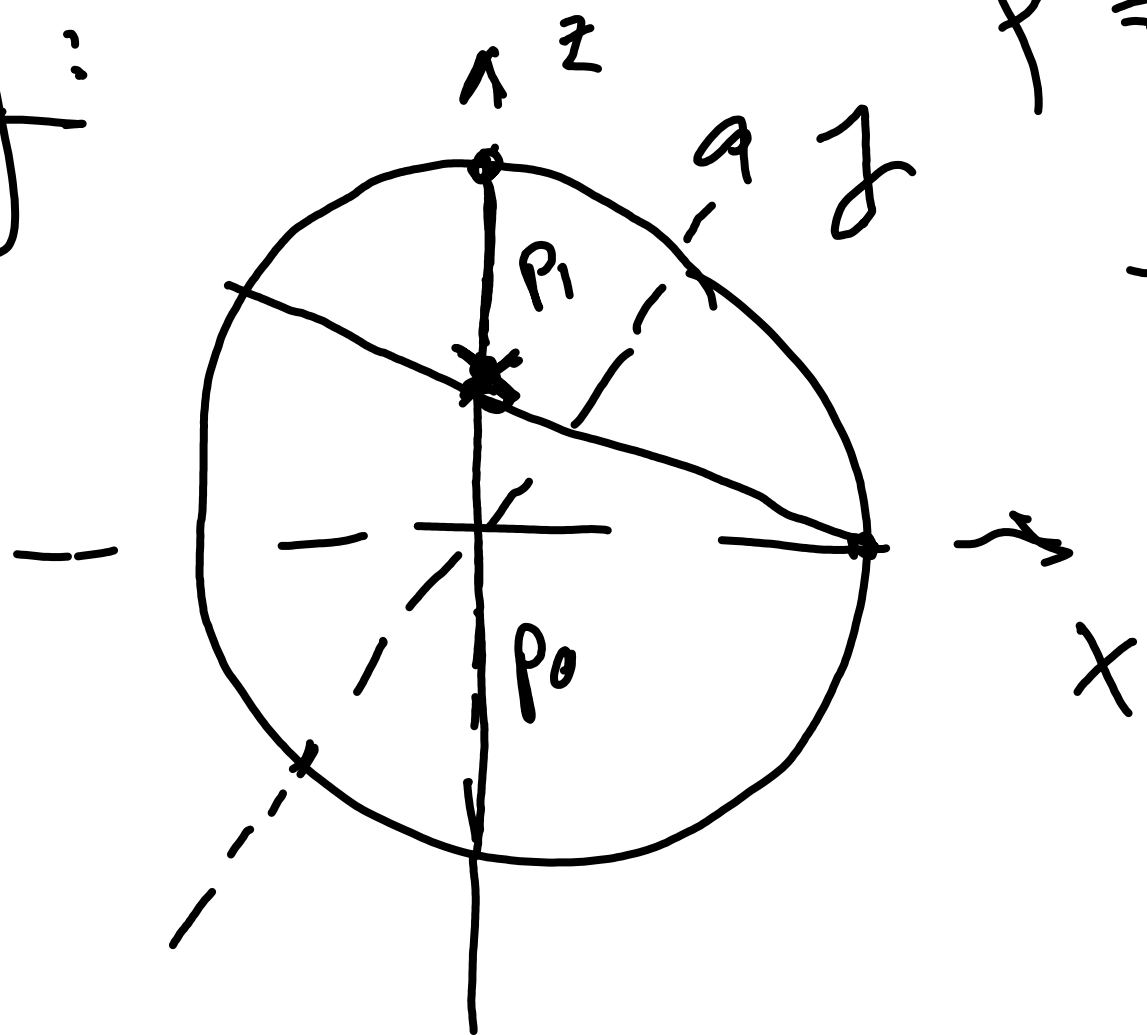
$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1} = \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) = \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle\langle +| + |-\rangle\langle -|)$$

Interestingly, one can imagine ρ as a mixture of other pure states as well: there are examples for

$$\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |t_i\rangle\langle t_i|, \quad \text{where } \lambda_i, |t_i\rangle \text{ are}$$

not eig. vector/value, esp. not orthogonal

Eq:



$$\rho = p_0 |0\rangle\langle 0| + p_1 |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$= \mu |+\rangle\langle +| + (\rho - \mu |+\rangle\langle +|)$$

take max. of μ s.t.

$$\rho - \mu |+\rangle\langle +| \geq 0.$$

It is then rank-1, thus we have another decomp.

HW

Thm: $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \sum_{i=1}^m q_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$

w/ $p_i > 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$

$q_i > 0, \sum_i q_i = 1$

If and only if there is a matrix U st.

① $\sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle = \sum_j U_{ij} \sqrt{q_j} |\phi_j\rangle$

and

② $\sqrt{q_i} |\phi_i\rangle = \sum_j (U^\dagger)_{ij} \sqrt{p_j} |\psi_j\rangle$

☆ End

7th lecture, 23/20/23

Recap: QM

- DEGREES OF FREEDOM: \mathcal{H} , $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ Composite system
- STATES: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{tr}(\rho) = 1$
- TIME EVOLUTION: $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ unitary / T TPCP
- MEASUREMENTS: $\{\pi_i\}_{i=0}^n$, $\sum_i \pi_i^\dagger \pi_i = \mathbb{1}$
 $p_i = \text{tr}(\rho \pi_i^\dagger \pi_i)$
 $r_i = \frac{1}{p_i} \pi_i^\dagger \rho \pi_i$
w/o post-meas state: $\{\pi_i^\dagger \pi_i\}$

We have seen that the state space

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}) = \{ \rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \mid \rho \geq 0, \text{tr} \rho = 1 \}$$

is a convex set. This set has a probabilistic interpretation:

$$\rho = \sum_i p_i \rho_i$$

w/ $\rho_i \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H})$, $p_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i p_i = 1$ is interpreted as a state that is

w/ proba p_i is in the state ρ_i .

This is also called an ensemble decomposition of ρ .

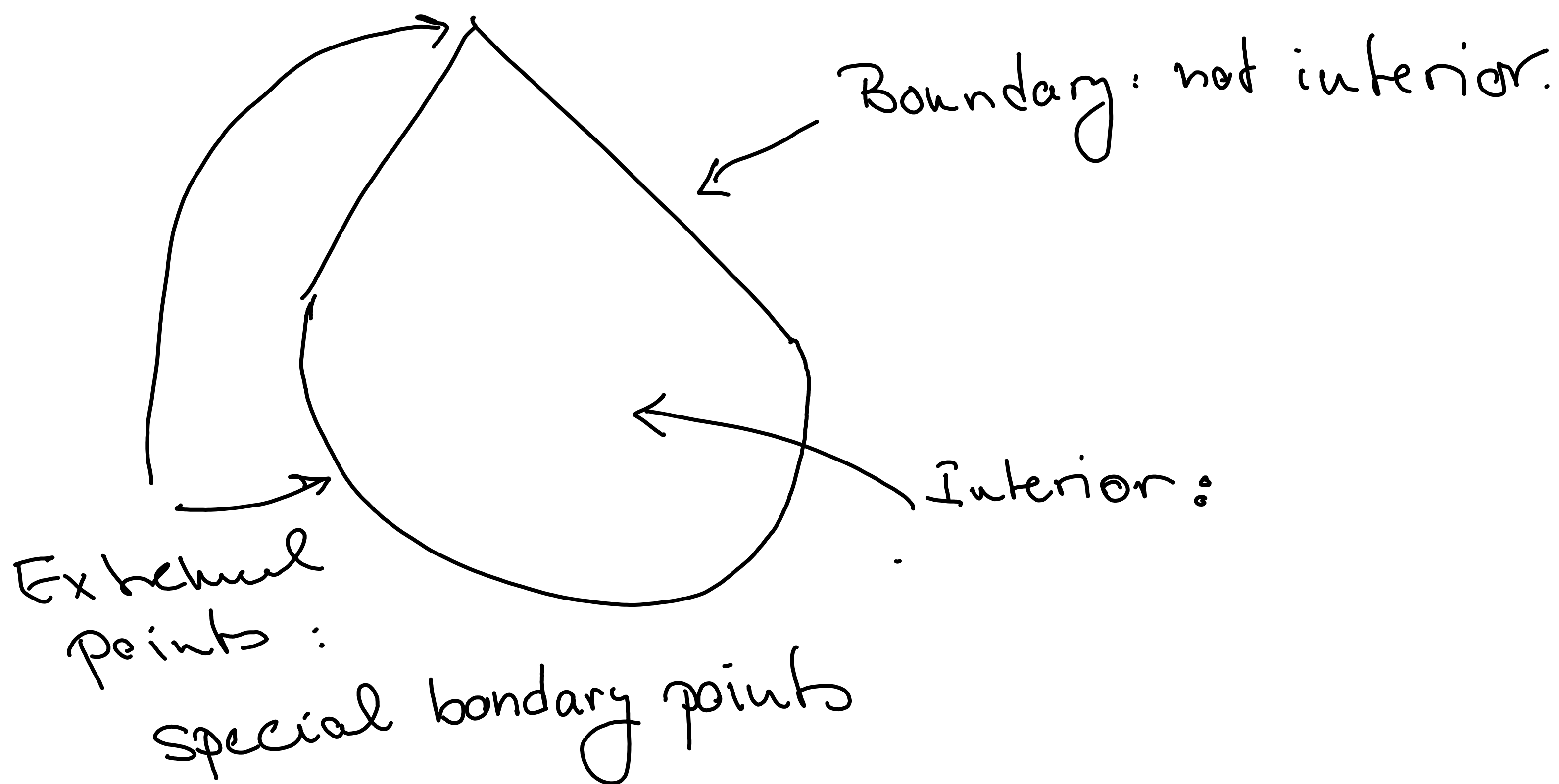
How does this convex set look like?

The difference of two density matrices is in

$$V_0 := \{ X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \mid X^\dagger = X, \text{tr} X = 0 \}.$$

This is a $D^2 - 1$ dimensional real v-space.

(Eg. for \mathbb{C}^2 $D^2 - 1 = 3$, Bloch sphere)



* Interior: $\forall X \in V_0 \exists \epsilon > 0$ st.

$$\rho + \epsilon X \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}).$$

Interior points can always be written as convex

Combination: $\forall x > 0 \exists \varepsilon > 0$ st.

$$p + \varepsilon x \geq 0 \text{ and } p - \varepsilon x > 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}(p + \varepsilon x + p - \varepsilon x) =$$

$$= \frac{\text{tr}(p + \varepsilon x)}{2} \frac{p + \varepsilon x}{\text{tr}(p + \varepsilon x)} + \frac{\text{tr}(p - \varepsilon x)}{2} \frac{p - \varepsilon x}{\text{tr}(p - \varepsilon x)}.$$

Interior points are full-rank matrices:

$$\text{if } \sup_{\|v\|=1} \langle v | X | v \rangle = \lambda \text{ and } \inf_{\|v\|=1} \langle v | p | v \rangle = \mu$$

($\mu > 0$ if p is full-rank!), then

$$\langle v | p - \frac{\mu}{\lambda} X | v \rangle = \langle v | p | v \rangle - \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \langle v | X | v \rangle$$

$$\geq \mu - \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \lambda = 0, \text{ so, if } X \in V_0, \text{ then}$$

$$p - \frac{\mu}{\lambda} X \in S(\mathcal{H}).$$

* Boundary: p not full-rank, and there

is a dir. that brings us out of $S(\mathcal{H})$:

$$\text{if } \langle v | p | v \rangle = 0, \text{ then } p - \lambda |v\rangle\langle v| \notin S(\mathcal{H})$$

for any $\lambda > 0$. p might still be

decomposed into lin. comb. g for

example: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In 2D this is not the case, \forall boundary is:

* Extremal points: can't be written as a non-trivial convex combination:

if $\rho = p\rho_1 + (1-p)\rho_2$ with $p \in [0, 1]$ and $\rho_1, \rho_2 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H})$, then

($p=0$ or $\rho_1 = \rho$) and ($p=1$ or $\rho_2 = \rho$).

Lemma: extremal points are exactly the pure states.

Proof: \Rightarrow if ρ is not pure, then it has an eig. vector $|\psi\rangle$ w/ eig. value $0 < \lambda < 1$, so

$$\rho = \underbrace{(1-\lambda)}_{1 > 1-\lambda > 0} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{1-\lambda} (\rho - \lambda |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)}_{\text{density mx}} + \underbrace{\lambda}_{\lambda > 0} \cdot \underbrace{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|}_{\substack{\text{density} \\ \text{mx} \neq \rho}}$$

□ \leftarrow If $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$, then ρ of

$$\rho = p\sigma_1 + (1-p)\sigma_2, \text{ then}$$

$$1 = \langle\psi|\rho|\psi\rangle = p\langle\psi|\sigma_1|\psi\rangle + (1-p)\langle\psi|\sigma_2|\psi\rangle,$$

and $0 \leq \langle\psi|\sigma_1|\psi\rangle \leq \lambda_{\max} \leq 1$ (! Only for positive)

So

$$1 = p\langle\psi|\sigma_1|\psi\rangle + (1-p)\langle\psi|\sigma_2|\psi\rangle$$

$$\geq p \cdot 1 + (1-p) \cdot 0 = 1$$

\Rightarrow equality holds

$$\Rightarrow p=0 \text{ or } \langle\psi|\sigma_1|\psi\rangle=1, \sigma_1 = \rho$$

$$\text{and } p=1 \text{ or } \langle\psi|\sigma_2|\psi\rangle=1, \sigma_2 = \rho. \quad \square$$

So extremal points are pure states.

Fact: in a convex set (finite dim) every

point can be decomposed into convex comb. of extremal points.

For us: $\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$. There might be multiple such decomp.

Another way to think about this:

Create a big matrix with

$$\underline{\Psi} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \sqrt{p_1} |\psi_1\rangle & \sqrt{p_2} |\psi_2\rangle & \dots & \sqrt{p_n} |\psi_n\rangle \end{array} \right)$$

↑ column vector

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle \langle i| \in \text{Lin}(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathcal{H})$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Psi} \underline{\Psi}^\dagger &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{p_i p_j} |\psi_i\rangle \langle i|j\rangle \langle \psi_j| \\ &= \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| = \rho \end{aligned}$$

So diff. ensemble decomposition =
different ways to decompose

$$\rho = X X^\dagger.$$

Thm: Let $\{(p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|)\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{(q_i, |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|)\}_{i=1}^m$

be two ensembles. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \sum_{i=1}^m q_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$$

iff $\exists U \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{F}^n, \mathcal{F}^m)$ s.t.

(1) UU^\dagger and $U^\dagger U$ are projectors

$$(2) \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle = \sum_j U_{ij} \sqrt{q_j} |\phi_j\rangle$$

Proof: $\boxed{\Leftarrow}$ Define

$$\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle\langle i| \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{F}^n, \mathcal{H})$$

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^m \sqrt{q_i} |\phi_i\rangle\langle i| \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{F}^m, \mathcal{H})$$

Then the condition (2) means

$$\Psi = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle\langle i| = \sum_{ij} U_{ij} \sqrt{q_j} |\phi_j\rangle\langle i|$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_{ij} \sqrt{q_j} |\phi_j\rangle\langle j|}_{\Phi} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{ik} U_{ik} |k\rangle\langle i|}_U$$

$$= \Phi U.$$

We can then notice that

$$\Psi\Psi^\dagger = \Phi U U^\dagger \Phi^\dagger \leq \Phi\Phi^\dagger,$$

as $U U^\dagger$ is an orthogonal projector,
and thus $U U^\dagger \leq \mathbb{1}$.

(Remember: we write $A \leq B$ iff A and B are self-adjoint and $B-A$ is a positive operator.

Remember: $A \leq B \Rightarrow X A X^\dagger \leq X B X^\dagger$ for any X)

Let us note now that the trace of both $\Psi\Psi^\dagger$ and $\Phi\Phi^\dagger$ is one. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\Psi\Psi^\dagger) &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_{ij} \rho_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle i|j\rangle\langle j| \sqrt{\rho_j}\right) = \\ &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_i \rho_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|\right) = \sum_i \rho_i = 1. \end{aligned}$$

But $\Psi\Psi^\dagger \leq \Phi\Phi^\dagger$, thus, by definition,

$\Phi\Phi^\dagger - \Psi\Psi^\dagger$ is a positive operator.

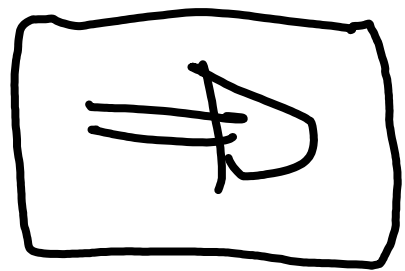
As $\text{tr}(\Phi\Phi^\dagger) = \text{tr}(\Psi\Psi^\dagger) = 1$, it is also tr -less.

This implies:

$$\Phi\Phi^\dagger - \Psi\Psi^\dagger = 0,$$

i.e. $\Psi\Psi^\dagger = \Phi\Phi^\dagger$, or

$$\sum_i \rho_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \sum_i q_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|.$$



Let $\rho = \sum_{k=1}^r \lambda_k |\chi_k\rangle\langle\chi_k|$ be an eigen decomp of ρ , with $|\chi_k\rangle$'s ON and $\lambda_k > 0$.

Let $|\chi\rangle$ be an eig. vector w/ 0 eig. value, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle\chi|\rho|\chi\rangle = \sum_i p_i \langle\chi|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|\chi\rangle \\ &= \sum_i p_i \underbrace{\|\langle\chi|\psi_i\rangle\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\forall i \quad \langle\chi|\psi_i\rangle = 0$.

This implies that $|\chi\rangle$ is a lin. comb. of the eig vectors w/ non-zero eig. value of ρ ,

$$\sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle = \sum_k V_{ik} \sqrt{\lambda_k} |\chi_k\rangle.$$

Notice now that

$$\sqrt{\lambda_k} |\chi_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_k}} \rho |\chi_k\rangle = \sum_i \frac{p_i}{\sqrt{\lambda_k}} |\psi_i\rangle \langle\psi_i|\chi_k\rangle$$

$$= \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle \cdot \sum_j \overline{V_{ij}} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_j}}{\sqrt{\lambda_k}} \langle\chi_j|\chi_k\rangle$$

$$= \sum_i (V^+)_{ji} \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle.$$

Finally: ρ can be expressed
Similarly w/ χ_i :

$$\langle \rho_i | \phi_i \rangle = \sum_j w_{ij} \langle \lambda_j | \chi_j \rangle$$

$$\langle \lambda_i | \chi_i \rangle = \sum_j (w_{ij})^+ \langle \rho_j | \phi_j \rangle$$

Therefore

$$\langle \rho_i | \phi_i \rangle = \sum_j w_{ij} \langle \lambda_j | \chi_j \rangle = \sum_{jk} w_{ij} (V^+)_{jk} \langle \rho_k | \psi_k \rangle$$

$$\langle \rho_i | \psi_i \rangle = \sum_j V_{ij} \langle \lambda_j | \chi_j \rangle = \sum_{jk} V_{ij} (W^+)_{jk} \langle \rho_k | \phi_k \rangle$$

$$\text{So } U = VW^+, \quad U^+ = WV^+. \quad \square$$

We have thus seen that one can write ρ as an ensemble of pure states and can relate all such ensemble decompositions to each other.

☆ End

8th lecture: 27/10/23

* trace is cyclic

* positivity: \geq

QM systems:

- DOF: \mathcal{H} Hilbert space,

- States: $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{tr}\{\rho\} = 1$.

- Convex structure: if ρ_1, \dots, ρ_n are density matrices, p_1, \dots, p_n is a probab. distribution ($p_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i p_i = 1$), then $\sum_i p_i \rho_i$ is also density matrix.

The set $\{(p_i, \rho_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ is called an ensemble. Probabilistic interpretation.

$$- \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i |\phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i|$$

$$\text{w/ } p_i, q_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = \sum_i q_i = 1, \|\phi_i\| = 1, \|\psi_i\| = 1$$

iff $\exists U \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$ s.t.

$$\bullet \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle = \sum_j U_{ij} \sqrt{q_j} |\phi_j\rangle$$

$\bullet U U^\dagger$ and $U^\dagger U$ are projectors.

Break @ 12:15.

End @ 13:00.

Composite Systems

Given system A w/ DoF \mathcal{H}_A , B w/ DoF \mathcal{H}_B , the composite system has DoF $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. Why?

Same as probab. theory! 1 coin H/T, then 2 coins can have HH/HT/TH/TT, so $\rho_{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \otimes \mathbb{R}^2$.

So states in the composite system are:

$$\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B), \quad \rho_{AB} \geq 0, \quad \text{tr}\{\rho_{AB}\} = 1.$$

We have seen that density matrix \cong probability distribution

In classical PT, one can discard part of a composite system: one can take marginal.

Two coins' joint probab. distr: $P_{00}, P_{01}, P_{10}, P_{11}$

Now toss the two coins, but don't look at the second. What's the probability distr. of the first coin?

$$P_0 = P_{00} + P_{01} \quad \text{and} \quad P_1 = P_{10} + P_{11}$$

In QM very similar thing happens:

Given $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$ we

can construct its marginal,

called reduced density matrix/operator

on A :

$$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B(\rho_{AB}) := (\mathbb{1} \otimes \text{tr})(\rho_{AB}),$$

where $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$ is viewed as a vector,

and $\mathbb{1} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A))$ and $\text{tr}_B \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B), \mathbb{C})$ as lin. op.

Concretely, if

$$\rho = \sum_{ijkl} \rho_{ijkl} |ij\rangle\langle kl|, \text{ then}$$

$$\rho_A = \sum_{ijkl} \rho_{ijkl} |i\rangle\langle k| \cdot \text{tr}(|j\rangle\langle l|)$$

$$= \sum_{ikj} \rho_{ijkj} |i\rangle\langle k|$$

Or equivalently, if $\rho = \sum_i x_i \otimes \gamma_i$,

$$\text{then } \rho_A = \sum_i x_i \cdot \text{tr}(\gamma_i).$$

Remark: result does not depend on the particular decomp.

Example:

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

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)(\langle 00| + \langle 11|)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle\langle 00| + |11\rangle\langle 00| + |00\rangle\langle 11| + |11\rangle\langle 11|) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho_A = \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| \text{tr}(|0\rangle\langle 0|) + |1\rangle\langle 0| \text{tr}(|1\rangle\langle 0|) + |0\rangle\langle 1| \text{tr}(|0\rangle\langle 1|) + |1\rangle\langle 1| \text{tr}(|1\rangle\langle 1|))$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Same way,

$$\rho_B = (\text{tr} \otimes \text{id})(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} (\text{tr}(|0\rangle\langle 0|) |0\rangle\langle 0| + \text{tr}(|1\rangle\langle 0|) |1\rangle\langle 0| + \text{tr}(|0\rangle\langle 1|) |0\rangle\langle 1| + \text{tr}(|1\rangle\langle 1|) |1\rangle\langle 1|) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note: $|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$ has

same marginals / reduced densities,

$\rho_B = \rho_A$. In general, this is not true. But.

Thm: Given a pure state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$,
the reduced densities

$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ and $\rho_B = \text{tr}_A |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$
have the same spectrum* (ex. for 0):

$$\text{Spec}\{\rho_A\} \cup \{0\} = \text{Spec}\{\rho_B\} \cup \{0\}.$$

*: the collection of all eigenvalues.

Proof: Consider the Schmidt decomposition of $|\psi\rangle$:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i |\phi_i\rangle_A \otimes |\chi_i\rangle_B,$$

where $\{|\phi_i\rangle\}$ are ON and $\{|\chi_i\rangle\}$ are ON, $\lambda_i \geq 0$.

Then

$$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \sum_{i,j=1}^r \lambda_i \lambda_j |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_j| \otimes |\chi_i\rangle\langle\chi_j|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_A = \text{tr}_B |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| &= \sum_{i,j=1}^r \lambda_i \lambda_j |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_j| \underbrace{\langle\chi_j|\chi_i\rangle}_{\delta_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i^2 |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i| \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\rho_B = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i^2 |\chi_i\rangle\langle\chi_i|.$$

As $\{|\phi_i\rangle\}$ and $\{|\chi_i\rangle\}$ are orthonormal, this is the spectral decomposition:

$$P_A |\phi_i\rangle = \sum_j \lambda_j^2 |\phi_j\rangle \langle \phi_j| \phi_i\rangle = \lambda_i^2 |\phi_i\rangle.$$

Therefore the spectrum of

$$P_A \text{ is } \{\lambda_i^2\}_{i=1}^r \text{ if } r = \dim \mathcal{H}_A, \text{ and}$$

$$\{\lambda_i^2\}_{i=1}^r \cup \{0\} \text{ if } r < \dim \mathcal{H}_A.$$

Similarly, the spectrum of P_B is

$$\{\lambda_i^2\}_{i=1}^r \text{ if } \dim \mathcal{H}_B = r \text{ and}$$

$$\{\lambda_i^2\}_{i=1}^r \cup \{0\} \text{ if } r < \dim \mathcal{H}_B.$$

Thus the two spectrums coincide, up to the point $\{0\}$. \square

Remark: How to check $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ is of the form $|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle_A \otimes |\chi\rangle_B$?

(a) Write it in $m \times n$ form, check the rank = 1.

(b) $\text{tr}_B |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$ is rank-1

Thm: Any density matrix can be written as the marginal of a pure state.

Note: This is called purification.

Proof: consider $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

eg. eigen decomp., but any pure ensemble decomp. works. Let $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{C}^r$, and

define

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r \sqrt{\lambda_i} |\psi_i\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes |i\rangle_{\mathcal{K}}$$

Then

$$\text{tr}_{\mathcal{K}} |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{K}} \left(\sum_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_i \lambda_j} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j| \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| \right)$$

$$= \sum_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_i \lambda_j} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j| \underbrace{\text{tr}(|i\rangle\langle j|)}_{\delta_{ij}}$$

$$= \sum_i \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \rho.$$

Note: we can start from diff. ensemble
 decoup. \Rightarrow we arrive at diff. purifications.
 (e.g. n is not necessarily the rank of ρ ,
 so even $\dim \mathcal{K}$ might be different.)

Thm: Let $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}_1$, $|\phi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}_2$. These
 states are the purifications of the
 same state,

$$\text{tr}_{\mathcal{K}_1} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{K}_2} |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$$

iff there is a map $U: \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$ s.t.
 $|\phi\rangle = (1 \otimes U)|\psi\rangle$, and
 UU^\dagger and $U^\dagger U$ are projectors.

Proof: If $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle$ is the
 Schmidt decoup. of a purification of ρ , then
 $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i^2 |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle\langle\psi_i^{(1)}|$ is an ensemble
 decoup. of ρ . Using the relation between
 two ensemble decompositions, we obtain
 that if

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^s \mu_i |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle, \text{ then}$$

$\exists \hat{U} : \mathcal{F}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^s$ s.t. $\hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U}$ and $\hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger$ are projectors and

$$\mu_i |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_j \hat{U}_{ij} \mu_j |\psi_j^{(1)}\rangle.$$

Let $u = \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^r \hat{U}_{ij} |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \langle \psi_j^{(2)}|$.

Then

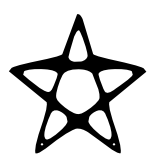
$$u u^\dagger = \sum_{ijkl} \hat{U}_{ij} \hat{U}_{kl}^\dagger |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \langle \psi_j^{(2)}| \langle \psi_l^{(2)}| \langle \phi_k^{(2)}|$$

$$= \sum_{ikj} \underbrace{\hat{U}_{ij} (\hat{U}^\dagger)_{jk}}_{\text{projector}} |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \langle \psi_k^{(2)}|$$

projector

$$= \sum_{ik} P_{ik} |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \langle \psi_k^{(2)}|.$$

As P is a projector and $\{|\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle\}$ are orthonormal and $\{|\psi_k^{(2)}\rangle\}$ are orthonormal, $u u^\dagger$ is a projector. Same way $u^\dagger u$ is a projector as well.



End

Let us calculate now

$$(1 \otimes u) |\psi\rangle = \sum_{ijk} \mu_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \hat{U}_{jk} |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle \underbrace{\langle \psi_k^{(2)}| \psi_i^{(2)}\rangle}_{\delta_{ki}}$$

$$= \sum_{ij} \underbrace{\mu_i \hat{U}_{ji}}_{\mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle} |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_j \mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle.$$

The other direction: assume $u u^\dagger$ and $u^\dagger u$ are projectors and that

$$(\mathbb{1} \otimes u) |\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle.$$

Consider the Schmidt decomp. of $|\phi\rangle$ and $|\psi\rangle$:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle$$

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^s \mu_i |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle$$

We can extend $\{|\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle\}$ to be ONB, and $\{|\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle\}$ as well. In that basis we can write

$$u = \sum_{ij} \hat{u}_{ij} |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \langle \psi_j^{(2)}|.$$

Then

$$(\mathbb{1} \otimes u) |\psi\rangle = \sum_{ijk} \lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \hat{u}_{jk} |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle \underbrace{\langle \psi_k^{(2)} | \psi_i^{(1)} \rangle}_{\delta_{ik}} =$$

$$= \sum_{ij} \lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \hat{u}_{ji} |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle = |\phi\rangle.$$

Comparing this to the Schmidt decomp. of $|\phi\rangle$

we obtain

$$\sum_j \mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle = \sum_{ij} \lambda_i \hat{u}_{ji} |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle,$$

and thus that

$$\mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i \hat{u}_{ji} |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle.$$

As the matrix \hat{u} is s.t. $\hat{u} \hat{u}^\dagger$ and $\hat{u}^\dagger \hat{u}$ are projectors, this implies that

$\sum_i d_i^2 |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle\langle\psi_i^{(1)}| = \sum_i \mu_i^2 |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle\langle\phi_i^{(1)}|$,
 i.e. the reduced density of $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ and $|\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$ is the same. \square

9th lecture: 30/10/23

Recap: Composite systems: $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$,
 $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$.

We have defined the partial trace operations:

If $\rho_{AB} = \sum_i x_i \otimes \gamma_i$, then

$$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B \rho_{AB} = (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr})(\rho_{AB}) = \sum_i \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{matrix}}}{x_i} \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \in \mathcal{C}}}{\text{tr}(\gamma_i)}$$

$$\rho_B = \text{tr}_A \rho_{AB} = (\text{tr} \otimes \text{id})(\rho_{AB}) = \sum_i \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \in \mathcal{C}}}{\text{tr}(x_i)} \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{matrix}}}{\gamma_i}$$

ρ_A, ρ_B are called the reduced densities of ρ_{AB} .

Remark: $\rho_{AB} \neq \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$ in general.

We have also seen that every $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ arises as the reduced density of some pure state

$$|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}, \quad \|\psi\rangle\| = 1.$$

$|\psi\rangle$ is called a purification of ρ if $\text{tr}_{\mathcal{K}} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \rho$.

We were proving: the

Thm: Let $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}_1$ and $|\phi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}_2$ be states.
(that is, $\|\psi\rangle\| = \|\phi\rangle\| = 1$.) Then the following
are equivalent:

$$(1) \operatorname{tr}_{\mathcal{K}_1} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \operatorname{tr}_{\mathcal{K}_2} |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$$

(2) $\exists U \in \operatorname{Lin}(\mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K}_1)$ such that

(a) UU^\dagger and $U^\dagger U$ are projectors

(b) $|\psi\rangle = (\operatorname{id} \otimes U)|\phi\rangle$.

Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$: We have seen that if

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle \\ |\phi\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^r \mu_i |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Schmidt decomp.}$$

Then

$$(1) \Rightarrow \sum_i \lambda_i^2 |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle\langle\psi_i^{(1)}| = \sum_i \mu_i^2 |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle\langle\phi_i^{(1)}|$$

And thus $\exists \hat{U} \in \operatorname{Lin}(\mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K}_1)$ s.t.

$$\lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_j \hat{U}_{ij} \mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U}, \hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger \text{ are proj.}$$

We can define then

$$U = \sum_{ij} \hat{U}_{ij} |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle\langle\phi_j^{(2)}|$$

We have seen that UU^\dagger and $U^\dagger U$

are projectors (as \hat{U} is a projector and

\hat{U} is simply the mix describing \mathcal{U} in the ONB $(|\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle, |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle)$.

Let us show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{U})|\phi\rangle &= \sum_i \mu_i |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \mathcal{U}|\phi_i^{(2)}\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{ijk} \mu_i |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \hat{U}_{jk} |\psi_j^{(2)}\rangle \langle \phi_k^{(2)} | \phi_i^{(2)} \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{ij} \mu_i \hat{U}_{ji} |\phi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_j^{(2)}\rangle \\
 &= \sum_j \lambda_j |\psi_j^{(2)}\rangle \otimes |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\boxed{2 \Rightarrow 1}$

Similar: if

$|\psi\rangle = (\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathbb{1})|\phi\rangle$, then

$$\sum_i \lambda_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle = \sum_j \mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \mathcal{U}|\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle$$

$$\text{And thus } \mu_j \mathcal{U}|\phi_j^{(2)}\rangle = \sum_k \lambda_k \hat{U}_{kj} |\psi_k^{(2)}\rangle.$$

As $\mathcal{U}^\dagger \mathcal{U}$ and $\mathcal{U} \mathcal{U}^\dagger$ is a projector and

\hat{U} is the mix describing \mathcal{U} ,

$\hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U}$ and $\hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger$ is a projector as well.

We can then write:

$$\sum_i d_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_i^{(2)}\rangle = \sum_{jk} \mu_j |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle \otimes \hat{u}_{kj} |\psi_k^{(2)}\rangle$$

And thus $\forall i$

$$d_i |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_j \mu_j \hat{u}_{ij} |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle$$

Therefore

$$\sum_i d_i^2 |\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle \langle \psi_i^{(1)}| = \sum_j \mu_j^2 |\phi_j^{(1)}\rangle \langle \phi_j^{(1)}|. \quad \square$$

We have thus understood the redundancy of the Schmidt decomposition.

Measurements on a composite system

Let $\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$ be the density matrix of a composite system.

Let $\{\pi_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$ be a measurement on the B system.

We say that B does the above measurement on the composite system

for the measurement described by
the operators $\{\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i\}_{i=1}^n$.

Note: $\sum_i \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i = \mathbb{1}_B \Rightarrow \sum_i (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i^\dagger) (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i) = \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \mathbb{1}_B = \mathbb{1}_{AB}$.

That is, the outcome probabilities and
post meas. states after B measuring
 $\{\Pi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is

$$p_i = \text{tr}_{AB} \left((\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i) \rho_{AB} (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i^\dagger) \right) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{tr}(\Pi_i \rho_B \Pi_i^\dagger)$$

$$P_i = \frac{1}{p_i} (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i) \rho_{AB} (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \Pi_i)$$

Example:

- $|4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$
- B measures Z .

"Measuring Z ": measuring in the eig. basis
of Z : measurement op: $|0\rangle\langle 0|$ and $|1\rangle\langle 1|$.

B measures Z : meas. op. on the composite
system is $\mathbb{1}_A \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|$ and $\mathbb{1}_A \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|$.

Outcome: $+1/-1$ or $0/1$.

$$P_0 = \text{tr} \left((1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| (1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) \right) \\ = \langle 0 | \rho_B | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_1 = \langle 1 | \rho_B | 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Post meas. state:

$$\frac{1}{P} (1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| (1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|)$$

How to do this calculation cleverly?

(1) It is a pure state, so we only need

$$(1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |\Psi\rangle$$

(2) Now it's easier:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

So

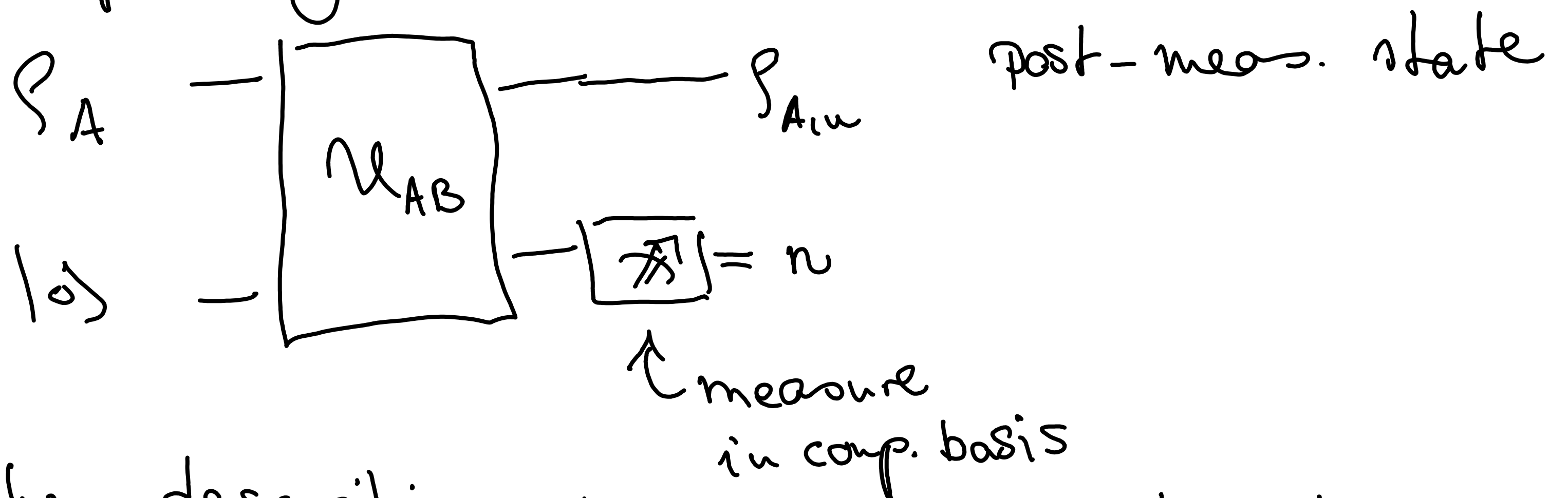
$$(1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left((1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |00\rangle + (1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |11\rangle \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \underbrace{\langle 0|0\rangle}_{1} + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \underbrace{\langle 0|1\rangle}_{0} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} |00\rangle. \Rightarrow \psi_0 = |00\rangle$$

HW: think through what ψ_1 is.

Note: $(1 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) |\Psi\rangle = |v\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$ for some vector v . HW?

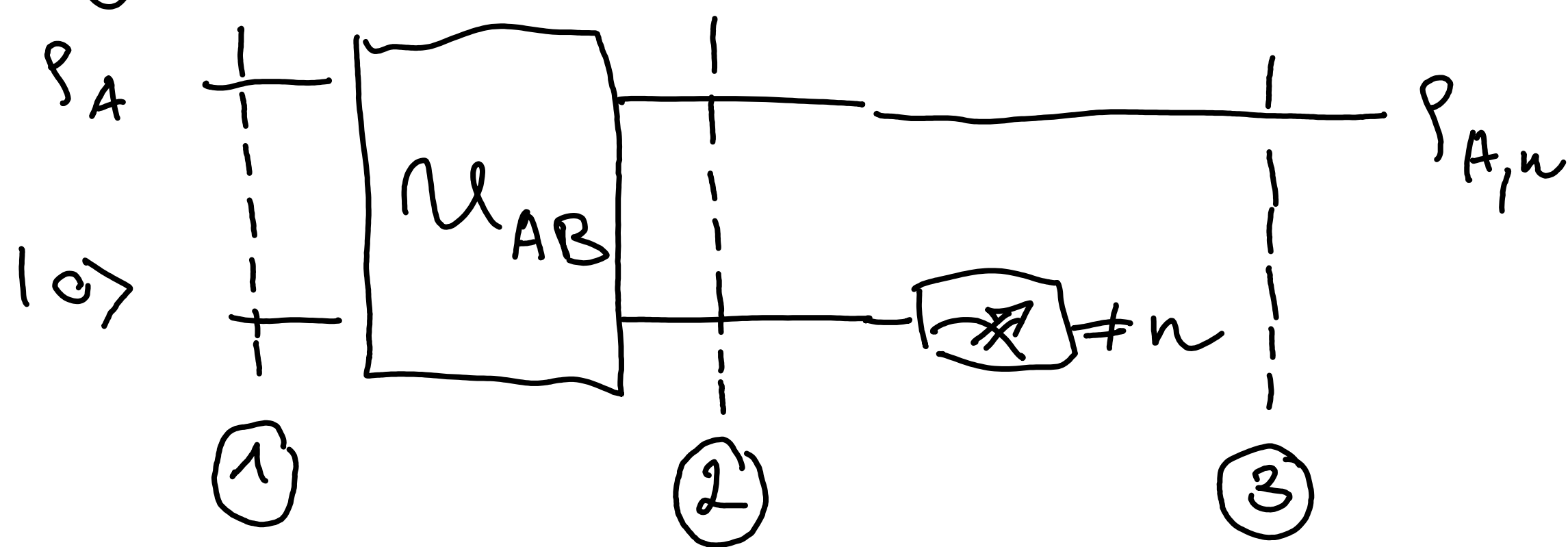
People usually only introduce proj. measurements.
 Let us show a situation where proj.
 measurement is not enough / the origin
 of POVMs. Measure comp. system after time evol.

Graphically:



When describing only System A, the description is a POVM.

Analysis:



- ① The state is $\rho_A \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|$
- ② After the unitary, the state becomes $U_{AB} (\rho_A \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) U_{AB}^\dagger$.
- ③ Measurement in the comp. basis in the System B:

The meas. ops. are $\{\mathbb{1} \otimes |i\rangle\langle i|\}_{i=1}^n$, so

$$P_i = \text{tr} \left\{ (\mathbb{1} \otimes |i\rangle\langle i|) U_{AB} (\rho_A \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) U_{AB}^\dagger (\mathbb{1} \otimes |i\rangle\langle i|) \right\}.$$

To simplify, write $U_{AB} = \sum_i X_i \otimes Y_i$.

We then obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} P_i &= \sum_{jk} \text{tr} \left\{ X_j \rho_A X_k^\dagger \otimes |i\rangle\langle i| Y_j |0\rangle\langle 0| Y_k^\dagger |i\rangle\langle i| \right\} \\ &= \sum_{jk} \text{tr} \left\{ X_j \rho_A X_k^\dagger \right\} \cdot \text{tr} \left\{ |i\rangle\langle i| \right\} \cdot \langle i| Y_j |0\rangle \\ &\quad \cdot \langle 0| Y_k^\dagger |i\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Note: $\text{tr}_{AB} = \text{tr}_A \otimes \text{tr}_B$ as $\text{tr}_{AB}(\rho) = \sum_{ij} \langle ij | \rho | ij \rangle$,

or if $\rho = \sum_k \rho_k^{(1)} \otimes \rho_k^{(2)}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr} \rho &= \sum_k \sum_i \langle i | \rho_k^{(1)} | i \rangle \cdot \sum_j \langle j | \rho_k^{(2)} | j \rangle \\ &= \sum_k \text{tr} \rho_k^{(1)} \cdot \text{tr} \rho_k^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let now

$$\Pi_i = \sum_j X_j \langle i | Y_j | 0 \rangle.$$

Then

$$P_i = \text{tr} \left\{ \Pi_i \rho \Pi_i^\dagger \right\}.$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{A,i} &= \text{tr}_B \left\{ \mathbb{1} \otimes |i\rangle\langle i| U_{AB} (\rho_A \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) U_{AB}^\dagger (\mathbb{1} \otimes |i\rangle\langle i|) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{jk} X_j \rho_A X_k^\dagger \langle i | Y_j | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | Y_k^\dagger | i \rangle \\ &= \Pi_i \rho_A \Pi_i^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Sanity check: $\sum_i \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i = \mathbb{1}$:

$$\sum_i \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_i = \sum_{ijk} X_k^\dagger X_j \langle 0 | Y_k^\dagger | i \rangle \langle i | Y_j | 0 \rangle = \mathbb{1}.$$

Actually, any POVM can arise this way:

Consider

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n \Pi_i \otimes |i\rangle \langle 0| = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_1 \\ \Pi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Pi_n \end{pmatrix}$$

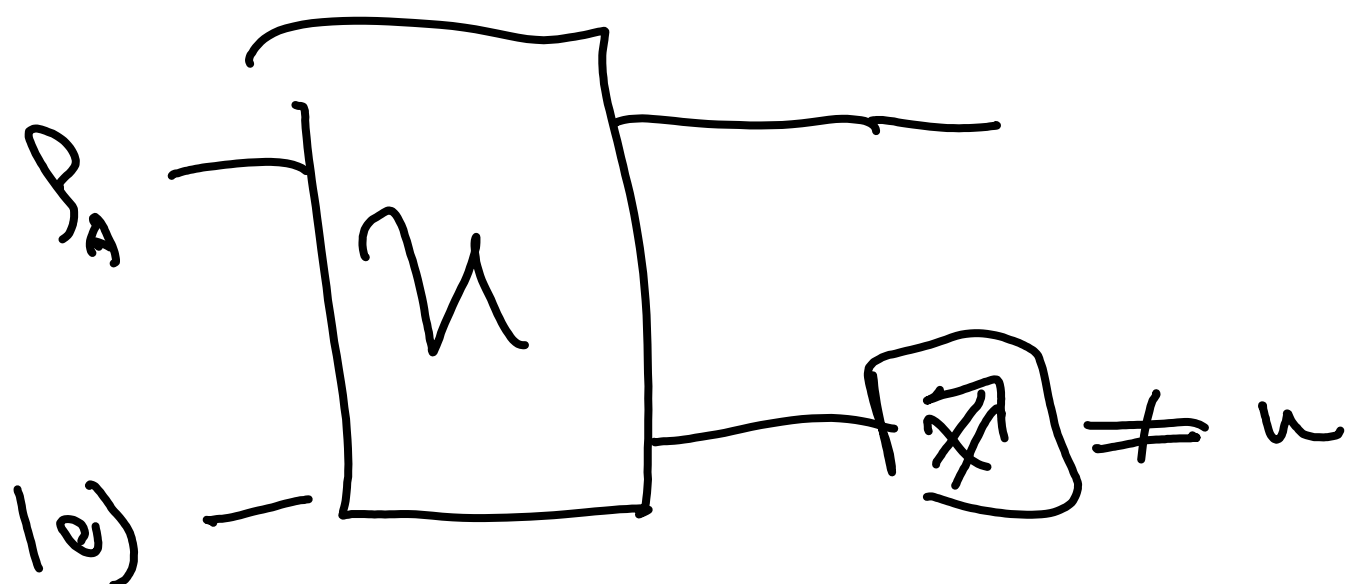
Then

$$\begin{aligned} X^\dagger X &= \sum_{ij} \Pi_i^\dagger \Pi_j \otimes |0\rangle \langle i| \langle j| \langle 0| \\ &= \mathbb{1} \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0| \end{aligned}$$

Note that this means that the columns are orthogonal. We can thus complete it to a unitary:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_1 & - & \dots & - \\ \Pi_2 & - & & - \\ \vdots & & & - \\ \Pi_n & - & & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Then



results
in the POVM.

10th lecture : 3/11/2023

Reminder:

→ Composite systems are described on a tensor product Hilbert space.

→ Partial trace if $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$, then

$$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B \rho = (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr})(\rho)$$

$$\rho_B = \text{tr}_A \rho = (\text{tr} \otimes \text{id})(\rho).$$

ρ_A, ρ_B are called the reduced densities or marginals of ρ .

Concrete calculation: if

$$\rho = \sum_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j| \otimes \rho_{ij}^R$$

$$\rho_B = \sum_i \rho_{ii}^R.$$

In matrix notation:

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00}^R & \rho_{01}^R & \dots & \dots \\ \rho_{10}^R & \rho_{11}^R & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \rho_{nn}^R \end{pmatrix}$$

where ρ_{ij}^R are $\dim(\mathcal{H}_A) \times \dim(\mathcal{H}_A)$ matrices.

Then

$\rho_B = \sum_i \rho_{ii}^L$ is the sum of the matrices that are in the diagonal.

Similarly,

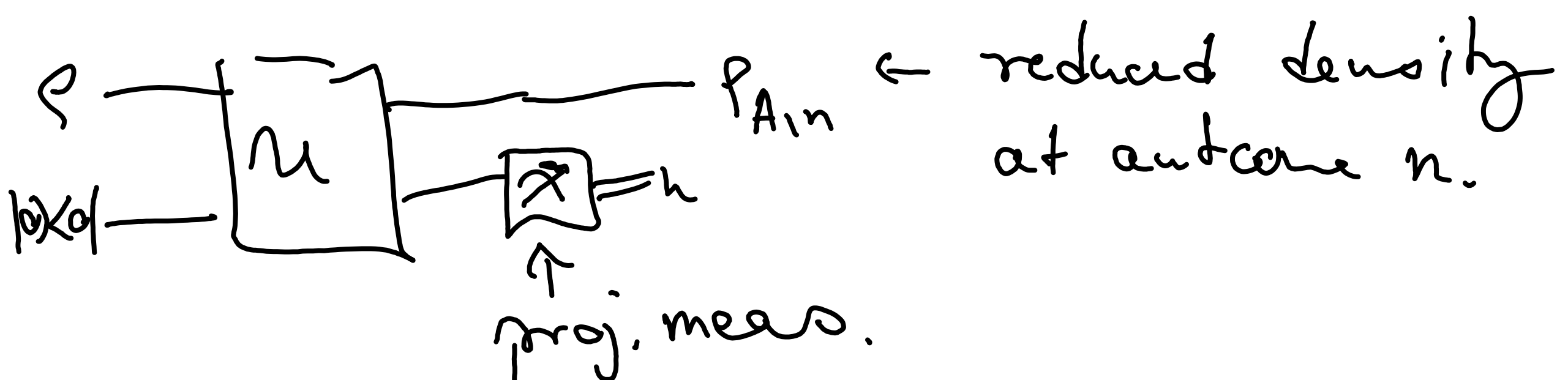
$$\rho_A = \sum_j |j\rangle\langle j| \cdot \text{tr}(\rho_{ij}^R)$$

So ρ_A is the mx that one obtains when tracing each block.

→ We have seen that \forall density mx is reduced density of some pure state

→ Also that given a density mx, it has several purifications, but they are related to each other.

→ We have seen that \forall POVM arises as



Today: time evolution, CP maps:

We have learned:

→ Closed system: $\rho \mapsto U\rho U^\dagger$.

→ Open system: $\rho \mapsto T(\rho)$, where T is a CPTP map.

TP
Positive

Def: CPTP map: $T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$

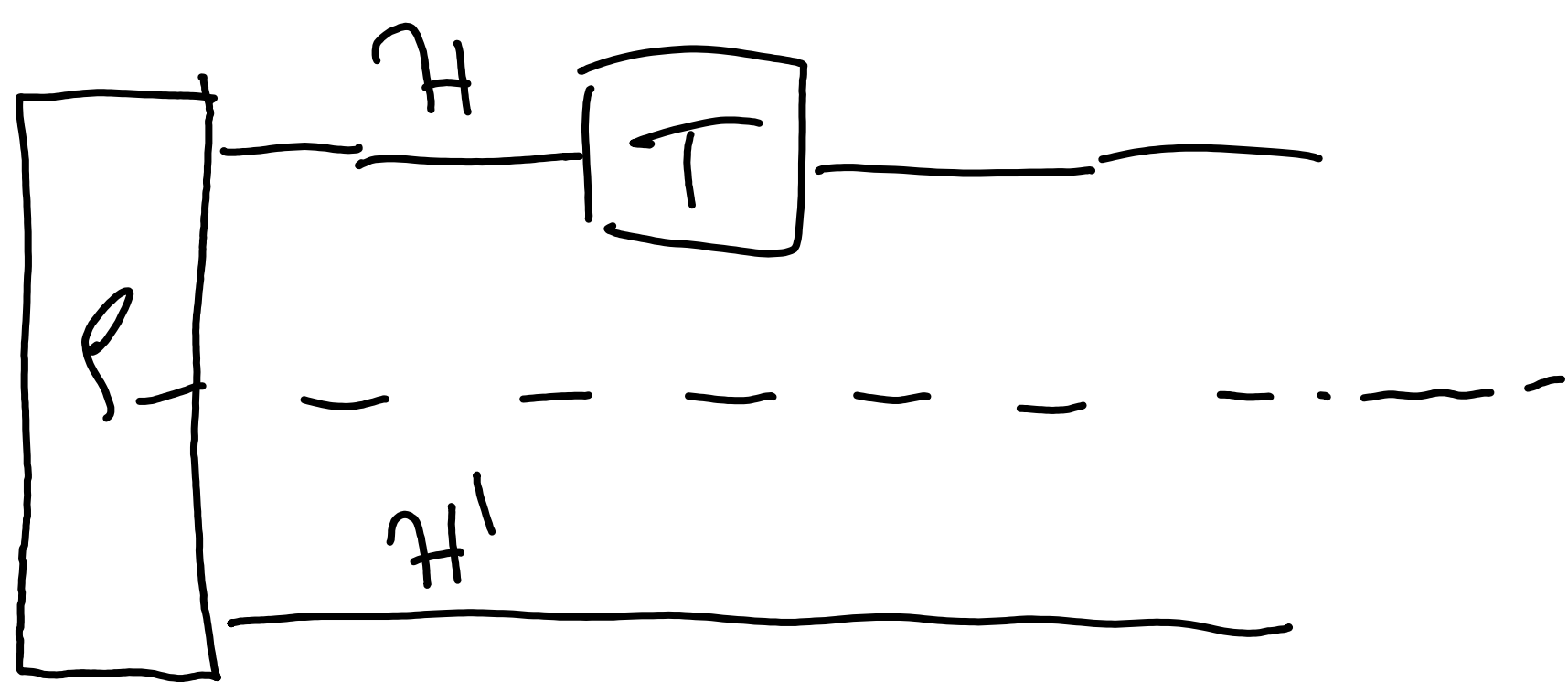
- linear

- $\text{tr} T(x) = \text{tr}(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

- For all \mathcal{H}' -space \mathcal{H}' the map

$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho) \geq 0$ if $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}') \geq 0$.

First of all, why the requirement $(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho) \geq 0$?



this s/b
also positive
as tensoring w/
id is allowed.

Why is $T(\rho) \geq 0$ if $\rho \geq 0$ not enough?

We say that $T(\rho) \geq 0$ if $\rho \geq 0$ is a positive map.

Theorem: The transposition map,

$$T(|i\rangle\langle j|) = |j\rangle\langle i|$$

is positive, but not completely positive.

Proof: Let us prove first that T is positive.

Let $\rho \geq 0$. Then we can write

$$\rho = XX^\dagger. \text{ Its transpose is}$$

$$T(\rho) = (X^\dagger)^T X^T = (X^T)^\dagger X^T, \text{ so}$$

$$(X^\dagger)^T = (X^T)^\dagger = \bar{X}, \text{ the complex conjugate of } X.$$

So $T(\rho) = Y^\dagger Y$ with $Y = X^T$, thus $T(\rho) \geq 0$.

Let us show that T is not CP.

For that, consider the state

$$\rho = |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| \text{ with } |\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle).$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle\langle 00| + |00\rangle\langle 11| + |11\rangle\langle 00| + |11\rangle\langle 11|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 0| + \\ &\quad + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id} \otimes T)(\rho) &= \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 0| \\ &\quad + |1\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 10| + |10\rangle\langle 01| + |11\rangle\langle 11|) \end{aligned}$$

This is not positive, as

$$\rho(|01\rangle) = |10\rangle \text{ and } \rho(|10\rangle) = |01\rangle$$

and thus

$$\rho(|01\rangle - |10\rangle) = (-1) \cdot (|01\rangle - |10\rangle),$$

i.e. (-1) is an eigenvalue. \square

Note: in matrix notation, these objects are:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\text{id} \otimes T)(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ not positive.}$$

Do we have CP (completely positive) maps at all? What about unitary?

Then: The unitary evolution map,
 $T(\rho) = U \rho U^\dagger$ is CP.

Proof: Let us consider $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$.
Then

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho) = (U \otimes \mathbb{1}) \rho (U^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}).$$

Assume ρ is positive, $\rho = X X^\dagger$.

Then

$$(U \otimes \mathbb{1}) X X^\dagger (U^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}) = Y Y^\dagger \text{ w/ } Y = (U \otimes \mathbb{1}) X.$$

What other example can we have?

Example:

- Take unitaries U_i , probabilities p_i .
- With proba p_i do evolution U_i :

$$T(\rho) = \sum_i p_i U_i \rho U_i^\dagger.$$

This is also CP, as

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho) = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} (U_i \otimes \mathbb{1}) \rho (U_i^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}) \sqrt{p_i},$$

and thus if $\rho_{AB} = XX^+$, then

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho) = \sum_i Y_i Y_i^+ \geq 0, \text{ where}$$

$$Y_i = \sqrt{p_i} U_i.$$

This can be generalized:

Def: If the map $T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ is of the form

$$T(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^+ \quad (*)$$

$$\text{w/ } A_i: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$$

then (*) is called the Kraus representation of T .

Thm: If a map $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ admits a Kraus representation, then it is CP.

Proof: $T(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^+$

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho_{AB}) = \sum_i (A_i \otimes \mathbb{1}) \rho_{AB} (A_i^+ \otimes \mathbb{1})$$

again, if $\rho_{AB} = XX^+$, then

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho_{AB}) = YY^+ \text{ with}$$

$$Y = ((A_1 \otimes \mathbb{1})X, (A_2 \otimes \mathbb{1})X, \dots, (A_n \otimes \mathbb{1})X).$$

□

Note: Example CP maps:

- trace: $\rho \mapsto \text{tr}(\rho)$
- partial trace $\rho_{AB} \mapsto \text{tr}_B(\rho)$
- tensoring w/ positive op. $\rho \mapsto \rho \otimes \sigma$.

Lemma: If T, \mathcal{E} admit a Kraus representation, then $T \circ \mathcal{E}$ as well.

Proof: If

$$T(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_j B_j \rho B_j^\dagger$$

Then

$$T \circ \mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_{ij} A_i B_j \rho B_j^\dagger A_i^\dagger,$$

and this is a Kraus repr. w/ operators $\{A_i B_j\}_{ij}$.

□

Lemma. T w/ Kraus repr. $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is trace preserving (TP) iff

$$\sum_i A_i^\dagger A_i = \mathbb{1}.$$

Proof: $\text{tr}(T(\rho)) = \text{tr}(\sum_i A_i \rho A_i^\dagger) = \text{tr}(\rho \sum_i A_i^\dagger A_i)$.
 it is 1 for all ρ w/ $\text{tr} \rho = 1$ iff $\sum_i A_i^\dagger A_i = \mathbb{1}$. □

Let us show now that every CP map admits a Kraus representation,

Lemma: Let $|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_i |ii\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$.

Then for any $O \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$,

$$(I \otimes O) |\Omega\rangle = (O^T \otimes \text{id}) |\Omega\rangle.$$

Proof: Let us write

$$O = \sum_{ij} O_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|.$$

Then

$$(I \otimes O) |\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{ijk} O_{ij} \cdot |k\rangle \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|k\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{ik} O_{ik} |k\rangle \otimes |i\rangle.$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{ijk} \underbrace{O_{jk}}_{O^T} |k\rangle\langle j|i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle$$

$$= (O^T \otimes I) |\Omega\rangle.$$

★ End.

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Reminder:

- Positive matrices/operators

$$M \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \geq 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad \langle \varphi | M | \varphi \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{H}.$$

- Sometimes we consider linear maps that map matrices to matrices, e.g. $\rho \mapsto U \rho U^\dagger$.

Such a map is called positive / positivity preserving if it maps positive objects to positive: $T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ is positive if

$$T(X) \geq 0 \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), X \geq 0.$$

and any operation (!)

- From time evolution \mathcal{U} we require not only positivity, but also complete positivity:

$$(\mathcal{T} \otimes \text{id})(\rho) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}'), \rho \geq 0.$$

This is because we want:

- starting from $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}')$
- time-evolving on \mathcal{H}
- but doing nothing on \mathcal{H}'

Should result in a valid state.

We have seen that positive $\not\subseteq$ CP :

- CP \Rightarrow positive w/ $\mathcal{H}' \subseteq \mathcal{H}$

- transposition is positive but not CP:

$$(\text{id} \otimes T)(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) \not\geq 0 \text{ in } 2D$$

$$\text{where } |\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_i |ii\rangle.$$

We have seen example CP maps :

$$T(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^\dagger \text{ is CP.}$$

This is what we call Kraus representation.

We want to prove: \forall CP maps are of this form.

Lemma:

$$(0 \otimes \mathbb{1})|\Omega\rangle = (\mathbb{1} \otimes 0^\top)|\Omega\rangle.$$

($|\Omega\rangle$ is the state def. above)

Lemma : Let $\dim \mathcal{H} = d$, and

$$|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d |i\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}.$$

Let \mathcal{K} be another Hilbert space, $|\phi\rangle \in \mathcal{K} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ arbitrary. Then there is $X \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ s.t.

$$|\phi\rangle = (X \otimes \text{id}) |\Omega\rangle.$$

Proof : Write $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{ij} \phi_{ij} |ij\rangle$.

Let $X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{ij} \phi_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j|$,
then

$$\begin{aligned} (X \otimes \text{id}) |\Omega\rangle &= \sum_{ijk} \phi_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j|\Omega\rangle \otimes |k\rangle \\ &= \sum_{ij} \phi_{ij} |i\rangle |j\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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Thm: Every CP map admits a Kraus representation.

Proof: Let $T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ be CP and assume that $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = d$. Then let $|\Omega\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ be defined as $|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d |ii\rangle$.

Notice that $\text{tr}_{\mathcal{B}}\{|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\} = \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{1}$.

We obtain thus that

$$\begin{aligned} T(\rho) &= T\left(\rho \cdot \text{tr}_{\mathcal{B}}\{|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\}\right) \\ &= T\left(\text{tr}_{\mathcal{B}}\left\{(\rho \otimes \mathbb{1})|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\right\}\right) \\ &= T\left(\text{tr}_{\mathcal{B}}\left\{(\mathbb{1} \otimes \rho^T)|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\right\}\right) \\ &= (T \otimes \text{tr})\left\{(\mathbb{1} \otimes \rho^T)|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\right\} \\ &= (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}) \circ (T \otimes \text{id})\left\{(\mathbb{1} \otimes \rho^T)|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\right\} \\ &= \text{tr}_{\mathcal{B}}\left\{(\mathbb{1} \otimes \rho^T)(T \otimes \text{id})\left\{|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|\right\}\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note now that as T is CP,

$$(T \otimes \text{id})\left\{\underbrace{|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|}_{\in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})}\right\} \geq 0.$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})}.$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}).$$

Write

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) = \sum_k \overset{\text{rank}}{\sim} |A_k\rangle\langle A_k|$$

$$= \sum_k (A_k \otimes \mathbb{1}) |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| (A_k^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1})$$

Then

$$T(\rho) = \text{tr}_B \left\{ (1 \otimes \rho^T) \sum_k (A_k \otimes \mathbb{1}) |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| (A_k^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}) \right\}$$

$$= \sum_k \text{tr}_B \left\{ A_k \otimes \rho^T |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| (A_k^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}) \right\}$$

$$= \sum_k \text{tr}_B \left\{ (A_k \rho \otimes \mathbb{1}) |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| A_k^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_k A_k \rho \text{tr}_B |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| A_k^\dagger$$

$$= \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^\dagger \quad \square$$

Scholium: $T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ lin. map is

CP iff

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) \geq 0.$$

Proof: $|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| \geq 0$ thus if T is CP,

$$(T \otimes \text{id})(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) \geq 0.$$

In the previous proof we have seen that if $(T \otimes \text{id})(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) \geq 0$, then T admits a Kraus representation. \square

Remark: to check that the transposition is not CP, we checked exactly this matrix.

Corollary: (Choi-Jamiolkowski isomorphism):

The set

$$\{T: B(H) \rightarrow B(K) \mid T \text{ is CP}\}$$

and the set of positive operators in $B(K) \otimes B(H)$ are in 1-to-1 correspondence

Proof: $T \mapsto (T \otimes \text{id})(|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|) \geq 0$ & injective.

Given $X \in B(K) \otimes B(H)$, $X = \sum_{ij} x_{ij} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{B(K)} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{B(H)}$

Define $T(|i\rangle\langle j|) = x_{ij}$. This is CP by const.

Remark: Time evolution is described by

$T: B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ that is CP and TP.

General operations are described by $B(H) \rightarrow B(K)$ CP and TP. They are also called channels.

Note: Channels are in 1-to-1 correspondence
 w/ density matrices $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
 s.t.

$$\text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \rho = \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{1}.$$

Proof: $\text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}} (T \otimes \text{id})(|\mathcal{R}\rangle\langle\mathcal{R}|) =$

$$= (\text{tr} \circ T \otimes \text{id})(|\mathcal{R}\rangle\langle\mathcal{R}|)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} \text{tr}(T(x_{ij})) \cdot |i\rangle\langle j|$$

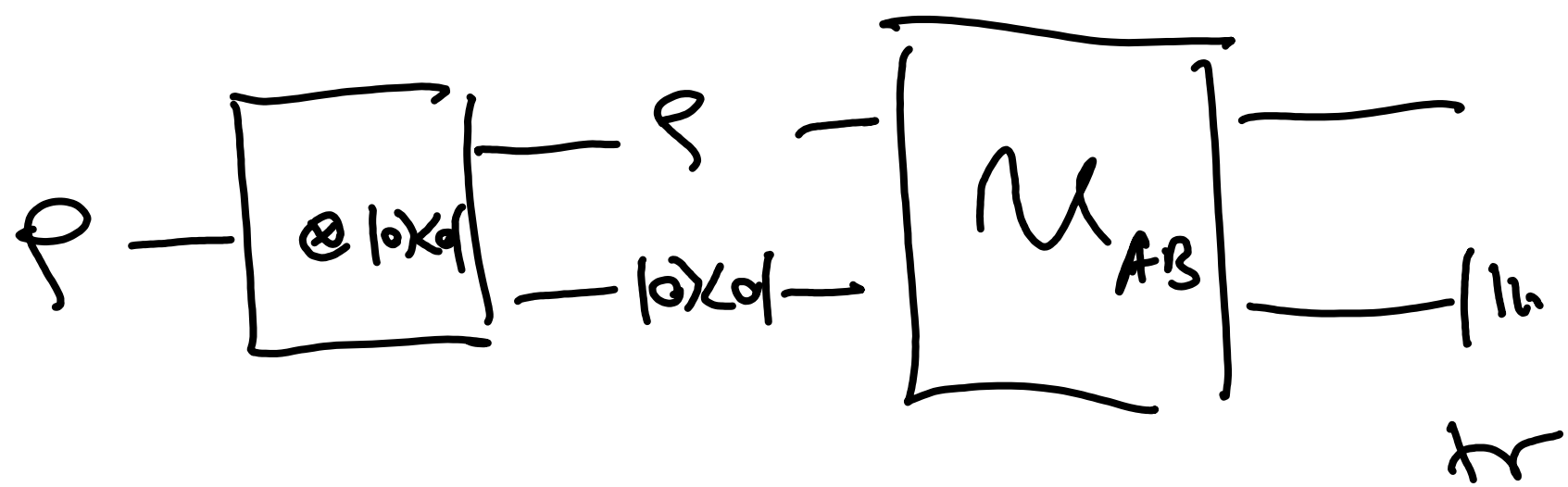
$$= \sum_{i,j} \text{tr}(x_{ij}) \cdot |i\rangle\langle j| = (\text{tr} \otimes \text{id})(|\mathcal{R}\rangle\langle\mathcal{R}|).$$

\uparrow TP $= \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{1}$.

Let us show now that TPCP maps
 arise exactly as

- Adding an ancilla
- Unitary evolution
- Tracing out.

Let us consider now



That is,

$$T(\rho) = \text{tr}_B \left(U_{AB} (\rho \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) U_{AB}^\dagger \right).$$

This map is CP, as it admits a Kraus repr. Explicitly, if

$$U_{AB} = \sum_{ij} u_{ij} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|,$$

then

$$T(\rho) = \text{tr}_B \left(\sum_{ijke} (u_{ij} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|) (\rho \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) (u_{ke}^\dagger \otimes |e\rangle\langle e|) \right)$$

$$= \text{tr}_B \left(\sum_{jke} u_{ij} \rho u_{ke}^\dagger \otimes |i\rangle\langle j| \otimes |e\rangle\langle e| \right)$$

$$= \sum_i u_{io} \rho u_{io}^\dagger.$$

Note that T is also TP, as

$$\sum_i u_{io}^\dagger u_{io} = (1 \otimes \langle 0|) U^\dagger U (1 \otimes |0\rangle) = 1.$$

The other way: if $\sum_k A_k^\dagger A_k = \mathbb{1}$,
then

$$\sum_i |i\rangle \langle A_i| = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Can be completed to be a unitary

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 & U_{01} & \dots & U_{0n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_n & U_{n1} & & U_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\text{tr}_1 \{ U (|0\rangle \langle 0| \otimes \rho) U^\dagger \} = \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^\dagger.$$

So general time evolution is

- adding a system, time evolving, tr out
- CP map: $(T \otimes \text{id})(\rho_{AB}) \geq 0$ if $\rho_{AB} \geq 0$
- Kraus form: $T(\rho) = \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^\dagger$, $\sum_k A_k^\dagger A_k = \mathbb{1}$.

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