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Programmability of channels

Deterministic programming

 $\mathcal{P}_{V,\sigma}(\rho) \doteq \operatorname{Tr}_2[V(\rho \otimes \sigma)V^{\dagger}]$



Programmability of channels





No go theorem (Nielsen-Chuang)

 $\mathcal{P}_{V,\sigma}(\rho) \doteq \operatorname{Tr}_2[V(\rho \otimes \sigma)V^{\dagger}]$

 $\mathscr{P}_V \doteq \mathcal{P}_{V,\mathscr{A}}$

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Programmability of unitaries Nielsen-Chuang theorem

Suppose distinct (up to a global phase) unitary operators U_1, \ldots, U_N are implemented by some programmable quantum gate array. Then the program register is at least N dimensional. Moreover, the corresponding programs $|\psi_1\rangle, \ldots, |\psi_N\rangle$ are mutually orthogonal.

Proof: for arbitrary $|\psi\rangle \in \mathsf{H}$

 $V(|\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi_i\rangle) = U_i |\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi'_i\rangle$ $V(|\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi_j\rangle) = U_j |\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi'_j\rangle$

 $\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \langle \psi'_i | \psi'_j \rangle \langle \psi | U_i^{\dagger} U_j | \psi \rangle$

 $\langle \psi_i' | \psi_j' \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle}{\langle \psi_i' | \psi_j' \rangle} = \langle \psi | U_i^{\dagger} U_j | \psi \rangle \quad \Rightarrow U_i^{\dagger} U_j = cI$

 $\langle \psi_i' | \psi_j' \rangle = 0 \implies \langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = 0 \blacksquare$

Programmability of unitaries

The joint unitary that programs perfectly the unitary operators $U_1, \ldots U_N$ is the controlled-U operator (modulo local unitaries)

 $V = \sum_{j} U_{j} \otimes |\psi_{j}\rangle \langle \psi_{j}|$







Problem: The most efficient Unitary

 $\varepsilon(V)$

For given $d = \dim(\mathscr{A})$ find the unitary operators V that are the most efficient in programming channels, namely which minimize the largest distance of each channel $\mathcal{C} \in \mathscr{C}$ from the programmable set $\mathscr{P}_{V,\mathscr{A}}$:

$$\varepsilon(V) \doteq \max_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathscr{C}} \min_{\mathcal{P} \in \mathscr{P}_{V,\mathscr{A}}} \delta(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})$$

The most efficient Unitary one would like to use $\delta(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P}) = \|\mathcal{C} - \mathcal{P}\|_{CB}$

instead we use

$$\delta(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P}) \doteq \sqrt{1 - F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})}$$

where $F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})$ is the Raginsky fidelity

 $F(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{P}) = \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_i |\operatorname{Tr}[C_i^{\dagger}U]|^2 \qquad \qquad \mathcal{U} = U \cdot U^{\dagger}$

 $F(V) \doteq \min_{U \in \mathsf{U}(\mathsf{H})} F(U, V), \quad F(U, V) \doteq \max_{\sigma \in \mathscr{A}} F(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{P}_{V, \sigma})$

The most efficient Unitary GNS representation

• Bipartite states $|\Psi\rangle\rangle \in \mathsf{H} \otimes \mathsf{K} \iff \text{operators } \Psi \in \mathsf{HS}(\mathsf{K},\mathsf{H})$

$$|\Psi
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angle = \sum_{nm} \Psi_{nm} |n
angle \otimes |m
angle.$$

• Matrix notation (for fixed reference basis in the Hilbert spaces)

$$A \otimes B | C \rangle \rangle = | A C B^{\intercal} \rangle \rangle,$$

$$\langle\!\langle A|B\rangle\!\rangle \equiv \operatorname{Tr}[A^{\dagger}B].$$

The most efficient Unitary GNS representation

cyclic vector $|I\rangle\rangle \in \mathsf{H} \otimes \mathsf{K}$

 $\Psi \in \mathsf{HS}(\mathsf{K},\mathsf{H}), \qquad |\Psi\rangle\!\rangle = (\Psi \otimes I)|I\rangle\!\rangle$

transposition

 $|\Psi\rangle\rangle = (\Psi\otimes I)|I\rangle\rangle = (I\otimes\Psi^{\mathsf{T}})|I\rangle\rangle$

complex conjugation

 $X^* \doteq (X^\intercal)^\dagger$

 $(|\upsilon\rangle\langle\upsilon|\otimes I)|I\rangle\rangle = |\upsilon\rangle|\upsilon^*\rangle$

$$V = \sum_{k} e^{i\theta_{k}} |\Psi_{k}\rangle \langle \langle \Psi_{k} | \cdot$$

Krauss form

$$\mathcal{P}_{V,\sigma}(\rho) = \sum_{nm} C_{nm} \rho C_{nm}^{\dagger}, \qquad C_{nm} = \sum_{k} e^{i\theta_{k}} \Psi_{k} |\upsilon_{n}^{*}\rangle \langle \upsilon_{m}^{*} |\Psi_{k}^{\dagger} \sqrt{\lambda_{m}}$$

 $|v_n\rangle$ denotes the eigenvector of σ corresponding to the eigenvalue λ_n

 $\sum |\operatorname{Tr}[C_{nm}^{\dagger}U]|^{2} = \sum e^{i(\theta_{k}-\theta_{h})} \operatorname{Tr}[\Psi_{k}^{\dagger}U^{\dagger}\Psi_{k}\sigma^{\intercal}\Psi_{h}^{\dagger}U\Psi_{h}]$

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$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\sigma^{\mathsf{T}}S(U,V)^{\dagger}S(U,V)]$$

 $S(U,V) = \sum e^{-i\theta_k} \Psi_k^{\dagger} U \Psi_k$

Max over σ $F(U, V) = \frac{1}{d^2} \|S(U, V)\|^2$.

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 $S(U,V) = \operatorname{Tr}_1[(U^{\mathsf{T}} \otimes I)V^*]$

Changing V by local unitary operators transforms S(U, V) in the following fashion

 $S(U, (W_1 \otimes W_2)V(W_3 \otimes W_4)) = W_2^* S(W_1^{\dagger} U W_3^{\dagger}, V) W_4^*$

 $V = (W_1 \otimes W_2) \exp[i(\alpha_1 \sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_1^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_2 \sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_3 \sigma_3 \otimes \sigma_3^{\mathsf{T}})](W_3 \otimes W_4)$



Figure 1. Quantum circuit scheme for the general joint unitary operator V: Here we use the notation $G_{\phi} = \exp(i\phi\sigma_G)$ with G = X, Y, Z.

study only joint unitary operators of the form $V = \exp[(i(\alpha_1\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_1^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_2\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_3\sigma_3 \otimes \sigma_3^{\mathsf{T}})]$

$$V = \exp[(i(\alpha_1\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_1^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_2\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_3\sigma_3 \otimes \sigma_3^{\mathsf{T}})]$$

eigenvectors: $|\Psi_j\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\sigma_j\rangle$ (Bell basis)

$$S(U,V) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0} e^{-i\theta_j} \sigma_j U \sigma_j \qquad \theta_0 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \quad \theta_i = 2\alpha_i - \theta_0$$

Bloch representation:

$$U = n_0 I + i \mathbf{n} \cdot \sigma$$

$$n_k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } n_0^2 + |\mathbf{n}|^2 = 1$$

$$S(U,V) = \tilde{n}_0 I + \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \sigma,$$

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$$\tilde{n}_j = t_j n_j, \quad 0 \le j \le 3, t_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{5} e^{-i\theta_j},$$

 $t_j = e^{-i\theta_0} + e^{-i\theta_j} - t_0, \ 1 \le j \le 3, \qquad t_j = |t_j| e^{i\phi_j}, \ 0 \le j \le 3,$

$$V = \exp[(i(\alpha_1\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_1^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_2\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_3\sigma_3 \otimes \sigma_3^{\mathsf{T}})]$$

$||S(U,V)||^2 = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t} + \sqrt{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{Tu}$

where $\mathbf{u} = (n_0^2, n_1^2, n_2^2, n_3^2)$, $\mathbf{t} = (|t_0|^2, |t_1|^2, |t_2|^2, |t_3|^2)$, and $\mathbf{T}_{ij} = |t_i|^2 |t_j|^2 \sin^2(\phi_i - \phi_j)$. One has the bounds

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t} + \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{T}\mathbf{u}} \ge \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t} \ge \min_{j} |t_j|^2$$

$$F(V) = \frac{1}{d^2} \min_{j} |t_j|^2.$$

take $\theta_0 = 0, \theta_1 = \pi/2, \theta_2 = \pi, \theta_3 = \pi/2$, corresponding to the eigenvalues i, 1, -i, 1 for V. Another solution is $\theta_0 = 0, \theta_1 = -\pi/2, \theta_2 = \pi, \theta_3 = -\pi/2$.

$$V = \exp[(i(\alpha_1\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_1^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_2\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2^{\mathsf{T}} + \alpha_3\sigma_3 \otimes \sigma_3^{\mathsf{T}})]$$

$$F \doteq \max_{V \in \mathsf{U}(\mathsf{H}^{\otimes 2})} F(V) = \frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

the corresponding optimal V has the form

$$\sigma = \exp\left[\pm i\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\sigma_x\otimes\sigma_x\pm\sigma_z\otimes\sigma_z\right)\right]$$



Figure 2. Quantum circuit scheme for the optimal unitary operator V

The most efficient Unitary d=2 controlled-U



 $F(U,V) = \frac{1}{4} |\operatorname{Tr}[V_h^{\dagger}U]|^2 \qquad h = \arg\max_k |\operatorname{Tr}[V_k^{\dagger}U]|$

 $F(V) = \min_{U} F(U, V) = 0$

Programmability of POVMs



 $\frac{Deterministic}{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Z},\sigma} \doteq \mathrm{Tr}_{2}[(I \otimes \sigma)\mathbf{Z}]}$



 $\mathbf{Z} \doteq \{Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_N\}$ $\mathbf{P} \doteq \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N\}$





Programmability of POVMs

Deterministic channel programmability



Programmability of POVMs

 $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Z},\sigma} \doteq \mathrm{Tr}_2[(I \otimes \sigma)\mathbf{Z}]$

 $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{Z}} \doteq \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Z},\mathscr{A}}$

No go theorem

It is impossible to program all observables with a single joint observable **Z** and a finite-dimensional ancilla



Programmability of observables No go theorem

Suppose M distinct observables $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{X}_M$ are implemented by some programmable quantum gate array. Then the program register is at least M dimensional. Moreover, the corresponding programs $|\psi_1\rangle, \ldots, |\psi_M\rangle$ are mutually orthogonal.

 $\boldsymbol{X}_{l} = \mathrm{Tr}_{2}[(I \otimes |\psi_{l}\rangle \langle \psi_{l}|)\boldsymbol{Z}]$ **Proof:** $|x_l^{(j)}\rangle\langle x_l^{(j)}| = \operatorname{Tr}_2[(I\otimes|\psi_l\rangle\langle\psi_l|)Z^{(j)}]$ $\langle x_l^{(n)} | \langle \psi_l | Z^{(j)} | x_l^{(m)} \rangle | \psi_l \rangle = \delta_{jn} \delta_{jm}$ $Z^{(j)}|x_l^{(j)}\rangle|\psi_l\rangle = |x_l^{(j)}\rangle|\psi_l\rangle$ $Z^{(i)}Z^{(j)} = \delta_{ij}Z^{(j)} \qquad Z^{(j)}|x_l^{(i)}\rangle|\psi_l\rangle = \delta_{ij}|x_l^{(i)}\rangle|\psi_l\rangle$ $\langle \psi_l | \psi_k \rangle \langle x_l^{(j)} | x_k^{(i)} \rangle = 0, \ i \neq j$ $\mathbf{X}_{l} \neq \mathbf{X}_{k} \Rightarrow \langle \psi_{l} | \psi_{k} \rangle = \delta_{lk} \blacksquare$

Programmability of observables

The joint observable that programs perfectly the observables $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_M$ is the controlled-O operator

$$\mathbf{Z} = \sum \mathbf{X}_l \otimes |\psi_l\rangle \langle \psi_l$$

which can be implemented with a fixed local observable and a controlled-U

 $\mathbf{Z} = V^{\dagger} (\mathbf{X} \otimes I) V$ $V = \sum U_l \otimes |\psi_l\rangle \langle \psi_l| \qquad \mathbf{X}_l = U_l^{\dagger} \mathbf{X} U_l$





Programmability of observables

 $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Z},\sigma} \doteq \mathrm{Tr}_2[(I \otimes \sigma)\mathbf{Z}]$

 $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{Z}} \doteq \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Z},\mathscr{A}}$

Problem: The most efficient observable

For given $d = \dim(\mathscr{A})$ and $N = |\mathbf{Z}| = |\mathbf{P}|$, find the observables \mathbf{Z} that are the most efficient in programming POVM's, namely which minimize the largest distance of each POVM from the programmable set:

 $\varepsilon(\mathbf{Z}) \doteq \max_{\mathbf{Q} \in \mathscr{P}_N} \min_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathscr{P}_{\mathbf{Z},\mathscr{A}}} \delta(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$



Programmability of observables

programmability with accuracy ε^{-1} :

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{Z}) \doteq \max_{\mathbf{Q} \in \mathscr{P}_N} \min_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathscr{P}_{\mathbf{Z}}} \delta(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$$

$$\delta(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = \max_{\rho} \sum_{i} |\operatorname{Tr}[\rho(P_i - Q_i)]|$$

Using a joint observable ${\bf Z}$ of the form

 $Z_i = U^{\dagger}(|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|\otimes I_A)U, \qquad U = \sum_{k=1}^{\dim(\mathcal{A})} W_k \otimes |\phi_k\rangle\langle\phi_k|$

with $\{\psi_i\}$ and $\{\phi_k\}$ orthonormal sets and W_k unitary, we can program observables with accuracy ε^{-1} using an ancilla with **polynomial** growth

$$\dim(\mathcal{A}) \leqslant \kappa(N) \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)^{N(N-1)}$$

Programmability of observables d=2

For qubits: linear growth!

Program for the observable $\mathbf{P} = \{U_g^{(1/2)} | \pm \frac{1}{2}\rangle\langle\pm\frac{1}{2}|U_g^{(1/2)}^{\dagger}\}$

 $\sigma = U_g^{(j)} |jj\rangle \langle jj| U_g^{(j)\dagger}$

in dimension $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = 2j + 1$, with joint observable

 $\mathbf{Z} = \{\Pi^{(j\pm\frac{1}{2})}\}$

gives the programmability accuracy

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{Z}) = \frac{2}{2j+1} \longrightarrow \dim(\mathcal{A}) = 2\varepsilon^{-1}$$

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Exact Programmability of POVMs

Covariant measurements are exactly programmable

G-covariant POVM densities (Holevo theorem)

$$P_g \,\mathrm{d}\, g = U_g \xi U_g^\dagger \,\mathrm{d}\, g, \qquad g \in \mathbf{G}$$

programmable as

 $P_g = \text{Tr}_2[(I \otimes \sigma)F_g], \qquad \xi = V\sigma^{\mathsf{T}}V^{\dagger}$

with covariant Bell POVM density

$$F_g = (U_g \otimes I) |V\rangle \rangle \langle \langle V | (U_g^{\dagger} \otimes I)$$

Exact Programmability of POVMs

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Unitary operator U connecting the Bell observable with local observables

$$U(|m\rangle \otimes |n\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} |U_{m,n}\rangle$$

of the controlled-U form

$$U = \sum_{n} |n\rangle \langle n| \otimes W^{n}$$

e. g. for projective d-dimensional UIR of the Abelian group $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Z}_d \times \mathbf{Z}_d$

$$U_{m,n} = Z^m W^n, \quad Z = \sum_j \omega^j |j\rangle \langle j|, \quad W = \sum_k |k\rangle \langle k \oplus 1|, \quad \omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d}}.$$



Programmable channels:

- Nielsen-Chuang theorem revisited
- Exact programming for finite set of unitaries: controlled-U
- Optimal programming in 2x2 dimensions: two controlled-NOT
- Programmable POVMs:
 - No go theorem
 - Exact programming for finite set of observables: controlled-O
 - controlled-O: polynomial complexity programming
 - for qubits: linear complexity programming