

# Q. Entropies and Representation Theory

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## 1 Introduction

$(p_k)_{k=1, \dots, d}$  probability distribution

Shannon entropy:

$$H(p) := - \sum_{k=1}^d p_k \cdot \log(p_k) \quad 0 \cdot \log 0 = 0$$

→ = 0 iff  $p$  deterministic, else  $> 0$ , max. if  $p$  uniform

→ optimal rate of compression, info. theory, stat. mechanics

Quantum Mechanics:

• state of q. system is described by density operator  $\rho \geq 0$ ,  $\text{tr } \rho = 1$  on Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$

• von Neumann entropy:

$$S(\rho) := - \text{tr } \rho \cdot \log \rho = - \sum_k p_k \cdot \log p_k$$

↑  
eigenvalues of  $\rho$

→ q. info theory, q. stat. mechanics, ...

• Composite systems <sup>of dist. particles</sup> are described by tensor-product of HS,  $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ .

- if  $\rho_{AB}$  is the state of the comp. system  $AB$ :  
 subsystem  $A$  is described by the reduced density matrix  $\rho_A$ , defined by

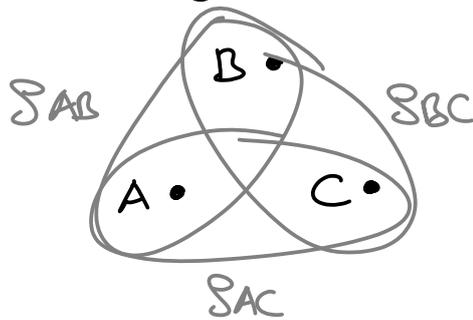
$$\text{tr}(\rho_A X_A) = \text{tr}(\rho_{AB} \cdot X_A \otimes \mathbb{1}_B) \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{expectation} \\ \text{values} \end{array}$$

for all (Herm.) operators  $X_A$  on  $\mathcal{H}_A$ .

### Some fundamental questions:

Given a tensor-product HS  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$ .

- ① When are given density matrices compatible?



$\exists \rho_{ABC}?$

Quantum  
Marginal  
Problem

- ② What is the relation between the entropies  $S(\rho_{ABC})$ ,  $S(\rho_{AB})$ , ...?  $\rightarrow$  Entropy Inequalities

Only known constraints:

- $S(\rho) \geq 0$

- $S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC}) \geq S(\rho_{ABC}) + S(\rho_B)$  THIS TALK  
 (Strong Subadditivity, Lieb-Ruskai)

- $S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC}) \geq S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_C)$

(Weak Monotonicity)

## ② Eigenvalues & Representation Theory -

$\rho$  density operator on  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^d$

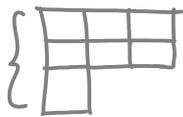
$\rightarrow \boxed{\rho^{\otimes N}}$  on  $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes N} = \boxed{(\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes N}}$   
 $\uparrow$   $N$  "i.i.d." copies of the state  $\rho$  Representation of  
 $U(d) \times S_N$

Schur-Weyl duality:

$$(\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes N} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} V_{\lambda}^d \otimes [\lambda]_N$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $\lambda$   $GL(d)$ -irrep  $S_N$ -irrep

Young diagram  
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}^d, \lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}$   
 $\sum_i \lambda_i = N$

3 parts {  7 boxes

$\bar{\lambda} := \lambda / N$   
 LOOKS LIKE "QUANTIZ." OF SPECTRUM

$\rho^{\otimes N}$  is permut.-inv.  $\leadsto$  By Schur's lemma:

$$\underbrace{\rho^{\otimes N}}_{\text{tr} = 1} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} P_{\lambda} \cdot \underbrace{S_{\lambda}^d \otimes \frac{\chi[\lambda]}{\dim[\lambda]}}_{\text{tr} = 1}$$

$\uparrow$   
 Probability distribution

What does the distribution  $P_{\lambda}$  look like?

$$P_{\lambda} = \text{tr}(P_{\lambda} \rho^{\otimes N} P_{\lambda}) \stackrel{!}{=} \boxed{\chi_{\lambda}^d(\rho)} \cdot \dim[\lambda]$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $GL(d)$  irrep  $\uparrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  can extend to  $\rho$

# Asymptotics:

Character  
GL(d)-rep  $V_\lambda$

• WLOG  $g = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & r_d \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $T(d) := \{\text{diag. matrices}\} \subseteq GL(d)$ .

1-reps are  $1d$ , labeled by weight  $w \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}^d$  such that  
 $(z_1 \dots z_d)$  acts by  $z_1^{w_1} \dots z_d^{w_d}$ . ↑ poly maps

Fact: Only weights  $w \leq \lambda$  occur in  $V_\lambda$ .

↑  
 $w_1 \leq \lambda_1, w_1 + w_2 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2, \dots$

$\Rightarrow r_1^{w_1} \dots r_d^{w_d} \leq r_1^{\lambda_1} \dots r_d^{\lambda_d}$

$a^{w_1} b^{w_2} =$   
 $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{w_1} b^{w_1+w_2} = \dots$

$\Rightarrow \chi_\lambda^d(g) \leq \underbrace{\dim(V_\lambda^d)}_{\substack{\text{leading-order term in WCF} \\ \text{(Verma module!)}}} \cdot r_1^{\lambda_1} \dots r_d^{\lambda_d}$

$\leq \text{poly}(N) \cdot r_1^{\lambda_1} \dots r_d^{\lambda_d}$

↑  
e.g.  $(N+1)^{d(d-1)/2}$

$= \text{poly}(N) \cdot e^{N \cdot \sum_k \lambda_k \cdot \log r_k}$

•  $\dim [\lambda] \leq \binom{N}{\lambda}$

Stirling:  
 $N! \sim \sqrt{2\pi N} (N/e)^N$

$\lesssim e^{N \cdot \log N - \sum_k \lambda_k \cdot \log \lambda_k}$

$= e^{-N \cdot \sum_k \bar{\lambda}_k \cdot \log \bar{\lambda}_k}$

$= H(\bar{\lambda})$

Summary:

$$\textcircled{A} P_\lambda = \text{tr}(P_\lambda g^{\otimes N}) \in \text{poly}(N) \cdot e^{-N \sum_k \bar{\lambda}_k \cdot \log \frac{\bar{\lambda}_k}{r_k}}$$

relative entropy

Pinster

$$\textcircled{\leq} \text{poly}(N) \cdot e^{-N \|\bar{\lambda} - r\|_1^2 / 2}$$

[Keyl-Werner, Hayashi-Matsumoto, Chr.-Mitchison]

$\Rightarrow g^{\otimes N}$  is sharply concentrated on those components  
with  $\bar{\lambda} \approx r = \text{spec } g$  (spectrum estimation)

More precisely, if we set  $\tilde{P}^N = \bigoplus_{\bar{\lambda} \approx_\varepsilon r} P_\lambda$  then

$$\text{tr } g^{\otimes N} \tilde{P}^N \geq 1 - \text{poly}(N) \cdot e^{-N\varepsilon^2/2} \rightarrow 1$$

even if we let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (slowly).

$$\textcircled{B} \frac{1}{N} \cdot \log \dim [\lambda] \approx H(\bar{\lambda}) \quad (\text{by a more careful analysis})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Shannon entropy determines growth rate of  $S_N$ -irreps

Together:

Typical subspace for  $g^{\otimes N}$  grows as  $H(r) = S(g)$

$\rightarrow$  q. data compression, ...

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### ③ Subadditivity

$$S(\rho_{AB}) \leq S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B)$$

Let  $\rho_{AB}$  be a q. state on  $\mathbb{C}^a \otimes \mathbb{C}^b$ .

Define  $\tilde{P}_{AB}, \tilde{P}_A, \tilde{P}_B$  as in (A):

- $\text{tr}(\rho_{AB}^{\otimes N} \tilde{P}_{AB}) \rightarrow 1$
- $\text{tr}(\rho_A^{\otimes N} \tilde{P}_A) = \text{tr}(\rho_{AB}^{\otimes N} (\tilde{P}_A \otimes \mathbb{1}_B)) \rightarrow 1$
- $\text{tr}(\rho_B^{\otimes N} \tilde{P}_B) = \text{tr}(\rho_{AB}^{\otimes N} (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes \tilde{P}_B)) \rightarrow 1$

Union bound

$$\implies \text{tr}(\rho_{AB}^{\otimes N} \tilde{P}_{AB} (\tilde{P}_A \otimes \tilde{P}_B)) > 0$$

In particular:

$$\boxed{P_{\lambda_{AB}} (P_{\lambda_A} \otimes P_{\lambda_B}) \neq 0} \quad (*)$$

for (a seq. of) Young diagrams  $\lambda_{AB}, \dots$  such that  $\bar{\lambda}_{AB} \approx r_{AB} = \text{spec}(\rho_{AB}), \dots$

What does  $(*)$  mean?

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{C}^{ab})^{\otimes N} &= (\mathbb{C}^a)^{\otimes N} \otimes (\mathbb{C}^b)^{\otimes N} \\ &= \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda_A} V_{\lambda_A}^a \otimes [\lambda_A] \right) \otimes \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda_B} V_{\lambda_B}^b \otimes [\lambda_B] \right) \\ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda_A, \lambda_B} V_{\lambda_A}^a \otimes V_{\lambda_B}^b \otimes [\lambda_A] \otimes [\lambda_B] \\ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda_A, \lambda_B} \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda_{AB}} V_{\lambda_A}^a \otimes V_{\lambda_B}^b \otimes g_{\lambda_A, \lambda_B}^{\lambda_{AB}} \cdot [\lambda_{AB}] \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} S_N \times S_N \\ S_N \end{array} \right\}$

range of  $(P_{\lambda_A} \otimes P_{\lambda_B}) P_{\lambda_{AB}}$  !

In particular,  $\otimes$  shows:

Can also get this from alg. & sympl. geometry / Kirwan polytope / ...

$$[\lambda_{AB}] \subseteq [\lambda_A] \otimes [\lambda_B]$$

$$\implies \dim [\lambda_{AB}] \leq \dim [\lambda_A] \cdot \dim [\lambda_B]$$

$\frac{1}{N} \log(\cdot)$

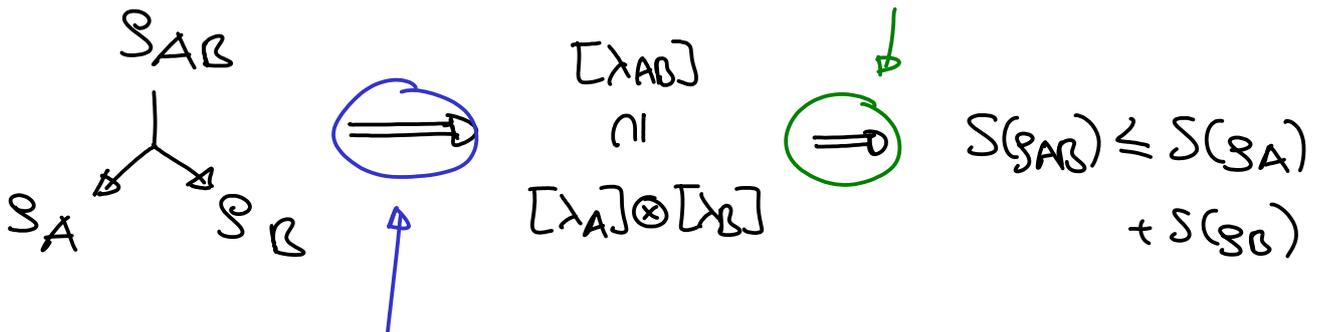
$$S(\rho_{AB}) = H(r_{AB})$$

$$\leq H(r_A) + H(r_B) = S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B).$$

[Chr. - Mitchison]

Summary:

Dimension relation gives inequality



Quantum state is witness for inclusion

↑ Can also be understood as semiclassical limit:

$$GL(a) \times GL(b) \xrightarrow{\otimes} GL(ab)$$

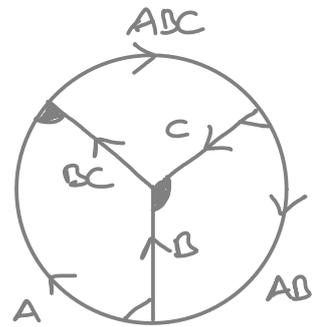
by Schur-Weyl duality.

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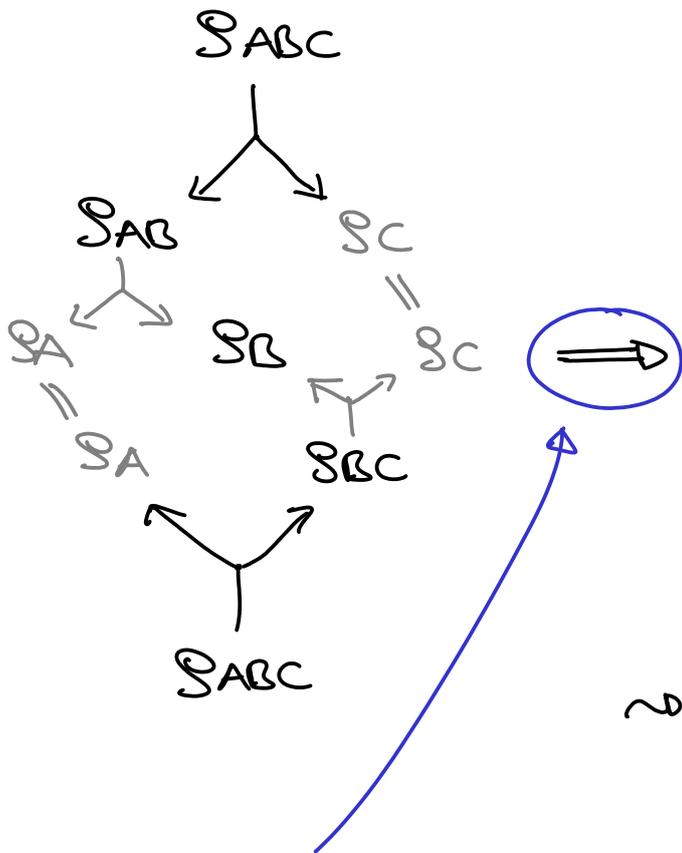
# ④ Strong Subadditivity

$$S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC}) \geq S(\rho_{ABC}) + S(\rho_B)$$

Need to control many spectra!



Ansatz:



Two  $S_N$ -equiv. (isom.) embeddings

$$\Phi: [\lambda_{ABC}] \subseteq [\lambda_{AB}] \otimes [\lambda_C]$$

$$\subseteq ([\lambda_A] \otimes [\lambda_B]) \otimes [\lambda_C]$$

and

$$\Psi: [\lambda_{ABC}] \subseteq [\lambda_A] \otimes [\lambda_{BC}]$$

$$\subseteq [\lambda_A] \otimes ([\lambda_B] \otimes [\lambda_C])$$

$\leadsto$  measure "overlap" by

$$\Psi^* \circ \Phi = \zeta \cdot \text{id}_{[\lambda_C]}$$



"recoupling coefficient"

(linear map! multiplicities!)

$$\zeta \leq \frac{\dim[\lambda_{AB}] \cdot \dim[\lambda_{BC}]}{\dim[\lambda_{ABC}] \cdot \dim[\lambda_B]} \cdot \text{poly}(N)$$

Quantum State  $\rho_{ABC}$   
is witness that  
recoupling coeffs are large

$$\zeta \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(N)}$$



$$\frac{1}{N} \log(\dots) \quad S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC}) \geq S(\rho_{ABC}) + S(\rho_B)$$

## Open Questions :

- How to control more spectra?
- Do we really need to understand a sequence of coefficients?
- Vision: "Equivalence"

entropy ineqs  $\overset{?}{\longleftrightarrow}$  representation-theoretic data

(as in the classical case)

- New inequalities for the v. N. entropy?

(as in the classical case)