Probing the entanglement structure of many-body quantum states via partial-transpose moments

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How to quantify pure-state entanglement?

 For pure states, entropies of the reduced state ρ_A = Tr_B(|ψ⟩ ⟨ψ|) quantify entanglement

$$S = -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log(\rho_A)]$$
 von Neumann entropies
 $S_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log[\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{\alpha})]$ Rényi entropies

• Entanglement entropies quantity quantum resources and quantum information (*Excellent notes from J. Preskill on Quantum Shannon Theory*)

Entropies can distinguish the entanglement structure of many-body pure quantum states

- Haar random states $|\psi\rangle = U |0\rangle^{\otimes N}$ with U randomly sampled from the Haar measure (CUE)
 - Good description of chaotic systems in condensed matter and black holes
 - Obey a volume law $S \propto \min(N_A, N_B)$.
- For the groundstate of a gapped local Hamiltonian \rightarrow area law $S\propto \textit{N}_{\textit{A}}^{(\rm boundary)}$



• Scaling laws of S also reveal phase transitions, a topological phase, etc Eisert RMP 2010

Mixed-state entanglement

• Typically the state of a quantum system is 'mixed' due to an environment



· We define the density matrix of the quantum computer

 $\rho = \operatorname{Tr}_{\boldsymbol{E}}(\ket{\psi} \langle \psi |)$

• A and B are entangled iff

$$ho
eq \sum_{i} p_{i}
ho_{A}^{(i)} \otimes
ho_{B}^{(i)}$$

• Entanglement entropies do not provide a complete description of mixed-state entanglement.

Mixed-state entanglement via the PPT criterion and negativity

- One approach (out of many): Peres-Horodecki PPT criterion:
- Consider the partial-transpose operation

$$\rho = \sum_{i_A, j_A, i_B, j_B} \rho_{i_A, j_A, i_B, j_B} |i_A, i_B\rangle \langle j_A, j_B| \to \rho^{\Gamma} = \sum_{i_A, j_A, i_B, j_B} \rho_{i_A, j_A, i_B, j_B} |j_A, i_B\rangle \langle i_A, j_B|$$

• If a state
$$ho = \sum_i p_i
ho_A^{(i)} \otimes
ho_B^{(i)}$$
 is separable,

$$\rho^{\Gamma} = \sum_{i} p_{i} [\rho_{A}^{(i)}]^{T} \otimes \rho_{B}^{(i)}$$
 is positive semi-definite

• The negativity $\mathcal{E} = \log \sum_{\lambda \in \operatorname{spec}(\rho^{\Gamma})} |\lambda|$ is an entanglement monotone (Vidal, 2001)

Negativity reveals the entanglement structure of mixed quantum states

• Consider a Haar random reduced mixed state ρ on $N = N_A + N_B + N_C$ qubits

 $\rho = \operatorname{Tr}_{\boldsymbol{C}}(|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|)$

- What is the average negativity as a function of the number of qubits N_A , N_B , N_C ?
- Aubrun, Nechita, Shapourian, etc: There are three entanglement phases



• This talk: How to detect such phases in an experiment?

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- Joint work with A. Elben, R. Kueng, H-Y. Huang, R. van Bijnen, C. Kokail, M. Dalmonte, P. Calabrese, B. Kraus, J. Preskill, P. Zoller [Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 200501 (2020)]
- Our starting point: The randomized measurement toolbox
- Goal: Detect entanglement via the PPT condition in a qubit system

The randomized measurements toolbox



- Randomized measurements: We measure P_u(s) = ⟨s|uρu[†]|s⟩,
 u = u₁ ⊗ · · · ⊗ u_N, u_i ∈ CUE.
- We extract quantities of interest from the statistics of $P_u(s)$.

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- Unbiased analytical estimators and performance guarantees
- Nonlinear functions of ρ require typically $\propto 2^N$ measurements
- See also impressive works by Andreas Ketterer, Lucas Knips, Otfried Gühne, et al

Review: The randomized measurement toolbox A. Elben, S. T. Flammia, H.-Y. Huang, R. Kueng, J. Preskill, B. V, P. Zoller, arXiv:2203.11374

Experimental uses of randomized measurements

Entanglement Rényi entropy growth, Brydges et al, Science 2019



Topological entanglement entropy, Satzinger et al, Science 2021



Cross Platform Fidelities: Elben et al, PRL 2020,



Zhu et al, arXiv:2107.11387

but also otocs, topological invariants, quantum Fisher information, etc

Measuring partial-transpose moments experimentally

• Consider the partial-transpose (PT) moments

$$p_n = \operatorname{Tr}[(\rho^{\Gamma})^n], \ n = 2, \dots$$

• PT moments are experimentally accessible via local classical shadows (see also Gray, PRL 2017, Zhou PRL 2020)



Classical shadows are built from bitstrings

$$\rho^{(r)} = \bigotimes_{i \in AB} \left(3u_i \ket{k_i^{(r)}} \langle k_i^{(r)} \ket{u_i^{\dagger} - \mathbf{1}_i} \right) \quad E[\rho^{(r)}] = \rho$$

PT moments are extracted from bitstrings

$$\hat{p}_n = \frac{1}{n!} \binom{M}{n}^{-1} \sum_{r_1 \neq r_2 \neq \ldots \neq r_n} \operatorname{Tr} \left[(\hat{\rho}_{AB}^{(r_1)})^{\mathsf{\Gamma}} \ldots (\hat{\rho}_{AB}^{(r_n)})^{\mathsf{\Gamma}} \right].$$



- Using the PPT condition: If $\exists \lambda_i < 0 \in \operatorname{Spec}(\rho^{\Gamma})$ then A and B entangled.
- We propose the experimentally measurable p_3 -PPT condition

If
$$p_3 - p_2^2 = \sum_i \lambda_i (\lambda_i - p_2)^2 < 0$$
 then A and B entangled.

Experimental demonstration

• Data from Brydges et al, Science 2019, reanalyzed.



- Follow-ups conditions: Neven et al, NJP quantum info 2021, Yu et al, PRL 2021.
- Can we distinguish different kinds of entanglement structure?

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- Joint work with M. Votto, J. Carrasco, V. Vitale, C. Kokail, P. Zoller, and B. Kraus
- Can we use PT moments to experimentally probe an "entanglement phase diagram"?



• For a Haar random state made of $N_A + N_B + N_C$ qubits, we obtain the average PT moments of the reduced state $\rho = \operatorname{tr}_C(|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|) \ (L_X = 2^{N_X})$

$$E[p_n] \simeq \frac{1}{(L_A L_B L_C)^n} \sum_{\tau \in S_n} L_C^{c(\tau)} L_A^{c(\sigma_+ \circ \tau)} L_B^{c(\sigma_- \circ \tau)},$$

• We define an 'averaged' ratio \tilde{r}_2

$$\tilde{r}_2 = \frac{E[p_2]E[p_3]}{E[p_4]}$$

r₂ reveals the entanglement phase diagram of random states

• r_2 is quantized in the thermodynamic limit $N
ightarrow \infty$



• Remark: How to do distinguish the Max-Ent Phase from the PPT phase?

- Statistical fluctuations vanish in the thermodynamical limit. Thus, we can study $r_2 = (p_2 p_3)/p_4$ for individual quantum states.
- r_2 probes the 'shape' of the spectrum of ρ^{Γ} , $\{\lambda_i\}$.

$$r_2 = \frac{(\sum_i \lambda_i^2)(\sum_j \lambda_j^3)}{(\sum_k \lambda_k^4)}$$

• In particular, $\lambda_i^2 = p_3$ implies $r_2 = 1$.

r₂ for individual quantum states



- Does r_2 make the difference between Haar random states and different states?
- First example: Clifford states generated by the *n*-qubit Clifford group (unitaries that map Pauli operators to Pauli operators).
- Clifford states can be highly entangled, but they are classically simulatable (Gottesman-Knill theorem)

A very sensitive test of randomness

• According to the 'Bravy' decomposition,

 $|\psi\rangle = U_A U_B U_C |0\rangle^{\otimes s_A} |0\rangle^{\otimes s_B} |0\rangle^{\otimes s_C} |\text{GHZ}\rangle^{\otimes g_{ABC}} |\text{EPR}\rangle^{\otimes e_{AB}} |\text{EPR}\rangle^{\otimes e_{AC}} |\text{EPR}\rangle^{\otimes e_{BC}},$ which implies $r_2 = 1$

• This implies the entanglement saturation phase $r_2 > 1$ is not Clifford simulatable



• We obtained similar conclusions for other classically simulatable states: fermionic Gaussian states, Matrix-Product-States.

- PT moments provide practical detection criteria for mixed-state entanglement
- They can also distinguish different types of entanglement.
- What is the behavior of r_2 for non-integrable topological ordered states? is it different for an integrable model (toric code)?
- Can we simplify the experimental procedures to "test" Haar random states? eg use polynomial functionals instead of a ratio, that we can be measured with generalized swap tests.

Thank you!



The p_3 negativity complements r_2

• We define the *p*₃ negativity

$$\mathcal{E}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{p_2^2}{p_3} \right)$$

- *p*₃-PPT condition: *E*₃ > 0 implies entanglement
- For Clifford states, $\mathcal{E}_3 = \mathcal{E}$.
- The p₃ ppt condition detects all entangled states in the thermodynamic limit!

