

Projection-induced channels and additivity violation of minimum output entropy

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Why this matters

This is a universal additivity question governs whether the HSW classical capacity is single-letter and whether entanglement of formation is additive (Shor, 2004, Commun. Math. Phys.)
See also Prof. Winter's talk today.

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Overview of the main results of this talk

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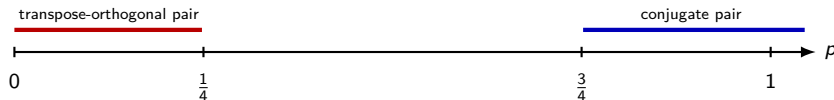
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- Previous unknown regime is $(0.12, 1)$, we reduce it to $[1/4, 3/4]$.
- Our approach indicates that $p = 1$ (von Neumann entropy case) is **not** a singular point.



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- $(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ is a tracial von Neumann algebra, $\Phi : S(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_k$ is a quantum channel, if it is CPTP.
- We use maximal tensor product of two von Neumann algebras. Minimum tensor product is equivalent to finite-dimensional approximable.
- The von Neumann algebra we construct is a corner of a noninjective type II_1 factor, which enters the zone where finite-dimensional approximation is tricky—Connes 1976, Ann. of Math.

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- This simple construction is the free limit of the Haar random examples, studied in Auburn-Szarek-Werner 2011, Commun. Math. Phys; Belinschi-Collins-Nechita 2016, Commun. Math. Phys.
- This construction dates back to G. Lüders in 1951: Über die Zustandsänderung durch den Meßprozeß. Lüders introduced it as "a measurement followed by k -level selection" to explain state-change due to measurement of degenerate quantities, see Eq. (7) in a English translation of the paper <https://arxiv.org/pdf/quant-ph/0403007>.

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Resolved by Collins-Male 2014, this result motivated a lot of recent progress of free probability theory. In particular, we derive the following result using the technology developed in recent years:

Lemma

Suppose $P_n = \sum_{i,j=1}^k P_n^{ij} \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|$ is a Haar random projection on $\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^k$ with rank d_n and $d_n/kn \rightarrow t \in (0, 1)$, what is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{\max} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i P_n^{ii} \right) = ?$$

for any real vector $a \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

Finite-dimensional random projection channels

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Haar-random projection-induced channel

Choose P_n Haar-random of rank d_n on $\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^k$ and assume

$$\frac{d_n}{kn} \longrightarrow t \in \left(\frac{1}{k^2}, 1\right).$$

Generically,

$$\text{rank}(P_{A,n}) = \min\{n, kd_n\}.$$

Thus $t > 1/k^2$ is a clean asymptotic full-rank regime.

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Conventions

$$\bar{\Phi}_P(X) = \overline{\Phi_P(\bar{X})}, \quad \Phi_P^\perp := \Phi_{I-PT}.$$

Here $\Phi_P^\perp$ is the *transpose-orthogonal partner*.

Common proof strategy

Determine the one-channel output body exactly, then beat the entropy of a joint channel with one explicit joint input.

Digression: comparison to a well-known subspace construction

Suppose $P = P_{BE}$ is a projection on $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_E \cong \mathbb{C}^k \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$. Denote

$$\mathcal{A} := P(\mathbb{M}_k \otimes \mathbb{M}_d)P, \quad \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{A}} = P,$$

and a unital CP map

$$\Gamma : \mathbb{M}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{A}, \quad Y \mapsto P(Y \otimes I_d)P.$$

The adjoint channel is called the quantum channel induced by the subspace $\text{Range}(P)$.

- The channel presented at the beginning is the limit by taking Haar random projection with rank $P = n$, $d_n/n \rightarrow t$ and send $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- This construction works perfectly for $p > 3/4$, it is not clear whether it works in the low p regime.

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Theorem

For fixed $k \geq 2$ and $t \in (1/k^2, 1)$, the output state space of the channel $\Phi_n = \Phi_{P_n}$ converges almost surely to

$$\left\{ \frac{X}{\text{Tr}(X)} : 0 \leq X \leq I_k, \text{Tr}(f_t(X)) \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\}, \quad f_t(x) = \left(\sqrt{(1-t)x} - \sqrt{t(1-x)} \right)^2. \quad (1)$$

Consequently, for fixed $t \in (0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_p^{\min}(\Phi_n) = \log k - \frac{2p(1-t)}{t k^2} + o(k^{-2}), \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

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where we choose $t = 0.5$, and the last bound follows from Cubitt-Harrow-Leung-Montanaro-Winter 2008 Commun. Math. Phys.

Deterministic channel in infinite dimensional system

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Haar projection gives two inequivalent channel recipes

Let P act on a bipartite space.

	Input system	Channel induced by P
Construction I	$\mathcal{H}_A$	Locally normalized Choi matrix $J_P = (P_A^{-1/2} \otimes I)P(P_A^{-1/2} \otimes I).$
Construction II	$\text{Ran } P$	Random-subspace/Stinespring channel with Heisenberg adjoint $\widetilde{\Gamma}_P(A) = P(I_A \otimes A)P \Big _{\text{Ran } P}.$

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Infinite dimensional Holevo-Werner-Hayden-Winter phenomenon

The above channel, tensoring with its complex conjugate, sends the "maximally entangle state" to an isotropic state, i.e., linear combination of maximally entangled state and maximally mixed state.

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Injectivity criterion

For a finite von Neumann algebra, continuity of the complete diagonal functional for the minimal norm is equivalent to injectivity/amenability (Connes 1976, Ann. of Math). The relevant free-product corner is noninjective, so ω_{Δ} is not a state on the fixed minimal tensor product.

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- 3 Removing randomness costs an infinite-dimensional commuting-operator input model, an explicit finite dimensional approximation is obstructed by non-existence of universal Connes embedding ($\text{MIP}^* = \text{RE}$); thus an explicit finite-dimensional construction at $p = 1$ remains open. (This algebra is very special, so it is possible to get an approximation directly.)

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