

System-Environment Quantum Discord for general dynamics

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Conclusion

System-Environments correlations, *classical vs. quantum* (as in q discord), each yield different OQS dynamics.

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- *Any* System-Environment Coupling
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Dynamical Maps for Density Matrices

[Sudarshan et al. 1961]

$$\mathfrak{B}(\rho) = \rho'$$

- Preserve Hermiticity

$$\mathfrak{B}(\rho) = \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} C_{\alpha} \rho C_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \rho' \quad \text{with } \lambda_{\alpha} \text{ a real number}$$

- Preserve Trace

$$\sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^{\dagger} C_{\alpha} = \mathbb{I}$$

- Preserve Positivity

$\forall$ non-negative R , $\mathfrak{B}(R) = R'$, where R' is non-negative

- subclass: complete positivity $\lambda_{\alpha} \geq 0$

(Standard) Open Quantum Systems

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \rho^{S\mathcal{E}} = \rho^S \otimes \rho^{\mathcal{E}} & \longleftrightarrow & U \rho^{S\mathcal{E}} U^\dagger \\
 \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{E}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \rho^S & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{B}(\rho^S) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{E}} [U \rho^{S\mathcal{E}} U^\dagger] = \rho^{S'}
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Stinespring: *Uncorrelated* System-Environment lead to CP Map

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Eigenvals of $\mathfrak{B}$:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos^2(2\omega t) \pm c_{23} \cos(2\omega t) \sin(2\omega t)], \quad \text{Negative!!!}$$

$$\lambda_{3,4} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \cos^2(2\omega t) \pm \cos(2\omega t) \sqrt{4 \cos^2(2\omega t) + c_{23}^2 \sin^2(2\omega t)} \right]$$

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Solution: Change the question!

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Classical vs. Quantum Correlations

- Separable vs. Entangled [Werner '89]:

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- Quantum Discord [Ollivier, Zurek (2001); Henderson, Vedral (2001)]:

Classical (zero discord): $\rho^{XY} = \sum_j \Pi_j^X \otimes \mathbb{I}^Y \rho^{XY} \Pi_j^X \otimes \mathbb{I}^Y = \sum_j p_j \Pi_j^X \otimes \rho_j^Y$

Quantum (non-zero discord): the rest

Π_j is a one-dimensional orthonormal projector: $\Pi_j = |j\rangle\langle j|$

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A: Zero Discord!

Theorem:

If:
$$\rho^{S\mathcal{E}} = \sum_j p_j \Pi_j^S \otimes \rho_j^{\mathcal{E}},$$

Then:
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To Blame

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$$\mathfrak{A}(\rho^S) = \sum_j \text{Tr} [\Pi_j \rho^S] \Pi_j \otimes \rho_j^{\mathcal{E}}$$

This Assignment is CP, therefore,
the full dynamical map $\mathfrak{B}$ is also CP

Zero Discord leads to CP for any coupling!

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- What about the converse? Shabani, Lidar '09???

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Generalized Linear Assignment Map

Define a set of linearly independent projectors $\mathbf{P}_j$ that span $\mathcal{S}$ such that for any $\rho^{\mathcal{S}} = \sum_j q_j \mathbf{P}_j$ where q_j can be negative

Example (qubit states): $\mathbf{P}_{x+} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{I} + \sigma_x)$, $\mathbf{P}_{y+} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{I} + \sigma_y)$, $\mathbf{P}_{z+} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{I} + \sigma_z)$, $\mathbf{P}_{x-} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{I} - \sigma_x)$

$$\mathbf{P}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{A} [\mathbf{P}_i] = \mathbf{P}_i \otimes \tau_i.$$

$\{\tau_i\}$ are Hermitian and Trace= 1

Special case (from before!): $\Pi_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{A} [\Pi_i] = \Pi_i^{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \rho_i^{\mathcal{E}}$

Properties of Assignment Maps and Discord

Correlations	Linear	Consistent	Positive
None	yes	yes	yes
Classical	yes	no	yes
Quantum	yes	yes	no

- Recall: Each term in a classically correlated state is orthogonal to each other

No-cloning, No-Broadcasting and **A**ssignments

$$\mathfrak{A}_B \left[\sum_i p_i \Pi_i \right] = \sum_i p_i \Pi_i \otimes \Pi_i$$

Zero Discord (symmetrically) can be broadcast

$$\mathfrak{A}_{NB} \left[\sum_i q_i \mathbf{P}_i \right] = \sum_i q_i \mathbf{P}_i \otimes \mathbf{P}_i$$

rest: no broadcast

- Linearity



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Definitions

- Finite system-environment:

$$H_{tot} := H^S \otimes \mathbf{I}^\mathcal{E} + \mathbf{I}^S \otimes H^\mathcal{E} + H_{int}$$

- Full dynamics (no Markov approximation):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_t^{S\mathcal{E}} \big|_{t=\tau} = -i [H_{tot}, \rho_\tau^{S\mathcal{E}}]$$

- purity of the system:

$$\mathbf{P} := \text{tr} \{ \rho^2 \}$$

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$$\mathfrak{E}(\rho^{S\mathcal{E}}) = [\rho^S \otimes \mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{E}}, \rho^{S\mathcal{E}}]$$

“Equilibrium”

Sufficient and necessary condition for
purity rate to be zero under *any* Hamiltonian

Theorem:

$$\forall H_{tot}, \left[\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P}_t^S \right]_{t=\tau} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathfrak{E}(\rho^{S\mathcal{E}}) = 0$$

Lazy States: $\mathfrak{L}(\rho^{SE}) = [\rho^S \otimes \mathbf{I}^E, \rho^{SE}] = 0$

- *Not* necessarily eigenstates of Hamiltonian
- Dynamical system properties from *structure* of the total state
- $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{P}|_{t=\tau} = 0$ analogous $\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle|_{t=\tau} = 0$

Lazy States as Generalized “Classical” Correlations

(for the “right” basis in Discord)

Quantum Discord

- classically correlated states are invariant under a set of measurements on one of its subspaces

$$\sum_j \Pi_j^{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{E}} \rho^{\mathcal{SE}} \Pi_j^{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{E}} = \rho^{\mathcal{SE}}$$

$$\Pi_j = |j\rangle\langle j|$$

Lazy states a “generalization”: $[\rho^{\mathcal{SE}}, \rho^{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{E}}] = 0$

$$\rho^{\mathcal{S}} = \sum_j p_j \Pi_j^{\mathcal{S}}$$

Orthonormal projectors,
don't have to be one-dimensional

Lazy states include:

- uncorrelated states
- classically correlated states
- maximally entangled states
- others

Purity Rate as a Discord Witness

- If purity rate is non-zero on S, there are quantum correlations to E, from: $\forall H_{tot}, \left[\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P}_t^{\mathcal{S}} \right]_{t=\tau} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(\rho^{\mathcal{SE}}) = 0$

If: $\dot{\mathbf{P}}^{\mathcal{X}} \neq 0$, Then: Quantum Correlations between $\mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{Y}$
$$[\rho^{\mathcal{X}} \otimes \mathbb{I}^{\mathcal{Y}}, \rho^{\mathcal{XY}}] \neq 0$$

Yes, you can detect bipartite correlations
from local ***dynamical*** info

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Almost all quantum states have non-classical correlations

[Ferraro, Leandro Aolita, Cavalcanti, Cucchietti, Acín (2010)]

Lazy states are the same as C_0

- Sparse in the space of density matrices, in both volume and topology
- Measure zero in the whole Hilbert space
- Nowhere dense

Lazy States are hard to find

Decoherence is common (duh!)

- Rarity of lazy states imply:

$$\rho_{t=t_0}^{S\mathcal{E}} \approx \rho_{t=t_0}^S \otimes \rho^{\mathcal{E}} \text{ is not reasonable!}$$

- Commonality of non-lazy states imply:

$$\text{For the most part: } \dot{\mathbf{P}}^S \neq 0 \quad \forall H_{tot}$$

except for...



Measurements and Pointer States

Quantum state $\mathcal{Q}$ measured by apparatus $\mathcal{M}$ with outcomes $\{ |\mu_i\rangle \}$

$$\rho^{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{Q}} = \sum_i p_i |\mu_i\rangle \langle \mu_i|^\mathcal{M} \otimes \rho_i^\mathcal{Q}$$

$\rho^{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{Q}}$ is a Lazy State

- Purity Stability for Measurement Apparatus?



Bound on Decoherence Rate

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P}_t^{\mathcal{S}} \right]_{t=\tau} = 2i \text{tr}_{\mathcal{SE}} \left\{ H_{int} \left[\rho_{\tau}^{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \mathbb{I}^{\mathcal{E}}, \rho_{\tau}^{\mathcal{SE}} \right] \right\}$$

$$|\text{tr}[A\sigma]| \leq \|A\sigma\|_1 \leq \|A\| \|\sigma\|_1$$

$$\|A\|_1 := \text{Tr} \sqrt{A^\dagger A}$$

$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P}_t^{\mathcal{S}} \right|_{t=\tau} \leq 2 \|H_{int}\| \|\mathfrak{C}(\rho^{\mathcal{SE}})\|_1$$

$\|\mathfrak{C}(\rho^{\mathcal{SE}})\|_1$ System eigenbasis vs. system-environment eigenbasis

Intuition for: $\|\mathfrak{E}(\rho^{S\mathcal{E}})\|_1$

On the spirit of the Church of the Larger Hilbert space, purify the total state!

$$\rho^{S\mathcal{E}} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{S\mathcal{E}}, \quad |\Psi\rangle := \sum_j \sqrt{p_j} |\Psi_j\rangle^{S\mathcal{E}} = \sum_j \sqrt{p_j} |\mathcal{S}_j\rangle \otimes |\mathcal{E}_j\rangle$$

bound by the total system-environment correlations

$$\| [\rho^{S\mathcal{E}}, \rho^S \otimes \mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{E}}] \|_1 \leq 4 \sqrt{\mathfrak{E}(|\Psi\rangle^{S\mathcal{E}})}$$

Entropy of entanglement: $\mathfrak{E}(|\Psi\rangle)$

- Rate of decoherence bound by correlations to environment

Contributions

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Entropy fluctuations

Church of the larger Hilbert space: $\rho^{S\mathcal{E}} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{S\mathcal{E}}, \quad |\Psi\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{p_j} |\Psi_j\rangle$

$$\dot{S} = -i \frac{k_B}{\hbar} \sum_{m,n} \sqrt{p_m p_n} \ln \frac{p_m}{p_n} \langle \Psi_m | H_{int} | \Psi_n \rangle$$

Theorem: Entropy fluctuations cannot be too large

Magnitude: $|\dot{S}| \leq \frac{k_B}{\hbar} \|H_{int}\| \left| \sum_{m \neq n} \sqrt{p_m p_n} \ln \frac{p_m}{p_n} \right|$

Bounded: $\left| \sum_{m \neq n} \sqrt{p_m p_n} \ln \frac{p_m}{p_n} \right| \leq C(d-1)^2, \quad C \approx 0.735 \dots$

Bound: $|\dot{S}| \leq \frac{k_B C}{\hbar} (d-1)^2 \|H_{int}\|$