

The entropy-based quantum metric

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I Quantum structures (finite systems)

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1. "Observables" \hat{O} : Physical non-commuting random variables

C^* algebra, $\hat{O} = \hat{O}^\dagger$

(Hamiltonian matrices in Hilbert space) $\dim: \underline{n}$

2. "States" \hat{D} : encode information about \hat{O}

$\hat{O} \mapsto \langle \hat{O} \rangle = q$ -expectation value

Linear correspondence, $\langle \hat{O} \rangle$ real, $\langle \hat{O}^2 \rangle \geq 0$

Scalar product $\langle \hat{O} \rangle = (\hat{O}; \hat{D}) = \text{Tr } \hat{O} \hat{D}$

(\hat{D} = Hermitian matrix, $\hat{D} \geq 0$, $\text{Tr } \hat{D} = 1$)

Dual vector spaces $\left[\begin{array}{l} \hat{O} \text{ with algebra (and } \hat{O} = \hat{O}^\dagger) \\ \hat{D} \text{ with positivity (and } \hat{D} = \hat{D}^\dagger, \text{Tr } \hat{D} = 1) \end{array} \right.$

Only scalar products are physically meaningful
(independent of representation)

? Metric in space of states \hat{D} ? = Density matrices

3. von Neumann entropy

$$S(\hat{D}) = -\text{Tr} \hat{D} \ln \hat{D} \quad (1932) \quad 3$$

- Thermodynamic entropy if \hat{D} = thermo equilibrium state

- Information in quantum measurements

Shannon (1948)

$$S(p) = - \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

Brillouin (1957)

$S(\hat{D})$ = missing information when only \hat{D} is known

Jaynes (1958)

MaxEnt for assigning unbiased state

Justifications {
Axiomatic (concave, subadditive, invariant)
Equiprobability for ensemble \Rightarrow MaxEnt

R.B. 8th MaxEnt + R.B. and N. Balazs, Ann. Phys. 179, 97 (1987)

- Only physically meaningful quantities: (\hat{D}, \hat{O}) and $S(\hat{D})$

\rightarrow Rich geometric structure

\Rightarrow Concavity $d^2 S \leq 0$ suggest natural metric:

$$ds^2 = -d^2 S = \text{Tr} d\hat{D} d \ln \hat{D}$$

Distance between neighbouring states

- Metric tensor = Hessian of $S(\hat{D})$

- ds^2 = non-commutative extension of Fisher's $-d^2 S(p) = \sum_i \frac{dp_i^2}{p_i}$

II Use for quantum information

- q-bits ($n=2$) Positive 2×2 matrices $\hat{D} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{I} + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$ (Pauli matrices parametrised by $\vec{r} = \langle \vec{\sigma} \rangle$, vector in unit 3d-sphere

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{1-r^2} \left(\frac{\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{r}}{r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2r} \ln \frac{1+r}{1-r} \left\| \frac{\vec{r} \times d\vec{r}}{r} \right\|^2 \text{ singular near pure states}$$

- Nearly complete randomness $\|\hat{D} - \frac{\hat{I}}{n}\| \ll \frac{1}{n}$

$$ds^2 \sim n \text{Tr} d\hat{D}^2 \quad (\text{as for Fisher metric}) \quad \text{Euclidean}$$

- Loss of information by mixing $\frac{1}{2}(\hat{D}' + \hat{D}'') = \hat{D}$

$$\delta \hat{D} = \hat{D}' - \hat{D}''$$

$$\Delta S = S(\hat{D}) - \frac{1}{2}[S(\hat{D}') + S(\hat{D}'')] \sim \frac{\delta S^2}{8}$$

$\delta S = \text{distance}$

- Pure state limit $S(\hat{D}') \rightarrow 0, S(\hat{D}'') \rightarrow 0$ loss $\Delta S \rightarrow S(\hat{D})$

$$\begin{cases} 8 \Delta S \sim \delta \varphi^2 \ln(4/\delta \varphi) \\ \delta S^2 \sim \delta \varphi^2 \ln(4\sqrt{\pi}/\delta \varphi) \end{cases} \quad \delta \varphi^2 \equiv 2 \text{Tr} \delta \hat{D}^2$$

distance $ds^2 = -d^2 S$ measure still loss of information

NB: $\delta S_{BH}^2 = 4 \delta S_{FS}^2 \sim \delta \varphi^2 \neq 8 \Delta S$

Discrepancy of Bures-Helstrom and Fubini-Study with information loss

III Conjugation states ↔ observables

- Mapping obs. → states

$$\hat{D} = \frac{e^{\hat{X}}}{\text{Tr } e^{\hat{X}}}$$

- Contravariant and covariant variations $d\hat{D}$ and $d\hat{X}$ $ds^2 = \text{Tr } d\hat{D} d\hat{X}$

- Metric in the space of observables \hat{X}

$$ds^2 = -d^2 S(\hat{D}) = d^2 \ln \text{Tr } e^{\hat{X}} = \text{Tr} \int d\hat{X} \hat{D} e^{-\hat{X}} d\hat{X} e^{\hat{X}} d\hat{X} - (\text{Tr } \hat{D} d\hat{X})^2$$

identified with the Bogolubov-Kubo-Mori metric

- Legendre transform $S(\hat{D}) \equiv -\text{Tr } \hat{D} \ln \hat{D} \leftrightarrow F(\hat{X}) \equiv \ln \text{Tr } e^{\hat{X}}$

$$dS = -\text{Tr } \hat{X} d\hat{D} ; dF = \text{Tr } \hat{D} d\hat{X} ; S = F - \text{Tr } \hat{D} \hat{X}$$

- Equilibrium statistical mechanics provides geometric structure of thermodynamics for $\hat{D} = \text{Boltzmann-Gibbs}$

Example: Canonical equilibrium $\hat{X} = -\beta \hat{H}$ ($-\beta = \text{coordinate of } \hat{X}$)
 $\hat{D} = \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}}}{\text{Tr } e^{-\beta \hat{H}}}$ ($U = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \text{coordinate of } \hat{D} \text{ in map } \hat{H} \mapsto \langle \hat{H} \rangle$)

$F = \text{Massieu potential}$ $S \equiv \text{entropy} = F + \beta U$
(von Neumann)

$$dS = \beta dU ; dF = -U d\beta ; ds^2 = dU d\beta \text{ metric}$$

IV Use in non-equilibrium (quantum) statistical dynamics

- Choice of relevant observables $\{\hat{A}_k\}$: follow only $a_k(t) = \text{Tr} \hat{D}(t) \hat{A}_k$
- Reduced description = eliminate information about irrelevant observables: replace $\hat{D}(t)$ by the simpler reduced state $\hat{D}_R(t)$
- $\hat{D}_R(t)$ retains information about $a_k(t)$: $\text{Tr} \hat{D}_R(t) \hat{A}_k = a_k(t)$ but otherwise most random MaxEnt criterion for $\hat{D}_R(t)$
- Yields $\hat{D}_R(t) = \frac{e^{\hat{X}_R}}{\text{Tr} e^{\hat{X}_R}}$, $\hat{X}_R(t) = \sum_k \lambda_k(t) \hat{A}_k$ Surface of relevant states \mathcal{R}
Conjugate parametrizations $\{a_k\} \leftrightarrow \{\lambda_k\}$ of surface \mathcal{R} .
- Relevant entropy $S(\hat{D}_R) =$ lack of information if only $\{a_k\}$ are known
Examples: Boltzmann entropy; non-equilibrium thermodynamic entropy
- Method of projection: dynamics of $\hat{D}_R(t)$ instead of $\hat{D}(t)$
- Use of metric $ds^2 = -d^2S$
 1. Its restriction to the surface \mathcal{R} defines a metric for thermodynamics
 2. With this metric, $\hat{D} - \hat{D}_R$ is perpendicular at \hat{D}_R to the surface \mathcal{R} : \hat{D}_R is the best approximation to \hat{D} on \mathcal{R} in non-equilibrium cases

Ⓟ Properties of the metric (Riemannian)

- In a Hilbert space representation when \hat{D} is diagonal

$$ds^2 = \sum_{ij} \frac{\ln D_i - \ln D_j}{D_i - D_j} dD_{ij} dD_{ji}$$

Diagonal variations reduce to $\frac{(dD_{ii})^2}{D_{ii}}$ (\sim Fisher)

"Nearly diagonal" terms $|D_i - D_j| \ll D_i + D_j$ yield

$$\approx \frac{2}{D_i + D_j} dD_{ij} dD_{ji}$$

(Bures-Helstrom) [not physical]

- Taking biorthogonal bases $\hat{\Omega}^\nu$ for observables and $\hat{\Sigma}_\mu$ for states

(with $\text{Tr} \hat{\Omega}^\nu \hat{\Sigma}_\mu = \delta_\mu^\nu$), regarding them as elements of two

dual vector spaces, coordinates are $\hat{O} = O_\nu \hat{\Omega}^\nu$, $\hat{D} = D^\mu \hat{\Sigma}_\mu$

Metric tensor: $g^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X_\mu \partial X_\nu}$, $g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial D^\mu \partial D^\nu}$ (Hessian)

Christoffel: $\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^3 S}{\partial D^\mu \partial D^\nu \partial D^\rho}$

→ Geodesics and finite distances

→ Curvatures (Riemann, Ricci, scalar) The space of quantum states is curved (classical = flat)

- Fully worked out for a q-bit ($n=2$)

→ Scalar curvature $R =$ function of r (degree of polarisation)

$$r \ll 1, R \sim -\frac{10}{9}r^2$$

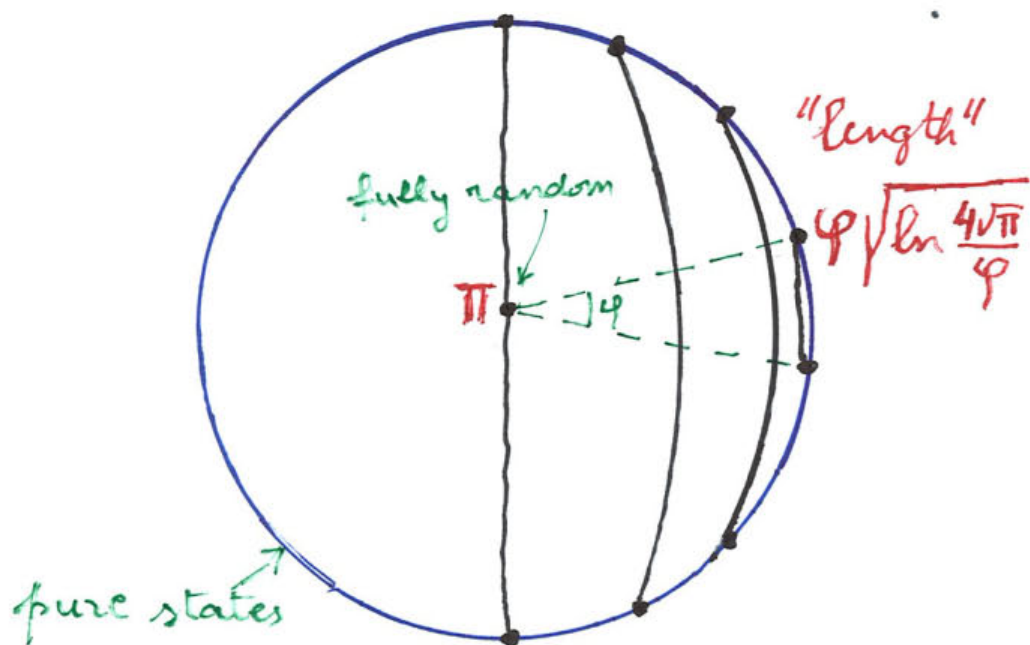
(vanishes at $r=0$)

$$r \rightarrow 1, R \sim -\frac{2}{(1-r)|\ln(1-r)|}$$

(infinite for pure states)

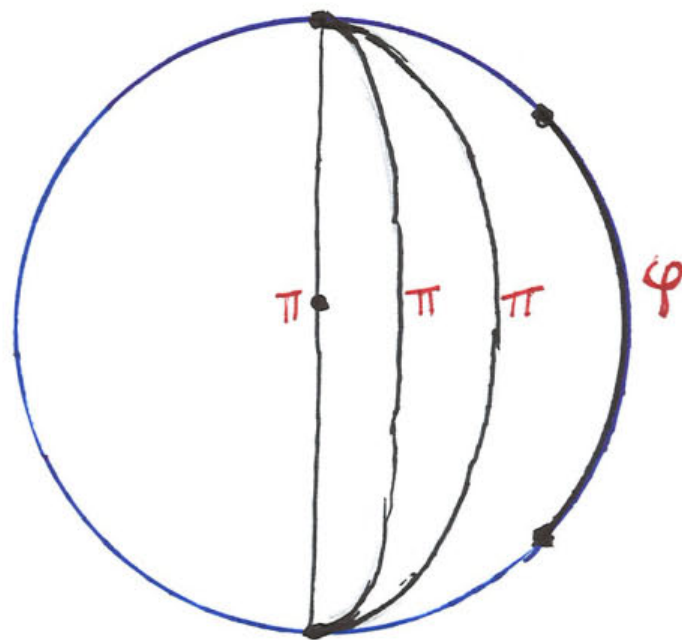
} negative

→ Geodesics in sphere $r \leq 1$



$$ds^2 = -d^2S$$

Physical metric!
 $n=2$



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$n=2$