

# Extreme Points of Unital Quantum Channels

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- Review: Stinespring, extreme points conds, etc.
- Family of factorizable extreme UCPT maps  
extreme mixed states with max mixed quant marginals
- Extreme points of CPT and UCP with Choi-rank  $d$   
Kraus ops are partial isometries and generalization
- Example for  $d = 2\nu + 1$  odd
- Universal example  
Reformulate linear independence as eigenvalue problem  
Associate eigenvectors (lin dep) with irreps of  $S_n$

**Def:**  $\Phi : M_{d_A} \mapsto M_{d_B}$  is completely positive (CP) if  $\Phi \otimes \mathcal{I}_{d_E}$  preserves positivity  $\forall d_E$ . Suffices to consider  $d_E = \min\{d_A, d_B\}$

**Thm:** (Choi)  $\Phi$  is CP  $\Leftrightarrow J_\Phi = \sum_{jk} |e_j\rangle\langle e_k| \otimes \Phi(|e_j\rangle\langle e_k|) \geq 0$

**Quantum Channel:**  $\Phi$  is CP and trace-preserving (CPT)

TP means  $\text{Tr} \Phi(A) = \text{Tr} A \quad \forall A \in M_{d_A}$

$\Phi$  UCP if unital, i.e.,  $\Phi(I_{d_A}) = I_{d_B}$  and CP

$\Phi : M_{d_A} \mapsto M_{d_B}$  is TP  $\Leftrightarrow \hat{\Phi} : M_{d_B} \mapsto M_{d_A}$  is unital

$\hat{\Phi}$  adjoint wrt Hilb-Schmidt inner prod.  $\text{Tr} [\hat{\Phi}(A)]^* B = \text{Tr} A^* \Phi(B)$

# Choi condition for extremality

Choi-Kraus CP  $\Phi(A) = \sum_k F_k A F_k^*$   $F_k$  not unique but

Choi obtained  $F_k$  by “stacking” e-vec of  $J_\Phi$  with non-zero evals

**Thm: (Choi)**  $\Phi$  is extreme in set of CP maps with  $\sum_k F_k^* F_k = X$

$\Leftrightarrow \{F_j^* F_k\}$  is linearly independent.

$\Rightarrow \Phi = \sum_k F_k A F_k^*$  extreme CPT map  $\Leftrightarrow \{F_j^* F_k\}$  is lin indep.

$\Rightarrow \Phi = \sum_k F_k A F_k^*$  extreme UCP map  $\Leftrightarrow \{F_j F_k^*\}$  is lin indep.

**Cor:** extreme CPT  $\Rightarrow d_E \leq d_A$       extreme UCP  $\Rightarrow d_E \leq d_B$

# Factorizable maps on matrix algebras

Recall Stinespring  $\Phi(\rho) = \text{Tr}_E U(\rho \otimes |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|) U^*$

**Factorizable:**  $\exists$  unitary  $U$  such that  $\Phi(\rho) = \text{Tr}_E U(\rho \otimes \frac{1}{d} I_d) U^*$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\rho) = \sum_k \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}_E U(\rho \otimes |e_k\rangle\langle e_k|) U^*$$

Factorizable  $\Rightarrow$  Not Extreme      Extreme  $\Rightarrow$  Not Factorizable

**Question:** “small environment” two groups showed false  $\approx$  1999

For  $\Phi : M_d \mapsto M_d$  can one make environment  $d_E \leq d$  if replace

$$|\phi\rangle\langle\phi| \text{ by DM } \gamma \text{ s. t. } \Phi(\rho) = \text{Tr}_E U(\rho \otimes \gamma) U^*$$

More general: arbitrary  $\gamma$  rather than max mixed  $\frac{1}{d} I_d$

More restrictive:  $\gamma \in M_d$  rather than higher dim environment

**Question:** Are there UCPT maps  $\Phi : M_d \mapsto M_d$  not extreme in either UCP or CPT maps, but are extreme in UCPT maps.

**Thm:** (Landau-Streater)  $\Phi : M_d \mapsto M_d$  is extreme in set of UCPT maps  $\Leftrightarrow \{A_j^* A_k \oplus A_k A_j^*\}$  linearly independent  $\Phi(\rho) = \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^*$

By C-J isomorphism convex set of UCPT maps isomorphic to bipartite states with maximally mixed quantum marginals

**Equiv:** Are there extreme points in convex set of bipartite states  $\rho_{AB}$  with  $\rho_A = \rho_B = \frac{1}{d} I_d$  which are not max entang pure states?

- Parthasarathy showed NO for  $\mathbf{C}_2 \otimes \mathbf{C}_d$ .
- Arveson-Ohno gave examples for qutrits, i.e.,  $\mathbf{C}_3 \otimes \mathbf{C}_3$ .

# Known results about extreme points of CPT maps

- Qubit channels  $\Phi : M_2 \mapsto M_2$ 
  - \* Ruskai, Szarek Werner (2002) all extreme points
  - \* UCPT much earlier, essent conj with  $I_2$  or Pauli matrix correspond to max entangled Bells states – tetrahedron
- Parthasarathy  $\rho_{AB}$  state on  $\mathbf{C}_2 \otimes \mathbf{C}_d$  extreme  $\Leftrightarrow$  max entang
- General UCPT  $\Phi : M_d \mapsto M_d$  unitary conj are extreme
- Few other results — very special
  - \*  $d = 3$  Werner-Holevo and symmetric variant extreme not true for Werner-Holevo when  $d > 3$
  - \* Arveson-Ohno examples – few high rank in low dims one low rank family using partial isometries

# Family of high rank extreme points of UCPT maps

$$\Phi_{\alpha,\beta}(\rho) = \sum_{k=1}^4 A_k^* \rho A_k \quad \text{1-1 correspond with qubit pure states}$$

**Def:** For  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$  let

$$A_1 = \alpha|e_1\rangle\langle e_1| + |e_2\rangle\langle e_3| \quad A_2 = \beta|e_1\rangle\langle e_3| + |e_3\rangle\langle e_2|$$

$$A_3 = |e_1\rangle\langle e_2| + \bar{\beta}|e_3\rangle\langle e_1| \quad A_4 = |e_2\rangle\langle e_1| + \bar{\alpha}|e_3\rangle\langle e_3|$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{\beta} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

Observe  $U = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ -A_3 & A_4 \end{pmatrix}$  is unitary  $\in M_3 \otimes M_2$

$\Rightarrow \Phi_{\alpha,\beta}(\rho) = (\mathcal{I}_3 \otimes \text{Tr})(U^*(\rho \otimes \frac{1}{2}I_2)U)$  factorizable

# Sketch proof:

**Thm:**  $\Phi_{\alpha,\beta}$  is an extreme UCPT map for  $\alpha, \beta \neq 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$

corresponds to N and S poles and equator on Bloch sphere

**Proof:** Can verify that  $\{A_k^* A_k \oplus A_k A_k^*\}$  all diagonal and lin indep

Direct calc shows  $A_j^* A_k \oplus A_k A_j^*$  for  $j \neq k$  splits into 4 disjoint sets  
actually two sets disjoint from each other and their adjoints

can verify lin indep  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha, \beta, \neq 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$  calc det of  $3 \times 3$

## How entangled are the corresponding states?

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\alpha|^2}} (\alpha |e_1 \otimes e_1\rangle + |e_2 \otimes e_3\rangle) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\beta|^2}} (\beta |e_1 \otimes e_3\rangle + |e_3 \otimes e_2\rangle) \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\beta|^2}} (|e_1 \otimes e_2\rangle + \bar{\beta} |e_3 \otimes e_1\rangle) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\alpha|^2}} (|e_2 \otimes e_1\rangle + \bar{\alpha} |e_3 \otimes e_3\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

$$J_{\Phi} = \frac{1+|\alpha|^2}{6} |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + \frac{1+|\beta|^2}{6} |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| + \frac{1+|\beta|^2}{6} |\psi_3\rangle\langle\psi_3| + \frac{1+|\alpha|^2}{6} |\psi_4\rangle\langle\psi_4|$$

**Def:**  $\text{EoF}(\rho_{AB}) = \inf \left\{ \sum_k x_k E(\psi_k) : \sum_k x_k |\psi_k\rangle\langle\psi_k| = \rho_{AB} \right\}$

$$E(\psi_{AB}) = S(\rho_A), \quad \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\psi_{AB}\rangle\langle\psi_{AB}|, \quad S(\rho) = -\text{Tr} \rho \log \rho$$

$$\text{EoF}(\rho_{AB}) = \frac{1+|\alpha|^2}{3} h\left(\frac{1}{1+|\alpha|^2}\right) + \frac{2-|\alpha|^2}{3} h\left(\frac{1}{2-|\alpha|^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \leq \text{EoF}(\rho_{AB}) \leq h\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0.918296 < 1 = \log 2 < \log 3$$

poles

equator

# Arveson-Ohno example

$$h(x) = -x \log x - (1-x) \log(1-x) \quad \text{binary entropy}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= |e_1\rangle\langle e_1| & A_2 &= |e_1\rangle\langle e_2| + \sqrt{2} |e_2\rangle\langle e_3| \\ A_3 &= \sqrt{2} |e_2\rangle\langle e_1| + \sqrt{3} |e_3\rangle\langle e_2| & A_4 &= |e_3\rangle\langle e_1| + \sqrt{2} |e_1\rangle\langle e_3| \end{aligned}$$

$$J_\Phi = \rho_{AB} = \frac{1}{12} |e_1 \otimes e_1\rangle\langle e_1 \otimes e_1| + \frac{1}{4} |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| + \frac{5}{12} |\psi_3\rangle\langle\psi_3| + \frac{1}{4} |\psi_4\rangle\langle\psi_4|$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|e_1 \otimes e_2\rangle + \sqrt{2} |e_2 \otimes e_3\rangle)$$

$$\psi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\sqrt{2} |e_2 \otimes e_1\rangle + \sqrt{3} |e_3 \otimes e_2\rangle)$$

$$\psi_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|e_3 \otimes e_1\rangle + \sqrt{2} |e_1 \otimes e_3\rangle)$$

$$\text{EoF}(\rho_{AB}) \leq \frac{1}{4} h\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{5}{12} h\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{4} h\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0.8637 < 1 = \log 2 < \log 3$$

# Extreme points of UCP and CPT maps with rank $d$

$\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_d\}$  unitary  $\in M_{d-1}$ ,  $S = \sum_k |e_k\rangle\langle e_{k+1}|$  cyclic shift

$$A_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d-1}} S^m \begin{pmatrix} V_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} S^{d-m}$$

$$A_m^* A_m = A_m A_m^* = \frac{1}{d-1} (I_d - |e_m\rangle\langle e_m|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_m A_m^* A_m = A_m A_m^* = I_d$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\rho) = \sum_m A_m \rho A_m^* \text{ is both UCP and CPT}$$

Generalize 
$$A_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d-1+t^2}} S^m \begin{pmatrix} V_m & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} S^{d-m}$$

For  $t \in (-1, 1)$ , 
$$A_m^* A_m = A_m A_m^* = \frac{1}{d-1} [I_d - (1-t^2)] |e_m\rangle\langle e_m|$$

Choi rank  $d$  which suggests extreme

# Almost always extreme

**Thm:** For  $t \in (-1, 1)$  fixed and  $A_m = S^m \begin{pmatrix} V_m & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} S^{d-m}$  if  $\exists$  one example with  $\{A_m^* A_n\}$  linearly indep, then for almost every choice of unitary  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_d$  the set  $\{A_m^* A_n\}$  is lin indep.

**Proof idea:**  $\{v_j\}$  lin indep iff gram matrix  $g_{jk} = \langle v_j, v_k \rangle$  non-sing  
For matrices  $\{A_m A_n^*\}$  with Hilbert-Schmidt inner prod this is

$$g_{jk,mn} = \text{Tr}(A_j A_k^*)(A_m A_n^*)^* = \text{Tr} A_j A_k^* A_n A_m^*$$

$\det G$  is a poly in elements  $u_{jk}^m$  of matrices  $V_m$ .

If poly not ident. zero, roots an alg. variety of Haar measure zero

**Thm:** Same for  $\{A_m A_n^*\}$ .

**Thm:** Similar result for  $V_1 = V_2 = \dots V_d$

## Lin independ of subset with $m = n$

$$A_m = S^m \begin{pmatrix} V_m & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} S^{d-m} \quad t \neq \pm 1$$

$$A_m^* A_m = A_m A_m^* = I_d - (1 - t^2) |e_m\rangle \langle e_m|$$

$\Rightarrow \{A_m^* A_m\}$  lin indep and  $\Rightarrow \text{span}\{A_m^* A_m\} = \text{span}\{|e_j\rangle \langle e_j|\}$

$\Rightarrow$  For purpose of determining lin indep of  $\{A_m A_n^*\}$  can make arbitrary modifications to diagonal of  $A_m A_n^*$  or  $A_m^* A_n$

$$S_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & t & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Existence of “fixed point” on skew diagonal seems key

## Sketch proof for $d = 2\nu + 1$ odd

$$P_m = \sum_{j=1}^d |e_j\rangle\langle e_{2m-j}| \quad A_m = P_m - (1-t)|e_m\rangle\langle e_m|$$

$P_m = P_m^*$  is perm matrix for  $\nu$  swaps  $(m+k, m-k) \Rightarrow P_m^2 = I_d$

$$A_m A_{m+\ell} = S^{2\ell} - (1-t)(|e_{m-\ell}\rangle\langle e_{m+\ell}| + |e_m\rangle\langle e_{m+2\ell}|) + \delta_{\ell,0}(1-t)^2 |e_m\rangle\langle e_m|$$

linear independence of  $\{A_m A_n\}$  reduces to lin indep of vectors

$|e_{m-\ell}\rangle\langle e_{m+\ell}| + |e_m\rangle\langle e_{m+2\ell}|$  with  $\ell$  fixed – reduce to prob in  $\mathbf{C}_d$

Find  $\Phi(\rho) = \sum_m A_m \rho A_m^*$  is extreme in both CPT and UCP maps.

Fixed point  $|e_m\rangle\langle e_m| \mapsto t|e_m\rangle\langle e_m|$  plays central role

For  $t = 0$  can make all  $A_k$  anti-symmetric.

Does not generalize to even  $d = 2\nu$  in natural way

# Main example

Notation:  $S = \sum_k |e_k\rangle\langle e_{k+1}|$  cyclic shift

$|\mathbb{1}_d\rangle$  denote the vector whose elements are all  $d^{-1/2}$ .

unitary  $V_1 = V_2 = \dots V_d = V \equiv 2|\mathbb{1}_{d-1}\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_{d-1}| - I_{d-1}$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{pmatrix} \quad A_m = S^{-m+1}A_1S^{m-1} = S^{-1}A_{m-1}S$$

Note that  $A_m = A_m^* \Rightarrow$  suffices to consider lin indep of  $\{A_m A_n\}$

**Thm:** For  $d \geq 3$  and  $t \in (-1, 1)$  and  $t \neq -\frac{1}{d-1}$

the set  $\{A_m A_n\}$  is linearly independent

**Cor:** For  $d \geq 3$ ,  $t \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $t \neq -\frac{1}{d-1}$  map  $\Phi(\rho) = \sum_m A_m \rho A_m^*$  is an extreme point of both the UCP and CPT maps.

## More refined results

- a) For  $d \geq 3$  and  $t = 1$ , the sets  $\{A_m^2\}_{m=1}^d$  and  $\{A_m A_n - A_n A_m\}_{m < n}$  are each separately linearly dependent.
- b) For  $d \geq 3$ ,  $t = -1$ , the set  $\{A_m^2\}_{m=1}^d$  is linearly dependent but the set  $\{A_m A_n\}_{m \neq n}$  is linearly independent.
- c) For  $d \geq 4$ ,  $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$ , the set  $\{A_m^2\}_{m=1}^d$  is linearly independent, but  $\sum_{m \neq n} A_m A_n$  is a multiple of  $I_d$  so that  $\{A_m A_n\}$  is linearly dependent. Moreover,  $\{A_m A_n - A_n A_m\}_{m < n}$  and  $\{A_m A_n + A_n A_m\}_{m < n}$  are each linearly dependent.
- d) For  $d = 3$ ,  $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$ , the set  $\{A_m^2\}_{m=1}^d$  is linearly independent, but  $\sum_{m \neq n} A_m A_n = 0 \Rightarrow \{A_m A_n + A_n A_m\}_{m < n}$  is linearly dependent. Moreover,  $\{A_m A_n - A_n A_m\}_{m < n}$  is also linearly dependent.

# Return to main example — form of $A_m$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{d-1} \begin{pmatrix} t(d-1) & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d-3 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & d-3 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 2 & \dots & & 2 & d-3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_d = \frac{1}{d-1} \begin{pmatrix} d-3 & 2 & \dots & & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & d-3 & 2 & \dots & 2 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 2 & \dots & & 2 & d-3 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & & \dots & 0 & t(d-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Sketch proof for main example

$$V = 2|\mathbb{1}_{d-1}\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_{d-1}| - I_{d-1}, \quad A_m = S^{-m} \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{pmatrix} S^m$$

$$A_1 A_d = \frac{1}{(d-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} \tau & b & \dots & b & \dots & b & 0 \\ a & & & & & & b \\ \vdots & & & & & & \vdots \\ a & & & \tilde{V}_{d-2}^2 & & & b \\ \vdots & & & & & & \vdots \\ a & & & & & & b \\ u & a & \dots & a & \dots & & \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = 2(d-3), \quad b = 2t(d-1), \quad \tau = -t(d-1)(d-3)$$

$$u = 4(d-2), \quad \tilde{V}_{d-2}^2 = -4c|\mathbb{1}_{d-2}\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_{d-2}| + bI_{d-2}$$

# First reformulation

$$\sum_m \sum_n A_m A_n = p_d(t) |\mathbb{1}_d\rangle \langle \mathbb{1}_d| + q_d(t) I_d$$

$$q(t) \neq 0 \text{ if } d > 3 \quad p(t) \neq 0 \text{ if } t \neq \frac{-1}{d-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{A_m A_n\} \text{ lin dependent for } t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$$

For purpose of linear independ for  $d > 3$ ,  $t \neq \frac{-1}{d-1}$  can replace

$$\begin{aligned} A_m A_n &\mapsto X_{mn} \equiv (d-1)^2 A_m A_n + 4d |\mathbb{1}_d\rangle \langle \mathbb{1}_d| \\ &= \hat{u} |e_m\rangle \langle e_n| + \hat{a} \sum_{j \neq m, n} (|e_j\rangle \langle e_m| + |e_n\rangle \langle e_j|) + \hat{b} \sum_{j \neq m, n} (|e_m\rangle \langle e_j| + |e_j\rangle \langle e_n|) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{a} = 2(d-1)$ ,  $\hat{u} = 4(d-1)$ ,  $\hat{b} = 2t(d-1) + 4$ .

Results hold for  $d = 3$  but proofs need special handling.

$$X_{nm} = \begin{matrix} & & & m & & n & & & & \\ & & & \hat{a} & & \hat{b} & & & & \\ & & & \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \\ m & & & \hat{a} & & \hat{b} & & & & \\ & \hat{b} & \dots & \hat{b} & 0 & \hat{b} & 4 & \hat{b} & \dots & \\ & & & \hat{a} & & \hat{b} & & & & \\ & & & \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \\ & & & \hat{a} & & \hat{b} & & & & \\ n & & & \hat{a} & \hat{u} & \hat{a} & 0 & \hat{a} & \dots & \\ & \hat{a} & \dots & \hat{a} & \hat{u} & \hat{a} & 0 & \hat{a} & \dots & \\ & & & \hat{a} & & \hat{b} & & & & \\ & & & \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \end{matrix}$$

# Permutational symmetry

Want to find  $C \simeq \{c_{mn}\}$  such that  $\sum_{mn} c_{mn} A_m A_n = 0$ .

Consider  $M$  matrix with rows “unstacked” matrices.

$C$  is “vector” in null space of  $M$ .

Moreover, such  $C$  form a subspace  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $M_d$  with properties

- $C \in \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow C^* \in \mathcal{N}$
- $C \in \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow P^* C P \in \mathcal{N} \quad \forall$  permutation matrices  $P$

Decompose into subspaces  $\mathcal{N}_\nu$  assoc with irreducible rep of  $S_d$

Now define  $X_{mn}^\pm = X_{mn} \pm X_{mn}^*$

Consider linear indep. of  $X_{mn} + X_{mn}^*$  and  $X_{mn} - X_{mn}^*$  separately

$$X_{nm}^{\pm}(x) = \begin{matrix} & & & & m & & n & & \\ & & & & \pm 1 & & 1 & & \\ & & & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \\ & & & & \pm 1 & & 1 & & \\ m & & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & x & 1 & \dots \\ & & & & \pm 1 & & 1 & & & \\ & & & & \vdots & & \vdots & & & \\ & & & & \pm 1 & & 1 & & & \\ n & & \pm 1 & \dots & \pm 1 & \pm x & \pm 1 & 0 & \pm 1 & \dots \\ & & & & \pm 1 & & 1 & & & \\ & & & & \vdots & & \vdots & & & \end{matrix}$$

Can ignore factor of  $(\hat{a} \pm \hat{b})$

Main interest  $x = w_d^{\pm}(t)$

## Reformulate as eigenvalue problem

$$w_d^+(t) = \frac{2d}{d+1+t(d-1)} \quad w_d^-(t) = \frac{2(d-2)}{(d-3)-t(d-1)}$$

Replace  $X_{mn}$  by  $\Omega_d^\pm(x)$   $\frac{1}{2}d(d-1) \times \frac{1}{2}d(d-1)$  matrix with rows given by elements of  $X_{mn}^\pm(x)$  above diagonal in lexicographic order

Elements of  $\Omega_d^\pm(x)$  are  $\begin{cases} x & \text{on diagonal} \\ 0, \pm 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

**Thm:**  $\{X_{mn}^\pm\}_{m < n}$  lin depend  $\Leftrightarrow -w_d^\pm(t)$  an eigenvalue of  $\Omega(0)$ .

**Find eigenvals:** Mathematica for  $d = 3, 4, 5, 6$  then educated guess

**Proof:** Exhibit lin indep eigenvcs of certain symmetry type with “at least” desired multiplicity

# Eigenvalue Summary

**Thm:**  $\{X_{mn}^{\pm}\}_{m < n}$  lin indep  $\Leftrightarrow -w_d^{\pm}(t)$  not eigenvalue of  $\Omega(0)$ .

**Thm:** The eigenvalues of  $\Omega_d^+(0)$  are

•  $2(d-2)$  non-degenerate 

1	2					$d$
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•  $d-4$  with multiplicity  $d-1$ 

1						
$k$						

•  $-2$  with multiplicity  $\binom{d-1}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}d(d-3)$   $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$

**Thm:** The eigenvalues of  $\Omega_d^-(0)$  are

•  $d-2$  with multiplicity  $d-1$ 

1						
$k$						

 $t = 1$

•  $-2$  with mult  $\frac{1}{2}(d-2)(d-1)$ 

1						
$j$						
$k$						

 $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$

# Symmetric eigenvectors

- $x = 2(2 - d)$ 

1	2					$d$
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$$C = |\mathbb{1}_d\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_d| \quad \sum_{m \neq n} X_{mn}^+ = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad x = 2(2 - d) \neq w_d^+(t)$$

- $x = 4 - d \neq w_d^+(t)$  for  $t \in [-1, 1]$  unless  $d = 3$ .

$$C_{k\ell} = \sum_{j \neq k, \ell} (|e_k\rangle\langle e_j| + |e_j\rangle\langle e_k| - |e_\ell\rangle\langle e_j| - |e_j\rangle\langle e_\ell|) \quad k \neq \ell$$

$$C_{1k}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, d \quad \text{lin indep}$$

1					
$k$					

$$\sum_{j \neq k, \ell} A_j A_\ell + A_\ell A_j - A_j A_k - A_k A_j = \begin{cases} \text{Diag} & d \geq 5 \\ 0 & d = 3 \end{cases}$$

# Symmetric eigenvectors for $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$

- $x = 2 = w_d^+ \left( \frac{-1}{d-1} \right)$       eigenvcs  $C_{jk,mn} = B_{jk,mn} + B_{jk,mn}^*$

$$B_{jk,mn} \equiv |e_m\rangle\langle e_j| - |e_m\rangle\langle e_k| - |e_n\rangle\langle e_j| + |e_n\rangle\langle e_k|$$

$$\{B_{2k,1n} : 3 \leq n < k \leq d\} \cup \{B_{2k,13} : k = 4, 5 \dots d\}$$

$$\text{lin indep} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}d(d-3) \text{ lin indep eigenvcs } C_{jk,mn}$$

Young tableaux 

1	2	...	
n	k		

 and 

1	3	...	
2	k		

$$C_{24,13} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C_{34,12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_m A_j + A_j A_m - A_m A_k - A_k A_m - A_n A_j - A_j A_n + A_n A_k + A_k A_n = 0$$

lin dep  $A_m A_n$  not directly trans. to  $X_{mn}^+$  for  $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$  but still OK

# Skew symmetric eigenvectors

- $x = 2 - d = w_d^-(1)$  multiplicity  $d - 1$       $t = 1$

1					
k					

$$C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} C_k = C_d$$

$$C_k = \sum_{j \neq k} (|e_k\rangle\langle e_j| - |e_j\rangle\langle e_k|) \text{ lin indep for } k = 1, 2, \dots, d - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{linear dep } \sum_{m \neq n} (A_m A_n - A_n A_m) = 0 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

# Skew symmetric eigenvectors (cont)

- $x = 2 = w_d^- \left( \frac{-1}{d-1} \right)$  multiplicity  $\binom{d}{2}$   $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$

1					
j					
k					

lin indep  $1 < j < k \leq d$

$$C_{124} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_{jkl} = |e_j\rangle\langle e_k| - |e_k\rangle\langle e_j| - |e_j\rangle\langle e_\ell| + |e_\ell\rangle\langle e_j| + |e_k\rangle\langle e_\ell| - |e_\ell\rangle\langle e_k|$$

$$\Rightarrow A_\ell A_j - A_j A_\ell - A_\ell A_k + A_\ell A_k - A_j A_k + A_j A_k = 0.$$

with  $j, k, \ell$  distinct for  $t = \frac{-1}{d-1}$ .

$A_m A_n \mapsto X_{mn}$  not needed.  $X_{mn}^- = A_m A_n - A_n A_m$  direct cancel

# Are New Channels Subadditive for $\min S[\Phi(\rho)]$ ?

Recall Werner-Holevo for  $d = 3$     Equiv to  $\text{Tr}_E |\Psi_{BE}\rangle\langle\Psi_{BE}|$   
with  $\Psi_{BE}$  in anti-sym subspace  $\mathbf{C}_4 \wedge \mathbf{C}_4$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Subadditive for Renyi entropy with  $p > 4.73$ ?

BUT

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

always additive – output is too pure – state with e-vals  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$

# Universal Example $V = 2|\mathbb{1}_{d-1}\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_{d-1}| - I_{d-1}$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{d-1} \begin{pmatrix} t(d-1) & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d-3 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & d-3 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 2 & \dots & 2 & d-3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Phi\left(|\mathbb{1}_d\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_d|\right) = \frac{1}{d-1+t^2} \left[ (d-2+2t)|\mathbb{1}_d\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_d| + \frac{(1-t)^2}{d} I_d \right]$$

largest e-val  $\frac{(d+1-t)^2}{d(d-1+t^2)}$

$t = 0$        $1 - \frac{1}{d}$     non-deg       $\frac{1}{d(d-1)}$  mult  $d-1$

$t = 1$        $1, 0, \dots, 0$     i.e. pure output

**Moral:** Highly symmetric channels don't violate additivity

## Interesting New Channel

$$2|\mathbb{1}_4\rangle\langle\mathbb{1}_4| - I_4 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Y & X \end{pmatrix} \quad X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} X & Y & 0_2 \\ Y & X & 0_2 \\ 0_2 & 0_2 & 0_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} X & 0_2 & Y \\ 0_2 & 0_2 & 0_2 \\ Y & 0_2 & X \end{pmatrix} \quad A_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0_2 & 0_2 & 0_2 \\ 0_2 & X & Y \\ 0_2 & Y & X \end{pmatrix}$$

Similar to symmetric WH channel  $0 \mapsto X = -X^*$ ,  $1 \mapsto Y = Y^*$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} X & Y & 0 \\ -Y & X & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 & Y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -Y & 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \quad A_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & Y \\ 0 & -Y & X \end{pmatrix}$$

$A_k^* = -A_k$  **BUT** turns out to be additive.

# Additivity Violations

**Moral:** Don't look for needle in haystack of min output entropy

Look for superadditivity of Holevo capacity — it suffices to show

$$\exists \Psi \text{ s.t. } H\left(\Phi^{\otimes N}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|), [\Phi(\rho_{\text{av}})]^{\otimes N}\right) > N C_{\text{Holv}}(\Phi)$$

Don't need to find actual capacity or output average for  $\Phi^{\otimes N}$

Suffices to find entangled  $\Psi$  s.t.      Expect “haystack”  $2^N$

$$H\left(\Phi^{\otimes N}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|), [\Phi(\rho_{\text{av}})]^{\otimes N}\right) \approx N C_{\text{Holv}}(\Phi)$$

**BUT** that's another talk.

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