



Min- and Max-Relative Entropies

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- **Focus** : on an important quantity which arises in
Quantum Mechanics & Quantum Information Theory

Quantum Entropy or von Neumann Entropy

- and its parent quantity:

Quantum Relative Entropy

- & on new quantum relative entropies :

Min- & Max-Relative Entropies

Quantum Entropy or von Neumann Entropy

- In 1927 von Neumann introduced the notion of a mixed state, represented by a density matrix: $\rho \geq 0$; $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|; \quad \rho \leftrightarrow \{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$$

- & defined its entropy:

$$S(\rho) := -\text{Tr} (\rho \log \rho)$$

- **Why?** - To extend the classical theory of Statistical Mechanics developed by Gibbs, Boltzmann et al to the quantum domain;
 - **not** for the development of Quantum Information Theory
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- In fact, this was well before Shannon laid the foundations of Classical Information Theory (1948).

$$S(\rho) := -\text{Tr} (\rho \log \rho)$$

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|; \quad \langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle \neq \delta_{ij}$$

$S(\rho) = 0$ if and only if ρ is a **pure state**:

$$\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

$\therefore S(\rho) =$ a measure of the “mixedness” of the state ρ

Relation with Statistical Mechanics

- The finite volume **Gibbs state** given by the density matrix:

$$\rho_{\Lambda}^{\text{Gibbs}} = \frac{e^{-\beta H_{\Lambda}}}{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta H_{\Lambda}}}$$

maximizes the **von Neumann entropy**, given the expected value of the energy

i.e., the functional : $\rho \mapsto S(\rho_{\Lambda}) - \beta \text{Tr} (\rho_{\Lambda} H_{\Lambda})$

is maximized if and only if $\rho_{\Lambda} = \rho_{\Lambda}^{\text{Gibbs}}$

$$\log Z_{\Lambda} = \max_{\rho_{\Lambda}} (S(\rho_{\Lambda}) - \beta \text{Tr} (\rho_{\Lambda} H_{\Lambda}))$$

- In 1948 Shannon defined the entropy of a random variable
- Let $X \sim p(x)$; $x \in J$; $J =$ a finite alphabet

- Shannon entropy of X ;
$$H(X) := - \sum_{x \in J} p(x) \log p(x)$$
$$H(X) \equiv H(\{p(x)\})$$

- Supposedly von Neumann asked Shannon to call this quantity entropy, saying

“You should call it ‘entropy’ for two reasons; first, the function is already in use in thermodynamics; second, and most importantly, most people don’t know what entropy really is, & if you use ‘entropy’ in an argument, you will win every time.”

Relation between Shannon entropy & thermodynamic entropy

$$S := k \log \Omega$$

total # of
microstates

- Suppose the r^{th} microstate occurs with prob. p_r

 consider ν replicas of the system

- Then on average $\nu_r \approx [\nu p_r]$ replicas are in the r^{th} state

- Total # of microstates
$$\Omega = \frac{\nu!}{\nu_1! \nu_2! \dots \nu_r!} \approx \frac{\nu^\nu}{\nu_1^{\nu_1} \nu_2^{\nu_2} \dots \nu_r^{\nu_r}} \quad (\text{by Stirling's})$$

- Th. dyn. entropy of compound system of ν replicas

$$S_\nu = -k\nu \sum_r p_r \log p_r$$

$$S = S_\nu / \nu = -k \sum_r p_r \log p_r = k H(\{p_r\})$$

Shannon
entropy

Relation between Shannon entropy & von Neumann entropy

$$S(\rho) := -\text{Tr} (\rho \log \rho); \quad \rho = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|;$$

$$\rho \leftrightarrow \{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}; \quad \langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle \neq \delta_{ij}$$

eigenvalues

■ BUT $\rho = \rho^\dagger$, Spectral decomposition $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \Pi_i$;

$$\rho \geq 0; \quad \text{Tr } \rho = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1; \quad \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n = \text{a probability distribution}$$

$$S(\rho) := -\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \log \lambda_i = H(\{\lambda_i\})$$

- *Classical Information Theory* [Shannon 1948]

= Theory of *information-processing tasks*

e.g. storage & transmission of information

- *Quantum Information Theory:*

A study of how such tasks can be accomplished using quantum-mechanical systems

- *not just a generalization of Classical Information Theory to the quantum realm!*

The underlying
quantum mechanics



novel features!
which have no classical analogue!

- In Quantum Information Theory, **information** is carried by *physical states of quantum-mechanical systems*:
e.g. polarization states of photons, spin states of electrons etc.

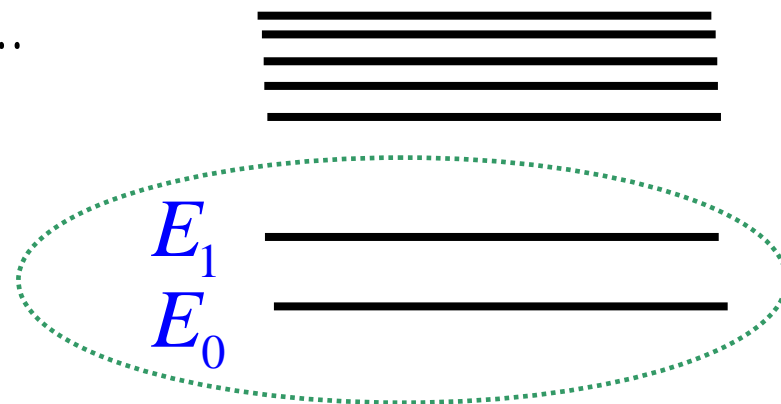
Fundamental Units

- Classical Information Theory: a bit ; takes values 0 and 1
- Quantum Information Theory: *a qubit*
= *state of a two-level quantum-mechanical system*

Physical representation of a qubit

- Any *two-level system*; e.g. **spin states of an electron**,
polarization states of a photon.....

A **multi-level system** which has
2 states which can be effectively
decoupled from the rest;



Operational Significance of the Shannon Entropy

= *optimal rate of data compression* for a classical *i.i.d.*

(memoryless) information source

successive signals emitted by source : *indep.* of each other

Modelled by a sequence of i.i.d. random variables

$$U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n \quad U_i \sim p(u) \quad u \in J$$

- signals emitted by the source = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)

Shannon entropy of the source:

$$H(U) := - \sum_{u \in J} p(u) \log p(u)$$

Operational Significance of the Shannon Entropy

- *(Q) What is the optimal rate of data compression for such a source?*

[min. # of bits needed to store the signals emitted per use of the source] (for *reliable* data compression)

- *Optimal rate is evaluated in the asymptotic limit $n \rightarrow \infty$*
 $n =$ number of uses of the source

- *One requires*

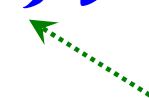
$$p_{error}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0 ; n \rightarrow \infty$$


- *(A) optimal rate of data compression = $H(U)$*

Shannon entropy of the source

Operational Significance of the von Neumann Entropy

= optimal rate of data compression for a memoryless (i.i.d.) quantum information source

- A quantum info source emits:
signals (pure states) $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle, \dots, |\psi_k\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
with probabilities p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k
 - Then source characterized by: $\{\rho, \mathcal{H}\}$
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Hilbert space
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density matrix

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$$

$$\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle \neq \delta_{ij}$$

To evaluate data compression limit :

Consider a sequence $\{\rho_n, \mathcal{H}_n\}$

If the quantum info source is **memoryless** (i.i.d.)

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}^{\otimes n}; \quad \rho_n = \rho^{\otimes n} \quad \rho \in \mathcal{H}$$

Optimal rate of data compression = $S(\rho)$

- **NOTE:** Evaluated in the asymptotic limit $n \rightarrow \infty$

$n =$ number of uses of the source

One requires $p_{err}^{(n)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

e.g. A memoryless quantum info source emitting qubits

- *Characterized by*

$$\{\rho_n, \mathcal{H}_n\}; \quad \boxed{\rho_n = \rho^{\otimes n}}; \quad \mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}^{\otimes n};$$

- Or simply by $\{\rho, \mathcal{H}\}$
- Consider n successive uses of the source ; n qubits emitted
- Stored in m_n qubits (*data compression*)

$$\text{rate of data compression} = \frac{m_n}{n}$$

$$\text{Optimal rate of data compression } R_\infty := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_n}{n} = S(\rho)$$

under the requirement that

$$p_{\text{error}}^{(n)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Quantum Relative Entropy

- A fundamental quantity in Quantum Mechanics & Quantum Information Theory is the Quantum Relative Entropy of ρ w.r.t. σ , $\rho \geq 0$, $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$, $\sigma \geq 0$:

$$S(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \text{Tr } \rho \log \rho - \text{Tr } \rho \log \sigma$$

well-defined if

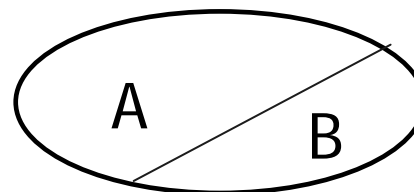
$$\text{supp } \rho \subseteq \text{supp } \sigma$$

- It acts as a parent quantity for the *von Neumann entropy*:

$$S(\rho) := -\text{Tr } \rho \log \rho = -S(\rho \parallel I) \quad (\sigma = I)$$

- It also acts as a **parent quantity** for other entropies:

e.g. for a bipartite state ρ_{AB} :



- *Conditional entropy*

$$S(A|B) := S(\rho_{AB}) - S(\rho_B) = -S(\rho_{AB} \| I_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

- *Mutual information*

$$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A \rho_{AB}$$

$$I(A:B) := S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B) - S(\rho_{AB}) = S(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

Some Properties of $S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$

- Klein's inequality:

"distance"

$$S(\rho \parallel \sigma) \geq 0$$

$$= 0 \text{ if \& only if } \rho = \sigma$$

- Joint convexity:

$$S\left(\sum_k p_k \rho_k \parallel \sum_k p_k \sigma_k\right) \leq \sum_k p_k S(\rho_k \parallel \sigma_k)$$

- Monotonicity under completely positive trace preserving (CPTP) maps Λ :

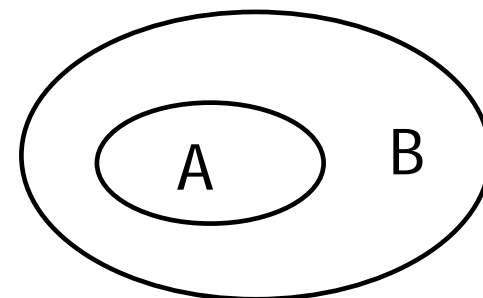
$$S(\Lambda(\rho) \parallel \Lambda(\sigma)) \leq S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

- *What is a CPTP map?*

For an *isolated* quantum system: *time evolution is unitary*

-- dynamics governed by the *Schroedinger equation*.

- In *Quantum Info. Theory* one deals with *open* systems
 - unavoidable interactions between *system* (A) & its *environment* (B)
 - Time evolution *not unitary* in general



Most general description of time evolution of an open system

given by a *completely positive trace-preserving* (CPTP) map Λ

$$\Lambda : \rho \rightarrow \sigma$$

density operators

describes discrete state changes
resulting from any allowed physical
process : *a superoperator*

Properties satisfied by a superoperator $\Lambda: \rho \rightarrow \sigma$

■ Linearity:
$$\Lambda\left(\sum_k p_k \rho_k\right) = \sum_k p_k \Lambda(\rho_k)$$

■ Positivity:
$$\sigma = \Lambda(\rho) \geq 0$$

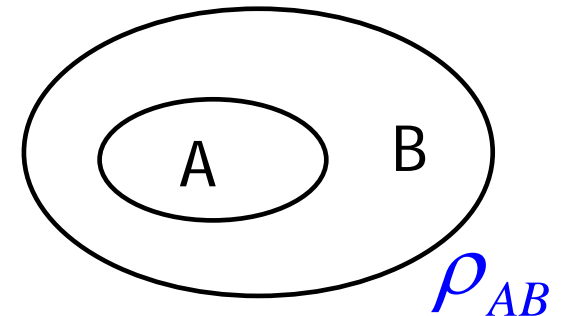
■ Trace-preserving: (TP)
$$\text{Tr} \sigma = \text{Tr} \Lambda(\rho) = \text{Tr} \rho = 1$$

■ Complete positivity:

(CP)

$$(\Lambda_A \otimes \text{id}_B)(\rho_{AB}) \geq 0$$

$$\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$$



■ **Kraus Representation
Theorem:**

$$\Lambda(\rho) = \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^\dagger;$$

$$\sum_k A_k^\dagger A_k = I$$

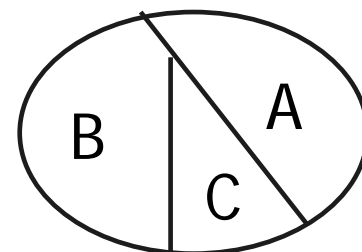
Monotonicity of Quantum Relative Entropy under CPTP map Λ :

v.powerful!

$$S(\Lambda(\rho) \parallel \Lambda(\sigma)) \leq S(\rho \parallel \sigma) \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

- Many properties of other entropic quantities can be proved using (1)
- e.g. *Strong subadditivity of the von Neumann entropy*
- Conjecture by Lanford, Robinson - proved by Lieb & Ruskai '73

$$S(\rho_{ABC}) + S(\rho_B) \leq S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC})$$



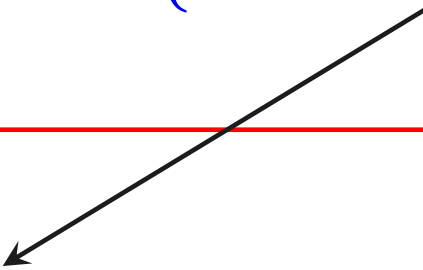
Outline of the rest

- *Define 2 new relative entropy quantities*
- *Discuss their properties and operational significance*
- *Give a motivation for defining them*
- *Define 2 entanglement monotones (I will explain what that means)*
- *Discuss their operational significance*

Two new relative entropies

- *Definition 1* : The **max- relative entropy** of a density matrix ρ & a positive operator σ is

$$S_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \log \left(\min \{ \lambda : \rho \leq \lambda \sigma \} \right)$$


$$(\lambda \sigma - \rho) \geq 0$$

- *Definition 2:* The **min- relative entropy** of a state ρ & a positive operator σ is

$$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := -\log \operatorname{Tr}(\pi_{\rho} \sigma)$$

where π_{ρ} denotes the projector onto the support of ρ
($\operatorname{supp} \rho$)

- *Remark:* The min- relative entropy

$$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := -\log \operatorname{Tr} \pi_{\rho} \sigma$$

(where π_{ρ} denotes the projector onto $\operatorname{supp} \rho$)

is expressible in terms of: *quantum relative Renyi entropy*
of order α with $\alpha \neq 1$

$$S_{\alpha}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \log \operatorname{Tr} \rho^{\alpha} \sigma^{1-\alpha}$$

as follows:

$$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} S_{\alpha}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

Min- and Max-Relative Entropies

- Like $S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$ we have

$$S_*(\rho \parallel \sigma) \geq 0$$

for $* = \max, \min$

$$S_*(\Lambda(\rho) \parallel \Lambda(\sigma)) \leq S_*(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

for any CPTP map Λ

- Also

$$S_*(\rho \parallel \sigma) = S_*(U\rho U^\dagger \parallel U\sigma U^\dagger)$$

for any unitary
operator U

- Most interestingly

$$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq S(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq S_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

- The **min-relative entropy** is **jointly convex** in its arguments:

For two mixtures of states $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \rho_i$ & $\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \sigma_i$

$$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i S_{\min}(\rho_i \parallel \sigma_i) \quad \text{as for } S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

- The **max-relative entropy** is **quasiconvex**:

$$S_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} S_{\max}(\rho_i \parallel \sigma_i)$$

Min- and Max- entropies

$$H_{\min}(\rho) := -S_{\max}(\rho \| I)$$

$$= -\log \|\rho\|_{\infty}$$

$$H_{\max}(\rho) := -S_{\min}(\rho \| I)$$

$$= \log \text{rank}(\rho)$$

analogous to:

$$S(\rho) = -S(\rho \| I)$$

- For a bipartite state ρ_{AB} :

$$H_{\min}(A|B)_{\rho} := -S_{\max}(\rho_{AB} \| I_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

etc.

analogous to:

$$S(A|B) = -S(\rho_{AB} \| I_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

$$H_{\min}(A:B)_{\rho} := S_{\min}(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

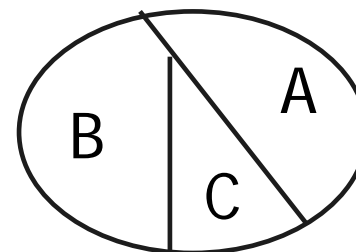
etc.

analogous to:

$$S(A:B) = S(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

Min- and Max- Relative Entropies satisfy the:

(1) *Strong Subadditivity Property*



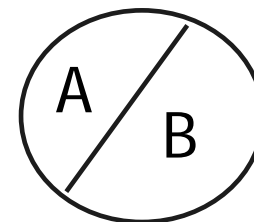
just as $S(\rho_{ABC}) + S(\rho_B) \leq S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC})$

$$H_{\min}(\rho_{ABC}) + H_{\min}(\rho_B) \leq H_{\min}(\rho_{AB}) + H_{\min}(\rho_{BC})$$

(2) *Araki-Lieb inequality*

just as

$$S(\rho_{AB}) \geq |S(\rho_A) - S(\rho_B)|$$



$$H_{\min}(\rho_{AB}) \geq |H_{\min}(\rho_A) - H_{\min}(\rho_B)|$$

(Q) What is the **operational significance** of the
min- and max- relative entropies?

In **Quantum information theory**, initially one evaluated:

- **optimal rates** of info-processing tasks:
e.g. **data compression**,
transmission of information through a channel, etc.
under the following assumptions:

- information sources & channels were **memoryless**
- they were **used** an **infinite number of times** (**asymptotic limit**)
 $n \rightarrow \infty$

BUT: these **assumptions** are **unrealistic!**

In practice :

- Each use of a source or channel need not be memoryless ;
in fact, correlations/memory effects unavoidable
(e.g. quantum info. source : a highly correlated electron system)
- also sources and channels are used a finite number of times

- Hence it is important to evaluate optimal rates for
finite number of uses (or even a single use)
of an arbitrary source or channel

- Corresponding optimal rates:

optimal one-shot rates

Min- & Max relative entropies: $S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma), S_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$

act as parent quantities for one-shot rates of protocols

just as

Quantum relative entropy: $S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$

act as a parent quantity for asymptotic rates of protocols

e.g. Quantum Data Compression

asymptotic rate: $S(\rho) = -S(\rho \parallel I)$

one-shot rate: $H_{\max}(\rho) = -S_{\min}(\rho \parallel I)$

[Koenig & Renner]

Further Examples

$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$: *parent quantity* for the following:

- *[Wang & Renner]* : *one-shot classical capacity* of a quantum channel

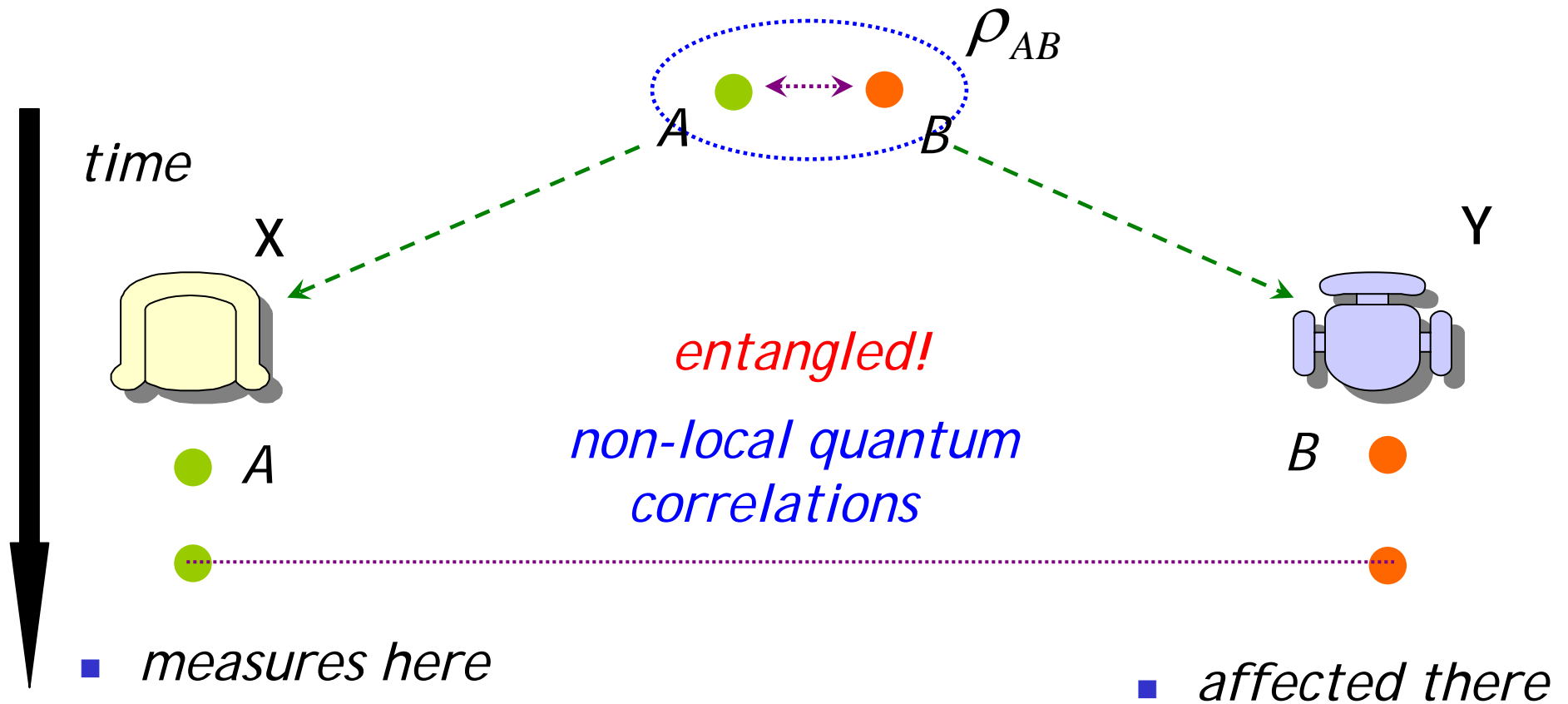
- *[ND & Buscemi]* : *one-shot quantum capacity* of a quantum channel

■ Relative entropies

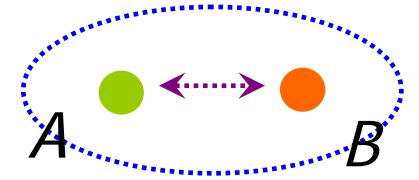


Entanglement

"spooky action at a distance"



Bipartite Quantum States : $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$;



separable

entangled

Separable IF

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = |\mathcal{G}_A\rangle \otimes |\xi_B\rangle$$

else entangled

$$\rho_{AB} = \sum_i p_i \omega_i^A \otimes \sigma_i^B$$

else entangled

Entanglement : *strictly non-local quantum property*

A fundamental feature of entanglement

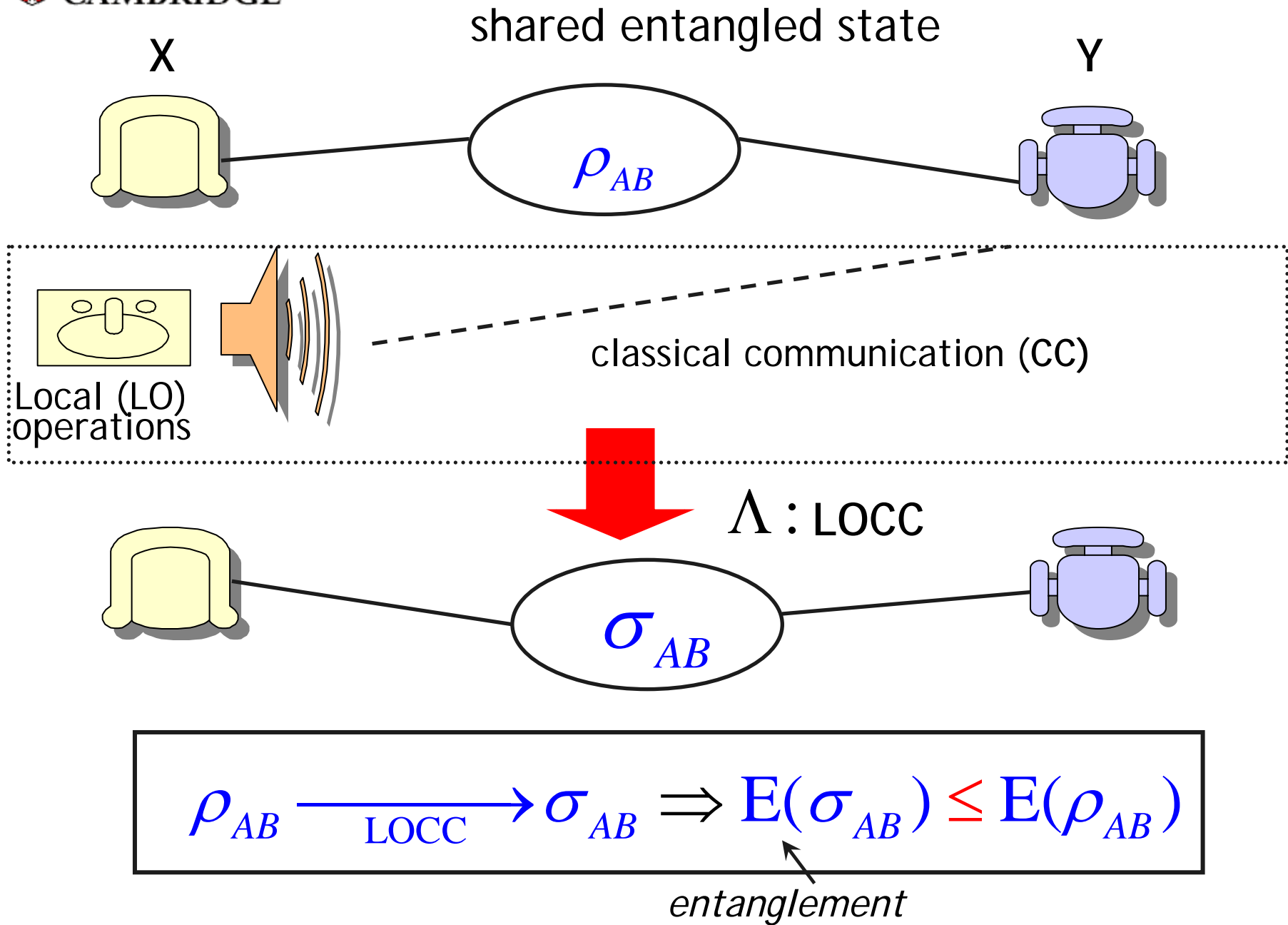
it cannot be created or increased by :

(i) local operations (LO) & (ii) classical communications(CC)

LOCC



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Maximally entangled states

$$\begin{aligned}
 |0\rangle &\equiv \uparrow \\
 |1\rangle &\equiv \downarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

e.g. Pure state of 2 qubits A,B : $\Psi = |\Psi_{AB}\rangle\langle\Psi_{AB}|$

where

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$$

Bell state

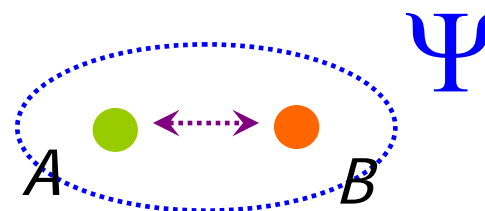
- state of the 2 qubits known **exactly** ; since AB in pure state
- Reduced state of qubit A

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \Psi = \frac{I_A}{2} = \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

completely mixed state

similarly

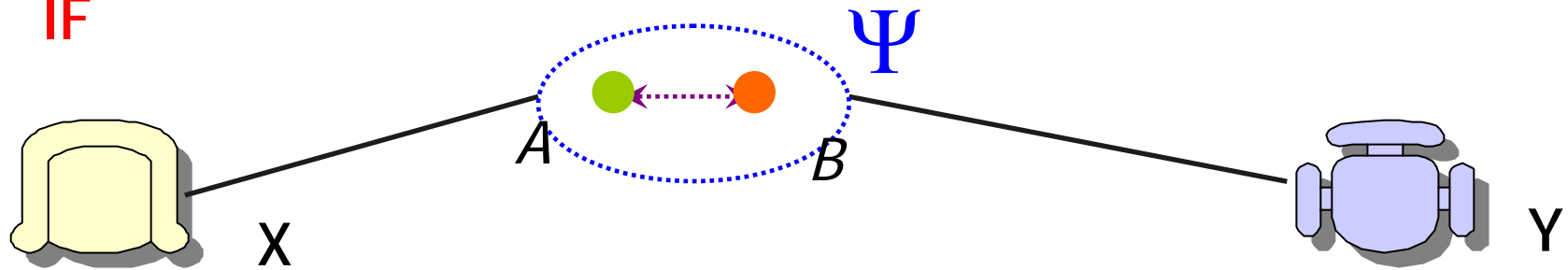
$$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A \Psi = \frac{I_B}{2}$$



Bell State Ψ

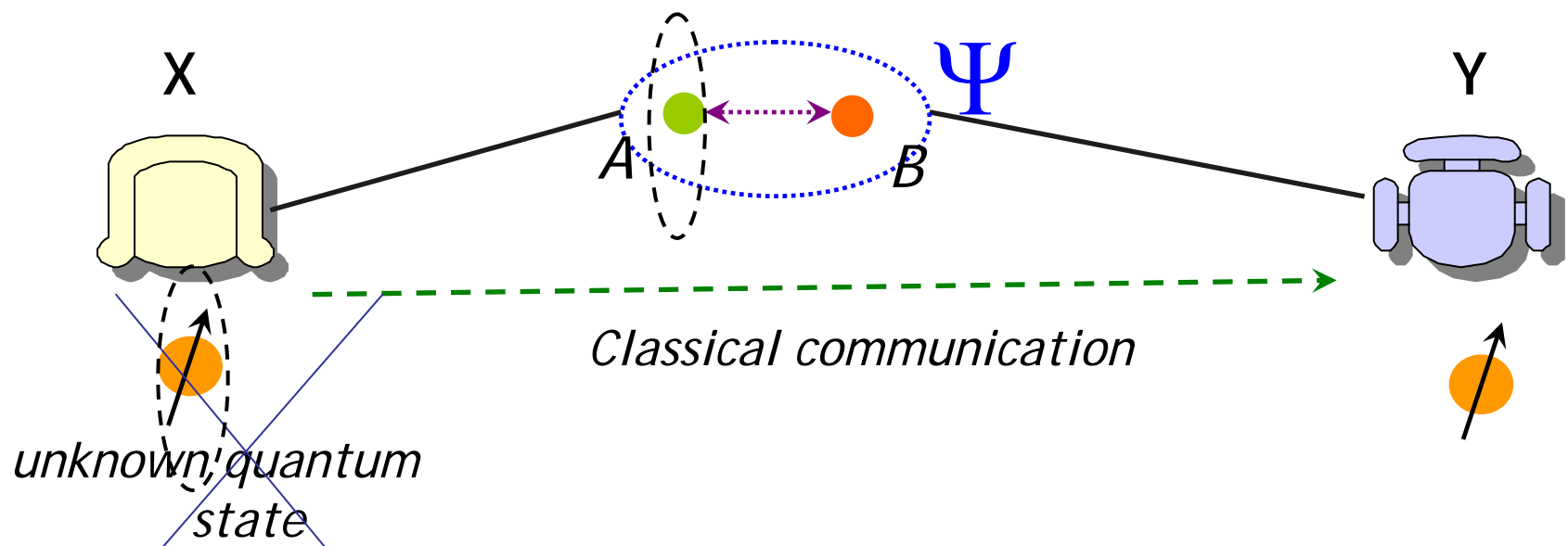
valuable resource in Quantum Info Theory

- IF



- They can perform tasks e.g. **quantum teleportation** which are important in the classical realm!

Quantum Teleportation



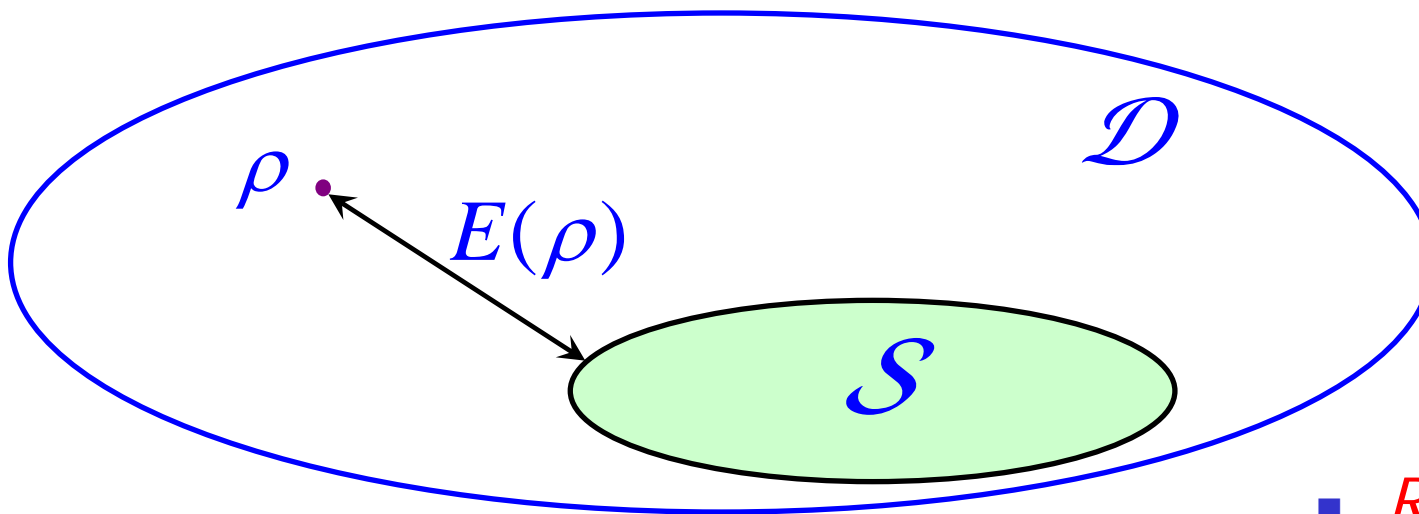
- *intriguing example of how quantum entanglement can assist practical tasks!*
- *usefulness of Bell states!*

Entanglement monotones

- A measure of *how entangled* a state ρ is ;

i.e., the *amount of entanglement* $E(\rho)$ in the state ρ

: "*minimum distance*" of ρ from the set \mathcal{S} of *separable states*.



$$E(\rho) = \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

- *Relative entropy of entanglement*

Properties of an Entanglement Monotone $E(\rho)$

- $E(\rho) = 0$ if ρ is separable
- $E(\Lambda_{\text{LOCC}}(\rho)) \leq E(\rho)$
- $E(\rho)$ is not changed by a local change of basis *etc.*

$$E(\rho) = \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

satisfies these properties

a valid entanglement monotone

Entanglement Monotones

$$E(\rho) = \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

*relative entropy of
entanglement*

- We can define two quantities:

$$E_{\max}(\rho) := \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

*Max-relative entropy of
entanglement*

$$E_{\min}(\rho) := \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

*Min-relative entropy of
entanglement*

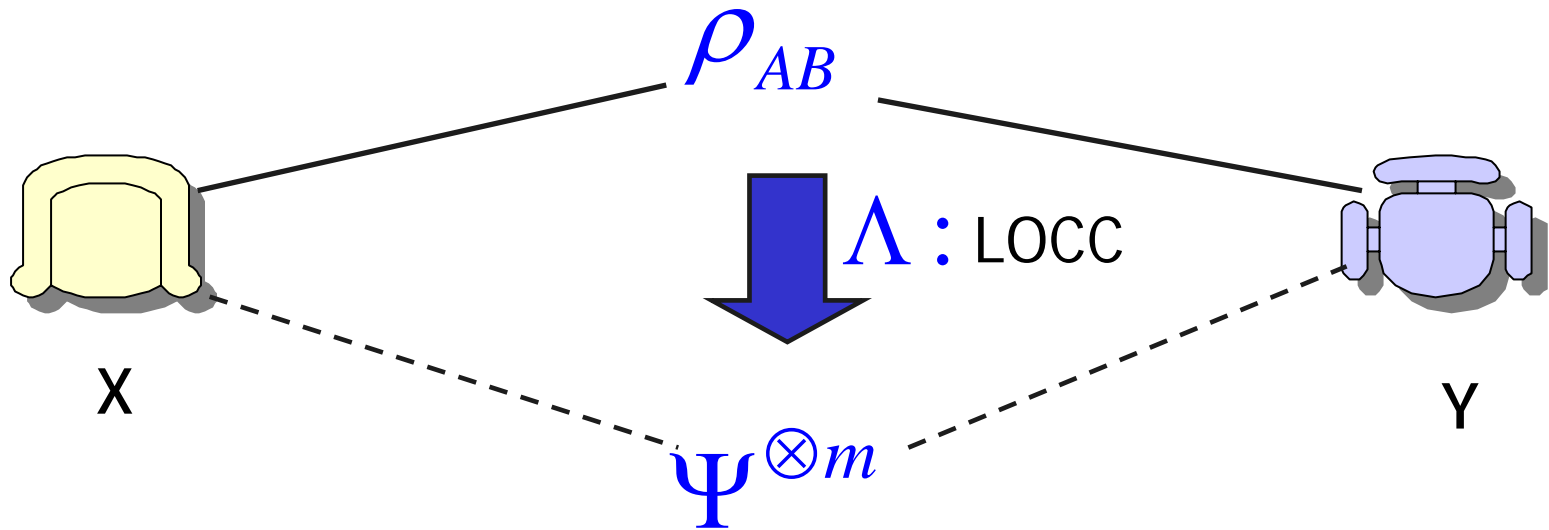
these can be proved to be entanglement monotones!

$$E_{\max}(\rho) \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\min}(\rho)$$

have interesting **operational significances** in
entanglement manipulation

- *What is entanglement manipulation ?*

= Transformation of entanglement from one form to
another by LOCC :



$$\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}_A \otimes \mathcal{K}_B)$$

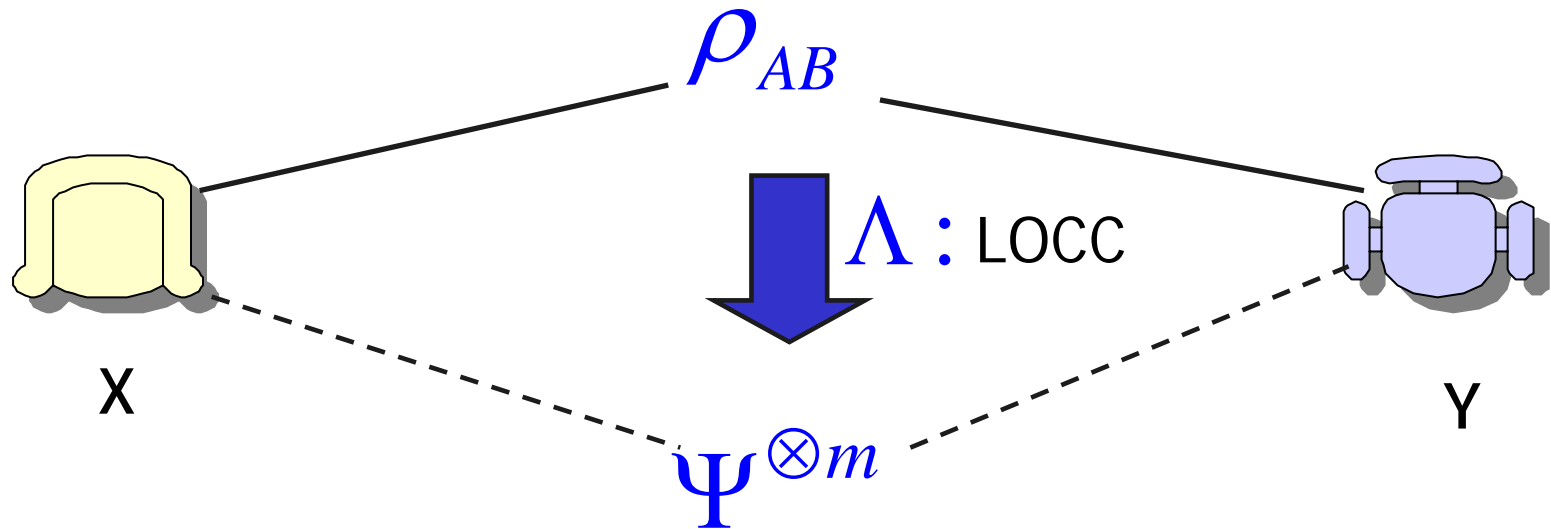
Partially entangled state

$$\Psi \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B;$$

Bell state

$$\dim(\mathcal{K}_A \otimes \mathcal{K}_B) > \dim(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B)$$

One-Shot Entanglement Distillation



- What is the *maximum number of Bell states* that you can *extract from* the state ρ_{AB} using LOCC?

*i.e., what is the **maximum value** of m ?*

“one-shot distillable entanglement ρ_{AB} ”

■ *Result 4 :*

“one-shot distillable entanglement of ρ_{AB} ”

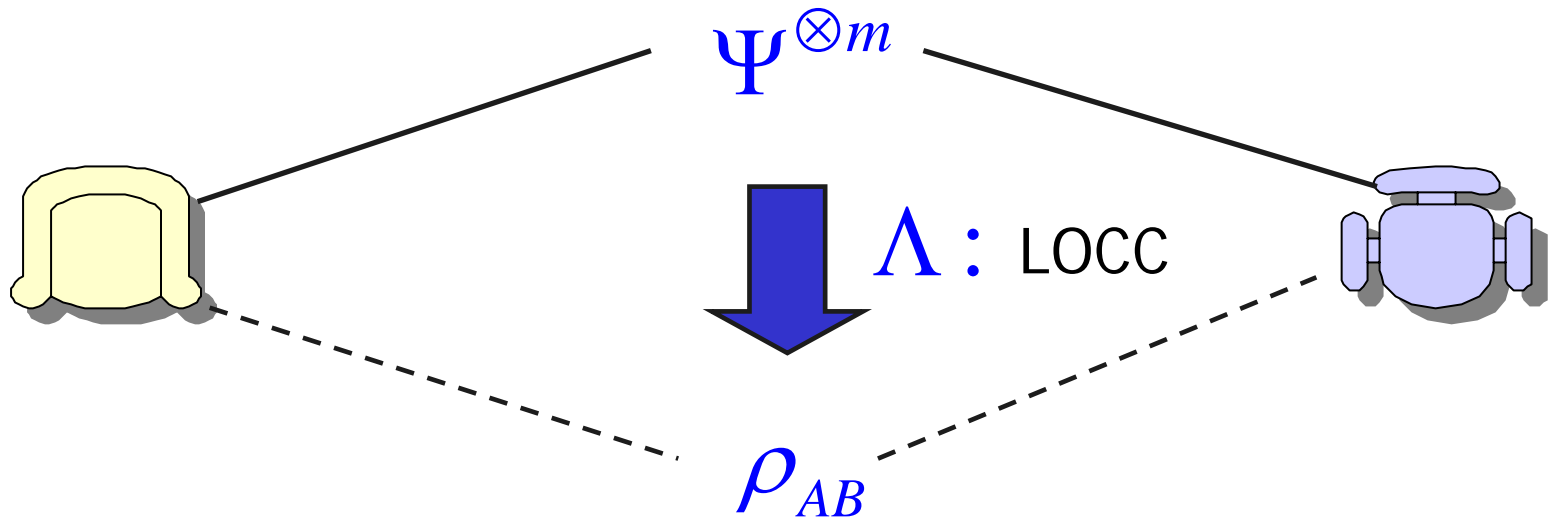
$$= E_{\min}(\rho_{AB})$$

ND & F. Brandao

Min-relative entropy of entanglement

One-shot Entanglement Dilution

- **Bell states** : resource for creating a desired target state



ρ_{AB} : partially entangled bipartite **target** state

- What is the *minimum number of Bell states needed to create the state ρ_{AB} using LOCC?*

i.e., what is the minimum value of m ?

*“one-shot **entanglement cost** of ρ_{AB} ”*

■ *Result 5 :*

“one-shot entanglement cost of ρ_{AB} ”

$$= E_{\max}(\rho_{AB})$$

ND & F. Brandao

Max-relative entropy of entanglement

Summary

- Introduced 2 new relative entropies

(1) *Min-relative entropy* & (2) *Max-relative entropy*

$$S_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq S(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq S_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

- *Parent quantities* for *optimal one-shot rates* for
 - (i) data compression for a quantum info source
 - (ii) transmission of (a) classical info & (b) quantum info through a quantum channel

Entanglement monotones

- *Min-relative entropy of entanglement* $E_{\min}(\rho_{AB})$
- *Max-relative entropy of entanglement* $E_{\max}(\rho_{AB})$
- *Operational interpretations:*

$E_{\min}(\rho_{AB})$: One-shot *distillable entanglement* of ρ_{AB}

$E_{\max}(\rho_{AB})$: One-shot *entanglement cost* of ρ_{AB}

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