

Title: GEOMETRY OF QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT

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Abstract:

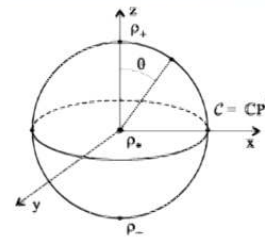
A geometric approach to investigation of quantum entanglement is advocated.
We discuss first the geometry of the (N^2-1) -dimensional convex body
of mixed quantum states acting on an N -dimensional Hilbert space
and study projections of this set into 2- and 3-dimensional spaces.
For composed dimensions, $N=K^2$, one considers the subset
of separable states and shows that it has a positive measure.
Analyzing its properties contributes to our understanding of
quantum entanglement and its time evolution.

Pure states in a finite dimensional Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_N

Qubit = quantum bit; $N = 2$, $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$, $|\psi\rangle \sim e^{i\alpha} |\psi\rangle$

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} |1\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} |0\rangle$$

Bloch sphere of $N = 2$ pure states



Space of pure states for an arbitrary N :

a complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$ of $2N - 2$ real dimensions.

Unitary evolution

Fubini-Study distance in $\mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$

$$D_{FS}(|\psi\rangle, |\varphi\rangle) := \arccos |\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle|$$

Unitary evolution

Let $U = \exp(iHt)$. Then $|\psi'\rangle = U|\psi\rangle$.

Since $|\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle|^2 = |\langle \psi | U^\dagger U | \varphi \rangle|^2$ any unitary evolution is an **isometry**
(with respect to any standard distance !)

Quantum Chaos: what happens for large N ?

How an **isometry** may lead to a classically chaotic dynamics?

The limits $t \rightarrow \infty$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$ do not commute.



Otton Nikodym & Stefan Banach,
talking at a bench in Planty Garden, **Cracow**, summer 1916

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Mixed quantum states

Set \mathcal{M}_N of all mixed states of size N

$$\mathcal{M}_N := \{\rho : \mathcal{H}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_N; \rho = \rho^\dagger, \rho \geq 0, \text{Tr} \rho = 1\}$$

Example: $N = 2$, **One-qubit** states: **Bloch sphere** + its interior,
 $\mathcal{M}_2 = B_3 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ - **Bloch ball** with all pure states at the boundary

The set \mathcal{M}_N is compact and convex:

$$\rho = \sum_i a_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \text{ where } a_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_i a_i = 1.$$

It has $N^2 - 1$ real dimensions, $\mathcal{M}_N \subset \mathbb{R}^{N^2-1}$.

What the set of all $N = 3$ mixed states looks like?

An 8 dimensional convex set with only 4 dimensional subset of pure (extremal) states, which belong to its 7 dim boundary

The set \mathcal{M}_N of **quantum mixed states**:

What it looks like for (for $N \geq 3$)

?

An **apophatic** approach :





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Geometry of Quantum Entanglement

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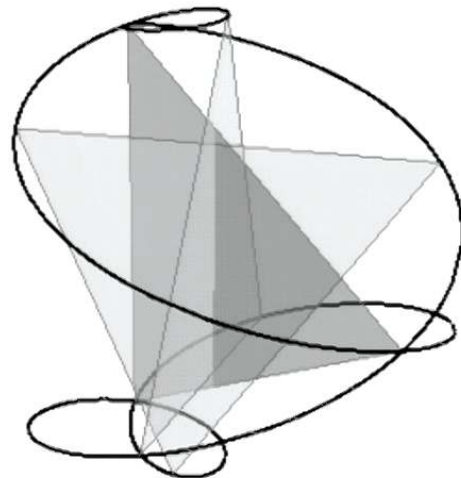




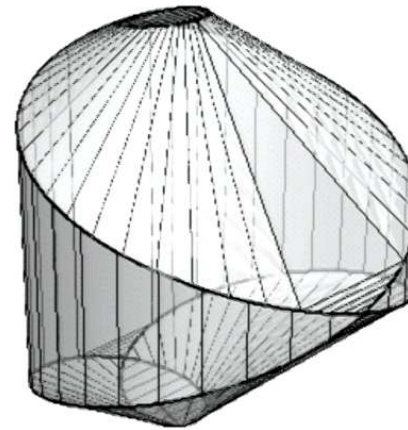








rotated edges of an **equilateral triangle**



and its **convex hull**





Vistula river and Wawel castle in Cracow



The set \mathcal{M}_N of **quantum mixed states** for $N \geq 3$

A constructive approach:

Analysis of its structure with aid of notions of operator theory like

Numerical Range

The same tools are useful to investigate the structure of the subsets of \mathcal{M}_N , namely sets of

a) **separable** states

and

b) **maximally entangled** states.



Operator theory: Numerical Range (Field of Values)

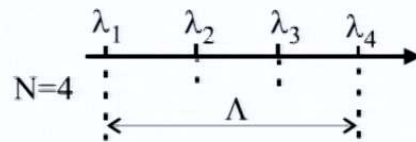
Definition

For any operator A acting on \mathcal{H}_N one defines its **NUMERICAL RANGE** (**Wertevorrat**) as a subset of the complex plane defined by:

$$\Lambda(A) = \{ \langle x | A | x \rangle : |x\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^N, \langle x | x \rangle = 1 \}. \quad (1)$$

Hermitian case

For any hermitian operator $A = A^\dagger$ with spectrum $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$ its **numerical range** forms an interval: the set of all possible expectation values of the observable A among arbitrary pure states, $\Lambda(A) = [\lambda_1, \lambda_N]$.



Numerical range and its properties

Compactness

$\Lambda(A)$ is a **compact** subset of \mathbb{C} .

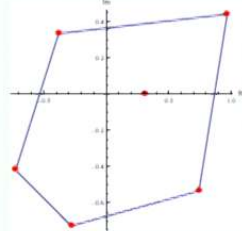
Convexity: Hausdorff-Toeplitz theorem

- $\Lambda(A)$ is a **convex** subset of \mathbb{C} .

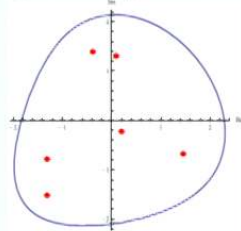
Example

Numerical range for random matrices of order $N = 6$

a) normal,



b) generic (non-normal)



$$[A, A^+] = 0$$

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = 1$$

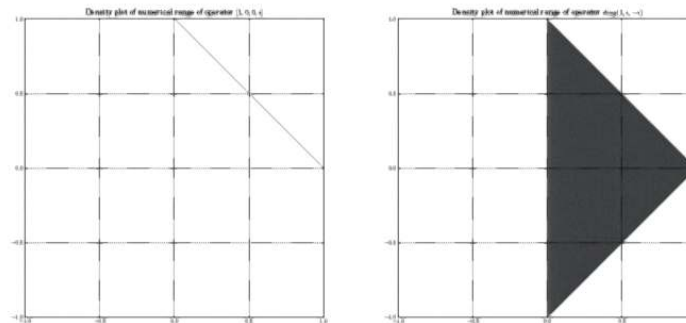


Normal case: a projection of the classical simplex...

Normal matrix, $([A, A^*] = 0)$, of size $N = 2$ with spectrum $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$

Numerical range $\Lambda(A)$ forms the **interval** $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ on the complex plane,

Examples for diagonal matrices A of size **two** and **three**



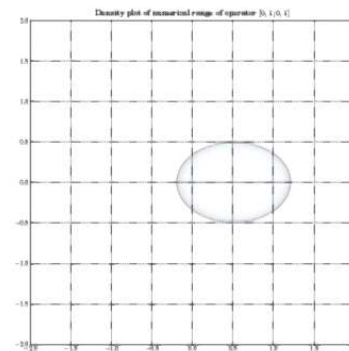
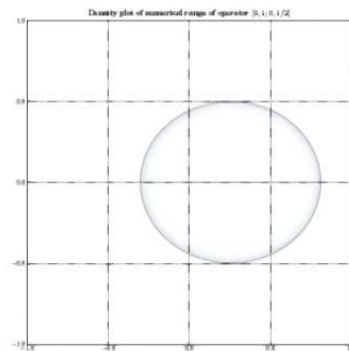
Normal matrices of order $N = 3$ with spectrum $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3\}$

Numerical range $\Lambda(A)$ forms the **triangle** $\Delta(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ on the complex plane.

Numerical range for $N = 2$

Non-normal matrices of size $N = 2$

Numerical range $\Lambda(A)$ forms an (elliptical) disk on the complex plane:
projection of (empty!) Bloch sphere, $S^2 = \mathbb{C}P^1$ on the complex plane.





Wawel castle in Cracow





Ciesielski theorem





Ciesielski theorem: With probability $1 - \epsilon$ the bench **Banach** talked to **Nikodym** in 1916 was localized in η -neighbourhood of the **red arrow**.

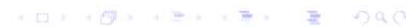
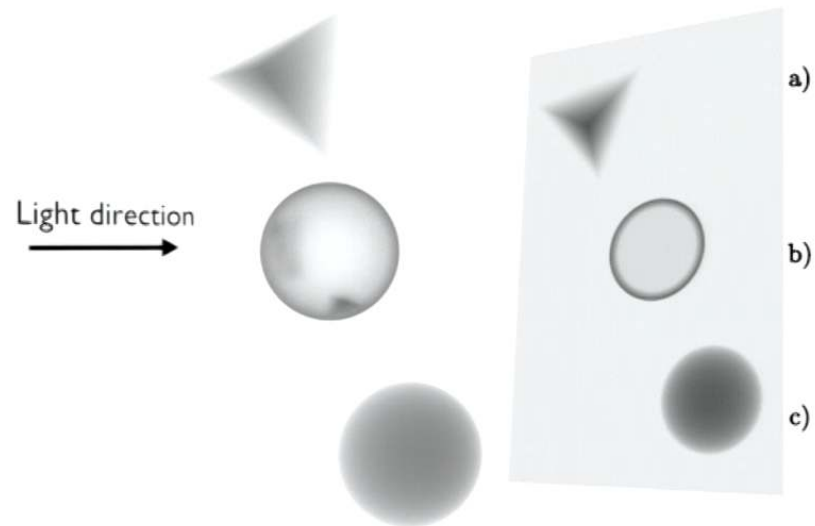


Plate commemorating the discussion between
Stefan Banach and **Otton Nikodym** (Kraków, summer 1916)



Shadows of three dimensional objects...



Quantum States and Numerical Range/Shadow

Classical States & normal matrices

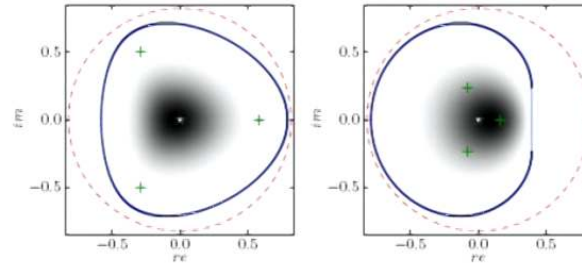
Proposition 1. Let \mathcal{C}_N denote the set of **classical states** of size N , which forms the regular simplex Δ_{N-1} in \mathbb{R}^{N-1} . Then the set of similar images of orthogonal projections of \mathcal{C}_N on a 2-plane is equivalent to the set of all possible numerical ranges $\Lambda(A)$ of all **normal matrices** A of order N (such that $AA^* = A^*A$).

Quantum States & non-normal matrices

Proposition 2. Let \mathcal{M}_N denotes the set of **quantum states** size N embedded in \mathbb{R}^{N^2-1} with respect to Euclidean geometry induced by Hilbert-Schmidt distance. Then the set of similar images of orthogonal projections \mathcal{M}_N on a 2-plane is equivalent to the set of all possible numerical ranges $\Lambda(A)$ of **all matrices** A of order N .

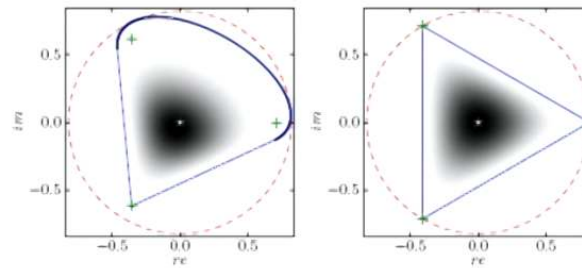


Numerical range of matrices of size $N = 3$



(a) $A_0^{(3)}$

(b) $A_1^{(3)}$



belong to one of **four** different classes specified e.g. by the number s of **flat segments** of the boundary, $s = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

Numerical range for matrices of order $N = 3$.

Classification by **Keeler, Rodman, Spitkovsky 1997**

Numerical range Λ of a 3×3 matrix A forms:

- a) $\Lambda(A)$ is a compact set of an 'ovular' shape
(which contains three eigenvalues!) – the **generic** case, $s = 0$
- b) a compact set with **one** flat part (e.g. convex hull of a **cardioid**), $s = 1$
- c) a compact set with **two** flat parts
(e.g. convex hull of an ellipse and a point outside it), $s = 2$
- d) **triangle** of eigenvalues, $\Lambda(A) = \Delta(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$
for any **normal matrix** A one has $s = 3$

These four cases describe the shape of possible projections of the $8D$ set \mathcal{M}_3 of mixed quantum states of size $N = 3$ onto a **2-plane**.

Joint Numerical Range & Quantum States

Joint Numerical Range (JNR) of a set of m operators

$$\Lambda(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m) = (\langle \psi | A_1 | \psi \rangle, \langle \psi | A_2 | \psi \rangle, \dots, \langle \psi | A_m | \psi \rangle) \subset \mathbb{R}^m.$$

For $m \geq N^2 - 1$ JNR is (in general) **not** a **convex set**!

Set $m = 2$, decompose $A = A_H + iA_A$ into its **Hermitian** and **anti-Hermitian** part. Then $\Lambda(A) = \Lambda(A_H, A_A)$

Proposition 3. Take a set $\{A_1, \dots, A_{N^2-1}\}$ of matrices of size N forming an **orthonormal basis** in the space of Hermitian, traceless matrices.

Then

- $\Lambda(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{N^2-1})$ is affine isomorphic to the set $\Omega_N = \mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$ of **pure quantum states** of size N (embedded in \mathbb{R}^{N^2-1}),
- The **convex hull** of $\Lambda(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{N^2-1})$ is isomorphic to the set \mathcal{M}_N of **mixed quantum states** of size N .
- $\Lambda(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$ with $m \leq N^2 - 1$ forms a projection of Ω_N into \mathbb{R}^m .

Joint Numerical Range: some examples

$N = 2$: one qubit states

Let $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ denote three trace-less **Pauli matrices** of size $N = 2$.
Then

- $\Lambda(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) = \Omega_2 = \mathbb{C}P^1$ forms the **Bloch sphere** S^2 of all one-qubit pure states.
- The **convex hull** of $\Lambda(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$ forms the **Bloch ball**, $\mathcal{M}_2 = B_3 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ of all one-qubit mixed states.

$N = 3$: one qutrit states

Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8$ denote eight traceless **Gell-Mann matrices** of size 3: the generators of $SU(3)$.

Then

- $\Lambda(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8) = \Omega_3 = \mathbb{C}P^2$ forms the set of all one-qutrit pure states.
- The **convex hull** of $\Lambda(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8)$ forms the set of $N = 3$ mixed states – a convex body \mathcal{M}_3 embedded in \mathbb{R}^8 .

Joint Numerical Range: 3D examples for $m = 3$

$N = 3$: one qutrit

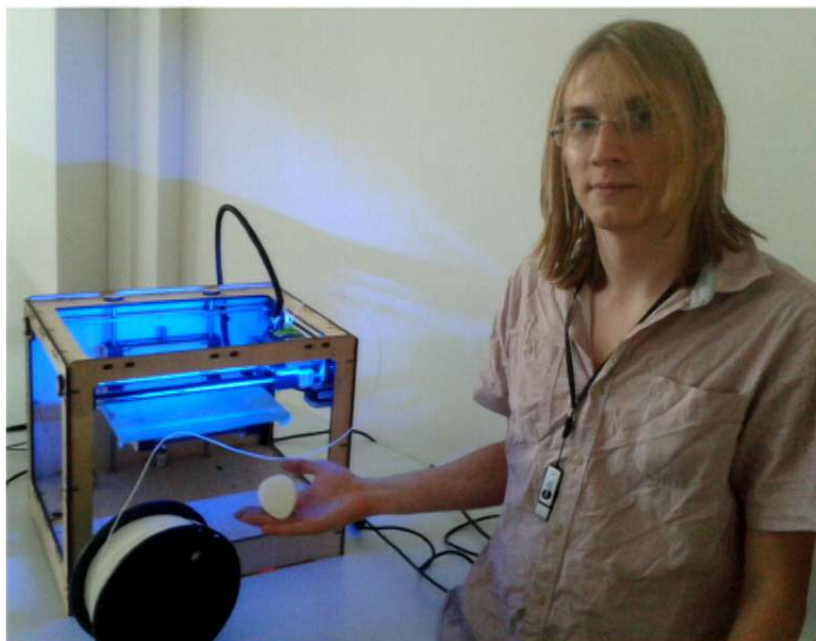
Take any triple of hermitian operators $\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$ of size $N = 3$.

Then **joint numerical range** $\Lambda(A_1, A_2, A_3) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ gives
a **projection** of the 8D set \mathcal{M}_3 of mixed states of a qutrit into 3D.

Examples:



Different classes of 3D JNR: their further projections into 2D belong to one of **four** classes of **Keeler et al.** –
the possible shapes of the standard numerical range for $N = 3$.



Konrad Szymański producing a 3D joint numerical range

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Recall the shadows on the wall of the cave of **Plato**:

we do not understand all details of the $8D$ set \mathcal{M}_3 of quantum states of size three, but at least we can study its 2D and 3D **projections**



How to classify possible shapes of JNR
of three Hermitian matrices A_1, A_2, A_3 of size $N = 3$?

To classify the 3D numerical ranges for each body we count:

- a) the number s of flat **segments** in the boundary
- b) the number e of flat **faces (ellipses)** in the boundary



a) Ex. 6.2 $s=0, e=1$ b) Ex. 6.4 $s=0, e=3$ c) Ex. 6.5 $s=0, e=4$



d) Ex. 6.6 $s=1, e=0$ e) Ex. 6.7 $s=1, e=1$ f) Ex. 6.8 $s=1, e=2$



g) $s=e=0$ h) $s=\infty, e=0$ i) $s=\infty, e=1$

Where is physics ?

What is **physics** ?



Where is physics ?

What is **physics** ?

Kick a ball !

It will stop at some point...

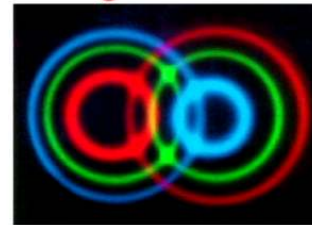


Buy an **icream** and wait a while..

It will melt !



Create an **entangled state** and do



nothing...

Composed systems & entangled states

bi-partite systems: $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

- **separable pure states:** $|\psi\rangle = |\phi_A\rangle \otimes |\phi_B\rangle$
- **entangled pure states:** all states **not** of the above product form.

Two-qubit system: $N = 2 \times 2 = 4$

Maximally entangled **Bell state** $|\varphi^+\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$

Entanglement measures

For any pure state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ define its partial trace $\sigma = \text{Tr}_B |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$.

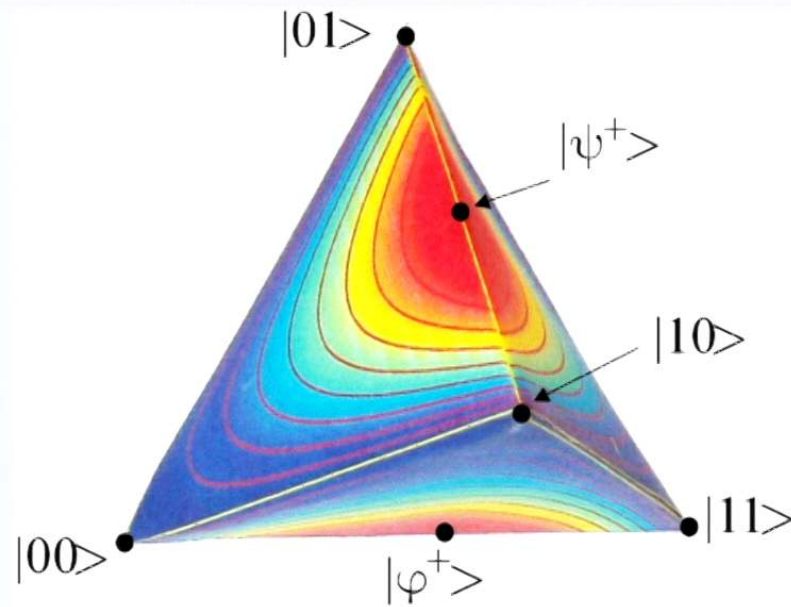
Definition: **Entanglement entropy** of $|\psi\rangle$ is equal to von Neuman entropy of the partial trace

$$E(|\psi\rangle) := -\text{Tr} \sigma \ln \sigma$$

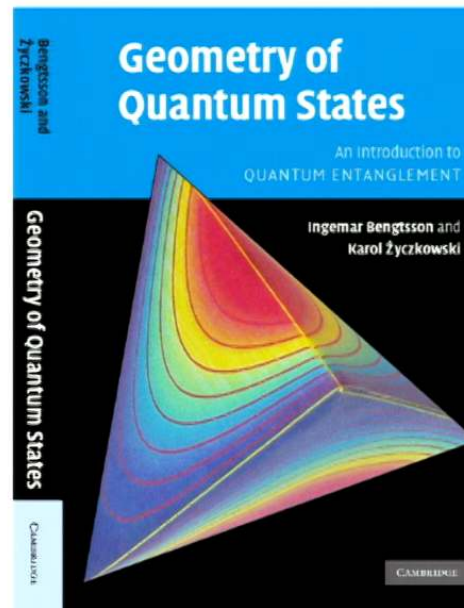
The more mixed partial trace, the more entangled initial pure state...

Entanglement of two real qubits

Entanglement entropy at the tetrahedron of $N = 4$ real pure states



Book completed in 2005 at **Perimeter Institute** !



II edition (with new chapters on MUBs & multipartite entanglement),
Cambridge University Press, **2017**

Entanglement of mixed quantum states

Mixed states

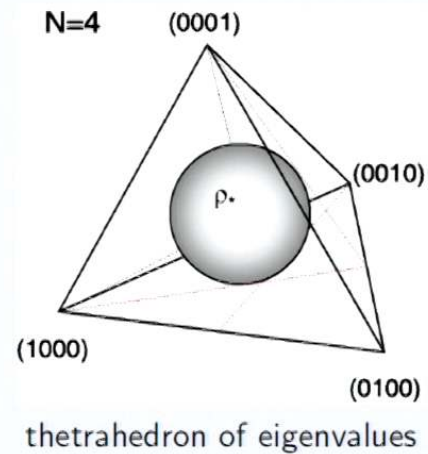
- **separable mixed states:** $\rho_{\text{sep}} = \sum_j p_j \rho_j^A \otimes \rho_j^B$ (**)
- **entangled mixed states:** all states **not** of the above product form.

How to find,
whether a given density matrix ρ can be written in the form (**)
and is **separable** ?

The **separability problem** is solved only for the simplest cases of 2×2
and 2×3 problems...

Two-qubit mixed states

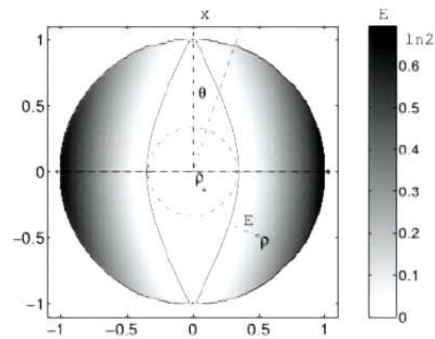
The maximal ball inscribed into $\mathcal{M}^{(4)}$ of radius $r_4 = 1/\sqrt{12}$ centred at $\rho_* = \mathbb{1}/4$ is separable !



K.Ż., P.Horodecki, M.Lewenstein, A.Sanpera, 1998

Two-qubit mixed states

Degree of entanglement: a distance to the closest separable state



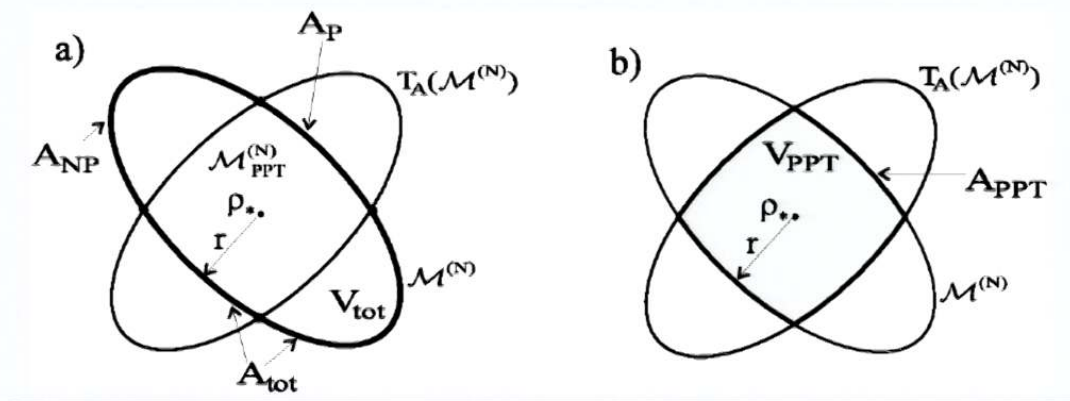
(entanglement of formation)

K. Życzkowski, M. Kuś, 2001

Positive partial transpose criterion: Two-qubit mixed states

$$(\mathbb{I} \otimes T)\rho = \rho^{T_2} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho \text{ is separable}$$

The set of separable states of two-qubit system arises as an intersection of $\mathcal{M}^{(4)}$ and its mirror image with respect to partial transposition $T_A(\mathcal{M}^{(4)})$.



Stefan Banach sitting at his bench close to the Wawel Castle



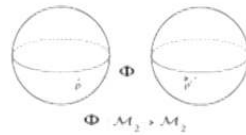
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Quantum maps

Quantum operation: linear, completely positive trace preserving map



Environmental form

$$\rho' = \Phi(\rho) = \text{Tr}_E[U(\rho \otimes \omega_E)U^\dagger].$$

where ω_E is an initial state of the environment while $UU^\dagger = \mathbb{1}$.

Kraus form

$$\rho' = \Phi(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^\dagger,$$

where the Kraus operators satisfy $\sum_i A_i^\dagger A_i = \mathbb{1}$.

A model discrete quantum dynamics

- a) unitary dynamics (rotation), $\rho' = U\rho U^\dagger$
- b) decoherence (contraction), $\rho'' = \sum_i^k A_i \rho' A_i^\dagger$

Two qubit model - $N = 2 \times 2 = 4$

- a) free evolution: $U = \exp(itH)$ where $H = \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_y$
(non-local unitary dynamics !)

variant b1) bistochastic channel: $\Phi(\mathbb{1}/N) = \mathbb{1}/N$,

One-qubit **Pauli channel**: $k = 4$, $A_1 = \sqrt{1-\epsilon} \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}$,
 $A_2 = \sqrt{\epsilon/3} \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma_x$, $A_3 = \sqrt{\epsilon/3} \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma_y$, $A_4 = \sqrt{\epsilon/3} \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma_z$.

variant b2) non bistochastic channel:

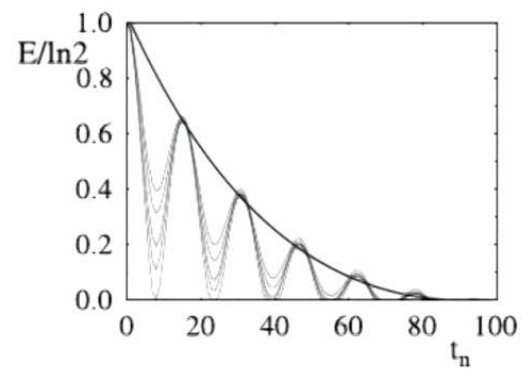
One qubit **amplitude damping channel**, (*decaying channel*), $k = 2$,
where $A_1 = \mathbb{1} \otimes B_1$ and $A_2 = \mathbb{1} \otimes B_2$

with $B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{p} \end{pmatrix}$ and $B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{1-p} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Dynamics of entanglement

Entanglement of formation E as a function of time t_n

for some initially pure states of a two-qubit system.

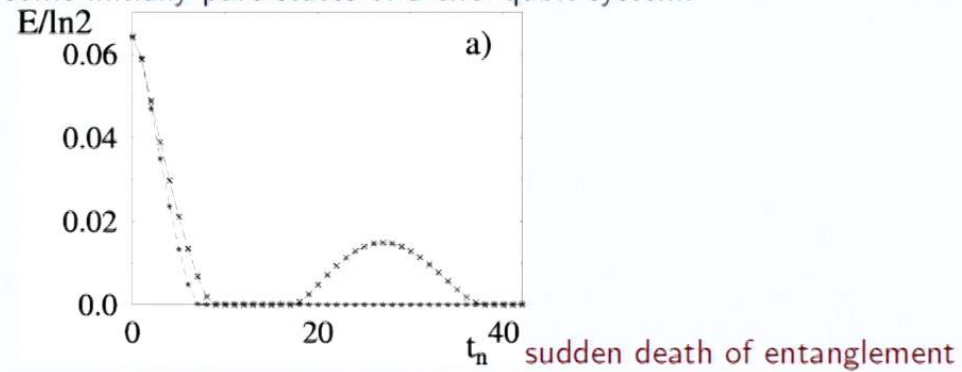


revivals of entanglement

Dynamics of entanglement

Entanglement of formation E as a function of time t_n

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K.Ż., P.Horodecki, M.Horodecki, R.Horodecki, PRA 2001

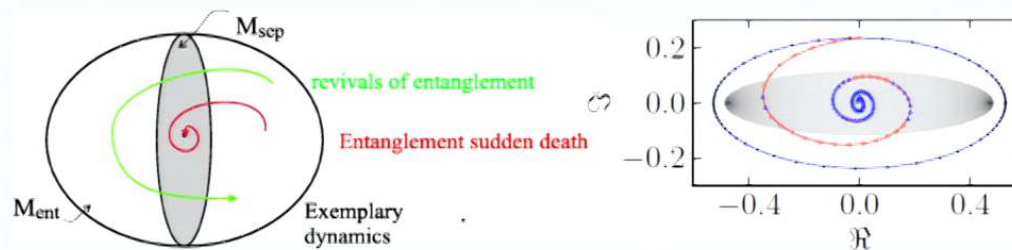
the name coined by Yau and Eberly,

who independently reported this effect in 2003.

Dynamics of Entanglement and separable shadow

Trajectories of quantum dynamics on the complex plane

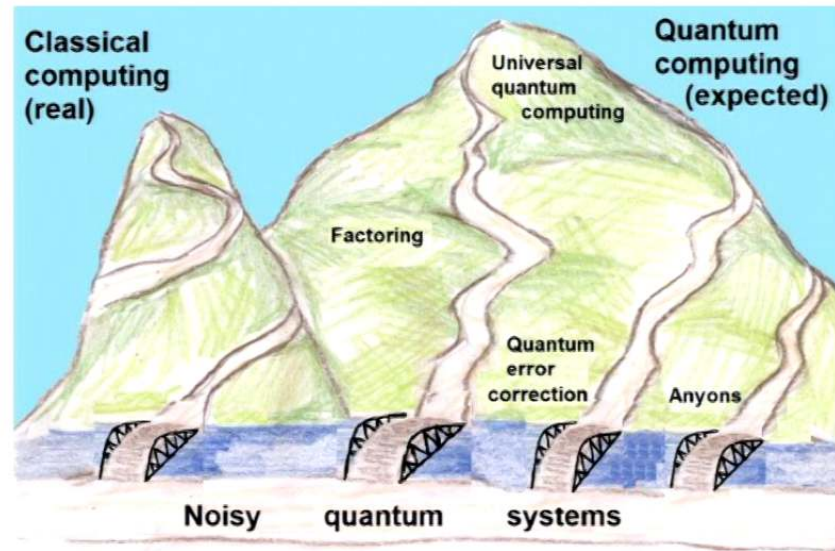
$$z(t) = \langle \psi(t) | A | \psi(t) \rangle$$



- a) sketch of the problem; b) data for 2×2 system
with initial separable pure state $|\psi(0)\rangle$
and suitably chosen (non-Hermitian !) operator A of size $N = 4$
visualize possible behaviour of quantum entanglement...

Quantum computing and coping with noise

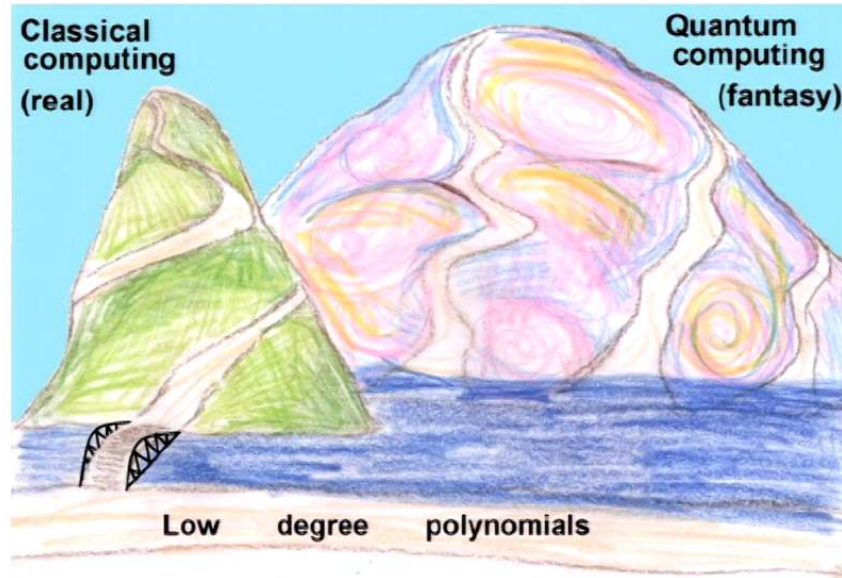
Alternative 1 (optimistic)



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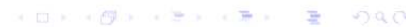
Alternative 2 (pessimistic)



Gil Kalai (2016)

Concluding Remarks

- The set \mathcal{M}_N of **mixed quantum states** of size N forms a scene for which the screenplays of **quantum information** processing are written.
It is useful for any author to learn about the **structure & geometry** of the scene.
- As the set \mathcal{M}_N has $N^2 - 1$ dimensions for $N \geq 3$ it is possible to investigate it by studying the **numerical range**:
its projections onto a 2- or 3- planes.
- **Geometric approach** is useful to study **quantum entanglement** and its dynamics. It allows one to explain the effects of **entanglement revival** and **entanglement sudden death**.
- More work is still required to understand the consequences of noise and decoherence for known schemes of **quantum computation**.



Bench commemorating the discussion between
Stefan Banach and **Otton Nikodym** (Kraków, summer 1916)



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