Title: Testing quantum states

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Abstract: In this talk, I will present three algorithms that address distinct variants of the problem of testing quantum states. First, I will discuss the problem of statistically testing whether an unknown quantum state is a matrix product state of certain bond dimension or it is far from all such states. Next, I will demonstrate a method for testing whether a bipartite quantum state, shared between two parties, corresponds to the ground state of a given gapped local Hamiltonian. Finally, I will present a scheme for verifying that a machine learning model of an unknown quantum state has high overlap with the actual state.

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Testing quantum states

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1. Testing matrix product states

2. Testing machine learning models

3. Two-party testing of ground states

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State of *n* qudits

is a vector in tensor product space $\left(\mathbb{C}^{d}\right)^{\otimes n}$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1,\dots,i_n=1}^d a_{i_1\dots i_n} |i_1\rangle \cdots |i_n\rangle$$

$$a_{i_1\dots i_n}\in\mathbb{C}$$
 $\||\psi\rangle\|_2=1$

 $|\psi\rangle$ can be product or entangled:

Product state: $|\psi\rangle = |\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle \cdots \otimes |\psi_n\rangle$

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This talk:

Statistical theory of testing many-body entanglement

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Property testing model

Entanglement tester is an algorithm \mathcal{A} such that

1. If $|\psi\rangle$ has at most certain amount of entanglement

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ accepts given } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes m}] \geq 2/3$$
 Completeness

2. If $|\psi\rangle$ is far from states with at most certain amount of entanglement

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ accepts given } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes m}] \leq 1/3$$
 Soundness

What is the fewest number of copies m needed for entanglement testing?

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MPS(r): Matrix product states with bond dimension r

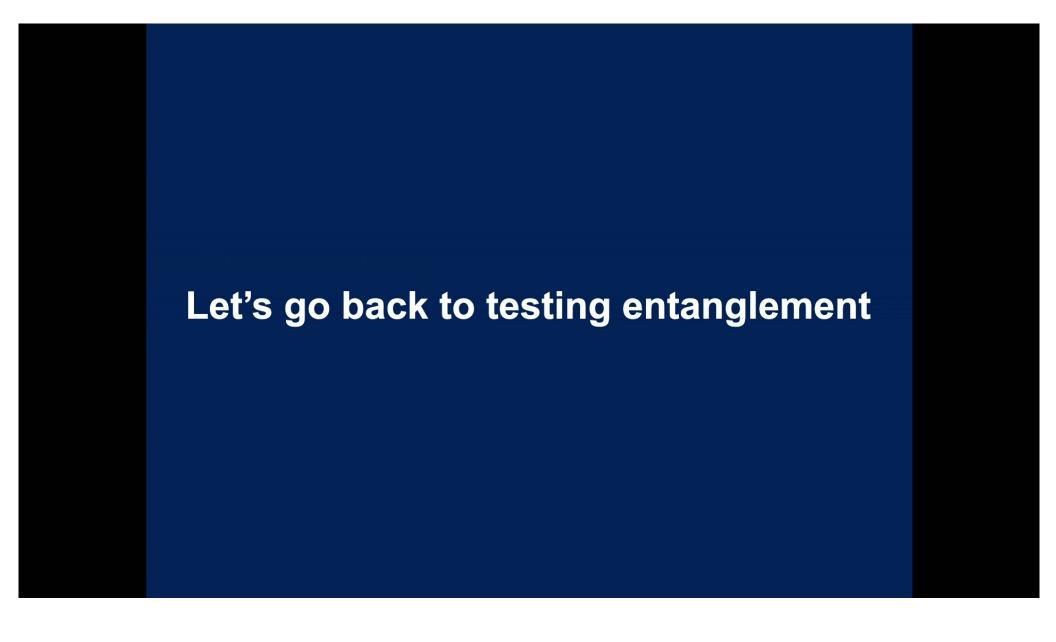
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$$\operatorname{rank}(\rho_{1,\ldots,L}) \leq r$$
 for $1 \leq L \leq n$

If $r \sim d^n$, any state $|\psi\rangle$ can be written as an MPS Bond dim limits the amount of entanglement

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Property testing model

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1. If $|\psi\rangle \in MPS(r)$ then

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ accepts given } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes m}] \geq 2/3 \text{ Completeness}$$

2. If $\operatorname{Dist}_r(|\psi\rangle) \geq \delta$ then

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What does it mean for $|\psi\rangle$ to be far from MPS(r)?

$$Overlap_r(|\psi\rangle) = \max_{|\phi\rangle \in MPS(r)} |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Dist}_{r}(|\psi\rangle) &= \min_{|\phi\rangle \in \operatorname{MPS}(r)} \operatorname{D}_{\operatorname{trace}}(\psi,\phi) = \min_{|\phi\rangle \in \operatorname{MPS}(r)} \sqrt{1 - |\langle\psi|\phi\rangle|^{2}} \\ \operatorname{Dist}_{r}(|\psi\rangle) &= \sqrt{1 - \operatorname{Overlap}_{r}(|\psi\rangle)} \end{aligned}$$

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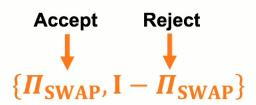
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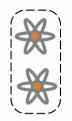
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Goal: Finding the smallest number of copies m

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[Mintert, Kuś, Buchleitner] [Harrow and Montanaro]



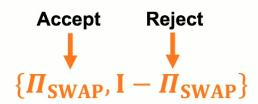
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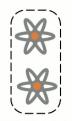
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Product states pass this test with probability 1

States δ -far from product fail this test with probability $\Omega(\delta^2)$

Why?

Entangled $|\psi_{1,\dots,n}\rangle$ means some mixed subsystems with ${\sf tr}[
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Rejection probability can be boosted to 2/3 by repeating on $m = O\left(\frac{1}{\delta^2}\right)$ pairs

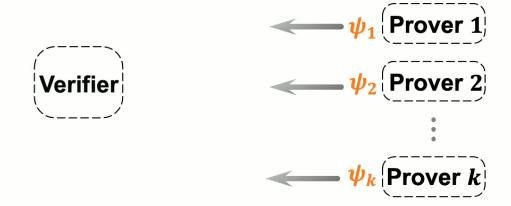
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With applications in hardness of tensor optimization problems

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Result 1

Improved and simple analysis of product test

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Proof sketch of product test

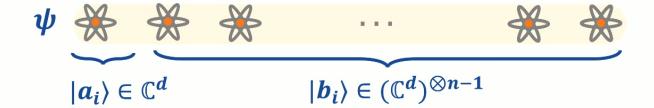
Schmidt decomposition

$$|\psi\rangle = \sqrt{\lambda_1} |a_1\rangle |b_1\rangle + \sqrt{\lambda_2} |a_2\rangle |b_2\rangle + \dots + \sqrt{\lambda_d} |a_d\rangle |b_d\rangle$$

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Suppose $|\psi\rangle$ is far from product.

If λ_1 is large:

$$|\psi\rangle \approx |a_1\rangle \otimes |b_1\rangle$$
 and 1st SWAP test accepts

But for $|\psi\rangle$ to be far from product

 $|b_1\rangle$ has to be far from product

Remaining SWAP tests reject with high prob. (by induction)

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Given $|\psi\rangle$ that is δ -far from product states,

$$\Pr[\text{Product test rejects } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes 2}] \geq \begin{cases} \delta^2 - \delta^4 & \delta \leq \sqrt{1/2} \\ \frac{2}{3}\delta^2 - \frac{1}{3}\delta^4 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Our bound in tight for $n \ge 2$, $\delta \le \sqrt{1/2}$ as shown by

$$|\psi\rangle = \sqrt{1-\delta^2} |1\rangle |1\rangle + \delta |2\rangle |2\rangle$$

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[O'Donnell and Wright'15]:

An algorithm to test if

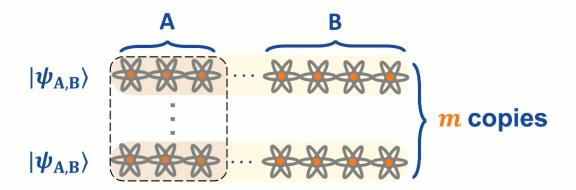
 $\operatorname{rank}(\rho) \leq r$ or ρ is ϵ -far from rank-r states using $m = \Theta(r^2/\epsilon)$ copies

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Testing MPS(r) with $r \ge 2$

Upper bound: Our MPS tester requires $m = O(nr^2/\delta^2)$ Proof relies on

1) $\exists \text{Cut } (A, B)$ where ρ_A is $\Omega(1/n)$ -far from being rank r



2) The rank tester projectors mutually commute

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Can this analysis of be improved

to show m = O(1) copies are sufficient?

Can't be done for general states!

Lower bound: Any MPS tester requires $m = \Omega(\sqrt{n}/\delta^2)$

The hard example: $|\psi\rangle$ and its random local rotations where $|\phi\rangle$ is $1/\sqrt{n}$ -far from MPS(r)

$$n/2$$
 copies

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Summary

Developed algorithms for testing matrix product states

- 1) Simple and improved analysis of the product test
- 2) Upper bound of O(n) for MPS testing with bond dim ≥ 2
- 3) Lower bound of $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ for MPS testing with bond dim ≥ 2

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Suppose we have

1. Representation $R: \{0, 1\}^n \to \mathbb{C}$ for state

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{x_1,\dots,x_n \in \{0,1\}^n} \psi(x_1,\dots,x_n) |x_1\rangle \cdots |x_n\rangle$$

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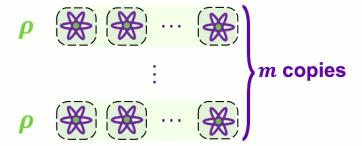
$$R(x_1, ..., x_n) = c \cdot \psi(x_1, ..., x_n)$$

$$\frac{R(x_1,\ldots,x_n)}{R(y_1,\ldots,y_n)} = \frac{\psi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)}{\psi(y_1,\ldots,y_n)}$$

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Goal:

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Some applications:

- Benchmarking quantum devices

p is prepared by a quantum device

 $|\psi\rangle$ is the ideal state given e.g. by classical simulation

Verifying ML models of quantum states

 ρ is an unknown quantum state

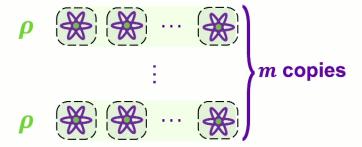
 $|\psi_{\theta}\rangle$ is an ML model with parameters θ that allows query access to $\psi_{\theta}(x_1,...,x_n)$

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Our test

Part 1 Measuring ρ

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Our test

Choose $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ uniformly at random

Perform these measurements:

- Z-basis on all qubits but qubit i

- Random X, Y, or Z-basis on qubit i





















Z-basis Random X, Y, or Z-basis

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Our test Part 2 Querying representation R

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Our test

Query representation R twice

$$|v\rangle = \frac{R(z^{(0)})|0\rangle + R(z^{(1)})|1\rangle}{(|R(z^{(0)})|^2 + |R(z^{(1)})|^2)^{1/2}}$$

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Compute and return overlap

$$\langle v | (3|s)\langle s|-I) | v \rangle$$

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Claim

 $T \sim \text{mixing time of certain random walk}$

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$$\mathbb{E}\left[\langle v | (3|s)\langle s|-I) | v \rangle\right] \geq \mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\delta}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\psi} | \boldsymbol{\rho} | \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle \geq \mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\delta} \cdot \boldsymbol{T}$$

$T \sim \text{mixing time of certain random walk}$

This random walk

- is on Boolean hypercube $\{0, 1\}^n$
- transitions defined by $\frac{\psi(x)}{\psi(y)}$

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- stationary distribution is $|\psi(x)|^2$

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T ∼ mixing time of certain random walk

When
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} e^{i\alpha(x)} |x\rangle$$
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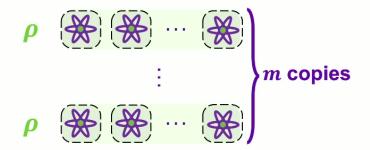
poly(n) sample complexity as long as T = poly(n)

We can achieve

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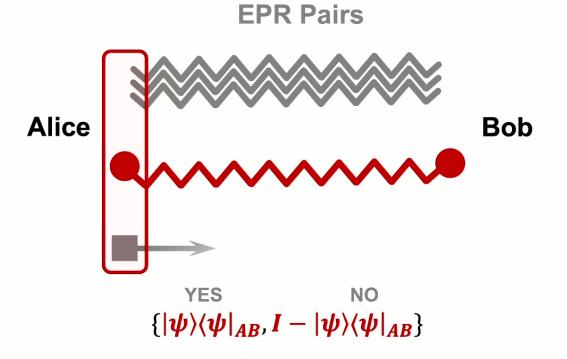
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YES NO
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Two-Outcome Measurement

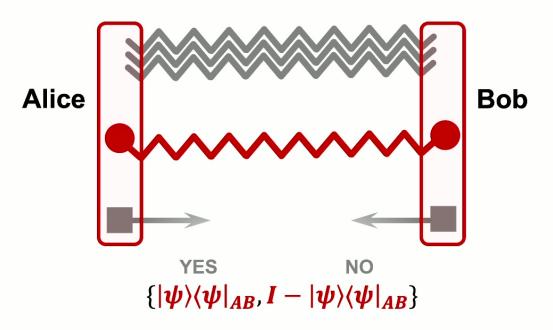
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Two-Outcome Measurement

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EPR Pairs



Two-Outcome Measurement

 $C(\psi_{AB})$ = Minimum # of exchanged qubits to perform $\{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}, I - |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}\}$

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Alice YES NO $\{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB},I-|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}\}$

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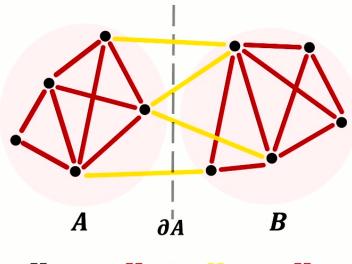
 $C_{\varepsilon}(\psi_{AB}) = \text{Minimum } \# \text{ of exchanged qubits}$ to perform $\varepsilon \text{ approximation of } \{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}, I - |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}\}$

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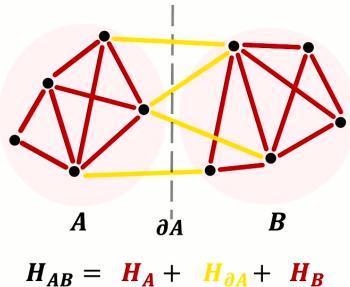
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Testing ground states



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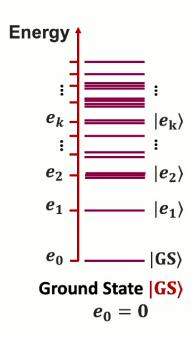


What is the communication complexity of testing the ground state?

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Measure energy $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$

- Yes: $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \leq \text{gap}/2$
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Quantum Phase Estimation

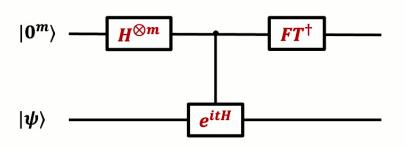
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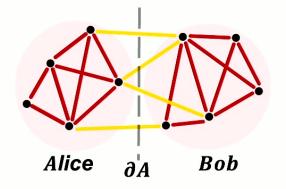
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Communication Protocol



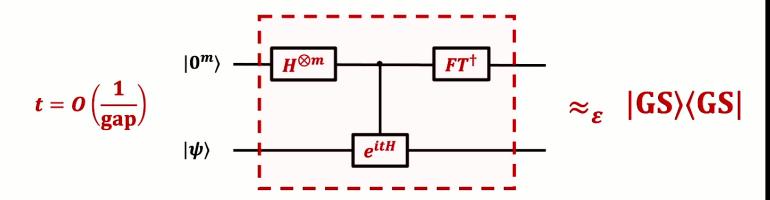


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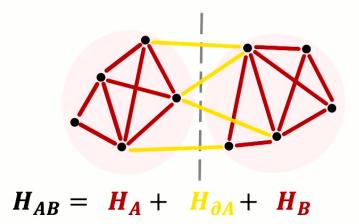
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Quantum Phase Estimation



Repeat for $O\left(\log \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$ to get ε approximation

Hamiltonian Simulation (Performing e^{itH}AB)

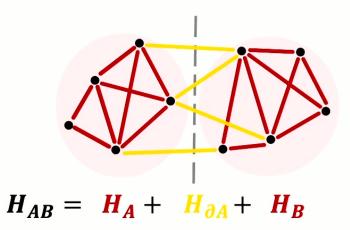


Depth of Hamiltonian simulation algorithms is $O(t||H_{AB}||)$

Communication cost of $e^{itH_{AB}}$ is $O(t||H_{AB}||)$

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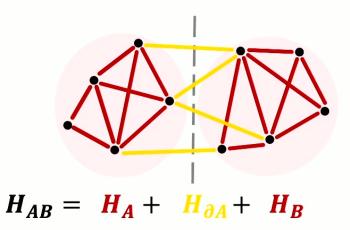


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Interaction Picture: Time-dependent Hamiltonian [LW18]

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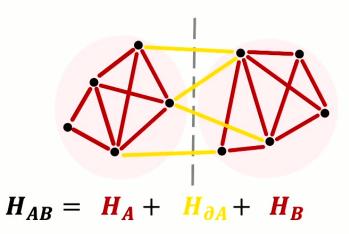
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$$H_I(t) = e^{-it(H_A + H_B)} \cdot H_{\partial A} \cdot e^{it(H_A + H_B)}$$

$$e^{itH_{AB}} = e^{itH_A} \cdot e^{itH_B} \cdot e^{\int_{\tau=0}^t iH_I(\tau) d\tau}$$

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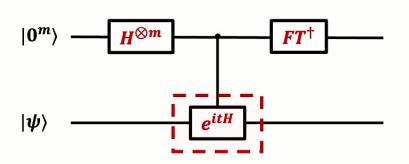
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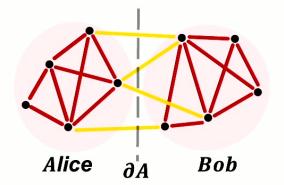
$$H_I(t) = e^{-it(H_A + H_B)} \cdot H_{\partial A} \cdot e^{it(H_A + H_B)}$$

$$e^{itH_{AB}} = e^{itH_A} \cdot e^{itH_B} \cdot e^{\int_{\tau=0}^{t} iH_I(\tau) d\tau}$$

$$O(t||H_I||) = O(t||H_{\partial A}||)$$

Communication Protocol





Overall Communication Cost: $\widetilde{O}(|\partial A|/\text{gap} \cdot \log 1/\epsilon)$

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$$\widetilde{O}\left(\frac{|\partial A|}{\operatorname{gap}}\cdot\log\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)\geq C_{\varepsilon}(\mathsf{GS}_{AB})$$

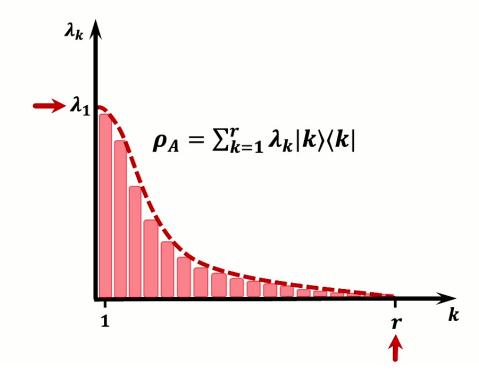
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Communication Complexity ≥ Entanglement Spread

[Hayden, Winter'03] [Coudron, Harrow'19] [Harrow, Leung'11]

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$$\mathsf{ES}(\rho_A) = \log(r\lambda_1)$$



EPR Pairs



$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{k=1}^r \sqrt{\lambda_k} |k\rangle_A |k\rangle_B$$

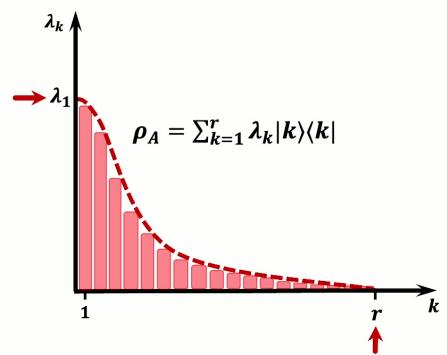
$$\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \cdots \ge \lambda_r > 0$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_r = 1$$

Schmidt Form

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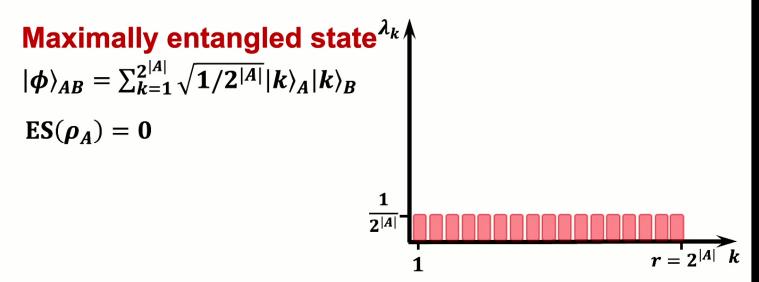
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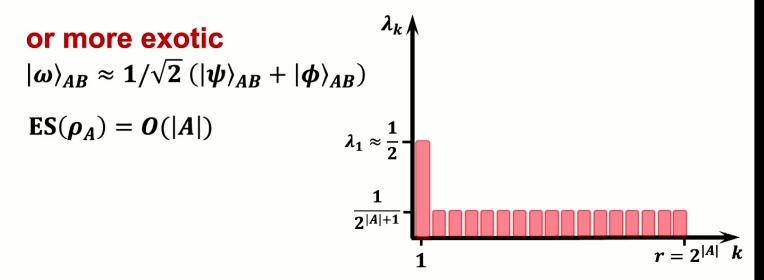
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Compared to area law: $O\left(\frac{|\partial A|}{\text{gap}}\right) \ge Entanglement Entropy$

1. Testing matrix product states

2. Testing machine learning models

3. Two-party testing of ground states

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