## **QUANTUM MECHANICS AND QUANTUM INFORMATION**





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# WHY DO WE NEED A QUANTUM THEORY?

- Atomic spectra
- Photo electric effect
- Stern Gerlach
- Double slit experiment

# **MORE RECENTLY**



#### Shor's algorithm



commercial q-computers?



# GOALS

- What is a quantum state?
- What does a quantum measurement look like?
- What are quantum mixed states?
- Difference btwn mixture and superposition?
- What is quantum entropy? (von Neumann)
- What is entanglement? (and relation to entropy)

## **RESEARCH IDEAS**

- Entanglement is thought to underly much of the power of quantum computation. What is the role of entanglement in these representations?
  - Are there "quantum" processes that require no repr entanglement? or classical that do?
- We think about representations of physical processes. Some quantum representations are more efficient. Are these "more natural"?

## **QUANTUM STATES**



lives in a complex vector space Hilbert space

#### $\left|\psi\right\rangle = \alpha\left|0\right\rangle + \beta\left|1\right\rangle$

quantum amplitudes orthonormal basis



.. just linear algebra

## **QUANTUM STATES**



Product

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$$\begin{split} |\psi\rangle &= \alpha \left| 0 \right\rangle + \beta \left| 1 \right\rangle \\ \alpha &= e^{i\gamma} r \\ \beta &= e^{i\gamma} (b + ci) \end{split}$$

$$||\psi\rangle| = \sqrt{\langle\psi|\psi\rangle} = 1$$
$$|e^{i\gamma}|^2(r^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 1$$
$$r^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$$

This is the surface of a sphere!

## **BLOCH SPHERE**



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#### https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plate\_trick



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# **EVOLUTION: CLOSED SYSTEM**

Unitary evolution

overlaps maintained

 $|\psi'\rangle = U |\psi\rangle \qquad \qquad \langle \psi | U^{\dagger} U | \phi \rangle = \langle \psi | I | \phi \rangle = \langle \psi | \phi \rangle$ 

columns define ON-basis  $U^{\dagger}U = 1$ 

maps one ONB to another ONB  $U = \sum |w_i\rangle\langle v_i|$ 

... it's just a big rotation

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$$U(t) |E_1\rangle = e^{-iE_1t/\hbar} |E_1\rangle$$



 $U(t)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|E_1\rangle + |E_2\rangle) = e^{-iE_1t/\hbar} |E_1\rangle + e^{-iE_2t/\hbar} |E_2\rangle$  $= e^{-iE_1t/\hbar}(|E_1\rangle + e^{-i(E_2 - E_1)t/\hbar} |E_2\rangle)$ 

Observables modeled by Hermitian operators

 $M = M^{\dagger}$ 

Spectral decomposition

$$M = \sum_{m} m P_m$$

m - outcomes P - projectors Projectors are complete

$$\sum_{m} P_m = 1$$

How to compute probabilities

$$Pr(m) = \langle \psi | P_m | \psi \rangle$$

Born Rule

U

Post-measurement state

$$\left\langle \psi' \right\rangle = \frac{P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle}{\sqrt{Pr(m)}}$$
  
 $= \frac{P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle}{\sqrt{\left\langle \psi \right| P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle}}$   
 $= \frac{P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle}{\sqrt{\left\langle \psi \right| P_m^{\dagger} P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle}}$   
 $= \frac{P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle}{\left| P_m \left| \psi \right\rangle \right|}$  project  
and  
normalize

#### $M = +1 \left| 0 \right\rangle \! \left\langle 0 \right| - 1 \left| 1 \right\rangle \! \left\langle 1 \right|$



$$M = +1 |0\rangle\langle 0| - 1 |1\rangle\langle 1|$$
$$|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$$



outcome +1

outcome -1

 $|\psi'\rangle \propto |0\rangle\langle 0| |0\rangle = |0\rangle$  $Pr(+1) = \langle 0|0\rangle = 1$  $|\psi'\rangle = |0\rangle / \sqrt{1} = |0\rangle$ 

 $|\psi'\rangle \propto |1\rangle\langle 1| |0\rangle = 0$  $Pr(-1) = 0^2 = 0$  $|\psi'\rangle = 0/\sqrt{0} =$ undef

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$$\begin{array}{l} \sqrt{2} \\ \text{outcome +1} \\ \psi' \rangle \propto |0\rangle \langle 0| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle \quad |\psi' \rangle \propto |1\rangle \langle 1| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle \\ +1) = |\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle |^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad Pr(-1) = |\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle |^2 = \frac{1}{2} \\ \psi' \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle / \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = |0\rangle \quad |\psi' \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle / \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = |1\rangle \end{array}$$

#### **EXPECTATION VALUE**

$$E(M) = \sum_{m} mPr(m)$$
$$= \sum_{m} m \langle \psi | P_{m} | \psi \rangle$$
$$= \langle \psi | \sum_{m} mP_{m} | \psi \rangle$$
$$= \langle \psi | M | \psi \rangle$$

This is the first time that the eigenvalues of M matter

## **MEASUREMENT: GENERAL**

set of measurement operators  $\{M_m\}$ 

probabilities

$$Pr(m) = \langle \psi | M_m^{\dagger} M_m | \psi \rangle$$

post-measurement state

$$|\psi'\rangle = \frac{M_m |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi|M_m^{\dagger} M_m|\psi\rangle}}$$

## **MEASUREMENT: POVM**

(positive operator-valued measure)

set of measurement operators  $\{M_m\}$ 

(operator) positive elements

$$E_m = M_m^{\dagger} M_m$$

$$\sum_{i} E_m = 1$$

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perfect distinguishability! ...but not every time

Physical situation: input to SG is random choice: up, down.

How can we model this state with a quantum state?

SG output is random: +1, -1.

Pr(+1) = 1/2Pr(-1) = 1/2

We know how to model this:  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ 

What if we measured the random input with a different SG?

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our notion of state is insufficient

Density operator is a trace 1, positive operator.

$$\rho = \sum_{i} p_i \left| \psi_i \right\rangle \! \left\langle \psi_i \right|$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

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## **MIXED STATES: NON-UNIQUE**

*Our example:* **probabilistic** mixture of up and down

$$\begin{split} \rho &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle \langle 0| + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle \langle 1| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) (\langle 0| + |1\rangle) + \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) (\langle 0| - |1\rangle) \end{split}$$

**MIXED STATES: BLOCH BALL**  

$$\sigma_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x, y, z \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x}, \sigma_{y}, \sigma_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$

$$\rho_{\max} = \frac{1}{N}1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### **MIXED STATES: EVOLUTION**

$$\rho = \sum_{i} p_i |\psi_i\rangle\!\langle\psi_i| \xrightarrow{U} \sum_{i} p_i U |\psi_i\rangle\!\langle\psi_i| U^{\dagger} = U\rho U^{\dagger}$$

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$$Pr(m) = \operatorname{tr}(M_m^{\dagger} M_m \rho)$$

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$$\rho' = \frac{M_m \rho M_m^{\dagger}}{\operatorname{tr} \left( M_m^{\dagger} M_m \rho \right)}$$

## **MIXED STATES: ENTROPY**

von Neumann entropy

$$S(\rho) = \operatorname{tr}(\rho \log \rho)$$
  
=  $\operatorname{tr}(UDU^{\dagger} \log UDU^{\dagger})$   
=  $\operatorname{tr}(UDU^{\dagger}U \log DU^{\dagger})$   
=  $\operatorname{tr}(U^{\dagger}UDU^{\dagger}U \log D)$   
=  $\operatorname{tr}(D \log D)$   
=  $\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \log \lambda_{i}$ 

Minimal randomness in complete projective measurement

# CODING

Shannon's noiseless coding theorem: {X} is an i.i.d. information source with (Shannon) entropy rate H(X). For R > H(X), there exists a reliable compression scheme. For R < H(X) there is no reliable scheme.

Schumacher's noiseless coding theorem: {\rho} is an i.i.d. information source with (von Neumann) entropy rate S(\rho). For R > S(\rho), there exists a reliable compression scheme.

For R < S(\rho) there is no reliable scheme.

Coding theorem gives quantum entropy physical meaning.

## NEXT TIME...

- Composite systems
- Entanglement
- Quantum analog of C\_mu
- Operational meaning in terms of channel
- Candidate quantum encoding construction
- Relation to cryptic order
- Computational methods / illustration

$$\left|\psi^{A}\right\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{A} \quad \left|\phi^{B}\right\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{B}$$

$$\left|\psi^{AB}\right\rangle = \left|\psi^{A}\right\rangle \otimes \left|\phi^{B}\right\rangle$$
  
 $f \qquad \uparrow$ 
same
electron
spin
electron
position

$$\left|\psi^{A}\right\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{A} \quad \left|\phi^{B}\right\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{B}$$

$$\{|i^A\rangle\} \quad \{|j^B\rangle\} \to \{|i^A\rangle \otimes |j^B\rangle\}$$

bases combine

 $|00\rangle$   $|01\rangle$   $|10\rangle$   $|11\rangle$ example: two spins

$$\left|\psi^{AB}\right\rangle = \left|0^{A}\right\rangle \otimes \left|1^{B}\right\rangle = \left|01\right\rangle$$
 shorthand

B

A

 $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle) =$ 

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$$lpha\gamma=+1$$
  $lpha\delta=0$  no factorization  
 $eta\delta=-1$   $eta\gamma=0$  **Entangled**

simple :

superposition :

entangled :

$$\rho_{1} = |00\rangle \otimes \langle 00|$$
  

$$\rho_{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |01\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 00| - \langle 01|)$$
  

$$\rho_{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 00| - \langle 11|)$$

$$S(\rho_1) = ?$$
  

$$S(\rho_2) = ?$$
  

$$S(\rho_3) = ?$$

What is the von Neumann entropy of these three states?

vNE involves probing global measurements. What about local?



 $|00\rangle$ 



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 $\{M^A\} \longrightarrow M^{AB}_m = M^A_m \otimes 1^B$ 

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#### **TELEPORTATION**

Alice has some qubit state  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha \, |0\rangle + \beta \, |1\rangle$ 

she wishes to send to Bob. How much information must be transmitted?

What if they share an entangled pair? (and a codebook for how to use it)

Entanglement is a resource

## ENTANGLEMENT MEASURES

Entanglement entropy Entanglement of formation Entanglement of distillation

#### ENTANGLEMENT: EXTENSION TO MIXED STATES

state EoF def convex roof difficult optimization problem