

约化密度算符 reduced density operator

考虑一个子系统 A 与一个子系统 B 组成的系统,  $\rho^{AB}$

定义  $\rho^A \equiv \text{Tr}_B(\rho^{AB})$   $\text{Tr}_B$ , 对 B 求迹.

$\text{Tr}_B(|a_1\rangle\langle a_2| \otimes |b_1\rangle\langle b_2|) \equiv |a_1\rangle\langle a_2| \text{Tr}(|b_1\rangle\langle b_2|)$

A 的态矢      B 的态矢.

1. 复合系统的描述

System A,  $H_1$       System B,  $H_2$       比如两个原子.

复合系统  $H = H_1 \otimes H_2$ .

例  $H_1$  是 2D (自旋),  $H_2$  是 3D (自旋 1).

$|u\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$ ,  $|\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle + \gamma|2\rangle$

直乘

$|u\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a\alpha \\ b\alpha \\ a\beta \\ b\beta \\ a\gamma \\ b\gamma \end{pmatrix} = a\alpha|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + b\alpha|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + a\beta|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + b\beta|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + a\gamma|0\rangle \otimes |2\rangle + b\gamma|1\rangle \otimes |2\rangle$

对应基矢  $|0\rangle|0\rangle, |1\rangle|0\rangle, \dots, |1\rangle|2\rangle$

H 空间上

单作用于系统 1 的算符:  $X \otimes I$ , 作用于系统 2 的算符:  $I \otimes Y$

矩阵:  $X \otimes I = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 & 0 & 0 \\ x_3 x_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3 x_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_1 x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & x_3 x_4 \end{pmatrix}$

$\langle 0|_2 \langle 1|_1 (X \otimes I) |1\rangle_1 |1\rangle_2 = \langle 0|_2 \langle 1|_1 X |1\rangle_1 \cdot \langle 1|_2 I |1\rangle_2$

部分迹: 假设有:

$\text{Tr}_1(X \otimes Y) = \sum_n \langle n|_1 X \otimes Y |n\rangle_1 = \sum_n \langle n|_1 X |n\rangle_1 Y = \text{Tr}(X) \cdot Y$

$Z = X \otimes Y$ ,  $\text{Tr}_1(Z) \equiv \text{Tr}(X) \cdot Y$  对系统 1 求迹

例  $X \otimes Y = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_4 & y_5 & y_6 \\ y_7 & y_8 & y_9 \end{pmatrix}$   $\text{Tr}_2(X \otimes Y) \equiv X \text{Tr}(Y)$

$\text{Tr}[\text{Tr}_2(Z)] = (x_1 + x_4)(y_1 + y_5 + y_9) = \text{Tr}(Z)$

推广:  $Z = X_1 \otimes Y_1 + X_2 \otimes Y_2$

$$\text{Tr}_1(Z) = \text{Tr}_1(X_1 \otimes Y_1 + X_2 \otimes Y_2) = \text{Tr}_1(X_1 \otimes Y_1) + \text{Tr}_1(X_2 \otimes Y_2)$$

$$= Y_1 \text{Tr}(X_1) + Y_2 \text{Tr}(X_2)$$

这是一个  $H_2$  空间上的算符.

\* 部分迹将  $H = H_1 \otimes H_2$  上算符映射到  $H_1$  或  $H_2$  上.

•  $\rho$  是  $H$  上 density operator,  $H = H_1 \otimes H_2$ .

约化密度算符  $\rho_1 \equiv \text{Tr}_2(\rho)$ ,  $\rho_2 \equiv \text{Tr}_1(\rho)$ . 部分迹  
 reduced density operator partial trace  
 设  $X$  是系统 1 的算符 (力学量), on  $H_1$

$$\langle [X] \rangle_\rho = \text{Tr}[\rho (X \otimes I)] = \text{Tr}[\text{Tr}_2(\rho \cdot (X \otimes I))]$$

$$= \sum_{nm} \langle n | \langle m | \rho \cdot (X \otimes I) | m \rangle | n \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{nm} \langle n | \langle m | \rho | m \rangle \cdot \langle X \rangle | n \rangle$$

$$= \sum_n \langle n | \rho_1 X | n \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho_1 X) = \langle [X] \rangle_{\rho_1}$$

例子:  $|\alpha\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B}{\sqrt{2}}$  纠缠态, 纯态!

$$\rho = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| = \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B)(\langle 0|_A \langle 1|_B + \langle 1|_A \langle 0|_B)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [ |0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B \langle 1|_B \langle 0|_A + |0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B \langle 0|_A \langle 1|_B + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B \langle 1|_B \langle 0|_A + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B \langle 0|_A \langle 1|_B ]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [ |0\rangle_A \langle 0|_A \otimes |1\rangle_B \langle 1|_B + |0\rangle_A \langle 1|_A \otimes |1\rangle_B \langle 0|_B + |1\rangle_A \langle 0|_A \otimes |0\rangle_B \langle 1|_B + |1\rangle_A \langle 1|_A \otimes |0\rangle_B \langle 0|_B ]$$

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [ |0\rangle_A \langle 0|_A + |0\rangle_A \langle 1|_A \times 0 + |1\rangle_A \langle 0|_A \times 0 + |1\rangle_A \langle 1|_A ]$$

$= \frac{1}{2} I$ . 这是一个混态算符!!  $\vec{n} = 0!$

• 一个纯态, 量子纠缠态, 其子系统是个混态  $\rightarrow$  不确定态

$$\begin{aligned} \text{更一般地 } |\alpha\rangle &= \left(\sum_a c_a |a\rangle_A\right) \otimes \left(\sum_b c_b |b\rangle_B\right) \\ &= |\psi\rangle_A \otimes |\phi\rangle_B \\ \rho &= |\psi\rangle_A \langle\psi|_A \otimes |\phi\rangle_B \langle\phi|_B = |\psi\rangle_A \langle\psi|_A \otimes |\phi\rangle_B \langle\phi|_B \\ &= \rho_A \otimes \rho_B \end{aligned}$$

但是考虑  $|\alpha\rangle = |0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B$

$$\rho = |\alpha\rangle \langle\alpha| = |0\rangle_A \langle 0|_A \otimes |1\rangle_B \langle 1|_B = |0\rangle_A \langle 0|_A \otimes |1\rangle_B \langle 1|_B$$

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho) = |0\rangle_A \langle 0|_A \quad \text{仍然是个纯态!}$$

区别在哪里? 一个是纠缠态 entangled, 一个是直积态 product

• 怎样判断一个纯态是否纠缠? 计算  $S(\rho_A)$  or  $S(\rho_B)$

纠缠熵  $E(|\alpha\rangle_{AB}) = S(\rho_A)$

前面第1个例子,  $S(\rho_A) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \ln \rho_A) = \ln 2$

第2个例子,  $S(\rho_A) = 0$

• 考虑 A 系统的一个 mixed state

我们总可以设想它与一个系统 F 纠缠. 即:

设  $\rho_A = \sum_R \lambda_R |\phi_R\rangle \langle\phi_R|$ , write

$$|\alpha\rangle_{AF} = \sum_R \sqrt{\lambda_R} |\phi_R\rangle_A |k\rangle_F$$

$|k\rangle_F$  是 F 系统的一组正交归一基

$$\text{Tr}_F(|\alpha\rangle_{AF} \langle\alpha|) = \text{Tr}_F \left( \sum_{kk'} \sqrt{\lambda_R} \sqrt{\lambda_{k'}} |\phi_R\rangle_A \langle\phi_{k'}|_A \otimes |k\rangle_F \langle k'|_F \right)$$

$$= \text{Tr}_F \left( \sum_{kk'} \sqrt{\lambda_R \lambda_{k'}} |\phi_R\rangle_A \langle\phi_{k'}|_A \otimes |k\rangle_F \langle k'|_F \right)$$

$$= \sum_{kk'} \sqrt{\lambda_R \lambda_{k'}} |\phi_R\rangle_A \langle\phi_{k'}|_A \delta_{kk'}$$

$$= \sum_R \lambda_R |\phi_R\rangle_A \langle\phi_R|_A$$

例证: Schmidt 分解!

纯态  $|\alpha\rangle_{AF} = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle_A |i\rangle_B, \sum_i \lambda_i^2 = 1$

$\lambda_i \rightarrow$   
schmidt  
number

告诉我的  $\rho_A = \sum_i \lambda_i^2 |i\rangle \langle i|_A, \rho_B = \sum_i \lambda_i^2 |i\rangle \langle i|_B$  一样!