

# On quantum correlations.

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- *PLAN:*
- Classical probability; correlations, canonical form of two-points correlation function.
- Quantization - definitions:  $C^*$  ( $W^*$ ) case.
- What is lost during the quantization procedure?
- Decomposition theory ( $\equiv$  integral representation).
- Coefficient of quantum correlations.
- Entanglement of Formation ( $\equiv$  EoF).

- Classical probability theory:
- The pair  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  consists of a set  $\Omega$  and a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- **Definition 1.** *A probability space is a triple  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, p)$  where  $\Omega$  is a space (sample space),  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra (a family of events), and  $p$  is a probability measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .*
- **Definition 2.** *A correlation coefficient  $C(X, Y)$  is defined as*

$$C(X, Y) = \frac{E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)}{(E(X^2) - E(X)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $E(X) = \int X dp$ ,  $X$  a stochastic variable.

- Note that  $C(X, Y)$  provides a nice classification. Firstly:  $C(X, Y) \in [-1, 1]$ . Secondly, if  $C(X, Y)$  is equal to 0 then stochastic variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are *uncorrelated*. Further, if  $C(X, Y) \in (0, 1]$ , then  $X, Y$  are said to be *correlated* and finally when  $C(X, Y) \in [-1, 0)$ , stochastic variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be *anti correlated*.
- $E(X, Y)$  plays a crucial role in the definition of  $C(X, Y)$ .
- We will need the notion of Dirac's (point) measure  $\delta_a$ , where  $a \in E$ . Such measures are determined by the condition:

$$\delta_a(f) = f(a). \quad (2)$$

- We say that a measure  $\mu$  has a finite support if it can be written as a linear (finite) combination of  $\delta_a$ 's.

- The well known fact is, Chapter 3, Section 2 , Corollaire 3 in N. Bourbaki *Livre VI. Intégration*:

**Theorem 3.** *Any positive finite measure  $\mu$  on  $E$  is a limit point, in the vague topology, of a convex hull of positive measures having a finite support contained in the support of  $\mu$ .*

- **Remark 4.**
  1. *This result will be not valid in the non-commutative setting. It is taken from the (classical) measure theory.*
  2. *A slightly stronger formulation can be find in Meyer. Namely, every probability measure  $\lambda$  in  $\mathfrak{M}(\Omega)$  is a weak limit of discrete (with finite support) measures belonging to the collection of probability measures in  $\mathfrak{M}(\Omega)$  which have the same barycenter as  $\lambda$  ( $\mathfrak{M}(\Omega)$  stands for the collection of Radon measures on  $\Omega$ ).*
  3. *The statement of Theorem 3 can be rephrased by saying that a classical measure has the weak-\* Riemann approximation property.*

- Classical composite systems
- *A composite system is characterized by the triple  $(\Gamma \equiv \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2, \mu, T_t)$ , where the probability measure  $\mu$  is defined on the Cartesian product of two measurable spaces  $(\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2, \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2)$ , and finally,  $T_t$  is a global evolution defined on  $\Gamma$ .*
- We recall that there is the identification

$$C(\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2) = C(\Gamma_1) \otimes C(\Gamma_2), \quad (3)$$

where on the right hand side of (3)  $\otimes$  stands for the tensor product,

- We will identify the function  $f_1$  (defined on  $\Gamma_1$ ) with the function  $f_1 \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\Gamma_2}$  (defined on  $\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ ); and analogously for  $f_2$ .

- We wish to study the functionals  $\varphi(\cdot)$  given by

$$\varphi(f_1 \otimes f_2) = \varphi(f_1 f_2) \equiv \varphi_\mu(f_1 f_2) \equiv \int_{\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2} f_1(\gamma_1) f_2(\gamma_2) d\mu, \quad (4)$$

where  $f_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

- Now taking into account the weak-\* Riemann approximation property, see Theorem 3, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f_1 f_2) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2} f_1(\gamma_1) f_2(\gamma_2) d\mu_n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2} f_1(\gamma_1) f_2(\gamma_2) \left( \sum_n \lambda_n d\delta_{(a_{1,n}, a_{2,n})}^{(n)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $\delta_{(a,b)}$  stands for the Dirac's measure supported by  $(a, b)$ ,  $\lambda_n \geq 0$  and  $\sum_n \lambda_n = 1$ .

- Note, that for a point measure, one has

$$\delta_{(a,b)} = \delta_a \times \delta_b.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\mu(f_1 f_2) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n \lambda_n \int_{\Gamma_1} f_1(\gamma_1) d\delta_{a_1, n}^{(n)}(\gamma_1) \int_{\Gamma_2} f_2(\gamma_2) d\delta_{a_2, n}^{(n)}(\gamma_2) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n \lambda_n \varphi_{\delta_{a_1, n}}(f_1) \varphi_{\delta_{a_2, n}}(f_2) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n \lambda_n (\varphi_{\delta_{a_1, n}} \otimes \varphi_{\delta_{a_2, n}})(f_1 \otimes f_2), \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

for any  $f_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .



- Consequently

$$\varphi_\mu(f_1 \otimes f_2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n \lambda_n (\varphi_{\delta_{a_1, n}} \otimes \varphi_{\delta_{a_2, n}})(f_1 \otimes f_2) \quad (7)$$

for any  $f_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

- **Corollary 5.** *For a classical case, any two point correlation function of bipartite system is given by the limit of a convex combination of product states.*
- This is taken as the basic feature of classical correlations.
- Quantization:  $C^*$ -algebra approach.

- “quantization” consists in replacing classical coordinate  $q_k$  and canonically conjugate momentum  $p_l$  by self-adjoint operators satisfying CCR relations:

$$[q_k, q_l] = 0 = [p_k, p_l], \quad [p_k, q_l] = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \delta_{kl}, \quad (8)$$

$$k, l = 1, \dots, n.$$

- No any finite dimensional realization!
- (v. Neumann, Rellich, Stone, Weyl) under natural requirements (irreducibility, sufficient regularity) CCR relations fix the representation of operators  $p_k, q_l$  up to unitary equivalence provided that  $n$  is **finite!**

- For Statistical Mechanics, QFT - *n is infinite!*
- There are non-equivalent representations.
- typical algebras for infinite systems: factor III.
- (D. Kastler and his school) There is a  $C^*$ -algebra carrying some of the main features attached to the concept of Weyl quantization.
- **$C^*$ -algebra formalism is appearing.**
- Essential point for quantum probability:

- **Theorem 6.** (*Markov-Riesz-Kakutani*) If  $\varphi$  is a linear, positive, continuous form on  $C_{\mathfrak{K}}(\Gamma)$  (continuous functions with compact support) then there exist a unique positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $E$  such that

$$\varphi(f) = \int_E f d\mu \quad f \in C_{\mathfrak{K}}(\Gamma). \quad (9)$$

- Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an abelian  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $\mathbb{1}$ . Then, Gelfand-Neimark theorem says that  $\mathfrak{A}$  can be identified with the (abelian)  $C^*$ -algebra of all complex valued continuous functions on  $\Gamma$ , where  $\Gamma$  is a compact Hausdorff space.
- Quantization of probability calculus: drop abelian!

- Noncommutative case
- $C^*$ -algebra case:  $(\mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2, \mathfrak{S})$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}$  stands for the set of states.
- $W^*$ -algebra case: to take in account normal states one has (Sakai; Effros, Ruan)

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathfrak{N} \subseteq B(\mathcal{K})$  be two von Neumann algebras. Denote by  $\mathfrak{M}_*$  the predual of  $\mathfrak{M}$ , i.e. such Banach space that  $(\mathfrak{M}_*)^*$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , i.e.  $(\mathfrak{M}_*)^* \cong \mathfrak{M}$ . There is an isometry*

$$(\mathfrak{M} \otimes \mathfrak{N})_* = \mathfrak{M}_* \otimes_{\pi} \mathfrak{N}_*, \quad (10)$$

where the von Neumann algebra  $\mathfrak{M} \otimes \mathfrak{N}$  is the weak closure of the set  $\{A \otimes B; A \in \mathfrak{M}, B \in \mathfrak{N}\}$ . In particular,

$$B(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K})_* = B(\mathcal{H})_* \otimes_{\pi} B(\mathcal{K})_*. \quad (11)$$

- $\otimes_{\pi}$  stands for the operator space projective tensor product:
- (1) a matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on a linear space  $V$  is an assignment of a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on the matrices  $M_n(V)$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (2) an operator space is a linear space  $V$  together with a matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$  for which:  $\|v \oplus w\|_{n+m} = \max\{\|v\|_m, \|w\|_n\}$  and  $\|\alpha v \beta\|_n \leq \|\alpha\| \|v\|_m \|\beta\|$  where  $v \in M_n(V)$ ,  $w \in M_n(V)$ ,  $\alpha \in M_{n,m}$ ,  $\beta \in M_{n,m}$ .
- (3) given an element  $u \in M_n(V \otimes W)$  define

$$\|u\|_{\pi} = \inf\{\|\alpha\| \|v\| \|w\| \|\beta\|; u = \alpha(v \otimes w)\beta\}$$

where  $v \in M_p(V)$ ,  $w \in M_q(W)$ ,  $\alpha \in M_{n,p \times q}$ , and  $\beta \in M_{p \times q, n}$ .

- Lack of the weak\* Riemann approximation property (for products!).
- Namely, one has (see Exercise 11.5.11 in Kadison, Ringrose)

**Example 8.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}_1 = B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2 = B(\mathcal{K})$  where  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are 2-dimensional Hilbert spaces. Consider the vector state  $\omega_x(\cdot) = (x, \cdot x)$  with  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e_1 \otimes f_1 + e_2 \otimes f_2)$  where  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  and  $\{f_1, f_2\}$  are orthonormal bases in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  respectively. Let  $\rho$  be any state in the norm closure of the convex hull of product states, i.e.  $\rho \in \overline{\text{conv}}(\mathfrak{S}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{S}_2)$ . Then, one can show that

$$\|\omega_x - \rho\| \geq \frac{1}{4}. \quad (12)$$

- **Remark 9.** One should note that  $\omega_x$  can always be approximated by a finite linear combination of simple tensors. However, here we wish to approximate  $\omega_x$  by a convex combination of positive (normalized) functionals (cf Theorem 3) and this makes the difference.

- Consequently, contrary to the classical case (see Corollary 5) even in the simplest non-commutative case, the space of all states of  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2$  is not norm closure of  $\text{conv}(\mathfrak{S}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{S}_2)$ .
- *It means, in mathematical terms, that for non-commutative case, **for product structures**, the weak\* Riemann approximation property of a (classical) measure does not hold.*
- Thus, we are in position to give the following definitions:



**Definition 10.** –  $C^*$ -algebra case.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $\mathfrak{S}$  the set of all states on  $\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2$ , i.e. the set of all normalized positive forms on  $\mathfrak{A}$ . The subset  $\overline{\text{conv}}(\mathfrak{S}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{S}_2)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}$  will be called the set of separable states and will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{S}_{\text{sep}}$ . The closure is taken with respect to the norm of  $\mathfrak{A}^*$ . The subset  $\mathfrak{S} \setminus \mathfrak{S}_{\text{sep}} \subset \mathfrak{S}$  is called the subset of entangled states.

–  $W^*$ -algebra case, (cf. Theorem 7.)

Let  $\mathfrak{M}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  be a  $W^*$ -algebra,  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{M}_2$  be the spacial tensor product of  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_2$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$  the set of all states on  $\mathfrak{M}$ , and  $\mathfrak{S}^n$  the set of all normal states on  $\mathfrak{M}$ , i.e. the set of all normalized, weakly\*-continuous positive forms on  $\mathfrak{M}$  (equivalently, the set of all density matrices). The subset  $\overline{\text{conv}}^\pi(\mathfrak{S}_1^n \otimes \mathfrak{S}_2^n)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}^n$  will be called the set of separable states and will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{S}_{\text{sep}}^n$ . The closure is taken with respect to the projective operator space norm on  $\mathfrak{M}_{1,*} \odot \mathfrak{M}_{2,*}$ . The subset  $\mathfrak{S}^n \setminus \mathfrak{S}_{\text{sep}}^n \subset \mathfrak{S}^n$  is called the subset of normal entangled states.

- Further differences between commutative and noncommutative cases.

- **Fact 11.** 1. *classical case.*

Let  $\delta_a$  be a Dirac's measure on a product measure space, i.e.  $\delta_a$  is given on  $\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ . Note that the marginal of the point measure  $\delta_a$  gives another point measure, i.e.  $\delta_a|_{\Gamma_1} = \delta_{a_1}$ . Here we put  $a \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ ,  $a = (a_1, a_2)$ . The same in "physical terms" reads: a reduction of a pure state is again a pure state.

- 2. *non-commutative case.*

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are finite dimensional Hilbert spaces. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\dim\mathcal{H} = \dim\mathcal{K} = n$ . Let  $\omega_x(\cdot) = (x, \cdot x)$  be a state on  $B(\mathcal{H}) \otimes B(\mathcal{K})$  where  $x$  is assumed to be of the form

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left( \sum_i e_i \otimes f_i \right). \quad (13)$$

Here  $\{e_i\}$  and  $\{f_i\}$  are basis in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  respectively. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_x (A \otimes \mathbb{1}) &= \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_i e_i \otimes f_i, A \otimes \mathbb{1} \sum_j e_j \otimes f_j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j} (e_i, Ae_j) (f_i, f_j) = \mathbf{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{1} A \equiv \mathbf{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \varrho_0 A, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\varrho_0 = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{1}$  is “very non pure” state. In other words, the non-commutative counterpart of the marginal of a point measure (pure state) does not need to be again a point measure (pure state). Consequently, the second crucial ingredient of the discussion leading to Corollary 5 is not valid in non-commutative case.

- The next difficulty follows from the geometrical characterization of the set of states. Namely,
- **Proposition 12.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra. Then the following conditions are equivalent*
  1. *The state space  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is a simplex.*
  2.  *$\mathfrak{A}$  is abelian algebra.*
  3. *Positive elements  $\mathfrak{A}^+$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  form a lattice.*
- Therefore in quantum case the set of states is not a simplex (contrary to the classical case). Consequently, in quantum case, all possible decompositions of a given state should be taken into account. In general, there are many such decompositions.

- G. Choquet:
- Let  $K$  be a base of a convex cone  $C$  with apex at the origin. The cone  $C$  gives rise to the order  $\leq$  ( $a \leq b$  if and only if  $b - a \in C$ ).  $K$  is said to be a simplex if  $C$  equipped with the order  $\leq$  is a lattice (Lattice is a partially ordered set in which every two elements have a supremum and an infimum).
- To sum up: as the family of states in quantum mechanics does not form a simplex, a state can be decomposed in many ways.
- Intuition:  $2D$  ball (non-simplex) versus a triangle (simplex).

- A decomposition of a state can be realized using measure-theoretical approach (decomposition theory  $\equiv$  integral representations).
- It should be noted that extreme points of some subsets of states can exhibit “bad” measure-theoretic properties. To avoid such cases, an auxiliary condition, Ruelle’s separability condition SC, should be imposed (this point is essential for EoF).
- Decompositions supported by extreme points are essential for *EoF*; not for coefficient of quantum correlations!
- Fortunately, all essential physical models, satisfy SC condition. Consequently, the program of decomposing of states can be carried out.

- Quantum correlations
- One can perform the quantization of the coefficient of correlations:

**Definition 13.**

$$C_q(A, A') = \frac{\langle (A - \langle A \rangle) (A' - \langle A' \rangle) \rangle}{\left\langle (A - \langle A \rangle)^2 \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\langle (A' - \langle A' \rangle)^2 \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (15)$$

where  $\langle A \rangle = \phi(A)$ ;  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\phi \in \mathfrak{G}$ .

- BUT, the coefficient  $C_q$  is not able to distinguish correlations of quantum nature from that of classical nature.
- Thus, a new measure of quantum correlation should be introduced.

- To this end, we will look for the best approximation of a given state  $\omega$  by separable states, like in Kadison-Ringrose example.
- However, a given (non pure) state  $\omega$ , in general, can possess various decompositions. Thus, we should use the decomposition theory.
- To proceed with the study of coefficient of (quantum) correlations for a quantum composite system specified by  $(\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2, \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}})$ , where  $\mathfrak{A}_i$  are  $C^*$ -algebras, we will consider restriction maps

$$(r_1\omega)(A) = \omega(A \otimes \mathbf{1}) \quad (16)$$

$$(r_2\omega)(B) = \omega(\mathbf{1} \otimes B), \quad (17)$$

where  $\omega \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}$ ,  $A \in \mathfrak{A}_1$ , and  $B \in \mathfrak{A}_2$ .

- $r_i : \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_i}$  and the restriction map  $r_i$  is continuous (in weak-\* topology),  $i = 1, 2$ .



- To proceed with the decomposition procedure we start with a measure on the state space  $\mathfrak{S}$  ( from  $M_\omega(\mathfrak{S}) \equiv \{\mu : \omega = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \nu d\mu(\nu)\}$ ).

- Define

$$\mu_i(F_i) = \mu(r_i^{-1}(F_i)) \quad (18)$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $F_i$  is a Borel subset in  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathcal{A}_i}$ .

- The formula (18) provides the well defined measures  $\mu_i$  on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathcal{A}_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- Having two measures  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  on  $\mathfrak{S}_1$ , and  $\mathfrak{S}_2$  respectively, we want to "produce" a new measure  $\boxtimes \mu$  on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathcal{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ . To this end, firstly, let us consider the case of finitely supported probability measure  $\mu$ :

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{\rho_i}, \quad (19)$$

where  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i = 1$ , and  $\delta_{\rho_i}$  denotes the Dirac's measure.

- Define

$$\mu_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{r_1 \rho_i} \quad (20)$$

$$\mu_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{r_2 \rho_i}. \quad (21)$$

Then

$$\boxtimes \mu = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{r_1 \rho_i} \times \delta_{r_2 \rho_i} \quad (22)$$

gives a well defined measure on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}$ . Here  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}$  is understood as a measure space obtained as a product of two measure spaces  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}$ . A measure structure on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_i}$  is defined as the Borel structure determined by the corresponding weak-\* topology on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

- Take an arbitrary measure  $\mu$  from  $M_\omega$ . By Theorem 3 there exists a net of discrete measures (having a finite support)  $\mu_k$  such that  $\mu_k \rightarrow \mu$ , and the convergence is understood in the weak-\* topology on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}$ .
- Defining  $\mu_1^k$  ( $\mu_2^k$ ) analogously as  $\mu_1$  ( $\mu_2$  respectively) one has  $\mu_1^k \rightarrow \mu_1$  and  $\mu_2^k \rightarrow \mu_2$ , where again the convergence is taken in the weak-\* topology on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  ( $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}$  respectively).
- Then define, for each  $k$ ,  $\boxtimes \mu^k$  as it was done in (22).  $\{\boxtimes \mu^k\}$  is convergent (in weak \*-topology) to a measure on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}$ .
- Consequently, taking the weak-\* limit we arrive at the measure  $\boxtimes \mu$  on  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}$ . It follows that  $\boxtimes \mu$  does not depend on the chosen approximation procedure.
- Now, we are in position to give the definition of the coefficient of quantum correlations,  $d(\omega, A_1, A_2) \equiv d(\omega, A)$ , where  $A_i \in \mathfrak{A}_i$ .

- **Definition 14.** *Let a quantum composite system  $(\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2, \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}})$  be given. Take a  $\omega \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}$ . We define the coefficient of quantum correlations as*

$$d(\omega, A) = \inf_{\mu \in M_{\omega}(\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}})} \left| \int_{\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}} \xi(A) d\mu(\xi) - \int_{\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}} \xi(A) (d \boxtimes \mu)(\xi) \right|. \quad (23)$$

- Following the strategy of Kadison-Ringrose example, an evaluation of a distance between the given state  $\omega$  and the set of approximative separable states is done.
- It is a simple matter to see that  $d(\omega, A)$  is equal to 0 if the state  $\omega$  is a separable one. The converse statement is much less obvious. However, we are able to prove it. Namely:

- **Theorem 15.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be the tensor product of two  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{A}_1, \mathfrak{A}_2$ . Then state  $\omega \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is separable if and only if  $d(\omega, A) = 0$  for all  $A \in \mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2$*
- The basic idea of the proof of the statement that  $d(\omega, A) = 0$  implies separability of  $\omega$  relies on the study of continuity properties of the function

$$M_{\omega}(\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}) \ni \mu \mapsto \int_{\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}} \xi(A) d\mu(\xi) - \int_{\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}} \xi(A) (d \boxtimes \mu)(\xi) \quad (24)$$

and the proof falls naturally into few steps.

- $M_{\omega}(\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}})$  is a compact set.
- The mapping  $M_{\omega}(\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}) \ni \mu \mapsto \boxtimes \mu \in M^+(\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_2})$  is weakly continuous.

- The continuity proved in the second step implies that the function (24) is a real valued, continuous function defined on a compact space. Hence, by Weierstrass theorem, infimum is attainable. Therefore, the condition  $d(\omega, A) = 0$  means that

$$\omega(A) = \int_{\mathfrak{G}_{\mathfrak{A}}} \xi(A) d\mu_0(\xi) = \int_{\mathfrak{G}_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \times \mathfrak{G}_{\mathfrak{A}_2}} \xi(A) d \boxtimes \mu_0(\xi), \quad (25)$$

for all  $A = A_1 \otimes A_2$ . But, this means the separability of  $\omega$ .

- Theorem 15 may be summarized by saying that any separable state contains “classical” correlations only. Therefore, **an entangled state contains “non-classical” (or pure quantum) correlations.**
- To comment the question of separability of normal states we have two remarks:

**Remark 16.** 1. *(indirect way)*

As we have considered  $C^*$ -algebra case, taking a normal state  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{M}}^n \equiv \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{M}} \cap \mathfrak{M}_* \subset \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , we can apply Theorem 15 for its analysis. If  $d(\varphi, A) = 0$  we are getting a “separable” decomposition of  $\varphi$ . However, still one must check whether components of the decomposition are normal or not.

2. *(a possibility for a direct way)*

One can try to modify the results obtained for  $C^*$ -algebra case to that which are relevant for  $W^*$ -algebra case. However, there are two essential differences. The first is given by Definition 10 – the closure of convex hull should be carried out with respect to the projective operator space norm topology.

The second difference leads to a great problem. Namely, the set  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{M}}^n$  (normal states) is compact, in general, with respect to another topology than that which gives compactness of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

- Entanglement of Formation (Benett, DiVincenzo, Smolin, Wootters; WAM)

- **Definition 17.** *Let  $\omega$  be a state,  $\omega \in F \subset \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2}$  and  $F$  satisfy separability condition SC. The entanglement of formation  $E_{oF}$  is defined as*

$$E_{\mathbb{F}}(\omega) = \inf_{\mu \in M_{\omega}(\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{A}_2})} \int \mathbb{F}(r\varphi) d\mu(\varphi) \quad (26)$$

where  $\mathbb{F}$  is a concave non-negative continuous function which vanishes on pure states and only on pure states

- **Theorem 18.** *Let SC hold.  $E(\omega) = 0$  if and only if  $\omega \in F$  is separable.*
- It is worth pointing out that Entanglement of Formation,  $E_{oF}$ , is not only a nice indicator of separability. It possesses also many useful properties like convexity, semi-continuity and others.



- Existence of  $\mathbb{F}$ : finite dimensional case - one can take as  $\mathbb{F}$  the von Neumann entropy  $S(\rho)$ .
- However, for a general case (infinite dimensional)  $S(\rho)$  is only semicontinuous and  $\{\rho : S(\rho) < \infty\}$  is merely a meager set (set of first category). General case - Orlicz spaces!

- **Definition 19.** *Ruelle's SC condition*

*Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra with unit, and  $\mathfrak{F}$  a subset of the state space  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}$ .  $\mathfrak{F}$  is said to satisfy separability condition (SC) if there exists a sequence of sub- $C^*$ -algebras  $\{\mathfrak{A}_n\}$  such that  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_n$  is dense in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and each  $\mathfrak{A}_n$  contains a two-sided, closed, separable ideal  $\mathcal{I}_n$  such that*

$$\mathfrak{F} = \{\omega, \omega \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{A}}, \|\omega|_{\mathcal{I}_n}\| = 1, n \geq 1\}.$$

- Final remarks:
- The presented “tools”: coefficient of quantum correlations and  $EoF$ , in a sense, are complementary each other.
- $\omega$  extreme, then  $\mu$  unique, then  $\mu$  is either of the form  $\boxtimes \mu$  or not; for  $EoF$  extremality of  $\omega$  leads to a great simplifications - inf can be dropped.
- $EoF$  gives a possibility to speak about “witness of entanglement”, i.e. there are observables which determine the value of  $EoF$ .
- Details are in: W. A. Majewski, *Quantum correlations; quantum probability approach*, arXiv:1407.4754v4[quant-ph]