

# Statistical Entropy

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or information entropy

- define entropy of a probability distribution

- probability distribution:  $P_m$

$$P_m \geq 0 \rightarrow \sum_m P_m = 1$$

entropy:  $S[P] = - \sum_{m=1}^M P_m \ln P_m$

- complete knowledge of system:

$$P_n = 1 \quad P_m = 0 \quad \forall m \neq n$$

$$S(P) = 0 \quad \text{in this case} \quad (\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln x = 0)$$

- complete uncertainty of system

$$P_m = 1/M \Rightarrow S = - \sum_m \frac{1}{M} \ln \frac{1}{M} = \ln M$$

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the more information the less the entropy

in general, for an arbitrary prob. distribution:

$$0 \leq S[P] \leq \ln M$$

- discuss state this as:

- optimize  $S[P]$  as a function of  $\{P_m\}$

under the normalization constraint

$$\tilde{S} = - \sum_m P_m \ln P_m + \lambda_0 \left( \sum_m P_m - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{S}}{\partial P_m} = 0 \Rightarrow -\ln P_m - 1 + \lambda_0 = 0 \Rightarrow P_m = \frac{1}{M}$$



For mixed quantum states we will need the concept of tensor product

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## Tensor Product

- two vectors:  $|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle$

$$|\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle$$

expand  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\alpha_i\rangle$

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_j a_j |\alpha_j\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle = \sum_{ij} c_i a_j |\alpha_i\rangle \otimes |\alpha_j\rangle$$

- two matrices

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} B_{11} & A_{11} B_{12} & \dots & A_{12} B_{11} & A_{12} B_{12} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \\ A_{21} A_{11} & & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ A_{21} B_{11} & & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

example:  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} B_{11} & A_{11} B_{12} & A_{12} B_{11} & A_{12} B_{12} \\ A_{11} B_{21} & A_{11} B_{22} & A_{12} B_{21} & A_{12} B_{22} \\ A_{21} B_{11} & A_{21} B_{12} & A_{22} B_{11} & A_{22} B_{12} \\ A_{21} B_{21} & A_{21} B_{22} & A_{22} B_{21} & A_{22} B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

can show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are  $M \times M$  matrices  
and if  $C$  and  $D$  are  $N \times N$  matrices (4)

$$\text{then } \Rightarrow [A \otimes B][C \otimes D] = [A \otimes C][B \otimes D]$$

or:  
 $A \rightarrow M \times M$  matrix  
 $v \rightarrow M$  vector  
 $B \rightarrow N \times N$  matrix  
 $w \rightarrow N$  vector

$$Av \otimes Bw = (A \otimes B)(v \otimes w)$$

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tensor products are useful to describe  
"compound" Hilbert spaces

example: System 1  $\Rightarrow$  Hamiltonian matrix  $H^{(1)}$   
 $M$ -dimensional  
System 2  $\Rightarrow$  Hamiltonian matrix  $H^{(2)}$   
 $N$ -dimensional

$\Rightarrow$  the Hamiltonian of the compound system,  
if they are not interacting, is

$$H_{\text{TOT}} = H^{(1)} \otimes I^{(2)} + I^{(1)} \otimes H^{(2)}$$

$I^{(1)} \rightarrow M$ -dimensional identity

$I^{(2)} \rightarrow N$ -dimensional identity

if the two systems interact

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$$H_{TOT} = H^{(1)} \otimes I^{(2)} + \cancel{H^{(2)}} I^{(1)} \otimes H^{(2)} + S^{(12)}$$

where  $S^{(12)}$  is an  $MN \times MN$  dimensional matrix

example: two spin  $-1/2$  particles

particle -1:  $S^2 = S_x^2 + S_y^2 + S_z^2$

$$S_x = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

particle -2: same matrices

$S_x$  for compound system

$$S_x^{(12)} = S_x \otimes I + I \otimes S_x = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_y^{(12)} = S_y \otimes I + I \otimes S_y = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_z^{(12)} = S_z \otimes I + I \otimes S_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

if the two systems interact

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$$H_{\text{Tot}} = H^{(1)} \otimes I^{(2)} + I^{(1)} \otimes H^{(2)} + S^{(12)}$$

where in general  $S^{(12)}$  is an  $NM$  by  $NM$  matrix

example: two spin-1/2 particles ~~coupled~~

$$S_x = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_y = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

combined spins for two particles

$$S_x^{(12)} = S_x \otimes I + I \otimes S_x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_y^{(12)} = S_y \otimes I + I \otimes S_y$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & i & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & i \\ -i & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & -i & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_z^{(12)} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[S^{(12)}]^2 = S_x^{(12)} S_x^{(12)} + S_y^{(12)} S_y^{(12)} + S_z^{(12)} S_z^{(12)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvalues: } 2, 0 \rightarrow \text{not degenerate}$$

eigenvalue  $\& S_x^2 + S_y^2 + S_z^2 = 2 \Rightarrow S$ -fold degenerate (triplet) ⑦

$$S=1 \quad (S(S+1)=2)$$

$S_x^2 + S_y^2 + S_z^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$  non-degenerate (singlet)

$$S=0 \quad (S(S+1)=0)$$

### density matrices

given two systems ① and ②  
with density matrices

$$D_{ab}^{(1)}, D_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}$$

- the density matrix for the combined system in the absence of interaction between the two will be

$$D_{TOT} = D^{(1)} \otimes D^{(2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\alpha\alpha; \beta\beta}^{TOT} = D_{ab}^{(1)} D_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}$$

- if there is interaction between the two systems:

$$D_{\alpha\alpha; \beta\beta}^{TOT} \neq D_{ab}^{(1)} D_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)} \quad \text{in general}$$

but the dimensionality of

$D_{\alpha\beta}^{TOT}$  and  $D_{a1}^{(1)} \otimes D_{a2}^{(2)}$  is the same (8)

- the tensor-product basis of the two systems  
↳ a complete orthonormal basis for the  
combined system

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Suppose a system is coupled to a heat reservoir

$$S \rightarrow R \Rightarrow D^{(tot)}$$

in this case a useful quantity is the reduced  
density matrix

$$D^{(sys)} = \text{Tr}_R D^{(tot)}$$

$D^{(sys)}$  is obtained from  $D^{(tot)}$  by tracing out the  
degrees of freedom associated with the reser-  
voir

- if we have  $D_{\alpha\beta}^{(tot)}$

$$D_{ab}^{(sys)} = \sum_{\alpha} D_{\alpha\alpha; b\alpha}^{(tot)}$$

- consider an operator acting in the Hilbert  
space of the system only  $O_{ab}^{(sys)}$

the appropriate operator in the total Hilbert space is

$$O_{a\alpha; b\beta}^{(tot)} = O_{a\alpha}^{(sys)} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$O^{(tot)} = O^{(sys)} \otimes I^{(res)}$$

- the expectation value of  $O^{(tot)}$  can be written in terms of  $O^{(sys)}$  and the reduced density matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O \rangle &= \text{Tr} D^{(tot)} O^{(tot)} \\ &= \sum_{a\alpha} \sum_{b\beta} D_{a\alpha; b\beta}^{(tot)} O_{b\beta; a\alpha}^{(tot)} \\ &= \sum_{a\alpha} \sum_{b\beta} D_{a\alpha; b\beta}^{(tot)} O_{b\alpha}^{(sys)} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \\ &= \sum_{a\alpha} \sum_{b\alpha} D_{a\alpha; b\alpha}^{(tot)} O_{b\alpha}^{(sys)} \\ &= \sum_{ab} D_{ab}^{(sys)} O_{ba}^{(sys)} = \text{Tr}_{sys} D^{(sys)} O^{(sys)} \end{aligned}$$

in general there are reduced operators

$O = \text{Tr}_a O \Rightarrow$  in which part of the Hilbert space is traced out

# Statistical Entropy of a Mixed Quantum State (10)

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_n P_n |\psi_n\rangle\langle\psi_n| \Rightarrow |\psi_n\rangle \text{ has to be an orthonormal basis}$$

$$S_{\text{stat}}[\hat{\rho}] = -k \text{Tr} \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}$$

$$\text{in general: } \text{Tr} f(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \hat{\rho}^n \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \text{Tr} [\hat{\rho}^n]$$

$$\text{Tr} [\hat{\rho}^n] = \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_m P_m |\psi_m\rangle\langle\psi_m| \right] \dots \left[ \sum_{m_n} P_{m_n} |\psi_{m_n}\rangle\langle\psi_{m_n}| \right] \\ = \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_m P_m^n |\psi_m\rangle\langle\psi_m| \right] = \sum_m P_m^n$$

$$\text{Tr} f(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \sum_m P_m^n \\ = \sum_m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} P_m^n \\ = \sum_m f(P_m)$$

$$\text{Tr} f(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_m f(P_m) \text{ for an orthonormal basis}$$

basis

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$$-kT \text{Tr} \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} = -k \sum_m P_m \ln P_m = S[\hat{\rho}]$$

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entropy of a quantum statistical system

# additivity property

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$$D = D^{(a)} \otimes D^{(b)}$$

(a) and (b) are subsystems, non-interacting

~~is separable~~  $D_{\alpha\beta} = D_{\alpha a}^{(a)} D_{\alpha b}^{(b)}$

they can be diagonalized independently

$$D_{\alpha\beta} = D_{\alpha a}^{(a)} D_{\alpha b}^{(b)} = d_{\alpha a}^{(a)} d_{\alpha b}^{(b)}$$

~~$\text{Tr} D \ln D = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} D_{\alpha\beta}$~~

for a diagonal matrix  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\text{Tr} f(\vec{A}) =$

$$= \text{Tr} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} A^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \text{Tr} A^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \sum_i \lambda_i^n \quad \lambda_i - \text{eigenvalues of matrix}$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \lambda_i^n$$

$$= \sum_i f(\lambda_i)$$

$$\text{Tr} D \ln D = \sum_{\alpha\beta} D_{\alpha a}^{(a)} D_{\alpha b}^{(b)} \ln D_{\alpha a}^{(a)} D_{\alpha b}^{(b)}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha\beta} D_{\alpha a}^{(a)} D_{\alpha b}^{(b)} [\ln D_{\alpha a}^{(a)} + \ln D_{\alpha b}^{(b)}]$$

$$= \text{Tr} D^{(a)} \ln D^{(a)} + \text{Tr} D^{(b)} \ln D^{(b)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for noninteracting case  $S_{\text{tot}} = S^{(a)} + S^{(b)}$

$\Rightarrow$  in general  $S_{\text{tot}} \leq S^{(a)} + S^{(b)}$

# Time evolution of statistical entropy

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$$S = -k \text{Tr} \hat{D} \ln \hat{D}$$

in general  $\frac{d}{dt} \text{Tr} f(\hat{D}) = \text{Tr} \frac{df(\hat{D})}{dt}$

$$f(\hat{D}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \hat{D}^n$$

$$\frac{df(\hat{D})}{dt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \left[ \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} \hat{D}^{n-1} + \hat{D} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} \hat{D}^{n-2} + \dots \right]$$

$$\text{Tr} \frac{df(\hat{D})}{dt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \left[ \text{Tr} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} \hat{D}^{n-1} + \text{Tr} \hat{D} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} \hat{D}^{n-2} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{(n-1)!} \text{Tr} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} \hat{D}^{n-1}$$

cyclic invariance  
of trace

$$= \text{Tr} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{(n-1)!} \hat{D}^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= \text{Tr} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt} f'(\hat{D})$$

$$i\hbar \frac{dS}{dt} = -i\hbar k \text{Tr} (\ln \hat{D} + 1) \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt}$$

$$= -i\hbar k \text{Tr} \ln \hat{D} \frac{d\hat{D}}{dt}$$

$$= -k \text{Tr} \ln \hat{D} [\hat{D}, \hat{H}] = -k \text{Tr} \ln \hat{H} [\hat{D}, \ln \hat{D}]$$

$$= 0 \Rightarrow \text{Hamiltonian dynamics}$$