

# Lecture 16: Quantum Channels III

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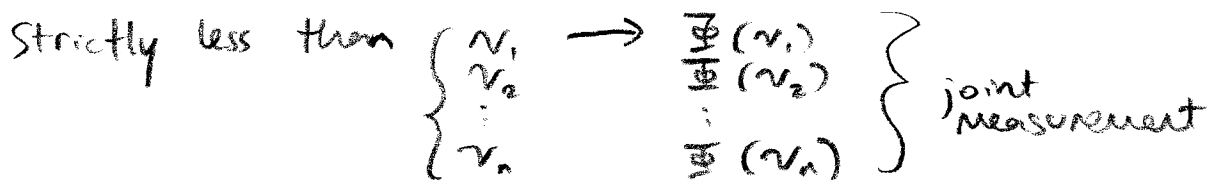
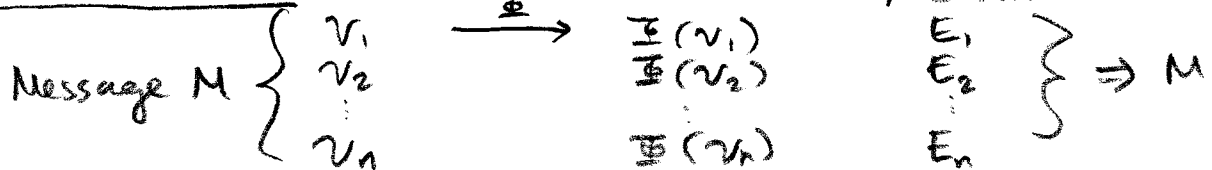
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Quantum channel  $\Phi$

Define  $\chi(\Phi) = \underbrace{H(\Phi(\sum p_i \rho_i))}_{\text{entropy of average output}} - \sum p_i H(\Phi(\rho_i))_{\text{average of output entropy}}$

Take max over all  $p_i, \rho_i$

Accessible info:



(max  $\chi$ )

$\chi > \text{A.I.}$  unless  $\Phi(\nu_i) \Phi(\nu_j) = \Phi(\nu_i) \Phi(\nu_j) \forall i, j$

Is it better to use entangled input? (open Q)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \frac{\chi(\Phi^{\otimes n})}{n} \geq \max \chi(\Phi)$$

Additivity Q (open Q): Is  $\max \chi(\Phi_1) + \max \chi(\Phi_2) \stackrel{?}{=} \max \chi(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2)$   
( $\leq$  easy to show) ( $\geq$  not known)

Equivalent Q to additivity of min entropy output

Is  $\min \mathcal{H}(\Phi(\rho))$  additive?

$$\min \mathcal{H}(\Phi) + \min \mathcal{H}(\Phi_2) \stackrel{?}{=} \min \mathcal{H}(\Phi \otimes \Phi_2)$$

( $\geq$  easy) ( $\leq$  unknown)

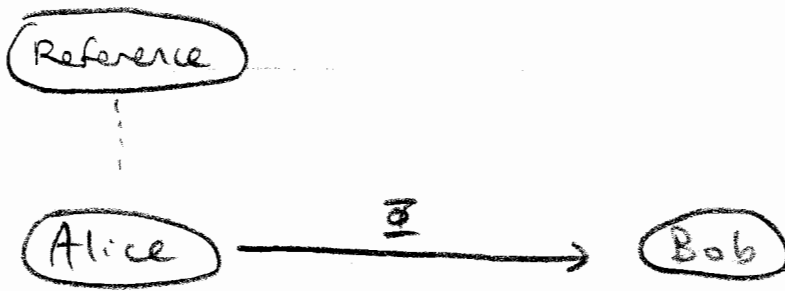
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What else might improve quantum capacity?

- Ideas:
- Classical feedback from Bob to Alice  
- yes, if additivity assumed
  - Entanglement pre-shared btwn Alice & Bob  
- yes (nice formula)

$$\begin{aligned} C_{op} &= \max_A \mathcal{H}(B) - \mathcal{H}(B|A) \xrightarrow{\text{generalize}} \chi \\ &= \max_A \mathcal{H}(B) + \mathcal{H}(B) - \mathcal{H}(A, B) \xrightarrow{\text{generalize}} \text{entanglement assisted capacity} \end{aligned}$$

(not equal in general)

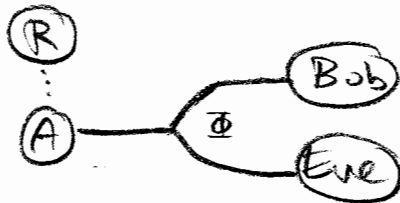


Alice inputs  $1/2$  of a pure entangled state btwn A & R  
 $\text{Tr}_R \Psi_\rho = \rho$

Entanglement-assisted capacity is:

$$\max_{\rho} H(\rho) + H(\Phi(\rho)) - H(\Phi \otimes \Phi(\Psi_\rho))$$

Say



$$H(\rho_{ABE}) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} E-A.C. &= H(\rho_R) + H(\rho_B) - H(\rho_{RB}) \\ &= H(\rho_R) + H(\rho_B) - H(\rho_E) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\rho = \mathbb{I}/2$  for qubits

Protocol: A & B have  $\infty$  supply of EPR pairs  
 A takes her half

Applies  $\text{id}, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$  w/prob  $1/4$  & sticks into channel

4 signed states:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\psi) \\ & \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\sigma_y \psi \sigma_y) \\ & \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\sigma_x \psi \sigma_x) \\ & \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\sigma_z \psi \sigma_z) \end{aligned}$$

Apply HSW Thm:

$$b \in \{x, y, z, id\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gives } \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{4} \sum \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\sigma_b \psi \sigma_b) \right) &= \frac{1}{4} \sum \mathcal{H} (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\sigma_b \psi \sigma_b)) \\ &= \mathcal{H} (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} (\mathbb{I}/2 \otimes \mathbb{I}/2)) = \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{I}(\rho)) + \mathcal{H}(\rho) \end{aligned}$$

Proved for  $\rho = P/k$  ( $P = \text{projection}$ )

But suppose  $P$  not a projection matrix?

Use result for  $\mathbb{I}^{\otimes n}$  &  $\rho = \Pi_{T_{\rho}^{\otimes n}}$

(where  $\Pi_{T_{\rho}^{\otimes n}}$  = projection matrix onto typical subspace)

Need  $\mathcal{H} (\mathbb{I}^{\otimes n} (T_{\rho}^{\otimes n})) \approx n \mathcal{H} (\mathbb{I}(\rho))$  (Provable)

# Quantum Capacity of Channel

$$|\phi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{unitary}} |v\rangle \xrightarrow{\Phi^{\otimes n}} \Phi^{\otimes n} (|v\rangle \otimes |v\rangle)$$

$\mathbb{C}^{2^{\otimes d}}$                        $\mathbb{C}^{2^{\otimes n}}$

Bob decodes to get  $\rho \in \mathbb{C}^{2^{\otimes d}}$

Want  $\langle \phi | \rho | \phi \rangle = 1 - \epsilon$

- { for average  $|\phi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{2^{\otimes d}}$
  - or for worst-case  $|\phi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{2^{\otimes d}}$
  - or for  $|\phi\rangle$  maximally entangled b/w  $\mathbb{C}^{2^{\otimes d}}$  &  $\mathbb{R}^?$
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some reference system

Which is right def? All.

Coherent information:

$$\max_{\rho} I_c = \max_{\rho} \mathcal{H}(\Phi(\rho)) - \mathcal{H}(\Phi \otimes I(\Psi_{\rho}))$$

Proof sketch: Choose random subspace of  $T_{\rho}^{\otimes n}$  of right dim to achieve  $I_c$

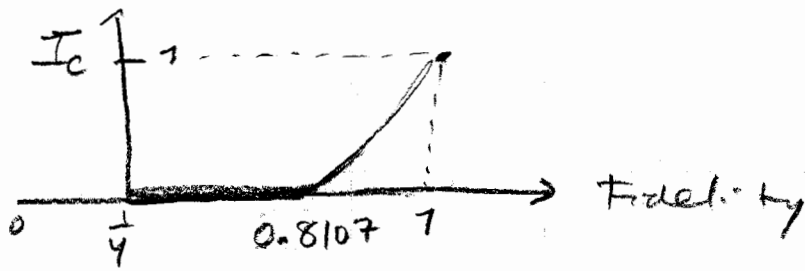


$$\mathcal{Q} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \max_{\rho} I_c(\Phi^{\otimes n})$$

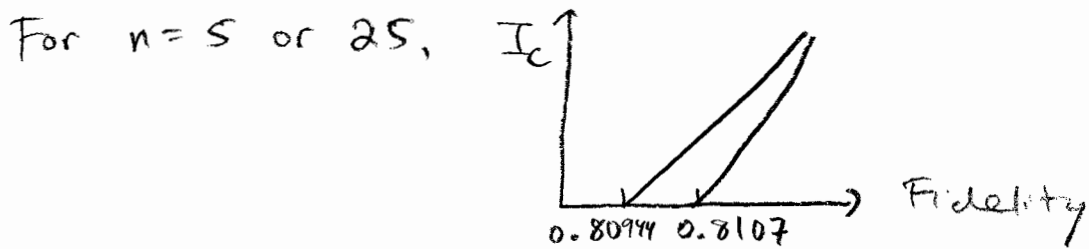
Sometimes we need limit



For depolarizing channel,



maximized when  $\rho = I/2$



What is improvement?

$$\text{Use } n=3 \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2} (|000\rangle\langle 000| + |111\rangle\langle 111|)$$

(coding subspace of 3-repetition code)

Can do better using 5-repetition code  
 (But do worse using 7-repetition code)  
 Can do even better using coding subspace of 9-qubit code  
 or w/ 25-qubit Shor-Bacon code  
 though gets really hard (impossible?) to compute

Consider noisy channel  $\Phi$

- Want to:
- a) send quantum bits
  - b) send classical bits
  - c) use entanglement
  - d) use classical communication etc

Suppose we have  $\Phi$ .

Want to send  $\alpha n$  qubits

$\beta n$  cbits

using  $\gamma n$  entanglements (Nat)

What is min # of  $\Phi$ ?  $\delta n + o(n)$

Resources:

- $[c \rightarrow c]$  one classical bit transmitted
- $[q \rightarrow q]$  one quantum bit transmitted
- $[qq]$  EPR pair

Teleportation:  $2[c \rightarrow c] + [qq] = [q \rightarrow q]$

Super-dense coding:  $[q \rightarrow q] + [qq] \geq 2[c \rightarrow c]$   
 $[q \rightarrow q] \geq [qq]$

HSW Thm:  $\langle \Phi : \rho^A \rangle \geq \chi(\Phi : \rho^A) \cdot [c \rightarrow c]$   
quantum channel + Alice's input

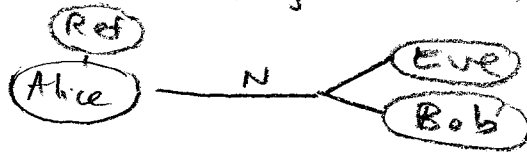
# Father Protocol:

Noisy channel

$$\langle N \rangle + \frac{1}{2} I(R, E) [qq] \geq \frac{1}{2} I(R, E) [q \rightarrow q]$$

where  $I$  = quantum mutual info

$$I(x:y) = \mathcal{H}(x) + \mathcal{H}(y) - \mathcal{H}(xy)$$



$$\mathcal{H}(R) [qq] + \langle N \rangle = \frac{1}{2} I(R, B) [qq] + \frac{1}{2} I(R, E) [qq] + \langle N \rangle$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} I(R, B) [qq] + \frac{1}{2} I(R, B) [q \rightarrow q]$$

$$\geq I(R, B) [c \rightarrow c]$$

entanglement

$$\langle \rho \rangle + \frac{1}{2} I(A, E) [q \rightarrow q] \geq \frac{1}{2} I(A, B) [qq]$$

entanglement