

Maps on density operators preserving quantum f -divergences

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Quantum f -divergences:

- introduced by Petz, Hiai, Mosonyi and Bény
- correspond to classical f -divergences
- measure the distance between quantum states (or density operators)

H : finite dimensional complex Hilbert space

- $B(H)$: linear operators on H ;
- $B(H)^+$: positive operators on H ;
- $S(H)$: positive operators on H with trace 1, density operators;
- $P_1(H)$: rank-one projections on H ;

Classical f -divergence

Let $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function and let $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$; $Q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$ be probability distributions. Then,

$$D_f(P||Q) = \sum_{\{i:q_i \neq 0\}} q_i f\left(\frac{p_i}{q_i}\right) + \alpha \sum_{\{i:q_i=0\}} p_i,$$

where $\alpha = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x}$.

Quantum f -divergence

If $A, B \in B(H)^+$ are given by $A = \sum_{a \in \sigma(A)} a P_a$; $B = \sum_{b \in \sigma(B)} b Q_b$, then

$$S_f(A||B) = \sum_{a \in \sigma(A)} \left(\sum_{b \in \sigma(B) \setminus \{0\}} b f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \text{tr} P_a Q_b + \alpha a \text{tr} P_a Q_0 \right).$$

The convenient $0 \cdot (-\infty) = 0 \cdot \infty = 0$ is used.

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- ③ If $f(x) = (\sqrt{x} - 1)^2$ ($x \geq 0$), then $S_f(A\|B) = \|\sqrt{A} - \sqrt{B}\|_{\text{HS}}^2$, where $\|\cdot\|_{\text{HS}}$ stands for the Hilbert-Schmidt norm.

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- this result holds true also in the case when the surjectivity of transformations is not assumed;
- L. Molnár and G. Nagy have determined the general form of the maps on density operators preserving other kinds of relative entropies.

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Relation with Wigner's fundamental theorem

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- Every map of the form $P \mapsto UPU^*$ ($P \in P_1(H)$) where $U: H \rightarrow H$ is a unitary or an antiunitary operator is a symmetry transformation;
 - **Wigner's theorem**: the reverse statement is also true;
 - There is a non-surjective version of the theorem of Wigner.

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The previously mentioned functions

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satisfy the conditions of the theorem.

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