

Representations of Q channels. LN 2011 Sec 5.2-5.3, book 2.2.2

① Recall $T(X, Y) = L(L(X), L(Y))$

② Def (linear rep):

Let $\{A_a\}$ be on basis for $L(X)$, $a \in \Sigma_1$
 $\{B_b\}$... $L(Y)$, $b \in \Sigma_2$

Then $\forall \Phi \in T(X, Y)$, $\exists!$ matrix rep in $M_{\Sigma_2 \times \Sigma_1}$.

eg. Qubit depolarizing channel $\Phi(\rho) = \frac{\mathbb{I}}{2} \forall \rho \in D(X)$.

$$\{A_a\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \\ \mathbb{I}, x, y, z \end{matrix} \right\} = \{B_b\}$$

$$\text{Matrix rep} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\Phi(\mathbb{I}) = \mathbb{I}, \Phi(\sigma_i) = 0 \quad \forall i=1,2,3).$$

③ Def (Natural rep):

$\forall \Phi \in T(X, Y)$, $\underline{K(\Phi)} \in L(X \otimes X, Y \otimes Y)$ satisfies:

$$\forall A \in L(X), \quad K(\Phi) \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(\Phi(A)).$$

NB This uses standard bases $\{e_a\} \subseteq X$, $\{e_b\} \subseteq Y$ & vec to pick bases for $L(X)$ and $L(Y)$ for the lin rep in ②.

④ Def (Choi-rep):

Let $\beta = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} e_a \otimes e_a$, $X = \mathbb{C}^\Gamma$.

$$\forall \Phi \in T(X, Y), \quad \underline{J(\Phi)} = \Phi \otimes I_X (\beta \beta^*) \in L(Y \otimes X, Y \otimes X)$$

$$\text{Fact: } J(\Phi) = \sum_{a, b \in \Gamma} \Phi(e_a e_b^*) \otimes e_a e_b^*$$

Def = Choi-rank of $\Phi = \text{rank}(J(\Phi))$

Observations:

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(i) $\Phi \mapsto K(\Phi)$ linear, injective, surjective.

(ii) $\Phi \mapsto J(\Phi)$ linear.

To see it is injective, if $J(\Phi_1) = J(\Phi_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \parallel \\ & \sum_{a,b} \Phi_1(|a\rangle\langle b|) \otimes |a\rangle\langle b| = \sum_{a,b} \Phi_2(|a\rangle\langle b|) \otimes |a\rangle\langle b| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \forall a,b \quad \Phi_1(|a\rangle\langle b|) = \Phi_2(|a\rangle\langle b|)$$

$$\therefore \Phi_1 = \Phi_2.$$

Will see J is surjective later.

(iii) K, J are called "unique" representations

It means K, J are well-defined functions

(iv) Obtaining Φ from $J(\Phi)$:

$$\forall A \in L(X), \text{ let } A = \sum_{a,b} A(a,b) |a\rangle\langle b|, \quad \Phi(A) = \sum_{a,b} A(a,b) \Phi(|a\rangle\langle b|)$$

$$\text{Compared with } J(\Phi) = \sum_{a,b} \Phi(|a\rangle\langle b|) \otimes |a\rangle\langle b|$$

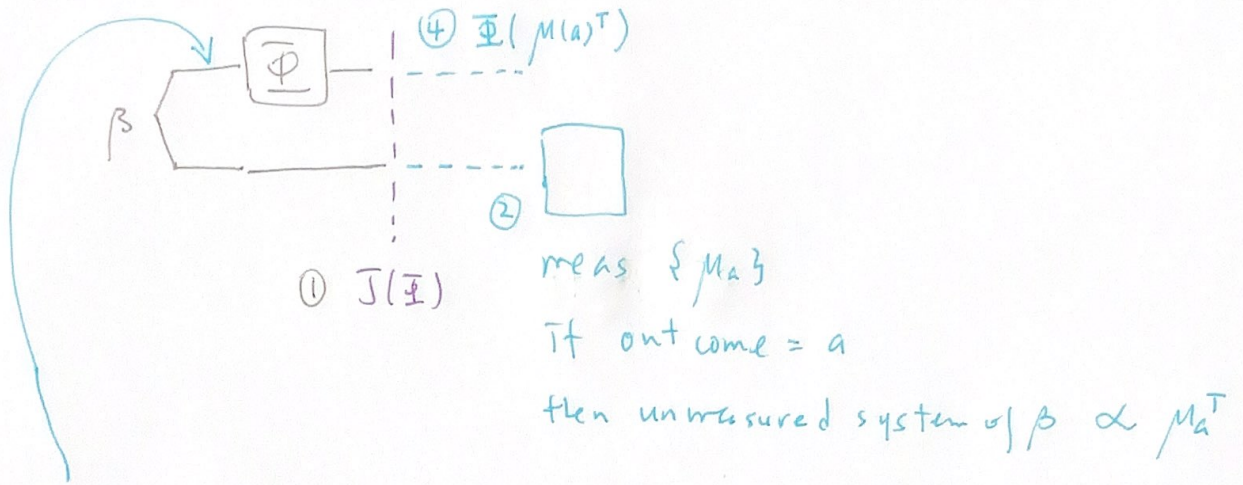
$$\text{tr}_X \left[\mathbb{I}_Y \otimes |b'\rangle\langle a'| A(a',b') \right] J(\Phi) = \Phi(|a'\rangle\langle b'|) A(a',b')$$

Sum a', b' :

$$\text{tr}_X \left(\mathbb{I}_Y \otimes A^T \right) J(\Phi) = \Phi(A)$$

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Alternative derivation $J(\Xi) \rightarrow \Xi$:



③ $M(a)^T$ if outcome = a

$$\therefore \text{tr}_X (\mathbb{1}_Y \otimes M(a)) J(\Xi) = \Xi(M(a)^T).$$

By linearity of transpose & above equation
can replace $M(a)^T$ by any $A \in L(X)$.

(2) 4 reps for $\Phi \in T(X, Y)$

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Prop 5.2: Let $\Phi \in T(X, Y)$, Γ finite non-empty set

$\{A_a : a \in \Gamma\}, \{\bar{B}_a : a \in \Gamma\} \subseteq L(X, Y)$. Then:

$$(i) \quad K(\Phi) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a \otimes \bar{B}_a$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (ii) \quad J(\Phi) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} \text{vec}(A_a) \text{vec}(B_a)^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (iii) \quad \Phi(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M B_a^* \quad (\text{Kraus rep})$$

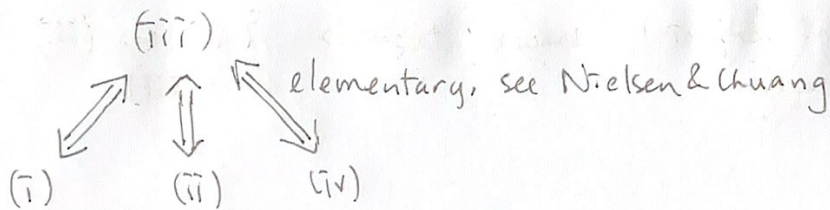
$$\Leftrightarrow (iv) \quad \Phi(M) = \text{Tr}_Z (A X B^*) \quad \text{for } Z = \mathbb{C}^\Gamma$$

(stinespring rep)

$$A = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a \otimes e_a \in L(X, Y \otimes Z)$$

$$B = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} B_a \otimes e_a \in \quad "$$

Pf:



$$(iii) \Rightarrow (i): \quad \Phi(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M B_a^*$$

$$\text{(vec bijection)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{vec}(\Phi(M)) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} \text{vec}(A_a M B_a^*) \quad (\text{vec lin !})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{vec}(\Phi(M)) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} (A_a \otimes \bar{B}_a) \text{vec}(M) \quad (A1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow K(\Phi) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a \otimes \bar{B}_a \quad (\text{need uniqueness of } K)$$

$$(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$$

Recall. $\text{vec}(M) = (M \otimes \mathbb{1}_x) \beta$.

Given (ii), $J(\Phi) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} \text{vec}(A_a) \text{vec}(B_a)^*$ ⊕

$= \sum_{a \in \Gamma} (A_a \otimes \mathbb{1}_x) \beta \beta^* (B_a^* \otimes \mathbb{1}_x)$ ⊕

$= \bar{\Psi} \otimes I_x (\beta \beta^*)$ where $\bar{\Psi}(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M B_a^*$.

$= J(\bar{\Psi})$ $\because J$ injective $\therefore \Phi = \bar{\Psi}$.

$\therefore (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$

Given (iii), with $\bar{\Psi}(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M B_a^*$

$J(\Phi) = \bar{\Psi} \otimes I_x (\beta \beta^*) = \oplus = \oplus \therefore (ii) \text{ holds.}$

③ Observations:

(i) J is surjective.

For any $H \in L(Y \otimes X, Y \otimes X)$

$r = \text{rank}(H)$

Take SVD $H = \sum_{i=1}^r s_i a_i b_i^*$, $a_i, b_i \in X \otimes Y$

Recall that $a_i = \text{vec}(A_i)$ for some $A_i \in L(X, Y)$

$b_i = \text{vec}(B_i)$ for some $B_i \in L(X, Y)$

$\therefore H = \sum_{i=1}^r \text{vec}(s_i A_i) \text{vec}(B_i)^* = J(\bar{\Psi})$

for some $\bar{\Psi}$.

(ii) Likewise, the Grams rep & Stinespring rep each covers all of $T(X, Y)$.

④ Sec 5.3.1: Characterizations of completely positive lin maps ⑥

Recall: $\Phi \in T(X, Y)$ is said to be positive if " $P \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Phi(P) \geq 0$ ";

Φ is completely positive (CP) $\Phi \otimes I_Z$ is positive for all CES Z .

Thm 5.3: $\forall \Phi \in T(X, Y)$, TFAE (the following are equiv).

① Φ CP

② $\Phi \otimes I_X$ positive

③ $J(\Phi) \in \text{Pos}(Y \otimes X)$

④ $\forall M \in L(X), \Phi(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M A_a^*$

for some finite Γ and $\{A_a: a \in \Gamma\} \subseteq L(X, Y)$

⑤ ④ holds for $|\Gamma| = \text{rank}(J(\Phi))$

⑥ $\forall M \in L(X), \Phi(M) = \text{tr}_Z A M A^*$

for some CES Z and $A \in L(X, Y \otimes Z)$

⑦ ⑥ holds for $\dim(Z) = \text{rank}(J(\Phi))$

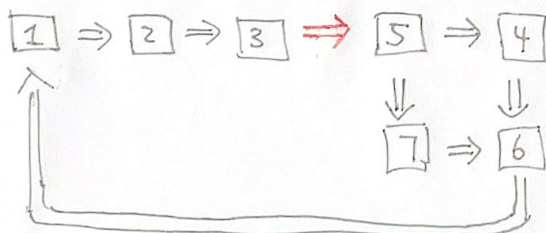


T Γ means

$\exists (Z \subseteq Z, \exists A \in L(X, Y \otimes Z))$

s.t. $\forall M \in L(X), \Phi(M) = \text{tr}_Z A M A^*$

Pf structure:



1 ⇒ 2: definition of CP

2 ⇒ 3: $\beta\beta^* \geq 0$, $\Phi \otimes I$ positive $\therefore \underbrace{\Phi \otimes I(\beta\beta^*)}_{\substack{|| \\ J(\Phi)}} \geq 0$

3 ⇒ 5 $J(\Phi) \in \text{Pos}(Y \otimes X)$

Similar to (i) ⇒ (ii) in prop 5.2.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore J(\Phi) &= \sum_{i=1}^r U_i U_i^* \lambda_i \quad (\text{spectral decomp, } U_i \in Y \otimes X, \lambda_i > 0) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r \text{vec}(A_i) \text{vec}(A_i)^*, \quad U_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}} \text{vec}(A_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r (A_i \otimes I_X) \beta \beta^* (A_i \otimes I_X)^* \\ &= \Phi \otimes I_X (\beta \beta^*). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing last 2 lines, $\Phi(M) = \sum_{i=1}^{\text{rank}(J(\Phi))} A_i M A_i^*$.

5 ⇒ 4

7 ⇒ 6: immediate.

4 ⇒ 6: take $A = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a \otimes e_a$, $Z = \mathbb{C}^\Gamma$

5 ⇒ 7:

6 ⇒ 1: $\Phi_1(M) = A M A^*$ CP.

$\Phi_2(M) = \text{tr}_Z(M)$ CP.

$\Phi = \Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1 = \text{tr}_Z(A M A^*)$ CP.

⑤ Sec 5.3.2 (TP) (TP) (TP)
Characterization of trace preserving linear maps

Def: $\Phi \in T(X, Y)$ is unital if $\Phi(\mathbb{1}_X) = \mathbb{1}_Y$.

Thm 5.4 $\forall \Phi \in T(X, Y)$, TFAE

1 Φ TP

2 Φ^* unital

3 $\text{Tr}_Y(\mathcal{J}(\Phi)) = \mathbb{1}_X$

4 $\exists \Gamma, \{A_a: a \in \Gamma\}, \{B_a: a \in \Gamma\} \subseteq L(X, Y)$

s.t. $\sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a^* B_a = \mathbb{1}_X$

$$\Phi(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M B_a^*$$

5 All Kraus reps satisfy $\sum A_a^* B_a = \mathbb{1}_X$.

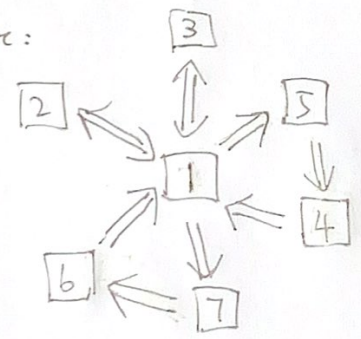
6 $\exists A, B \in L(X, Y \otimes Z)$

s.t. $A^* B = \mathbb{1}_X$

$$\Phi(M) = \text{tr}_Z(A M B^*)$$

7 All Stinespring rep satisfy $A^* B = \mathbb{1}_X$.

Pf structure:



Pf: Lemma: If $N \in L(X)$ satisfies " $\forall M \in L(X), \text{tr } NM = \text{tr } M$ " (9)

Then $N = \mathbb{1}_X$.

Pf(Lemma): express $N = \sum_a C_a W_a$ where $\{W_a\}_a =$ set of Weyl operators. $W_0 = \mathbb{1}_X$

To prove $N = \mathbb{1}_X$ by contradiction, suppose $N \neq \mathbb{1}_X$.

\therefore either (i) $\exists a \neq 0$ s.t. $C_a \neq 0$; or $C_a = 0$

or (ii) $\forall a \neq 0, C_a = 0$ and $C_0 \neq 1$.

If (i), take $M = W_a^*$. $\text{tr } M = 0$

then, $\text{tr } M = 0 = \text{tr } MN = C_a \dim(X)$

$\therefore C_a = 0$ contradiction.

If (ii) $N = C_0 \mathbb{1}_X$. let $M = \mathbb{1}_X$.

$\text{tr } M = \dim X$

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$\text{tr } NM = \text{tr } C_0 \mathbb{1}_X = C_0 \dim X$

$\therefore C_0 = 1$ contradiction.

Thinking more, the lemma must be immediate by the def of the dual space.

$$\text{tr } NM = \langle N^*, M \rangle = \langle \mathbb{1}_X, M \rangle \quad \forall M \quad \Rightarrow \quad N^* = \mathbb{1}_X$$

Pf (Thm 5.4)

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(i) We first prove the $\boxed{1} \Rightarrow \boxed{5} \Rightarrow \boxed{4}$ cycle.

Let $\Phi(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M B_a^*$ be any Kraus map.

$$\text{tr}(\Phi(M)) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} \text{tr}(A_a M B_a^*) \quad (\text{tr linear})$$

$$= \sum_{a \in \Gamma} \text{tr}(B_a^* A_a M) \quad (\text{tr cyclic})$$

$$= \text{tr} \left[\left(\sum_{a \in \Gamma} B_a^* A_a \right) \cdot M \right] \quad (\text{tr linear})$$

(*)

Given $\boxed{1}$, Φ TP $\therefore \forall M \text{ tr}(M) = \text{tr}(\Phi(M))$.

By lemma, $\sum_{a \in \Gamma} B_a^* A_a = \mathbb{1}_X$.

$\boxed{5} \Rightarrow \boxed{4}$ immediate.

Given $\boxed{4}$, apply (*) to that Kraus rep, replace $\sum_{a \in \Gamma} B_a^* A_a$ by $\mathbb{1}_X$ in the end and get $\text{tr} M$

$\therefore \Phi$ TP.

useful!!

Lemma: $\forall A \in L(X), N \in L(Y \otimes X)$

$$\text{tr}_Y (\mathbb{1}_Y \otimes A) N = A \cdot \text{tr}_Y N.$$

Pf: Check on a basis for A & a basis for N .

$$A = |a\rangle\langle b|, \quad |a\rangle, |b\rangle \in X$$

$$N = |c\rangle\langle d| \otimes |a'\rangle\langle b'|$$

$$|c\rangle, |d\rangle \in Y, \quad |a'\rangle, |b'\rangle \in X$$

(iv) For $\boxed{1} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{2}$:use $\Phi \in T(X, Y) = L(L(X), L(Y))$

$$\forall A \in L(X), B \in L(Y), \quad \langle B, \Phi(A) \rangle = \langle \Phi^*(B), A \rangle$$

Take $B = \mathbb{1}_Y$,

$$\| \text{tr } \Phi(A)$$

$$\| \text{tr } (\Phi^*(\mathbb{1}_Y))^* A$$

$$\boxed{1} \Leftrightarrow \text{LHS} = \text{tr } A \Leftrightarrow (\Phi^*(\mathbb{1}_Y))^* = \mathbb{1}_X \Leftrightarrow \Phi^*(\mathbb{1}_Y) = \mathbb{1}_X$$

for all A by lemma

 \Uparrow Φ^* unital $\boxed{2}$

(b) Sec 5.3.3 Characterization of Q channels.

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Def $\mathcal{C}(X, Y) =$ set of all Q channels from X to Y .

ie $\mathcal{C}(X, Y) = \{ \Phi \in \mathcal{T}(X, Y) : \Phi \text{ TP \& CP} \}$.

Cor 5.5: Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{T}(X, Y)$. TFAE:

[1] $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$

[2] $J(\Phi) \in \text{Pos}(Y \otimes X)$ and $\text{tr}_Y(J(\Phi)) = \mathbb{1}_X$

[3] \exists finite Γ , $\{A_a : a \in \Gamma\} \subseteq L(X, Y)$

s.t. $\Phi(M) = \sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a M A_a^*$ and $\sum_{a \in \Gamma} A_a^* A_a = \mathbb{1}_X$



this hold $\forall M \in L(X)$

implicit in defined Φ

as a function of M

[4] [3] holds for some Γ with $|\Gamma| = \text{rank}(J(\Phi))$.

[5] \exists CES Z , isometry $A \in \mathcal{U}(X, Y \otimes Z)$

s.t. $\Phi(M) = \text{Tr}_Z A M A^*$

[6] [5] holds for $Z = \mathbb{C}^{\text{rank}(J(\Phi))}$.