Asymptotic Quantum State Discrimination

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Dynamics and Quantum Maps
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$$\mathcal{E}_t\left(\sum_i p_i \hat{\rho}_i\right) = \sum_i p_i \mathcal{E}_t(\hat{\rho}_i)$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)
**Definition 2.4 (Quantum map (continued))**

- A3: $\mathcal{E}_t$ is a *completely positive* map. i.e., if $\mathcal{E}_t$ maps density operators of $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}_1)$ to density operators of $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}_2)$, then $\mathcal{E}_t(\hat{A})$ must be positive for any positive operator $\hat{A}$. Furthermore, let $\mathcal{H}_3$ a third arbitrary Hilbert space. It must then be true that $(I \otimes \mathcal{E}_t)(\hat{A})$ is positive for any positive operator $\hat{A} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_3)$ where $I$ is the identity map on $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)$.

- When a quantum map preserves trace we call it a *quantum channel*.
Example 2.1 (Unitary Quantum Maps)

Let $\hat{B}$ be some self-adjoint operator acting in $\mathcal{H}$. Then the map $U_t$ defined as follows a unitary quantum map. (A quantum Channel as a matter of fact!)

$$U_t(\hat{\rho}) := e^{-it\hat{B}} \hat{\rho} e^{it\hat{B}}$$

(2)
Theorem 2.1 (Quantum Channel Representation, W. F. Stinespring (1955), M.-D. Choi (1975))

A trace-preserving map $\mathcal{E}_t$ is a quantum channel (i.e. trace-preserving) if and only if

$$\mathcal{E}_t(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_i \hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger,$$

for some set of operators $\{\hat{M}_i\}_i$ which map the input Hilbert to the output Hilbert space, and $\sum_i \hat{M}_i^\dagger \hat{M}_i = \mathbb{1}$.
**Definition 2.5 (POVM)**

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The POVM may consist of an uncountable set of semi-definite operators as well. In such a case the analogous set of operators, e.g. $\hat{M}_x$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}$) must meet the same constraint. i.e.

$$\int \hat{M}_x\dagger\hat{M}_x dx = \mathbb{I}_\mathcal{H}$$

(5)
Quantum Measurement
**Definition 3.1 (Quantum Measurement)**

Let \( \{\hat{M}_i^\dagger \hat{M}_i\}_i \) be a POVM \( \hat{B}(\mathcal{H}) \) and \( \hat{\rho} \) some state. Given a quantum system in state \( \hat{\rho} \), the theory of quantum probability treats \( \hat{M}_i^\dagger \hat{M}_i \) as events, while the traces \( p_i := Tr\{\hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger \hat{M}_i\} \) are postulated to be the probabilities of the \( i \) the event occurring after conducting a measurement on the system. The operators \( \hat{M}_i \) are known as measurement operators.
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\[
\frac{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger}{\text{Tr}\{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger\}}
\]
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Given that \( p_i = \text{Tr}\{\hat{E}_i \hat{\rho}\} \), the unread state of the system is

\[
\sum_i p_i \frac{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger}{\text{Tr}\{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger\}} = \sum_i \text{Tr}\{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger\} \frac{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger}{\text{Tr}\{\hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger\}} = \sum_i \hat{M}_i \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_i^\dagger(A \text{ Quantum Map!})
\]

(8)
Quantum State Discrimination
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**Definition 4.1 (QSD)**

Given a mixed state

\[ \hat{\rho} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i \hat{\rho}_i \]  \hspace{1cm} (10)

where \( \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i = 1 \), the theory of QSD aims to find a POVM \( \{\hat{E}_l\}_{l=1}^{K} \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \) ( \( K \geq N \), \( \hat{E}_l = \hat{M}_l^\dagger \hat{M}_l \) ) which minimizes the objective function

\[ p_E\left\{\{p_i, \hat{\rho}_i\}_{i=1}^{N}, \{\hat{M}_l\}_{l=1}^{K}\right\} := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i \text{Tr}\{\hat{M}_l \hat{\rho}_i \hat{M}_l^\dagger}\]  \hspace{1cm} (11)

(See "Quantum State Discrimination and its Applications" by Joonwoo Bae for an overview)
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When is Asymptotic QSD

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \min_{\text{POVM}} p_E \{ \{ p_i, \hat{\rho}_i \}_{i=1}^N, \{ \hat{M}_l \}_{l=1}^K \} = 0??$$
Some important results in QSD

**Theorem 4.1 (D. Qiu and L. Li Bound (2008))**

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\min_{POVM} p_E \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2(N-1)} \sum_{i} \sum_{j: j \neq i} \left\| p_i \hat{\rho}_i - p_j \hat{\rho}_j \right\|_1 \right) \tag{12}
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Theorem 4.7 (D. Qiu and L. Li Bound (2008))

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Theorem 4.9 (E. Knill and H. Barnum (2002))

$$\min_{POVM} p_E \leq \sum_i \sum_{j:j\neq i} \sqrt{p_i p_j} \left\| \sqrt{\hat{\rho}_i} \sqrt{\hat{\rho}_j} \right\|_1 \quad (14)$$
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**Definition 5.1 (Asymptotic Quantum State Discrimination (AQSD))**

Given a mixture $\sum_i \mathcal{E}_{i,t}(\hat{\rho})$, AQSD is the problem of computing/estimating $\lim_{t \to \min} \text{PVM} \{\{p_i, \hat{\rho}_i\}_{i=1}^N, \{\hat{M}_l\}_{l=1}^K\}$.
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**Definition 5.4 (The AQSD Full Solvability Problem)**

Given a mixture $\sum_i \mathcal{E}_{i,t}(\hat{\rho})$, what are necessary and sufficient conditions for $\lim_{t \to \text{min}} \min_{POVM} p_E \{ \{ p_i, \hat{\rho}_i \}_{i=1}^N, \{ \hat{M}_l \}_{l=1}^K \} = 0$ to occur (fully solvable)?
Let us specialize to the following mixture.

**Calculation 5.1 (Bounding)**

\[
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\[
\sum_i \sum_{j:j \neq i} p_i p_j \left\| \sqrt{e^{-itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_{\psi} e^{itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}}} \sqrt{e^{-itx_j} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_{\psi} e^{itx_j} \hat{\mathcal{B}}} \right\|_1^2 \leq
\]

(16)

\[
p_E \left\{ \{ p_i, e^{-itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_{\psi} e^{itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \}_i \right\}_{i=1}^{N}, \left\{ \mathcal{M}_l \right\}_{l=1}^{K} \leq
\]

(17)

\[
\leq \sum_i \sum_{j:j \neq i} \sqrt{p_i p_j} \left\| \sqrt{e^{-itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_{\psi} e^{itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}}} \sqrt{e^{-itx_j} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_{\psi} e^{itx_j} \hat{\mathcal{B}}} \right\|_1
\]

(18)
**Calculation 5.4 (Bounding)**

\[
\sum_{i} \sum_{j:j \neq i} p_i p_j | \langle \psi, e^{-it(x_i - x_j)\hat{B}} \psi \rangle |^2 \leq \tag{19}
\]

\[
p_E \{ \{ p_i, e^{-itx_i\hat{B}} \hat{\rho}_\psi e^{itx_i\hat{B}} \}^N_{i=1}, \{ \hat{M}_l \}^K_{l=1} \} \leq \tag{20}
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\leq \sum_i \sum_{j: j \neq i} \sqrt{p_i p_j} \left| \langle \psi, e^{-it(x_i-x_j)\hat{B}} \psi \rangle \right| (21)
\]

When do we have

\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \left| \langle \psi, e^{-it(x_i-x_j)\hat{B}} \psi \rangle \right| = 0 ?? (22)
\]
A finite Borel probability measure $\mu$ on $\mathbb{R}$ is called a Rajchman measure if it satisfies

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \hat{\mu}(t) = 0 \quad (23)$$

where $\hat{\mu}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{2i\pi tx} d\mu(x)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. 
**Theorem 5.1 (Rajchman Subspace)**

Let $\hat{A}$ be a self-adjoint operator acting on some arbitrary Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$, then the set of vectors in $\mathcal{H}$ for which the spectral measure is a Rajchman measure, i.e.

$$\mathcal{H}_{rc} := \{ \epsilon \mid \lim_{t \to \infty} \langle \psi, e^{-it\hat{A}} \psi \rangle = 0 \},$$

is a closed subspace which is invariant under $e^{-is\hat{A}}$. ($\mathcal{H}_{rc} \subset \mathcal{H}_c$)
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Note, $\langle \psi, e^{-it\hat{A}} \psi \rangle = \langle \psi, \int e^{-it\lambda} d\hat{E}_\lambda \psi \rangle = \int e^{-it\lambda} d\langle \psi, \hat{E}_\lambda \psi \rangle = \int e^{-i\lambda t} d\| \hat{E}_\lambda \psi \|^2$. $\| \hat{E}_\lambda \psi \|^2$ is a Rajchman measure.
**Proposition 5.1**

Consider the model described in this section by the states (19). \( \psi \in \mathcal{H}_{rc} \) corresponding to \( \hat{\mathcal{B}} \) iff

\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \min_{POVM} p_E \left\{ \{ p_i, \ e^{-it \xi_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_\psi e^{it \xi_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \}^N_{i=1}, \{ \hat{\mathcal{M}}_l \}^K_{l=1} \right\} = 0
\]  
(25)
More General Results
**Theorem 6.1**

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. Let $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$ be a self-adjoint operator acting in $\mathcal{H}$ with a non-empty Rajchman subspace. Furthermore, let $\hat{\rho}_i := \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \eta_{ij} \rho_{ij}$ be finite mixtures in $S(\mathcal{H})$ for each $i$. Then,

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \min_{POVM} p_E \left\{ \left\{ p_i, e^{-it x_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_i e^{it x_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \right\}_{i=1}^{N}, \left\{ \hat{M}_l \right\}_{l=1}^{K} \right\} = 0 \quad (26)$$

iff all of the $\phi_{ij} \in \mathcal{H}_{rc}$ of $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$. 
**Conjecture 6.1 (Conjecture)**

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. Let $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$ be a self-adjoint operator acting in $\mathcal{H}$ with a non-empty Rajchman subspace. Furthermore, let $\hat{\rho}_i$ be an arbitrary mixture in $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H})$ for all $i$. Then,

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \min_{\text{POVM}} p_E \left\{ \{ p_i, e^{-itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \hat{\rho}_i e^{itx_i} \hat{\mathcal{B}} \}^n_{i=1}, \{ \hat{\mathcal{M}}_l \}^K_{l=1} \right\} = 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (27)

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So far we have the $\rightarrow$ direction.