

Quantum versions of the classical randomization criterion

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Classical statistical experiments and randomizations

- ▶ Statistical experiment:

$$\mathcal{E} = (X, \{p_1, \dots, p_n\})$$

probability distributions over a finite set X

- ▶ Randomization of \mathcal{E} : let $\mu : X \times Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a Markov kernel,

$$\mu(\mathcal{E}) := (Y, \{\mu(p_1), \dots, \mu(p_n)\})$$

- ▶ Suppose $\mathcal{F} = (Y, \{q_1, \dots, q_n\})$, is it a randomization of \mathcal{E} ?
- ▶ How far is \mathcal{F} from a randomization of \mathcal{E} ?

$$\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = \inf_{\mu} \sup_i \|\mu(p_i) - q_i\|_1$$

- ▶ Le Cam distance

$$\Delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = \max\{\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}), \delta(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E})\}$$

Statistical decision problems

Decision problem: (\mathcal{E}, D, w) ,

- ▶ \mathcal{E} is an experiment
- ▶ D is a finite set of decisions
- ▶ $w : \{1, \dots, n\} \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ loss function
- ▶ (D, w) - (classical) decision space

Decision rule: a Markov kernel $\mu : X \times D \rightarrow [0, 1]$,

$\mu(x, d)$ - probability of choosing d if x was observed

Risk of μ at i :

$$R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, w, \mu) = \sum_{x,d} p_i(x) \mu(x, d) w(i, d)$$

Deficiency of experiments

Let $\mathcal{E} = (X, \{p_1, \dots, p_n\})$, $\mathcal{F} = (Y, \{q_1, \dots, q_n\})$, $\epsilon \geq 0$.

\mathcal{E} is ϵ -deficient w.r. to \mathcal{F} , $\mathcal{E} \succeq_{\epsilon} \mathcal{F}$, if:

for any (D, w) and any Markov kernel $\mu : Y \times D \rightarrow [0, 1]$
there is a Markov kernel $\nu : X \times D \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

$$R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, w, \nu) \leq R_{\mathcal{F}}(i, w, \mu) + \epsilon \max_d w_{i,d}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

or, equivalently,

$$\sum_i R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, w, \nu) \leq \sum_i R_{\mathcal{F}}(i, w, \mu) + \epsilon \|w\|,$$

where $\|w\| = \sum_i \max_d w_{i,d}$.

The classical randomization criterion

Theorem (Blackwell, 1951)

$\mathcal{E} \succeq_0 \mathcal{F}$ if and only if \mathcal{F} is a randomization of \mathcal{E} ($\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = 0$).

Theorem (Törgeren 1970)

$\mathcal{E} \succeq_\epsilon \mathcal{F}$ if and only if $\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) \leq 2\epsilon$: there is a Markov kernel
 $\lambda : X \times Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$, such that

$$\|\lambda(p_i) - q_i\|_1 \leq 2\epsilon, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Quantum experiments and randomizations

Quantum statistical experiment

$$\mathcal{E} = (H, \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\}),$$

$\dim(H) < \infty$, ρ_i are states (density matrices):

$$\rho_i \in \mathfrak{S}(H) = \{\rho \in B(H)^+, \text{Tr } \rho = 1\}$$

Randomization: $\alpha : \mathfrak{S}(H) \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}(K)$ affine map,

$$\mathcal{E} \mapsto \alpha(\mathcal{E}) = \{\alpha(\rho_1), \dots, \alpha(\rho_n)\}$$

- ▶ α extends to a positive trace preserving map $B(H) \rightarrow B(K)$.
- ▶ α is required to be completely positive:

$\alpha \otimes id_L : B(H \otimes L) \rightarrow B(K \otimes L)$ – is positive for all $\dim(L) < \infty$

Quantum experiments and decision problems

Decision problem: (\mathcal{E}, D, w) ,

- ▶ $\mathcal{E} = (H, \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\})$
- ▶ (D, w) a classical decision space

Decision rule is a measurement (POVM)

$$\{M_d, d \in D\}, \quad M_d \in B(H)^+, \quad \sum_d M_d = I$$

probability of choosing d at i : $\text{Tr } M_d \rho_i$

Risk:

$$R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, w, M) = \sum_d w_{i,d} \text{Tr } M_d \rho_i$$

Classical deficiency of quantum experiments

Let $\mathcal{E} = (H, \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\})$, $\mathcal{F} = (K, \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\})$, $\epsilon \geq 0$.

\mathcal{E} is classically ϵ -deficient w.r. to \mathcal{F} , $\mathcal{E} \succeq_{\epsilon}^c \mathcal{F}$, if:

for any (D, w) and any POVM $\{M_d, d \in D\} \subset B(K)^+$
there is a POVM $\{N_d, d \in D\} \subset B(H)^+$ such that

$$\sum_{\theta} R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, w, N) \leq \sum_i R_{\mathcal{F}}(i, w, M) + \epsilon \|w\|,$$

where $\|w\| = \sum_i \max_d w_{i,d}$.

Quantum randomization criterion

We may define

$$\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = \inf_{\alpha} \sup_i \|\alpha(\rho_i) - \sigma_i\|_1$$

inf taken over all channels. It is easy to see that

$$\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) \leq 2\epsilon \implies \mathcal{E} \succeq_{\epsilon}^c \mathcal{F}$$

The opposite is not true, even for positive α (Matsumoto)

Some special cases

The equivalence holds for

- ▶ abelian \mathcal{F} (all σ_i commute)
- ▶ pairs of qubit states: $\dim(H) = \dim(K) = 2$, $n = 2$, $\epsilon = 0$
an equivalent condition is

$$\|\rho_1 - t\rho_2\|_1 \geq \|\sigma_1 - t\sigma_2\|_1, \quad t \geq 0$$

not true for $\dim > 2$ or $n > 2$

(Alberti and Uhlmann, 1981)

Quantum Blackwell theorem

Theorem (Buscemi, 2012)

$\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = 0$ if and only if $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{E}_0 \succeq_0^c \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{E}_0$, where

$$\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{E}_0 = (H \otimes K, \{\rho_i \otimes \tau_j, i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, d_K^2\})$$

$$\text{span}(\{\tau_j, j = 1, \dots, d_K^2\}) = B(K).$$

Quantum decision spaces

Quantum decision space is a pair (D, W) , where

- ▶ D is a Hilbert space, $\dim(D) < \infty$
- ▶ $W : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow B(D)^+$ loss function
- ▶ (D, W) is classical if W has commutative range

Let $\mathcal{E} = (H, \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\})$.

Quantum decision rule is a channel $\phi : B(H) \rightarrow B(D)$

Risk:

$$R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, W, \phi) = \text{Tr } W_i \phi(\rho_i)$$

Quantum deficiency and randomization criterion

\mathcal{E} is quantum ϵ -deficient w.r. to \mathcal{F} , $\mathcal{E} \succeq_{\epsilon} \mathcal{F}$, if:

for every quantum (D, W) and any channel $\phi : B(K) \rightarrow B(D)$,
there is a channel $\psi : B(H) \rightarrow B(D)$ such that

$$\sum_i R_{\mathcal{E}}(i, W, \psi) \leq \sum_i R_{\mathcal{F}}(i, W, \phi) + \epsilon \|W\|,$$

$$\|W\| = \sum_i \|W_i\|.$$

Theorem (Matsumoto 2010)

$\mathcal{E} \succeq_{\epsilon} \mathcal{F}$ if and only if

$$\delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = \inf_{\alpha} \max_i \|\alpha(\rho_i) - \sigma_i\|_1 \leq 2\epsilon,$$

Possible extensions

- ▶ positivity requirements for randomizations (positive, k -positive, entanglement-breaking,...)
- ▶ positivity requirements for decision rules
- ▶ decision problems for quantum operations: channels, combs, other protocols

Positive cones, bases and norms

- ▶ (\mathcal{V}, P) real finite dim. ordered vector space,
- ▶ (\mathcal{V}^*, P^*) - dual space with dual cone

$$P^* = \{p^* \in \mathcal{V}^*, \langle p^*, p \rangle \geq 0, \forall p \in P\}$$

- ▶ base of P : $S \subset P$ compact convex and such that for any $0 \neq p \in P$, $p = tb$, $t > 0$, $p \in S$ uniquely
- ▶ all bases of P have the form

$$S_e = \{p \in P, \langle e, p \rangle = 1\}$$

for some $e \in \text{int}(P^*)$

Base norm and order unit norm

Let $S = S_e$ be a base of P

- ▶ base norm

$$\|v\|_S = \inf\{\lambda + \mu, v = \lambda s_1 - \mu s_2, \lambda, \mu \geq 0, s_1, s_2 \in S\}$$

- ▶ order unit norm

$$\|f\|_S^* = \|f\|_e = \inf\{\lambda > 0, \lambda e \pm f \in P^*\}$$

Base sections and norms

- ▶ **base section:** $B = \mathcal{T} \cap S$, S a base of P , $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ a subspace,
 $\mathcal{T} \cap \text{int}(P) \neq \emptyset$
- ▶ **dual section:** $\tilde{B} = \{\tilde{b} \in P^*, \langle \tilde{b}, b \rangle = 1, \forall b \in B\}$
- ▶ \tilde{B} is a base section in P^* , $\tilde{\tilde{B}} = B$

We define

$$\mathcal{O}_B = \{p_1 - p_2, p_1, p_2 \in P, p_1 + p_2 \in B\}$$

Theorem

\mathcal{O}_B is the unit ball of a norm $\|\cdot\|_B$ in \mathcal{V} . The dual norm is $\|\cdot\|_{\tilde{B}}$.

Properties

- ▶ If $B = S$ a base of P , then $\|\cdot\|_B$ is the base norm.
- ▶ If $B = \{b\}$, then $b \in \text{int}(P)$ and $\|\cdot\|_B = \|\cdot\|_b$ is the order unit norm.
- ▶ In general,

$$\|x\|_B = \inf_{b \in B \cap \text{int}(P)} \|x\|_b = \sup_{\substack{B \subseteq S \\ s \text{ is a base of } P}} \|x\|_s.$$

- ▶ If $x \in P$, $\|x\|_B = \sup_{\tilde{b} \in \tilde{B}} \langle \tilde{b}, x \rangle$

Discrimination of elements of base sections

- ▶ Suppose $b_1, b_2 \in B$ are given and $b \in \{b_1, b_2\}$ with prior probabilities $\lambda, 1 - \lambda$.
- ▶ test (measurement): $m : B \rightarrow [0, 1]$ affine maps,

$$m : b \mapsto \text{Prob}\{b_2 \text{ is chosen }\}$$

- ▶ given by $m \in P^*$, such that $\tilde{b} - m \in P^*$ for some $\tilde{b} \in \tilde{B}$ and

$$m(b) = \langle m, b \rangle$$

- ▶ Bayes error probability:

$$E(m) = \lambda \langle m, b_1 \rangle + (1 - \lambda) \langle \tilde{b} - m, b_2 \rangle$$

- ▶ minimum Bayes error probability

$$\min_m E(m) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \|\lambda b_1 - (1 - \lambda)b_2\|_B)$$

Decision problems for elements of base sections

Let $\mathcal{E} = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\} \subset B$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ prior probabilities

- ▶ (D, w) (classical) decision space
- ▶ decision function (measurement): affine map $m : B \rightarrow P(D)$

$$m : b \mapsto \{\text{probabilities of choosing } d, d \in D\}$$

- ▶ $m_d \in P^*$, $\sum_d m_d \in \tilde{B}$
- ▶ Bayes risk:

$$E(m) = \sum_i \lambda_i \sum_d w_{i,d} \langle m_d, b_i \rangle$$

- ▶ minimum Bayes risk

$$\min_m E(m) = \|w\| - \max_m \langle m, \bar{b}_{w'} \rangle = \|w\| - \|\bar{b}_{w'}\|_{B_D}$$

$B_D = \{(b, \dots, b), b \in B\}$ is a base section in $P^{|D|}$,
 $\bar{b}_{w'} \in P^{|D|}$.

States

- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = B_h(H) = \{X = X^* \in B(H)\} = \mathcal{V}^*$, $\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{Tr } XY$
- ▶ $P = B(H)^+ = P^*$
- ▶ $B = \mathfrak{S}(H) = S_I$,
- ▶ $\|X\|_B = \|X\|_1 = \text{Tr}|X|$
- ▶ $\|X\|_I = \|X\|$
- ▶ $\|\cdot\|_{B_D} = \|\cdot\|^{\diamond}$

The space of linear maps

- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{L}(H, K) = \{\phi : B(H) \rightarrow B(K), \phi(A^*) = \phi(A)^*\}$
- ▶ Define $s : \mathcal{L}(H, H) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$s(\phi) = \sum_{i,j} \langle e_i, \phi(|e_i\rangle\langle e_j|)e_j \rangle, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{L}(H, H)$$

- ▶ $\mathcal{V}^* = \mathcal{L}(K, H)$,

$$\langle \psi, \phi \rangle = s(\psi \circ \phi) = s(\phi \circ \psi), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{L}(H, K), \psi \in \mathcal{L}(K, H)$$

$$\langle \alpha \circ \psi, \phi \rangle = \langle \psi, \phi \circ \alpha \rangle$$

Quantum channels

- ▶ $P = CP(H, K)$ completely positive maps
- ▶ $\mathcal{C}(H, K)$ the set of channels is a base section in P
- ▶ the dual section is the set

$$\mathcal{S}(K, H) = \{B \mapsto (\text{Tr } B)\sigma, \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}(H)\}$$

- ▶ measurements: (H_0, ρ, M) , $\rho \in \mathfrak{S}(H \otimes H_0)$, M a POVM in $B(K \otimes H_0)$

$$m_d(\phi) = \text{Tr } M_d(\phi \otimes id)(\rho)$$

- ▶ the base section norm

$$\|\phi\|_{\diamond} = \sup_{\rho \in \mathfrak{S}(H \otimes H)} \|(\phi \otimes id)(\rho)\|_1$$

- ▶ the dual norm $\|\cdot\|^{\diamond}$

Optimality of tests with max. entangled input state

Choi matrix: $C(\phi) = (\phi \otimes id)(|\psi_H\rangle\langle\psi_H|)$,
 $|\psi_H\rangle$ maximally entangled state

Theorem (AJ, 2013)

Let $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$ and consider the symmetric hypothesis testing problem. Then there exists an optimal test $(H, |\psi_H\rangle\langle\psi_H|, M)$ with max. entangled input state if and only if

$$\text{Tr}_K |C(\Phi_1) - C(\Phi_2)| \propto I$$

Quantum experiments and randomizations II

Let $\mathcal{E} = (H, \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\})$.

- ▶ cq-channel $\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}^{cq} : B(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow B(H)$,

$$A \mapsto \sum_i A_{ii} \rho_i$$

- ▶ randomization: $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$,

$$\Phi_{\alpha(\mathcal{E})}^{cq} = \alpha \circ \Phi_{\mathcal{E}}^{cq}$$

- ▶ if $\mathcal{E}' = (H, \{\rho'_1, \dots, \rho'_n\})$,

$$\|\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}^{cq} - \Phi_{\mathcal{E}'}^{cq}\|_{\diamond} = \sup_i \|\rho_i - \rho'_i\|_1$$

Quantum channels and post-processigs

- ▶ Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$
- ▶ post-processing: $\alpha \circ \Phi$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}(K, K')$
- ▶ for $\Psi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K')$,

$$\delta_{post}(\Phi, \Psi) := \inf_{\alpha} \|\alpha \circ \Phi - \Psi\|_{\diamond}$$

- ▶ post-processing Le Cam distance

$$\Delta_{post}(\Phi, \Psi) = \max\{\delta_{post}(\Phi, \Psi), \delta_{post}(\Psi, \Phi)\}$$

- ▶ for experiments

$$\delta_{post}(\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}^{cq}, \Phi_{\mathcal{F}}^{cq}) = \delta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$$

Post-processing decision problems

Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$

- ▶ D a Hilbert space
- ▶ **decision rule**: post-processing $\psi \circ \Phi$, $\psi \in \mathcal{C}(K, D)$
- ▶ **loss function**: affine map $\mathcal{C}(H, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \equiv \Gamma \in CP(D, H)$,
- ▶ (D, Γ) post-processing decision space, **classical** if Γ is a cq-map
- ▶ **risk**

$$\langle \psi \circ \Phi, \Gamma \rangle = \langle \psi, \Gamma \circ \Phi \rangle$$

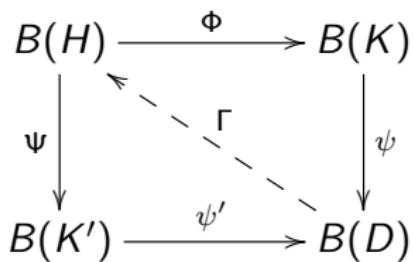
Post-processing deficiency

Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$, $\Psi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K')$, $\epsilon \geq 0$.

Definition

Post-processing deficiency: $\Phi \succeq_{\epsilon} \Psi$ if for every D , loss function $\Gamma \in CP(D, H)$ and $\psi' \in \mathcal{C}(K', D)$, there is some $\psi \in \mathcal{C}(K, D)$, such that

$$\langle \psi \circ \Phi, \Gamma \rangle \leq \langle \psi' \circ \Psi, \Gamma \rangle + \epsilon \|\Gamma\|^\diamond$$



Post-processing randomization theorem

Theorem

Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$, $\Psi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K')$, $\epsilon \geq 0$. The following are equivalent.

- ▶ $\Phi \succeq_{\epsilon} \Psi$
- ▶ For every $\Gamma \in CP(K', H)$,

$$\|\Psi \circ \Gamma\|^\diamond \leq \|\Phi \circ \Gamma\|^\diamond + \epsilon \|\Gamma\|^\diamond$$

- ▶ There is a channel $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}(K, K')$ such that

$$\|\alpha \circ \Phi - \Psi\|_\diamond \leq 2\epsilon$$

Quantum statistical experiments

Theorem

Let $\mathcal{E} = (H, \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\})$, $\mathcal{F} = (K, \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\})$. The following are equivalent.

- ▶ $\mathcal{E} \succeq_{\epsilon, \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{F}$
- ▶ for any $W_1, \dots, W_n \in B(K)^+$

$$\|\Phi_{W, \mathcal{F}}\|_{\mathcal{P}}^\diamond \leq \|\Phi_{W, \mathcal{E}}\|_{\mathcal{P}}^\diamond + \epsilon \|W\|,$$

where $\Phi_{W, \mathcal{E}}(A) = \sum_i \text{Tr}(W_i A) \rho_i$, $\|W\| = \sum_i \|W_i\|$.

- ▶ there is some $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}}(H, K)$ such that

$$\sup_i \|\alpha(\rho_i) - \sigma_i\|_1 \leq 2\epsilon$$

Classical post-processing deficiency

Classical post-processing deficiency $\Phi \succeq_{\epsilon, cl} \Psi$: Restrict to classical decision spaces (Γ is a cq-map)

Theorem

The following are equivalent.

- ▶ $\Phi \succeq_{\epsilon, cl} \Psi$
- ▶ for any finite sequence $W_1, \dots, W_n \subset B(H)^+$,

$$\|\Phi_{\Phi(W)}^{cq}\|^\diamond \leq \|\Phi_{\Psi(W)}^{cq}\|^\diamond + \epsilon \|\Phi_W^{cq}\|^\diamond$$

- ▶ For any POVM $M_1, \dots, M_n \subset B(K)$ there is a POVM $N_1, \dots, N_n \subset B(H)$ such that

$$\|N \circ \Phi - M \circ \Psi\|_\diamond \leq 2\epsilon$$

Classical and quantum post-processing deficiency

Theorem

Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$, $\Psi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K')$.

- ▶ For any $\epsilon \geq 0$, $\Phi \succeq_{\epsilon} \Psi$ if and only if

$$\Phi \otimes id_{K'} \succeq_{\epsilon, cl} \Psi \otimes id_{K'}$$

- ▶ Let $\xi \in \mathcal{C}(H_0, K')$ be surjective. Then $\Phi \succeq_0 \Psi$ if and only if

$$\Phi \otimes \xi \succeq_{0, cl} \Psi \otimes \xi$$

Pre-processing deficiency

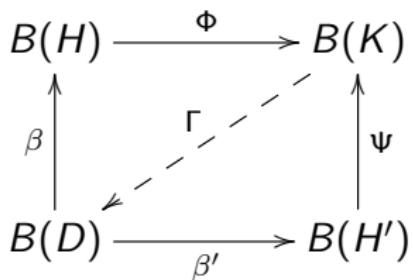
pre-processings: $\Phi \circ \beta$, for some channel β .

Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$, $\Psi \in \mathcal{C}(H', K)$.

Definition

Pre-processing deficiency: $\Phi \succeq^\epsilon \Psi$ if for every D , loss function $\Gamma \in CP(K, D)$ and $\beta' \in \mathcal{C}(D, H)$, there is some $\beta \in \mathcal{C}(D, H')$, such that

$$\langle \Phi \circ \beta, \Gamma \rangle \leq \langle \Psi \circ \beta', \Gamma \rangle + \epsilon \|\Gamma\|^\diamond$$



Pre-processing randomization theorem

Theorem

Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(H, K)$, $\Psi \in \mathcal{C}(H', K)$, $\epsilon \geq 0$. The following are equivalent.

- ▶ $\Phi \succeq^\epsilon \Psi$
- ▶ For every $\Gamma \in CP(K, H')$,

$$\|\Gamma \circ \Psi\|^\diamond \leq \|\Gamma \circ \Phi\|^\diamond + \epsilon \|\Gamma\|^\diamond$$

- ▶ There is a channel $\beta \in \mathcal{C}(H', H)$ such that

$$\|\Phi \circ \beta - \Psi\|_\diamond \leq 2\epsilon$$

Classical pre-processing deficiency

- ▶ (D, Γ) is classical if Γ is a qc-map.
- ▶ classical pre-processing deficiency: $\Phi \succeq^{\epsilon, cl} \Psi$
- ▶ $\mathcal{E} \succeq^{\epsilon, cl} \mathcal{F}$ iff $\mathcal{E} \supseteq_{\epsilon} \mathcal{F}$:

$$\sup_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}(H')} \inf_{\rho \in \mathfrak{S}(H)} \|\Psi(\sigma) - \Phi(\rho)\|_1 \leq 2\epsilon$$

Theorem

- ▶ $\Phi \succeq^0 \Psi$ iff $\Phi \otimes \xi \supseteq_0 \Psi \otimes \xi$ for some injective $\xi \in \mathcal{C}(H', K_0)$
- ▶ $\Phi \succeq^{\epsilon} \Psi$ implies $\Phi \otimes \xi \supseteq_{\epsilon} \Psi \otimes \xi$ for any channel ξ
- ▶ $\Phi \otimes id \supseteq_{\epsilon} \Psi \otimes id$ implies $\Phi \succeq^{\epsilon'} \Psi$, for $\epsilon' = \epsilon + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\epsilon}$.

Cleanness of POVMs (Buscemi et al. 2005)

Let $M = (M_1, \dots, M_m)$ be a POVM on H .

- ▶ A qc-channel

$$\Phi_M^{qc} : A \mapsto \sum_i \text{Tr}(M_i A) |i\rangle\langle i|$$

- ▶ $\Phi_M^{qc} \circ \beta = \Phi_{\beta^*(M)}^{qc}$
- ▶ Let $N = (N_1, \dots, N_n)$ be a POVM on H , $\Phi_M^{qc} \succeq_0 \Phi_N^{qc}$ iff M is **post-processing cleaner** than N
- ▶ Let $N = (N_1, \dots, N_m)$ be a POVM on H' , then $\Phi_M^{qc} \succeq^0 \Phi_N^{qc}$ iff M is **pre-processing cleaner** than N .

Randomization criterion for POVMs

Theorem

Let $M_1, \dots, M_n \subset B(H)$, $N_1, \dots, N_n \subset B(H')$. The following are equivalent.

- ▶ $M \succeq^\epsilon N$
- ▶ For every $W_1, \dots, W_n \subset B(H')^+$,

$$\|\Phi_{M,W}\|^\diamond \leq \|\Phi_{N,W}\|^\diamond + \epsilon \|\Phi_W^{cq}\|^\diamond$$

- ▶ there is some $\beta \in \mathcal{C}(H', H)$ such that

$$\|\Phi_{\beta^*(M)}^{qc} - \Phi_N^{qc}\|_\diamond \leq 2\epsilon$$