Characterizing multipartite entanglement by violation of CHSH inequalities

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Abstract
Entanglement of high-dimensional and multipartite quantum systems offer promising perspectives in quantum information processing. However, the characterization and measure of such kind of entanglement is of great challenge. Here, we consider the overlaps between the maximal quantum mean values and the classical bound of the CHSH inequalities for pairwise-qubit states in two-dimensional subspaces. We show that the concurrence of a pure state in any high-dimensional multipartite system can be equivalently represented by these overlaps. Here, we consider the projections of an arbitrary high-dimensional multipartite state to two-qubit states. We investigate the non-localities of these projected two-qubit sub-states by their violations of CHSH inequalities. From these violations, the overlaps between the maximal quantum mean values and the classical bound of the CHSH inequality, we show that the concurrence of a high-dimensional multipartite pure state can be exactly expressed by these overlaps. We further derive a lower bound of the concurrence for any quantum states, which is tight for pure states. The lower bound not only imposes restriction on the non-locality distributions among the pairwise-qubit states, but also supplies a sufficient condition for distillation of bipartite entanglement. Effective criteria for detecting genuine tripartite entanglement and the lower bound of concurrence for genuine tripartite entanglement are also presented based on such non-localities.
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1 Introduction

Quantum entanglement has been one of the most remarkable resources in quantum theory. Multipartite and high-dimensional quantum entanglement has become increasingly important for quantum communication [1,2]. Recently, a growing interest has been devoted to investigation of such kind of quantum resource [3–7]. In [8] the authors have derived a general theory to characterize those high-dimensional quantum states for which the correlations cannot simply be simulated by low-dimensional systems.

The Bell inequalities [9] are of great importance for understanding the conceptual foundations of quantum theory as well as for investigating quantum entanglement, as Bell inequalities can be violated by quantum entangled states. One of the most important Bell inequalities is the Clauser–Horne–Shimony–Holt (CHSH) inequality [10] for two-qubit systems. In [11] Horodeckis have presented the necessary and sufficient condition of violating the CHSH inequality by an arbitrary mixed two-qubit state. In [12,13] we have discussed the trade-off relation of CHSH violations for multipartite-qubit states based on the norms of Bloch vectors.

A similar question to [8] is that can we simulate high-dimensional quantum entanglement by the violations of CHSH inequalities for pairwise-qubit states in two-dimensional subspaces? We present here a positive solution to this problem (see Fig. 1). For simplicity, we call a “two-qubit” state, obtained by projecting high-dimensional $d_1 \otimes d_2$ bipartite space to $2 \otimes 2$ subspaces, a qubit pair in the following.

The second goal of this paper is to characterize genuine multipartite entanglement (GME) [14] in high-dimensional quantum systems. As one of the important type of entanglement, GME offers significant advantage in quantum tasks comparing with bipartite entanglement [15]. In particular, it is the basic ingredient in measurement-based quantum computation [16], and is beneficial in various quantum communication protocols, including secret sharing [17,18], extreme spin squeezing [19], high sensitivity in some general metrology tasks [20], quantum computing with cluster states [21], and multiparty quantum network [22]. Despite its significance, detecting and measuring such kind of entanglement turn out to be quite difficult. To certify GME, an abundance of linear and nonlinear entanglement witnesses [23–31], generalized concurrence for genuine multipartite entanglement [32–35], and Bell-like inequalities [36], entanglement witnesses were derived (see e.g. reviews [14,37]) and a characterization in terms of semi-definite programs was developed [38,39]. Nevertheless, the problem remains far from being satisfactorily solved.

In this paper we investigate entanglement by considering the overlap between the maximal quantum mean value and the classical bound of the CHSH inequality. The overlap is used to derive a lower bound of concurrence for any multipartite and high-dimensional quantum states, which is tight for pure states. Thus, we show that the concurrence in any quantum systems can be equivalently represented by the violations of the CHSH inequalities for qubit pairs. The lower bound not only imposes restriction on the non-locality distributions among qubit pairs, but also supplies a sufficient condition for bipartite distillation of entanglement. Criteria for detection genuine tripartite
Fig. 1 The concurrence of any two-qutrit pure state is equal to the overlaps between the maximal quantum mean values and the classical bound of the CHSH inequalities for nine pair of qubit states. Thus, entanglement can simply be simulated by the violation of CHSH inequalities of qubit pairs. The result holds for any pure states.

entanglement (GTE) and lower bound of GTE concurrence are further presented by the overlaps. We then show by examples that these criteria and the lower bound can detect more genuine tripartite entangled states than the existing criteria do.

We start with a short introduction of the generators of special orthogonal group $SO(d)$ and the CHSH Bell inequalities. The generators of $SO(d)$ can be introduced according to the transition-projection operators $T_{st} = |s⟩⟨t|$, where $|s⟩$, $s = 1, \ldots, d$, are the orthonormal eigenstates of a linear Hermitian operator on $H_d$. Set $P_{st} = T_{st} - T_{ts}$, where $1 \leq s < t \leq d$. We get a set of $d(d-1)/2$ operators that generate $SO(d)$.

Such kind of operators (which will be denoted by $L_{α, α'}$, $α, α' = 1, 2, \ldots, d(d-1)/2$) have $d-2$ rows and $d-2$ columns with zero entries. For two-qubit quantum systems, the CHSH Bell operators [10] are defined by

$$I_{CHSH} = A_1 \otimes B_1 + A_1 \otimes B_2 + A_2 \otimes B_1 - A_2 \otimes B_2,$$

where $A_i = \vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{σ}_A = \sum_{k=1}^{3} a^k_i σ^k_A$, $B_j = \vec{b}_j \cdot \vec{σ}_B = \sum_{l=1}^{3} b^l_j σ^l_B$, $\vec{a}_i = (a^1_i, a^2_i, a^3_i)$ and $\vec{b}_j = (b^1_j, b^2_j, b^3_j)$ are real unit vectors satisfying $|\vec{a}_i| = |\vec{b}_j| = 1$, $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. Pauli matrices. The CHSH inequality says that if there exist local hidden variable models to describe the system, the inequality $|⟨I_{CHSH}⟩| \leq 2$ must hold. For any two-qubit state $ρ$, one defines the matrix $X$ with entries $x_{kl} = \text{Tr} (ρσ_k \otimes σ_l)$, $k, l = 1, 2, 3$. Horodeckis have computed in [11] the maximal quantum mean value $γ = \max |⟨I_{CHSH}⟩_ρ| = 2 \sqrt{τ_1 + τ_2}$, where the maximum is taken for all the CHSH Bell operators $I_{CHSH}$ in Eq. (1), $τ_1, τ_2$ are the two greater eigenvalues of the matrix $X^t X$, $X^t$ stands for the transposition of $X$. 

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Distribution of high-dimensional entanglement in qubit pairs

Let us first consider general $d \times d$ bipartite quantum systems in vector space $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ with dimensions $\dim \mathcal{H}_A = \dim \mathcal{H}_B = d$, respectively. Denote by $L^A_\alpha$ and $L^B_\beta$ the generators of special orthogonal groups $\text{SO}(d)$. Let $\tilde{a}_i$, $\tilde{b}_j$ and $\sigma_i$s denote unit vectors and Pauli matrices, respectively. Set $\tilde{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$. We define the operators $A^\alpha_i$ (resp. $B^\beta_j$) from $L^A_\alpha$ (resp. $L^B_\beta$) by replacing the four entries on the positions of the nonzero 2 rows and 2 columns of $L^A_\alpha$ (resp. $L^B_\beta$) with the corresponding four entries of the matrix $\tilde{a}_i \cdot \tilde{\sigma}$ (resp. $\tilde{b}_j \cdot \tilde{\sigma}$), and keeping the other entries of $A^\alpha_i$ (resp. $B^\beta_j$) zero. We then define the following CHSH type Bell operator:

$$B_{\alpha \beta} = A^\alpha_1 \otimes B^\beta_1 + A^\alpha_1 \otimes B^\beta_2 + A^\alpha_2 \otimes B^\beta_1 - A^\alpha_2 \otimes B^\beta_2. \quad (2)$$

Set $y_{\alpha \beta} = \text{Tr}[(L^A_\alpha)^\dagger L^A_\alpha \otimes (L^B_\alpha)^\dagger L^B_\beta \rho]$. If $y_{\alpha \beta} \neq 0$, we define $\rho_{\alpha \beta} = \frac{1}{y_{\alpha \beta}} (L^A_\alpha \otimes L^B_\beta) \rho (L^A_\alpha \otimes L^B_\beta)^\dagger$, $y_{\alpha \beta}(\rho) = \frac{1}{y_{\alpha \beta}} \max \text{Tr}[B_{\alpha \beta} \rho]$, where the maximum is taken over all the Bell operators $B_{\alpha \beta}$ of the form (2). Otherwise we set $\rho_{\alpha \beta} = 0$ and $y_{\alpha \beta}(\rho) = 0$. We further define that

$$Q_{\alpha \beta}(\rho) = \max\{y_{\alpha \beta}^2(\rho) - 4, 0\}, \quad (3)$$

which will be called the CHSH overlaps of $\rho$. If we can find a certain pair of $\alpha \beta$ such that $Q_{\alpha \beta}(\rho) > 0$, then the two-qudit state $\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{AB}$ must be non-local as a Bell inequality is violated.

For a bipartite pure state $\rho_{AB} = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| \in \mathcal{H}_{AB}$, the concurrence is defined by [40–42] $C(|\psi\rangle) = \sqrt{2(1 - \text{Tr} \rho_A^2)}$, where $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho_{AB}$ is the reduced density matrix. For a mixed state $\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$, $p_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i p_i = 1$, the concurrence is defined as the convex-roof: $C(\rho) = \min \sum_i p_i C(|\psi_i\rangle)$, minimized over all possible pure state decompositions.

We are ready to represent concurrence in high-dimensional systems by the CHSH overlaps $Q_{\alpha \beta}(|\psi\rangle)$.

**Theorem 1** For any two-qudit pure quantum state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{AB}$, we have

$$C^2(|\psi\rangle) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha \beta} y_{\alpha \beta}^2 Q_{\alpha \beta}(|\psi\rangle). \quad (4)$$

**Proof** For any two-qudit pure state $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 a_{ij} |ij\rangle$, the concurrence $C(|\phi\rangle)$ and $Q_{\alpha \beta}(|\phi\rangle)$ are preserved under any local unitary operations. Thus, to prove the theorem, we just need to consider the Schmidt decomposition of $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i |i\rangle$, where $\sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i^2 = 1$. One computes $C^2(|\phi\rangle) = 4\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2$, and $Q_{11}(|\phi\rangle) = \frac{16\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2}{(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)^2}$. By $\sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i^2 = 1$, we get

$$C^2(|\phi\rangle) = \frac{1}{4} Q_{11}(|\phi\rangle). \quad (5)$$
Then we consider two-qudit pure state $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^{d} a_{ij} |ij\rangle$, $C^2(|\psi\rangle)$ can be equivalently represented by [42,43]

$$C^2(|\psi\rangle) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} |C_{\alpha\beta}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)|^2 = 4 \sum_{i<j} \sum_{k<l} |a_{ik}a_{jl} - a_{il}a_{jk}|^2, \quad (6)$$

where $C_{\alpha\beta}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = \langle \psi | \tilde{\psi}_{\alpha\beta} \rangle$, $|\tilde{\psi}_{\alpha\beta}\rangle = (L_\alpha \otimes L_\beta) |\psi^*\rangle$, and $L_\alpha$ and $L_\beta$, $\alpha, \beta = 1, \ldots, d(d - 1)/2$, are the generators of group $\text{SO}(d)$. From (5) and (6) we have

$$C^2(|\psi\rangle) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 C^2(|\psi_{\alpha\beta}\rangle) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 Q_{\alpha\beta}(|\psi\rangle). \quad \square$$

It should be noted that in [44] the authors have computed the optimal expectation value of the CHSH operator in [45] for bipartite pure states in $d$ dimension. The result in [44] is derived by representing the Hilbert space as a direct sum of two-dimensional subspaces, plus a one-dimensional subspace if $d$ is odd. While our Theorem 1 above shows that the concurrence of any bipartite high-dimensional states can be equivalently represented by the CHSH overlaps of qubit pairs. We can further derive a lower bound for concurrence as an outgrowth of the Theorem.

**Theorem 2** For any bipartite mixed qudit quantum state $\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{AB}$, we have

$$C(\rho) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 Q_{\alpha\beta}(\rho)}. \quad (7)$$

**Proof** Assume that $\rho = \sum_{i} p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$, $\sum p_i = 1$, be the optimal ensemble decomposition such that $C(\rho) = \sum_{i} p_i C(|\psi_i\rangle)$. We have

$$C(\rho) = \sum_{i} p_i C(|\psi_i\rangle) \geq \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} C^2(y_{\alpha\beta}\rho_{\alpha\beta})}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 C^2(\rho_{\alpha\beta})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 \sum_{i} q_i C^2(\rho_{\alpha\beta}^i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 \sum_{i} q_i Q_{\alpha\beta}(\rho_{\alpha\beta}^i)}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha\beta}^2 Q_{\alpha\beta}(\rho)},$$

where in the first inequality we have used Theorem 1 given in [43].
In [43] the authors have derived a lower bound of concurrence in terms of the concurrence of $2 \times 2$-dimensional sub-states. Here, we present a lower bound of concurrence in terms of the CHSH overlaps. Theorems above can be directly generalized to multipartite case. An $N$-partite pure state in $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_N$ is generally of the form,

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_N=1}^{d} a_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_N} |i_1 i_2 \ldots i_N\rangle,$$

(8)

where $a_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_N}$s are entries of a complex vector with unit length. Let $\alpha$ and $\alpha'$ (resp. $\beta$ and $\beta'$) be subsets of the subindices of $a$, associated to the same sub Hilbert spaces but with different summing indices. $\alpha$ (or $\alpha'$) and $\beta$ (or $\beta'$) span the whole space of the given sub-indix of $a$. The generalized concurrence of $|\Psi\rangle$ is then given by [42],

$$C^N_d(|\Psi\rangle) = \sqrt{\sum_p \sum_{\{\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'\}} |a_{\alpha \beta} a_{\alpha' \beta'} - a_{\alpha \beta'} a_{\alpha' \beta}|^2},$$

(9)

where $\sum_p$ stands for the summation over all possible combinations of the indices of $\alpha$ and $\beta$. In (9) we have ignored a overall constant factor for simplicity. For a mixed state $\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$, $p_i \geq 0$, $\sum_i p_i = 1$, the concurrence is defined by the convex-roof:

$$C^N_d(\rho) = \min \sum_i p_i C^N_d(|\psi_i\rangle),$$

(10)

minimized over all possible pure state decompositions.

By using Theorem 1 and Eq. (9) we obtain for any $N$-partite pure state in the form of (8) that

$$(C^N_d(|\Psi\rangle))^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_p \sum_{\alpha \beta} (y_{\alpha \beta}^p)^2 Q_{\alpha \beta}^p (|\Psi\rangle),$$

(11)

where $y_{\alpha \beta}^p$ and $Q_{\alpha \beta}^p (|\Psi\rangle)$ are defined similarly to the bipartite case by considering $|\Psi\rangle$ as a bipartite state with respect to partition $p$.

For any $N$-partite mixed state $\rho_N$, we get

$$C^N_d(\rho_N) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_p \sum_{\alpha \beta} (y_{\alpha \beta}^p)^2 Q_{\alpha \beta}^p (\rho_N)},$$

(12)

where $y_{\alpha \beta}^p$ and $Q_{\alpha \beta}^p (\rho_N)$ are defined similarly to the bipartite case by considering $\rho_N$ as a bipartite state with respect to partition $p$. 

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Equation (12) will be tight if $\rho_N$ is an N-partite pure state. Thus, we conclude that the concurrence of any high-dimensional multipartite pure states can be equivalently represented by the CHSH overlaps of a series of pairwise-qubit states (See Fig. 2 for three-qubit systems as an example).

**Detection and measure of genuine tripartite entanglement by the CHSH overlaps**

In this section we consider tripartite quantum systems $\mathcal{H}_{123} = \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_3$, with $\dim \mathcal{H}_i = d_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$.

A tripartite state $\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{123}$ can be expressed as $\rho = \sum p_\alpha |\psi_\alpha\rangle \langle \psi_\alpha|$, where $0 < p_\alpha \leq 1$, $\sum p_\alpha = 1$, $|\psi_\alpha\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{123}$ are normalized pure states. If all $|\psi_\alpha\rangle$ are bi-separable, namely, either $|\psi_\alpha\rangle = |\varphi_1^1\rangle \otimes |\varphi_2^{23}\rangle$ or $|\psi_\beta\rangle = |\varphi_2^2\rangle \otimes |\varphi_1^{13}\rangle$ or $|\psi_\gamma\rangle = |\varphi_3^3\rangle \otimes |\varphi_1^{12}\rangle$, where $|\varphi_i^j\rangle$ and $|\varphi_{ij}^j\rangle$ denote pure states in $\mathcal{H}_i^d$ and $\mathcal{H}_i^d \otimes \mathcal{H}_j^d$, respectively, then $\rho$ is said to be bipartite separable. Otherwise, $\rho$ is called genuine tripartite entangled.

For any $\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{123}$, we define $X = \max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta}^{123}$, $Y = \max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta}^{213}$ and $Z = \max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta}^{312}$.

**Theorem 3** For any pure tripartite state $|\psi\rangle$, $\min\{X, Y, Z\} > 0$ holds if and only if $|\psi\rangle$ is genuine tripartite entangled.

**Proof** According to the definition, any bi-separable pure state $|\psi\rangle$ must be either $|\psi\rangle = |\varphi_1^1\rangle \otimes |\varphi_2^{23}\rangle$ or $|\psi\rangle = |\varphi_2^2\rangle \otimes |\varphi_1^{13}\rangle$ or $|\psi\rangle = |\varphi_3^3\rangle \otimes |\varphi_1^{12}\rangle$. On the contrary, if $|\psi\rangle$ is GTE (not bi-separable), then it must be not in any bi-separable form, which can be represented by violating all the CHSH inequalities for any qubit pairs of $|\psi\rangle$. This
can be further represented by \( \min\{X, Y, Z\} > 0 \) according to the definition of \( X, Y, \) and \( Z \).

The sufficient and necessary condition for detecting GTE in Theorem 3 can be generalized to any pure multipartite quantum states. In the following we derive a sufficient condition to detect GTE for any tripartite mixed quantum states.

**Theorem 4** If \( \rho \in \mathcal{H}_{123} \) is bipartite separable, then

\[
X + Y + Z \leq 8
\]

always holds. Thus, if (13) is violated, then \( \rho \) is of GTE.

**Proof** For any bipartite separable pure state, say, \( |\psi\rangle = |\varphi^1\rangle \otimes |\varphi^{23}\rangle \), one gets \( X = 0, Y \leq 4 \) and \( Z \leq 4 \), which proves (13).

Now consider a mixed bipartite separable state with ensemble decomposition \( \rho = \sum p_\alpha |\psi_\alpha\rangle \langle \psi_\alpha| \) with \( \sum p_\alpha = 1 \). By noticing that all \( X, Y \) and \( Z \) are convex function of \( \rho \) and the summation of convex functions is still a convex function, we have

\[
X + Y + Z \leq \sum_\alpha p_\alpha (X_\alpha + Y_\alpha + Z_\alpha) \leq 8 \sum_\alpha p_\alpha = 8.
\]

\( \Box \)

The GTE concurrence for tripartite quantum systems defined below is proved to be a well defined measure \([32,33]\). For a pure state \( |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{123} \), the GTE concurrence is defined by

\[
C_{\text{GTE}}(|\psi\rangle) = \sqrt{\min\{1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_1^2), 1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_2^2), 1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_3^2)\}},
\]

where \( \rho_i \) is the reduced matrix for the \( i \)th subsystem. For mixed state \( \rho \in \mathcal{H}_{123} \), the GTE concurrence is then defined by the convex roof

\[
C_{\text{GTE}}(\rho) = \min_{\{p_\alpha, |\psi_\alpha\rangle\}} \sum p_\alpha C_{\text{GTE}}(|\psi_\alpha\rangle). \quad (15)
\]

The minimum is taken over all pure ensemble decompositions of \( \rho \). Since one has to find the optimal ensemble for the minimization, the GTE concurrence is hard to compute. In the following we present a lower bound of GTE concurrence in terms of \( Q_{\alpha\beta} \).

**Theorem 5** Let \( \rho \in \mathcal{H}_{123} \) be a tripartite qudits quantum state. Then one has

\[
C_{\text{GTE}}(\rho) \geq \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \sum_p \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha\beta} (y_{\alpha\beta}^p)^2 Q_{\alpha\beta}^p(\rho)} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}}, \quad (16)
\]

where the partitions \( p \in \{1|23, 2|13, 3|12\} \).
Proof We start the proof with a pure state. Let $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \in \mathcal{H}_{123}$ be a pure quantum state. From the result in Theorem 1, we have

$$\sqrt{1 - tr \rho_1^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \sum_{a\beta} (y_{a\beta}^{123})^2 Q_{a\beta}^{123} (|\psi\rangle) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$\sqrt{1 - tr \rho_k^2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}}, \quad k = 2, 3.$$  

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{1 - tr \rho_1^2} \geq \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \sum_p \sqrt{\sum_{a\beta} (y_{a\beta}^p)^2 Q_{a\beta}^p (\rho)} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}}.$$  

Similarly, we get

$$\sqrt{1 - tr \rho_k^2} \geq \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \sum_p \sqrt{\sum_{a\beta} (y_{a\beta}^p)^2 Q_{a\beta}^p (\rho)} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}},$$

where $k = 2, 3$. Then according to the definition of GME concurrence, we derive

$$C_{\text{GTE}}(|\psi\rangle) \geq \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \sum_p \sqrt{\sum_{a\beta} (y_{a\beta}^p)^2 Q_{a\beta}^p (\rho)} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}}. \quad (17)$$

Now we consider a mixed state $\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{123}$ with the optimal ensemble decomposition $\rho = \sum_x q_x |\psi_x\rangle\langle\psi_x|$, $\sum_x q_x = 1$, such that the GTE concurrence attains its minimum. By (17) one gets

$$C_{\text{GTE}}(\rho) = \sum_x q_x C_{\text{GME}}(|\psi_x\rangle) \geq \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \sum_{p,x} q_x \sqrt{\sum_{a\beta} (y_{a\beta}^p (|\psi_x\rangle))^2 Q_{a\beta}^p (|\psi_x\rangle)} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \sum_p \sqrt{\sum_{a\beta} (y_{a\beta}^p)^2 Q_{a\beta}^p (\rho)} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}},$$

where we have used $\sum_x q_x = 1$ and inequality $\sum_i \sqrt{\sum_j x_{ij}^2} \geq \sqrt{\sum_j (\sum_i x_{ij})^2}$. \hfill $\Box$

Let us now consider an example to illustrate further the significance of our result for detection of GTE.
Table 1  Detection of GTE of $\sigma(x)$ by Theorem 4 (Range 1), Theorem 5 (Range 2), Theorem in [46] (Range 3), Theorem 1 in [25,30] (Range 4)

| Dimension | $d = 2$ | $d = 3$ | $d = 4$ |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Range 1   | $x > 0.839708$ | $x > 0.699544$ | $x > 0.567035$ |
| Range 2   | $x > 0.788793$ | $x > 0.731621$ | $x > 0.705508$ |
| Range 3   | $x > 0.8532$ | $x > 0.83485$ | $x > 0.82729$ |
| Range 4   | $x > 0.87$ | $x > 0.89443$ | $x > 0.91287$ |

Example 1  Consider the quantum state $\rho \in H_1^d \otimes H_2^d \otimes H_3^d$, $\sigma(x) = x|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + \frac{1-x}{d^2}I$, (18)

where $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d |iii\rangle$ and $I$ stands for the identity operator.

By the positivity of $X + Y + Z - 8$, we get the ranges of $x$ for different $d$ such that $\sigma(x)$ is GTE (see Table 1).

The data in Table 1 show that Theorems 4 and 5 in this letter, independently, detect more genuine tripartite entangled states than that in [46] (by the lower bound of multipartite concurrence), [25] and in [30] (by the correlation tensor norms).

The CHSH overlaps and distillation of entanglement

The CHSH overlaps defined in (3) can be also applied to distillation of entanglement. In [47] Dür has shown that there exist some multi-qubit bound entangled (non-distillable) states that violate a Bell inequality. Acín further proves in [48] that for all states violating this inequality there is at least one splitting of the parties into two groups such that some pure state entanglement can be distilled under this partition. The relation between violation of Bell inequalities and bipartite distillability of multi-qubit states is further studied in [49]. The lower bound (12) has also a close relationship with bipartite distillation of any multipartite and high-dimensional states. Note that a density matrix $\rho$ is distillable if and only if there are some projectors $A$, $B$ that map high-dimensional spaces to two-dimensional ones and a certain number $n$ such that the state $A \otimes B \rho^\otimes n \otimes A \otimes B$ is entangled [50]. Thus, if

$$\max_{\alpha\beta} Q^\rho_{\alpha\beta}(\rho^\otimes n) > 0$$

(19)

for a certain partition $\rho$, then there exists one submatrix of matrix $\rho^\otimes n$, which is entangled in a $2 \times 2$ space. Hence we get that $\rho$ is bipartite distillable in terms of bipartition $\rho$. The constraint (19) is equivalent to the strict positivity of the lower bound in (12). Note that $\max_{\alpha\beta} Q^\rho_{\alpha\beta}(\rho^\otimes n)$ is generally not an invariant.
under local unitary operations on the state $\rho$. It is helpful to select proper local unitary operations to enhance the value of $\max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta}^p (\rho \otimes^n)$ from 0 to a positive number. Since the separability is kept invariant under local unitary operations, we have that if $\max_{U_1, U_2, \ldots, U_n} \max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta} (U_1 \otimes U_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes U_n \rho^n U_1^\dagger \otimes U_2^\dagger \otimes \cdots \otimes U_n^\dagger) > 0$ hold for proper unitary $U_i$s, $i = 1, \ldots, n$, then $\rho$ is entangled and bipartite distillable.

**Example 2** Consider the quantum state $\rho \in H_1^d \otimes H_2^d$,

$$\rho(x) = x|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + \frac{1-x}{d^2} I,$$

(20)

where $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^{d} |ii\rangle$ and $I$ stands for the identity operator.

By the positivity of $\max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta} (\rho)$, one computes the ranges of $x$ for different $d$ such that $\rho$ is non-local and 1-distillable (see Table 2, Range 1). Range 2 is derived by the reduction criterion (RC), as violation of RC is a sufficient condition of entanglement distillation [51,52].

**Example 3** Consider the quantum state $\rho \in H_1^d \otimes H_2^d \otimes H_3^d$,

$$\sigma(x) = x|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + \frac{1-x}{d^2} I,$$

(21)

where $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^{d} |iii\rangle$ and $I$ stands for the identity operator.

To check the bipartite 1-distillability of $\sigma(x)$, we compare $\max_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta}^p (\rho)$ with 0 for $p = 1|23, 2|13,$ and $3|12$. One computes the ranges of $x$ for different $d$ such that $\rho$ is 1-distillable (see Table 3, Range 1).

| Dimension | $d = 2$ | $d = 3$ | $d = 4$ | $d = 5$ |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Range     | $x > 0.54692$ | $x > 0.34917$ | $x > 0.23182$ | $x > 0.16188$ |

Table 2 Distillation of non-locality and entanglement for $\rho(x)$ in Example 2

| Dimension | $d = 2$ | $d = 3$ | $d = 4$ | $d = 5$ | $d = 6$ | $d = 7$ |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Range 1   | $x > 0.707107$ | $x > 0.616781$ | $x > 0.546918$ | $x > 0.491272$ | $x > 0.445903$ | $x > 0.408205$ |
| Range 2   | $x > 0.33333$ | $x > 0.25$ | $x > 0.2$ | $x > 0.16667$ | $x > 0.142857$ | $x > 0.125$ |

Table 3 Bipartite 1-distillation of entanglement for $\sigma(x)$ in Example 3
Conclusions and remarks

In summary we have considered the CHSH overlaps for quantum states. It has been shown that the concurrence of any multipartite and high-dimensional pure states can be equivalently represented by the CHSH overlaps of a series of “two-qubit” states. Based on the overlaps sufficient condition for distillation of entanglement have been obtained. As another application of the CHSH overlaps, we have further presented criteria for detecting GME and lower bound of GME concurrence for tripartite quantum systems. For tripartite pure states, a sufficient and necessary condition is derived to detect GME, while for tripartite mixed states, we have obtained effective sufficient conditions and lower bounds for GME concurrence. An important question that needs further discussion is to find a criterion that discriminates W state and GHZ state.

Recently high-dimensional bipartite systems like in NMR and nitrogen-vacancy defect center have been successfully used in quantum computation and simulation experiments [53,54]. Our results present a plausible way to measure the multipartite concurrence in these systems and to investigate the roles played by the multipartite concurrence in these quantum information processing. Our approach of the CHSH overlaps of qubit pairs can also be employed to investigate the distributions of other quantum correlations in high-dimensional systems. Another important question that needs further discussion is to find a criterion that discriminates W state and GHZ state, as GTE is a common property of W state and GHZ state, but there is no local unitary transformation to relate them.

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