ONE PARAMETER FAMILY OF $N$-QUDIT WERNER-POPESCU STATES: BIPARTITE SEPARABILITY USING CONDITIONAL QUANTUM RELATIVE TSALLIS ENTROPY

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The conditional version of sandwiched Tsallis relative entropy (CSTRE) is employed to study the bipartite separability of one parameter family of $N$-qudit Werner-Popescu states in their $1 : N - 1$ partition. For all $N$, the strongest limitation on bipartite separability is realized in the limit $q \to \infty$ and is found to match exactly with the separability range obtained using an algebraic method which is both necessary and sufficient. The theoretical superiority of using CSTRE criterion to find the bipartite separability range over the one using Abe-Rajagopal (AR) $q$-conditional entropy is illustrated by comparing the convergence of the parameter $x$ with respect to $q$, in the implicit plots of AR $q$-conditional entropy and CSTRE.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Entropic characterization of separability [1 – 21] in mixed composite states has witnessed a considerable interest in recent years [17 – 21]. The identification of a non-commuting generalization of Abe-Rajagopal (AR) $q$-conditional Tsallis entropy [10] in the form of conditional version of sandwiched Tsallis relative entropy (CSTRE) [19] and its usefulness in identifying a separability range stricter than the separability criterion using AR $q$-conditional entropy [10], has given more impetus to this study [19 – 21]. It has been established that negative values of CSTRE imply entanglement in chosen bipartitions of any composite state [20]. In noisy one-parameter families of symmetric [20] and non-symmetric [21] multiqubit states, the separability range obtained through CSTRE, in addition to being stricter than that through AR-criterion, is shown to match with the separability range obtained through Peres’ Partial Transpose (PPT) criterion [22, 23]. While AR-criterion [10–12, 17, 18] relies upon the local $q$-conditional entropies of $\rho$ and $\sigma$ commute with each other.

The conditional forms of $\tilde{D}_q^T (\rho||\sigma)$ are defined as [19]

$$\tilde{D}_q^T (\rho||\sigma) = \frac{\tilde{Q}_q (\rho_{AB}||\rho_B) - 1}{1 - q}$$

(3)

and

$$\tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_{AB}||\rho_A) = \frac{\tilde{Q}_q (\rho_{AB}||\rho_A) - 1}{1 - q}$$

(4)

with $\tilde{Q}_q (\rho_{AB}||\rho_B), \tilde{Q}_q (\rho_{AB}||\rho_A)$ being respectively given by

$$\tilde{Q}_q (\rho_{AB}||\rho_B) = \text{Tr} \left\{ \left[ (I_A \otimes \rho_B)^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \rho_{AB} (I_A \otimes \rho_B)^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \right]^q \right\}$$

(5)

$$\tilde{Q}_q (\rho_{AB}||\rho_A) = \text{Tr} \left\{ \left[ (\rho_A \otimes I_B)^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \rho_{AB} (\rho_A \otimes I_B)^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \right]^q \right\}$$

(6)

In Ref. [20], it has been proved that negative values of $\tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_{AB}||\rho_B), \tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_{AB}||\rho_A)$ indicate entanglement in the bipartite state $\rho_{AB}$. When the subsystems $\rho_B$ or $\rho_A$ are maximally mixed, Eqs. (3), (4) reduce to Abe-Rajagopal (AR) $q$-conditional Tsallis entropies [10] $S^T_q (A|B), S^T_q (B|A)$ respectively:

$$S^T_q (A|B) = \frac{1}{q - 1} \left[ 1 - \frac{\text{Tr} \rho_{AB}}{\text{Tr} \rho_B^q} \right]$$

(7)

$$S^T_q (B|A) = \frac{1}{q - 1} \left[ 1 - \frac{\text{Tr} \rho_{AB}}{\text{Tr} \rho_A^q} \right]$$

(8)

Quite like the AR $q$-conditional entropies $S^T_q (A|B), S^T_q (B|A)$, both the conditional versions of sandwiched Tsallis relative entropy $\tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_{AB}||\rho_B), \tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_{AB}||\rho_A)$ reduce to the respective von-Neumann entropies $S(A|B), S(B|A)$ in the limit $q \rightarrow 1$.

Both AR- and CSTRE- criteria have been employed in Refs. [19, 20] to find the $1 : N - 1$ separability range of the noisy one parameter families of symmetric $N$-qubit states involving either W or GHZ states. In Ref. [21], the $1 : N - 1$ separability ranges in two different non-symmetric one-parameter families of $N$-qubit states are obtained using AR-, CSTRE criteria and a comparative analysis of these separability ranges is carried out.
The investigation of separability range in one parameter families of mixed states through AR- and CSTRE criteria has revealed that whenever the marginal is not maximally mixed and hence does not commute with the global density matrix, the CSTRE criterion yields stricter separability range than its commuting version, the AR-criterion [13–21]. If the marginal is maximally mixed thus commuting with its density matrix, both AR-, CSTRE-criteria are found to yield identical separability ranges [19–21]. The supremacy of CSTRE criterion over AR-criterion, in the cases where non-maximal marginals occur, is illustrated for symmetric [19, 20] and non-symmetric one-parameter families of multiqubit states [21]. In this work, we wish to examine whether CSTRE criterion remains superior to AR-criterion even for finite values of $q$ thus implying the better stochasticity of CSTRE criterion over the AR-criterion.

This article is organized in four sections including the introductory section (Section 1) in which we recall the non-additive entropic separability criteria such as AR-, CSTRE-criteria and discuss the motivation behind this work. Section 2 introduces the $N$-qudit Werner-Popescu state as a generalization of noisy one-parameter family of $N$-qubit GHZ states to its qudit counterpart. Section 3 examines the $1:N$ separability range of one parameter family of $N$-qudit Werner-Popescu states using different separability criteria. A comparison of the results obtained through AR-, CSTRE criteria are compared and the superiority of CSTRE criterion is illustrated through the implicit plots of $x$ versus $q$ in both AR-, CSTRE methods (Section 3). Finally Section 4 provides a summary of the results.

II. $N$-QUDIT WERNER-POPESCU STATES

The Werner-Popescu state with $N$-qudits [12] is defined as

$$\rho_N^d(x) = \rho(A_1, A_2, \ldots A_N) = \frac{1-x}{d^N} [I_d(A_1) \otimes I_d(A_2) \otimes \ldots I_d(A_N)] + x |\Phi^d_N\rangle \langle \Phi^d_N|$$

(9)

Here $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $I_d(A_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots , N$ are $d \times d$ unit matrices belonging to the subsystem space of each qudit $A_i$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots , N$. The pure state $|\Phi^d_N\rangle$ is given by

$$|\Phi^d_N\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} |k\rangle_{A_1} \otimes |k\rangle_{A_2} \otimes \ldots \otimes |k\rangle_{A_N}$$

(10)

and it is an analogue of GHZ state to $d$-level systems. Notice that when $d = 2$, i.e., for qubits, $k = 0, 1$ and Eq. (10) reduces to the $N$-qubit GHZ state

$$|\text{GHZ}_N\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0_10_2\cdots 0_N\rangle + |1_11_2\cdots 1_N\rangle)$$

The eigenvalues of $\rho_N^d(x)$ are given by

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1-x}{d^N} \quad \text{[(d$^N$ - 1)fold degenerate]},$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1+(d^N - 1)x}{d^N} \quad \text{non-degenerate}$$

(11)

The focus here is to find the $1:N-1$ separability range of $\rho_N^d(x)$ using CSTRE criterion.

III. BIPARTITE SEPARABILITY OF $\rho_N^d(x)$ IN ITS $1:N-1$ PARTITION

Denoting the first qubit as subsystem $A$ and the remaining $N-1$ qubits as subsystem $B$, the density matrix of the $N-1$ qubit marginal is given by

$$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_{A_1} \rho(A_1, A_2, \ldots A_N) = \text{Tr}_{A_1} \rho_N^d(x)$$
It can be seen that the eigenvalues \( \eta_i \) of the \( N - 1 \) qubit marginal \( \rho_B \) of \( \rho^d_N(x) \), obtained by reducing over the first qubit, are given by

\[
\eta_1 = \frac{1-x}{d^{N-1}} \quad \text{[}(d^{N-1} - d) - \text{fold degenerate]},
\]

\[
\eta_2 = \frac{1+(d^{N-2} - 1)x}{d^{N-1}} \quad \text{[}d - \text{fold degenerate]} \quad (12)
\]

Also, the subsystem \( \rho_A \), the single qudit marginal of \( \rho^d_N(x) \), corresponds to the maximally mixed state \( I_d/d \), \( I_d \) being \( d \times d \) unit matrix.

In order to find the separability range of the state \( \rho^d_N \) in its \( 1:N-1 \) partition using CSTRE criterion, one needs to evaluate the eigenvalues \( \gamma_i \) of the sandwiched matrix

\[
\Gamma = (I_A \otimes \rho_B)^{1-\frac{1}{\eta_1}} \rho^d_N(x) (I_A \otimes \rho_B)^{\frac{1}{\eta_1}}
\]

so that

\[
\tilde{D}^T_q (\rho^d_N(x)||\rho_B) = \sum_i \gamma^q_i - \frac{1}{1-q}
\]

(14)
can be evaluated. Thus, in the evaluation of \( \tilde{D}^T_q (\rho^d_N(x)||\rho_B) \), the non-negative eigenvalues \( \gamma_i \) play a crucial role. In order to obtain the form of the eigenvalues \( \gamma_i \) for arbitrary \( N \), an analysis of their form for different \( N(N = 2, 3, 4, 5) \) and \( d (d = 3, 4, 5, 6) \) is carried out to arrive at a generalization for any \( N, d \). Table I provides the explicitly evaluated non-zero eigenvalues of the sandwiched matrix \( \Gamma \) for different values of \( N \) and \( d \). It can be readily seen from Table I that, there are only three distinct non-zero eigenvalues for the sandwiched matrix \( \Gamma \). A careful observation of the eigenvalues \( \gamma_i, i = 1, 2, 3 \) in Table I leads towards the generalization of the eigenvalues of sandwiched matrix \( \Gamma \) for

| Number of levels (d) | Number of parties (N) | \( \gamma_1 \) | \( \gamma_2 \) | \( \lambda_3 \) |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2                    | 3                      | -             | (\frac{1}{4})   | (\frac{1}{2})   |
| 3                    | 4                      | (\frac{1}{6}) | (\frac{1}{2})   | (\frac{1}{4})   |
| 4                    | 5                      | (\frac{1}{12}) | (\frac{1}{4})   | (\frac{1}{6})   |
| 5                    | 6                      | (\frac{1}{20}) | (\frac{1}{6})   | (\frac{1}{12})  |
| 6                    | 7                      | (\frac{1}{30}) | (\frac{1}{12})  | (\frac{1}{20})  |

TABLE I. The non-zero eigenvalues \( \lambda_i \) of the sandwiched matrix \( (I_A \otimes \rho_B)^{\frac{1-\eta}{\eta_1}} \rho^d_N(x) (I_A \otimes \rho_B)^{\frac{1}{\eta_1}} \).
$N \geq 2$. The generalized eigenvalues $\gamma_i$ of the sandwiched matrix $\Gamma$ for any $N \geq 2$ are given in the following:

$$\gamma_1 = \left(\frac{1-x}{d^N}\right)^{\frac{1}{dN-1}}, \quad (d^N - d^2) - \text{fold degenerate}$$

$$\gamma_2 = \left(\frac{1-x}{d^N}\right)\left(\frac{1 + \left(d^{N-2}-1\right)x}{d^{N-1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{dN-1}}, \quad (d^2 - 1) - \text{fold degenerate}$$

$$\gamma_3 = \left(\frac{1 + \left(d^{N-1}-1\right)x}{d^N}\right)\left(\frac{1 + \left(d^{N-2}-1\right)x}{d^{N-1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{dN-1}}, \quad \text{non-degenerate.}$$

(15)

The $1:N-1$ separability range of $\rho^d_N(x)$, for each combination of $N = 2, 3, 4, 5$ and $d = 3, 4, 5, 6$ obtained using CSTRE approach allows us to generalize this range to any $N$ and $d$. Table II gives the values of $x$ below which the state $\rho^d_N(x)$, $(N = 2, 3, 4, 5$ and $d = 3, 4, 5, 6)$ is separable. Using Table II, the following $1:N-1$ separability range

| Number of levels $(d)$ | Number of parties $(N)$ | CSTRE separability range |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3                      | 2                      | $(0, 0.25)$              |
|                        | 3                      | $(0, 0.1)$               |
|                        | 4                      | $(0, 0.0357)$            |
|                        | 5                      | $(0, 0.0121)$            |
| 4                      | 2                      | $(0, 0.2)$               |
|                        | 3                      | $(0, 0.0588)$            |
|                        | 4                      | $(0, 0.0153)$            |
|                        | 5                      | $(0, 0.0039)$            |
| 5                      | 2                      | $(0, 0.1666)$            |
|                        | 3                      | $(0, 0.0384)$            |
|                        | 4                      | $(0, 0.0079)$            |
|                        | 5                      | $(0, 0.0016)$            |
| 6                      | 2                      | $(0, 0.1428)$            |
|                        | 3                      | $(0, 0.0270)$            |
|                        | 4                      | $(0, 0.0046)$            |
|                        | 5                      | $(0, 0.0007)$            |

is conjectured for the one parameter family of $N$-qudit Werner-Popescu-states.

$$0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{1 + d^{N-1}}$$

(16)

One can note that the $1:N-1$ separability range given in Eq. (16) is the same as that obtained in Ref. [12], using the AR-criterion. In fact, the existence of maximally mixed single qubit density matrix is the reason behind the equivalence of separability ranges in CSTRE and AR-criteria. Such a situation occurs in the case of symmetric one parameter family of noisy GHZ states [20], pseudopure family containing GHZ states and Werner-like family of states containing GHZ states [21], while determining their $1:N-1$ separability range. In all these states, the single qubit density matrix turns out to be $I_2/2$ thus commuting with the corresponding density matrix implying that the in general non-commutative CSTRE approach yields the results equivalent to commutative AR-approach [20]. It is important to notice here that, using algebraic methods [30, 31] it has been shown that Eq. (16) is actually the necessary and sufficient condition for separability.

Fig. II gives an illustration of the monotonic decrease of $\tilde{D}^T_q(\rho^{(3)}_1(x)||\rho_B)$ with increasing $x$ in the limit $q \to \infty$.

It can be seen that $\tilde{D}^T_q(\rho^{(3)}_1(x)||\rho_B)$ is negative for $x > 0.5633$ when $q = 1$ implying that $(0, 0.5633)$ is the separability range through Von-Neumann conditional entropy, whereas it is negative for $x > 0.0357$ in the limit $q \to \infty$ leading to $(0, 0.357)$ as the separability range through CSTRE criterion.
FIG. 1. The variation of conditional form of sandwiched Tsallis relative entropy \( \tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_A^{(3)}(x) || \rho_B) \) in the 1 : 3 partition of 4-qutrit Werner-Popescu states \( \rho_A^{(3)}(x) \) \( (N=4, d = 3) \), with respect to \( x \), in the limit \( q \to \infty \).

TABLE III. The comparison of the value of \( x \) for \( q = 2 \), obtained through AR-, CSTRE criteria

| Criterion | 3-level | 4-level | 5-level |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| CSTRE     | 0.3837  | 0.3114  | 0.2744  |
| AR        | 0.3162  | 0.1889  | 0.1104  | 0.2425  | 0.1240  | 0.0623  | 0.1961  | 0.0890  | 0.0399  |

Even though the separability range of \( \rho_N^d(x) \), obtained using both CSTRE and AR-conditional entropy are same, there is a difference in the way the parameter \( x \) converges to the value \( x_\infty \), the value of \( x \) for which \( \lim_{q \to \infty} S_q(A|B) = 0 \), \( \lim_{q \to \infty} \tilde{D}_q^T (\rho_N^{(d)}(x) || \rho_B) = 0 \). The rapid convergence of the parameter \( x \) with increasing values of \( q \) in the case of AR \( q \)-conditional entropy is illustrated in Figs. 2 \& 3. Table III provides the values of the parameter \( x \) at which CSTRE, AR \( q \)-conditional entropy becomes zero, when \( q = 2 \), for different \( d \) and \( N \). From Table III one can easily note that the parameter \( x \) is rapidly decreasing in AR method even for \( q = 2 \) thus confirming its relatively rapid convergence in comparison with that of CSTRE in the limit \( q \to \infty \).

It is also evident from Table III that the separability range decreases with the number of subsystems i.e., with the increase of \( N \) for any given \( d \). This feature is illustrated in Figs. 4 \& 5. Similarly a comparison of Figs. 4 \& 5 illustrates that for any given \( N \), the separability range decreases with increasing \( d \). Thus a state of the Werner-Popescu family is entangled throughout the parameter range \( x \) if its constituents are qudits with larger \( d \). More qudits in the state implies a single qudit remains entangled with the remaining \( N - 1 \) qudits in the whole parameter range.

IV. SUMMARY

In this article, the CSTRE criterion is employed to find out the 1 : \( N - 1 \) separability range of \( N \)-qudit Werner-Popescu states. It is observed that the 1 : \( N - 1 \) separability range obtained through both CSTRE and AR \( q \)-conditional entropy criteria match with each other for these states. The maximally mixed and hence commuting nature of the single qudit density matrix with the Werner-Popescu state is found to be the reason behind the matching of the 1 : \( N - 1 \) separability ranges due to commutative AR-criterion and non-commutative CSTRE criterion. The relatively smoother convergence of the parameter \( x \) with respect to increasing \( q \) is observed in the case of implicit plots of CSTRE in comparison with the convergence in the case of AR \( q \)-conditional entropy thus establishing the supremacy of CSTRE criterion over the AR-criterion. The 1 : \( N - 1 \) separability range obtained for \( N \)-qudit Werner Popescu states using entropic criteria is seen to match with that obtained using an algebraic necessary and sufficient condition
FIG. 2. The comparison between implicit plots of $\tilde{D}_q^T(\rho_5^{(3)}(x)||\rho_B) = 0$ and $S_q^T(A|B) = 0$, as a function of $q$ in the 1 : 4 partition of the 5-qutrit $(N = 5, d = 3)$ state $\rho_5^{(3)}(x)$. A rapid decrease in the value of $x$, in comparison with $\tilde{D}_q^T(\rho_5^{(3)}(x)||\rho_B)$, can be observed in the case of $S_q^T(A|B)$.

FIG. 3. The comparison between implicit plots of $\tilde{D}_q^T(\rho_4^{(5)}(x)||\rho_B) = 0$ and $S_q^T(A|B) = 0$, as a function of $q$ for 4-partite $(N = 4), 5$-level $(d = 5)$ Werner-Popescu states $\rho_4^{(5)}(x)$.

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FIG. 4. The graph of CSTRE $\tilde{D}_q^T(\rho_N^{(3)}(x)||\rho_B) = 0$ versus $x$ for different values of $N$ when $d = 3$. The decrease of the separability range with $N$, for any given $d$ is clearly seen.

FIG. 5. The graph of CSTRE $\tilde{D}_q^T(\rho_N^{(4)}(x)||\rho_B) = 0$ versus $x$ for different values of $N$ when $d = 4$.

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