Remediing the strong monotonicity of the coherence measure in terms of the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy

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Coherence is the most fundamental quantum feature of the nonclassical systems. The understanding of coherence within the resource theory has been attracting increasing interest among which the quantification of coherence is an essential ingredient. A satisfactory measure should meet certain standard criteria. It seems that the most crucial criterion should be the strong monotonicity, that is, average coherence doesn’t increase under the (sub-selective) incoherent operations. Recently, the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy [A. E. Rastegin, Phys. Rev. A 93, 032136 (2016)] has been tried to quantify the coherence. But it was shown to violate the strong monotonicity, even though it can unambiguously distinguish the coherent and the incoherent states with the monotonicity. Here we establish a family of coherence quantifiers which are closely related to the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy. It proves that this family of quantifiers satisfy all the standard criteria and particularly cover several typical coherence measures.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Coherence, the most fundamental quantum feature of a nonclassical system, stems from quantum superposition principle which reveals the wave particle duality of matter. It has been shown that coherence plays the key roles in the physical dynamics in biology [1–6], transport theory [8, 9], and thermodynamics [10–14]. In particular, some typical approaches such as phase space distributions and higher order correlation functions have been developed in quantum optics to reveal quantum coherence even as an irragorous quantification [15–17]. Quite recently, quantum coherence has been attracting increasing interest in various aspects [18–33] including the quantification of coherence [18–21], the operational resource theory [22–25], the distribution [26], the different understandings [33–36] and so on.

Quantification of coherence is the most essential ingredient not only in the quantum theory but also in the practical application. Various quantities have been proposed to serve as a coherence quantifier, however the available candidates are still quite limited. Up to now, only two alternatives, i.e., the coherence measures based on $l_1$ norm and the relative entropy, have turned out to be a satisfactory coherence measure [18]. In contrast, the usual $l_p$ ($p \neq 1$) norm can not directly induce a good measure [19]. In addition, the coherence quantifier based on the Fidelity is easily shown to satisfy the monotonicity that the coherence of the post-incoherent-operation state doesn’t increase, but it violates the strong monotonicity that average coherence doesn’t increase under the sub-selective incoherent operations [18, 33]. Similarly, even though the coherence based on the trace norm also satisfies the monotonicity but lacks a strict proof for the strong monotonicity [19, 38]. However, we know that the strong monotonicity is much more important than the monotonicity not only because the sub-selection of the measurement outcomes required by the strong monotonicity can be well controlled in experiment as is stated in Ref. [18, 19], but also because the realizable sub-selection would lead to the real increment of the coherence from the point of resource theory of view if the strong monotonicity was violated. In this sense, the quantitative characterization of coherence still needs to be paid more attention.

Recently, Ref. [22] has also proposed a coherence quantifier in terms of the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy which lays the foundation to the non-extensive thermo-statistics and plays the same role as the standard logarithmic entropy does in the information theory [39, 40]. However, it is unfortunate that the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy isn’t an ideal coherence measure either because Ref. [22] showed that it only satisfies the monotonicity and a variational monotonicity rather than the strong monotonicity. Is it possible to bridge the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy with the strong monotonicity by some particular and elaborate design? In this paper, we build such a bridge between the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy with the strong monotonicity, hence present a family of good coherence quantifiers. By considering the special case in this family, one can find that the $l_2$ norm can be validly employed to quantify the coherence. The remaining of this paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we introduce the coherence measure and the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy. In Sec. III, we present the family of coherence quantifiers and mainly prove them to be strongly monotonic. In Sec. IV, we study the maximal coherence and several particular coherence measure. Finally, we finish the paper by the conclusion and some discussions.
II. THE COHERENCE AND THE TSALLIS RELATIVE $\alpha$ ENTROPY

The resource theory includes three ingredients: the free states, the resource states and the free operations \cite{24, 41}. For coherence, the free states are referred as to the incoherent states which are defined in a given fixed basis $\{ |i\rangle \}$ by the states with the density matrices in the diagonal form, i.e., $\delta = \sum_i \delta_i |i\rangle \langle i|$ with $\sum_i \delta_i = 1$ for the positive $\delta_i$. All the states without the above diagonal form are the coherent states, i.e., the resource states. The quantum operations described by the Kraus operators $\{ K_n \}$ with $K_n K_n^\dagger = \mathbb{I}$ are called as the incoherent operations and serve as the free operations for coherence, if $K_n \delta K_n^\dagger \in \mathcal{I}$ for any incoherent $\delta$. In this sense, the standard criteria of a good coherence quantifier $C(\rho)$ for the state $\rho$ can be rigorously rewritten as \cite{18} (i) (Null) $C(\delta) = 0$ for $\delta \in \mathcal{I}$; (ii) (Strong monotonicity) for any state $\rho$ and incoherent operations $\{ K_n \}$, $C(\rho) \geq \sum_n p_n C(\rho_n)$ with $p_n = \text{Tr} K_n \rho K_n^\dagger$ and $\rho_n = K_n \rho K_n^\dagger / p_n$; (iii) (Convexity) For any ensemble $\{ \{ q_i, \sigma_i \} \}$, $C(\sum_i q_i \sigma_i) \leq \sum_i q_i C(\sigma_i)$. In addition, the monotonicity requires $C(\rho) \geq C(\sum_n p_n \rho_n)$, however, it alone isn’t laid in an important position because the measurement outcomes of $\{ K_n \}$ can be well controlled (subselected) in practical experiments, or in other words, the violation of the strong monotonicity means that the ultimate coherence is actually increased by the incoherent operations $\{ K_n \}$ even though it can be automatically implied by (ii) and (iii). With these criteria, any measure of distinguishability such as the (pseudo-) distance norm could induce a potential candidate for a coherence quantifier. But it has been shown that some candidates only satisfy the monotonicity rather than the strong monotonicity, so they are not ideal and could be only used in the limited cases. Ref. \cite{22} found that the coherence based on the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy is also such a coherence quantifier without the strong monotonicity.

The Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy is a special case of the quantum $f$-divergences \cite{22, 42}. For two density matrices $\rho$ and $\sigma$, it is defined as

$$D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( T \rho^\alpha \sigma^{1-\alpha} - 1 \right)$$

for $\alpha \in (0, 2]$. It is shown that for $\alpha \to 1$, $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$ will reduce to the relative entropy $S (\rho || \sigma) = T \rho \log_2 \rho - \rho \log_2 \sigma$. The Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$ inherits many important properties of the quantum $f$-divergences, for example, (Positivity) $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma) \geq 0$ with equality if and only if $\rho = \sigma$, (Isometry) $D_\alpha (U \rho U^\dagger || U \sigma U^\dagger) = D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$ for any unitary operations, (Contractibility) $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma) \leq D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$ under any trace-preserving and completely positive (TPCP) map $\$ and (Joint convexity) $D_\alpha \left( \sum_n p_n \rho_n || \sum_n p_n \sigma_n \right) \leq \sum_n p_n D_\alpha (\rho_n || \sigma_n)$ for the density matrices $\rho_n$ and $\sigma_n$ and the corresponding probability distribution $p_n$.

Based on the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$, the coherence in the fixed reference basis $\{ |j\rangle \}$ can be characterized by \cite{22}

$$\tilde{C}_\alpha (\rho) = \min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} D_\alpha (\rho || \delta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( \left( \sum_j \langle j | \rho^\alpha | j \rangle^{1/\alpha} \right)^{\alpha} - 1 \right).$$

However, it is shown that $\tilde{C}_\alpha (\rho)$ satisfies all the criteria for a good coherence measure but the strong monotonicity. Since $D_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} (\rho || \sigma)$ reduces to the relative entropy $S (\rho || \sigma)$ which has induced the good coherence measure, throughout the paper we are mainly interested in $\alpha \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2]$.

In addition, the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$ can also be reformulated by a very useful function as

$$D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} (f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma) - 1)$$

with

$$f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma) = \text{Tr} \rho^\alpha \sigma^{1-\alpha}.$$

Accordingly, the coherence $\tilde{C}_\alpha (\rho)$ can also be rewritten as

$$\tilde{C}_\alpha (\rho) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left[ \text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) \min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} \text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho, \delta) - 1 \right]$$

which, based on Eq. \cite{22}, leads to the conclusion

$$\min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} \text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho, \delta) = \left( \sum_j \langle j | \rho^\alpha | j \rangle^{1/\alpha} \right)^{\alpha}.$$

Based on Eq. \cite{22} and the properties of $D_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$ mentioned above, one can have the following observations for the function $f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma)$. \cite{22, 42}

**Observations:** $f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma)$ satisfies the following properties:

(I) $f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma) \geq 1$ for $\alpha \in (1, 2]$ and $f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma) \leq 1$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ with equality if and only if $\rho = \sigma$;

(II) For a unitary operation $U$, $f_\alpha (U \rho U^\dagger, U \sigma U^\dagger) = f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma)$;

(III) For any TPCP map $\$, $f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma)$ doesn’t decrease for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, and doesn’t increased for $\alpha \in (1, 2]$, namely,

$$\text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) f_\alpha (\$, $\$) \leq \text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma),$$

where the function is defined by $\text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) = \begin{cases} -1, & \alpha \in (0, 1) \\ 1, & \alpha \in (1, 2] \end{cases}$;

(IV) The function $\text{sgn}_1 (\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma)$ is jointly convex;

(V) For a state $\delta$, $f_\alpha (\rho \otimes \delta, \sigma \otimes \delta) = f_\alpha (\rho || \sigma)$, which can be easily found from the function itself.
III. THE COHERENCE MEASURES BASED ON THE TSALLIS RELATIVE $\alpha$ ENTROPY

To proceed, we would like to present a very important lemma for the function $f_\alpha (\rho, \sigma)$, which is the key to show our main result.

**Lemma 1.** Suppose both $\rho$ and $\sigma$ simultaneously undergo a TPCP map $\mathbf{S} := \left\{ M_n : \sum_n M_n \dagger M_n = I_S \right\}$ which transforms the states $\rho$ and $\sigma$ into the ensemble $\{ p_n, \rho_n \}$ and $\{ q_n, \sigma_n \}$, respectively, then we have

$$\text{sgn}_1(\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho, \delta_S) \geq \text{sgn}_1(\alpha) \sum_n p_n^{\alpha} q_n^{1-\alpha} f_\alpha (\rho_n, \sigma_n).$$

(8)

**Proof.** Any TPCP map can be realized by a unitary operation on a composite system followed by a local projective measurement. Suppose system $S$ is of our interest and $A$ is an auxiliary system. For a TPCP map $\mathbf{S} := \left\{ M_n : \sum_n M_n \dagger M_n = I_S \right\}$, one can always find a unitary operation $U_{SA}$ and a group of projectors $\{ \Pi_n^A = \lvert n \rangle \langle n \rangle_A \}$ such that

$$M_n \rho M_n \dagger = (I_S \otimes \Pi_n^A) U_{SA} (\rho \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger (I_S \otimes \Pi_n^A).$$

(9)

Using Properties (I) and (II), we have

$$f_\alpha (\rho, \delta_S) = f_\alpha \left( U_{SA} (\rho \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger, U_{SA} (\sigma \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger \right).$$

(10)

holds for any two states $\rho_S$ and $\sigma_S$. Let $\rho_{SF} = \mathbf{S}_{SA} \left[ U_{SA} (\rho \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger \right]$ and $\sigma_{SF} = \mathbf{S}_{SA} \left[ U_{SA} (\sigma \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger \right]$ which describe the states $U_{SA} (\rho \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger$ and $U_{SA} (\sigma \otimes \Pi_0^A) U_{SA} \dagger$ undergo an arbitrary TPCP map $\mathbf{S}_{SA}$ performed on the composite system $S$ plus $A$. Based on Property (III), one can easily find

$$\text{sgn}_1(\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho, \delta_S) \geq \text{sgn}_1(\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho_{SF}, \sigma_{SF}).$$

(11)

Suppose the TPCP map $\mathbf{S}_{SA} := \{ I_S \otimes \Pi_0^A \}$, according to Eq. (11), one can replace $\rho_{SF}$ and $\sigma_{SF}$ in Eq. (11), respectively, by

$$\rho_{SF} \rightarrow \tilde{\rho}_{SF} = \sum_n M_n \rho M_n \dagger \otimes \Pi_n^A$$

(12)

and

$$\sigma_{SF} \rightarrow \tilde{\sigma}_{SF} = \sum_n M_n \sigma M_n \dagger \otimes \Pi_n^A.$$  

(13)

Therefore, we get

$$\text{sgn}_1(\alpha) f_\alpha (\rho_S, \delta_S) \geq \text{sgn}_1(\alpha) f_\alpha (\tilde{\rho}_{SF}, \tilde{\sigma}_{SF}) = \text{sgn}_1(\alpha) \sum_n f_\alpha \left( M_n \rho M_n \dagger \otimes \Pi_n^A, M_n \sigma M_n \dagger \otimes \Pi_n^A \right) = \text{sgn}_1(\alpha) \sum_n p_n^{\alpha} q_n^{1-\alpha} f_\alpha (\rho_n, \sigma_n),$$

(14)

which completes the proof.

Based on Lemma 1 and the preliminaries given in the previous section, we can present our main theorem as follows.

**Theorem 1.** The coherence of a quantum state $\rho$ can be measured by

$$C_\alpha (\rho) = \min_{\delta \in \mathbb{I}} \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( f_\alpha^{1/\alpha} (\rho, \delta) - 1 \right)$$

(15)

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( \sum_j \langle \psi | \rho^\alpha | \psi \rangle^{1/\alpha} - 1 \right),$$

(16)

where $\alpha \in (0, 2]$, $\{ | \psi \rangle \}$ is the reference basis and $f_\alpha (\rho, \delta) = (\alpha - 1) D_\alpha (\rho || \delta) + 1$ with $D_\alpha (\rho || \delta)$ representing the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy.

**Proof.** At first, one can note that the function $x^\alpha$ is a monotonically increasing function on $x$, so Eq. (10) obviously holds for positive $x$ due to Eq. (6).

Null.- Since the original Tsallis entropy defined by Eq. (2) can unambiguously distinguish a coherent state from the incoherent one. Eq. (2) implies that

$$\sum_j \langle \psi | \rho^\alpha | \psi \rangle^{1/\alpha} = 1$$

is sufficient and necessary condition for incoherent states. Thus the zero $C_\alpha (\rho)$ is also a sufficient and necessary condition for incoherent state $\rho$.

Convexity.- From Ref. (14), one can learn that the function $g(A) = \text{Tr}(X \rho^\alpha X \dagger)$ is convex in positive matrix $A$ for $p \in [1, 2]$ and $s \geq \frac{1}{p}$, and concave in $A$ for $p \in (0, 1]$ and $1 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{p}$. Now let’s assume $A = \rho$, $X = | j \rangle \langle j |$ and $p = \alpha$ and $s = \frac{1}{\alpha}$, thus one has

$$g_\alpha^\beta (\rho) = \text{Tr}(| j \rangle \langle j | \rho^\alpha | j \rangle \langle j |)^{1/\alpha} = \langle j | \rho^\alpha | j \rangle^{1/\alpha},$$

(17)

which implies $g_\alpha^\beta (\rho)$ is convex in density matrix $\rho$ for $\alpha \in [1, 2]$ and $s = \frac{1}{\alpha}$, and concave in $p$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ and $s = \frac{1}{\alpha}$. Here the subscript $\alpha$ and the superscript $j$ in $g_\alpha^\beta$ specifies the particular choice. So it is easy to find that

$$\frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \sum_j g_\alpha^\beta (\rho)$$

is convex for $\alpha \in (0, 2]$. Considering Eq. (16), one can easily show $C_\alpha (\rho)$ is convex in $\rho$.

**Strong monotonicity.** Now let $\{ M_n \}$ denote the incoherent operation, so the ensemble after the incoherent operation on the state $\rho$ can be given by $\{ p_n, \rho_n \}$ with $p_n = \text{Tr} M_n \rho M_n \dagger$ and $\rho_n = M_n \rho M_n \dagger / p_n$. Thus the average coherence $\overline{C}_\alpha$ is

$$\overline{C}_\alpha = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( \sum_n p_n f_\alpha^{1/\alpha} (\rho_n, \delta_n) - 1 \right).$$

(18)
Let $\delta^o$ denote the optimal incoherent state such that
\[ C_\alpha (\rho) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( f_{1/\alpha}^\delta (\alpha, \delta^o) - 1 \right), \]
i.e.,
\[ f_{\alpha} (\rho, \delta^o) = \min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} \sgn_{\delta} f_{\alpha} (\rho, \delta). \]

Considering the incoherent operation $\{M_n\}$, we have $\sigma_n^\alpha = M_n \delta^o M_n^\dagger/q_n \in \mathcal{I}$ with $q_n = \text{Tr} M_n \delta^o M_n^\dagger$. Therefore, one can immediately find that
\[ \min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} \sgn_{\delta} f_{\alpha}^{1/\alpha} (\rho, \delta) \leq \sgn_{\delta} f_{\alpha}^{1/\alpha} (\rho_n, \sigma_n^\alpha), \]
where we use the function $x^{1/\alpha}$ is monotonically increasing on $x$. According to Eqs. (13) and (21), we obtain
\[ \tilde{C}_\alpha \leq \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( \sum_n p_n f_{\alpha}^{1/\alpha} (\rho_n, \sigma_n^\alpha) - 1 \right). \]

In addition, the H"older inequality [45] implies that for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$,
\[ \left[ \sum_n q_n \right]^{1-\alpha} \left[ \sum_n p_n f_{\alpha}^{1/\alpha} (\rho_n, \sigma_n^\alpha) \right]^\alpha \geq \sum_n p_n^{\alpha} q_n^{1-\alpha} f_{\alpha} (\rho_n, \sigma_n^\alpha), \]
and the inequality sign is reverse for $\alpha \in (1, 2)$, so Eq. (22) becomes
\[ C_\alpha \leq \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( \left[ \sum_n p_n^{\alpha} q_n^{1-\alpha} f_{\alpha} (\rho_n, \sigma_n^\alpha) \right]^{1/\alpha} - 1 \right) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( f_{\alpha}^{1/\alpha} (\rho, \delta^o) - 1 \right) = C_\alpha, \]
which is due to Lemma 1. Eq. (24) shows the strong monotonicity of $C_\alpha$.

IV. MAXIMAL COHERENCE AND SEVERAL TYPICAL QUANTIFIERS

Next, we will show that the maximal coherence can be achieved by the maximally coherent states. At first, we assume $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Based on the eigen-decomposition of a $d$-dimensional state $\rho : \rho = \sum_k \lambda_k |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k|$ with $\lambda_k$ and $|\psi_k\rangle$ representing the eigenvalue and eigenvectors, we have
\[ \sum_j |j\rangle \rho^\alpha |j\rangle^{1/\alpha} = \sum_j \left( \sum_k \lambda_k^\alpha |\psi_k\rangle |j\rangle^2 \right)^{1/\alpha} \geq d \left( \sum_{jk} \frac{\lambda_k^\alpha}{d} |\psi_k\rangle |j\rangle^2 \right)^{1/\alpha} \geq d \left( \sum_k \frac{\lambda_k^\alpha}{d} \right)^{1/\alpha} \geq d^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}}. \]

One can easily find that the lower bound Eq. (25) can be attained by the maximally coherent states $\rho_m = |\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|$ with $|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_j e^{i\phi_j} |j\rangle$. Correspondingly, the coherence is given by
\[ C_{0<\alpha<1} (\rho_m) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} (1 - d^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}}). \]

Similarly, for $\alpha \in (1, 2]$, the function $x^{1/\alpha}$ is concave, which leads to that Eq. (25) with the inverse inequality sign holds. The inequality can also saturate for $\rho_m$. The corresponding coherence is given by
\[ C_{1<\alpha\leq2} (\rho_m) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} (d^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - 1). \]

$C_\alpha (\rho)$ actually defines a family of coherence measures related to the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy. This family includes several typical coherence measures. As mentioned above, the most prominent coherence measure belonging to this family is the coherence in terms of relative entropy, i.e., $C_1 (\rho) = S (\rho)$.

One can also find that
\[ C_{1/2} (\rho) = \min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} \left( 1 - \left[ \text{Tr} \sqrt{\rho \delta} \right]^2 \right) = 1 - \sum_i \left( |i\rangle \rho^\frac{1}{2} |i\rangle^2 \right)^2 \]
with $\|\cdot\|_2$ denoting $l_2$ norm. So the $l_2$ norm has been revived for coherence measure by considering the square root of the density matrices. This is much like the quantification of quantum correlation proposed in Ref. [46].

In addition, $C_{1/2} (\rho)$ can also be rewritten as
\[ C_{1/2} (\rho) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \text{Tr} \left( \sqrt{\rho} |i\rangle \langle i| \right)^2 \]
which is just the coherence measure based on the skew information [17, 18].

Finally, one can also see that
\[ C_2 (\rho) = \min_{\delta \in \mathcal{I}} \left( \sqrt{\text{Tr} \rho^2 \delta^{-1}} - 1 \right) = \sum_i \left( |i\rangle \rho^2 |i\rangle^{1/2} - 1 \right) \]
which is a simple function of the density matrix.

V. DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

We establish a family of coherence measures that are closely related to the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy. We prove that these coherence measures satisfy all the required criteria for a satisfactory coherence measure especially including the strong monotonicity. We also show this
family of coherence measures includes several typical coherence measures such as the coherences measure based on von Neumann entropy, skew information and so on. Additionally, we show how to validate the $l_2$ norm as a coherence measure. Finally, we would like to emphasize that the convexity and the strong monotonicity could be two key points which couldn’t easily be compatible with each other to some extent. Fortunately, Ref. [44] provides the important knowledge to harmonize both points in this paper. This work builds the bridge between the Tsallis relative $\alpha$ entropy and the strong monotonicity and provides the important alternative quantifiers for the coherence quantification. This could shed new light on the strong monotonicity of other candidates for coherence measure.

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