An optimal discrimination of two mixed qubit states with a fixed rate of inconclusive results

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In this paper we consider the optimal discrimination of two mixed qubit states for a measurement that allows a fixed rate of inconclusive results. Our strategy is to transform the problem of two qubit states into a minimum error discrimination for three qubit states by adding a specific quantum state \( \rho_0 \) and a prior probability \( q_0 \), which behaves as an inconclusive degree. First, we introduce the beginning and the end of practical interval of inconclusive result, \( q_0(0) \) and \( q_0(1) \), which are key ingredients in investigating our problem. Then we obtain the analytic form of them. Next, we show that our problem can be classified into two cases \( q_0 = q_0(0) \) (or \( q_0 = q_0(1) \)) and \( q_0(0) < q_0 < q_0(1) \). In fact, by maximum confidences of two qubit states and non-diagonal element of \( \rho_0 \), the our problem is completely understood. We provide an analytic solution of our problem when \( q_0 = q_0(0) \) (or \( q_0 = q_0(1) \)). However, when \( q_0(0) < q_0 < q_0(1) \), we rather supply the numerical method to find the solution, because of the complex relation between inconclusive degree and corresponding failure probability. Finally we confirm our results using previously known examples.

I. INTRODUCTION

The information encoded in the quantum state by a sender can be delivered to a receiver, who performs a measurement to extract this information. A proper measurement strategy is required when the receiver wants to obtain information from nonorthogonal quantum states because those states cannot be perfectly discriminated[1–4]. Measurement strategies can be classified by the constraints on conclusive or inconclusive results. In quantum state discrimination, inconclusive results indicate that the given quantum state cannot be definitely discriminated. Minimum-error discrimination(MD)[5–18] is able to minimize the average error of conclusive results without inconclusive results. Unambiguous discrimination(UD)[19–29] and maximum-confidence discrimination(MC)[30] strategies permit inconclusive results and minimize individual errors associated with the conclusive results.

In addition to these strategies, there is a scheme for minimizing the average error of conclusive results while maintaining a fixed rate of inconclusive results(FRIR)[31–38]. FRIR is actually a generalization of other known strategies. For example, when the fixed rate is zero, the FRIR is equivalent to the MD. If the fixed rate is sufficiently large, the FRIR becomes equivalent to MC(or UD). For the MD, the solution of two mixed quantum states is explicitly known[5, 10], however it is not known for the FRIR. The solution of the FRIR of two qubit states with identical maximal confidences exists[35] but that of the general case does not.

Recently, Bagan et al.[36] changed the FRIR of \( N \) quantum states into the MD of \( N \) quantum states by modifying prior probabilities and the quantum states. This approach can be useful for obtaining a solution to symmetric states but it cannot be used for arbitrary quantum states and prior probabilities because it requires solving complicated equations. On the other hand, Nakahira et al.[37] and Herzog[38] provided another method to transform the FRIR into the MD. Their method does not modify the given quantum states or the prior probabilities. Instead, this method only adds an appropriate density operator \( \rho_0 \) with a suitable probability \( q_0 \)(which we will call an inconclusive degree) for a given quantum system. Then, based on the FRIR of \( N \) quantum states, one can form the MD of \( N + 1 \) quantum states by using a measurement operator that provides inconclusive results. In order to transform the problem of optimal discrimination of \( N \) quantum states with a fixed rate of inconclusive results into that of minimum error discrimination of \( N + 1 \) quantum states, one must deal with special inconclusive degrees \( q_0(0) \) and \( q_0(1) \). Even though they mentioned the relation between failure probability of original problem and inconclusive degree of modified problem, they could not find special inconclusive degrees \( q_0(0) \) and \( q_0(1) \) in an analytic form, which appear naturally in modified problem. Even more they could not solve even the simplest FRIR problem for two qubit mixed states. Here special inconclusive degrees \( q_0(0) \) and \( q_0(1) \) are the beginning and the end of practical interval of inconclusive degree. In fact \( q_0(0) \) and \( q_0(1) \) are the key to solve FRIR of two qubit states.

In fact, Nakahira et al.[37] and Herzog[38] could not give a solution to the FRIR of two mixed qubit states. In
this paper we provide a solution to the FRIR of two mixed qubit states. In Section II we derive the detailed relation between original FRIR problem and modified FRIR problem, which is given by MD of three qubit states. Furthermore we introduce special inconclusive degrees \( q_0^{(0)} \) and \( q_0^{(1)} \) and investigate their feature. In Section III we divide FRIR problem of two qubit states into two cases of \( q_0 = q_0^{(0)} \) (or \( q_0 = q_0^{(1)} \)) and \( q_0^{(0)} < q_0 < q_0^{(1)} \), and specify that the problem can be solved by maximum confidences of two qubit states and the non-diagonal element of \( \rho_0 \). Using complementarity problem, we find the analytic form of \( q_0^{(0)} \) and \( q_0^{(1)} \), and provide the complete understanding of modified FRIR problem in \( q_0^{(0)} \leq q_0 \leq q_0^{(1)} \). That is, we provide an analytic solution of original FRIR problem in case of \( q_0 = q_0^{(0)} \) (or \( q_0 = q_0^{(1)} \)). If \( q_0^{(0)} < q_0 < q_0^{(1)} \), because of complex relation between inconclusive degree and corresponding failure probability, we provide the method to solve original problem numerically. Finally, we confirm our results by providing the correct solutions to known examples[35]. In Section IV we summarize our result.

II. FRIR

We consider the quantum state ensemble \( \{ q_i, \rho_i \}_{i=1}^N \). This ensemble suggests that with the prior probability \( q_i \), one prepares the quantum state corresponding to the density operator \( \rho_i \) on a \( d \)-dimensional complex Hilbert space \( \mathcal{H}_d \). Without loss of generality, we assume that the eigenvectors of \( \rho_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \rho_i \) (with nonzero eigenvalues) span \( \mathcal{H}_d \). The quantum state of the system may be discriminated by the positive operator valued measure (POVM) \( \{ M_i \}_{i=0}^N \). The POVM consists of \( N + 1 \) positive semidefinite Hermitian operators on \( \mathcal{H}_d \) and satisfies \( \sum_{i=0}^N M_i = I_d \). \( I_d \) is the identity operator on \( \mathcal{H}_d \). Here \( M_0 \) provides inconclusive results, while \( M_i (i \neq 0) \) gives conclusive results. The probability that the quantum state \( \rho_i \) can be guessed to be \( \rho_j \) is \( \text{tr}[\rho_i M_j] \) by the Born rule. Therefore, the probability for conclusive results \( P_C \) turns out to be \( \sum_{i=1}^N \text{tr}[\rho_0 M_i] \), and the probability for inconclusive results \( P_I \) becomes \( \text{tr}[\rho_0 M_0] \). The probability of correctly guessing the quantum state and the error probability are \( P_{\text{cor}} = \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \text{tr}[\rho_i M_i] \) and \( P_{\text{err}} = P_C - P_{\text{cor}} \) respectively. We use \( R_{\text{cor(err)}} \) to denote the probability of correctly(or incorrectly) guessing when we succeed in guessing the quantum state. That is, \( R_{\text{cor(err)}} = P_{\text{cor(err)}}/P_C \).

A. Original FRIR problem

Our discrimination strategy is to maximize(or minimize) \( R_{\text{cor(err)}} \) with fixed \( P_1 = Q(0 \leq Q < 1) \). Because \( P_C + P_I = 1 \), this is equivalent to maximizing(or minimizing) \( P_{\text{cor(err)}} \) with fixed \( P_1 = Q \), which can be reformulated into the following optimization problem:

\[
\begin{aligned}
\text{max} & \quad P_{\text{cor}} = \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \text{tr}[\rho_i M_i] \\
\text{subject to} & \quad M_i \geq 0 \forall i, \quad \sum_{i=0}^N M_i = I_d, \quad \text{tr}[\rho_0 M_0] = Q.
\end{aligned}
\]

In this paper, we use the superscript “opt” to denote the optimized value or variable. For example, \( P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) \) and \( R_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) \) indicate the maximum of \( P_{\text{cor}} \) and \( R_{\text{cor}} \) when \( P_1 = Q \), respectively.

B. Modified FRIR problem

Instead of simply attacking the problem as described above, we can modify it as follows. Here, we introduce a positive number \( q_0 \) (called an inconclusive degree) which corresponds to the a priori probability of \( \rho_0 \). Further, \( M_0 \) denotes the measurement operator of guessing \( \rho_0 \) in the system:

\[
\begin{aligned}
\text{max} & \quad \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}} = \sum_{i=0}^N q_i \text{tr}[\rho_i M_i] \\
\text{subject to} & \quad M_i \geq 0 \forall i, \quad \sum_{i=0}^N M_i = I_d, \quad q_0 = q.
\end{aligned}
\]
We use \( \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}}(q) \) to denote the maximum value of \( \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}} \) when \( q_0 = q \).

The following relation[37] between \( P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) \) and \( \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}}(q) \) implies that when the MD of \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=0}^N \) can be completely analyzed, \( R_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) \) can be found in the FRIR of \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=1}^N \).

**Lemma II.1** If \( P_1 = Q \) and \( \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}} = \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q) \) for some POVM, \( P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) = \tilde{P}_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q) - qQ \).

The proof is given in Appendix A.

Equation (2) represents a convex optimization problem[39](or semidefinite program) to minimum-error discrimination problem for \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=0}^N \) with non-normalized priori probabilities. For investigating the analytic structure of POVM for an optimal solution of (2), we consider Karush-Kuhn-Tucker(KKT) optimality conditions, composed of constraints of primal and dual problem and complementary conditions, instead of necessary and sufficient conditions[5–7].

### C. Optimality conditions of modified FRIR problem

The optimization problem (2) is equivalent to MD of \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=0}^N \) with non-normalized priori probabilities. Since the semidefinite programming of MD[40] hold regardless of the normalization condition, we can apply the results into this modified FRIR problem. First, the modified problem (3) has the following Lagrange dual problem.

\[
\min \quad \text{tr}[K] \quad \text{subject to} \quad K = q_i \rho_i + r_i \tau_i \quad \forall i, \quad q_0 = q.
\]

\( K \) is a Hermitian operator on \( \mathcal{H}_d \), which is a Lagrange multiplier of an equality constraint \( \sum_{i=0}^{N} M_i = I_d \). \( r_i \tau_i \) is a Lagrange multiplier of an inequality constraint \( M_i \geq 0 \), where \( r_i \) and \( \tau_i \) are a non-negative real number and a density operator on \( \mathcal{H}_d \), respectively. \( r_i \tau_i \) is separated into \( r_i \) and \( \tau_i \), for geometric understanding of qubit state discrimination. Second, the optimized values of two problems (2),(3) of \( q_0 = q \) coincide. Finally, the complementary slackness condition \( r_i \text{tr}[\tau_i M_i] = 0 (\forall i) \) is a necessary and sufficient condition for optimizing the feasible variables in two problems(primal and dual problems)(2),(3) of \( q_0 = q \). We summarize the KKT optimality condition for modified FRIR problem of \( q_0 = q \) as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
(\text{i}) & \quad M_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{N} M_i = I_d, \\
(\text{ii}) & \quad q \rho_0 + r_0 \tau_0 = q_i \rho_i + r_i \tau_i \quad \forall i, \\
(\text{iii}) & \quad r_i \text{tr}[\tau_i M_i] = 0 \quad \forall i.
\end{align*}
\]

In order to express KKT optimality condition (4) in a form that we can deal with, we define the following variables.

\[
M_i = \bar{\rho}_0^{1/2} M_i \bar{\rho}_0^{1/2}, \quad \bar{\rho}_i = \rho_0^{-1/2} q_i \rho_i \rho_0^{-1/2}, \quad \bar{\tau}_i = \rho_0^{-1/2} r_i \tau_i \rho_0^{-1/2}.
\]

In terms of these newly defined variables, the KKT condition can be rewritten as:

\[
\begin{align*}
(\text{i}) & \quad \bar{M}_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{N} \bar{M}_i = \rho_0, \\
(\text{ii}) & \quad q I_d + \bar{\tau}_0 = \bar{\rho}_i + \bar{\tau}_i \quad \forall i, \\
(\text{iii}) & \quad \text{tr}[\bar{\tau}_i \bar{M}_i] = 0 \quad \forall i.
\end{align*}
\]

We denote \( C_i \) and \(|\nu_i|\) as the largest eigenvalue of \( \bar{\rho}_i \) and the corresponding eigenvector, respectively. \( C_i \) physically represents the maximum achievable confidence of \( \rho_i \) in terms of MC[30]. Note that the product \( r_i^{\text{opt}} \tau_i^{\text{opt}} \) of \( r_i^{\text{opt}} \) and \( \tau_i^{\text{opt}} \) satisfying optimality condition (4) is unique, but optimal POVM elements \( M_i^{\text{opt}} \) is not always unique[16]. \( \tau_i^{\text{opt}} \) fulfilling another optimality condition (6) is unique. However \( M_i^{\text{opt}} \) can be unique or non-unique. We will use the fact to find the analytic expression of optimal POVM element \( M_i^{\text{opt}} \) or \( M_i^{\text{cor}} \).

When \( d = 2 \), by introducing a real number \( p_i \) and Bloch vectors \( u_i, v_i, \) and \( w_i \), we can express POVM elements \( M_i \) and density operators \( \rho_i, \tau_i \) as:

\[
M_i = p_i (I_2 + u_i \cdot \sigma), \quad \rho_i = \frac{1}{2} (I_2 + v_i \cdot \sigma), \quad \tau_i = \frac{1}{2} (I_2 + w_i \cdot \sigma).
\]

Then, the KKT optimality condition (4) can be described as:

\[
(\text{i}) \quad p_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{N} p_i = 1, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{N} p_i u_i = 0,
\]
In Section III we investigate optimal variables of primal problem (2) and dual problem (3), using two optimality conditions (6) and (8). The approach is called complementarity problem[15, 16] in semidefinite programming.

D. Special inconclusive degrees

The fact that optimal measurement may not be unique in the MD leads us to introduce the following definition.

Definition II.1 When \( q \) is a positive number, we define \( P_1(q) \) as follows:
\[
P_1(q) = \left\{ \text{tr}[\rho_0 M_0] : M_i \geq 0 \ \forall i, \sum_{i=0}^N M_i = I_d, q \text{ tr}[\rho_0 M_0] + \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \text{tr}[\rho_i M_i] = \bar{P} \text{opt}(q) \right\}.
\]

The case of \( Q \geq (\geq) a \) for any \( Q \in P_1(q) \) will be denoted as \( P_1(q) \geq (\geq) a \), whereas that of \( Q \geq (\geq) Q' \) for any \( Q \in P_1(q) \) and \( Q' \in P_1(q') \) will be written as \( P_1(q) \geq (\geq) P_1(q') \). Note that \( 0 \leq P_1(q) \leq 1 \) for any \( q \).

The following lemma shows how \( P_1(q) \) behaves as \( q \) increases.

Lemma II.2 \( P_1(q) \) is a convex set for any \( q \), and \( P_1(q) \leq P_1(q') \) for any \( q, q' \) with \( q < q' \).

The proof is given in Appendix A. Through Lemma II.2, \( P_1(q) \) is generally an interval. However, when optimal measurement of modified FRIR problem \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=0}^N(q_0 = q) \) is unique, \( P_1(q) \) becomes a point.

Lemma II.2 enables us to define the following special inconclusive degrees.

Definition II.2 (special inconclusive degrees) We define \( q_0^{(0)}, q_0^{(1)} \) as follows:
\[
q_0^{(0)} = \max\{q > 0 : 0 \in P_1(q)\},
q_0^{(1)} = \min\{q > 0 : 1 \in P_1(q)\}.
\]

This implies that a proper inconclusive degree \( q \), which satisfies \( 0 < P_1(q) < 1 \), exists in the region \([q_0^{(0)}, q_0^{(1)}]\). Therefore, \( R_{\text{cor}}(Q) \) in \( 0 \leq Q < 1 \) can be found from \( P_1(q) \) and \( \bar{P} \text{opt}(q) \) in \( q_0^{(0)} \leq q \leq q_0^{(1)} \). That is,
\[
R_{\text{cor}}(Q) = \frac{\bar{P} \text{opt}(q) - qQ}{1 - Q} \ \forall Q \in P_1(q).
\]

The following lemma provides the lower bound of \( q_0^{(0)} \) and the upper bound of \( q_0^{(1)} \).

Lemma II.3 \( q_0^{(0)} \geq 1/N \) and \( q_0^{(1)} \leq \max_i C_i \).

The proof is given in Appendix A.

III. MAIN RESULT: FRIR OF TWO QUBIT MIXED STATES

In this section we analyze the FRIR of two qubit-mixed states \( (d = N = 2) \), using the transformed KKT optimality condition which has two different forms. The first KKT optimality condition (6) is obtained by \( \bar{M}_i, \bar{\rho}_i, \bar{\tau}_i \) of Eq. (5). The second one (8) is expressed by Bloch vectors \( \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{w}_i \) defined in Eq. (7). In certain situations, (6) or (8) is used. For two qubit-mixed states, \( \bar{\rho}_1, \bar{\rho}_2 \) are two positive semidefinite Hermitian operators on two-dimensional Hilbert space and they satisfy \( \bar{\rho}_1 + \bar{\rho}_2 = I_2 \). \((1 - C_1)\) and \( |\nu_1\rangle\langle 1 - C_2| \) are the smallest eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector of \( \bar{\rho}_2(\bar{\rho}_1) \), which implies \( \langle \nu_1|\nu_2\rangle = 0 \). Therefore \( \bar{\rho}_1 \) and \( \bar{\rho}_2 \) become:
\[
\bar{\rho}_1 = C_1|\nu_1\rangle\langle \nu_1| + (1 - C_2)|\nu_2\rangle\langle \nu_2|,
\bar{\rho}_2 = (1 - C_1)|\nu_1\rangle\langle \nu_1| + C_2|\nu_2\rangle\langle \nu_2|.
\]

We assume \( C_1 \leq C_2 \), which does not spoil generality of the problem. Here \( e \) denotes the difference between \( q_1 \) and \( q_2 \), and \( l \) expresses the distance between two weighted Bloch vectors \( q_1\mathbf{v}_1 \) and \( q_2\mathbf{v}_2 \).
\[
e = |q_1 - q_2|, \ l = \|q_1\mathbf{v}_1 - q_2\mathbf{v}_2\|_2.
\]
In this section, we divide our problem into two cases, by using two special inconclusive degrees $q_0^{(0)}, q_0^{(1)}$. In Subsection III A and III B, when fixed rate $Q$ of inconclusive results belongs to $P_1(q_0^{(1)})$ or $P_1(q_0^{(0)})$, we obtain what are optimal value $R_{cor}^{opt}$ and optimal measurement operators $M_i^{opt}$ (or $M_i^{opt}$). In Subsection III C, when fixed rate lies in the other region $(Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \cap P_1(q_0^{(1)}))$, we explain how complex optimal solution can be found. The result obtained from KKT optimality condition (6) or (8) is classified, according to the relation of two maximum confidences $C_1, C_2$ and that of $\rho_{11}, \rho_{12}, \rho_{22}$ of $\rho_0$.

More specifically, in Subsection III A, Corollary III.1, which is the result of the section, is expressed in two cases, according to the equality between $C_1$ and $C_2$. Specially, the result of the case of $C_1 = C_2$ is shown in three types, according the magnitude of three non-negative numbers $\rho_{11}, \rho_{12}, |\rho_{12}|$. In Subsection III B, Theorem III.1, which is the final result of the section, is obtained in two cases, by comparison between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $C_1$. When $\frac{1}{2} < C_1$, the result is classified into two cases, by the existence of non-diagonal element $\rho_{12}$ of $\rho_0$. In Subsection III C, the case of $\rho_{12} = 0$ provides Theorem III.2 and that of $\rho_{12} \neq 0$ gives Theorem III.3. The former one is the result corresponding to the total range of fixed rate $Q$(that is, $0 \leq Q \leq 1$). The latter one is the case of $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \cap P_1(q_0^{(1)})$.

A. FRIR at $P = Q$ for all $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(1)})$

In the following lemma modified FRIR problem to the case of $q_0 = C_2$ is completely analyzed.

**Lemma III.1** $P_{cor}^{opt}(C_2)$ is $C_2$. When $C_1 = C_2$, $M_i^{opt}$ to $q_0 = C_2$ is expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
M_0^{opt} &= \rho_0 - \alpha|\nu_1|(|\nu_1| - \beta|\nu_2|)|\nu_2|, \\
M_1^{opt} &= \alpha|\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq \rho_{11}, \quad 0 \leq \beta \leq \rho_{22}, \\
M_2^{opt} &= \beta|\nu_2| |\nu_2|, \quad (\rho_{11} - \alpha)(\rho_{22} - \beta) \geq |\rho_{12}|^2, \\
\end{align*}
\]

where $\rho_{ij} = \langle \nu_i | \rho_0 | \nu_j \rangle$.

Then $P_1(C_2)$ becomes

\[
P_1(C_2) = \begin{cases} 
[Q_1, 1] & \text{if } \rho_{11} < |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{22}, \\
[Q_2, 1] & \text{if } \rho_{22} < |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{11}, \\
[2|\rho_{12}|, 1] & \text{if } |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{11}, \rho_{22}, 
\end{cases}
\]

where

\[
Q_1 = \rho_{ii} + \frac{|\rho_{12}|^2}{\rho_{ii}}.
\]

However when $C_1 < C_2$, $P_1(C_2)$ becomes $[Q_1, 1]$, and $M_i^{opt}$ for $q_0 = C_2$ is expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
M_0^{opt} &= \rho_0 - \beta|\nu_2| |\nu_2|, \quad M_1^{opt} = 0, \\
M_2^{opt} &= \beta|\nu_2| |\nu_2|, \quad 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 - Q_1.
\end{align*}
\]

The proof is given in Appendix B. Note that three real numbers $Q_1, Q_2$, and $2|\rho_{12}|$ are less than 1. By Lemma II.2, $1 \in P_1(q)$ implies $q_0^{(1)} = q$ and $1 \in P_1(C_2)$ derived by Lemma III.1 means $q_0^{(1)} = C_2$. Therefore, when $d = N = 2$, inequality $q_0^{(1)} \leq \max_i C_i$ of Lemma II.3 becomes an equality.

Lemma III.1 tells how the analytic solution of original FRIR problem is changed according to $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(1)})$. $P_{cor}^{opt}(C_2)$ is $C_2$ in any case and $P_{cor}^{opt}(Q)$ is $C_2$ for any $Q \in P_1(C_2)$, because of Eq. (11). In case of $C_1 = C_2$, modified FRIR measurement is represented by two variables $\alpha$ and $\beta$. However, in case of $C_1 < C_2$, modified FRIR measurement is expressed only by $\beta$. This can be understood in terms of uniqueness of FRIR measurement. In case of $C_1 = C_2$, since $\text{tr}[M_0^{opt}] = 1 - \alpha - \beta$, there may exist different $(\alpha, \beta)$ providing the same value of $\text{tr}[M_0^{opt}]$, which implies that there are different forms of FRIR measurement in a fixed $P_i$. However, in case of $C_1 < C_2$, because of $\text{tr}[M_0^{opt}] = 1 - \beta$, different $\beta$ provides different value of $\text{tr}[M_0^{opt}]$. Therefore, according to $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(1)})$, FRIR measurement uniquely exists. In other words, FRIR measurement of $C_1 < C_2$ becomes FRIR measurement of $C_1 = C_2$ with $\alpha = 0$. Then, FRIR measurements of two cases can be represented by a variable $\epsilon = \rho_{11} - \alpha$. The following corollary summarizes the result.
Corollary III.1 (FRIR of $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(1)})$) $q_0^{(1)}$ is $C_2$, and $P_1(q_0^{(1)})$ can be classified into

$$P_1(q_0^{(1)}) = \begin{cases} [Q_1, 1] & \text{if } C_1 < C_2, \\ [Q_1, 1] & \text{if } C_1 = C_2, \rho_11 < |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{22}, \\ [Q_2, 1] & \text{if } C_1 = C_2, \rho_22 < |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{11}, \\ [2|\rho_{12}|, 1] & \text{if } C_1 = C_2, |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{11}, \rho_{22}. \end{cases}$$ (19)

$R_{\text{cor}}^{opt}(Q)$ is $C_2$, and $M_i^{opt}$ of $P_1 = Q$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{align*}
M_0^{opt} &= \epsilon |\nu_1| |\nu_1| + \rho_{12} |\nu_1| |\nu_2| + \rho_{21} |\nu_2| |\nu_1| + (Q - \epsilon) |\nu_2| |\nu_2|, \\
M_1^{opt} &= (\rho_{11} - \epsilon) |\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \\
M_2^{opt} &= (\rho_{22} - Q + \epsilon) |\nu_2| |\nu_2|,
\end{align*}$$ (20)

where

$$\max \left\{ Q - \rho_{22}, \frac{Q - \epsilon}{2} \right\} \leq \epsilon \leq \min \left\{ \rho_{11}, \frac{Q - \epsilon}{2} \right\}$$

if $C_1 < C_2$,

$$\max \left\{ Q - \rho_{22}, \frac{Q^2 - |\rho_{12}|^2}{4} \right\} \leq \epsilon \leq \min \left\{ \rho_{11}, \frac{Q^2 - |\rho_{12}|^2}{4} \right\}$$

if $C_1 = C_2$.

The result implies that when $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(1)})$, if $C_1 < C_2$, FRIR measurement to $P_1 = Q$ is unique, but when $C_1 = C_2$, it is not unique. In the region of $P_1(q_0^{(1)})$, though fixed rate $Q$ increases, $R_{\text{cor}}^{opt}(Q)$ is fixed as $C_2$ and the FRIR measurement has a unique form. The FRIR can be regarded as a MC. In the case of $C_1 = C_2$, the FRIR, corresponding to the left-bound of $P_1(q_0^{(1)})$, is equivalent to an optimal MC. In other words, when $C_1 = C_2$, one of $Q_1, Q_2$, and $2|\rho_{12}|$ becomes the minimum failure probability of MC, according to the relation of $\rho_{11}, \rho_{22}, \rho_{12}$ which are the component of $\rho_0$. However, since our strategy is to maximize average confidence at fixed failure probability, in case of $C_1 < C_2$, the relation does not hold when $\rho_{11} < |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{22}$ is not satisfied.

B. FRIR at $P_1 = Q$ for all $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)})$

When $q_0 = q_0^{(0)}$, we classify modified FRIR problem into three cases, using two maximum confidences and the non-diagonal element $\rho_{12}$ of $\rho_0$. Then we analyze the three cases completely. The first case is $C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2$, and the second one $\frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2, \rho_{12} = 0$. The third case is $\frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2$ and $\rho_{12} \neq 0$. The following lemma shows the complete analysis to modified FRIR problem in $C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2$ and $q_0 = 1 - C_1$.

Lemma III.2 When $C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2, \bar{P}_{\text{cor}}^{opt}(1-C_1)$ is $q_2$, and $P_1(1-C_1)$ is $[0, 1-Q_2]$. If $C_1 < 1/2$, $M_i^{opt}$ to $q_0 = 1-C_1$ becomes

$$\begin{align*}
M_0^{opt} &= \alpha |\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \\
M_1^{opt} &= 0, \\
M_2^{opt} &= \rho_0 - \alpha |\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 - Q_2.
\end{align*}$$ (21)

However if $C_1 = 1/2$, they can be expressed as

$$\begin{align*}
M_0^{opt} &= \alpha |\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \\
M_1^{opt} &= \beta |\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \\
M_2^{opt} &= \rho_0 - (\alpha + \beta) |\nu_1| |\nu_1|, \quad \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \quad \alpha + \beta \leq 1 - Q_2.
\end{align*}$$ (22)

The proof is given in Appendix B. Note that $1 - Q_2$ is larger than zero. By Lemma II.2, $0 \in P_1(q)$ implies $q_0^{(0)} = q$ and by Lemma III.2, $0 \in P_1(1-C_1)$ means $q_0^{(0)} = 1 - C_1$. Therefore, when $C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2$, if $C_1 < \frac{1}{2}$, inequality $q_0^{(0)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ of Lemma II.3 becomes strictly an inequality, but if $C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, it becomes equality.

Lemma III.2 shows how the analytic solution of original FRIR problem in the case of $C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2$ can be varied in terms of $Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)})$. In this case, $P_{\text{cor}}^{opt}(1-C_1)$ is $q_2$ and $R_{\text{cor}}^{opt}(Q)$ is $1-C_1 + \frac{C_1-Q_2}{1-Q_2}$ for any $Q \in P_1(1-C_1)$, because of Eq. (11). However, the optimal measurements have different forms according to the case of $C_1 < \frac{1}{2}$ or $C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$. It is because in the case of $C_1 < \frac{1}{2}$ the modified FRIR measurement is expressed only by a variable $\alpha$ but in the case of $C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ the modified FRIR measurement is given by $\alpha$ and $\beta$. In fact, FRIR measurement of the case of $C_1 < \frac{1}{2}$ is equivalent to FRIR measurement of the case of $C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ with $\beta = 0$. Therefore, by introducing a variable $\epsilon = \beta$, one can find the following corollary.

Corollary III.2 When \( C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2 \), \( q_0^{(0)} \) is 1\( - C_1 \), and \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \) is \([0, 1 - Q_2]\). \( \bar{M}_i^{opt} \) for \( P_1 = Q(\in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \) can be expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{M}_0^{opt} &= Q|\nu_1|\nu_1|, \\
\bar{M}_1^{opt} &= \epsilon|\nu_1|\nu_1|, \\
\bar{M}_2^{opt} &= (\rho_{11} - Q - \epsilon)|\nu_1|\nu_1| + \rho_{12}|\nu_2|\nu_1| + \rho_{21}|\nu_2|\nu_2|, \\
\end{align*}
\]

where

\[
\begin{align*}
\epsilon &= 0 \quad \text{if} \quad C_1 < \frac{1}{2} < C_2, \\
0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1 - Q_2 - Q \quad \text{if} \quad C_1 = \frac{1}{2} < C_2.
\end{align*}
\]

The result tells that when \( Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \), if \( C_1 < 1/2 < C_2 \), FRIR measurement for \( P_1 = Q \) is unique, but when \( C_1 = 1/2 < C_2 \) it is not unique.

The following lemma shows the solution to modified FRIR problem of \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 < C_2, \rho_{12} = 0, q_0 = C_1 \).

Lemma III.3 When \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), \( \bar{P}_{cor}^{opt}(C_1) \) becomes \( \rho_{11}C_1 + \rho_{22}C_2 \), and \( P_1(C_1) \) is \([0, \rho_{11} + \rho_{22}C_1, C_2]\). If \( C_1 < C_2 \), \( \bar{M}_i^{opt} \) for \( q_0 = C_1 \) is expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{M}_0^{opt} &= \alpha|\nu_1|\nu_1|, \\
\bar{M}_1^{opt} &= (\rho_{11} - \alpha)|\nu_1|\nu_1|, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq \rho_{11} \\
\bar{M}_2^{opt} &= \rho_{22}|\nu_2|\nu_2|. \\
\end{align*}
\]

However, if \( C_1 = C_2 \), \( \bar{M}_i^{opt} \) for \( q_0 = C_1 \) is given by

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{M}_0^{opt} &= \alpha|\nu_1|\nu_1| + \beta|\nu_2|\nu_2|, \\
\bar{M}_1^{opt} &= (\rho_{11} - \alpha)|\nu_1|\nu_1|, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq \rho_{11}, \\
\bar{M}_2^{opt} &= (\rho_{22} - \beta)|\nu_2|\nu_2|, \quad 0 \leq \beta \leq \rho_{22}. \\
\end{align*}
\]

The proof is given in Appendix B. Note that \( \rho_{11} \) is larger than zero. \( 0 \in P_1(C_1) \) in Lemma III.3 includes \( q_0^{(0)} = C_1 \) by Lemma II.2. Therefore, when \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \), inequality \( q_0^{(0)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \) in Lemma II.3 becomes strict.

From Lemma III.3, one can understand the behavior of analytic solution of original FRIR problem according to \( Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \) when \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \). In this case, \( \bar{P}_{cor}^{opt}(C_1) \) is \( \rho_{11}C_1 + \rho_{22}C_2 \) and \( R_{cor}^{opt}(Q) \) becomes \( C_1 + \frac{\rho_{22}(C_2 - C_1)}{1 - Q} \) for any \( Q \in P_1(C_1) \), because of Eq. (11). When \( C_1 < C_2 \), the modified FRIR measurement is expressed only by \( \alpha \). However, when \( C_1 = C_2 \), the modified FRIR measurement is given by \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \). In case of \( C_1 < C_2 \), because of \( \text{tr} [ M_0^{opt} ] = \alpha \), the FRIR measurement is uniquely determined at a fixed \( Q \). In case of \( C_1 = C_2 \), because of \( \text{tr} [ M_0^{opt} ] = \alpha + \beta \), a fixed \( Q \) cannot uniquely determine \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \). Therefore, it implies that FRIR measurement of \( P_1 = Q \) may not be unique. The FRIR measurement of the case of \( C_1 < C_2 \) may not be unique.

This result implies that when \( Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \), if \( 1/2 < C_1 < C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), the FRIR measurement to \( P_1 = Q \) is unique. However, if \( 1/2 < C_1 = C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), it is not unique.
From lemma III.4, \( q_0^{(0)} \) and \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \) can be found in modified FRIR problem to \( q_0 = \chi \) when \( 1/2 < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \). Here \( \chi \) is as follows:

\[
\chi = \frac{\chi_1 + \chi_2 - \sqrt{(\chi_1 - \chi_2)^2 + 4|\gamma_{12}|^2}}{2},
\]

where

\[
\gamma_{ij} = \frac{t^2 - e^2}{4l} \langle \nu_i | \rho_0^{-1} | \nu_j \rangle, \quad \chi_i = \frac{1}{2} + \gamma_{ii} + \frac{(2q_i - 1)(2C_i - 1)}{2l}.
\]

Lemma III.4 When \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \), we find \( q_0^{(0)} = \chi \), \( P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(\chi) = \frac{1 + \chi}{2} \), and \( P_1(\chi) = 0 \). Then \( M_1^\text{opt} \) to \( P_1 = 0 \) is expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
M_0^\text{opt} &= 0, \\
M_1^\text{opt} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ I_2 + \frac{(q_1 \nu_1 - q_2 \nu_2) \cdot \sigma}{\| q_1 \nu_1 - q_2 \nu_2 \|_2} \right], \\
M_2^\text{opt} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ I_2 - \frac{(q_1 \nu_1 - q_2 \nu_2) \cdot \sigma}{\| q_1 \nu_1 - q_2 \nu_2 \|_2} \right].
\end{align*}
\]

The proof is given in Appendix B. In Lemma III.4, optimal POVM of \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=0}^N(q_0 = \chi) \) is unique and we consider \( P_1(\chi) \) not as a set \( \{0\} \) but as a value 0.

The following theorem summarizes the previous results.

Theorem III.1 (FRIR of \( Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \)) \( q_0^{(0)} \) and \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \) can be classified as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
q_0^{(0)} &= 1 - C_1, \quad P_1(q_0^{(0)}) = [0, 1 - Q_2] & \text{if } C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2, \\
q_0^{(0)} &= C_1, \quad P_1(q_0^{(0)}) = [0, \rho_{11} + \rho_{22} \delta_{C_1, C_2}] & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2, \rho_{12} = 0, \\
q_0^{(0)} &= \chi, \quad P_1(q_0^{(0)}) = 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2, \rho_{12} \neq 0.
\end{align*}
\]

\( R_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(Q) \) becomes

\[
R_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(Q) = \begin{cases} 
1 - C_1 + \frac{C_1 - q_1}{1 - q_1} & \text{if } C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2, \\
C_1 + \frac{\rho_{22}(C_2 - C_1)}{1 - q_1} & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2, \rho_{12} = 0, \\
\frac{1 + \chi}{2} & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2, \rho_{12} \neq 0.
\end{cases}
\]

FRIR measurement of \( P_1 = Q \) becomes, if \( C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2 \), \( (23) \), and if \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), is \( (27) \), and if \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \), becomes \( (31) \).

When \( Q \), corresponding to \( P_1 = Q \), exists in \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \), \( R_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(Q) \) and the FRIR measurement have different forms in certain situations. In the case of \( C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2 \), \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \) is neither \( \{0\} \) nor \([0, 1]\), because of \( 0 < Q_2 < 1 \). \( P_1 \), corresponding to \( q_0^{(0)} \) or \( q_0^{(1)} \), exists as a point but as an separate interval. It is not true in the case of \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \). If \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \), \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) = \{0\} \). If \( \rho_{12} = 0 \) and \( C_1 = C_2 \), \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) = [0, 1] \). This implies that \( q_0^{(0)} = q_0^{(1)} \).

Then, the left-bound of \( P_1(q_0^{(1)}) \) becomes 0. Since FRIR of \( P_1 = 0 \) is MD, MD is an optimal MC when \( \rho_{12} = 0 \) and \( C_1 = C_2 \).

C. FRIR at \( P_1 = Q \) for all \( Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)})^C \cap P_1(q_0^{(1)})^C \)

In the previous section we considered the case that the failure probability \( P_1 \) is fixed as \( Q \in P_1(q_0^{(0)}) \cap P_1(q_0^{(1)}) \). In this section, to investigate FRIR in the other region, we classify modified FRIR problem of \( q_0^{(0)} < q_0 < q_0^{(1)} \) into two cases. The first case is \( C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \), and the second one is \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \). Note that \( \rho_{12} = 0 \) is not included. It is because, from corollary III.1 and theorem III.1, when \( C_1 = C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), we find \( q_0^{(0)} = q_0^{(1)} \). When \( C_1 < C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), we have \( q_0^{(0)} < q_0^{(1)} \). However, \( P_1(q_0^{(0)}) = [0, \rho_{11}] \) and \( P_1(q_0^{(1)}) = [\rho_{11}, 1] \) implies \( P_1(q) = \rho_{11}(q_0^{(0)} < q < q_0^{(1)}) \), which includes \( R_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(\rho_{11}) = C_2 \). In addition, the following lemma tells that FRIR measurement to \( P_1 = \rho_{11} \) is unique.
Lemma III.5 When $C_1 < C_2$ and $\rho_{12} = 0$, if $q_0^{(0)} < q < q_0^{(1)}$, $M_i^{\text{opt}}$ at $q_0 = q$ can be expressed as

$$M_0^{\text{opt}} = \rho_{11}|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1|, \quad M_1^{\text{opt}} = 0, \quad M_2^{\text{opt}} = \rho_{22}|\nu_2\rangle\langle\nu_2|.$$  

(34)

The proof is given in Appendix B. The following theorem summarizes FRIR to $\rho_{12} = 0$.

Theorem III.2 (FRIR of $\rho_{12} = 0$) If $C_1 = C_2$, $R_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q)$ becomes $C_2$ at any $Q$, and $M_i^{\text{opt}}$ to $P_1 = Q$ can be represents as

$$M_0^{\text{opt}} = \epsilon_1|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1| + (Q - \epsilon_1)|\nu_2\rangle\langle\nu_2|, \quad M_1^{\text{opt}} = (\rho_{11} - \epsilon_1)|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1|, \quad M_2^{\text{opt}} = (\rho_{22} - Q + \epsilon_1)|\nu_2\rangle\langle\nu_2|,$$

(35)

where

$$\max\{0, Q - \rho_{22}\} \leq \epsilon_1 \leq \min\{\rho_{11}, Q\}. \quad \text{(36)}$$

When $C_1 < C_2$, if $0 \leq Q \leq \rho_{11}$, $R_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q)$ becomes

$$R_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) = \begin{cases} 
1 - C_1 + \frac{\rho_{22}(C_1 + C_2 - 1)}{1 - Q} & \text{if } C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\
C_1 + \frac{\rho_{22}(C_2 - C_1)}{1 - Q} & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < C_1.
\end{cases} \quad \text{(37)}$$

Then $M_i^{\text{opt}}$ for $P_1 = Q$ is expressed as

$$M_0^{\text{opt}} = Q|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1|, \quad M_1^{\text{opt}} = c_2|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1|, \quad M_2^{\text{opt}} = (\rho_{11} - Q - c_2)|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1| + \rho_{22}|\nu_2\rangle\langle\nu_2|,$$

(38)

where

$$c_2 = 0 \quad \text{if } C_1 < \frac{1}{2} < C_2, \quad 0 \leq c_2 \leq \rho_{11} - Q \quad \text{if } C_1 = \frac{1}{2} < C_2, \quad c_2 = \rho_{11} - Q \quad \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < C_1 < C_2. \quad \text{(39)}$$

If $\rho_{11} \leq Q < 1$, $R_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q)$ is always $C_2$, and $M_i^{\text{opt}}$ to $P_1 = Q$ becomes

$$M_0^{\text{opt}} = \rho_{11}|\nu_1\rangle\langle\nu_1| + (Q - \rho_{11})|\nu_2\rangle\langle\nu_2|, \quad M_1^{\text{opt}} = 0, \quad M_2^{\text{opt}} = (1 - Q)|\nu_2\rangle\langle\nu_2|.$$

(40)

When $\rho_{12} = 0$, if $C_1 = C_2$, MD becomes an optimal MC. When $C_1 < C_2$, the right-bound of $P_1(q_0^{(1)})$ is the same as the left-bound of $P_1(q_0^{(1)})$, which happens only when $\rho_{12} = 0$.

The following theorem describes modified FRIR to $\rho_{12} \neq 0$ in $q_0 \in (q_0^{(0)}, q_0^{(1)})$.

Theorem III.3 When $\rho_{12} \neq 0$ and $q_0^{(0)} < q < q_0^{(1)}$, the optimal POVM to $q_0 = q$ is unique. Then at least one of $M_1^{\text{opt}}$ and $M_2^{\text{opt}}$ is nonzero. In the case of $M_2^{\text{opt}} \neq 0$, $M_y^{\text{opt}} = 0(\{x, y\} = \{1, 2\})$, the index $x$ turns out to be the index $i$ in $\max_{i \in \{1, 2\}}[q_i + \|qv_0 - q_i v_i\|_2]$. In this case $P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q)$ and $P_1(q)$ are given as

$$P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q) = \frac{1}{2}(q + q_x + \|qv_0 - q_x v_x\|_2), \quad P_1(q) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{(qv_0 - q_x v_x) \cdot v_0}{\|qv_0 - q_x v_x\|_2} \right]. \quad \text{(41)}$$

The optimal POVM elements is represented as

$$M_0^{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ I_2 - \frac{(qv_0 - q_x v_x) \cdot \sigma}{\|qv_0 - q_x v_x\|_2} \right], \quad M_2^{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ I_2 - \frac{(q_x v_x - q_v v_0) \cdot \sigma}{\|qv_0 - q_x v_x\|_2} \right], \quad M_1^{\text{opt}} = 0. \quad \text{(42)}$$
If $M_i^{\text{opt}} \neq 0 (\forall i)$, $\tilde{P}_c^{\text{opt}}(q)$ and $P_i(q)$ become

\[ \tilde{P}_c^{\text{opt}}(q) = q + \rho_{11}\lambda_1 + \rho_{22}\lambda_2 - 2[\rho_{12}]\sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}, \]
\[ P_i(q) = \frac{(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(2q - 1)^2}{4(2q - 1)^2[C_1 + C_2 - 1]} \left[ 1 - 2\rho_{11}C_1 - 2\rho_{22}C_2 + \frac{\rho_{12}(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(C_2 - q)(q + 1 + C_1)q}{\sqrt{(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(C_2 - q)(q + 1 + C_1)q - (q + 1 + C_2)^2}} \right], \]  

where

\[ \lambda_1 = \frac{(2C_1 - 1)(C_1 - q)(q - 1 + C_1)}{(2q - 1)(C_1 + C_2 - 1)}, \]
\[ \lambda_2 = \frac{(2C_1 - 1)(C_2 - q)(q - 1 + C_2)}{(2q - 1)(C_1 + C_2 - 1)}. \]  

Then $\{M_i^{\text{opt}}\}_{i=0}^2$ is expressed as

\[ M_0^{\text{opt}} = \frac{\eta_0}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \left[ \lambda_2 |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + \rho_{12} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}{|\rho_{12}|} |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| + \rho_{21} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}{|\rho_{21}|} |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2| + \lambda_1 |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_1| \right], \]
\[ M_1^{\text{opt}} = \frac{\eta_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2q - 1 + C_1 + C_2} \left[ (\lambda_1 + q - 1 + C_1) |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + \rho_{12} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}{|\rho_{12}|} |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_1| + \frac{\rho_{21} \sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}{|\rho_{21}|} |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2| + (\lambda_1 + q - 1 + C_1) |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| \right], \]
\[ M_2^{\text{opt}} = \frac{\eta_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2q - 1 + C_1 + C_2} \left[ (\lambda_2 + q - 2C_2) |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + \frac{\rho_{12} \sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}{|\rho_{12}|} |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_1| + \frac{\rho_{21} \sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}{|\rho_{21}|} |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2| + (\lambda_2 + q - 2C_2) |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| \right]. \]  

Here $\eta_0$ becomes $P_1(q)$ of (43), and $\eta_1$ and $\eta_2$ are given by

\[ \eta_1 = \frac{(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(2q - 1)(2q - 1)^2}{4(2q - 1)^2[C_1 + C_2 - 1]} \left[ \rho_{11}(q - 1 + C_1) + \rho_{22}(q - 1 + C_2) - \frac{\rho_{12}(C_2 - q)(q - 1 + C_1)[2C_1 - 1](q - 1 + C_2)}{\sqrt{(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(C_2 - q)(q - 1 + C_1)(q - 1 + C_2)}} \right], \]
\[ \eta_2 = \frac{(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(2q - 1)(2q - 1)^2}{4(2q - 1)^2[C_1 + C_2 - 1]} \left[ \rho_{11}(C_1 - q) + \rho_{22}(q - 1 + C_2) - \frac{\rho_{12}(C_1 - q)(q - 1 + C_2)[2C_1 - 1](C_2 - q)}{\sqrt{(2C_1 - 1)(2C_2 - 1)(C_1 - q)(C_2 - q)(q - 1 + C_1)(q - 1 + C_2)}} \right]. \]  

Two cases are distinguished by the signs of $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^3$ and $\{\eta_i\}_{i=1}^3$. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ and $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3 > 0$, we have $M_i^{\text{opt}} \neq 0 (\forall i)$. Otherwise, we obtain $M_i^{\text{opt}} = 0$ or $M_i^{\text{opt}} = 0$.

The proof is given in Appendix C. In Theorem III.3, optimal POVM corresponding to $q_0 = q$ is always unique and $P_i(q)$ becomes a set with only one element. In this case, we consider $P_i(q)$ as a value corresponding to the element of the set, like (41) and (43).

The following lemma shows the result related with inconclusive degrees satisfying $M_i^{\text{opt}} = 0$.

**Lemma III.6** When $\rho_{12} \neq 0$, if $C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2$ and $q_0^{(0)} < q_0 < q_0^{(1)}$ (or $\frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2$ and $C_1 < q_0 < q_0^{(1)}$) can be satisfied, the optimal POVM element $M_1^{\text{opt}}$ of modified FRIR problem becomes 0.

The proof is given in Appendix B.

To obtain $R_c^{\text{opt}}(Q)$, we need to express the inconclusive degree as a function of the failure probability. This task is not easy since the relation between inconclusive degree and failure probability is very complex; see $P_i(q)$ of (41) and (43). However, it should be noted that the relation between $q$ and $P_i(q)$ is one-to-one, which implies that we can obtain $R_c^{\text{opt}}(Q)$ numerically using Eq. (11) and theorem III.3.

For example, let us consider the following case of $\{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=1}^2$.

\[ q_1 = 0.4, \rho_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.15 & -0.30 + 0.10i \\ -0.30 - 0.10i & 0.85 \end{pmatrix}, \]
\[ q_2 = 0.6, \rho_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.80 & -0.30 + 0.05i \\ -0.30 - 0.05i & 0.20 \end{pmatrix}. \]  

The Bloch vectors of the two qubit states are

\[ v_1 = (-0.6, -0.2, -0.7) \quad \text{and} \quad v_2 = (-0.6, -0.1, 0.6). \]
Then, $|\rho_1|$, $C_1$, and $C_2$ become 0.3075, 0.8361, and 0.9657, respectively. From corollary III.1 and theorem III.1, $q_0^{(0)}$ and $q_2^{(1)}$ are $\chi = 0.6940$ and $C_2$, respectively. In the region of $\chi < q \leq C_1$, $\lambda_1$ and $\lambda_2$ are non-negative, and $\eta_0$ and $\eta_2$ are positive, but $\eta_1$ is not. In $\chi < q < 0.7902$, $\eta_1$ is positive. However, in $0.7902 \leq q \leq C_1$, $\eta_1$ is negative or equal to zero. Therefore, in $\chi < q_0 < 0.7902$, we find $M_i^{\text{opt}} \neq 0(\forall i)$. However, in $0.7902 \leq q_0 \leq C_1$, because of $q_1 + \|q_0 v_0 - q_1 v_1\|_2 < q_2 + \|q_0 v_0 - q_2 v_2\|_2$, we have $M_i^{\text{opt}} = 0$. In addition, by lemma III.6, in $C_1 < q < C_2$, $M_2^{\text{opt}}$ becomes 0. Therefore if fixed failure probability $P_1$ is $0 < P_1 < 0.5805$, we find $M_i^{\text{opt}} \neq 0$. However, if $0.5805 \leq P_1 < Q_1 = 0.6635$, we have $M_0^{\text{opt}} \neq 0$, $M_1^{\text{opt}} = 0$, and $M_2^{\text{opt}} \neq 0$. Figure 1 shows, in this example, the behavior of $P_i(q_0)$ and $P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q)(P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q))$ in $q_0 < q_0^{(0)} < q_0^{(1)}(0 < Q < 1)$.

To confirm the effectiveness of our results, we consider the case of $C_1 = C_2 = C$ and $\rho_1 \neq 0$. By corollary III.1 and theorem III.1, in this case, $q_0^{(0)} = \chi$ and $q_0^{(1)} = C$. If $C_1 = C_2$ is applied to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \eta_0, \eta_1, \eta_2$, we have the following expression.

\[
\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{(C - q)(q - 1 + C)}{2q - 1}, \tag{48}
\]

and

\[
\begin{align*}
\eta_0 &= \frac{2}{(2q - 1)^2} \left[ |\rho_1|(C - q)^2 + |\rho_2|(q - 1 + C)^2 - (C - q)(q - 1 + C) \right], \\
\eta_1 &= \frac{2(C-1)^2 + (2q-1)^2}{2(2q-1)^2(C-1)^2} \left[ \rho_1(q - 1 + C) + \rho_2(C - q) - |\rho_1|(2C - 1) \right], \\
\eta_2 &= \frac{2(C-1)^2 + (2q-1)^2}{2(2q-1)^2(C-1)^2} \left[ \rho_1(C - q) + \rho_2(q - 1 + C) - |\rho_2|(2C - 1) \right]. \tag{49}
\end{align*}
\]

When $\rho_1, \rho_2 \geq |\rho_1|$, in $\chi < q < C$, these are all positive, and we have $M_i^{\text{opt}} \neq 0(\forall i)$. Then $q_0(= q)$ can be expressed in terms of the failure probability $Q$:

\[
q = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2C - 1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1 - 2|\rho_1|}{1 + 2|\rho_1| - 2Q}}. \tag{50}
\]

Applying this $q$ to $P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q) - qQ$, we find $P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q)$ in $0 < Q < 2|\rho_1|$, which agrees with the previous result:

\[
P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(Q) = \frac{1 - Q}{2} + \frac{2C - 1}{2} \sqrt{(1 - 2|\rho_1|)(1 + 2|\rho_1| - 2Q)}. \tag{51}
\]
When \( \rho_{11} < |\rho_{12}| \leq \rho_{22} \), then \( \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \eta_0 \), and \( \eta_2 \) are always positive in the region of \( \chi < q < C \); however, \( \eta_1 \) can be found only in the following case

\[
\chi < q < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(1 - 2|\rho_{12}|)(2C - 1)}{2(\rho_{22} - \rho_{11})}.
\]

(52)

In this region, like (50), \( q \) can be expressed by \( Q \). Therefore, in the following region of the failure probability, \( P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(Q) \) is the same as (51), and we have \( M_i^\text{opt} \neq 0(\forall i) \).

\[
0 < Q < \frac{2(\rho_{11}\rho_{22} - |\rho_{12}|^2)}{1 - 2|\rho_{12}|}.
\]

(53)

In the other region, we get \( M_0^\text{opt} \neq 0, M_1^\text{opt} = 0, \) and \( M_2^\text{opt} \neq 0 \), which coincides with the previous result[35].

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we provided a solution to the FRIR of two mixed qubit states. The solution was obtained by considering the modified FRIR problem (MD of three qubit states). In fact, since the added specific quantum state \( \rho_0 \) with the prior probability \( q_0 \) (called an conclusive degree) was obtained from the given two qubit states, the structure of the modified problem is more complex than that of the MD of three qubit states with no constraint[17]. First, we introduced special inconclusive degrees \( q_0^{(0)} \) and \( q_0^{(1)} \), which are the beginning and the end of proper inconclusive degrees. Using this, we divided the problem into the two cases of \( q_0 = q_0^{(0)} \) or \( q_0 = q_0^{(1)} \) and \( q_0^{(0)} < q_0 < q_0^{(1)} \). By maximum confidence of two qubit states and non-diagonal element of \( \rho_0 \), we solved each case. We obtained \( q_0^{(0)} \) and \( q_0^{(1)} \) in the analytic form, and completely understood modified FRIR problem when \( q_0^{(0)} \leq q_0 \leq q_0^{(1)} \). Finally, we verified that our results also provide the same solutions as known examples in the literature.

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Appendix A: Proofs of Lemmas in Section II

Proof of Lemma II.1 Suppose that when \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=1}^N \) is given, POVM \( \{M_i\}_{i=0}^N \) can cause \( P_1 = Q \) and \( P_{\text{cor}} = P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) \). It follows that the POVM can make \( P_{\text{cor}}(Q) = P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) - qQ \). If there exists a POVM that can build \( P_1 = Q \) and \( P_{\text{cor}}(Q) = P > P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) - qQ \), it can also construct \( P_{\text{cor}}(q) = P + qQ \). However since \( P + qQ \) is larger than \( P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) \), this is contradictory. Therefore \( \{M_i\}_{i=0}^N \) should produce \( P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(Q) \), which means \( P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(Q) = P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) - qQ \). □

Proof of Lemma II.2 Assume that when \( \{q_i, \rho_i\}_{i=1}^N \) is given, the POVM \( \{M_i\}_{i=0}^N \) can produce \( P_1 = Q \) and \( P_{\text{cor}} = P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q)(P_1 = Q' \) and \( P_{\text{cor}} = P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q') \). If \( q = q' \) and \( Q < Q' \), the POVM \( \{M_i\}_{i=1}^N \) composed of \( M_i' = pM_i + (1 - p)M_i(0 \leq p \leq 1) \) will build \( P_{\text{cor}} = P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) \) and \( P_1 = qQ + (1 - p)Q' \). Therefore \( P_1(q) \) becomes a convex set.

Now suppose that \( q < q' \). \( \{M_i\}_{i=1}^N \) constructs \( P_{\text{cor}} = (q' - q)Q + P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) \) when \( q_0 = q' \), and the value should be equal to or less than \( P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) = (q' - q)Q' + P \), where \( P \) is \( P_{\text{cor}} \) corresponding to \( \{M_i\}_{i=0}^N \) when \( q_0 = q \). This means that \( (Q' - Q) \geq (P_{\text{cor}}^\text{opt}(q) - P)/(q' - q) \). Therefore we have \( Q \leq Q' \). This means that \( P_1(q) \leq P_1(q') \). □

Proof of Lemma II.3. When \( q_0 < 1/N \), we get \( \bar{\tau}_{0}^\text{opt} = (1/N - q_0)I_d + (1/N)\sum_{i=1}^N \bar{\tau}_{i}^\text{opt} \) by (ii) of (6). If we multiply \( M_0^\text{opt} \) to both sides of the equation and take the trace of the result, we obtain \( (1/N - q_0)\text{tr}[M_0^\text{opt}] \leq 0 \) by (iii) and the positivity of \( \bar{\tau}_i^\text{opt}(\forall i) \). From the assumption on \( q_0 \), \( M_0^\text{opt} \) should be zero and we find \( P_1(q) = 0(\forall q < 1/N) \). Therefore using lemma II.2, we have \( q_0^{(0)} \geq 1/N \).

When \( C = \max_i C_i, \tilde{M}_i = \delta_{i0}\rho_0 \) and \( \bar{\tau}_i = CI_d - \tilde{\rho}_i \) satisfy the optimality condition (6) of \( q_0 = C \), and \( 1 \in P_1(C) \). Therefore we get \( q_0^{(1)} \leq C \) by lemma II.2. □
Appendix B: Proofs of Lemmas in Section III

Proof of Lemma III.1. When \( q_0 = C_2 \), since \( \{ M_i = \delta_{ii} \} \) and \( \{ \bar{\tau}_i \} \) satisfy the KKT optimality condition (6), \( P_{\text{cor}}(C_2) = C_2 \). This means that \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \). Since the rank of \( \bar{\tau}_i \) should be one by \( C_1 + C_2 > 1 \), we have \( \bar{\tau}_i \) can be classified into the cases of \( C_1 = C_2 \) and \( C_1 < C_2 \).

If \( C_1 = C_2 \), the rank of \( \bar{\tau}_i \) becomes 1, and we get \( \bar{\tau}_i = \alpha \| v_i \| \). Furthermore (i) indicates that \( M_{\text{opt}} = \rho_0 - \alpha \| v_i \| \) \( \leq 0 \). Since \( \bar{\tau}_i \) satisfies the KKT optimality condition (6), we have \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \). Therefore \( P_1(C_2) \) becomes (16).

If \( C_1 < C_2 \), the rank of \( \bar{\tau}_i \) becomes 2, and (iii) implies that \( \bar{\tau}_i \) can be classified into cases of \( C_1 < C_2 \) and \( C_1 > C_2 \). Since \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is 1 and (iii) implies \( \bar{\tau}_i \) can be classified into cases of \( C_1 < C_2 \) and \( C_1 > C_2 \).

Proof of Lemma III.2. When \( C_1 \leq 1/2 \), since \( \{ M_i \} = \delta_{ii} \) and \( \{ \bar{\tau}_i \} \) satisfies the optimality condition (6) of \( q_0 = 1 - C_1 \), \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \).

This implies that \( \bar{\tau}_i \) when \( q_0 = 1 - C_1 \). Since the rank of \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is 1 given that \( C_1 + C_2 > 1 \), (iii) implies \( \bar{\tau}_i \) satisfies the optimality condition (6) of \( q_0 = 1 - C_1 \), \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \).

Proof of Lemma III.3. When \( 1/2 < C_1 \leq C_2, \rho_0 = 0 \), since the following \( \{ \bar{\tau}_i \} \) satisfies the optimality condition (6) of \( q_0 = 1 - C_1 \), \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \).

This means that \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \) when \( q_0 = 1 - C_1 \). Since, if \( C_1 < C_2 \), the rank of \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is one, (iii) tells that \( \bar{\tau}_i \) and \( \bar{\tau}_i \) are proportional to \( \| v_i \| \), and \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is proportional to \( \| v_i \| \). By (i), \( \bar{\tau}_i \) can be expressed as (25).

Proof of Lemma III.4. When \( 1/2 < C_1 < C_2 \) and \( \rho_0 \neq 0 \), lemma II.2 and corollary III.1 reveal that \( q_0 < q_2 \). By (ii) of optimality condition (6) and the nonnegativity of \( \bar{\tau}_i \), \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is 0 when \( q_0 \geq C_2 \), and \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is 0 when \( C_2 < q_0 < q_2 \).

This implies that \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is 0 when \( q_0 \geq q_2 \), and \( \bar{\tau}_i \) is 0 when \( q_0 < q_2 \). Therefore \( P_1(C_2) \) becomes (26).

From these, we find \( \bar{\tau}_i = \| v_i \| \), and can decide the explicit form of \( \{ \bar{\tau}_i \} \) and \( \{ \bar{\tau}_i \} \) are not decided yet. These are affected only by (ii). The triangle made of \( \{ v_i \} \) lies in the plane with the origin, and the triangle consisting of \( \{ -w_i \} \) should be located in the same plane. Since the two triangles are congruent, then as \( \| w_i \| \) grows larger \( \| v_i \| \) becomes larger. Since \( q_0 + r_0 \) is fixed as
(1 + λ)/2, when \( \|w_{0\text{opt}}\|_2 \) reaches the maximum (that is, when \( \|w_{0\text{opt}}\|_2 = 1 \)), \( q_0 \) reaches the maximum. Therefore the determinant of \( \tilde{\beta}_{0\text{opt}} \) is 0 when \( q_0 = q_0^{(0)} \). From (ii), we have \( (\chi_1 - q_0^{(0)})(\chi_2 - q_0^{(0)}) = \gamma_{12}^2 \). Though there are two roots of this equation, the nonnegativity of \( \tilde{\beta}_{0\text{opt}} \) implies that \( q_0^{(0)} \leq \min\{\chi_1, \chi_2\} \), and the analytic form of \( q_0^{(0)} \) can be obtained as \( \chi(29) \). The optimal POVM of \( q_0 = \chi \) is unique since \( r_i^{\text{opt}} \neq 0 (\forall i) \) and \( \{q_i \nu_i\}_{i=0}^1 \) forms a triangle; see the Appendix D. This means that \( P_{\text{I}}(\chi) = 0 \). \( \square \)

**Proof of Lemma III.5.** When \( C_1 < C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} = 0 \), if \( q_0^{(0)} \neq q \), POVM, defined as (34), and \( \{\tau_i^\ast\}_{i=0}^2 \) satisfies KKT optimality condition (6) to \( q_0 = q \):

\[
\tilde{\beta}_0^\ast = (C_1 - q_0^\ast)\|\nu_2\|_2, \\
\tilde{\beta}_1^\ast = (q - C_1)|\nu_1|_2 + (2C_2 - 1)|\nu_2|_2, \\
\tilde{\beta}_2^\ast = (q - 1 + C_1)|\nu_1|_2.
\]

(B4)

This means that \( \bar{\beta}_{i\text{opt}} = \bar{\beta}_i^\ast \) (\( \forall i \)). Since the rank of \( \bar{\beta}_{i\text{opt}} \) is two, (iii) implies \( M_{0\text{opt}} \) = 0. However, since the rank of \( \bar{\beta}_{0\text{opt}} \) and \( \bar{\beta}_{2\text{opt}} \) are one, \( M_{0\text{opt}} \) and \( M_{2\text{opt}} \) are proportional to \( |\nu_1|_2 \) and \( |\nu_2|_2 \), respectively. Therefore (i) means that \( M_{i\text{opt}} \) is unique as (34). \( \square \)

**Proof of Lemma III.6.** First of all, let us consider the case of \( C_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} < C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \). In the region of \( q_0^{(0)} < q < q_0^{(1)} \), since \( \lambda_1 \) of (44) is less than 0, we find \( M_{1\text{opt}} \) = 0 or \( M_{2\text{opt}} \) = 0 by theorem III.3. If \( M_{2\text{opt}} = 0 \), since optimality condition (6) means \( \tau_{1\text{opt}} = \tau_{0\text{opt}} + q_0 I_2 - \tau_1 \) and \( \det(\tau_{0\text{opt}}) = \det(\tau_{1\text{opt}}) = 0 \), \( \tau_{1\text{opt}} = (\nu_1|\bar{\beta}_{0\text{opt}}|_1) \) satisfies \( t_1 t_2 = (t_1 + q_0 - C_1)(t_2 + q_0 - 1 + C_2) \). However, this result is contradictory because \( (t_1 + q_0 - C_1)(t_2 + q_0 - 1 + C_2) \) is greater than \( t_1 t_2 \) in the region of \( (C_1, 1 - C_2) \neq C_2 \). Therefore we get \( M_{2\text{opt}} = 0 \).

Next, let us consider the case of \( \frac{1}{2} < C_1 \leq C_2 \) and \( \rho_{12} \neq 0 \). Here \( (q_0^{(0)}, q_0^{(1)}) \) is divided into two cases: \( (\chi, C_1) \) and \( (C_1, C_2) \). In latter case, because of \( \lambda_1 < 0 \), we can obtain \( M_{1\text{opt}} = 0 \). \( \square \)

**Appendix C: Proof of Theorem III.3**

**Proof.** When \( \rho_{xy} \neq 0 \) and \( q_0 = q \in (q_0^{(0)}, q_0^{(1)}) \), the line intersecting \( \nu_1 \) and \( \nu_2 \) does not contain the origin, and \( \{q_i \nu_i\}_{i=0}^1 \) forms a triangle. \( r_0^\ast = 0 \) implies that \( \{M_i = \delta_0 I_2\}_{i=0}^2 \) provide an optimal POVM, which includes \( q_0^{(1)} \leq q \). Since \( r_i^\ast = 0 (k \in \{1, 2\}) \) indicates that \( \{M_i = \delta_k I_2\}_{i=0}^2 \) yields the optimal POVM, this means \( q \leq q_0^{(0)} \). Therefore the element of \( \{r_i^\ast\}_{i=0}^2 \) are all nonzero. In this case, the optimal POVM is unique; see the Appendix D. In addition, \( M_{0\text{opt}} \) is nonzero, and at least one of \( M_{1\text{opt}} \) and \( M_{2\text{opt}} \) is nonzero.

In the case of \( M_{0\text{opt}} \neq 0 \), \( M_{2\text{opt}} = 0 \) \( \{\nu = (x, y) = \{1, 2\}\} \), the index \( x \) turns out to be the index \( i \) in \( \max_{x \in 1, 2} |q_1 + \|q_0 - q_0 \nu_1\|_2| \) because \( \beta_{i\text{opt}} (q) = \max_{x \in 1, 2} |q_1 + \|q_0 - q_0 \nu_1\|_1|/2 \). The optimal POVM, by the optimality condition (8), can be expressed as (42).

In the case of \( M_{i\text{opt}} \neq 0 (\forall i) \), by the optimality condition (6), \( \{M_{i\text{opt}}, \tilde{\beta}_{i\text{opt}}\}_{i=0}^2 \) can be found explicitly. From condition (ii), \( \{\tilde{\beta}_{i\text{opt}}\}_{i=0}^2 \) are given as follows.

\[
\tilde{\beta}_{0\text{opt}} = \tau_{11}|\nu_1|_1 + \tau_{12}|\nu_1|_2 + \tau_{21}|\nu_2|_1 + \tau_{22}|\nu_2|_2, \\
\tilde{\beta}_{1\text{opt}} = (\tau_{11} + q - C_1)|\nu_1|_1 + \tau_{12}|\nu_1|_2 + \tau_{21}|\nu_2|_1 + (\tau_{22} + q - 1 + C_2)|\nu_2|_2, \\
\tilde{\beta}_{2\text{opt}} = (\tau_{11} + q - 1 + C_1)|\nu_1|_1 + \tau_{12}|\nu_1|_2 + \tau_{21}|\nu_2|_1 + (\tau_{22} + q - C_2)|\nu_2|_2.
\]

(C1)

By the complementary slackness condition (iii) of (6), the every rank of \( \{M_{i\text{opt}}, \tilde{\beta}_{i\text{opt}}\}_{i=0}^2 \) is one. Therefore their determinants become 0, which means

\[
|\tau_{12}| = \sqrt{\tau_{11} \tau_{22}} \quad \text{and} \quad M_{i\text{opt}} = \text{tr}[M_{i\text{opt}}] \cdot \left[ I_2 - \frac{\tilde{\beta}_{i\text{opt}}}{\text{tr}[^{\text{opt}}_{\text{I}}]} \right] \quad \forall i.
\]

(C2)

Then, we have \( \tau_{11} = \lambda_1 \) and \( \tau_{22} = \lambda_2 \). Since \( \text{tr}[M_{i\text{opt}}] \) is the probability that \( M_{i\text{opt}} \) may be detected, \( \text{tr}[M_{0\text{opt}}] \) becomes \( P_{\text{I}}(q) \). The phase of \( \tau_{12} \) and the form of \( \text{tr}[M_{i\text{opt}}] \) can be obtained by condition (i). The completeness condition of the POVM is represented as

\[
\frac{\text{tr}[M_{0\text{opt}}]}{\text{tr}[\tau_{0\text{opt}}]} \cdot \tilde{\beta}_{0\text{opt}} + \frac{\text{tr}[M_{1\text{opt}}]}{\text{tr}[\tilde{\beta}_{1\text{opt}}]} \cdot \tilde{\beta}_{1\text{opt}} + \frac{\text{tr}[M_{2\text{opt}}]}{\text{tr}[\tilde{\beta}_{2\text{opt}}]} \cdot \tilde{\beta}_{2\text{opt}} = I_2 - \rho_0.
\]

(C3)
\( \rho_{12} \) and \( \tau_{12} \) have the relation of \( \rho_{12}/\tau_{12} = -\sum_{i=0}^{2}(\text{tr}[M_{i}^{\text{opt}}]/\text{tr}[\rho_{12}]) \). By \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \neq 0(\forall i) \) and the non-negativity of POVM, the right hand side of the equation is always negative, and we get \( \rho_{12}/\tau_{12} = -|\rho_{12}|/|\tau_{12}| \). That is, \( \tau_{12} = -|\rho_{12}|/|\tau_{12}| \sqrt{1/2} \). And \( P_{\text{cor}}^{\text{opt}}(q) \) is found as (43). Then we have \( \text{tr}[M_{i}^{\text{opt}}] = \eta_{i} \) by the following relation:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\text{tr}[M_{0}^{\text{opt}}]}{\text{tr}[M_{i}^{\text{opt}}]}
\frac{\text{tr}[M_{1}^{\text{opt}}]}{\text{tr}[M_{i}^{\text{opt}}]}
\frac{\text{tr}[M_{2}^{\text{opt}}]}{\text{tr}[M_{i}^{\text{opt}}]}
\end{pmatrix}
= \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{\text{tr}[\rho_{12}]} & \frac{1}{\text{tr}[\rho_{12}]} & \frac{1}{\text{tr}[\rho_{12}]}
\end{pmatrix}^{-1}
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{|\rho_{12}|}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{|\rho_{22}|}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{|\rho_{12}|}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

(C4)

Therefore \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \) is represented as (45). The result implies the following. If \( \lambda_{i} \geq 0(\forall i) \) and \( \eta_{i} > 0(\forall i) \), we have \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \neq 0(\forall i) \). Otherwise, we find \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} = 0 \) or \( M_{2}^{\text{opt}} = 0 \).

\[\square\]

Appendix D: Proof of Uniqueness of Optimal POVM

Here we prove the following fact: When \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) forms a triangle, if \( r_{i}^{\text{opt}} \neq 0(\forall i) \), then the POVM \( \{M_{i} = \rho_{i}(I_{2} + u_{i} \cdot \sigma)\}_{i=0}^{2} \) fulfilling the optimality condition (8) is unique. For the proof, we use \( v_{0} \) as an arbitrary Bloch vector extrinsic to \( v_{1}, v_{2} \). Since \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} = I_{2} \) implies \( r_{i}^{\text{opt}} = 0 \), at least two of \( \{M_{i}^{\text{opt}}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) are nonzero.

First, we consider the case that there exists \( \{p_{i} \neq 0, u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) and \( \{r_{i} \neq 0, w_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) fulfilling optimality condition (8). Without loss of generality, we can set \( q_{0} \geq q_{1}, q_{2} \). Then (ii) becomes \( u_{i} \cdot w_{i} = -1(\forall i) \). This can be rewritten as \( \|u_{i}\| = 1, w_{i} = -u_{i}(\forall i) \). (ii) is as follows: \( r_{i} - r_{0} = e_{i}, R \equiv q_{i}v_{i} - r_{i}u_{i}(i = 0, 1, 2) \). \( e_{i} \) is the difference between two prior probabilities \( q_{0} \) and \( q_{i} \). This condition means the following: \( \{r_{i}u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) forms a triangle congruent to a triangle \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \), and \( \{r_{i}u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) coincides with \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) by parallel transport \( R \). Then (i) contains the following statement. \( R \) lies in the interior of the triangle \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \), and the distance from this point to the vertex of the triangle \( q_{i}v_{i} \) is \( r_{i} \). The points fulfilling \( r_{i} - r_{0} = e_{i} \) satisfy the following hyperbolic equation:

\[
r_{0} = \frac{l_{i}^{2} - e_{i}^{2}}{2(l_{i} \cos \theta_{i} + e_{i})}.
\]

(D1)

Above \( l_{i} \) is the distance between two vectors \( q_{0}v_{0} \) and \( q_{i}v_{i} \), and \( \theta_{i} \) is the angle between two sides \( \{R, q_{0}v_{0}\} \) and \( \{q_{0}v_{0}, q_{i}v_{i}\} \). As \( \theta_{i} \) increases, \( r_{0} \) also increases, and inside the triangle \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) the position of \( R \) is unique. This means that \( \{p_{i}, u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) are unique. Therefore, the optimal POVM in which every element is nonzero is unique. To make a distinction, we denote this POVM as \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \). Suppose that there exists another POVM satisfying the optimality condition and denote it as \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \). Then the POVM consisting of \( M_{i} = cM_{i}^{\text{opt}} + (1 - c)M_{i}^{\text{opt}}(0 < c < 1) \) is optimal, and we have \( M_{i} \neq 0(\forall i) \). This is contradictory, and therefore the optimal POVM is unique.

Next, we consider the case that there exist \( \{p_{i}, u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) and \( \{r_{i} \neq 0, w_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) fulfilling optimality condition (8) and one of \( \{p_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) is zero and the others are nonzero. Without loss of generality, we can set \( p_{0} = 0 \). Then (ii) becomes \( u_{i} \cdot w_{i} = -1(i = 1, 2) \). This can turn into \( \|u_{i}\| = 1, w_{i} = -u_{i}(i = 1, 2) \). (ii) can be expressed in the following way: \( r_{1} - r_{2} = q_{2} - q_{1}, R \equiv q_{1}v_{1} - r_{2}u_{1} = q_{2}v_{2} - r_{2}u_{2} \). This condition implies that \( \{r_{i}u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) coincides with the line segment \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) by parallel translation \( R \). (i) means that \( R \) lies in the interior of \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) and the distance from the point to \( q_{i}v_{i} \) is \( r_{i} \). That is, we have \( r_{1} + r_{2} = l_{12}, l_{12} \) is the distance between two vectors \( q_{1}v_{1} \) and \( q_{2}v_{2} \). Then \( r_{1} \) and \( r_{2} \) satisfying \( r_{1} - r_{2} = q_{2} - q_{1} \) are apparently unique. This implies that \( \{p_{i}, u_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) are unique. Therefore the optimal POVM satisfying \( M_{0} = 0, M_{1} \neq 0, M_{2} \neq 0 \) is unique. To differentiate from the other POVM, we represent this POVM as \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \). We assume that there exists a POVM satisfying \( M_{0} \neq 0 \) and the optimality condition, and denote it as \( M_{i}^{\text{opt}} \). Then the POVM consisting of \( M_{i} = cM_{i}^{\text{opt}} + (1 - c)M_{i}^{\text{opt}}(0 < c < 1) \) is optimal. The result is that POVM fulfilling \( M_{i} \neq 0(\forall i) \) and geometric optimality condition is not unique. This contradicts the previous result, and the optimal POVM is unique.

In conclusion, when \( \{q_{i}v_{i}\}_{i=0}^{2} \) forms a triangle and \( r_{i}^{\text{opt}} \neq 0(\forall i) \), the optimal POVM is unique. \[\square\]

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