Measurement-induced nonlocality based on the relative entropy

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We quantify the measurement-induced nonlocality (Luo and Fu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 1020401, 2011) from the perspective of the relative entropy. This quantification leads to an operational interpretation for the measurement-induced nonlocality, namely, it is the maximal entropy increase after the locally invariant measurements. The relative entropy of nonlocality is upper bounded by the entropy of the measured subsystem. We establish relationship between the relative entropy of nonlocality and the geometric nonlocality based on the Hilbert-Schmidt norm, and show that it is equal to the maximal distillable entanglement. Several trade-off relations are obtained for tripartite pure states. We also give explicit expressions for the relative entropy of nonlocality for Bell-diagonal states.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Nonlocality is a fundamental property of quantum states, and it has been the subject of intensive studies in the past decades [1–7]. A related topic of interest which has been recently discussed is the measurement-induced nonlocality [8–12], originating from the superdense coding [13]. One of the key steps of the superdense coding is to apply a Pauli matrix operation to half of a Bell state, giving rise to another orthogonal Bell state, while the reduced density matrices are invariant under this transformation. In such a case, the states of both two subsystems are not changed after the local unitary operation, but the state of the whole system is changed. This is a nonlocal effect, which was originally quantified by the Hilbert-Schmidt norm [8, 11]. Subsequently, the local unitary invariant was generalized to the locally invariant measurements, and the measurement-induced nonlocality was defined via the Hilbert-Schmidt norm [11, 12], which is the so-called geometric nonlocality. They derived an analytical formula for any dimensional pure state and 2×n dimensional mixed states. Recently, in [14], the problem of evaluating measurement-induced nonlocality for general bipartite mixed states was discussed.

The measurement-induced nonlocality provides a novel classification scheme for the bipartite states, and may be useful in the quantitative study of quantum state steering [15–17]. In this paper, we introduce an entropic measure of nonlocality for quantum states which is applicable for multipartite systems, and give an physical interpretation. This provides a consistent way to compare different correlations, such as entanglement, discord, classical correlations, and quantum dissonance [18–19].

To quantify the nonlocal effect, we consider the relative entropy between the pre- and post-measurement states, and introduce the so-called relative entropy of nonlocality. We then derive some basic properties of the relative entropy of nonlocality. This quantification leads to an operational interpretation for the nonlocality, which can be stated by maximal entropy increase in terms of the locally invariant measurement. We find that the relative entropy of nonlocality is upper bounded by the von-Neumann entropy of the measured subsystem for arbitrary quantum states. As an application, we derive a closed formula for the maximal distance achievable for Bell-diagonal states. In such a case, we find that the upper bound of relative entropy of nonlocality is saturated for some mixed Bell-diagonal states.

We choose entropic measures for the nonlocality, which is different from the geometric nonlocality based on the Hilbert-Schmidt norm [11, 12]. We can prove that the relative entropy of nonlocality is always greater than or equal to the squared geometric nonlocality. Several trade-off relations can be given by the quantum side information and the missing information. We also show that the relative entropy of nonlocality is equal to the maximal distillable entanglement between the measurement apparatus and the system if the von Neumann measurement is performed on one part of the system.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we define the relative entropy of nonlocality and present its relevant properties. We illustrate the relative entropy of nonlocality by the Bell-diagonal states. In Sec. III we discuss the relationships between the relative entropy of nonlocality and other measures. We summarize our results in Sec. IV.

II. RELATIVE ENTROPY OF NONLOCALITY

Consider a bipartite system with composite Hilbert space \( \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^A \otimes \mathcal{H}^B \). Let \( \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}) \) be the set of bounded, positive-semidefinite operators with unit trace on \( \mathcal{H} \). Given a quantum state \( \rho^{AB} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}) \) which could be shared between two parties, Alice and Bob, let \( \rho^A \) and \( \rho^B \) be the reduced density matrix for each party. As pointed out in [8, 12], for the bipartite \( \rho^{AB} \), one performs local von Neumann measurements which do not disturb the local state \( \rho^B = \text{Tr}_A(\rho^{AB}) \). To capture all the nonlocal effects that can be induced by local measurements, Luo defined the measurement-induced nonlocality in terms of
the Hilbert-Schmidt norm,
\[
N_G^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) = \max_{\{\Pi^B_k\}} \| \rho^{AB} - \tilde{\rho}^{AB} \|,
\]
where the maximum is taken over all the von Neumann measurements \(\{\Pi^B_k\}\) which do not disturb \(\rho^B\) locally, that is, \(\rho^B = \sum_k \Pi^B_k \rho^B \Pi^B_k\) and \(\tilde{\rho}^{AB} = \sum_k I^A \otimes \Pi^B_k \rho^{AB} I^A \otimes \Pi^B_k\). The post-measurement state \(\tilde{\rho}^{AB}\) can be rewritten as
\[
\tilde{\rho}^{AB} = \sum_k p_k \rho^A_k \otimes \Pi^B_k,
\]
where \(p_k = \frac{1}{\|X\|} \text{Tr}_{B}(I^A \otimes \Pi^B_k \rho^{AB})\) is the post-measurement state of system \(A\) that corresponds to the probability \(p_k = \text{Tr}_{B}(I^A \otimes \Pi^B_k \rho^{AB})\). Here, the Hilbert-Schmidt norm is defined as \(\|X\| = \sqrt{\text{Tr}(X^\dagger X)}\). For the geometric nonlocality \([11, 12]\), some basic properties have been listed in \([11, 12]\).

We choose entropic measures for the measurement-induced nonlocality, and define the relative entropy of nonlocality as
\[
N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) := \max_{\{\Pi^B_k\}} S(\rho^{AB}||\tilde{\rho}^{AB}),
\]
where the maximum is taken over all the von Neumann measurements \(\{\Pi^B_k\}\) which do not disturb \(\rho^B\) locally. Here, \(S(X||Y) = \text{Tr}X(\log_2 X - \log_2 Y)\) is the relative entropy \([20, 21]\).

Note that the relative entropy of nonlocality is different from the relative entropy of quantumness \([19]\) and the one-way quantum deficit \([22-24]\). The relationships between the relative entropy of nonlocality and the one-way quantum deficit are the same as the relationships between the geometric nonlocality \([12]\) and the geometric measure of quantum discord \([25]\). Along with this way, the relative entropy of nonlocality is a meaningful and reasonable quantification, and it can be viewed as an indicator of the global effect caused by locally invariant measurements \([11, 12]\).

### A. Properties for the relative entropy

We now list some basic properties of the relative entropy of nonlocality \(N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}\) as follows.

(i) \(N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) = 0\) for any product state \(\rho^{AB} = \rho^A \otimes \rho^B\).

(ii) \(N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB})\) is locally unitary invariant. For any locally unitary operators \(U^A \otimes V^B\) on Hilbert space \(\mathcal{H}\), we have \(N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(U^A \otimes V^B \rho^{AB} (U^A \otimes V^B)^\dagger) = N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB})\).

(iii) If \(\rho^B\) is non-degenerate, then \(N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) = S(\rho^{AB}||\tilde{\rho}^{AB})\).

(iv) \(N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) > 0\) for any entangled state \(\rho^{AB}\).

Following the properties of relative entropy \([21]\), (i) and (ii) are easy to obtain. Since the von Neumann measurement \(\{\Pi^B_k\}\) does not disturb \(\rho^B\), \(\rho^B = \sum_k \Pi^B_k \rho^B \Pi^B_k\), after some manipulation one obtains that each \([\rho^B, \Pi^B_k] = 0\). This implies that the measurement \(\{\Pi^B_k\}\) are eigen-projectors of \(\rho^B\). Another proof of this fact was recently given by Luo \([39]\). On the other hand, if \(\rho^B\) is non-degenerate with spectral decomposition \(\rho^B = \sum_k \lambda_k \psi_k \langle \psi_k |\), then we know that the dimension of the eigenspace of \(\rho^B\) corresponding to the eigenvalue \(\lambda_k\) is one. This implies that \(\{|\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k|\}\) is the only von Neumann measurement that does not disturb \(\rho^B\). Thus, the maximum in Eq. \(8\) is not necessary.

As for property (iv), for any bipartite state \(\rho^{AB}\), the relative entropy of entanglement \([18]\) is defined as
\[
E_{\text{RE}}(\rho^{AB}) = \min_{\sigma^{AB}} S(\rho^{AB}||\sigma^{AB}),
\]
where \(\sigma^{AB}\) is taken over all separable states. For any entangled state \(\rho^{AB}\), we obtain
\[
E_{\text{RE}}(\rho^{AB}) > 0.
\]

Since \(\tilde{\rho}^{AB}\) is a separable state for any locally invariant measurement, we have
\[
E_{\text{RE}}(\rho^{AB}) \leq S(\rho^{AB}||\tilde{\rho}^{AB}) \leq N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}).
\]

Substituting Eq. \(6\) into Eq. \(5\) leads to the desired result.

In general, a von Neumann measurement induces entropy increase, and this change is described by the relative entropy. As pointed out in \([12]\), one checks that
\[
S(\rho^{AB}||\tilde{\rho}^{AB}) = S(\rho^{AB}) - S(\rho^{AB}).
\]
Here, \(S(X) = -\text{Tr}X \log_2 X\) is von Neumann entropy \([20]\). Thus, the relative entropy of nonlocality can be rewritten as
\[
N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) = \max_{\{\Pi^B_k\}} \left[ S(\rho^{AB}) - S(\rho^{AB}) \right].
\]

This implies that the relative entropy of nonlocality is the maximal entropy increase with respect to the locally invariant measurements. This result gives a meaningful physical interpretation of the measurement-induced nonlocality. More importantly, it allows us to derive an upper bound for the relative entropy of nonlocality. Next, we will present a formal proof for the upper bound of relative entropy of nonlocality.

### Theorem 1

For any bipartite state \(\rho^{AB}\), the relative entropy of nonlocality cannot exceed the entropy of measured system,
\[
N_{\text{RE}}^{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) \leq S(\rho^B).
\]

**Proof.** For the local von Neumann measurements \(\{\Pi^B_k\}\) which leaves \(\rho^B\) invariant, \(\rho^B = \sum_k p_k \Pi^B_k\) is a spectral decomposition of \(\rho^B\), and \(p_k = \text{Tr}(\rho^B \Pi^B_k)\) is the probability of the outcome \(k\) \([11, 12]\). In such a case, for the post-measurement state \(\tilde{\rho}^{AB}\), from the result in \([20]\), one can directly obtains the following equation
\[
S(\tilde{\rho}^{AB}) = S(\rho^B) + \sum_k p_k S(\rho^A_k).
\]
Substituting this expression into Eq. (8), we get an explicit formula for the relative entropy of nonlocality,

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(\rho^{AB}) = S(\rho^{B}) - \left[ S(\rho^{AB}) - \max_{|i\rangle} \sum_{k} p_{k} S(\rho_{k}^{A}) \right].
$$

From the result in [27], for any von Neumann measurements, one checks that

$$
\sum_{k} p_{k} S(\rho_{k}^{A}) \leq S(\rho^{AB}).
$$

Since this order relation is true for all von Neumann measurements, combining this inequality with Eq. (11), we get

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(\rho^{AB}) \leq S(\rho^{B}).
$$

In particular, let $\rho^{AB} = |\psi\rangle^{AB} \langle \psi|$ be a bipartite pure state, then the relative entropy of nonlocality is equal to the entropy of the measured system,

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(|\psi\rangle^{AB} \langle \psi|) = S(\rho^{B}),
$$

which is a direct consequence of Eq. (11). For bipartite pure state $|\psi\rangle^{AB}$ every post-measurement state of the subsystem $A$ is a pure state for any von Neumann measurement on subsystem $B$, which implies that $S(\rho_{k}^{A}) = 0$. This shows that the relative entropy of nonlocality reduces to the entropy of the measured system entropy for pure states, which coincides with the relative entropy of quantumness and entanglement, but this is not true for general mixed states.

From Eq. (11), the relative entropy of nonlocality is also equal to the maximal value of difference of two conditional entropies [27]

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(\rho^{AB}) = \max_{|i\rangle} \left[ S_{|i\rangle^{AB}}(A|B) - S(A|B) \right],
$$

where $S(A|B) := S(\rho^{AB}) - S(\rho^{B})$ is the von Neumann conditional entropy and $S_{|i\rangle^{AB}}(A|B) := \sum_{k} p_{k} S(\rho_{k}^{A})$ is quantum conditional entropy [22, 27, 28]. It is known that quantum discord [28] is equal to the minimal difference of two conditional entropies for any von Neumann measurement [27].

**B. Bell-diagonal states**

One knows that the maximum is not necessary when the measured subsystem is non-degenerate, otherwise it is necessary to find a set of locally invariant measurement such that the maximal value of the first term in Eq. (8) is achieved. Now, the main difficulty in calculating the relative entropy of nonlocality is to find an optimal locally invariant measurement for the degenerated measured subsystem. If the measured subsystem is degenerate, then a number of eigenstates share a common eigenvalue. These eigenstates can span the eigenspace of this eigenvalue. The linear combination of these eigenstates are still eigenstates in this eigenspace. Then, we conclude that the maximal process is only obtained by taking maximal values in every degenerated eigenspace of the measured subsystem.

To give an intuitive understanding of the relative entropy of nonlocality, let us illustrate it by a fundamental case. If the measured subsystem is a pure state for any von Neumann measurement on subsystem $B$, then the relative entropy of nonlocality is equal to the von Neumann entropy of the measured system, $S_{\rho^{B}}(i) = \log_{2} c_{i}$.

Using the expression of conditional entropy,

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(\rho^{AB}) = \max_{i} \left[ S_{|i\rangle^{AB}}(A|B) - S(A|B) \right] = \log_{2} c_{\min},
$$

where the maximum is taken over all the von Neumann measurements on $B$ (since $\rho^{B} = \frac{I^{B}}{2}$ is degenerate, any von Neumann measurement will leave $\rho^{B}$ invariant). Here, the function

$$
f(x) = -\frac{1 + x}{2} \log_{2} \frac{1 + x}{2} - \frac{1 - x}{2} \log_{2} \frac{1 - x}{2},
$$

and $c_{\min} = \min\{|c_{1}|, |c_{2}|, |c_{3}|\}$. Then, the relative entropy of nonlocality can be given as

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(\rho^{AB}) = \max_{i} S_{|i\rangle^{AB}}(A|B) - S(A|B) = f(c_{\min}) - f(c_{1}, c_{2}, c_{3}),
$$

where

$$
f(c_{1}, c_{2}, c_{3}) = -\left( \frac{1 - c_{1} - c_{2} - c_{3}}{4} \log_{2} \frac{1 - c_{1} - c_{2} - c_{3}}{4} + \frac{1 - c_{1} + c_{2} + c_{3}}{4} \log_{2} \frac{1 - c_{1} + c_{2} + c_{3}}{4} + \frac{1 + c_{1} - c_{2} + c_{3}}{4} \log_{2} \frac{1 + c_{1} - c_{2} + c_{3}}{4} + \frac{1 + c_{1} + c_{2} - c_{3}}{4} \log_{2} \frac{1 + c_{1} + c_{2} - c_{3}}{4} \right) - 1.
$$

In particular, taking $|c_{1}| = 1, 0 < |c_{2}| = |c_{3}| = c < 1$, one has $c_{\min} = c$. In such a case, we have

$$
N_{RE}^{+}(\rho^{AB}) = 1.
$$

From this example, we find that the relative entropy of nonlocality is equal to the von Neumann entropy of the measured subsystem for some two-qubit mixed states.
III. THE RELATIONS WITH OTHER MEASURES

A. The relative entropy of nonlocality and the geometric nonlocality

We know from [38] that for any two quantum states $\rho$ and $|\psi\rangle$, then the closest $\rho^*$ achieves the maximum of the Hilbert-Schmidt norm $\|\rho - \rho^*\|$. Thus, we have

$$\frac{1}{2 \ln 2} N_G^c(\rho)^2 \leq N_{\text{RE}}(\rho).$$

**Proof.** If there exists an optimal locally invariant measurement $\{\Pi_k^B\}$ such that $\tilde{\rho}^* = \sum_k I^A \otimes \Pi_k^B \rho I^A \otimes \Pi_k^B$, then the closest $\rho^*$ achieves the maximum of the Hilbert-Schmidt norm $\|\rho - \tilde{\rho}^*\|$. Thus, we have

$$\frac{1}{2 \ln 2} N_G^c(\rho)^2 = \|\rho - \tilde{\rho}^*\|^2.$$  (22)

We know from [38] that for any two quantum states $\rho$ and $\sigma$, the following inequality holds,

$$\frac{1}{2 \ln 2} \|\rho - \sigma\|^2 \leq S(\rho|\sigma).$$  (23)

Thanks to Eq. (23), this yields

$$\frac{1}{2 \ln 2} \|\rho - \tilde{\rho}^*\|^2 \leq S(\rho|\tilde{\rho}^*).$$  (24)

From the definition of the relative entropy of nonlocality, we have

$$S(\rho|\tilde{\rho}^*) \leq N_{\text{RE}}(\rho).$$  (25)

Combined Eqs. (22), (24) with Eq. (25), we get the desired result. \qed

B. The relative entropy of nonlocality and distillable entanglement

As pointed out in [34, 35], the von Neumann measurement on a part of a composite quantum system unavoidably creates distillable entanglement between the apparatus $M$ and the system $AB$. Here, the von Neumann measurement on $B$ can be realized by a unitary on the total system $M$ and $AB$. The entanglement between $M$ and $AB$ is called the entanglement created in the von Neumann measurement $\{\Pi_k^B\}$ on $B$. From Fig. 1 a local von Neumann measurement can be represented as

$$\rho^{AB} \rightarrow \rho^{AB} \otimes |0\rangle^M \langle 0| \rightarrow \tilde{\rho}^{ABM} \rightarrow \tilde{\rho}^{AB}.$$  (26)

Suppose that the system $AB$ and the apparatus $M$ is initially in a product state, namely,

$$\rho^{ABM} = \rho^{AB} \otimes |0\rangle^M \langle 0|.$$  (27)

Consider performing the von Neumann measurement $\{\Pi_k^B\}$ which does not disturb $\rho^B$ locally, one can obtain an ensemble of the subsystem $A$, i.e., $\{p_k, \rho_k^A\}$. From the results [29, 30], we know that the locally accessible mutual information $\chi(p_k, \rho_k^A)$ is also called quantum side information, namely,

$$\chi(p_k, \rho_k^A) := S(\rho^A) - \sum_i p_k S(\rho_k^A).$$  (32)

If the maximum is taken over all the von Neumann measurements $\{\Pi_k^B\}$ which do not disturb $\rho^B$ locally, then we can define the minimal quantum side information, namely,

$$S^\text{\chi}_{\text{max}}(\rho^{AB}) := \min_{\{\Pi_k^B\}} \chi(p_k, \rho_k^A)$$

$$= S(\rho^A) - \max_{\{\Pi_k^B\}} \sum_k p_k S(\rho_k^A).$$  (33)
Therefore, for any bipartite quantum state $\rho^{AB}$, the sum of the relative entropy of nonlocality and the minimal quantum side information is equal to quantum mutual information, namely,

$$N_{\text{RE}}^{-}(\rho^{AB}) + S_{\chi}^{-}(\rho^{AB}) = I(\rho^{AB}), \quad (34)$$

where $I(\rho^{AB}) = S(\rho^{A}) + S(\rho^{B}) - S(\rho^{AB})$ is quantum mutual information.

From the result in [22], we will derive some trade-off relations in terms of this relation. We consider a tripartite pure state $\rho^{ABC}$ such that $\rho^{AB} = \text{Tr}_{C}(\rho^{ABC})$. Performing the von Neumann measurement $\{\Pi_{k}^{B}\}$ which does not disturb $\rho^{B}$ locally, we have

$$S(\rho^{AB} || \rho^{AB}) = S(\rho^{AB}) - S(\rho^{B}) = S(\rho^{B}) + \sum_{k} p_{k} S(\rho_{k}^{A}) - S(\rho^{C})$$

$$= S(\rho^{B}) + \sum_{k} p_{k} S(\rho_{k}^{C}) - S(\rho^{C})$$

$$= S(\rho^{B}) - \chi(\{p_{k}, \rho_{k}^{C}\}). \quad (35)$$

The third equality is due to the fact that for a tripartite pure state $\rho^{ABC}$, after performing the von Neumann measurement $\{\Pi_{k}^{B}\}$ on subsystem $B$, the residual state of subsystem $AC$ is still a pure state $\rho_{k}^{AC}$, and one obtains $S(\rho_{k}^{A}) = S(\rho_{k}^{C})$ for every $k$.

We then maximize the equation over all the locally invariant measurements on $B$, and obtain a trade-off relation as following

$$N_{\text{RE}}^{-}(\rho^{AB}) + S_{\chi}^{-}(\rho^{CB}) = S(\rho^{B}). \quad (36)$$

This equality shows that the amount of nonlocality between $A$ and $B$, plus the amount of minimal quantum side information between $B$ and the complementary part $C$, must be equal to the entropy of the measured subsystem $B$. For general tripartite mixed state $\rho^{ABC}$, this equality is not true. To be convinced, let us purify mixed state $\rho^{ABC}$ as $\rho^{ABC} = \text{Tr}_{D}[\Psi]^{ABCD}\langle\Psi|$, then we have

$$N_{\text{RE}}^{-}(\rho^{AB}) + S_{\chi}^{-}(\rho^{(CD)B}) = S(\rho^{B}). \quad (37)$$

Since discarding quantum systems never increases quantum side information (Holevo information) [32, 33], then we have

$$S_{\chi}^{-}(\rho^{CB}) \leq S_{\chi}^{-}(\rho^{(CD)B}), \quad (38)$$

which is equivalent to

$$N_{\text{RE}}^{-}(\rho^{AB}) + S_{\chi}^{-}(\rho^{CB}) \leq S(\rho^{B}). \quad (39)$$

Using quantum side information, the missing information [29, 32] about the locally invariant measurements on $B$ given the subsystem $A$ can be defined as

$$S(\{\Pi_{k}^{B}\}|A) := S(\rho^{B}) - \chi(\{p_{k}, \rho_{k}^{A}\}). \quad (40)$$

This quantity is a measure of absence of the locally invariant measurements on $B$ of information form $A$. Since $\chi(\{p_{k}, \rho_{k}^{A}\}) \leq \min_{S(\rho^{A})} S(\rho^{A})$, we then have $S(\{\Pi_{k}^{B}\}|A) \geq 0$. We maximize the equation over all the locally invariant measurements on $B$, and find that the relative entropy of nonlocality is equal to the maximal missing information, namely,

$$N_{\text{RE}}^{-}(\rho^{AB}) = \max_{\{\Pi_{k}^{B}\}} S(\{\Pi_{k}^{B}\}|A). \quad (41)$$

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have quantified the measurement-induced nonlocality in terms of the relative entropy, which is called the relative entropy of nonlocality. It can be interpreted as the maximal entropy increase after the locally invariant measurements. We have investigated its properties, and presented an upper bound of relative entropy of nonlocality for arbitrary quantum states. For pure states, the upper bound is saturated, and it is identical with the corresponding measures of entanglement and quantum correlations.

We have shown that the relative entropy of nonlocality is always greater than or equal to the square of the geometric nonlocality for arbitrary quantum states. We have further shown that the relative entropy of nonlocality is equal to the maximal distillable entanglement between the measurement apparatus and the system if the von Neumann measurement is performed on one part of the system. Some trade-off relations have been derived by the quantum side information and the missing information. In particular, we have obtained that the sum of the relative entropy of nonlocality and the minimal quantum side information exactly equals quantum mutual information for bipartite quantum states. If one adopts Streltsov’s and Piani’s suggestions [34, 35], our approach can be generalized to the multipartite setting.

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