Distributing Entanglement over Separable Quantum Networks

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Preliminaries

Overview

Entanglement Distribution Protocol



Alice and Bob share a separable state (dotted line) + a carrier state Carrier transmission and Local Operations (gray box) on each end Separability in C|AB(Jagged line).Entanglement in A|BC(curved line)



Shared state

$$\alpha_{AB} = \lambda_{\phi^+} |\phi^+\rangle \langle \phi^+|_{AB} + \lambda_{\phi^-} |\phi^-\rangle \langle \phi^-|_{AB} + \lambda_{\psi^+} |\psi^+\rangle \langle \psi^+|_{AB} + \lambda_{\psi^-} |\psi^-\rangle \langle \psi^-|_{AB}$$

Without loss of generality

$$rac{1}{2} \geq \lambda_{\phi^+} \geq \lambda_{\phi^-} \geq \lambda_{\psi^+} \geq \lambda_{\psi^-}$$



Carrier State

$$\alpha_C = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathcal{I} + s . \sigma_z \right)$$
$$s \in (-1, 1)$$



Local Transformation

$$\mathcal{U}_{AC} = |0
angle \langle 0|_A \otimes \mathcal{I}_C + |1
angle \langle 1|_A \otimes \sigma_{x,C}$$



Local Transformation

$$\mathcal{U}_{BC} = |0
angle \langle 0|_B \otimes \mathcal{I}_C + |1
angle \langle 1|_B \otimes \sigma_{x,C}$$

What are the carrier states that we can use to distribute entanglement?



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Two-party Scenario - Conditions



Analysis-1

$$\forall i \quad 0 \leq \Upsilon_i \left(\beta_{ABC}\right)^{T_C}$$

Example Eigenvalue: $rac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_{\phi^-} - s \lambda_{\phi^+}
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Since
$$0 \leq \Upsilon_i (\beta_{ABC})^{T_C}$$

 $0 \leq \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_{\phi^-} - s \lambda_{\phi^+})$

 $\therefore s \leq \frac{\lambda_{\phi^-}}{\lambda_{\phi^-}}$

$$\exists j \text{ s.t } \Upsilon_j (\gamma_{ABC})^{T_A} < 0$$

Example Eigenvalue: $\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2\lambda_{\phi^+} - s \left(1 - 2\lambda_{\phi^-} \right) \right)$ Since $\Upsilon_j \left(\gamma_{ABC} \right)^{T_A} < 0$ $\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2\lambda_{\phi^+} - s \left(1 - 2\lambda_{\phi^-} \right) \right) < 0$ $\therefore \frac{1 - 2\lambda_{\phi^+}}{1 - 2\lambda} < s$

We can use similar analysis on eigenvalues of
$$(\beta_{ABC})^{T_C}$$
 and $(\gamma_{ABC})^{T_A}$ resp.

Carrier bounds

Main Result

$$\min\left[\frac{\Lambda_{\phi^+}}{\Lambda_{\phi^-}}, \frac{\Lambda_{\psi^+}}{\Lambda_{\psi^-}}\right] < |s| \le \min\left[\frac{\lambda_{\phi^-}}{\lambda_{\phi^+}}, \frac{\lambda_{\psi^-}}{\lambda_{\psi^+}}\right]$$

where $\Lambda_i = 1 - 2\lambda_i$

Example:
$$\lambda_{\phi^+} = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_{\phi^-} = \frac{3}{8}, \lambda_{\psi^+} = \lambda_{\psi^-} = \frac{1}{16}$$

-1.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 s
s $\in \{-\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\}, s \neq 0$

Probabilistic Entanglement Distribution

Entangled state is obtained probabilistically after measuring the carrier

$$\gamma_{ABC} = c \gamma^1_{AB} \otimes |0
angle \langle 0|_{\mathcal{C}} + (1-c) \gamma^2_{AB} \otimes |1
angle \langle 1|_{\mathcal{C}}$$



Question

Can Bob apply transformations to his qubits after the final CNOT operation to make the protocol deterministic?

Say
$$\Gamma_{ABC} = \sum_{j} (\mathcal{I}_{A} \otimes \mathcal{K}_{j}) \gamma_{ABC} (\mathcal{I}_{A} \otimes \mathcal{K}_{j}^{\dagger})$$
 and $\Gamma_{AB} = Tr_{C} (\Gamma_{ABC})$

Can we find the Kraus operators that give us distillable entanglement?

 $\exists i \text{ s.t } \Upsilon_i (\Gamma_{AB})^{T_A} < 0?$

Transformations

If s > 0If s < 0
$$\mathcal{K}_1 = \mathcal{I}_B \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_C$$
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When is
$$\Upsilon_i (\Gamma_{AB})^{T_A} < 0$$

Deterministic Entangelement Distribution - Simplification

When is $\Upsilon_i (\Gamma_{AB})^{T_A} < 0$

Simplifying Assumption $\lambda_{\psi^+} = \lambda_{\psi^-} \text{ and } \lambda_{\phi^+} = \frac{1}{2}$

Probabilistic Bounds

Deterministic Bounds

$$0 < |s| \le 2\lambda_{\phi^-}$$
 $rac{3-2\lambda_{\phi^-}-\sqrt{4\lambda_{\phi^-}^2-20\lambda_{\phi^-}+9}}{4\lambda_{\phi^-}} < |s| \le 2\lambda_{\phi^-}$

Deterministic Entangelement Distribution - Examples



Possible Region of |s| for Entanglement Distribution

There is deterministic entanglement distribution when $\lambda_{\phi^-} \in \{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{2}-1), \frac{1}{2}\}$

Deterministic Entangelement Distribution - Examples



Possible Region of |s| for Entanglement Distribution

There is no deterministic entanglement distribution

Applications

Network Entanglement Distribution

Linear Network



Network Entanglement Distribution



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Network Entanglement Distribution - Circular







Network Entanglement Distribution - Circular

Initial State



Shared State:
$$\alpha_4^{\text{Circ}} = \alpha_{a_1b_1} \otimes \alpha_{b_2c_1}$$

 $\otimes \alpha_{c_2d_1} \otimes \alpha_{d_2a_2}$
Carrier State: $\eta_4^{\text{Circ}} = \eta_a \otimes \eta_b$
 $\otimes \eta_c \otimes \eta_d$

Final State

$$\Delta^{\mathsf{Final}} = \gamma_{a_1 b_1 \eta_a} \otimes \gamma_{b_2 c_1 \eta_b} \\ \otimes \gamma_{c_2 d_1 \eta_c} \otimes \gamma_{d_2 a_2 \eta_d}$$

- 1. We have characterized carrier states in terms of shared Bell state coefficients that can be used to distribute entanglement between two parties
- 2. We have shown that deterministic entanglement distribution is possible using an uncorrelated carrier state which remains separable
- 3. We have adapted the entanglement distribution protocol to networks giving us networks with entangled states between nearest neighbors

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