

2. Distance Measures: trace distance & fidelity

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① Distance measures for classical info

$\{p_x\}, \{q_x\}$: prob. dist.

$$D(p_x, q_x) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_x |p_x - q_x|$$

total variation distance
L₁ distance
Kolmogorov distance

$$F(p_x, q_x) := \sum_x \sqrt{p_x q_x}$$

fidelity of $\{p_x\}$ and $\{q_x\}$

prop. $D(p_x, q_x) = \max_{S \subseteq \{x\}} \left| \sum_{x \in S} p_x - \sum_{x \in S} q_x \right|$

proof For $S \subseteq \{x\}$, let $p(S) = \sum_{x \in S} p_x$, $q(S) = \sum_{x \in S} q_x$ and

$$B := \{x \mid p_x \geq q_x\}.$$

Note $\forall S \subseteq \{x\}$, $p(S) - q(S) \leq p(S \cap B) - q(S \cap B) \leq p(B) - q(B)$

and $q(S) - p(S) \leq q(B^c) - p(B^c) = p(B) - q(B)$

$$\begin{aligned} p(B^c) &= 1 - p(B) \\ q(B^c) &= 1 - q(B) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\forall S \subseteq \{x\}$, $|p(S) - q(S)| \leq p(B) - q(B)$.

$$\begin{aligned} D(p_x, q_x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{x \in B} |p_x - q_x| + \sum_{x \in B^c} |p_x - q_x| \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(p(B) - q(B) + q(B^c) - p(B^c) \right) = p(B) - q(B) \\ &= \max_{S \subseteq \{x\}} |p(S) - q(S)| \end{aligned}$$

Distance between two quantum states

§1. trace distance.

ρ, σ = states

$$D(\rho, \sigma) := \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} |\rho - \sigma|$$

trace distance between ρ and σ

$$|A| = \sqrt{A^\dagger A}$$

(e.g.)

$$\textcircled{1} \rho = \sum_i r_i |\bar{i}\rangle\langle\bar{i}|, \sigma = \sum_i s_i |\bar{i}\rangle\langle\bar{i}|$$

$$D(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left| \sum_i (r_i - s_i) |\bar{i}\rangle\langle\bar{i}| \right| = D(r_i, s_i)$$

Hermitian
 $A^\dagger = A$
 $A = \sum_j \lambda_j |\phi_j\rangle\langle\phi_j|$ spectral decomp
 $\sqrt{AA^\dagger} = \sum_j |\lambda_j| |\phi_j\rangle\langle\phi_j|$
 $\therefore \text{tr} |A| = \sum_j |\lambda_j|$

$$\textcircled{2} \rho = \frac{1}{2} (I_2 + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}), \sigma = \frac{1}{2} (I_2 + \vec{s} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \quad \text{1-qubit states}$$

$$\vec{r} = (r_1, r_2, r_3), \vec{s} = (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z) \quad \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = r_1 \sigma_x + r_2 \sigma_y + r_3 \sigma_z)$$

Note: $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_1 - ia_2 \\ a_1 + ia_2 & -a_3 \end{pmatrix}$ is Hermitian

$$\text{tr}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) = 0, \det(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) = -|\vec{a}|^2$$

So, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$ has two eigenvalues, $\pm |\vec{a}|$.

$$\therefore \text{tr} |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}| = 2|\vec{a}|$$

$$D(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} |\rho - \sigma| = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left| \frac{1}{2} (\vec{r} - \vec{s}) \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right| = \frac{1}{4} \text{tr} |(\vec{r} - \vec{s}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}|$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 |\vec{r} - \vec{s}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{r} - \vec{s}|$$



Thm 1. $\{E_m\}$: POVM

$$E_m \geq 0, \sum_m E_m = I$$

ρ, σ = states

$$p = \text{state} \quad p(m) = \text{tr}(E_m \rho)$$

$$p_m := \text{tr}(E_m \rho), q_m := \text{tr}(E_m \sigma) \iff D(\rho, \sigma) = \max_{\{E_m\}} D(p_m, q_m)$$

Proof By def, $D(p_m, q_m) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_m |p_m - q_m| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_m |\text{tr}(E_m(\rho - \sigma))|$

Since $\rho - \sigma$ is Hermitian, $\exists Q, S \geq 0$ s.t. $\text{tr}(QS) = 0$

$$\text{Thus, } D(p_m, q_m) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_m |\text{tr}(E_m(Q - S))| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_m \text{tr}(E_m(Q + S)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_m \text{tr}(E_m(\rho - \sigma)) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} |\rho - \sigma| = D(\rho, \sigma)$$

Let P be the projector onto $\text{supp}(Q)$. ($PQ = Q$ and $PS = 0$)

$$\text{Then } \{P, I - P\} \text{ is a POVM. } D(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} |\text{tr}(P(\rho - \sigma)) + \text{tr}((I - P)(\rho - \sigma))| = \frac{1}{2} |\text{tr}(P(Q - S)) + \text{tr}((I - P)(\rho - \sigma))|$$

$$p_1 = \text{tr}(P\rho), p_2 = \text{tr}((I - P)\rho)$$

$$q_1 = \text{tr}(P\sigma), q_2 = \text{tr}((I - P)\sigma)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\text{tr} Q - \text{tr} S| = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(Q + S) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} |\rho - \sigma| = D(\rho, \sigma)$$

In the proof of Thm 1, $D(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\rho + \sigma)$,

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where $\rho - \sigma = Q - S$, $|\rho - \sigma| = Q + S$.

Since $0 = \text{tr}(\rho - \sigma) = \text{tr}(Q - S)$, $\text{tr}(Q) = \text{tr}(S)$.

$$\therefore D(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\rho + \sigma) = \text{tr}(Q) = \text{tr}(P(Q - S))$$

$= \text{tr}(P(\rho - \sigma))$, where P is the projector onto $\text{supp}(Q)$.

Prop. $D(\rho, \sigma) = \max_{P: \text{projector}} \text{tr}(P(\rho - \sigma))$

Thm 2 $\mathcal{E} = (CP)TP$. ρ, σ : states

quantum

$$\Leftrightarrow D(\mathcal{E}(\rho), \mathcal{E}(\sigma)) \leq D(\rho, \sigma)$$

data processing inequality
(w.r.t. trace distance)
($\mathcal{E}$: contractive)

Proof Note: $\rho - \sigma = Q - S$ for some $Q, S \geq 0$

satisfying $\text{tr}(QS) = 0$, $|\rho - \sigma| = Q + S$.

$$D(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}|\rho - \sigma| = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(Q + S) = \text{tr}(Q) \quad (\because 0 = \text{tr}(\rho - \sigma) = \text{tr}(Q - S))$$

$$= \text{tr}(\mathcal{E}(Q)) \geq \text{tr}(P(\mathcal{E}(Q))) \quad \text{where } P \text{ is the projector s.t. } D(\mathcal{E}(\rho), \mathcal{E}(\sigma))$$

$\uparrow_{TP}$

$$\geq \text{tr}(P(\mathcal{E}(Q) - \mathcal{E}(S))) = \text{tr}(P(\mathcal{E}(\rho) - \mathcal{E}(\sigma)))$$

$$= \text{tr}(P(\mathcal{E}(Q - S))) = \text{tr}(P \cdot \mathcal{E}(\rho - \sigma))$$

$$= \text{tr}(P(\mathcal{E}(\rho) - \mathcal{E}(\sigma))) = D(\mathcal{E}(\rho), \mathcal{E}(\sigma)).$$

partial trace is trace-preserving

Cor. $D(\rho_A, \sigma_A) \leq D(\rho_{AB}, \sigma_{AB})$



If $\text{tr}(\rho_{AB}) = \text{tr}(\sigma_{AB})$ then

$$\text{tr}(\text{tr}_A(\rho_{AB})) = \text{tr}(\text{tr}_A(\sigma_{AB}))$$

$\text{tr}(\rho_{AB}) \quad \text{tr}(\sigma_{AB})$

$$\frac{1}{2} I = \text{tr}_A(|\Phi_{AB}^+\rangle\langle\Phi_{AB}^+|) = \text{tr}(|\Phi_{AB}^+\rangle\langle\Phi_{AB}^+|)$$

$$|\Phi_{AB}^{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle_A |0\rangle_B \pm |1\rangle_A |1\rangle_B)$$

§ 2. Fidelity

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$$F(p_m, q_m) = \sum_m \sqrt{p_m q_m} \quad \text{classical.}$$

ρ, σ : states

$$F(\rho, \sigma) := \text{tr} \sqrt{\rho \sigma \rho}$$

fidelity of ρ and σ

(e.g.) ① $\rho = \sum_{\vec{n}} r_{\vec{n}} |\vec{n}\rangle\langle\vec{n}|$, $\sigma = \sum_{\vec{n}} s_{\vec{n}} |\vec{n}\rangle\langle\vec{n}|$ ($r_{\vec{n}}, s_{\vec{n}} \geq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} F(\rho, \sigma) &= \text{tr} \sqrt{\left(\sum_{\vec{n}} \sqrt{r_{\vec{n}}} |\vec{n}\rangle\langle\vec{n}| \right) \left(\sum_{\vec{n}} s_{\vec{n}} |\vec{n}\rangle\langle\vec{n}| \right) \left(\sum_{\vec{n}} \sqrt{r_{\vec{n}}} |\vec{n}\rangle\langle\vec{n}| \right)} \\ &= \text{tr} \left(\sum_{\vec{n}} \sqrt{r_{\vec{n}} s_{\vec{n}}} |\vec{n}\rangle\langle\vec{n}| \right) = \sum_{\vec{n}} \sqrt{r_{\vec{n}} s_{\vec{n}}} = F(r_{\vec{n}}, s_{\vec{n}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} F(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|, \rho) &= \text{tr} \sqrt{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \rho |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|} = \text{tr} \sqrt{\langle\psi|\rho|\psi\rangle \cdot |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|} \\ &= \text{tr} (\sqrt{\langle\psi|\rho|\psi\rangle} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = \sqrt{\langle\psi|\rho|\psi\rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} F(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|, |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|) = \sqrt{\langle\psi|\phi\rangle\langle\phi|\psi\rangle} = |\langle\psi|\phi\rangle|$$

Thm (Uhlmann)

ρ, σ : states of 2. system Q.

$$\Rightarrow F(\rho, \sigma) = \max_{|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle} |\langle\psi|\phi\rangle| \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} |\psi\rangle_{\text{QE}} : \text{purification of } \rho \\ |\phi\rangle_{\text{QE}} : \quad \quad \quad \text{of } \sigma \end{array} \right)$$

$$0 \leq F(p_m, q_m) = \sum_m \sqrt{p_m q_m} \leq 1 = F(p_m, p_m)$$

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inner product

$$F(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|, |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|) = |\langle\psi|\phi\rangle|$$

$F(\rho, \sigma) = ?$ Uhlmann's definition is natural.

Lemma. A : matrix, U : unitary $\Rightarrow |\text{tr}(AU)| \leq \text{tr}|A|$

($\Leftarrow$ " $\Leftrightarrow U = V^\dagger$, where $A = |A|V$ polar decomp.)

proof. $|\text{tr}(AU)| \stackrel{\text{polar decomp.}}{=} |\text{tr}(|A|VU)| = |\text{tr}(\sqrt{|A|}\sqrt{|A|}VU)|$

$$\leq \sqrt{\text{tr}(\sqrt{|A|}\sqrt{|A|})} \sqrt{\text{tr}(U^\dagger V^\dagger \sqrt{|A|}\sqrt{|A|} V U)} = \text{tr}|A|$$

Cauchy-Schwarz
ineq.
w.r.t. Hilbert-Schmidt
inner product

$$\begin{aligned} \text{"} \Leftarrow \text{"} &\Leftrightarrow VU = I \Leftrightarrow U = V^\dagger \quad \text{if } U = V^\dagger \text{ then} \\ &|\text{tr}(AU)| = |\text{tr}(|A|VU)| = \text{tr}|A|. \end{aligned}$$

Prop. $|\Phi\rangle = \sum_i |\tilde{i}\rangle \otimes |\tilde{i}\rangle$

$$\langle \Phi | A \otimes B | \Phi \rangle = \text{tr}(A^T B)$$

Proof $\langle \Phi | A \otimes B | \Phi \rangle = \sum_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} (\langle \tilde{i} | \otimes \langle \tilde{i} |) (A \otimes B) (|\tilde{j}\rangle \otimes |\tilde{j}\rangle)$
 $= \sum_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} \langle \tilde{i} | A | \tilde{j} \rangle \langle \tilde{i} | B | \tilde{j} \rangle = \sum_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} \langle \tilde{j} | A^T | \tilde{i} \rangle \langle \tilde{i} | B | \tilde{j} \rangle$
 $= \sum_{\tilde{j}} \langle \tilde{j} | A^T B | \tilde{j} \rangle = \text{tr}(A^T B)$

$(A \otimes B | \Phi \rangle = (I \otimes B A^T) | \Phi \rangle$ *option*.

Fthm (Uhlmann)

$\rho, \sigma = \text{states of } Q, \Rightarrow F(\rho, \sigma) = \max_{|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle} |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|$
purifications of ρ & σ , resp.

Proof $\rho = \text{tr}_R(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)$ and $\sigma = \text{tr}_R(|\phi\rangle\langle\phi|)$.

$$|\Phi\rangle_{RQ} = \sum_i |\tilde{i}\rangle_R \otimes |\tilde{i}\rangle_Q$$

$$I \otimes \rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |\tilde{i}\rangle\langle\tilde{i}| (I \otimes \sqrt{\rho}) |\Phi\rangle_{RQ} = \sum_i \sqrt{\lambda_i} |\tilde{i}\rangle\langle\tilde{i}| \otimes \sqrt{\lambda_i} |\tilde{i}\rangle\langle\tilde{i}|$$

By Schmidt decomp., $|\psi\rangle = (U_R \otimes \sqrt{\rho} U_Q) |\Phi\rangle_{RQ}$
 $|\phi\rangle = (V_R \otimes \sqrt{\sigma} V_Q) |\Phi\rangle_{RQ}$ *for some unitary U_R, U_Q, V_R, V_Q*

$$|\langle \psi | \phi \rangle| = |\langle \Phi | V_R^\dagger U_R \otimes V_Q^\dagger \sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho} U_Q | \Phi \rangle_{RQ}|$$

$$= |\text{tr}(U_R^\dagger V_R^* V_Q^\dagger \sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho} U_Q)| = |\text{tr}(\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho} U_Q U_R^\dagger V_R^* V_Q^\dagger)|$$

Prop. $\leq \text{tr}|\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho}|$
Lemma $= \text{tr}\sqrt{(\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho})^\dagger (\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho})} = \text{tr}\sqrt{\sqrt{\rho} \sigma \sqrt{\rho}} = F(\rho, \sigma)$

If $(U_Q U_R^\dagger V_R^* V_Q^\dagger)^\dagger = V$, where $\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho} = |\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho}| V$ is polar decomp of $\sqrt{\sigma} \sqrt{\rho}$,
 then $F(\rho, \sigma) = |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|$

• Properties of fidelity
(Monotone) $\mathcal{E} = \text{CPTP}$, $\rho, \sigma = \text{states}$

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$$F(\mathcal{E}(\rho), \mathcal{E}(\sigma)) \geq F(\rho, \sigma)$$

(Concave)

$$F\left(\sum_i p_i \rho_i, \sigma\right) \geq \sum_i p_i F(\rho_i, \sigma)$$

(Jointly concave)

$$F\left(\sum_i p_i \rho_i, \sum_i p_i \sigma_i\right) \geq \sum_i p_i F(\rho_i, \sigma_i)$$

(Strongly concave)

$$F\left(\sum_i p_i \rho_i, \sum_i q_i \sigma_i\right) \geq \sum_i \sqrt{p_i q_i} F(\rho_i, \sigma_i)$$

prop. $F(\rho, \sigma) = \min_{\{E_m\}} F(p_m, q_m)$, where $p_m = \text{tr}(E_m \rho)$
 $\{E_m\}$ POVM $q_m = \text{tr}(E_m \sigma)$

$|\psi_i\rangle$ purification of ρ_i
 $|\phi_i\rangle$ " of σ_i
 $|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |\psi_i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle_R$ purifications of $\sum_i p_i \rho_i$
 $|\phi\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{q_i} |\phi_i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle_R$ " of $\sum_i q_i \sigma_i$
 $F(\sum_i p_i \rho_i, \sum_i q_i \sigma_i) \geq |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|$

§3. Relationships between fidelity & trace distance.

$$F(\rho, \sigma) = F(p_m, q_m) \text{ for some } \{E_m\} \text{ POVM}$$

$$= \sum_m \sqrt{p_m q_m}$$

$$2(1 - F(\rho, \sigma)) = 2(1 - \sum_m \sqrt{p_m q_m}) = \sum_m (\sqrt{p_m} - \sqrt{q_m})^2 \leq \sum_m |\sqrt{p_m} - \sqrt{q_m}| |\sqrt{p_m} + \sqrt{q_m}|$$

$$= \sum_m |p_m - q_m|$$

$$\therefore \underline{1 - F(\rho, \sigma) \leq D(\rho, \sigma)}$$

$$= 2 D(p_m, q_m)$$

$$\leq 2 D(\rho, \sigma)$$

By D.P.I. of trace distance, $D(\rho, \sigma) \leq D(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|, |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} ||\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - |\phi\rangle\langle\phi||$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - |\alpha|^2 & -\alpha\beta^* \\ -\alpha^*\beta & -|\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$|\psi\rangle$: purification of ρ
 $|\phi\rangle$ " of σ
 $F(\rho, \sigma) = |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|^2$
 $|\phi\rangle = \alpha |\psi\rangle + \beta |\psi^\perp\rangle$

$|\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$
 $= |\alpha|^2 |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + \alpha\beta^* |\psi\rangle\langle\psi^\perp|$
 $+ \alpha^*\beta |\psi^\perp\rangle\langle\psi| + |\beta|^2 |\psi^\perp\rangle\langle\psi^\perp|$

$\text{tr}(G) = 0$, $\det(G) = (1 + |\alpha|^2)(|\beta|^2 - |\alpha|^2) = -|\beta|^2 = -(1 - |\alpha|^2)$
eigenvalues, $\sqrt{1 - |\alpha|^2}$, $-\sqrt{1 - |\alpha|^2}$

$$\therefore D(\rho, \sigma) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sqrt{1 - |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|^2}$$

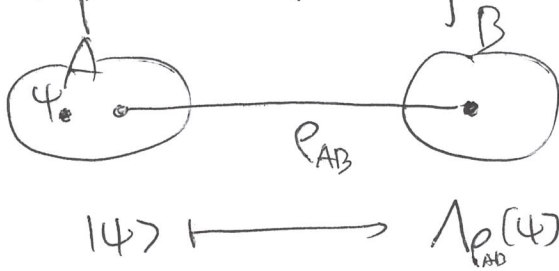
$$= \sqrt{1 - F(\rho, \sigma)}$$

$$\therefore 1 - F(\rho, \sigma) \leq D(\rho, \sigma) \leq \sqrt{1 - F(\rho, \sigma)}$$

§4. Applications

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• Teleportation fidelity



$$F(\rho) = \int \langle \psi | \Lambda_{\rho_{AB}}(\psi) | \psi \rangle d\psi$$

$$F(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|, \Lambda_{\rho_{AB}}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|))$$

$f(\rho) = \max_{|\psi\rangle} \langle \psi | \rho | \psi \rangle$ fully entangled fraction

• Entanglement fidelity

$$F(\rho) = \frac{d f(\rho) + 1}{d+1}$$

$$F(\rho, \mathcal{E}) := \langle \psi | (\mathbb{I}_R \otimes \mathcal{E})(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RQ}) | \psi \rangle_{RQ} = F(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RQ}, (\mathbb{I}_R \otimes \mathcal{E})(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{RQ}))$$

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state of Q
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CPTP on H_Q

RQ

$|\psi\rangle_{RQ}$: purification of ρ_Q

How well is entanglement between R and Q preserved by $\mathcal{E}$

• Operational interpretation of trace distance

ρ_0, ρ_1 : states

$\mathcal{E} = \{E_0, E_1\}$: POVM

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 ρ_0 ↓
 ρ_1

$E_0 + E_1 = I$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_0 \text{ with prob } \frac{1}{2} \\ \rho_1 \text{ " " " } \end{array} \right.$

$P_{\text{succ}}(\mathcal{E})$ = correctly guessing prob with $\mathcal{E}$.

Q: $P_{\text{succ}} = \max_{\mathcal{E}=\{E_0, E_1\}} P_{\text{succ}}(\mathcal{E}) = ?$

$$P_{\text{succ}}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{2} (\text{tr}(E_0 \rho_0) + \text{tr}(E_1 \rho_1)) = \frac{1}{2} (\text{tr}(E_0 \rho_0) + 1 - \text{tr}(E_0 \rho_1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \text{tr}(E_0 (\rho_0 - \rho_1))) \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 + \max_{E_0 \geq 0} \text{tr}(E_0 (\rho_0 - \rho_1)))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 + D(\rho_0, \rho_1))$$

$E_0 = \sum_i \lambda_i P_i$ spectral decomp.
 $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$ ($\because E_0 + E_1 = I$)
 $P_i = \sum_j P_{ij}$ projectors

END.