

Iso-entangled Mutually Unbiased Bases and mixed states t -designs

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for instance:

- **Mutually Unbiased Bases (MUBs)**
- **Symmetric Informationally Complete generalized quantum measurements (SIC POVMs)**
- Complex **projective t-designs** formed of pure quantum states and their generalizations:
- selected constellations of mixed states which form **mixed states t-designs**.

Why we do it ? Because we

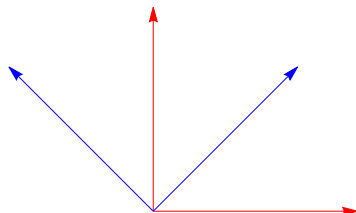
- a) do not fully understand these structures relevant for **quantum theory** !
- b) wish to construct novel schemes of **generalized measurements** and
- c) design techniques averaging over the set of **density matrices** of size N

Mutually Unbiased Bases I

- Two orthogonal bases consisting of n vectors each in \mathcal{H}_N are called **mutually unbiased** (MUB) if

$$|\langle \phi_i | \psi_j \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{N}, \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, N.$$

- Such bases provide **maximally different quantum measurements**.
- For a complex Hilbert space of dimension N there exist at most $N + 1$ such bases.
- Example $N = 2$:
3 eigenbases of $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$



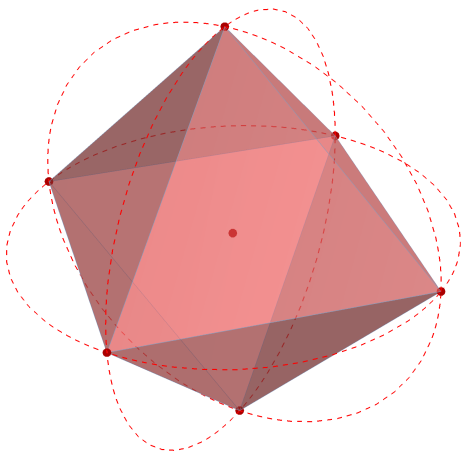
Two unbiased bases in \mathbb{R}^2

Mutually Unbiased Bases & Hadamard matrices

- Full sets of $(N + 1)$ MUB's are known if dimension is a **power of prime**, $N = p^k$.
For $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{6} = 2 \times 3$ only $3 < 7$ MUB's are known!
- A transition matrix $H_{ij} = \langle \phi_i | \psi_j \rangle$ from one **unbiased** basis to another forms a **complex Hadamard** matrix, which is
 - a) **unitary**, $H^\dagger = H^{-1}$,
 - b) has "**unimodular**" entries, $|H_{ij}|^2 = 1/N$, $i, j = 1, \dots, N$.
- **Classification** of all **complex Hadamard matrices** is complete for $N = 2, 3, 4, 5$ only. (**Haagerup** 1996)
see Catalog of **complex Hadamard matrices**, at
<http://chaos.if.uj.edu.pl/~karol/hadamard>

Standard set of 2-qubit MUBs

consists of 3 separable bases + 2 maximally entangled bases in \mathcal{H}_4



- Reduced states ρ_A and ρ_B form 6 (doubly degenerated) vertices of the regular octahedron within the Bloch ball
(eigenvectors of $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$
= 3 MUBs for $N = 2$)
and
8-fold degenerated maximally mixed state $\mathbb{1}/2$ in the centre.

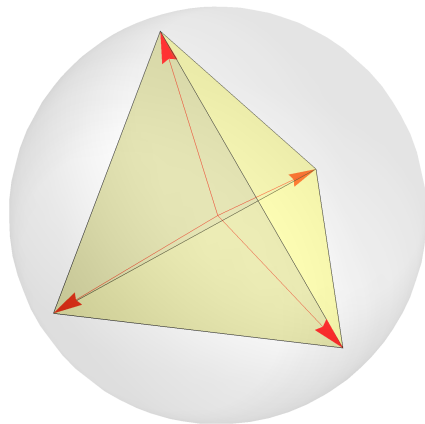
Symmetric Informationally Complete POVM

- Symmetric informationally complete (SIC) POVM is such a set of N^2 vectors $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}$ in \mathcal{H}_N , that

$$|\langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{N+1}$$

Zauner (1999), Rennes, Blume-Kohout, Scott, Caves (2003)

- They may be thought as **equiangular structures** in the Hilbert space.
- SIC POVM are found analytically for $N = 2, \dots, 24$ and numerically up to $151 +$ some special cases: $N = 844$ **Grassl & Scott** (2017)



4 pure states at the Bloch sphere forming a SIC for $N = 2$.

Complex projective t-designs

Definition

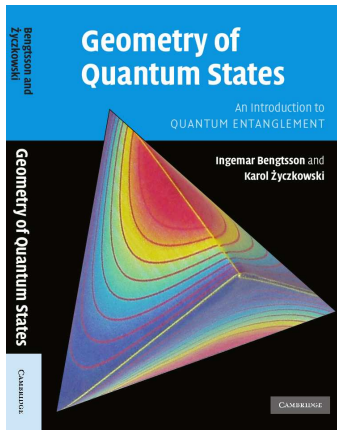
Any ensemble $|\psi_i\rangle_{i=1}^M$ of **pure** states in \mathcal{H}^N is called **complex projective t-design** if for any polynomial f_t of degree at **most** t in both components of the states and their conjugates the average over the ensemble coincides with the average over the space $\mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M f_t\{\psi_i\} = \int_{\mathbb{C}P^{N-1}} f_t(\psi) d\psi_{FS}.$$

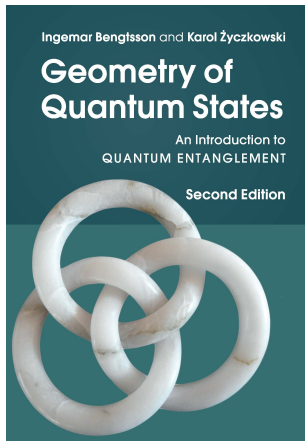
with respect to the unitarily-invariant **Fubini–Study** measure $d\psi_{FS}$.

- **Complex projective t**-designs are used for quantum state tomography, quantum fingerprinting and quantum cryptography.
- Examples of **2-designs** include maximal sets of mutually unbiased bases (MUB) and symmetric informationally complete (SIC) POVM.
- the **larger** t the **better** design approximates the set of states..

To know more about these issues consult the book



Cambridge University Press,
I edition, 2006



II edition, 2017
(new chapters on multipartite entanglement
& discrete structures in the Hilbert space),

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- **Zhu & Englert** (2011) found an interesting constellation of $4^2 = 16$ states in $\mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ forming a SIC for two-qubit system, such that entanglement of all states is constant,

$$\text{Tr}[(\text{Tr}_A |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|)^2] = \frac{4}{5}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 16.$$

Such a set of states can be obtained from a single *fiducial* state $|\phi_0\rangle$ by **local unitary** operations, $|\phi_j\rangle = U_j \otimes V_j |\phi_0\rangle$.

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Is there a similar configuration for the full set of 5 iso-entangled MUBs for 2 qubits?

the standard MUB solution for $N = 4$ consists of
3 **separable** bases and 2 **maximally entangled**...

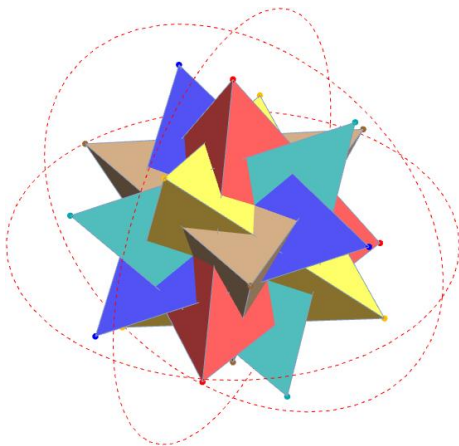
The answer is **positive!**

$$|\phi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{20}(a_+ |00\rangle - 10i |01\rangle + (8i - 6) |10\rangle + a_- |11\rangle),$$

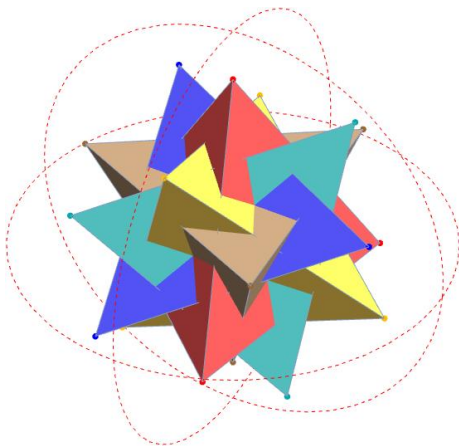
$$\text{where } a_{\pm} = -7 \pm 3\sqrt{5} + i(1 \pm \sqrt{5})$$

and other states are **locally equivalent**, $|\phi_j\rangle = U_j \otimes V_j |\phi_0\rangle$

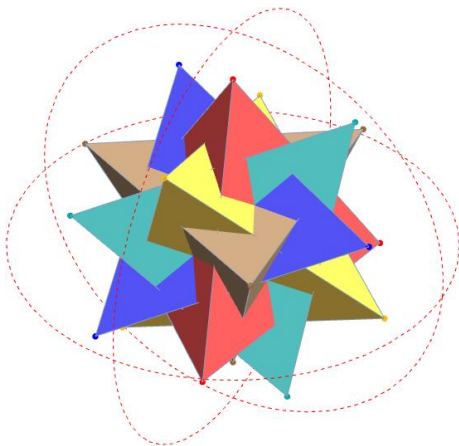
Each of $5 \times 4 = 20$ pure states $|\psi_j\rangle$ in $\mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ will be represented by its partial trace, $\rho_j = \text{Tr}_B |\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|$ belonging to the Bloch ball of one-qubit mixed states.



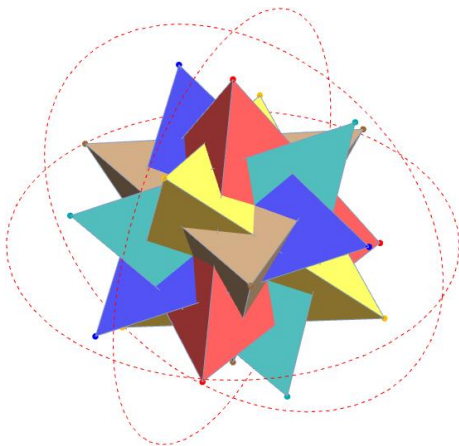
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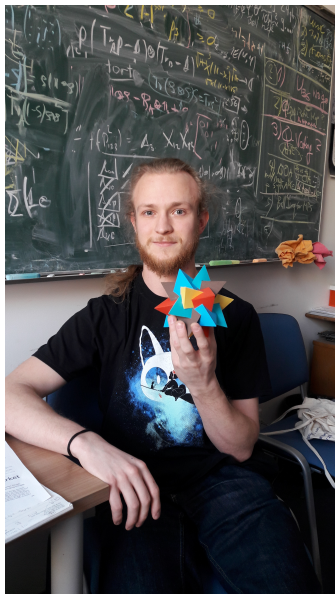
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- Its convex hull forms a **regular dodecahedron**,
different from the one of **Zimba** and **Penrose**...



Jakub Czartowski and his sculpture

Mixed states t -designs

Generalized designs

In quantum theory one uses

- **projective designs** formed by **pure states**, $|\psi_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_N$
- **unitary designs** formed by **unitary matrices**, $U_i \in U(N)$
(which induce designs in the set of maximally entangled states,
 $|\phi_j\rangle = (U_j \otimes \mathbb{1})|\psi_+\rangle$)
- **spherical designs** - sets of points *evenly distributed* at the sphere S^k
- related notions, e.g. **conical designs**, **Graydon & Appleby (2016)**,
mixed designs by **Brandsen, Dall'Arno, Szymusiak (2016)**

These examples for special case of a general construction of **averaging sets** by **Seymour and Zaslavsky (1984)**. It concerns a collection of M points x_j from an arbitrary measurable set Ω with measure μ such that

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M f_t(x_i) = \int_{\Omega} f_t(x) d\mu(x),$$

where $f_t(x)$ denote selected continuous functions, e.g. $f_t(x) = x^t$.

Mixed states t -designs

We apply this idea for a compact set of mixed states $\Omega_N \subset \mathbb{R}^{N^2-1}$ endowed with the flat Hilbert-Schmidt measure $d\rho_{HS}$

Definition

Any ensemble $\{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^M$ of M density matrices of size N is called a **mixed states t -design** if for any polynomial g_t of degree t in the eigenvalues λ_j of the state ρ the average over the ensemble is equal to the mean value over the space of mixed states Ω_N with respect to the **Hilbert-Schmidt** measure $d\rho_{HS}$,

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M g_t(\rho_i) = \int_{\Omega_N} g_t(\rho) d\rho_{HS} . \quad (1)$$

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Every positive operator-valued measurement (POVM)
induces a mixed states **1-design**,
as its barycenter coincides with the maximally mixed state $\mathbb{1}/N$.

If and only if conditions for mixed states t -designs

Proposition 2.

A set $\{\rho_j\}_{j=1}^M$ of density matrices of size N forms a **mixed states t -design** **if and only if** it saturates the inequality
analogous to the Welch bound – Scott (2006)

$$2 \operatorname{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \rho_i^{\otimes t} \int_{\Omega_N} \rho^{\otimes t} d\rho_{HS} \right) - \frac{1}{M^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^M \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_i \rho_j)^t \leq \gamma_{N,t}$$

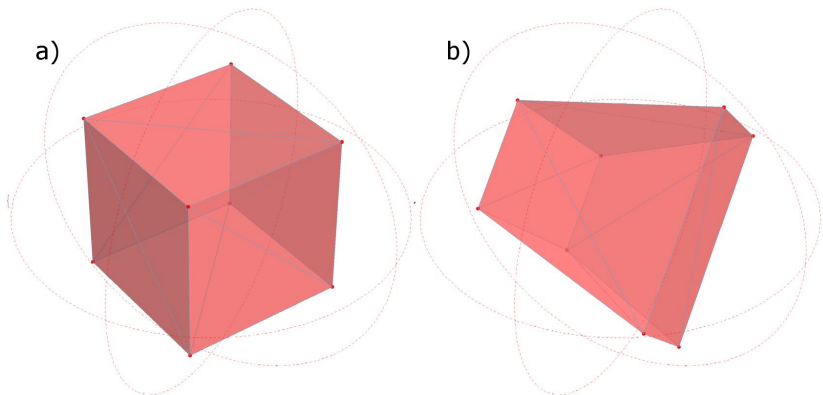
where $\gamma_{N,t} := \operatorname{Tr} \omega_{N,t}^2$ and $\omega_{N,t} := \int_{\Omega_N} \rho^{\otimes t} d\rho_{HS}$

Observation 2.

Due to the theorem of Seymour and Zaslavsky
mixed-states t -designs exists for any order t and matrix size N .

Isoentangled 2-qubit SIC-POVM formed of 16 pure states¹

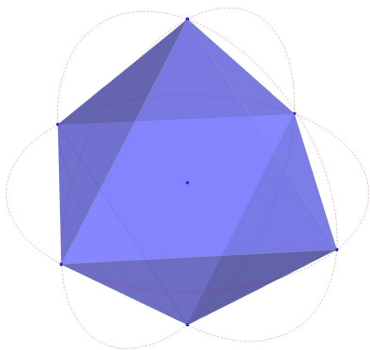
both partial traces form a constellation of 8 (doubly degenerated) points inside Bloch ball



- In Alice reduction SIC-POVM yields a Platonic solid - the cube. The constellation in the reduction of Bob is not as regular as for Alice.

¹Zhu & Englert (2011)

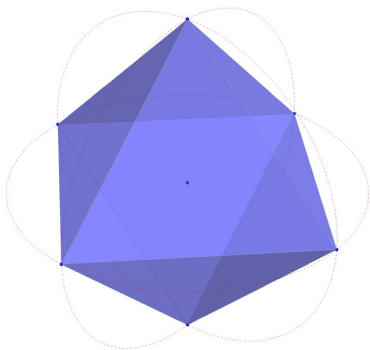
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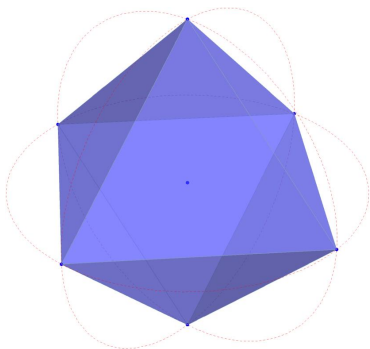
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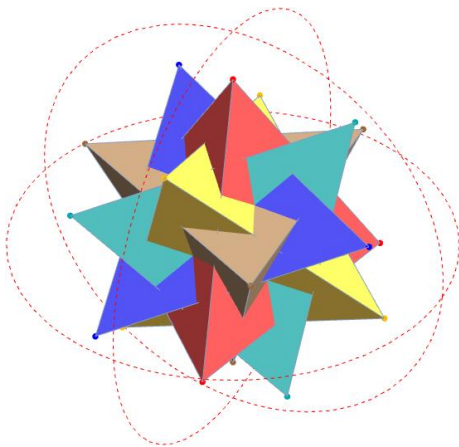
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- This implies that reducing 20 states forming the standard set of **MUBs for 2 qubits** induces **mixed 3-design**.

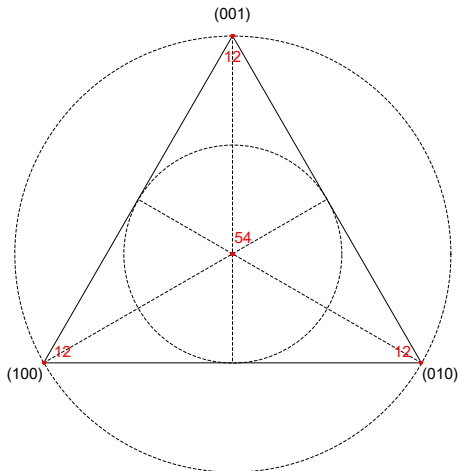
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- $5 \times 4 = 20$ mixed states obtained by partial trace, $\rho_j = \text{Tr}_B |\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|$ of 20 pure states $|\psi_j\rangle$ from **isoentnagled MUB** in $\mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ form a mixed states **2-design** inside the Bloch ball.
In fact they form a **3-design** !

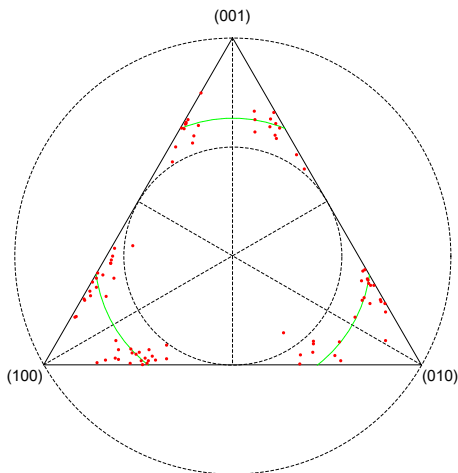
What can be said about analogous configurations
for **qutrits**?

Standard representation of 2 qutrits MUB



- Standard representation of MUB for 2 qutrits consists of 90 states which form 10 bases: 4 separable and 6 maximally entangled.
- Representation of density matrices in the triangle of eigenvalues: three (12-fold degenerated) corners + the center of degeneration $6 \times 9 = 54$.

Numerical results for 2 qutrits isoentangled MUB



- Numerical search for isoentangled MUB for 2 q-trits were inconclusive.
- However, all the points seem to converge at the green circle - subset of density matrices with proper purity.

Example: t -designs in the interval (= averaging sets)

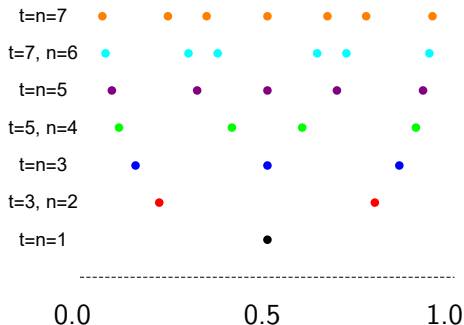
- Consider a measure $\mu(x)$ defined on the interval $[0, 1]$ and a minimal sequence of points $\{x_i : x_i \in [0, 1]\}_{i=1}^M$ such that

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M x_i^t = \int_0^1 x^t \mu(x) dx. \quad (2)$$

- Such structures may find use in approximate integration using **Taylor expansion**

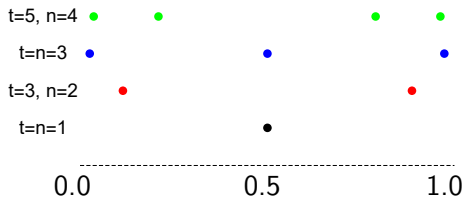
$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \left(\sum_{i=0}^t \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{1}{i!} \frac{d^i f(x)}{dx^i} \Big|_{x=x_0} (x_j - x_0)^t \right) + O(x^{t+1}) \quad (3)$$

Lebesgue measure on an interval



- $\mu(x) = 1$ defines flat measure.
- Configurations have been found up to $t = 7$.

HS measure: a single-qubit example



- Consider the Hilbert-Schmidt measure on eigenvalues of density matrices,

$$P(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \sim (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2$$

which leads to the **flat** measure inside the Bloch Ball

$$\mu_{HS}(x) = 3(2x - 1)^2$$

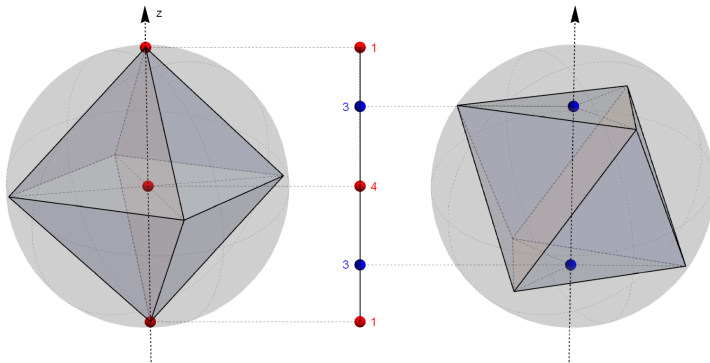
with radius $r = |2x - 1|$

- For $t = 5$ we found $N = 4$ points.

Projection of projective designs onto the simplex I

Pure states t -design $\{|\psi_j\rangle\}$ in \mathcal{H}_N cover the set of **pure** states. Their projection on the simplex due to **decoherence**, $\mathbf{p}_j = \text{diag}(|\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|)$ gives a t -design in the simplex Δ_N according to the flat measure:

(example for $N = t = 2$ and **Bloch sphere**).

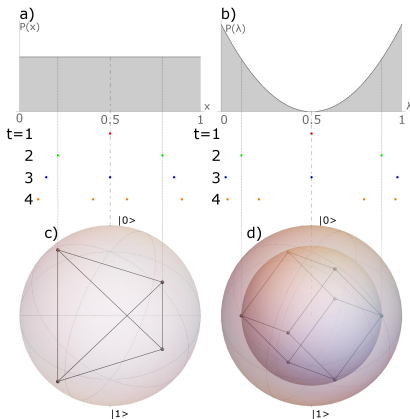


Approximate **integration** rules:

Simpson 1 : 4 : 1

Gauss-Legendre 3 : 3 = 1 : 1

Projection of quantum states designs onto the simplex II



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- b) Mixed states t -design $\{\rho_j\}$ cover the set Ω_N of **mixed** states. Their projection on the simplex related to **spectrum**, $\mathbf{p}_j = \text{eig}(\rho_j)$, gives a t -design in the simplex Δ_N according to the HS measure: (example for $N = t = 2$ and the **Bloch ball**).

Concluding Remarks

- Configuration of 20 **pure** states in \mathcal{H}_4 which form the full set of 5 **iso-entangled MUBs** for 2 qubits is constructed.
- Notion of **mixed states t-design** is introduced and **necessary and sufficient** conditions for $\{\rho_j\}$ to be a design are established.
- **Projective** t -designs on composite spaces $\mathcal{H}_N \otimes \mathcal{H}_N$ induce, by partial trace, **mixed states** t -designs in the set Ω_N of mixed states.
- **Simplicial** t -**designs** in the simplex Δ_n obtained from projective t -designs $\{|\psi_j\rangle\}$ in \mathcal{H}_N by **decoherence**, $\mathbf{p}_j = \text{diag}(|\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|)$.
- One qubit examples of mixed states t -designs form regular structures *inside* the **Bloch ball**.
- *Open questions*
 - Analytic isoentangled structure for a qutrit-qutrit system?
 - Minimal size M of mixed states t -design in Ω_N ?