## Computing linear sections of varieties: quantum entanglement, tensor decompositions and beyond

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Applications: Quantum Information

- Range criterion: For a density operator $\rho \in D\left(\mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n}\right)$,
$\operatorname{Im}(\rho)$ entangled $\Rightarrow \rho$ entangled
- Entangled subspaces can be used to construct entanglement witnesses and quantum error-correcting codes

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## Outline:

1. Algorithm (Nullstellensatz Certificate)
$U \quad$ 2. Algorithm to recover elements of $U \cap X_{\text {Sep }}$, with applications to tensor decompositions
2. Generalization to arbitrary conic variety $X$
3. Robust generalization of Hilbert's Nullstellensatz for this problem

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[Buss et al 1999]: This is NP-Hard in the worst case.
[Barak et al 2019]: Best known algorithm takes $2^{\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})}$ time.
[Classical AG, Parthasarathy 01]: $\operatorname{dim}(U)>(n-1)^{2} \Rightarrow U$ is not entangled
$U$ generic and $\operatorname{dim}(U) \leq(n-1)^{2} \Rightarrow U$ is entangled
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## The Algorithm

(Nullstellensatz Certificate)

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Idea: Problem is difficult because it's non-linear

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\left(X_{\text {Sep }} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n} \text { isn't a linear subspace }\right)
$$

Make it linear: Instead check if $U \cap \operatorname{Span}\left(X_{\text {Sep }}\right)=\{0\}$.
Works extremely well already for $d=2$ !
Doesn't work: $\operatorname{Span}\left(X_{\mathrm{Sep}}\right)=\mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n}$.
Lift it up: Let $I\left(X_{\text {Sep }}\right)_{d}^{\perp}=\operatorname{Span}\left\{(u \otimes v)^{\otimes d}: u, v \in \mathbb{C}^{n}\right\}=S^{d}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right) \otimes S^{d}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)$
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Hilbert's Nullstellensatz:
$U \cap X=\{0\} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad$ For some $d \in \mathbb{N}$ it holds that

$$
I(U)_{d}+I(X)_{d}=\mathbb{C}\left[x_{1,1}, \ldots, x_{n, n}\right]_{d}
$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$
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I\left(X_{\mathrm{Sep}}\right)_{d}^{\perp}=\left\{(u \otimes v)^{\otimes d}: u, v \in \stackrel{\AA}{\boldsymbol{q}} \mathbb{C}^{n}\right\}=S^{d}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right) \otimes S^{d}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)
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I\left(X_{\text {Sep }}\right)_{2}^{\perp}:=\operatorname{Span}\left\{(u \otimes v)^{\otimes 2}: u, v \in \mathbb{C}^{n}\right\}=S^{2}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right) \otimes S^{2}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)
$$

Takes poly $(n)$ time to check
Algorithm (2 $2^{\text {nd }}$ level of N/illstellensatz certificate):
If $S^{2}(U) \cap I\left(X_{\text {Sep }}\right)_{2}^{\perp}=\{0\}$, output $U$ is entangled
Otherwise, output Fail
Correctness: $u \otimes v \in U \Rightarrow(u \otimes v)^{\otimes 2} \in S^{2}(U) \cap I\left(X_{\mathrm{Sep}}\right)_{2}^{\perp}$
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## Algorithm runtime to certify $U \cap X_{\text {Sep }}=\{0\}$

| $d$ | $\operatorname{dim}(U)$ | time |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 3 | 3 | 0.01 s |
| 4 | 8 | 0.03 s |
| 5 | 13 | 0.08 s |
| 6 | 20 | 0.20 s |
| 7 | 29 | 0.49 s |
| 8 | 39 | 1.06 s |
| 9 | 50 | 2.24 s |
| 10 | 63 | 5.56 s |

## Analogous hierarchies

for other notions of entanglement (any conic variety)

Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{N}$ be any conic variety (for example, $X=X_{\text {Sep }} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n}$ )
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I(X)_{d}^{\perp}:=\operatorname{Span}\left\{v^{\otimes d}: \quad v \in X\right\}
$$

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Algorithm d:
If $S^{d}(U) \cap I(X)_{d}^{\perp}=\{0\}$, output $U$ avoids $X$
Otherwise, output Fail
Completeness [Hilbert]: For $d=2^{O(N)}$, Fail $\Leftrightarrow U$ intersects $X$

Examples WEW Theorem［JLV 22］：For generic $U$ of dimension $\operatorname{dim}(U) \leq$（0） it holds that $S^{d}(U) \cap I(X) \frac{\perp}{d}=\{0\}$ ，for $d=$ 镇

## Schmidt rank $\leq \boldsymbol{r}$ tensors

$X_{r}=\left\{v \in \mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n}: \operatorname{Schmidt}-\operatorname{rank}(v) \leq r\right\}$

## Product tensors in－$X_{\text {Sep }}$－arable $\leftrightarrow$ Completely entangled

$X_{\text {Sep }}=\left\{v_{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{m}: v_{i} \in \mathbb{C}^{n}\right\}$

## Biseparable tensors

$$
\text { in- } X_{B} \text {-arable } \leftrightarrow \text { Genuinely entangled }
$$

$X_{B}=\left\{v \in\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)^{\otimes m}:\right.$ Some bipartition of $v$ has rank 1$\}$
（20）$=\Omega_{r}\left(n^{2}\right)$
路 $=r+1$
（2）$\sim(1 / 4) n^{m}$
衫 $=2$

$$
\begin{aligned}
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& \text { 裉 }=2
\end{aligned}
$$

## Slice rank 1 tensors

$X_{S}=\left\{v \in\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)^{\otimes m}\right.$ ：Some 1 v．s．rest bipartition of $v$ has rank 1$\}$

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## Matrix product tensors of bond dimension $\leq \boldsymbol{r}$

$X_{M P S}=\left\{v \in\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)^{\otimes m}:\right.$ Every left－right bipartition has rank $\left.\leq r\right\}$

$$
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Bisepara Takeaway：Algorithm certifies entanglement of subspaces $X_{B}=\left\{0\right.$ of dimension a constant multiple of the maximum possible $\imath^{m}$
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## Derksen's proof (sketch) *A slightly weaker WEW Theorem appears in [JLV 22] with a different proof.

WEW Theorem [Derksen]*: If $I \subseteq \mathbb{C}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{N}\right]$ is a homogeneous ideal and $R$ is a non-negative integer such that

$$
\operatorname{dim} I_{d}^{\perp}<\binom{N-R+d}{d}
$$

then there exists an $R$-dimensional subspace $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{D}$ such that $S^{d}(U) \cap I_{d}^{\perp}=\{0\}$.

Proof sketch: By a theorem of Galligo, after a linear change of coordinates wma $J:=\operatorname{lm}(I)$ is Borel-fixed with respect to the reverse lexicographic monomial order.
If $x_{R}^{d} \notin J_{d}$, then $J_{d} \subseteq\left\langle x_{1}, \ldots, x_{R-1}\right\rangle_{d}$. But then $\operatorname{dim}\left(I_{d}^{\perp}\right)=\operatorname{dim}\left(J_{d}^{\perp}\right)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \geq \operatorname{dim}\left(\mathbb{C}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{N}\right]_{d} /\left\langle x_{1}, \ldots, x_{R-1}\right\rangle_{d}\right) \\
& =\binom{N-R+d}{d}, \text { a contradiction } .
\end{aligned}
$$

So $x_{R}^{d} \in J_{d}$. But this implies all monomials in $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{R}$ of degree $d$ lie in $J$.
It follows that $S^{d}(U) \cap I_{d}^{\perp}=\{0\}$ for $U=\operatorname{span}\left\{e_{1}, \ldots, e_{R}\right\}$.

Lifted Jennrich's algorithm to recover elements of $U \cap X$ (with applications to tensor decompositions)

Suppose $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{N}$ has a basis $\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{R}\right\}$ such that each $v_{i} \in X$.
Problem: Given some other basis $\left\{u_{1}, \ldots, u_{R}\right\}$ of $U$, recover $\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{R}\right\}$ (up to scale).

Example: Jennrich's Algorithm: If $U^{\prime} \subseteq S^{d}\left(\mathbb{C}^{N}\right)$ is spanned by $\left\{v_{1}^{\otimes d}, \ldots, v_{R}^{\otimes d}\right\}$ with $\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{R}\right\}$ linearly independent, then $\left\{v_{1}^{\otimes d}, \ldots, v_{R}^{\otimes d}\right\}$ can be recovered from any basis of $U^{\prime}$ in $n^{O(d)}$ - time.

Lifted Jennrich's Algorithm [JLV 2022]: Run Jennrich on $U^{\prime}=S^{d}(U) \cap I(X) \frac{\perp}{d}$.


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$$
\Delta=\{(1, \ldots, 1), \ldots,(R, \ldots, R)\}
$$

$$
\operatorname{span}\left\{v_{i_{1}} \cdots v_{i_{d}}:\left(i_{1}, \ldots, i_{d}\right) \notin \Delta\right\} \cap I(X) \frac{\perp}{d}=\{0\}
$$

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This is equivalent to (1).
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## Compare with Derksen's result:

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Q: Clean algebraic proof?

Similar WEW Theorems were claimed in [DL 06, DLCC 07] for the special case $X=X_{\text {Sep }}$, but their proofs are incorrect.

## Application: $\left(X, \mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$-decompositions

For $T \in V \otimes \mathbb{C}^{k}$, an $\left(X, \mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$-decomposition is an expression $\quad T=\sum_{i=1}^{R} v_{i} \otimes z_{i} \in V \otimes \mathbb{C}^{k}$ where $v_{1}, \ldots, v_{R} \in X$
$\operatorname{rank}_{\mathrm{X}}(T):=\min \left\{R\right.$ : there exists an $\left(X, \mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$-decomposition of T of length R$\}$
Example: When $X=X_{\text {Sep }} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n}$, an $\left(X, \mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$-decomposition is just a tensor decomposition.

Viewing $T$ as a map $\mathbb{C}^{k} \rightarrow V$, each $v_{i} \in T\left(\mathbb{C}^{k}\right) \cap X$, so computing $T\left(\mathbb{C}^{k}\right) \cap X \leftrightarrow\left(X, \mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$-decomposing $T$ (Assuming that $\left\{z_{1}, \ldots, z_{R}\right\}$ is linearly independent)

Corollary to WEW Theorem [JLV 22]: A generic tensor $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{k}$ with

$$
\operatorname{rank}(T) \leq \min \left\{\frac{1}{4}(n-1)^{2}, k\right\}
$$

has a unique rank decomposition, which is recovered in $\operatorname{POLY}(\mathrm{n})$-time by applying our algorithm to $T\left(\mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$.

In particular, a generic $n \times n \times n^{2}$ tensor of rank $\sim \frac{1}{4} n^{2}$ is recovered by algorithm.

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$$
\operatorname{rank}_{X_{r}}(T) \leq \min \left\{\Omega_{r}\left(n^{2}\right), k\right\}
$$

has a unique tensor rank decomposition, which is recovered in $n^{O(r)}$-time by applying our algorithm to $T\left(\mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$.
$T=\sum_{i} v_{i} \otimes w_{i}$, where $v_{i} \in X_{r}$
$\left(X_{r}, \mathbb{C}^{k}\right)$-rank $\Leftrightarrow r$-aided rank $\Leftrightarrow(r, r, 1)$-multilinear rank

Corollary to WEW Theorem [JUV 22]: A generic tensor $T \in\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)^{\otimes m}$ of tensor rank $\operatorname{rank}(T)=O\left(n^{\lfloor m / 2\rfloor}\right)$
has a unique tensor rank decomposition, which is recovered in $n^{O(m)}$-time by applying our algorithm to $T\left(\left(\mathbb{C}^{n}\right)^{\otimes\lfloor m / 2\rfloor}\right)$.
(This is new when $m$ is even. When $m$ is odd you can just use Jennrich directly.)

# Robust generalization of the entanglement certification hierarchy 

## Robust generalization:

Instead of determining whether $U$ avoids $X$,
Compute $h_{X}(U):=\max _{\substack{v \in X \\\|v\|=1}}\left\langle v, P_{U} v\right\rangle$
$U$ avoids $X \Leftrightarrow h_{X}(U)<1$

Theorem/Robust Hierarchy [JLV 23+]:
Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{N}$ be nice*, $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{N}$ linear, and $P_{U}=\operatorname{Proj}(U)$.
*Any conic variety
For each $d$, let $\mu_{d}=\lambda_{\text {max }}\left(P_{X}^{d}\left(P_{U} \otimes I^{\otimes d-1}\right) P_{X}^{d}\right)$.一 $P_{X}^{d}=\operatorname{Proj}\left(I(X)_{d}^{\perp}\right)$
Then the $\mu_{d}$ form a non-increasing sequence converging to $h_{X}(U):=\max _{v \in X}\left\langle v, P_{U} v\right\rangle$. $\|v\|=1$

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Theorem/Robust Hierarchy [JLV 23+]:
Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{N}$ be nice*, $W \in \operatorname{Herm}\left(\mathbb{C}^{N}\right)$ Hermitian.
*Any conic variety
For each $d$, let $\mu_{d}=\lambda_{\text {max }}\left(P_{X}^{d}\left(W \otimes I^{\otimes d-1}\right) P_{X}^{d}\right) . P_{X}^{d}=\operatorname{Proj}\left(I(X)_{d}^{\perp}\right)$
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Theorem/Robust Hierarchy not only holds for $P_{U}$, but for any Hermitian $W$ !

## Conclusion



1. Complete hierarchies of linear systems to certify entanglement of a subspace. These work extremely well already at early levels.

Title: Complete hierarchy of linear systems for certifying quantum entanglement of subspaces
2. Poly-time algorithms to find low-entanglement elements of a subspace. These also work extremely well.

Title: Computing linear sections of varieties: quantum entanglement, tensor decompositions and beyond
3. Robust version of certification hierarchies to compute the distance between a variety and a linear subspace.

## Title: TBD

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