Uncertainty Relation on Wigner-Yanase-Dyson Skew Information

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Abstract. We give a trace inequality related to the uncertainty relation of Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information. This inequality corresponds to a generalization of the uncertainty relation derived by S.Luo [7] for the quantum uncertainty quantity excluding the classical mixture.

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1 Introduction

Wigner-Yanase skew information

$$I_{\rho}(H) = \frac{1}{2} Tr \left[\left(i \left[\rho^{1/2}, H \right] \right)^2 \right] \\ = Tr[\rho H^2] - Tr[\rho^{1/2} H \rho^{1/2} H]$$

was defined in [9]. This quantity can be considered as a kind of the degree for noncommutativity between a quantum state ρ and an observable H. Here we denote the commutator by [X, Y] = XY - YX. This quantity was generalized by Dyson

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \frac{1}{2} Tr[(i[\rho^{\alpha}, H])(i[\rho^{1-\alpha}, H])]$$

= $Tr[\rho H^{2}] - Tr[\rho^{\alpha} H \rho^{1-\alpha} H], \alpha \in [0, 1]$

which is known as the Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information. It is famous that the convexity of $I_{\rho,\alpha}(H)$ with respect to ρ was successfully proven by E.H.Lieb in [6]. From the physical point of view, an observable H is generally considered to be an unbounded opetrator, however in the present paper, unless otherwise stated, we

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consider $H \in B(\mathcal{H})$ represents the set of all bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , as a mathematical interest. We also denote the set of all self-adjoint operators (observables) by $\mathcal{L}_h(\mathcal{H})$ and the set of all density operators (quantum states) by $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H})$ on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . The relation between the Wigner-Yanase skew information and the uncertainty relation was studied in [8]. Moreover the relation between the Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information and the uncertainty relation was studied in [4, 10]. In our paper [10], we defined a generalized skew information and then derived a kind of an uncertainty relation. In the section 2, we discuss various properties of the Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information. Finally in section 3, we give our main result and its proof.

2 Trace inequalities of Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information

We review the relation between the Wigner-Yanase skew information and the uncertainty relation. In quantum mechanical system, the expectation value of an observable H in a quantum state ρ is expressed by $Tr[\rho H]$. It is natural that the variance for a quantum state ρ and an observable H is defined by $V_{\rho}(H) =$ $Tr[\rho(H - Tr[\rho H]I)^2] = Tr[\rho H^2] - Tr[\rho H]^2$. It is famous that we have

$$V_{\rho}(A)V_{\rho}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4}|Tr[\rho[A, B]]|^2$$
 (2.1)

for a quantum state ρ and two observables A and B. The further strong results was given by Robertson and Schrödinger

$$V_{\rho}(A)V_{\rho}(B) - |Cov_{\rho}(A,B)|^{2} \ge \frac{1}{4}|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^{2}$$

where the covariance is defined by $Cov_{\rho}(A, B) = Tr[\rho(A - Tr[\rho A]I)(B - Tr[\rho B]I)]$. However, the uncertainty relation for the Wigner-Yanase skew information failed. (See [8, 4, 10])

$$I_{\rho}(A)I_{\rho}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4}|Tr[\rho[A, B]]|^{2}.$$

Recently, S.Luo introduced the quantity $U_{\rho}(H)$ representing a quantum uncertainty excluding the classical mixture:

$$U_{\rho}(H) = \sqrt{V_{\rho}(H)^2 - (V_{\rho}(H) - I_{\rho}(H))^2},$$
(2.2)

then he derived the uncertainty relation on $U_{\rho}(H)$ in [7]:

$$U_{\rho}(A)U_{\rho}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4}|Tr[\rho[A, B]]|^2.$$
 (2.3)

Note that we have the following relation

$$0 \le I_{\rho}(H) \le U_{\rho}(H) \le V_{\rho}(H). \tag{2.4}$$

The inequality (2.3) is a refinement of the inequality (2.1) in the sense of (2.4). In this section, we study one-parameter extended inequality for the inequality (2.3).

Definition 2.1 For $0 \le \alpha \le 1$, a quantum state ρ and an observable H, we define the Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \frac{1}{2} Tr[(i[\rho^{\alpha}, H_0])(i[\rho^{1-\alpha}, H_0])]$$

= $Tr[\rho H_0^2] - Tr[\rho^{\alpha} H_0 \rho^{1-\alpha} H_0]$ (2.5)

and we also define

$$J_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \frac{1}{2} Tr[\{\rho^{\alpha}, H_0\}\{\rho^{1-\alpha}, H_0\}]$$

= $Tr[\rho H_0^2] + Tr[\rho^{\alpha} H_0 \rho^{1-\alpha} H_0],$ (2.6)

where $H_0 = H - Tr[\rho H]I$ and we denote the anti-commutator by $\{X, Y\} = XY + YX$.

Note that we have

$$\frac{1}{2}Tr[(i[\rho^{\alpha}, H_0])(i[\rho^{1-\alpha}, H_0])] = \frac{1}{2}Tr[(i[\rho^{\alpha}, H])(i[\rho^{1-\alpha}, H])]$$

but we have

$$\frac{1}{2}Tr[\{\rho^{\alpha}, H_0\}\{\rho^{1-\alpha}, H_0\}] \neq \frac{1}{2}Tr[\{\rho^{\alpha}, H\}\{\rho^{1-\alpha}, H\}].$$

Then we have the following inequalities:

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \le I_{\rho}(H) \le J_{\rho}(H) \le J_{\rho,\alpha}(H), \qquad (2.7)$$

since we have $Tr[\rho^{1/2}H\rho^{1/2}H] \leq Tr[\rho^{\alpha}H\rho^{1-\alpha}H]$. (See [1, 2] for example.) If we define

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \sqrt{V_{\rho}(H)^2 - (V_{\rho}(H) - I_{\rho,\alpha}(H))^2},$$
(2.8)

as a direct generalization of Eq.(2.2), then we have

$$0 \le I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \le U_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \le U_{\rho}(H) \tag{2.9}$$

due to the first inequality of (2.7). We also have

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \sqrt{I_{\rho,\alpha}(H)J_{\rho,\alpha}(H)}.$$

From the inequalities (2.4), (2.8), (2.9), our situation is that we have

$$0 \le I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \le I_{\rho}(H) \le U_{\rho}(H)$$

and

$$0 \le I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \le U_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \le U_{\rho}(H)$$

Our concern is to show an uncertainty relation with respect to $U_{\rho,\alpha}(H)$ as a direct generalization of the inequality (2.3) such that

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4}|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2$$
(2.10)

On the other hand, we introduced a generalized Wigner-Yanase skew information which is a generalization of the inequality (2.10), but different from the Wigner-Yanase-Dyson skew information defined in (2.5) and gave the following theorem in [11].

Theorem 2.1 For $0 \le \alpha \le 1$, a quantum state ρ and an observable H, we define a generalized Wigner-Yanase skew information by

$$K_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \frac{1}{2} Tr\left[\left(i\left[\frac{\rho^{\alpha} + \rho^{1-\alpha}}{2}, H_0\right]\right)^2\right]$$

and we also define

$$L_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \frac{1}{2} Tr\left[\left(i\left\{\frac{\rho^{\alpha} + \rho^{1-\alpha}}{2}, H_0\right\}\right)^2\right],$$

and

$$W_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \sqrt{K_{\rho,\alpha}(H)L_{\rho,\alpha}(H)}.$$

Then for a quantum state ρ and observables A, B and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$W_{\rho,\alpha}(A)W_{\rho,\alpha}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4} \left| Tr\left[\left(\frac{\rho^{\alpha} + \rho^{1-\alpha}}{2} \right)^2 [A, B] \right] \right|^2.$$

3 Main Theorem

We give the main theorem as follows;

Theorem 3.1 For a quantum state ρ and observables A, B and $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, we have

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) \ge \alpha(1-\alpha)|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2.$$
(3.1)

We use the several lemmas to prove the theorem 3.1. By spectral decomposition, there exists an orthonormal basis $\{\phi_1, \phi_2, \ldots\}$ consisting of eigenvectors of ρ . Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots$ be the corresponding eigenvalues, where $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i = 1$ and $\lambda_i \ge 0$. Thus, ρ has a spectral representation

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i |\phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i|.$$
(3.2)

Lemma 3.1

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \sum_{i < j} (\lambda_i + \lambda_j - \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} - \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} \lambda_j^{\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i | H_0 | \phi_j \rangle|^2.$$

Proof of Lemma 3.1. By (3.2),

$$\rho H_0^2 = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i |\phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i | H_0^2.$$

Then

$$Tr[\rho H_0^2] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i \langle \phi_i | H_0^2 | \phi_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i || H_0 | \phi_i \rangle ||^2.$$
(3.3)

Since

$$\rho^{\alpha}H_{0} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha} |\phi_{i}\rangle \langle\phi_{i}|H_{0}$$

and

$$\rho^{1-\alpha}H_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} |\phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i | H_0,$$

we have

$$\rho^{\alpha}H_{0}\rho^{1-\alpha}H_{0} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha}\lambda_{j}^{1-\alpha}|\phi_{i}\rangle\langle\phi_{i}|H_{0}|\phi_{j}\rangle\langle\phi_{j}|H_{0}.$$

Thus

$$Tr[\rho^{\alpha}H_{0}\rho^{1-\alpha}H_{0}] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha}\lambda_{j}^{1-\alpha}\langle\phi_{i}|H_{0}|\phi_{j}\rangle\langle\phi_{j}|H_{0}|\phi_{i}\rangle$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha}\lambda_{j}^{1-\alpha}|\langle\phi_{i}|H_{0}|\phi_{j}\rangle|^{2}.$$
(3.4)

From (2.5), (3.3), (3.4),

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i ||H_0|\phi_i\rangle||^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_i - \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i$$

Lemma 3.2

$$J_{\rho,\alpha}(H) \ge \sum_{i < j} (\lambda_i + \lambda_j + \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} + \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} \lambda_j^{\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i | H_0 | \phi_j \rangle|^2.$$

Proof of Lemma 3.2. By (2.6), (3.3), (3.4), we have

$$J_{\rho,\alpha}(H) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i ||H_0|\phi_i\rangle||^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_i + \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2$$

$$= 2\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_i\rangle|^2 + \sum_{i\neq j} (\lambda_i + \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2$$

$$= 2\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_i\rangle|^2 + \sum_{i< j} (\lambda_i + \lambda_j + \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} + \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} \lambda_j^{\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2$$

$$\geq \sum_{i< j} (\lambda_i + \lambda_j + \lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} + \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} \lambda_j^{\alpha}) |\langle \phi_i|H_0|\phi_j\rangle|^2.$$

Lemma 3.3 For any t > 0 and $0 \le \alpha \le 1$, the following inequality holds;

$$(1 - 2\alpha)^2 (t - 1)^2 - (t^\alpha - t^{1 - \alpha})^2 \ge 0.$$
(3.5)

Proof of Lemma 3.3. If $\alpha = 0$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1, then it is clear that (3.5) is satisfied. Now we put

$$F(t) = (1 - 2\alpha)^2 (t - 1)^2 - (t^{\alpha} - t^{1 - \alpha})^2.$$

We have

$$F'(t) = 2(1-2\alpha)^2 t - 2\alpha t^{2\alpha-1} - 2(1-\alpha)t^{1-2\alpha} + 8\alpha(1-\alpha).$$

And we also have

$$F''(t) = 2(1-2\alpha)^2 - 2\alpha(2\alpha-1)t^{2\alpha-2} - 2(1-\alpha)(1-2\alpha)t^{-2\alpha}$$

and

$$F'''(t) = 4\alpha(1-2\alpha)(1-\alpha)t^{-2\alpha-1} - 4\alpha(1-2\alpha)(1-\alpha)t^{2\alpha-3} = 4\alpha(1-2\alpha)(1-\alpha)\left(\frac{1}{t^{1+2\alpha}} - \frac{1}{t^{3-2\alpha}}\right).$$

If $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$, then $1 + 2\alpha > 3 - 2\alpha$. Then it is easy to show that F'''(t) < 0 for t < 1and F'''(t) > 0 for t > 1. On the other hand if $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, then $1 + 2\alpha < 3 - 2\alpha$. Then it is easy to show that F'''(t) < 0 for t < 1 and F'''(t) > 0 for t > 1. Since F''(1) = 0, we can get F''(t) > 0. Since F'(1) = 0, we also have F'(t) < 0 for t < 1and F'(t) > 0 for t > 1. Since F(1) = 0, we finally get $F(t) \ge 0$ for all t > 0. Therefore we have (3.5).

Proof of Theorem 3.1. We put $t = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_j}$ in (3.5). Then we have

$$(1-2\alpha)^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_j}-1\right)^2 - \left(\left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_j}\right)^\alpha - \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_j}\right)^{1-\alpha}\right)^2 \ge 0.$$

And we get

$$(1-2\alpha)^2(\lambda_i-\lambda_j)^2 - (\lambda_i^\alpha\lambda_j^{1-\alpha}-\lambda_i^{1-\alpha}\lambda_j^\alpha)^2 \ge 0$$

and

and

$$(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 - (\lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} - \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} \lambda_j^{\alpha})^2 \ge 4\alpha (1-\alpha)(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2$$

$$(\lambda_i + \lambda_j)^2 - (\lambda_i^{\alpha} \lambda_j^{1-\alpha} + \lambda_i^{1-\alpha} \lambda_j^{\alpha})^2 \ge 4\alpha (1-\alpha) (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2.$$
(3.6)

Since

$$Tr[\rho[A, B]] = Tr[\rho[A_0, B_0]]$$

$$= 2iImTr[\rho A_0 B_0]$$

= $2iIm\sum_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) \langle \phi_i | A_0 | \phi_j \rangle \langle \phi_j | B_0 | \phi_i \rangle$
= $2i\sum_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) Im \langle \phi_i | A_0 | \phi_j \rangle \langle \phi_j | B_0 | \phi_i \rangle,$

$$|Tr[\rho[A, B]]| = 2|\sum_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) Im \langle \phi_i | A_0 | \phi_j \rangle \langle \phi_j | B_0 | \phi_i \rangle|$$

$$\leq 2\sum_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| |Im \langle \phi_i | A_0 | \phi_j \rangle \langle \phi_j | B_0 | \phi_i \rangle|.$$

Then we have

$$|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2 \le 4\{\sum_{i< j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| |Im\langle \phi_i|A_0|\phi_j\rangle\langle \phi_j|_0|\phi_i\rangle|\}^2.$$

By (3.6) and Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha(1-\alpha)|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^{2} \\ &\leq 4\alpha(1-\alpha)\{\sum_{i$$

Then we have

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(A)J_{\rho,\alpha}(B) \ge \alpha(1-\alpha)|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2.$$

We also have

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(B)J_{\rho,\alpha}(A) \ge \alpha(1-\alpha)|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2.$$

Hence we have the final result (3.1).

Remark 3.1 We remark that (2.3) is derived by putting $\alpha = 1/2$ in (3.1). Then Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of the result of Luo [7].

Remark 3.2 We remark that Conjecture 2.3 in [11] does not hold in genaral. The Conjecture is (2.10). A counterexample is given as follows. Let

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}, \ A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \alpha = \frac{1}{3}.$$

We have

$$I_{\rho,\alpha}(A)J_{\rho,\alpha}(B) = I_{\rho,\alpha}(B)I_{\rho,\alpha}(A) = 0.22457296\cdots$$

and $|Tr[\rho[A, B]]|^2 = 1$. These imply

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) = 0.22457296\dots < \frac{1}{4}|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2 = 0.25.$$

On the other hand we have

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) > \alpha(1-\alpha)|Tr[\rho[A,B]]|^2 = 0.2222222\cdots$$

We also give a counterexample for Conjecture 2.10 in [11]. The inequality

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4} |Tr[(\frac{\rho^{\alpha} + \rho^{1-\alpha}}{2})^2[A, B]]|^2$$

is not correct in general, because $LHS = 0.22457296 \cdots$, $RHS = 0.23828105995 \cdots$.

Remark 3.3 In the recent literature another generalization for inequality (2.3) has been proved in [5] as follows; for any ρ , A, B and $0 \le \alpha \le 1$

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) \ge \frac{1}{4}|Tr[(\rho - \rho^{|2\alpha - 1|})[A, B]]|^2.$$

However we gave the counter example for this inequality. Let

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{64} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{16} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{59}{64} \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0\\ -i & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0\\ 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Then we have

$$U_{\rho,\alpha}(A)U_{\rho,\alpha}(B) = 0.00170898\cdots,$$

$$\frac{1}{4}|Tr[(\rho - \rho^{|2\alpha - 1|})[A, B]]|^2 = 0.00610351\cdots.$$

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