

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}_1 \rho &= (1 \ 0) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rho \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + (0 \ 1) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rho \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}_2 \rho &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes (1 \ 0) \rho \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes (0 \ 1) \rho \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. The matrix

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues 1 and 0. The von Neumann entropy is

$$S\left(\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = -1 \log_2 1 - 0 \log_2 0 = 0.$$

The matrix

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has eigenvalues  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The von Neumann entropy is

$$S\left(\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

3. Straightforward matrix multiplication yields

$$(\Sigma V^*)_{j,k} = \sum_{l=1}^n (\Sigma)_{j,l} (V^*)_{l,k} = \sum_{l=1}^n (\Sigma)_{j,l} \overline{(V)_{k,l}} = \sigma_j \overline{(V)_{k,j}}.$$

and

$$s_{j+1,k+1} = (U\Sigma V^*)_{j,k} = \sum_{l=1}^m (U)_{j,l}(\Sigma V^*)_{l,k} = \sum_{l=1}^m (U)_{j,l}\sigma_l \overline{(V)_{k,l}}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s_{j,k} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^m (U)_{j,l} \sigma_l \overline{(V)_{k,l}} |j-1\rangle_A \otimes |k-1\rangle_B \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^m \sigma_l \left( \sum_{j=1}^m (U)_{j,l} |j-1\rangle_A \right) \otimes \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{(V)_{k,l}} |k-1\rangle_B \right) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^r \sigma_l \left( \sum_{j=1}^m (U)_{j,l} |j-1\rangle_A \right) \otimes \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{(V)_{k,l}} |k-1\rangle_B \right). \end{aligned}$$

For

$$|\psi\rangle = a|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + b|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + c|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + d|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

we have

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$$

so for

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$$

we find

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^*$$

We have  $\sigma_1 = 1$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0$ . The singular value  $\sigma_1$  corresponds to the first column of  $U$  and  $V$  respectively so that

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle).$$

The general case would proceed as follows

$$S = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{pmatrix}}_U \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}}_\Sigma \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} \end{pmatrix}^*}_V$$

with

$$|\psi\rangle = \sigma_1(u_{11}|0\rangle + u_{21}|1\rangle) \otimes (\overline{v_{11}}|0\rangle + \overline{v_{21}}|1\rangle) + \sigma_2(u_{12}|0\rangle + u_{22}|1\rangle) \otimes (\overline{v_{12}}|0\rangle + \overline{v_{22}}|1\rangle).$$