

Duality of Entanglement Norms

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Schmidt Decomposition Theorem

Theorem (Schmidt decomposition)

For each $|v\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ there exists:

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