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In recent years, a number of interesting Riemannian metrics have been introduced on the space of density matrices on a Hilbert Space. Associated with each metric is a class of convex functionals. We examine these classes for several natural metrics. In the commutative case, such ideas applied to the 2-Wasserstein metric have led to new proofs of hypercontractivity. The work presented here is directed at a non-commutive analog. (Received October 01, 2000)