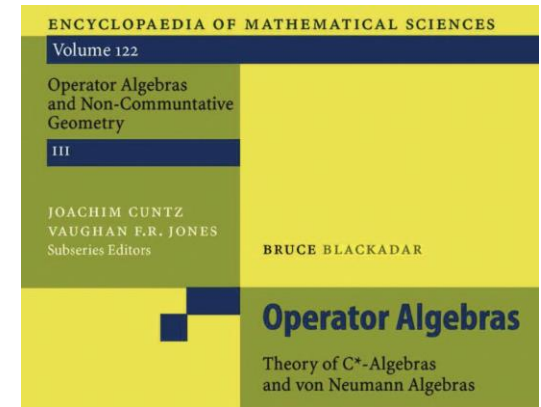
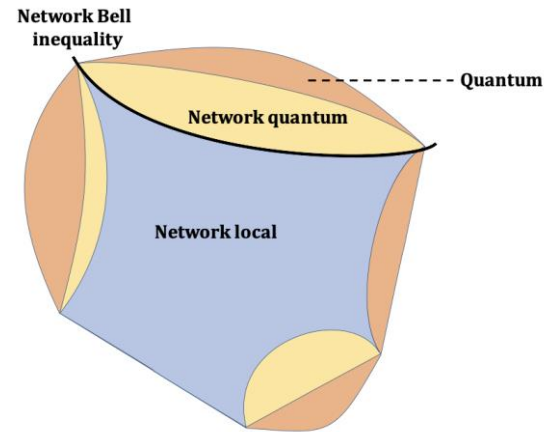
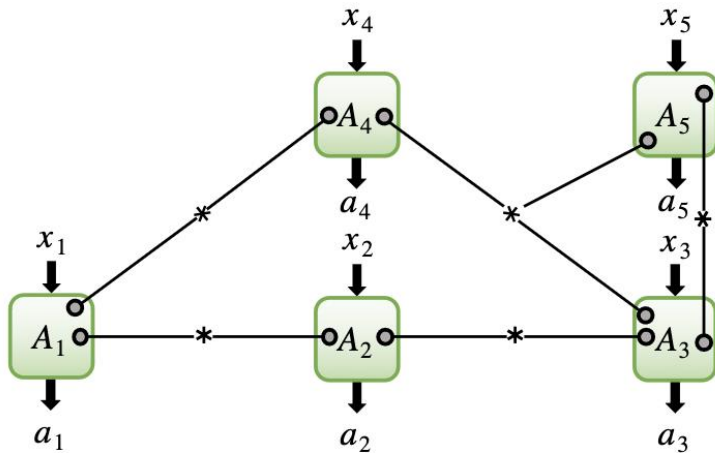


Network correlations

and

polynomial optimization over states



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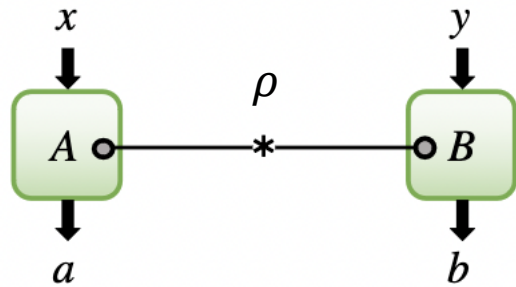
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Recap: Bi-partite quantum correlations

Tensor product vs commuting models, $MIP^*=RE$, SDP hierarchies, GNS construction...

Bipartite correlations, tensor product model



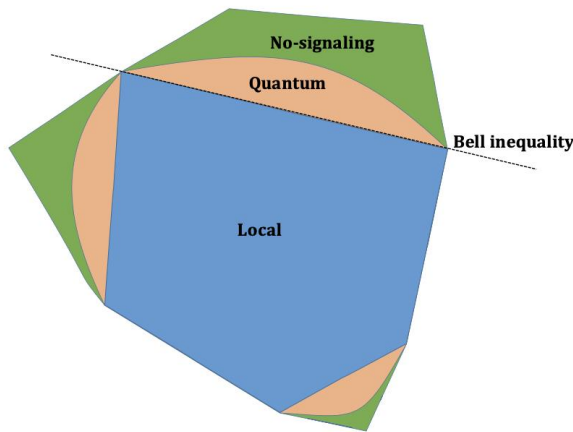
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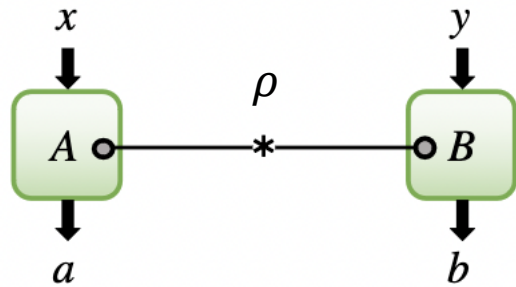
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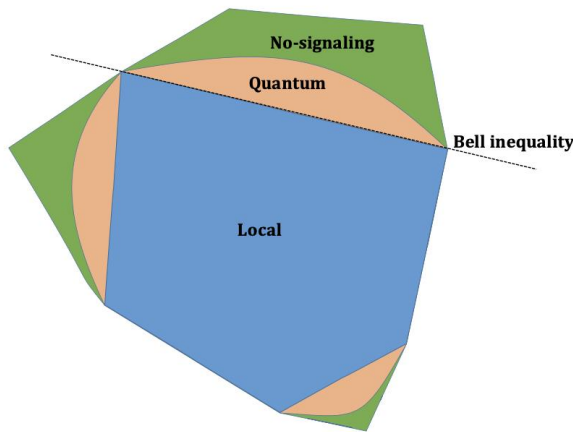
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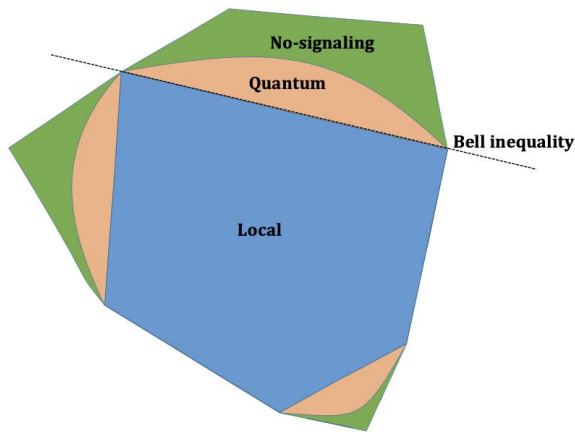
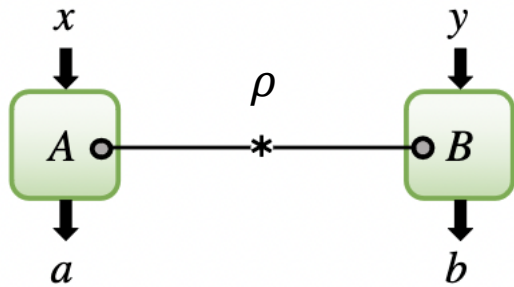
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*Most figures stolen from Tavakoli et al., *Bell nonlocality in networks*.

Tensor product vs commuting op models 1/2

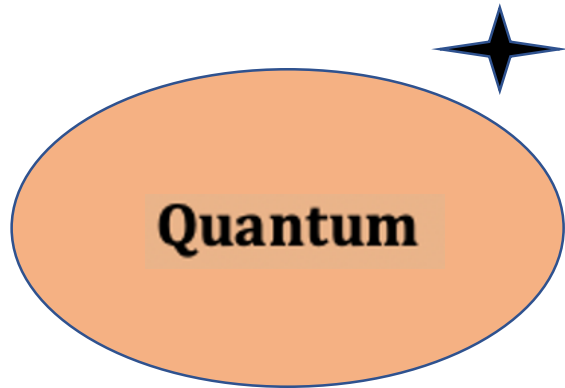


- TP model common in quantum information
- CO model common relativistic QFT
- Agree in finite dimensions, so QI convention fine
- Since 2000: CO known to be more general
- Both are reasonable mathematical models.

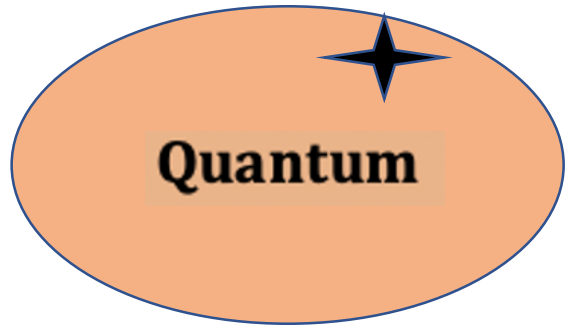
Weak membership problem

Given $p(a, b|x, y)$, error bound ϵ .

- promised not to be on boundary
- Can one algorithmically decide whether it has a quantum model, “up to ϵ ”?
- Emphasis on decidability, not computational complexity.
- Strategy: Find tight inner / outer approximations.

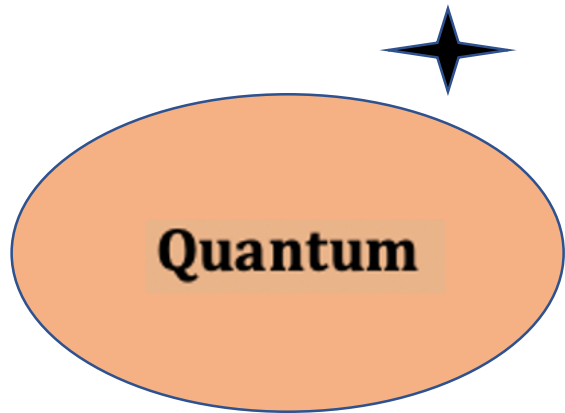


Inner approximations



- Correlations with finite-dim model are dense
- For every finite dimension, there is a *dense enumerable dense set* of models
- \Rightarrow Their union over all dims is still dense and enumerable
- \Rightarrow Every member can be identified in finitely many steps

Outer approximations 1/4



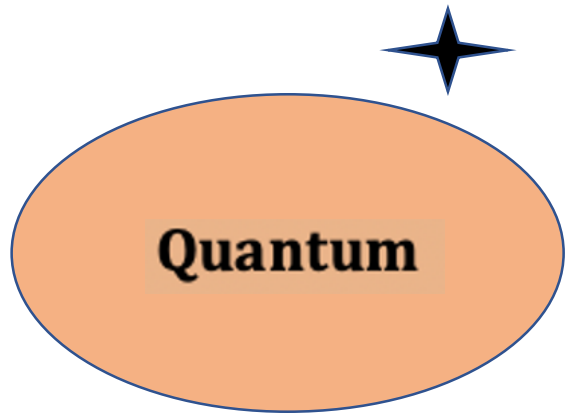
- Consider algebra \mathcal{F} with symbolic *generators* $a_{\alpha|x}, b_{\beta|y}$
- and *relations*

$$[a_{\alpha|x}, b_{\beta|y}] = 0, a_{\alpha|x}^2 = a_{\alpha|x}, \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha|x} = I, \dots$$

- (i.e. equiv.-classes of finite non-comm polynomials in symbols)
- This is an abstract $*$ -algebra, the *free $*$ -algebra given the generators and relations*.

Idea: A state implementing $p(a, b|x, y)$ induces a state on \mathcal{F} . But there's an enumerable set of conditions for such a state existing.

Outer approximations 2/4



A *state* on a *-algebra is a linear functional satisfying

- $\rho(1) = 1$ [Normalization]

- $\rho(x^*x) \geq 0$ [Positivity]

- Suffices to check positivity on words in generators

- \Rightarrow Enumerable set of conditions (one SDP per degree)

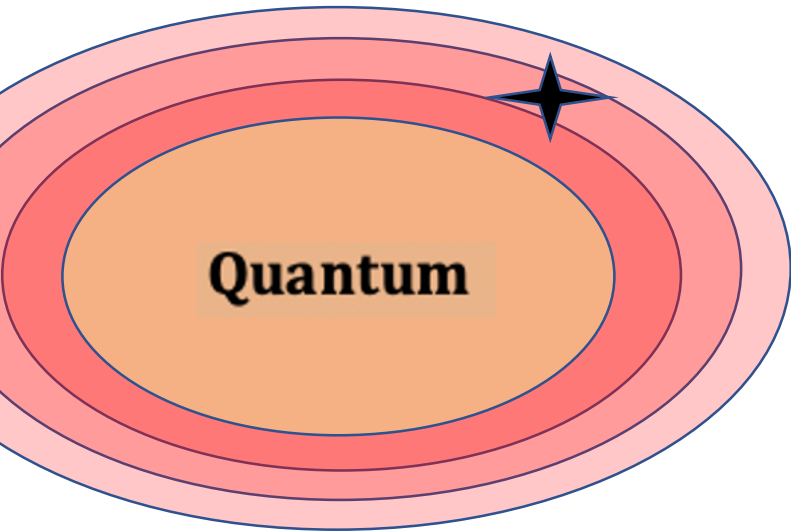
- A concrete choice of commuting POVMs $A_{\alpha|x}, B_{\beta|y}$ gives a representation

$$\pi: a_{\alpha|x} \mapsto A_{\alpha|x}, b_{\beta|y} \mapsto B_{\beta|y}$$

- ...and a concrete state gives rise to an abstract state

$$\rho(x) = \rho(\pi(x))$$

Outer approximations 3/4

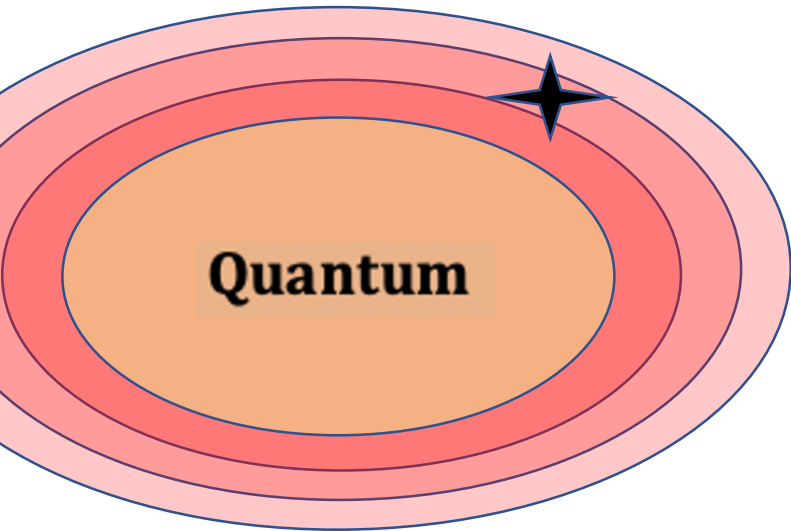


Given $p(a, b|x, y)$, at level $n \geq 2$ of the hierarchy:

- \mathcal{F}_n := subspace of free algebra spanned by words of degree n
- Accept if there exist a linear functional ρ_n on \mathcal{F}_n ,
- that is positive on \mathcal{F}_n and such that

$$p(\alpha, \beta|x, y) = \rho_n(a_{\alpha|x} b_{\beta|y}).$$

Outer approximations 4/4



Converse via GNS construction.

- On the free algebra, define

$$\|x\| := \sup\{\|\pi(x)\| \mid \pi \text{ is a representation of } \mathcal{F}\}$$

- Completion gives *universal C*-algebra* given gens and relations
- From all ρ_n , get state ρ on C* algebra realizing $p(a, b|x, y)$
- GNS construction gives **commuting operator** quantum model.
- (No obvious relations that are only realizable on tensor prods)

Optimization

Abstract point of view on hierarchy:

- "Semi-definite programming over state space of universal C^* -algebra":

Input

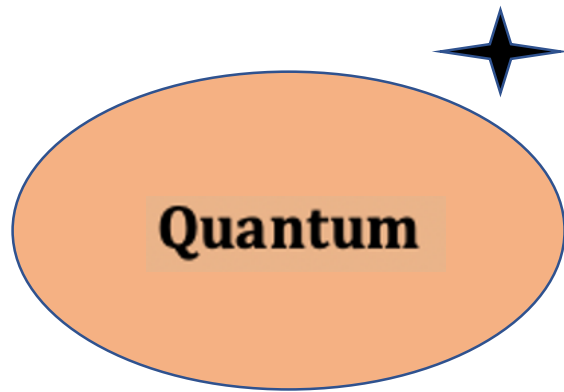
- Generators $\{g_i\}$
- Relations $\{a_j \geq 0\}$ for a_j in the free $*$ -algebra
- Linear functions $\{l_k\}$ on the free $*$ -algebra

Output

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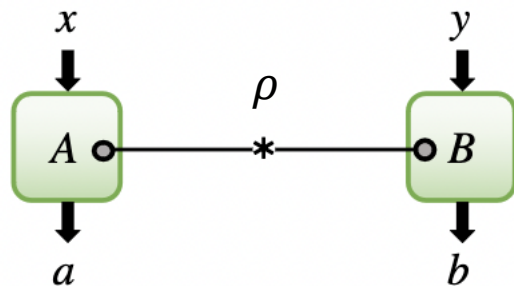
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Weak membership problem: Summary



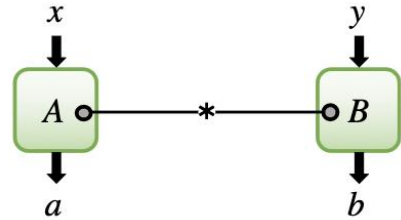
Given $p(a, b|x, y)$, error bound ϵ .

- If there is a co model, can find it
(by enumerating dense set of models)
- If there is no co model, can witness that
(by converging hierarchy of SDP relaxations)
- $[MIP^*=RE] \implies$ TP model is algorithmically undecidable
- So we have done what we could.

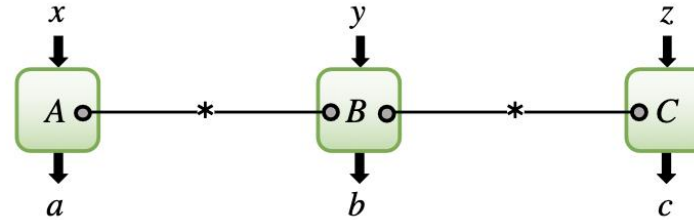


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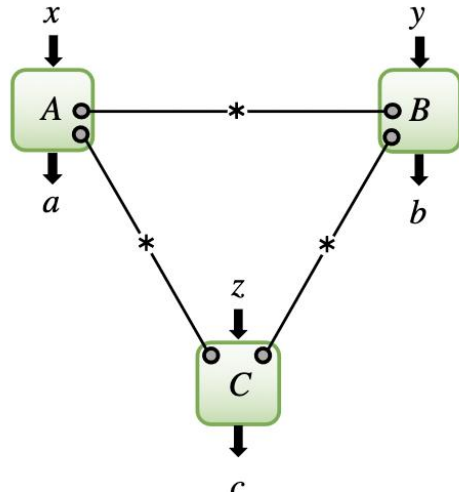
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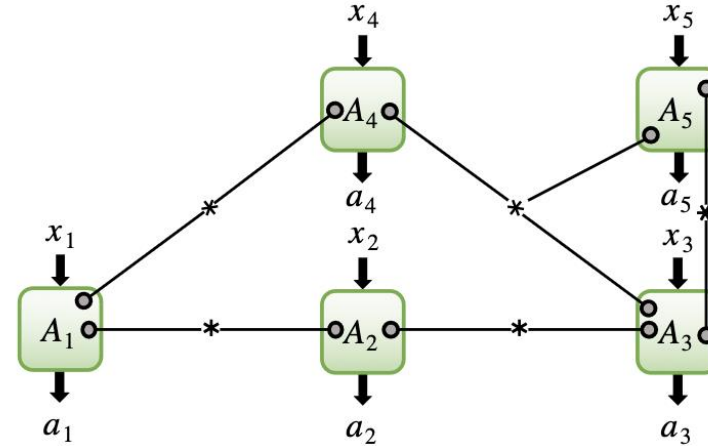
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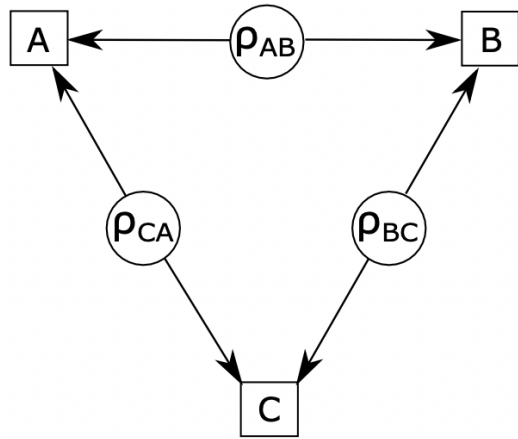


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Can we solve the membership problem for those?

Two solutions

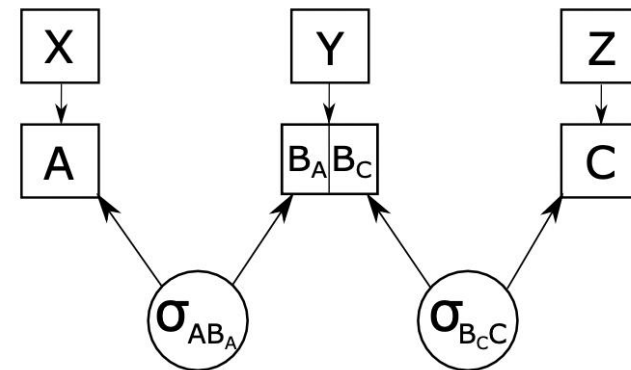


In general: A hack.

[arXiv:2110.14659]

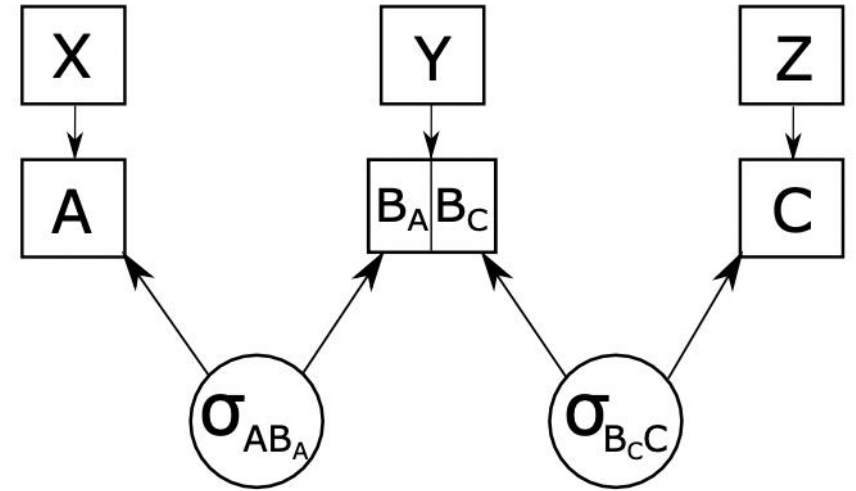
For bi-linear scenario: No hack.

[arXiv:2212.11299]

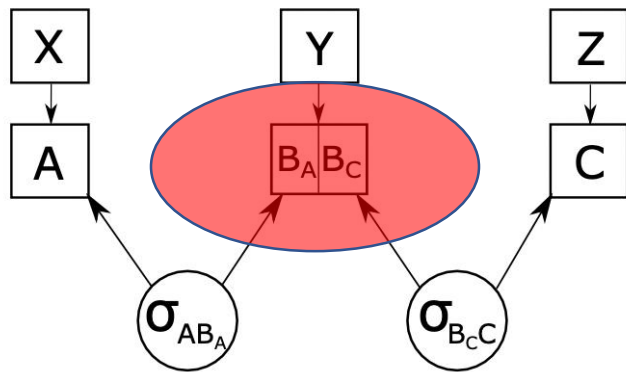


Bi-local scenario

- For now:
Work in commuting operator model



Quantum bilocal scenario



$p(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | x, y, z)$ is compatible if \exists

- Commuting operator algebras $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}_A, \mathcal{B}_C, \mathcal{C}$
- A joint state ρ that factorizes

$$\rho(a b_A b_C c) = \rho(a b_A) \rho(b_C c)$$

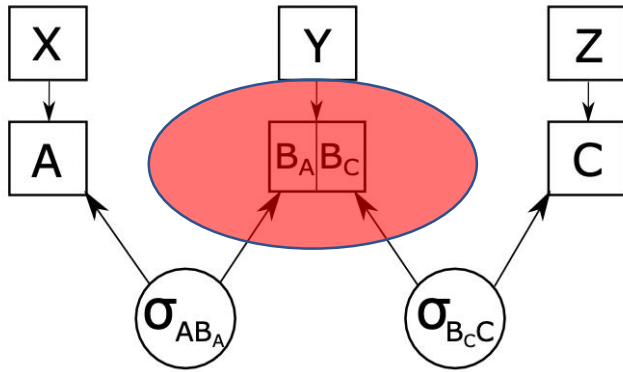
- POVMs

$$\{A_{\alpha|x}\} \subset \mathcal{A}, \{B_{\beta|y}\} \subset \mathcal{B}_A \mathcal{B}_C, \{C_{\gamma|z}\} \subset \mathcal{C}$$

such that,

$$p(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | x, y, z) = \rho(A_{\alpha|x} B_{\beta|y} C_{\gamma|z}).$$

Challenges



Consider the independence constraint

$$\rho(a b_A b_C c) = \rho(a b_A)\rho(b_C c)$$

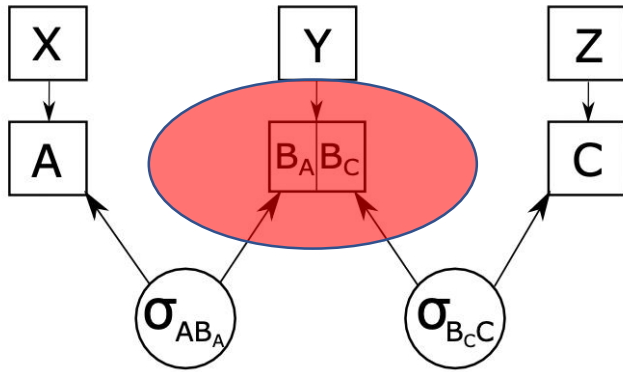
Challenge 1:

- It is non-linear in the state

Challenge 2:

- It is phrased in terms of the *internal locality structure* of B
- We have no natural ansatz for $\mathcal{B}_A \mathcal{B}_C$.

Challenges



Ignore Challenge 2 for now and relax:

$$\rho(a b_A b_C c) = \rho(a b_A)\rho(b_C c) \implies \rho(ac) = \rho(a)\rho(c)$$

Necessary condition for a quantum model:

\exists state ρ of the universal algebra generated by POVMs, s.t.

$$p(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | x, y, z) = \rho(A_{\alpha|x} B_{\beta|y} C_{\gamma|z})$$
$$\rho(ac) = \rho(a)\rho(c)$$

Special case of “state polynomial optimization problem for universal C*-algebras”.

Polynomial optimization

State polynomial optimization for universal C^ -algebras:*

Input

- Generators $\{g_i\}$
- Relations $\{a_j \geq 0\}$ for a_j nc-polynomial in generators.
- Polynomials p_k in states evaluated at words in generators

Output

$$\begin{aligned} & \min p_0(\rho) \\ & \text{s. t. } p_k(\rho) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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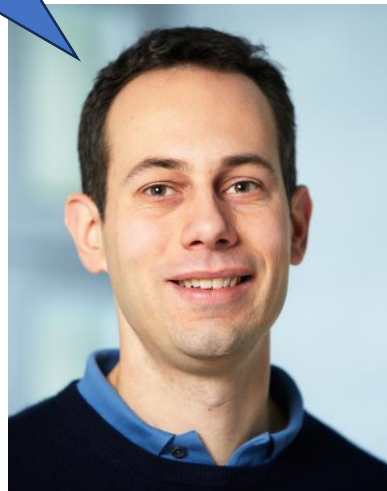
Result:

- There is a monotonously convergent SDP hierarchy that solves the state-polynomial optimization problem.

Idea:

- Replace polynomials by their polarizations (=linearizations over many independent copies)
- Relax independence (non-linear) to symmetry (linear)
- Use suitable de Finetti Theorem

"Symmetry implies independence"



Proof sketch 1/3: Polarization

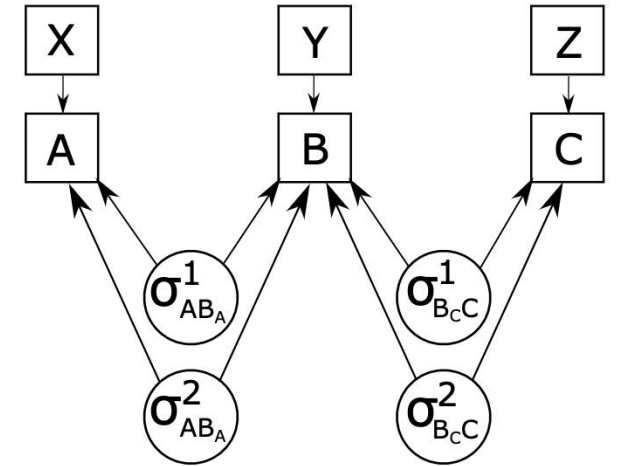
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Polarization

- Consider $\Pi = \rho^{\otimes 2}$. Then:

$$\rho(ac) - \rho(a)\rho(c) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \Pi(a^{(1)}c^{(1)} - a^{(1)}c^{(2)}) = 0$$

- That's a *linear* constraint on a symmetric *product* state
- Linear expression is the *polarization* of the polynomial
- Have to get rid of non-linear "productness" constraint.



Proof sketch 2/3: de Finetti

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de Finetti*

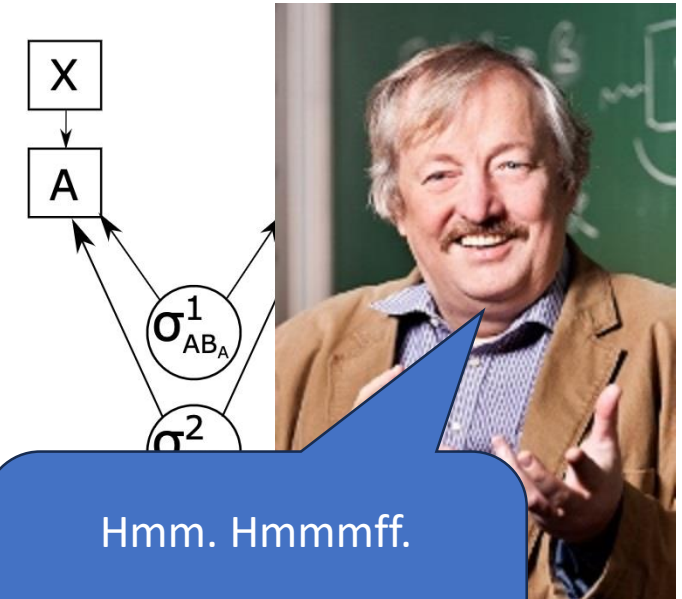
- Separable states = convex combinations of products
- For ∞ -ly many copies, can enforce separability linearly:

$$\Pi \text{ invariant under } S_\infty \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \Pi = \int \rho^{\otimes \infty} d\mu(\rho).$$

- Remaining problem:

$$\Pi = \int \rho^{\otimes \infty} d\mu(\rho), \quad \Pi(a^{(1)}c^{(1)} - a^{(1)}c^{(2)}) = 0$$

- ...does *not* imply that every product fulfills constraint.



Hmm. Hmmmff.

We didn't care back then.

*None was published for commuting model, but Werner-Raggio's can be adapted

Proof sketch 3/3: Polarization

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min p_0(\rho) \\ \text{s. t. } p_k(\rho) = 0 & \forall k \geq 1 \end{array}$$

Polarization, once more!

- Take polarization of $p = (\rho(ac) - \rho(a)\rho(c))^2$

$$y := a^{(1)}c^{(1)}a^{(2)}c^{(2)} - 2a^{(1)}c^{(1)}a^{(2)}c^{(3)} + a^{(1)}c^{(2)}a^{(3)}c^{(4)}$$

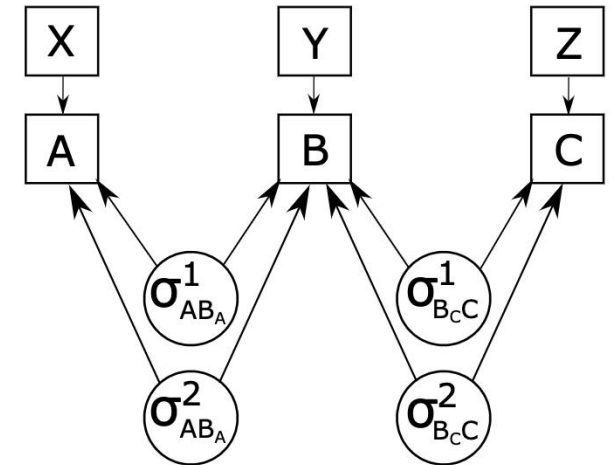
- Because the polynomial is non-negative

$$\Pi = \int \rho^{\otimes \infty} d\mu(\rho), \quad \Pi(y) = 0$$

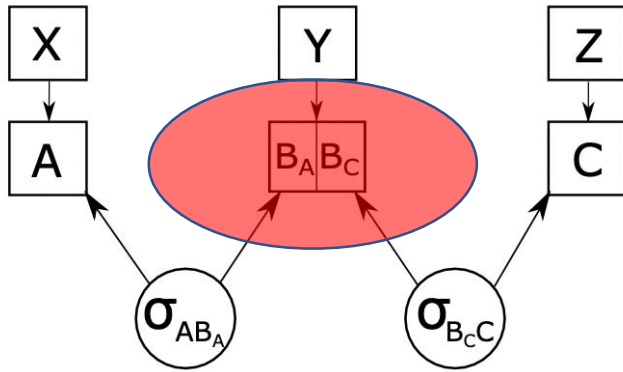
does imply that every product state satisfies

$$\rho(ac) - \rho(a)\rho(c) = 0$$

...can turn that into algorithm for state-polynomial optimization.



Back to Bi-local scenario



Can now solve:

\exists state ρ of the universal algebra generated by POVMs, s.t.

$$p(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | x, y, z) = \rho(A_{\alpha|x} B_{\beta|y} C_{\gamma|z})$$
$$\rho(ac) = \rho(a)\rho(c)$$

But: This was only a relaxation of the actual constraint

$$\rho(a b_A b_C c) = \rho(a b_A)\rho(b_C c)$$

Turns out: In the bi-local scenario (and so far only there!) can construct a quantum model from a solution of the relaxation.

Proof idea 1/2: Recovering $\mathcal{B}_A, \mathcal{B}_C$

Assume:

- There's a textbook quantum model given by

$$|\psi_{AB_A}\rangle \otimes |\psi_{B_C C}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_{B_A} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{B_C} \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$$

- with $|\psi_{AB_A}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_{B_A}$ full Schmidt rank.

Then \mathcal{B}_A is the commutant of \mathcal{A} in $B(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_{B_A})$.

Proof idea 2/2: GNS for product states

- Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ be the universal algebras generated by POVMs
- Let ρ be a state such that

$$\rho(a c) = \rho(a)\rho(c)$$

Then:

- GNS representation for \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C} factorizes

$$\mathcal{H}_\rho = \mathcal{H}_\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}_\mathcal{C}, \quad |\rho\rangle = |\alpha\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle$$

- Define

$$\mathcal{B}_\mathcal{A} = \pi(\mathcal{A})', \quad \mathcal{B}_\mathcal{C} = \pi(\mathcal{C})'$$

- There's a channel $\Lambda: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}_\mathcal{C}$ such that

$$\rho(abc) = \langle \alpha\gamma | \pi(a) \Lambda(b) \pi(c) | \alpha\gamma \rangle$$

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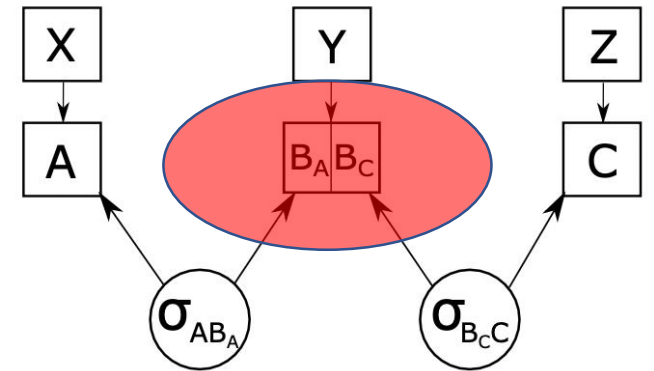
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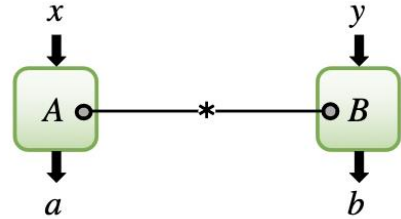
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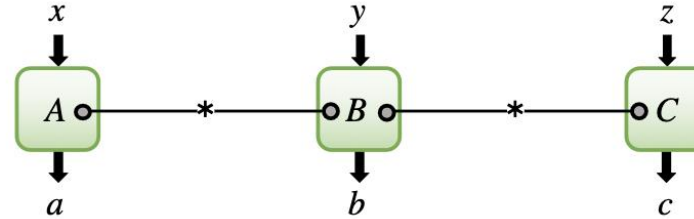


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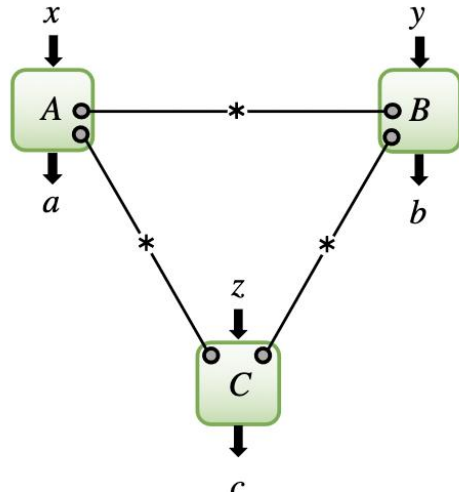
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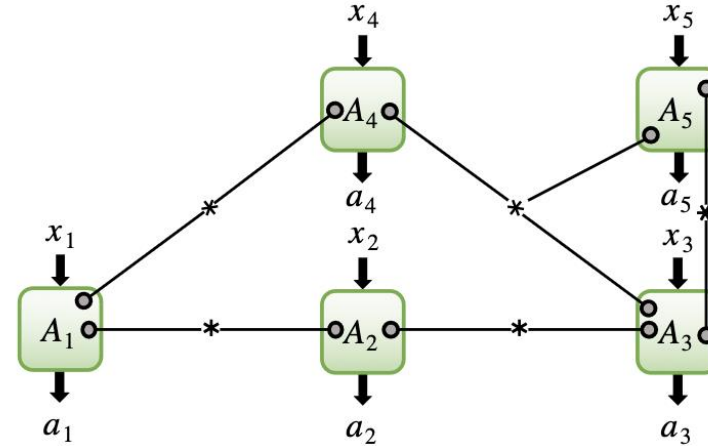
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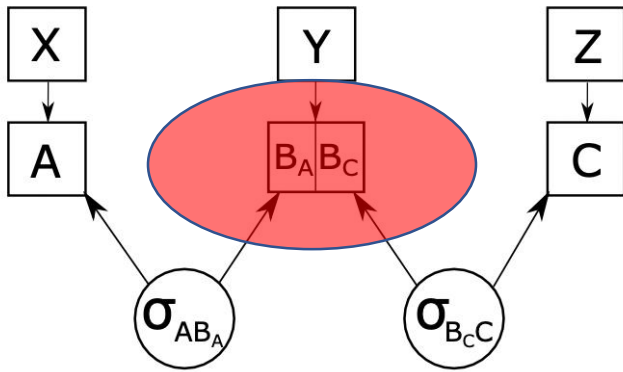


Can we solve the membership problem for those?

Recall “2nd Challenge”

Difficulty:

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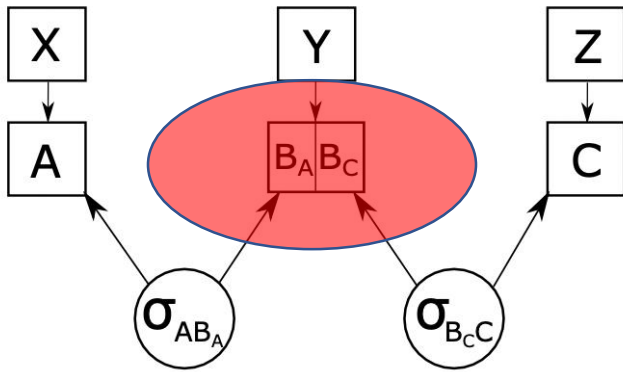
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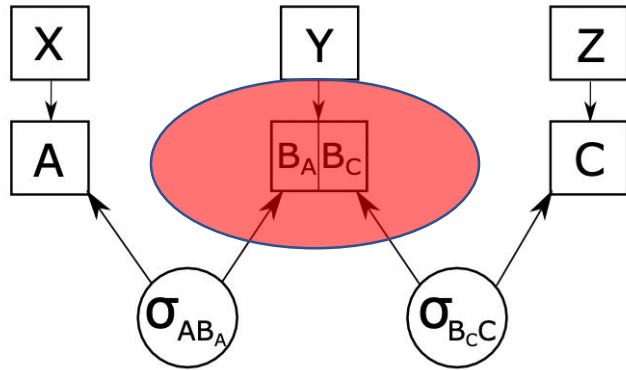


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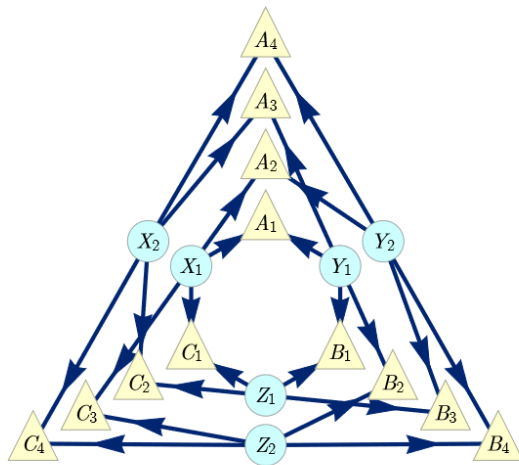


“Top-down” doesn’t work:

- Don’t know how to write $\mathcal{B}_A, \mathcal{B}_C$ in terms of observables.

“Bottom-up” does!

- Introduce generators for $\mathcal{B}_A, \mathcal{B}_C$ and expand observables



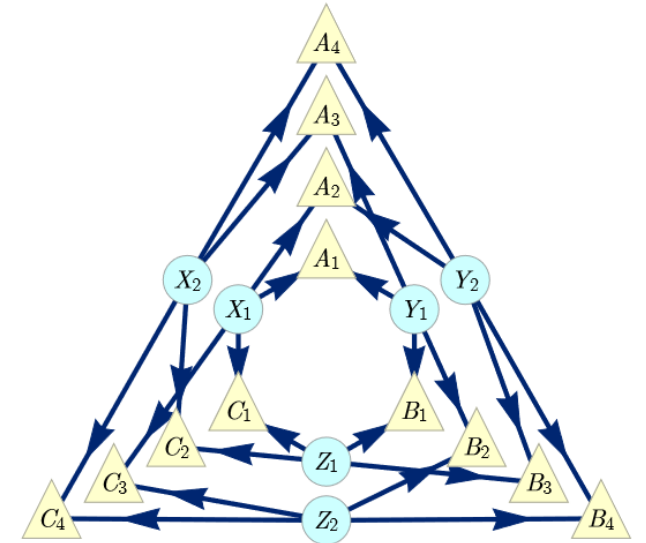
$$B_{\beta|y} = \sum_{i=1}^r b_a^{(i)} \cdot b_c^{(i)}$$

- Requires explicit upper bound on the Schmidt rank of POVM elements.

Network summary

Thm.: A set of correlations has a network quantum model of **bounded operator Schmidt rank** if and only if the associated state-polynomial problem is feasible.

This can be checked using a monotonously convergent SDP hierarchy.



The convergent SDP hierarchy is a variant of the *quantum inflation hierarchy* of Wolfe, Spekkens, Fritz, Navascues, Pozas-K., Grinberg, Rosset, Acin.

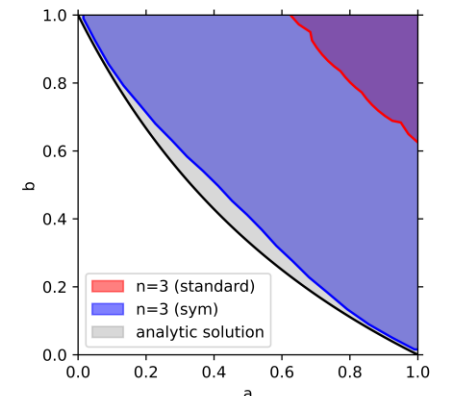
Outlook, Miscellanea, and Curiosities

- Recall: In bilocal scenario, GNS representation for \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C} factorizes

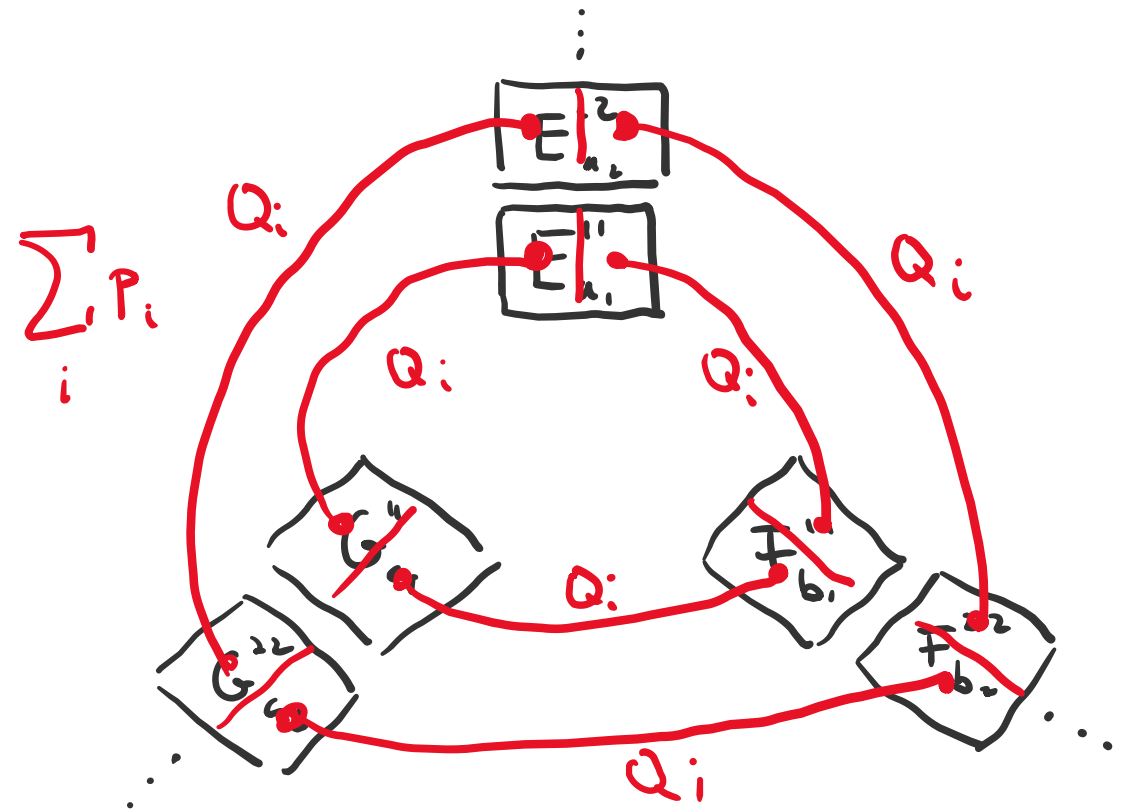
$$\mathcal{H}_\rho = \mathcal{H}_\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}_\mathcal{C}$$

- *Can* turn this into algorithm for deciding membership with bi-partite tensor product model...
- ...for states that can be prepared using “entanglement swapping with bounded probability”

- Cute GPT generalization with applications to non-negative matrix rank. [with Martin Plávala].



Thank you!



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