

$MIP^* = RE$: Putting Everything Together



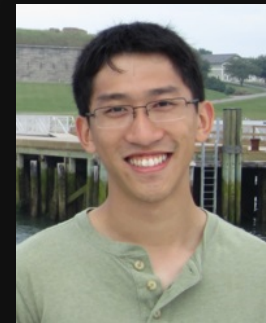
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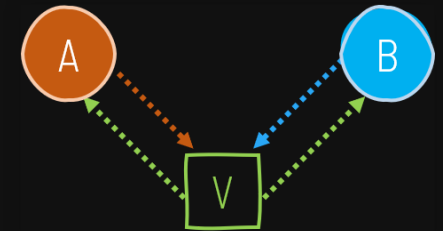
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Background and Definitions

Multi-prover Interactive Proofs

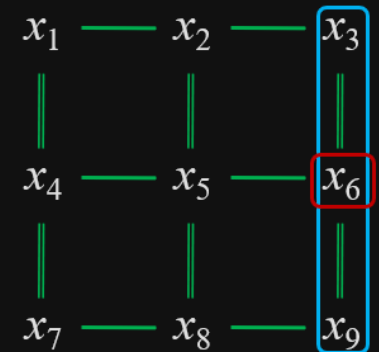
- MIP: What can **two provers** prove to a verifier?
 - **Completeness** and **Soundness**
 - Known: $MIP = NEXP$ *[Babai, Fortnow and Lund '90]*



- The power of an **extra** prover
- Example: **Magic Square** game G_{\boxplus}

Nine variables and six constraints

- Randomly sample a constraint and a variable in the constraint
- Alice's view: the variable, x_6
- Bob's view: the constraint, $x_3 \oplus x_6 \oplus x_9 = 1$



$$\text{val}(G_{\boxplus}) = \frac{17}{18} < 1$$

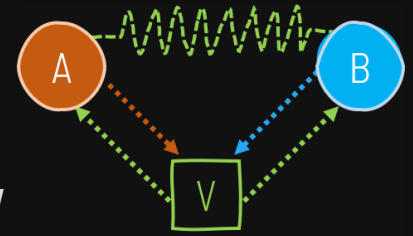
Question distribution

Quantum Multi-prover Interactive Proofs

- Entanglement among provers

MIP*: Entanglement vs. shared randomness

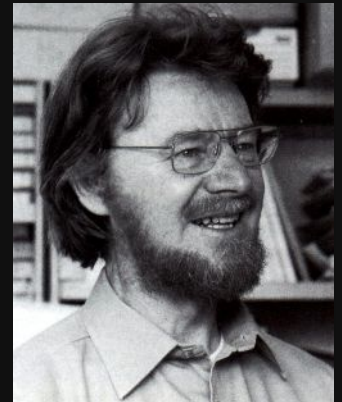
[Cleve, Høyer, Toner and Watrous '04]



- Connects multi-prover interactive proofs to Bell inequalities!

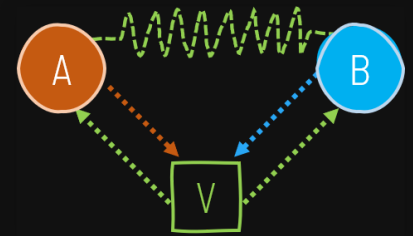
$$\langle A_0 B_0 + A_0 B_1 + A_1 B_0 - A_1 B_1 \rangle \leq 2$$

- Soundness problem of entanglement
- The development and applications of the quantum analogues of many powerful ideas in interactive proofs
 - Low-degree tests, parallel repetitions, PCPs



Nonlocal Games

- Definition of nonlocal games
 - Finite question sets \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} and answer sets \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}
 - Question distribution μ over $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$
 - Decider $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- Family of games defined by verifier $\mathcal{V} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$ $(L^A(z), L^B(z))$
 - Turing machine \mathcal{S} takes input (n, \dots)
 - Turing machine \mathcal{D} takes input (n, x, y, a, b)
 - The n -th game \mathcal{V}_n defined by \mathcal{S}_n and \mathcal{D}_n

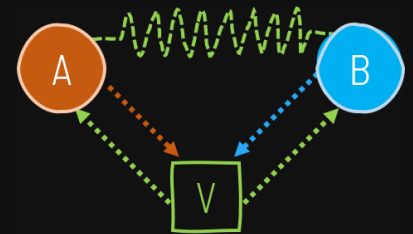


Entangled Strategy and Value

- Entangled **strategy** $\mathcal{S} = (|\psi\rangle, A, B)$
 - Share quantum state $|\psi\rangle$ in $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$
 - Measure $A = \{A_a^x\}$ and $B = \{B_b^y\}$ for questions x, y respectively
- Entangled **value**

$$\text{val}^* = \sup_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \mu} \sum_{a,b \text{ accepted by } \mathcal{D}} \langle \psi | A_a^x \otimes B_b^y | \psi \rangle$$

- Entangled value of the **Magic Square** game $\text{val}^*(G_{\boxplus}) = 1$
- MIP* corresponds to the approximation of val^*

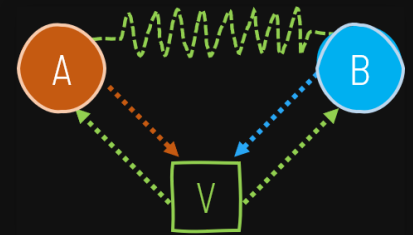


Commuting Operator Strategy and Value

- **Commuting operator** strategy $\mathcal{S} = (|\psi\rangle, A, B)$
 - **Single** Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
 - A_a^x **commutes** with B_b^y for all a, b, x, y
- **Commuting operator value**

$$\mathbf{val}^{\text{co}} = \sup_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \mu} \sum_{a,b \text{ accepted by } \mathcal{D}} \langle \psi | A_a^x B_b^y | \psi \rangle$$

- **Tsirelson's problem**: Is \mathbf{val}^* equal to \mathbf{val}^{co} for all games?
- Two values coincide for finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces



Two Algorithms

- **Algorithm 1**: Exhaustively search for better tensor-product strategies of increasing Hilbert space dimensions and approximation precision

A sequence of values approaching val^* from **below**

- **Algorithm 2**: The non-commutative sum-of-squares SDP hierarchy

[Navascués, Pironio, and Acín '08], [Doherty, Liang, Toner, and Wehner '08]

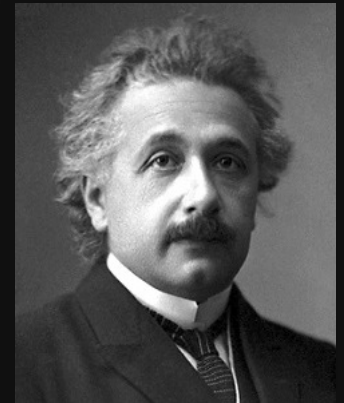
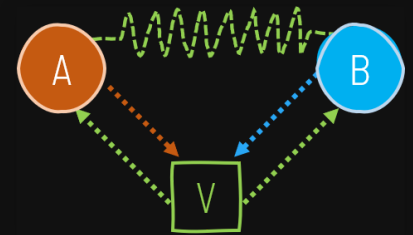
A sequence of values approaching val^{co} from **above**

$$\text{Algorithm 1} \rightarrow \text{val}^* \leq \text{val}^{\text{co}} \leftarrow \text{Algorithm 2}$$

- Algorithm 1 establishes that $\text{MIP}^* \subseteq \text{RE}$
- If **Tsirelson's problem** has a positive answer, we have an algorithm to approximate val^* (MIP^* is in $\text{R} = \text{RE} \cap \text{coRE}$)

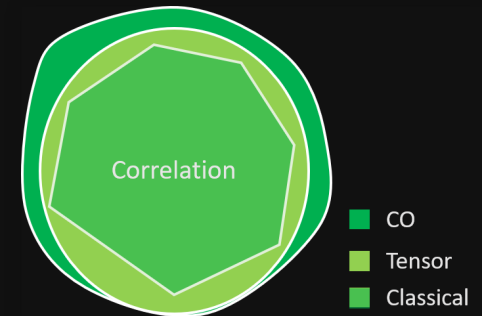
Main Result

- $MIP^* = RE$: **no algorithm** that can approximate val^* because it is as hard as the **Halting** problem
- A complete characterization of MIP^*
 - "Spooky action at a distance – Einstein"
 - Spooky complexity at a distance
- Optimal violations to Bell inequalities are not computable
A computability-theoretic Bell inequality



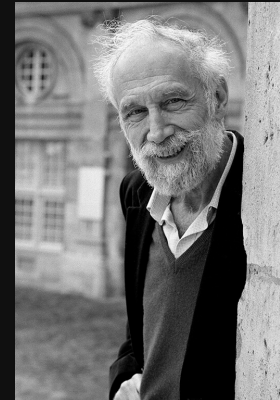
Consequences in Physics and Mathematics

- A **negative answer** to Tsirelson's problem
Infinite quantum systems **cannot** be approximated by finite ones
- A **refutation** of Connes' embedding conjecture, a 44-year-old problem in operator algebra, via its known equivalence to Tsirelson's problem



[Connes '76]

[Fritz '12], [Junge, Navascués, and Palazuelos et al. '11], [Ozawa '13]



Review of Key Ideas and Techniques

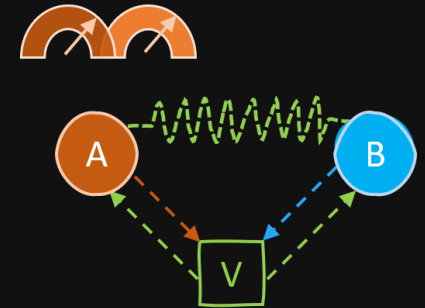
Distance Measures

- State-dependent distance:

Two collections of POVMs $\{M_a^x\}$ and $\{N_a^x\}$ acting on the same space are δ -close on state $|\psi\rangle$ under distribution μ if

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mu} \sum_a \|(M_a^x - N_a^x)|\psi\rangle\|^2 \leq \delta.$$

$$M_a^x \approx_\delta N_a^x$$

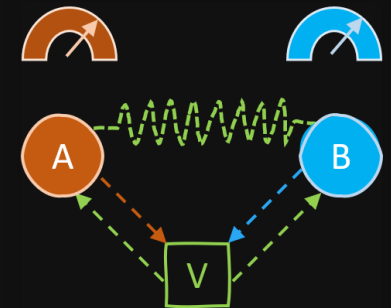


- Consistency:

Two collections of POVMs $\{A_a^x\}$ and $\{B_b^x\}$ are δ -consistent on $|\psi\rangle$ under distribution μ if

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mu} \sum_{a \neq b} \langle \psi | A_a^x \otimes B_b^x | \psi \rangle \leq \delta.$$

$$A_a^x \otimes I_B \simeq_\delta I_A \otimes B_a^x$$



- Cauchy-Schwarz

Entanglement Resistant Techniques

- The soundness problem of entanglement
- **Confusion** check: query Alice for the assignments to variables $\{x, y\}$, query Bob for x to ensure

$$R^x R^y \approx_\delta R^y R^x$$

- A third player (using monogamy of entanglement)
- Entangled games are **NP-hard**

[Kempe, Kobayashi, Matsumoto, Toner and Vidick '08]

[Ito, Kobayashi and Matsumoto '09], [J. '13]

- **Quantum soundness** of the linearity test, multilinearity test, and **low-degree test**
- $\text{MIP} = \text{NEXP} \subseteq \text{MIP}^*$

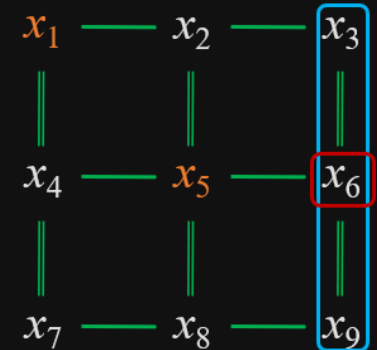
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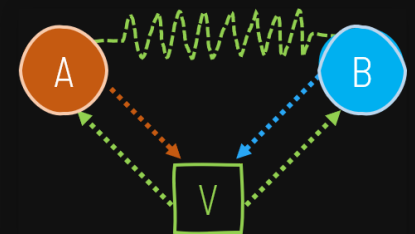
Rigidity and Self-testing

- The players have to measure the honest measurement to achieve a near-optimal value

*[Summers and Werner '85], [Mayers and Yao '98],
[Reichardt, Unger and Vazirani '12]*



- Magic Square game: all about commutativity and **anticommutativity** *[Wu, Bancal, McKague and Scarani '16]*
- Where is the qubit? Find an anticommuting pair!



Let R_0, R_1 be two reflections, if $R_0 R_1 \approx_\delta -R_1 R_0$, then there is a local isomorphism ϕ such that up to the isomorphism

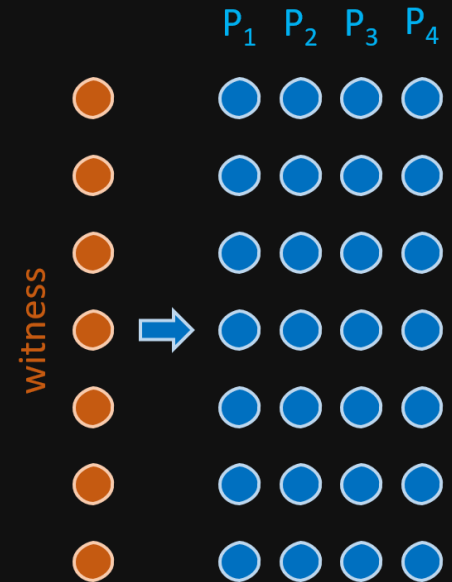
$$R_0 \approx_\delta \sigma^X \otimes I, \quad R_1 \approx_\delta \sigma^Z \otimes I.$$

Go Beyond NP Hardness

- Classical verification of QMA

[Fitzsimons and Vidick '15], [J. '15]

- Encode each qubit in the QMA witness state with a quantum error detecting code
- Use rigidity to ensure that the provers measure Pauli X/Z's and use logical operator measurement to check the energy of the encoded state
- The initial idea emerged from discussions at a Simons Institute workshop in 2014



Pauli Basis Game

- A wrapper around the quantum low-degree test

[Natarajan and Vidick '18], [Natarajan and Wright '19]

Rigidity Theorem. For any strategy that uses measurement $\hat{A}^{\text{Pauli}, W}$ for the question (Pauli, W) and has value at least $1 - \varepsilon$, there is a local isomorphism $\phi = \phi_A \otimes \phi_B$ such that

$$A_z^{\text{Pauli}, W} \otimes I_B \approx_{\delta(\varepsilon)} \sigma_z^W \otimes I_B,$$

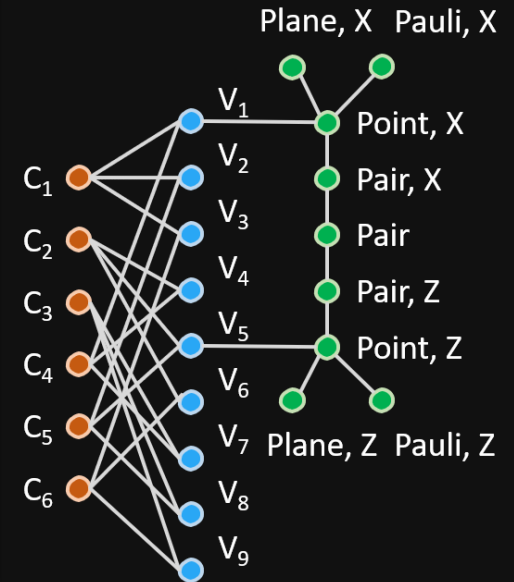
where $A_z^{\text{Pauli}, W} = \phi_A \hat{A}^{\text{Pauli}, W} \phi_A^*$.

- An efficient **self-test** for Pauli X/Z measurements on EPRs
For self-testing of n EPRs, the questions have length $\text{polylog}(n)$
- (Pauli, W) primitive

Question Distribution of the Pauli Basis Game

- Random seed $z = (u_X, u_Z, v_1, v_2, r_X, r_Z) \in (\mathbb{F}^m)^4 \times \mathbb{F}^2$

Type	u_X	u_Z	v_1	v_2	r_X	r_Z
Point, X	u_X	0	0	0	0	0
Plane, X	$L_{v_1, v_2}^{Pl}(u_X)$	0	v_1	v_2	0	0
Point, Z	0	u_Z	0	0	0	0
Plane, Z	0	$L_{v_1, v_2}^{Pl}(u_Z)$	0	v_1	v_2	0
Pair	u_X	u_Z	0	0	r_X	r_Z
Pair, W	u_X	u_Z	0	0	r_X	r_Z
Constraint $_c$	u_X	u_Z	0	0	r_X	r_Z
Variable $_v$	u_X	u_Z	0	0	r_X	r_Z
Pauli, W	0	0	0	0	0	0



- All questions have the form (type, content) for type from a discrete set of labels and content from \mathbb{F}^{4m+2}

Compression

- Why compression?
- Go beyond QMA hardness
 - More sophisticated relations from rigidity: beyond anticommutativity

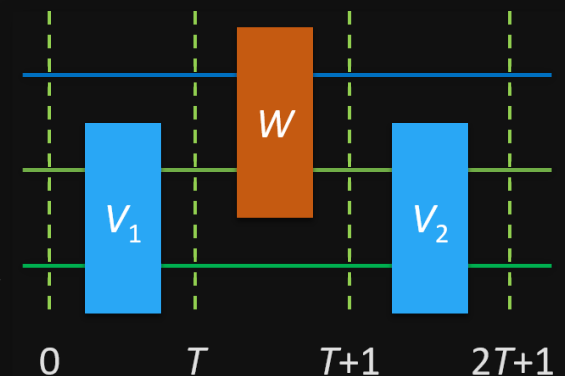
[Slofstra '17]

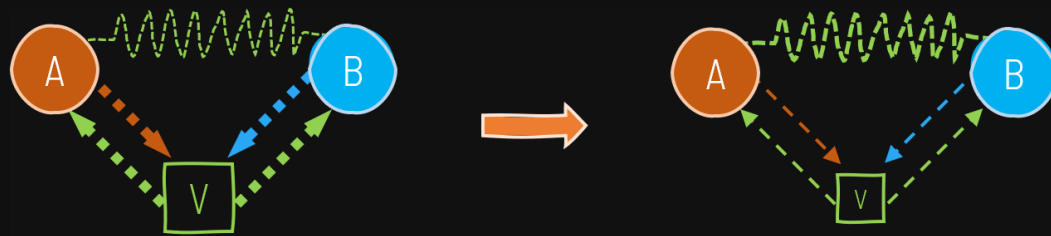
Conjugacy relation $xyx = z$

- QIP = QMAM is not that far from QMA
- Propagation checking (circuit-to-Hamiltonian construction) for MIP*
 - Compression of MIP*

[Marriott and Watrou '05]

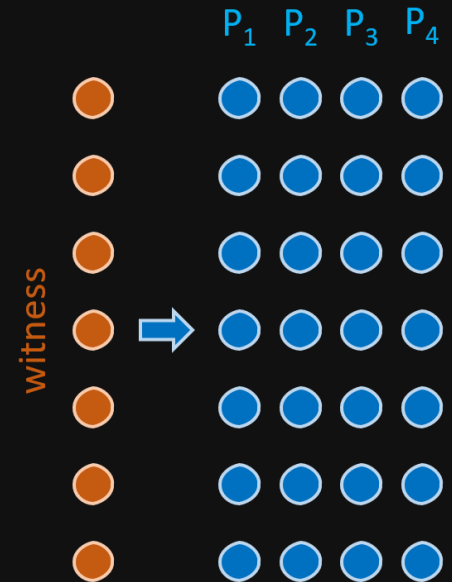
[J. '16], [Fitzsimons, J., Vidick and Yuen '18]





- A comparison between quantum and classical

	MIP	Classical Games	MIP*	Entangled Games
Msg size	poly	log	poly	log
Hardness	NEXP	NP	MIP*	MIP*
Gap	const	poly^{-1} or const	const	poly^{-1}



- Gap amplification (or social distancing for the completeness and soundness)?
- Throw in some PCPs?

Introspection

- Let the players sample from the **question distribution** themselves!

[Natarajan and Wright '19]

- Utilize the **Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle** to design what to **reveal** and what to **hide**



- Let L^A and L^B be **functions** such that $(L^A(z), L^B(z))$ is the desired question distribution μ for uniformly random z
- **The Intro primitive**

The player receiving (Intro, v) replies (y, a) where for $v \in \{A, B\}$

1. the introspectively sampled question y is supposedly $L^v(z)$ and,
2. a is the answer in the original game of player v for question y .

Putting Everything Together

Four Steps of Compression

1. Introspection

Question reduction

2. Oracularisation

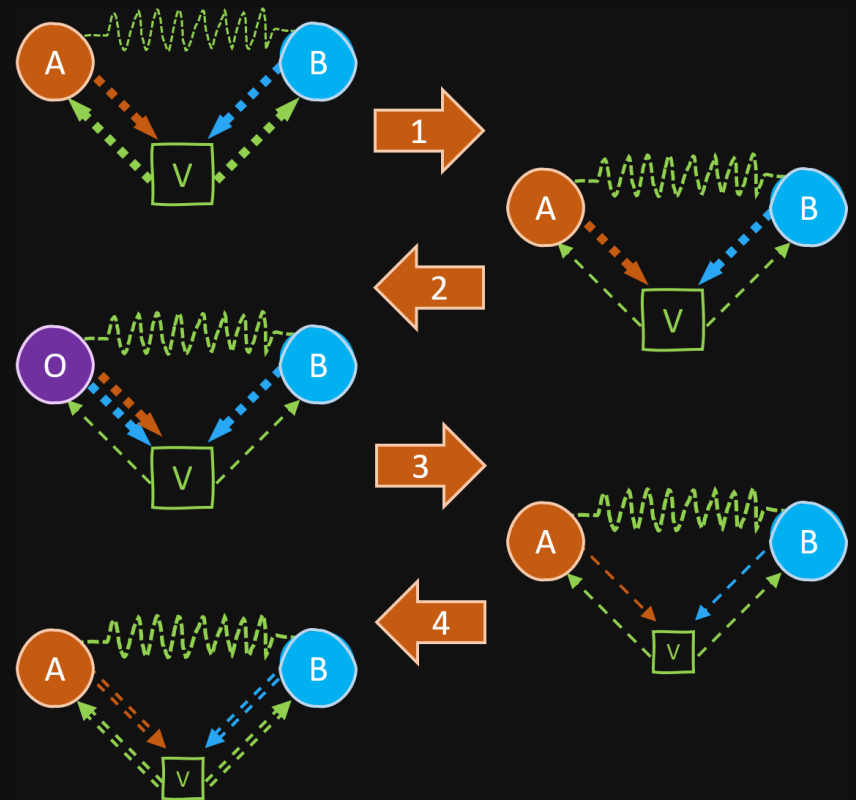
Preprocessing for PCP

3. PCP

Answer reduction

4. Parallel repetition

Gap recovery



Recursive Gap-preserving Compression of Normal-form Games

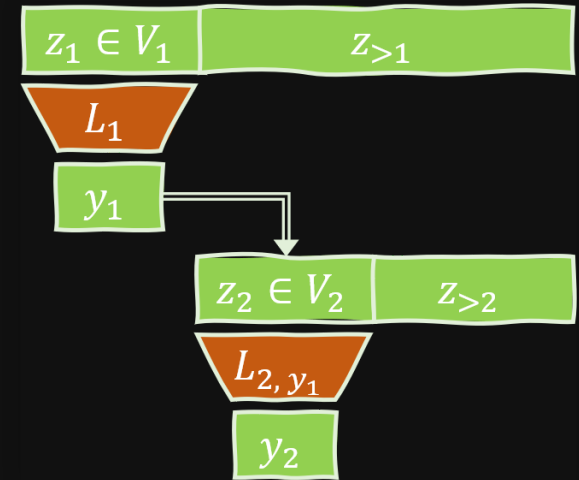
- What is missing from $\text{Compress}^{\text{NW}}$?



- What normal form?
- Two problems are important $(L^A(z), L^B(z))$
 1. What kind of distributions/functions can be introspectively sampled
 2. What is the distribution of the compressed game
- Match the two?

Conditionally Linear Functions

- Choose a **register subspace** V_1 of \mathbb{F}^n
- Apply a linear function $L_1 : V_1 \rightarrow V_1$ and get $y_1 = L_1(z^{V_1}) \in V_1$
- **Conditioned on y_1** , choose another subspace V_{2, y_1} that has trivial intersection with V_1
- Apply linear function $L_{2, y_1} (z^{V_{2, y_1}})$ to get $y_2 \in V_{2, y_1}$
- Repeat the above ℓ times (levels) to get y_1, y_2, \dots, y_ℓ
- Define the output of the function to be $y = y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_\ell$
- Such a function $L : z \mapsto y$ is call **conditionally linear**



Why CL Functions?

- Linear functions

Revealing and hiding linear information is easy



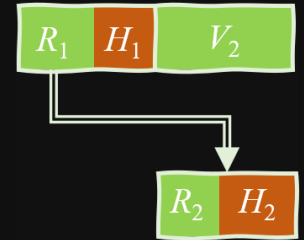
- Linear functions aren't enough

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Plane, Z	0	$L_{v_1, v_2}^{\text{Pl}}(u_Z)$	0	v_1	v_2	0

- CL functions work as they can model all question distributions we use and have nice closure properties
 - Most importantly, the question distribution of Pauli Basis game is CL for fixed types

Introspection for CL Distributions (2-level)

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Intro, A	Z	I	Z	I	yes	(y, a)
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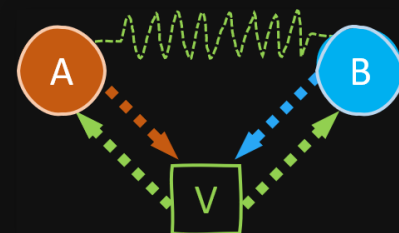
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Introspection Game Review

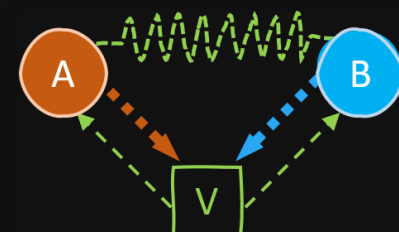
- The **standard** way a normal-form game \mathcal{V}_n is played

- The verifier samples $z \in \mathbb{F}^n$, calls \mathcal{S}_n to compute questions $x = L^A(z)$ and $y = L^B(z)$,
- Receives answers a, b and decides using \mathcal{D}_n .



- The **introspective** way a normal-form game \mathcal{V}_n is played

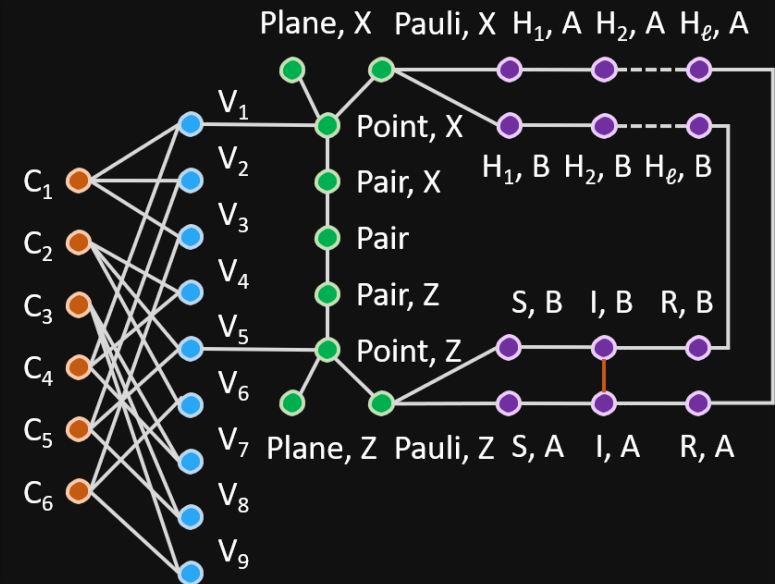
- The verifier runs **Pauli Basis game** over EPRs of dimension $|\mathbb{F}|^n$, or,
- Runs the remaining parts of the **Introspection game** to ensure provers respect the **Intro** primitives, or,
- Sends **(Intro, A)** to Alice and **(Intro, B)** to Bob, receives $(x, a), (y, b)$, and decides using \mathcal{D}_n .



Question Distribution of the Introspection Game

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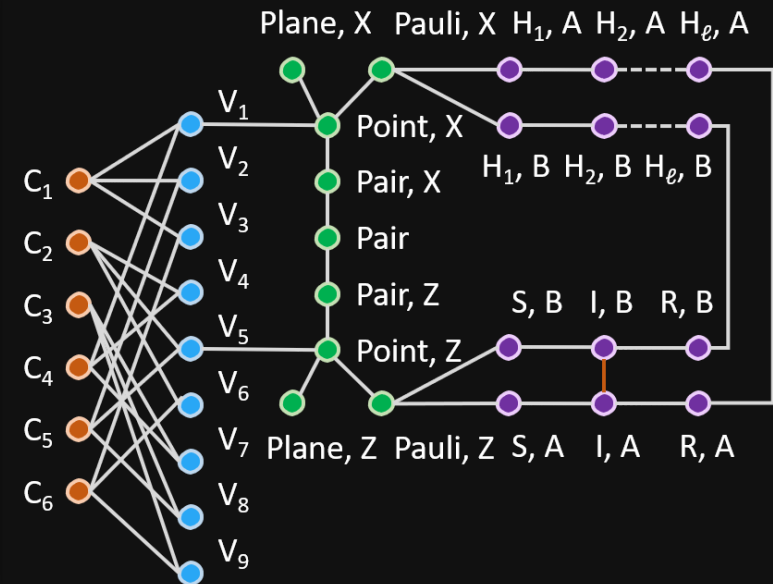
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Point, X	u_X	0	0	0
Plane, X	$L_{v_1, v_2}^{Pl}(u_X)$	0	v_1	v_2
Point, Z	0	u_Z	0	0
Plane, Z	0	$L_{v_1, v_2}^{Pl}(u_Z)$	0	v_1
Pair	u_X	u_Z	0	0
Pair, W	u_X	u_Z	0	0
Constraint $_c$	u_X	u_Z	0	0
Variable $_v$	u_X	u_Z	0	0
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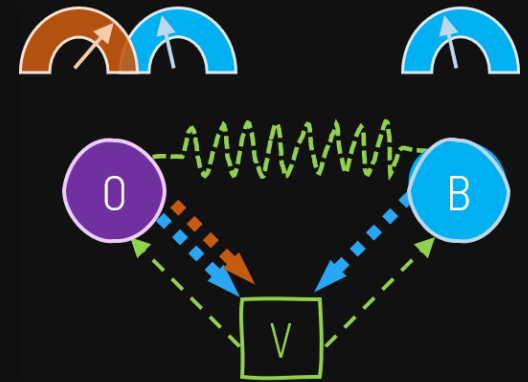
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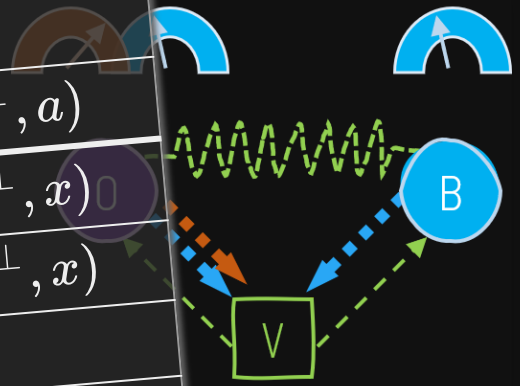


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	R_1	H_1	R_2	H_2	aux	answer format
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Sample, A	Z	Z	Z	Z	yes	(z, a)
Read, A	Z	X	Z	X	yes	(y, y^\perp, a)
Hide ₂	Z	X	I	X	no	(y, y^\perp, x)
Hide ₁	I	X	X	X	no	(y, y^\perp, x)
Pauli, X	X	X	X	X	no	x
Pauli, Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	no	z

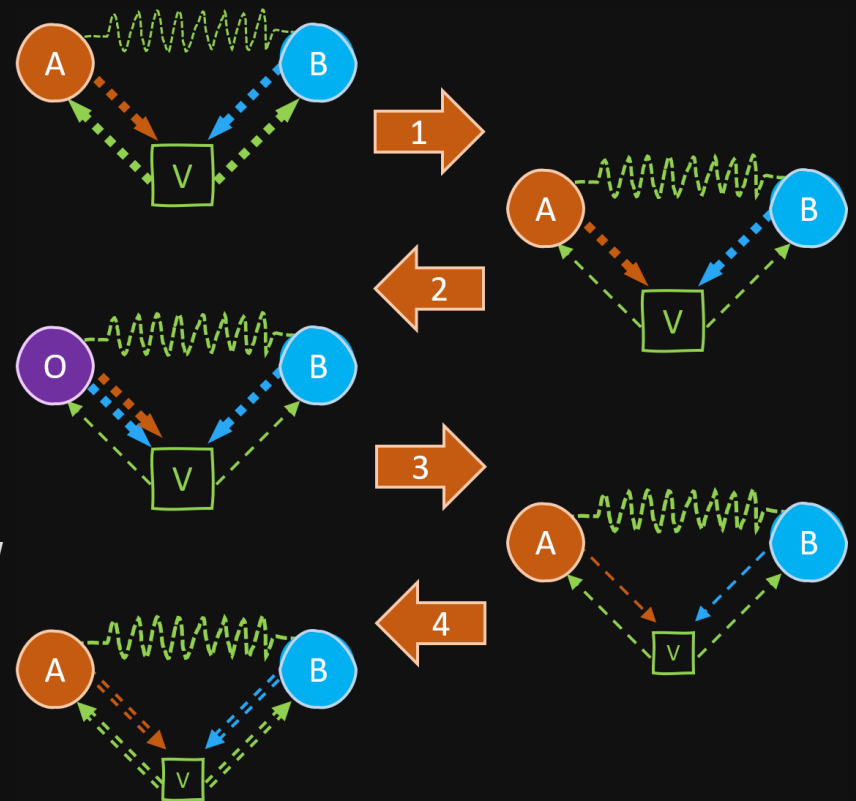


PCPs and Parallel Repetitions

- The use of PCPs for answer reduction is similar to Natarajan-Wright
- The distribution remains CL
- **Anchored** parallel repetition for better entanglement bound

[Bavarian, Vidick, and Yuen '17]

- Gap-preserving compression of normal-form games



Compression Theorem



Compression Theorem. There is an algorithm **Compress** that on input \mathcal{V} outputs $\mathcal{V}^\# = (\mathcal{S}^\#, \mathcal{D}^\#)$ such that for all $n \geq n_0$

1. (Completeness). If $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{2^n}) = 1$ then $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_n^\#) = 1$.
2. (Soundness). If $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{2^n}) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ then $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_n^\#) \leq \frac{1}{2}$.
3. (Entanglement). $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{V}_n^\#) \geq \max\{\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{V}_{2^n}), 2^n\}$.

Kleene's Recursion Theorem

- For all Turing machine \mathcal{M} , consider verifier $\mathcal{V}^{\text{Halt}}$

Turing machine $\mathcal{D}^{\text{Halt}}$:

1. Simulate \mathcal{M} for n steps. If \mathcal{M} halts, accept.
2. Compute $(\mathcal{S}^{\#}, \mathcal{D}^{\#}) = \text{Compress}(\mathcal{S}^{\#}, \mathcal{D}^{\text{Halt}})$.
3. Accept iff $\mathcal{D}^{\#}(n, x, y, a, b)$ accepts.

$\mathcal{S}^{\#}$ is universal

- Kleene's recursion theorem: $\mathcal{D}^{\text{Halt}}$ above is well-defined
- For all Turing machine \mathcal{M}

1. If \mathcal{M} halts, $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Halt}}) = 1$

If the Turing machine \mathcal{M} halts in T steps and $n < T \leq 2^n$, then $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_n^{\text{Halt}}) = \text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_n^{\#}) = \text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{2^n}^{\text{Halt}}) = 1$.

2. If \mathcal{M} does not halt, $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Halt}}) \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Explicit Separation Between val^* and val^{co}

- Consider verifier $\mathcal{V}^{\text{Sep}} = (\mathcal{S}^\#, \mathcal{D}^{\text{Sep}})$

Turing machine \mathcal{D}^{Sep} :

1. Compute a description of game $\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Sep}}$.
2. Run **NPA** on $\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Sep}}$ for n steps. If NPA halts, then accept.
3. Compute $(\mathcal{S}^\#, \mathcal{D}^\#) = \text{Compress}(\mathcal{S}^\#, \mathcal{D}^{\text{Sep}})$.
4. Accept iff $\mathcal{D}^\#(n, x, y, a, b)$ accepts.

- Claim: $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Sep}}) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $\text{val}^{\text{co}}(\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Sep}}) = 1$
- If $\text{val}^{\text{co}}(\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Sep}}) < 1$, then $\text{val}^*(\mathcal{V}_{n_0}^{\text{Sep}}) = 1$, a **contradiction**

Conclusions

- Recursive gap-preserving compression of normal-form two-prover one-round protocols
- Compression Lemma + Kleene's recursion theorem proves $RE \subseteq MIP^*$
- $MIP^* = RE$ follows as $MIP^* \subseteq RE$
- Negative answers to both Tsirelson's problem and CEP
- Open problems:
 1. Simpler proofs?
 2. Does $MIP^{co} = coRE$?
 3. Explicit counter-examples to CEP

Physics

- 1935 EPR paradox, entanglement
- 1964 Bell inequality
- 1990's Tsirelson's problem

Computer Science

- 1936 Turing's Halting problem
- 1970's Complexity theory
- 1990's PCP theorem

Mathematics

- 1930 von Neumann algebra
- 1976 Connes
- 1993 Kirchberg



$$\text{MIP}^* = \text{RE}$$

Thank you!

