# Quantum no-signalling correlations and non-local games

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# Non-local games: definition

A non-local game is a tuple  $\mathcal{G} = (X, Y, A, B, \lambda)$ , where X, Y, A and B are finite sets and  $\lambda : X \times Y \times A \times B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .

### Intuition:

- X and Y are input sets of questions for players Alice and Bob.
- A and B are output sets of answers for Alice and Bob.
- $\bullet$   $\lambda$  is the rule predicate of the game.
- Alice and Bob play cooperatively against a Verifier.
- In one round, Alice receives  $x \in X$ , replies  $a \in A$ .
- Bob receives  $y \in Y$ , replies  $b \in B$ .
- They win if  $\lambda(x, y, a, b) = 1$ , and lose otherwise.
- Alice and Bob know the rules  $\lambda$ .
- They are not allowed to communicate during the game.
- They may agree on a joint strategy beforehand.

# Non-local games: strategies

A deterministic strategy:  $f: X \rightarrow A$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow B$ .

It is a perfect strategy if  $\lambda(x, y, f(x), g(y)) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ .

<u>More generally:</u> The players possess a set  $\{(f_i, g_i)\}_{i=1}^k$  of deterministic strategies and employ randomness to choose which one to apply, according to a probability distribution  $(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^k$ .

Non-deterministic strategies: to the same input (x, y) the players may reply in different rounds with different outputs (a, b) and (a', b').

 $\rightsquigarrow$  A probabilistic strategy:  $\{(p(a,b|x,y))_{(a,b)\in A\times B}: (x,y)\in X\times Y\}$ , where  $p(\cdot,\cdot|x,y)$ : a probability distribution for each (x,y).

Intuition: p(a, b|x, y) is the probability of reply (a, b) to a question (x, y).

$$p(a,b|x,y) \qquad \qquad \downarrow (a,b)$$

$$p(a',b'|x,y) \qquad \qquad \downarrow (a',b')$$

p a perfect strategy if  $\lambda(x, y, a, b) = 0 \implies p(a, b|x, y) = 0$ .

# No-signalling strategies

Strategy: 
$$p = \{p(\cdot, \cdot | x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}.$$

Requirement: The strategies Alice and Bob possess do not allow communication between them.

Formally: Well-defined marginals:

$$p(a|x) = \sum_{b \in B} p(a, b|x, y'), p(b|y) = \sum_{a \in A} p(a, b|x', y).$$

p is a no-signalling (NS) correlation if it satisfies these conditions.

Notation:  $C_{ns}$ .

Intuitively: No-signalling means that Alice's behaviour is independent from Bob's.

Local correlations: p is a convex combination of correlations

$$p(a, b|x, y) = p_1(a|x)p_2(b|y),$$

for some probability distributions  $p_1(\cdot|x)$ ,  $p_2(\cdot|y)$ .

Notation:  $C_{loc}$ .

# The Mermin-Peres magic square game

Goal: Filling in a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with entries  $\pm 1$ .

- *X* the set of rows, *Y* the set of columns;
- Given a row i, Alice replies  $(a_{i,1}, a_{i,2}, a_{i,3}) \in \{-1, +1\}^3$  s.t.  $a_{i,1}a_{i,2}a_{i,3} = 1$ ;
- Given a column j, Bob replies  $(b_{1,j}, b_{2,j}, b_{3,j}) \in \{-1, +1\}$  s.t.  $b_{1,j}b_{2,j}b_{3,j} = -1$ ;
- $\bullet \ a_{i,j}=b_{i,j}.$

There exist selfadjoint operators  $X_{i,j}$  with spectrum in  $\{-1,1\}$  s.t.

$$\prod_{j=1}^{3} X_{i,j} = I \text{ and } \prod_{i=1}^{3} X_{i,j} = -I.$$

Pauli matrices: 
$$\sigma_X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $\sigma_Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\sigma_Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\rightsquigarrow$ 

| $I \otimes \sigma_z$           | $\sigma_z \otimes I$           | $\sigma_{z}\otimes\sigma_{z}$   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| $\sigma_X \otimes I$           | $I \otimes \sigma_X$           | $\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle X} \otimes \sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle X}$ |
| $-\sigma_{X}\otimes\sigma_{Z}$ | $-\sigma_{z}\otimes\sigma_{x}$ | $\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y$   |

### The correlation chain

<u>Recall</u>: POVM – a family  $(E_a)_{a \in A}$  of pos. op. on a Hilbert space H with  $\sum_{a \in A} E_a = I$ .

A correlation p = (p(a, b|x, y)) is called

quantum if

$$p(a,b|x,y) = \langle (E_{x,a} \otimes F_{y,b})\xi, \xi \rangle,$$

where  $(E_{x,a})_{a\in A}$ ,  $(F_{y,b})_{b\in B}$  fin. dim. POVM's. Notation:  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{q}}$ .

Note:  $\sum_{a \in A} E_{x,a} = I$  for all  $x \Rightarrow$  no-signalling.

- ullet approximately quantum if  $p \in \overline{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{q}}}$ . Notation:  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{qa}}$ .
- quantum commuting if  $p(a,b|x,y) := \langle E_{x,a}F_{y,b}\xi,\xi \rangle$ . Notation:  $C_{qc}$ .

# Strict inclusions: $\mathcal{C}_{loc} \subset \mathcal{C}_{q} \subset \mathcal{C}_{qa} \subset \mathcal{C}_{qc} \subset \mathcal{C}_{ns}$

- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{loc}} \neq \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{q}}$ : Bell's Theorem, 1964
- $C_q \neq C_{qa}$ : Slofstra, 2017
- ullet  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{qa}} 
  eq \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{qc}}$ : Ji-Natarajan-Vidick-Wright-Yuen, 2020 (Tsirelson's Problem)
- Connes Embedding Problem has a negative answer: Junge-Navascues-Palazuelos-Perez-Garcia-Scholz-Werner, 2011 + Ozawa, 2013

# The universal C\*-algebra of a family of PVM's

X, A fin. sets,  $M_X=\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^X)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_X\subseteq M_X$  the diagonal,  $\epsilon_{x,x'}$  the mat. units

$$\mathcal{A}_{X,A} := \mathcal{D}_A *_1 \cdots *_1 \mathcal{D}_A \quad (|X| \text{ terms}) :$$

generators 
$$e_{x,a}=e_{x,a}^2=e_{x,a}^*$$
 with  $\sum_{a\in A}e_{x,a}=1$ ,  $\forall x\in X$ .

<u>Universal property</u>: For every family  $(E_{x,a})_{a\in A}$ ,  $x\in X$ , of PVM's on H, there exists a (unique) \*-representation  $\pi: \mathcal{A}_{X,A} \to \mathcal{B}(H)$  with

$$\pi(e_{x,a}) = E_{x,a}, \quad x \in X, a \in A.$$

For a functional  $s: \mathcal{A}_{X,A} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{Y,B} \to \mathbb{C}$ , write

$$p_s(a,b|x,y) = s(e_{x,a} \otimes e_{y,b}).$$

# Description in terms of states (Junge et al + Ozawa, Lupini et al)

- $C_{qc} = \{p_s : s \text{ a state on } A_{X,A} \otimes_{\mathsf{max}} A_{Y,B}\};$
- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{qa}} = \{p_s : s \text{ a state on } \mathcal{A}_{X,A} \otimes_{\min} \mathcal{A}_{Y,B}\};$
- $m{\circ}~\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{ns}} = \{p_{s}: s \text{ a state on } \mathcal{S}_{X,A} \otimes_{\mathsf{max}} \mathcal{S}_{Y,B}\}$  ( $\mathcal{S}_{X,A} = \mathrm{sp}\{e_{x,a}\}$  oper. subsys. of  $\mathcal{A}_{X,A}$ .)

# Quantum no-signalling correlations (as opposed to no-signalling quantum correlations)

Motivating question I: Suppose the game has quantum inputs/outputs. What kind of strategies can be used?

Note: The players remain classical, Alice and Bob.

- Regev-Vidick, 2015: Quantum XOR games
- Cooney-Junge-Palazuelos-Pérez-García,2015: Rank one quantum games

<u>Setup</u>: Alice and Bob receive (fin. dim.) quantum states as inputs and apply quantum operations to produce quantum states as outputs.

Note: A classical input (x, y) gives rise to the state  $\epsilon_{x,x} \otimes \epsilon_{y,y} \in \mathcal{D}_X \otimes \mathcal{D}_Y$ .

Question: Is there a correlation chain on the level of quantum strategies?

Preferably looking like  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{loc}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{q}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qa}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qc}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{ns}}$ ?

### Partial answers:

- Quantum strategies for quantum games (i.e.  $Q_q$ ) used in the games above.
- ullet No-signalling strategies (i.e.  $\mathcal{Q}_{\rm ns}$ ) used by Duan-Winter as resource in zero-error quantum information transmission.
- → Motivating question II: Perhaps a suitable (simpler and genuinely)
  quantum game can disprove Tsirelson-Connes?

# Classical correlations as channels $\rightsquigarrow$ quantum correlations

A NS correlation p=(p(a,b|x,y)) gives rise to an information channel (positive trace preserving map)  $\mathcal{N}_p:\mathcal{D}_X\otimes\mathcal{D}_Y\to\mathcal{D}_A\otimes\mathcal{D}_B$ :

$$\mathcal{N}_p(\epsilon_{x,x}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y})=\sum_{a,b}p(a,b|x,y)\epsilon_{a,a}\otimes\epsilon_{b,b}$$

ightharpoonup Quantum no-signalling (QNS) correlations: quantum channels (completely positive trace preserving maps)  $\Gamma: M_X \otimes M_Y \to M_A \otimes M_B$ ,

• 
$$\rho \in M_{XY}$$
,  $\operatorname{Tr}_X \rho = 0 \implies \operatorname{Tr}_A \Gamma(\rho) = 0$ ;  $(M_{XY} := M_X \otimes M_Y)$ 

• 
$$\rho \in M_{XY}$$
,  $\mathrm{Tr}_Y \rho = 0 \implies \mathrm{Tr}_B \Gamma(\rho) = 0$ . (Duan-Winter, 2016)

Notation:  $Q_{ns}$ .

Local QNS correlations:  $\Phi: M_X \to M_A$ ,  $\Psi: M_Y \to M_B$ 

 $\leadsto \Gamma = \Phi \otimes \Psi$  and their convex combinations.

Notation:  $Q_{loc}$ .

# Stochastic operator matrices as quantum POVM's

 $E = (E_{x,x',a,a'})_{x,x',a,a'} \in M_{XA} \otimes \mathcal{B}(H)$  is a stochastic operator matrix if  $\operatorname{Tr}_A E = I_X \otimes I_H$ :

$$\sum_{a\in A} E_{x,x',a,a'} = \delta_{x,x'} I_H, \quad x,x'\in X.$$

A family  $\{(E_{x,a})_{a\in A}: x\in X\}$  of POVM's gives rise to  $E=\sum_{x,a}\epsilon_{x,x}\otimes\epsilon_{a,a}\otimes E_{x,a}$ . A QNS correlation  $\Gamma:M_{XY}\to M_{AB}$  is called

quantum if

$$\Gamma(\epsilon_{x,x'}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y'})=\sum_{a,a',b,b'}\langle(E_{x,x',a,x'}\otimes F_{y,y',b,b'})\xi,\xi\rangle\epsilon_{a,a'}\otimes\epsilon_{b,b'},$$

with E and F are fin. dim. stochastic operator matrices. Notation:  $Q_q$ 

ullet approximately quantum if  $\Gamma \in \overline{\mathcal{Q}_q}$ .

- Notation:  $\mathcal{C}_{qa}$
- quantum commuting when  $E_{x,x',a,x'} \otimes F_{y,y',b,b'}$  is replaced by  $E_{x,x',a,x'}F_{y,y',b,b'}$ . Notation:  $Q_{qc}$

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{loc}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{q}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qa}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qc}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{ns}}$$

# The universal C\*-algebra of a family of PVM's

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the universal TRO of an isometry  $V=(v_{a,x})_{a,x}$   $(x \in X, a \in A)$ .  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{C}_{X,A}=\overline{\operatorname{span}(\mathcal{V}^*\mathcal{V})}$ .

Generators:  $e_{x,x',a,a'} = v_{a,x}^* v_{a',x'}$ ;  $E = (e_{x,x',a,a'})$  is a universal stoch. op. matrix

<u>Universal property:</u> For every stochastic op. matrix  $(E_{x,x',a,a'})$  on H there exists a (unique) \*-representation  $\pi: \mathcal{C}_{X,A} \to \mathcal{B}(H)$  with

$$\pi(e_{x,x',a,a'})=E_{x,x',a,a'},\quad x,x'\in X, a,a'\in A.$$

<u>Key</u>: The map Φ :  $ε_{a,a'} \to E_{x,x',a,a'}$ ,  $M_A \to M_X \otimes \mathcal{B}(H)$  is unital and cp  $\leadsto$  an application of Stinespring's Theorem A functional s :  $C_{X,A} \otimes C_{Y,B} \to \mathbb{C}$  induces

$$\Gamma_s(\epsilon_{x,x'}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y'})=\sum_{a,a',b,b'}s(e_{x,x',a,a'}\otimes f_{y,y',b,b'})\epsilon_{a,a'}\otimes\epsilon_{b,b'}.$$

### Description in terms of states (T-Turowska, 2020)

- $Q_{qc} = \{ \Gamma_s : s \text{ a state on } C_{X,A} \otimes_{\max} C_{Y,B} \};$
- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{qa}} = \{ \Gamma_s : s \text{ a state on } \mathcal{C}_{X,A} \otimes_{\min} \mathcal{C}_{Y,B} \};$
- $\bullet \ \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{ns}} = \left\{ \Gamma_{s} : s \text{ a state on } \mathcal{T}_{X,A} \otimes_{\mathsf{max}} \mathcal{T}_{Y,B} \right\} \ (\mathcal{T}_{X,A} = \operatorname{sp}\{e_{x,x',a,a'}\} \text{ oper.subsys.of } \mathcal{C}_{X,A}.)$

### Semi-classical cases

Quantum-to-classical correlations: Brannan-Ganesan-Harris, 2020.

Strategies:  $(p(a, b|\varphi))$ , where  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$ ,  $\varphi \in M_{XY}$  state.

$$\rightsquigarrow$$
 POVM's  $(P_a)_{a \in A}$  and  $(Q_b)_{b \in B}$ .

Classical-to-quantum correlations: T-Turowska, 2020.

$$\mathcal{E}: \mathcal{D}_{XY} o M_{AB} \ \leadsto \ \, ext{states} \ \sigma_{x,y}:= \mathcal{E}(\epsilon_{x,x} \otimes \epsilon_{y,y}).$$

No-signalling: 
$$\operatorname{Tr}_{A}\sigma_{x,y}=\operatorname{Tr}_{A}\sigma_{x',y}$$
 and  $\operatorname{Tr}_{B}\sigma_{x,y}=\operatorname{Tr}_{A}\sigma_{x,y'}$ 

Universal algebra:  $\mathcal{B}_{X,A} = M_A *_1 \cdots *_1 M_A (|X| \text{ times})$ 

 $\rightsquigarrow$  similar descriptions in terms of states on  $\mathcal{B}_{X,A} \otimes_{\mathsf{max}} \mathcal{B}_{Y,B}$  etc.

| Classical  | Classical-to-quantum                               | Quantum                                  |
|--|--|--|
| $\mathcal{N}:\mathcal{D}_{XY}	o\mathcal{D}_{AB}$ | $\mathcal{E}:\mathcal{D}_{XY}	o M_{AB}$            | $\Gamma: M_{XY} \to M_{AB}$              |
| $\mathcal{A}_{X,A} = C^*(e_{x,a})$               | $\mathcal{B}_{X,A} = C^*(e_{x,a,a'})$              | $\mathcal{C}_{X,A} = C^*(e_{x,x',a,a'})$ |
| POVM's $(E_{x,a})_{a\in A}$                      | $E_x \in M_A^+$ with $\operatorname{Tr}_A E_x = I$ | $E = (E_{x,x',a,a'})$ stochastic         |

# Synchronicity

A NS correlation p = ((p(a, b|x, y)) is synchronous if Y = X, B = A and $a \neq b \implies p(a, b|x, x) = 0, x \in X.$ 

Operational meaning: Alice and Bob are required to produce identical outputs if their inputs are identical.

Example: The graph colouring game for a graph G on a vertex set X: synchronicity +

$$x \sim y \implies p(a, a|x, y) = 0, \quad a \in A.$$

Note: p synchronous iff

$$\mathcal{N}_p(\epsilon_{x,x}\otimes\epsilon_{x,x})\leq J_A^{\mathrm{cl}}:=\sum_{a\in A}\epsilon_{a,a}\otimes\epsilon_{a,a}.$$

### Description in terms of traces

•  $p \in C_{qc}$  synchronous iff  $\exists$  trace  $\tau : A_{X,A} \to \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $p(a,b|x,y) = \tau(e_{x,a}e_{y,b})$ ;

Paulsen-Severini-Stahlke-T-Winter, 2016

•  $p \in \mathcal{C}_{qa}$  synchronous iff  $\exists$  amenable trace  $\tau : \mathcal{A}_{X,A} \to \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $p(a,b|x,v) = \tau(e_{x,a}e_{y,b})$ .

Kim-Paulsen-Schafhauser, 2018

# Concurrency

**I.** A classical-to-quantum  $\mathcal{E}:\mathcal{D}_{XX}\to M_{AA}$  concurrent if

$$\mathcal{E}(\epsilon_{\mathsf{X},\mathsf{X}}\otimes\epsilon_{\mathsf{X},\mathsf{X}}) = J_{\mathsf{A}} := rac{1}{|\mathsf{A}|} \sum_{\mathsf{a},\mathsf{b}} \epsilon_{\mathsf{a},\mathsf{b}} \otimes \epsilon_{\mathsf{a},\mathsf{b}}, \quad \mathsf{x}\in \mathsf{X}.$$
 $J_{\mathsf{A}: \ \mathsf{the \ maximally \ entangled \ state \ in \ } M_{\mathsf{A}\mathsf{A}}}$ 

### Description in terms of traces (Brannan-Harris-T-Turowska, 2021)

•  $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{CQ}_{qc}$  concurrent iff  $\exists$  trace  $\tau : \mathcal{B}_{X,A} \to \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{E}(\epsilon_{x,x}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y})=[\tau(e_{x,a,a'}e_{y,b',b})]_{a,a',b,b'};$$

- $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{CQ}_{qa}$  concurrent iff  $\exists$  amenable trace  $\tau : \mathcal{B}_{X,A} \to \mathbb{C}$  with this property.
- II. A quantum  $\Gamma: M_{XX} \to M_{AA}$  concurrent if  $\Gamma(J_X) = J_A$ .

### Description in terms of traces (ditto, Bochniak-Kasprzak-Sołtan, 2021)

•  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qc}}$  concurrent  $\Rightarrow \exists$  trace  $\tau : \mathcal{C}_{X,A} \to \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$\Gamma(\epsilon_{x,x'}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y'})=[\tau(e_{x,x',a,a'}e_{y,y',b',b})]_{a,a',b,b'};$$

•  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qa}}$  concurrent iff  $\tau$  can be chosen amenable.

# Concurrency

### Ingredients:

- $\Gamma = \Gamma_s$  for a state  $s : \mathcal{C}_{X,A} \otimes_{\mathsf{max}} \mathcal{C}_{X,A} \to \mathbb{C}$ ;
- $\Gamma$  concurrent:  $\sum_{x,y} s(e_{x,y,a,b} \otimes f_{x,y,a,b}) = \frac{|X|}{|A|}$ ,  $a,b \in A$ .
- $\leadsto s(u(e_{x,y,a,b} \otimes 1 1 \otimes f_{y,x,b,a})) = 0 \ \forall u;$
- $\bullet \leadsto s(ze_{x,y,a,b} \otimes 1) = s(z \otimes f_{y,x,b,a}) = s(e_{x,y,a,b}z \otimes 1);$
- $\leadsto z \to s(z \otimes 1)$  a trace.

### Conversely: Assume X = A.

Brown algebra: C\*-alg.  $\mathcal{B}_X$  generated by the entries of a unitary  $(u_{a,x})_{a,x}$ .

$$\rightsquigarrow p_{x,x',a,a'} = u_{a,x}^* u_{a',x'} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{C}_X := C^*(p_{x,x',a,a'})$$

### Description in terms of traces (ditto)

•  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{qc}}$  concurrent iff  $\exists$  trace  $\tau : \mathcal{C}_X \to \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$\Gamma(\epsilon_{x,x'}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y'})=[\tau(p_{x,x',a,a'}p_{y,y',b',b})]_{a,a',b,b'}.$$

 $\bullet \ \ \Gamma \in \mathcal{Q}_q \ \ \text{concurrent iff} \ \ \tau \ \ \text{factors through a fin. dim. rep.} \qquad \qquad _{\text{Open for the class } \mathcal{Q}_{qa}}.$ 

### Key steps:

- $\bullet \quad \text{If } \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{X,A} \text{ generated by } \sum_{x \in X} e_{y,x,b,a} e_{x,y,a,b} e_{y,y,b,b}, \ y,a,b \in X, \text{ then } \mathcal{C}_{X,A}/\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{C}_{X}.$
- In the converse direction, the fact that  $\Gamma$  is a channel forces  $\Gamma(J_X) = J_X$ .

# Rule functions of quantum non-local games

Recall: The rule function of a classical game  $\lambda : X \times Y \times A \times B \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ .

Equivalently:  $\varphi_{\lambda}: \operatorname{Proj}(\mathcal{D}_{XY}) \to \operatorname{Proj}(\mathcal{D}_{AB})$  given by

$$\varphi_{\lambda}(\sum_{(x,y)\in\kappa}\epsilon_{x,x}\otimes\epsilon_{y,y})=\sum\{\epsilon_{a,a}\otimes\epsilon_{b,b}:\lambda(x,y,a,b)=1\text{ for some }(x,y)\in\kappa\}.$$

 $\rightsquigarrow$  The rules  $\lambda$  can be identified with  $\vee$ -preserving 0-preserving maps

$$\varphi: \operatorname{Proj}(\mathcal{D}_{XY}) \to \operatorname{Proj}(\mathcal{D}_{AB}).$$

Note: Work of Erdos, 1984, preceded by Loginov-Shulman, 1973, on reflexivity.

### Proposed definition, T-Turowska, 2020

The rule function of a quantum non-local game is a V-preserving

0-preserving map  $\varphi: \operatorname{Proj}(M_{XY}) \to \operatorname{Proj}(M_{AB}).$ 

A perfect strategy for  $\varphi$  is a QNS correlation  $\Gamma: M_{XY} \to M_{AB}$  s.t.

$$\langle \Gamma(P), \varphi(P)^{\perp} \rangle = 0.$$

Note: Quantum XOR games fit into this framework, as do some rank one quantum games (Crann-Levene-Turowska-Winter).

# Quantum orthogonal rank

Recall: The graph colouring game for a graph G with vertex set X: Y = X, A = B,

- $\bullet \ \ x \sim y \ \Rightarrow \ a \neq b.$

p is a perfect strategy for the colouring game iff

$$x \sim y \Longrightarrow \langle \mathcal{N}_p(\epsilon_{x,x} \otimes \epsilon_{y,y}), J_A \rangle = 0.$$

Quantise: Using classical-to-quantum correlations

 $\rightsquigarrow$  no-signalling assignment  $(x, y) \rightarrow \sigma_{x,y}$  s.t.

$$x \sim y \Longrightarrow \langle \sigma_{x,y}, J_A \rangle = 0$$
,  $x, y$  vertices of  $G$ .

Aim: Choose smallest A for which this is possible with an element of a specific class  $\{loc, q, qc\} \rightsquigarrow \xi_{loc}(G), \xi_{q}(G), \xi_{qc}(G)$ 

Note: A quantum rule  $\varphi : \operatorname{Proj}(M_{XY}) \to \operatorname{Proj}(M_{AB})$  gives rise to a an ideal  $\mathcal{J}_{\varphi} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{X,A}$ 

 $\rightsquigarrow$  C\*-algebra  $C^*(\varphi)$  of the quantum game  $\varphi \rightsquigarrow \xi_{C^*}(G)$ ,  $\xi_{alg}(G)$ .

# Quantum orthogonal rank

### Theorem (T-Turowska, 2020)

 $\xi_{\mathrm{loc}}(G)$  coincides with the orthogonal rank  $\xi(G)$  of G.

$$\xi(G)$$
: the smallest  $k$  s.t.  $\exists$  unit vectors  $\xi_X \in \mathbb{C}^k$ ,  $x \in X$ , with  $x \sim y \Rightarrow \langle \xi_X, \xi_y \rangle = 0$ .

<u>Key:</u> Observe that the tracial local strategies are convex comb. of  $\Phi \otimes \Phi^{\sharp}$ . Use the monotonicity of the trace to reduce the colouring to one of the form  $\sigma_X \otimes \sigma_X^{\mathbf{t}}$ . Use the diagonal form of  $\sigma_X$  and monotonicity to get the vectors  $\xi_X$ .

### Theorem (T-Turowska, 2020, Brannan-Harris-T-Turowska, 2021)

$$\xi_{\mathrm{q}}(\mathsf{G}) \geq \sqrt{\frac{|\mathsf{X}|}{\theta(\mathsf{G})}}$$
, and  $\xi_{\mathrm{q}}(\mathsf{K}_{d^2}) = \xi_{\mathrm{C}^*}(\mathsf{K}_{d^2}) = d$ .

 $\theta(\mathit{G})$ : Lovász number of  $\mathit{G}$ ;  $\mathit{K}_m$ : the complete graph on  $\mathit{m}$  vertices.

### Key:

- Superdense coding: unitaries  $U_{a,a'} \in M_A$  with  $\operatorname{Tr}(U_{a,a'}U_{b,b'}^*) = \delta_{(a,a'),(b,b')}$ .
- $lack A=\mathbb{Z}_d=\{0,1,\ldots,d-1\}$ , X=A imes A,  $\zeta$  a primitive d-th root of unity.
- For  $\mathbf{x} = (a',b')$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (a'',b'') \in X$ , let  $\xi_{x,y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \zeta^{b''} (a'''-a') \sum_{l=0}^{d-1} \zeta^{(b''-b')l} e_l \otimes e_{l-a'+a''}$  and  $\sigma_{x,y} = \xi_{x,y} \xi_{x,v}^*$ .
- $\bullet \quad E_{x,z,z'} = \zeta^{(z'-z)b'} \epsilon_{z-a',z'-a'} \in M_d.$

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