



## Computational studies of entanglement and quantum contextuality properties towards their formal verification

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#### Studies of quantum entanglement and contextuality

Problematic:

Lack of specification and verification in current quantum computing

Intermediary objective:

Understanding key properties to be specified

PhD Objectives:

- Entanglement detection
- Algorithm specification with entanglement
- Contextuality detection
  - Contextual experiment generation

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#### Overview



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- Quantum computing
- Classical verification

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- Entanglement evaluation
- Grover's algorithm
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- Symplectic space
- A linear problem
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Qubit transformation: the unitary

$$|\varphi\rangle - M - |\varphi'\rangle$$

*M* unitary: 
$$M\overline{M}^{\top} = I$$

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$$\left|\varphi'\right\rangle = [\![M]\!] \left|\varphi\right\rangle$$



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$$\left|\varphi'\right\rangle = \left[\!\left[M\right]\!\right]\left|\varphi\right\rangle$$

$$|\varphi\rangle - M_1 - M_2 - |\varphi'\rangle$$
$$|\varphi'\rangle = M_2 M_1 |\varphi\rangle$$



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#### Qubit transformation: the measure







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$$|\varphi_1\rangle = \alpha_1 |0\rangle + \beta_1 |1\rangle, \qquad |\varphi_2\rangle = \alpha_2 |0\rangle + \beta_2 |1\rangle$$

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$$\begin{split} |\varphi_1\rangle \otimes |\varphi_2\rangle &= \left(\alpha_1 \left| \mathbf{0} \right\rangle + \beta_1 \left| \mathbf{1} \right\rangle\right) \otimes \left(\alpha_2 \left| \mathbf{0} \right\rangle + \beta_2 \left| \mathbf{1} \right\rangle\right) \\ &= \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \left| \mathbf{0} \mathbf{0} \right\rangle + \alpha_1 \beta_2 \left| \mathbf{0} \mathbf{1} \right\rangle + \beta_1 \alpha_2 \left| \mathbf{1} \mathbf{0} \right\rangle + \beta_1 \beta_2 \left| \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1} \right\rangle \end{split}$$

A state on n qubits is a vector of  $2^n$  entries!

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#### Bell inequalities (CHSH actually)

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				A'B - A'B'	$ \Phi^{-}\rangle = \frac{ 01\rangle -  10\rangle}{}$
-1	-1	-1	-1	2	$\sqrt{2}$
-1	-1	-1	1	2	
-1	-1	1	-1	2	$A = X,$ $A' = Z,$ $B = -\frac{Z+X}{G},$ $B' = \frac{Z-X}{G}$
-1	-1	1	1	-2	$\sqrt{2}$
-1	1	-1	-1	-2	
-1	1	-1	1	-2	$(AP) = (\Phi^{-}   Y \otimes Z + X   \Phi^{-})$
-1	1	1	-1	2	$\langle AB \rangle_{\Phi^{-}} = \langle \Psi   -X \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}   \Psi \rangle$
-1	1	1	1	-2	$=-rac{1}{2}\left\langle \Phi^{-} ight \left(\left 1 ight angle \otimes\left(\left 0 ight angle -\left 1 ight angle  ight) ight)-$
1	-1	-1	-1	-2	$ 0 angle\otimes( 0 angle+ 1 angle))$
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1	1	-1	-1	-2	similarly $\langle AB' \rangle_{\Phi^-} = \langle A'B \rangle_{\Phi^-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and
1	1	-1	1	2	$\langle A'B'\rangle$ , $=-\frac{1}{2}$
1	1	1	-1	2	$\sqrt{2}$
1	1	1	1	2	
				1	$\langle AB \rangle_{\Phi^-} + \langle AB' \rangle_{\Phi^-} + \langle A'B \rangle_{\Phi^-} - \langle A'B' \rangle_{\Phi^-} = 2\sqrt{2} > 2$
$\langle AB \rangle$	$+\langle AE$	3')+(	A′ B⟩-	$-\langle A'B' angle \leq 2$	

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$$\left| \Phi^{-} \right\rangle = rac{\left| \mathbf{0} \mathbf{1} 
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 $R_0 = 1 \implies R_1 = -1$ 

 $R_0 = -1 \implies R_1 = 1$ 

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 $|\Phi^{-}\rangle$  is not separable:  $\nexists |\varphi_{1}\rangle, |\varphi_{2}\rangle / |\Phi^{-}\rangle = |\varphi_{1}\rangle \otimes |\varphi_{2}\rangle$  entangled = not separable



#### **Entanglement evaluations**

- entanglement quantification: Geometric Measure of entanglement [WG03], Bell-Mermin inequalities [Mer90, ACG<sup>+</sup>16], Cayley hyperdeterminant [LT03]
- entanglement classification: Secant varieties [HJN16]
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#### Definition (Mermin polynomials)

Let  $a = (a_n)_{n \ge 1}$  and  $a' = (a'_n)_{n \ge 1}$  be two families of observables. The Mermin polynomial  $M_n(a, a')$  is defined by:

$$\begin{cases} M_1(a,a') = a_1 & \text{and} \\ M_n(a,a') = \frac{1}{2}M_{n-1}(a,a') \otimes (a_n + a'_n) + \frac{1}{2}M_{n-1}(a',a) \otimes (a_n - a'_n) & \text{for } n \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

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To detect entanglement of a given state, we instantiate those Mermin polynomials  $M_n$  with specific values of  $a_n$  and  $a'_n$ .

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#### Mermin evaluation and classical limit



• Mermin evaluation:  $f_{M_n} : |\varphi\rangle \mapsto \langle \varphi | M_n | \varphi \rangle$ 

$$\blacktriangleright \ |\varphi\rangle \ {\sf classical} \ \Longrightarrow \ f_{{\sf M}_n}(|\varphi\rangle) \le 1$$

Mermin evaluation is an entanglement witness

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Mermin operator optimization for Grover's algorithm

$$\blacktriangleright |\varphi\rangle$$
 non-local?

Find an  $M_n$  such that  $f_{M_n}(|arphi
angle)>1$ 

$$\begin{split} & \blacktriangleright \ M_n \text{ is a function of } (a_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n} \text{ and } (a'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n} \\ & \forall i, a_i = \alpha X + \beta Y + \delta Z, \quad a'_i = \alpha' X + \beta' Y + \delta' Z \\ & \quad \text{ Find } (\alpha, \beta, \delta, \alpha', \beta', \delta') \text{ such that } f_{M_n}(|\varphi\rangle) > 1 \end{split}$$

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- Search an item  $\mathbf{x}_0$  in an unsorted database  $\Omega$  of  $N = 2^n$  objects
- ▶ Just by applications of the Boolean function  $f : \Omega \to \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f(z) = 1 \Leftrightarrow z = \mathbf{x_0}$
- ▶  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N})$  complexity: quadratic improvement over classical search
- Oracle  $U_f$  defined by  $U_f | x, y \rangle = | x, y \oplus f(x) \rangle$
- Amplitude amplification



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If  $M_n$  is chosen to optimize  $f_{M_n}(|\varphi_{ent}\rangle)$ , then we expect  $f_{M_n}$  to behave like a distance measure from  $|\varphi_{ent}\rangle$ .

Thus we anticipate that:

- $f_{M_n}(|\varphi_k\rangle)$  reaches maximum around  $k_{opt}/2$
- $f_{M_n}(|\varphi_k\rangle)$  grows for k in  $[0, \lfloor k_{opt}/2 \rfloor]$
- ►  $f_{M_n}(|\varphi_k\rangle)$  decreases for k in  $[\lfloor k_{opt}/2 \rfloor + 1, k_{opt}]$

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For 8 qubits, 1 week of computation on personal computer with naive implementation.



ſ	n	4	5	6	7	8
	k <sub>opt</sub>	2	3	5	8	12

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n	9	10	11	12
k <sub>opt</sub>	17	25	36	50

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This was in fact a form of RAC!

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#### **Technical elements**



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An experiment is contextual if no non-contextual classical theory can predict its results.

In quantum physics, a context  $c \in C$  is a sequence of compatible (commuting) observables. The measures  $e_0$  are eigenvalues of observables  $O \in O$  and the product of measures is the eigenvalue of the product of observables:  $\prod_{O \in c} e_O = e_{\prod_{O \in c} O}.$ 

The experiment  $(\mathcal{O}, C)$  is contextual if

$$\exists f: \mathcal{O} \to \{-1,1\} \mid \forall c \in C, \prod_{O \in c} f(O) = e_{\prod_{O \in c} O}.$$

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We are interested by geometries such as the Mermin-Peres square, we explore a space containing them, the binary polar symplectic space.

 $O = s \bigotimes_k O_k \in \mathcal{P}_n$  with  $O_k \in \{I, X, Y, Z\}$  and  $s \in \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$ We build the bijection  $\pi_n : \mathcal{P}_n / \{\pm I, \pm iI\} \to (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{2n}$ 

> $\pi_1(I) = (0,0)$  $\pi_1(X) = (0,1)$  $\pi_1(Y) = (1,1)$  $\pi_1(Z) = (1,0)$

 $\pi_n(O_1\otimes O_2) = \mathtt{cat}(\pi_{n_1}(O_1),\pi_{n_2}(O_2)), \quad n_1+n_2=n$ 

Example:  $\pi_3(X \otimes Y \otimes I) = (0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0)$ 



We have a representation of the *operators* (without their phase), of their *product* (the sum of points), but we lost the *commutation relation*. To recover it, let us check the condition on the coefficients.

$$\pi_{1}(O) = (z, x), \quad O = sZ^{z}X^{x}, s \in \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$

$$OO' = O'O$$

$$ss'(Z^{z}X^{x})(Z^{z'}X^{x'}) = s's(Z^{z'}X^{x'})(Z^{z}X^{x})$$

$$(Z^{z}X^{x})(Z^{z'}X^{x'}) - (Z^{z'}X^{x'})(Z^{z}X^{x}) = 0$$

$$(-1)^{xz'}Z^{z}Z^{z'}X^{x}X^{x'} - (-1)^{x'z}Z^{z'}Z^{z}X^{x'}X^{x} = 0$$

$$((-1)^{xz'} - (-1)^{x'z})Z^{z+z'}X^{x+x'} = 0$$

$$((-1)^{xz'} - (-1)^{x'z}) = 0$$

$$xz' = x'z$$

For 
$$\pi_n(O) = (o_1, \dots, o_{2n}),$$
  
 $\langle O | O' \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n o_{2i-1} o'_{2i} + o_{2i} o'_{2i-1}$ 

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The space with all possible points and the isotropic subspaces: W(2n-1,2) (shorthanded  $W_n$ ). Example for n = 2, the Doily:



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*Isotropic subspace* of  $W_n$ : maximal set of points P such that  $\forall p_1, p_2 \in P, \langle p_1 | p_2 \rangle = 0.$ 

The *lines* of  $W_n$  are isotropic subspaces of three elements.

The hyperplanes are isotropic subspaces of  $W_n$  such that a line of  $W_n$  is either entirely in the subspace or intersecting the subspace in a single point.

A hyperplane is either a *perpset* or a *quadric*.

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A perpset  $P_r$  is a set of points that do commute with a single point r:



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The standard quadratic form  $Q_0(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{2i-1}x_{2i}$  let us define a *quadratic* form for each point p of  $W_n$ :  $Q_p(x) = Q_0(x) + \langle x | p \rangle$ .

The quadric  $Q_p$  is the set of points annihilating the quadratic form  $Q_p$ .

A quadric (resp. quadratic form)  $Q_p$  (resp.  $Q_p$ ) is said to be *hyperbolic* if  $Q_0(p) = 0$ , and *elliptic* otherwise.

Note that  $Q_0$  is counted in the hyperbolic quadrics.

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No line! ... only for  $W_2$ 

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Recall, the experiment G = (O, C) is contextual when

$$\nexists f: \mathcal{O} \to \{-1,1\} / \forall c \in C, \prod_{O \in c} f(O) = e_{\prod_{O \in c} O}.$$

$$(\{-1,1\},\times) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z},+)$$

Let A = Inc(G), e the evaluation vector such that its  $c^{th}$  entry  $e_c$  corresponds to context  $c \in C$  and  $(-1)^{e_c} I = \prod_{O \in c} O$ :

$$\nexists x / Ax = e$$

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N(15)

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n = 3

C(1)

C(36)

C(28)

N(63)

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*n* = 4

C(1)

C(136)

C(120)

N(255)

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*n* = 5

C(1)

C(528)

C(496)

N(1023)

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Geometries

Whole space

Hyperbolics

Elliptics

Perpsets



*n*: Number of qubits of the system

C: Contextual

(k): There are k instances in this family

N/A: Not applicable

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- Preamble work on incidence structures (work lead by Jessy Colonval, UFC),
- many more geometries explored (with Metod Saniga, Astronomical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences)

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#### Journal articles

- ▶ QIP'20
- Mathematics'21
- Conference paper
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  - QPL'21

#### Presentations

- ▶ JDD'19
- GT-IQ'19
- R&Days'21
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#### Website

quantcert.github.io

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#### **New horizons**



- Using these notions in formalization frameworks
  - Mermin polynomials (started in QWIRE, Coq)
  - Contextuality (started in Why3, Qbricks ?)
- More geometries to explore!
  - Cayley hexagons
  - Quadratic W<sub>4</sub> doilies
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#### Thank you for your attention

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