

# Analysis of Nonlocal Games, Strategies, and Near-Optimal Bell Inequality Violations

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# Introduction

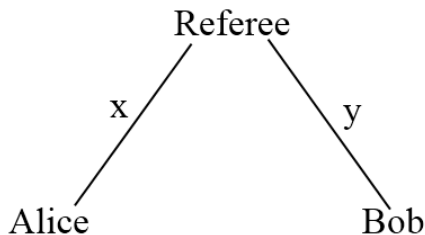
- What is covered:
  - A summary of non-local games.
  - An analysis of the paper “Near-Optimal and Explicit Bell Inequality Violations” [1].
    - Hidden Matching Game [2]
    - Khot-Vishnoi Game [3]
- Goals and Motivations:
  - Present basic notion of nonlocal games (with examples).
  - Show classical and quantum protocols for Hidden Matching and Non-Local Hidden Matching games.
  - Present bounds for Hidden Matching and Khot-Vishnoi games.
  - Consider the violation achieved by the classical and quantum values for the Khot-Vishnoi game.

# Outline

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# Nonlocal Games: Basic Premise

- Comprised of two or more players.
- Referee sends  $(x,y)$  from joint probability distribution  $\pi$ .
- Alice and Bob respond to these questions with some  $a \in A$  and some  $b \in B$ .
- Some predicate  $V$  specified winning criteria.



Basic non-local game setup.

# Nonlocal Games: Components

- Classical Strategy
  - Deterministic functions  $A(x), B(y)$ .
- Classical Value
  - $\omega(G)$  : Maximum winning probability over all classical strategies.
- Quantum Strategy
  - $\{A_x^a\}\{B_y^b\}$ : Perform measurement on their part of the system yielding outcome  $a$  or  $b$ .
- Quantum Value
  - $\omega^*(G)$ : Supremum of expected winning probability taken over all quantum strategies.

# Classical Versus Quantum Nonlocal Games

## Classical Nonlocal Games

- $\omega(G)$
- $A(x), B(y)$  (Deterministic)
- No entanglement

## Quantum Nonlocal Games

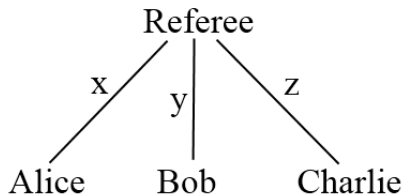
- $\omega^*(G)$
- $\{A_x^a\}, \{B_y^b\}$
- Entanglement

# Bell Inequalities

- A Bell inequality is an upper bound on  $\omega(G)$ .
- A violation of a Bell inequality is whenever  $\omega^*(G) > \omega(G)$ .
- Quantified by the ratio  $\frac{\omega^*(G)}{\omega(G)}$ .
- CHSH game achieves a ratio of  $\approx \frac{0.85}{0.75}$ 
  - Hence, the quantum strategy outperforms the classical one.

# GHZ Game

- Related to the GHZ state (entangled state consisting of three sub-systems).
- Referee selects a 3-bit string  $xyz \in \{000, 011, 101, 110\}$
- Predicate :
  - Win:  $a \oplus b \oplus c = x \vee y \vee z$
  - Lose: otherwise





# GHZ Game: Classical Strategy

- Maximum classical probability:
  - Consider a deterministic strategy for functions  $a_x, b_y$  and  $c_z$ .
  - Example:  $a_0 = 1$  means Alice answers question 0 with 1.
- Winning Conditions:
  - $a_0 \oplus b_0 \oplus c_0 = 0$
  - $a_0 \oplus b_1 \oplus c_1 = 1$
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- Classical value:
  - $\omega(G) = \frac{3}{4}$

## GHZ Game: Probabilistic Strategy

- Can we do any better by adopting a probabilistic strategy?
  - No, because the probability that a probabilistic strategy wins is just an average of the probabilities that some collection of deterministic strategies win. (average of set of numbers  $\neq$  initial set of numbers)
- Classically, we are stuck with  $\omega(G) = \frac{3}{4}$ .

# GHZ Game: Quantum Strategy

- Players share some entangled state  $|\psi\rangle$ .
  - $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|000\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|011\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|101\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|110\rangle$ .
- Quantum Strategy:
  - If question to player  $q = 0$ .
    - Player performs Hadamard transform to their qubit.
  - If question to player  $q = 1$ .
    - Player performs Identity operator to their qubit.
  - Player measures qubit in standard basis and returns answer to referee.

## GHZ Game: Quantum Strategy (2)

- Outcome cases for strategy:
  - Case 1 -  $xyz = 000$ :
    - Players measure qubits. Obviously results satisfy condition  $a \oplus b \oplus c = 0$ .
  - Case 2 -  $xyz \in \{011, 101, 110\}$ :
    - All possibilities will work the same via symmetry.
  - For case 2, consider scenario  $xyz = 011$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|01\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|10\rangle \right) \\
 (I \otimes H \otimes H)|\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle|\psi^+\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle|\phi^-\rangle \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2}(|001\rangle + |010\rangle - |100\rangle + |111\rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

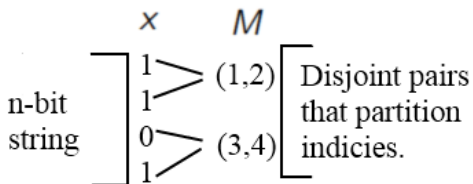
- Hence, when measurement occurs, results always satisfy  $a \oplus b \oplus c = 1$ . Thus the quantum strategy wins every time.

# Hidden Matching Game

- Variant of Hidden Matching derived from communication complexity.
- Players have  $n$  outputs and entanglement dimension  $n$ .
- Violation of order  $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log n}$  is achieved.
  - This violation is the same as previously achieved in [4], but in [1] is presented in explicit form.

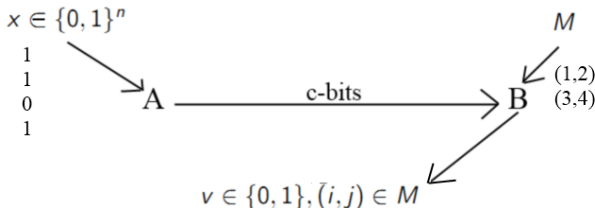
# Hidden Matching Game: Inputs

- Consider the inputs for Alice and Bob:
  - Alice receives some  $n$ -bit binary string  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$
  - Based on the input  $x$ , Bob receives a set of disjoint pairs,  $M$ , that partitions the set  $x$ .
  - Alice does not know  $M$ , and likewise Bob does not know  $x$ .



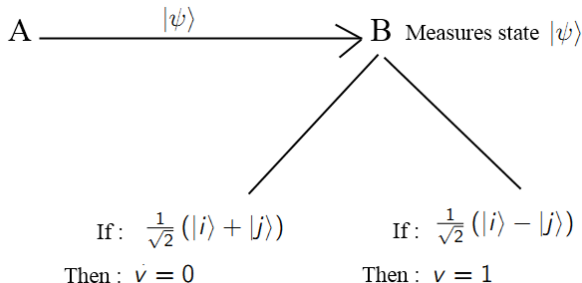
# The Hidden Matching Game: Setup

- One-way communication between Alice and Bob, (Alice transmits  $c$ -bits to Bob).
- Bob outputs some bit  $v \in \{0, 1\}$ , and some pair  $(i, j) \in M$ .
- Winning condition:  $v = x_i \oplus x_j$ .
- Example:
  - If Bob outputs  $(1, 2)$ , they win  $\iff v = 1$ .
  - If Bob outputs  $(3, 4)$ , they win  $\iff v = 0$ .
- Classical winning probability:  $\frac{1}{2} + O(\frac{c}{\sqrt{n}})$



# The Hidden Matching Game: Quantum Protocol

- $\exists$  protocol for HM with  $\log n$  qubits of one-way communication that wins all the time.
- Protocol:
  - Alice and Bob share state  $|\psi\rangle$ .
  - Bob receives  $|\psi\rangle$  and performs a measurement in  $n$ -element basis.





## The Hidden Matching Game: Quantum Protocol (2)

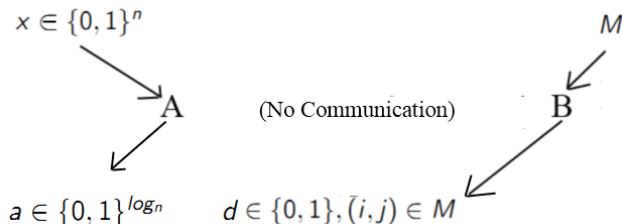
- $\forall (i, j) \in M$ , probability of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|i\rangle + |j\rangle) = \frac{2}{n}$  if  $x_i \oplus x_j = 0$ .
- $\forall (i, j) \in M$ , probability of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|i\rangle - |j\rangle) = \frac{2}{n}$  if  $x_i \oplus x_j = 1$ .
- Otherwise 0.
- Hence, Bob's output is always correct.

# The Hidden Matching Non-Local Game

- Similar to communication complexity version except:
  - Players are space-like separated; no communication between parties takes place.
  - Alice now outputs a  $\log n$  bit string  $a \in \{0, 1\}^{\log n}$ .
- Winning condition:  $(a \cdot (i \oplus j)) \oplus d = x_i \oplus x_j$ .
  - Inner product between two  $\log n$ -bit strings  $\oplus$  bit  $d$  yields a bit.

## The Hidden Matching Non-Local Game (2)

- Winning probability 1 with  $n$ -dimensional entanglement.
- Classical bound  $\frac{1}{2} + O\left(\frac{\log(n)}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$

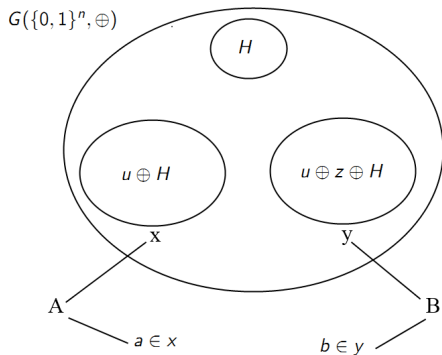


# The Hidden Matching Non-Local Game: Classical Bounds

- Classical bound obtained from the Non-Local game follows from classical bound obtained from original communication complexity HM game.
- Why?
  - Non-local strategy can be reduced to a communication strategy to win the communication game.
  - If players can win the non-local game with some probability  $p$ , Alice can send the  $\log n$ -bit string to Bob.
  - Bob now possesses all the necessary information to compute  $v$ .
  - Therefore Bob can win.

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Setup

- Consider some group  $G$  consisting of all  $n$ -bit strings and bit-wise addition modulo-two.
- Also consider some subgroup of  $G$ ,  $H$ , consisting of all  $n$  Hadamard codewords.
  - This can be thought of as the rows of an  $n \times n$  Hadamard matrix translated from  $+/-1$  basis to the  $0,1$  basis.



## Khot-Vishnoi Game: Setup (2)

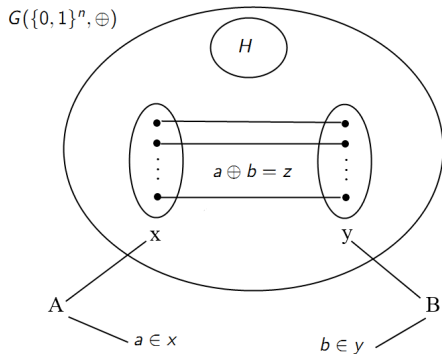
- Players are provided strings unknown to them:
  - $u \in \{0, 1\}^n$  (Uniformly random string.)
  - $z \in_{\eta} \{0, 1\}^n$  ( $\eta$ -random string;  $\eta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ )

We also have two cosets of  $H$ ;  $x$  and  $y$ . These labels of  $x$  and  $y$  are then given to the players, with  $u$  and  $z$  remaining unknown to them.

- Coset  $x$ :  $u \oplus H$
  - Coset  $y$ :  $u \oplus z \oplus H$
- Output:  $A \rightarrow a \in x$  and  $B \rightarrow b \in y$
- Winning condition:  $a \oplus b = z$

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Bijection

- Condition  $a \oplus b = z$  presents some bijection between cosets  $x$  and  $y$ .



## Khot-Vishnoi Game: Bijection (2)

- If we consider a quantum strategy:
  - Entanglement can be exploited to take advantage of bijection.
- If we consider a classical strategy:
  - Finding corresponding element in coset  $B$  from  $A$  will require us to, at best, output one element at random.
  - This provides probability of  $\frac{1}{n}$  for classical players.



# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Classical Value

Theorem: Every classical strategy  $\leq 1/n^{\eta/(1-\eta)}$

- Consider deterministic functions  $A, B : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ 
  - $A(u) = 1 \iff$  Alice's output on coset  $u \oplus H = u$
  - $B(u) = 1 \iff$  Bob's output on coset  $u \oplus z \oplus H = u$
- $\mathbb{E}_u[A(u)] = \frac{1}{n}$  (Alice chooses one element per coset).

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Winning Conditions

- Players win  $\iff \forall u, z:$ 
  - $\gamma = \sum_{h \in H} A(u \oplus h) B(u \oplus z \oplus h)$
- $\gamma = 1 \iff$  players win on input pair  $(u \oplus H, u \oplus, z \oplus H)$
- $\gamma = 0$  otherwise.

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Winning Probability

- Winning probability is:

- $$\mathbb{E}_{u,z} \left[ \sum_{h \in H} A(u \oplus h) B(u \oplus z \oplus h) \right]$$

- Using linearity of expectation, we can move the sum outside.

- $$\sum_{h \in H} \mathbb{E}_{u,z} [A(u \oplus h) B(u \oplus z \oplus h)]$$

- Since we shift  $u$  and  $u \oplus z$  by the same  $h$ :

- $$n \mathbb{E}_{u,z} [A(u) B(u \oplus z)]$$

## Khot-Vishnoi Game: Achieving our Bound

- We can bound the expectation by (proposed in paper):
  - $\mathbb{E}_{u,z} [A(u) \oplus B(u \oplus z)] \leq 1/n^{1/(1-\eta)}$
- The above inequality is proved via hypercontractivity.
- All we need to satisfy our theorem is to notice that:
  - $n \cdot 1/n^{1/(1-\eta)} = 1/n^{\eta/(1-\eta)}$
- Thus we achieve our bound and find the classical value:

$$\omega(KV) = 1/n^{\eta/(1-\eta)} \approx \frac{1}{n}$$

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Quantum Value

We now consider the probability for a quantum strategy:

- Assume  $\exists$  a quantum strategy that wins with probability at least  $(1 - 2\eta)^2 \forall n$  and  $\eta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Defining Vectors

- In order to find this corresponding strategy, we need to define some vectors;  $|v^a\rangle$  and  $|v^b\rangle$  with  $a, b \in \{0, 1\}^n$ :

$$|v^a\rangle = \left( \frac{(-1)^{a_i}}{\sqrt{n}} \right), \quad |v^b\rangle = \left( \frac{(-1)^{b_i}}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Defining Vectors

- These vectors possess specific properties that we shall use in the analysis of our bound:
  - Inner product of  $v^a$  and  $v^b$  is equal to one minus twice the Hamming distance between  $a$  and  $b$  over  $n$ .

$$\forall a, b \langle v^a, v^b \rangle = 1 - 2d(a, b)/n$$

- Following vectors form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\{v^a | a \in x\}, \{v^b | b \in y\}$$

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Quantum Strategy

- Our quantum strategy is as follows:
  - 1 Players start with some maximally entangled state  $|\psi\rangle$
  - 2 Players perform projective measurements:
    - Alice: On input  $x$ , performs a projective measurement  $\{v^a | a \in x\}$
    - Bob: On input  $y$ , performs a projective measurement  $\{v^b | b \in y\}$
  - 3 Players output result from measurement;  $a$  and  $b$ .



# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Obtaining Quantum Value

- The probability to obtain  $a, b$  is  $\frac{\langle v^a, v^b \rangle}{n}$ . This is because we are using the maximally entangled state  $|\psi\rangle$  in our quantum strategy.
- For inputs  $x, y$  the winning probability is:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{a \in x} \langle v^a, v^{a \oplus z} \rangle^2$$

- Using the property that  $\langle v^a, v^b \rangle = 1 - 2d(a, b)/n$ :

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{a \in x} \left( 1 - \frac{2d(a, a \oplus z)}{n} \right)^2$$

## Khot-Vishnoi Game: Obtaining Quantum Value (2)

- Note that,  $d(a, a \oplus z)$  is simply the Hamming weight of  $z$ . So  $d(a, a \oplus z) = |z|$ . Hence:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{a \in X} \left(1 - \frac{2|z|}{n}\right)^2$$

- Winning probability is the expectation over  $z$ :

$$\mathbb{E}_z \left[ \left(1 - \frac{2|z|}{n}\right)^2 \right]$$

- Using convexity, we can take the square out:

$$\mathbb{E}_z \left[ \left(1 - \frac{2|z|}{n}\right)^2 \right] \leq \left[ \mathbb{E}_z \left(1 - \frac{2|z|}{n}\right) \right]^2$$

## Khot-Vishnoi Game: Obtaining Quantum Value (3)

- Since  $z$  is an  $\eta$ -random string, its Hamming weight is  $\eta \cdot n$ . So  $|z| = \eta \cdot n$ :

$$\left[ \mathbb{E}_z \left( 1 - \frac{2\eta \cdot n}{n} \right) \right]^2$$

- Thus we achieve our bound:

$$\omega^*(KV) = (1 - 2\eta)^2 \approx \frac{1}{(\log n)^2}$$

# Khot-Vishnoi Game: Achieved Violation

- Classical Strategy:

$$1/n^{\eta/(1-\eta)} \approx \frac{1}{n}$$




- Quantum Strategy:

$$(1 - 2\eta)^2 \approx \frac{1}{(\log n)^2}$$



- Violation:

$$\frac{\omega^*(KV)}{\omega(KV)} = \Omega\left(\frac{n}{(\log n)^2}\right)$$

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