

# Sets of Marginals and Pearson-Correlation-based CHSH Inequalities for a Two-Qubit System

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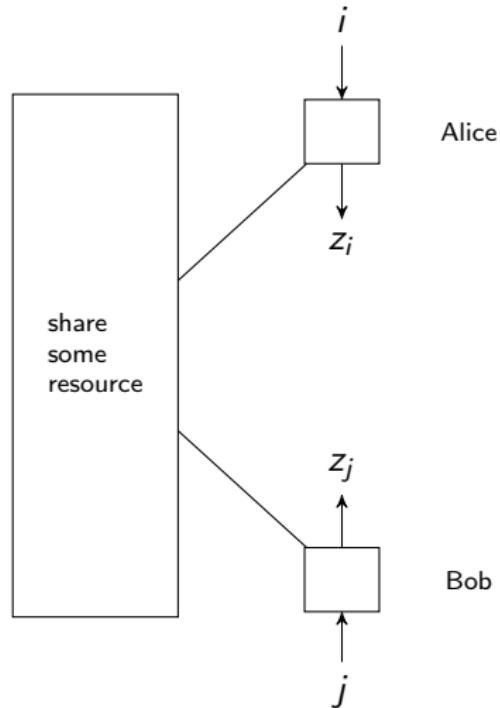
# Overview

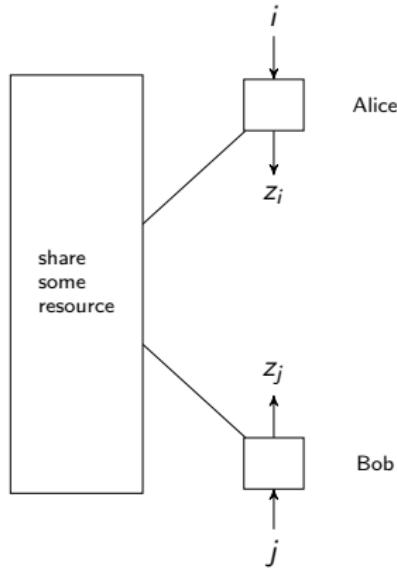
1. Analysis of the **EPR** experiment in terms of normal factor graphs (NFGs) of simple quantum mass functions (SQMFs).
2. A New **CHSH** style inequality.

# The EPR Experiment

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- ▶ Alice and Bob shared resource.
- ▶ The control value on Alice side is  $i \in \{1, 3\}$ .
- ▶ The control value on Bob side is  $j \in \{2, 4\}$ .
- ▶ The measurement outcome on Alice side is  $z_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ .
- ▶ The measurement outcome on Bob side is  $z_j \in \{-1, 1\}$ .





If the shared common resource is **classical**, then the **random variables**  $Z_1, \dots, Z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$  with realizations  $z_1, \dots, z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$  satisfy the **CHSH inequality**:

$$|\mathbb{E}(Z_1 \cdot Z_2) + \mathbb{E}(Z_1 \cdot Z_4) + \mathbb{E}(Z_3 \cdot Z_2) - \mathbb{E}(Z_3 \cdot Z_4)| \leq 2.$$

# The CHSH Inequality

For random variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have

$$|\mathbb{E}(Z_1 \cdot Z_2) + \mathbb{E}(Z_1 \cdot Z_4) + \mathbb{E}(Z_3 \cdot Z_2) - \mathbb{E}(Z_3 \cdot Z_4)| \leq 2.$$

## Proof.

It holds that

$$Z_1 \cdot Z_2 + Z_1 \cdot Z_4 + Z_3 \cdot Z_2 - Z_3 \cdot Z_4 = Z_1 \cdot (Z_2 + Z_4) + Z_3 \cdot (Z_2 - Z_4).$$

1. If  $Z_2 = Z_4$ , we have

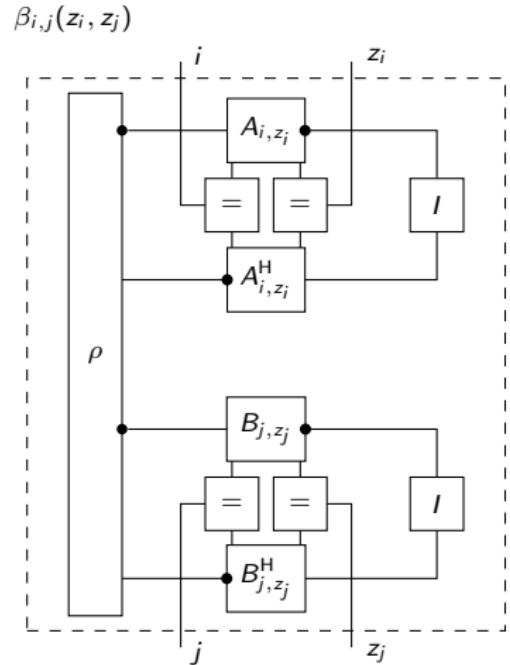
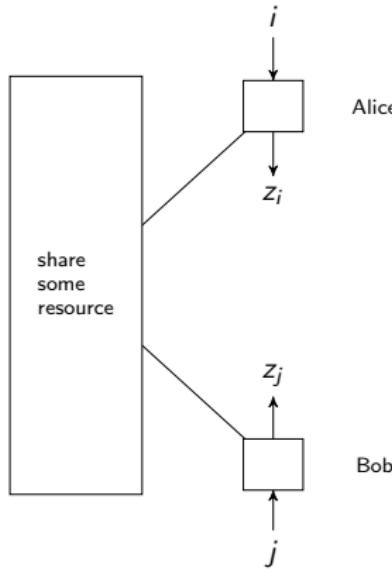
$$Z_1 \cdot (Z_2 + Z_4) = \begin{cases} 2Z_1 & Z_2 = 1 \\ -2Z_1 & Z_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

2. If  $Z_2 \neq Z_4$ , we have

$$Z_3 \cdot (Z_2 - Z_4) = \begin{cases} 2Z_3 & Z_2 = 1 \\ -2Z_3 & Z_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$



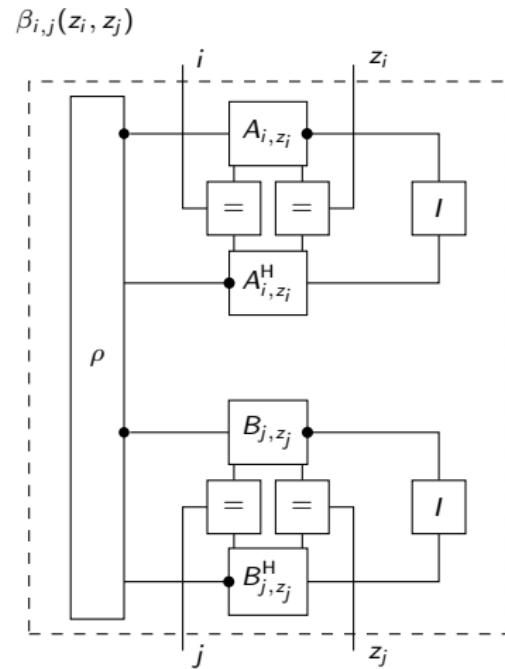
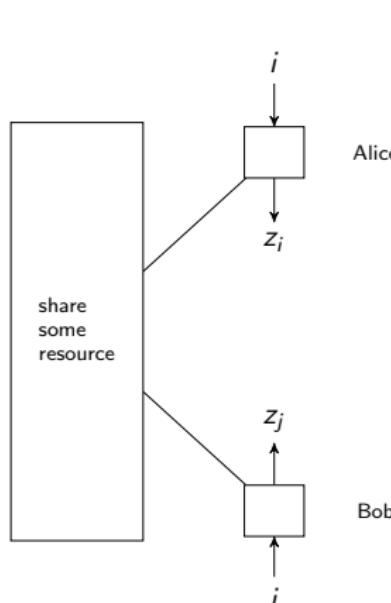
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If the shared common resource is an **entangled quantum system**, then  $Z_1, \dots, Z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$  are **observables**. The average values for the observable  $Z_i \cdot Z_j$  is

$$\langle Z_i \cdot Z_j \rangle = \sum_{z_i, z_j} z_i \cdot z_j \cdot \beta_{i,j}(z_i, z_j), \quad \{i, j\} \in \{\{1, 4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{3, 2\}\}.$$

# The EPR Experiment



There exist  $\rho$ ,  $\{A_{i,z_i}\}_{i,z_i}$ , and  $\{B_{j,z_j}\}_{j,z_j}$  s.t.

$$\langle Z_1 \cdot Z_2 \rangle + \langle Z_1 \cdot Z_4 \rangle + \langle Z_3 \cdot Z_2 \rangle - \langle Z_3 \cdot Z_4 \rangle = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

New CHSH style inequality

## New CHSH style inequality

Whether **other measures of correlations** can be used for devising CHSH inequality.

Consider the case where the **full data are not available**, but only certain specific (not necessarily linear) functions of the joint probabilities are.

For random variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$ , the authors in [Pozsgay et al., 2017] proved that

$$|\text{Cov}(Z_1, Z_2) + \text{Cov}(Z_1, Z_4) + \text{Cov}(Z_3, Z_2) - \text{Cov}(Z_3, Z_4)| \leq \frac{16}{7},$$

where  $\text{Cov}(Z_i, Z_j)$  is the **covariance** of random variables  $Z_i$  and  $Z_j$ .

They also conjectured that

$$|\text{Corr}(Z_1, Z_2) + \text{Corr}(Z_1, Z_4) + \text{Corr}(Z_3, Z_2) - \text{Corr}(Z_3, Z_4)| \leq \frac{5}{2}.$$

# New CHSH style inequality

## Theorem

Suppose that the random variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$  satisfy

$$\text{Var}(Z_1), \dots, \text{Var}(Z_4) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}.$$

The Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC)-based CHSH inequality holds:

$$|\text{Corr}(Z_1, Z_2) + \text{Corr}(Z_1, Z_4) + \text{Corr}(Z_3, Z_2) - \text{Corr}(Z_3, Z_4)| \leq \frac{5}{2}.$$

which resolves a conjecture proposed in [Pozsgay et al., 2017].

## Proof.

See [Huang and Vontobel, 2021].



## Remark

This inequality is a non-linear function w.r.t. the probability of the random variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

# Outline

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# Introduction

# Standard Normal Factor graphs (S-NFGs)

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- ▶ Definition of S-NFGs
- ▶ PMFs induced by an S-NFG

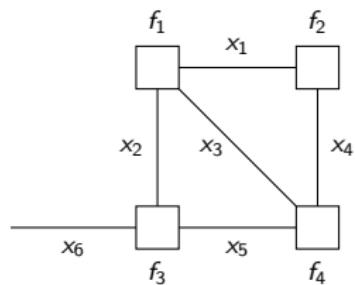
## Introduction of Normal Factor Graphs (NFGs)

# Introduction of NFGs

- ▶ NFG are used to represent **factorizations of multivariate functions**.
- ▶ Many inference problems can be formulated as **computing the marginals of some multivariate functions**.
- ▶ The word “normal” refers to the fact that variables are arguments of only one or two local functions.

## Example

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_4) \triangleq f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) \cdot f_2(x_1, x_4) \\ \cdot f_3(x_2, x_5, x_6) \cdot f_4(x_3, x_4, x_5)$$



Consider a factor graph.

- ▶ A half edge: an edge incident on **one** function node
- ▶ A full edge: an edge incident on **two** function nodes.

## **Definition of S-NFGs**

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## Definition

The S-NFG  $N(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{X})$  consists of:

1. **the graph**  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E})$  with vertex set  $\mathcal{F}$  and edge set  $\mathcal{E}$ , where
  - ▶  $\mathcal{E}$  consists of all full edges and half edges in  $N$ ,
  - ▶  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of function nodes;
2. **the alphabet**  $\mathcal{X} := \prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \mathcal{X}_e$ , where  $\mathcal{X}_e$  is the alphabet associated with edge  $e \in \mathcal{E}$ .

An  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  will denote a function node and the corresponding local function.

# Definition of S-NFGs

## Definition

Let  $\langle \mathcal{R}, +, \cdot \rangle$  be a **ring**. Given  $N(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{X})$ , we make the following definitions.

1. The **local function**  $f$  associated with function node  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  denotes an arbitrary mapping

$$f : \prod_{e \in \partial f} \mathcal{X}_e \rightarrow \mathcal{R}.$$

2. The **global function** is defined to be

$$g(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \prod_{f \in \mathcal{F}} f(\mathbf{x}_{\partial f}).$$

3. The **partition function** is defined to be

$$Z(N) \triangleq \sum_{\mathbf{x}} g(\mathbf{x}).$$

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If the ring  $\mathcal{R}$  in the definition of local functions is the set of nonnegative real numbers, i.e.,  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , then we make further definitions.

4. The **probability mass function (PMF)** induced on  $N$  is defined to be the function

$$p(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq g(\mathbf{x})/Z(N).$$

5. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a **subset** of  $\mathcal{E}$  and let  $\mathcal{I}^c \triangleq \mathcal{E} \setminus \mathcal{I}$  be its complement. The **marginal**  $p_{\mathcal{I}}$  is defined to be

$$p_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}) \triangleq \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}^c}} p(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{X}_e^{|\mathcal{I}|}.$$

In case of setups with multiple NFGs, we add index  $N$  in functions  $g$  and  $p$ . For general definition, we simply omit this index.

There is no loss of generality of the case where the number of edges incident on each function node is two.

# Definition of S-NFGs

1. Local functions:  $f_{1,4}, \dots, f_{3,4}$ ;
2. Set of edges:  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{full}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ;
3. Global function:

$$g_{N_1}(x_1, \dots, x_4) = f_{1,4}(x_1, x_4) \cdot f_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \cdot f_{3,4}(x_3, x_4) \cdot f_{3,2}(x_3, x_2);$$

4. Partition function:  $Z(N_1) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_4} g_{N_1}(x_1, \dots, x_4)$ .

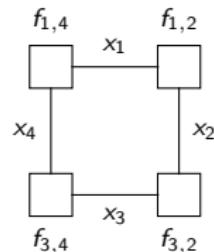
5. Probability mass function:

$$p_{N_1}(x_1, \dots, x_4) = g_{N_1}(x_1, \dots, x_4)/Z(N_1)$$

6. Let the set  $\mathcal{I}$  be  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

7. The marginals:

$$p_{N_1, \mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}^c}} p_{N_1}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{X}_e^{|\mathcal{I}|},$$



The S-NFG  $N_1$ .

$$p_{N_1, \{i,j\}}(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\{1,2,3,4\} \setminus \{i,j\}}} p_{N_1}(x_1, \dots, x_4).$$

## PMFs induced by an S-NFG

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Consider a sequence  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  of random variables with the joint PMF

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n), \quad y_1 \in \mathcal{Y}_1, \dots, y_n \in \mathcal{Y}_n.$$

In a typical scenario of interest, we might have observed

$$Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$$

and would like to estimate  $Y_n$  based on these observations.

Usually,  $P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  does not have a “nice” factorization.

However, very often it is possible to find a function  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  such that

1.  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ ;
2.  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1$ ;
3.  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = P_Y(\mathbf{y})$  for all  $\mathbf{y}$ ;
4.  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  has a “nice” factorization.

Note that  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  represents a joint PMF over  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ .

# PMFs induced by an S-NFG

Example (A Hidden Markov Model)

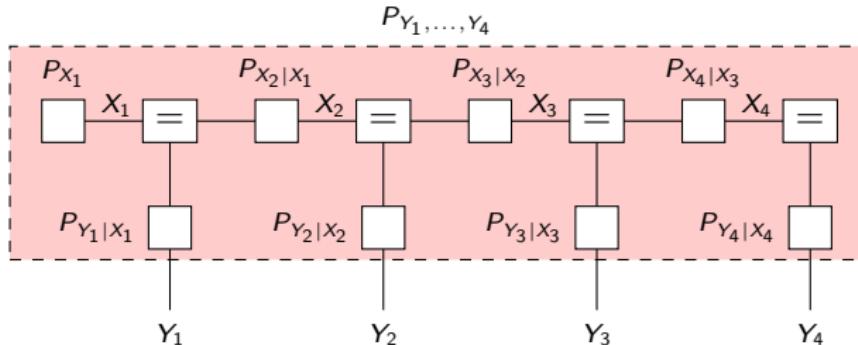
$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}$$

A diagram illustrating a probability expression. At the top, the symbol  $P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}$  is written above a horizontal rectangular box. Four vertical lines extend downwards from the center of the box to the labels  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$ ,  $Y_3$ , and  $Y_4$  positioned below the box.

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}(y_1, \dots, y_4).$$

# PMFs induced by an S-NFG

## Example (A Hidden Markov Model)



$$p(x_1, \dots, x_4, y_1, \dots, y_4) = P_{X_1}(x_1) \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^3 P_{X_{i+1}|X_i}(x_{i+1}|x_i) \right) \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^4 P_{Y_i|X_i}(y_i|x_i) \right),$$

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}(y_1, \dots, y_4) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_4} p(x_1, \dots, x_4, y_1, \dots, y_4)$$

After applying a closing-the-box (CTB) operation to the above factor graph, i.e., summing over the variables associated with the internal edges, we obtain  $P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}$ .

# Quantum Mass Functions (QMFs)

- ▶ Definition of QMFs
- ▶ An Example Factor Graph for a Quantum Information Process
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- ▶ An SQMF for the EPR Experiment

## **Definition of QMFs**

## Definition of QMFs

Consider again a sequence of random variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  with the joint PMF

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n), \quad y_1 \in \mathcal{Y}_1, \dots, y_n \in \mathcal{Y}_n.$$

However, now we assume that these random variables represent the measurements obtained by running some quantum-mechanical experiment.

Again, a typical scenario of interest is that we would like to estimate variable  $Y_n$  based on the observations

$$Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}.$$

## QMFs

In general, the PMF  $P_Y(\mathbf{y})$  does not have a “nice” factorization.

However, frequently it is possible to introduce suitable auxiliary quantum variables  $x_1, \dots, x_m, x'_1, \dots, x'_m$  such that there is a function  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$  satisfying

1.  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{C}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}$ ;
2.  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) = 1$ ;
3.  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$  is a positive semi-definite (PSD) kernel in quantum variables  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  for every classical variable  $\mathbf{y}$ ;
4.  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) = P_Y(\mathbf{y})$ ;
5.  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$  has a “nice” factorization.

The function  $q$  is called a QMF in [Loeliger and Vontobel, 2017].

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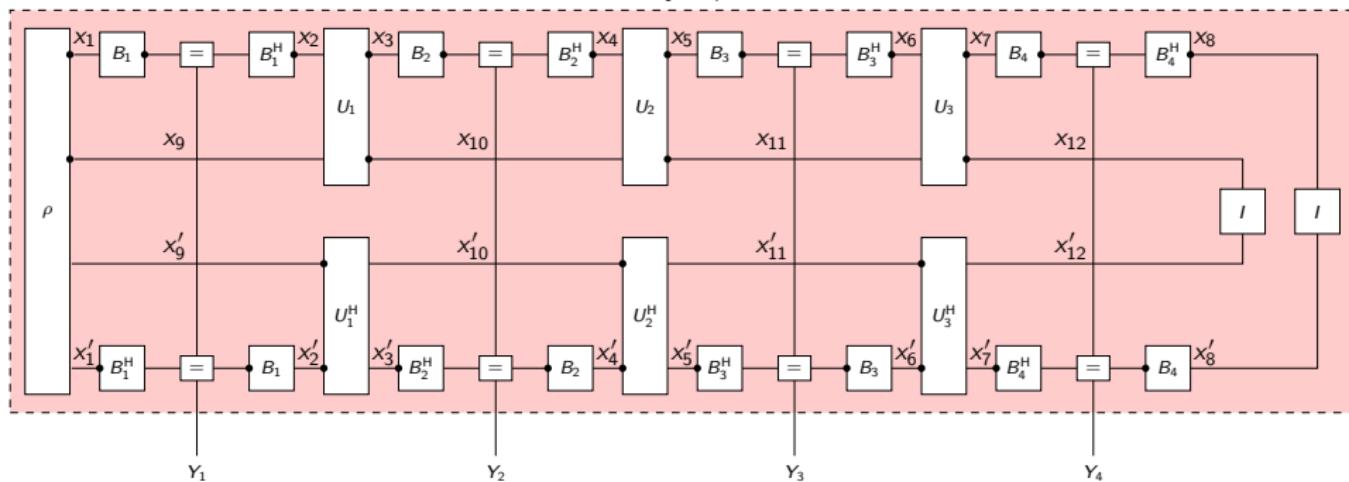
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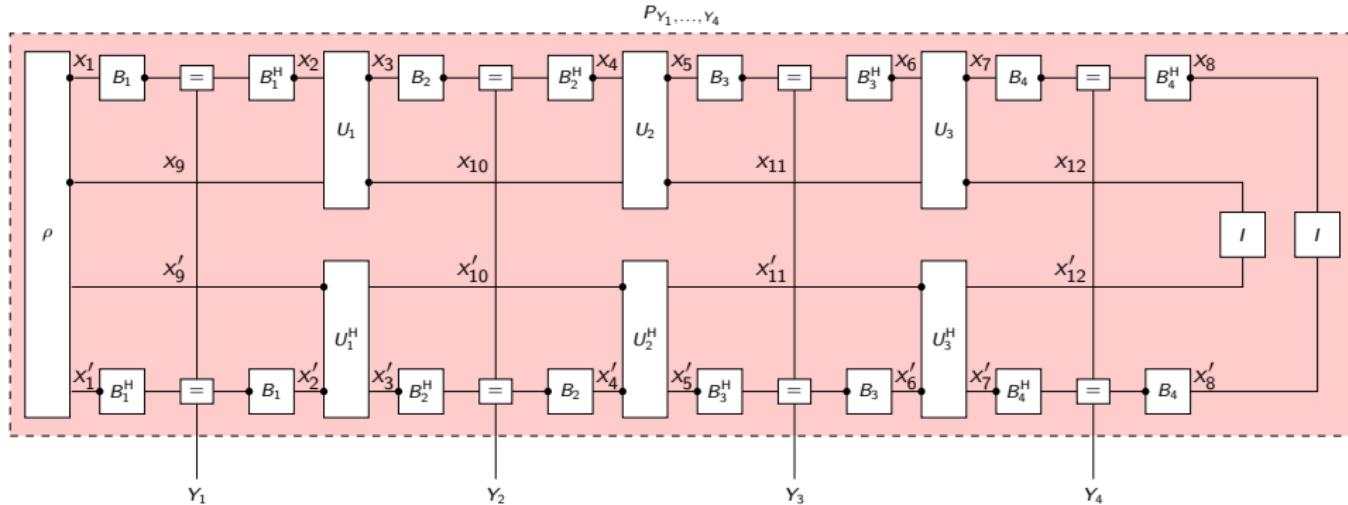
$$Y_1 \quad Y_2 \quad Y_3 \quad Y_4$$

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}$$



# An Example Factor Graph for a QIP

## Example



- ▶ A system prepared in  $\rho$ .
- ▶ Partial measurements  $B_1, \dots, B_4$ .
- ▶ Unitary evolutions  $U_1, \dots, U_3$ .
- ▶ Quantum variables  $(x_1, \dots, x_{12})$  and  $(x'_1, \dots, x'_{12})$ .

After applying a CTB operation to the above factor graph, we obtain  $P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4}$ .

## **Definition of SQMFs**

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Interestingly enough, it is sufficient to consider the SQMF where the classical variable  $\mathbf{y}$  in QMF do not appear explicitly in SQMF anymore. However, as we will see later, classical variable  $\mathbf{y}$  emerges from SQMFs.

## Definition

An SQMF  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  satisfies

1.  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \in \mathbb{C}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$ ;
2.  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 1$ ;
3.  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  is a PSD kernel in  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ .

# Definition of SQMFs

## Definition

For  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ , let  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$  and let  $\mathcal{I}^c$  be its complement. The variable  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$  is defined to be  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} = (x_k)_{k \in \mathcal{I}}$ .

The variables in  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$  are called jointly **classifiable** if the marginalized SQMF

$$q_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}}) \triangleq \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}^c}, \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}^c}} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

is **zero** for all  $(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}})$  satisfying  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} \neq \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}}$ .

## Definition

If the variables in  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$  are jointly classifiable then

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}) \triangleq q_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{I}},$$

represents a joint PMF over  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$ .

# Properties of SQMFs

## Remark

By defining  $p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}) \triangleq q_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}})$ , we can see that classical variable  $\mathbf{y}$  that were omitted when going from QMFs to SQMFs can “emerge” again.

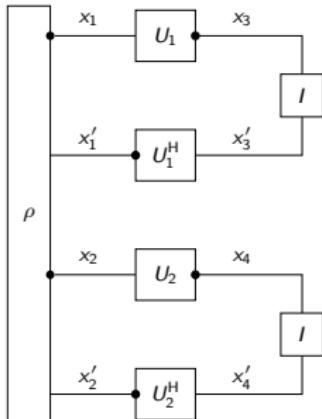
- ▶ Note that there is a strong connection of SQMFs to the so-called decoherence functional [Gell-Mann and Hartle, 1989, Dowker and Halliwell, 1992], and via this also to the consistent-histories approach to quantum mechanics [Griffiths, 2002]. However, the starting point of our investigations is quite different.

# An SQMF for the EPR Experiment

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The PMF for the measurement outcomes in the EPR experiment can be obtained by the marginals of the SQMF represented by the following NFG.

- ▶ Variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are jointly classifiable variables, i.e., the marginal  $q_{1,2}(x_1, x_2, x'_1, x'_2) = 0$  when  $x_1 \neq x'_1$  or  $x_2 \neq x'_2$ ;
- ▶ Variables  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  are jointly classifiable variables;
- ▶ Variables  $x_3$  and  $x_2$  are jointly classifiable variables;
- ▶ Variables  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  are jointly classifiable variables;
- ▶ However, variables  $x_1, \dots, x_4$  are not jointly classifiable variables, i.e., exists  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  s.t.  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \neq 0$  when  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}'$ ;

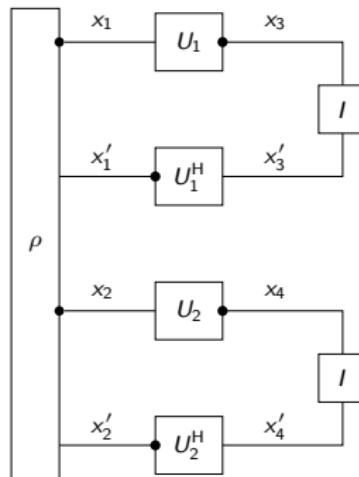


# An SQMF for the EPR Experiment

## Example

Consider the following NFG, where

$$\mathcal{X}_i = \mathcal{X}'_i \triangleq \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}, \quad U_1 = U_2 \triangleq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\psi \triangleq (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0)^T, \quad \rho \triangleq \psi \cdot \psi^H.$$



# An SQMF for the EPR Experiment

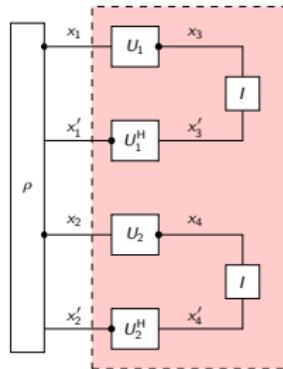
The following matrix shows the components of the SQMF  $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ , where both the row index  $(x_1, \dots, x_4)$  and column index  $(x'_1, \dots, x'_4)$  range over  $(0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), \dots, (1, 1, 1, 1)$ .

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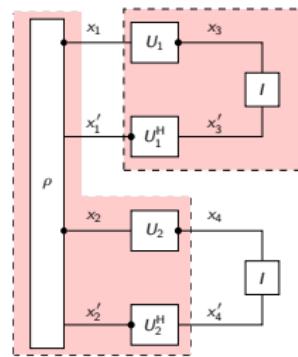
Here:  $\alpha_1 \triangleq 0.0833$ ,  $\beta_1 \triangleq -0.0833$ .

Note that the above matrix is **not diagonal**.

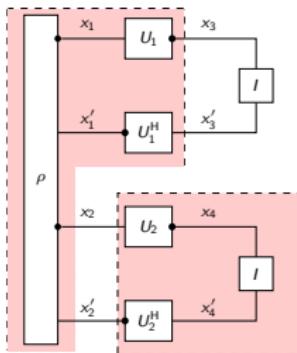
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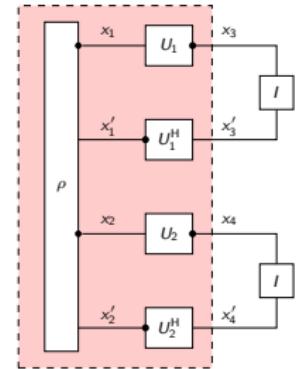
$$q_{1,2} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$q_{1,4} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

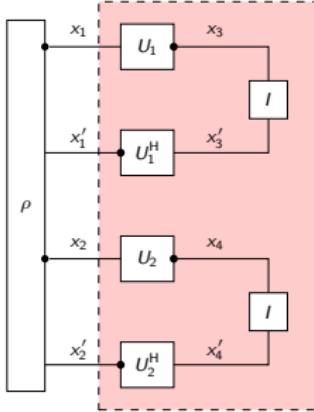


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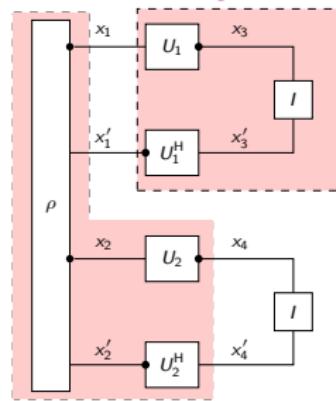


$$q_{3,4} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

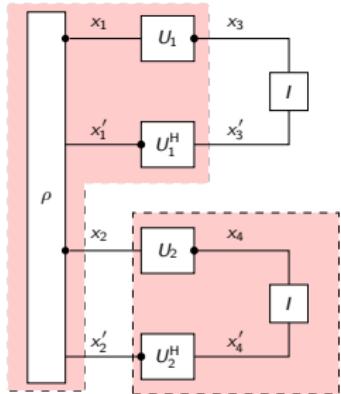
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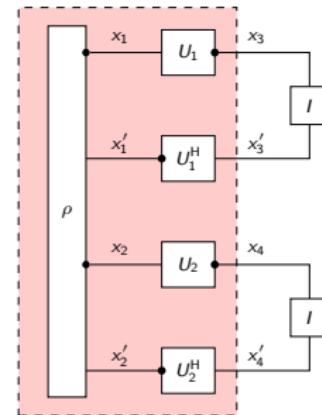
$$p_{1,2} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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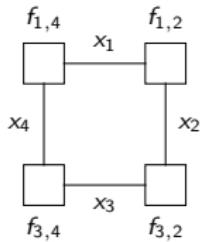
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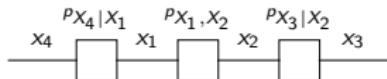
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## Main Results

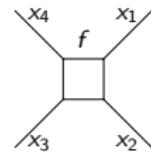
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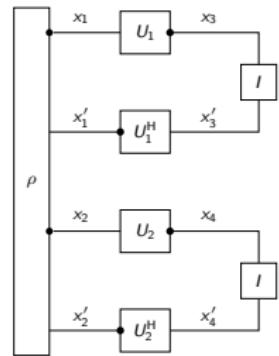
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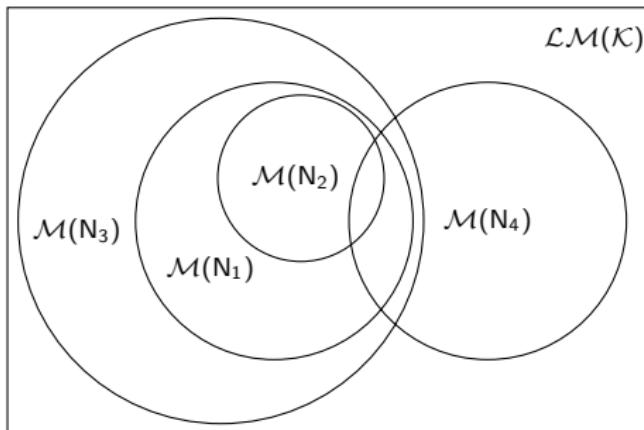
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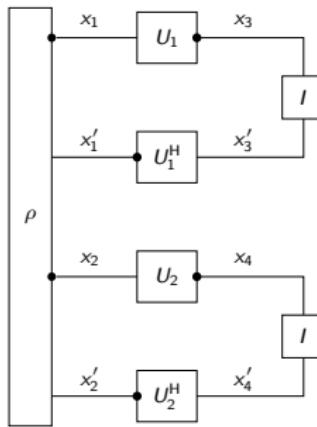
The S-NFG  $N_3.$



The NFG  $N_4.$



# Conclusion



## Proposition

- ▶ We characterize the relationships among the sets of marginals mentioned in the previous slides.
- ▶ Many well-known quantum phenomena, e.g., Hardy's paradox and Bell's test, can be cast with this SQMF.

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# Thank you!

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# Backup Slides

## Combining Implications Obtained by the Marginals

## Combining Implications

1. The marginal  $p_{3,4}(1,1) = \frac{1}{12}$  shows that it is possible to have  $x_3 = x_4 = 1$ .
2. The marginals  $p_{3,2}(1,0) = 0$  and  $p_{3,2}(1,1) = 1/6$  show that the condition  $x_3 = 1$  implies  $x_2 = 1$ .
3. The marginals  $p_{1,4}(0,1) = 0$  and  $p_{1,4}(1,1) = 1/6$  show that the condition  $x_4 = 1$  implies  $x_1 = 1$ .
4. However, the marginal  $p_{1,2}(1,1) = 0$  implies that we cannot have  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$ , which contradicts  $p_{3,4}(1,1) > 0$ .

$$S_1 : x_3 = x_4 = 1 \implies S_2 : x_2 = 1$$

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# Remarks on the SQMF for the EPR Experiment

## Remark

- ▶ Typically, the set of marginals  $\{p_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}})\}_{\mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{K}}$  is “incompatible”, i.e., there is no PMF  $p(\mathbf{x})$  such that  $p_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}})$  is a marginal of  $p(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{K}$ .
- ▶ Other paradoxes (e.g. Bell's test, Wigner's friend experiment, and the Frauchiger-Renner paradox) can also be expressed in terms of some suitably defined SQMFs.

# Main Results

## Definition

$$\text{Corr}(\beta_{i,j}) \triangleq \frac{\beta_{i,j}(0,0) \cdot \beta_{i,j}(1,1) - \beta_{i,j}(0,1) \cdot \beta_{i,j}(1,0)}{\sqrt{\beta_i(0) \cdot \beta_i(1) \cdot \beta_j(0) \cdot \beta_j(1)}},$$

$$\text{CorrCHSH}(\beta) \triangleq \text{Corr}(\beta_{1,2}) + \text{Corr}(\beta_{1,4}) + \text{Corr}(\beta_{3,2}) - \text{Corr}(\beta_{3,4}),$$

$$\mathcal{LM}_{\text{CHSH}}(\mathcal{K}) \triangleq \{\beta \in \mathcal{LM}(\mathcal{K}) \mid (1) \text{ and } (2) \text{ hold}\},$$

where

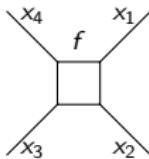
$$\beta_i(0) \cdot \beta_i(1) > 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{N}_1), \tag{1}$$

$$\sum_{\{i,j\} \in \mathcal{K}} (-1)^{[i=3, j=4]} \cdot (\beta_{i,j}(0,0) + \beta_{i,j}(1,1) - \beta_{i,j}(0,1) - \beta_{i,j}(1,0)) \leq 2, \tag{2}$$

Inequalities in (2) are inspired by the CHSH inequality. We prove this inequality by showing

$$\sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{LM}_{\text{CHSH}}(\mathcal{K})} \text{CorrCHSH}(\beta) = \frac{5}{2}.$$

# Main Results



S-NFG  $N_3$ .

$$\sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{LM}_{\text{CHSH}}(\mathcal{K})} \text{CorrCHSH}(\beta) = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Suppose that we consider

$$\max_{\beta \in \mathcal{M}(N_3)} \text{CorrCHSH}(\beta).$$

For any  $\beta \in \mathcal{M}(N_3)$ , the marginal  $\beta_{i,j}$  can be written as a convex combination of some joint PMF for  $X_1, \dots, X_4$ , i.e.,  $\{p_{N_3}(\mathbf{x})\}_x$ , which makes the expression of  $\text{CorrCHSH}(\beta)$  non-trivial. By considering a superset of  $\mathcal{M}(N_3)$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{LM}_{\text{CHSH}}(\mathcal{K})$ , we can simplify  $\text{CorrCHSH}(\beta)$ .