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import CHSHCHSH as CHSH
import numpy as np
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The CHSH Correlator for a Bell State

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The aim of this assignment was to show the violation of the classical limit of the CHSH correlator by generating probabilistically accurate data for the measurement of a two-qubit Bell State. That is, starting with the Bell State:

$$|\Phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

and one observable for each qubit, I calculated the probability of each outcome. Each observable had eigenstates:

$$|\theta\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle$$

$$|\theta^\perp\rangle = -\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle$$

with eigenvalues $\lambda = +1, -1$ respectively. To calculate the probability of a measurement of (λ_1, λ_2) I created the projector for the respective eigenstate and found its expectation value. So I ended up with:

$$P(+1, +1) = \langle\Phi|\theta_1\theta_2\rangle\langle\theta_1\theta_2|\Phi\rangle$$

$$P(+1, -1) = \langle\Phi|\theta_1\theta_2^\perp\rangle\langle\theta_1\theta_2^\perp|\Phi\rangle$$

$$P(-1, +1) = \langle\Phi|\theta_1^\perp\theta_2\rangle\langle\theta_1^\perp\theta_2|\Phi\rangle$$

$$P(-1, -1) = \langle\Phi|\theta_1^\perp\theta_2^\perp\rangle\langle\theta_1^\perp\theta_2^\perp|\Phi\rangle$$

which gives:

$$P(+1, +1) = \frac{1}{2}\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

$$P(-1, -1) = \frac{1}{2}\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

$$P(+1, -1) = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

$$P(-1, +1) = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

I generated large sets of outcomes for the measurements matching these probabilities. Each outcome was in the form of a tuple of data $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$.

In order to average the data, I multiplied each tuple, and then averaged over that set of values; so if the measurements were the same - $(1, 1)$ or $(-1, -1)$ - then multiplying would give $+1$. If they were different, multiplying would give -1 . So for example, for $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 0$ it's clear that the probability of both observables measuring the same eigenvalue should be unity; thus, their average should be 1.

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theta1 = 0; theta2 = 0
l = CHSH.makeData(1000,theta1, theta2)
CHSH.avgDataTog(l)
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Out[2]:

0.999

We see that indeed, for 1000 measurements, almost all of them returned either (1,1) or (-1,-1).

Likewise, for $\theta_1 = \pi$, $\theta_2 = 0$, all measurements will return (+1,-1) or (-1,+1), and for $\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\theta_2 = 0$, measurements will return (+1,-1), (-1,+1), (-1,-1), (+1,+1) with equal probabilities, so their average will be 0.

In [3]:

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theta1 = np.pi; theta2 = 0
l = CHSH.makeData(1000,theta1, theta2)
CHSH.avgDataTog(l)
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Out[3]:

-0.999

In [4]:

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theta1 = np.pi/2; theta2 = 0
l = CHSH.makeData(1000,theta1, theta2)
CHSH.avgDataTog(l)
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Out[4]:

-0.081000000000000003

Also, it's good to note that, when averaged separately, each observable seems to be completely random; that is, the average measured value for each observable is 0.

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theta1 = np.pi; theta2 = 0
l = CHSH.makeData(1000,theta1, theta2)
CHSH.avgDataSep(l)
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Out[5]:

array([0., 0.])

In [7]:

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theta1 = np.pi/2; theta2 = 0
l = CHSH.makeData(1000,theta1, theta2)
CHSH.avgDataSep(l)
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Out[7]:

array([-0.002, 0.])

This verifies validity of the function for a couple simple tests. Before we move on to the CHSH correlator, I should mention the expectation value of the observable pair $O_1(\theta_1)O_2(\theta_2)$. This can be calculated by:

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{O}_1 \otimes \hat{O}_2 | \Phi \rangle$$

Where $\hat{O} = \lambda_1 |\theta_1\rangle \langle \theta_1| + \lambda_2 |\theta_1^\perp\rangle \langle \theta_1^\perp| = |\theta_1\rangle \langle \theta_1| - |\theta_1^\perp\rangle \langle \theta_1^\perp|$ is the operator corresponding to the first observable, and likewise for \hat{O}_2 .

When worked out, this comes to:

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{O}_1 \otimes \hat{O}_2 | \Phi \rangle = \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) - \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) = \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

What this physically gives is the average measured value for the pair of observables as a function of θ_1 and θ_2 .

Now for the CHSH correlator. Writing $\hat{O}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \hat{O}_1(\theta_1) \otimes \hat{O}_2(\theta_2)$, we can define the CHSH correlator as:

$$CHSH = \hat{O}\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \hat{O}\left(0, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \hat{O}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \hat{O}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Classically - that is, where both observables are perfectly correlated such that the measurement always yields either (1,1) or (-1,-1), but with equal probability - this correlator, for the Bell state in this problem, is actually independent of θ_1 and θ_2 . This is equivalent to calculating the expectation value of each qubit individually and multiplying them. Thus, the correlator should always give a value of 2.

Indeed, even in general, this correlator should never exceed 2, for classical probabilities. However, in this case, it reaches a value of $2\sqrt{2}$. We can see this by generating a large set of data and simply computing it.

In [8]:

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print(2*np.sqrt(2))
CHSH.CHSH(50000)
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2.82842712475

Out[8]:

2.8344

We see that for 50000 measurement tuples generated using the probabilities listed above, the CHSH correlator comes to a value higher than the classical limit. Now, to see how this correlator works for varying angles, we keep the θ_1 s constant, and add ϕ to θ_2 where ϕ varies from 0 to 2π .

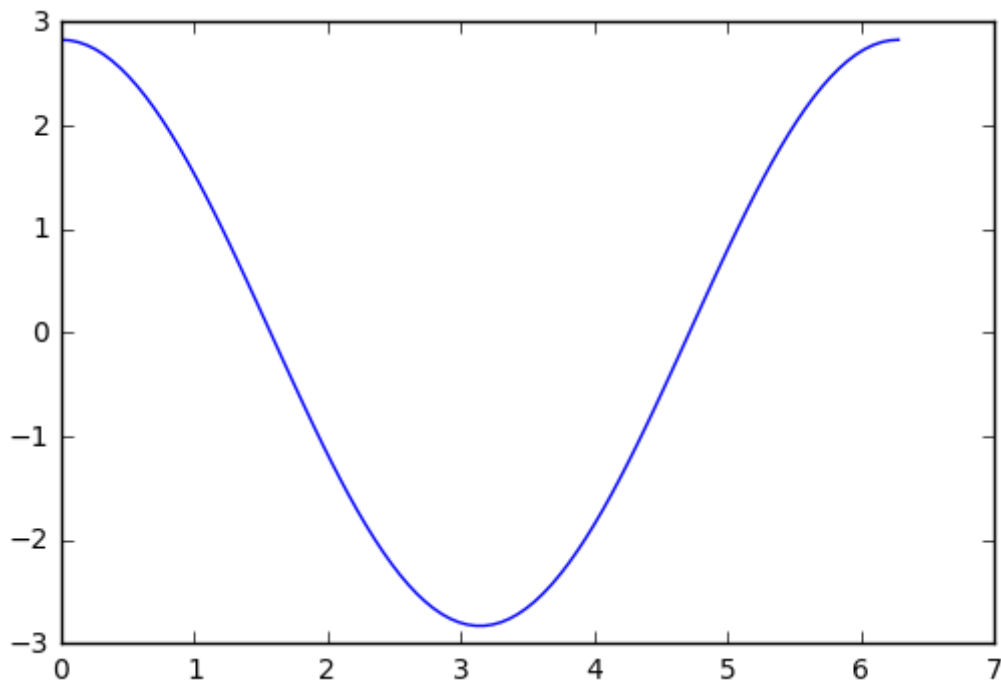
Plugging in above, this gives us:

$$CHSH = \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4} - \phi\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \phi\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \phi\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} - \phi\right)$$

Just for some reference, let's look at this function plotted numerically from $\phi = 0$ to $\phi = 2\pi$:

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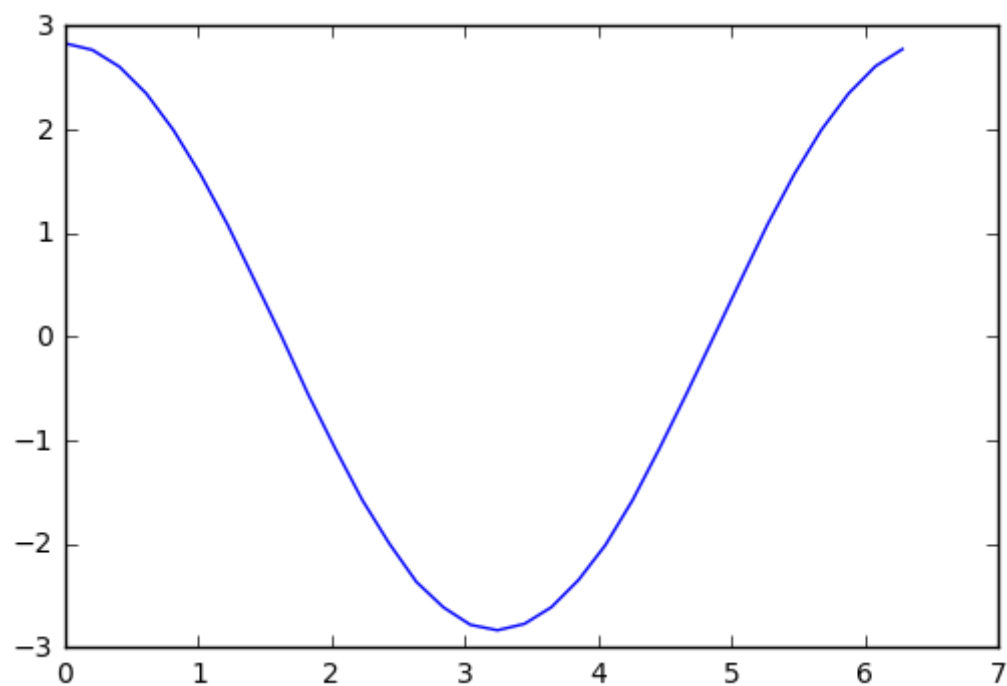
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CHSH.plotCHSHCalcd(50000)
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And now, finally, we can run the simulated two-qubit measurement of the Bell state, using the CHSH correlator prescription, and compare its value as a function of ϕ to the analytic plot of the correlator as a function of ϕ . To summarize, this program is generating measurement tuples based on analytic expressions for the probabilities of each possible outcome from the set $(+1, +1), (-1, -1), (+1, -1), (-1, +1)$. Then, to average the values, each tuple is multiplied, giving either 1 or -1. It is clear, then, that if these probabilities are given classically - with the pair perfectly correlated, but an equal probability of $(+1, +1)$ and $(-1, -1)$ - then the CHSH correlator would have a maximum value of 2. However, we see from the graph above that analytically, its maximum is in fact $2\sqrt{2}$. Finally, here is the same plot for the generated values:

In [11]:

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CHSH.plotCHSHData(50000)
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All is as it should be. The data generated based on the observable pair seems to be correlated in a way that defies classical correlation, and matches perfectly the analytically derived expectation value.