

# Causal Compatibility Inequalities Admitting of Quantum Violations in the Triangle Scenario

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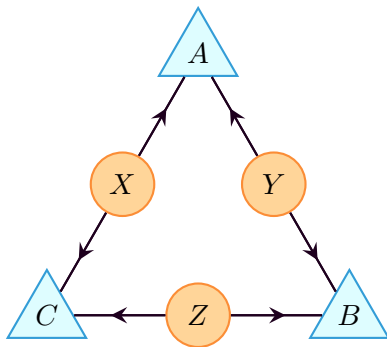
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# Triangle Inequalities

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1. Research project's goal was to derive new causal compatibility inequalities that distinguish quantum correlations from classical correlations
2. More specifically, the ambition of the project is to obtain such inequalities that constraint compatibility with The Triangle Scenario
3. Triangle Scenario has be studied extensively before



## Objective Cont'd

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1. At the time of publishing Branciard et al. (2012), problem seems hard.
2. Important because its smallest correlation scenario with quantum non-locality.
3. Compatibility can not be determined from conditional independence relations (there are none)
4. It would be interesting to find quantum non-locality in the triangle scenario that does not rely on Bell's theorem.

# This Talk

- ▶ Report the discovery of such inequalities
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1. The purpose of this talk is to present these new-found inequalities and explain how they were obtained
2. Additionally I will talk about my attempts at using these inequalities to find new incompatible quantum distributions
3. In doing so, will discuss how we obtained symmetric compatibility inequalities that have violations in the Triangle Scenario

# Example Inequality

- ▶ Quick example/preview:

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- ▶ Four outcomes for each  $A, B, C$
- ▶ Polynomial in  $P_{ABC}$ , marginals  $P_{AB}, P_{BC}, P_{AC}, P_A, P_B, P_C$

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1. As a quick example or preview of what is to come, here is an example inequality admits quantum violations in the triangle scenario
2. Some features of note: inequality is polynomial in  $P_{ABC}$  and its marginals

# Notation

**Question:** Which marginal models  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  are **compatible** with a causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$ ?

- ▶ **Marginal model**  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  is collection of probability distributions

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- ▶ **Marginal scenario**  $\mathcal{M} = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$

$$V \in \mathcal{M}, V' \subseteq V \implies V' \in \mathcal{M}$$

- ▶ **Joint random variables**  $\mathcal{J} = \bigcup_i V_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
- ▶ **Causal Structure**  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$  is a directed acyclic graph (DAG)
- ▶ Nodes classified into **latent nodes**  $\mathcal{N}_L$  and **observed nodes**  $\mathcal{N}_O$

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1. Before continuing, I will define exactly what I mean by causal compatibility
2. Causal compatibility refers to the compatibility between causal structures and marginal models
3. Marginal model is collection of probability distributions over sets of random variables
4. Marginal scenario refers to the those sets of random variables
5. The complete set of random variables are the joint random variables



# Graph Theory [Optional Slide]

Let  $n, m \in \mathcal{N}$  be nodes of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ .

- ▶ **parents of  $n$** :  $\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \equiv \{m \mid m \rightarrow n\}$
- ▶ **children of  $n$** :  $\text{Ch}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \equiv \{m \mid n \rightarrow m\}$
- ▶ **ancestry of  $n$** :  $\text{An}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \equiv \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{W}} \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^i(n)$

$$\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^0(n) = n \quad \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^i(n) \equiv \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^{i-1}(n))$$

Notation extends to sets of nodes  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ ,

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An **induced subgraph** of  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$  due to  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$

$$\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{G}}(N) = (N, \{e \in \mathcal{E} \mid e \subseteq N\})$$

# Causal Compatibility

**Question:** Which marginal models  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  are **compatible** with a causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$ ?

**Answer:**  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  is compatible with  $\mathcal{G}$  if there exists a set of **casual parameters**

$$\left\{ P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)} \mid n \in \mathcal{N} \right\}$$

Such that for each  $V \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $P_V$  can be recovered:

1.  $P_{\mathcal{N}} = \prod_{n \in \mathcal{N}} P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$
2.  $P_V = \sum_{\mathcal{N} \setminus V} P_{\mathcal{N}}$

**Inequality:** A **casual compatibility inequality**  $I$  is an inequality over  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  that is satisfied by all compatible  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$

# Deriving Inequalities

Two necessary components to compatibility:

1. **Marginal problem:**  $\forall V \in \mathcal{M} : P_V = \sum_{\mathcal{N} \setminus V} P_{\mathcal{N}}$ 
  - ▶ Is the marginal model contextual or non-contextual?
  - ▶ 3 distinct ways to tackle this problem
    1. Convex hull, Polytope projection, Fourier-Motzkin
    2. Possibilistic Hardy Inequalities (Hypergraph transversals)
    3. Linear Program Feasibility/Infeasibility
2. **Markov Separation:**  $P_{\mathcal{N}} = \prod_{n \in \mathcal{N}} P_n | \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$ 
  - ▶ Much harder to determine since latent nodes  $\mathcal{N}_O$  have unspecified behaviour
  - ▶ It is possible to turn Markov Separation problem into a Marginal problem (at least partially)

# Inflation Technique

Developed by Wolfe, Spekkens, and Fritz Wolfe et al. (2016)

## Definition

An **inflation** of a causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is another causal structure  $\mathcal{G}'$  such that:

$$\forall n' \in \mathcal{N}', n' \sim n \in \mathcal{N} : \text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n') \sim \text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$$

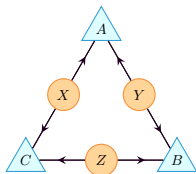
Where  $\text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$  denotes the ancestral sub-graph of  $n$  in  $\mathcal{G}$

$$\text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) = \text{Sub}_{\mathcal{G}}(\text{An}_{\mathcal{G}}(n))$$

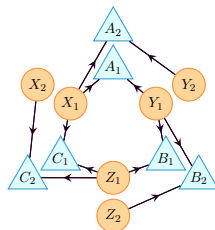
And ' $\sim$ ' is a **copy-index** equivalence relation

$$A_1 \sim A_2 \sim A \not\sim B_1 \sim B_2 \sim B$$

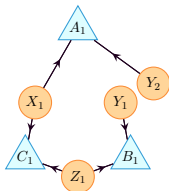
# Inflations of the Triangle Scenario



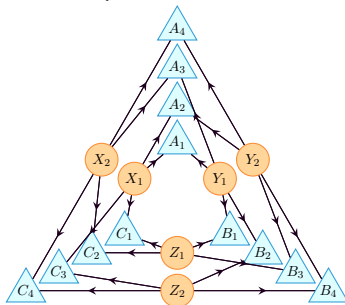
The Triangle Scenario



Spiral Inflation



Cut Inflation



Large Inflation

# Inflation Lemma

If one has obtained  $\mathcal{G}$ , inflation  $\mathcal{G}'$  and *compatible* marginal distribution  $P_N$  where  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ , then:

1. There exists causal parameters  $\{P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)} \mid n \in \mathcal{N}\}$  such that

$$P_N = \prod_{n \in N} P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$$

2.  $\text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n') \sim \text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \implies \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n') \sim \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$
3. Construct **inflated causal parameters**

$$\forall n' \in \mathcal{N}' : P_{n'|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n')} \equiv P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$$

4. Obtain *compatible* marginal distributions over any  $N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$

$$P_{N'} = \prod_{n' \in N'} P_{n'|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n')}$$

# Inflation Lemma Cont'd

- ▶ Inflation procedure holds for any  $N \in \mathcal{N}, N' \in \mathcal{N}'$  where  $N \sim N'$
- ▶ Define **injectable sets of  $\mathcal{G}'$**  and **images of the injectable of  $\mathcal{G}$**

$$\text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}'} \equiv \{N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}' \mid \exists N \subseteq \mathcal{N} : N \sim N'\}$$

$$\text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}} \equiv \{N \subseteq \mathcal{N} \mid \exists N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}' : N \sim N'\}$$

- ▶ For  $N' \in \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}'}$  there is a *unique*  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  such that  $N \sim N'$
- ▶ For  $N \in \text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}$  there can *exist many*  $N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$  such that  $N \sim N'$

# Inflation Lemma Cont'd

## Lemma

*The Inflation Lemma: (Wolfe et al., 2016, lemma 3) Given a particular inflation  $\mathcal{G}'$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ , if a marginal model  $\{P_N \mid N \in \text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')\}$  is compatible with  $\mathcal{G}$  then all marginal models  $\{P_{N'} \mid N' \in \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')\}$  are compatible with  $\mathcal{G}'$  provided that  $P_N = P_{N'}$  for all instances where  $N \sim N'$ .*

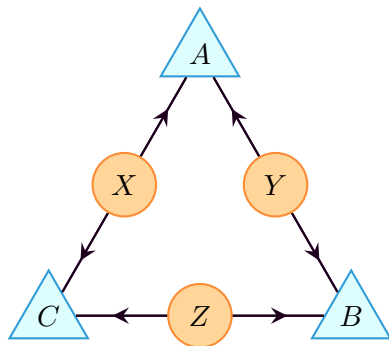
## Corollary

*Any causal compatibility inequality  $I'$  constraining the injectable sets  $\text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$  can be **deflated** into a causal compatibility inequality  $I$  constraining the images of the injectable sets  $\text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$ .*



# $d$ -Separation Polynomial

# Triangle Scenario



- ▶ Three parties  $\mathcal{N}_O = \{A, B, C\}$
- ▶ Pair-wise sharing three latent variables  $\mathcal{N}_L = \{X, Y, Z\}$
- ▶ **Todo (TC Fraser): Inject info about existing work**
- ▶ There exists *quantum-accessible* distributions  $P_{ABC}$  that are *incompatible* with the triangle scenario

# Fritz Distribution

The Fritz Distribution  $P_F$ :

- ▶ three-party  $P_F = P_{ABC}$
- ▶ each party has four outcomes

# Inflation Pipeline

## Triangle Inequalities

└ Tools

└ Inflation Pipeline

1. Walk through how the inflation pipeline works

# Outcomes and Events

- ▶ Set of **outcomes**  $O_v$  for each variable  $v$
- ▶ Set of **events** for a set of variables  $V$

$$\mathcal{E}(V) \equiv \{s : V \rightarrow O_V \mid \forall v \in V, s(v) \in O_v\}$$

## Definition

The set of events over the joint variables  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})$  are termed the **joint events**.

## Definition

The set of events over the marginal contexts are the **marginal events**

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}) \equiv \coprod_{V \in \mathcal{M}} \mathcal{E}(V)$$

# Distribution Vectors

- ▶ Joint Distribution Vector  $\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{J}}$

$$\forall j \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J}) : \mathcal{P}_j^{\mathcal{J}} = P_{\mathcal{J}}(j)$$

- ▶ Marginal Distribution Vector  $\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}}$

$$\forall m \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}) : \mathcal{P}_m^{\mathcal{M}} = P_{\mathcal{D}(m)}(m)$$

# Incidence Matrix

- ▶ Marginal Problem as linear program

$$\mathcal{P}_m^{\mathcal{M}} = \sum_j M_{m,j} \mathcal{P}_j^{\mathcal{J}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}} = M \cdot \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{J}}$$

- ▶ **Incidence matrix**  $M$  is a bit-wise matrix
- ▶ Row-indexed by marginal events  $m \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Column-indexed by joint events  $j \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})$

$$M_{m,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & m = j|_{\mathcal{D}(m)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\# \text{Columns} = |\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})| = \prod_{v \in \mathcal{J}} |O_v|$$

$$\# \text{Rows} = |\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})| = \sum_{V \in \mathcal{M}} \prod_{v \in V} |O_v|$$



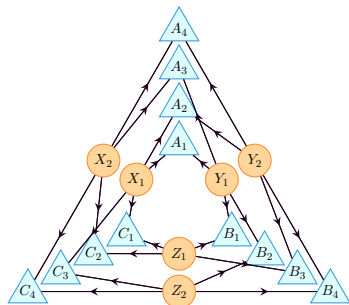
## Example

Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be 3 binary variables  $\mathcal{J} = \{A, B, C\}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  be the marginal scenario  $\mathcal{M} = \{\{A, B\}, \{B, C\}, \{A, C\}\}$ . The incidence matrix becomes:

$$M = \begin{array}{l} (A,B,C) = \\ (A=0,B=0) \\ (A=0,B=1) \\ (A=1,B=0) \\ (A=1,B=1) \\ (B=0,C=0) \\ (B=0,C=1) \\ (B=1,C=0) \\ (B=1,C=1) \\ (A=0,C=0) \\ (A=0,C=1) \\ (A=1,C=0) \\ (A=1,C=1) \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} (0,0,0) & (0,0,1) & (0,1,0) & (0,1,1) & (1,0,0) & (1,0,1) & (1,1,0) & (1,1,1) \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Application to Large Inflation

- Find compatibility inequalities for TS by finding non-contextuality inequalities for Large Inflation
- Marginal Scenario is the set of maximal pre-injectable sets
- 12 maximal pre-injectable sets (to follow)



# Large Inflation Pre-injectable Sets

## Maximal Pre-injectable Sets

$\{A_1, B_1, C_1, A_4, B_4, C_4\}$

$\{A_1, B_2, C_3, A_4, B_3, C_2\}$

$\{A_2, B_3, C_1, A_3, B_2, C_4\}$

$\{A_2, B_4, C_3, A_3, B_1, C_2\}$

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## Ancestral Independences

$\{A_1, B_1, C_1\} \perp \{A_4, B_4, C_4\}$

$\{A_1, B_2, C_3\} \perp \{A_4, B_3, C_2\}$

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# Large Inflation Incidence

- ▶ Joint variables are all of the observable nodes  $\mathcal{N}'_O = \mathcal{J}$

$$\mathcal{J} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4\}$$

- ▶ Marginal scenario is composed of pre-injectable sets  
 $\mathcal{M} = \text{PreInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$
- ▶ Inequalities Violated by Fritz distribution are inherently 4-outcome
- ▶ Incidence matrix  $M$  is very large  $\sim 2.25\text{Gb}$

$$\#\text{Columns} = 4^{12} = 16,777,216$$

$$\#\text{Rows} = 4 \times 4^6 + 8 \times 4^3 = 16,896$$

# Inequalities Found

# Causal Symmetry

- Desirable to find compatibility inequality  $I$  such that

$$\forall \varphi \in \text{Perm}(A, B, C) : \varphi[I] = I$$

- Compatibility is independent of variable labels

$$\forall \varphi \in \text{Perm}(\mathcal{N}) : I \xrightarrow{\text{com}} \mathcal{G} \implies \varphi[I] \xrightarrow{\text{com}} \varphi[\mathcal{G}]$$

- If  $\varphi[\mathcal{G}] = \mathcal{G}$  then  $\varphi[I] \xrightarrow{\text{com}} \mathcal{G}$

## Definition

The **causal symmetry group** of causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$ :

$$\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}) = \{\varphi \in \text{Perm}(\mathcal{N}) \mid \varphi[\mathcal{G}] = \mathcal{G}\}$$

Strictly speaking, one needs to preserve observable nodes:

$$\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{N}_O}(\mathcal{G}) = \{\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}) \mid \varphi[\mathcal{N}_O] = \mathcal{N}_O\}$$

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Strictly speaking, one needs to preserve observable nodes:

$$\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{N}_O}(G) = \{ \varphi \in \text{Aut}(G) \mid \varphi[\mathcal{N}_O] = \mathcal{N}_O \}$$

1. Fritz distribution is incompatible with Triangle scenario because party  $C$  plays the role of measurement settings for both  $A$  and  $B$
2. In order to find quantum distributions different from  $P_F$  in the Triangle Scenario, it is therefore desirable to find a proof of its incompatibility (i.e. inequality) that is symmetric under exchange of parties
3. Surprisingly, it is possible to do so!
4. Here is how.
5. First, we will formally define the symmetry group in question
6. Causal symmetry group is the

# Symmetric Incidence



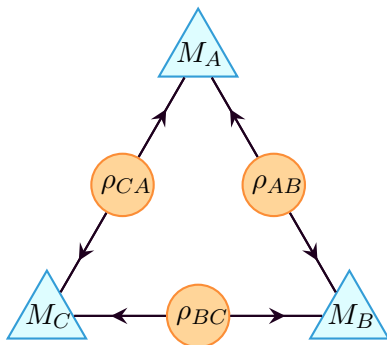
# Symmetric Inequalities

# Numerical Optimization

# Parameterizing Quantum Distributions

For our purposes, we need to parameterize the space of quantum-accessible distributions that are *realized* on the Triangle Scenario

$$P_{ABC}(abc) = \text{Tr}[\Pi^T \rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC} \otimes \rho_{CA} \Pi M_{A,a} \otimes M_{B,b} \otimes M_{C,c}]$$



# Parameterizing Unitary Group

- ▶ Spengler, Huber and Heismayr Spengler et al. (2010) demonstrate a parameterization of  $\mathcal{U}(d)$  where the parameters are organized in a  $d \times d$ -matrix of real values  $\lambda_{n,m}$

$$U = \left[ \prod_{m=1}^{d-1} \left( \prod_{n=m+1}^d R_{m,n} R P_{n,m} \right) \right] \cdot \left[ \prod_{l=1}^d G P_l \right]$$

- ▶ Global Phase Terms:  $G P_l = \exp(i P_l \lambda_{l,l})$
- ▶ Relative Phase Terms:  $R P_{n,m} = \exp(i P_n \lambda_{n,m})$
- ▶ Rotation Terms:  $R_{m,n} = \exp(i \sigma_{m,n} \lambda_{m,n})$
- ▶ Projection Operators:  $P_l = |l\rangle\langle l|$
- ▶ Anti-symmetric  $\sigma$ -matrices:  $\sigma_{m,n} = -i|m\rangle\langle n| + i|n\rangle\langle m|$

# Parameterizing Unitary Group Cont'd

- ▶ Each parameter  $\lambda_{n,m}$  has physical interpretation
- ▶ Degeneracies are easily eliminated such as global phase

$$\forall l = 1, \dots, d : \lambda_{l,l} = 0 \implies GP_l = 1$$

- ▶ Parameterize  $U \in \mathcal{U}(d)$  up to global phase denoted  $\tilde{U} \in \mathcal{U}(d)$
- ▶ Computationally efficient

$$GP_l = \mathbb{1} + P_l(e^{i\lambda_{l,l}} - 1)$$

$$RP_{n,m} = \mathbb{1} + P_n(e^{i\lambda_{n,m}} - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{m,n} = \mathbb{1} &+ (|m\rangle\langle m| + |n\rangle\langle n|)(\cos \lambda_{n,m} - 1) \\ &+ (|m\rangle\langle n| - |n\rangle\langle m|)\sin \lambda_{n,m} \end{aligned}$$

# Parameterizing States

- ▶ Each latent resource  $\rho \in (\rho_{AB}, \rho_{BC}, \rho_{CA})$  modeled as bipartite qubit state acting on  $\mathcal{H}^{d/2} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{d/2}$
- ▶  $d \times d$  positive semi-definite (PSD) hermitian matrices with unitary trace
- ▶ **Cholesky Parametrization** allows one to write any hermitian PSD as  $\rho = T^\dagger T$
- ▶ For  $d = 4$ :

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_2 + i\lambda_3 & \lambda_4 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_5 + i\lambda_6 & \lambda_7 + i\lambda_8 & \lambda_9 & 0 \\ \lambda_{10} + i\lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} + i\lambda_{13} & \lambda_{14} + i\lambda_{15} & \lambda_{16} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶  $d^2$  real-valued parameters
- ▶ Normalized  $\rho = T^\dagger T / \text{Tr}(T^\dagger T)$  adds degeneracy

# Parameterizing States Cont'd

- ▶ **SHH parameterization** Spengler et al. (2010) exploits spectral decomposition; for rank  $k \leq d$  density matrix

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \quad p_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$$

- ▶ Orthonormal  $k$ -element sub-basis  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}^d$  can be transformed into computational basis  $\{|i\rangle\}$  by unitary  $U \in \mathcal{U}(d)$  such that  $|\psi_i\rangle = U|i\rangle$
- ▶ Freedom to choose  $k$
- ▶ Parameterize  $\rho$  through  $\{p_i\}$  and  $\tilde{U}_k$

$$\tilde{U}_k = \prod_{m=1}^k \left( \prod_{n=m+1}^d R_{m,n} R P_{n,m} \right)$$

- ▶  $d^2 - (d - k)^2 - k + (k - 1) = 2dk - k^2 - 1$  real-valued parameters (no-degeneracy)

# Parameterizing POVMs

- ▶ Each party ( $A, B, C$ ) is assigned a **projective-operator valued measure (POVM)** ( $M_A, M_B, M_C$ )

$$\forall |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^d : \langle \psi | M_\chi | \psi \rangle \geq 0 \quad M_\chi = M_\chi^\dagger$$

- ▶  $n$ -outcome measurement

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- ▶ For  $n = 2$  outcomes, a parameterization exists by constraining the eigenvalues of  $M_{\chi,i}$ ; for  $n > 2$  not aware of anything
- ▶ Warrants consideration of **projective-valued measures (PVMs)** (for  $n = d$  this is without loss of generality)



## Triangle Inequalities

## └ Searching for New Distributions

## └ Parameterizing POVMs

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## 1. Naimark's Dilation Theorem

# Parameterizing PVMs

- ▶ Each party  $(A, B, C)$  is assigned  $n$ -outcome  $(M_A, M_B, M_C)$  such that,

$$M_{\chi,i} M_{\chi,j} = \delta_{ij} M_{\chi,i} \quad M_{\chi,i} = |m_{\chi,i}\rangle\langle m_{\chi,i}|$$

- ▶ Inspired by Pál and Vértesi (2010), parameterizing PVMs means parameterizing a  $n$ -element sub-basis  $\{|m_{\chi,i}\rangle\}$
- ▶ Use unitary transformation again

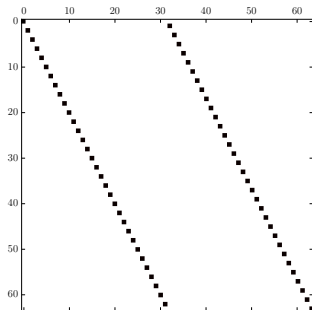
$$\{|m_{\chi,1}\rangle, \dots, |m_{\chi,n}\rangle\} = \{U|1\rangle, \dots, U|n\rangle\}$$

- ▶ Global phase and remaining basis irrelevant:  $\tilde{U}_n$  requires  $2dn - n^2 - 1$  real-valued parameters
- ▶ PVMs are computationally more efficient

$$P_{ABC}(abc) = \langle m_{A,a} m_{B,b} m_{C,c} | \Pi^\top \rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC} \otimes \rho_{CA} \Pi | m_{A,a} m_{B,b} m_{C,c} \rangle$$

# Network Permutation Matrix

- ▶ States and measurements in the Triangle Scenario are not aligned
- ▶ Without  $\Pi$ ,  $P_{ABC}$  would be separable
- ▶ Required to align  $B$ 's measurement over  $\text{Tr}_{A,C}(\rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC})$
- ▶  $\Pi$  is a  $2^6 \times 2^6$  matrix
- ▶ Shifts one qubit to the left



$$\Pi \equiv \sum_{|q_i\rangle \in \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}} |q_2 q_3 q_4 q_5 q_6 q_1\rangle \langle q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4 q_5 q_6|$$

# Maximally Violating Distributions

# Non-Trivial Inequalities For Large Inflation

# Conclusions

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