

Converting nonlocality into contextuality (and back)

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- (3) “Hardy-Cabello-Type” ones, such as TIFS and TITS, as exposed already by the KS “bug” (1965, DOI [10.1007/978-3-0348-9259-9_19](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-0348-9259-9_19)) two years before their “major paper”, which is a TIFS; their Γ_1 is a TITS by an extension of their previous “bug” TIFS;

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- (5) GHZ Mermin type parity type proofs within a single context (more on this later).

Are there more?



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(1) versus (5)



From a structural (algebraic) point of view
Kochen-Specker type (1)
and GHZ Mermin type (5)
are VERY different!



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- Those (mutually orthogonal) orthogonal projection operators can be expressed in terms of the dyadic products of elements of an orthonormal basis aka context.

Challenges to find joint eigensystem for mutually commuting degenerate observables

A technical problem arises if the mutually commuting operators of the observables are all degenerate. For the sake of an example take, for instance, the two hermitian matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

commute, and yet, none of their respective eigenvalues coincide: indeed, the eigensystem of the first matrix consist of separable vectors $(1, \pm 1, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 1, \pm 1)$ while the eigenvectors of the second matrix $(1, 0, 0, \pm 1)$ and $(0, 1, \pm 1, 0)$ are all nonseparable. In such cases, finding their respective unique context can be rather tedious, although constructively feasible, as it involves finding simultaneous eigenvectors for all these commuting operators.

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Mutually commuting normal operators (such as Hermitian or unitary operators that commute with their respective adjoints) A_1, \dots, A_I share common projection operators.

Solution: diagonalize the matrix pencil that is a linear combination of the operator matrices:

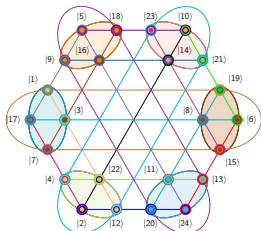
$$P = \sum_{i=1}^I a_i A_i,$$

where a_i are scalars (for our purposes, real numbers). As P commutes with A_1, \dots, A_I , they share a common set of projection operators. Moreover, since the scalar parameters a_i can be adjusted, and in particular, can be identified with Kronecker delta functions δ_{ij} , and as P commutes with each operator A_j for $1 \leq j \leq I$, P and A_j share a common set of projection operators.

Case study I: Matrix pencil of the Peres-Mermin square

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_z \mathbb{1}_2 & \mathbb{1}_2 \sigma_z & \sigma_z \sigma_z \\ \mathbb{1}_2 \sigma_x & \sigma_x \mathbb{1}_2 & \sigma_x \sigma_x \\ \sigma_z \sigma_x & \sigma_x \sigma_z & \sigma_y \sigma_y \end{pmatrix}$$

matrix pencils	eigenvalues			
	$a - b - c$	$-a + b - c$	$-a - b + c$	$a + b + c$
$a\sigma_z\mathbb{1}_2 + b\mathbb{1}_2\sigma_z + c\sigma_z\sigma_z$	$ 7\rangle = (0, 1, 0, 0)^\top$	$ 3\rangle = (0, 0, 1, 0)^\top$	$ 1\rangle = (0, 0, 0, 1)^\top$	$ 17\rangle = (1, 0, 0, 0)^\top$
$a\mathbb{1}_2\sigma_x + b\sigma_x\mathbb{1}_2 + c\sigma_x\sigma_x$	$ 20\rangle = (-1, -1, 1, 1)^\top$	$ 13\rangle = (-1, 1, -1, 1)^\top$	$ 11\rangle = (1, -1, -1, 1)^\top$	$ 24\rangle = (1, 1, 1, 1)^\top$
$a\sigma_z\sigma_x + b\sigma_x\sigma_z + c\sigma_y\sigma_y$	$ 21\rangle = (1, 1, -1, 1)^\top$	$ 14\rangle = (1, -1, 1, 1)^\top$	$ 23\rangle = (-1, 1, 1, 1)^\top$	$ 10\rangle = (-1, -1, -1, 1)^\top$
$a\sigma_z\mathbb{1}_2 + b\mathbb{1}_2\sigma_x + c\sigma_z\sigma_x$	$ 12\rangle = (-1, 1, 0, 0)^\top$	$ 4\rangle = (0, 0, 1, 1)^\top$	$ 2\rangle = (0, 0, -1, 1)^\top$	$ 22\rangle = (1, 1, 0, 0)^\top$
$a\mathbb{1}_2\sigma_z + b\sigma_x\mathbb{1}_2 + c\sigma_x\sigma_z$	$ 15\rangle = (-1, 0, 1, 0)^\top$	$ 8\rangle = (0, 1, 0, 1)^\top$	$ 6\rangle = (0, -1, 0, 1)^\top$	$ 19\rangle = (1, 0, 1, 0)^\top$
	$a - b - c$	$-a + b - c$	$-a - b + c$	$a + b + c$
$a\sigma_z\sigma_z + b\sigma_x\sigma_x + c\sigma_y\sigma_y$	$ 5\rangle = \Psi_-\rangle = (0, 1, -1, 0)^\top$	$ 18\rangle = \Phi_+\rangle = (1, 0, 0, 1)^\top$	$ 16\rangle = \Phi_-\rangle = (1, 0, 0, -1)^\top$	$ 9\rangle = \Psi_+\rangle = (0, 1, 1, 0)^\top$



$24 - 24 \supset 18 - 9$ (Kochen-Specker)

Case study II: Matrix pencil of the Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger-Mermin argument

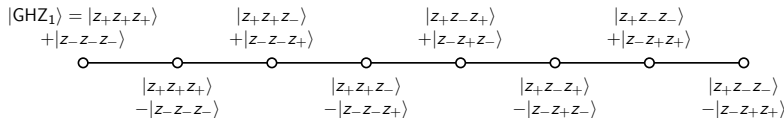
$$a\sigma_x\sigma_x\sigma_x + b\sigma_y\sigma_y\sigma_x + c\sigma_y\sigma_x\sigma_y + d\sigma_x\sigma_y\sigma_y$$

$$\pm(a - b - c - d) : |\text{GHZ}_{1,2}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|z_+z_+z_+\rangle \pm |z_-z_-z_-\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \pm 1)^\top,$$

$$\pm(a - b + c + d) : |\text{GHZ}_{3,4}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|z_+z_+z_-\rangle \pm |z_-z_-z_+\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, \pm 1, 0)^\top,$$

$$\pm(a + b - c + d) : |\text{GHZ}_{5,6}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|z_+z_-z_+\rangle \pm |z_-z_+z_-\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \pm 1, 0, 0)^\top,$$

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Case study III: Matrix pencil of two-partite Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger argument

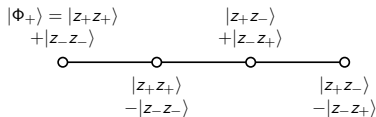
$$a(\sigma_z \sigma_x) \cdot (\sigma_x \sigma_z) + b \sigma_x \sigma_x + c \sigma_z \sigma_z$$

$$-a - b - c : |\Psi_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|z_{+}z_{-}\rangle - |z_{-}z_{+}\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, -1, 0)^{\top},$$

$$a + b - c : |\Psi_{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|z_{+}z_{-}\rangle + |z_{-}z_{+}\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, 1, 0)^{\top},$$

$$a - b + c : |\Phi_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|z_{+}z_{+}\rangle - |z_{-}z_{-}\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 0, 0, -1)^{\top},$$

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Thank you for your attention!

