

Quantum entanglement: classification and detection

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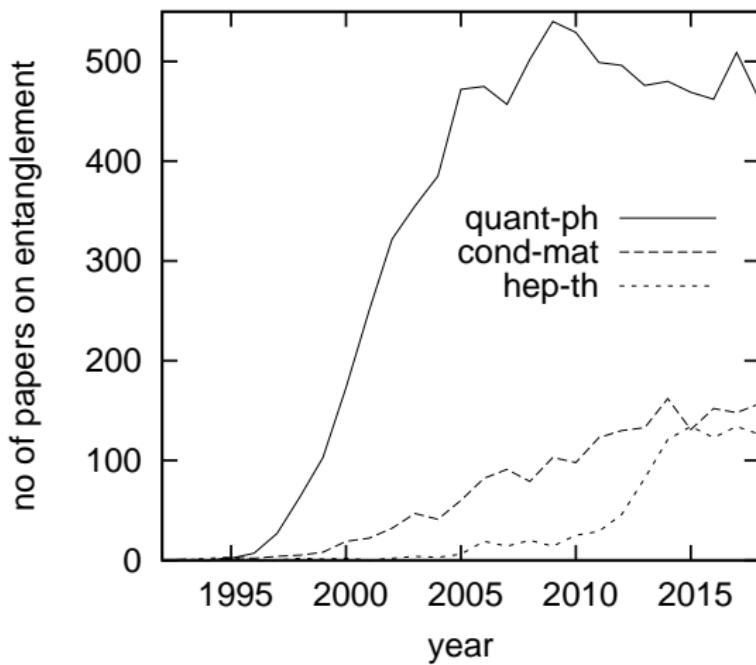
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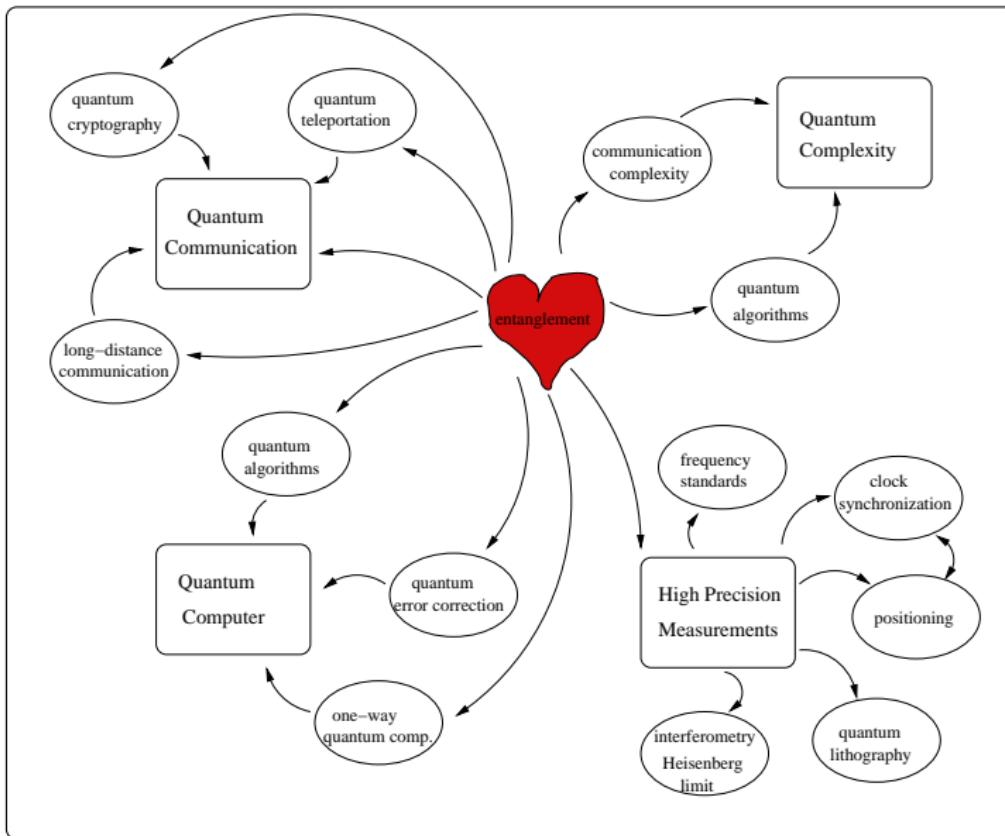
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Solution of the separability problem for pure bipartite states

Given $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$, $\dim \mathcal{H}_A = d_A$, $\dim \mathcal{H}_B = d_B \geq d_A$

Pure states:

Schmidt decomposition: $|\psi^r\rangle = \sum_i^r a_i |e_i\rangle |f_i\rangle$,

Schmidt rank $r \leq d_A$, $\langle e_i | e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} = \langle f_i | f_j \rangle$, $a_i > 0$, $\sum_i^r a_i^2 = 1$

$|\psi\rangle$ separable $\Leftrightarrow r = 1$

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Proof: singular value decomposition

Note: \nexists Schmidt decomposition for pure multipartite states i.g.

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ρ and σ have same eigenvalues, also ρ_A and σ_A \hookrightarrow conjecture is wrong!

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\Leftarrow for dim 2×2 and 2×3

[M. + P. + R. Horodecki, Phys. Lett. A 223, 1 (1996)]

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general: nec. condition, \exists PPT ent. states \equiv bound ent. states

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Reduction criterion: ϱ separable \Rightarrow

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Proof:

Application of **positive map** $\Lambda(\sigma) = \mathbb{1} - \sigma$ to B or A

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Open problem: How to characterize non-CP maps?

Only in $d_A d_B \leq 6$ we know $\Lambda_{pos} = \Lambda_{CP}^{(1)} + \Lambda_{CP}^{(2)} \circ T \quad \hookrightarrow$ proof PPT

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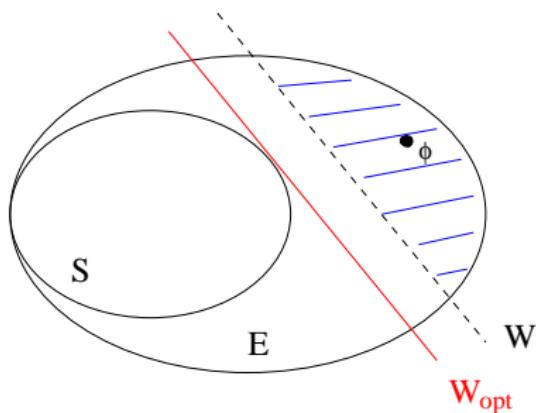
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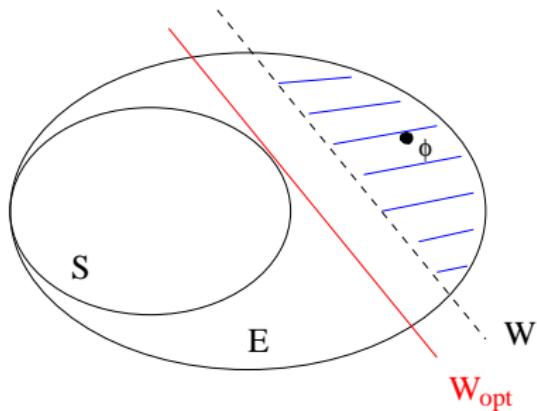
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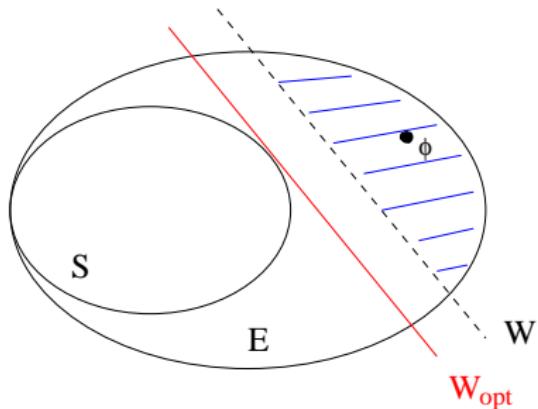
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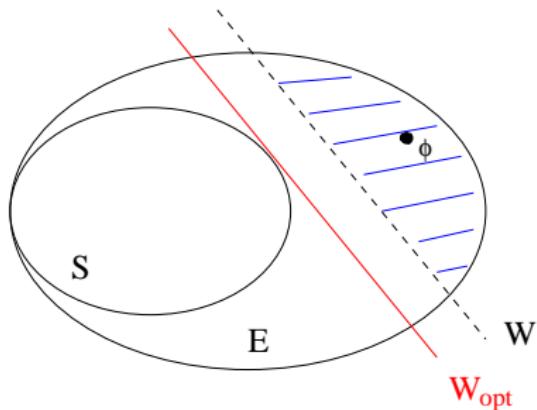
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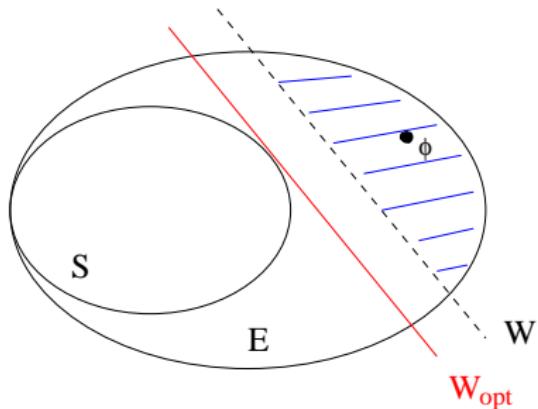
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Entanglement measures

Requirements for entanglement measure E :

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$$E(P_+^d) = \log d$$

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$$E(\varrho^{\otimes n}) = n E(\varrho)$$

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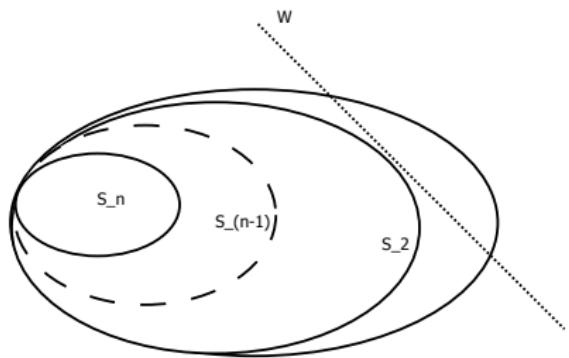
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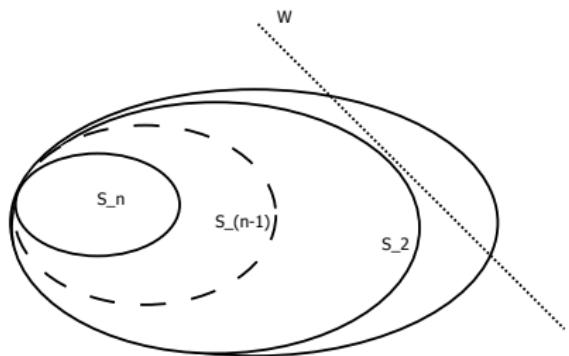
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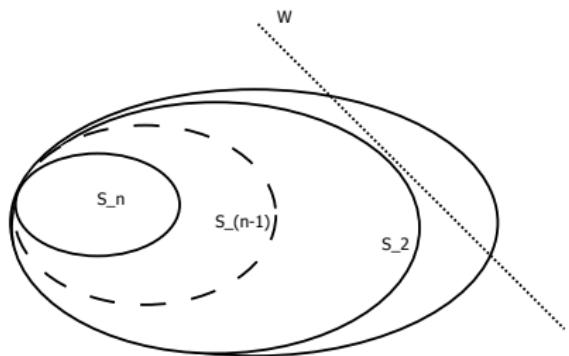
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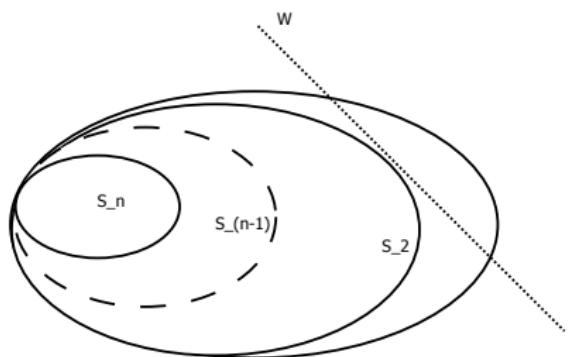
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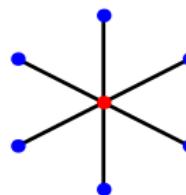
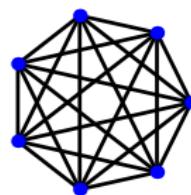
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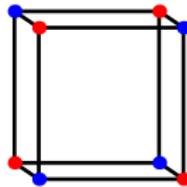
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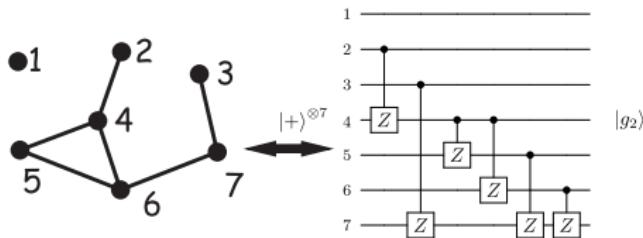
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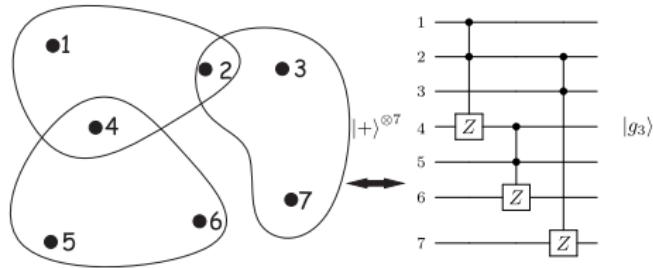
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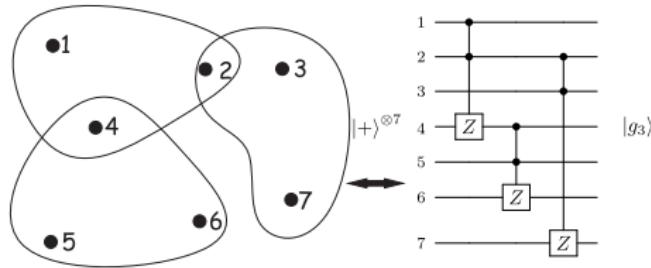
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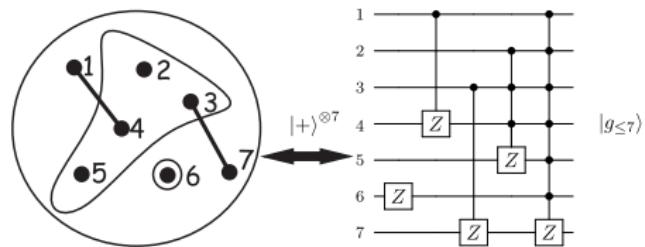
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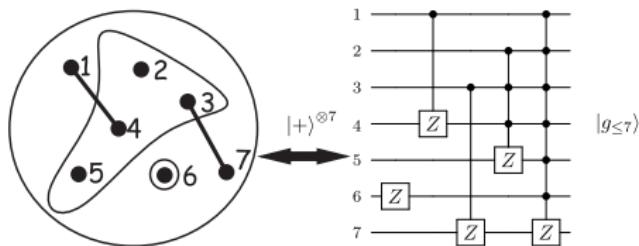
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Method: Calculate infinity norm for reduced density matrices, where $\|M\|_\infty$ of $n \times n$ Matrix M is defined as:

$$\|M\|_\infty := \max_{i=1,2,\dots,n} \sum_{j=1}^n |M_{ij}|$$

As $\lambda_{\max}(M) \leq \|M\|_\infty$ for $M \geq 0$, use infinity norm to bound Schmidt coefficients of all bipartitions.

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Application of HGS: violation of Bell inequalities

Start from Noncontextuality for graph states: remember Mermin inequality for GHZ state (graph state of fully connected graph with 3 vertices)

$$\mathcal{M} = X_1 Z_2 Z_3 + Z_1 X_2 Z_3 + Z_1 Z_2 X_3 - X_1 X_2 X_3$$

If X_i and Z_i are classical quantities with value ± 1 , then

$$\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle \leq 2$$

However, interpret \mathcal{M} in terms of stabilizer operators:

$$\mathcal{M} = g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_1 g_2 g_3$$

Thus, $\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle = 4$ for GHZ state (eigenstate of g_i with eigenvalue $+1$).

Generalization: find hypergraph states that fulfil

$$\sum_{i=1}^n g_i + \prod_{i=1}^n g_i = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \prod_{e \in E(i)} C_{e \setminus \{i\}} - \prod_{i=1}^n X_i$$

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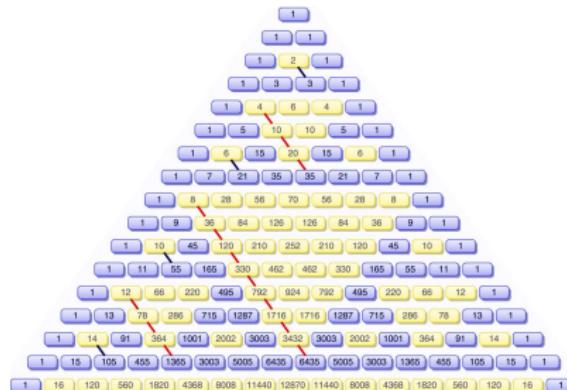
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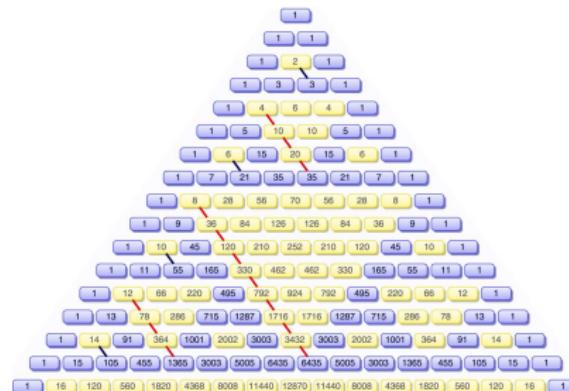


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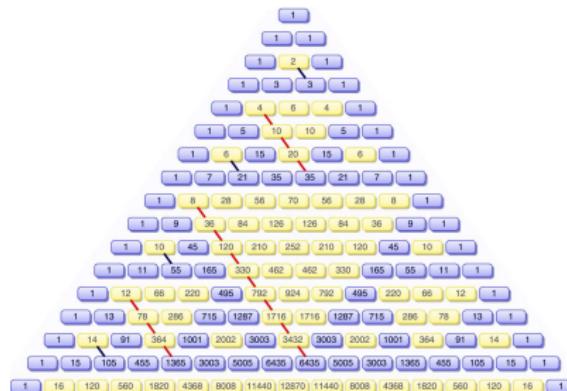
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See also: Exponentially increasing violation of local realism

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- There are many interesting families of multipartite entangled states, one example: hypergraph states.

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