

# NPA Hierarchy for Quantum Isomorphism and Homomorphism Indistinguishability

Peter Zeman

<https://zemanpeter.matfyz.cz>

Department of Algebra, MFF UK

**Algebra colloquium**

Joint work with Prem Nigam Kar, David E. Roberson, and Tim Seppelt

*NPA Hierarchy for Quantum Isomorphism and  
Homomorphism Indistinguishability* [arXiv:2407.10635](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.10635)

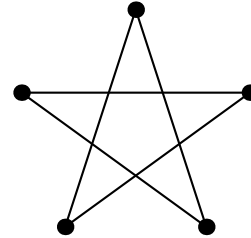
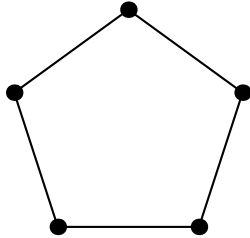
# Graph isomorphisms and homomorphisms

**Definition.** A map  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is an **isomorphism** if  $\varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E(H) \Leftrightarrow uv \in E(G)$ . We write  $G \cong H$ .

# Graph isomorphisms and homomorphisms

**Definition.** A map  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is an **isomorphism** if  $\varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E(H) \Leftrightarrow uv \in E(G)$ . We write  $G \cong H$ .

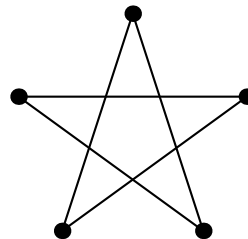
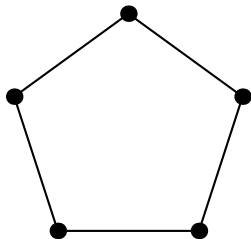
**Example.**



# Graph isomorphisms and homomorphisms

**Definition.** A map  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is an **isomorphism** if  $\varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E(H) \Leftrightarrow uv \in E(G)$ . We write  $G \cong H$ .

**Example.**

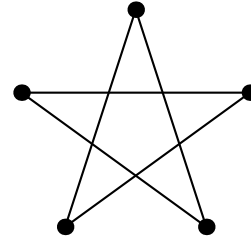
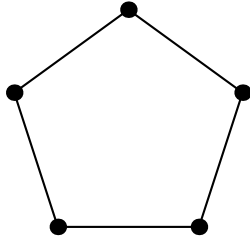


**Definition.** A map  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is a **homomorphism** if  $uv \in E(G) \implies \varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E(H)$ .

# Graph isomorphisms and homomorphisms

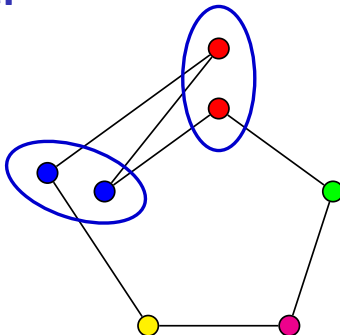
**Definition.** A map  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is an **isomorphism** if  $\varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E(H) \Leftrightarrow uv \in E(G)$ . We write  $G \cong H$ .

**Example.**

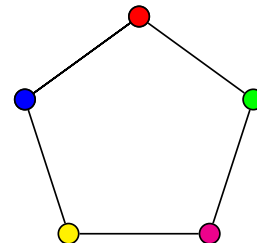


**Definition.** A map  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is a **homomorphism** if  $uv \in E(G) \implies \varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E(H)$ .

**Example.**



$C_7 \rightarrow C_5$



# Homomorphism indistinguishability

**Thm (Lovász).**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \forall F \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ , where  $\text{hom}(F, G) := \#$  of homomorphisms from  $F$  to  $G$ .

# Homomorphism indistinguishability

**Thm (Lovász).**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \forall F \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ , where  $\text{hom}(F, G) := \#$  of homomorphisms from  $F$  to  $G$ .

**Def.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$  denotes  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ .

# Homomorphism indistinguishability

**Thm (Lovász).**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \forall F \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ , where  $\text{hom}(F, G) := \#$  of homomorphisms from  $F$  to  $G$ .

**Def.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$  denotes  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ .

The class $\mathcal{F}$	The relation $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$
All graphs	Isomorphism [Lovász 1967]
Cycles	Cospectrality
Cycles & paths	Cospectral & cospectral complements
Trees	Fractional isomorphism [Dvořák 2010]
Treewidth $\leq k$	Indistinguishable by $k$ -WL [Dvořák 2010]
Treedepth $\leq k$	Ind. by FOL w/ counting of quantifier rank $\leq k$ [Grohe 2020]



# Homomorphism indistinguishability

**Thm (Lovász).**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \forall F \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ , where  $\text{hom}(F, G) := \#$  of homomorphisms from  $F$  to  $G$ .

**Def.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$  denotes  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ .

The class $\mathcal{F}$	The relation $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$
All graphs	Isomorphism [Lovász 1967]
Cycles	Cospectrality
Cycles & paths	Cospectral & cospectral complements
Trees	Fractional isomorphism [Dvořák 2010]
Treewidth $\leq k$	Indistinguishable by $k$ -WL [Dvořák 2010]
Treedepth $\leq k$	Ind. by FOL w/ counting of quantifier rank $\leq k$ [Grohe 2020]
Planar graphs	<b>Quantum isomorphism</b> [Mančinska, Roberson 2020]

# Homomorphism indistinguishability

**Thm (Lovász).**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \forall F \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ , where  $\text{hom}(F, G) := \#$  of homomorphisms from  $F$  to  $G$ .

**Def.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$  denotes  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ .

The class $\mathcal{F}$	The relation $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$
All graphs	Isomorphism [Lovász 1967]
Cycles	Cospectrality
Cycles & paths	Cospectral & cospectral complements
Trees	Fractional isomorphism [Dvořák 2010]
Treewidth $\leq k$	Indistinguishable by $k$ -WL [Dvořák 2010]
Treedepth $\leq k$	Ind. by FOL w/ counting of quantifier rank $\leq k$ [Grohe 2020]
Planar graphs	Quantum isomorphism [Mančinska, Roberson 2020]
$\mathcal{P}_k$	$k^{\text{th}}$ level of NPA is feasible for $(G, H)$ -iso. game

# Homomorphism indistinguishability

**Thm (Lovász).**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \forall F \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ , where  $\text{hom}(F, G) := \#$  of homomorphisms from  $F$  to  $G$ .

**Def.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$  denotes  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$ .

The class $\mathcal{F}$	The relation $G \cong_{\mathcal{F}} H$
All graphs	Isomorphism [Lovász 1967]
Cycles	Cospectrality
Cycles & paths	Cospectral & cospectral complements
Trees	Fractional isomorphism [Dvořák 2010]
Treewidth $\leq k$	Indistinguishable by $k$ -WL [Dvořák 2010]
Treedepth $\leq k$	Ind. by FOL w/ counting of quantifier rank $\leq k$ [Grohe 2020]
Planar graphs	Quantum isomorphism [Mančinska, Roberson 2020]
$\mathcal{P}_k$	$k^{\text{th}}$ level of NPA is feasible for $(G, H)$ -iso. game

**Benefits.** (1) randomized poly-time algorithm for  $k^{\text{th}}$  level  
(2) more elementary proof avoiding quantum groups.

# Main theorem

**The  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game is feasible**



**There exists a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map from  $G$  to  $H$**



**$G$  and  $H$  are homomorphism indistinguishable over  $\mathcal{P}_k$**

# Nonlocal games (Bell games, Bell inequalities)

A two-player cooperative game, where Alice and Bob try to win against a referee.

# Nonlocal games (Bell games, Bell inequalities)

A two-player cooperative game, where Alice and Bob try to win against a referee.

Finite sets of questions  $X, Y$  and answers  $A, B$ , and a winning predicate  $V: X \times Y \times A \times B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .

R

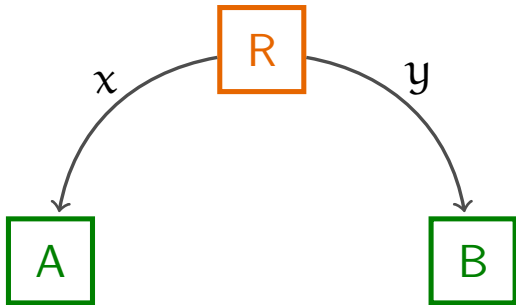
A

B

# Nonlocal games (Bell games, Bell inequalities)

A two-player cooperative game, where Alice and Bob try to win against a referee.

Finite sets of questions  $X, Y$  and answers  $A, B$ , and a winning predicate  $V: X \times Y \times A \times B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .



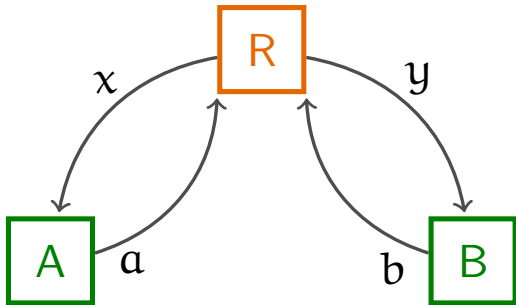
- Referee sends  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  according to  $\pi$ .

Players play **only one round**.

# Nonlocal games (Bell games, Bell inequalities)

A two-player cooperative game, where Alice and Bob try to win against a referee.

Finite sets of questions  $X, Y$  and answers  $A, B$ , and a winning predicate  $V: X \times Y \times A \times B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .



- Referee sends  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  according to  $\pi$ .
- Players respond with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

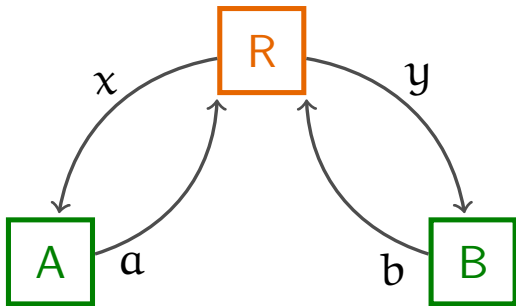
Players play **only one round**. Players can agree on a **strategy** beforehand, but they **cannot communicate** after the game starts.



# Nonlocal games (Bell games, Bell inequalities)

A two-player cooperative game, where Alice and Bob try to win against a referee.

Finite sets of questions  $X, Y$  and answers  $A, B$ , and a winning predicate  $V: X \times Y \times A \times B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .



- Referee sends  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  according to  $\pi$ .
- Players respond with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .
- Players win if  $V(a, b|x, y) = 1$ .

Players play **only one round**. Players can agree on a **strategy** beforehand, but they **cannot communicate** after the game starts.

## Example: Clauser, Horne, Shimony, Holt (CHSH) game

- $X = Y = A = B = \{0, 1\}$ ,
- $\pi$  is uniform,
- $V(a, b|x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \oplus b = x \wedge y, \\ 0 & \text{if } a \oplus b \neq x \wedge y. \end{cases}$

# Strategies

**Deterministic.** A pair of functions  $f: X \rightarrow A$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow B$ .

# Strategies

**Deterministic.** A pair of functions  $f: X \rightarrow A$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow B$ .  
The **classical value** of a game  $\mathcal{G}$  is

$$\omega(\mathcal{G}) = \max_{f,g} \sum_{x,y} \pi(x,y) V(f(x), g(y)|x,y).$$

# Strategies

**Deterministic.** A pair of functions  $f: X \rightarrow A$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow B$ .  
The **classical value** of a game  $\mathcal{G}$  is

$$\omega(\mathcal{G}) = \max_{f,g} \sum_{x,y} \pi(x,y) V(f(x), g(y)|x,y).$$

**Quantum.** Players share a state  $|\Psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B}$ .

- A POVM  $\mathcal{E}_x = \{E_{x\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A \times d_A} : \alpha \in A\}$ , for each  $x \in X$ .
- A POVM  $\mathcal{F}_y = \{F_{yb} \in \mathbb{C}^{d_B \times d_B} : b \in B\}$ , for each  $y \in Y$ .

**Positive operator valued measure**,  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} E_{x\alpha} = I$ ,  $E_{x\alpha} \succeq 0$ .

# Strategies

**Deterministic.** A pair of functions  $f: X \rightarrow A$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow B$ .  
The **classical value** of a game  $\mathcal{G}$  is

$$\omega(\mathcal{G}) = \max_{f,g} \sum_{x,y} \pi(x,y) V(f(x), g(y) | x, y).$$

**Quantum.** Players share a state  $|\Psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B}$ .

- A POVM  $\mathcal{E}_x = \{E_{x\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A \times d_A} : \alpha \in A\}$ , for each  $x \in X$ .
- A POVM  $\mathcal{F}_y = \{F_{yb} \in \mathbb{C}^{d_B \times d_B} : b \in B\}$ , for each  $y \in Y$ .

**Positive operator valued measure**,  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} E_{x\alpha} = I$ ,  $E_{x\alpha} \succeq 0$ .

Alice and Bob answer  $\alpha, b$  given  $x, y$  with probability

$$p(\alpha, b | x, y) = \langle \Psi | (E_{x\alpha} \otimes F_{yb}) | \Psi \rangle.$$

# Strategies

**Deterministic.** A pair of functions  $f: X \rightarrow A$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow B$ . The **classical value** of a game  $\mathcal{G}$  is

$$\omega(\mathcal{G}) = \max_{f,g} \sum_{x,y} \pi(x,y) V(f(x), g(y)|x,y).$$

**Quantum.** Players share a state  $|\Psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{d_B}$ .

- A POVM  $\mathcal{E}_x = \{E_{x\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A \times d_A} : \alpha \in A\}$ , for each  $x \in X$ .
- A POVM  $\mathcal{F}_y = \{F_{yb} \in \mathbb{C}^{d_B \times d_B} : b \in B\}$ , for each  $y \in Y$ .

**Positive operator valued measure**,  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} E_{x\alpha} = I$ ,  $E_{x\alpha} \succeq 0$ .

Alice and Bob answer  $\alpha, b$  given  $x, y$  with probability

$$p(\alpha, b|x, y) = \langle \Psi | (E_{x\alpha} \otimes F_{yb}) | \Psi \rangle.$$

The **quantum value**  $\omega^*(\mathcal{G})$  of a game  $\mathcal{G}$  is the supremum of

$$\sum_{x,y} \pi(x,y) \sum_{\alpha,b} V(\alpha, b|x, y) p(\alpha, b|x, y).$$

## Example: Clauser, Horne, Shimony, Holt (CHSH) game

- $X = Y = A = B = \{0, 1\}$ ,
- $\pi$  is uniform,
- $V(a, b|x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \oplus b = x \wedge y, \\ 0 & \text{if } a \oplus b \neq x \wedge y. \end{cases}$

**Thm.**  $\omega(\text{CHSH}) = 3/4 < \cos^2(\pi/8) = \omega^*(\text{CHSH})$ .



# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .

# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

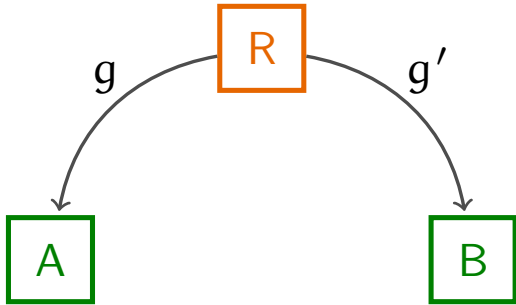
**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .

**Assume:**  $|V(G)| = |V(H)|$

# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .

**Assume:**  $|V(G)| = |V(H)|$

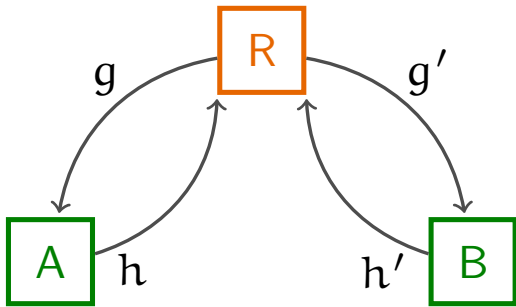


- Referee sends  $g, g' \in V(G)$ .

# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .

**Assume:**  $|V(G)| = |V(H)|$

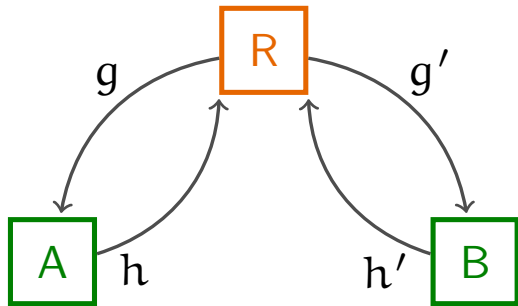


- Referee sends  $g, g' \in V(G)$ .
- Players respond with  $h, h' \in V(H)$ .

# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .

**Assume:**  $|V(G)| = |V(H)|$



- Referee sends  $g, g' \in V(G)$ .
- Players respond with  $h, h' \in V(H)$ .

To win players must respond with  $h, h'$  such that

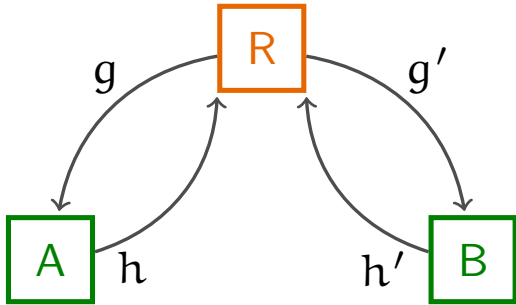
$$\text{rel}(h, h') = \text{rel}(g, g')$$

where  $\text{rel}$  denotes how two vertices are “related”.

# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .

**Assume:**  $|V(G)| = |V(H)|$



- Referee sends  $g, g' \in V(G)$ .
- Players respond with  $h, h' \in V(H)$ .

To win players must respond with  $h, h'$  such that

$$\text{rel}(h, h') = \text{rel}(g, g')$$

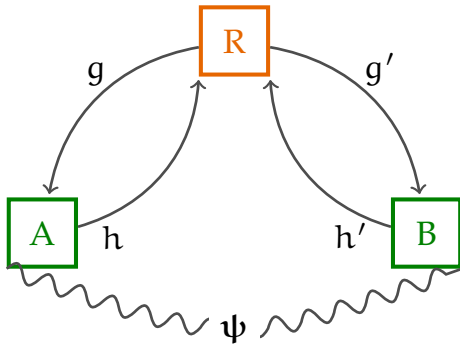
where  $\text{rel}$  denotes how two vertices are “related”.

**Proposition.**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow$  Classical players can **win** the game.

# Quantum isomorphism

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Quantum strategies

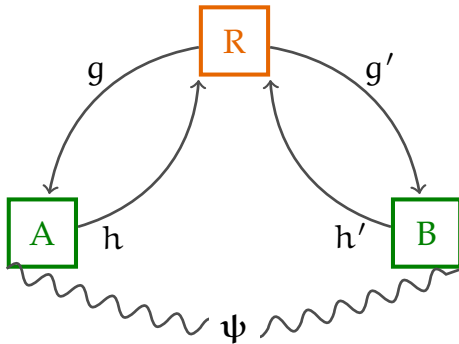


# Quantum isomorphism

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Quantum strategies

- Alice and Bob share a quantum state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$

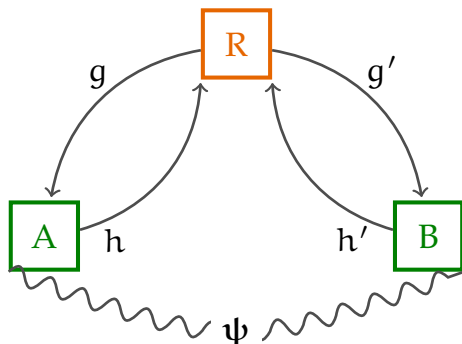




# Quantum isomorphism

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Quantum strategies

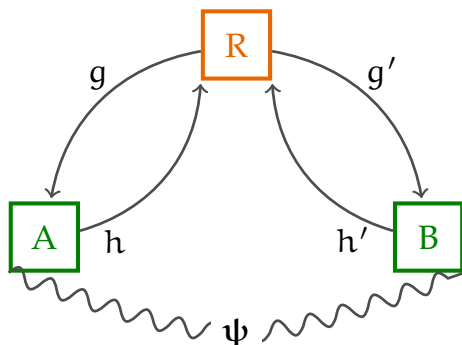


- Alice and Bob share a quantum state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
- Upon receiving  $g$ , Alice performs a POVM  $\mathcal{E}_g = \{E_{gh} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : h \in V(H)\}$  and obtains outcome  $h \in V(H)$

# Quantum isomorphism

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Quantum strategies

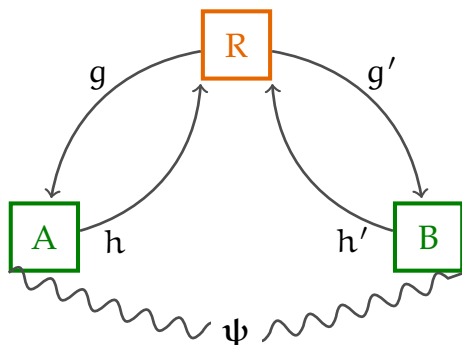


- Alice and Bob share a quantum state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
- Upon receiving  $g$ , Alice performs a POVM  $\mathcal{E}_g = \{E_{gh} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : h \in V(H)\}$  and obtains outcome  $h \in V(H)$
- Bob measures with  $\mathcal{F}_{g'}$

# Quantum isomorphism

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Quantum strategies

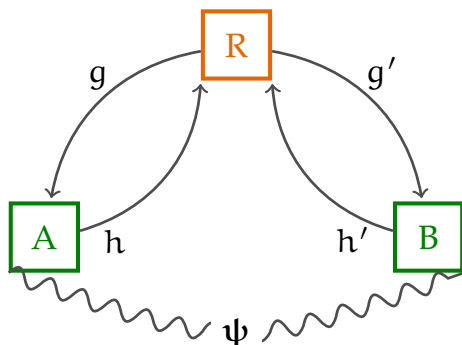


- Alice and Bob share a quantum state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
- Upon receiving  $g$ , Alice performs a POVM  $\mathcal{E}_g = \{E_{gh} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : h \in V(H)\}$  and obtains outcome  $h \in V(H)$
- Bob measures with  $\mathcal{F}_{g'}$
- All  $E_{gh}$  and  $F_{g'h'}$  commute

# Quantum isomorphism

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Quantum strategies

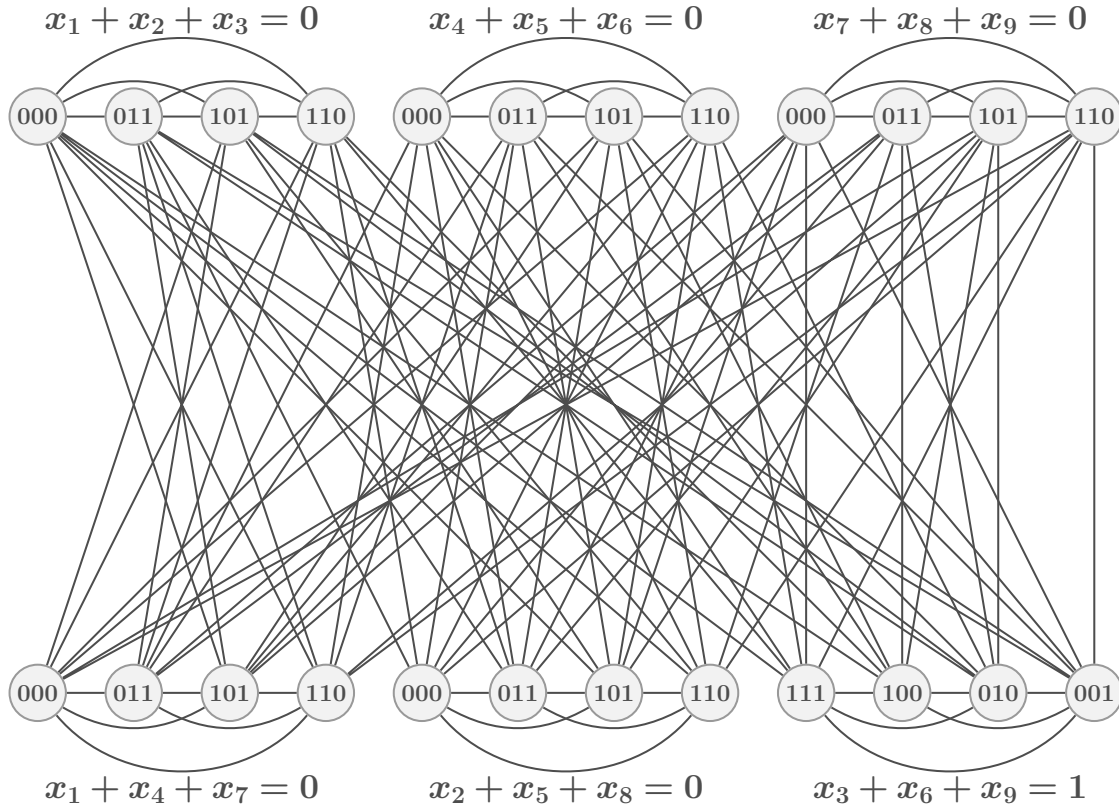


- Alice and Bob share a quantum state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$
- Upon receiving  $g$ , Alice performs a POVM  $\mathcal{E}_g = \{E_{gh} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : h \in V(H)\}$  and obtains outcome  $h \in V(H)$
- Bob measures with  $\mathcal{F}_{g'}$
- All  $E_{gh}$  and  $F_{g'h'}$  commute

The probability that players respond with  $h, h'$  on questions  $g, g'$  is

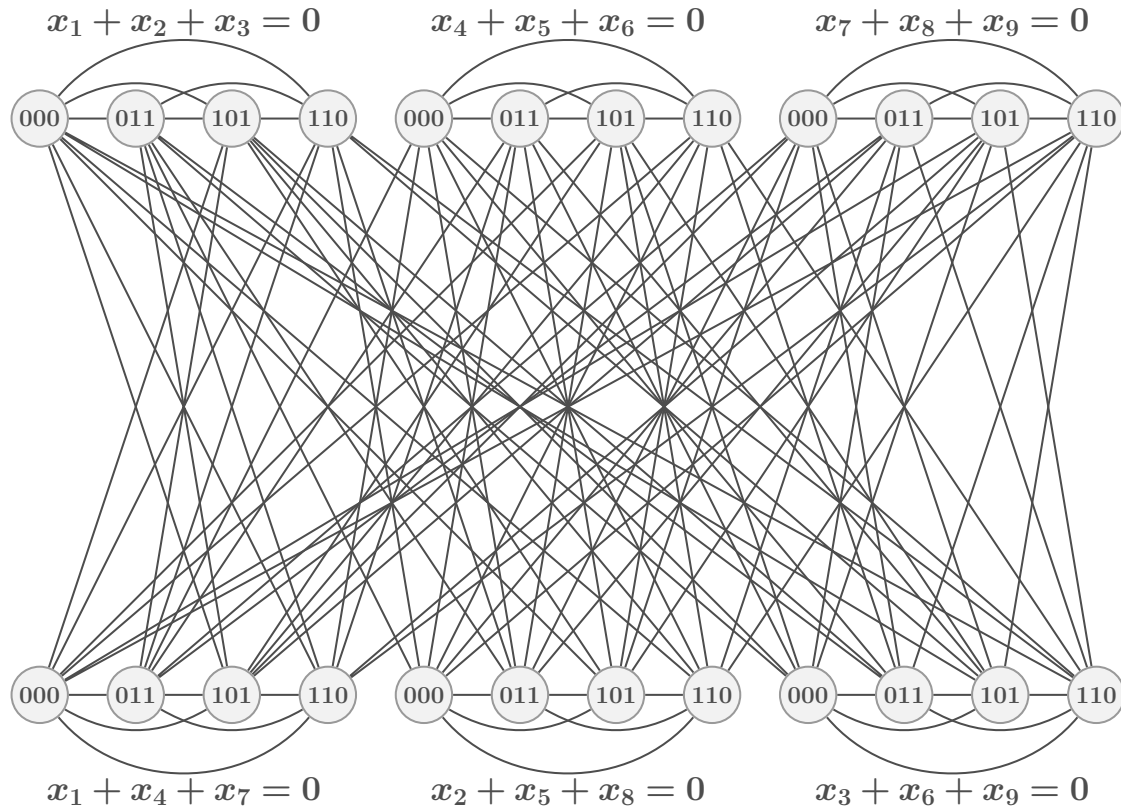
$$p(h, h'|g, g') = \langle \psi | E_{gh} F_{g'h'} | \psi \rangle$$

Example:  $G \not\cong H$  but  $G \cong_{qc} H$



**Construction based on reduction from linear system games.**

Example:  $G \not\cong H$  but  $G \cong_{qc} H$



**Construction based on reduction from linear system games.**

# Quantum permutation matrix

A matrix  $P = (p_{ij})$  is **quantum permutation matrix** if  $p_{ij}$  are elements of an  $C^*$ -algebra s.t.

- $p_{ij}^2 = p_{ij} = p_{ij}^*$  for all  $i, j$ ,
- $\sum_k p_{ik} = 1 = \sum_l p_{lj}$  for all  $i, j$ .

# Quantum permutation matrix

A matrix  $P = (p_{ij})$  is **quantum permutation matrix** if  $p_{ij}$  are elements of an  $C^*$ -algebra s.t.

- $p_{ij}^2 = p_{ij} = p_{ij}^*$  for all  $i, j$ ,
- $\sum_k p_{ik} = 1 = \sum_l p_{lj}$  for all  $i, j$ .

Thm (Lupini, Mančinska, Roberson).  $G \cong_{qc} H \Leftrightarrow A_G P = P A_H$ ,  
for some quantum permutation matrix  $P$ .



# Quantum permutation matrix

A matrix  $P = (p_{ij})$  is **quantum permutation matrix** if  $p_{ij}$  are elements of an  $C^*$ -algebra s.t.

- $p_{ij}^2 = p_{ij} = p_{ij}^*$  for all  $i, j$ ,
- $\sum_k p_{ik} = 1 = \sum_l p_{lj}$  for all  $i, j$ .

**Thm (Lupini, Mančinska, Roberson).**  $G \cong_{qc} H \Leftrightarrow A_G P = P A_H$ , for some quantum permutation matrix  $P$ .

This is similar to

$$\begin{aligned} G \cong H &\Leftrightarrow A_G P = P A_H \quad (\text{isomorphism}), \\ G \cong_{\mathcal{J}} H &\Leftrightarrow A_G D = D A_H \quad (\text{fractional isomorphism}). \end{aligned}$$

# Bilabelled graphs

## Definition.

A  $(k, k)$ -**bilabelled graph** is a triple  $\mathbf{F} = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  where

- $F$  is a graph;
- $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_k)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_k) \in V(F)^k$ .

# Bilabelled graphs

## Definition.

A  $(k, k)$ -**bilabelled graph** is a triple  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  where

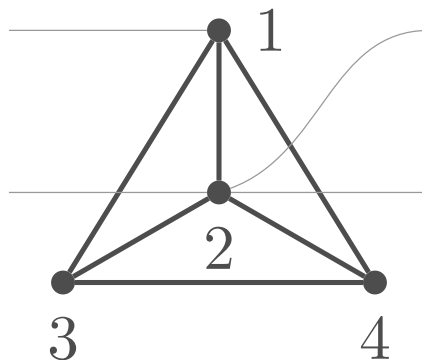
- $F$  is a graph;
- $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_k)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_k) \in V(F)^k$ .

**Example.**  $F = (K_4, (1, 2), (2, 2))$ .

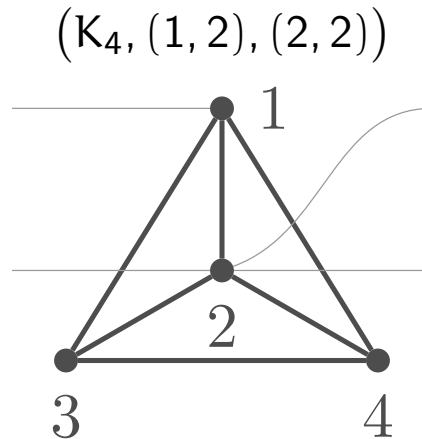
# How to draw bilabelled graphs

# How to draw bilabelled graphs

$(K_4, (1, 2), (2, 2))$



# How to draw bilabelled graphs



A bilabelled graph is **planar** if it can be drawn with no crossings.

# Homomorphism matrices

Let  $G$  be a graph and  $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

# Homomorphism matrices

Let  $G$  be a graph and  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

**Definition.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $F$ )

The  $(g_1 \dots g_k, g'_1 \dots g'_k)$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $F_G$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(u_i) = g_i, \varphi(v_j) = g'_j \ \forall i, j\}|.$$



# Homomorphism matrices

Let  $G$  be a graph and  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

**Definition.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $F$ )

The  $(g_1 \dots g_k, g'_1 \dots g'_k)$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $F_G$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(u_i) = g_i, \varphi(v_j) = g'_j \forall i, j\}|.$$

**Remark.**  $\text{hom}(F, G) = \text{sum of the entries of } F_G.$

# Homomorphism matrices


Let  $G$  be a graph and  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

**Definition.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $F$ )

The  $(g_1 \dots g_k, g'_1 \dots g'_k)$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $F_G$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(u_i) = g_i, \varphi(v_j) = g'_j \ \forall i, j\}|.$$

**Remark.**  $\text{hom}(F, G) = \text{sum of the entries of } F_G.$

**Example.**  $\mathbf{A} = (K_2, (1), (2))$  

# Homomorphism matrices


Let  $G$  be a graph and  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

**Definition.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $F$ )

The  $(g_1 \dots g_k, g'_1 \dots g'_k)$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $F_G$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(u_i) = g_i, \varphi(v_j) = g'_j \forall i, j\}|.$$

**Remark.**  $\text{hom}(F, G) = \text{sum of the entries of } F_G.$

**Example.**  $\mathbf{A} = (K_2, (1), (2))$  

$$(\mathbf{A}_G)_{g, g'} =$$

# Homomorphism matrices


Let  $G$  be a graph and  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

**Definition.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $F$ )

The  $(g_1 \dots g_k, g'_1 \dots g'_k)$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $F_G$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(u_i) = g_i, \varphi(v_j) = g'_j \ \forall i, j\}|.$$

**Remark.**  $\text{hom}(F, G) = \text{sum of the entries of } F_G.$

**Example.**  $\mathbf{A} = (K_2, (1), (2))$  

$$(\mathbf{A}_G)_{g, g'} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } gg' \in E(G), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# Homomorphism matrices


Let  $G$  be a graph and  $F = (F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  a  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graph.

**Definition.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $F$ )

The  $(g_1 \dots g_k, g'_1 \dots g'_k)$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $F_G$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(u_i) = g_i, \varphi(v_j) = g'_j \ \forall i, j\}|.$$

**Remark.**  $\text{hom}(F, G) = \text{sum of the entries of } F_G.$

**Example.**  $\mathbf{A} = (K_2, (1), (2))$  

$$(\mathbf{A}_G)_{g, g'} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } gg' \in E(G), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

So  $\mathbf{A}_G$  is the **adjacency matrix** of  $G$ .

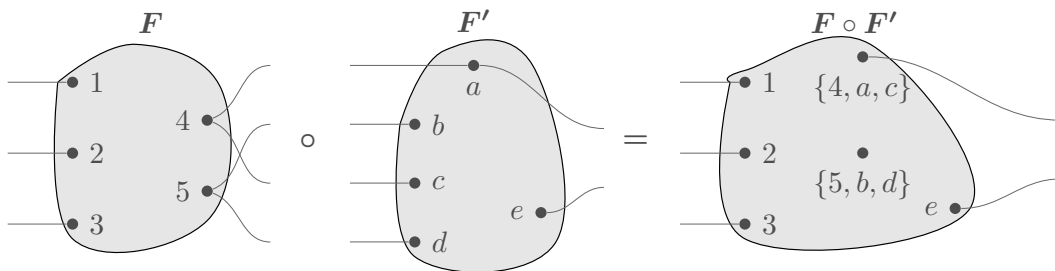
# Operations on bilabelled graphs: Series composition

# Operations on bilabelled graphs: Series composition

**Theorem.** For a graph  $G$  and bilabelled graphs  $F, F'$ ,

$$F_G F'_G = (F \circ F')_G,$$

where  $F \circ F'$  is defined as

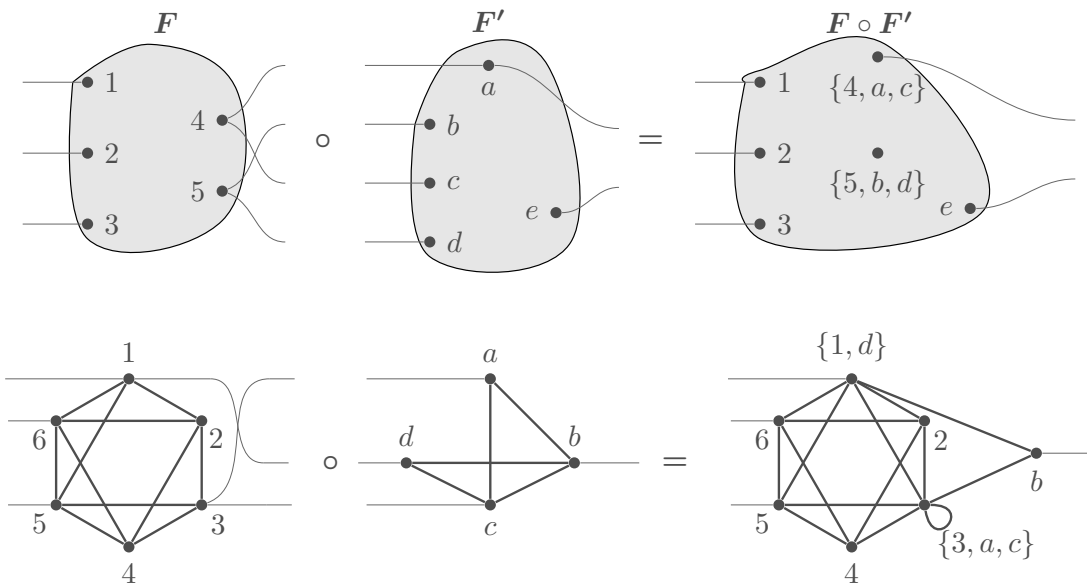


# Operations on bilabelled graphs: Series composition

**Theorem.** For a graph  $G$  and bilabelled graphs  $F, F'$ ,

$$F_G F'_G = (F \circ F')_G,$$

where  $F \circ F'$  is defined as





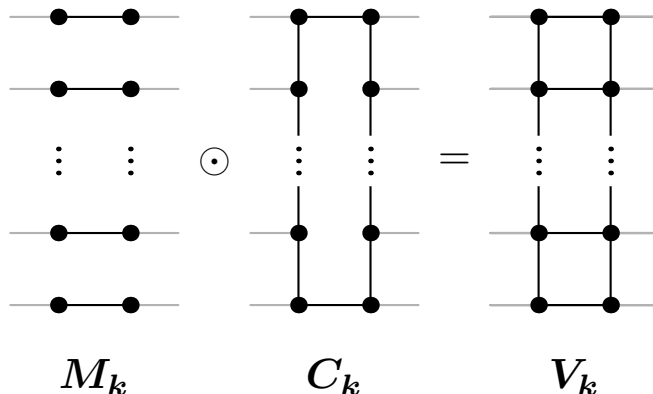
# Operations on bilabelled graphs: Parallel composition

# Operations on bilabelled graphs: Parallel composition

**Theorem.** For a graph  $G$  and bilabelled graphs  $F, F'$ ,

$$F_G \odot F'_G = (F \odot F')_G,$$

where  $F_G \odot F'_G$  is the **entrywise product**, and  $F \odot F'$  is defined as

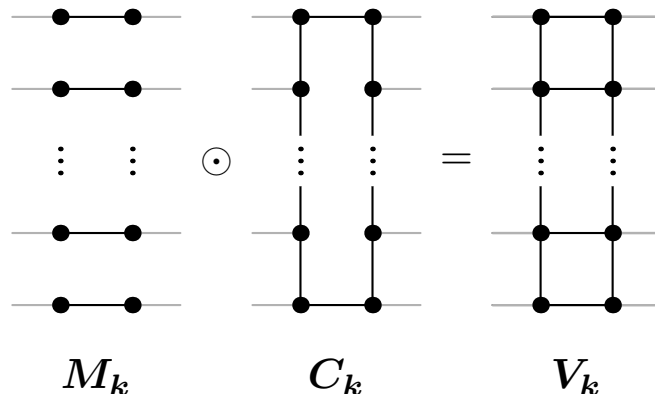


# Operations on bilabelled graphs: Parallel composition

**Theorem.** For a graph  $G$  and bilabelled graphs  $F, F'$ ,

$$F_G \odot F'_G = (F \odot F')_G,$$

where  $F_G \odot F'_G$  is the **entrywise product**, and  $F \odot F'$  is defined as



**Other operations:** transposition and cyclic permutations.

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- 1  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- 1  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- 2  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

Then  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is the class of  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graphs generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  under



# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

Then  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is the class of  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graphs generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  under

- series composition,

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

Then  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is the class of  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graphs generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  under

- series composition,
- parallel composition with the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

Then  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is the class of  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graphs generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  under

- series composition,
- parallel composition with the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,
- transpose,

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

Then  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is the class of  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graphs generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  under

- series composition,
- parallel composition with the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,
- transpose,
- and cyclic permutations.

# The class of bilabelled graphs $\mathcal{P}_k$

**Definition.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

- ①  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{C}_k$ ;
- ②  $\mathcal{Q}_k^S$  to be the set of all minors of  $\mathbf{M}_k$ ;
- ③  $\mathcal{Q}_k = \mathcal{Q}_k^P \cup \mathcal{Q}_k^S$ .

Then  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is the class of  $(k, k)$ -bilabelled graphs generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  under

- series composition,
- parallel composition with the elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,
- transpose,
- and cyclic permutations.

**Definition.**  $\mathcal{P}_k = \{F : \exists(F, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in \mathcal{P}_k\}$

What have we done and what is next?

# What have we done and what is next?

**We have:**

# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .



# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .
- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  is unital, self-adjoint, contains  $J$ , closed under cyclic permutations of labels, and closed under Schur product with homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ .

# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .
- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  is unital, self-adjoint, contains  $J$ , closed under cyclic permutations of labels, and closed under Schur product with homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ .

**Theorem.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H \Leftrightarrow$  there is an isomorphism  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_H^k$ .

# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .
- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  is unital, self-adjoint, contains  $J$ , closed under cyclic permutations of labels, and closed under Schur product with homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ .

**Theorem.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H \Leftrightarrow$  there is an isomorphism  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_H^k$ .

## Next:

# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .
- $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k$  is unital, self-adjoint, contains  $J$ , closed under cyclic permutations of labels, and closed under Schur product with homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ .

**Theorem.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H \Leftrightarrow$  there is an isomorphism  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_H^k$ .

## Next:

- We apply NPA hierarchy to  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game and get a relaxation of quantum isomorphism for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{Q}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .
- $\widehat{Q}_G^k$  is unital, self-adjoint, contains  $J$ , closed under cyclic permutations of labels, and closed under Schur product with homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ .

**Theorem.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H \Leftrightarrow$  there is an isomorphism  $\widehat{Q}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{Q}_H^k$ .

## Next:

- We apply NPA hierarchy to  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game and get a relaxation of quantum isomorphism for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the feasibility of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level gives an isomorphism  $\widehat{Q}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{Q}_H^k$ .

# What have we done and what is next?

## We have:

- $\widehat{Q}_G^k$  – minimal matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k$ .
- $\widehat{Q}_G^k$  is unital, self-adjoint, contains  $J$ , closed under cyclic permutations of labels, and closed under Schur product with homomorphism matrices of all atomic graphs in  $\mathcal{Q}_k^P$ .

**Theorem.**  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H \Leftrightarrow$  there is an isomorphism  $\widehat{Q}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{Q}_H^k$ .

## Next:

- We apply NPA hierarchy to  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game and get a relaxation of quantum isomorphism for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the feasibility of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level gives an isomorphism  $\widehat{Q}_G^k \rightarrow \widehat{Q}_H^k$ .
- The other direction works too.

# NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $\ell \leq k$ , define

$$|\psi_{g_1 h_1 \dots g_\ell h_\ell}\rangle := E_{g_1 h_1} E_{g_2 h_2} \dots E_{g_\ell h_\ell} |\psi\rangle$$

# NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $\ell \leq k$ , define

$$|\psi_{g_1 h_1 \dots g_\ell h_\ell}\rangle := E_{g_1 h_1} E_{g_2 h_2} \dots E_{g_\ell h_\ell} |\psi\rangle$$

and let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the Gram matrix of these vectors.



# NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $\ell \leq k$ , define

$$|\psi_{g_1 h_1 \dots g_\ell h_\ell}\rangle := E_{g_1 h_1} E_{g_2 h_2} \dots E_{g_\ell h_\ell} |\psi\rangle$$

and let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the Gram matrix of these vectors.

**Observation:**  $\mathcal{R}$  will be **psd** and its entries will satisfy some linear constraints.

# NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $\ell \leq k$ , define

$$|\psi_{g_1 h_1 \dots g_\ell h_\ell}\rangle := E_{g_1 h_1} E_{g_2 h_2} \dots E_{g_\ell h_\ell} |\psi\rangle$$

and let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the Gram matrix of these vectors.

**Observation:**  $\mathcal{R}$  will be **psd** and its entries will satisfy some linear constraints.

This gives rise to a semidefinite program  $\rightarrow$  NPA hierarchy.

# NPA hierarchy for the isomorphism game

Let  $\Sigma = V(G) \times V(H)$ .

A matrix  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{M}_{\Sigma^{\leq k}}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game** if

- ①  $\mathcal{R} \succeq 0$ ,
- ②  $\mathcal{R}_{\varepsilon, \varepsilon} = 1$ ,
- ③  $\mathcal{R}_{s, t}$  depends only on the equivalence class of  $s^R t$ ,
- ④  $\sum_{h'} \mathcal{R}_{s(g, h') s', t} = \sum_{g'} \mathcal{R}_{s(g', h) s', t} = \mathcal{R}_{s s', t}$ ,
- ⑤ for  $s, t \in \Sigma^{\leq k}$ , if  $gh, g'h'$  occur consecutively in  $s^R t$  and  $\text{rel}(g, g') \neq \text{rel}(h, h')$ , then  $\mathcal{R}_{s, t} = 0$ .

# NPA hierarchy for the isomorphism game

Let  $\Sigma = V(G) \times V(H)$ .

A matrix  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{M}_{\Sigma^{\leq k}}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game** if

- ①  $\mathcal{R} \succeq 0$ ,
- ②  $\mathcal{R}_{\varepsilon, \varepsilon} = 1$ ,
- ③  $\mathcal{R}_{s, t}$  depends only on the equivalence class of  $s^R t$ ,
- ④  $\sum_{h'} \mathcal{R}_{s(g, h') s', t} = \sum_{g'} \mathcal{R}_{s(g', h) s', t} = \mathcal{R}_{s s', t}$ ,
- ⑤ for  $s, t \in \Sigma^{\leq k}$ , if  $gh, g'h'$  occur consecutively in  $s^R t$  and  $\text{rel}(g, g') \neq \text{rel}(h, h')$ , then  $\mathcal{R}_{s, t} = 0$ .

**Thm.**  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game has a perfect quantum strategy iff there is a certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

# Completely positive maps

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **positive** if  $\Phi(X)$  is positive for all positive  $X$ .

# Completely positive maps

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **positive** if  $\Phi(X)$  is positive for all positive  $X$ .

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **completely positive** if  $\mathbb{I}_r \otimes \Phi$  is positive for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

# Completely positive maps

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **positive** if  $\Phi(X)$  is positive for all positive  $X$ .

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **completely positive** if  $\mathbb{I}_r \otimes \Phi$  is positive for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The **Choi matrix** of a linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$C_\Phi = \sum_{i,j=1}^m E_{ij} \otimes \Phi(E_{ij}) \in \mathbb{M}_{mn}(\mathbb{C}),$$

where  $E_{ij}$  denotes the matrix that is 1 at the  $(i, j)$ -th entry and 0 otherwise.

# Completely positive maps

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **positive** if  $\Phi(X)$  is positive for all positive  $X$ .

A linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **completely positive** if  $\mathbb{I}_r \otimes \Phi$  is positive for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The **Choi matrix** of a linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$C_\Phi = \sum_{i,j=1}^m E_{ij} \otimes \Phi(E_{ij}) \in \mathbb{M}_{mn}(\mathbb{C}),$$

where  $E_{ij}$  denotes the matrix that is 1 at the  $(i, j)$ -th entry and 0 otherwise.

**Thm (Choi, 1975).**  $\Phi$  is completely positive  $\Leftrightarrow C_\Phi$  is positive.



## Constructing a completely positive map

We use a **principal submatrix of a certificate**  $\mathcal{R}$  for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy as the Choi matrix of a linear map and show that this is **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism**.

## Constructing a completely positive map

We use a **principal submatrix of a certificate**  $\mathcal{R}$  for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy as the Choi matrix of a linear map and show that this is **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism**.

Taking the Choi matrix of a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism we can reconstruct a certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy.

## Constructing a completely positive map

We use a **principal submatrix of a certificate**  $\mathcal{R}$  for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy as the Choi matrix of a linear map and show that this is **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism**.

Taking the Choi matrix of a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism we can reconstruct a certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy.

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a solution for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of NPA.

# Constructing a completely positive map

We use a **principal submatrix of a certificate**  $\mathcal{R}$  for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy as the Choi matrix of a linear map and show that this is **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism**.

Taking the Choi matrix of a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism we can reconstruct a certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy.

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a solution for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of NPA.
- 2 Take  $\mathcal{C}$  to be the principal submatrix of  $\mathcal{R}$  indexed by  $\Sigma^k = (\mathcal{V}(G) \times \mathcal{V}(H))^k$ .

# Constructing a completely positive map

We use a **principal submatrix of a certificate**  $\mathcal{R}$  for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy as the Choi matrix of a linear map and show that this is **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism**.

Taking the Choi matrix of a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism we can reconstruct a certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy.

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a solution for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of NPA.
- 2 Take  $\mathcal{C}$  to be the principal submatrix of  $\mathcal{R}$  indexed by  $\Sigma^k = (\mathcal{V}(G) \times \mathcal{V}(H))^k$ .
- 3 Define  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{V}(G)^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{V}(H)^k}(\mathbb{C})$  to be the linear map with Choi matrix  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,

$$\Phi(X)_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}'} = \sum_{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}' \in \mathcal{V}(G)^k} \mathcal{C}_{g_1 h_1 \dots g_k h_k, g'_1 h'_1 \dots g'_k h'_k} X_{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}'}$$

# Constructing a completely positive map

We use a **principal submatrix of a certificate**  $\mathcal{R}$  for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy as the Choi matrix of a linear map and show that this is **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism**.

Taking the Choi matrix of a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism we can reconstruct a certificate for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy.

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a solution for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of NPA.
- 2 Take  $\mathcal{C}$  to be the principal submatrix of  $\mathcal{R}$  indexed by  $\Sigma^k = (\mathcal{V}(G) \times \mathcal{V}(H))^k$ .
- 3 Define  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{V}(G)^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{V}(H)^k}(\mathbb{C})$  to be the linear map with Choi matrix  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,

$$\Phi(X)_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}'} = \sum_{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}' \in \mathcal{V}(G)^k} \mathcal{C}_{g_1 h_1 \dots g_k h_k, g'_1 h'_1 \dots g'_k h'_k} X_{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}'}$$

- 4 The constraints on  $\mathcal{R}$  translate into constraints on the map  $\Phi$ .

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbb{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbb{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- 1  $\Phi$  is completely positive;



# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- 1  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- 2  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ;

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- ③  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ;

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- ③  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- 1  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- 2  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- 3  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)
- 4  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ;

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- ③  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)
- ④  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ;
- ⑤  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G \odot X) = \mathbf{F}_H \odot \Phi(X)$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C})$ ;

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- ③  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)
- ④  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ;
- ⑤  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G \odot X) = \mathbf{F}_H \odot \Phi(X)$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C})$ ;
- ⑥  $\Phi(X^\sigma) = \Phi(X)^\sigma$  for all “cyclic permutations”  $\sigma$ .

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{H})^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- ③  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)
- ④  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ;
- ⑤  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G \odot X) = \mathbf{F}_H \odot \Phi(X)$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{M}_{V(\mathbf{G})^k}(\mathbb{C})$ ;
- ⑥  $\Phi(X^\sigma) = \Phi(X)^\sigma$  for all “cyclic permutations”  $\sigma$ .

**Lemma.** Such a map will also satisfy  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{P}_k$ .



# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(G)^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(H)^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- ①  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- ②  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- ③  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)
- ④  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ;
- ⑤  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G \odot X) = \mathbf{F}_H \odot \Phi(X)$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{M}_{V(G)^k}(\mathbb{C})$ ;
- ⑥  $\Phi(X^\sigma) = \Phi(X)^\sigma$  for all “cyclic permutations”  $\sigma$ .

**Lemma.** Such a map will also satisfy  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{P}_k$ .

**Corollary.** The existence of such a map implies  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H$ .

# Quantum isomorphism maps

**Definition.** A linear map  $\Phi : \mathbb{M}_{V(G)^k}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{V(H)^k}(\mathbb{C})$  is a **level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map** if

- 1  $\Phi$  is completely positive;
- 2  $\Phi(I) = I = \Phi^*(I)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **unital** and **trace-preserving**)
- 3  $\Phi(J) = J = \Phi^*(J)$ ; (thus  $\Phi$  is **sum-preserving**)
- 4  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ;
- 5  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G \odot X) = \mathbf{F}_H \odot \Phi(X)$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}_k^P$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{M}_{V(G)^k}(\mathbb{C})$ ;
- 6  $\Phi(X^\sigma) = \Phi(X)^\sigma$  for all “cyclic permutations”  $\sigma$ .

**Lemma.** Such a map will also satisfy  $\Phi(\mathbf{F}_G) = \mathbf{F}_H$  for all  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{P}_k$ .

**Corollary.** The existence of such a map implies  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H$ .

Converse requires some previous results and a bit of combinatorics.

# Recap

The  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game is feasible



There exists a level- $k$  quantum isomorphism map from  $G$  to  $H$



$G$  and  $H$  are homomorphism indistinguishable over  $\mathcal{P}_k$

# Corollary

**Corollary.**  $G \cong_{qc} H$  if and only if  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}} H$ , where  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_k$ .

# Corollary

**Corollary.**  $G \cong_{qc} H$  if and only if  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}} H$ , where  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_k$ .

All that is left is to show that  $\mathcal{P}$  is the class of all planar graphs.

# Corollary

**Corollary.**  $G \cong_{qc} H$  if and only if  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}} H$ , where  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_k$ .

All that is left is to show that  $\mathcal{P}$  is the class of all planar graphs.

**Proof that  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \text{planar graphs}$ :** All generators of  $\mathcal{P}_k$  are planar, all operations preserve planarity.

# Proof that $\mathcal{P} \supseteq$ planar graphs

**Lemma.** Each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is minor-closed, and thus so is each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ .

## Proof that $\mathcal{P} \supseteq$ planar graphs

**Lemma.** Each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is minor-closed, and thus so is each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Lemma.** The class  $\mathcal{P}_k$  contains the  $k \times k$  grid.

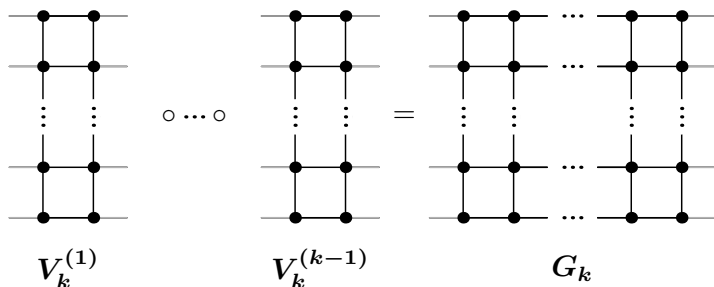


# Proof that $\mathcal{P} \supseteq$ planar graphs

**Lemma.** Each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is minor-closed, and thus so is each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Lemma.** The class  $\mathcal{P}_k$  contains the  $k \times k$  grid.

**Proof.**

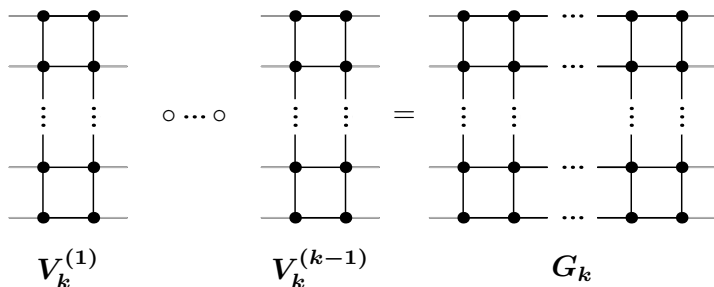


# Proof that $\mathcal{P} \supseteq$ planar graphs

**Lemma.** Each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is minor-closed, and thus so is each  $\mathcal{P}_k$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Lemma.** The class  $\mathcal{P}_k$  contains the  $k \times k$  grid.

**Proof.**



**Well-known:** Every planar graph is the minor of some  $k \times k$  grid.

## Some remarks/questions

- $\mathcal{P}_k$  has treewidth bounded by  $3k - 1$ . This implies there is a randomized poly time algorithm for determining if  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H$ , and thus whether the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game is feasible.

## Some remarks/questions

- $\mathcal{P}_k$  has treewidth bounded by  $3k - 1$ . This implies there is a randomized poly time algorithm for determining if  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H$ , and thus whether the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game is feasible.
- There are graphs  $G$  and  $H$  of size  $\leq 72k^2$  that are not quantum isomorphic, but the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy is feasible for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.

## Some remarks/questions

- $\mathcal{P}_k$  has treewidth bounded by  $3k - 1$ . This implies there is a randomized poly time algorithm for determining if  $G \cong_{\mathcal{P}_k} H$ , and thus whether the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game is feasible.
- There are graphs  $G$  and  $H$  of size  $\leq 72k^2$  that are not quantum isomorphic, but the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy is feasible for the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game.
- Can we obtain a better description of the classes  $\mathcal{P}_k$ ?

**Thank you!**

# The hierarchy of Navascués, Pironio, and Acín (NPA)

CHSH game,  $X = Y = A = B = \{0, 1\}$ . Deterministic strategies  $M$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} & & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$





CHSH game,  $X = Y = A = B = \{0, 1\}$ . Deterministic strategies  $M$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} & & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Representing the CHSH game as a matrix  $K$  yields

$$K = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

The classical value is  $\sup_M \langle K, M \rangle = \sup_M \text{Tr}[K^* M] = 3/4$ .

# Nonlocal games

**Def.** A **nonlocal game** is a 6-tuple  $(X, Y, A, B, \pi, V)$ , where

- ①  $X, Y, A,$  and  $B$  are finite and nonempty sets,
- ②  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y)$  is a probability vector, and
- ③  $V: A \times B \times X \times Y \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is a predicate.

The sets  $X, Y$  are questions and  $A, B$  are answers. The predicate  $V(a, b|x, y)$  determines whether the players win or lose.

# Nonlocal games

**Def.** A **nonlocal game** is a 6-tuple  $(X, Y, A, B, \pi, V)$ , where

- 1  $X, Y, A,$  and  $B$  are finite and nonempty sets,
- 2  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y)$  is a probability vector, and
- 3  $V: A \times B \times X \times Y \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is a predicate.

The sets  $X, Y$  are questions and  $A, B$  are answers. The predicate  $V(a, b|x, y)$  determines whether the players win or lose.

We can think of **strategies** as being represented by operators

$$M \in L(\mathbb{R}^X \otimes \mathbb{R}^Y, \mathbb{R}^A \otimes \mathbb{R}^B).$$

The value  $M(a, b|x, y)$  represents the probability that Alice and Bob answer  $(x, y)$  with  $(a, b)$ .

# Nonlocal games

**Def.** A **nonlocal game** is a 6-tuple  $(X, Y, A, B, \pi, V)$ , where

- 1  $X, Y, A,$  and  $B$  are finite and nonempty sets,
- 2  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y)$  is a probability vector, and
- 3  $V: A \times B \times X \times Y \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is a predicate.

The sets  $X, Y$  are questions and  $A, B$  are answers. The predicate  $V(a, b|x, y)$  determines whether the players win or lose.

We can think of **strategies** as being represented by operators

$$M \in L(\mathbb{R}^X \otimes \mathbb{R}^Y, \mathbb{R}^A \otimes \mathbb{R}^B).$$

The value  $M(a, b|x, y)$  represents the probability that Alice and Bob answer  $(x, y)$  with  $(a, b)$ .

The probability that  $M$  wins a game is

$$\sum_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} \pi(x, y) \sum_{(a,b) \in A \times B} V(a, b|x, y) M(a, b|x, y) = \langle K, M \rangle,$$

where  $K(a, b|x, y) = \pi(x, y)V(a, b|x, y)$ .

# Commuting measurement strategies

An operator  $M$  represents a **commuting measurement strategy** if there exists a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , a unit vector  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ , and projection operators

$$\{P_a^x : x \in X, a \in A\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{Q_b^y : y \in Y, b \in B\}$$

acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that the following are satisfied:

- 1  $\sum_{a \in A} P_a^x = 1_{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $\sum_{b \in B} Q_b^y = 1_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y$ ,
- 2  $[P_a^x, Q_b^y] = 0$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y, a \in A, b \in B$ ,
- 3  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y, a \in A, b \in B$ .

# Commuting measurement strategies

An operator  $M$  represents a **commuting measurement strategy** if there exists a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , a unit vector  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ , and projection operators

$$\{P_a^x : x \in X, a \in A\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{Q_b^y : y \in Y, b \in B\}$$

acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that the following are satisfied:

- 1  $\sum_{a \in A} P_a^x = 1_{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $\sum_{b \in B} Q_b^y = 1_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y$ ,
- 2  $[P_a^x, Q_b^y] = 0$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y, a \in A, b \in B$ ,
- 3  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y, a \in A, b \in B$ .

A **commuting measurement value** of game  $G$  is

$$\omega^c(G) = \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}} \langle K, M \rangle,$$

where  $K$  is defined from  $G$  as before and  $\mathcal{C}$  is the class of commuting measurement strategies.

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)



## 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $\mathcal{M}$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $\mathcal{M}(a, b|x, y) = \langle \mathbf{u}, P_a^x Q_b^y \mathbf{u} \rangle$ .

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Suppose that  $R \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$ .

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Suppose that  $R \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$ . We observe the following:

①  $R(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) = 1$ , (**u is unit**)

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Suppose that  $R \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$ . We observe the following:

- 1  $R(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) = 1$ , (**u is unit**)
- 2  $\sum_{a \in A} R((x, a), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{a \in A} R(s, (x, a)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
 $\sum_{b \in B} R((y, b), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{b \in B} R(s, (y, b)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
(**summing over operators in measurements is identity**)

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Suppose that  $R \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$ . We observe the following:

- ①  $R(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) = 1$ , (**u is unit**)
- ②  $\sum_{a \in A} R((x, a), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{a \in A} R(s, (x, a)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
 $\sum_{b \in B} R((y, b), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{b \in B} R(s, (y, b)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
(**summing over operators in measurements is identity**)
- ③  $R((x, a), (x, c)) = 0$ ,  $x \in X, a, c \in A, a \neq c$ ,  
 $R((y, b), (y, d)) = 0$ ,  $y \in Y, b, d \in B, b \neq d$ ,  
( **$P_a^x$  and  $P_c^x$ ,  $Q_b^y$  and  $Q_d^y$  are orthogonal**)

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Suppose that  $R \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$ . We observe the following:

- ①  $R(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) = 1$ , (**u is unit**)
- ②  $\sum_{a \in A} R((x, a), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{a \in A} R(s, (x, a)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
 $\sum_{b \in B} R((y, b), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{b \in B} R(s, (y, b)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
(**summing over operators in measurements is identity**)
- ③  $R((x, a), (x, c)) = 0$ ,  $x \in X, a, c \in A, a \neq c$ ,  
 $R((y, b), (y, d)) = 0$ ,  $y \in Y, b, d \in B, b \neq d$ ,  
( **$P_a^x$  and  $P_c^x$ ,  $Q_b^y$  and  $Q_d^y$  are orthogonal**)
- ④  $R((z, c), (z, c)) = R(\varepsilon, (z, c)) = R((z, c), \varepsilon)$ , ( **$P^2 = P$** )



# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

For a commuting measurement strategy  $M$ , we would like to capture the numbers  $M(a, b|x, y) = \langle u, P_a^x Q_b^y u \rangle$ .

We can consider the **Gram matrix** of the vectors:

$$\{u\} \cup \{P_a^x u : x \in X, a \in A\} \cup \{Q_b^y u : y \in Y, b \in B\}.$$

Let  $\Sigma^{\leq 1} = (X \times A) \sqcup (Y \times B) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Suppose that  $R \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$ . We observe the following:

- ①  $R(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) = 1$ , (**u is unit**)
- ②  $\sum_{a \in A} R((x, a), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{a \in A} R(s, (x, a)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
 $\sum_{b \in B} R((y, b), s) = R(\varepsilon, s)$  and  $\sum_{b \in B} R(s, (y, b)) = R(s, \varepsilon)$ ,  
(**summing over operators in measurements is identity**)
- ③  $R((x, a), (x, c)) = 0$ ,  $x \in X, a, c \in A, a \neq c$ ,  
 $R((y, b), (y, d)) = 0$ ,  $y \in Y, b, d \in B, b \neq d$ ,  
( **$P_a^x$  and  $P_c^x$ ,  $Q_b^y$  and  $Q_d^y$  are orthogonal**)
- ④  $R((z, c), (z, c)) = R(\varepsilon, (z, c)) = R((z, c), \varepsilon)$ , ( **$P^2 = P$** )
- ⑤  $R((x, a), (y, b)) = R((y, b), (x, a))$ . (**commutativity**)

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $\mathcal{C}_1$  be the class containing all strategies  $M$  for which there is a positive semidefinite  $R$  such that  $M(a, b|x, y) = R((x, a), (y, b))$ .

We have

$$\omega^c(G) = \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}} \langle K, M \rangle \leq \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}_1} \langle K, M \rangle.$$

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $\mathcal{C}_1$  be the class containing all strategies  $M$  for which there is a positive semidefinite  $R$  such that  $M(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = R((\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}), (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}))$ .

We have

$$\omega^c(G) = \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}} \langle K, M \rangle \leq \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}_1} \langle K, M \rangle.$$

If we define a Hermitian operator  $H \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$  by

$$H((\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}), (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b})) = H((\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}), (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})) = \frac{1}{2} \pi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) V(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}),$$

we get

$$\langle K, M \rangle = \langle H, R \rangle,$$

# 1st level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

Let  $\mathcal{C}_1$  be the class containing all strategies  $M$  for which there is a positive semidefinite  $R$  such that  $M(a, b|x, y) = R((x, a), (y, b))$ .

We have

$$\omega^c(G) = \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}} \langle K, M \rangle \leq \sup_{M \in \mathcal{C}_1} \langle K, M \rangle.$$

If we define a Hermitian operator  $H \in L(\mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}}, \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma^{\leq 1}})$  by

$$H((x, a), (y, b)) = H((y, b), (x, a)) = \frac{1}{2} \pi(x, y) V(a, b|x, y),$$

we get

$$\langle K, M \rangle = \langle H, R \rangle,$$

which gives us a semidefinite program, where we optimize  $\langle H, R \rangle$  over positive semidefinite  $R$  satisfying (affine) linear constraints given in items 1–5 above.

## $k^{\text{th}}$ level of the NPA hierarchy (intuition)

In the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of the NPA hierarchy we consider operators  $R$  indexed by  $\Sigma^{\leq k}$  satisfying conditions similar to 1–5.

Then the class  $\mathcal{C}_k$  contains all strategies  $M$  for which there exists such admissible operator  $R$ . We have:

$$\mathcal{C}_1 \supseteq \mathcal{C}_2 \supseteq \mathcal{C}_3 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \mathcal{C}.$$

**Thm.** The following are equivalent:

- $M$  is a commuting measurement strategy.
- $M \in \mathcal{C}_k$  for every  $k$ .

Equivalently:

$$\mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{C}_k.$$