

# Graph Games & Communication Complexity

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# Motivation

## Goal

Have an information-based description of quantum correlations ( $\mathcal{Q}$ ).

## Idea

- Take a larger set than  $\mathcal{Q}$ : the non-signalling correlations ( $\mathcal{NS}$ ).
- Consider an information-based principle: Communication Complexity (CC).
- Prove that quantum correlations satisfy this principle, and that post-quantum correlations ( $\mathcal{NS} \setminus \mathcal{Q}$ ) violate it.

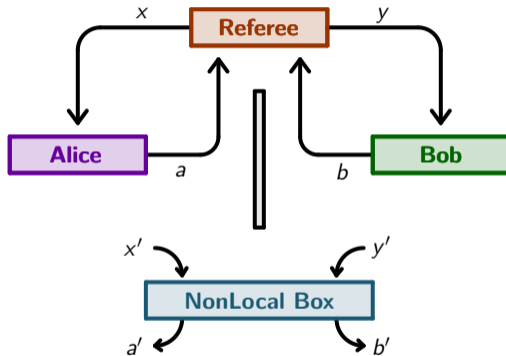
## Open Question

What are all non-signalling correlations that violate the principle of CC?

— *Part 1* —

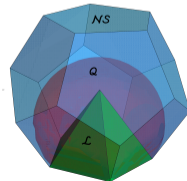
# Background

# CHSH Game & Nonlocal Boxes

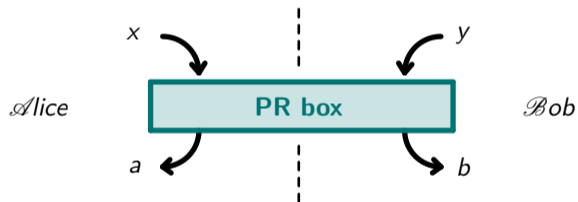


Win at CHSH  $\iff a \oplus b = x y$ .

- **Deterministic Strategies.**  
 $\rightsquigarrow \max \mathbb{P}(\text{win}) = 75\%$ .
- **Classical Strategies ( $\mathcal{L}$ ).**  
 $\rightsquigarrow \max \mathbb{P}(\text{win}) = 75\%$ .
- **Quantum Strategies ( $\mathcal{Q}$ ).**  
 $\rightsquigarrow \max \mathbb{P}(\text{win}) = \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \approx 85\%$ .
- **Non-signalling Strategies ( $\mathcal{NS}$ ).**  
 $\rightsquigarrow \max \mathbb{P}(\text{win}) = 100\%$ .



## PR box



such that  $a \oplus b = xy$ .

— *Part 2* —

# Graph Isomorphism Game

# Definition of the Graph Isomorphism Game

Alice and Bob receive a vertex from a graph  $\mathcal{G}$ :



and they answer a vertex from a graph  $\mathcal{H}$ :



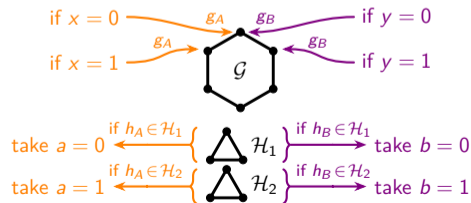
They win the game if and only if:

- $g_A = g_B \Rightarrow h_A = h_B$ ;
- $g_A \sim g_B \Rightarrow h_A \sim h_B$ ;
- $g_A \not\sim g_B \Rightarrow h_A \not\sim h_B$ .

## Claim

We can use a perfect strategy for this game to generate a PR box.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ . We want to generate  $a, b \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $a \oplus b = x \cdot y$ .



### Theorem 1 (B.–Weber)

If  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{G}) \geq 2$  and if  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{K}_n \sqcup \mathcal{K}_m$  where  $\mathcal{K}_n, \mathcal{K}_m$  are complete graphs, then from *any* perfect strategy for the isomorphism game of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ , one can generate a PR box.

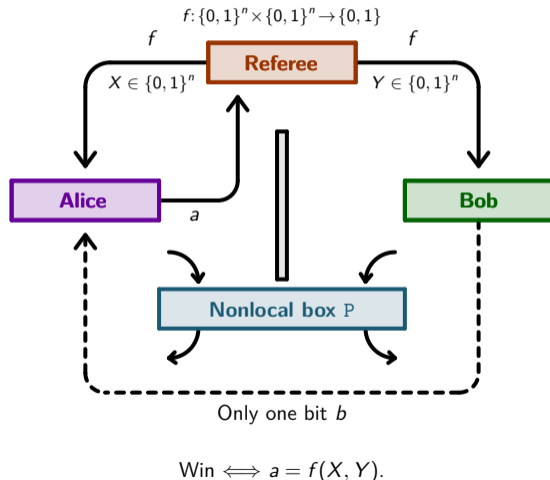
### Theorem 2 (B.–Weber)

Let  $\mathcal{G} \cong_{ns} \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{G}) \geq 2$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is not connected. Assume “some symmetry” in a common equitable partition of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ . Then *there exists* a perfect strategy for the isomorphism game of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$  that generates a PR box.

### Theorem 3 (B.–Weber)

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  be like in Thm 2. Assume moreover that  $\mathcal{H}$  is strongly transitive and regular. Then *every* perfect strategy for the isom. game of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$  generates a PR box.

# Collapse of Communication Complexity



**Def.** We say that a nonlocal box  $P$  *collapses*  $CC$  if  $\exists q > 1/2$  such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall f : \{0, 1\}^{2n} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , and  $\forall X, Y \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , we have:

$$\mathbb{P}(a = f(X, Y) \mid X, Y, P) \geq q.$$

**Fact (van Dam'99)**

The PR box collapses  $CC$ .

**Corollary (B.-Weber)**

The perfect strategies presented in Thms 1,2,3 for the isomorphism game of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$  collapse  $CC$ .

— *Part 3* —

## Vertex Distance Game

# Definition of the Vertex Distance Game

Alice and Bob receive a vertex from a graph  $\mathcal{G}$ :



and they answer a vertex from a graph  $\mathcal{H}$ :



Let  $D \in \mathbb{N}$ . They win the game if and only if:

$$d(h_A, h_B) = \begin{cases} d(g_A, g_B) & \text{if } d(g_A, g_B) \leq D, \\ > D & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If they win for all  $g_A, g_B$ , we denote  $\mathcal{G} \cong^D \mathcal{H}$ .

$$\dots \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} \cong^{D=2} \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} \cong^{D=1} \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} \cong^{D=0} \mathcal{H}.$$

## Particular Cases

- $D=0$ : Graph Bisynchronous Game.
- $D=1$ : Graph Isomorphism Game.
- $D = \text{diam}(\mathcal{H})$ :

$$d(h_A, h_B) = \begin{cases} d(g_A, g_B) & \text{if } d(g_A, g_B) \leq \text{diam}(\mathcal{H}), \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Rmk:** If  $\mathcal{G} \cong^D \mathcal{H}$ , then  $|V(\mathcal{G})| = |V(\mathcal{H})|$ .

# Classical and Quantum Strategies

Perfect classical (resp. quantum) strategies for the vertex distance game ( $D \geq 1$ ) coincide with the ones for the graph isomorphism game ( $D = 1$ ):

## Theorem 5 (B.–Weber)

Let  $D \geq 1$ . The following are equivalent:

■  $\mathcal{G} \cong^D \mathcal{H}$ ;

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the latter being equivalent to<sup>1</sup>:

■  $\exists$  perm. matrix  $P$  s.t.  $A_{\mathcal{G}}P = PA_{\mathcal{H}}$ ;

■  $\forall \mathcal{K}, \# \text{Hom}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{G}) = \# \text{Hom}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ ;

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## Theorem 6 (B.–Weber)

Let  $D \geq 1$ . The following are equivalent:

■  $\mathcal{G} \cong_q^D \mathcal{H}$ ;

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the latter being equivalent to<sup>2</sup>:

■  $\exists$  quantum permutation matrix  $P$  s.t.  $A_{\mathcal{G}}P = PA_{\mathcal{H}}$ ;

■  $\forall \mathcal{K} \text{ planar}, \# \text{Hom}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{G}) = \# \text{Hom}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

<sup>1</sup> [Lovász'67], [Chaudhuri–Vardi'93];    <sup>2</sup> [Lupini–Mančinska–Roberson'20], [Mančinska–Roberson'20].

# Non-Signalling Strategies

**Recall.**  $\mathcal{G} \cong_{\text{frac}} \mathcal{H} \iff \exists P$  bistochastic s.t.  $A_{\mathcal{G}}P = PA_{\mathcal{H}}$ , where  $A_{\mathcal{G}}$  is the adjacency matrix, with coefficient 1 for adjacent vertices, and coefficient 0 otherwise.

## Theorem

(Ramana–Scheinerman–Ullman 1994,  
Atserias–Mančinska–Roberson–*et.al.* 2019)

The following are equivalent:

- $\mathcal{G} \cong_{\text{ns}} \mathcal{H}$ .
- $\mathcal{G} \cong_{\text{frac}} \mathcal{H}$ .

**Def.**  $\mathcal{G} \cong_{\text{frac}}^D \mathcal{H} \iff \exists P$  bistochastic s.t.  $A_{\mathcal{G}}^{(t)}P = PA_{\mathcal{H}}^{(t)}$  for all  $t \leq D$ , where  $A_{\mathcal{G}}^{(t)}$  is the matrix with coefficient 1 for vertices at distance  $t$ , and coefficient 0 otherwise.

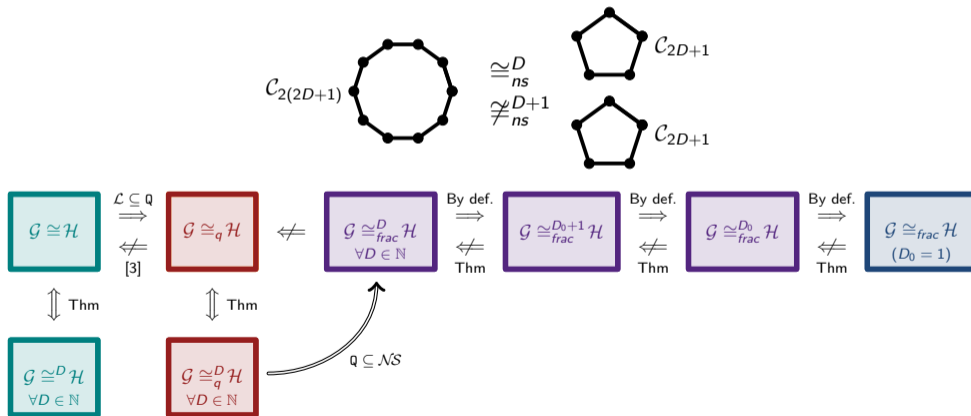
## Theorem 7 (B.–Weber)

Let  $D \geq 0$ . The following are equivalent:

- $\mathcal{G} \cong_{\text{ns}}^D \mathcal{H}$ .
- $\mathcal{G} \cong_{\text{frac}}^D \mathcal{H}$ .

# Strict Implications

As opposed to classical and quantum strategies, perfect  $\mathcal{NS}$  strategies do not coincide between the isomorphism game ( $D = 1$ ) and the distance game ( $D \geq 2$ ):



# Application of Vertex Distance to CC

## Theorem 8 (B.–Weber)

If  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{G}) > \text{diam}(\mathcal{H}) \geq D \geq 1$  and if  $\mathcal{H}$  admits exactly two connected components, then any perfect  $\mathcal{NS}$ -strategy for the  $D$ -distance game collapses CC.

## Theorem 9 (B.–Weber)

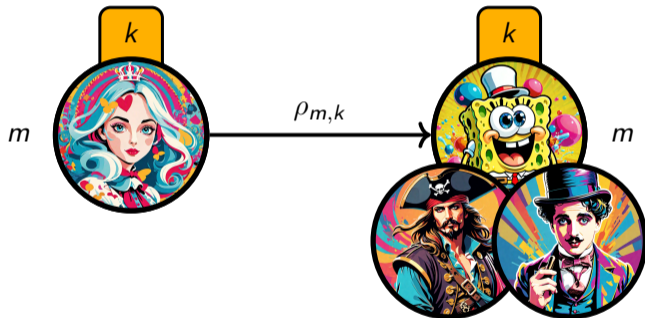
Let  $\mathcal{G} \cong_{ns} \mathcal{H}$  such that  $1 \leq D < \text{diam}(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is not connected. Assume “some symmetry” in a common equitable partition of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ . Then *there exists* a perfect strategy for the  $D$ -distance game of  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$  that collapses CC.

(Other results are presented in the article.)

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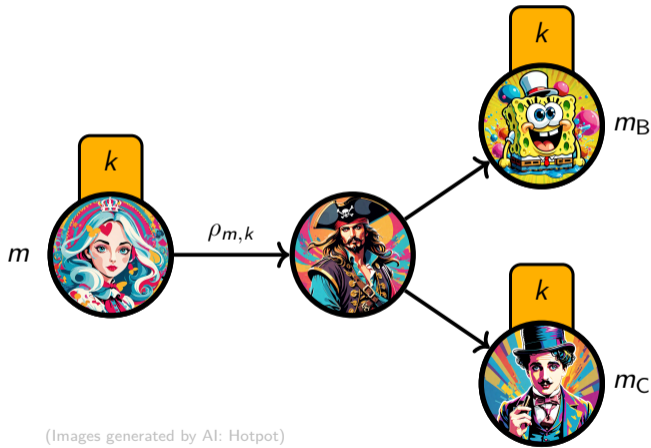
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# No-Cloning Game

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- **Rule:** The malicious team (P, B, C) wins iff.  $m_B = m_C = m$ .
- **Open Question** (Broadbent–Lord'20): Find  $(m, k) \mapsto \rho_{m,k}$  that is correct and that reduces the malicious winning probability arbitrarily close to the prob. of randomly guessing, i.e.  $1/2$ .
- **Result:** We present a scheme  $(m, k) \mapsto \rho_{m,k}$  that reduces the malicious winning probability to  $5/8$  at most, and conjecture that this upper bound can be lowered to  $1/2$  with the same protocol.

**Thank you!**

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