## Tracial embeddable strategies Lifting MIP\* tricks to MIP<sup>co</sup>

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\*We note that the "co" modifier on both sides of the equation MIPco=coRE refer to different things!

- 1. Quantum correlations and Models of entanglement.
- 2. Tracial embeddable strategies
- 3. Applications

1. Quantum correlations and Models of entanglement.

# Correlation set

 Mathematical model design to describe a physics experiment between two separated players.



- **Correlations:** The joint probability distributions of output between the two parties (given the input). P(a, b|x, y).
- Represented as vectors in  $[0,1]^{|X| \times |X| \times |A| \times |A|}$

### Quantum tensor correlations



- P(a, b|x, y) is a quantum **tensor** correlation if  $P(a, b|x, y) = \langle \psi | A_a^x \otimes B_b^y | \psi \rangle$ .
- $C_q(X, A)$ : Set of quantum tensor correlations (subset of  $[0,1]^{|X| \times |X| \times |A| \times |A|}$ ).

# Quantum commuting correlations



- P(a, b|x, y) is a quantum **commuting** correlation if  $P(a, b|x, y) = \langle \psi | A_a^x B_b^y | \psi \rangle$ .
- $C_{qc}(X, A)$ : Set of quantum commuting correlations.
- $C_q(X,A) \subseteq C_{qc}(X,A)$  [MIP\*=RE theorem], important implications for operator algebra, complexity/algorithm and physics.

### Correlations



• Two parties in a different lab: quantum tensor correlation.

# Correlations



- Different space: quantum tensor correlation.
- However, if the two parties are operating in the same system in the same space, the model in principle be in quantum commuting correlation (Tsirelson's problem).
- The different models of entanglement can be tested in theory similar to a bell test (with estimated  $\sim 10^{20}$  questions and answer pairs).

#### Quantum strategies

- $P(a, b|x, y) \in C_{qc}(X, A)$
- POVMs  $\{A_a^{\chi}\}, \{B_b^{\gamma}\}$ , and state  $|\psi\rangle$  is a **quantum strategy** for *P* if

$$P(a,b|x,y) = \langle \psi | A_a^x B_b^y | \psi \rangle$$

• Strategy describes the behavior of the experimentors , correlation describes what the observer sees!

- Many quantum correlations have interesting theories behind strategies that achieve correlations that are close to the given correlations.
  - Robust self-testing (CHSH, tilted CHSH, Magic square).
  - Quantum soundness (Tensor code test).
- However, they are proven mostly in the tensor product model.
- Since the commuting operator model only differs in the infinite-dimensional case. These theorems are often hard to generalize.

#### Simple finite dimensional things that we enjoy

- The Hilbert Schmidt norm:  $|X|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}Tr(X)}$
- The reduced density matrix:  $Tr_{H_A}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = \sigma$
- Observable switching trick:  $(\sigma \otimes I) |\Phi\rangle = (I \otimes \sigma^T) |\Phi\rangle$
- Many of these simple things are not realizable in the infinitedimensional case in general!

### 2. Tracial embeddable strategies

### Tracial embeddable strategies

• A class of commuting operator strategies with many of the "nice" properties from finite-dimensional strategies.

### Tracial embeddable strategies

- A commuting operator strategy  $\{A_a^x\}, \{B_b^y\} \subseteq B(H), |\psi\rangle \in H$  is a tracial embeddable strategy if there exist a tracial von Neumann algebra  $(A, \Phi)$  in standard form on the Hilbert space
  - $|\psi\rangle = \sigma |\Phi\rangle$  for some **positive** element  $\sigma \in A$
  - $\{A_a^x\} \in A$
  - $\{B_b^{\mathcal{Y}}\} \in A'$ , the commutant of A

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Square root of Maximally  
( the density matrix) i entangled state  

$$P(\alpha, b|x,y) = (\Phi| (\sigma \otimes I) (A^{x}_{\alpha} \otimes B^{y}_{s}) (\sigma \otimes I) |\Phi\rangle$$
  
 $|\psi\rangle = \sigma |\Phi\rangle$ 

• This can always be achieved by enlarging one of the Hilbert spaces!

### Main theorem

We show that

 $C_{ac}^{Tr}(X,A) = C_{ac}(X,A)$ 

- $C_{qc}^{Tr}(G)$  set of correlations generated by tracial embeddable strategies.
- This means that we can always assume this class of "nice" strategies if we do not require exact correlations when it comes to commuting operator correlations.

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Idea: embedding a general von Neumann algebra into a tracial von Neumann algebra of the standard form + approximation of normal state.

- Main proof technique:
  - Connes-Tomita-Takesaki theorem  $(II_{\infty})$
  - Generalization to Choi's proof that  $C^*(F_d)$  is RFD ( $II_1$ ).
- Approximation mainly comes from getting the underlying state to be normal + approximable by a positive element.

# 3. Applications

### Main theme

- Tracial embeddable strategies have the structures of finite-dimensional tensor product strategies, many of the proof techniques can be lifted!
- Any property which does not require exact correlations for tracial embeddable strategies would hold for commuting operator correlations.
- This gives a framework to lift many theorems from finite-dimensional tensor product cases to the commuting operator correlations.

# Nonlocal games

- $G = (\mu, D)$  is a **two-player nonlocal game** with question set Q and answer set A, where
  - $\mu$  distribution over  $Q \times Q$  (Question distribution)
  - D:  $Q \times Q \times A \times A \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  (Decision predicate)
- The referee samples (x, y) ~ μ. Sends x to Alice and y to Bob.
- Without communicate with each other Alice responds with **a**, and Bob with **b**.
- Players win if D(x, y, a, b) = 1.
- The players can potentially employ some quantum correlations (tensor, commuting), which can help them win the game more (Example: CHSH).



## Approximating nonlocal games

- If I give you  $G = (\mu, D)$ , how difficult is it to approximate the optimal success rate for a game (up to 0.5)?
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#### Interactive proof system



- Nonlocal games are known as a Multiplayer Interactive Proof system (MIP) in the computer science language.
- MIP\*: MIP, but the prover gets access to tensor product correlations.
- This model is equivalent to solving the halting problem (Impossible!).
- This theorem is proven using tools from both the CS community and the quantum information community.

### MIP\*=RE



#### $\mathsf{MIP}^* = \mathsf{RE}$

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• (Quantum Commuting strategies) Unknown!

#### The complexity of MIP<sup>co</sup>



- The complexity of approximating the optimal success rate under the commuting operator model for a game. Conjectured to be equivalent to the non-halting problem.
- Problem: Most of the theorems from Quantum information do not generalize in the Quantum Commuting model!

#### The complexity of MIP<sup>co</sup>



- Due to the main theorem, this is equivalent to approximating the optimal success rate over tracial embeddable strategies.
- Using tracial embeddable strategies, many of the techniques MIP\* can be moved to the commuting operator model.

# Rounding

• A correlation is **synchronous** if the output is the same when given the same input



- Well-studied correlations [KPS17, HMP16+]
- Key part of the  $MIP^* = RE$  theorem.

# Rounding

 A correlation is δ-almost synchronous if the output is the same most of the time when given the same input



 Rounding: Can all δ-almost synchronous correlation be approximated by synchronous correlation?

#### Rounding – Our result

- [Vid21, Pau21]: True in the tensor product case (Proof relies on the trace).
- We show the rounding theorem in the commuting operator case.
- By assuming the underlying strategy is **tracial embeddable**, we can repeat [Vid21]'s argument in the commuting operator model.
- Rounding + [JNV+22b]: Quantum low-degree is sound in the commuting operator model of entanglement.
  - Combining this with [BFL91] this implies that  $MIP = NEXP \subseteq MIP^{co}$ .

#### Robust self-test

- Self-testing (tensor): Correlations with unique strategy (up to local isometry).
- Self-testing (CO): Correlations realizable by a unique state on  $C_A^X \bigotimes_{max} C_A^X$
- Robust self-testing (tensor): All approximate strategies are close (in  $|| \cdot ||_2$ ) to the unique strategy.
- Robust self-testing (CO): Unclear!

#### Robust self-test – Our result

- We prove robust self-testing for tracial embeddable strategies for a version of the Pauli-basis test
- The proof relies on the state-dependent Gowers-Hatami theorem (tracial embeddable strategies).
- Our rigidity statement (roughly) looks like this:

If  $\{A_a^x\}, \{B_B^y\}, |\psi\rangle$  is a tracial embeddable strategy which succeed at the Pauli basis test with probability  $1 - \epsilon$ , then there exist two partial isometry  $V_A, V_B$  such that  $V_A(V_B \otimes I) = V_B(V_A \otimes I)$  and

 $||V_B(V_A \otimes I) |\psi\rangle - |Aux\rangle|EPR\rangle^{\otimes n}||^2 \le O(poly(\epsilon))$ 

 $V_A \otimes V_B$ 

#### Other applications – NPA Hierarchy.

• An algorithm design to upper bound the commuting operator model of entanglement.

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maximize \sum_{x,y,a,b} q(x,y)V(a,b|x,y)\langle \psi | A_a^x B_b^y | \psi \rangle = \text{Tr}[C \ G^1] =: \omega_1
subject to
                    (i) \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1
                 (ii) \sum_{a} \langle \psi | A_a^x | \psi \rangle = 1, \sum_{b} \langle \psi | B_b^y | \psi \rangle = 1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              \langle \psi | A_{a_1}^{x_1} | \psi \rangle
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                             \sum_{a} \langle \psi | A_{a}^{x} B_{b}^{y} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | B_{b}^{y} | \psi \rangle, \qquad \sum_{b} \langle \psi | A_{a}^{x} B_{b}^{y} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | A_{a}^{x} | \psi \rangle
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                     (iii) \langle \psi | A_a^x A_{a'}^x | \psi \rangle = \delta_{aa'} \langle \psi | A_a^x | \psi \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            G^1
                     (iv) \langle \psi | A_a^x B_b^y | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | B_b^y A_a^x | \psi \rangle
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                     (v) G^1 \geq 0
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#### Other applications – NPA Hierarchy.

- By using tracial embeddable strategies, one can incorporate states involving density matrix into the gram matrix within the NPA Hierarchy.
  - Example:  $\langle \tau | \sigma A_b^{\chi} B_b^{\gamma} \sigma | \tau \rangle = \langle \tau | B_b^{\gamma} \sigma^2 A_b^a | \tau \rangle$  ( $| \tau \rangle$  is the tracial vector state!)
- This gives a variant of the NPA Hierarchy which gives more variables (potentially faster convergence??).

#### Thank you for your attention.

- Tracial embeddable strategies are a class of commuting operator strategies with many similar properties to a finite-dimensional tensor product strategy.
- Tracial embeddable strategies generate a set of correlations that are dense in the commuting operator strategies.
- Using the above two statements, we created a framework to lift theorems from the tensor product model to the commuting operator model.



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