

# Quantum Nonlocality and Communication Complexity

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Quantum information can apparently be used to substantially reduce ***computation*** costs for a number of interesting problems, and to provide novel forms of ***cryptographic security***

We'll explore this question:

How does quantum information affect the ***communication costs*** of information processing tasks?

# Main Topics

1. **Nonlocality à la Bell, CHSH, GHZ**
2. **Communication complexity**
3. **Nonlocal games**

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# How much classical information in $n$ qubits?

$2^n - 1$  complex numbers apparently needed to **specify** an arbitrary  $n$ -qubit pure quantum state:

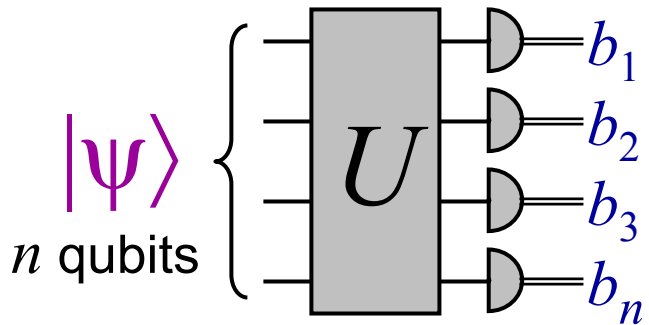
$$\alpha_{000}|000\rangle + \alpha_{001}|001\rangle + \alpha_{010}|010\rangle + \dots + \alpha_{111}|111\rangle$$

Does this mean that an exponential amount of classical information is somehow **stored** in  $n$  qubits?

**No!** Holevo's Theorem [1973] implies: cannot convey more than  $n$  bits of information in  $n$  qubits

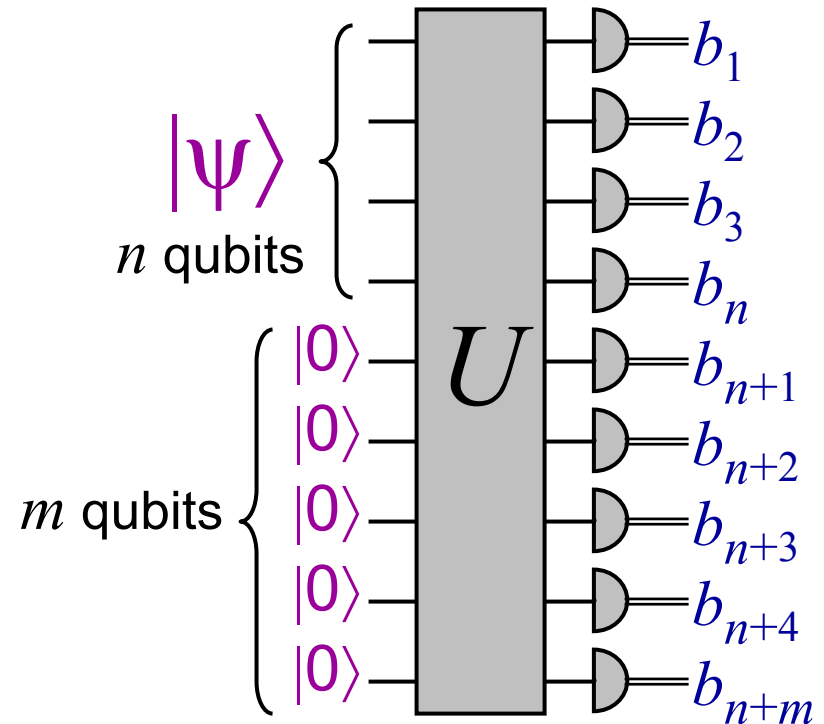
# Holevo's Theorem

Easy case:



$b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$  cannot convey more than  $n$  bits!

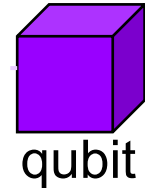
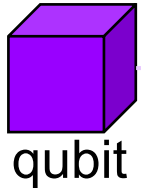
Hard case (the general case):



(proof omitted here)

# Entanglement and signaling

Recall that entangled states, such as  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle$ ,



can be used to perform some intriguing feats, such as *teleportation* and *superdense coding*

—but they **cannot** be used to “signal instantaneously”

Any operation performed on one system has no affect on the state of the other system (its reduced density matrix)



# ***Basic communication scenario***

**Goal:** convey  $n$  bits from Alice to Bob



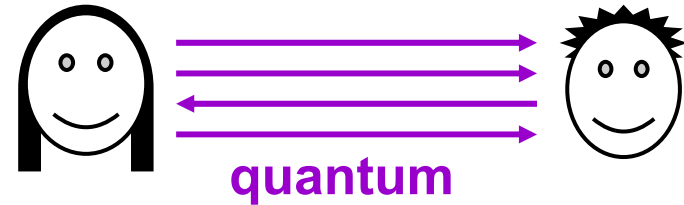
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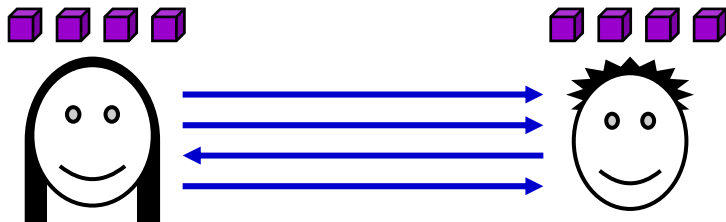
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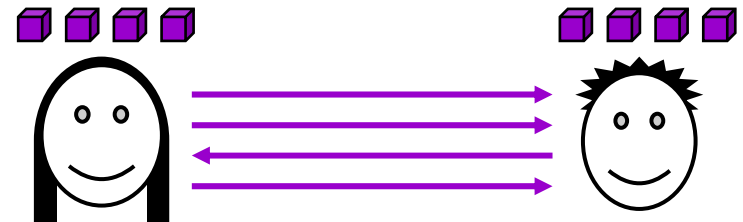
Cost:  $n$  [Holevo's Theorem, 1973]

Bit communication  
& prior entanglement:



Cost:  $n$  (can be deduced)

Qubit communication  
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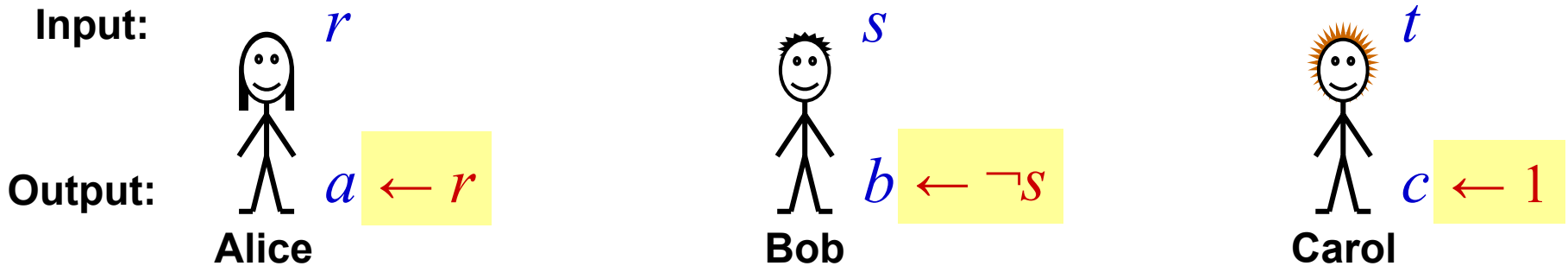
Cost:  $n/2$  superdense coding

[Bennett & Wiesner, 1992]

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# GHZ scenario

[Greenberger, Horne, Zeilinger, 1980]

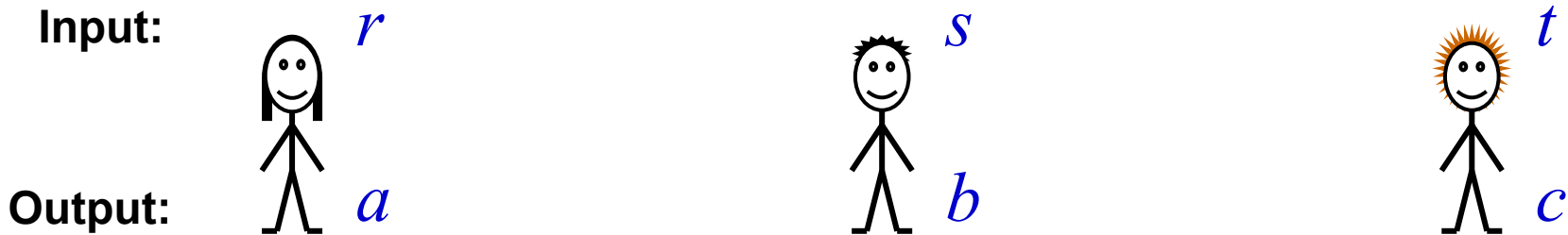


## Rules of the game:

1. It is promised that  $r \oplus s \oplus t = 0$
2. No communication after inputs received
3. They **win** if  $a \oplus b \oplus c = r \vee s \vee t$

$rst$	$a \oplus b \oplus c$	$abc$
000	0 😊	011
011	1 😊	001
101	1 😊	111
110	1 😞	101

# No perfect strategy for GHZ



$rst$	$a \oplus b \oplus c$
000	0
011	1
101	1
110	1

Has no solution,  
thus no perfect  
strategy exists

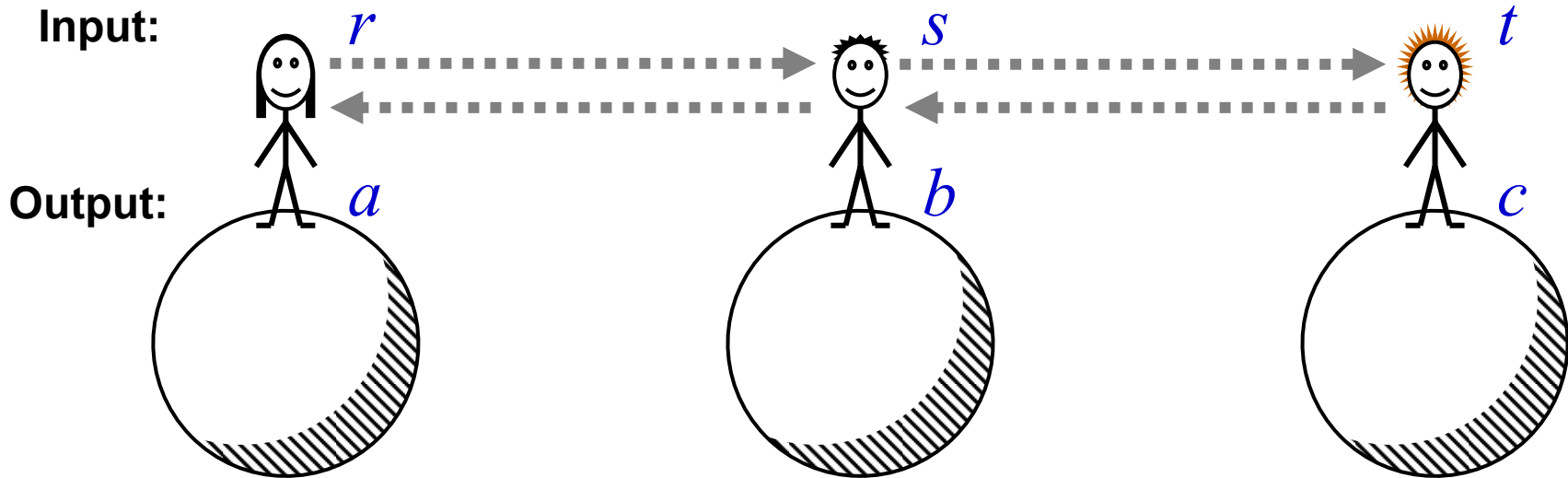
General deterministic strategy:

$$a_0, a_1, b_0, b_1, c_0, c_1$$

Winning conditions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0 \oplus b_0 \oplus c_0 = 0 \\ a_0 \oplus b_1 \oplus c_1 = 1 \\ a_1 \oplus b_0 \oplus c_1 = 1 \\ a_1 \oplus b_1 \oplus c_0 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

# GHZ: preventing communication

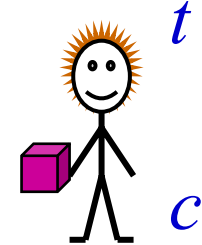
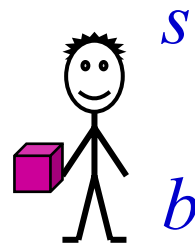
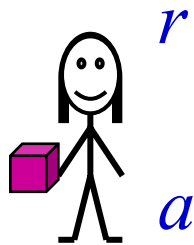


Input and output events can be **space-like** separated:  
so signals at the speed of light are not fast enough for cheating

What if Alice, Bob, and Carol **still** keep on winning?

# “GHZ Paradox” explained

Prior entanglement:  $|\psi\rangle = |000\rangle - |011\rangle - |101\rangle - |110\rangle$



## Alice's strategy:

1. if  $r = 1$  then apply  $H$  to qubit
2. measure qubit and set  $a$  to result

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Bob's & Carol's strategies: similar

**Case 1** ( $rst = 000$ ): state is measured directly ...

**Case 2** ( $rst = 011$ ): new state  $|001\rangle + |010\rangle - |100\rangle + |111\rangle$

(other cases similar by symmetry)

# GHZ: conclusions

- For the GHZ game, any *classical* team succeeds with probability at most  $\frac{3}{4}$
- Allowing the players to communicate would enable them to succeed with probability 1
- Entanglement cannot be used to communicate
- Nevertheless, allowing the players to have entanglement enables them to succeed with probability 1
- Thus, entanglement is a useful resource for the task of *winning the GHZ game*



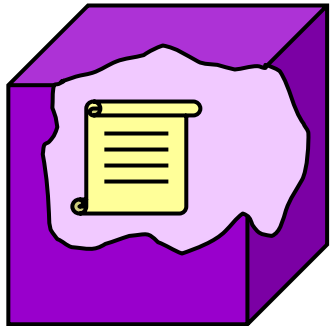
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# Bell's Inequality and its violation

## Part I: physicist's view:

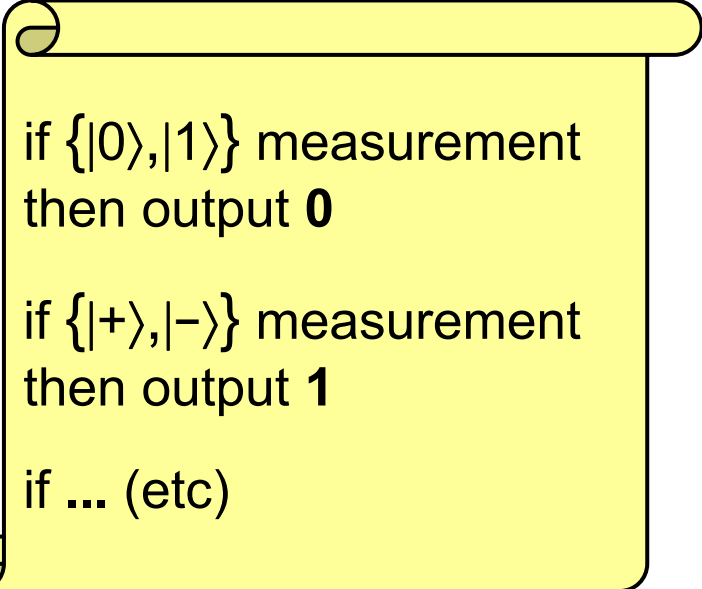
Can a quantum state have *pre-determined* outcomes for each possible measurement that can be applied to it?

qubit:



where the “manuscript”  
is something like this:

called *hidden variables*



if  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$  measurement  
then output **0**

if  $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$  measurement  
then output **1**

if ... (etc)

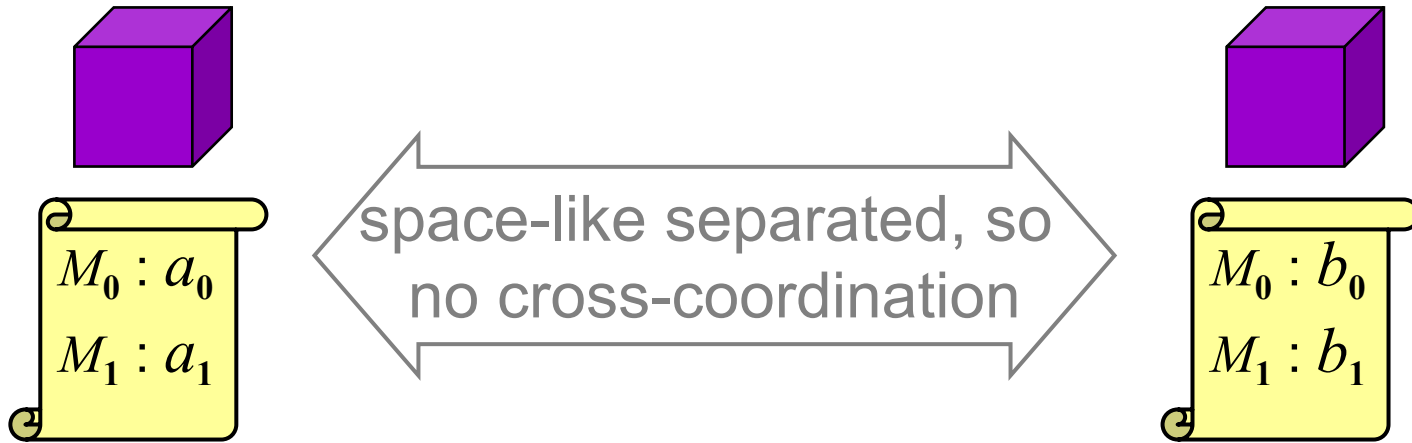
table could be implicitly  
given by some formula

[Bell, 1964]

[Clauser, Horne, Shimony, Holt, 1969]

# Bell Inequality

Imagine a two-qubit system, where one of two measurements, called  $M_0$  and  $M_1$ , will be applied to each qubit:



Define:

$$A_0 = (-1)^{a_0}$$

$$A_1 = (-1)^{a_1}$$

$$B_0 = (-1)^{b_0}$$

$$B_1 = (-1)^{b_1}$$

**Claim:**  $A_0 B_0 + A_0 B_1 + A_1 B_0 - A_1 B_1 \leq 2$

**Proof:**  $A_0 (B_0 + B_1) + A_1 (B_0 - B_1) \leq 2$

↑                          ↑  
one is  $\pm 2$  and the other is 0

# Bell Inequality

$A_0 B_0 + A_0 B_1 + A_1 B_0 - A_1 B_1 \leq 2$  is called a **Bell Inequality**\*

**Question:** could one, in principle, design an experiment to check if this Bell Inequality holds for a particular system?

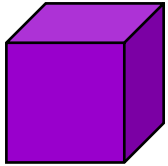
**Answer 1: no, not directly**, because  $A_0, A_1, B_0, B_1$  cannot all be measured (only **one**  $A_s B_t$  term can be measured)

**Answer 2: yes, indirectly**, by making many runs of this experiment: pick a random  $st \in \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$  and then measure with  $M_s$  and  $M_t$  to get the value of  $A_s B_t$

The **average** of  $A_0 B_0, A_0 B_1, A_1 B_0, -A_1 B_1$  should be  $\leq \frac{1}{2}$

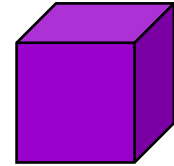
\* also called CHSH Inequality

# Violating the Bell Inequality



Two-qubit system in state

$$|\phi\rangle = |00\rangle - |11\rangle$$



Applying rotations  $\theta_A$  and  $\theta_B$  yields:

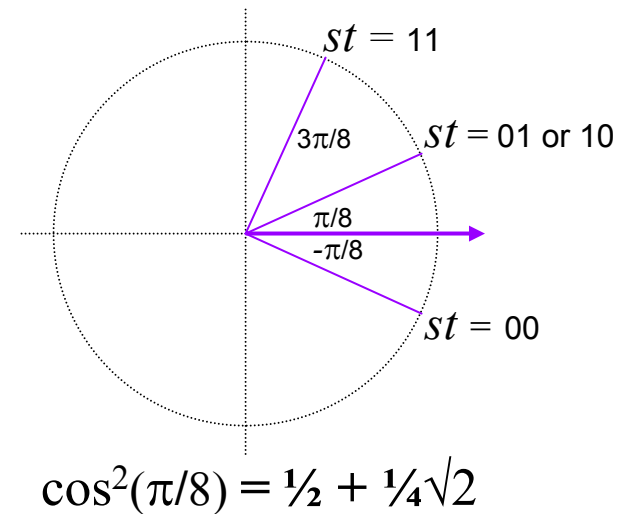
$$\underbrace{\cos(\theta_A + \theta_B)}_{AB = +1} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle) + \underbrace{\sin(\theta_A + \theta_B)}_{AB = -1} (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

Define

$M_0$ : rotate by  $-\pi/16$  then measure

$M_1$ : rotate by  $+3\pi/16$  then measure

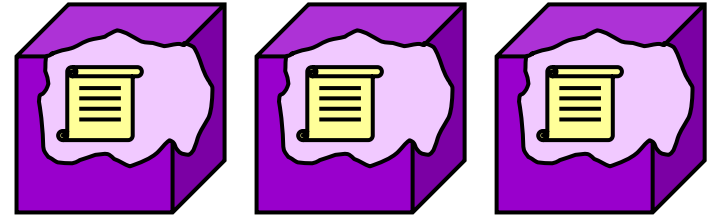
Then  $A_0 B_0$ ,  $A_0 B_1$ ,  $A_1 B_0$ ,  $-A_1 B_1$  all have expected value  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$ , which **contradicts** the upper bound of  $\frac{1}{2}$



# Bell Inequality violation: summary

Assuming that quantum systems are governed by *local hidden variables* leads to the Bell inequality

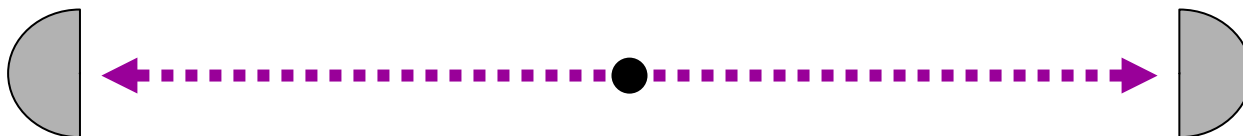
$$A_0 B_0 + A_0 B_1 + A_1 B_0 - A_1 B_1 \leq 2$$



But this is *violated* in the case of Bell states (by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ )

Therefore, no such hidden variables exist

This is, in principle, experimentally verifiable, and experiments along these lines have actually been conducted

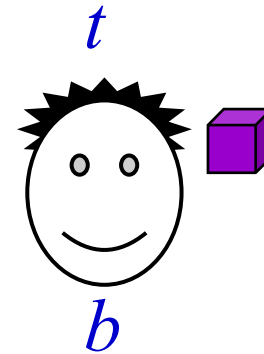
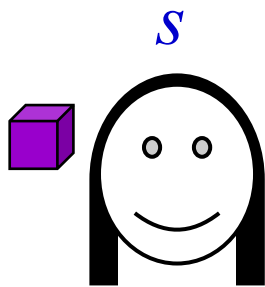


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## Part II: computer scientist's view:

input:



output:

- Rules:**
1. No communication after inputs received
  2. They *win* if  $a \oplus b = s \wedge t$



$st$	$a \oplus b$
00	0
01	0
10	0
11	1

With classical resources,  $\Pr[a \oplus b = s \wedge t] \leq 0.75$

But, with prior entanglement state  $|00\rangle - |11\rangle$ ,

$\Pr[a \oplus b = s \wedge t] = \cos^2(\pi/8) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} = 0.853\dots$



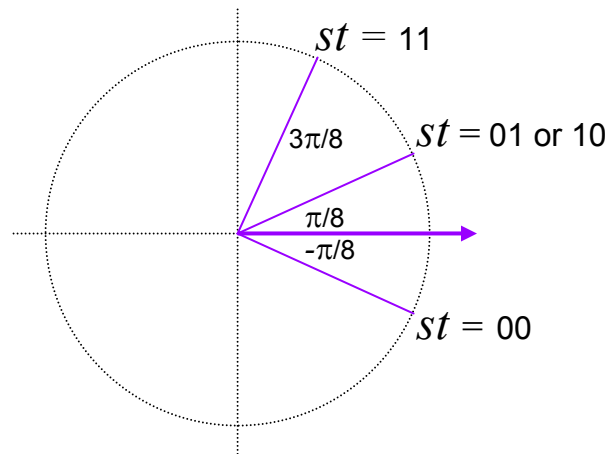
# The quantum strategy

- Alice and Bob start with entanglement

$$|\phi\rangle = |00\rangle - |11\rangle$$

- **Alice:** if  $s = 0$  then rotate by  $\theta_A = -\pi/16$  else rotate by  $\theta_A = +3\pi/16$  and measure

- **Bob:** if  $t = 0$  then rotate by  $\theta_B = -\pi/16$  else rotate by  $\theta_B = +3\pi/16$  and measure



$$\cos(\theta_A - \theta_B) (|00\rangle - |11\rangle) + \sin(\theta_A - \theta_B) (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

Success probability:

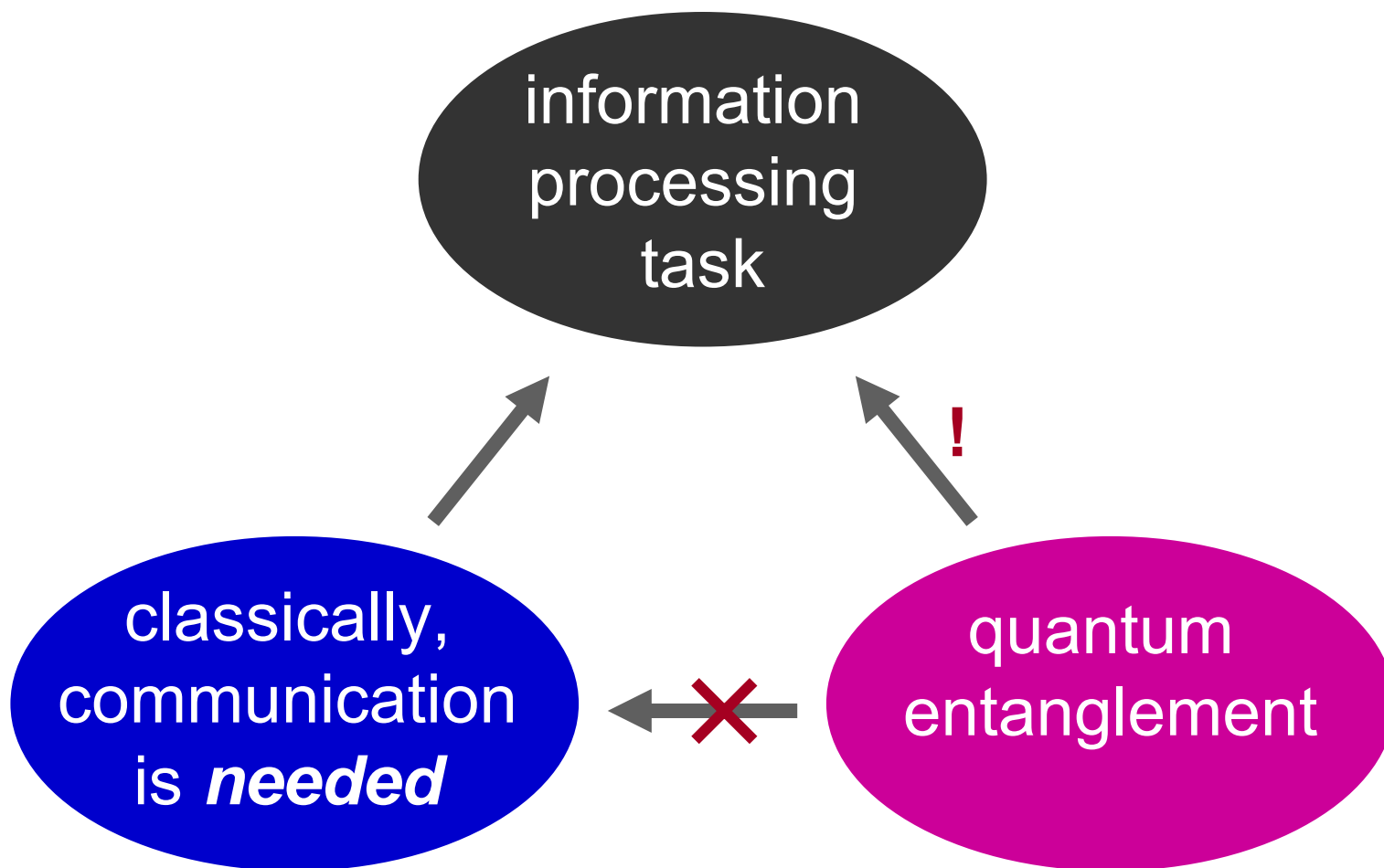
$$\Pr[a \oplus b = s \wedge t] = \cos^2(\pi/8) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} = 0.853\dots$$

# The quantum strategy is optimal

**Tsirelson [1980]:** For *any* quantum strategy, the success probability is at most  $\cos^2(\pi/8)$

We'll prove this in a future lecture, when we get more deeply into *nonlocal games*

# ***Nonlocality*** in operational terms



# Preview: magic square game

**Problem:** fill in the matrix with bits such that each row has even parity and each column has odd parity

$a_{11}$	$a_{12}$	$a_{13}$	even
$a_{21}$	$a_{22}$	$a_{23}$	even
$a_{31}$	$a_{32}$	$a_{33}$	even
odd	odd	odd	

**IMPOSSIBLE**

		orange
teal	teal	purple
		orange

**Game:** ask Alice to fill in one row and Bob to fill in one column

They *win* iff parities are correct and bits agree at intersection

**Success probabilities:**  $8/9$  classical and 1 quantum

**THE END**

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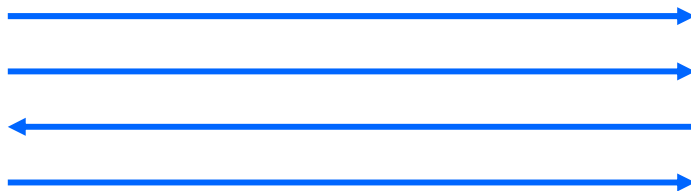
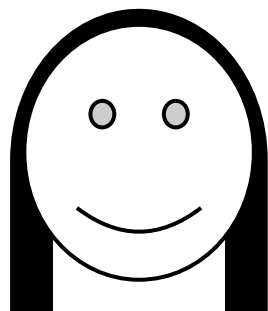
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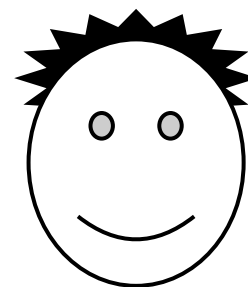
# Classical communication complexity

[Yao, 1979]

$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$



$y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$



$f(x, y)$

E.g. equality function:  $f(x, y) = 1$  if  $x = y$ , and  $0$  if  $x \neq y$

**Question: can the communication be less than  $n$  bits?**



# Deterministic cost is $n$ bits (I)

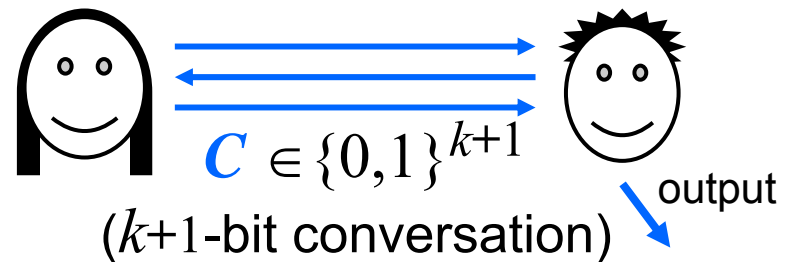
Table of all values of  $f(x,y)$ :

	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
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010	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
011	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
100	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
101	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
110	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

A **rectangle** is  $R \subseteq \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n$   
of the form  $R = R_A \times R_B$

Suppose the communication complexity of  $f$  is  $k$

Each input in the domain of  $f$  fixes a **conversation**



Several inputs may lead to the same conversation ...

# Deterministic cost is $n$ bits (II)

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101	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

In fact, the inputs leading to  $C$  **must** constitute a rectangle: if  $(x,y)$ ,  $(x',y')$  both lead to  $C$  then so do  $(x',y)$  and  $(x,y')$

Since each conversation has a unique output,  $f$  is **constant** on each of these rectangles

Need at least  $2^{n+1}$  rectangles to  $\{0,1\}$ -partition this table

Since this implies  $\geq 2^{n+1}$  distinct conversations,  $k \geq n$

Therefore, the deterministic communication complexity is  $n$  34

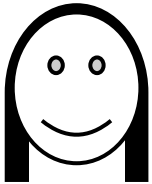
# Probabilistic cost is $O(\log n)$ bits

Start with a “good” classical error-correcting code, which is a function  $e: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{cn}$  such that, for all  $x \neq y$ ,

$$\Delta(e(x), e(y)) \geq \delta cn \quad (\Delta \text{ means Hamming distance}),$$

where  $c, \delta$  are constants

$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$



$y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$



randomly choose

$r \in \{1, 2, \dots, cn\}$

$(r, e(x)_r)$

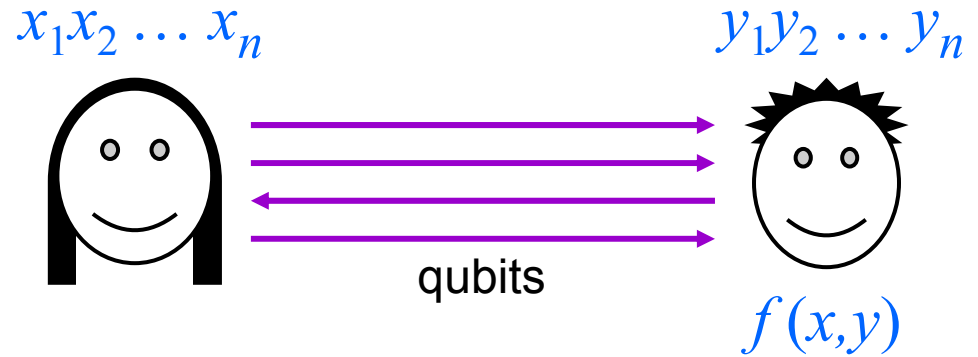


output  $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e(y)_r = e(x)_r \\ 0 & \text{if } e(y)_r \neq e(x)_r \end{cases}$

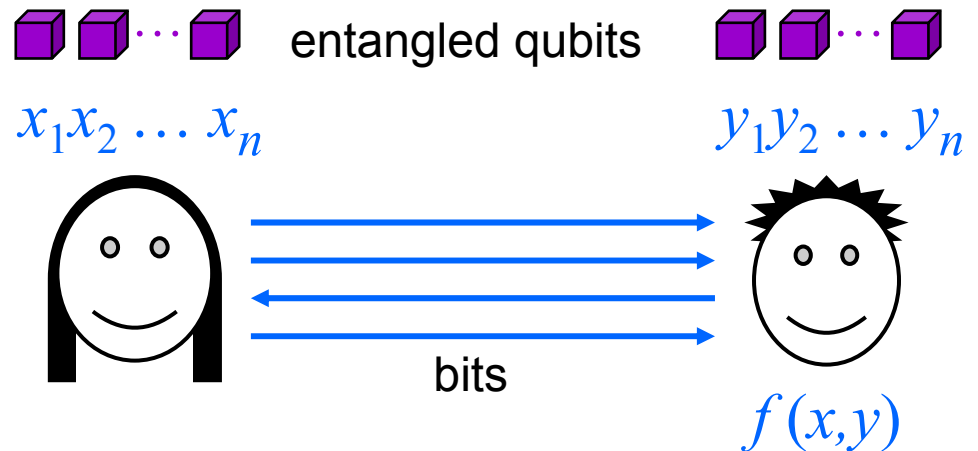
Can repeat to reduce error

# Quantum communication complexity

## Qubit communication



## Prior entanglement



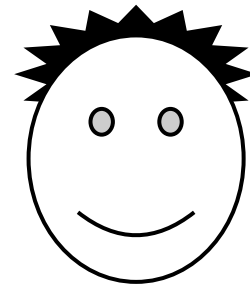
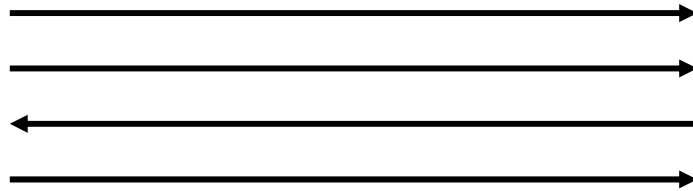
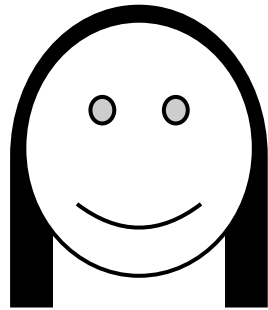
**Question: can quantum beat classical in this context?**

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# Appointment scheduling

$$x = \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \dots & n \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{array}$$

$$y = \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \dots & n \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{array}$$



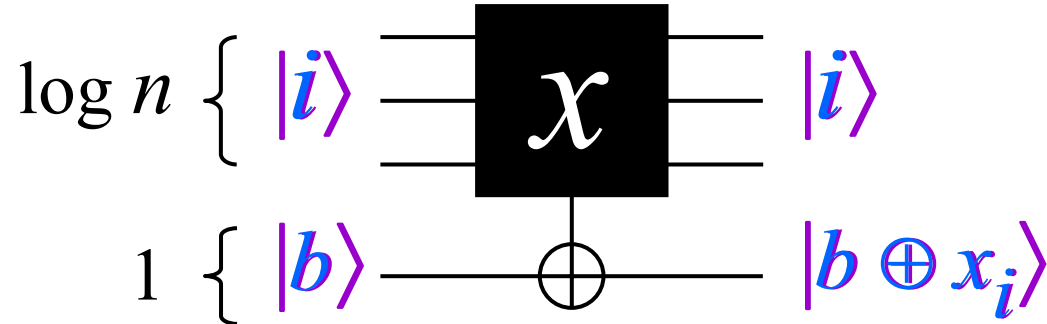
$$i \quad (x_i = y_i = 1)$$

Classically,  $\Omega(n)$  **bits** necessary to succeed with prob.  $\geq 3/4$

For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $O(n^{1/2} \log n)$  **qubits** sufficient for error prob.  $< \varepsilon$

# Search problem

Given:  $x = \begin{array}{ccccccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \dots & n \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{array}$  accessible via *queries*

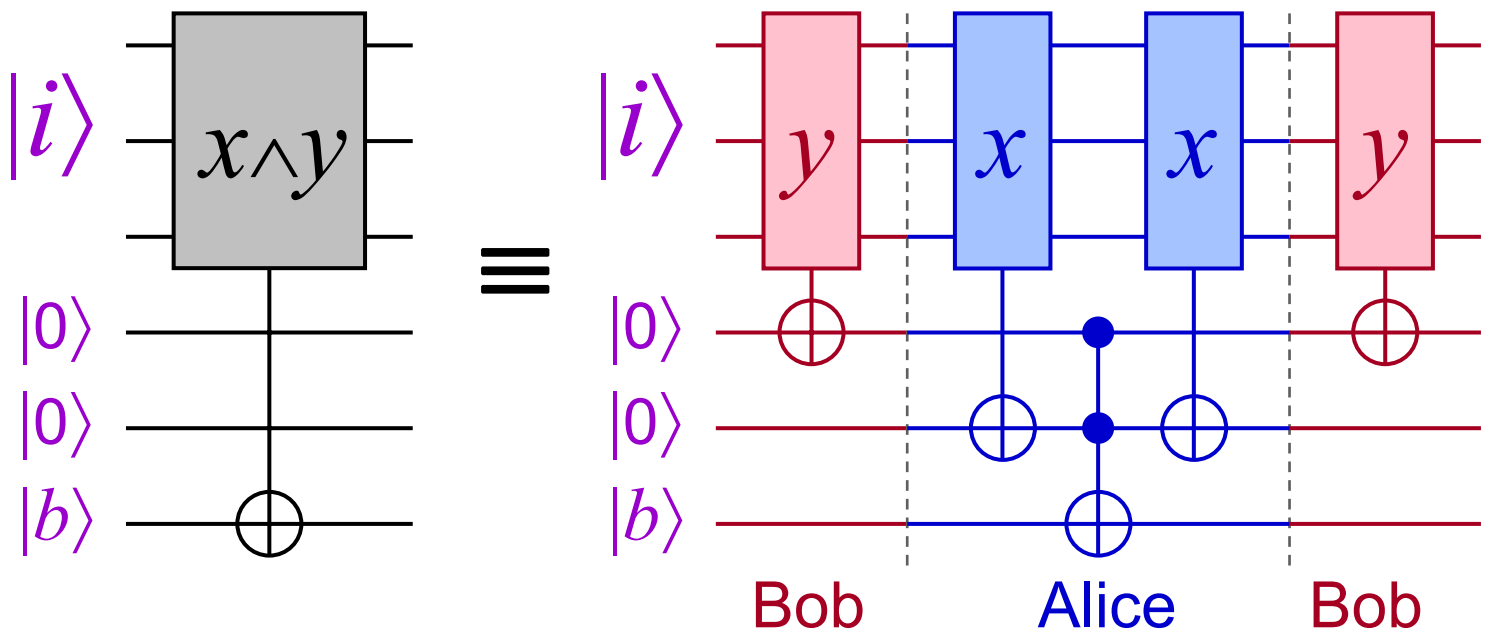


**Goal:** find  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $x_i = 1$

**Classically:**  $\Omega(n)$  queries are necessary

**Quantum mechanically:**  $O(n^{1/2})$  queries are sufficient

			1	2	3	4	5	6	...	$n$
Alice	$x =$	0 1 1 0 1 0 ... 0								
Bob	$y =$	1 0 0 1 1 0 ... 1								
	$x \wedge y =$	0 0 0 0 1 0 ... 0								



Communication per  $x \wedge y$ -query:  $2(\log n + 3) = O(\log n)$



# Appointment scheduling: epilogue

Bit communication:



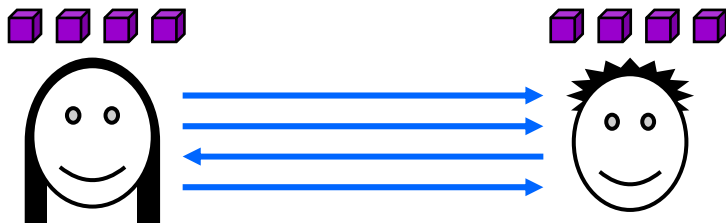
Cost:  $\theta(n)$

Qubit communication:



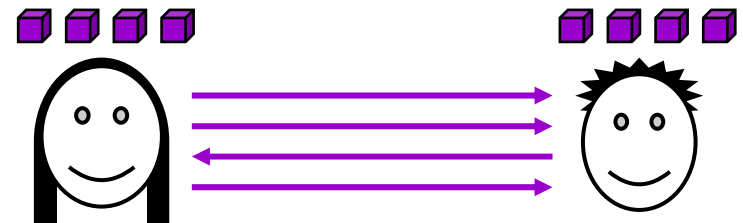
Cost:  $\theta(n^{1/2})$  (with refinements)

Bit communication  
& prior entanglement:



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Qubit communication  
& prior entanglement:



Cost:  $\theta(n^{1/2})$

- Communication complexity
  - Equality checking
  - Intersection (quadratic savings)
  - Are exponential savings possible?
  - Lower bound for the inner product problem
  - Simultaneous message passing & fingerprinting

# Restricted version of equality

Precondition (i.e. promise): either  $x = y$  or  $\Delta(x,y) = n/2$

 Hamming distance

(Distributed variant of “constant” vs. “balanced”)

Classically,  $\Omega(n)$  bits communication are necessary  
***for an exact solution***

Quantum mechanically,  $O(\log n)$  qubits communication  
are sufficient ***for an exact solution***

# Classical lower bound

**Theorem:** If  $S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$  has the property that, for all  $x, x' \in S$ , their *intersection* size is *not*  $n/4$  then  $|S| < 1.99^n$

Let **some** protocol solve restricted equality with  $k$  bits comm.

- $2^k$  conversations of length  $k$
- restrict to the  $2^n/\sqrt{n}$  input pairs  $(x, x)$ , where  $\Delta(x) = n/2$

There are  $2^n/2^k\sqrt{n}$  input pairs  $(x, x)$  that yield **same** conv.  $C$

Define  $S = \{x : \Delta(x) = n/2 \text{ and } (x, x) \text{ yields conv. } C\}$

For any  $x, x' \in S$ , input pair  $(x, x')$  **also** yields conversation  $C$

Therefore,  $\Delta(x, x') \neq n/2$ , implying intersection size is **not**  $n/4$

Theorem implies  $2^n/2^k\sqrt{n} < 1.99^n$ , so  $k > 0.007n$

# Quantum protocol

For each  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$ , define  $|\Psi_x\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{x_j} |j\rangle$

## Protocol:

1. Alice sends  $|\Psi_x\rangle$  to Bob ( $\log n$  qubits)
2. Bob measures state in a basis that includes  $|\Psi_y\rangle$

## Correctness of protocol:

If  $x = y$  then Bob's result is definitely  $|\Psi_y\rangle$

If  $\Delta(x,y) = n/2$  then  $\langle \Psi_x | \Psi_y \rangle = 0$ , so result is definitely **not**  $|\Psi_y\rangle$

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**Question:** How much communication if error  $1/4$  is permitted?

**Answer:** Just 2 bits are sufficient!

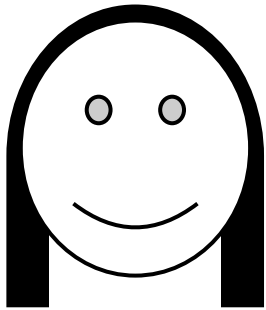
# Exponential quantum vs. classical separation in bounded-error models

$O(\log n)$  quantum vs.  $\Omega(n^{1/4} / \log n)$  classical communication

**Classical** description of

$|\psi\rangle$ : a  $\log(n)$ -qubit state

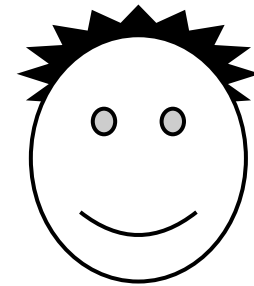
$M$ : two-outcome measurement



**Output:** binary result  
of applying  $M$  to  $U|\psi\rangle$

**Classical** description of

$U$ :  $\log(n)$ -qubit unitary op



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# Inner product

$$\text{IP}(x, y) = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \pmod{2}$$

Classically,  $\Omega(n)$  bits of communication are required, even for bounded-error protocols

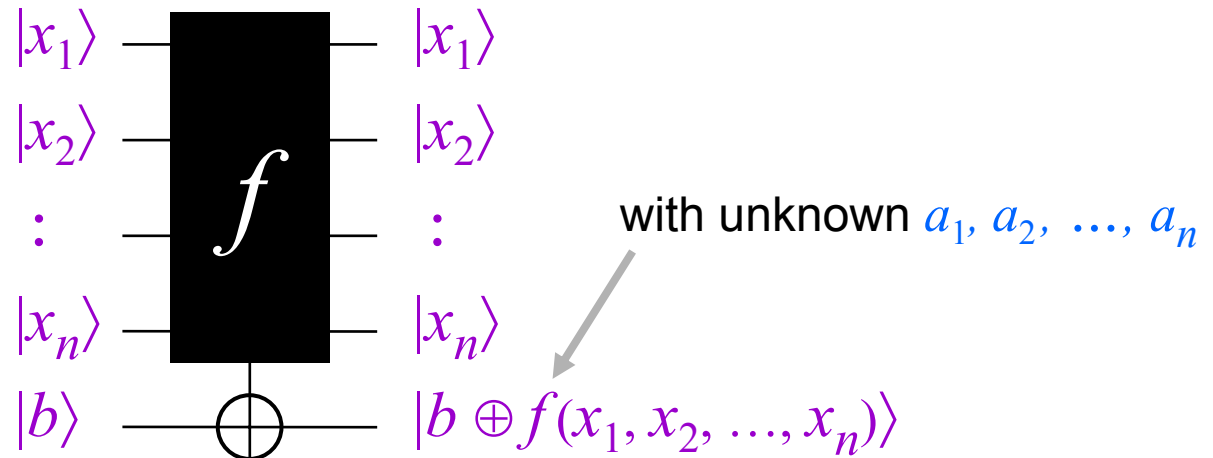
Quantum protocols **also** require  $\Omega(n)$  communication



# The Bernstein-Vazirani problem

Let  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \pmod 2$

**Given:**



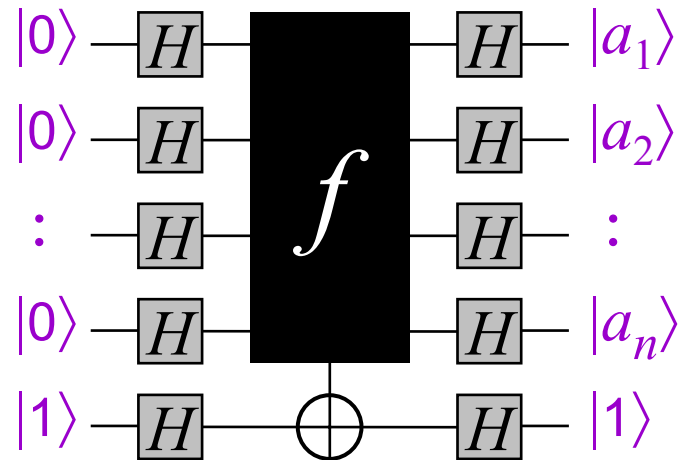
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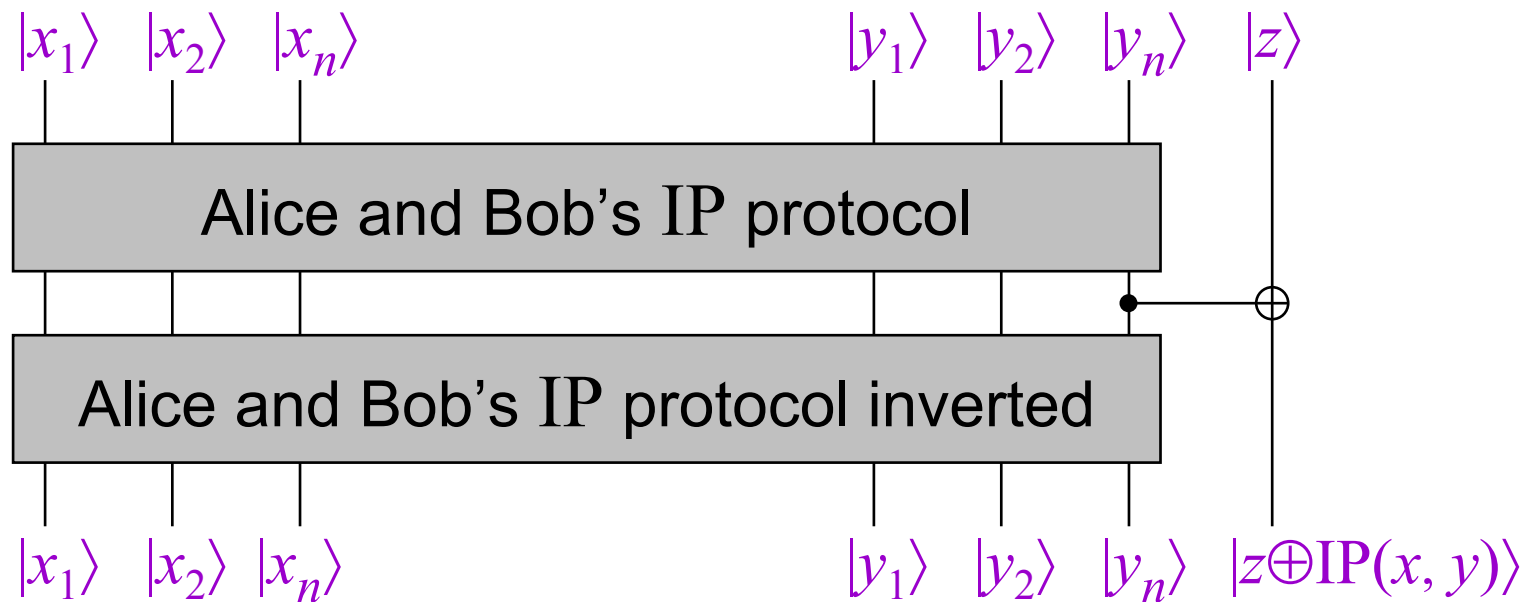
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Quantum mechanically, 1 query is sufficient

# Lower bound for inner product

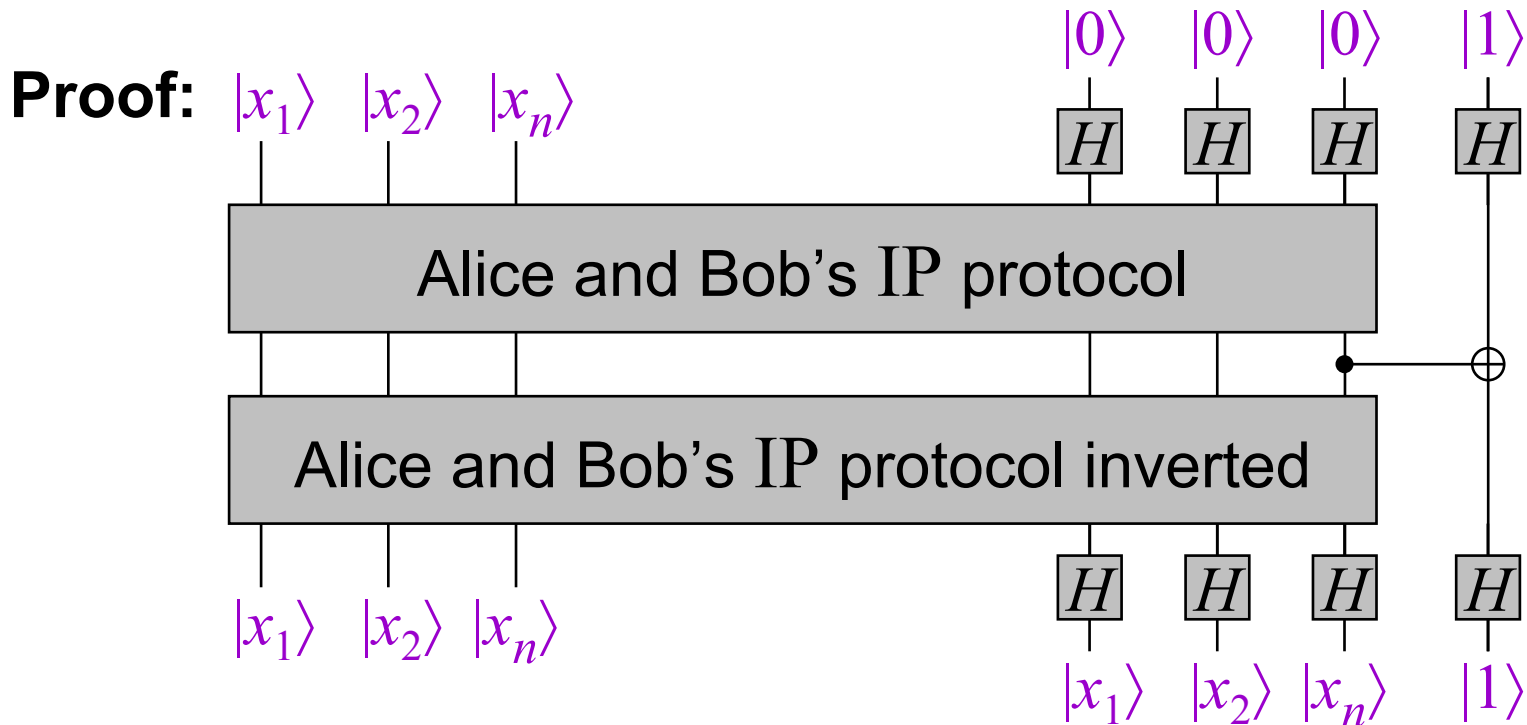
$$\text{IP}(x, y) = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \text{ mod } 2$$

**Proof:**



# Lower bound for inner product

$$\text{IP}(x, y) = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \pmod{2}$$



Since  $n$  bits are conveyed from Alice to Bob,  $n$  qubits communication necessary (by Holevo's Theorem)

**THE END**

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# Contents of Lecture 3

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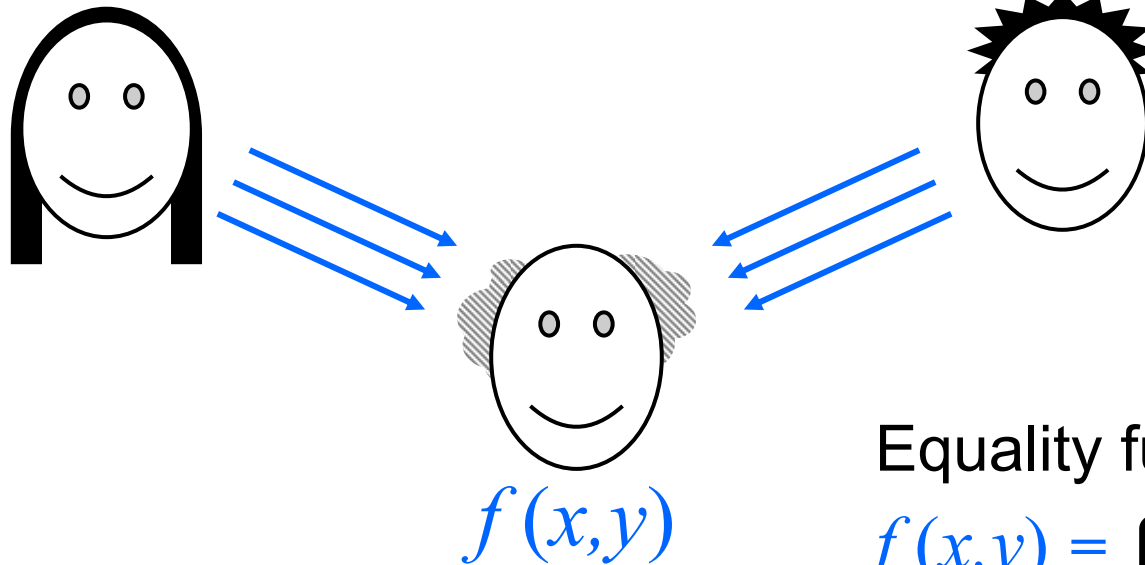
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# Equality revisited

## in simultaneous message model

$x_1x_2 \dots x_n$

$y_1y_2 \dots y_n$



Equality function:

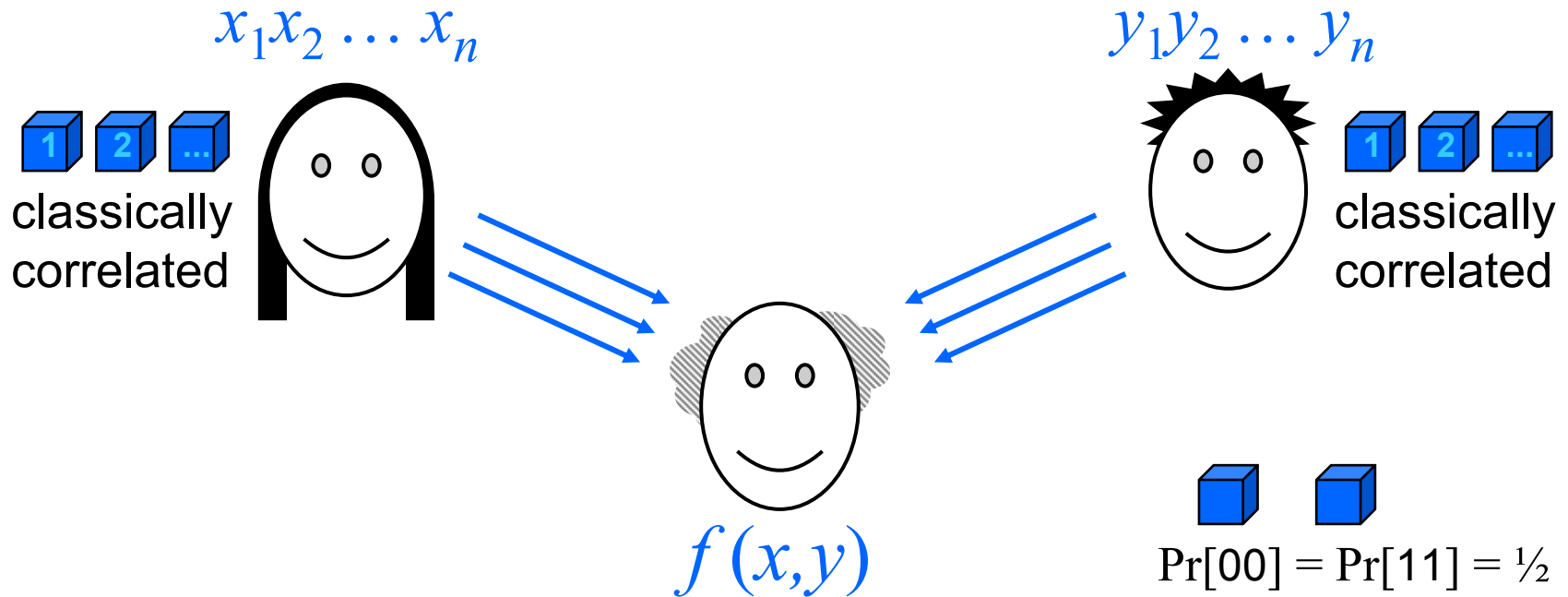
$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = y \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

**Exact protocols:** require  $2n$  bits communication



# Equality revisited

## in simultaneous message model



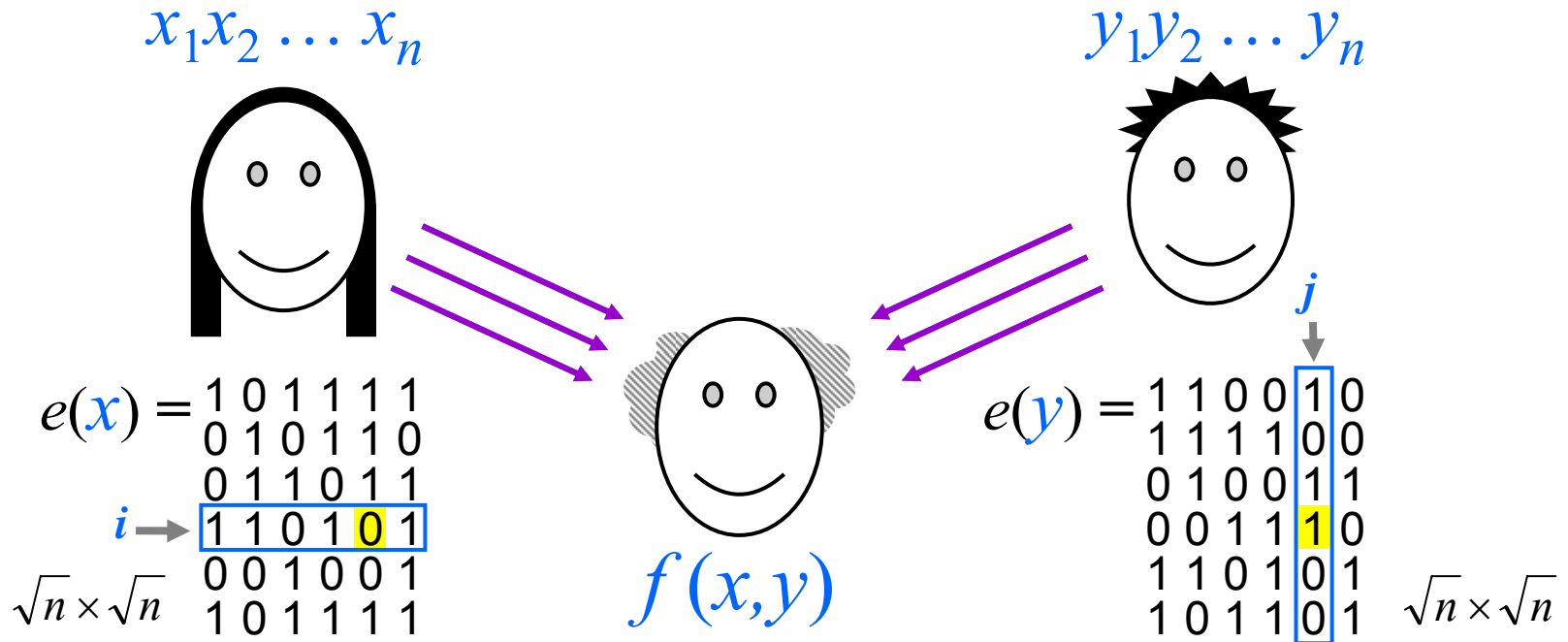
**Bounded-error protocols with a shared random key:**  
 require only  $O(1)$  bits communication

Error-correcting code:  $e(x) = 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1$   
 $e(y) = 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0$

random  $k$

# Equality revisited

## in simultaneous message model



Bounded-error protocols *without* a shared key:

**Classical:**  $\theta(n^{1/2})$

**Quantum:**  $\theta(\log n)$  using quantum fingerprints

# Quantum fingerprints

**Question 1:** how many orthogonal states in  $m$  qubits?

**Answer:**  $2^m$

Let  $\varepsilon$  be an arbitrarily small positive constant

**Question 2:** how many *almost orthogonal*\* states in  $m$  qubits?

(\* where  $|\langle \Psi_x | \Psi_y \rangle| \leq \varepsilon$  )

**Answer:**  $2^{2am}$ , for some constant  $0 < a < 1$

**Construction of *almost orthogonal* states:** start with a special classical error-correcting code, which is a function  $e: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{cn}$  such that, for all  $x \neq y$ ,

$$\delta cn \leq \Delta(e(x), e(y)) \leq (1-\delta)cn \quad (c, \delta \text{ are constants})$$

# Construction of *almost* orthogonal states

Set  $|\Psi_x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{cn}} \sum_{k=1}^{cn} (-1)^{e(x)_k} |k\rangle$  for each  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$  ( $\log(cn)$  qubits)

Then  $\langle \Psi_x | \Psi_y \rangle = \frac{1}{cn} \sum_{k=1}^{cn} (-1)^{[e(x) \oplus e(y)]_k} |k\rangle = 1 - \frac{2\Delta(e(x), e(y))}{cn}$

Since  $\delta cn \leq \Delta(e(x), e(y)) \leq (1-\delta)cn$ , we have  $|\langle \Psi_x | \Psi_y \rangle| \leq 1-2\delta$

By duplicating each state,  $|\Psi_x\rangle \otimes |\Psi_x\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\Psi_x\rangle$ , the pairwise inner products can be made arbitrarily small:  $(1-2\delta)^r \leq \varepsilon$

**Result:**  $m = r \log(cn)$  qubits storing  $2^n = 2^{(1/c)2^{m/r}}$  different states  
(as opposed to  $n$  qubits!)

# What are these almost orthogonal states good for?

**Question 3:** can they be used to somehow store  $n$  bits using only  $O(\log n)$  qubits?

**Answer: No**—recall that Holevo's theorem forbids this

**Here's what we *can* do:** given two states from an almost orthogonal set, we can distinguish between these two cases:

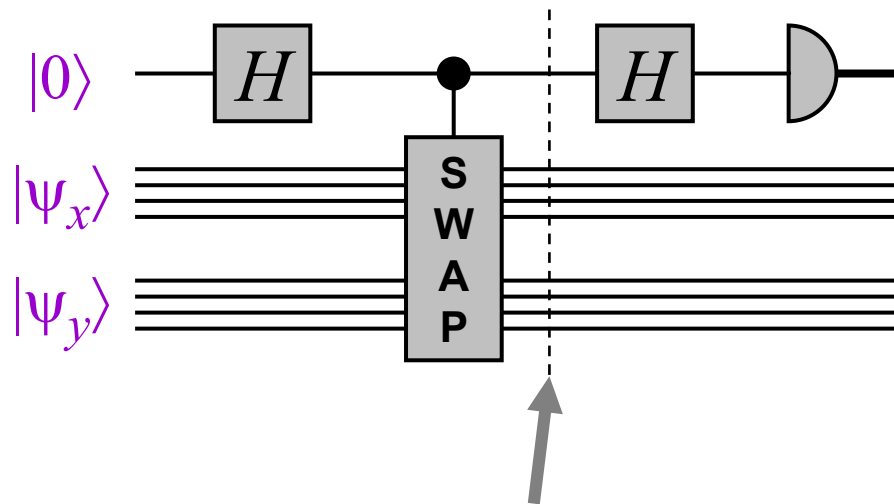
- they're both the same state
- they're almost orthogonal

**Question 4: How?**

# Quantum fingerprints

Let  $|\psi_{000}\rangle, |\psi_{001}\rangle, \dots, |\psi_{111}\rangle$  be  $2^n$  states on  $O(\log n)$  qubits such that  $|\langle \psi_x | \psi_y \rangle| \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $x \neq y$

Given  $|\psi_x\rangle|\psi_y\rangle$ , one can check if  $x = y$  or  $x \neq y$  as follows:



if  $x = y$ ,  $\Pr[\text{output} = 0] = 1$

if  $x \neq y$ ,  $\Pr[\text{output} = 0] = (1 + \varepsilon^2)/2$

Intuition:  $|0\rangle|\psi_x\rangle|\psi_y\rangle + |1\rangle|\psi_y\rangle|\psi_x\rangle$

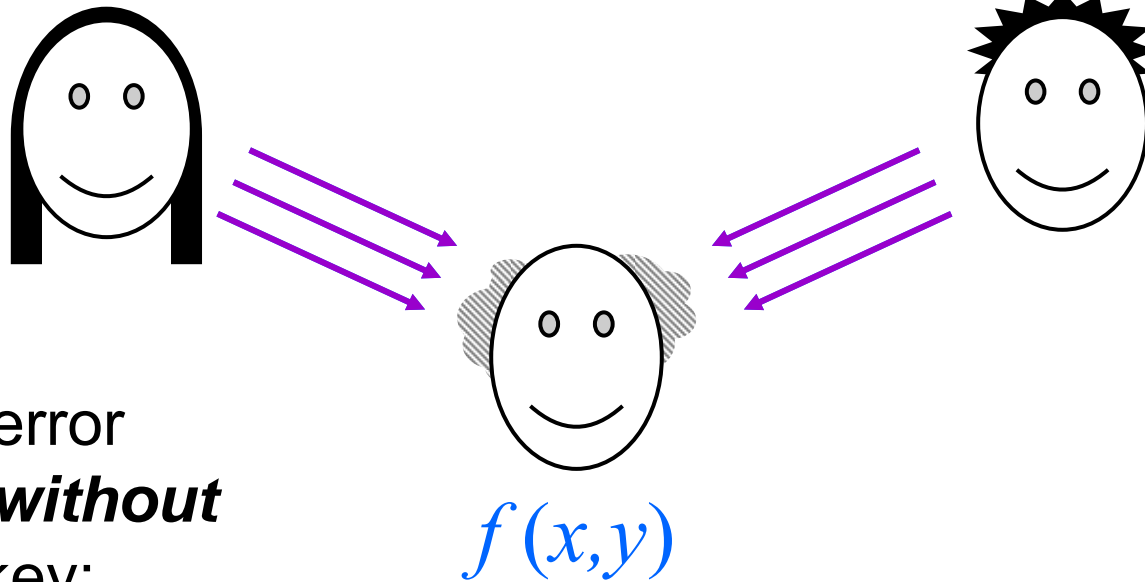
**Note:** error probability can be reduced to  $((1 + \varepsilon^2)/2)^r$

# Equality revisited

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Bounded-error  
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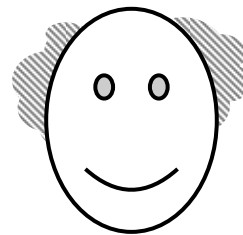
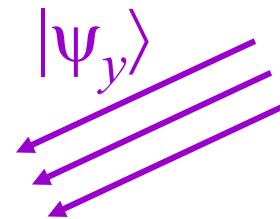
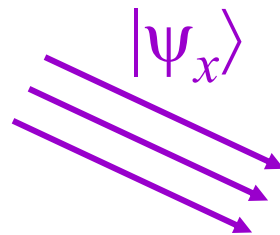
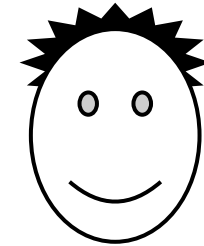
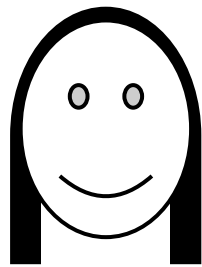
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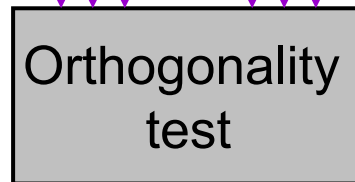
# Quantum protocol for equality in simultaneous message model

$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$

$y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$



$|\Psi_x\rangle$      $|\Psi_y\rangle$



Recall that, *with* a shared key, the problem is easy classically ...

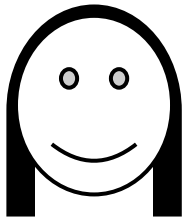


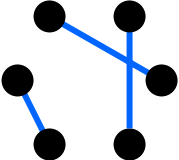
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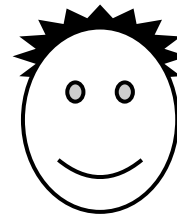
# Hidden matching problem

For this problem, a quantum protocol is exponentially more efficient than any classical protocol—even with a shared key

Inputs:  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$



$M =$   **matching** on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

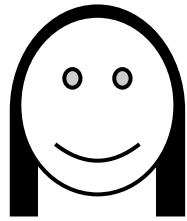


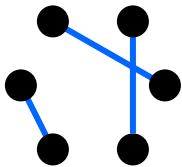
Output:  $(i, j, x_i \oplus x_j)$ , such that  $(i, j) \in M$

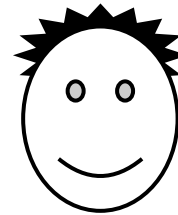
Only **one-way** communication (Alice to Bob) is permitted

# The hidden matching problem

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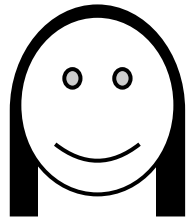
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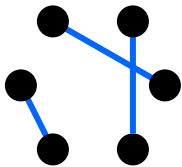
Classically, one-way communication is  $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ , even with a shared classical key (the proof is omitted here)

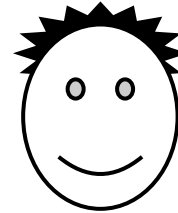
**Rough intuition:** Alice doesn't know which edges are in  $M$ , so she apparently has to send  $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$  bits of the form  $x_i \oplus x_j \dots$

# The hidden matching problem

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$M =$   *matching* on  $\{1,2, \dots, n\}$



Output:  $(i, j, x_i \oplus x_j)$ ,  $(i, j) \in M$

**Quantum protocol:** Alice sends  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{x_k} |k\rangle$  ( $\log n$  qubits)

Bob measures in  $|i\rangle \pm |j\rangle$  basis,  $(i, j) \in M$ , and uses the outcome's relative phase to determine  $x_i \oplus x_j$

**THE END**

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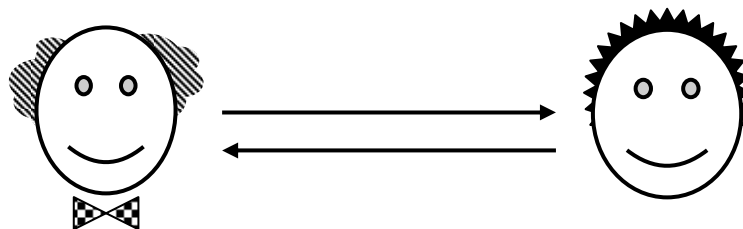
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We'll consider connections between:

**Computational proof systems:** where one or more “provers” can efficiently convince a “verifier” of a mathematical truth



and ...

**Nonlocality:** Bell inequalities and entangled systems that violate them



**One conclusion:** certain interactive proof systems become *weaker* with quantum information



# What is the computational cost of the process of being *convinced* of something?

Consider an instance of **3SAT**:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_5 \vee \bar{x}_n)$$

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is **satisfiable** iff there exists  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f(b_1, \dots, b_n) = 1$

Satisfiability is easy to **verify**—if one is supplied with, say, a satisfying assignment

**NP** denotes the class of languages  $L$  whose positive instances have such “witnesses” that can be verified in polynomial time

# “Complexity Theory 101”

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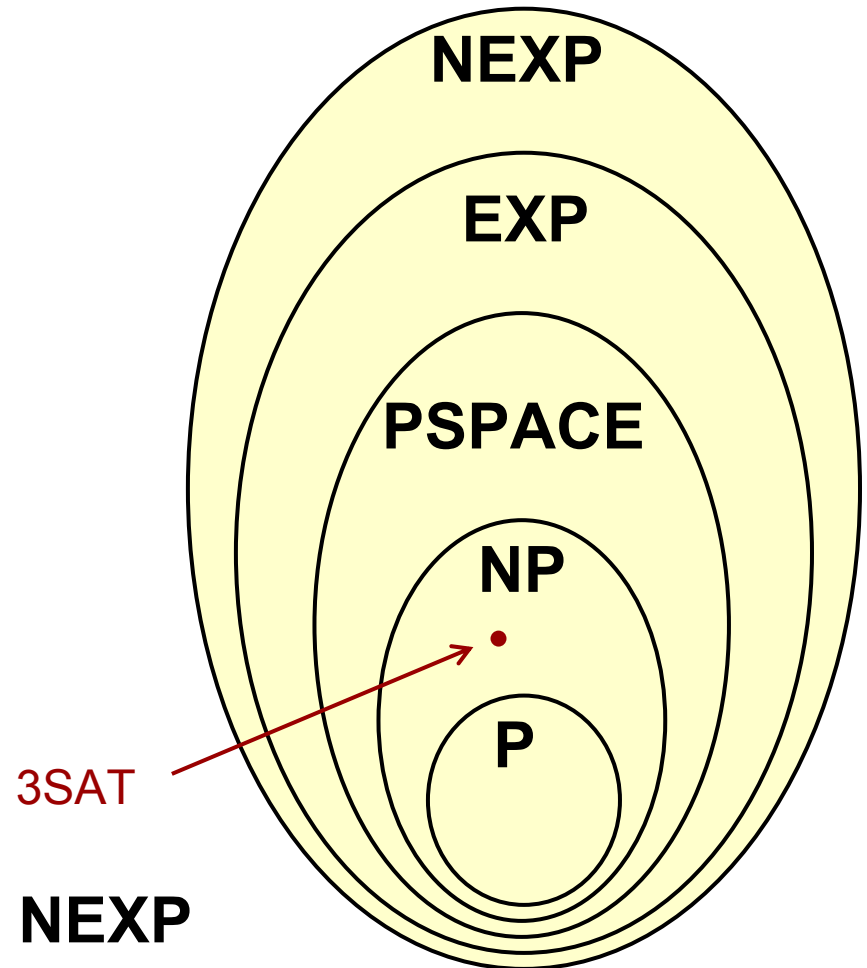
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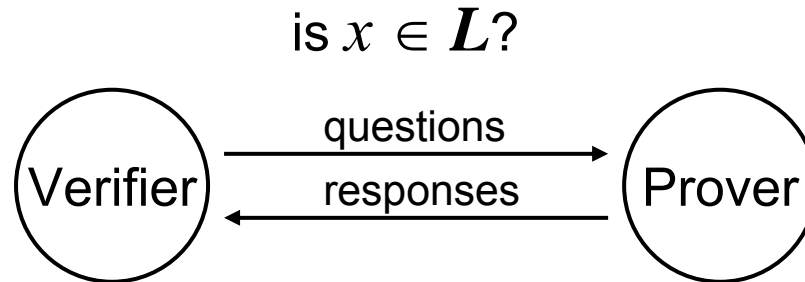
**NEXP:** positive instances  
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**$P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXP \subseteq NEXP$**



# *Interactive proof systems*

If one can carry out a “dialog” with a prover then the expressive power increases from **NP** to **PSPACE**

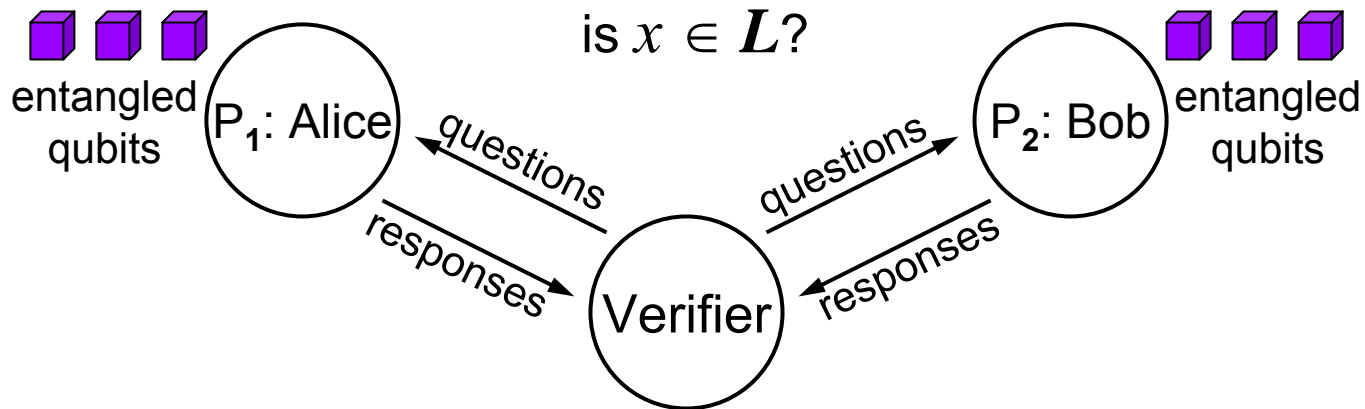


- The Verifier must be efficient (polynomial time), but the Prover is computationally unbounded
- **Soundness:** if  $x \notin L$ , no Prover causes the Verifier to accept (small error probability is okay)
- **Completeness:** if  $x \in L$ , there exists a Prover that causes the Verifier to accept (small error is okay)

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# Two provers

With **two** provers, who cannot communicate with each other, the expressive power increases to **NEXP** (nondeterministic exponential-time)



- Again, the Verifier must be efficient (polynomial time), and the Provers are computationally unbounded
- The **NEXP** result assumes the provers are **classical**
- With **quantum** strategies, provers can sometimes “cheat”

# Sample protocol for 3SAT ...

Instance:  $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_5 \vee \bar{x}_n)$

1. The Verifier randomly chooses a clause and a variable from that clause, and then sends the clause to Alice and the variable to Bob
2. Alice returns a valid truth assignment for the clause, and Bob must return a consistent value for the variable

E.g., for the above instance, the Verifier might send Alice “ $(\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5)$ ” and send Bob “ $x_5$ ”

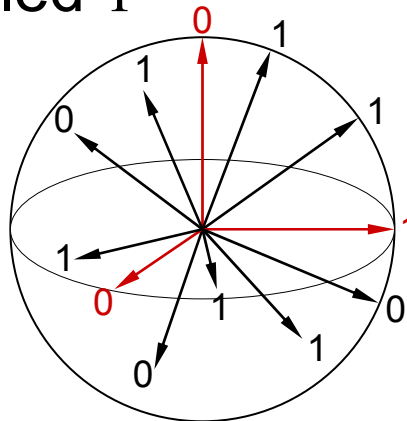
... and a valid response is Alice sends 1, 0, 0 (values for  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_5$  respectively), and Bob sends 0 (value for  $x_5$ )

# ... and how to cheat the protocol

Recall the

**Kochen-Specker Theorem** [1967]: there exists a finite set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that **cannot** be assigned labels from  $\{0,1\}$  simultaneously satisfying:

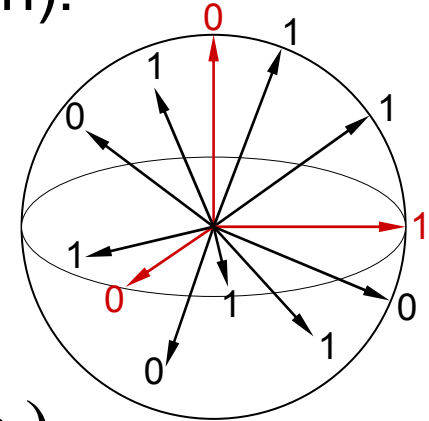
- For any two orthogonal vectors, they are not both labeled 1
- For any three mutually orthogonal vectors, at least one of them is labeled 1



# Kochen-Specker “nonlocality”

Game (essentially a Bell-inequality violation):

- The Verifier sends Alice a triple of orthogonal vectors  $(v_i, v_j, v_k)$  and Bob one vector  $v_m$  from that triple
- Alice returns a valid labeling for  $(v_i, v_j, v_k)$ , and Bob returns a label for  $v_m$
- The verifier **accepts** iff the labels are consistent
- By the Kochen-Specker Theorem, the **classical** success probability is less than one
- There is a perfect quantum strategy using entanglement  
 $|\psi\rangle = |00\rangle + |11\rangle + |22\rangle$

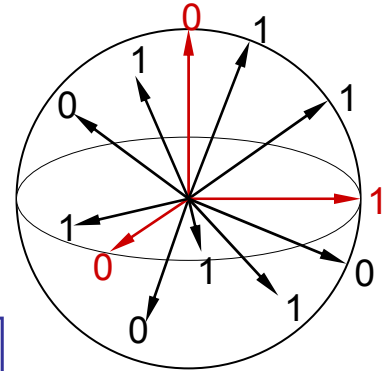




# Cheating the protocol for 3SAT

For an instance of the Kochen-Specker Theorem, the orthogonality conditions can be expressed by the formula

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left[ \bigwedge_{v_i \perp v_j} (\bar{x}_i \vee \bar{x}_j) \right] \wedge \left[ \bigwedge_{v_i \perp v_j \perp v_k} (x_i \vee x_j \vee x_k) \right]$$



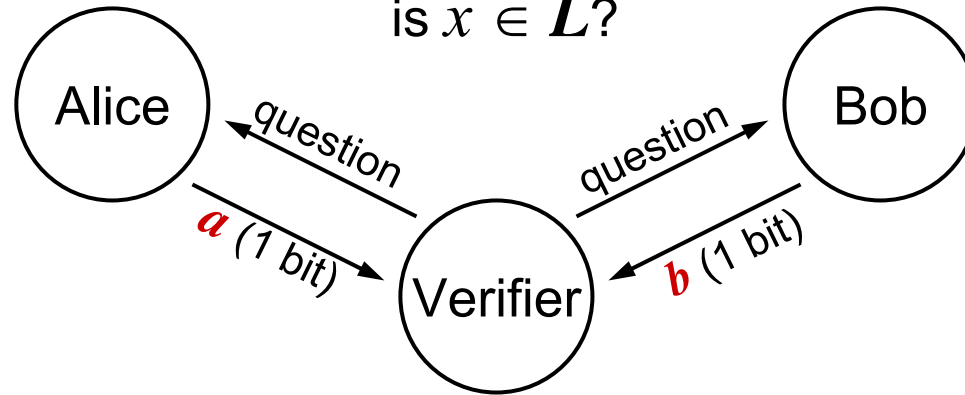
- By the Kochen-Specker Theorem, this formula is unsatisfiable—therefore, for classical Provers, the Verifier accepts with probability ***less than one***
- But, using the quantum strategy for the KS game, the Provers can cause the Verifier to ***always*** accept

# MIP

- **Definition:** **MIP** is the class of languages accepted by *classical* two-prover interactive proof systems
- **Theorem** [Fortnow, Rompel, Sipser, 1988; Babai, F, Lund, 1991]:  
**MIP = NEXP**
- **Definition:** **MIP\*** is the class of languages accepted by *quantum* two-prover interactive proof systems
- **Open questions:**
  - Is **NEXP**  $\subseteq$  **MIP\***?
  - Is **MIP\***  $\subseteq$  **NEXP**?

# $\oplus$ -MIP and $\oplus$ -MIP\*

is  $x \in L$ ?



Restricted protocols that are **one-round** and where:

- Alice and Bob's responses,  $a$  and  $b$ , are **single bits**
- The Verifier's decision is a function of  $a \oplus b$  and his questions only
- Any constant gap between the soundness and the completeness success probability is okay

Recall the CHSH version of Bell:  $a \oplus b = s \wedge t$

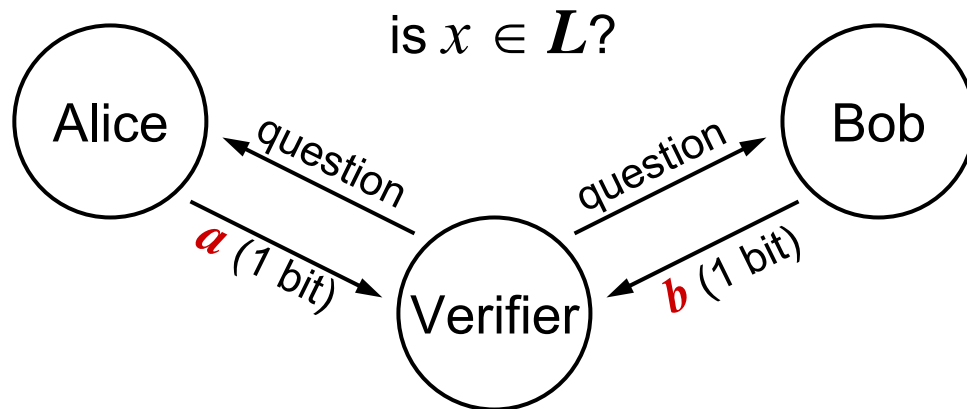
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# $\oplus$ -MIP vs $\oplus$ -MIP\*



**Theorem 1:**  $\oplus$ -MIP = NEXP (= MIP)

**Theorem 2:**  $\oplus$ -MIP\*  $\subseteq$  EXP

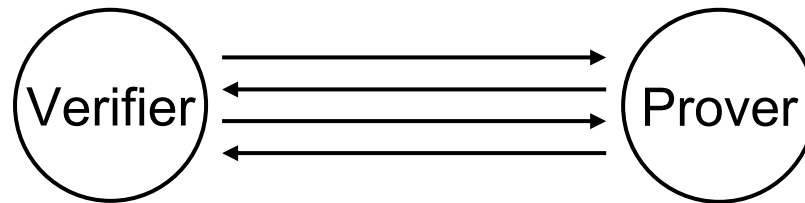
Therefore,  $\oplus$ -MIP\* is strictly weaker than  $\oplus$ -MIP  
(unless **EXP = NEXP**)

- Interactive proof systems
- Two-prover interactive proof systems (MIPs)
  - Classical  $\oplus\text{-MIP} = \text{MIP} = \text{NEXP}$
  - Quantum  $\oplus\text{-MIP}^* \subseteq \text{EXP}$

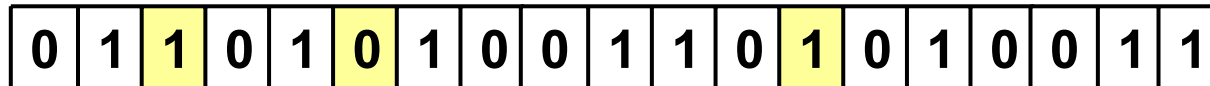
# Proof that $\text{NEXP} \subseteq \oplus\text{-MIP (I)}$

A *probabilistically checkable proof (PCP)* system is:

A single-prover interactive proof system where the prover is not adaptive (i.e., behaves like an oracle)



Equivalently, each proof is bit-string, and the verifier accesses a bounded number of bits of the string (of his choosing)

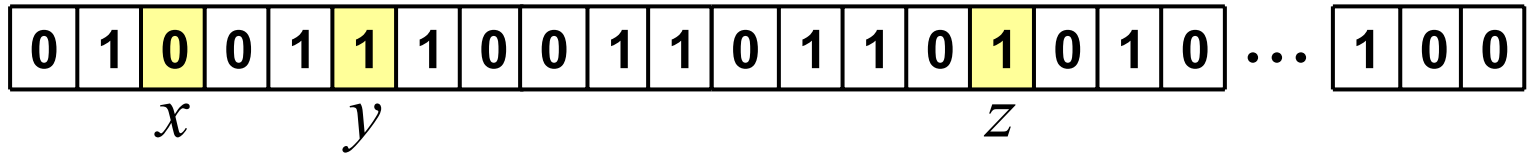


**Theorem:**  $\text{NP} = \oplus\text{-PCP}_{1/2+\varepsilon, 1} [O(\log n), 3]$

[Håstad '01][Bellare, Goldreich, Sudan '98]

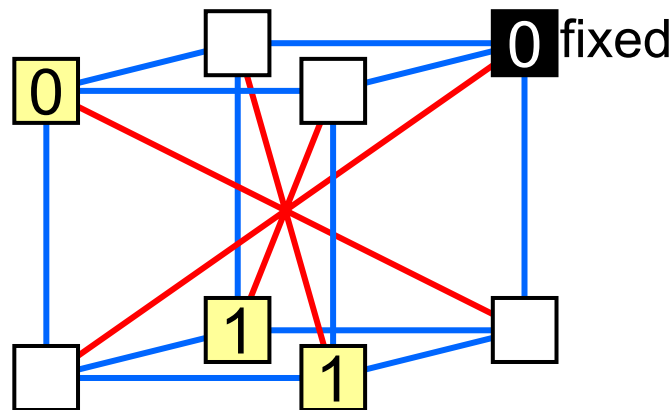
# Proof that $\text{NEXP} \subseteq \oplus\text{-MIP (II)}$

Corollary:  $\text{NEXP} = \oplus\text{-PCP}_{1/2+\epsilon, 1} [n^{O(1)}, 3]$



Lemma:  $\text{NEXP} = \oplus\text{-PCP}_{11/16+\epsilon, 1} [n^{O(1)}, 2]$

A test for  $x \oplus y \oplus z = 0$

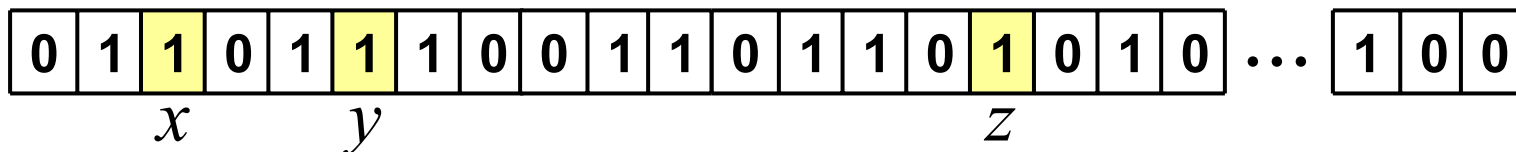


If  $x \oplus y \oplus z = 0$  then it is possible to satisfy 12/16 edges

- $a \oplus b = 1$  (different)
- $a \oplus b = 0$  (same)

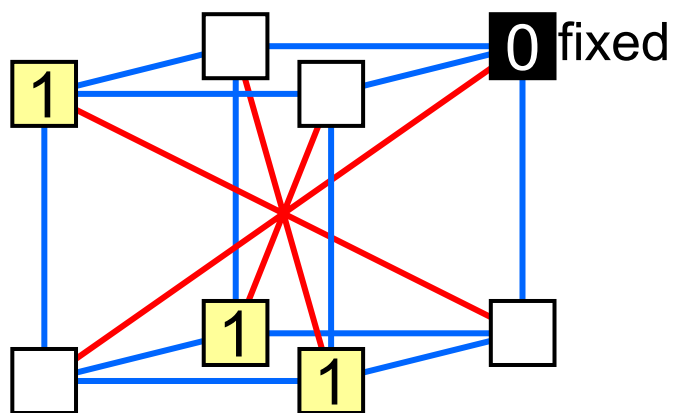
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Lemma:  $\text{NEXP} = \oplus\text{-PCP}_{11/16+\epsilon, 1} [n^{O(1)}, 2]$

A test for  $x \oplus y \oplus z = 0$



If  $x \oplus y \oplus z = 1$  then it is possible to satisfy at most 10/16 edges

To test  $x \oplus y \oplus z = 1$ , set fixed bit to 1 (or switch incident edge colors)

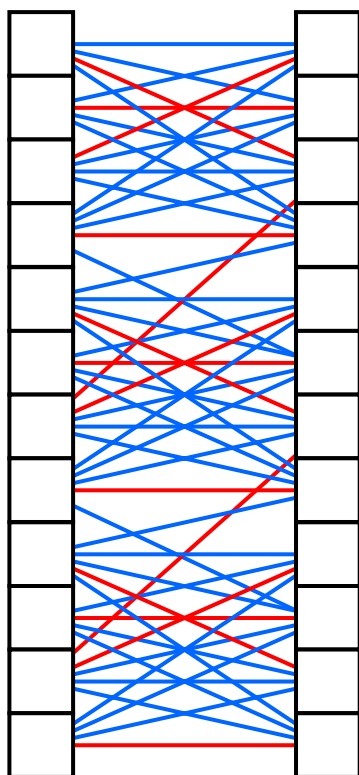
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Finally, can “unfix” fixed bit



# Proof that $\text{NEXP} \subseteq \oplus\text{-MIP (IV)}$

In the  $\oplus\text{-PCP}_{1/2+\varepsilon, 1} [n^{O(1)}, 2]$  construction, the underlying graph is *bipartite*, so each bit can be queried to a separate prover

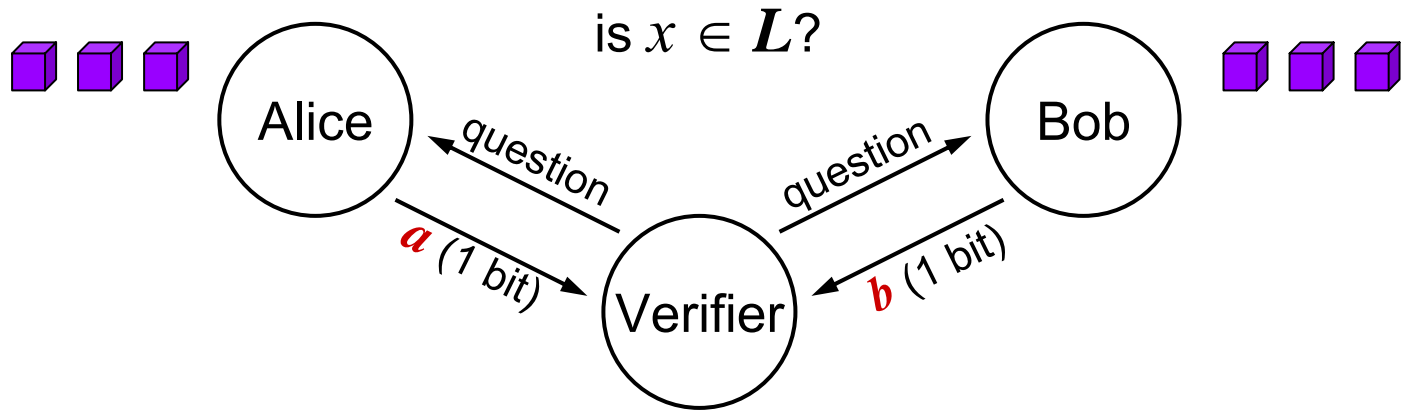


What follows is a  $\oplus\text{-MIP}_{0.6875+\varepsilon, 0.75}$  proof system for  $\text{NEXP}$

Therefore  $\text{NEXP} \subseteq \oplus\text{-MIP}$

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# $\oplus$ -MIP\* $\subseteq$ EXP

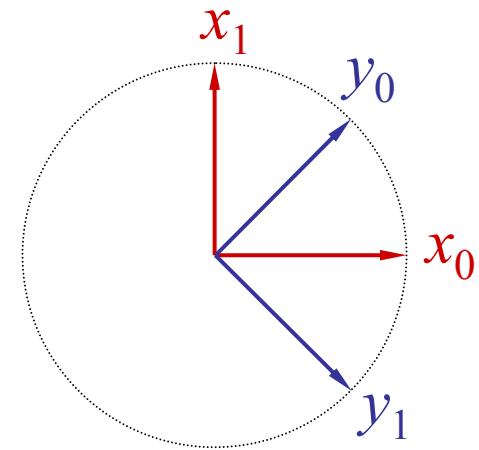


# $\oplus$ -MIP\* $\subseteq$ EXP (I)

**Theorem** [Tsirelson, 1987]: every *quantum*  $\oplus$ -type protocol corresponds to sets of unit vectors  $\{x_s : s \in S\}$  &  $\{y_t : t \in T\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that, for questions  $(s,t) \in S \times T$ , the responses satisfy

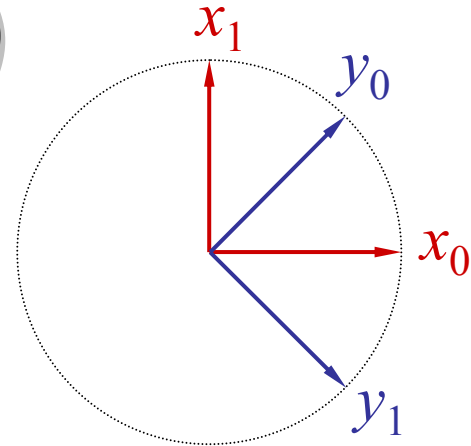
$$\Pr[a \oplus b = 0] = (1 + x_s \cdot y_t)/2$$

**Example:** vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for the CHSH game:



# $\oplus$ -MIP\* $\subseteq$ EXP (II)

**Example:** vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for the CHSH game:



Overall success probability:

$$\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1 + x_0 \cdot y_0}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1 + x_0 \cdot y_1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1 + x_1 \cdot y_0}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1 - x_1 \cdot y_1}{2} \right)$$

Tsirelson's Theorem implies that finding the best quantum  $\oplus$ -type protocol reduces to finding a set of vectors optimizing an expression of the form

$$\sum_{st} p_{st} x_s \cdot y_t$$

Efficient algorithms (polynomial-time in  $|S|$  and  $|T|$ ) are known for this kind of problem, using semidefinite programming

# Proof of Tsirelson's Theorem (I)

## Converting a protocol into a vector system:

Start with a quantum  $\oplus$ -type protocol using entanglement  $|\psi\rangle$

This can be described in terms of a set of binary observables (Hermitian operators with eigenvalues in  $\{+1, -1\}$ )

$\{A_s : s \in S\}$  and  $\{B_t : t \in T\}$ , which correspond to Alice and Bob's respective actions on input  $(s, t) \in S \times T$

The expected outcome is:

$$\langle \psi | A_s \otimes B_t | \psi \rangle = (\langle \psi | A_s \otimes I) (I \otimes B_t | \psi \rangle)$$

which is an inner product of two (complex) vectors

These vectors can be embedded into  $\mathbb{R}^d$

# Proof of Tsirelson's Theorem (II)

## Converting a vector system into a protocol:

For any  $k$ , there exists a set of  $k$  binary observables  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k$  such that, for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $M_i M_j = -M_j M_i$

They act on a  $d$ -dimensional space (where  $d = 2^{(k-1)/2}$ )

Convert each vector  $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  into the observable  $M^v = v_1 M_1 + v_2 M_2 + \dots + v_k M_k$

Then  $(1/d)\text{Tr}(M^v M^w) = v \cdot w$

It follows from this that, setting  $|\psi\rangle = |1\rangle|1\rangle + |2\rangle|2\rangle + \dots + |d\rangle|d\rangle$  yields the desired protocol

# Open questions

- **MIP\*** versus **MIP**?
- What happens with more than two provers?
- *Quantum* communication between the provers and a quantum verifier?
- There are interesting “spinoffs” from classical **MIP** (e.g. a theory of hardness of approximation problems)—what about for **MIP\***?
- How does “parallel repetition” work for quantum strategies?



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# $\oplus$ -MIP\* vs one-prover systems

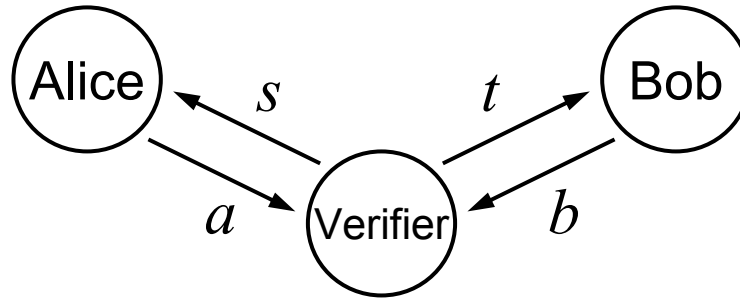
**QIP(2)** is all languages accepted by *single-prover* interactive proof systems with *one round of quantum communication* between prover and verifier (who must now be quantum)

**Theorem** [Wehner '05]: for  $0 \leq s < c \leq 1$ ,  $\oplus\text{-MIP}^*_{s,c} \subseteq \text{QIP}_{s,c}(2)$

**Theorem** [Kitaev, Watrous '00]:  $\text{QIP}_{s,c}(2) \subseteq \text{EXP}$

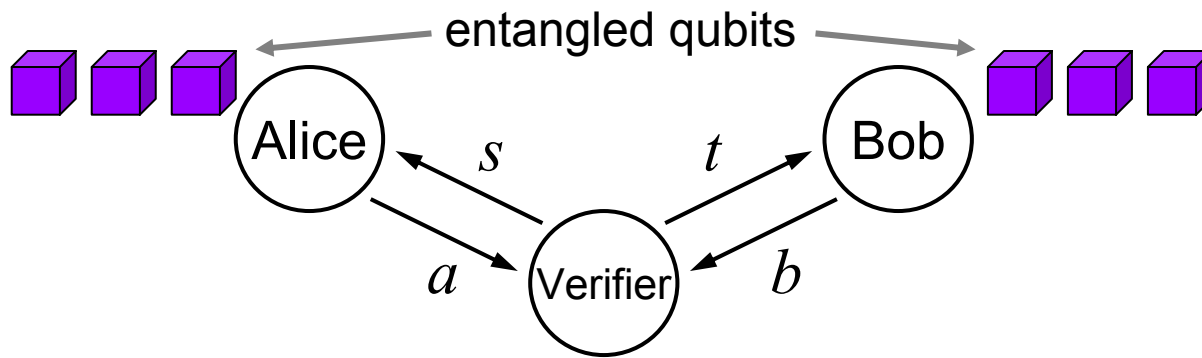
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# Nonlocality game framework



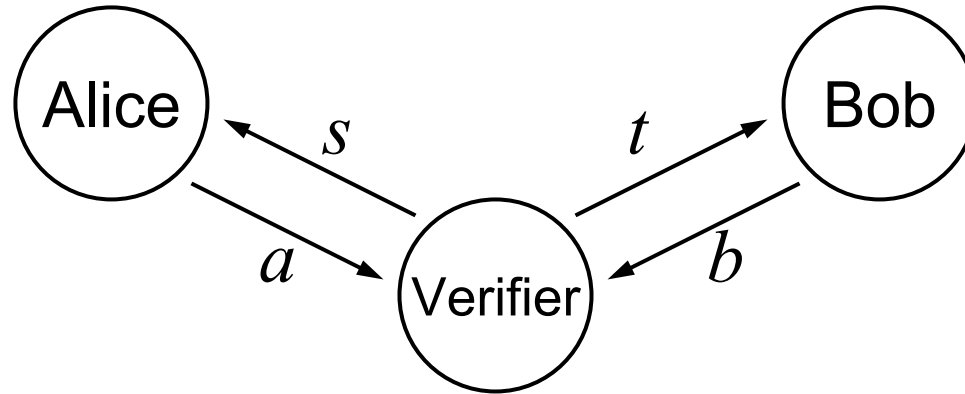
- A **nonlocality game**  $G$  consists of four sets  $A, B, S, T$ , a probability distribution  $\pi$  on  $S \times T$ , and a predicate  $V : A \times B \times S \times T \rightarrow \{0,1\}$
- Verifier chooses  $(s,t) \in S \times T$  according to  $\pi$  and, after receiving  $(a,b)$ , **accepts** iff  $V(a,b,s,t) = 1$
- The **classical value** of  $G$ , denoted as  $\omega_c(G)$ , is the maximum acceptance probability, over all classical strategies of Alice and Bob

# Quantum strategies



- The **quantum value** of  $G$ , denoted as  $\omega_q(G)$ , is the maximum acceptance probability of quantum strategies
- An upper bound on  $\omega_c(G)$  is a **Bell inequality**
- A quantum strategy with success probability greater than  $\omega_c(G)$  is a **Bell inequality violation**
- An upper bound on  $\omega_q(G)$  is a **Tsirelson inequality**

# CHSH game



$\pi$  uniform distribution on  $\{0,1\} \times \{0,1\}$ , and

$V(a,b,s,t) = 1$  iff  $a \oplus b = s \wedge t$

$$\omega_c(G) = 3/4 = 1/2 (1 + 1/2)$$

$$\omega_q(G) \geq \cos^2(\pi/8) = 1/2 (1 + 1/2\sqrt{2})$$

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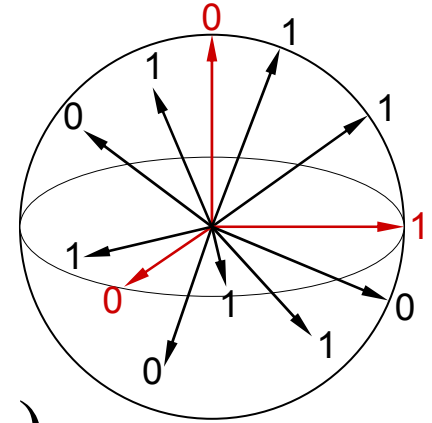
$$a_1 \oplus b_0 = 0$$

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# Kochen-Specker game

- The Verifier sends Alice a triple of orthogonal vectors  $s = (v_i, v_j, v_k)$  and Bob one vector  $t = v_m$  from the triple
- Alice returns  $a$ , a valid labeling for  $(v_i, v_j, v_k)$ , and Bob returns  $b$ , a label for  $v_m$
- The verifier accepts iff the labels are consistent
- By the Kochen-Specker Theorem,  $\omega_c(G) < 1$
- There is a perfect quantum strategy using entanglement  $|\psi\rangle = |00\rangle + |11\rangle + |22\rangle$ , therefore  $\omega_q(G) = 1$



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# XOR Games

- An ***XOR game*** is a nonlocality game where:
  - Alice and Bob's messages,  $a$  and  $b$ , are bits
  - The Verifier's decision is a function of  $s, t, a \oplus b$
- **Example:** the CHSH game is an XOR game

# $\omega_q$ vs $\omega_c$ for XOR games (I)

**Theorem:** for  $\gamma \approx 0.72$  (formally, where a line through the origin meets the function  $x \mapsto \sin^2(\pi x/2)$ ), for any XOR game,

$$\begin{cases} \omega_q(G) \leq \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\omega_c(G)\right) & \text{if } \omega_c(G) > \gamma, \\ \omega_q(G) \leq \lambda\omega_c(G) & \text{if } \omega_c(G) \leq \gamma, \end{cases}$$

where  $\lambda = \pi \sin(\pi\gamma)/2 \approx 1.14$

**Informally:** for small  $\varepsilon$ , if  $\omega_c(G) = 1 - \varepsilon$  then  $\omega_q(G) \leq 1 - c\varepsilon^2$ , where  $c \approx \pi^2/4 \approx 2.46$

**Corollary:** for the CHSH game,  $\omega_q(G) \leq \cos^2(\pi/8)$

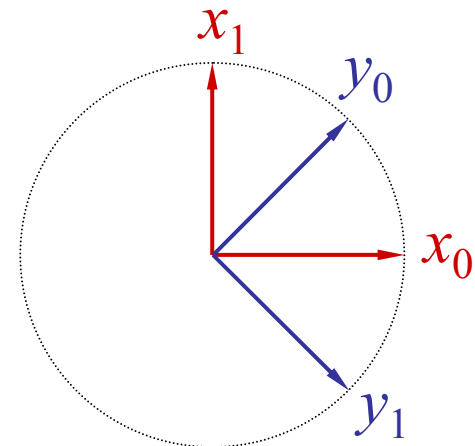
# $\omega_q$ vs $\omega_c$ for XOR games (II)

To prove the theorem, we make use of

**Theorem** [Tsirelson '87]: for any XOR games, it's quantum strategies can be characterized by sets of vectors  $\{x_s : s \in S\}$  and  $\{y_t : t \in T\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that, on input  $(s,t) \in S \times T$ ,

$$\Pr[a \oplus b = 0] = (1 + x_s \cdot y_t)/2$$

E.g., vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for the CHSH game:



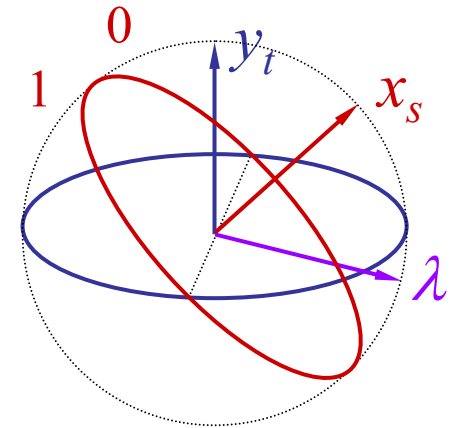
# $\omega_q$ vs $\omega_c$ for XOR games (III)

**Contrapositive:**  $\omega_q(G) > 1 - c\varepsilon^2$  implies  $\omega_c(G) > 1 - \varepsilon$

For a quantum strategy, we have  $\{x_s : s \in S\}$ ,  $\{y_t : t \in T\}$

**Classical strategy:**

- Alice and Bob share a random vector  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- On input  $s$ , Alice outputs **0** if  $x_s \cdot \lambda \geq 0$  and **1** otherwise
- On input  $t$ , Bob outputs **0** if  $y_t \cdot \lambda \geq 0$  and **1** otherwise



# $\omega_q$ vs $\omega_c$ for XOR games (IV)

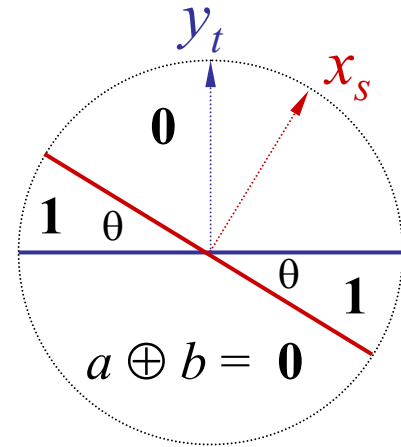
- **Classical protocol:**

$$p_c = \Pr[a \oplus b = 1] = \theta/\pi$$

- **Quantum protocol:**

$$p_q = \Pr[a \oplus b = 1] = (1 - \cos(\theta))/2$$

- Therefore,  $p_q = (1 - \cos(\pi p_c))/2$   
 $= \sin^2(\pi p_c/2)$



$$\cos(\theta) = x_s \cdot y_t$$

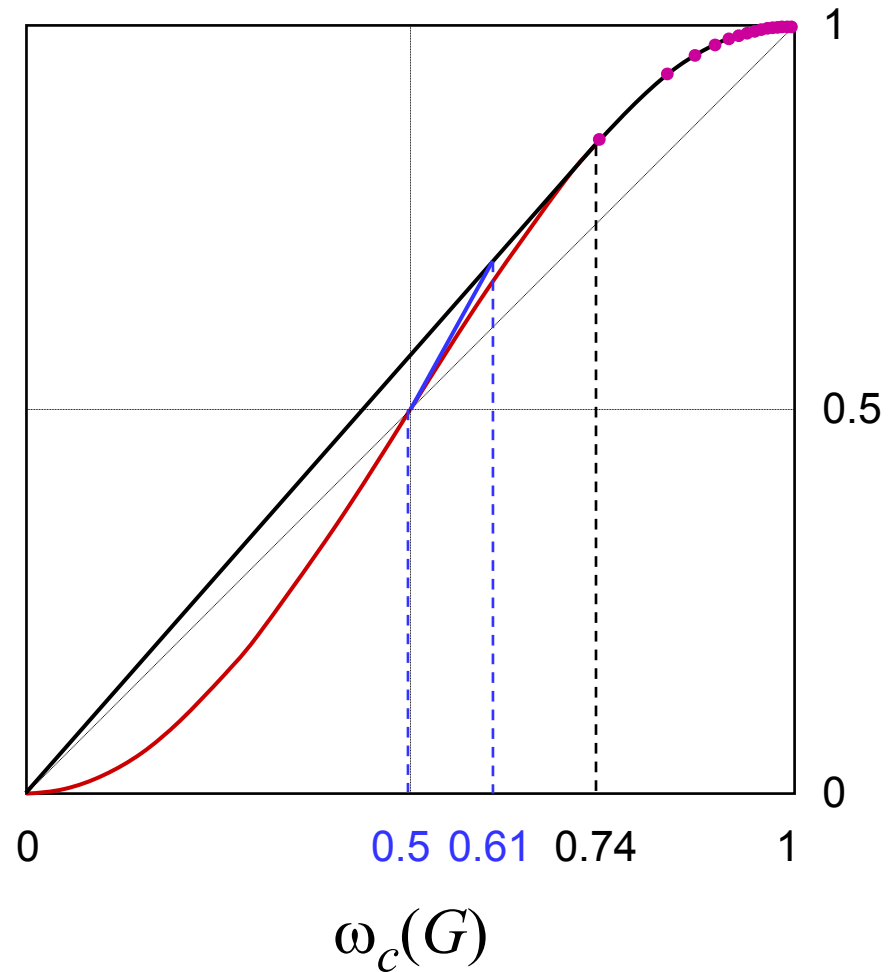
The quantum success probability is a convex combination of probabilities of the above form (averaged over all possible questions  $(s, t) \in S \times T$ )

# $\omega_q$ vs $\omega_c$ for XOR games (V)

Upper bound of  $\omega_q(G)$  in terms of  $\omega_c(G)$  for XOR games

Tight bound for Odd Cycle games and Chained Bell Inequality games  
[Braunstein, Caves, 1990]

For *nondegenerate* XOR games, better bound when  $0.5 \leq \omega_c(G) < 0.61$





# Binary nonlocality games

**Binary:**  $|A| = |B| = 2$  (but not necessarily XOR)

**Theorem 2:** for any binary game  $G$ , if  $\omega_c(G) < 1$  then  $\omega_q(G) < 1$

**Note:** no corresponding result if “binary” is relaxed to “ternary-binary”:  $|A| = 3$  and  $|B| = 2$

**Example:** the Kochen-Specker game is ternary-binary with  $\omega_c(G) < 1$  and  $\omega_q(G) = 1$

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