

Advanced quantum information: entanglement and nonlocality

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- Every Wednesday 15:15 – 17:00
- Literature:
 - Nielsen and Chuang, *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information*, Cambridge University Press (2012)
 - Horodecki *et al.*, *Quantum entanglement*, Rev. Mod. Phys. **81**, 865 (2009)
- Howework and lecture notes:
<http://qot.cent.uw.edu.pl/teaching/>
- 2. Homework sheet to be submitted via email by 5. April

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 - Mixed state entanglement distillation
 - Matrix realignment criterion
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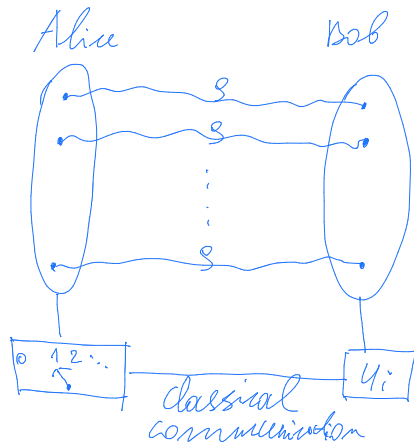
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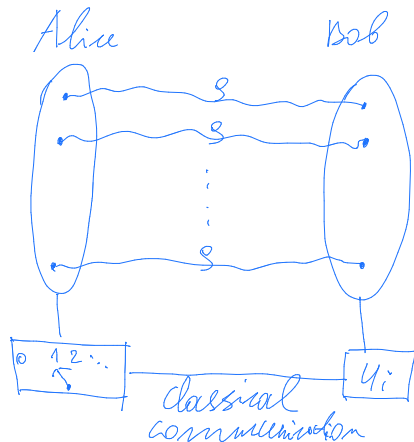
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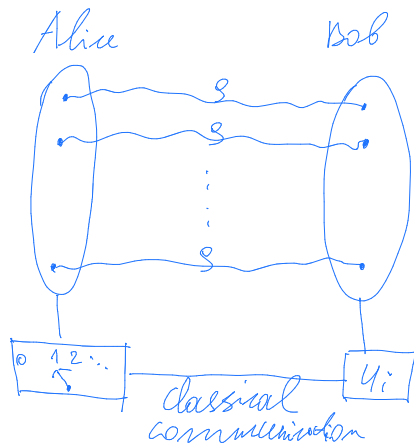


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Exercise: can a separable state $\rho_{\text{sep}} = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \otimes |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$ be distilled into singlets?

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- There must exist a stochastic LOCC protocol transforming $\rho^{\otimes m}$ into an entangled two-qubit state σ_{2q}

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- **Solution:** note that $\sigma_{2q} = \frac{1}{\sum_j p_j} \sum_i p_i \sigma_i$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{2q}$ is separable if all σ_i are separable

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- $|\alpha_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A$ and $|\beta_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_B$ are (possibly unnormalized) vectors

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There exists a vector

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,k=0}^1 c_{ik} |f_i\rangle |g_k\rangle$$

such that $\langle \psi | \tau_{2q}^{T_A} | \psi \rangle < 0$

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We have $\langle \psi | \tau_{2q}^{T_A} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | \mu^{T_A} | \psi \rangle$, which implies that

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- Q.E.D.

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- **Are there entangled states which cannot be distilled?**
- Independent entanglement detection criterion required

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Proposition 6.2. For pure states $|\psi\rangle^{AB}$ entanglement of formation does not increase on average under local measurements on Alice's side:

$$\sum_i p_i E_f(|\phi_i\rangle^{AB}) \leq E_f(|\psi\rangle^{AB})$$

with

$$p_i = \text{Tr} \left[K_i \otimes \mathbb{1} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|^{AB} K_i^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1} \right],$$
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