

Sets of Marginals and Pearson-Correlation-based CHSH Inequalities for a Two-Qubit System

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Introduction

PMFs

Consider a sequence Y_1, \dots, Y_n of random variables with the joint PMF

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n), \quad y_1 \in \mathcal{Y}_1, \dots, y_n \in \mathcal{Y}_n.$$

In a typical scenario of interest, we might have observed

$$Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$$

and would like to estimate Y_n based on these observations.

Usually, $P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ does not have a “nice” factorization.

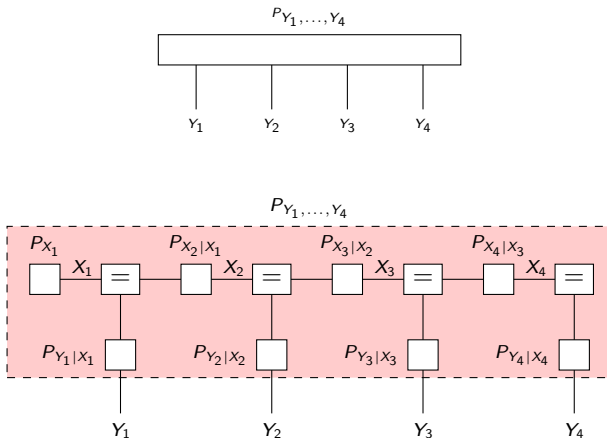
However, very often it is possible to find a function $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ such that

1. $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ for all \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} ;
2. $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1$;
3. $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = P_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y})$ for all \mathbf{y} ;
4. $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ has a “nice” factorization.

Note that $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ represents a joint PMF over \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .

PMFs

Example (A Hidden Markov Chain)



After applying a closing-the-box (CTB) operation to the above factor graph, i.e., summing over the variables associated with the internal edges, we obtain P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4} .

QMFs

Consider again a sequence Y_1, \dots, Y_n of random variables with the joint PMF

$$P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n), \quad y_1 \in \mathcal{Y}_1, \dots, y_n \in \mathcal{Y}_n.$$

However, now we assume that these random variables represent the measurements obtained by running some quantum-mechanical experiment.

Again, a typical scenario of interest is that we would like to estimate Y_n based on the observations

$$Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}.$$

QMFs

In general, the PMF $P_Y(\mathbf{y})$ does not have a “nice” factorization.

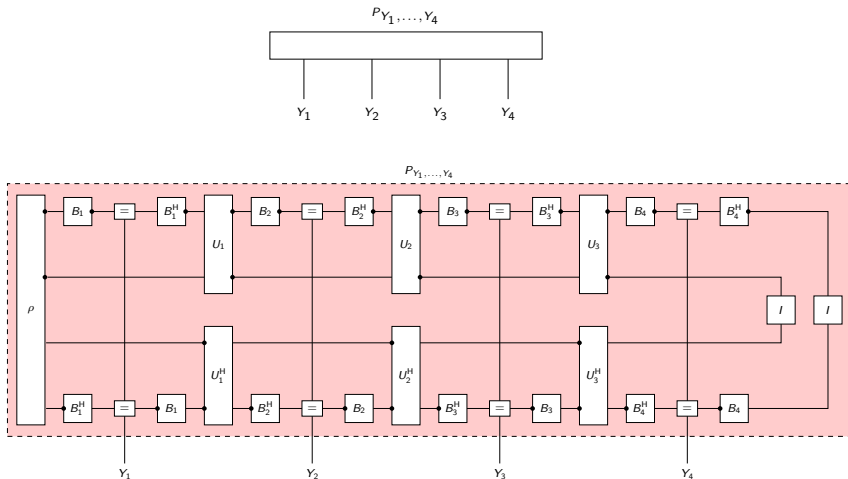
However, frequently it is possible to introduce suitable auxiliary variables $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}'_m$ such that there is a function $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$ satisfying

1. $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{C}$ for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}$;
2. $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) = 1$;
3. $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$ is a positive semi-definite (PSD) kernel in $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ for every \mathbf{y} ;
4. $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) = P_Y(\mathbf{y})$;
5. $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$ has a “nice” factorization.

The function q is called a quantum mass function (QMF) in [Loeliger and Vontobel, 2017].

QMFs

Example



After applying a CTB operation to the above factor graph, i.e., summing over the variables associated with the internal edges, we obtain P_{Y_1, \dots, Y_4} .

SQMFs

In [Loeliger and Vontobel, 2020], the authors also introduced simple quantum mass functions (SQMFs).

An SQMF $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ satisfies

1. $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \in \mathbb{C}$ for all \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' ;
2. $\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 1$;
3. $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ is a PSD kernel in $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$.

Remark

Observations \mathbf{y} in QMFs do not appear explicitly in SQMFs anymore. However, as we will see later, observations \mathbf{y} emerge from SQMFs.

SQMFs

Definition

For $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$, let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ and let \mathcal{I}^c be its complement. The variables $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$ are called jointly **classicable** if the marginalized SQMF

$$q_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}}) := \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}^c}, \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}^c}} q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

is **zero** for all $(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}})$ satisfying $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} \neq \mathbf{x}'_{\mathcal{I}}$.

Definition

If the variables $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$ are jointly classicable then

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}) := q_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{I}},$$

represents a joint PMF over $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$.

Definition

Let \mathcal{K} be a collection of subsets \mathcal{I} of $\{1, \dots, m\}$ such that $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}$ is classicable.

SQMFs vs. QMFs vs. PMFs

Remark

- ▶ By defining $p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}) := q_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}})$, we can see that the observations \mathbf{y} that were omitted when going from QMFs to SQMFs can “emerge” again.
- ▶ Typically, the set of marginals $\{p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}})\}_{\mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{K}}$ is “incompatible”, i.e., there is no PMF $p(\mathbf{x})$ such that $p_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}})$ is a marginal of $p(\mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{K}$.
- ▶ Note that there is a strong connection of SQMFs to the so-called decoherence functional [Gell-Mann and Hartle, 1989, Dowker and Halliwell, 1992], and via this also to the consistent-histories approach to quantum mechanics [Griffiths, 2002]. However, the starting point of our investigations is quite different.

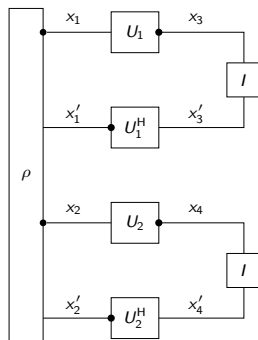
SQMF for Hardy's Paradox

Example

Consider the following quantum factor graph (Q-FG), where

$$\mathcal{X}_i = \mathcal{X}'_i := \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}, \quad U_1 = U_2 := \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\psi := (1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0)^T, \quad \rho := \psi \cdot \psi^H.$$



SQMF for Hardy's Paradox

The following matrix shows the components of the SQMF $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$, where both the row index (x_1, \dots, x_4) and column index (x'_1, \dots, x'_4) range over $(0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), \dots, (1, 1, 1, 1)$.

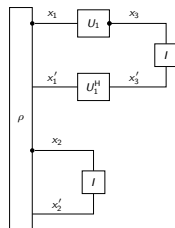
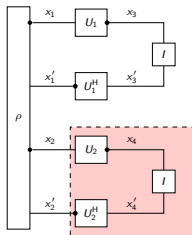
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Here: $\alpha_1 := 0.0833$, $\beta_1 := -0.0833$.

Note that the above matrix is **not diagonal**.

SQMF for Hardy's Paradox

Consider $q_{1,2,3}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) := \sum_{x_4, x'_4} q(x_1, \dots, x_4, x'_1, \dots, x'_4)$.



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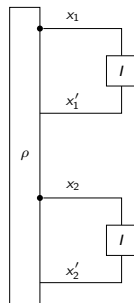
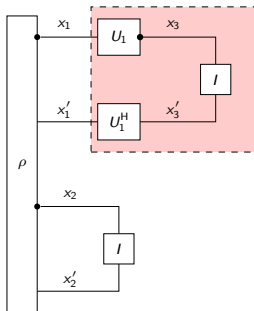
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$$\alpha_2 := 0.1667, \beta_2 := -0.1667$$

SQMF for Hardy's Paradox

Consider $q_{1,2}(x_1, x_2, x'_1, x'_2) := \sum_{x_3, x'_3} q_{1,2,3}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)$.



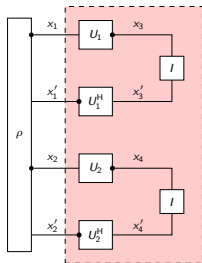
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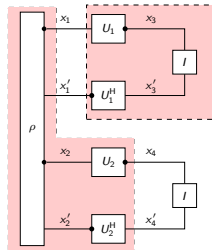
$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the above matrix is **diagonal**.

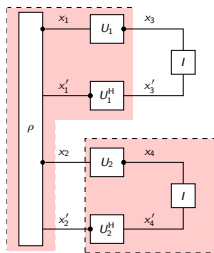
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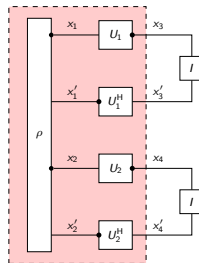
$$q_{1,2} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$q_{1,4} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

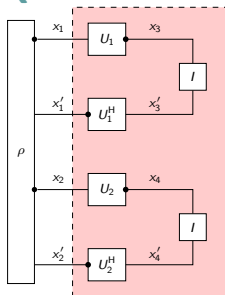


$$q_{3,2} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

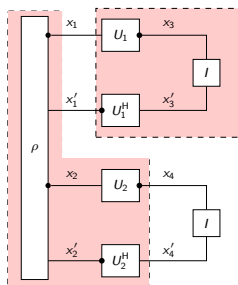


$$q_{3,4} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

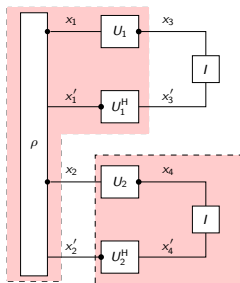
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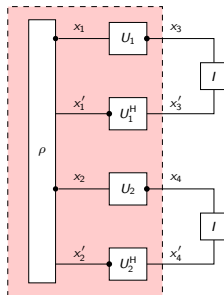
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$$p_{3,2} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$p_{3,4} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

SQMF for Hardy's Paradox

- ▶ The marginal $p_{3,4}(1, 1) = \frac{1}{12}$ shows that it is possible to have $x_3 = x_4 = 1$.
- ▶ The marginals $p_{3,2}(1, 0) = 0$ and $p_{3,2}(1, 1) = 1/6$ show that the condition $x_3 = 1$ implies $x_2 = 1$.
- ▶ The marginals $p_{1,4}(0, 1) = 0$ and $p_{1,4}(1, 1) = 1/6$ show that the condition $x_4 = 1$ implies $x_1 = 1$.
- ▶ However, the marginal $p_{1,2}(1, 1) = 0$ implies that we cannot have $x_1 = x_2 = 1$, which contradicts $p_{3,4}(1, 1) > 0$.

SQMF for Hardy's Paradox

Remark

- ▶ *We have expressed Hardy's paradox in terms of marginals of SQMFs.*
- ▶ *Other paradoxes (e.g. Bell's test, Wigner's friend experiment, and the Frauchiger-Renner paradox) can also be expressed in terms of some suitably defined SQMFs.*

Remark

- For any two sets $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2 \in \mathcal{K}$, the following local consistency constraint holds:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}_1 \setminus \mathcal{I}_2}} p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}_1}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}_2 \setminus \mathcal{I}_1}} p(\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}_2}) \quad (\text{for all } \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{I}_1 \cap \mathcal{I}_2}).$$

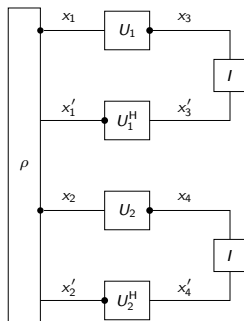
- Interestingly, this requirement is very similar to the properties of the beliefs in the local marginal polytope (LMP) of a standard factor graph (S-FG) [Wainwright and Jordan, 2008].

SQMFs

There are two extreme cases to be considered:

1. The set of marginals $\{p_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{K}}$ can be achieved by some joint PMF.
 2. The set of marginals $\{p_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{K}}$ satisfies only the local consistency constraints, i.e., $\{p_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{K}}$ is in the LMP.
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Consider the set of marginals created by jointly classicable variables in the following quantum system.



How general can the marginals $\{p_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{K}}$ be for different ρ , U_1 , and U_2 ?

Main Results

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Definition

We define

1. $\mathcal{M}(N)$ to be the set of realizable marginals of the S-FG $N \in \{N_1, N_2, N_3\}$, where the local functions in N are varied;
2. $\mathcal{LM}(K)$ to be the LMP of the S-FG N_1 ;
3. $\mathcal{M}(N_4)$ to be the set of the classicable variables' marginals in the two-qubit system N_4 , where ρ , U_1 , and U_2 are varied.

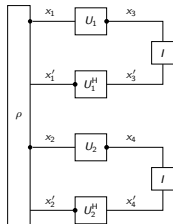
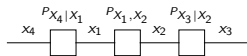
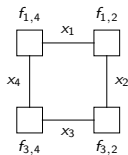


Figure: The S-FG N_1 .

Figure: The S-FG N_2 .

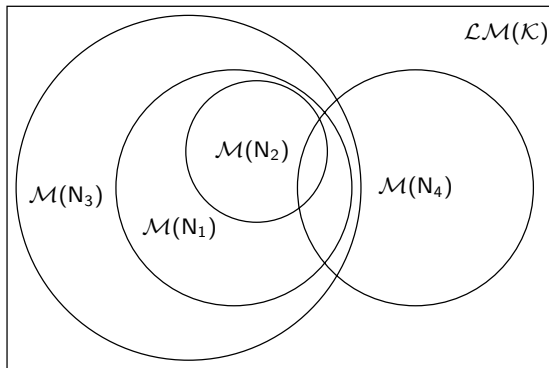
Figure: The S-FG N_3 .

Figure: The Q-FG N_4 .

Main Results

Theorem

The following Venn diagram holds.



We prove that each part in the diagram is non-empty.

Main Results

Let us consider the random variables $X_1, \dots, X_4 \in \{0, 1\}$. The Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt (CHSH) inequality states that

$$|\mathbb{E}(X_1 \cdot X_2) + \mathbb{E}(X_1 \cdot X_4) + \mathbb{E}(X_3 \cdot X_2) - \mathbb{E}(X_3 \cdot X_4)| \leq 2.$$

In this paper, we prove a Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC)-based variant of the CHSH inequality.

Theorem

Suppose that the random variables $X_1, \dots, X_4 \in \{0, 1\}$ satisfy

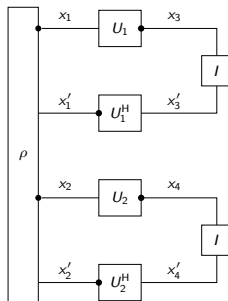
$$\text{Var}(X_1), \dots, \text{Var}(X_4) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}.$$

Then the following PCC-based CHSH inequality holds:

$$|\text{Corr}(X_1 \cdot X_2) + \text{Corr}(X_1 \cdot X_4) + \text{Corr}(X_3 \cdot X_2) - \text{Corr}(X_3 \cdot X_4)| \leq \frac{5}{2}.$$

This resolves a conjecture proposed in [Pozsgay et al., 2017].

Conclusion



Proposition

- ▶ *The SQMF of the above Q-FG can lead to “incompatible” marginals.*
- ▶ *We characterize the relationships among the sets of marginals mentioned in the previous slides.*
- ▶ *Many well-known quantum phenomena, e.g., Hardy’s paradox and Bell’s test, can be cast with this SQMF.*

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