



New Bell inequalities for three-qubit pure states

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- ▶ Idea of non-separability according to Bell locality comes from the inability of construction of a LHV model for observed correlations. If the joint probability can be written as,
$$P(a_1 a_2 a_3 | A_1 A_2 A_3) = \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) P_\lambda(a_1 | A_1) P_\lambda(a_2 | A_2) P_\lambda(a_3 | A_3),$$
then the model is called the well known LHV model. The intermediate case is the hybrid local-nonlocal model, first considered by Svetlichny⁵. And the last situation is genuine tripartite nonlocality, where three particles are allowed to share arbitrary correlations.

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List of Bell inequalities

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- ▶ A general state need not have any symmetry. So, we have to consider a set of Bell inequalities instead of one, such that one measurement is done on either Alice or Bob or Charlie. The one measurement by one of the parties is necessary.

Violation by generalized GHZ states

We will now show that for states in generalized GHZ class we can always obtain violations of these inequalities. Let's consider,

$$|GGHZ\rangle = \alpha |000\rangle + \beta |111\rangle \quad (13)$$

Then we choose the inequality to be,

$$A_1(B_1 + B_2) + A_2(B_1 - B_2)C_1 \leq 2 \quad (14)$$

Now, we choose the operators such that,

$$A_1 = \sigma_z, \quad A_2 = \sigma_x \quad (15)$$

$$B_1 = \cos \theta \sigma_x + \sin \theta \sigma_z, \quad B_2 = -\cos \theta \sigma_x + \sin \theta \sigma_z \quad (16)$$

$$C_1 = \sigma_x \quad (17)$$

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We will now calculate the expectation value of the mentioned Bell operator for the state for these measurement settings, i.e

$$\langle GGHZ | A_1(B_1 + B_2) + A_2(B_1 - B_2)C_1 | GGHZ \rangle \quad (18)$$

Which comes out to be,

$$2[2\alpha\beta \cos \theta + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \sin \theta] = 2[2\alpha\beta \cos \theta + \sin \theta] \quad (19)$$

Now,

$$a \sin \phi + b \cos \phi \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad (20)$$

Hence, we get,

$$\langle GGHZ | A_1(B_1 + B_2) + A_2(B_1 - B_2)C_1 | GGHZ \rangle \leq 2\sqrt{1 + 4\alpha^2\beta^2} \quad (21)$$

Which is always greater than 2 for nonzero α, β and gives maximum value $2\sqrt{2}$ for the conventional GHZ state.

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- ▶ From the plot it will be clear that this entanglement measure and the maximum amount of Bell violation for generalized GHZ states are monotonically related to each other. We can say that the more is the entanglement of a state the more nonlocal it is.

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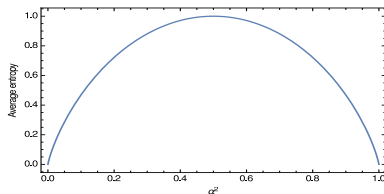


Figure: Average Von Neumann entropy over three bipartitions vs α^2 plot.

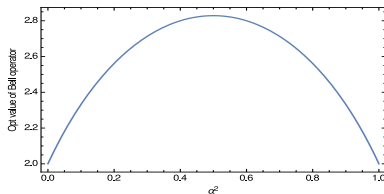


Figure: Maximum expectation value of the Bell operator for a generalized GHZ state vs α^2 plot.

Any separable state obeys all the inequalities

All separable pure three-qubit states can be written, after applying some convenient local unitary transformation as $|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle$. We use one of the operators, say $A_1 B_2 (C_1 + C_2) + B_1 (C_1 - C_2)$. Now,

$$A_1 = \sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1 \sigma_x + \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1 \sigma_y + \cos \theta_1 \sigma_z \quad (22)$$

and similarly for other observables A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2 , for which the parameters are $\theta_2, \phi_2; \theta_3, \phi_3; \theta_4, \phi_4; \theta_5, \phi_5; \theta_6, \phi_6$ respectively. Putting these measurement settings, we get the expectation value to be,

$$\cos \theta_2 (\cos \theta_5 - \cos \theta_6) + \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_3 (\cos \theta_5 + \cos \theta_6). \quad (23)$$

We can write this as : $X_1(Y_1 + Y_2) + X_2(Y_1 - Y_2)$, where $X_1 = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_3$, $X_2 = \cos \theta_2$, $Y_1 = \cos \theta_5$, $Y_2 = \cos \theta_6$, and $X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2 \leq 1$. So, clearly the maximum possible value of this operator is 2.

Discriminating different types of entanglement

We can rewrite any biseparable state by local unitary transformations equivalent form of $|0\rangle (\alpha |0\rangle |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle |1\rangle)$. Inequalities, which can explore the entanglement between the second and the third qubit will be violated. For example, $A_1 B_2 (C_1 + C_2) + B_1 (C_1 - C_2) \leq 2$ will be violated, as CHSH type operator for second and third qubits is embedded in this operator. So, the amount of violation will be exactly same as in the case of two-qubit entangled state and the CHSH operator. There are other three inequalities within this set, which will also be violated.

$$B_1 (C_1 + C_2) + A_1 B_2 (C_1 - C_2) \leq 2, \quad (24)$$

$$A_1 (B_1 + B_2) C_2 + (B_1 - B_2) C_1 \leq 2, \quad (25)$$

$$(B_1 + B_2) C_2 + A_2 (B_1 - B_2) C_1 \leq 2. \quad (26)$$

No other states (except biseparable pure states) will have same kind of violations, i.e exactly four violations with the same maximal amount.

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- We have randomly generated 35,000 states and tested our set of Bell inequalities. The expectation value of a Bell operator is optimized by considering all possible measurement settings for all observables. Starting from the inequality (1) from the set, we continued with other inequalities one after one until all the generated states violate one inequality from the set.

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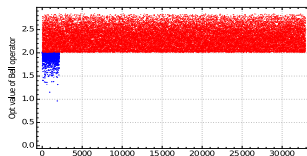


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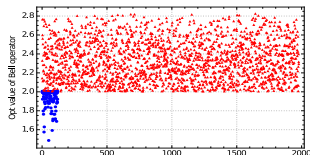


Figure: Optimum value of the Bell operator (2). Out of 2099 states, 120 states do not violate this inequality. States which violate the inequality are shown by red points and those do not are shown by blue points.

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- ▶ The first two Bell inequalities (1) and (2) can be easily generalized for n -qubit pure states as,

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