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Abstract: Quantum correlations cannot be given any classical explanation that would satisfy Bell's local causality assumption. This quite intriguing feature of quantum theory, known as quantum non-locality, has fascinated physicists for years, and has more recently been proven to have interesting applications in quantum information processing.

To properly understand the power of quantum non-locality, it is important to be able to quantify it. One way for that is to compare it to other "non-local resources", such as classical communication or "non-local Popescu-Rohrlich (PR) boxes", and try to use these alternative resources to reproduce the quantum correlations. I will review known results on this subject, and present new simulations of multipartite non-local correlations.

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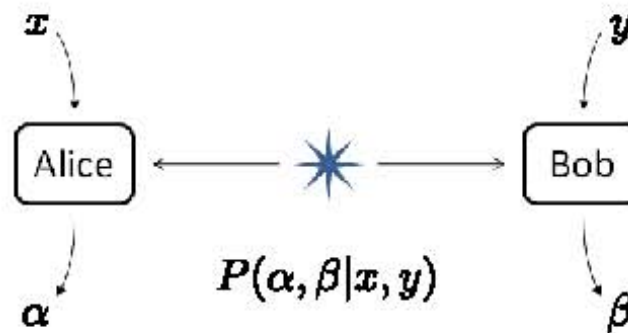
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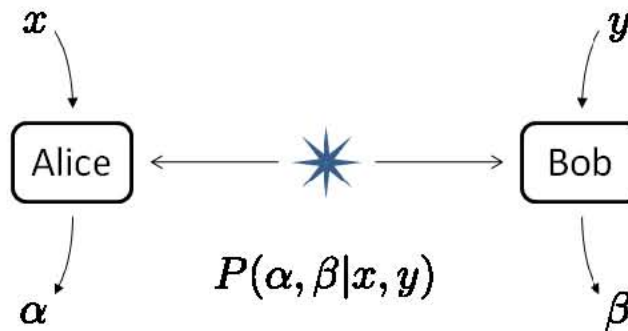
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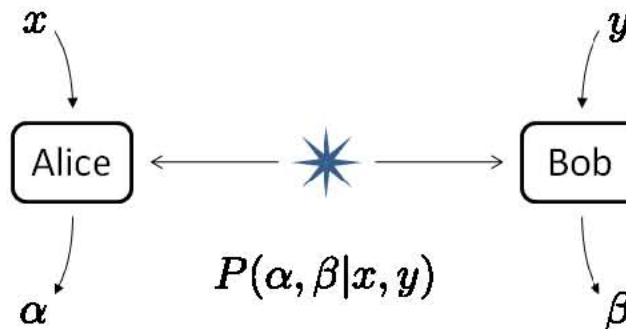
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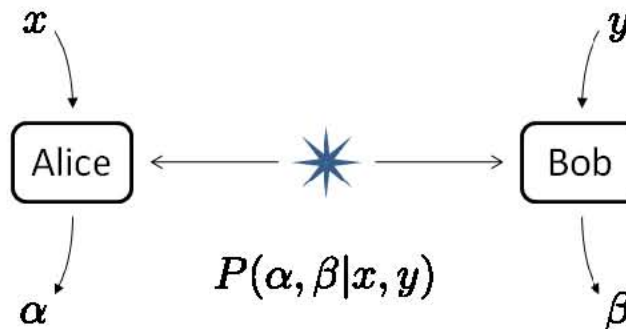
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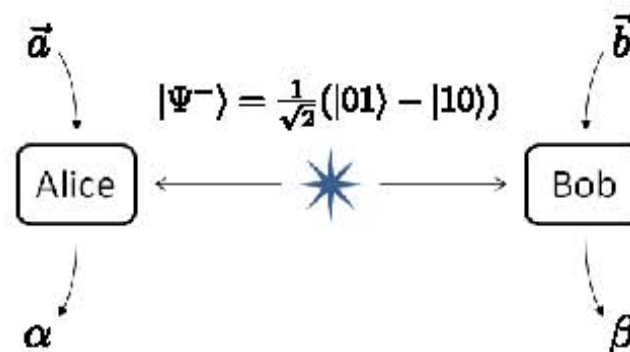
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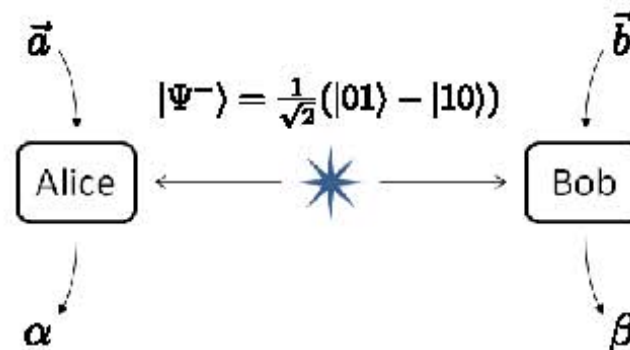


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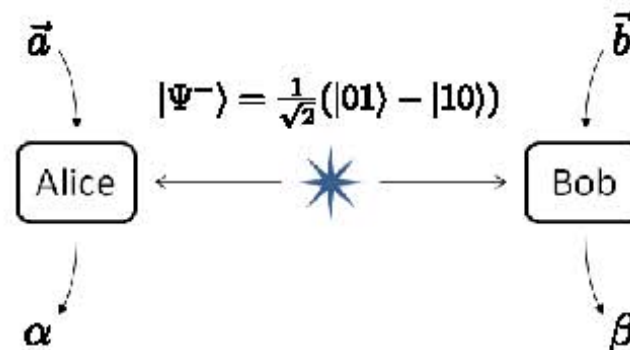


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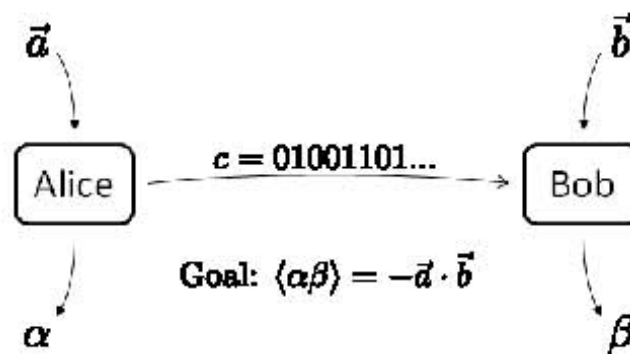
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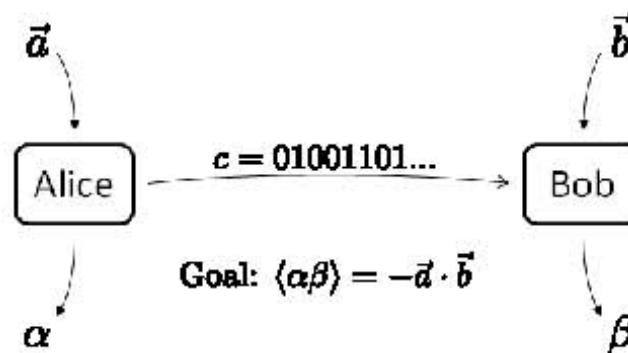
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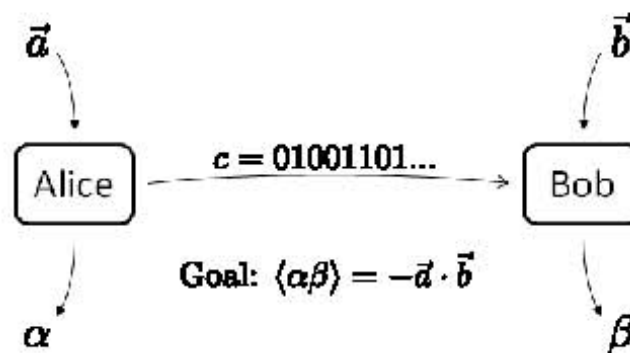
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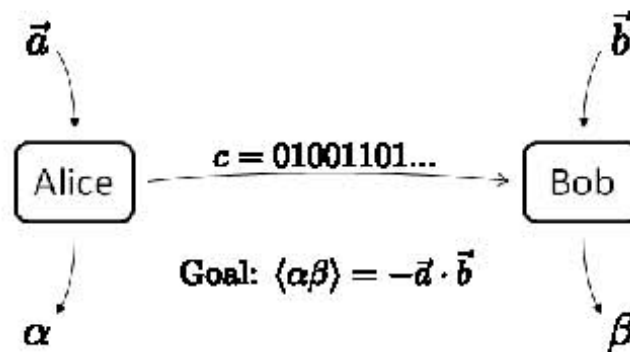
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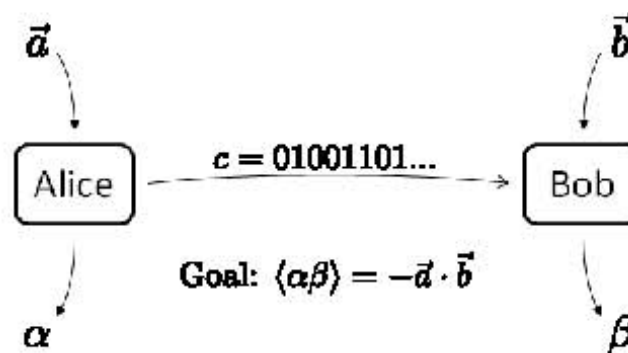
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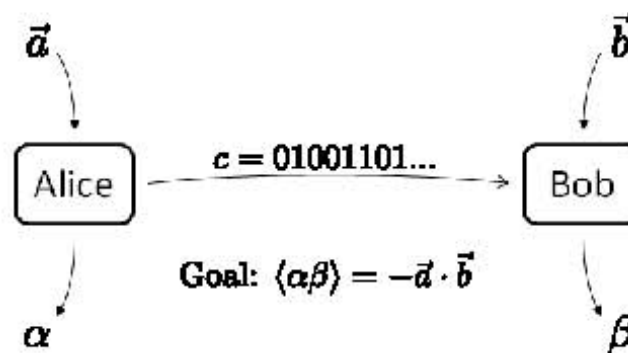


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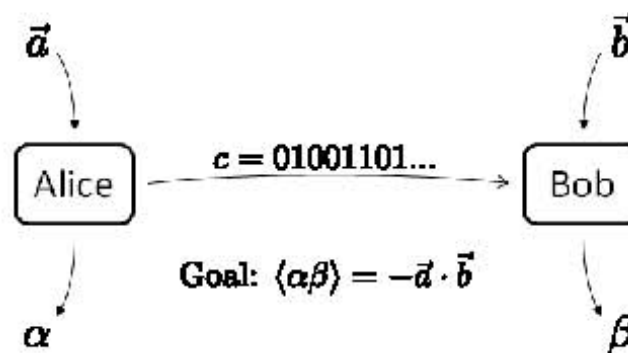
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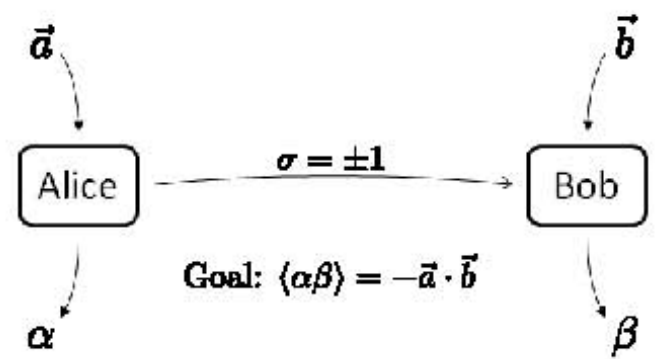
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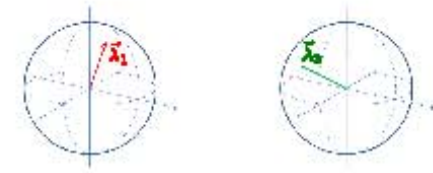
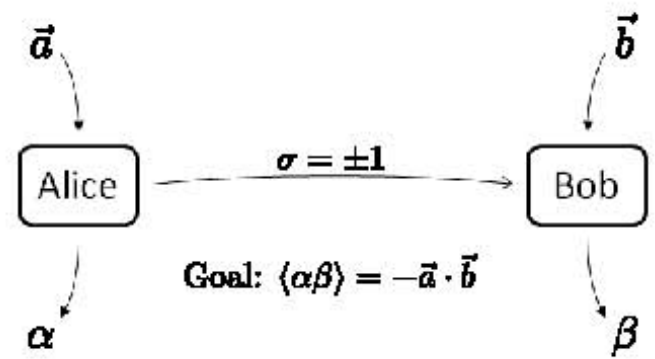
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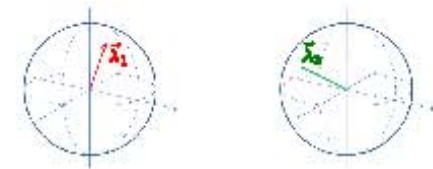
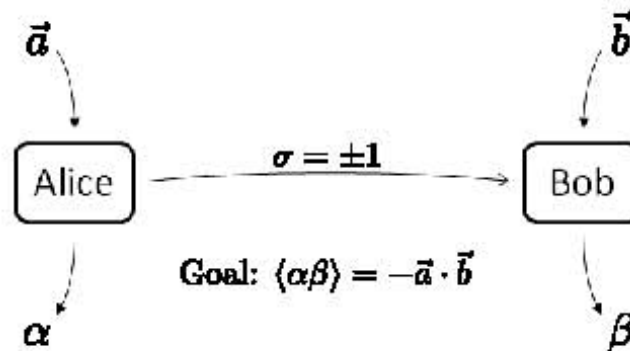
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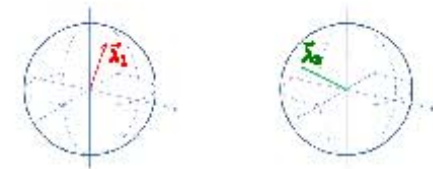
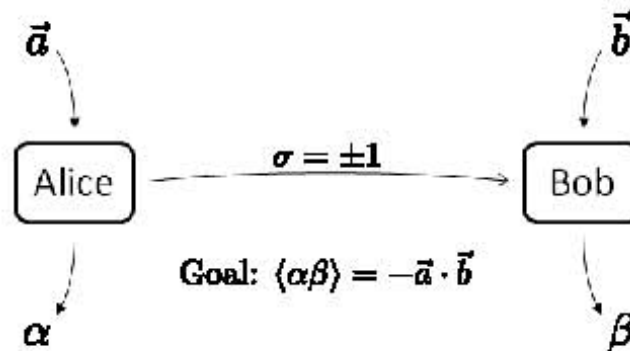
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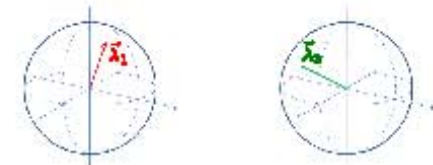
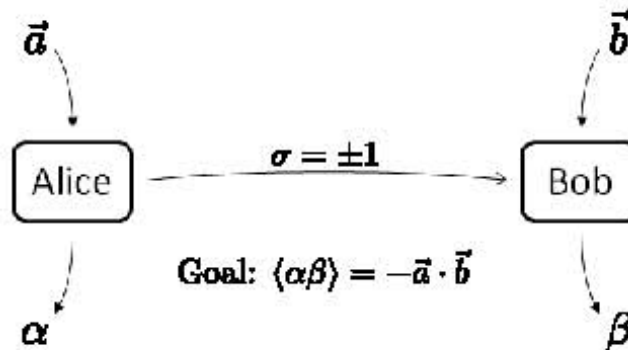
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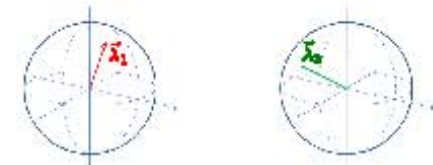
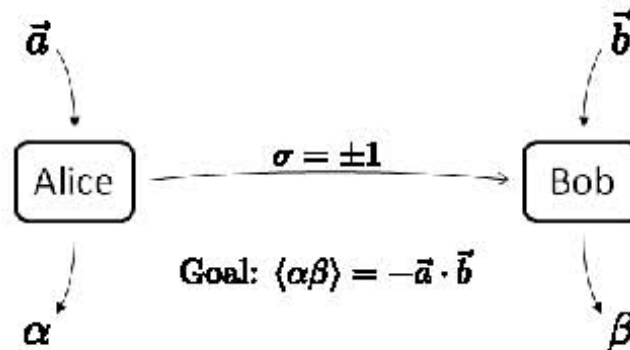


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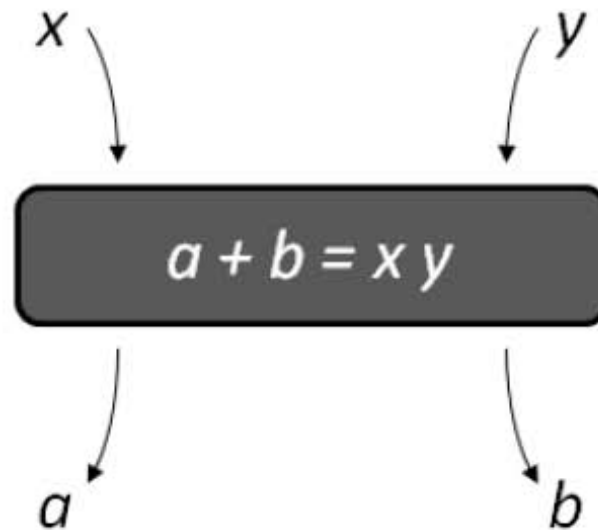
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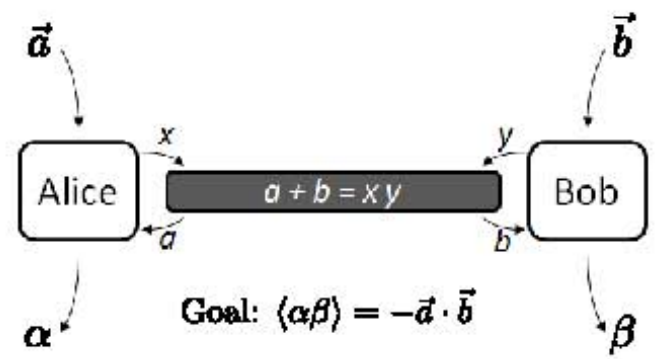
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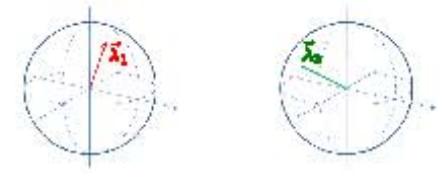
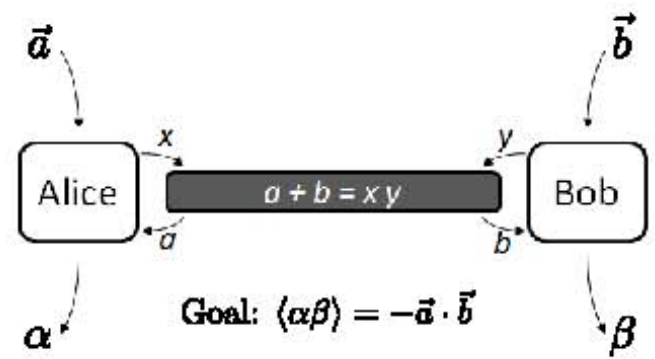
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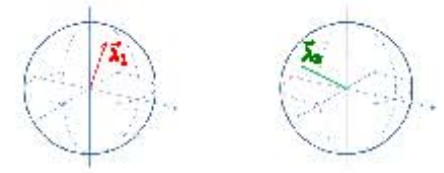
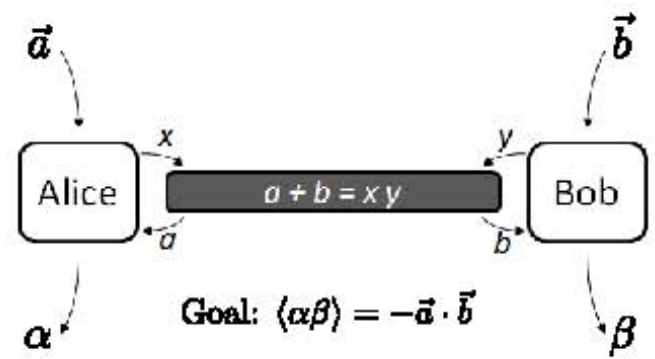
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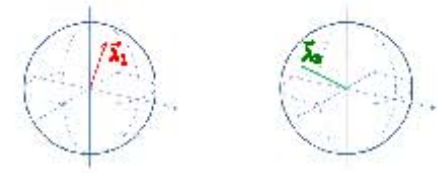
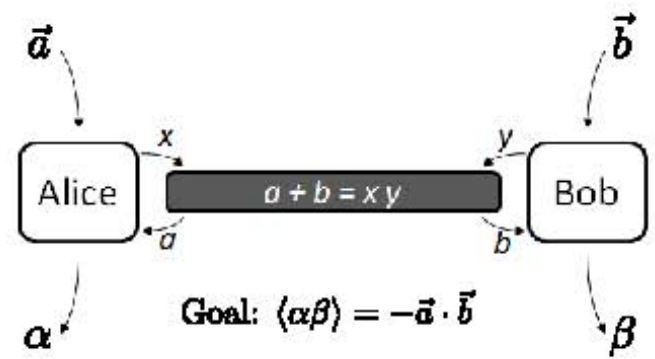
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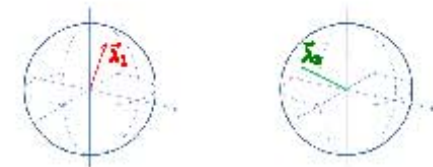
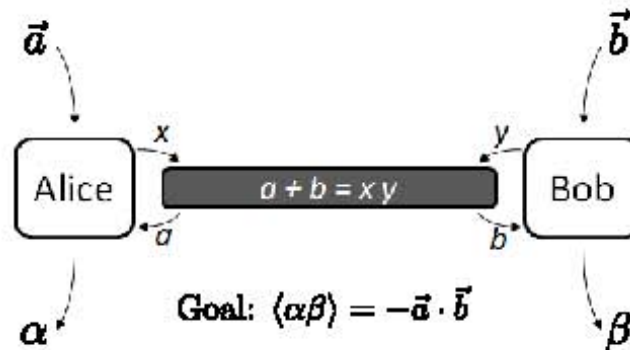


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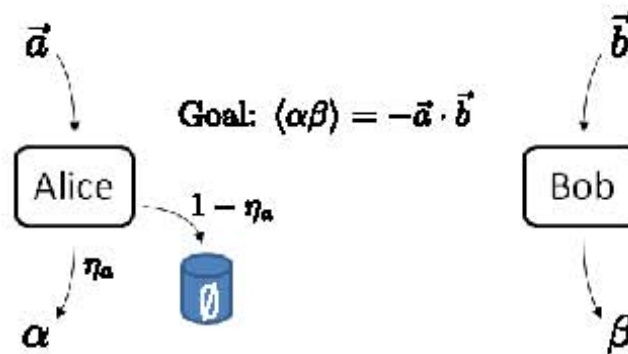
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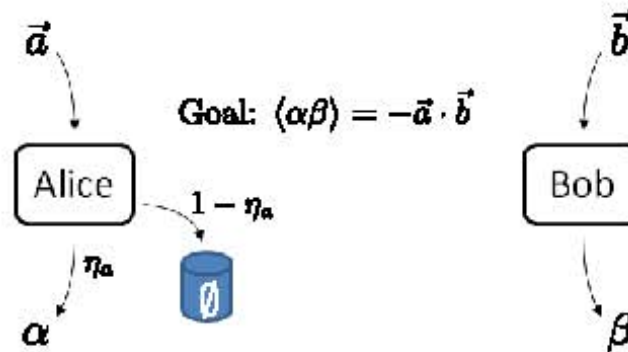


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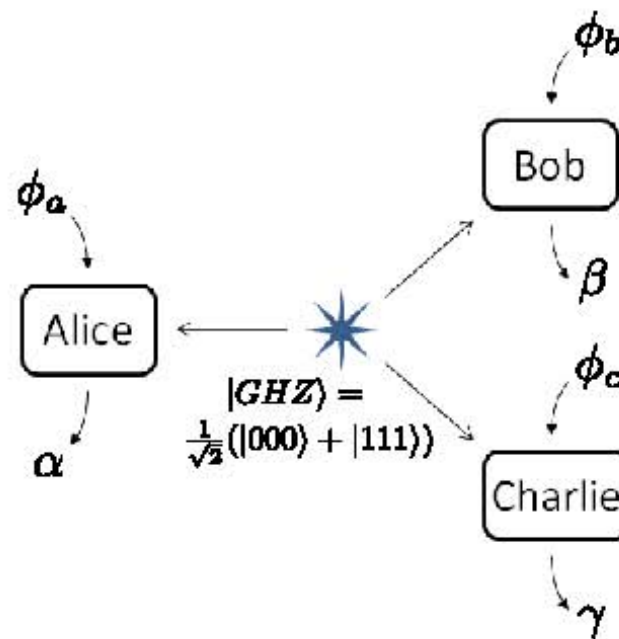
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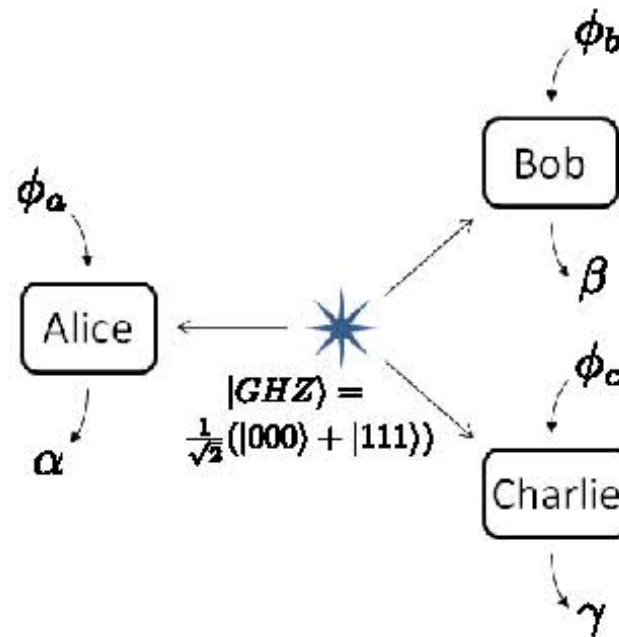
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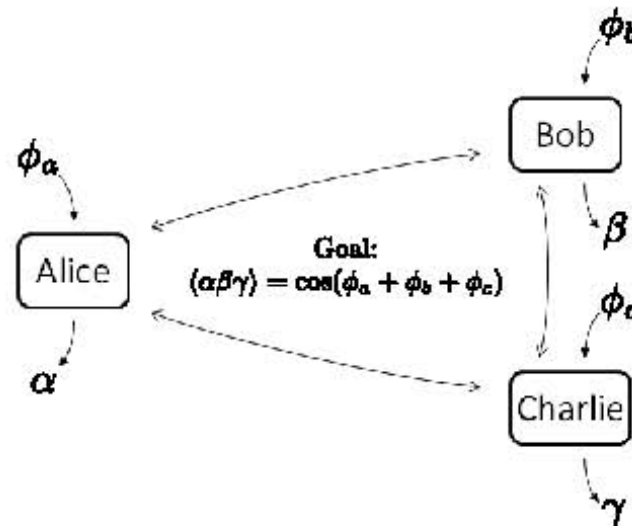
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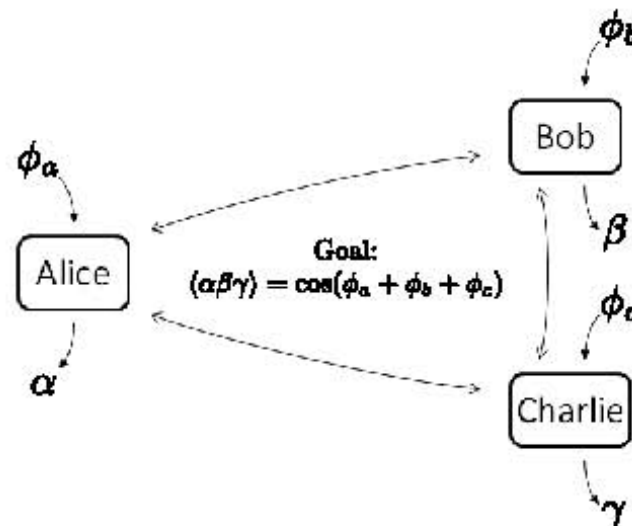
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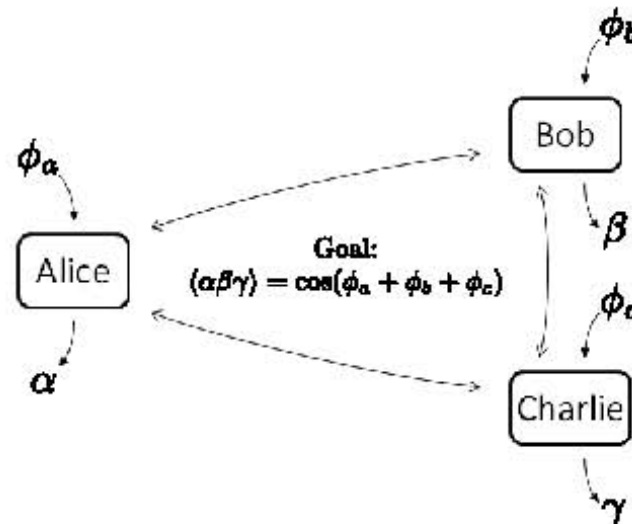
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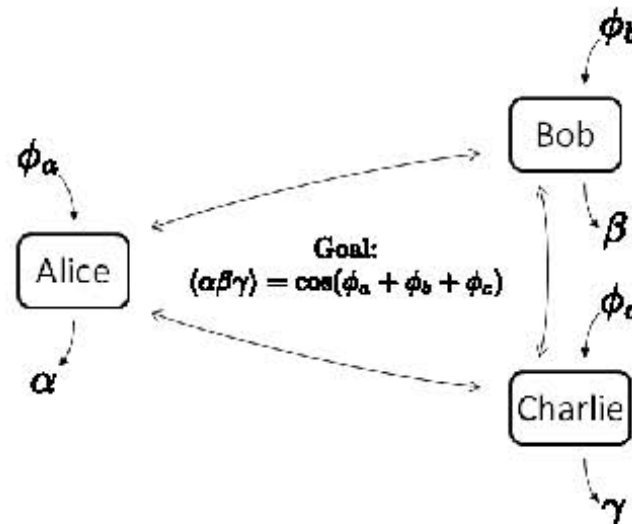
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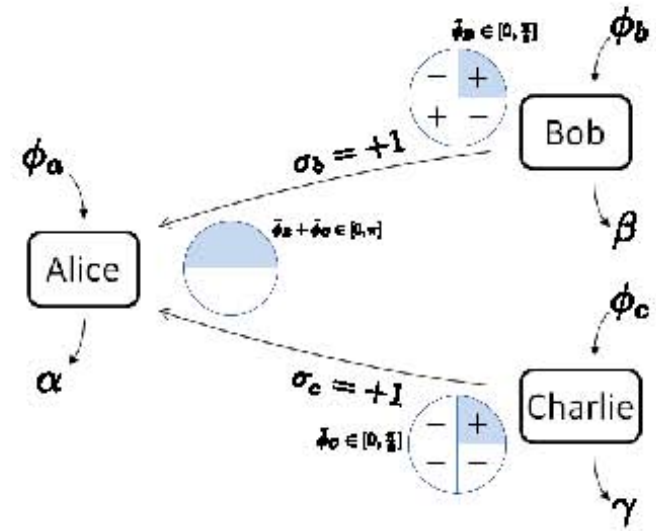
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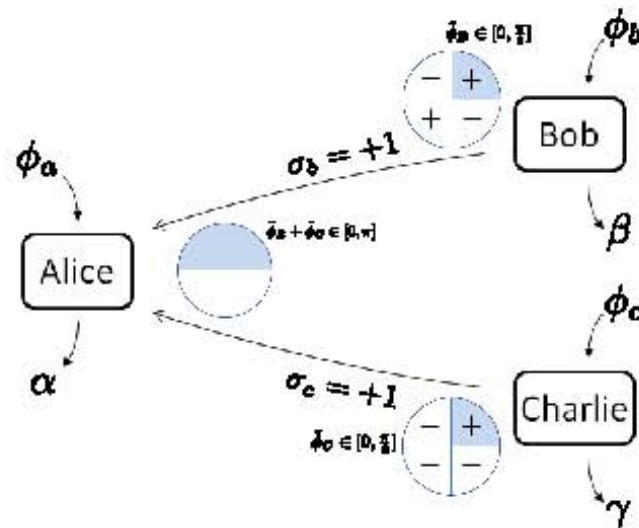


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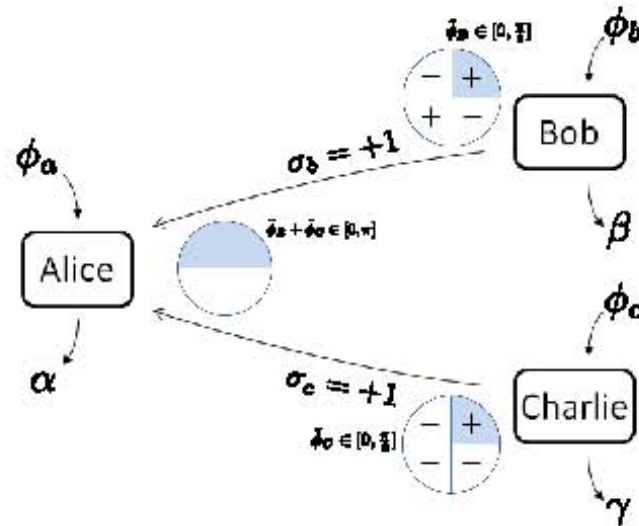
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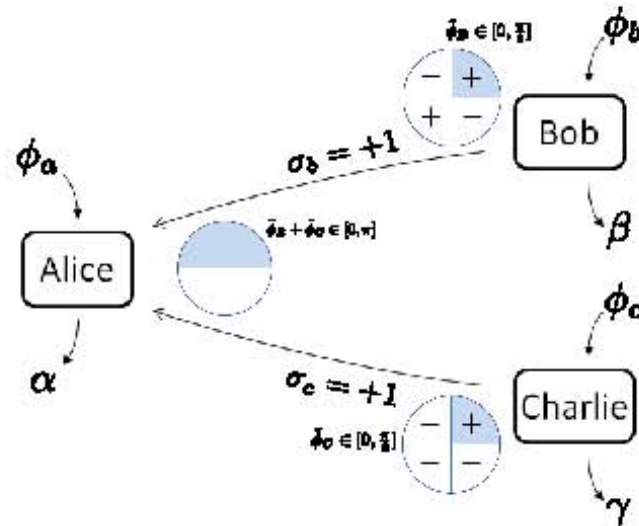
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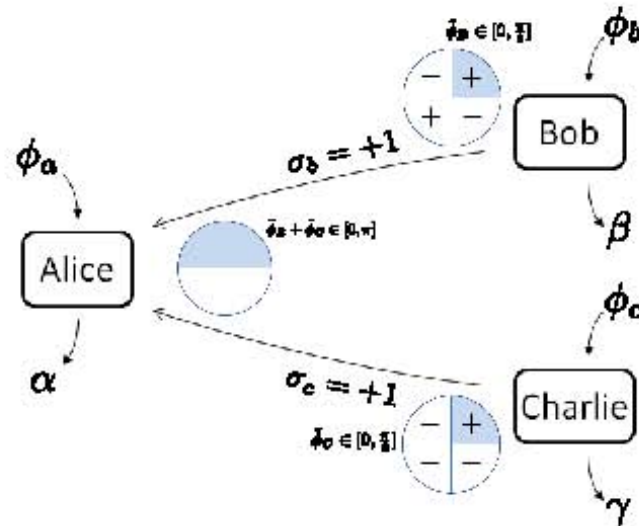
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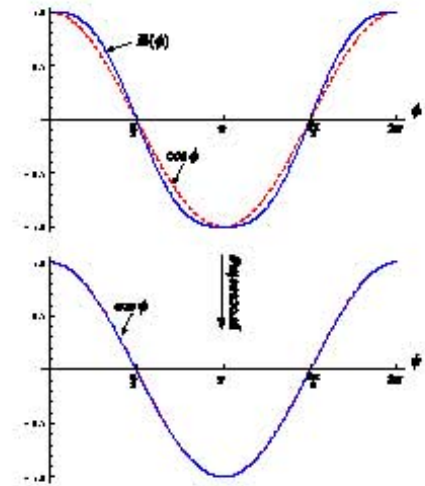
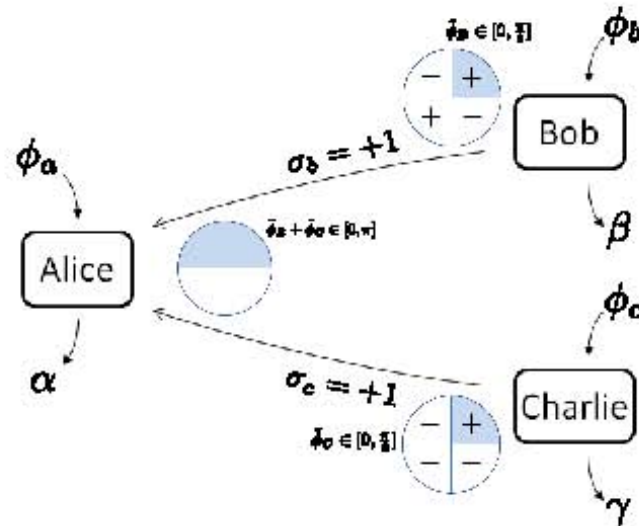
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