

Title: Network nonlocality and large linear programs

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Abstract: Network nonlocality, and more specifically, triangle network nonlocality, is a basic feature of modern causal modelling when going beyond Bell scenarios. However, despite the apparent simplicity of the problems one may formulate, relatively little is known due to the hardness of certifying nonlocality in networks. In this talk, I will describe a motivating example of a quantum triangle distribution, the Elegant Joint Measurement due to Nicolas Gisin, that is strongly believed to be nonlocal even in the presence of experimental noise. I will then present the ongoing effort to produce a computer-assisted proof of nonlocality for this distribution, thereby developing a toolkit to tackle general nonlocality problems. This effort is based on the inflation technique for causal inference, but taken to higher levels than what was generally considered tractable. This is made possible by a number of optimization techniques, involving symmetry reductions, branch-and-bound optimization, and most importantly, the use of a Frank-Wolfe algorithm to bypass the need to call a standard linear program solver.

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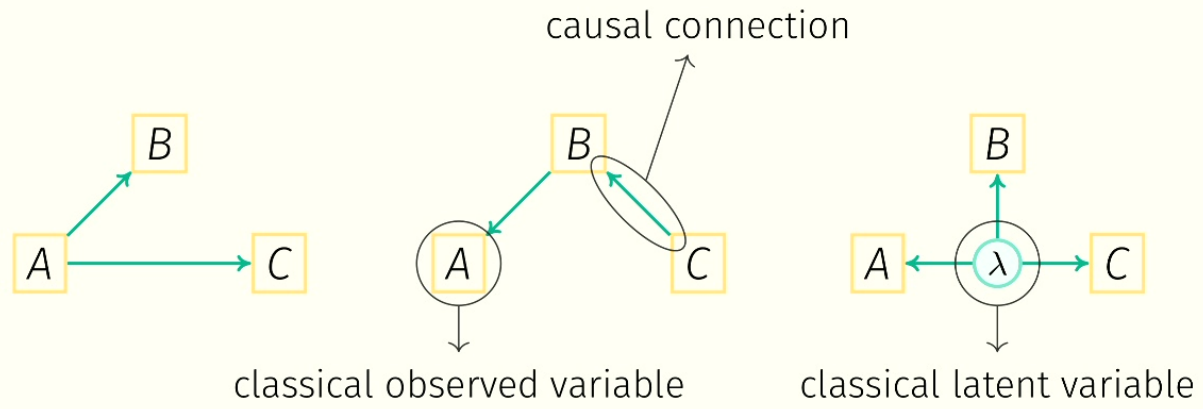
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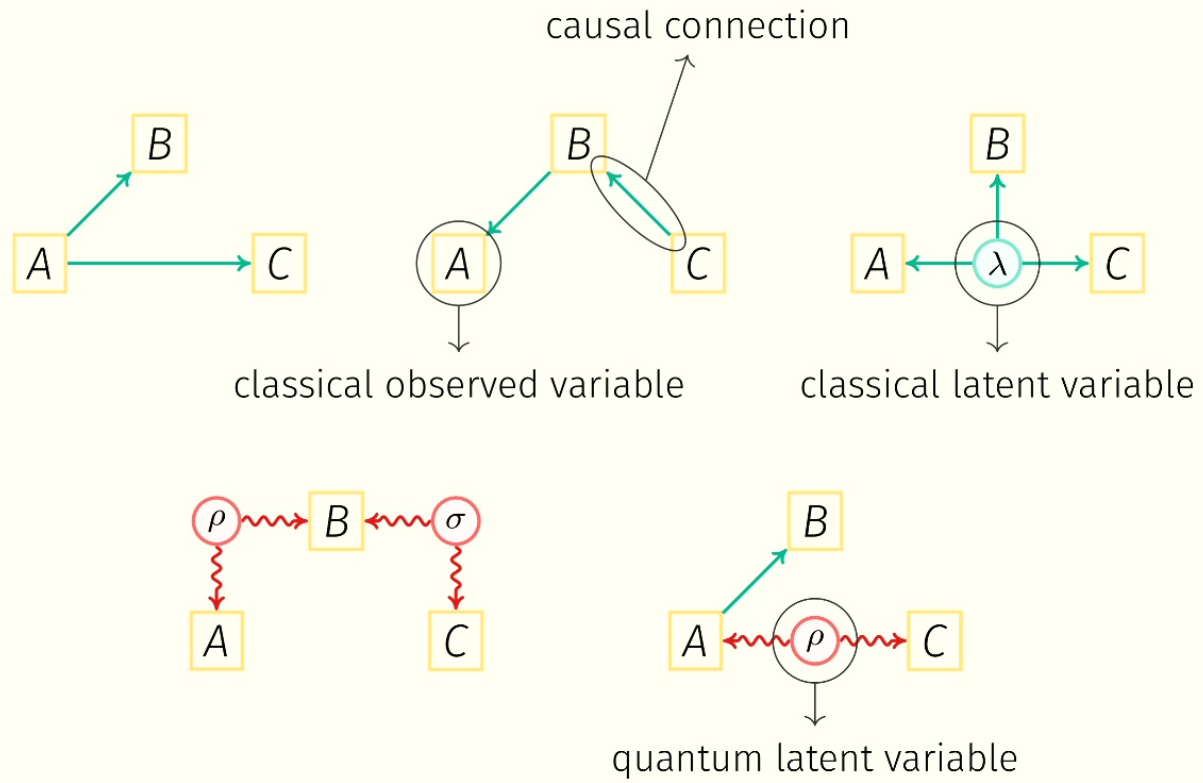
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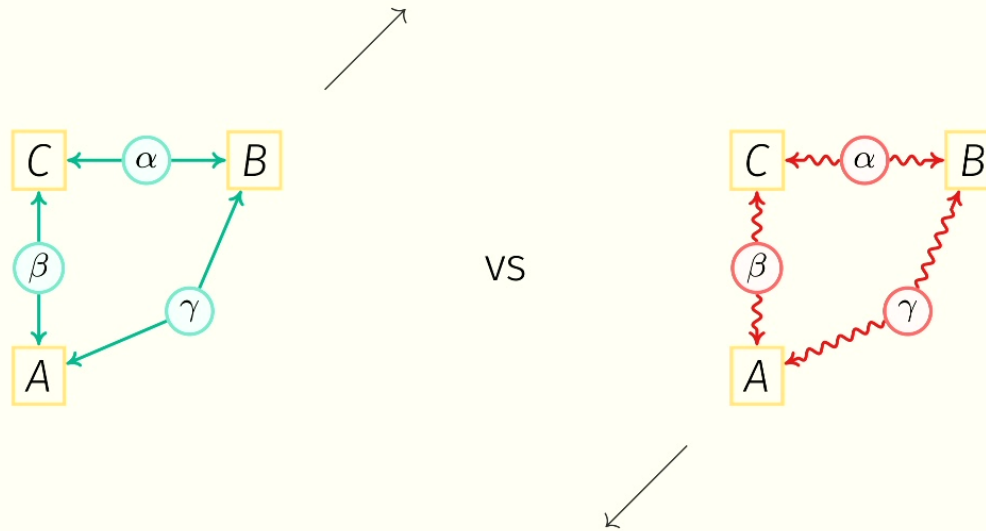
# Part I – Nonlocality

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$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ p(abc) = \int_{[0,1]^{\times 3}} d\alpha d\beta d\gamma p_A(a|\beta\gamma) p_B(b|\gamma\alpha) p_C(c|\alpha\beta) \right\}$$



$$\mathcal{Q} = \left\{ p(abc) = \text{Tr} \left[ \left( E_{\beta_L \gamma_R}^a \otimes F_{\gamma_L \alpha_R}^b \otimes G_{\alpha_L \beta_R}^c \right) \left( \rho_{\alpha_L \alpha_R} \otimes \sigma_{\beta_L \beta_R} \otimes \tau_{\gamma_L \gamma_R} \right) \right] \right\}$$

## Experimental nonclassicality in a causal network without assuming freedom of choice

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## Genuine Quantum Nonlocality in the Triangle Network

Marc-Olivier Renou, Elisa Bäumer, Sadra Boreiri, Nicolas Brunner, Nicolas Gisin, and Salman Beigi  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 140401 – Published 30 September 2019

Can we get **noise-robust, “genuine”** triangle nonlocality?

# The elegant joint measurement

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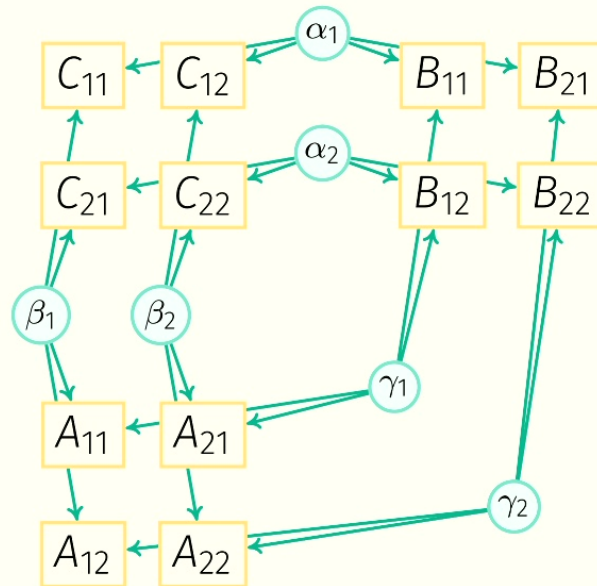
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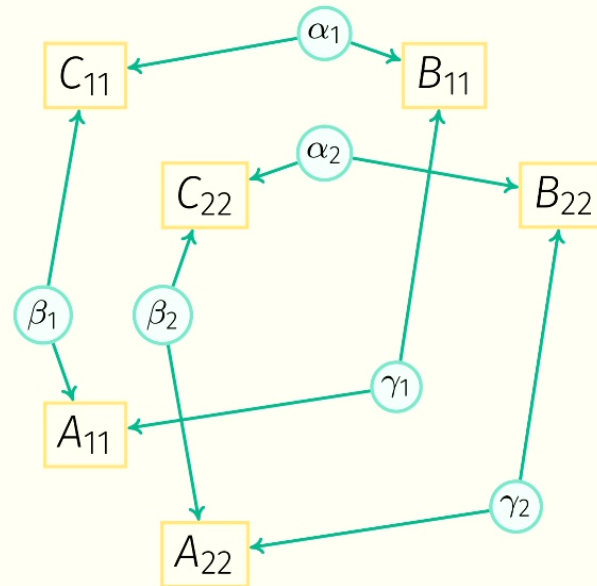
- **Inflation** gives outer approximations of network correlations
- For classical and non-signaling networks, get a **linear program** relaxation
- Also exists for quantum networks, get a semidefinite program relaxation
- **Best** technique for proofs of nonlocality in networks!

Protocol: pick an inflation graph, then formulate a relaxation

$2 \times 2 \times 2$  inflation graph:



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$$p(abc) \in \mathcal{L} \implies \exists p_A, p_B, p_C \implies \exists Q_h \text{ (honest)} \implies \exists Q \text{ (relaxed)}$$

$$Q \left( \begin{array}{c|c} c_{11} & b_{11} \\ \hline & c_{22} & b_{22} \\ a_{11} & & \\ & a_{22} & \end{array} \right) = p(a_{11}b_{11}c_{11})p(a_{22}b_{22}c_{22}),$$

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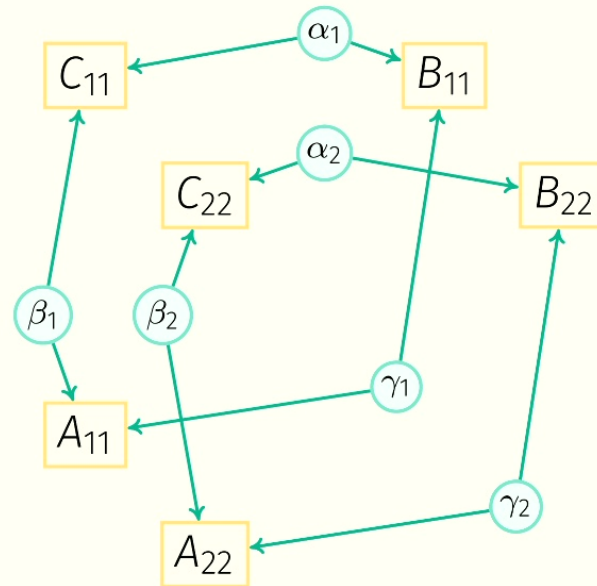
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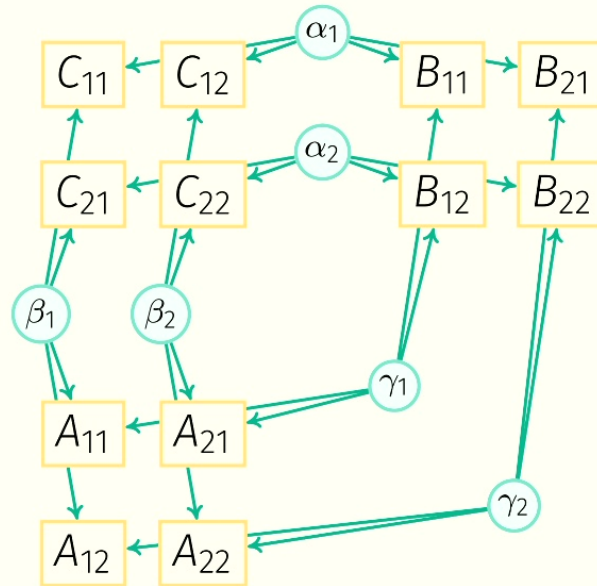
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Polytope membership problem:

$$x \in \text{conv}\{y_e\}_e \implies \text{inconclusive}$$

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with  $x, y_e \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $|\mathcal{E}| = m$ . For the previous  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  problem:

$$n = 4^6 \approx 4 \cdot 10^3, \quad m = 4^{12} \approx 16 \cdot 10^6$$

For a  $2 \times 2 \times 4$  problem that we solved:

$$n \approx 4 \cdot 10^5, \quad m = 4^{20} \approx 10^{12}$$

How to deal with this?

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# Symmetry reduction

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### Column symmetry:

Find  $G_{\text{col}}$  such that  $y_{g_{\text{col}}(e)} = y_e$ .

Quotient  $\mathcal{E} \setminus G_{\text{col}}$  to get  $\tilde{m} \approx m/|G_{\text{col}}|$ .

### Row symmetry:

Find  $G_{\text{row}}$  such that  $(y_e)_{g_{\text{row}}(i)} = (y_e)_i$  and  $(x)_{g_{\text{row}}(i)} = (x)_i$ .

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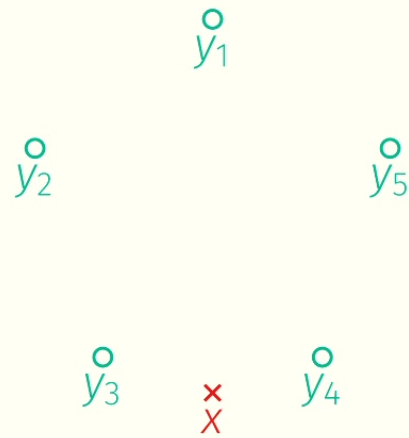
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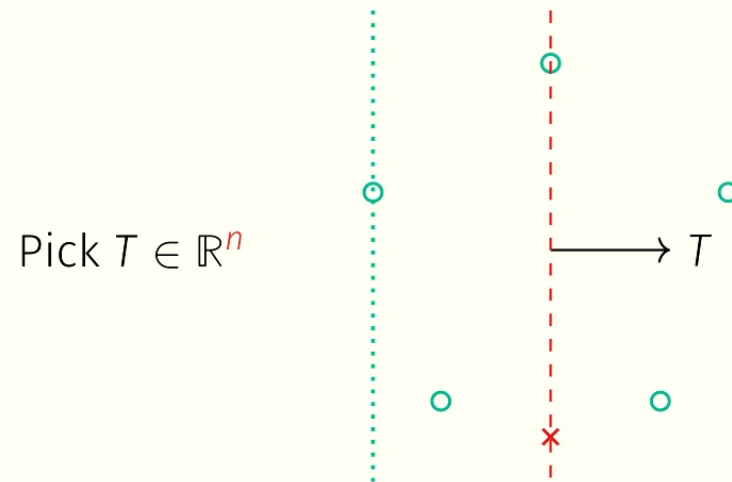
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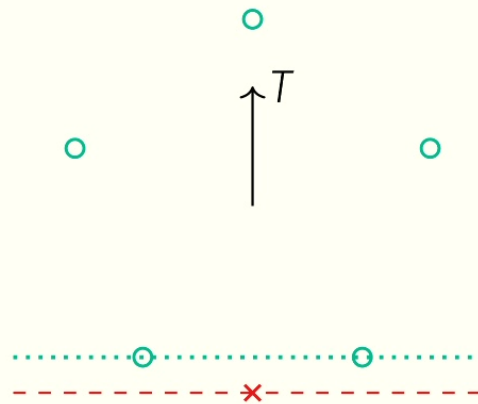
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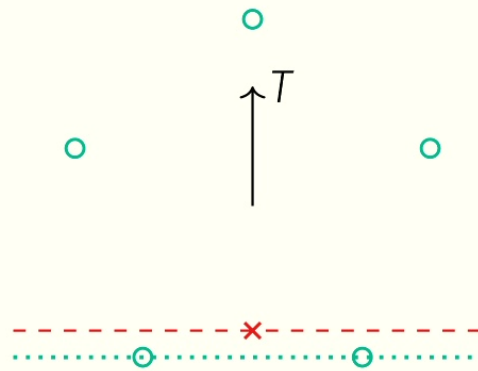
Pick  $T \in \mathbb{R}^n$



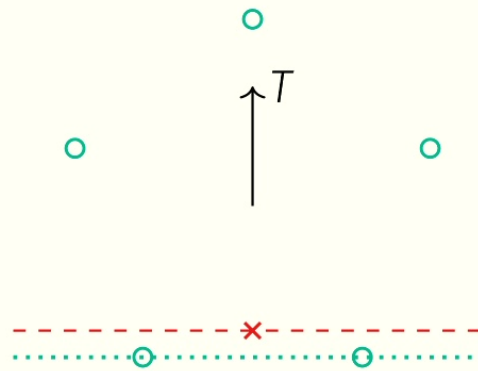
$$T \cdot x < \min_e T \cdot y_e \implies x \notin \text{conv}\{y_e\}_e \implies \text{nonlocal}, p \notin \mathcal{L}$$

If  $x \in \text{conv}\{y_e\}_e$ :

For all  $T \in \mathbb{R}^n$



$$T \cdot x \geq \min_e T \cdot y_e \implies ?$$



Bruteforce algorithm: randomly sample  $T$ . What else can we do?

# Frank-Wolfe

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Proposed by Marguerite Frank and Philip Wolfe in 1956.

Exists in various flavours: vanilla FW (a.k.a. Gilbert's algorithm),  
Pairwise FW, **fully corrective FW**, etc

[arXiv:2211.14103](#) [pdf, other] [math.OC](#)

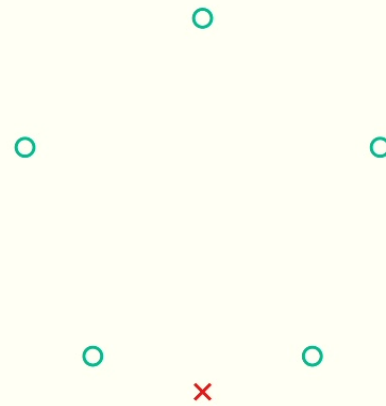
### Conditional Gradient Methods

**Authors:** Gábor Braun, Alejandro Carderera, Cyrille W. Combettes, Hamed Hassani, Amin Karbasi, Aryan Mokhtari, Sebastian Pokutta

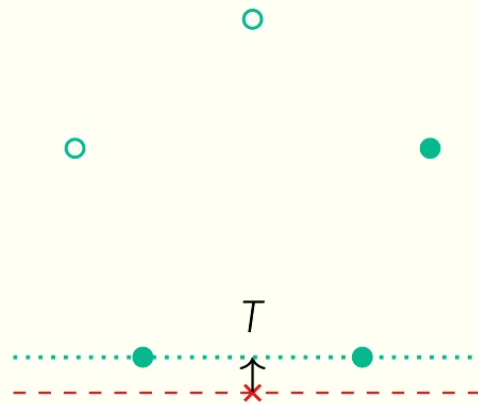
### Improved local models and new Bell inequalities via Frank-Wolfe algorithms

Sébastien Designolle, Gabriele Iommazzo, Mathieu Besançon, Sebastian Knebel, Patrick Gelß, and Sebastian Pokutta  
Phys. Rev. Research **5**, 043059 – Published 18 October 2023

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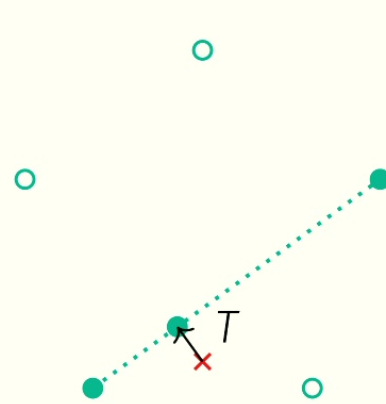


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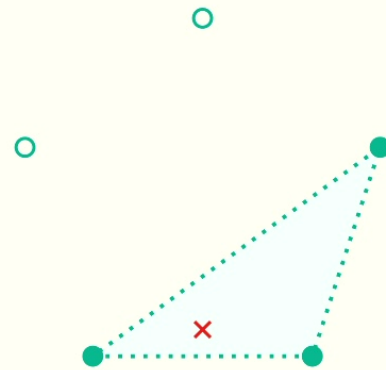




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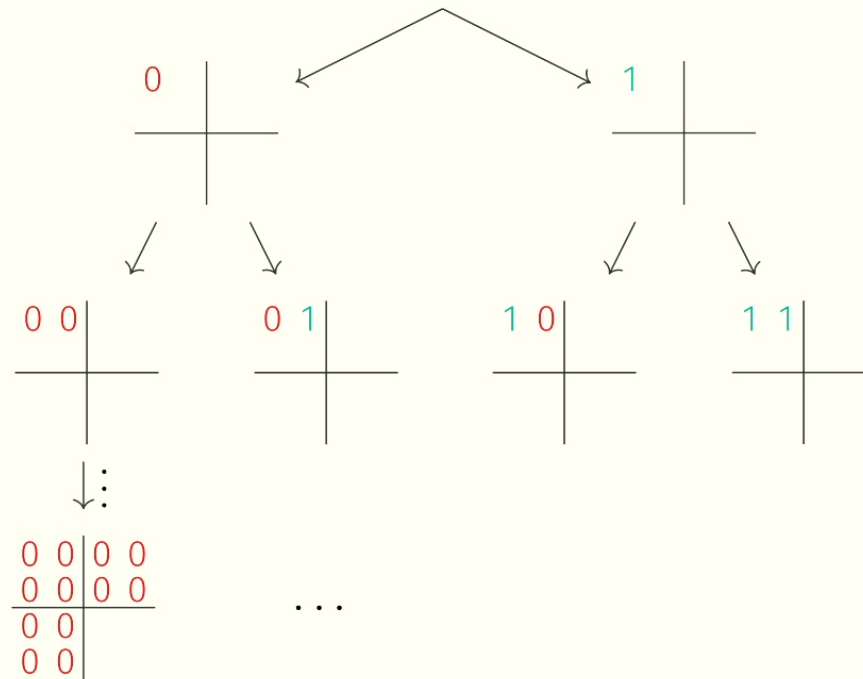
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Need  $\min_e T \cdot y_e$ . Use a tree search:



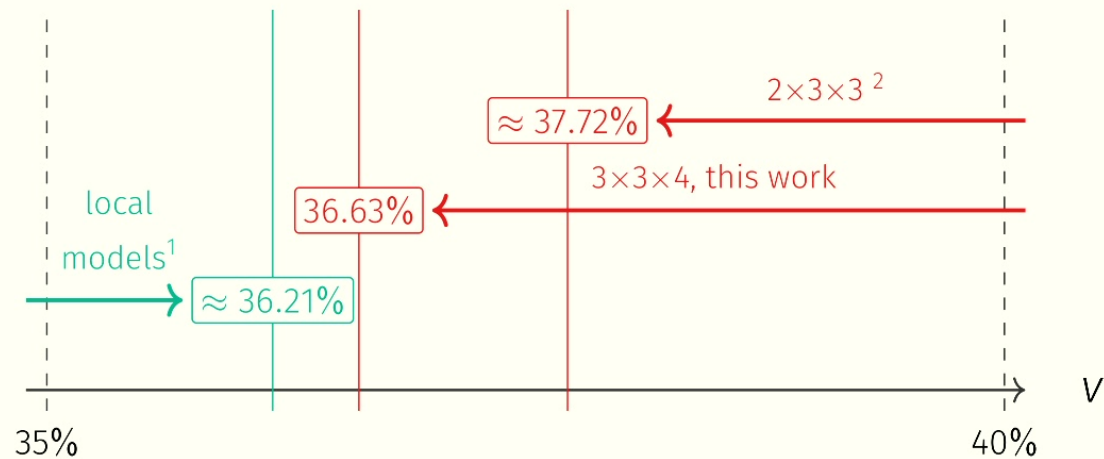
This allows some optimizations: **early symmetry reduction**, **parallelization** and **branch-and-bound**.

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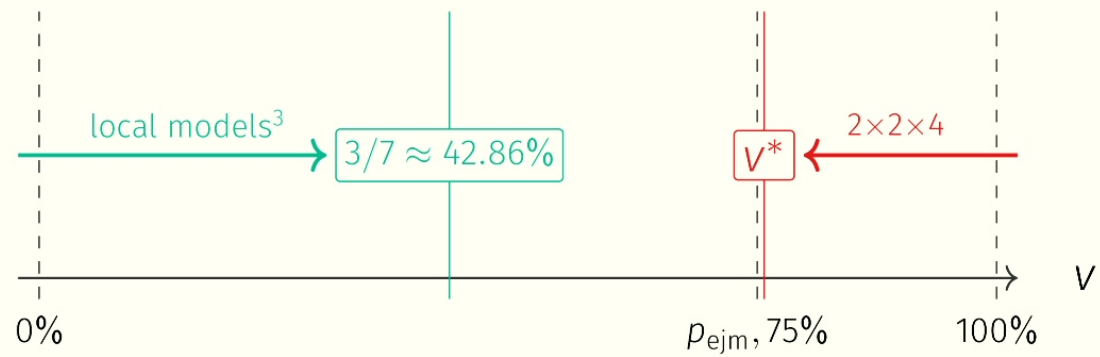
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$$p_{\text{ns}}^{(v)} = vp_{\text{ns}} + (1-v) \frac{1}{64}$$



where  $v^* = \frac{775}{1024} \pm \frac{1}{1024} \approx 75.7\%$

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- Use inflation level  $2 \times 3 \times 3$  to prove the nonlocality of the EJM
- Look at nonlocality in **other scenarios**: bilocal network with inputs, classical triangle network with symmetric causal mechanisms, ...
- Try to improve critical nonlocal visibility of the **singlet state**?
- Extend the framework to non-fanout inflation to better characterize **non-signaling networks**
- Generalize to other types of polynomial optimization problems?
- Apply Frank-Wolfe to quantum inflation SDPs?



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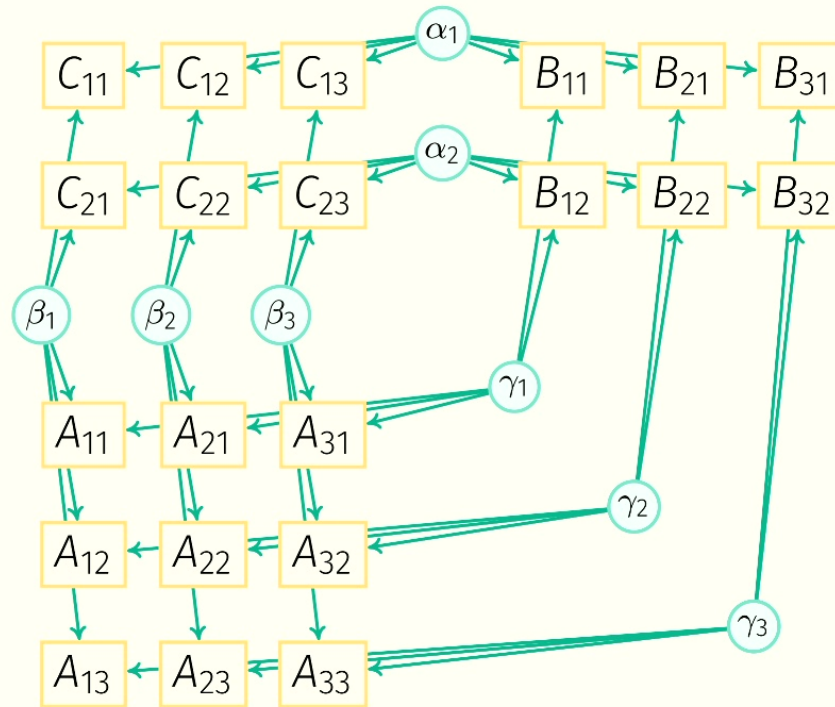
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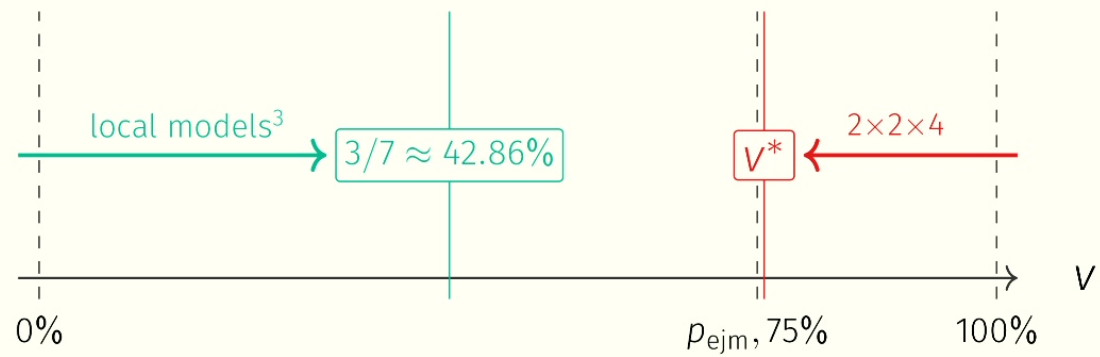
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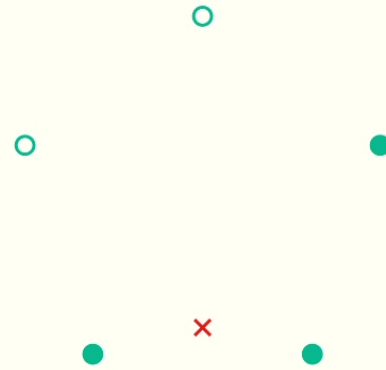
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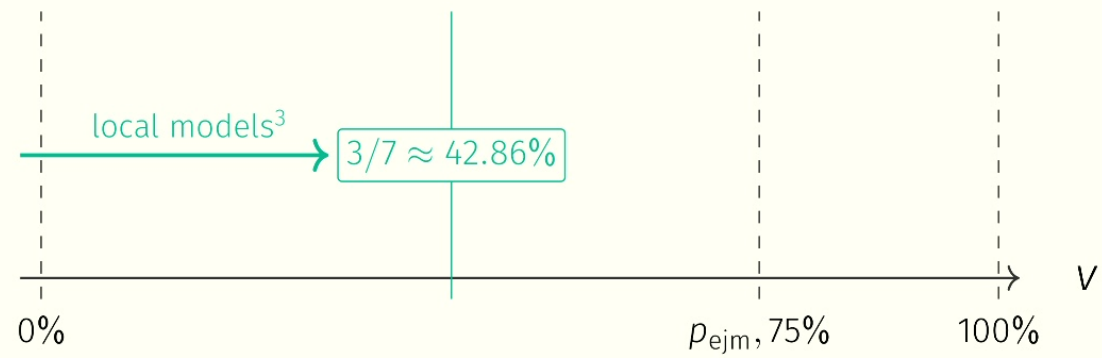
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28:   end if
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30:  $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t - \gamma_t \mathbf{a}_t$ 
31: end for

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▷ update the weights

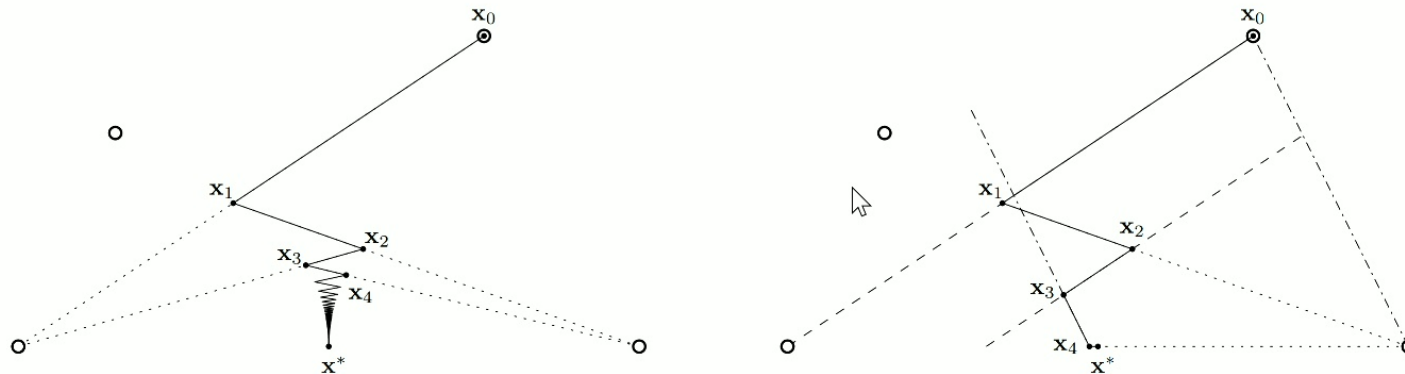


Figure 3. For a quadratic function  $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$ , illustration of the zig-zagging effect suffered by the standard Frank-Wolfe algorithm (left), that is, [Algorithm 1](#) in the main text, and of the countermeasure implemented by its pairwise variant (right), that is, [Algorithm 2](#). Importantly, the pairwise steps in the latter are parallel to the lines joining the worst and best cached vertices with respect to the gradient  $\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}^*$  at the current iterate  $\mathbf{x}_t$ . Note that the second pairwise step going from  $\mathbf{x}_3$  to  $\mathbf{x}_4$  (parallel to the dashed-dotted line) drops the unfavourable initial vertex.

In practice, end up storing  $\approx n$  points, which is  $\ll m$ .  
Only the LMO sees the  $m$  extremal points.

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**Algorithm:** Fully-corrective Frank-Wolfe

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$\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \{y_e\}$  // choose arbitrary initial extremal point

repeat

$s^* \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{s \in \operatorname{conv}(\mathcal{S})} \|x - s\|_2$

$T \leftarrow s^* - x$

$(\alpha, e) \leftarrow \operatorname{LMO}(T)$

    if  $T \cdot x < \alpha$  then

        return *nonlocal*,  $p \notin \mathcal{L}$

    else

$\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{S} \cup \{y_e\}$

until  $\|T\|_2 < \varepsilon$

return *inconclusive*

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