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Abstract:

The quantum marginal problem concerns the compatibility of given reduced states. In contrast, the entanglement transitivity problem takes compatible entangled marginals as input and ask if one can infer therefrom the entanglement of some other marginals. When this is possible, the input marginals are said to exhibit entanglement transitivity. Previous studies [Npj Quantum Inf 8, 98 (2022)] have demonstrated that certain families of states show entanglement transitivity. In this talk, we will show that when specific dimension constraints are satisfied, entanglement transitivity is possible and even generic among the marginals of pure state. To this end, we use the fact that given these constraints, the marginals of generic pure states (1) uniquely determine the global state and (2) are entangled. For the latter, our results generalize that of Aubrun et al. [Comm. Pure. Appl. Math. 67, 129 (2013)], which allows us to conclude further that sufficiently large parts of a generic multipartite pure state are entangled for any bipartition.

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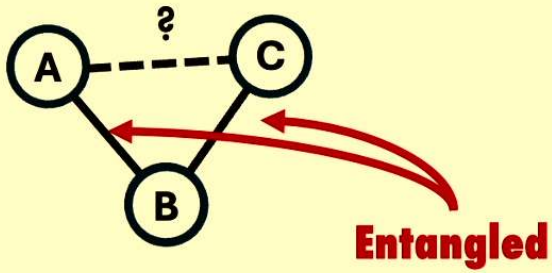

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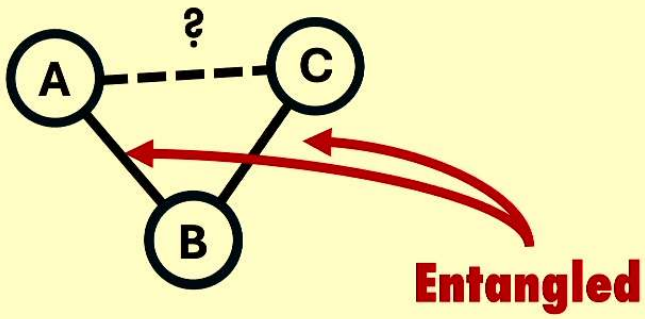

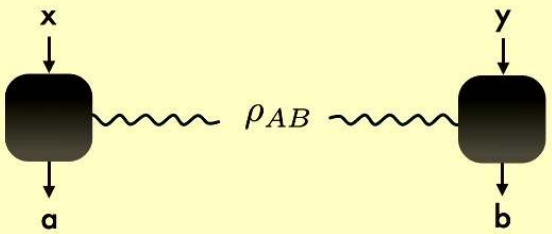

Correlation

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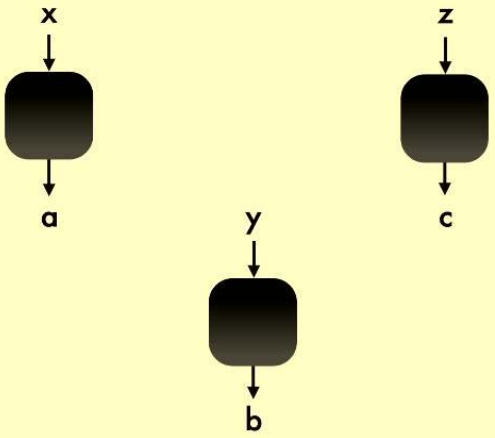

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Marginal

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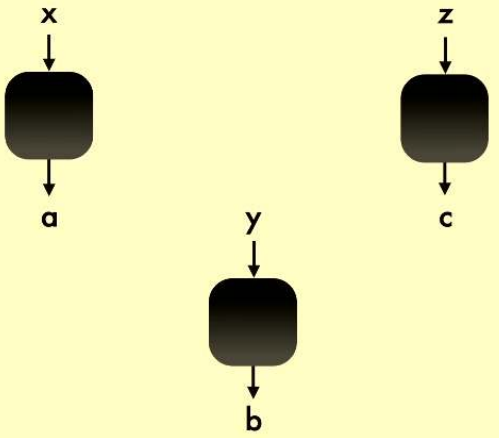

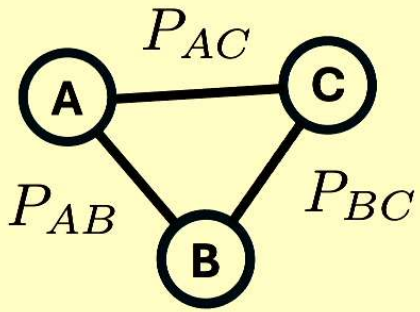

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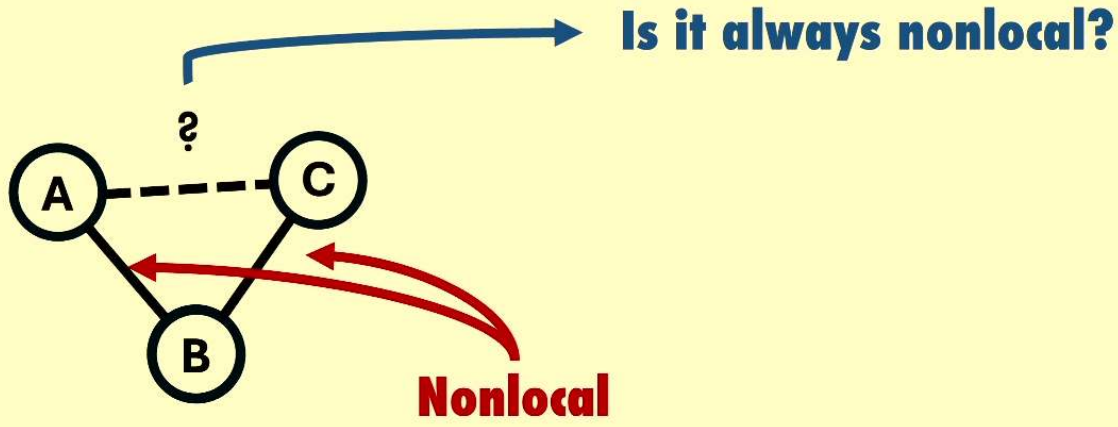
Nonlocality Transitivity

P_{AB}, P_{BC} exhibit nonlocality transitivity if and only if

Compatible nonlocal P_{AB}, P_{BC} $\longrightarrow$ P_{AC} must be nonlocal



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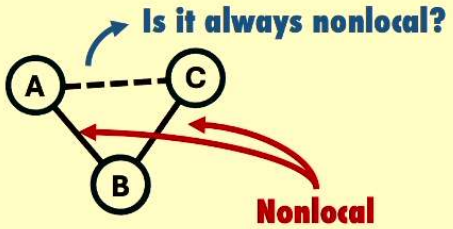

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- Nonlocality transitivity as a feature that separates quantum theory from other foil theories?

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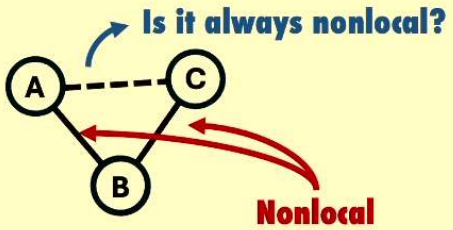

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- What are the necessary conditions for nonlocality transitivity?

Entanglement Transitivity !

Nonlocality Transitivity

Compatible
nonlocal P_{AB}, P_{BC}

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P_{AC} must be nonlocal

Entanglement Transitivity

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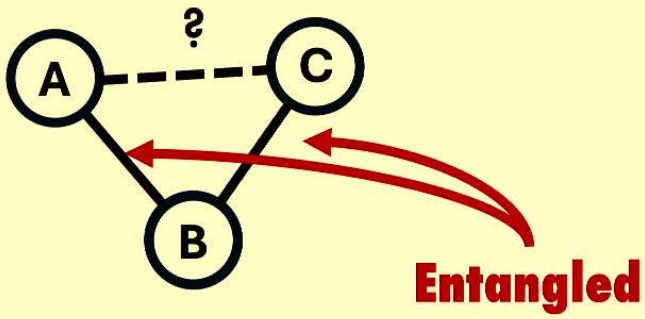
Entanglement

Transitivity



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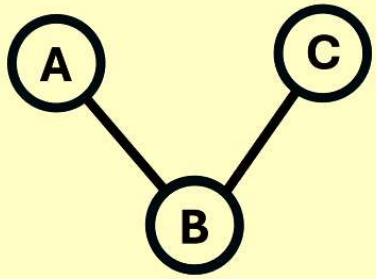

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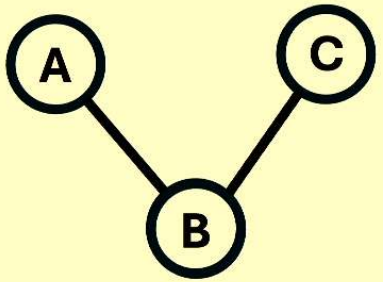

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$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

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Entanglement Transitivity: Examples

Should all compatible AC marginals be entangled?

$$\rho_{AC} = \frac{2}{3} \left|\Psi^+\right\rangle\!\left\langle\Psi^+\right| + \frac{1}{3} \left|00\right\rangle\!\left\langle 00\right|$$

This is the only compatible state!

ρ_{AB}, ρ_{BC} uniquely determine the AC marginal.

Entanglement Transitivity: Examples

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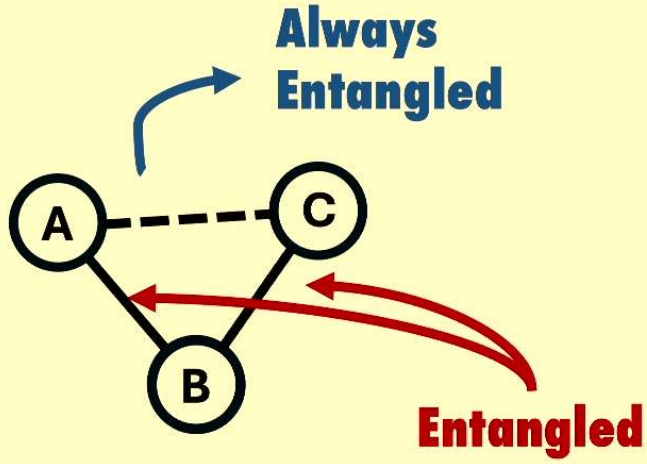

AB and BC are said to exhibit entanglement transitivity.

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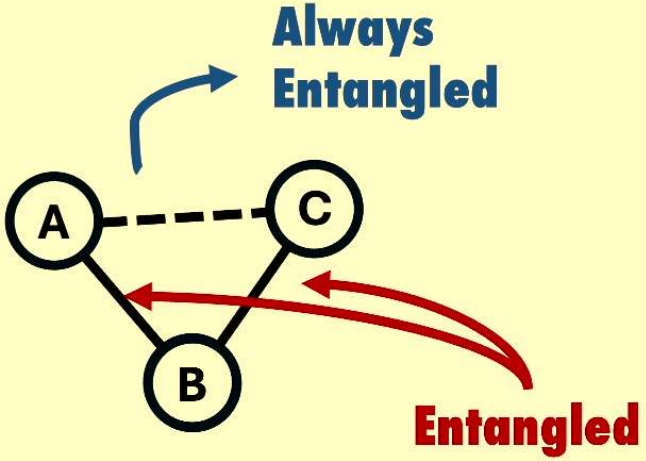
Entanglement Transitivity: Confusion

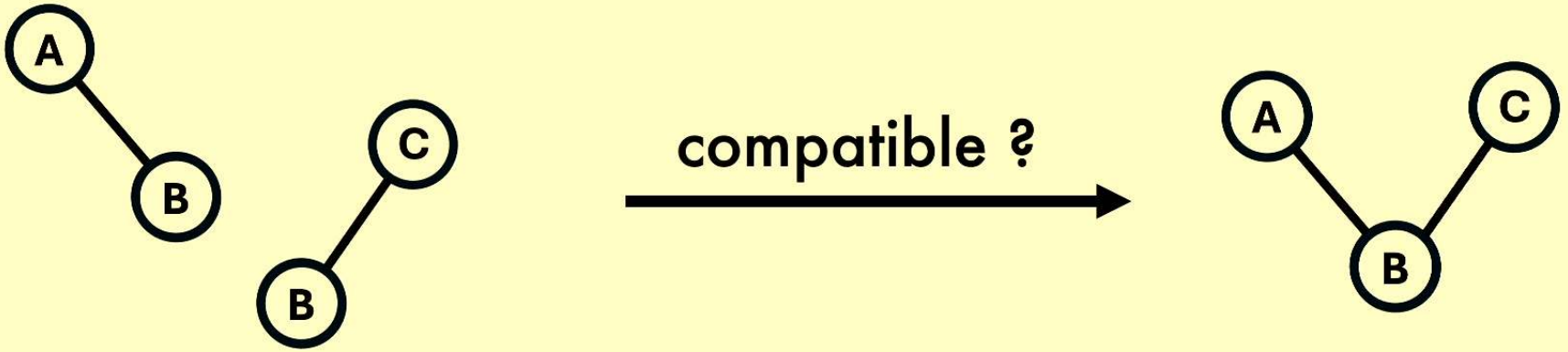
$\rho_{ABC} \rightarrow \rho_{AB}, \rho_{AC}, \rho_{BC}$ are entangled

Do AB and BC exhibit entanglement transitivity ?

Not really!



Quantum Marginal Problems with overlaps



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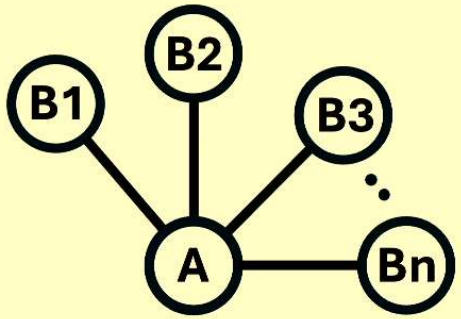
Consistent overlap does not guarantee compatibility.

Quantum Marginal Problems with overlaps

Is AB n-shareable ?

$$\rho_{AB} = \rho_{AB_1} = \rho_{AB_2} = \cdots = \rho_{AB_n}$$



AB is n-shareable for any n ⟷ AB is separable

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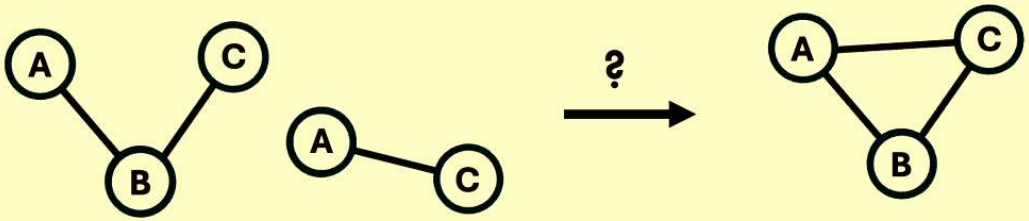
Quantum Marginal Problems: Uniqueness



Existence Does there **exist** an AC that is compatible with AB and BC?

Uniqueness Is AC compatible with AB and BC **unique**?

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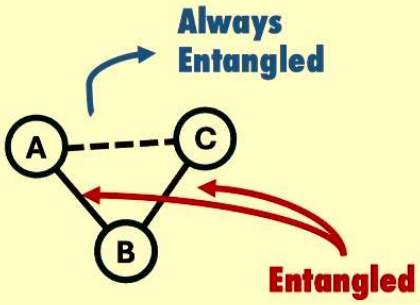
Is entanglement transitivity generic ?

Numerical results suggests that it is for three-body pure states with $d_A = d_B = d_C$



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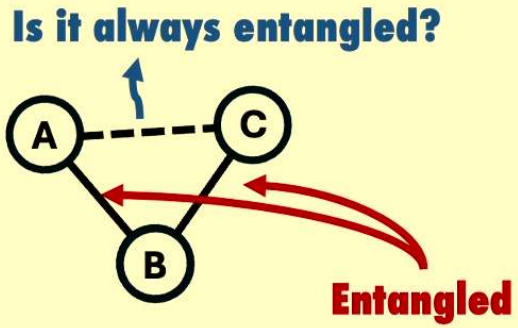
1. A generic pure state ABC is uniquely determined by AB and BC

2. The reduced state AC of a generic pure state is almost surely entangled



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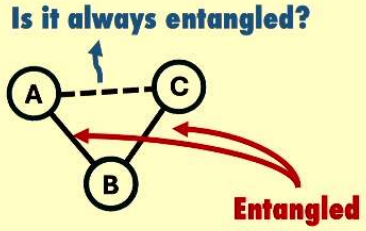
$$|\psi\rangle_{ABC} \longrightarrow \rho_{AB}, \rho_{BC}, \rho_{AC}$$

$$\sigma_{ABC} \longrightarrow \rho_{AB}, \rho_{BC}, \sigma_{AC}$$



ρ_{AB}, ρ_{BC} uniquely determine $|\psi\rangle_{ABC} \longrightarrow \rho_{AC} = \sigma_{AC}$

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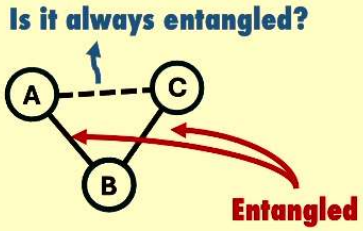
- Sufficient conditions:



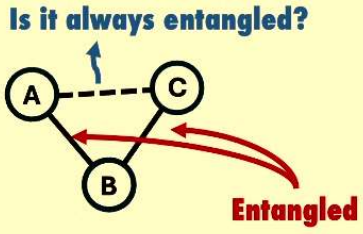
$$d_B \geq \min\{d_A, d_C\}$$ Phys. Rev. A 88, 012109 (2013)

$$d_B \geq 2, d_A = d_C$$ Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astron. 61, 1 (2018)

Generic Entanglement Transitivity: Proof

2 The reduced state AC is almost surely entangled

- Sufficient condition: $d_B \leq (d_A - 1)(d_C - 1)$
- The reduced state AC of a generic pure state is supported on a completely entangled subspace.



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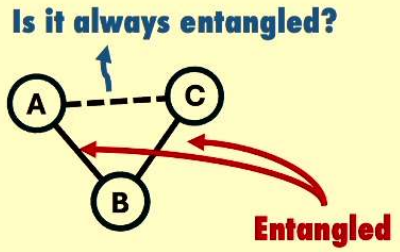
Generic Entanglement Transitivity: Result

1. A generic pure state ABC is uniquely determined by AB and BC if... $d_B \geq \min\{d_A, d_C\}$ or $d_B \geq 2, d_A = d_C$

2. The reduced state AC of a generic pure state is almost surely entangled if... $d_B \leq (d_A - 1)(d_C - 1)$

→ AB and BC almost surely exhibit entanglement transitivity

Entanglement transitivity is generic in any tripartite closed system with equal finite local dimensions.



Multipartite Entanglement Transitivity

$\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor$ of the m-body reduced states $m \geq \lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil + 1$

of a generic N-body pure state with equal finite local dimensions

exhibit entanglement transitivity

4 qudits:

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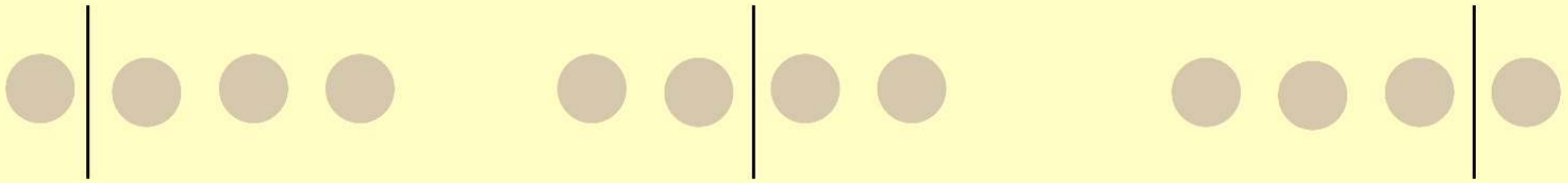

Generic Entanglement

High-dimensional Haar-random pure states $|\psi\rangle_{AB} \in \mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$ are close to being maximally entangled.

Aspects of Generic Entanglement, Commun. Math. Phys. 265, 95 (2006)

$$\Pr\{S(\rho_A) \leq \log_2 d - K\} < 4^{-d}$$

$$\rho_A = \mathrm{tr}_B\, |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}$$

Generic Entanglement

Reduced states ρ_{AC} of Haar-random pure states $|\psi\rangle_{ABC}$ are

- close to being separable if they are small enough

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  $$\Pr\{\rho_{AC} \text{ is separable}\} \geq 1 - 2\exp(-cd_B) \quad \text{if} \quad d_B \geq f(d)$$

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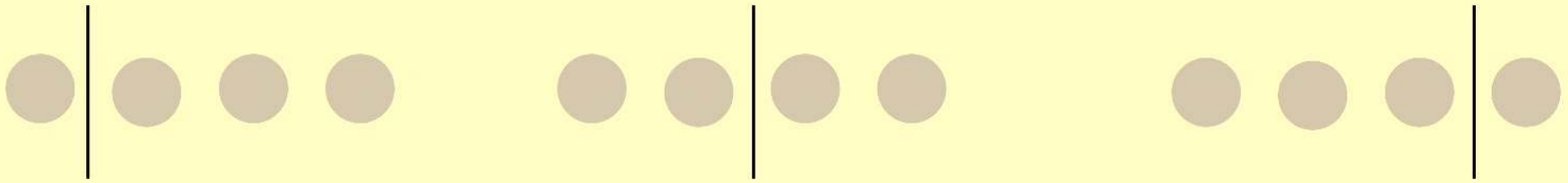

Take-home Messages

Entanglement can be transitive, and the phenomenon is even generic.

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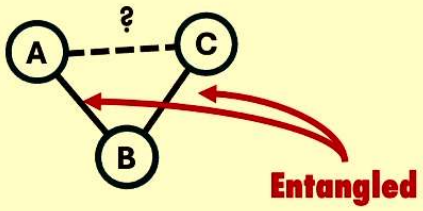

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Nonlocality of Quantum States can be Transitive
arXiv:2412.10505

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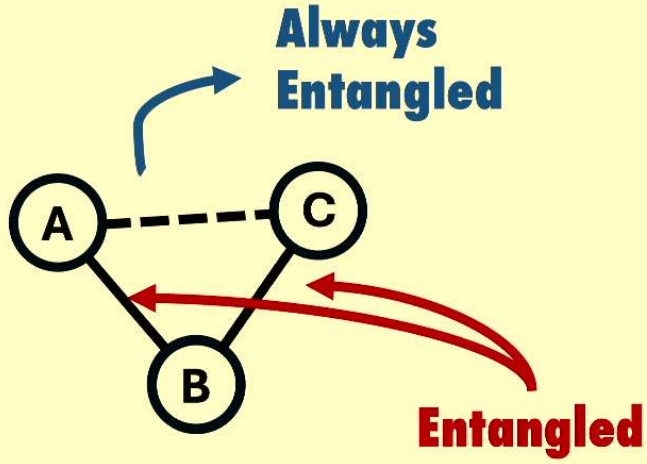

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