

Testing Matrix Product States



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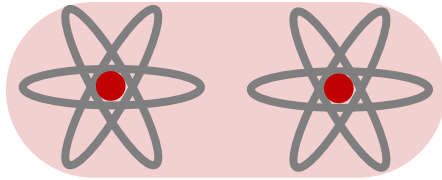
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Our work is about

**Testing Entanglement
in pure quantum states**



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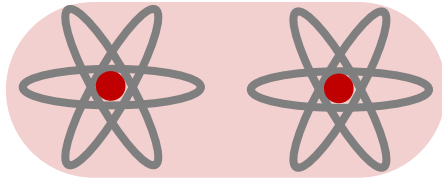
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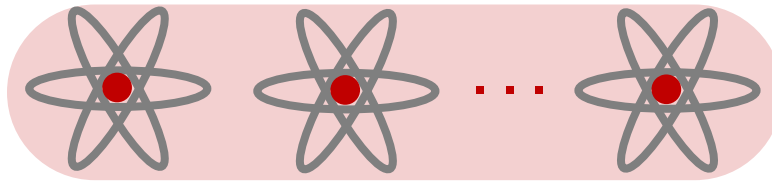
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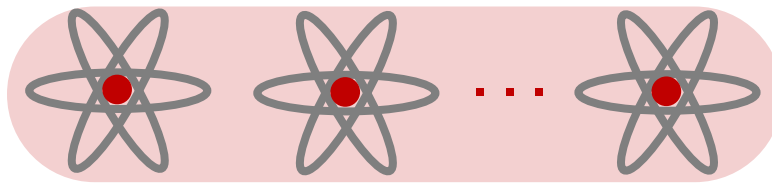
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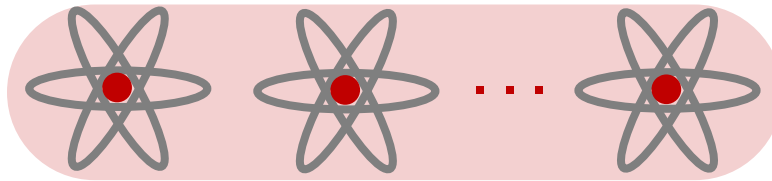
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Questions we can ask:

Is a state $|\psi\rangle$ entangled or product?

How entangled is a state $|\psi\rangle$?

Long history in quantum information:

Bell test or quantum games
Tensor optimization

Quantum cryptography
Hamiltonian complexity

Quantum many-body physics

This talk:

**Statistical theory of
many-body entanglement**

Property testing model

Entanglement tester is an algorithm \mathcal{A} such that

1. If $|\psi\rangle$ has at most certain amount of entanglement

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ accepts given } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes m}] \geq 2/3 \quad \textit{Completeness}$$

2. If $|\psi\rangle$ is far from states

with at most certain amount of entanglement

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ accepts given } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes m}] \leq 1/3 \quad \textit{Soundness}$$

What is the fewest number of copies m needed for entanglement testing?

**One way to quantify
many-body entanglement**

MPS(r): Matrix product states with bond dimension r



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^d \text{tr}[A_i B_j] \cdot |i\rangle |j\rangle$$

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_d
 B_1, B_2, \dots, B_d
 $r \times r$ complex matrices

Example:

$$|\psi\rangle = \left(\sum_{i=1}^d a_i \cdot |i\rangle \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=1}^d b_j \cdot |j\rangle \right) \quad a_i, b_j \in \mathbb{C}$$

$|\psi\rangle$ is a product state

$$A_i = a_i, B_j = b_j$$

Bond dimension $r = 1$

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$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A_3 = 0, \dots, A_d = 0$$

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Needs bond dimension $r = d$

If $r = d$, any state $|\psi\rangle$ can be written as an MPS

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$$A_1^{(n)}, A_2^{(n)}, \dots, A_d^{(n)}$$

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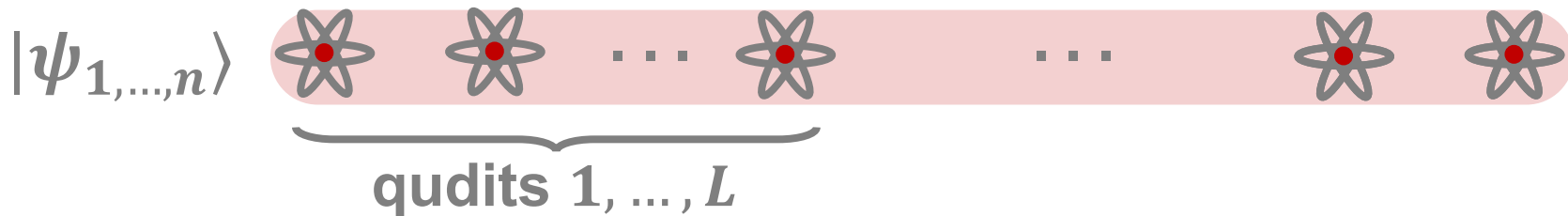
Many states ψ of interest in **physics** are
MPS of **small** bond dimension r

Alternative characterization of MPS

MPS(r): Matrix product states with bond dimension r

Another view of MPS(r) in terms of:

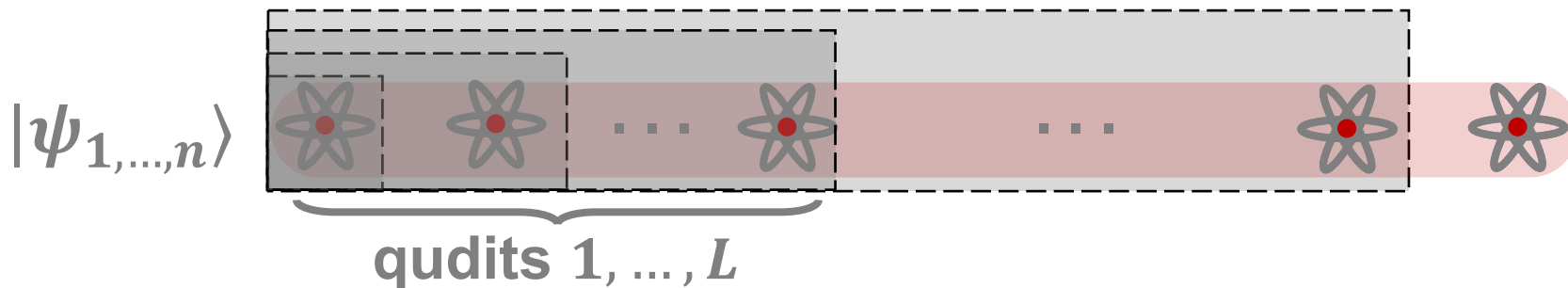
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Let's go back to testing entanglement

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2. If $\text{Dist}_r(|\psi\rangle) \geq \delta$ then

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What does it mean for $|\psi\rangle$ to be far from $\text{MPS}(r)$?

$$\text{Overlap}_r(|\psi\rangle) = \max_{|\phi\rangle \in \text{MPS}(r)} |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|^2$$

$$\text{Dist}_r(|\psi\rangle) = \min_{|\phi\rangle \in \text{MPS}(r)} \mathbf{D}_{\text{trace}}(\psi, \phi) = \min_{|\phi\rangle \in \text{MPS}(r)} \sqrt{1 - |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle|^2}$$

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Goal: Finding the smallest **number of copies** m

for a given $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{number of qudits } n \\ \text{bond dimension } r \\ \text{distance } \delta \end{array} \right.$

**MPS testing when $r = 1$
(Product testing)**

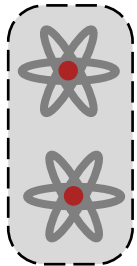
Product test (testing MPS(r) with $r = 1$)

[Mintert, Kuś, Buchleitner]
[Harrow and Montanaro]

Accept
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Reject

- Measure $\{\Pi_{\text{SWAP}}, \mathbf{I} - \Pi_{\text{SWAP}}\}$

on all pairs of qudits in $|\psi\rangle^{\otimes 2}$

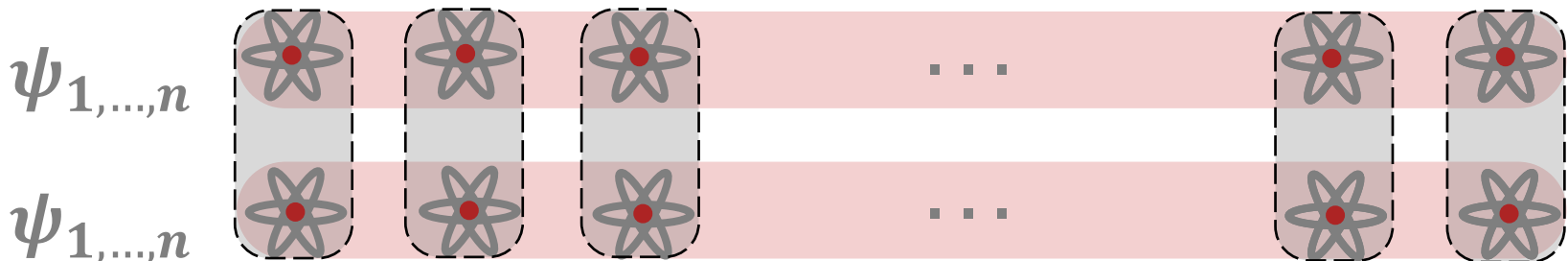


$$\Pi_{\text{SWAP}} = \frac{\mathbf{I} + \text{SWAP}}{2}, \quad \mathbf{I} - \Pi_{\text{SWAP}} = \frac{\mathbf{I} - \text{SWAP}}{2}$$

$$\Pr[\text{SWAP test accepts } \rho \otimes \rho] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\rho^2] \leftarrow \text{Purity}$$

SWAP test

- Accept if all SWAP tests accept



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[HM13]:

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with **probability 1***

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= |\psi_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\psi_k\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\psi_n\rangle \\ |\psi\rangle &= |\psi_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\psi_k\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\psi_n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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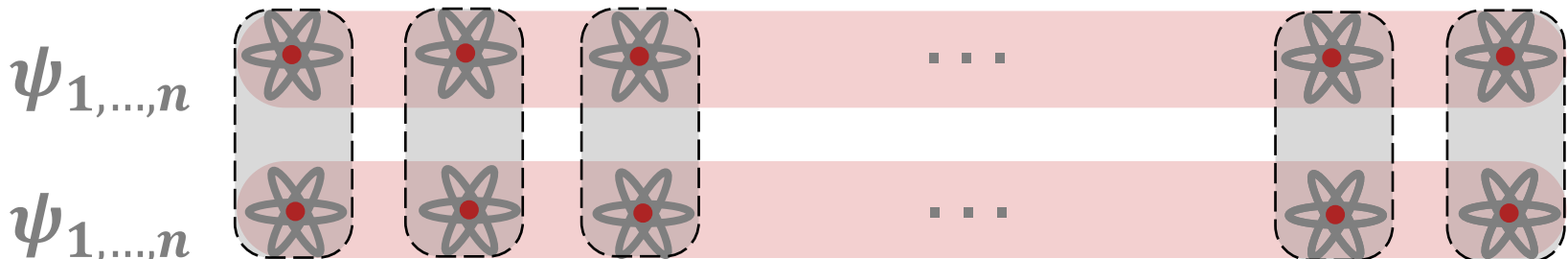
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Why?

Entangled $|\psi_{1,\dots,n}\rangle$ means some mixed subsystems with $\text{tr}[\rho^2] < 1$

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**Rejection probability can be boosted to $2/3$
by repeating on $m = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\delta^2}\right)$ pairs**

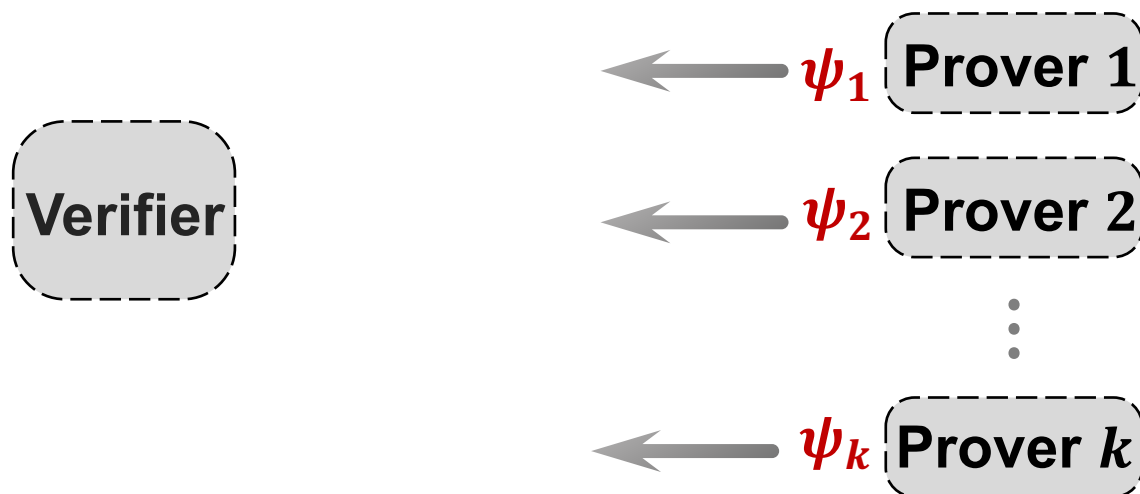
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With applications in hardness of tensor optimization problems

Open problem of [HM13] and [MdW13]:

Can proof of **product test be simplified and improved?**

Result 1

**Improved and simple analysis of
product test**

Proof sketch of product test

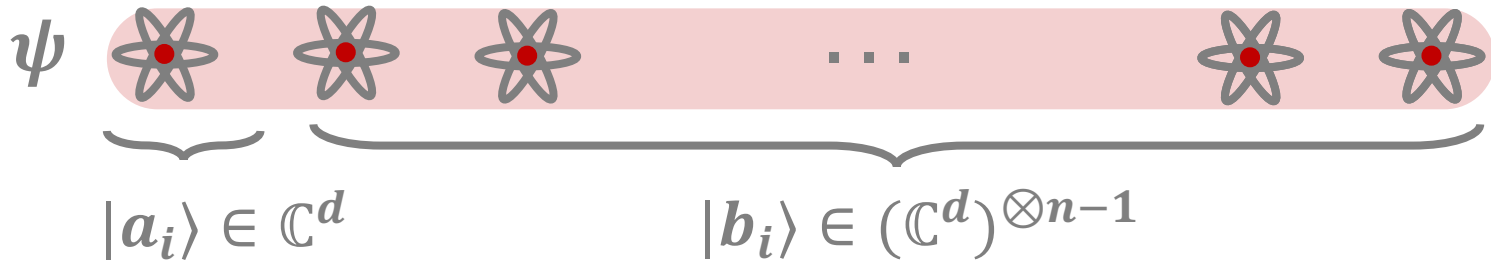
Schmidt decomposition

$$|\psi\rangle = \sqrt{\lambda_1} |a_1\rangle|b_1\rangle + \sqrt{\lambda_2} |a_2\rangle|b_2\rangle + \cdots + \sqrt{\lambda_d} |a_d\rangle|b_d\rangle$$

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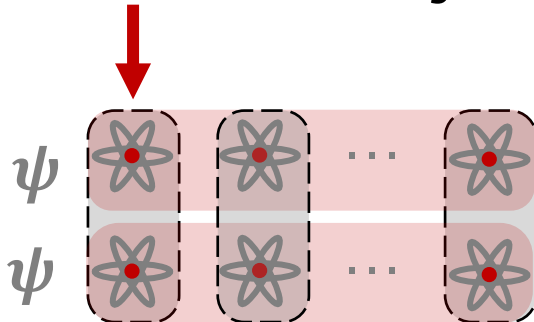
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1st qudit is highly entangled with the rest

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If λ_1 is large:

$|\psi\rangle \approx |a_1\rangle \otimes |b_1\rangle$ and **1st SWAP test accepts**

But for $|\psi\rangle$ to be far from product

$|b_1\rangle$ has to be far from product

**Remaining SWAP tests reject with high prob.
(by induction)**

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Given $|\psi\rangle$ that is δ -far from product states,

$$\Pr[\text{Product test rejects } |\psi\rangle^{\otimes 2}] \geq \begin{cases} \delta^2 - \delta^4 & \delta \leq \sqrt{1/2} \\ \frac{2}{3}\delta^2 - \frac{1}{3}\delta^4 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Our bound is tight for $n \geq 2$, $\delta \leq \sqrt{1/2}$ as shown by

$$|\psi\rangle = \sqrt{1 - \delta^2} |1\rangle|1\rangle + \delta |2\rangle|2\rangle$$

Result 2

**Testing MPS(r) with $r \geq 2$
Upper bound and Lower bound**

Testing MPS(r) with $r \geq 2$

Main ingredient is the **rank tester** of O'Donnell and Wright
[OW15]

Tests if **rank(ρ) $\leq r$** or ρ is **ϵ -far** from rank- r states
using $m = \Theta(r^2/\epsilon)$ copies

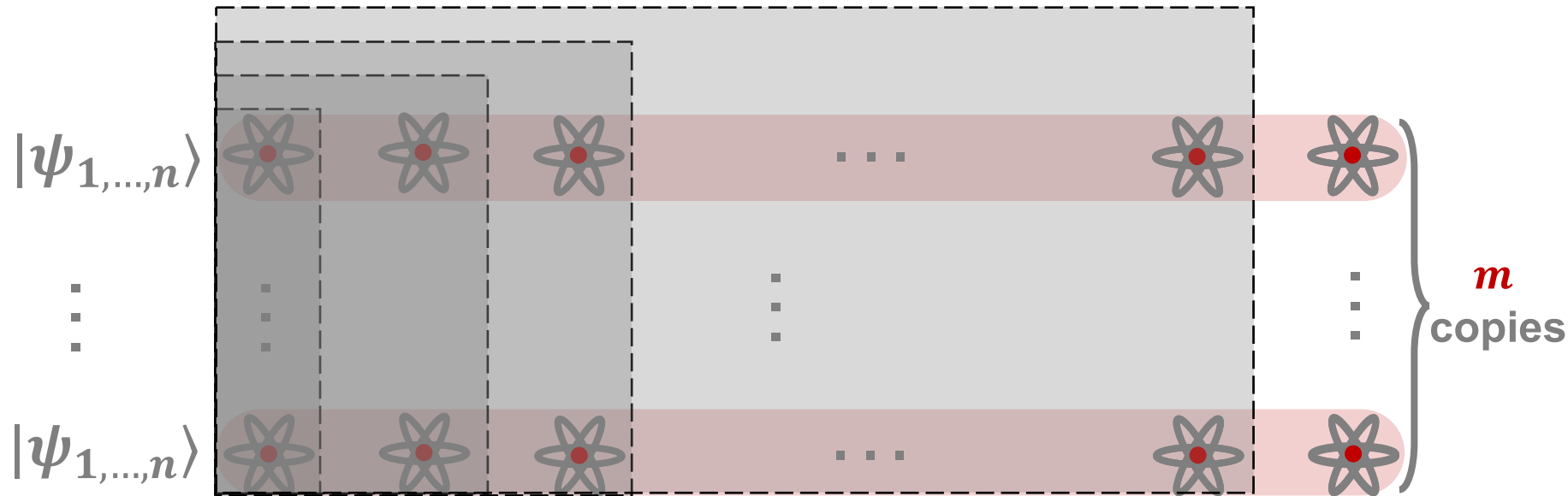
Uses generalized SWAP test called **weak Schur sampling**

Optimal test with perfect completeness and $O(1)$ soundness

Can be performed with a quantum circuit
of size $\text{poly}(m, \log d)$

[Krovi19], [Harrow05]

Testing MPS(r) with $r \geq 2$



Our MPS tester

- 1) Simultaneously performs **rank tester** $\{\Pi_{\leq r}, I - \Pi_{\leq r}\}$
on qudits $1, \dots, L$ for each $1 \leq L \leq n$
- 2) Rejects if any of the rank testers reject

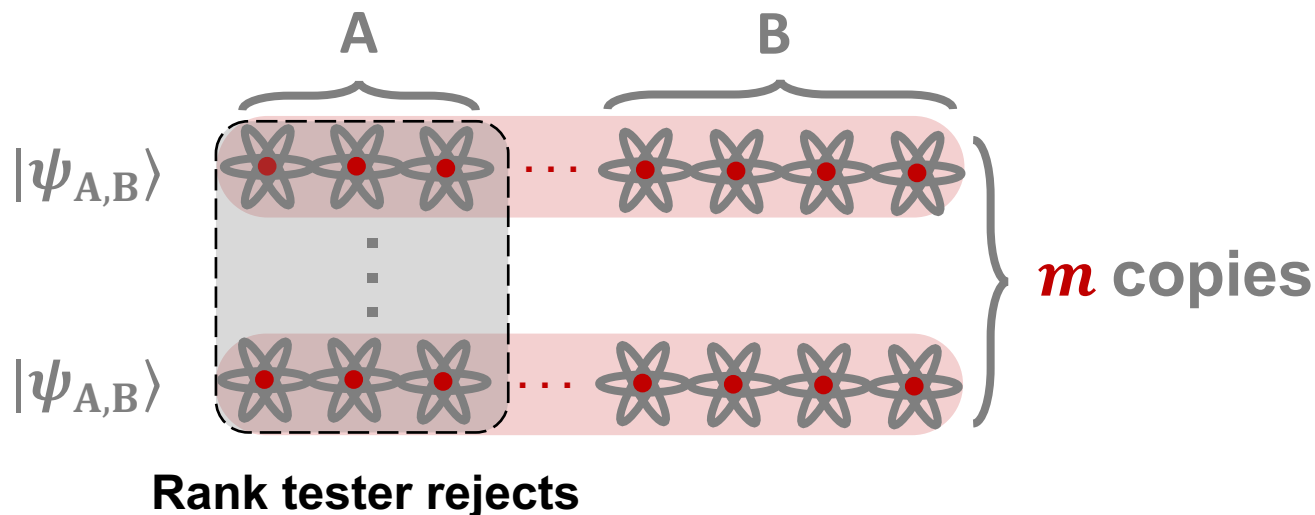
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Upper bound: Our MPS tester requires $m = O(nr^2/\delta^2)$

Proof relies on

1) $\exists \text{Cut } (A, B)$ where ρ_A is $\Omega(\delta^2/n)$ -far from being rank r

\Rightarrow **Rank tester with $m = O(nr^2/\delta^2)$ detects this w.h.p**



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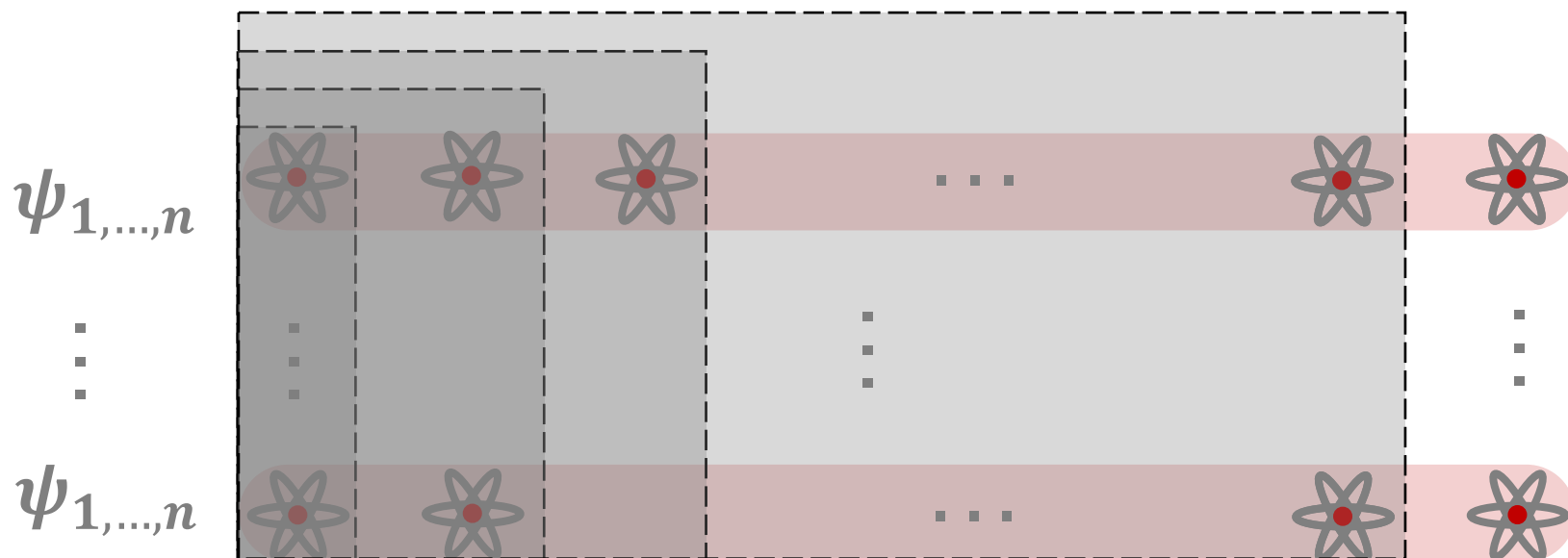
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2) The rank tester projectors **mutually commute**



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Can this analysis of be improved
to show $m = O(1)$ copies are sufficient?

Can be done for the “bunny state”:

$$|b_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{🐰} \\ \text{🌿} \text{ 🌿} \text{ 🌿} \text{ 🌿} \end{array} \rangle + \begin{array}{c} \text{🌿} \\ \text{🐰} \text{ 🌿} \text{ 🌿} \text{ 🌿} \end{array} \rangle + \begin{array}{c} \text{🌿} \text{ 🌿} \text{ 🌿} \text{ 🌿} \\ \text{🐰} \end{array} \rangle \right)$$

- $|b_n\rangle \in \text{MPS}(3)$ and $\sqrt{1/3}$ -far from $\text{MPS}(2)$

- The $r = 2$ MPS tester rejects $|b_n\rangle^{\otimes 3}$ with probability $\geq \frac{1}{6}$

Testing MPS(r) with $r \geq 2$

Can this analysis of be improved
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Can't be done for general states!

Lower bound:

Any MPS tester requires $m = \Omega(\sqrt{n}/\delta^2)$

The hard example: $|\psi\rangle$ and its random local rotations

where $|\phi\rangle$ is $1/\sqrt{n}$ -far from MPS(r)

$$|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n/2} = \begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{atom} & \text{atom} & & \dots & & \text{atom} & \text{atom} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & & \dots & & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ |\phi\rangle & |\phi\rangle & & & & |\phi\rangle & |\phi\rangle \end{array}$$

Testing MPS(r) with $r \geq 2$

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Proof relies on

1) **Overlap $_r(|\phi\rangle) = \omega$ then Overlap $_r(|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n/2}) = \omega^{n/2}$**

$\omega \sim 1 - 1/n$ then **Overlap $_r(|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n/2}) \sim 1/2$**

2) $\exists |\gamma\rangle \in \text{MPS}(r)$ such that unless $m = \Omega(\sqrt{n})$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathbb{E}_{U,V} (U \otimes V \cdot |\phi\rangle\langle\phi| \cdot U^\dagger \otimes V^\dagger)^{\otimes m} \right)^{\otimes n/2} \\ & \approx \left(\mathbb{E}_{U,V} (U \otimes V \cdot |\gamma\rangle\langle\gamma| \cdot U^\dagger \otimes V^\dagger)^{\otimes m} \right)^{\otimes n/2} \end{aligned}$$

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Summary

Developed algorithms for testing matrix product states

- 1) **Simple** and improved analysis of the **product test**
- 2) **Upper bound of $O(n)$** for MPS testing with **bond dim ≥ 2**
- 3) **Lower bound of $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$** for MPS testing with **bond dim ≥ 2**

Open questions

- 1) **Optimal copy complexity of $\text{MSP}(r)$ testing for $r \geq 2$**
- 2) **Testing more general entangled states e.g. tensor networks**
- 3) **Testing if a mixed quantum state is separable (unentangled)**

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