

Computing moment polytopes of tensors

with applications in
algebraic complexity
and quantum information

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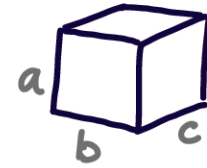
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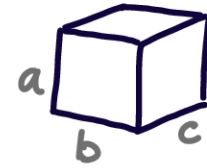
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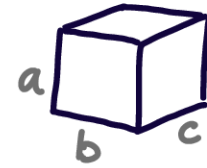
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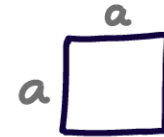


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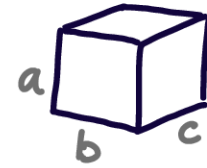


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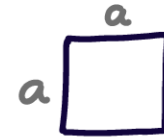


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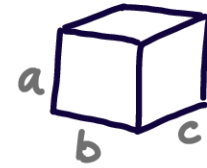
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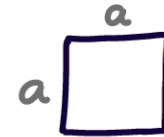


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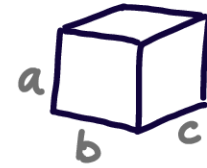


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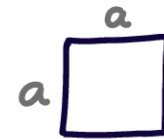


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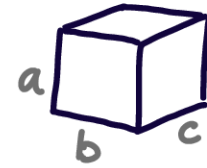
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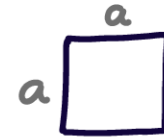


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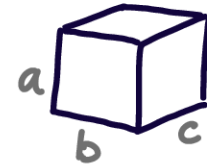
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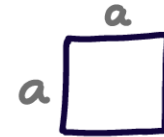


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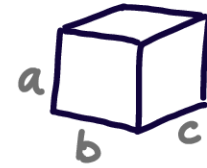
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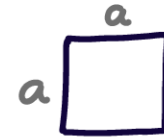


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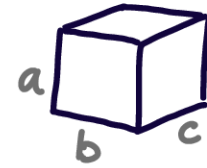
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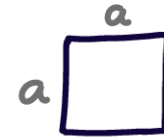


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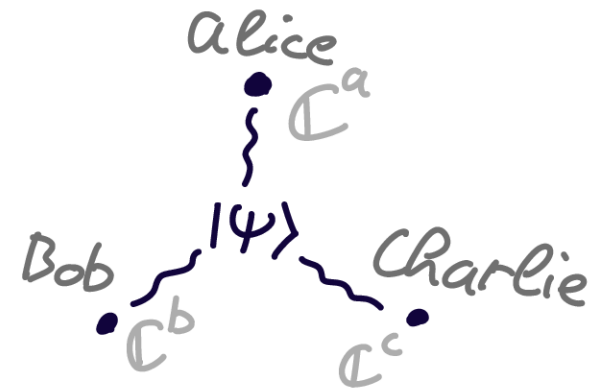
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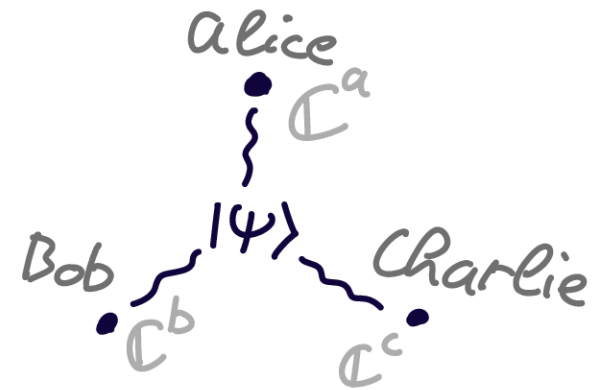
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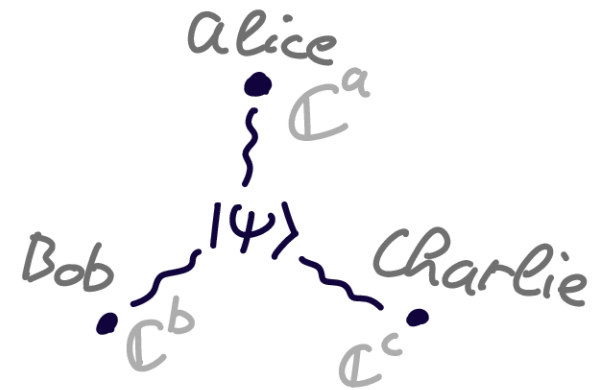
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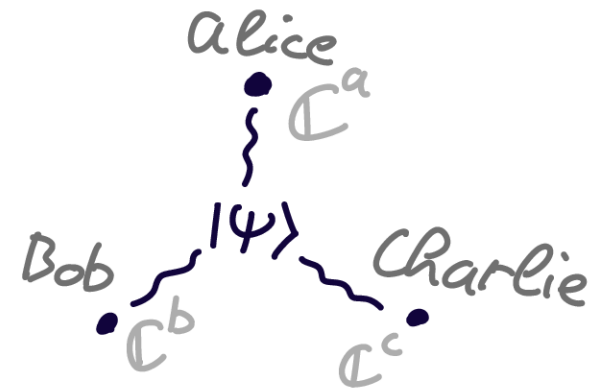
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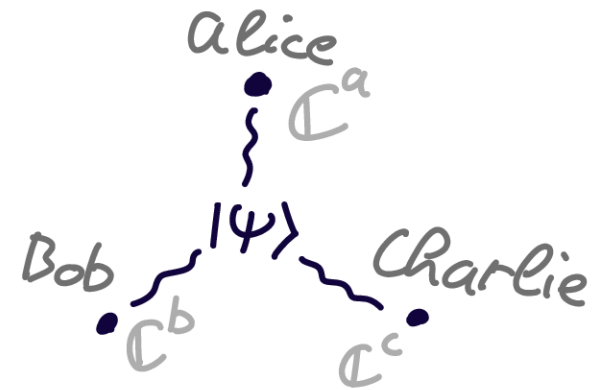
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based on work in

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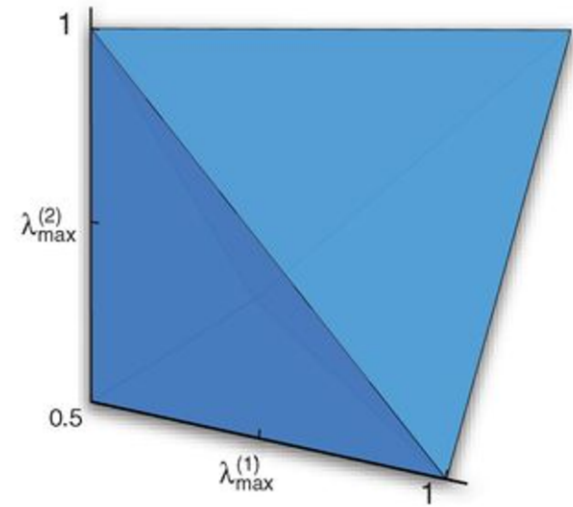
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$$\Delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^2 e_i \otimes e_i \otimes e_i\right) = \text{conv} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^2} & \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^2} & \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^2} \\ (1, 0, & 1, 0, & 1, 0) \\ (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \\ (1, 0, & \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \\ (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & 1, 0, & \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \\ (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, & 1, 0) \end{array} \right\}$$

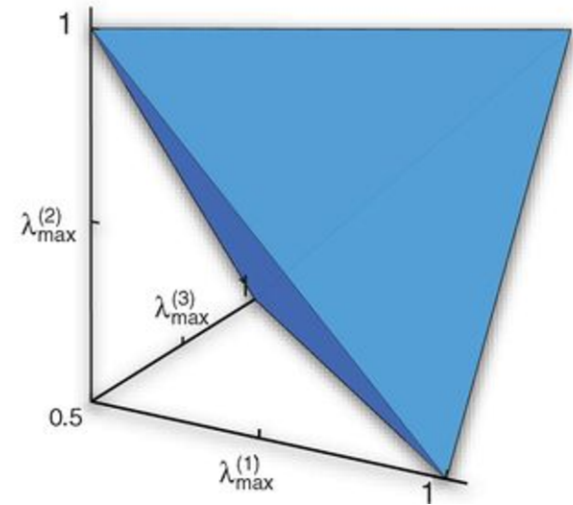
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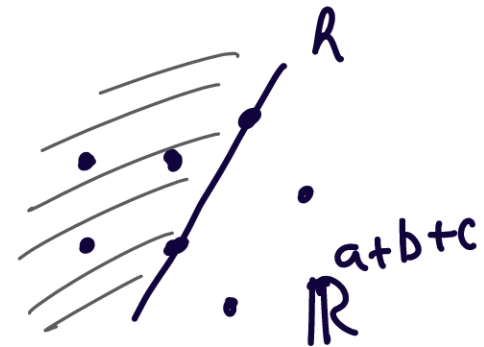
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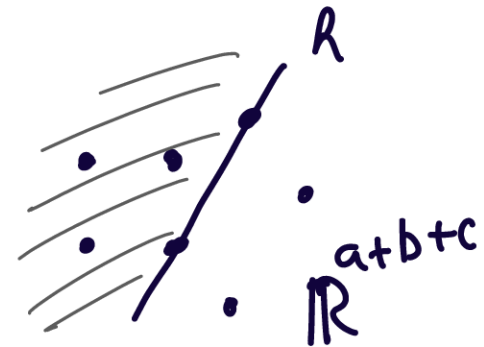
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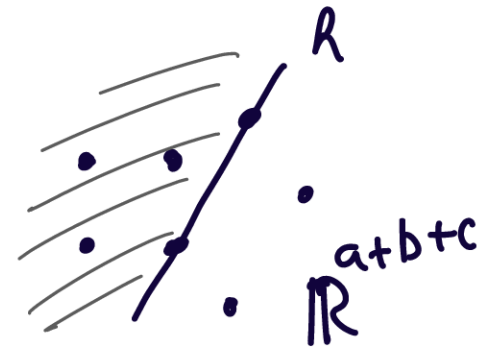
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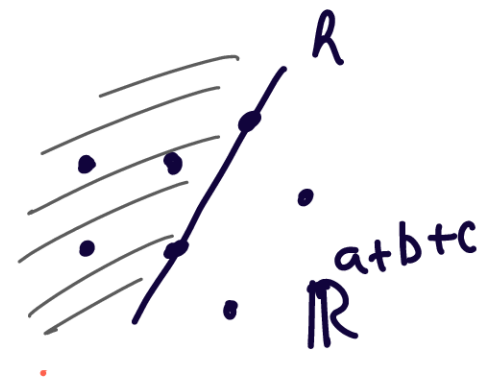
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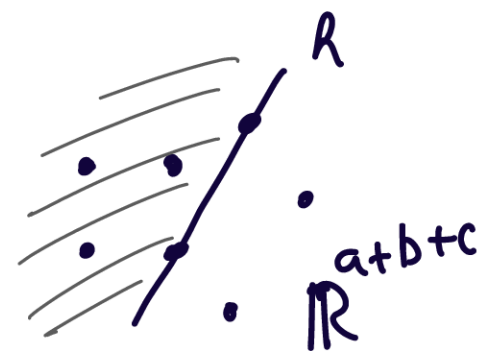
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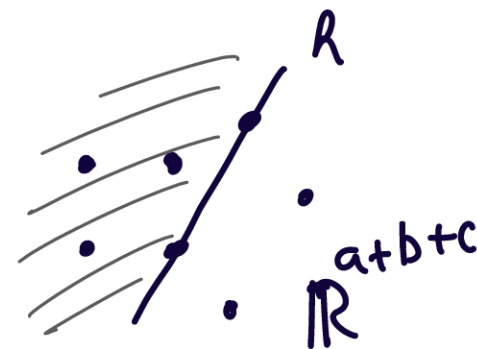
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functions {3-tensors} $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
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Moment polytopes: representation theory

The group $GL_a \times GL_b \times GL_c$ acts on $(\mathbb{C}^a \otimes \mathbb{C}^b \otimes \mathbb{C}^c)^{\otimes n}$
 $(A, B, C) \mapsto (A \otimes B \otimes C)^{\otimes n}$

Rep. theory tells us:

$$(\mathbb{C}^a \otimes \mathbb{C}^b \otimes \mathbb{C}^c)^{\otimes n} = \bigoplus_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} V_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$$

- $V_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$ are isotypic subspaces
- labels are partitions: $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}^a$ $\sum \lambda_i = n$ $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_a$

Def:

$$\Delta^{\text{repr}}(T) := \left\{ \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}, \frac{\mu}{n}, \frac{\nu}{n} \right) \mid P_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} T^{\otimes n} \neq 0, n > 0 \right\}$$

$\subseteq \mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^b \times \mathbb{R}^c$

projector
onto

Computing entanglement polytopes is difficult

- Only known completely for $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 (\otimes \mathbb{C}^2)$
+ some sporadic examples

┌ Aside: a decision problem

└ Problem: Given $T \in \mathbb{C}^a \otimes \mathbb{C}^b \otimes \mathbb{C}^c$ & $p \in \mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^b \times \mathbb{R}^c$,
determine whether $p \in \Delta(T)$

- "Close" to NP & coNP

↳ bitsize of certificates is a problem

- Scaling methods can decide yes-instances in practice

└ • # vertices is typically not polynomial in dimension (a, b, c)

- Better understanding requires more examples

Some stats

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Tensor	Inequalities					Vertices	Runtimes	
	All	Not generic	Maxranks	Attainable	Final	Final	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{F}_q$
$\langle 3 \rangle$	2845	2187	355	0	45	33	0.254	0.239
T_4	2845	2187	355	20	52	53	0.264	0.237
T_9	2845	2187	736	292	25	18	0.293	0.263
$\langle 4 \rangle$	8109383	7139405	1102518	0	270	328	-	20:10
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this step uses
Gröbner bases

still going
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