

On Bell's experiment

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Abstract – With the use of tropical algebra operators and a $d = 2$ parameter vectors space, Bell's theorem does not forbid a, physics valid, reproduction of the quantum correlation.

Introduction. – In 1964, John Bell wrote a paper [1] on the possibility of hidden variables [2] causing the entanglement correlation $E(a, b)$ between two particles. In the present paper we continue our study of possible concrete physics theoretical incompleteness. Bell, based his hidden variable description on particle pairs with entangled spin, originally formulated by Bohm [3].

A Bell type experiment is given when two observers, Alice and Bob, are at a (large) distance from each other. Both have a spin measuring instrument. The instruments are denoted with resp. A and B . The instruments have separate and independent setting parameter vectors of unit length. We have a for Alice's parameter vector and b for Bob's. The euclidean length of the parameter vectors a and b is unity. In the middle there is a source S . The source sends to Alice and Bob, particles that belong to entangled pairs cite3, [4]. In the sketchy figure below, wavy lines suggest particles, arrows show the direction of propagation, dots suggests the distance to be traveled and symmetry suggests entanglement. I.e. the source in the wavy symbol moving to the right corresponds to the sink of the wavy symbol moving to the left.

$$[A(a)] \leftarrow \sim \dots \sim \leftarrow \sim [S] \sim \rightarrow \sim \dots \sim \rightarrow [B(b)] \quad (1)$$

In two dimensional parameter space we have on Alice's side (A instrument) of the experiment, $a = (a_1, a_2)$. On Bob's side we have the parameter vector $b = (b_1, b_2)$. The parameter vectors are unitary, $\|a\| = \|b\| = 1$.

Bell used hidden variables λ that are elements of a universal set Λ and are distributed with a density $\rho(\lambda) \geq 0$. Suppose, $E(a, b)$ is the correlation between the parameter vectors of the measurement instruments A and B. Then with the use of the λ we can write down the classical probability "correlation" between the two simultaneously measured particles. This is what we will call Bell's correlation

formula.

$$E(a, b) = \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \rho(\lambda) A(a, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) d\lambda \quad (2)$$

We have $A = \pm 1$ and $B = \pm 1$ to mimic the spin up and down discrete outcome of measurement.

Bell inequality. From (2) an inequality for four setting combinations, a, b, c and d can be derived as follows

$$E(a, b) - E(a, c) = \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(a, \lambda) B(c, \lambda) A(d, \lambda) B(c, \lambda) - \\ & \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(a, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) A(d, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) + \\ & \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(a, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) - \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(a, \lambda) B(c, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

because, $\{B(c, \lambda)\}^2 = \{B(b, \lambda)\}^2 = 1$. From this it follows

$$E(a, b) - E(a, c) = \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(a, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) \{1 - A(d, \lambda) B(b, \lambda)\} + \\ & \int_{\lambda \in \Lambda} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) (-A(a, \lambda) B(c, \lambda)) \{1 - A(d, \lambda) B(c, \lambda)\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, because $1 - A(x, \lambda) B(y, \lambda) \geq 0$ for all x, y with $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ and $A(a, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) \leq 1$ together with $-A(a, \lambda) B(c, \lambda) \leq 1$, it can be derived that

$$E(a, b) - E(a, c) \leq 2 - E(d, b) - E(d, c) \quad (5)$$

Or,

$$S(a, b, c, d) = E(a, b) + E(d, b) + E(d, c) - E(a, c) \leq 2. \quad (6)$$

Note, no physics assumptions were employed in the derivation of (5). It is pure mathematics.

Our question here is, is (2) exhausting any possible physics behind the experiment. In other words, is the formula of Bell (2) sufficiently covering for the experiment of Bell in (1)? A *proof* of the inconsistency of Bell's theorem can be found in [11].

Counter proof. –

Tropical algebra operator. Tropical algebra has been used in an attempt to tackle nonlinearity in physical problems [9]. This can be the case in Bell physics as well. If one wants to contest this physics possibility in (1) then the challenge is to come with proof why this can not be the case in entanglement physics. It must be noted that the absence of hidden variables in experiment (1) is solely based on (2) and the inequalities derived thereof. It is based on *mathematical* considerations. There is no explicit physics theory behind the derivation of the inequality from (2). Nobody looked beyond (2) when considering an experiment (1). Hence, when someone contests the physical possibility of the tropical operator, it is legitimate to *insist on proof* of the impossibility of the tropic operator in physics reality. This debate is about what we consider reasonable for the description of (1).

Therefore, to the integration of (2) we may add the tropical algebra operation \oplus . If there are no physical reasons to disallow it, then it is allowed. The use of tropical operation will provide new insights into the relation Bell formula and Bell experiment.

Tropical sum. Let us define the tropical algebra sum on real, i.e. $\mathbb{R} \cap [-1, 1]$, values for x and y . We define

$$x \oplus y = \begin{cases} x + y, & |x + y| \leq 1 \\ +1, & x + y > 1 \\ -1, & x + y < -1 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Interestingly with, $H_{1/2}(x) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x > 0$, with, $H_{1/2}(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x < 0$ and $H_{1/2}(0) = 1/2$. This implies, $x \oplus y = (x+y)H_{1/2}(1-|x+y|) + H_{1/2}(x+y-1) - H_{1/2}(-1-(x+y))$. We note that the summation in (7) is allowed. If readers disagree they have to *prove* that this way of topped summing cannot for sure occur in physics reality. Below we will introduce the other elements of the hidden variables theory and later return to use (7). The tropical semi-ring is based on the topped sum and normal multiplication. This semi-ring applies to real numbers in the interval $[-1, 1]$.

Density. In the probability density function of (2) there are hidden variables λ . The first hidden variable we introduce here is $n \in \{\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon\}$. Here we have the $0 < \epsilon \rightarrow 0$. A second spin-like variable is $x \in \{0, 1\}$. An important part of the probability density from Bell's correlation formula is therefore $\rho(n, x) = f(x)g(n, x)$. The function g is defined by

$$g(n, x) = n^x(1 - n)^{1-x} \quad (8)$$

with, $n \in \{\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon\}_{0 < \epsilon \rightarrow 0} \equiv n \in E_\epsilon$ and $x \in \{0, 1\}$. The function f is a selection from the set $\mathcal{F}(x) =$

$\{\rho_1(x), \rho_2(x)\}$. Here, $\rho_1(x) = x$, $x \in \{0, 1\}$, while $\rho_2(x) = 1 - x$, $x \in \{0, 1\}$. Hence, obviously,

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 \rho_1(x) = 1 \quad (9)$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 \rho_2(x) = 1 \quad (10)$$

Furthermore, let us introduce an indicator function $\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)) = 1$ when $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)$ and $\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)) = 0$ when $f(x) \notin \mathcal{F}(x)$. Hence, we may look at

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 f(x)\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)) = \begin{cases} 1, & f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x) \\ 0, & f(x) \notin \mathcal{F}(x) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The outcome 1 in (10), for $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)$, is based on equation (9) and on $\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)) = 1$. The outcome 0 in (10), for $f(x) \notin \mathcal{F}(x)$, is based on $\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)) = 0$. So, given a function $h(x)$ and $x \in \{0, 1\}$, then we have from equation (10)

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 f(x)\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x))h(x) =$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{x=0}^1 \rho_1(x)h(x), & f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x), \quad f(x) = \rho_1(x) \\ \sum_{x=0}^1 \rho_2(x)h(x), & f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x), \quad f(x) = \rho_2(x) \\ 0, & f(x) \notin \mathcal{F}(x) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Let us suppose that $h(x) = \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x)$ as defined in (8). Then the first row of equation (11), with $\rho_1(x) = x$, reads, with $0 < \epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 \rho_1(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) = \sum_{x=0}^1 x \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} n^x(1 - n)^{1-x} =$$

$$\sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} n^1(1 - n)^0 = \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} n = \epsilon + (1 - \epsilon) = 1$$

The second row of equation (11), with $\rho_2(x) = 1 - x$, reads

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 \rho_2(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) = \sum_{x=0}^1 (1 - x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} n^x(1 - n)^{1-x} =$$

$$\sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} n^0(1 - n)^1 = \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} (1 - n) = (1 - \epsilon) + \epsilon = 1$$

Note that equations (12) and (13) remain true when $0 < \epsilon \rightarrow 0$. If our hidden variables are $x \in \{0, 1\}$ and $n \in E_\epsilon$, then from equation (11) we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x)\iota(f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \\ = \begin{cases} 1, & f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x) \\ 0, & f(x) \notin \mathcal{F}(x) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

If the attention is then directed only to $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(x)$, the first row of (14) warrants that the probability density function $f(x)g(n, x)$ is correct *and* may be employed in a Bell correlation formula.

$$E(a, b) = \bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\lambda}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\mu}{2} \text{sign}(\alpha - \lambda) \text{sign}(\beta - \mu) \quad (26)$$

217 *Correlation.* Note, that $|\alpha| \leq 1$ and $|\beta| \leq 1$. More-
 218 over, there is distributivity for $a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}$. This is true
 219 because as can be verified, $(a \oplus b)c = (ac \oplus bc)$. This is rel-
 220 evant to the computation of the correlation because both
 221 ρ_1 and ρ_2 in $\{0, 1\}$. Because $(a \oplus b)c$ is a number in $\{0, 1\}$,
 222 it can be employed in further "normal" mathematics when
 223 selection of f , via the iota and Kronecker delta funtions
 224 has taken place. Kronecker delta also projects in $\{0, 1\}$.
 225 The computation of the $E(a, b)$ is rather lengthy but it
 226 can be easily followed. Let us begin with looking at (26).
 227 We know that

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\lambda}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\mu}{2} \text{sign}(\alpha - \lambda) \text{sign}(\beta - \mu) = \alpha\beta \quad (27)$$

229 This reduces (26) to

$$E(a, b) = \bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \alpha\beta \quad (28)$$

231 From the definition of α and β in (15) and the discussion,
 232 we then arrive at two terms. The first is:

$$\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) a_1 b_1 \delta_{x,1} \delta_{f,\rho_1} = \quad (29)$$

$$a_1 b_1 \sum_{x=0}^1 \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \delta_{x,1} \bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) f(x) \delta_{f,\rho_1}$$

235 Note that $a_1 b_1 \in [-1, 1]$ and falls under the spell of the
 236 semi-ring defined with the topped sum \oplus . This justifi-
 237 fies the commutation of $a_1 b_1$ with \oplus . Therefore, with
 238 $\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) f(x) \delta_{f,\rho_1} = \dots 0 \oplus x \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \dots = x$, with
 239 $x \in \{0, 1\}$, the first term in the $E(a, b)$ is, looking at (29)

$$\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) a_1 b_1 \delta_{x,1} \delta_{f,\rho_1} = \quad (30)$$

$$a_1 b_1 \sum_{x=0}^1 \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \delta_{x,1} x =$$

$$a_1 b_1 \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} n = a_1 b_1 (\epsilon + 1 - \epsilon) = a_1 b_1$$

243 The f summation \oplus on the one hand and the x and n
 244 summations on the other are independent of each other.
 245 That is why $\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F})$ and $\sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon}$ can
 246 be interchanged. The second term from the product $\alpha\beta$ is

$$\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) a_2 b_2 \delta_{x,0} \delta_{f,\rho_2} = \quad (31)$$

$$a_2 b_2 \sum_{x=0}^1 \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \delta_{x,0} \bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) f(x) \delta_{f,\rho_2}$$

249 $a_2 b_2 \in [-1, 1]$, hence under the spell of the semi-ring
 250 algebra of \oplus . We know, $\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) f(x) \delta_{f,\rho_2} =$
 251 $\dots 0 \oplus 0 \oplus (1-x) \oplus 0 \dots = 1-x$, with $x \in \{0, 1\}$, therefore
 252 $1-x \in \{0, 1\}$, the second term in the $E(a, b)$ evaluation is

$$\bigoplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F}) \sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) a_2 b_2 \delta_{x,0} \delta_{f,\rho_2} = \quad (32)$$

$$a_2 b_2 \sum_{x=0}^1 \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} g(n, x) \delta_{x,0} (1-x) =$$

$$a_2 b_2 \sum_{n \in E_\epsilon} (1-n) = a_2 b_2 (1-\epsilon + (1-(1-\epsilon))) = a_2 b_2$$

253 Because $\alpha\beta$ in (28) is given as $a_1 b_1 \delta_{x,1}^2 \delta_{f,\rho_1}^2 + a_2 b_2 \delta_{x,0}^2 \delta_{f,\rho_2}^2$
 254 and squared Kronecker deltas are Kronecker deltas, we
 255 find $E(a, b) = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2$.

256 **Conclusion & discussion.** – The presented local
 257 model shows that in $d = 2$ euclidean unity parameter
 258 vector space, Bell's inequality can be violated. The lo-
 259 cal model reproduces the $d = 2$ quantum correlation and
 260 in a similar way like [11], it is a conflicting branch of the
 261 physics behind Bell's theorem.

262 A sceptical reader may want to hit the brakes here and
 263 claim that this is not Bell's formula. Agreed, but can the
 264 sceptical reader give reasons why this refers *not* to the
 265 Bell experiment? If the counting methodology of a Bell
 266 experiment is used, that is, if in experiment

$$E(a, b) = \frac{N_=(a, b) - N_\neq(a, b)}{N_=(a, b) + N_\neq(a, b)} \quad (270)$$

271 is used, with $N_=(a, b)$ the number of equal spin measure-
 272 ments under settings pair (a, b) and $N_\neq(a, b)$ the number
 273 of unequal spin measurements under setting pair (a, b) ,
 274 then is there any real tested idea beyond theoretical as-
 275 sumptions, about how $N_=(a, b)$ or $N_\neq(a, b)$ are generated?

276 The model has the advantage that the model is rel-
 277 atively simple. The question, "show us where Bell is
 278 wrong", the reader is refered to [10], [11] and [12] for more
 279 mathematical details. That question is not relevant here
 280 because we are looking at Bell's experiment and not Bell's
 281 formula per se. For a computational violation of the CHSH
 282 the reader is refered to [5] which connects to [6] in its
 283 method.

284 Of course one can ask questions about the Bell - validity
 285 of a selection of functions $f \in \mathcal{F}$. Note first that the total
 286 probability density is written down as

$$\rho_{Bell} = \frac{1}{4} H(1+\lambda) H(1-\lambda) H(1+\mu) H(1-\mu) f(x) g(n, x) \quad (287)$$

Here, $f \in \mathcal{F} \equiv \{\rho_1, \rho_2\}$ with the functional forms, $\rho_1 = x$ and $\rho_2 = 1 - x$ and the variable $x \in \{0, 1\}$. So, $\rho_{Bell} \geq 0$ as required. Then, secondly, the integral of ρ_{Bell} is unity for $\oplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F})$.

The only thing one can hold against this presented claim of Bell completeness rejection, is that f expressed as $\rho_1 = x$ is associated to the first slot of the measuring instrument parameter vector while the second slot has a different f with $\rho_2 = 1 - x$ and $x \in \{0, 1\}$ associated to it. Nobody knows if the first slot of a measuring system, in an actual physical instrument, is associated to another probability density form, via δ_{f, ρ_1} , than the second slot, via δ_{f, ρ_2} .

So, our claim represents a possible *physics* of a Bell experiment (1). In addition, the slot probability density variation is *not* a form of contextuality [7], [8]. This is so because, for instance, the density does not change when a and/or b changes. The slots (i.e. dimensions) of the parameter vector in the measurement machine are fixed but the values attached to the slots, the a_k and b_k ($k = 1, 2$) can differ although the parameter vectors are of unit length. From the definitions of α and β we see that slot-1 (dimension 1) of both a and b parameter vector is associated to ρ_1 . Slot-2 (dimension 2) is for both measurement instruments associated to ρ_2 .

Therefore, if one wants to reject slot dependent density, one first has to *proof*, that this *physics* possibility is for sure ruled out in (1). One has to show that both slots are under the spell of a single density function. The second point is the use of tropical algebra operators as a valid representation of possible physics. Perhaps reasons are to be found such that tropical algebra is ruled out in physics.

The \oplus operator is distributive to common multiplication in the domain we are looking at. For $a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}$, we have $(a \oplus b)c = (ac \oplus bc)$. This is relevant in our case because for $x \in \{0, 1\}$ both ρ functions project in $\{0, 1\}$.

The use of $\oplus_{f \in \mathcal{U}} \iota(f \in \mathcal{F})$ is an operation that is perhaps alien to Bell's formalism. However, we ask if it is alien to the *physics* of an experiment such as represented in (1). We then note that f is not a random *variable*. The ρ_{Bell} function also is not a *variable* subjected to the laws of classical probability. It is a *probability density* function and therefore plays a different role than the variables it governs.

In the present paper we tried to argue that the conclusion is not justified that in actual *experiment* (1) the system does not entangle along the lines of hidden variables physics. This could increase our insight into the physics behind the theorem [13].

Of course the sceptical reader will respond that this is all sheer speculation. However, that is a character trait of theory. The bias is that the speculative aspect of Bell's formula is overlooked. We conclude that the description of the Bell experiment is *not* fully covered by Bell's formula. The use of per-slot density cannot be ruled out beforehand. The use of topped summation cannot be ruled out beforehand. The use of tropical algebra tackling the possible deep nonlinearity of the physics behind the experiment

cannot be ruled out beforehand.

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