

Quantum Information Processing and E_8 Lattice: From Contextuality to “Magic”

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Introduction

Regular structures and symmetries can be useful for analysis of different configurations of states relevant for quantum information processing. Here are considered few themes related with eight-dimensional diamond lattice E_8 .

This lattice is defined in real vector space, but it was already used in applications relevant for quantum information science both for quantum systems with eight-dimensional space of states (quocts) and with four-dimensional one (ququarts).

Possible novel application are also discussed in the presented talk.

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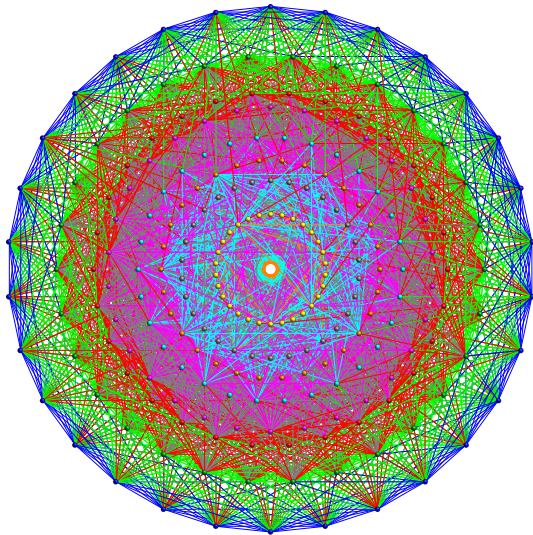
240 vectors (roots) with minimal norm = 2 include:

- 112 vectors $(\pm 1^{2 \text{ pos.}}, 0^{6 \text{ pos.}})$ with only two nonzero coefficients ± 1 in some positions
- 128 vectors $(\pm \frac{1}{2}^{8 \text{ pos.}})$ with coefficients $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ in all positions and *even* number of minus signs

Gosset polytope

E_8 root vectors correspond to semiregular Gosset polytope with 240 vertexes (connected by 6720 edges)

Gosset (E_8) polytope



Picture source: Wikipedia

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Number of symmetries: $|W(E_8)| = 696729600$.

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$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Some references: *M. Amy, N. J. Ross, and S. Wesley*, [arXiv:2407.11152](#)
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An application to the analysis of quantum contextuality, was discussed in:

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However, the eight-dimensional configuration with 2025 bases is rather complicated and *four-dimensional complex* version of the eight-dimensional Gosset polytope is discussed next.

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$(\pm i\omega^\lambda\sqrt{3}, 0, 0, 0), \quad (0, \pm i\omega^\lambda\sqrt{3}, 0, 0), \quad (0, 0, \pm i\omega^\lambda\sqrt{3}, 0), \quad (0, 0, 0, \pm i\omega^\lambda\sqrt{3}),$
 $(0, \pm\omega^\mu, \mp\omega^\nu, \pm\omega^\lambda), \quad (\mp\omega^\mu, 0, \pm\omega^\nu, \pm\omega^\lambda), \quad (\pm\omega^\mu, \mp\omega^\nu, 0, \pm\omega^\lambda), \quad (\mp\omega^\mu, \mp\omega^\nu, \mp\omega^\lambda, 0),$
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These *complex* vertexes can be mapped into an eight-dimensional *real* vector space:

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \equiv (x_1 + iy_1, x_2 + iy_2, x_3 + iy_3, x_4 + iy_4) \longrightarrow (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3, x_4, y_4).$$

After such *realification*, scaling by $\sqrt{2/3}$ and some 8-dimensional rotation, the configuration coincides with standard expressions for 240 vertexes of the Gosset polytope mentioned earlier.

Witting configuration with 40 quantum states

40 quantum states

The vertexes of the Witting polytope can be divided into 40 groups of six points, the coordinates of which differ only in the global phase factor $e^{2\pi i k/6}$, $k = 0, \dots, 5$. Each such group corresponds to the same quantum state.

After normalization, we have 40 states: four basic states

$$(1, 0, 0, 0), \quad (0, 1, 0, 0), \quad (0, 0, 1, 0), \quad (0, 0, 0, 1),$$

and 36 states, which can be expressed as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(0, 1, -\omega^\mu, \omega^\nu), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 0, -\omega^\mu, -\omega^\nu), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, -\omega^\mu, 0, \omega^\nu), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, \omega^\mu, \omega^\nu, 0),$$

where $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3} = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2$.

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Penrose dodecahedra

Penrose model uses two entangled spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ particles and configurations with 40 states described by geometry of dodecahedron. The states were defined using rather complicated Majorana representation of higher spin particle using sets of points on Bloch sphere corresponding to poles of polynomials. Witting configuration provides simpler expressions for description of the same set of states.

Model with Penrose dodecahedron

Rodger Penrose,
On Bell non-locality without probabilities:
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Quantum Reflections, 1–27, CUP, 2000.

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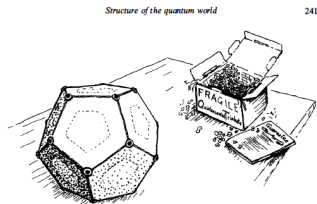
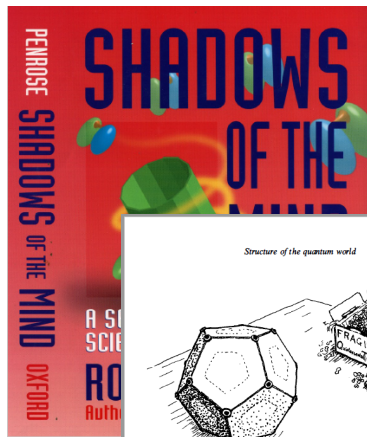


Fig. 5.2. The magic dodecahedron. My colleague has an identical copy on α -Centauri. On each vertex is a button, and pressing one may ring the bell and initiate the magnificent pyrotechnic display.

Witting configuration: table with 40 states

Notation for 40 states (without normalization)

k	$ \xi_0^k\rangle$	$ \xi_1^k\rangle$	$ \xi_2^k\rangle$	$ \xi_3^k\rangle$
1	(1, 0, 0, 0)	(0, 1, 0, 0)	(0, 0, 1, 0)	(0, 0, 0, 1)
2	(0, 1, -1, 1)	(1, 0, -1, -1)	(1, -1, 0, 1)	(1, 1, 1, 0)
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5	(0, 1, -1, ω)	(1, 0, $-\omega$, $-\bar{\omega}$)	(1, $-\omega$, 0, $\bar{\omega}$)	(1, ω , ω , 0)
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10	(0, 1, $-\bar{\omega}$, 1)	(1, 0, -1, $-\omega$)	(1, $-\omega$, 0, ω)	(1, ω , 1, 0)

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An entanglement between two particles is essential for initial Penrose model with *two dodecahedra*. Some notes can be found in A. Y. Vlasov, Penrose dodecahedron, Witting configuration and quantum entanglement, arXiv:2208.13644, Quanta **13**, 38–46 (2024).

Witting configuration: 40 bases

1	$\{ \underline{ \xi_0^1\rangle}, \xi_1^1\rangle, \xi_2^1\rangle, \xi_3^1\rangle \}$	$\equiv \{ 0\rangle, 1\rangle, 2\rangle, 3\rangle \},$	
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All 40 bases can be produced by applications of symmetries from group \mathcal{W} to ‘computational basis’ $\{ |0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle \}$.

Ten non-overlapping bases (underlined) $\{ \underline{|\xi_0^k\rangle}, \underline{|\xi_1^k\rangle}, \underline{|\xi_2^k\rangle}, \underline{|\xi_3^k\rangle} \},$
 $k = 1, \dots, 10$
include all 40 states.

They can be produced from computational basis by some subgroup $\mathcal{W}_n \subset \mathcal{W}$.

“Quantum cards”

More visual representation of quantum states and bases:

1	$\{ \xi_0^1\rangle, \xi_1^1\rangle, \xi_2^1\rangle, \xi_3^1\rangle\}$	\equiv	$\{ 0\rangle, 1\rangle, 2\rangle, 3\rangle\}$		
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32	$\{ \xi_1^1\rangle, \xi_1^2\rangle, \xi_1^3\rangle, \xi_1^4\rangle\}$	33	$\{ \xi_1^5\rangle, \xi_1^6\rangle, \xi_1^7\rangle, \xi_1^8\rangle\}$	34	$\{ \xi_1^9\rangle, \xi_1^{10}\rangle, \xi_1^{11}\rangle, \xi_1^{12}\rangle\}$
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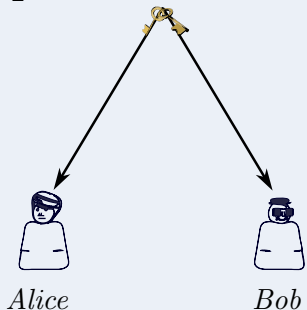
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Quantum key distribution

Witting configuration with 40 states and 40 bases can be used for quantum key distribution. Alice and Bob measure pairs of entangled ququarts to produce a pair of keys for private communications.

Simplified scheme

$$|\Sigma\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|0\rangle|0\rangle + |1\rangle|1\rangle + |2\rangle|2\rangle + |3\rangle|3\rangle)$$











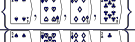













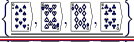











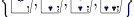
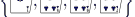

More general case

$$|\Sigma^\ell\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0,\dots,3} |\phi_{j,A}^\ell\rangle |\varphi_{j,B}^\ell\rangle,$$

where ℓ denotes different pairs of bases and $|\Sigma^\ell\rangle = |\Sigma\rangle$, if Bob uses complex-conjugated ('consistent') indexing $|\varphi_{j,B}^\ell\rangle = |\overline{\phi_{j,A}^\ell}\rangle$.

More details in A. Y. Vlasov, Scheme of quantum communications based on Witting polytope, arXiv:2503.18431.

Contextuality

1		$\equiv \{ 0\rangle, 1\rangle, 2\rangle, 3\rangle\}$				
2			3		4	
5			6		7	
8			9		10	
11			12		13	
14			15		16	
17			18		19	
20			21		22	
23			24		25	
26			27		28	
29			30		31	
32			33		34	
35			36		37	
38			39		40	

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◊ For set with only 10 underlined fours such choice is possible. For example, ten cards with *the same suit* can be marked.

◊ For full set such a method works only for first part of the table with 28 fours, but other 12 quadruples would have either four marked cards or none.

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because such a state is invariant with respect to \mathcal{W}_n .

Yet another complexification of E_8 roots

The Witting configuration is not only possible configuration related with complexification of E_8 root vectors. Let's consider the group generated by matrices

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\iota & \iota' & \iota \\ 0 & \iota' & \iota & -\iota'' \\ 0 & \iota & -\iota'' & -\bar{\iota}' \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\iota = \frac{i}{\sqrt{7}}$, $\iota' = \frac{1+\iota}{2}$, $\iota'' = \frac{1+3\iota}{2}$.

Application of elements of such group to the vector $(1, 0, 0, 0)$ generates configuration with 240 four-dimensional complex vectors and after *realification* and some eight-dimensional rotation, the configuration coincides with expressions for 240 vertexes of the Gosset polytope used earlier.

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More details in A. Y. Vlasov, Quantum entanglement and contextuality with complexifications of E_8 root system, arXiv:2210.15338.

Also: **ATLAS**, p. 10.

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Let us consider complexification of E_8 roots *without any rotation* ($\mathcal{R} \equiv 1$).

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They coincide with 60 stabilizer states for two qubits.

M. Ohta and K. Sakurai, Extremal magic states from symmetric lattices,
arXiv:2506.11725 (2025).

Table with 60 states

60 states (up to normalization)

k	$ s_0^k\rangle$	$ s_1^k\rangle$	$ s_2^k\rangle$	$ s_3^k\rangle$
1	(1, 0, 0, 0)	(0, 1, 0, 0)	(0, 0, 1, 0)	(0, 0, 0, 1)
2	(1, 1, 0, 0)	(1, -1, 0, 0)	(0, 0, 1, 1)	(0, 0, 1, -1)
3	(1, -i, 0, 0)	(1, i, 0, 0)	(0, 0, 1, -i)	(0, 0, 1, i)
4	(1, 0, 1, 0)	(1, 0, -1, 0)	(0, 1, 0, 1)	(0, 1, 0, -1)
5	(1, 0, -i, 0)	(1, 0, i, 0)	(0, 1, 0, -i)	(0, 1, 0, i)
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8	(1, 1, 1, 1)	(1, 1, -1, -1)	(1, -1, 1, -1)	(1, -1, -1, 1)
9	(1, 1, 1, -1)	(1, 1, -1, 1)	(1, -1, 1, 1)	(1, -1, -1, -1)
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Scheme with stabilizers

Stabilizers for 60 states (naturally arranged into 15 bases)

k	$ \varsigma_0^k\rangle$	$ \varsigma_1^k\rangle$	$ \varsigma_2^k\rangle$	$ \varsigma_3^k\rangle$
1	$I \otimes Z, Z \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Z, Z \otimes I$	$I \otimes Z, -Z \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Z, -Z \otimes I$
2	$I \otimes X, Z \otimes I$	$-I \otimes X, Z \otimes I$	$I \otimes X, -Z \otimes I$	$-I \otimes X, -Z \otimes I$
3	$-I \otimes Y, Z \otimes I$	$I \otimes Y, Z \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Y, -Z \otimes I$	$I \otimes Y, -Z \otimes I$
4	$I \otimes Z, X \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Z, X \otimes I$	$I \otimes Z, -X \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Z, -X \otimes I$
5	$I \otimes Z, -Y \otimes I$	$I \otimes Z, Y \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Z, -Y \otimes I$	$-I \otimes Z, Y \otimes I$
6	$X \otimes X, Y \otimes Y$	$-X \otimes X, -Y \otimes Y$	$X \otimes X, -Y \otimes Y$	$-X \otimes X, Y \otimes Y$
7	$X \otimes Y, -Y \otimes X$	$-X \otimes Y, Y \otimes X$	$-X \otimes Y, -Y \otimes X$	$X \otimes Y, Y \otimes X$
8	$I \otimes X, X \otimes I$	$I \otimes X, -X \otimes I$	$-I \otimes X, X \otimes I$	$-I \otimes X, -X \otimes I$
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For each state $|\varsigma_j^k\rangle$ the table represents two commuting operators (stabilizers) with property

$$S|\varsigma_j^k\rangle = |\varsigma_j^k\rangle$$

Bases for 60 states

There are 105 bases for 60 states, and they can be separated into two sets. In the first set, there are 15 bases $\{|\varsigma_0^k\rangle, |\varsigma_1^k\rangle, |\varsigma_2^k\rangle, |\varsigma_3^k\rangle\}$ $k = 1, \dots, 15$.

First set with 15 bases for 60 states

1	$\{ \varsigma_0^1\rangle, \varsigma_1^1\rangle, \varsigma_2^1\rangle, \varsigma_3^1\rangle\}$	2	$\{ \varsigma_0^2\rangle, \varsigma_1^2\rangle, \varsigma_2^2\rangle, \varsigma_3^2\rangle\}$	3	$\{ \varsigma_0^3\rangle, \varsigma_1^3\rangle, \varsigma_2^3\rangle, \varsigma_3^3\rangle\}$
4	$\{ \varsigma_0^4\rangle, \varsigma_1^4\rangle, \varsigma_2^4\rangle, \varsigma_3^4\rangle\}$	5	$\{ \varsigma_0^5\rangle, \varsigma_1^5\rangle, \varsigma_2^5\rangle, \varsigma_3^5\rangle\}$	6	$\{ \varsigma_0^6\rangle, \varsigma_1^6\rangle, \varsigma_2^6\rangle, \varsigma_3^6\rangle\}$
7	$\{ \varsigma_0^7\rangle, \varsigma_1^7\rangle, \varsigma_2^7\rangle, \varsigma_3^7\rangle\}$	8	$\{ \varsigma_0^8\rangle, \varsigma_1^8\rangle, \varsigma_2^8\rangle, \varsigma_3^8\rangle\}$	9	$\{ \varsigma_0^9\rangle, \varsigma_1^9\rangle, \varsigma_2^9\rangle, \varsigma_3^9\rangle\}$
10	$\{ \varsigma_0^{10}\rangle, \varsigma_1^{10}\rangle, \varsigma_2^{10}\rangle, \varsigma_3^{10}\rangle\}$	11	$\{ \varsigma_0^{11}\rangle, \varsigma_1^{11}\rangle, \varsigma_2^{11}\rangle, \varsigma_3^{11}\rangle\}$	12	$\{ \varsigma_0^{12}\rangle, \varsigma_1^{12}\rangle, \varsigma_2^{12}\rangle, \varsigma_3^{12}\rangle\}$
13	$\{ \varsigma_0^{13}\rangle, \varsigma_1^{13}\rangle, \varsigma_2^{13}\rangle, \varsigma_3^{13}\rangle\}$	14	$\{ \varsigma_0^{14}\rangle, \varsigma_1^{14}\rangle, \varsigma_2^{14}\rangle, \varsigma_3^{14}\rangle\}$	15	$\{ \varsigma_0^{15}\rangle, \varsigma_1^{15}\rangle, \varsigma_2^{15}\rangle, \varsigma_3^{15}\rangle\}$

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The second set includes 90 bases.

Yet another 90 bases for 60 states

Second set with 90 bases for 60 states

1	$\{ \zeta_0^1\rangle, \zeta_1^1\rangle, \zeta_2^2\rangle, \zeta_3^2\rangle\}$	2	$\{ \zeta_0^1\rangle, \zeta_1^1\rangle, \zeta_2^3\rangle, \zeta_3^3\rangle\}$	3	$\{ \zeta_0^1\rangle, \zeta_2^1\rangle, \zeta_2^4\rangle, \zeta_4^4\rangle\}$
4	$\{ \zeta_0^1\rangle, \zeta_2^1\rangle, \zeta_2^5\rangle, \zeta_5^5\rangle\}$	5	$\{ \zeta_0^1\rangle, \zeta_3^1\rangle, \zeta_3^6\rangle, \zeta_6^6\rangle\}$	6	$\{ \zeta_0^1\rangle, \zeta_3^1\rangle, \zeta_7^0\rangle, \zeta_7^1\rangle\}$
7	$\{ \zeta_1^1\rangle, \zeta_2^1\rangle, \zeta_2^6\rangle, \zeta_3^6\rangle\}$	8	$\{ \zeta_1^1\rangle, \zeta_2^1\rangle, \zeta_2^7\rangle, \zeta_3^7\rangle\}$	9	$\{ \zeta_1^1\rangle, \zeta_3^1\rangle, \zeta_4^0\rangle, \zeta_4^1\rangle\}$
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28	$\{ \zeta_1^3\rangle, \zeta_2^3\rangle, \zeta_{14}^0\rangle, \zeta_{14}^1\rangle\}$	29	$\{ \zeta_1^3\rangle, \zeta_3^3\rangle, \zeta_{12}^0\rangle, \zeta_{12}^1\rangle\}$	30	$\{ \zeta_1^3\rangle, \zeta_3^3\rangle, \zeta_{15}^0\rangle, \zeta_{15}^1\rangle\}$
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Problem with definition of contextual closure group

Unlike previous configurations, 105 bases are not homogeneous with respect to intersections: only bases from the second set can have single state in common, but non-overlapping bases from the first set always have two common states with some bases from the second set. Due to such property, a group that acts transitively on all 105 bases cannot exist.

Stabilizer circuits

Pauli group

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Clifford gates and stabilizer group (\mathcal{G})

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C_X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Rational subgroup of stabilizer group (\mathcal{G})

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dot{H} = e^{\pi i/4} H = \frac{1+i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C_X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rational subgroup \mathcal{G} has 46080 elements corresponding to *the same* 11520 gates.

Constructions of ‘rational’ stabilizer group

Rational stabilizer group \mathcal{G}_2

It is more convenient to work with group \mathcal{G} generated with ‘rational’ Hadamard gate \hat{H} , because action of such group on $(1, 0, 0, 0)$ produces 240 vectors from complexification of E_8 root system. Group with standard Hadamard gate H would duplicate number of vectors by pairs with irrational phase multiplier $(1 + i)/\sqrt{2}$. Anyway there are only 60 different states after normalization.

Generation by complex reflections

Group \mathcal{G}_2 can also be generated by second order complex reflections with respect to 60 stabilizer states $R\langle^2\zeta_j^k\rangle$. The minimal number of such reflections necessary for generation of a whole group is five, for example $R\langle^2\zeta_0^k\rangle$ with $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 8$.

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Some gate *outside of stabilizer group* is necessary for construction of all 105 bases.

However, any ‘contextual closure group’ constructed in such a way is infinite, *e.g.*, see *G. Nebe, E. M. Rains, and N. J. A. Sloane, The invariants of the Clifford groups, arXiv:math/0001038, Designs, Codes and Cryptography* **24**, 99–122 (2001).

Extra gate for contextual bases

Controlled phase gate

An example of gate for transition between bases from different sets is *controlled phase* gate:

$$C_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \end{pmatrix} = R\langle^4 \varsigma_3^1 \rangle.$$

It is possible to transform a basis from the first set into a basis from the second one using this gate:

$$C_S: \{|\varsigma_0^2\rangle, |\varsigma_1^2\rangle, |\varsigma_2^2\rangle, |\varsigma_3^2\rangle\} \mapsto \{|\varsigma_0^2\rangle, |\varsigma_1^2\rangle, |\varsigma_2^3\rangle, |\varsigma_3^3\rangle\}.$$

Construction of ‘contextual bases’

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Clifford+CS group

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This group (also known as Clifford+CS) is universal for quantum computation.

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Optimal two-qubit circuits for universal fault-tolerant quantum computation

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We study two-qubit circuits over the Clifford+CS gate set, which consists of the Clifford gates together with the controlled-phase gate $C_S = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, i)$. The Clifford+CS gate set is universal for quantum computation and its elements can be implemented fault-tolerantly in most error-correcting schemes through magic state distillation. Since non-Clifford gates are typically more expensive to perform in a fault-tolerant manner, it is often desirable to construct circuits that use few CS gates. In the present paper, we introduce an efficient and optimal synthesis algorithm for two-qubit Clifford+CS operators. Our algorithm inputs a Clifford+CS operator U and outputs a Clifford+CS circuit for U , which uses the least possible number of CS gates. Because the algorithm is deterministic, the circuit it associates to a Clifford+CS operator can be viewed as a normal form for that operator. We give an explicit description of these normal forms and use this description to derive a worst-case lower bound of $5\log_2(\frac{1}{\epsilon}) + O(1)$ on the number of CS gates required to ϵ -approximate elements of $SU(4)$. Our work leverages a wide variety of mathematical tools that may find further applications in the study of fault-tolerant quantum circuits.

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Complexification of E_8 lattice and ‘magic’

240 E_8 roots used for construction of the configuration with 60 states correspond to the ‘first shell’ of E_8 lattice with norm 2. The ‘second shell’ of E_8 lattice with 2160 vectors of norm 4 after complexification and normalization produces 540 states: the 60 stabilizer states (again) and 480 ‘maximally magic’ states found recently due to analysis of so-called *stabilizer Rényi entropy (SRE)*.

M. Ohta and K. Sakurai, Extremal magic states from symmetric lattices,
arXiv:2506.11725 (2025).

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arXiv:2502.17550 (2025).

Here, the term ‘magic’ or ‘non-stabilizerness’ of quantum states is used to characterize their difference from states obtained using Clifford circuits.

Conclusion

- Structures and symmetries of E_8 lattice can be useful for applications in quantum information science.
- Four different configurations derived from E_8 were considered.
- Structure of symmetry groups of such configurations can be used for characterization of quantum contextuality.
- Considered configurations can be useful for quantum key distribution.
- Problem of contextuality in such protocols has interesting relation with analysis of resources for universal and fault-tolerant quantum computations.

Thank you for attention!