

# CHASING NON-DECOMPOSABLE POSITIVE MAPS WITH SDPs

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## INTRODUCTION



Positive (but not completely positive maps) lie at the heart of **entanglement detection** [1]. They extend the Peres-Horodecki criterion, providing a broader way to test whether a quantum state is entangled beyond partial transposition.



**Non-decomposable** maps are special: they can detect Positive Partial Transpose (PPT) entangled states, which remain hidden from decomposable witnesses. Since Choi pioneering example [2], few explicit constructions exist, and a general framework is still missing [3].



We introduce a systematic method to generate new non-decomposable positive maps using **semidefinite programming** (SDP), providing a framework to explore a larger set of entanglement witnesses.

## METHOD

Separability is difficult to impose in an optimization procedure.

### EXTENDIBILITY

We can approximate the separability condition [4] imposing that the state  $\rho_{AB}$  can be extended by a symmetric (and PPT) state  $\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_k}$ :

$$\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_{B_2 \dots B_k}(\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_k})$$

$$\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_k} = \rho_{AB_{\pi(1)} \dots B_{\pi(k)}} \quad \forall \pi \in \mathbb{P}_k$$

$$\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_k}^T \succeq 0 \quad \forall l$$

Permutations of  $k$  elements.

Positivity of partial transpose on  $B_1, \dots, B_l$

$\rho_{AB}$  separable  $\implies \rho_{AB}$   $k$ -symmetric extendible for finite  $k$ .

### POSITIVITY

$$\zeta_k = \min_{\rho_{AB} \in S_k} \text{Tr}(\rho_{AB} C_\Phi) \geq 0$$

Set of  $k$ -symmetric extendible states

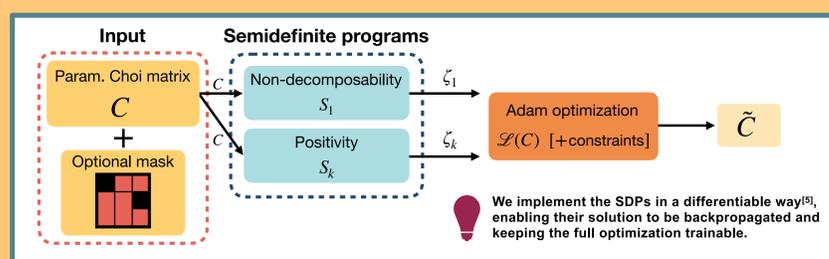
$\text{Prod} \subseteq \text{Sep} \subseteq S_k \implies$  If  $\zeta_k > 0$ , then  $\Phi$  is positive

### NON-DECOMPOSABILITY ( $k = 1$ )

If  $\zeta_1 < 0$  it means that  $C_\Phi$  is negative on some PPT entangled states, so it cannot be decomposable.

These conditions can be expressed as a semidefinite program (SDP) a **convex** optimization problem that can be computed efficiently.

### OPTIMIZATION PROCESS



Loss function :  $L(C_\Phi) = \text{ReLU}(\epsilon + \zeta_1(C_\Phi)) + \gamma \text{ReLU}(-\zeta_k(C_\Phi))$

## THEORY



### CHOI-JAMIOŁKOWSKI ISOMORPHISM

Every linear map  $\Phi$  has a unique state representation:

MAP

$$\Phi : B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H})$$

CHOI STATE

$$C_\Phi = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i,j} \Phi(|i\rangle\langle j|) \otimes |i\rangle\langle j|$$

### POSITIVITY

A map is positive if it maps PSD (positive semidefinite) operators to PSD operators:

$$\rho \geq 0 \implies \Phi(\rho) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Tr}(C_\Phi \rho_A \otimes \rho_B) \geq 0$$

### NON-DECOMPOSABILITY

A map  $\Phi$  is non-decomposable if it cannot be written as the sum of a completely positive map and a completely copositive map:

$$\Phi \neq \Phi_{\text{CP}} + \Phi_{\text{CoP}}$$

$\Phi_{\text{CoP}} \circ T$  is CP  
 $\Phi_{\text{CP}} \otimes \mathbb{1}_n$  is P for all  $n \geq 1$

$$\exists \rho_{AB} \text{ PPT s.t. } \text{Tr}(C_\Phi \rho_{AB}) < 0$$

Positive under partial transposition  $\rho_{AB}^{T_B} \geq 0$

In  $d \leq 2$ , all positive maps are decomposable.

## APPLICATIONS



### SOLVING OPEN CONJECTURES

Many questions in this field are open due to the difficulty of finding some elusive counterexamples in the space of non-decomposable maps.

Two examples of questions that we settled using this method:

$\implies$  This bound [6], where  $\min \text{Re}[\sigma(\Phi)]$  is the smallest eigenvalue of  $\Phi$ , holds for any 2-positive map.

$$\text{Tr} \Phi \leq d \min \text{Re}[\sigma(\Phi)] + d^2 - d,$$

Is there any non-decomposable map in  $d=3$  that violate it? **YES!**

$\implies$  Are there non-decomposable maps  $\Phi : B(\mathbb{C}^2) \rightarrow B(\mathbb{C}^m)$  with  $m \geq 4$ ? [7] **YES!** (PLENTY!)



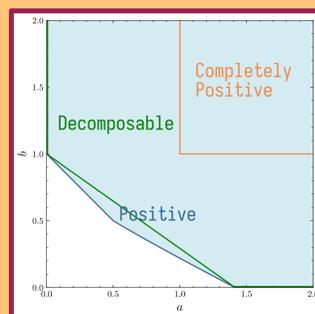
### FINDING NEW FAMILIES OF NON-DECOMPOSABLE MAPS

Only relatively few parametrized classes of non-decomposable maps are known in the literature. This tool can point us to new classes satisfying specific properties.

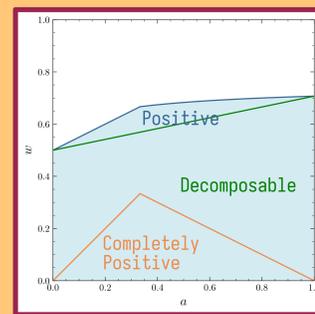
$\implies$  Example of a new class of non-decomposable maps in  $d=3$ .

$$\Phi(\rho) = \begin{pmatrix} a\rho_{11} + c\rho_{22} + b\rho_{33} & w^* \rho_{21} & z \rho_{13} \\ w \rho_{12} & b\rho_{11} + a\rho_{22} + c\rho_{33} & 0 \\ z^* \rho_{31} & 0 & c\rho_{11} + b\rho_{22} + a\rho_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

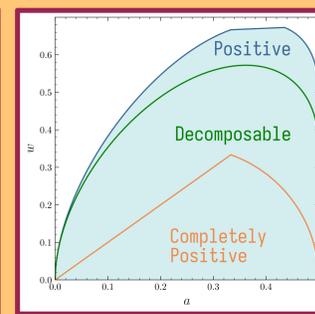
The numeric optimization suggests the right form. The family can then be characterized analytically.



$b = c \geq 0$  and  $|w| = |z| = 1$



$0 \leq a \leq 1$ ,  $b = c = (1-a)/2$  and  $w = z \geq 0$



$0 \leq a = c \leq 1/2$ ,  $b = 1 - 2a$  and  $w = z \geq 0$

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