# Effect algebras, presheaves, non-locality and contextuality

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Fact: this table cannot be obtained in a classical way, but can be obtained in QM.

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- Probability: rows sum to 1
- No signaling (marginalization): Bob does not know what Alice chose as setting. e.g.:
   p(a₀:0∧b₀:0) + p(a₀:1∧b₀:0) = p(a₁:0∧b₀:0) + p(a₁:1∧b₀:0)

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 if  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ 

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- $\rightarrow$  Replace  $\Omega$  by something more general capturing the 'measure-only-once' phenomenon.









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 $\rightarrow$  Effect algebras are generalized probability spaces, effect algebra morphisms to [0,1] are probability distributions.

## More generalization needed

- Only probabilities, no possibilities (Hardy).
- Relate to other work (Abramsky & Brandenburger).
- Any good good list has at least three points.

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- Information of  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ .
- "Deterministic hidden variables."
- Classical description.
- $B_{\rm A}$  is the free completion of  $E_{\rm A}$ .

# No signaling probability tables



#### Theorem

The following structures are equivalent:

- No-signaling probability table
- Bimorphism  $E_A, E_B \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- Effect algebra morphism  $t: E_A \otimes E_B \rightarrow [0,1]$

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Transport from effect algebras to presheaves.

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- $(T(B_{\rm A}\otimes B_{\rm B}), id)$  is terminal.
- "The local section  $\langle Tt, Ti \rangle$  has no global section."

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## Other work and other paradoxes

 Sequence of adjunctions linking to Abramsky & Brandenburger approach

$$\mathsf{EA} \xrightarrow[]{\tau}{\overset{\tau}{\overset{}{\underset{\sim}{\leftarrow}}}} \mathsf{Set}^{\mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow[]{\overset{\Delta_{O^X}}{\overset{}{\underset{\sim}{\leftarrow}}}} \mathsf{Set}^{\mathbb{N}} / \mathbb{N}(O^X, -) \simeq \mathsf{Set}^{(\mathbb{N}^{\mathrm{op}}/(O^X))^{\mathrm{op}}} \xrightarrow[]{t^*}{\overset{t^*}{\underset{l}{\underset{\sim}{\leftarrow}}}} \mathsf{Set}^{\mathcal{P}(X)^{\mathrm{op}}}$$

- By considering maps into  $\{0,1\}$  where 1+1=1 (not an effect algebra) we reconstruct the Hardy Paradox in a similar way.
- Looking at  $[\mathbb{N}, Set]/T(Proj\mathcal{H})$  and maps into  $\{0, 1\}$  (as effect algebra) we reconstruct Kochen-Specker paradox.

#### Slogan:

Different contextuality scenarios arise from different slices of the presheaf category  $[\mathbb{N}, \mathbf{Set}]$ .

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