

# Majorization and Entanglement transformations

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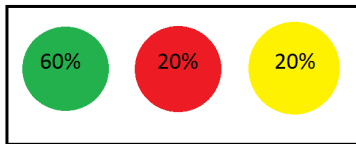
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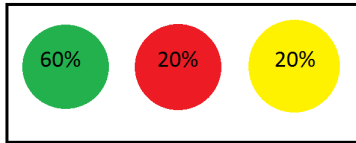
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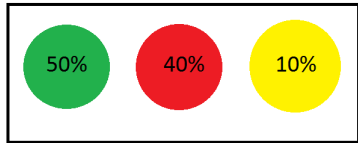
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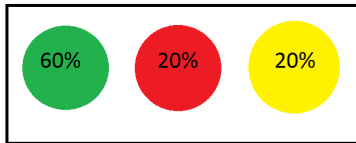
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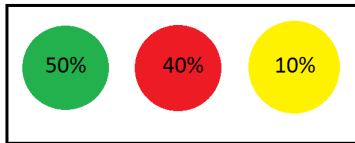
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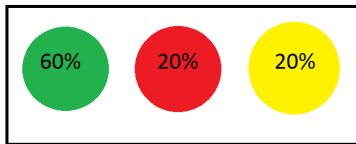


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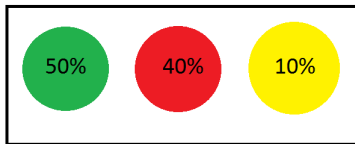


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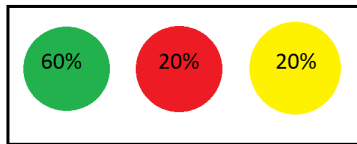


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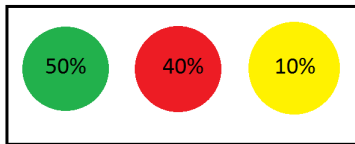


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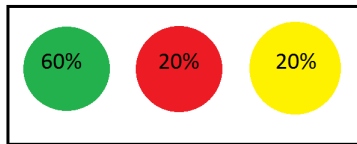
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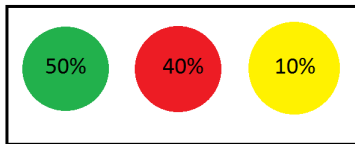
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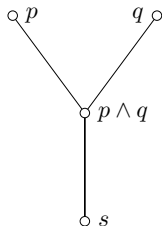
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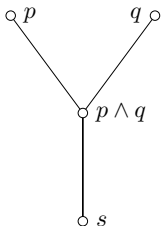
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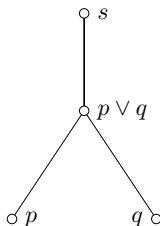
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- 3 Applying transformations 2.(a) – 2.(c) with the input probability vector  $s$ , one obtains the supremum in no more than  $N - 1$  iterations.



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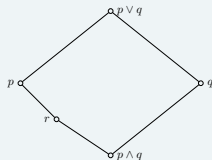
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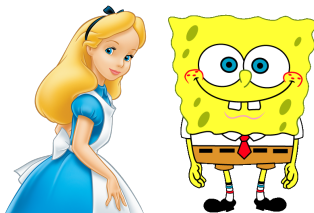
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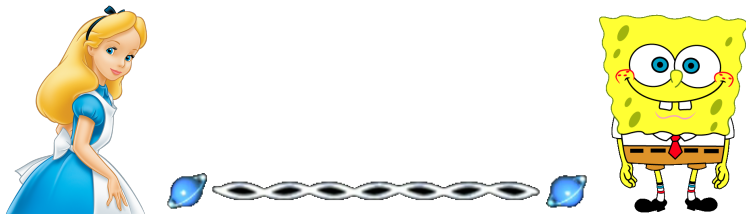
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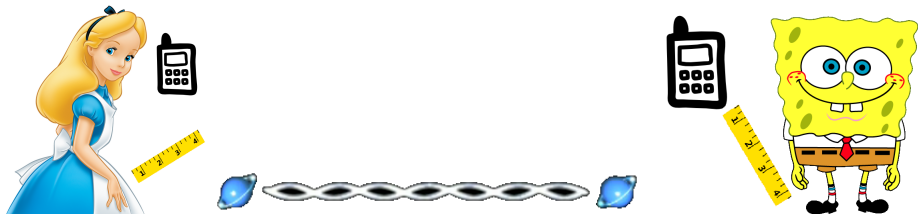
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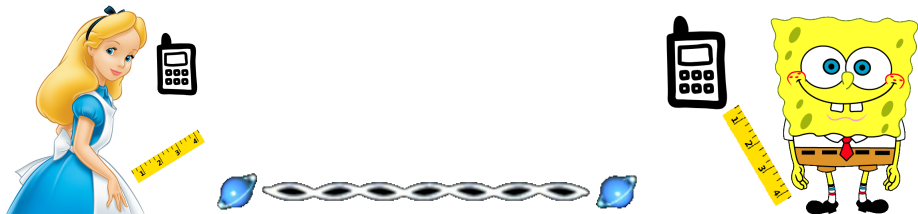


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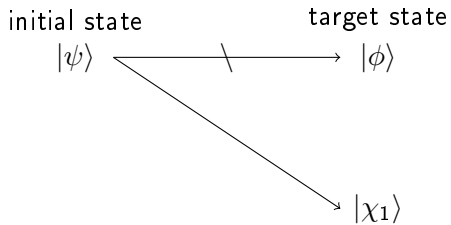
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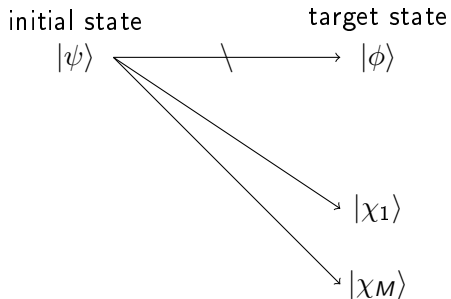
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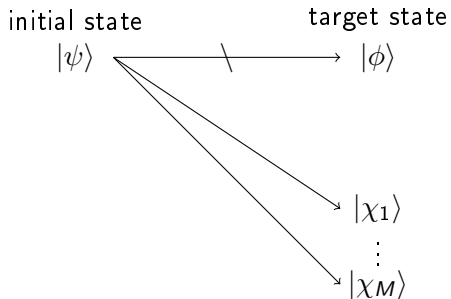
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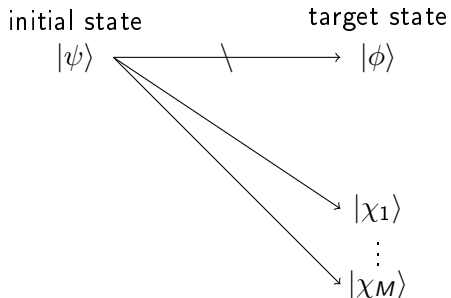
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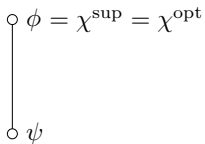
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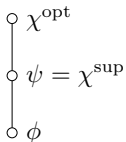
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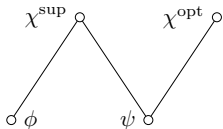
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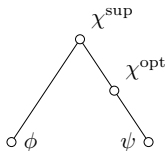
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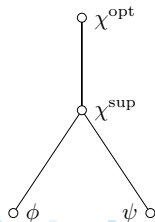
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Grazie mille!!!  
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