

# Quantum groups and nonlocal games

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# Plan for today

## ① Motivation: quantum computing

- What is quantum computing all about?
- Entanglement and nonlocal games

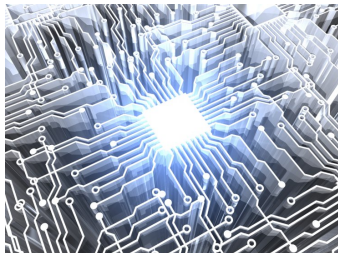
## ② Graph isomorphism games

Take-away: quantum groups arise in quantum computing via nonlocal games.

# Quantum computing and information

**Goal:** Exploit **quantum mechanical effects** to process information.

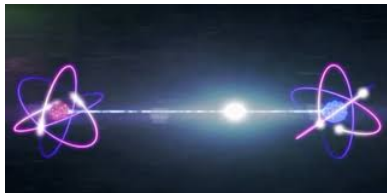
- **better security** guarantees
- **faster** algorithms
- **higher** communication rates, etc.



## Early examples

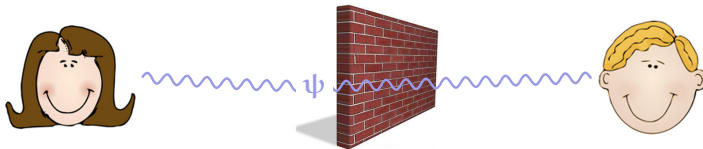
- Unconditionally secure communication channel (Bennett-Brassard'84, Ekert'91)
- Polynomial-time integer factorization (Shor'94)

# What is quantum entanglement?



- Property of composite systems.
- Effects experienced by one of the parts affect the state of the other.

- Can be leveraged by **distant agents** to **correlate** their behaviors beyond classical limits.



# Quantum entanglement leads to

- **improvement for communication**
  - replacing quantum communication with classical (teleportation)<sup>1</sup>
  - doubling the classical capacity of quantum channels<sup>2</sup>
  - increasing zero-error capacity of classical channels<sup>3</sup>
- **secure protocols** which can be run **on untrusted devices**<sup>4</sup>
  - private randomness generation<sup>5</sup>
  - certification of quantum devices<sup>6</sup>
- **insights to black hole dynamics**<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Bennett, Brassard, Crépeau et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **70**(13), 1993.

<sup>2</sup>Bennett, Wiesner, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **69**, 1992.

<sup>3</sup>Leung, Mančinska, Matthews, Ozols, Roy, *Comm. Math. Phys.* **311**(1), 2012.

<sup>4</sup>Mayers, Yao, *FOCS'98*, 503–509.

<sup>5</sup>Pironio, Acín, Massar et al. *Nature* **464**(7291), 2010.

<sup>6</sup>Magniez, Mayers, Mosca, Ollivier, *ICALP'06*, 72–83.

<sup>7</sup>Hayden, Preskill, *J. High Energ. Phys.*, 2007(09):120, 2007.

# Entanglement allows us to outperform classical technologies

... **BUT**

- entanglement-enabled strategies are often hard to understand
- we are yet to uncover the full range of advantages that entanglement can bring.

**Therefore, we need to**

- ① develop general methods for analyzing entanglement
- ② identify novel operational applications of entanglement

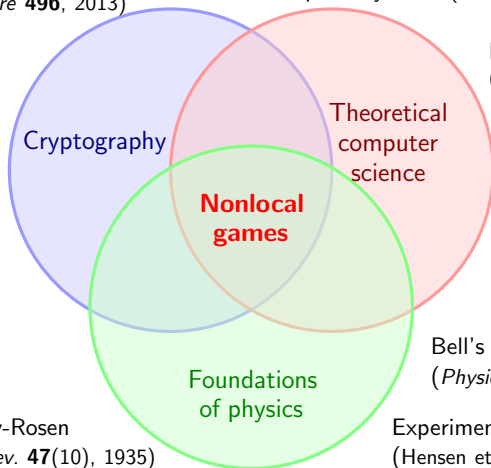
**We need a versatile abstract model!**

# Nonlocal games are central to various fields

Protocols for untrusted devices  
(Pironio et al. *Nature* **464**(7291), 2010;  
Vazirani et al. *Nature* **496**, 2013)

One-round two-prover interactive  
proof systems (Ben-Or et al., *STOC*'88)

PCP theorem  
(Arora et al.  
*J. ACM* **45**(3), 1998)



Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen  
paradox (*Phys. Rev.* **47**(10), 1935)

Bell's theorem  
(*Physics* **1**(3), 1964)

Experimental demonstration  
(Hensen et al. *Nature* **526**, 2015)

# Magic square game

Fill in with 0 or 1!

?	?	?	← even
?	?	?	← even
?	?	?	← even
↑ odd	↑ odd	↑ odd	

Fill in a  
column



Fill in a  
row





# Magic square game

Fill in with 0 or 1!

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↑ odd	↑ odd	↑ odd	

Fill in the  
2<sup>nd</sup> column



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Fill in the  
1<sup>st</sup> row



1	0	1

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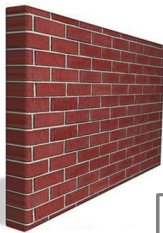


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**LOSE!**

# Magic square game

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1	0	1

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Fill in with 0 or 1!

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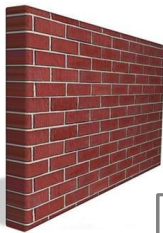


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1	0	1



WIN!

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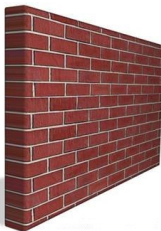
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Strategy = filling of the 3x3 grid

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column



Fill in a  
row



# Magic square game

Fill in with 0 or 1!

?	?	?
?	?	?
?	?	?

← **even**  
+  
**even** = even  
+  
**even**

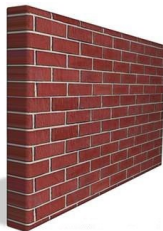
**Strategy = filling of the 3x3 grid**

= even

**Fill in a  
column**



**Fill in a  
a row**



**IMPOSSIBLE!**

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**odd+odd+odd**  
= odd

# Magic square game

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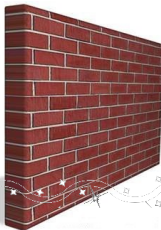
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**POSSIBLE with  
quantum entanglement  
+ measurements**

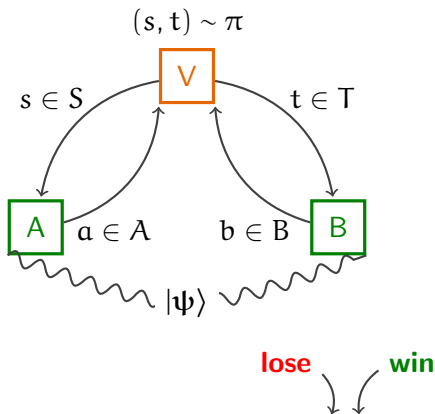
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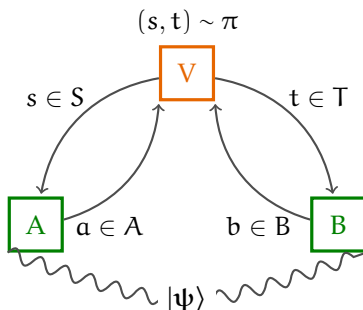
# What is a nonlocal game?



- **verification function  $V$**  :  $(a, b|s, t) \mapsto \{0, 1\}$
- **Players want to** maximize their chances of winning
  - Highest classical success probability:  $\omega(G)$
  - Highest entangled success probability:  $\omega^*(G)$



# Nonlocal games reveal if entanglement can be useful



## Operational/cryptographic task

Can entanglement be helpful?  
How helpful?



## Nonlocal game

Is  $\omega^* > \omega$ ?  
How large is  $\omega^* - \omega$ ?

**Complication:**  $\omega^*$  cannot be computed<sup>1</sup> or even approximated<sup>2</sup>!  
**How so? A:** Need to optimize over states of arbitrarily high dimension.

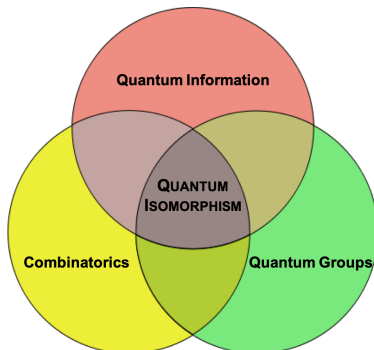
<sup>1</sup>Slofstra, *Forum of Mathematics, Pi*, **vol. 7**, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>**MIP\*=RE**. Ji, Natarjan, Vidick, Wright, Yuen. arXiv:2001.04383

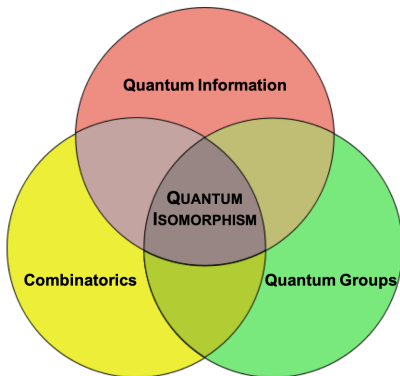
## Summary so far

- **Nonlocal games** provide a general framework for studying entanglement
- **Problem:** Entanglement-assisted strategies for arbitrary nonlocal games are **hard to analyze**

**Line of attack:** Focus on a **well-behaved** class of games



# Quantum Isomorphisms



# Graph isomorphism



A map  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  is an **isomorphism** from  $G$  to  $H$  if

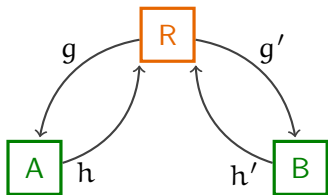
- $f$  is a bijection and
- $g \sim g'$  if and only if  $f(g) \sim f(g')$ .

If such a map exists, we say that  $G$  and  $H$  are **isomorphic** and write  $G \cong H$ .

**Matrix formulation:**  $PA_G P^\dagger = A_H$  for some **permutation** matrix  $P$

# $(G, H)$ -Isomorphism Game

**Intuition:** Alice and Bob want to convince a referee that  $G \cong H$ .



- To win players must reply  $h, h'$  such that  $\text{rel}(h, h') = \text{rel}(g, g')$
- No communication during game

**Fact.**  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow$  **Classical** players can win the game with certainty

**Def. (Quantum isomorphism)**

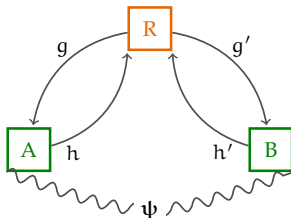
We say that  $G \cong_{qc} H$  if **quantum**<sup>1</sup> players can win the game with certainty.

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<sup>1</sup>We work in the **commuting rather than the tensor-product model**.

# Quantum commuting strategies

$G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the  $(G, H)$ -isomorphism game

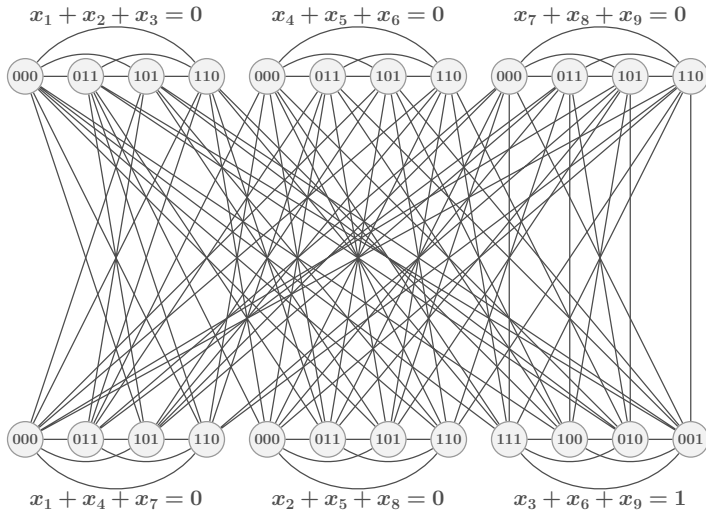


- Alice and Bob share a quantum state  $\psi$   
 $\psi$  is a unit vector in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$
- Upon receiving  $g$ , Alice performs a local measurement  $\mathcal{E}_g$  to get  $h \in V(H)$   
 $\mathcal{E}_g = \{E_{gh} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : h \in V(H)\}$  where  
$$E_{gh} \succeq 0, \quad \sum_h E_{gh} = I.$$
- Bob measures with  $\mathcal{F}_{g'}$
- $E_{gh}$  and  $F_{g'h'}$  commute

The probability that players respond with  $h, h'$  on questions  $g, g'$  is

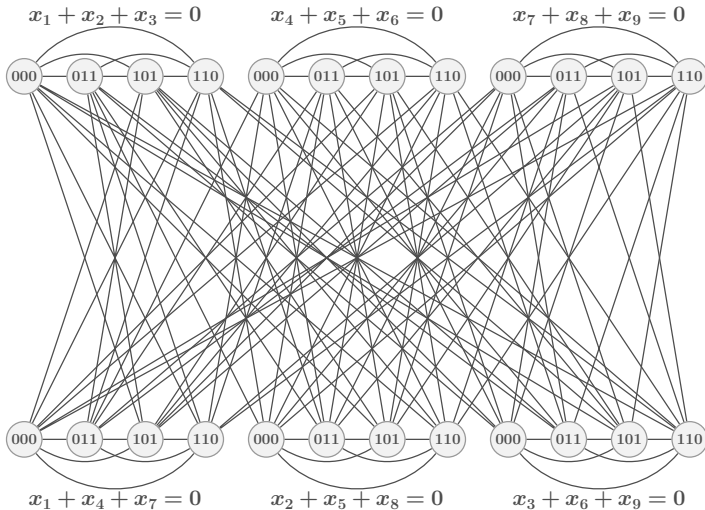
$$p(h, h'|g, g') = \langle \psi, (E_{gh} F_{g'h'}) \psi \rangle$$

Example:  $G \not\cong H$  but  $G \cong_{qc} H$



**Construction based on reduction from linear system games.**

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**Construction based on reduction from linear system games.**



# Undecidability

**Cor.** Given two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  it is undecidable to test whether they are quantum isomorphic.

# Quantum isomorphism and quantum groups

## (1<sup>st</sup> characterization of $\cong_{qc}$ )

**Def.** A matrix  $\mathcal{P} = (p_{ij})$  whose entries are elements of a  $C^*$ -algebra is a **quantum permutation matrix** (QPM), if

- $p_{ij}$  is a projection, i.e.,  $p_{ij}^2 = p_{ij} = p_{ij}^*$  for all  $i, j$
- $\sum_k p_{ik} = \mathbf{1} = \sum_\ell p_{\ell j}$  for all  $i, j$

**Remark.** A QPM with entries from  $\mathbb{C}$  is a **permutation matrix**.

**Thm.** (Lupini, M., Roberson)

$$G \cong_{qc} H \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{P}A_G\mathcal{P}^\dagger = A_H \text{ for some } \mathbf{quantum} \\ \mathbf{permutation\ matrix} \mathcal{P}$$

# Quantum automorphism group, $\text{Qut}(X)$ , of a graph

**Def.** (Banica 2005)

$C(\text{Qut}(X))$  is the universal  $C^*$ -algebra generated by elements  $p_{ij}$ ,  $i, j \in V(X)$ , satisfying the following:

- 1  $\mathcal{P} = (p_{ij})$  is a quantum permutation matrix.
- 2  $A_X \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P} A_X$ .

The **quantum automorphism group,  $\text{Qut}(X)$ , of a graph  $X$  is given by  $C(\text{Qut}(X))$**  together with the comultiplication map

$$\Delta(p_{ij}) = \sum_k p_{ik} \otimes p_{kj}$$

The matrix  $\mathcal{P}$  is called the **fundamental representation** of  $\text{Qut}(X)$ .

# Orbits of $\text{Qut}(X)$

(2<sup>nd</sup> characterization of  $\cong_{qc}$ )

$\mathcal{P} = (p_{ij})$  - fundamental representation of  $\text{Qut}(X)$ .

**Def.** Vertices  $i, j \in V(X)$  are in the same **orbit** of  $\text{Qut}(X)$  if  $p_{ij} \neq 0$ .

**Lemma.** The above is an equivalence relation.

**Thm.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs.

$$G \cong_{qc} H \iff \begin{array}{l} \text{There exist } g \in V(G), h \in V(H) \\ \text{in the same orbit of } \text{Qut}(G \cup H). \end{array}$$

# Quantum isomorphism and homomorphism counting (3<sup>rd</sup> characterization of $\cong_{qc}$ )

**Thm.** (M., Roberson)

$G \cong_{qc} H \iff$  graphs  $G$  and  $H$  have the same number of homomorphisms from all planar graphs.

**Main component of our proof:** Provide a *combinatorial description* of the **intertwiners** of  $\text{Qut}(G)$ .

An  $(\ell, k)$ -intertwiner  $T$  of  $\text{Qut}(G)$  is a  $V(G)^\ell \times V(G)^k$   $\mathbb{C}$ -valued matrix s.t.

$$\mathcal{P}^{\otimes \ell} T = T \mathcal{P}^{\otimes k}$$

Chassaniol 2019: Intertwiners of  $\text{Qut}(G) = \langle \mathcal{U}, M, A_G \rangle_{o, \otimes, *, \text{lin}}$

$$\mathcal{U} = \sum_{i \in V(G)} e_i, \quad M(e_i \otimes e_j) = \delta_{ij} e_i \quad \forall i, j \in V(G).$$

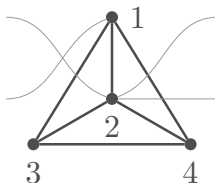
# Bi-labeled graphs

**Def.** (Lovász, Large Networks and Graph Limits)

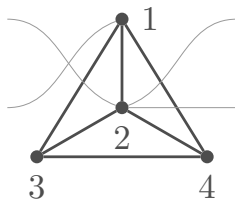
An  $(\ell, k)$ -**bi-labeled graph** is a triple  $\vec{F} = (F, \vec{a}, \vec{b})$  where

- $F$  is a graph
- $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_\ell)$  and  $\vec{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_k)$  are tuples of vertices of  $F$ .

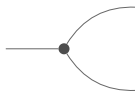
**Example.**  $\vec{F} = (K_4, (2, 1), (2, 2))$



## How to draw bi-labeled graphs



$$\vec{F} = (K_4, (2, 1), (2, 2))$$



$$\vec{U} = (K_1, (1), \emptyset) \quad \vec{M} = (K_1, (1), (1, 1)) \quad \vec{A} = (K_2, (1), (2))$$


# Homomorphism matrices

Let  $G$  be a graph and  $\vec{F} = (F, (a), (b))$  an  $(1, 1)$ -bi-labeled graph.

**Def.** ( $G$ -homomorphism matrix of  $\vec{F}$ )

For  $u, v \in V(G)$ , the  $uv$ -entry of the **homomorphism matrix**  $T^{\vec{F}}$  is

$$|\{\text{homs } \varphi : F \rightarrow G \mid \varphi(a) = u, \varphi(b) = v\}|.$$

**Example.**  $\vec{A} = (K_2, (1), (2))$  

$$(T^{\vec{A}})_{u,v} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \sim v \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So  $T^{\vec{A}} = A_G$ . Similarly,  $T^{\vec{U}} = U$ ,  $T^{\vec{M}} = M$ .

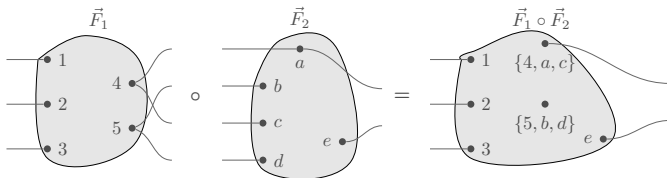


# Operations on bi-labeled graphs: Products

**Thm.** For a graph  $G$  and bi-labeled graphs  $\vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2$ ,

$$\top^{\vec{F}_1} \top^{\vec{F}_2} = \top^{\vec{F}_1 \circ \vec{F}_2},$$

where  $\vec{F}_1 \circ \vec{F}_2$  is defined as

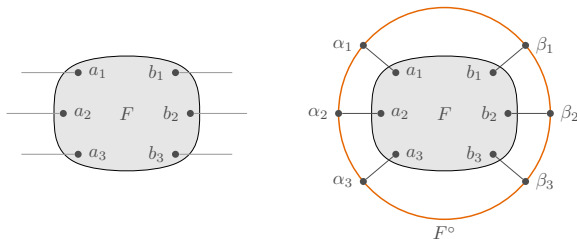


# Planar bi-labeled graphs

**Recall:** Intertwiners of  $\text{Qut}(G) = \langle \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{A}_G \rangle_{\circ, \otimes, *, \text{lin}}$

So we want to know what bi-labeled graphs are in  $\langle \vec{\mathcal{U}}, \vec{\mathcal{M}}, \vec{\mathcal{A}} \rangle_{\circ, \otimes, *, \cdot}$ .

**Def.**

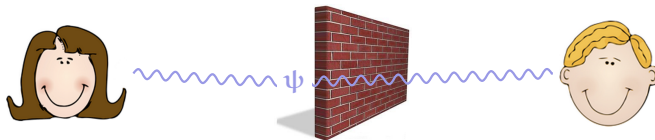


$\mathcal{P} = \{ \vec{F} : F^\circ \text{ has planar embedding w/ } \text{enveloping cycle} \text{ bounding outer face} \}$

**Thm. (informal)** Intertwiners of  $\text{Qut}(G)$  are given by the span of homomorphism matrices of planar bi-labeled graphs.

# Summary

- Entanglement can be harnessed for operational and cryptographic tasks.
- Nonlocal games provide a mathematical framework for studying entanglement



- $G \cong_{qc} H :=$  **Quantum** players can win the isomorphism game

## Quantum isomorphisms and quantum groups:

- **Thm.**  $G \cong_{qc} H \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}A_G\mathcal{P}^\dagger = A_H$  for some **quantum permutation matrix**  $\mathcal{P}$
- **Thm.**  $G \cong_{qc} H \Leftrightarrow$  There exist  $g \in V(G)$ ,  $h \in V(H)$  in the same orbit of  $\text{Qut}(G \cup H)$
- **Thm.**  $G \cong_{qc} H \Leftrightarrow \text{hom}(F, G) = \text{hom}(F, H)$  for all **planar**  $F$