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Today's goals: review synchronous games and their properties, introduce bisynchronous describe some of their properties.

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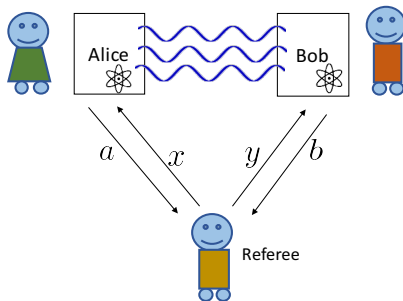


Figure: Alice, Bob and the Referee

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- ▶ The graph colouring game is synchronous.
- ▶ Graph homomorphism games are synchronous.
- ▶ The CHSH game is *not* synchronous.
- ▶ Linear binary constraint games for  $Ax = b$  are *not* synchronous, but
  - ▶ they have synchronous versions with the same behaviour of perfect strategies.
- ▶ Graph isomorphism games are synchronous and bisynchronous.

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*Connes' embedding conjecture has an affirmative answer if and only if  $C_{qa}^s(n, k) = C_{qc}^s(n, k)$ .*

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## Proposition (P-Rahaman)

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Leads to a theorem about when bisynchronous games have perfect strategies of the various types, in terms of  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{G})$  and quantum permutations.

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- ▶  $(A \otimes 1_{\mathcal{A}})U = U(A \otimes 1_{\mathcal{A}})$
- ▶  $\Phi_p(A) = A,$
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- ▶ Is  $C_q^{bs}(n, n)^- = C_{qa}^{bs}(n, n)$  ( the bisynchronous approximation problem)?
- ▶ Is CEP true  $\stackrel{?}{\iff} C_{qa}^{bs}(n, n) = C_{qc}^{bs}(n, n), \forall n$  ?
- ▶ Is every nearly quantum permutation near to a quantum permutation?
- ▶ If  $\mathcal{G}$  is bisynchronous with  $n$  inputs and  $n$  outputs and  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{G}) \neq (0)$  then does  $\mathcal{G}$  have a perfect qc-strategy?(True for graph isomorphism games)

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