

How separability decides marginal problems

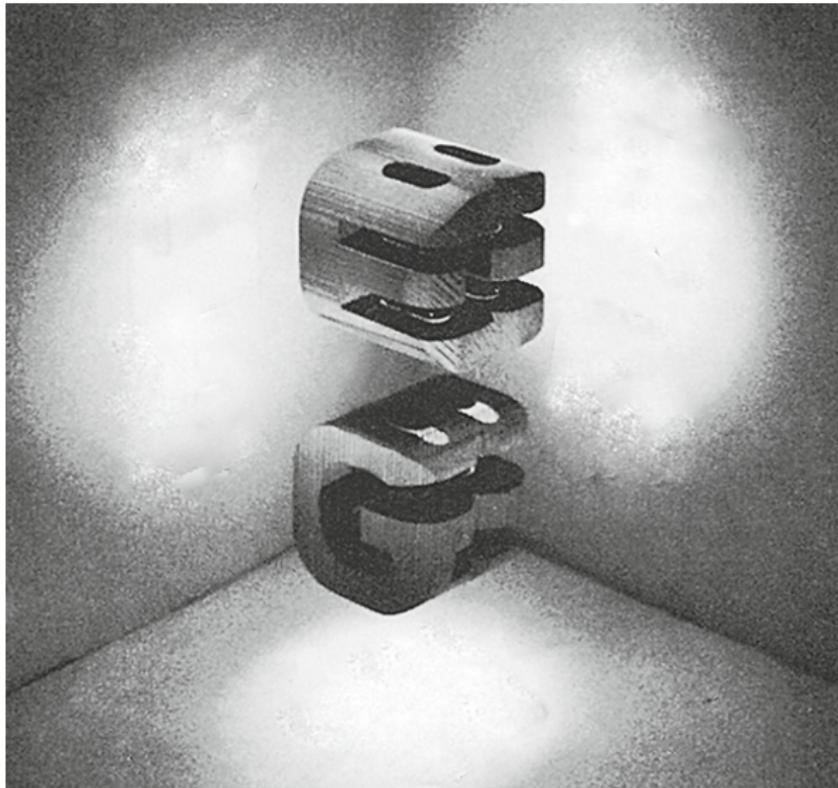
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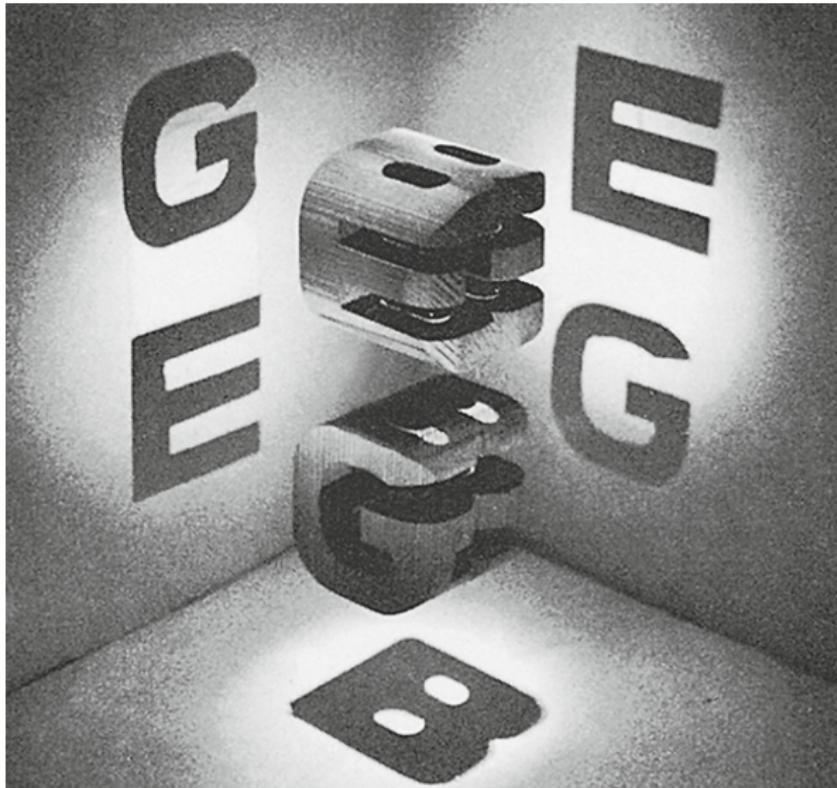
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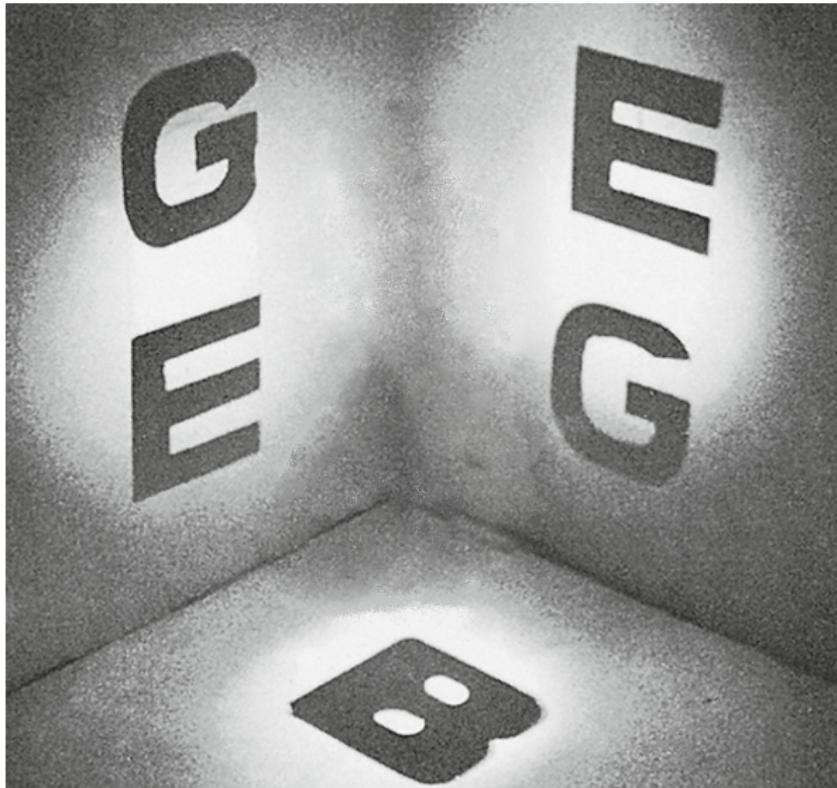
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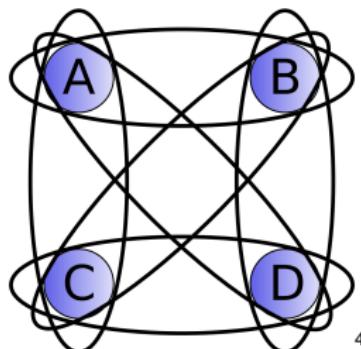
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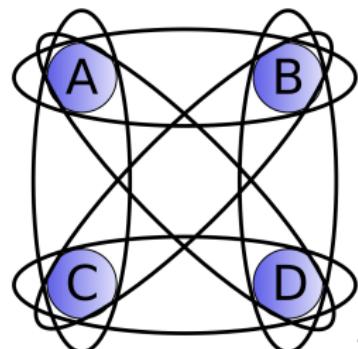
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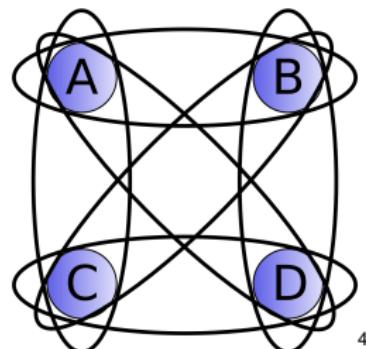


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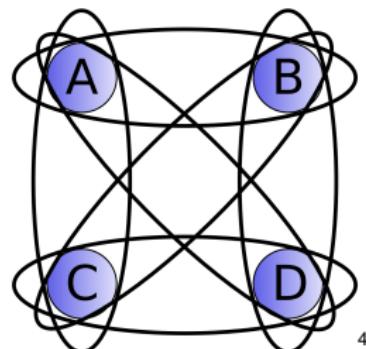


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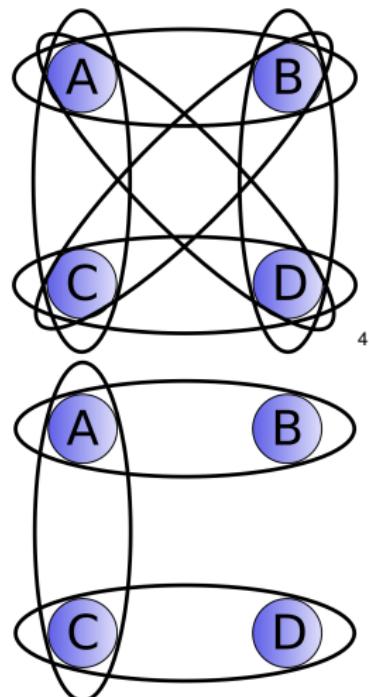


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- One can consider further restrictions, e.g., that the global state has to be fermionic which is important in quantum chemistry⁷.

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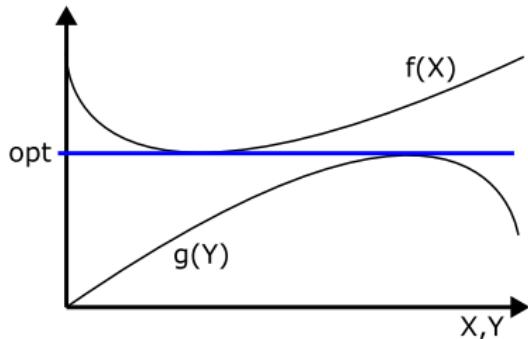
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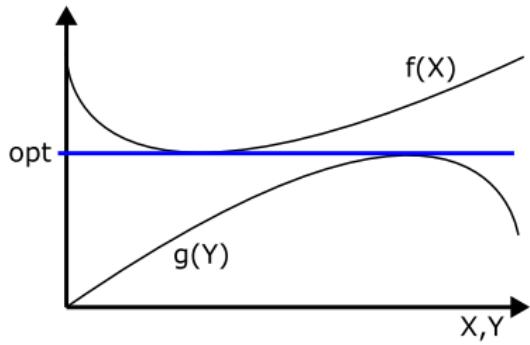


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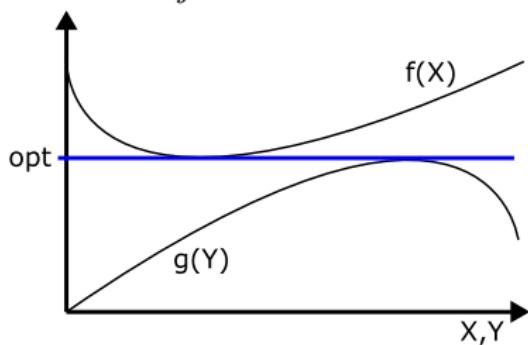
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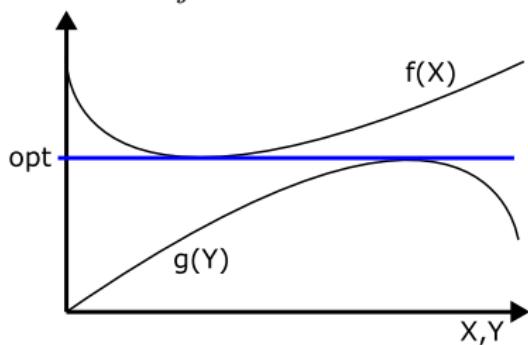
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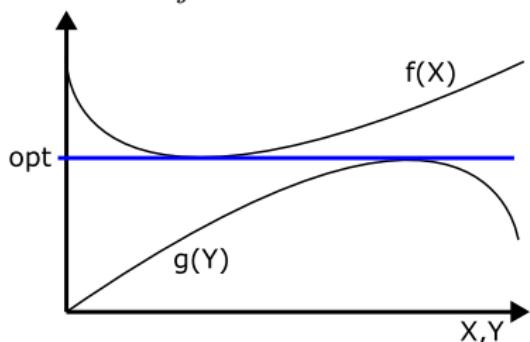


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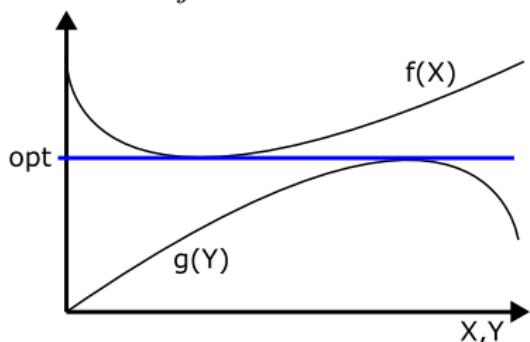
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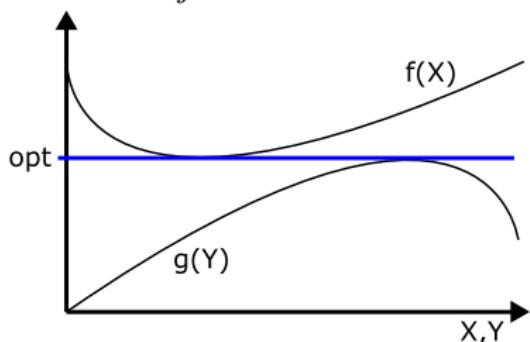
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- So far, there is only a structured approach when the marginals are non-overlapping⁹, i.e., $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ for $I_1, I_2 \in \mathcal{I}$.

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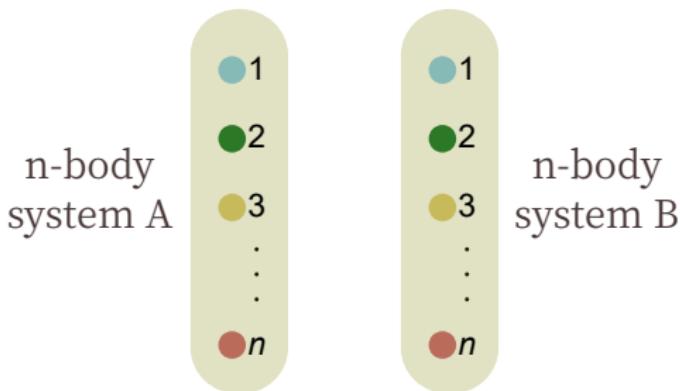
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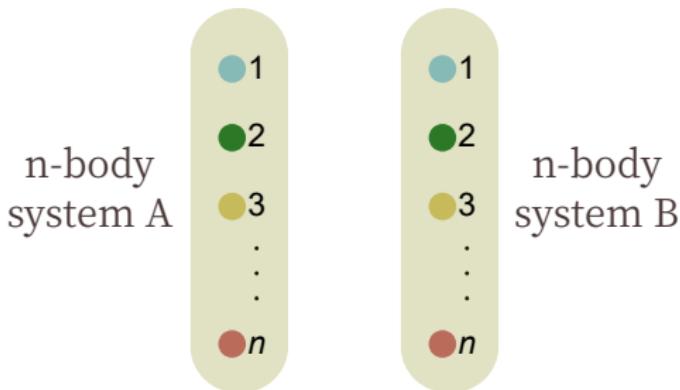
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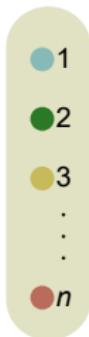
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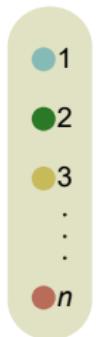
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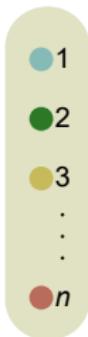
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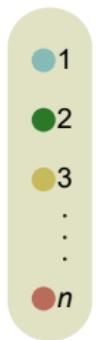
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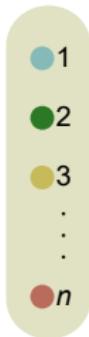
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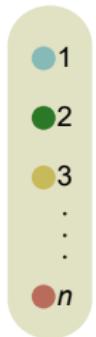
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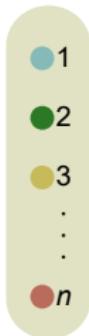
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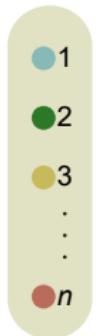
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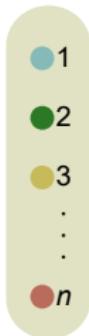
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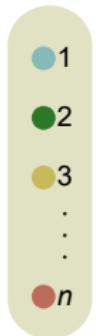
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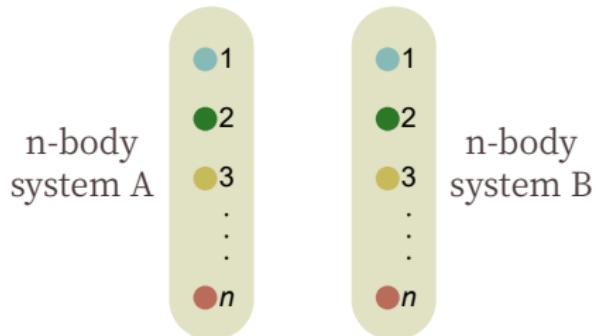


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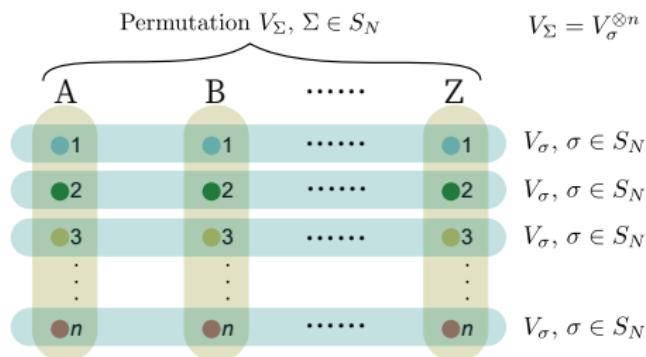
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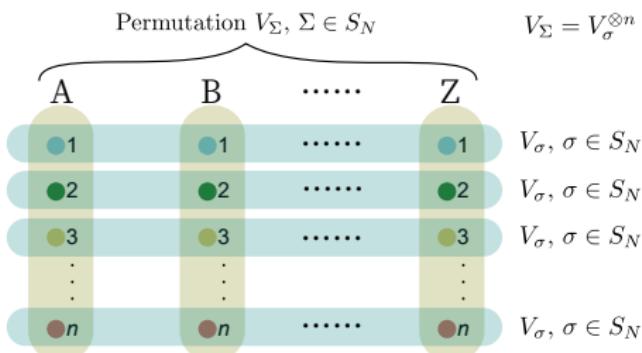


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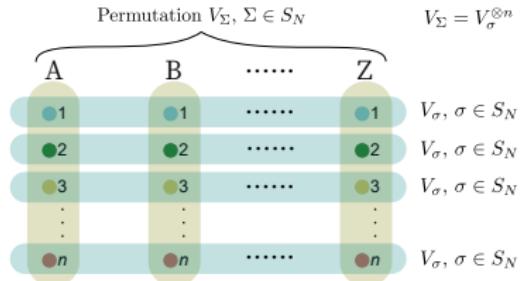


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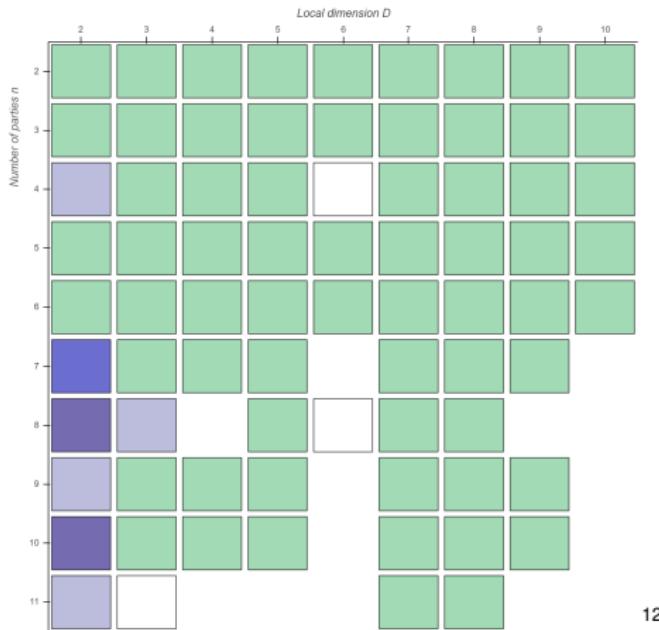
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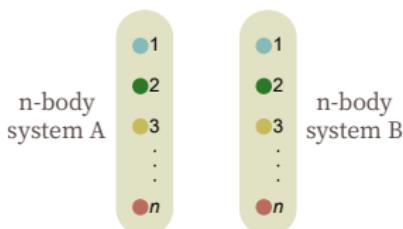
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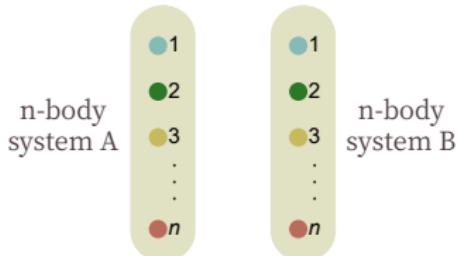
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