Practical implementation of mutually unbiased bases using quantum circuits

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The number of measurements necessary to perform the quantum state reconstruction of a system of qubits grows exponentially with the number of constituents, creating a major obstacle for the design of scalable tomographic schemes. We work out a simple and efficient method based on cyclic generation of mutually unbiased bases. The basic generator requires only Hadamard and controlled-phase gates, which are available in most practical realizations of these systems. We show how complete sets of mutually unbiased bases with different entanglement structures can be realized for three and four qubits. We also analyze the quantum circuits implementing the various entanglement classes.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Modern quantum science is nearing precise control and manipulation of quantum states so as to achieve results beyond the limits of conventional technologies. Quantum-enhanced devices are already on the market and point to a transformation of measurement, communication, and computation.

For the successful completion of these tasks, verification of each stage in the experimental procedures is of utmost importance; quantum tomography is the appropriate tool for that purpose [\[1\]](#page-6-0). The main challenge of this technique is simple to state: given a system in a state represented by the density matrix ρ and an informationally complete measurement $[2-4]$, the state ρ must be inferred from the distinct measurement outcomes.

For a *d*-dimensional quantum system (a qudit, in the modern parlance of quantum information) this amounts to determining *d*² − 1 independent real numbers. A von Neumann measurement (the only ones we consider here) fixes at most *d* − 1 real parameters, so $d + 1$ different tests have to be performed to reconstruct the state. This means that $d^2 + d$ histograms have to be recorded. The approach is, thus, suboptimal because this number is higher than the number of parameters in the density matrix. This redundancy is optimized when the bases in which the measurements are performed are mutually unbiased [\[5,6\]](#page-6-0).

At a fundamental level, mutually unbiased bases (MUBs) are intimately related to the nature of quantum information and provide the most accurate statement of complementarity. The idea emerged in the pioneering work of Schwinger [\[7\]](#page-6-0) and has gradually turned into a primitive of quantum theory: apart from the role in quantum tomography, they are instrumental in addressing a number of enthralling questions [\[8\]](#page-6-0).

However, tomography becomes harder as we explore more intricate systems. If we look at the simple, yet illustrative case of *n* qubits, even with MUBs, one will have to make at least $2^n + 1$ measurements before one can claim to know everything about an *a priori* unknown system. With such a scaling, it is clear that the methods rapidly become intractable for present state-of-the-art experiments [\[9,10\]](#page-6-0).

We are thus inevitably led to the quest for tomographical techniques with better scaling. A promising class of new protocols are explicitly optimized only for particular kinds of states. This includes states with low rank [\[11–13\]](#page-7-0), with special emphasis in some relevant cases as matrix product states (MPSs) [\[14,15\]](#page-7-0), or multiscale entangled renormalization ansatz (MERA) states [\[16\]](#page-7-0). The specific but pertinent example of permutationally invariant qubits has been also examined [\[17–20\]](#page-7-0), because they are of great import in diverse quantum information strategies [\[21–27\]](#page-7-0).

In this paper, we devise an alternate approach to this problem. We revisit the MUB strategy but capitalize on a recently developed construction which generates the corresponding MUBs in a cyclic way [\[28,29\]](#page-7-0). From an experimental viewpoint, the undeniable advantage of this approach is that a single unitary operation *U* is enough to create all the MUBs. Furthermore, this single unitary operator can be expressed as a quantum circuits involving exclusively Hadamard and controlled-phase gates [\[30\]](#page-7-0). In this way, the number of gates scales only linearly in the number of qubits, which is an optimal scaling.

Our paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II we concisely sketch the rudiments of our method. For systems of qubits, it is well known that different complete sets of MUBs exist with distinct entanglement properties [\[31–37\]](#page-7-0). In Sec. [III](#page-2-0) we work out the simple example of three qubits, showing the quantum circuits associated with the different complete sets, while the case of four qubits is worked out in the Appendix. Finally, our conclusions are briefly summarized in Sec. [IV.](#page-3-0)

II. MUTUALLY UNBIASED BASES: BASIC BACKGROUND

We consider a *d*-dimensional quantum system with Hilbert space isomorphic to \mathbb{C}^d . The different outcomes of a maximal test constitute an orthogonal basis of \mathbb{C}^d [\[38\]](#page-7-0). One can also look for orthogonal bases that, in addition, are "as different as possible." This is the idea behind MUBs and can be formally stated as follows: two orthonormal bases $B_j = \{|\psi_{\ell}^{(j)}\rangle\}$ and $\mathcal{B}_{j'} = \{ |\psi_{\ell'}^{(j')} \rangle \}$ (*j* $\neq j'$) are mutually unbiased when

$$
\left| \left\langle \psi_{\ell}^{(j)} \middle| \psi_{\ell'}^{(j')} \right\rangle \right|^2 = \frac{1}{d}, \quad \forall \ell, \ell' = 1, \dots, d. \tag{2.1}
$$

Unbiasedness also applies to measurements: two nondegenerate tests are mutually unbiased if the bases formed by their eigenstates are MUBs. For example, the measurements of the

components of a spin $\frac{1}{2}$ along the *x*, *y*, and *z* axes are all unbiased.

It has been shown that the number of MUBs is at most $d + 1$ [\[5\]](#page-6-0), and that such a complete set exists whenever *d* is a prime or power of a prime [\[39\]](#page-7-0). Remarkably, there is no known answer for any other values of *d*, although there have been some attempts to find a solution to this problem in some simple cases, such as $d = 6 \, [40-45]$ or when d is a non-prime-integer squared [\[46,47\]](#page-7-0).

In what follows, we concentrate on a system of *n* qubits, where the dimension of the space is $d = 2ⁿ$. The basic singleparticle Pauli operators σ_z and σ_x are

$$
\sigma_z = |1\rangle\langle 1| - |0\rangle\langle 0|, \quad \sigma_x = |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|, \tag{2.2}
$$

where $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ are the computational basis for a single qubit. The concept can be extended to *n* qubits by introducing 2*n*-dimensional vectors

$$
\mathbf{a} = (a_1^z, \dots, a_n^z; a_1^x, \dots, a_n^x)^T, \tag{2.3}
$$

where *T* denotes the transpose and $a_i^z, a_j^x \in \mathbb{Z}_2$. In this way, the generalized Pauli operators can be written down as

$$
ZX(\mathbf{a}) = (-i)^{a_1^z a_1^x} \sigma_z^{a_1^z} \sigma_x^{a_1^x} \otimes \cdots \otimes (-i)^{a_n^z a_n^x} \sigma^{a_n^z} \sigma^{a_n^x}. \tag{2.4}
$$

In technical jargon, this set is just the Weyl–Heisenberg group (modulo its center).

The importance of these operators lies in the observation noticed in Ref. [\[48\]](#page-7-0) that complete sets of MUBs naturally arise from a partition of the set of Pauli operators into $d + 1$ subsets of *d* − 1 commuting operators, called classes; they can be expressed as

$$
\mathfrak{C}_j = \left\{ ZX(\mathbf{a}) : \mathbf{a} = G_j \mathbf{c} : \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n \right\}.
$$
 (2.5)

In this way, each of the classes \mathfrak{C}_i can be specified by the generator G_i .

Within each class \mathfrak{C}_i all Pauli operators commute. If we unveil the tensor product of the Pauli operators, we can consider each Pauli operator as a joint operator that performs either a σ_z , σ_x , σ_y , or an identity operation on each single qubit separately. Within a certain class, the Pauli operators on each qubit can either commute or not, which leads to different entanglement properties. The maximal entanglement occurs when the Pauli operators of one class commute only in combination, whereas no entanglement appears when they commute on every qubit separately. All possible partitions of the operators into their subsystems give rise to different entanglement properties, where a relabelling of the different sites should not influence this classification at all. Therefore, we define a vector **n** which represents the entanglement structure of a certain set of MUBs: the entries of **n** are computed by counting the number of classes with each entanglement structure, starting from a completely factorizable system, and ending with a fully entangled one.

Different explicit constructions of MUBs in prime power dimensions have been suggested in a number of recent papers [\[49–](#page-7-0)[55\]](#page-8-0). We follow here the approach established in Refs. [\[28,29\]](#page-7-0), that allows a cyclic generation of the MUBs; that is, the generators appearing in each class (2.5) can be expressed as

$$
G_j = C^j G_0,\tag{2.6}
$$

where G_0 is a fixed generator. We skip the mathematical details involved in the derivation of the method and content ourselves with the final result, which looks very compact: the symplectic matrix *C* can be jotted down as

$$
C = \begin{pmatrix} B + AR^{-1} & R + BA + AR^{-1}A \\ R^{-1} & R^{-1}A \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.7}
$$

where B , R , and A are $n \times n$ matrices whose properties will be specified soon. The successive powers of *C* can be computed as

$$
C^{j} = {F_{j+1}(B) + AR^{-1}F_{j}(B) \t F_{j+1}(B)A + F_{j}(B)R + AR^{-1}[F_{j}(B)A + F_{j-1}(B)R] \t (2.8)
$$

$$
R^{-1}[F_{j}(B)A + F_{j-1}(B)R]
$$

Here, $F_i(x)$ refer to the Fibonacci polynomials, which are a generalization of the well-known Fibonacci sequence. They are defined recursively as

$$
F_{j+1}(x) = x F_j(x) + F_{j-1}(x),
$$
\n(2.9)

with $F_0(x) = 0$ and $F_1(x) = 1$ and the coefficients therein are binary numbers in \mathbb{Z}_2 . In many considerations in this work, we will take as the seed generator $G_0 = (\mathbb{1}_n, 0_n)^T$, which leads to

$$
G_j = {F_{j+1}(B)F_j^{-1}(B)R + A \choose \mathbb{1}_m}, \quad 1 \le j \le d. \tag{2.10}
$$

To ensure that complete sets of MUBs are generated, we have to impose additional conditions. The first one, of rather technical character, implies that the Fibonacci index [\[56\]](#page-8-0) of the characteristic polynomial of *B* has to be $d + 1$. In addition, *R*, *BR*, and *A* have to be symmetric and *R* has to be invertible [\[57\]](#page-8-0).

It turns out that when $R = \mathbb{1}_m$ and $A = \mathbb{0}_m$, the resulting complete sets exhibit an entanglement structure with three completely factorizable classes, which, following the original work [\[57\]](#page-8-0), will be called field-based sets, as the generators represent a finite field. When *R* is not a polynomial in *B* and $A = 0_m$, the generators form an additive group, where for only two of their classes the Pauli operators commute on each qubit separately: they are denoted as group-based sets, Finally, whenever *R* is not a polynomial in *B*, and *A* is not the product of any polynomial in *B* with *R* added to a diagonal matrix, the resulting cyclic set of MUBs has only a single class left, where the Pauli operators commute on all qubits separately. This case is denoted as semigroupbased sets, because the generator represents an additive semigroup.

III. RESULTS

The three-qubit system is the first nontrivial instance one can consider, and any complete set of MUBs exhibits $2^3 + 1 = 9$ different bases. It is well known [\[31,33,34](#page-7-0)[,58\]](#page-8-0) that each complete set of MUBs possesses one of the four different entanglement structures, either (3*,*0*,*6)*,* (2*,*3*,*4)*,* (1*,*6*,*2), or (0,9,0). In this particular example, in $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3), n_1$ denotes the number of separable bases (every eigenvector of theses bases is a tensor product of singe-qubit states), n_2 the number of biseparable bases (one qubit is factorized and the other two are in a maximally entangled state), and n_3 the number of nonseparable bases.

To work out the cyclic construction of these sets, we first notice that the only polynomial of order three that has full Fibonacci index (i.e., index 9) is

$$
p(x) = 1 + x + x^3. \tag{3.1}
$$

For field-based sets, the matrix *B* has to be symmetric, such as $R = \mathbb{1}_m$. The only possible solution is

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.2}
$$

or one of its permutations. This corresponds to an entanglement structure $\mathbf{n} = (3,0,6)$.

The group-based sets are richer, because polynomials of *B* can be shifted into *R*. One possible solution is generated by

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.3}
$$

which leads finally to the symplectic matrix

$$
C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (3.4)

This corresponds to the entanglement structure $\mathbf{n} = (2,3,4)$.

In a similar way, we find the following solution for the semigroup-based sets

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
$$

$$
A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.5}
$$

which gives the matrix

$$
C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (3.6)

and the corresponding entanglement structure is $\mathbf{n} = (1,6,2)$.

The set $\mathbf{n} = (0, 9, 0)$ cannot be worked out initially from this construction method. However, this can be easily fixed: because this set does not contain any basis that measures properties of a completely factorizable system, a sort of offset operation transforming the standard basis is needed. Therefore, the generator G_0 cannot be taken as $(1_m, 0_m)$ anymore, but instead its X part, which is 0_m , has to be replaced with

$$
G_0^x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.7}
$$

and so

$$
C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (3.8)

for the implementation of the symplectic generator.

One of the outstanding advantages of our approach is that the unitary generator can be worked out in quite a direct way as a quantum circuit involving only elementary gates. Such a decomposition can be immediately found following the standard rules [\[30\]](#page-7-0). In particular, this is relevant for a practical implementation. In Fig. 1 we summarize the circuits corresponding to the structures (3*,*0*,*6)*,* (2*,*3*,*4)*,* (1*,*6*,*2),

FIG. 1. (Color online) Quantum circuits implementing the generators of three-qubit MUBs with entanglement structures (from left to right) (3*,*0*,*6), (2*,*3*,*4), and (1*,*6*,*2). The notation for the gates is the standard one [\[30\]](#page-7-0).

FIG. 2. (Color online) Quantum circuit implementing the generator of three-qubit MUBs with entanglement structure (0*,*9*,*0). In the left, enclosed in a box, we show the circuit for the offset generator G_0^x .

whereas in Fig. 2 we give the circuit for (0*,*9*,*0), including the offset (3.7) .

The method works for any number of qubits. Since the ideas are analogous, we omit the unnecessary details although, for completeness, we give the complete solution for four qubits in the supplementary material.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In short, we have shown the construction of cyclic MUBs for *n* qubits with all possible entanglement structures. On physical grounds, one could expect that the performances of these different classes with respect to entanglement-specific state properties will also be different. In our approach, this is reflected in the different complexities of the associated generator. Finally, the fact that only one generator needs to be implemented to generate the whole set of MUBs makes this method especially interesting and a potential candidate for a realistic scheme for current experimental setups.

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APPENDIX: CYCLIC MUBs FOR FOUR QUBITS

For completeness, we show the construction of complete sets of MUBs for four qubits following our method. We must first find a matrix *B* with characteristic polynomial with Fibonacci index 17, which therefore creates 17 different bases. For the characteristic polynomial we have two options; namely,

$$
p(x) = 1 + x + x2 + x3 + x4,
$$
 (A1)

$$
p'(x) = 1 + x + x^4,
$$
 (A2)

although we limit ourselves to the first solution. The entanglement structures will be indicated by the vector **n** defined according to Ref. [\[58\]](#page-8-0).

For field-based sets, *B* has to be symmetric; a possible solution is given by

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$
 (A3)

and leads, with $R = \mathbb{I}_4$ and $A = 0_4$, to the field-based set with the entanglement structure $\mathbf{n} = (3,0,0,2,12)$.

Seven group-based sets with different entanglement structures exist for four-qubit systems. We list them in what follows: $n = (2,0,4,2,9),$

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A4)
$$

 $n = (2, 1, 2, 1, 11),$

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A5)
$$

 $n = (2, 2, 0, 2, 11),$

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A6)
$$

 $n = (2, 1, 2, 0, 12),$

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A7)
$$

 $n = (2,0,4,0,11),$

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A8)
$$

 $n = (2, 1, 2, 2, 10)$,

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A9}
$$

 $n = (2,0,4,1,10),$

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (A10)

Thirteen semigroup-based sets with different entanglement structures exist. We list them in the following: $n = (1, 4, 0, 2, 10)$,

$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (A11)

 $n = (1, 2, 4, 0, 10)$, $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 1101 1010 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 1101 1010 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 0010 0000 1000 $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ ⎞ ⎟ ⎠*.* (A12) $n = (1,0,0,8,8)$, $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ \vert 1101 1010 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R=$ $\sqrt{2}$ l 1101 1010 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ \vert 0110 1000 1000 $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ ⎞ \cdot ⎠*.* (A13) $n = (1, 2, 4, 2, 8),$ $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 1101 1010 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R=$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 1101 1010 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 0101 1000 0000 1000 ⎞ ⎟ ⎠*.* (A14) $n = (1, 4, 0, 1, 11),$ $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 1111 0001 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 1010 0011 1100 0100 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 0100 1000 0000 $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ ⎞ ⎟ ⎠*.* (A15) $n = (1, 1, 6, 0, 9)$, $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 1111 0001 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 1010 0011 1100 0100 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 0010 0000 1000 $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ ⎞ ⎟ ⎠*.* (A16) $n = (1,3,2,2,9),$ $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 1011 1001 0100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 1111 1101 1000 1100 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 0001 0000 0000 1000 ⎞ ⎟ ⎠*.* (A17) $n = (1, 2, 4, 1, 9),$ $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ \vert 0111 0110 1100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R=$ $\sqrt{2}$ l 1110 1101 1000 0100 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ \vert 0100 1000 0000 $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ ⎞ \cdot ⎠*.* (A18) $n = (1,3,2,0,11),$ $B =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 1010 1001 1100 1000 ⎞ $\Bigg\}$, $R =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 1101 1111 0100 1100 ⎞ $\Big\}$, $A =$ $\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ 0100 1000 0000 $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ ⎞ \cdot ⎠*.* (A19)

$$
\mathbf{n} = (1,0,8,1,7),
$$
\n
$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{n} = (1,1,6,1,8),
$$
\n
$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
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$$
\mathbf{n} = (1,1,6,2,7),
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B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{n} = (1,3,2,1,10),
$$
\n
$$
B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad
$$

Thirteen extra sets with different entanglement structures exist for four-qubit systems. The corresponding generator *G*⁰ is replaced in its X part, which is 0_m , by

$$
G_0^x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (A24)

n = (0*,*5*,*2*,*2*,*8),

$$
C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (A25)

 $n = (0, 5, 2, 1, 9),$

$$
C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (A26)

n = (0*,*5*,*2*,*0*,*10),

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C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
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 (A27)

 $n = (0, 4, 4, 2, 7),$

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C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
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 (A28)

 $n = (0, 4, 4, 1, 8),$

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C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} .
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 (A29)

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