

Bell's Theorem refuted, and Bell's Error corrected, all on one page

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Abstract: Taking all elements of physical reality to be *beables* (things that exist), our local-realistic study of Bell (1964) rests on two core principles: Einstein-locality (no beable travels superluminally) and Bohr-realism (some beables change interactively). This note (with expectation E , probabilities P , spin-half particles p), exposes the physical laws that correct Bell's error and refute his theorem.

Introduction: Our local-realistic study of Bell (1964) – see References – has Alice and Bob as aides. They, with their equipment, are spacelike-separated. Hidden-variables λ (denoting angular momentum), capture the pairwise correlation of each particle-pair: i.e., $\lambda_i^\alpha + \lambda_i^\beta = 0$, with run-number $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$, and test-locales α or β . Let the i -th run of a test deliver A^+B^+ , as in our flowchart; explanations follow. Note that $p(\lambda_i^\alpha)$ changes to $p(a^+)$ via a local interaction; $p(\lambda_i^\beta)$ similarly to $p(b^+)$.

$$A^+ \equiv +1 = \{a \cdot (a^+)\} \leftarrow_p (a^+) \leftarrow \left[\begin{smallmatrix} + \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right] \leftarrow_p (\lambda_i^\alpha) \leftarrow \textcircled{S} \rightarrow_p (\lambda_i^\beta) \rightarrow \left[\begin{smallmatrix} + \\ b \end{smallmatrix} \right] \rightarrow_p (b^+) \rightarrow \{(b^+) \cdot b\} = +1 \equiv B^+$$

... α , the locale of autonomous Alice] [Source] [β , the locale of autonomous Bob ...

Item	Meaning
α and β	The spacelike-separated locales of Alice and Bob.
$a, (b)$	Principal axis of Alice's (Bob's) "polarizer": $\left[\begin{smallmatrix} + \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ ($\left[\begin{smallmatrix} + \\ b \end{smallmatrix} \right]$).
(a, b)	The angle between a and b , each being a unit vector.
$\pm 1 \equiv A^\pm, \pm 1 \equiv B^\pm$	Respectively, Alice's and Bob's measurement results.
$\{a \cdot (?)\} \left[\begin{smallmatrix} + \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right] \leftarrow_p (\lambda_i^\alpha)$	Alice's "polarizer-analyzer" about to test particle $p(\lambda_i^\alpha)$.
$p(\lambda_i^\alpha), p(\lambda_i^\beta)$	Particles are uniquely identified by i and α or β .
$p(\lambda_i^\beta) \rightarrow \left[\begin{smallmatrix} + \\ b \end{smallmatrix} \right] \{ (?) \cdot b \}$	Bob's "polarizer-analyzer" about to test particle $p(\lambda_i^\beta)$.
$P(XY) = P(X)P(Y X)$	The general product rule from probability theory.

Analysis: With certainty, $P(A^+B^+) + P(A^+B^-) + P(A^-B^+) + P(A^-B^-) = 1$. (1)

$\therefore E(AB) \equiv P(A^+B^+) - P(A^+B^-) - P(A^-B^+) + P(A^-B^-) = -a \cdot b = -\cos(a, b) \dots$ (2)

... from Bell's eqn.(3). $\therefore P(A^+B^+) + P(A^-B^-) = 1/2[1 - \cos(a, b)] = \sin^2 \frac{(a, b)}{2}$. (3)

Now $P(A^\pm) = P(B^\pm) = 1/2$. And results $AB = +1$ are equiprobable, as are $AB = -1$. (4)

$\therefore P(A^+B^+) = P(A^-B^-) = 1/2 \sin^2 \frac{(a, b)}{2}$. $\therefore P(A^+B^-) = P(A^-B^+) = 1/2 \cos^2 \frac{(a, b)}{2}$. (5)

$\therefore P(B^+|A^+) = P(B^-|A^-) = \sin^2 \frac{(a, b)}{2}$ and $P(A^+|B^-) = P(A^-|B^+) = \cos^2 \frac{(a, b)}{2}$. (6)

Explanation: (1) is an axiom of normalisation. $\equiv$ denotes "true by definition", so (2) defines the expectation in Bell (1964) eqn.(3). Our (3) follows from the sum of (1) & (2): each of which is certain, as are their consequences. (4) follows from the nature of the tests (N particle-pairs drawn from an infinite set, N large), and *predetermined* does not mean *pre-existing*. (5) shows the local-realistic correlations (the local-realistic laws) that refute Bell's theorem. (6) shows the laws that we sought.

Conclusions: Subluminal-travel and interactive-changes ensure that Einstein-locality and Bohr-realism hold true here. Equations (1) & (2) expose the underlying deterministic laws with certainty; they thus establish clear correlations between the paired results. The error we correct lies in Bell's specification of an inapplicable expectation in his second equation. Our local hidden-variable framework conforms fully to standard quantum mechanical predictions. It then refutes Bell's theorem. Evaluating the first paragraph of his original conclusion (p.199), under the boundary conditions $(a, b) = 0$ or π , helps to reveal the mechanism by which individual results are explicitly determined.

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