Valence bond states in Quantum Information Theory FRANK
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Many interesting states in the context of quantum information theory have a very
simple parameterization in terms of valence bond states. These include the GHZ-
states, cluster states, stabilizer states and error correcting codes, Kitaev's topological
toric codes, ... The basic advantage of this description is that it is a local and makes
the nice properties of these states very apparent. We will discuss these properties,
and elucidate the relevance of valence bond states in the context of the renormal-
ization group.

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