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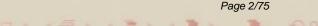
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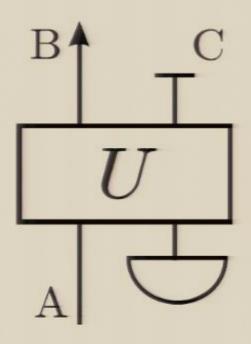
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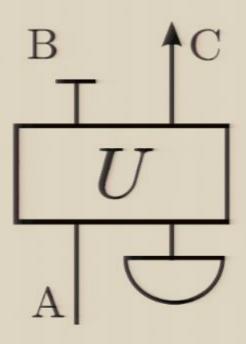


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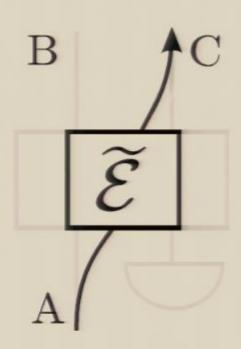
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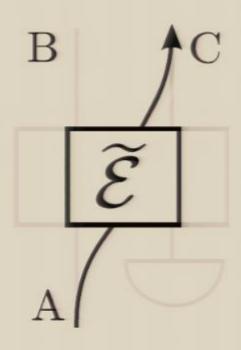
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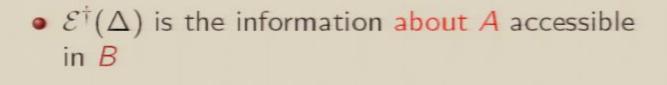


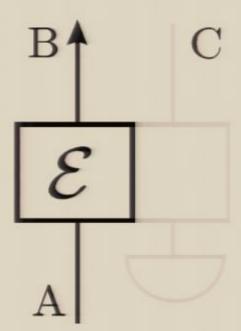
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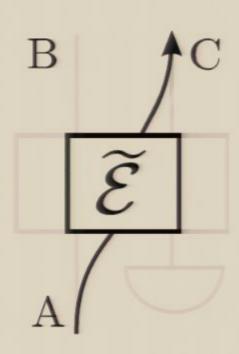
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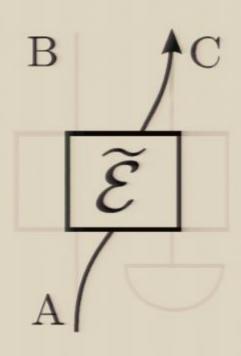
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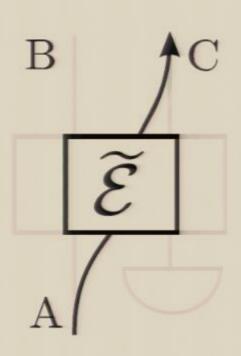




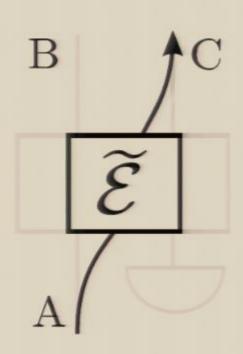
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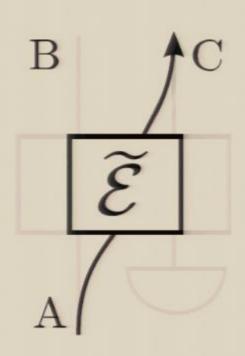
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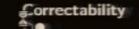
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- Spectral theorem: $X = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} P_{i}$
- For a state ρ , P_i yields the probability that X takes the value α_i

$$p_i = \operatorname{Tr}(\rho P_i)$$

- The family $\{P_i\}$ defines the statistics of measurement outcomes
- A generalized observable (POVM) is a family {A_i} of operators such that

$$p_i := \operatorname{Tr}(\rho A_i)$$

is a probability distribution

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