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Abstract:



# Quantum Foundations: Lecture 3

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# Today's Lecture

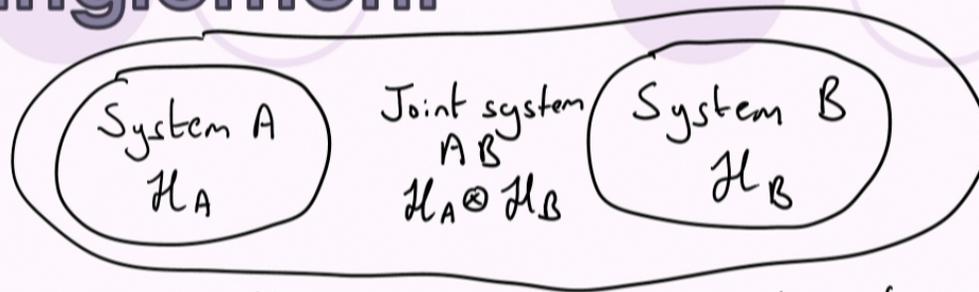


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## 2.3) Entanglement and EPR

- ◉ In 1935, Einstein, Podolsky and Rosen pointed out a conflict between orthodox quantum mechanics and locality. — A. Einstein, B. Podolsky, N. Rosen, "Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality be Considered Complete?," *Phys. Rev.*, vol. 47 pp. 777–780 (1935).
- ◉ "When two systems, of which we know the states by their respective representatives, enter into temporary physical interaction due to known forces between them, and when after a time of mutual influence the systems separate again, then they can no longer be described in the same way as before, viz. by endowing each of them with a representative of its own. I would not call that one but rather *the characteristic trait of quantum mechanics, the one that enforces its entire departure from classical lines of thought.* By the interaction the two representatives [the quantum states] have become entangled." — E. Schrödinger "Discussion of Probability Relations Between Separated Systems," *Proc. Cambridge Phil. Soc.*, 31, pp. 555–563 (1935).

# Entanglement



⊙ The Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  consists of all states of the form

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \alpha_{jk} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B$$

⊙ A state  $|\psi\rangle_{AB}$  is a **product state** if it can be written as

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = |\phi\rangle_A \otimes |\chi\rangle_B \quad \text{for some } |\phi\rangle_A \in \mathcal{H}_A, |\chi\rangle_B \in \mathcal{H}_B$$

⊙ Otherwise it is an **entangled** state

⊙ According to the orthodox interpretation A and B have no individual properties when AB is entangled.

# Entanglement

⊙ For 2-qubits it is straightforward to prove that

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|10\rangle + \alpha_{11}|11\rangle$$

is entangled iff

$$\alpha_{00}\alpha_{11} \neq \alpha_{01}\alpha_{10}$$

⊙ So, in particular,

$$|\Phi^+\rangle_{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle_{AB} + |11\rangle_{AB})$$

is an entangled state.

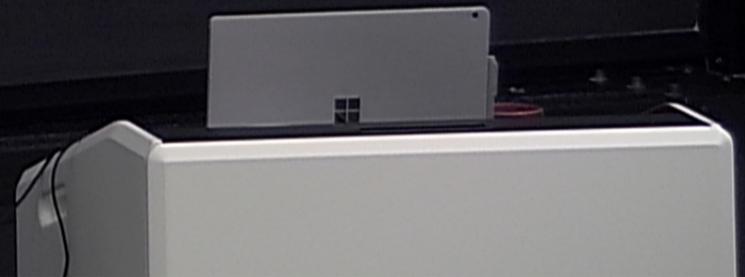
⊙ Note: If  $\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = n_1\sigma_1 + n_3\sigma_3$  with

$\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix}$  a unit vector in the  $x$ - $z$  plane then

$$|\Phi^+\rangle_{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\vec{n}_+\rangle_A |\vec{n}_+\rangle_B + |\vec{n}_-\rangle_A |\vec{n}_-\rangle_B)$$

with  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} |\vec{n}_\pm\rangle = \pm |\vec{n}_\pm\rangle$

$$(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes (\gamma|0\rangle + \delta|1\rangle)$$



# Partial Measurement

• If we measure one of the subsystems of a joint system in a complete orthonormal basis, then after the measurement the state gets updated to a product state.

• Joint system starts in state

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \alpha_{jk} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B$$

• A is measured in basis  $\{|\phi_m\rangle\}$ , outcome  $|\phi_n\rangle$  is obtained.

• B gets updated to

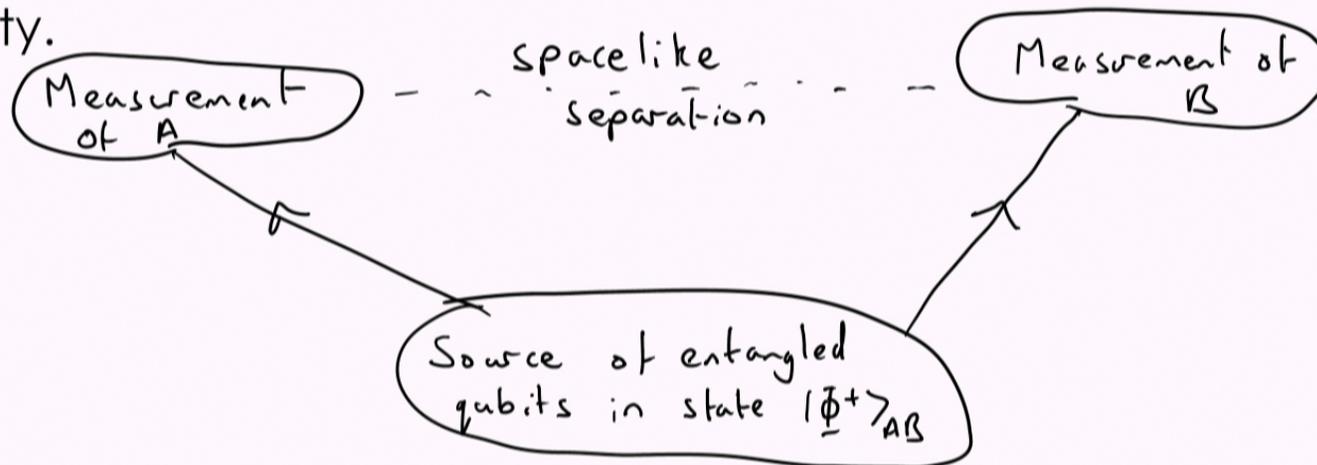
$$\frac{\langle \phi_n | \psi \rangle_{AB}}{\| \langle \phi_n | \psi \rangle_{AB} \|^2} = \frac{\sum_{jk} \alpha_{jk} \langle \phi_n | j \rangle |k\rangle_B}{\sum_k |\alpha_{jk} \langle \phi_n | j \rangle|^2}$$

# Partial Measurement

- ⊙ In particular, if  $|\Phi^+\rangle_{AB}$  is measured in the basis  $\{|0\rangle_A, |1\rangle_A\}$  then system B ends up in the state
- $|0\rangle_B$  if  $|0\rangle_A$  is found  
or  $|1\rangle_B$  if  $|1\rangle_A$  is found
- ⊙ More generally, if  $|\Phi^+\rangle_{AB}$  is measured in the basis  $\{|\vec{n}^+\rangle_A, |\vec{n}^-\rangle_A\}$  then B ends up in
- $|\vec{n}^+\rangle_B$  if  $|\vec{n}^+\rangle_A$  is found  
 $|\vec{n}^-\rangle_B$  if  $|\vec{n}^-\rangle_A$  is found
- ⊙ We will be able to predict the result of a  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$  measurement on system B with certainty.

# The EPR Criterion of Reality

- “If, without in any way disturbing a system, we can predict with certainty (i.e., with probability equal to unity) the value of a physical quantity, then there exists an element of reality corresponding to that quantity.” – A. Einstein, B. Podolsky, N. Rosen, “Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality be Considered Complete?,” *Phys. Rev.*, vol. 47 pp. 777–780 (1935).
- We can ensure that a measurement of  $A$  “does not disturb”  $B$  by locality.



# The EPR Argument

- By the EPR criterion and locality, system  $B$  must have an element of reality that determines the outcome of a  $\{|0\rangle_B, |1\rangle_B\}$  measurement before  $A$  is measured.
- The orthodox interpretation is nonlocal, because this “pops into existence” from nothing when  $A$  is measured.
- But note: Any interpretation in which measurement of  $\{|0\rangle_B, |1\rangle_B\}$  is undetermined before  $A$  is measured would also be nonlocal by the EPR criterion.
- Note that, because of the perfect correlations in all  $\{|\vec{n} +\rangle, |\vec{n} -\rangle\}$  measurements, the same is true for all possible measurement directions. Having all of these elements of reality would violate the uncertainty principle for  $B$ .
  - This is irrelevant to the main argument, which holds for just one measurement.
  - However, one can use this to show that a local theory must also be  $\psi$ -epistemic – N. Harrigan, R. Spekkens, *Found. Phys.* 40, 125 (2010).
- Bell’s Theorem will show that no completion of quantum theory can restore locality.

## 2.4) The No-Cloning Theorem

- If  $0 < |\langle \phi | \psi \rangle| < 1$  then there is no physical operation that outputs  $|\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle$  when  $|\psi\rangle$  is input and also  $|\phi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle$  when  $|\phi\rangle$  is input.

Proof:

• Physical operations must be unitary, so let  $|\chi\rangle$  be a fixed state on the same Hilbert space as  $|\psi\rangle$  and  $|\phi\rangle$ .

• A cloning unitary would satisfy

$$U|\psi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \quad U|\phi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle = |\phi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle$$

• Unitaries preserve inner products, so

$$\langle \phi | \otimes \langle \chi | U^\dagger U |\psi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle = (\langle \phi | \otimes \langle \chi |) (|\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi | \psi \rangle \langle \chi | \chi \rangle = \langle \phi | \psi \rangle^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi | \psi \rangle = \langle \phi | \psi \rangle^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\langle \phi | \psi \rangle| = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

# Comments on No-Cloning

- ◉ No-cloning is related to a number of other key features of quantum theory:
  - ◉ If we could perfectly clone, we could create an arbitrarily large number of copies of the initial state. Would allow us to determine the state exactly from just one initial copy.
  - ◉ This would allow us to signal superluminally in the EPR experiment (consider what would happen if we could clone state of  $B$  after measurement of  $A$ ).
  - ◉ Could measure any observable without disturbing the state of the system (just clone first and put one copy to the side).
- ◉ So its good that no-cloning holds, but we should explain why. In particular, if the quantum state really exists then why should it be uncopyable (suggests  $\psi$ -epistemic interpretation).



# 3) The Generalized Formalism

## 3.1) Vectors, Dual Vectors, and Inner Products

- ⊙ You are familiar with the "kets"  $|\psi\rangle$  and "bras" of Dirac notation.
- ⊙  $\langle\psi|$  lives in a different vector space from  $|\psi\rangle$  called the dual vector space
- ⊙ In quantum physics we are often quite careless with the distinction, but it will help to be explicit here.

# Dual Vector Spaces

⊙ Given a vector space  $V$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  (always  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  here), the **dual vector space**  $V^t$  is the set of linear functionals from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ .

$$\langle g | : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

$$\langle g | (\alpha | \psi \rangle + \beta | \phi \rangle) = \alpha \langle g | \psi \rangle + \beta \langle g | \phi \rangle$$

⊙  $V^t$  is itself a vector space, if we define  $\alpha \langle g | + \beta \langle f |$  via

$$(\alpha \langle g | + \beta \langle f |) | \psi \rangle = \alpha \langle g | \psi \rangle + \beta \langle f | \psi \rangle$$

# Inner Products

⊙ An **inner product** on a vector space  $V$  is a functional  $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  satisfying

- Conjugate symmetry  $(|\phi\rangle, |\psi\rangle) = (|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle)^*$

- Linearity:  $(|\chi\rangle, \alpha|\psi\rangle + \beta|\phi\rangle) = \alpha(|\chi\rangle, |\psi\rangle) + \beta(|\chi\rangle, |\phi\rangle)$

- Positive definiteness:  $(|\psi\rangle, |\psi\rangle) \geq 0$

with  $(|\psi\rangle, |\psi\rangle) = 0$  iff  $|\psi\rangle =$  the zero vector

⊙ A vector space with an inner product is called a **Hilbert space** (we are in finite dimensions, so ignoring  $\infty$ -dimensional complications)

⊙ We usually use  $\mathcal{H}$  to denote a Hilbert space.

# Inner Products and Dual Vectors

⊙ In a Hilbert space, the inner product induces an isomorphism  $\mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{H}^\dagger$

⊙ Given a vector  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ , we can define a dual vector  $\langle\psi| \in \mathcal{H}^\dagger$  via

$$\langle\psi|\phi\rangle = (\psi, \phi)$$

Linearity of inner product ensures this is a linear functional.

⊙ Given a dual vector  $\langle g| \in \mathcal{H}^\dagger$ , let  $\{|j\rangle\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  and define  $g_j = \langle g|j\rangle$

Then define  $|g\rangle = \sum_j g_j^\dagger |j\rangle$  with  $g_j^\dagger = g_j^*$

Straightforward to prove that this is an isomorphism.

## 3.2) Tensor Products and Partial Inner Products

⊙ Suppose  $\mathcal{H}_A$  has an orthonormal basis  $|j\rangle_A$   $|\psi\rangle_A = \sum_j \psi^j |j\rangle_A$   
 $\mathcal{H}_B$  " " " "  $|k\rangle_B$   $|\phi\rangle_B = \sum_k \phi^k |k\rangle_B$

⊙ The **tensor product**  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  is the vector space spanned by  $|j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B$

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \psi^{jk} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B$$

⊙ It is a Hilbert space, inheriting its inner product from  $\mathcal{H}_A$  and  $\mathcal{H}_B$

i.e. if  $|\phi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \phi^{jk} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B$

$$\langle \phi | \psi \rangle_{AB} = \sum_{\substack{jk \\ lm}} \phi_{jk}^{\dagger} \psi^{lm} \langle j|l\rangle_A \langle k|m\rangle_B = \sum_{jk} \phi_{jk}^{\dagger} \psi^{jk} \quad \text{where } \phi_{jk}^{\dagger} = \phi^{jk*}$$

$$(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes (\gamma|0\rangle + \delta|1\rangle)$$

$$\sum_{jk} \psi_{jk} \psi^{jk}$$



# Abstract Index Notation

⊙ It is cumbersome to keep track of long strings of bras/kets

e.g.  $|j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B \otimes |l\rangle_C \otimes \dots$

⊙ We can develop an abstract index notation similar to that used in differential geometry and GR.

$$|\psi\rangle_A = \sum_j \psi^j |j\rangle_A \Rightarrow \psi^{jA} \quad \langle \phi|_A = \sum_j \phi_j \langle j|_A \Rightarrow \phi_{jA}$$

$$\langle \phi | \psi \rangle_A = \phi_{jA} \psi^{jA} \leftarrow \text{summation convention for repeated indices}$$

⊙ It is necessary to include the label  $A$  of the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_A$  in the index  $j_A$  because Hilbert spaces may have different dimensions

Only upper  $A$  indices can be contracted with lower  $A$  indices.

# Abstract Index Notation

⊙ For a tensor product space  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ , we would have

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \psi^{jk} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_B \Rightarrow \psi^{j_A k_B}$$

$${}_{AB}\langle\phi| = \sum_{jk} \phi_{jk} \langle j|_A \otimes \langle k|_B \Rightarrow \phi_{j_A k_B}$$

⊙ The inner product is

$$\langle\phi|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \phi_{j_A k_B} \psi^{j_A k_B}$$

⊙ However  $\phi_{j_A k_B} \psi^{k_A j_B}$  is not a valid contraction

# More Interesting Tensor Products

⊙  $\mathcal{H}_A$  and  $\mathcal{H}_B^\dagger$  are both Hilbert spaces, so there is no reason why we can't form the tensor product  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger$

⊙ This would be the vector space of objects of the form

$$\sum_{jk} \psi_{jk}^j |j\rangle_A \otimes \langle k|_B \Rightarrow \psi_{kB}^{jA}$$

⊙ The dual space to  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger$  is  $(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger)^\dagger = \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

$$\sum_{jk} \phi_{jk}^k \langle j|_A \otimes |k\rangle_B \Rightarrow \phi_{jA}^{kB}$$

⊙ The inner product is given by  $\phi_{jA}^{kB} \psi_{kB}^{jA}$

# More Interesting Tensor Products

- ⊙ An object like  $\sum_{jk} \psi_k^j |j\rangle_A \otimes \langle k|_B$  is neither a ket nor a bra.
- ⊙ However  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger$  is still just a Hilbert space, like any other.
- ⊙ Sometimes it will be useful to think of  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger$  as a space of "kets" and its dual  $\mathcal{H}_A^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  as a space of "bras".
- ⊙ When doing so, I will use round brackets as a reminder that they are

$$|\psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \psi_k^j |j\rangle_A \otimes \langle k|_B$$

$${}_{AB}\langle\phi| = \sum_{jk} \phi_j^k \langle j|_A \otimes |k\rangle_B$$

$$(\phi|\psi)_{AB} = \phi_{j_A}^{k_B} \psi_{k_B}^{j_A}$$

not primitive kets and bras.

# Diagrammatic Notation

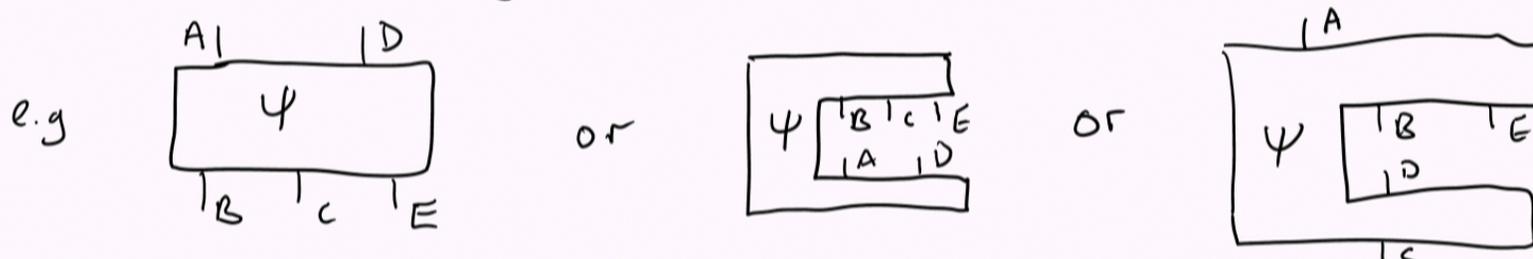
Clearly, we can iterate this construction and consider complicated tensor products

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } \mathcal{H}_1 &= \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_C^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_D \otimes \mathcal{H}_E^\dagger & \psi_{\mathcal{H}_B \mathcal{H}_C \mathcal{H}_E}^{j_A m_D} \\ \mathcal{H}_1^\dagger &= \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C \otimes \mathcal{H}_D^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_E & \phi_{j_A m_D}^{\mathcal{H}_B \mathcal{H}_C \mathcal{H}_E} \end{aligned}$$

Even abstract indices can get cumbersome after a while, so let's develop a way of representing them with diagrams

A tensor is represented by a box of arbitrary shape

A vector index by an upwards oriented line with Hilbert space label  
 A dual index by a downwards oriented line with Hilbert space label



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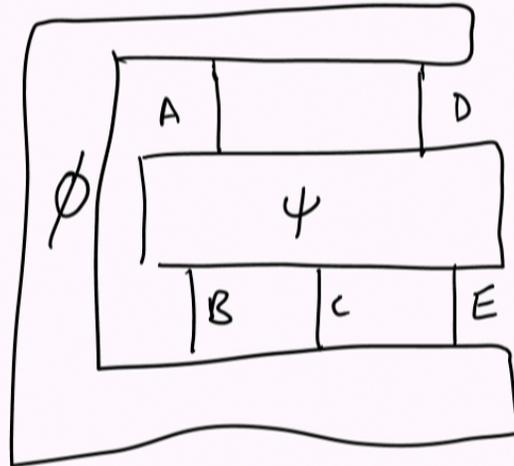
$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_C^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_D \otimes \mathcal{H}_E^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1^\dagger = \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C \otimes \mathcal{H}_D^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_E$$

⊙ We can then represent an inner product

$$\langle \psi_{j_A m_D}^{k_B l_C n_E} | \psi_{k_B l_C n_E}^{j_A m_D} \rangle$$

by connecting lines like this

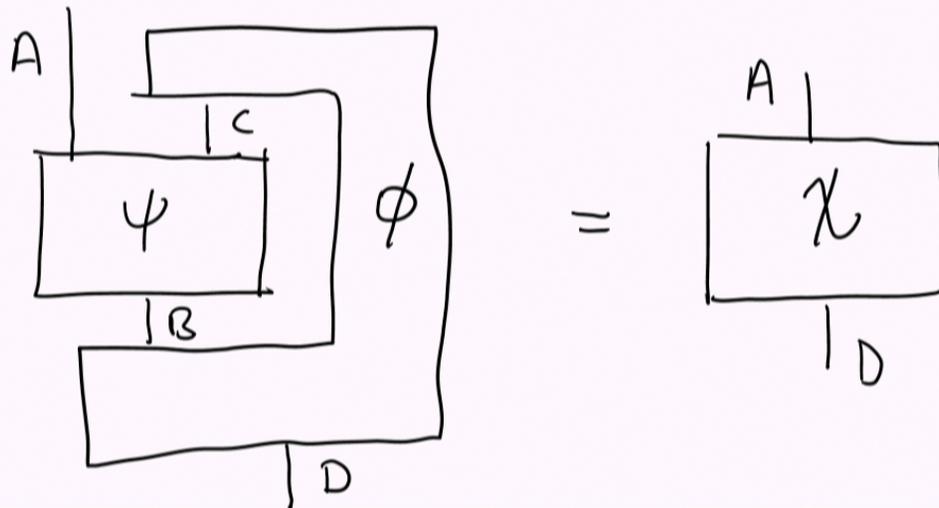


# Partial Inner Products

○ We can also define partial inner products where we only contract over some of the indicies

e.g.  $\psi_{k_B}^{j_A l_C} \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^+ \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$        $\phi_{l_C m_D}^{k_B} \in \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C^+ \otimes \mathcal{H}_D^+$

$$\phi_{l_C m_D}^{k_B} \psi_{k_B}^{j_A l_C} = \chi_{m_D}^{j_A}$$



# Raising and Lowering Indices

Consider the vector  $|\delta\rangle_{AA} = \sum_j |j\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_A = \sum_{jk} \delta^{jk} |j\rangle_A \otimes |k\rangle_A$

where  $\delta^{jk} = \begin{cases} 1, & j=k \\ 0, & j \neq k \end{cases}$ . This lives in  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_A$

Abstract index notation:  $\delta^{j_1 k_1} \delta_{j_2 k_2} = \delta_{j_2 j_1} \delta^{k_1 k_2}$

Diagrammatic notation:

A partial inner product with this turns a bra into a ket

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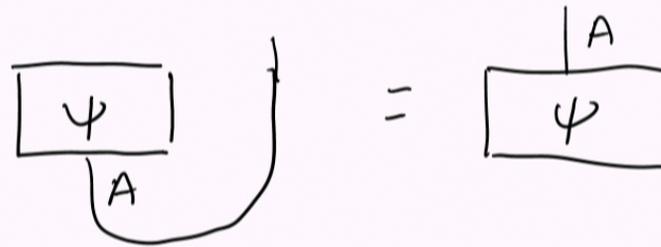
⊙ Abstract index notation:  $\delta^{jaka}$

⊙ Diagrammatic notation:



⊙ A partial inner product with this turns a bra into a ket

$$\delta^{jaka} \psi_{kA} = \psi^{kA}$$



$$(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes (\delta|0\rangle + \epsilon|1\rangle)$$

$$\sum_{jk} \phi_{jk} \psi_{jk}$$

$$\int_{j=ka} \psi_{ka} = \psi_{ka}$$

$$(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes (\delta|0\rangle + \epsilon|1\rangle)$$

$$\sum_{jk} \phi_{jk} \psi_{jk}$$

$$\int_{jk} \psi_{jk} = \psi_{jk}$$

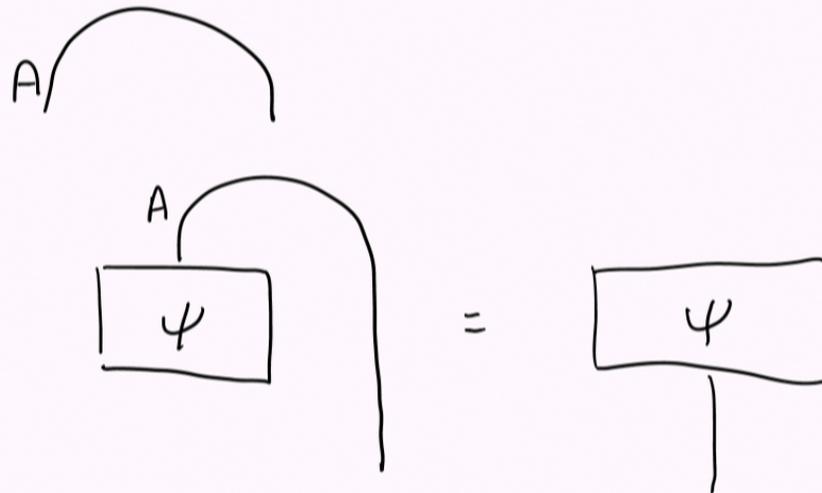
# Raising and Lowering Indices

⊙ Similarly the dual vector  ${}_A \langle \delta | = \sum_j \langle j | \otimes \langle j | = \sum_{jk} \delta_{jk} \langle j | \otimes \langle k |$   
 turns kets into bras

⊙ Abstract notation  $\delta_{jAkA}$

⊙ Diagrammatic notation

$$\delta_{jAkA} \psi^{kA} = \psi_{jA}$$



# Taking Duals

⊙ Note that  $\psi^{jA} \rightarrow \psi_{jA}$  is not the same as  $|\psi\rangle_A \rightarrow \langle\psi|_A$  if we are in a complex Hilbert space

⊙ To take a dual, you have to change bras  $\leftrightarrow$  kets AND take the complex conjugate of coefficients

$$|\psi\rangle_A = \sum_j \psi^j |j\rangle_A \longrightarrow \langle\psi|_A = \sum_j \psi^{\dagger}_j \langle j|_A$$

where  $\psi^{\dagger}_{jA} = \psi^{*jA} \delta_{jA kA}$

$$\boxed{\psi^{\dagger}}_A = \boxed{\psi^*}^A$$

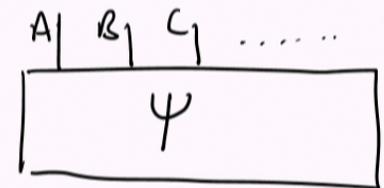
## 3.3) Some Useful Hilbert Spaces

⊙ The space of (pure) quantum states is just a boring old ket space

$$|\psi\rangle_A \in \mathcal{H}_A \quad \psi^{ja} \quad \boxed{\begin{matrix} A \\ \psi \end{matrix}}$$

⊙ If we have multiple subsystems  $A, B, C, \dots$  then there is a tensor product factor for each subsystem

$$|\psi\rangle_{ABC\dots} \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C \otimes \dots \quad \psi^{j_a k_b l_c \dots}$$



⊙ But it is still just kets so relatively boring.

# The Space of Linear Operators

⊙ Now let's consider the space of linear operators from  $\mathcal{H}_A$  to  $\mathcal{H}_B$  denoted  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_B)$  [just  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A)$  if  $\mathcal{H}_A = \mathcal{H}_B$ ]

⊙ In Dirac notation, we know that an operator can be written in terms of its matrix elements

$$M = \sum_{j,k} M_{jk}^i |j\rangle_B \langle k|_A \quad \text{where} \quad M_{jk}^i = \langle j| M |k\rangle_A$$

⊙ But this looks just like an object in  $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger$

$$\sum_{j,k} M_{jk}^i |j\rangle_B \otimes \langle k|_A \Leftrightarrow M_{kA}^{jB} \Leftrightarrow$$

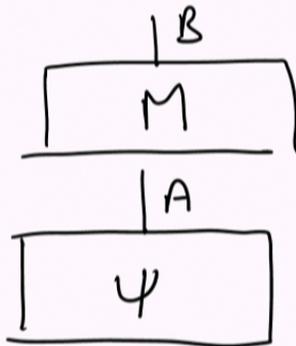


# The Space of Linear Operators

⊙ If we treat  $M$  as an element of  $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger$  then the action of  $M$  on a vector  $|\psi\rangle_A \in \mathcal{H}_A$  is just partial inner product

$$M = \sum_{j,k} M_{jk}^i |j\rangle_B \otimes \langle k|_A \quad |\psi\rangle_A = \sum_L \psi^L |L\rangle_A$$

$$M|\psi\rangle_A = \sum_{j,k} M_{jk}^i \psi^k |j\rangle_B \quad \text{or} \quad M_{jk}^i \psi^k$$



# The Space of Linear Operators

⊙ In general, the space of linear operators from  $\mathcal{H}_A$  to  $\mathcal{H}_B$  is

(isomorphic to)  $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger \equiv \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_B)$   
output space.  $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$  dual of input space

⊙ Everything can be done with tensor products and partial inner products!

⊙ Since  $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger \equiv \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_B)$  is a Hilbert space, it must have an inner product.

⊙ General prescription for inner products:

Take 2 vectors  $|\psi\rangle$   $|\phi\rangle$

Dualize one of them  $|\phi\rangle \rightarrow \langle\phi|$

Act with  $\langle\phi|$  on  $|\psi\rangle$   $\langle\phi|\psi\rangle$

# Duperators and Inner products of Operators

- ⊙ The dual of an operator is a linear functional from operators to scalars (a **duperator**)
- ⊙  $(\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger)^\dagger = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^\dagger$  so  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_B)^\dagger = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A)$   
i.e. The duperators from A to B are the operators from B to A
- ⊙ Let  $|M\rangle = M_{k_A}^{j_B}$      $|N\rangle = N_{k_A}^{j_B} \rightarrow \langle N| = N_{j_B}^{\dagger k_A} = \delta_{j_B l_B} \delta^{k_A m_A} N_{m_A}^{\dagger l_B}$   
 $\langle N|M\rangle = N_{j_B}^{\dagger k_A} M_{k_A}^{j_B} = \text{Tr}(N^\dagger M)$
- ⊙ This is called the **Hilbert-Schmidt inner product**.
- ⊙ It is just the standard inner product on  $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_A^\dagger$