

16.6 Charlie prepares a 2-spin system in state $|\text{sing}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|ud\rangle - |du\rangle)$.

Bob measures τ_y and Alice measures σ_x . What is $\langle \sigma_x \tau_y \rangle$? What is

$$\text{corr}(\sigma_x, \tau_y) \equiv \langle \sigma_x \tau_y \rangle - \langle \sigma_x \rangle \langle \tau_y \rangle?$$

Solution. Recall that $|T_1\rangle = |ud\rangle + |du\rangle$. Also,

$$\langle \text{sing} | T_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle ud | - \langle du |) (|ud\rangle + |du\rangle) = \frac{1}{2} (\cancel{\langle ud | ud \rangle} + \cancel{\langle ud | du \rangle} - \cancel{\langle du | ud \rangle} - \cancel{\langle du | du \rangle})$$

$$\langle \text{sing} | T_1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\sigma_x \tau_y |\text{sing}\rangle \stackrel{\text{Table 1}}{=} \sigma_x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-i |uu\rangle - i |dd\rangle) \stackrel{\text{Table 1}}{=} -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (|du\rangle + |ud\rangle) = -i |T_1\rangle$$

$$\therefore \langle \sigma_x \tau_y \rangle = \langle \text{sing} | \sigma_x \tau_y | \text{sing} \rangle = -i \langle \text{sing} | T_1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{corr}(\sigma_x, \tau_y) = 0 - (0)(0) = 0. \quad \boxed{\sigma_x \text{ \& \; } \tau_y \text{ are completely uncorrelated}}$$