

[6.2] Suppose that $|A\rangle = \alpha_u|u\rangle + \alpha_d|d\rangle$ and $|b\rangle = \beta_u|u\rangle + \beta_d|d\rangle$. Show that if $|A\rangle$ and $|B\rangle$ are normalized then so is $|A\rangle \otimes |B\rangle$.

Solution. The basis for S_A is $\{|a'\rangle, |a\rangle\}$ and for S_B it is $\{|b'\rangle, |b\rangle\}$. So a basis for S_{AB} is $\{|a'b'\rangle, |a'b\rangle, |ab'\rangle, |ab\rangle\}$.

Alice's basis is orthonormal $\Leftrightarrow \langle a'|a\rangle = \delta_{a'a}$.

Bob's basis is orthonormal $\Leftrightarrow \langle b'|b\rangle = \delta_{b'b}$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a'b'|ab\rangle &\stackrel{(1.14)}{=} (\langle a'b'|)(|ab\rangle) = (\langle a'|\otimes\langle b'|)(|a\rangle\otimes|b\rangle) \\ &= \langle a'|a\rangle\langle b'|b\rangle \text{ since we do not combine } a\text{'s and } b\text{'s.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\langle a'|a\rangle$ and $\langle b'|b\rangle$ are complex numbers so we drop the tensor sign.

Therefore $\langle a'b'|ab\rangle = \delta_{a'a}\delta_{b'b}$.