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# Iterated Quantum Products, Sums, and Infinite Sums

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## Introduction

This is a tutorial on the use of Quantum *Mathematica* add-on to work with iterated quantum products  $\otimes_{j=1}^n$  and sums  $\sum_{j=1}^n$  of expressions in Dirac notation.

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## Load the Package

First load the Quantum`Notation` package. Write:

`Needs["Quantum`Notation`"];`

then press at the same time the keys `[SHIFT]-[ENTER]` to evaluate. *Mathematica* will load the package:

```
Needs["Quantum`Notation`"]
```

```
Quantum`Notation` Version 2.2.0. (July 2010)
A Mathematica package for Quantum calculations in Dirac bra-ket notation
by José Luis Gómez-Muñoz
```

```
Execute SetQuantumAliases[] in order to use
the keyboard to enter quantum objects in Dirac's notation
SetQuantumAliases[] must be executed again in each new
notebook that is created, only one time per notebook.
```

In order to use the keyboard to enter quantum objects write:

`SetQuantumAliases[ ];`

then press at the same time the keys `[SHIFT]-[ENTER]` to evaluate. The semicolon prevents *Mathematica* from printing the help message. Remember that `SetQuantumAliases[ ]` must be evaluated again in each new notebook:

```
SetQuantumAliases[ ];
```

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## Iterated Quantum Products $\otimes_{j=1}^n \mathbf{a}_j$

This is a large quantum product entered in a naive way. Press `[ESC]eket[ESC]` for each eigen-ket template, and press `[ESC]tp[ESC]` for each infix tensor product symbol:

$$|16_4\rangle \otimes |25_5\rangle \otimes |36_6\rangle \otimes |49_7\rangle \otimes |64_8\rangle$$

$$|16_4, 25_5, 36_6, 49_7, 64_8\rangle$$

There is a more convenient notation for large quantum products. Press the keys:

[ESC]qp[ESC]

then press the key [TAB] several times in order to select the lowest "place-holder" (square). Then press the keys:

j=4[TAB]8[TAB][ESC]eket[ESC][TAB][ESC]po[ESC]

then press the key [TAB] several times to select the remaining leftmost "place-holder" (square). Then press the keys:

j[TAB]2[TAB]j

Finally press at the same time the keys **SHIFT-ENTER** to evaluate:

$$\bigotimes_{j=4}^8 | (j)^2_j \rangle$$

$$|16_4, 25_5, 36_6, 49_7, 64_8\rangle$$

The "InputForm" version is the command QuantumProduct, which has the same syntax as the standard *Mathematica* commands Product, Sum and Table:

$$\text{QuantumProduct} \left[ | (j)^2_j \rangle, \{j, 4, 8\} \right]$$

$$|16_4, 25_5, 36_6, 49_7, 64_8\rangle$$

An increment different from one can be specified using the "InputForm" version, QuantumProduct. It has the same syntax as standard *Mathematica* commands like Product, Sum and Table:

$$\text{QuantumProduct} \left[ | (j)^2_j \rangle, \{j, 4, 8, 2\} \right]$$

$$|16_4, 36_6, 64_8\rangle$$

If the initial value is omitted, then it is assumed to be one:

$$\bigotimes_j^8 | (j)^2_j \rangle$$

$$|1_1, 4_2, 9_3, 16_4, 25_5, 36_6, 49_7, 64_8\rangle$$

InputForm version giving the same result as above:

$$\text{QuantumProduct} \left[ | (j)^2_j \rangle, \{j, 8\} \right]$$

$$|1_1, 4_2, 9_3, 16_4, 25_5, 36_6, 49_7, 64_8\rangle$$

A specific list of index values can be given:

$$\bigotimes_{j=1}^{\{10, 20, 100\}} \left| (j)^2_{\hat{j}} \right\rangle$$

$$\left| 100_{\hat{10}}, 400_{\hat{20}}, 10\,000_{\hat{100}} \right\rangle$$

InputForm version giving the same result as above:

```
QuantumProduct[ |(j)^2_j>, {j, {10, 20, 100}}]
```

$$\left| 100_{\hat{10}}, 400_{\hat{20}}, 10\,000_{\hat{100}} \right\rangle$$

This is the quantum product of a quantum function (operator) evaluated at different values of its argument:

```
SetQuantumObject[q];
```

$$\bigotimes_{k=5}^{11} q[2k]$$

$$q[10] \cdot q[12] \cdot q[14] \cdot q[16] \cdot q[18] \cdot q[20] \cdot q[22]$$

InputForm version giving the same result as above:

```
SetQuantumObject[q];
```

```
QuantumProduct[q[2 k], {k, 5, 11}]
```

$$q[10] \cdot q[12] \cdot q[14] \cdot q[16] \cdot q[18] \cdot q[20] \cdot q[22]$$

Iterated quantum products can be calculated, notice that the upper limit of the inner index depends on the outer index:

```
SetQuantumObject[b];
```

$$\bigotimes_{k=3}^5 \bigotimes_{j=1}^{k-2} b[k, j]$$

$$b[3, 1] \cdot b[4, 1] \cdot b[4, 2] \cdot b[5, 1] \cdot b[5, 2] \cdot b[5, 3]$$

Here we obtain the same result as above using two nested QuantumProduct:

```
SetQuantumObject[b];
```

```
QuantumProduct[QuantumProduct[b[k, j], {j, 1, k - 2}], {k, 3, 5}]
```

$$b[3, 1] \cdot b[4, 1] \cdot b[4, 2] \cdot b[5, 1] \cdot b[5, 2] \cdot b[5, 3]$$

Here we obtain the same result as above using one QuantumProduct with two iterators. Notice the order of the iterators, which follows the conventions of the iterators used in standard *Mathematica* commands like Product, Sum and Table:

```
SetQuantumObject[b];
QuantumProduct[b[k, j], {k, 3, 5}, {j, 1, k - 2}]
```

```
b[3, 1] · b[4, 1] · b[4, 2] · b[5, 1] · b[5, 2] · b[5, 3]
```

Complex products can be generated:

```
SetQuantumObject[b];
```

```
{x, y} 3 j+1
⊗ ⊗ ⊗ b[i, j, k]
i j k
```

```
b[x, 1, 1] · b[x, 1, 2] · b[x, 2, 1] · b[x, 2, 2] · b[x, 2, 3] · b[x, 3, 1] ·
b[x, 3, 2] · b[x, 3, 3] · b[x, 3, 4] · b[y, 1, 1] · b[y, 1, 2] · b[y, 2, 1] ·
b[y, 2, 2] · b[y, 2, 3] · b[y, 3, 1] · b[y, 3, 2] · b[y, 3, 3] · b[y, 3, 4]
```

We clear the definitions used in the previous examples:

```
SetQuantumScalar[b, q];
Clear[b, q]
```

## Finite Sums

You can calculate sums that include Quantum expressions. Press [ESC]si[ESC] for the sigma template. The keys [ESC]qs[ESC] (as in quantum sum) give the same template:

```


$$\sum_{j=4}^8 |j_q\rangle$$

```

```
| 4q ⟩ + | 5q ⟩ + | 6q ⟩ + | 7q ⟩ + | 8q ⟩
```

The "InputForm" version must be typed using the command "QuantumSum" instead of "Sum":

```
QuantumSum[ | jq ⟩, {j, 4, 8}]
```

```
| 4q ⟩ + | 5q ⟩ + | 6q ⟩ + | 7q ⟩ + | 8q ⟩
```

An increment different from one can be specified using the "InputForm" version, QuantumSum. It has the same syntax as standard *Mathematica* commands like Product, Sum and Table:

```
QuantumSum[ | jq ⟩, {j, 4, 8, 2}]
```

```
| 4q ⟩ + | 6q ⟩ + | 8q ⟩
```

Iterated sums:

$$\sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^4 |i_s\rangle \cdot \langle (j+k)_s|$$

$$\begin{aligned} & |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + 2 |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + 2 |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + \\ & 2 |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + 2 |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + 2 |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + 2 |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + 2 |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + \\ & 2 |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| + |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| + |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| + |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| \end{aligned}$$

And the TraditionalForm of the expression can be easier to visualize:

$$\text{TraditionalForm}\left[\sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^4 |i_s\rangle \cdot \langle (j+k)_s|\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & |1_s\rangle\langle 2_s| + |2_s\rangle\langle 2_s| + |3_s\rangle\langle 2_s| + |4_s\rangle\langle 2_s| + 2 |1_s\rangle\langle 3_s| + 2 |2_s\rangle\langle 3_s| + 2 |3_s\rangle\langle 3_s| + 2 |4_s\rangle\langle 3_s| + \\ & 2 |1_s\rangle\langle 4_s| + 2 |2_s\rangle\langle 4_s| + 2 |3_s\rangle\langle 4_s| + 2 |4_s\rangle\langle 4_s| + |1_s\rangle\langle 5_s| + |2_s\rangle\langle 5_s| + |3_s\rangle\langle 5_s| + |4_s\rangle\langle 5_s| \end{aligned}$$

The "InputForm" version must be typed using the command "QuantumSum" instead of "Sum":

$$\text{QuantumSum}\left[|i_s\rangle \cdot \langle (j+k)_s|, \{k, 1, 2\}, \{j, 1, 3\}, \{i, 1, 4\}\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + 2 |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + 2 |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + \\ & 2 |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + 2 |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + 2 |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + 2 |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + 2 |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + \\ & 2 |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s| + |1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| + |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| + |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| + |4_s\rangle \cdot \langle 5_s| \end{aligned}$$

Here is an example where the expressions depends on only one summation index and the lower and upper limits are symbolic. It is slow, it takes several seconds to evaluate:

$$\sum_{k=a}^p \sum_{j=d}^n \sum_{i=c}^m |j_s\rangle \cdot \langle (j+1)_s|$$

$$(1-c+m) (1-a+p) \sum_{j=d}^n |j_s\rangle \cdot \langle (1+j)_s|$$

If the initial value of an index is omitted, then it is assumed to be equal to one:

$$\sum_j^3 |j_s\rangle \cdot \langle (j+1)_s|$$

$$|1_s\rangle \cdot \langle 2_s| + |2_s\rangle \cdot \langle 3_s| + |3_s\rangle \cdot \langle 4_s|$$

A list of explicit values can be given for the index

$$\sum_j^{\{50, 100, 200\}} |j_{\hat{s}}\rangle \cdot \langle (j+1)_{\hat{s}} |$$

$$|50_{\hat{s}}\rangle \cdot \langle 51_{\hat{s}} | + |100_{\hat{s}}\rangle \cdot \langle 101_{\hat{s}} | + |200_{\hat{s}}\rangle \cdot \langle 201_{\hat{s}} |$$

It is possible to operate with sums. The piecewise answer to this calculation depends on the value of  $n$

$$\langle 7_{\hat{q}} | \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n f[i] | i_{\hat{q}} \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} f[7] & n > 6 \\ 0 & \text{True} \end{cases}$$

You can use the standard *Mathematica* notation for assumptions:

$$\text{Simplify}\left[\langle 7_{\hat{q}} | \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n f[i] | i_{\hat{q}} \rangle, n > 10\right]$$

$$f[7]$$

The Assuming command is another way to specify assumptions. Remember that Assuming only works on those *Mathematica* commands that have the option Assumptions (commands like Simplify, FullSimplify, Integrate, etc, but other commands just ignore the Assuming command).

$$\text{Assuming}[n > 10, \text{Simplify}\left[\langle 7_{\hat{q}} | \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n f[i] | i_{\hat{q}} \rangle\right]]$$

$$f[7]$$

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## Known Issue: Operations with Several Nested Sums are Very Slow

When complex symbolic calculations are involved (complex for a computer is not the same as complex for a human), the calculation can be **very slow**. Next calculation can take **several minutes** in your computer. Notice that the first and third sums are actually identity operators, therefore the answer is equivalent to the second sum:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^d |i_{\hat{a}}\rangle \cdot \langle i_{\hat{a}}|\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d f_{\circ\circ}[j, k] \cdot |j_{\hat{a}}\rangle \cdot \langle k_{\hat{a}}|\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{m=1}^d |m_{\hat{a}}\rangle \cdot \langle m_{\hat{a}}|\right)$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^d \left(\sum_{j=1}^d f_{\circ\circ}[j, m] |j_{\hat{a}}\rangle \cdot \langle m_{\hat{a}}|\right)$$

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## Infinite Sums

Infinite sums can be used:

$$\left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} | (3j)_{\hat{q}} \rangle \cdot \langle j_{\hat{q}} | \right) \cdot (\alpha | 10_{\hat{q}} \rangle + \beta | 80_{\hat{q}} \rangle)$$

$$\alpha | 30_{\hat{q}} \rangle + \beta | 240_{\hat{q}} \rangle$$

The dummy index  $m$  in the first sum and the dummy index  $m$  in the second sum are treated as different symbols. Notice the dot [ESC]on[ESC] between the sums, which means that the sums are **not** being multiplied, there **is** a "noncommutative quantum application" between them, each sum is consider as an operator:

$$\left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} | (3m)_{\hat{q}} \rangle \cdot \langle m_{\hat{q}} | \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} | (5m)_{\hat{q}} \rangle \cdot \langle m_{\hat{q}} | \right) \cdot | 10_{\hat{q}} \rangle$$

$$| 150_{\hat{q}} \rangle$$

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**The command DefineOperatorOnKets[ ] can be used instead of  $\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty}$  for creating faster operators**

We can use a doubly-infinite sum to define a rising-index operator

$$\text{dirac1} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} | (k+1)_{\hat{a}} \rangle \cdot \langle k_{\hat{a}} |$$

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} | (k+1)_{\hat{a}} \rangle \cdot \langle k_{\hat{a}} |$$

Now dirac1 is an operator

$$\text{dirac1} \cdot | 7_{\hat{a}} \rangle$$

$$| 8_{\hat{a}} \rangle$$

Powers of this operator give the expected answer

$$\text{dirac1}^3 \cdot | 7_{\hat{a}} \rangle$$

$$| 10_{\hat{a}} \rangle$$

The hermitian conjugate of the operator also works.

$$(\text{dirac1})^{\dagger} \cdot | 7_{\hat{a}} \rangle$$

$$| 6_{\hat{a}} \rangle$$

It is possible to define new operators this other way. Notice that we must define the action of both the operator and its hermitian conjugate:

```
DefineOperatorOnKets[op2, { | x_m-hat> :> | (x + 1)_m-hat> }];
DefineOperatorOnKets[(op2)†, { | x_m-hat> :> | (x - 1)_m-hat> }];
```

Now ope2 works the same as dirac1

```
ope2 . | 7_a-hat>
```

```
| 8_a-hat>
```

Powers of this operator also give the expected answer

```
ope2^3 . | 7_a-hat>
```

```
| 10_a-hat>
```

The hermitian conjugate of the operator also works. Notice that the action of both the operator and its hermitian conjugate was defined above with two separated DefineOperatorOnKets[]

```
(ope2)† . | 7_a-hat>
```

```
| 6_a-hat>
```

The operators defined with DefineOperatorOnKets are usually faster than operators defined with sums of Dirac expressions.

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