

A Quantum Toolchain

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QNET Computer Algebra for Quantum Mechanics

QNET has strong connection to

- Sympy (Python's general computer algebra library)
- QuTiP (Quantum Toolbox in Python)

Connections to SymPy:

- use SymPy for scalar algebra
- similar tree-structure of expressions
- printing system mirrors SymPy

Sympy has some (incomplete) support for quantum algebra in 'sympy.physics.quantum'

Differences to SymPy:

- semantics and notation of quantum mechanics
- no automatic simplifications on: "smart" instantiation via 'create' method
- focus on exact expression tree manipulation
- improved pattern matching
- easier to debug and extend (no `__new__`)

active development: release 2.0 out soon!
contributions welcome!

Library package-structure:

- algebra.core: quantum algebra class hierarchy
- algebra.library: domain-specific extensions
- algebra.pattern_matching: pattern-based manipulation of expression trees
- algebra.toolbox: analytical algorithms (e.g. perturbation theory)
- convert: conversion to QuTiP, SymPy matrices
- visualization: circuit diagrams
- printing: customizable printing (unicode / LaTeX)

Core algebra:

- scalar algebra: wrapper around numeric values, SymPy; but also "scalar expressions", e.g. $\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle$
- operator-algebra: full C^* -algebra
- state-algebra: Hilbert-space algebra of quantum states
- super-operator-algebra: Liouville space algebra for open quantum systems
- circuit-algebra: combine small quantum systems in a network, according to "SLH" algebra.

QNET is the only software package implementing the SLH circuit algebra!

The Toolchain Approach

- every aspect of the research project is represented in software
- interoperability between packages across platforms and languages
- driven by Jupyter notebooks or scripts

goal: reproducibility, correctness, iterative analysis, "intractable" models

