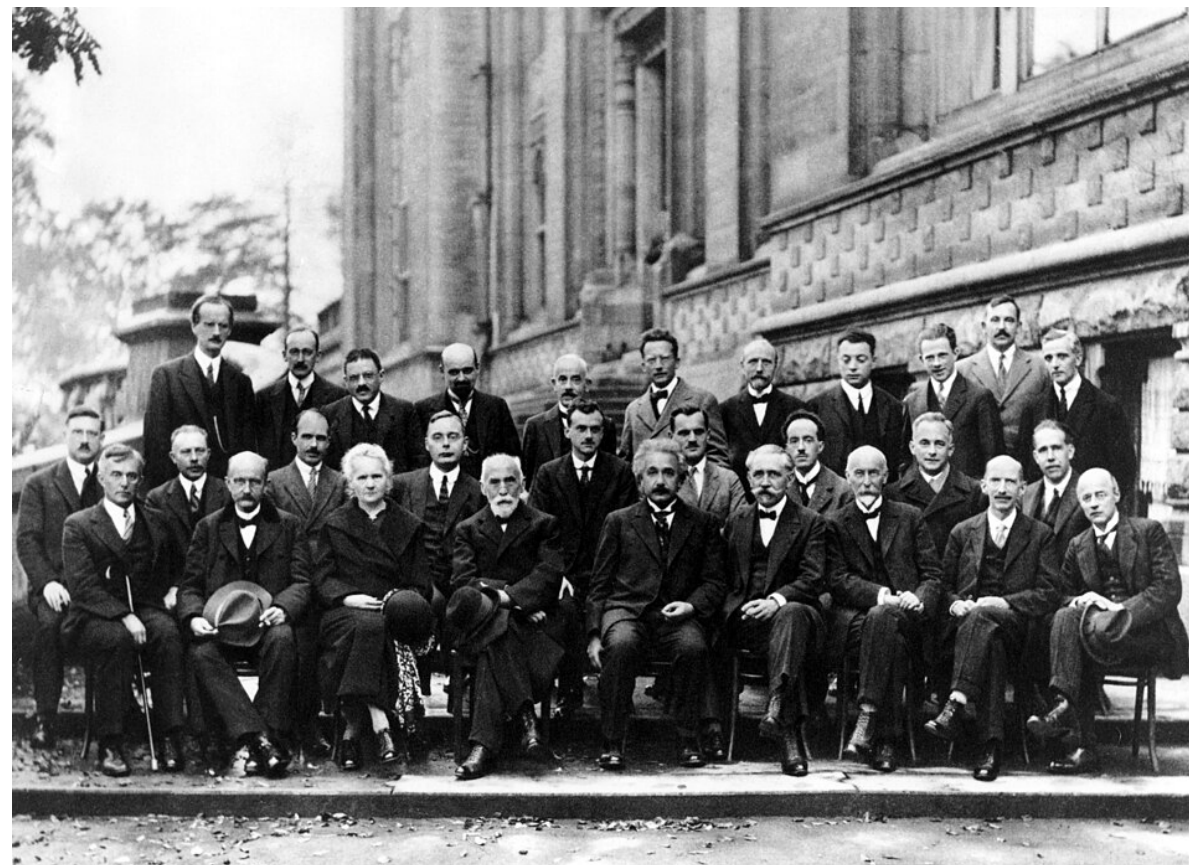


# Quantum Mechanics II

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# The following basic principles are the rules of our game.

- States are vectors in a Hilbert space.
- States evolve according to the Schrodinger equation.
- Observables are operators in a Hilbert space.
- States collapse after a measurement.
- Bosons (fermions) are symmetric (anti-symmetric) under permutation.

# Lectures from the last week (week 2)

- Localized qubits
- Structure of Hilbert space
- Dynamics and measurement outcomes
- Bosons and fermions
- Structure of Hilbert space
- Creation and annihilation operators

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- Writing operators using creation and annihilation operators
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By the end of this week,  
you should be able to:

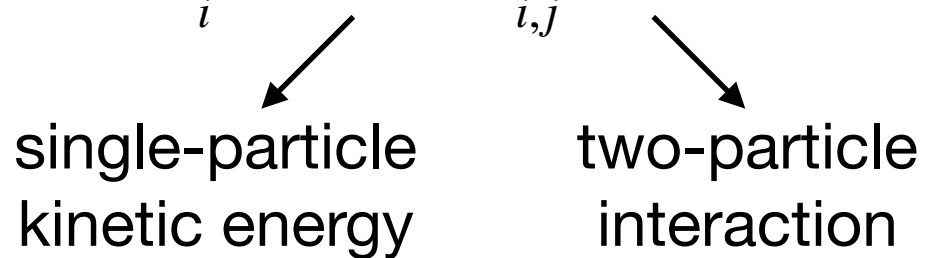
- Write down operators using creation and annihilation operators
- Explain how to change the single-particle basis in creation operators
- Derive the Schrodinger equation of 2-particle wave functions
- Explain why fermion parity must be preserved at the intuitive level
- Explain the concepts of kinematic and dynamical equivalence intuitively
- Explain why particles' indistinguishability doesn't affect localized qubits

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States can be conveniently described using  
creation and annihilation operators.  
What about operators like Hamiltonians?

An example of a typical form of Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} V(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_j)$$


single-particle  
kinetic energy

two-particle  
interaction

To express these operators using creation operators,  
first describe states using particle numbers.

## I. Kinetic energy

Suppose there are  $N_{\vec{p}_1}$  particles with momentum  $\vec{p}_1$ ,  $N_{\vec{p}_2}$  particles with momentum  $\vec{p}_2$ , etc.

$\Rightarrow$

$$\text{Total kinetic energy} = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} N_{\vec{p}_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} N_{\vec{p}_2} + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$

Using creation and annihilation operators,

$$\text{total kinetic energy} = \sum_{\vec{p}} \frac{p^2}{2m} N_{\vec{p}} = \sum_{\vec{p}} \frac{p^2}{2m} a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{p}}.$$



To express these operators using creation operators,  
first describe states using particle numbers.

## II. Interaction energy

Suppose there are  $N_{\vec{r}_1}$  particles with position  $\vec{r}_1$ ,  $N_{\vec{r}_2}$  particles with position  $\vec{r}_2$ , etc.

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Total interaction energy} \\
 &= V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)N_{\vec{r}_1}N_{\vec{r}_2} + V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_3)N_{\vec{r}_1}N_{\vec{r}_3} + \cdots + V(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3)N_{\vec{r}_2}N_{\vec{r}_3} + \cdots \\
 & \quad + V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_1)\frac{N_{\vec{r}_1}(N_{\vec{r}_1} - 1)}{2} + V(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_2)\frac{N_{\vec{r}_2}(N_{\vec{r}_2} - 1)}{2} + \cdots \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_j)N_{\vec{r}_i}N_{\vec{r}_j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i V(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_i)N_{\vec{r}_i}(N_{\vec{r}_i} - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

Using creation and annihilation operators,

$$\text{total interaction energy} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1 \neq \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_1} a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} (a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} - 1).$$

The interaction has a more compact expression.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{interaction energy} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1 \neq \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_1} a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} (a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} - 1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1 \neq \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger (\pm a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_1}) a_{\vec{r}_2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger (1 \pm a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}}) a_{\vec{r}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1 \neq \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} a_{\vec{r}_1} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} a_{\vec{r}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1 \neq \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} a_{\vec{r}_1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}} a_{\vec{r}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} a_{\vec{r}_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

The kinetic energy is written using  $a_{\vec{p}}$ , but the interaction is written using  $a_{\vec{r}}$ .

How can they be unified?

Creation operators in different single-particle basis  
can be connected by unitary transformations.

$$|\vec{p}\rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} \int d^3r |\vec{r}\rangle e^{i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

single-particle  
momentum eigenstate
single-particle  
position eigenstate

$\Updownarrow$

$$a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |vac\rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} \int d^3r a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger e^{i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot \vec{r}} |vac\rangle$$

$\Updownarrow$

$$a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} \int d^3r a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger e^{i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

Kinetic energy can also be expressed using  $a_{\vec{r}}$ ,  
and interaction energy can be expressed using  $a_{\vec{p}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{total kinetic energy} &= \int d^3p \frac{p^2}{2m} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3p \frac{p^2}{2m} \int d^3r_1 a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger e^{i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot \vec{r}_1} \int d^3r_2 a_{\vec{r}_2} e^{-i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot \vec{r}_2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 d^3p \frac{1}{2m} a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger (-\hbar^2 \nabla_{\vec{r}_2}^2 e^{i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)}) a_{\vec{r}_2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 d^3p e^{i\frac{\vec{p}}{\hbar} \cdot (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)} a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_{\vec{r}_2}^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}_2} \\
 &= \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_{\vec{r}_2}^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}_2} \\
 &= \int d^3r a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let's go between the position and momentum basis!

- Follow the previous strategy and write the interaction  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} a_{\vec{r}_1}$  using  $a_{\vec{p}}$ .



# Remarks

- Not restricted to the position and momentum basis, the connection between the creation operators in two different singlet-particle basis can be derived in a similar way:  $a_\alpha^\dagger = \sum_i \langle i | \alpha \rangle a_i^\dagger$ , where  $\{ |i\rangle \}$  and  $\{ |\alpha\rangle \}$  are two orthonormal basis.
- In assignment 3, you will reproduce the exchange interaction introduced in week 2 using creation and annihilation operators. In this problem with only 2 particles, the approach based on creation and annihilation operators is less convenient than (anti-)symmetrized wave function. But in the presence of many particles, the approach based on creation and annihilation operators is often much more convenient.
- Later in our class, we will consider multiple Hamiltonians of the previous form, but defined on a discrete lattice (instead of continuum space). One example is the so-called Hubbard model, with  $H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j + U \sum_i N_i(N_i - 1)$ .

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Restricting to 2-particle states,  
we expect Schrodinger's wave equation.

Hamiltonian applicable to  
any number of particles:

$$H = \int d^3r a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2} a_{\vec{r}_1}$$

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Schrodinger's wave equation  
for 2 particles:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, t)}{\partial t} = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_1^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_2^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \right] \psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, t)$$

(particles' indistinguishability requires  $V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = V(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)$ )

The 2-particle wave equation follows from the general Schrodinger equation,  $i\hbar \frac{d|\psi\rangle}{dt} = H|\psi\rangle$ .

A generic normalized 2-particle state:  $|\psi\rangle = \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger |vac\rangle$

Action of the kinetic energy operator on  $|\psi\rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int d^3r a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}} |\psi\rangle = \int d^3r a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}} \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger |vac\rangle \\
 &= \int d^3r d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \left( \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_r^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \right) (\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1) \pm a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}}) a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger |vac\rangle \\
 &= \int d^3r d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \left( \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_r^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \right) (\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1) a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger \pm a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger (\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2) - a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}})) |vac\rangle \\
 &= \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \left( \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_1^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger \pm \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_2^2}{2m} a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger \right) |vac\rangle \\
 &= \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \left( \frac{-\hbar^2 (\nabla_1^2 + \nabla_2^2)}{2m} \right) a_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger |vac\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

# Let's finish deriving Schrodinger's wave equation!

- What is the normalization of  $\tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$ ? Namely, what is  $\int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 |\tilde{\psi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)|^2$ ?
- Following the similar steps as before, derive the action of the interaction on the 2-particle state.
- Putting the previous results together, finish deriving Schrodinger's wave equation for 2 particles.



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This understanding of why fermion parity should be conserved is original,  
which I didn't realize until I prepared this lecture.

I really like its simplicity and generality.

This part involves complicated calculations that will not be given in class,  
but the notes for the calculations are in Canvas.

You only need to understand this topic at the intuitive level.

# Fermion parity is always conserved.

## Why should it be the case?

Each Hamiltonian term contains  
an even number of fermionic creation and annihilation operators.

$$H = \int d^3r f_{\vec{r}}^\dagger \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} f_{\vec{r}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2} V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) f_{\vec{r}_1}^\dagger f_{\vec{r}_2}^\dagger f_{\vec{r}_2} f_{\vec{r}_1}$$

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} f_i^\dagger f_j + U \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} f_i^\dagger f_i f_j^\dagger f_j$$

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} f_i^\dagger f_j - \Delta \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (f_i^\dagger f_j^\dagger + f_j f_i)$$

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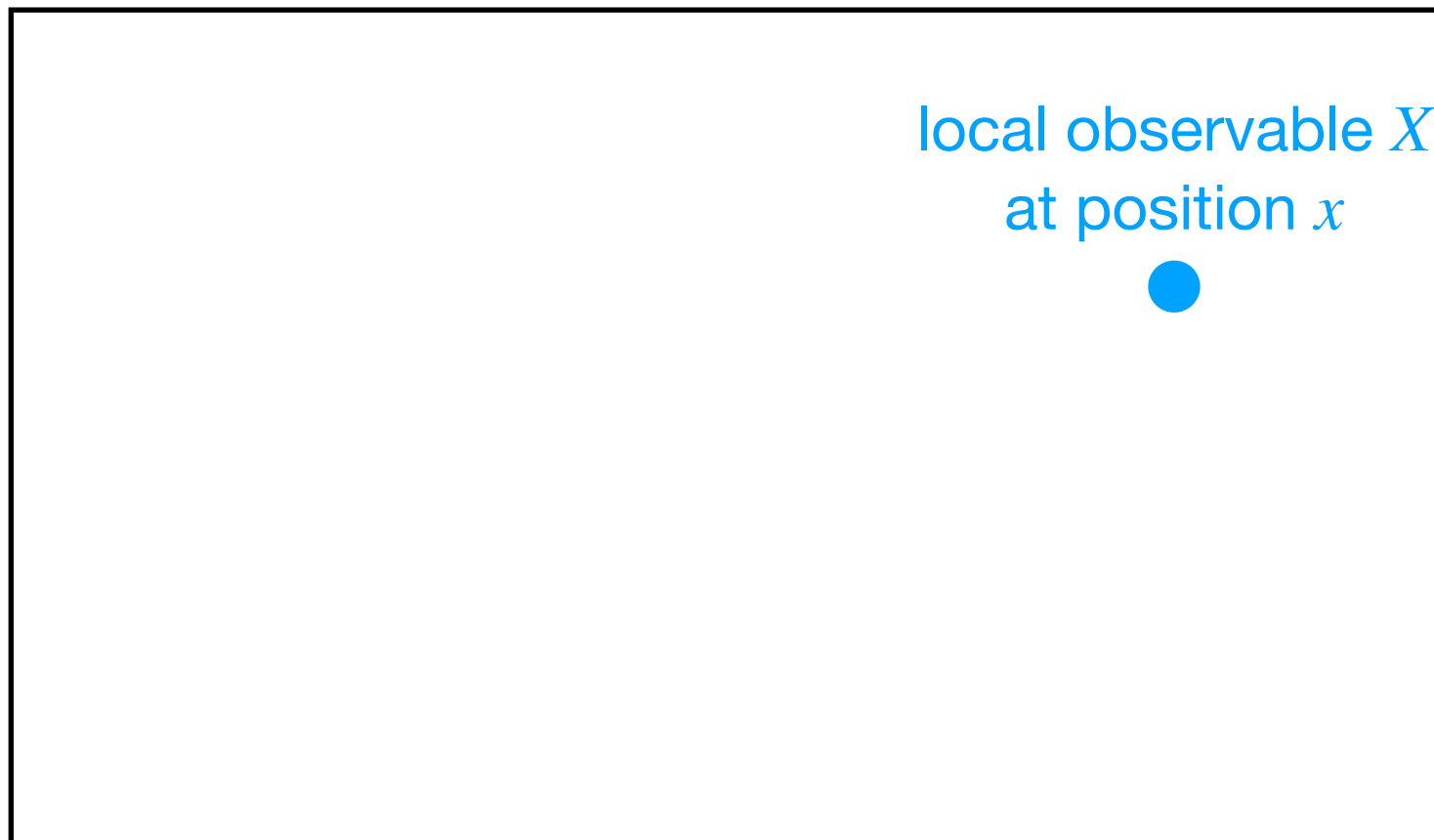
$\Rightarrow$

fermion parity is conserved =  
fermion number can only be changed by an even number

Short answer:

If fermion parity is not conserved,  
signals can be transmitted arbitrarily fast.

system without fermion parity conservation



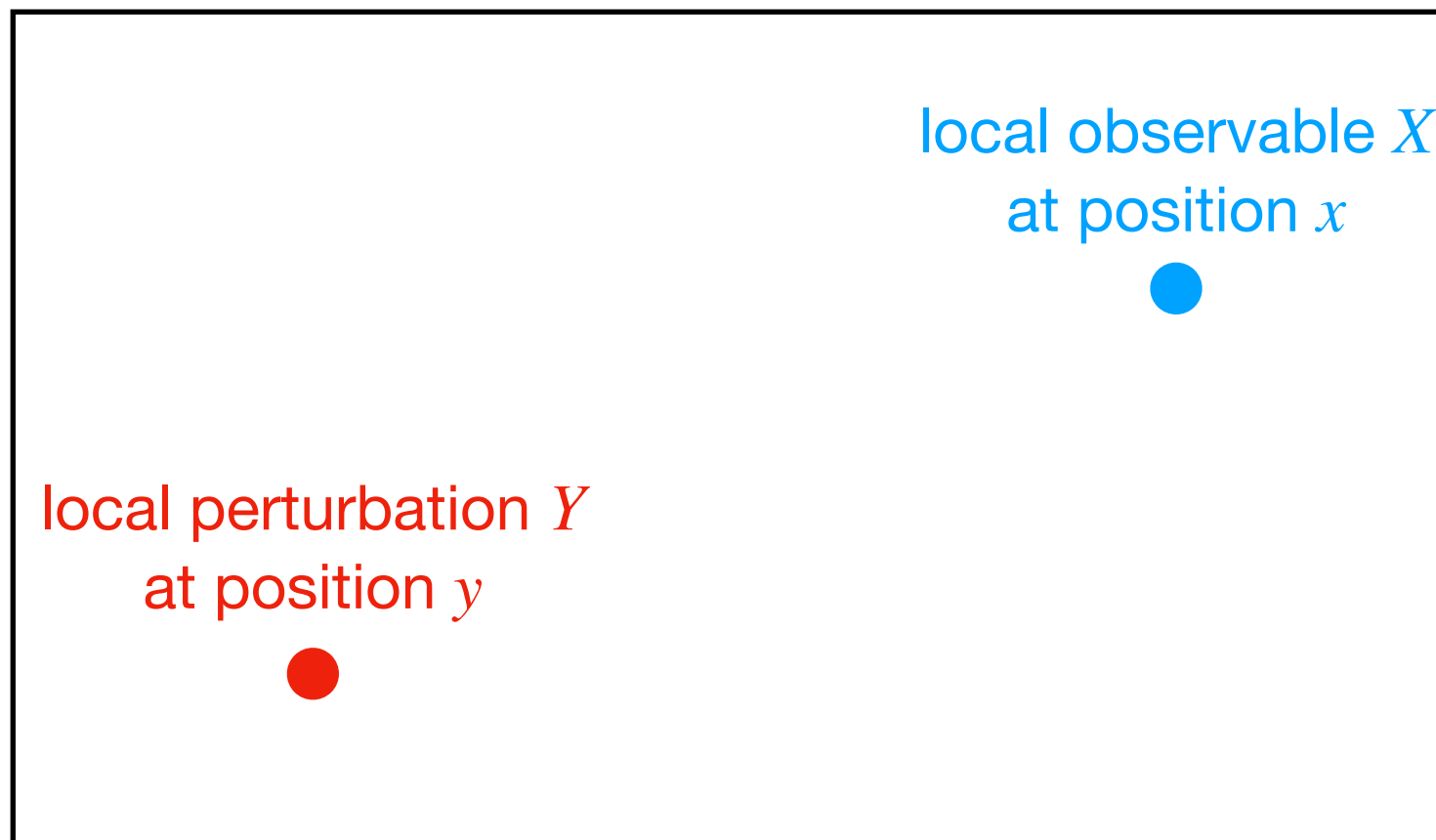
Right before the time  $t = 0$ ,  
the local observable  $X$  has expectation value  $\langle X(t = 0) \rangle$ .



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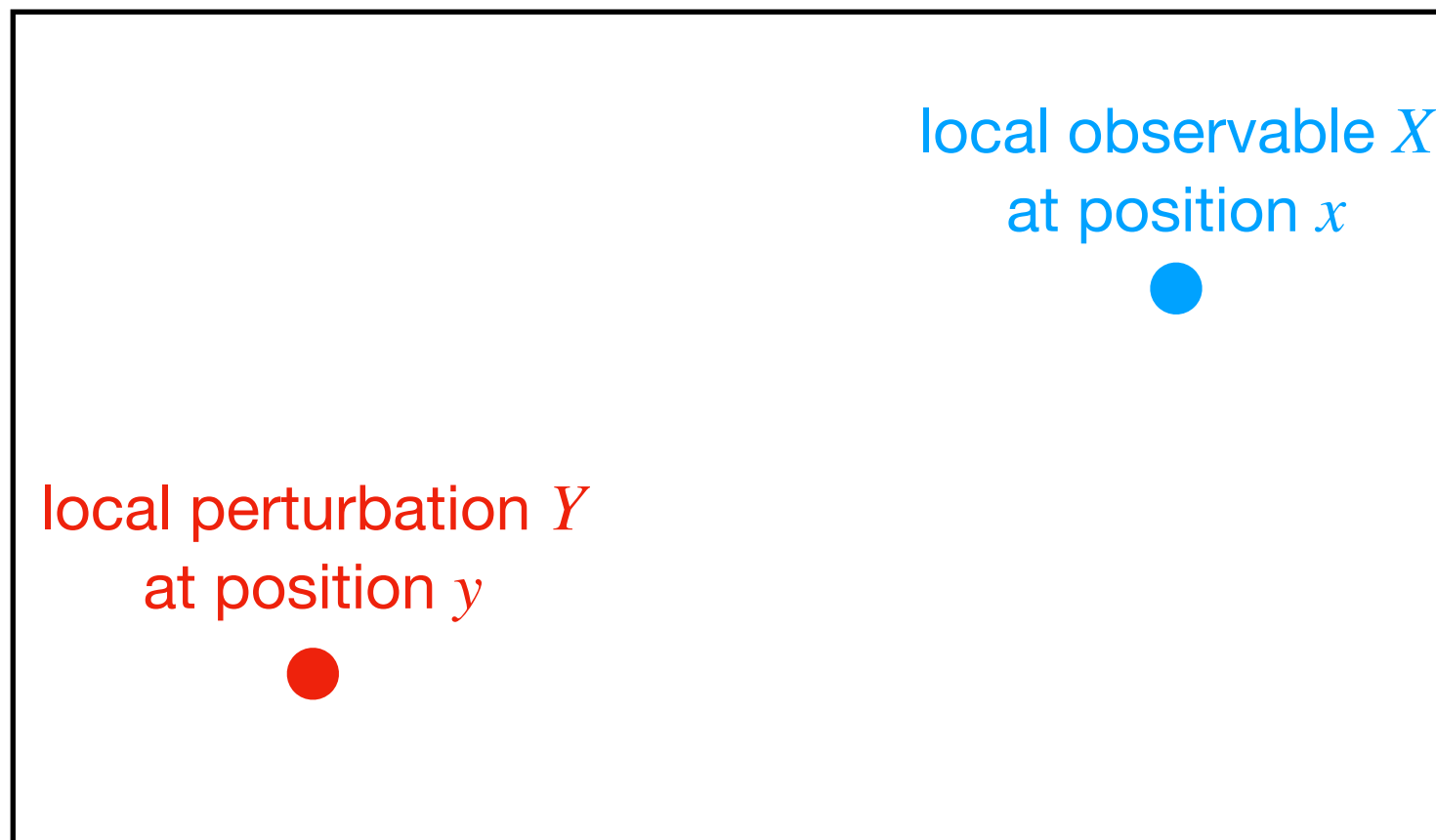


At  $t = 0$ ,  
the local perturbation  $Y$  is added to the Hamiltonian.

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system without fermion parity conservation



Immediately after  $t = 0$ ,  
the expectation value of  $X$  will be changed  
by an amount proportional to the perturbation.

This result can be relatively easily obtained using the Heisenberg picture.

### Setup

Hamiltonian:  $H(t) = H_0 + \lambda(t)Y$  with  $\lambda(t < 0) = 0$

Time evolution of  $X$  without perturbation:  $X_0(t) = e^{i\frac{H_0}{\hbar}t} X e^{-i\frac{H_0}{\hbar}t}$

Time evolution of  $X$  with perturbation:  $X(t) = \mathcal{T} e^{i\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds H(s)} X \mathcal{T} e^{-i\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds H(s)}$

### Question

What is the change of  $X$  due to perturbation, i.e.,  $X(t) - X_0(t)$ ?

### Answer to first order in $\lambda$ :

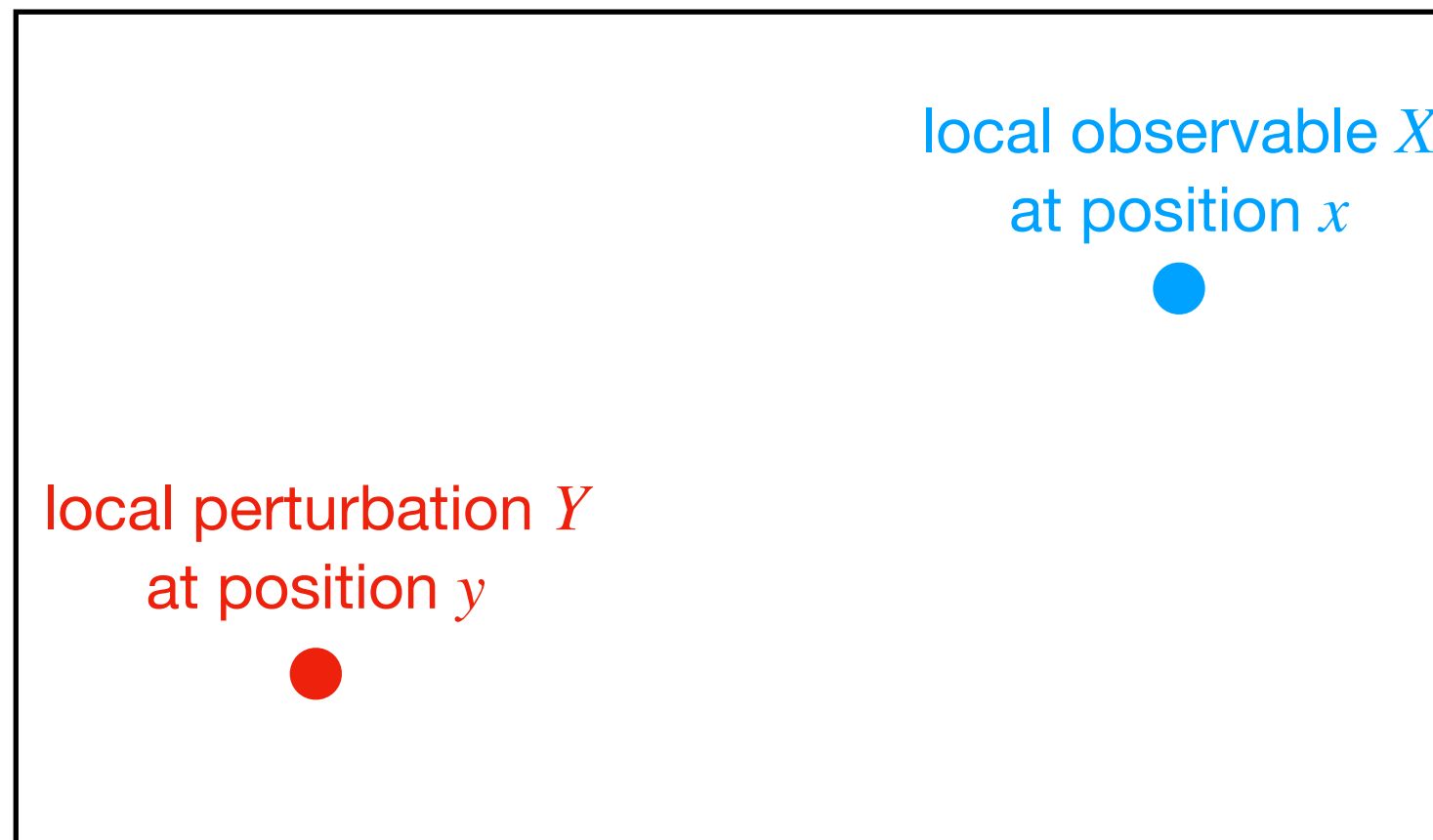
Define  $U(t) = e^{i\frac{H_0}{\hbar}t} \mathcal{T} e^{-i\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds H(s)}$ , then  $X(t) = U(t)^\dagger X_0(t) U(t)$ .

It turns out that  $U(t) = \mathcal{T} e^{-i\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds \lambda(s) Y_0(s)}$ , with  $Y_0(t) = e^{i\frac{H_0}{\hbar}t} Y e^{-i\frac{H_0}{\hbar}t}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } X(t) - X_0(t) &= (1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds \lambda(s) Y_0(s)) X_0(t) (1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds \lambda(s) Y_0(s)) - X_0(t) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds [Y_0(s), X_0(t)] \lambda(s) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2). \end{aligned}$$

If the fermion parity doesn't have to be conserved,  
 $i[Y_0(s), X_0(t)]$  can be nonzero  
 for arbitrarily small but finite  $t$ .

system without fermion parity conservation



Example:

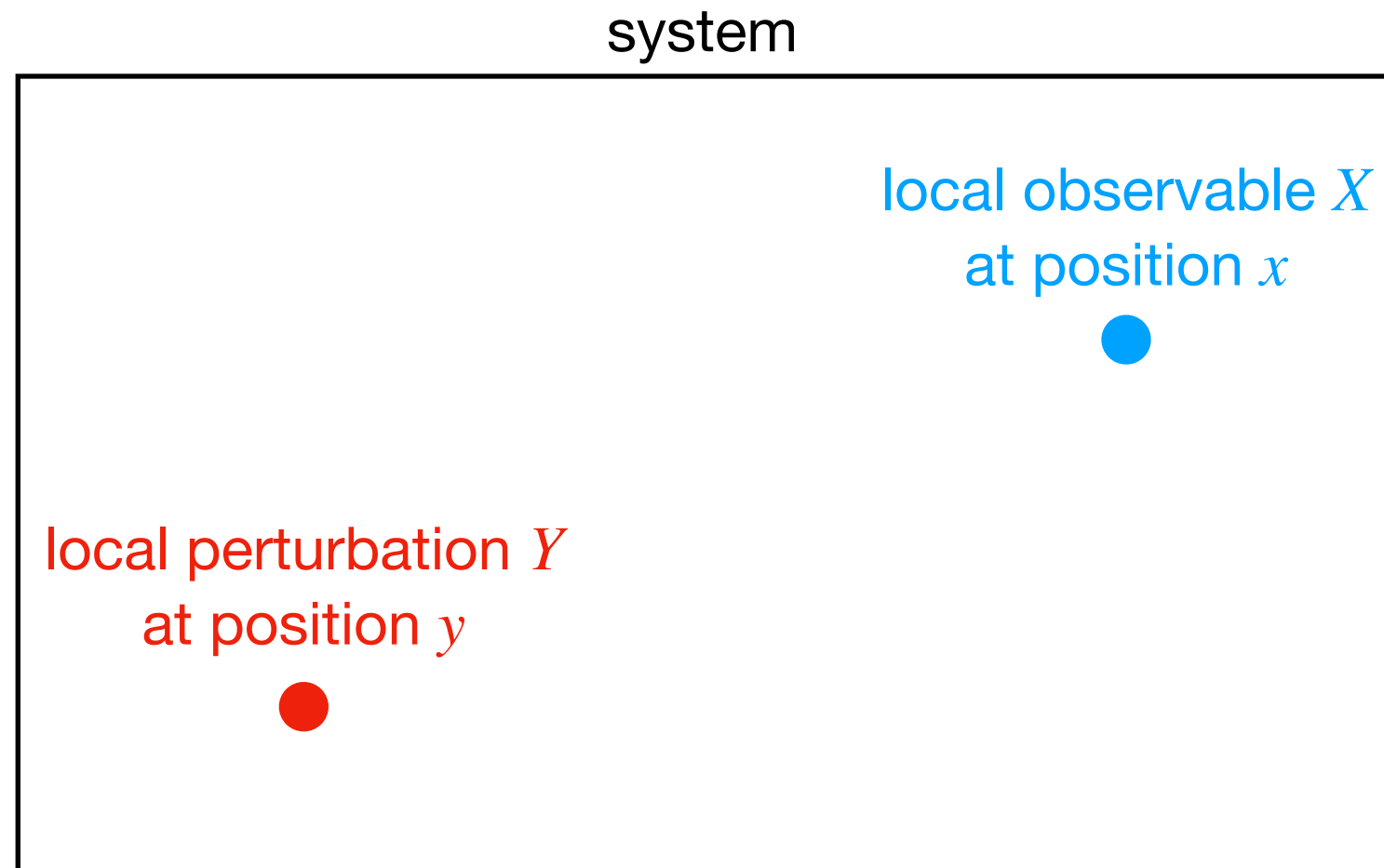
$$X = f_x + f_x^\dagger, Y = f_y^\dagger f_y, H_0 = g(f_y + f_y^\dagger),$$

$$\Rightarrow i[Y_0(s), X_0(t)] = \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{2g(t-s)}{\hbar} (f_x - f_x^\dagger)(1 - 2f_x^\dagger f_x)(f_y - f_y^\dagger).$$

# Remarks

- The expectation value of  $i[Y_0(s), X_0(t)]$  is called the retarded Green's function. It is only defined when  $s \leq t$ , reflecting causality (i.e., only the past, but not the future, can influence the present).
- The instantaneous signal transmission is due to the fact that local terms in the Hamiltonian do not commute with local operators far away. To forbid instantaneous signal transmission, all local terms must commute with local operators far away.
- Boson parity does not have to be conserved.

Even without going through the calculations,  
the physical picture should be understood.



Linear response to perturbation:

$$X(t) - X_0(t) = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t ds [Y_0(s), X_0(t)] \lambda(s) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

Locality:  
 $[Y_0(s), X_0(t)]$  is negligible for small  $s$  and  $t$

see Chen, Lucas, Yin, arXiv: 2303.07386 for a review on  
speed limits and locality in many-body quantum dynamics

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This part starts with philosophical and abstract reasoning,  
and ends up with mathematically precise and concrete statements.

You only need to understand this part at the intuitive level.

However, the final physical results are important and should be understood,  
which justify our previous treatments of localized qubits.

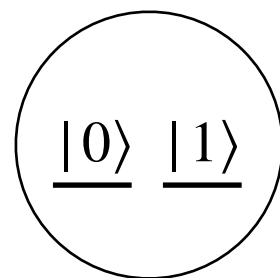


# Fundamental particles are all bosons or fermions. Then what are localized qubits?

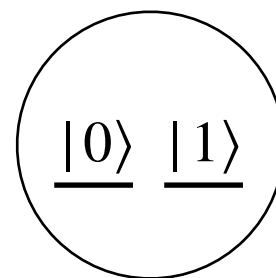
basis states of localized qubits:  $|0000\dots 0\rangle, |1000\dots 0\rangle, |0110\dots 0\rangle, \dots$   
basis states of bosons:  $|vac\rangle, b_1^\dagger |vac\rangle, b_2^\dagger |vac\rangle, \dots, (b_1^\dagger)^2 |vac\rangle, b_1^\dagger b_2^\dagger |vac\rangle, \dots$   
basis states of fermions:  $|vac\rangle, f_1^\dagger |vac\rangle, f_2^\dagger |vac\rangle, \dots, f_1^\dagger f_2^\dagger |vac\rangle, \dots$

Microscopically, localized qubits come from localized 2-state particles.

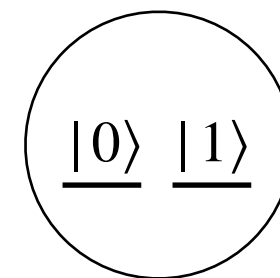
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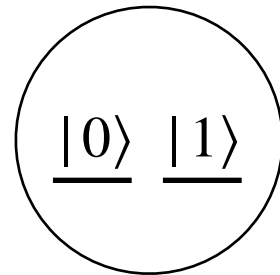


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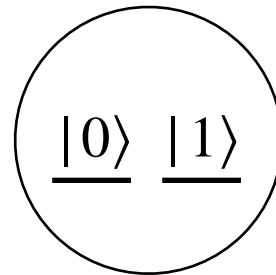


Localized qubits are also identical.  
Should they be symmetrized or anti-symmetrized,  
depending on nature of the underlying particles?

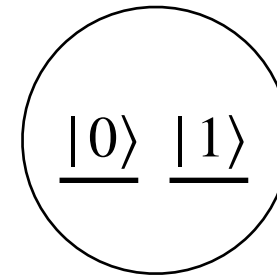
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Short answer:

Bosons, fermions and even distinguishable particles  
make no “fundamental difference” if they are localized and form the qubits.  
Namely, after the bosons and fermions are localized,  
their indistinguishability does not matter any more.

Philosophically,  
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# Philosophically, when can 2 systems or setups be viewed as equivalent?

What is a system? What is a setup?

a system  $\approx$  a collection of dynamically evolving observables  
a setup  $\approx$  a set of systems that can be converted into each other

a quantum system  $\approx \{ \{O\}, |\psi\rangle, U \}$   
 $\{O\}$  : set of observables,  $|\psi\rangle$ : state,  $U$ : time evolution operator

a quantum setup  $\approx \{ \{O\}, \{ |\psi\rangle \}, \{U\} \}$   
 $\{O\}$  : set of observables,  $\{ |\psi\rangle \}$ : set of states,  $\{U\}$ : set of time evolution operators

Example:

A qubit in state  $|0\rangle$  with Hamiltonian  $H = -\hbar X$  is a quantum system.  
A qubit without specifying its state or Hamiltonian is a quantum setup.

Two setups can be kinematically equivalent.  
Two systems can be dynamically equivalent.

Definition 1:

Quantum setups A with data  $\{\{O_A\}, \{|\psi_A\rangle\}, \{U_A\}\}$  and B with data  $\{\{O_B\}, \{|\psi_B\rangle\}, \{U_B\}\}$  are kinematically equivalent, if there is an invertible map  $\varphi$ , such that for each  $O_A, |\psi_A\rangle$ , and  $U_A$ , the following holds.

- $\langle\psi_A|U_A^\dagger O_A U_A|\psi_A\rangle = (\varphi|\psi_A\rangle)^\dagger(\varphi(U_A))^\dagger\varphi(O_A)(\varphi(U_A))(\varphi|\psi_A\rangle)$ : same observables at all times
- $\varphi(O_{A,\vec{r}}) = O_{B,\vec{r}}$ : same location

Definition 2:

Quantum systems A and B are dynamically equivalent if they belong to kinematically equivalent quantum setups with the above map  $\varphi$ , such that the following holds.

- $|\psi_B\rangle = \varphi(|\psi_A\rangle)$ : same initial state.
- $U_B = \varphi(U_A)$ : same Hamiltonian.

Two point-like setups are kinematically equivalent if they have the same Hilbert space dimension.

Example:

Two localized particles, each with  $d$  internal states, are kinematically equivalent.

Justification:

observables in particle A:  $O_A = \sum_{i,j} O_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|_A$       observables in particle B:  $O_B = \sum_{ij} O'_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|_B$

- Checking the existence of a invertible map: the “identity” map, i.e.,

$$\varphi\left(\sum_{ij} O_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|_A\right) = \sum_{ij} O_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j|_B, \varphi\left(\sum_i \psi_i |i_A\rangle\right) = \sum_i \psi_i |i_B\rangle, \varphi\left(\sum_{ij} U_{ij} |i_A\rangle\langle j_A|\right) = \sum_{ij} U_{ij} |i_B\rangle\langle j_B|$$

- Checking the condition on the “same observables at all times”:

$$(\varphi|\psi_A\rangle)^\dagger (\varphi(U_A))^\dagger \varphi(O_A) (\varphi(U_A)) (\varphi|\psi_A\rangle) = \sum_{ijkl} \psi_i^* U_{ij}^* O_{jk} U_{kl} \psi_l = \langle\psi_A| U_A^\dagger O_A U_A |\psi_A\rangle$$

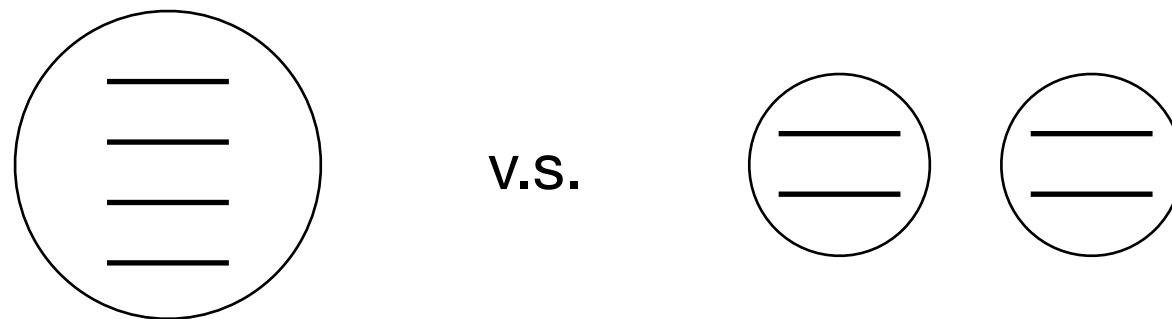
Remark:

Clearly, invertible map  $\varphi$  does not exist for two setups with different Hilbert space dimensions.

Locality is irrelevant for point-like setups,  
but it is important whenever  
the locations of degrees of freedom can be resolved.

Question:

Should a particle with 4 internal states and two particles each with 2 internal states  
be viewed as kinematically equivalent?



Answer:

No! We should be able to resolve the locations of the 2 particles  
and observe them individually.

Remark:

Whenever the locations of the degrees of freedom can be resolved,  
we need to check if  $\varphi(O_{A,\vec{r}})$  is at location  $\vec{r}$ .

Next, we will verify that

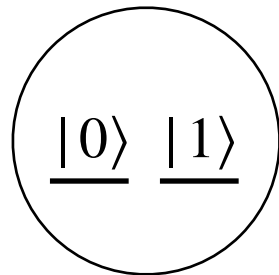
localized 2-state bosons, localized 2-state fermions,  
localized 2-state distinguishable particles and localized qubits  
are all kinematically equivalent.

So our previous treatments of localized qubits are correct.

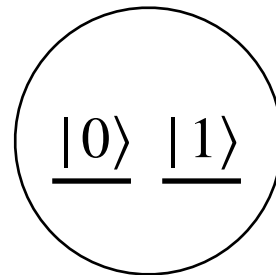


If each of the 3 sites hosts a localized boson,  
some states and operators should be disregarded.

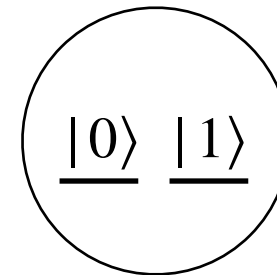
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basis of all states:  $|vac\rangle, b_{x_1,0}^\dagger |vac\rangle, b_{x_2,1}^\dagger |vac\rangle, \dots, (b_{x_1,0}^\dagger)^2 |vac\rangle, b_{x_1,0}^\dagger b_{x_2,1}^\dagger b_{x_3,0}^\dagger |vac\rangle, b_{x_1,0}^\dagger b_{x_2,1}^\dagger b_{x_3,1}^\dagger |vac\rangle \dots$

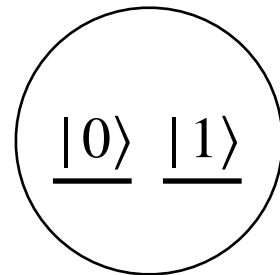
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basis of states for localized bosons:  $b_{x_1,0}^\dagger b_{x_2,1}^\dagger b_{x_3,0}^\dagger |vac\rangle, b_{x_1,0}^\dagger b_{x_2,1}^\dagger b_{x_3,1}^\dagger |vac\rangle \dots$

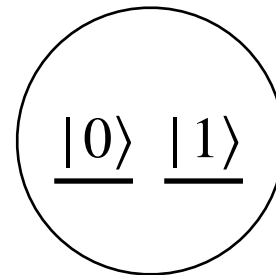
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The remaining basis states and operators  
can be mapped into  
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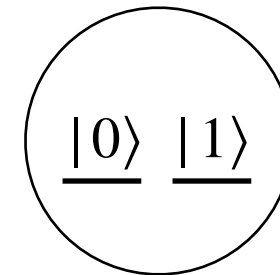
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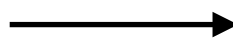


basis of states for qubits:

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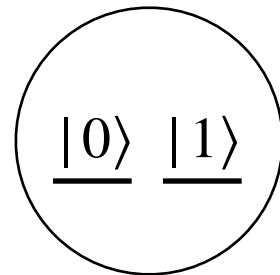
# Let's figure out the complete map!

- For a general 3-qubit basis state  $\sum_{i_1 i_2 i_3} c_{i_1 i_2 i_3} |i_1 i_2 i_3\rangle$ , what is the corresponding bosonic state?
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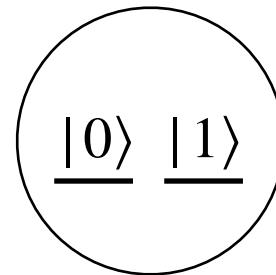


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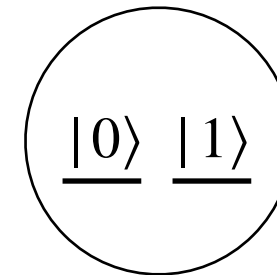
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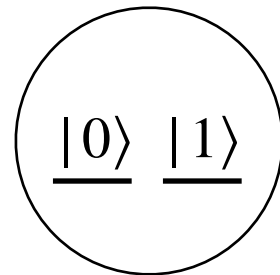
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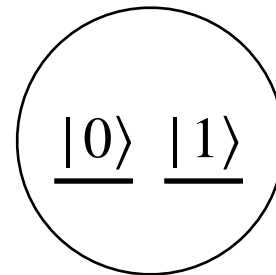
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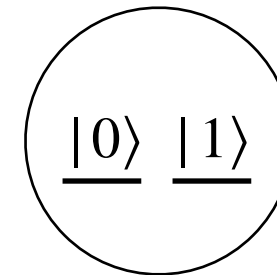
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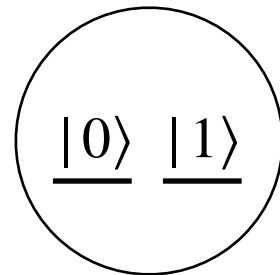
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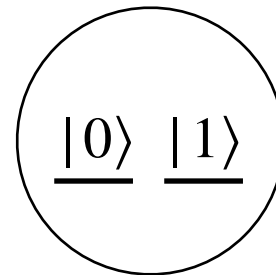


If each site hosts a different type of 2-state particle,  
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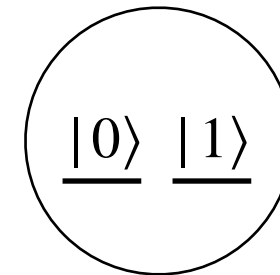
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basis of states for localized particle:

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# Localized 2-state particles and localized qubits are kinematically equivalent.

- Localized 2-state bosons and fermions are both kinematically equivalent to localized qubits.
- Even if the localized 2-state particles are all distinguishable, this system is kinematically equivalent to localized qubits. So particles' indistinguishability plays no role in this context.
- Our previous treatments of localized qubits are correct. In particular, there is no need to symmetrize or anti-symmetrize the states of localized qubits.
- In general, whether particles' indistinguishability is important should be analyzed based on the context.

Please submit assignment 3 by 17:00 next Friday.

Please read Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of Griffiths  
and Sections 3.1-3.3, 3.5, and 3.6 of Sakurai.