

Qiskit Advocate Mentorship Program

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Implement new features and improve documentation in Operators



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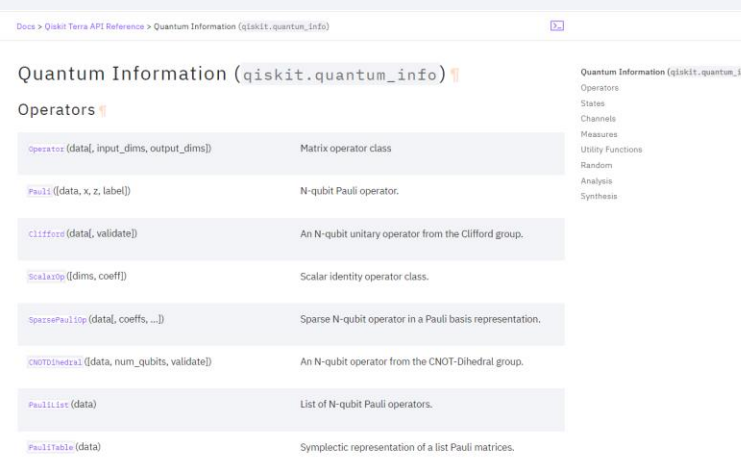


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Make code contribution around Operators



No.	Member	Summary
1		Alias BaseOperator._matmul_ to BaseOperator.dot
2		Alias BaseOperator._mul_ to BaseOperator._multiply_
3		Check input label SparsePauliOp
4		Remove deprecated classes and methods
5		Implement argsort and sort method to SparsePauliOp
6		Investigation to improve the performance of to_matrix ()
7		Implement general grouping of PauliOp/SparsePauliOp by commutation
8		Investigation to improve the performance of time evolution of Ops

Improvement of *BaseOperator*

【Motivation】

To make easier to read the code and develop, add features to *BaseOperator* and *SparsePauliOp*.

- Alias *BaseOperator* method
 - `.__mutmul__` to `.dot`

Alias `BaseOperator.__matmul__` to `BaseOperator.dot` #7919
 Merged merge 11 commits into `Qiskit/main` from `qiskit/issue7502` 10 days ago

equation	alias	method
AB	$A @ B$ $B \& A$	<code>A.dot(B)</code> <code>B.compose(A)</code>

- `.__mul__` to `.multiply`


Alias `BaseOperator.__mul__` to `BaseOperator.multiply` in `quantum_info` #8007
 Merged merge 8 commits into `Qiskit/main` from `qiskit/issue_8000` on 9 May

Being able to execute right multiplication such as $Pauli("X") * -1$ (raise `QiskitError` before)

Improvement of *SparsePauliOp*

Add label assigned check in *SparsePauliOp* #8101

 Open

daiki0623 wants to merge 3 commits into [Qiskit:main](#) from [daiki0623:issue_#7916](#) 

There is a limitation of initializing *SparsePauliOp* from list.

Initialization success even if multiple gates are on the same qubit.

```
from qiskit.quantum_info import SparsePauliOp
sparse_list = [("XY", [0, 0], 1)]
SparsePauliOp.from_sparse_list(sparse_list, num_qubits=5)
```

✓ 0.9s

```
SparsePauliOp(['IIIIY'],
              coeffs=[1.+0.j])
```

Added list check process, and raise Error when above case.

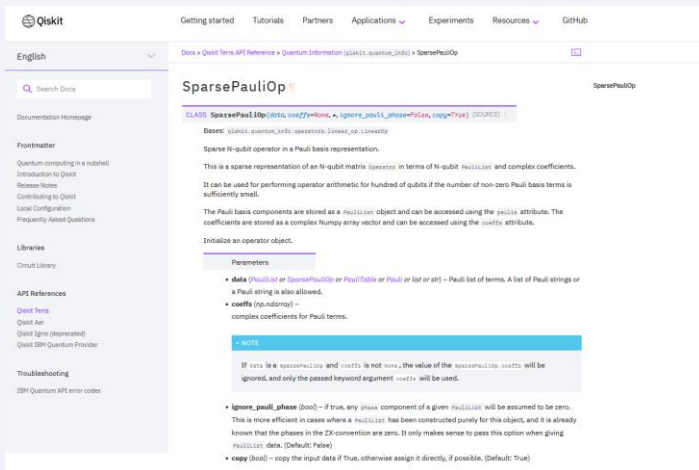
OK: [("XY", [0, 1], 1)]

NG: [("XY", [0, 0], 1)], [("XI", [0, 0], 1)], [("IX", [0, 0], 1)]

Implement argsort and sort method to SparsePauliOp

【SparsePauliOp】

This is a sparse representation of an N-qubit matrix Operator in terms of N-qubit PauliList and complex coefficients.



The screenshot shows the Qiskit documentation for the `SparsePauliOp` class. The class signature is `class SparsePauliOp(data, coeffs=None, ignore_pauli_phase=False, copy=True)`. The documentation includes a description of the operator, its use in arithmetic, and a list of parameters:

- `data` (`PauliList` or `SparsePauliOp` or `PauliTable` or `Pauli` or `list` or `str`) - Pauli list of terms. A list of Pauli strings or a Pauli string is also allowed.
- `coeffs` (`list` or `array`) - complex coefficients for Pauli terms.
- `ignore_pauli_phase` (`bool`) - If `True`, any phase component of a given `PauliList` will be assumed to be zero. This is more efficient in cases where a `PauliList` has been constructed purely for this object, and it is already known that the phases in the ZX-convention are zero. It only makes sense to pass this option when giving `PauliList` data. (Default: `False`)
- `copy` (`bool`) - copy the input data if `True`, otherwise assign it directly, if possible. (Default: `True`)

【Motivation】

PauliList has `argsort()` method and `sort()` method.

We need these features in `SparsePauliOp`.

【Done】

1. Added two methods for the following functions to `SparsePauliOp`.
2. Added 7 cases of tests related to them.
3. sent a pull request.

<https://github.com/Qiskit/qiskit-terra/pull/8016>

Features of SparsePauliOp sort

【 Features of SparsePauliOp sort 】

After sorting the coefficients using numpy's argsort, sort by Pauli.

SparsePauliOp								
label	XX	XX	XX	YI	II	XZ	XY	XI
coeffs	2.+1.j	2.+2.j	3.+0.j	3.+0.j	4.+0.j	5.+0.j	6.+0.j	7.+0.j

Lexicographically sorted

Weight sorted

sort()

sort(weight=True)

SparsePauliOp

label	II	XI	XX	XX	XX	XY	XZ	YI
coeffs	4.+0.j	7.+0.j	2.+1.j	2.+2.j	3.+0.j	6.+0.j	5.+0.j	3.+0.j

If Pauli is the same, it will be sorted by coefficient.

SparsePauliOp

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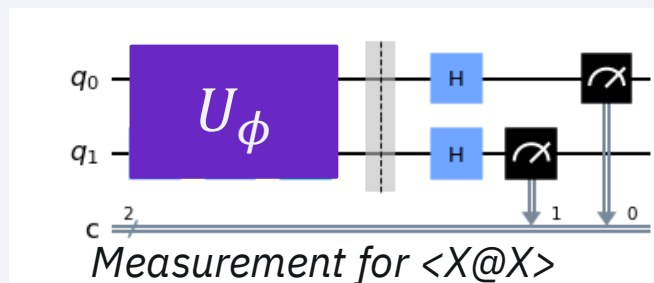
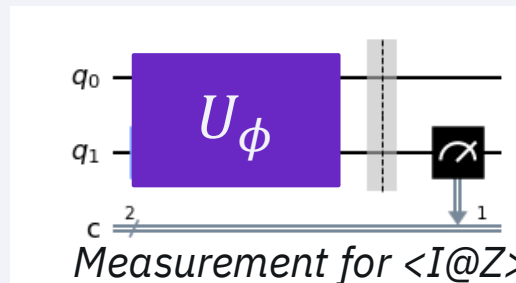
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Efficient Evaluation of Observable

Background

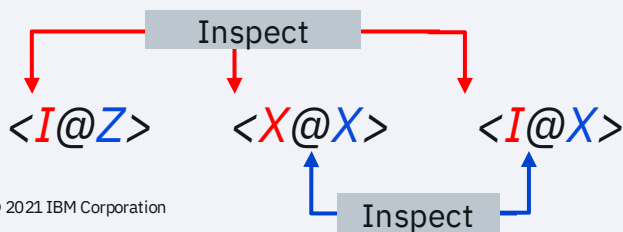
Evaluation of observable requires multiple measurement,
 where commuting observable can be evaluated simultaneously (grouping).

e.g. $H = \langle I@Z \rangle + \langle X@X \rangle + \langle I@X \rangle$ can be evaluated only by calculating $\langle I@Z \rangle$ and $\langle X@X \rangle$



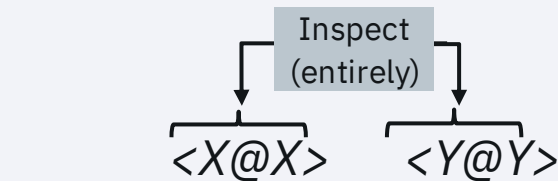
Existing Grouping Algorithm

qubit-wide commutation is inspected



New Algorithm

General commuting rule is employed



$\langle X@X \rangle$ and $\langle Y@Y \rangle$ are commuting

but qubit-wise commuting rule cannot detect!!

Efficient Evaluation of Observable

Impact

Grouping observable reduce the number of required measurement.

Its reduction contributes to **faster** VQE.

Pull Request

→ <https://github.com/Qiskit/qiskit-terra/pull/7874>

Molecule	Transformation	Number of Groups		
		No-grouping	Qubit-wide Commutation	General Commutation
LiH	JW	631	136	35
	Parity		165	35
	BK		211	35
BeH ₂	JW	1150	215	58
	Parity		323	58
	BK		341	58
H ₂ O	JW	1858	380	84
	Parity		495	82
	BK		515	82
NH ₃	JW	4973	1052	117
	Parity		1091	115
	BK		1086	115
HCl	JW	4427	906	110
	Parity		1098	112
	BK		1434	112

*value referenced from [Ikko Hamamura and Takashi Imamichi, npj Quant. Info. 6, 56 \(2020\)](#)

- We are aiming to contribute `Qiskit.quantum_info`
 - Alias `BaseOperator` in `quantum_info`
 - Sort Pauli operators
 - Grouping Pauli operator for simultaneous measurement

Thank you