

FROM SHARP TO UNSHARP

EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF QUANTUM LOGIC

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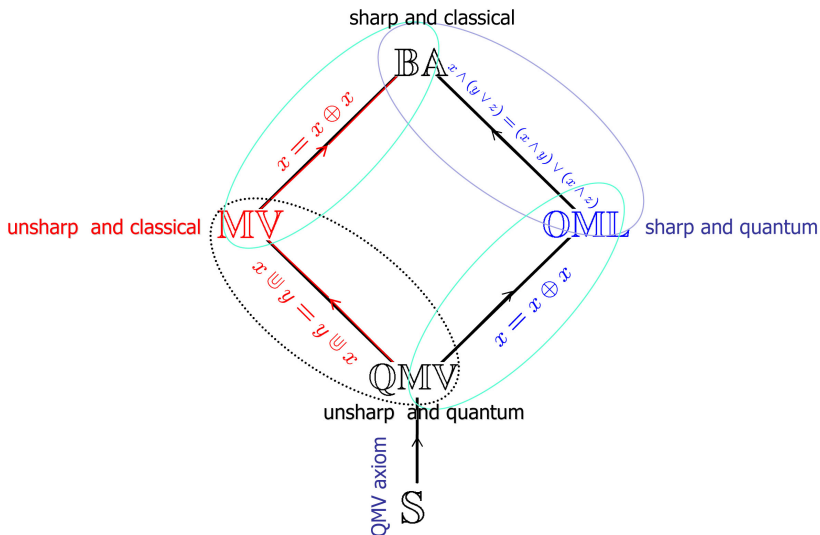


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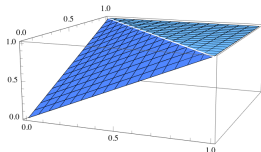
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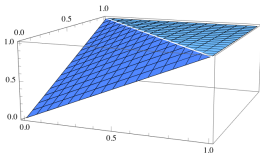


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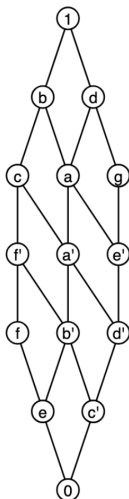
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15-ELEMENT MV-ALGEBRA



SOME PROPERTIES OF MV-ALGEBRAS

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Let $\mathcal{M} = (M, \oplus, ', 1, 0)$ be an MV-algebra. The structure $(M, \sqcap, \sqcup, ', 1, 0)$ is a *De Morgan lattice*. In other words: $(M, \sqcap, \sqcup, 1, 0)$ is a *distributive* involutive bounded lattice.

It turns out that:

$$x \leq y \quad (x \sqcap y = x) \quad \text{iff} \quad x \rightarrow y := x' \oplus y = 1.$$



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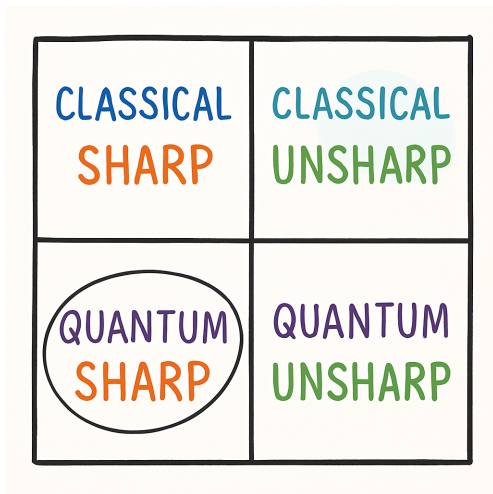
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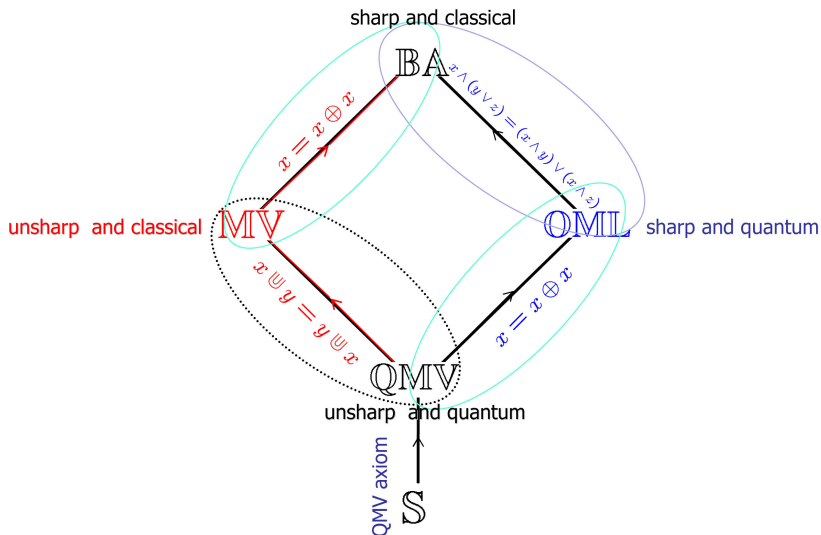
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- There are, however, several kinds of *non-Boolean lattices*.
- **Question:** Which of them should be “logicized” as the most suitable candidate for the logic of quantum mechanics?



(SHARP) QUANTUM MECHANICS

PHYSICAL OBJECT		MATHEMATICAL INTERPRETATION
(Physical) system	\Rightarrow	Hilbert space \mathcal{H}
(Physical) state	\Rightarrow	Density operator of \mathcal{H}
(Physical) property	\Rightarrow	Projection operator of \mathcal{H}

J. Von Neumann, 1932; G. Birkhoff, J. Von Neumann, 1936.



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- Hilbert space \mathcal{H} plays in quantum mechanics the same role that the phase space plays in classical particle mechanics.



THE QUANTUM SHARP UNIVERSE: PURE STATES

- **Pure states** are represented by **unit vectors** $|\psi\rangle$ of \mathcal{H} .

Pure states correspond to **maximal** information about the physical system.

- Any unit vector $|\psi\rangle$ determines a linear operator $P_{|\psi\rangle}$ (the **projector** associated to the 1-dimensional subspace spanned by $|\psi\rangle$).



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$$(\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{R}^n), \cap, \cup, ^c, \emptyset, \mathfrak{R}^n).$$



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- QM: **pure states** are (represented by) **unit vectors** of \mathcal{H} .
- Unlike CM, in QM any unit vector, that is a linear combination of pure states, gives rise to a new pure state (**superposition principle**).



THE QUANTUM SHARP UNIVERSE: THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE

Suppose two pure states $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$ are orthogonal and suppose that a pure state $|\psi\rangle$ is a linear combination of $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$.

$$|\psi\rangle = c_1|\psi_1\rangle + c_2|\psi_2\rangle,$$

where $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|c_1|^2 + |c_2|^2 = 1$.



THE QUANTUM SHARP UNIVERSE: THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE

According to the QM formalism, this means that a quantum system in state $|\psi\rangle$ **might verify with probability $|c_1|^2$** those properties that are certain for state $|\psi_1\rangle$ (and are not certain for $|\psi\rangle$) and **might verify with probability $|c_2|^2$** those events that are certain for state $|\psi_2\rangle$ (and are not certain for $|\psi\rangle$).



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Suppose $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{i \in I}$ is a set of pairwise orthogonal pure states, where each $|\psi_i\rangle$ assigns **probability 1** to a given property.

Consider the **linear combination**

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\psi_i\rangle \quad (c_i \neq 0 \text{ and } \sum_i |c_i|^2 = 1).$$

$|\psi\rangle$ is a **pure state**.



THE QUANTUM (SHARP) UNIVERSE: CLOSED SUBSPACES

- $|\psi\rangle$ will assign **probability 1** to the same property!



The mathematical representatives of **properties** of a quantum physical system should be closed under finite and infinite linear combinations.



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In particular, if $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$ are pure states:

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What is the meaning of **negation**, **conjunction**, and **disjunction** in the realm of quantum properties, i.e. closed subspaces of a Hilbert space?



TOWARDS SHARP QUANTUM LOGIC: NEGATION

Birkhoff and von Neumann (1936):

*The mathematical representative of the **negation** of any experimental proposition is the **orthogonal complement** (**orthocomplement**) of the representative of the proposition itself.*

Let $X \in C(\mathcal{H})$ (a closed subspace). Then

$$\begin{aligned} X^\perp &:= \{ |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall |\phi\rangle \in X : |\psi\rangle \perp |\phi\rangle \} \\ &= \{ |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall |\phi\rangle \in X : \langle \psi | \phi \rangle = 0 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $X^\perp \in C(\mathcal{H})$, i.e. the family $C(\mathcal{H})$ is closed under the operation $^\perp$.



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where :

- \wedge is the set-theoretic **intersection**;
- \vee is the **closure** of the set-theoretic union;
- $'$ is the **orthogonal complement** \perp ;
- 0 and 1 represent, respectively, the **null subspace** (the singleton consisting of the null vector, which is the smallest possible subspace) and the **total space** \mathcal{H} .



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Because of the 1:1 correspondence between closed subspaces and projections, the Theorem can be rephrased in terms of projections:

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$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) := (\Pi(\mathcal{H}), \wedge, \vee, ', \mathbb{O}, \mathbb{I})$ is an *orthomodular lattice*.

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THE LATTICE-THEORETIC STRUCTURE OF PROJECTIONS

- $\forall P, Q \in \Pi(\mathcal{H})$:
 - $P \wedge Q$ is the projection onto the closed subspace associated to the **intersection** of the closed subspaces that are associated to the projections P and Q ;
 - $P \vee Q$ is the projection onto the **smallest closed subspace associated to the union** of the closed subspaces that are associated to the projections P and Q .
 - $P' = \mathbb{I} - P$, where \mathbb{I} is the identity operator.
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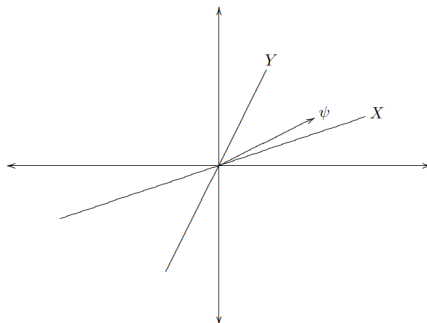
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Consider spin one-half particle whose spin in a certain direction may assume only two possible values: either **up** or **down**. Now, according to one of the *uncertainty principles*, the spin in the x direction ($spin_x$) and the spin in the y direction ($spin_y$) represent two *incompatible* quantities that cannot be simultaneously measured. Suppose an electron in state ψ verifies the proposition “ $spin_x$ is up”. By the uncertainty principle both propositions “ $spin_y$ is up” and “ $spin_y$ is down” shall be indeterminate. However the disjunction “either $spin_y$ is up or $spin_y$ is down” must be true.





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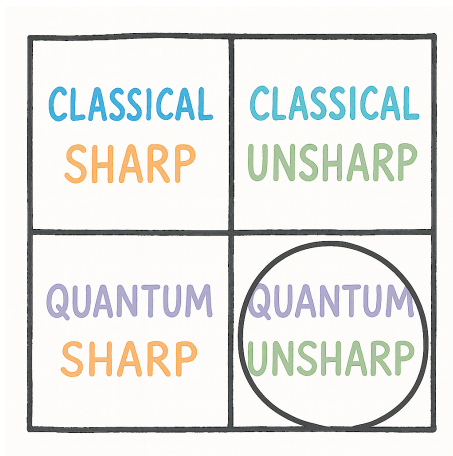


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