

# Categories and Quantum Informatics exercise sheet 2: Hilbert spaces, monoidal categories

**Exercise 1.1.** Show that in **FHilb**, the isomorphisms are precisely the bijective morphisms.

**Exercise 1.2.** Prove that direct sums form products and coproducts in **FHilb**.

**Exercise 1.3.** Show that the Kronecker product of matrices  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$ , satisfies  $(f \otimes g) \otimes h = f \otimes (g \otimes h)$ .

**Exercise 1.4.** Let  $A, B, C, D$  be objects in a monoidal category. Construct a morphism

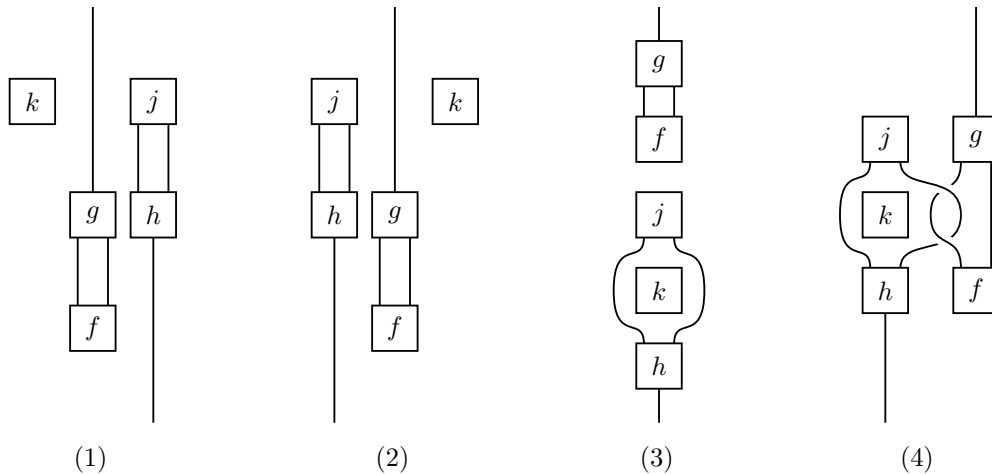
$$(((A \otimes I) \otimes B) \otimes C) \otimes D \rightarrow A \otimes (B \otimes (C \otimes (I \otimes D))).$$

Can you find another?

**Exercise 1.5.** Convert the following algebraic equations into graphical language. Which would you expect to be true in any symmetric monoidal category?

- (a)  $(g \otimes \text{id}) \circ \sigma \circ (f \otimes \text{id}) = (f \otimes \text{id}) \circ \sigma \circ (g \otimes \text{id})$  for  $A \xrightarrow{f,g} A$ .
- (b)  $(f \otimes (g \circ h)) \circ k = (\text{id} \otimes f) \circ ((g \otimes h) \circ k)$ , for  $A \xrightarrow{k} B \otimes C$ ,  $C \xrightarrow{h} B$  and  $B \xrightarrow{f,g} B$ .
- (c)  $(\text{id} \otimes h) \circ g \circ (f \otimes \text{id}) = (\text{id} \otimes f) \circ g \circ (h \otimes \text{id})$ , for  $A \xrightarrow{f,h} A$  and  $A \otimes A \xrightarrow{g} A \otimes A$ .
- (d)  $h \circ (\text{id} \otimes \lambda) \circ (\text{id} \otimes (f \otimes \text{id})) \circ (\text{id} \otimes \lambda^{-1}) \circ g = h \circ g \circ \lambda \circ (f \otimes \text{id}) \circ \lambda^{-1}$ , for  $A \xrightarrow{g} B \otimes C$ ,  $I \xrightarrow{f} I$  and  $B \otimes C \xrightarrow{h} D$ .
- (e)  $\rho_C \circ (\text{id} \otimes f) \circ \alpha_{C,A,B} \circ (\sigma_{A,C} \otimes \text{id}_B) = \lambda_C \circ (f \otimes \text{id}) \circ \alpha_{A,B,C}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \sigma_{C,B}) \circ \alpha_{A,C,B}$  for  $A \otimes B \xrightarrow{f} I$ .

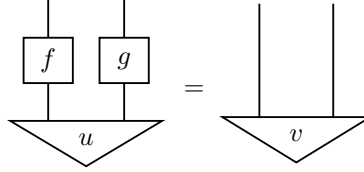
**Exercise 1.6.** Consider the following diagrams in the graphical calculus:



- (a) Which of the diagrams (1), (2) and (3) are equal as morphisms in a monoidal category?
- (b) Which of the diagrams (1), (2), (3) and (4) are equal as morphisms in a braided monoidal category?

(c) Which of the diagrams (1), (2), (3) and (4) are equal as morphisms in a symmetric monoidal category?

**Exercise 1.7.** We say that two joint states  $I \xrightarrow{u,v} A \otimes B$  are *locally equivalent*, written  $u \sim v$ , if there exist invertible maps  $A \xrightarrow{f} A$ ,  $B \xrightarrow{g} B$  such that



- (a) Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.
- (b) Find all isomorphisms  $\{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  in **Rel**.
- (c) Write out all 16 states of the object  $\{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\}$  in **Rel**.
- (d) Use your answer to (b) to group the states of (c) into locally equivalent families. How many families are there? Which of these are entangled?

**Exercise 1.8.** Complete the following proof that  $\rho_I = \lambda_I$  in a monoidal category, by labelling every arrow, and indicating for each region whether it follows from the triangle equation, the pentagon equation, naturality, or invertibility. Head-to-tail arrows are always inverse pairs.

