

## Sufficient Condition for $AB = BA$

by Chunyuan Deng

Let  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be separable complex Hilbert space and the set of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ , respectively. The elements of  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{H}) = \{A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : 0 \leq A \leq I\}$  are called quantum effects. For  $A, B \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{H})$ , the sequential product of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $A \circ B = A^{\frac{1}{2}}BA^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and the Jordan product of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $A * B = \frac{AB+BA}{2}$ . Many of results show that algebraic conditions on  $A \circ B$  or  $A * B$  imply that  $AB = BA$  [?]-[?]. There are some questions as following.

1. Can we get that  $A_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  are commutative if sequential product  $A_n \circ A_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ A_2 \cdots A_1 = A_n^{\frac{1}{2}}A_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdots A_2^{\frac{1}{2}}A_1A_2^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdots A_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{2}}A_n^{\frac{1}{2}}$  satisfies certain distributive or associative laws.

2. Can we get that  $A_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  are commutative if sequential product  $A_n * A_{n-1} * \cdots * A_2 * A_1$  satisfies certain distributive or associative laws.

## References

- [1] A. Arias, A. Gheondea and S. Gudder: Fixed points of quantum operations, J. Math. Phys. 43 (2002), 5872-5881.
- [2] A. Gheondea and S. Gudder: Sequential product of quantum effects, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 132 (2003), 503-512.
- [3] S. Gudder: Sequential products of quantum measurements, Rep. Math. Phys. 60 (2007), 273-288.