

- M.A. NAIT ABDALLAH, *Quantum as logic: on the logic resolution of the three-polarizer paradox in quantum mechanics.*

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Polarization of light is a quantum phenomenon which is directly accessible to our senses. It also gives rise to the three-polarizer paradox in quantum mechanics.

We present a constructive logic solution to this paradox, inspired from Curry-Howard correspondence [3]. This quantum constructive logic differs from quantum logics in the style of Birkhoff-von Neumann [1].

Formulae are defined by the following formal grammar, where  $\sqcup$  is a non-Boolean formula constructor corresponding to quantum physical state superposition,  $F$  stands for falsehood, and elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are distinct

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} &::= \mathcal{F}_c \mid \mathcal{Q} & \mathcal{F}_c &::= F \mid \mathcal{E} \mid (\mathcal{E} \rightarrow F) \\ \mathcal{Q} &::= \sqcup \mathcal{B} & \mathcal{B} &::= \{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}\} \\ \mathcal{E} &::= \sigma_1 \mid \sigma_2 \mid \dots \end{aligned}$$

The domain of proof terms decomposes into three categories: set  $\mathbf{T}$  of *quantum transition terms* (or  $\tau$ -terms),  $\mathbf{A}$  of *amplitude terms* and  $\mathbf{B}$  of *base terms*, defined by the following formal grammar

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &::= \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \rangle \mid \widehat{\delta}_1 \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{W}} \mid (: \mathbf{T} / \mathbf{T}) \mid (: \widehat{\delta}_1 / \mathbf{T}) \mid \omega \left( \frac{\mathbf{T}}{\mathbf{T}} \right) \\ \mathbf{A} &::= \mathbf{0} \mid \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} &::= V \mid \mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{W}} \mid (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}) \mid \mu \left( \frac{\widehat{\delta}_1}{\mathbf{T}} \right) \mid \bar{\mu} \left( \frac{\widehat{\delta}_1}{\widehat{\delta}_1 \mathbf{A}} \right) \\ V &::= x \mid y \mid z \mid \dots \\ \mathbf{W} &::= [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbf{I} &::= 1 \mid 2 \end{aligned}$$

The three-polarizer paradox experiments are then expressed by context

$$\Gamma = \{x : v, \left( \frac{: \widehat{\delta}_1}{\widehat{\delta}_1 x} \right) : v \sqcup h, \left( \frac{: \widehat{\delta}_2}{\widehat{\delta}_1 x} \right) : v \sqcup h, \left( \frac{: \widehat{\delta}_2}{(: \{z, z\} / \widehat{\delta}_1 x)} \right) : v \sqcup h\}$$

where  $v$  (resp.  $h$ ) stands for the photon being in the vertical (resp. horizontal) linear polarization state. One then shows that this quantum logic framework, with the corresponding  $\tau$ -calculus on proof terms and system of natural deduction inference rules, yields a solution to the three-polarizer paradox, provided that some specific form of Bohr complementarity principle [2] is embedded in the structure of the new constructive quantum logic. The embedding uses a notion of *critical pair* of judgments and replaces the notion of theoremhood with membership in some *quantum extension*  $E$  of the initially given data, where  $E = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n$  with sequence of sets  $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by  $E_0 = \Gamma_0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n+1} = Th(E_n) &\cup \{M : \varphi_i \mid \Gamma \vdash M : \varphi_i \text{ and } E \text{ contains no critical pair}\} \\ &\cup \{N : \neg \varphi_i \mid \Gamma \vdash N : (\varphi_i \rightarrow F) \text{ and } E \text{ contains no critical pair}\}. \end{aligned}$$

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