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Commutation and Anti-Commutation Brackets of Quantum Field Theory in Single and Double Cluster Form

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Abstract: ***We present a systematic method to compute commutator of boson and fermion operators. Bosons give simple distributive law with all terms with the same positive sign while fermions show anti distributive laws as alternate signs in distribution and nature of statistics depending on evenness and oddness of total number of fermions.***
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I. INTRODUCTION

Of course, after tedious efforts nothing is impossible, but to get the solutions in scientific and in sequential way must always be taken as fruitful. With this argument in mind I am starting the work now.

In second quantization, boson operators satisfy Dirac commutation relations and fermion operators satisfy Jordan- Wigner anti - commutation relations. In teaching quantum field theory I realize that we should give students a way to handle the situation in interesting manner.

II. COMMUTATORS

Heisenberg equation of motion [1] states that evolution of the system can be described by time development of a dynamical variable A which has no explicit time dependence in the following manner.

$$i\hbar\frac{dA}{dt}=\left[A,H\right]_{-} \qquad \ldots(1)$$

Where H represents the Hamiltonian of the system. This equation suggest that one should evaluate the commutators. In classical physics dynamical quantities commute and we call them simply c-numbers. Here in quantum world two physical quantities need not be compatible experimentally and corresponding dynamical variables do not commute. When we quantize radiation field we need that conjugate operators associated with canonical coordinate and conjugate momentum should obey the following commutation relations [2].

$$\begin{aligned}\left[Q_{k,\alpha},P_{k',\alpha'}\right]_{-}&=i\hbar\delta_{k,k'}\delta_{\alpha,\alpha'}\\ \left[Q_{k,\alpha},Q_{k',\alpha'}\right]_{-}&=0=\left[P_{k,\alpha},P_{k',\alpha'}\right]_{-}\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(2)$$

Similarly dealing with fermions we observe that Pauli exclusion principle is guaranteed if use the Jordan Wigner anticommutation relations to quantize the Dirac field [3] .

$$\begin{aligned}\left[b_{k,\alpha},b^{+}_{k',\alpha'}\right]_{+}&=i\hbar\delta_{k,k'}\delta_{\alpha,\alpha'}\\ \left[b_{k,\alpha},b_{k',\alpha'}\right]_{+}&=0=\left[b^{+}_{k,\alpha},b^{+}_{k',\alpha'}\right]_{+}\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(3)$$

Where bare q- number stands for annihilation operator and with '+' it stands for creation operator. Hamiltonian in general might have a Cluster [4] of destruction and creation operators and we should get expertise in solving commutators of clusters.

III. DIRAC PAULI COMMUTATIONS

We define Dirac Pauli commutation relation as follows

$$\left[A\ ,\ B_1\right]_{-}=\left[A\ ,\ B_1\right]=AB_1-B_1A \qquad \ldots(4)$$

To face the cluster I might introduce some unfamiliar notation

$$\left[A\ ,\ B_1\right]=AB_1-B_1A=\not{B}_1 \qquad \ldots(5)$$

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Now we should apply this to a simple single cluster

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= AB_1B_2 - B_1B_2A = \left(AB_1\right)B_2 - \left(B_1A\right)B_2 + B_1\left(AB_2\right) - B_1\left(B_2A\right) \\ &= \left[A \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + B_1\left[A \quad , \quad B_2\right] = \not{B}_1B_2 + B_1\not{B}_2\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(6)$$

This ansatz shows that this slash notation is distributive.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2B_3\right] &= AB_1B_2B_3 - B_1B_2B_3A = \left\{\left(AB_1\right)B_2B_3 - \left(B_1A\right)B_2B_3\right\} \\ &\quad + \left\{B_1\left(AB_2\right)B_3 - B_1\left(B_2A\right)B_3\right\} + \left\{B_1B_2\left(AB_3\right) - B_1B_2\left(B_3A\right)\right\} \\ &= \not{B}_1B_2B_3 + B_1\not{B}_2B_3 + B_1B_2\not{B}_3\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(7)$$

Now we can generalize the scheme and we can obtain

$$\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2\ldots B_n\right] = AB_1B_2\ldots B_n - B_1B_2\ldots B_nA = \not{B}_1B_2\ldots B_n + B_1\not{B}_2\ldots B_n + B_1B_2\ldots\not{B}_n \qquad \ldots(8)$$

Now we work for a simple double cluster.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= AB_1B_2 - B_1B_2A = \left(AB_1\right)B_2 - \left(B_1A\right)B_2 + B_1\left(AB_2\right) - B_1\left(B_2A\right) \\ &= \left[A \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + B_1\left[A \quad , \quad B_2\right] = \left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + B_1\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right] \\ &= \left(A_1\left(A_2B_1\right) - A_1\left(B_1A_2\right) + \left(A_1B_1\right)A_2 - \left(B_1A_1\right)A_2\right)B_2 \\ &\quad + B_1\left(A_1\left(A_2B_2\right) - A_1\left(B_2A_2\right) + \left(A_1B_2\right)A_2 - \left(B_2A_1\right)A_2\right) \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + \left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]A_2B_2 + B_1A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right] + B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]A_2\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(9)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= A_1A_2B - BA_1A_2 = \left(A_1\left(A_2B\right) - A_1\left(BA_2\right)\right) + \left(\left(A_1B\right)A_2 - \left(BA_1\right)A_2\right) \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B\right] + \left[A_1 \quad , \quad B\right]A_2 = A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] + \left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right]A_2 \\ &= A_1\left(A_2B_1B_2 - B_1B_2A_2\right) + \left(A_1B_1B_2 - B_1B_2A_1\right)A_2 \\ &= A_1\left(\left(A_2B_1\right)B_2 - \left(B_1A_2\right)B_2 + B_1\left(A_2B_2\right) - B_1\left(B_2A_2\right)\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\left(A_1B_1\right)B_2 - \left(B_1A_1\right)B_2 + B_1\left(A_1B_2\right) - B_1\left(B_2A_1\right)\right)A_2 \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + A_1B_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right] + \left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2A_2 + B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]A_2\end{aligned}$$

$\ldots(10)$

In obtaining Eq. (9) and (10), we have adopted a very easy route as summarized below.

1) First cluster will be paired with second cluster, i. e., no pairing among operators of the same cluster.
2) Expand the bracket and insert element to facilitate pairing and add or subtract the term to cancel it .
3) The process ends up in pairing the last term of the expansion.
4) Use commutators in expansion while pairing may require commutation or anticommutation.

Eq . (9) and (10) can be used to get a symmetric form as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + \tfrac{1}{2}\left\{A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right\}\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right] \\ &\quad + \tfrac{1}{2}\left\{A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right\}\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right] + B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]A_2\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(11)$$

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IV. JORDAN WIGNER ANTI- COMMUTATION RELATIONS

We introduce Jordan Wigner anti- commutation relations in the following way

$$\left[A \quad , \quad B_1\right]_+ = \left\{A \quad , \quad B_1\right\} = AB_1 + B_1A \qquad \ldots(12)$$

To face the cluster I might introduce new unfamiliar notation

$$\left\{A \quad , \quad B_1\right\} = AB_1 + B_1A = \not{B}_1 \qquad \ldots(13)$$

Now we apply the notion of backslash to a simple cluster

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= AB_1B_2 - B_1B_2A = \left(AB_1\right)B_2 + \left(B_1A\right)B_2 - B_1\left(AB_2\right) - B_1\left(B_2A\right) \\ &= \left\{A \quad , \quad B_1\right\}B_2 - B_1\left\{A \quad , \quad B_2\right\} = \not{B}_1B_2 - B_1\not{B}_2\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(14)$$

Here we observe that backslash introduces alternate sign change in distribution. We should check this point in a big cluster.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2B_3\right] &= AB_1B_2B_3 - B_1B_2B_3A = \left\{\left(AB_1\right)B_2B_3 + \left(B_1A\right)B_2B_3\right\} \\ &\quad - \left\{B_1\left(AB_2\right)B_3 + B_1\left(B_2A\right)B_3\right\} + \left\{B_1B_2\left(AB_3\right) - B_1B_2\left(B_3A\right)\right\} \\ &= \not{B}_1B_2B_3 - B_1\not{B}_2B_3 + B_1B_2\not{B}_3\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(15)$$

It is a very astonishing situation, with odd number of fermion operators, slash and backslash appear and distributive nature acquires complicacy. Let us check it with even number of fermion operators.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2B_3B_4\right] &= AB_1B_2B_3B_4 - B_1B_2B_3B_4A = \left\{\left(AB_1\right)B_2B_3B_4 + \left(B_1A\right)B_2B_3B_4\right\} \\ &\quad - \left\{B_1\left(AB_2\right)B_3B_4 + B_1\left(B_2A\right)B_3B_4\right\} + \left\{B_1B_2\left(AB_3\right)B_4 + B_1B_2\left(B_3A\right)B_4\right\} \\ &\quad - \left\{B_1B_2B_3\left(AB_4\right) + B_1B_2B_3\left(B_4A\right)\right\} \\ &= \not{B}_1B_2B_3B_4 - B_1\not{B}_2B_3B_4 + B_1B_2\not{B}_3B_4 - B_1B_2B_3\not{B}_4\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(16)$$

We find that backslash introduces alternate sign change in distribution when cluster contains even number of fermions. We may call it anti- distributive for even number of fermions.

To get further insight into the picture , we do work with cluster of more odd number of operators.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2B_3B_4B_5\right] &= AB_1B_2B_3B_4B_5 - B_1B_2B_3B_4B_5A = \left\{\left(AB_1\right)B_2B_3B_4B_5 + \left(B_1A\right)B_2B_3B_4B_5\right\} \\ &\quad - \left\{B_1\left(AB_2\right)B_3B_4B_5 + B_1\left(B_2A\right)B_3B_4B_5\right\} + \left\{B_1B_2\left(AB_3\right)B_4B_5 + B_1B_2\left(B_3A\right)B_4B_5\right\} \\ &\quad - \left\{B_1B_2B_3\left(AB_4\right)B_5 + B_1B_2B_3\left(B_4A\right)B_5\right\} + B_1B_2B_3B_4\left(AB_5\right) - B_1B_2B_3B_4\left(B_5A\right) \\ &= \not{B}_1B_2B_3B_4B_5 - B_1\not{B}_2B_3B_4B_5 + B_1B_2\not{B}_3B_4B_5 - B_1B_2B_3\not{B}_4B_5 + B_1B_2B_3B_4\not{B}_5\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(17)$$

Again we observe the same feature as emerged out in Eq. (15).

Now we work for a simple double cluster.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= \left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]B_2 + B_1\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right] \\ &= \left(A_1\left(A_2B_1\right) + A_1\left(B_1A_2\right) - \left(A_1B_1\right)A_2 - \left(B_1A_1\right)A_2\right)B_2 \\ &\quad + B_1\left(A_1\left(A_2B_2\right) + A_1\left(B_2A_2\right) - \left(A_1B_2\right)A_2 - \left(B_2A_1\right)A_2\right) \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_+B_2 - \left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]A_2B_2 + B_1A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right] - B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]A_2\end{aligned} \qquad \ldots(18)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right]+\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right]A_2 \\ &= A_1\left(\left(A_2B_1\right)B_2+\left(B_1A_2\right)B_2-B_1\left(A_2B_2\right)-B_1\left(B_2A_2\right)\right) \\ &+\left(\left(A_1B_1\right)B_2+\left(B_1A_1\right)B_2-B_1\left(A_1B_2\right)-B_1\left(B_2A_1\right)\right)A_2 \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_+B_2-A_1B_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_++\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_+B_2A_2-B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_+A_2\end{aligned}$$

…(19)

Again Eq . (18) and (19) can be used to get a symmetric form as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right] &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right]+\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right]A_2 \\ &= A_1\left(\left(A_2B_1\right)B_2+\left(B_1A_2\right)B_2-B_1\left(A_2B_2\right)-B_1\left(B_2A_2\right)\right) \\ &+\left(\left(A_1B_1\right)B_2+\left(B_1A_1\right)B_2-B_1\left(A_1B_2\right)-B_1\left(B_2A_1\right)\right)A_2 \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_+B_2-\tfrac{1}{2}\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_-\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_+-\tfrac{1}{2}\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_-\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_+-B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_+A_2\end{aligned}$$

…(20)

V. GENERALIZATION OF COMMUTATION RELATIONS

Now we generalize the above relations so that one handles the situation more easily.

We define the commutator as follows

$$\left[A \quad , \quad B\right]_{-\zeta} = AB-\zeta BA$$

$$\zeta = \begin{cases}+ & Boson \\ - & Fermion\end{cases} \qquad \ldots(21)$$

Now imagine commutation as an operation and slash or backslash as an eigen value. We can see

$$\Lambda\left(\zeta,n\right) = \begin{cases} / & \forall n & Boson \\ \backslash & n-even & Fermion \\ \backslash \text{ or } / & n-odd & \backslash \forall \text{ except last } \& / \text{ for last fermion}\end{cases} \qquad \ldots(22)$$

$$\left[A \quad , \quad B_1B_2\ldots B_n\right] = \zeta^0\Lambda B_1B_2\ldots B_n+\zeta^1B_1\Lambda B_2\ldots B_n+\zeta^{n-1}B_1B_2\ldots\Lambda B_n \qquad \ldots(23)$$

Eq. (10c) and (17c) can be used to produce a generalized form as given below.

$$\begin{aligned}&\left[A_1A_2 \quad , \quad B_1B_2\right]_- \\ &= A_1\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_{-\zeta}B_2+\tfrac{\zeta}{2}\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_\zeta\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_{-\zeta} \\ &+\tfrac{\zeta}{2}\left[A_2 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_\zeta\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_1\right]_{-\zeta}+\zeta B_1\left[A_1 \quad , \quad B_2\right]_{-\zeta}A_2\end{aligned}$$

…(24)

VI. APPLICATION IN THE THEORY OF SECOND QUANTIZATION

If ‘s’ is the spin of the particle ,then statistics governing parameter ‘ζ’, can be given as

$$\zeta = sign\left(-1\right)^{2s} \qquad \ldots(25)$$

The annihilation and creation are designated as ‘a’ and ‘a^+’. Then Eq. (18) can be used to obtain the following commutators, so that corresponding statistics is obeyed well.

$$\left[a_i \quad , \quad a_j^+\right]_{-\zeta} = \delta_{ij} \;,\; \left[a_j^+ \quad , \quad a_i\right]_{-\zeta} = -\zeta\delta_{ij} \;\; \left[a_i \quad , \quad a_j\right]_{-\zeta} = 0 = \left[a_i^+ \quad , \quad a_j^+\right]_{-\zeta}$$

$$a_ia_j^+ = \delta_{ij}+\zeta a_j^+a_i \quad , \quad a_ia_j = \zeta a_ja_i \quad , a_i^+a_j^+ = \zeta a_j^+a_i^+$$

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With the help of Eq. (18), we can find

$$[A \ , \ BC]_{-} = [A \ , \ B]_{-\zeta} C + \zeta B [A \ , \ C]_{-\zeta} \quad \ldots(26)$$

I. $\left[a_i \ , \ a_j^+ a_k \right]_{-} = \delta_{ij} a_k$

II. $\left[a_i \ , \ a_j^+ a_k^+ \right]_{-} = \delta_{ij} a_k^+ + \zeta \delta_{ik} a_j^+$

III. $\left[a_i^+ \ , \ a_j a_k \right]_{-} = -\zeta \delta_{ij} a_k - \delta_{ki} a_j$

IV. $\left[a_i^+ \ , \ a_j^+ a_k \right]_{-} = -\delta_{ki} a_j^+$

V. $\left[a_i \ , \ a_j^+ a_k^+ a_l a_m \right]_{-} = \left[a_i \ , \ a_j^+ a_k^+ \right]_{-} a_l a_m = \left(\delta_{ij} a_k^+ + \zeta \delta_{ik} a_j^+ \right) a_l a_m$

VI. $\left[a_i^+ \ , \ a_j^+ a_k^+ a_l a_m \right]_{-} = a_j^+ a_k^+ \left[a_i^+ \ , \ a_l a_m \right]_{-} = -a_j^+ a_k^+ \left(\delta_{im} a_l + \zeta \delta_{il} a_m \right)$

$\ldots(27)$

VII. DISCUSSION

These commutation formulas are extremely useful in advanced quantum mechanics , quantum field theory, superconductivity and quantum statistics. The idea of slash and backslash notation is quite beneficial in computing commutator of a cluster.

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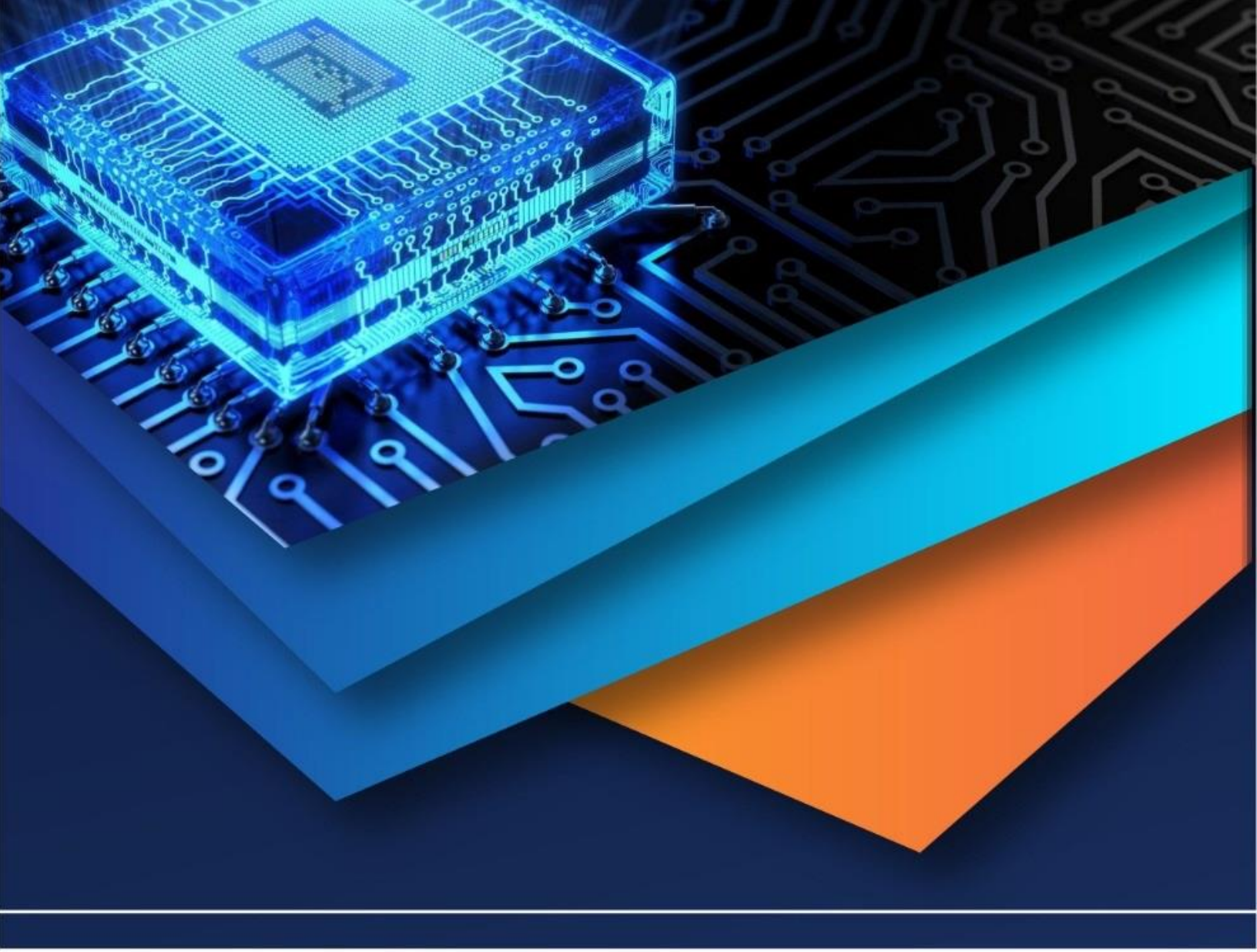

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