Identical Quantum Particles and Weak Discernibility

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Abstract

We examine a recent argument that ``identical'' quantum particles with an anti-symmetric state (fermions) are weakly
discernible objects, just like irreflexively related ordinary objects in situations with perfect symmetry (Black's spheres, for example). We conclude that the argument uses a silent premise that is not justified in the quantum case.

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