

I need to evaluate the commutator or anticommutator of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  given below;

$$A = \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x \otimes 1_4 \otimes 1_4$$

$$B = 1_4 \otimes 1_4 \otimes \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x$$

where  $1_4$  denotes  $4 \times 4$  Identity Matrix and  $\sigma_y, \sigma_x$  are usual pauli spin matrices. I need to evaluate the commutator  $[A, B]$  or anticommutator  $\{A, B\}$ .

## 1 Attempt to the problem

Actually, I tried something like this;

$$AB = \sigma_y.1_4 \otimes \sigma_x.1_4 \otimes \sigma_x\sigma_y \otimes 1_4\sigma_x \otimes 1_4\sigma_x$$

where usual matrix multiplication is understood in the arguments of the tensor product. But problem is  $\sigma_y.1_4$  is not defined in the sense of matrix multiplication since  $1_4$  is four dimensional and  $\sigma_y$  is two dimensional. Where did I make a mistake?