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## QUANTUM CHANNELS WITH MEMORY

# 1. Memoryless Classical and Quantum Channels and their Capacities

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### Abstract:

In the first lecture we give a brief review of classical and quantum channels. The notion of capacity of a channel is introduced and the various different capacities of a quantum channel are discussed. Expressions for these capacities were originally evaluated for the so-called memoryless channels, which are discussed next. The need for considering channels with memory is then elucidated through some practical examples.