

# Quantum-enhanced machine learning: Implementing a quantum $k$ -nearest neighbour algorithm

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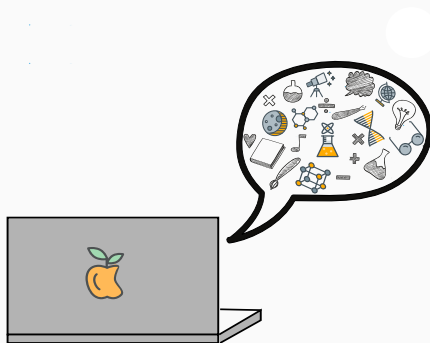
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# Introduction

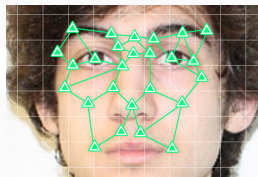
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# Enhancing machine learning with quantum mechanics



## Machine learning

Enable computers to  
learn from data



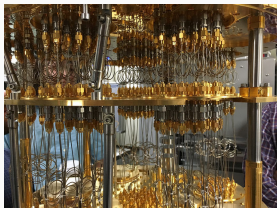
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- ML algorithms often involve<sup>1</sup>
  - solving large systems of linear equations
  - inverting large matrices
  - distance computations
- Performing these computations on large data sets gets increasingly difficult<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Bishop, C. M. (2006). Pattern recognition. Machine Learning, 128 .

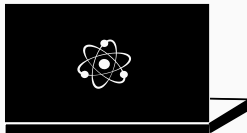
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# Enhancing machine learning with quantum mechanics



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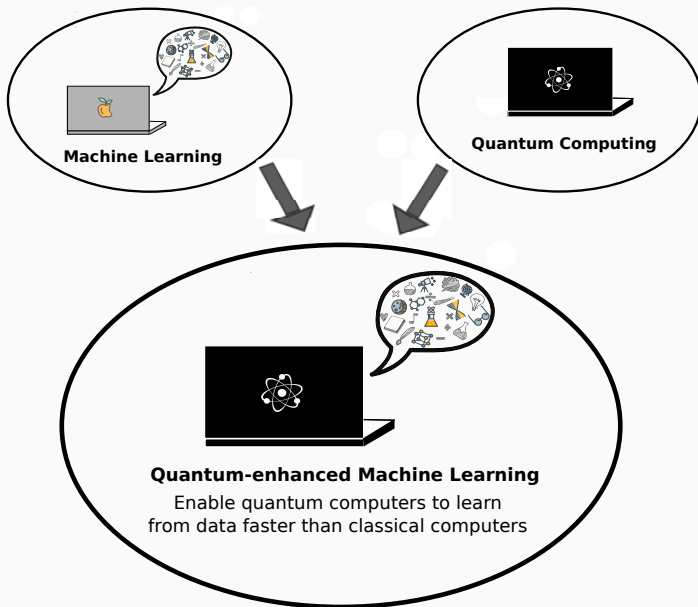
- Quantum mechanics is about vectors in complex Hilbert spaces
- Quantum computers are performing linear operations on qubits
- Many-qubit systems are described by large vectors that can be manipulated in parallel on quantum computers
- Machine learning involves manipulation of large vectors and matrices

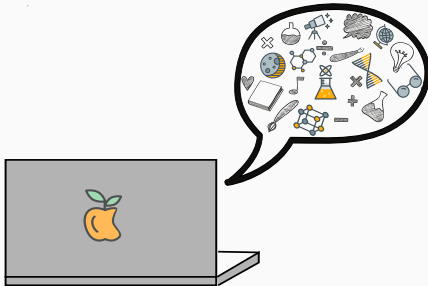


## Quantum computing

Build computer hardware based on quantum physics

# Enhancing machine learning with quantum mechanics





# Machine Learning

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# Supervised machine learning

## The problem statement

Given a dataset of inputs and their corresponding outputs, predict the output of a new unknown input.

Input	Output
faces	emotions
heartbeat	healthy or sick
last year's daily weather	tomorrow's weather
message of a users	intention of text content
search history of a user	chance of clicking on a particular ad



# Classical $k$ -nearest neighbour with distance-weighting

-  $k$  is a positive integer

Given training dataset:

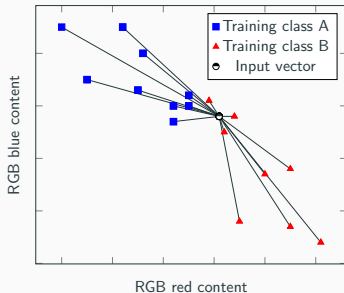
$$D_T = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{16}$$

$$v_i \in \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$$

Given a new vector  $\tilde{x}$  (black halfcircle):

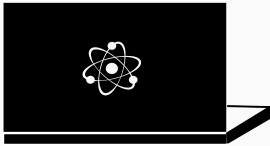
- consider  $k$  nearest neighbours
- classify  $\tilde{x}$ , based on majority vote, as *red* or *blue*

$k = \text{all}$



Assign distance-dependent weights  
e.g.  $\frac{1}{\text{distance}}$  to increase the influence of close vectors over more distant ones!

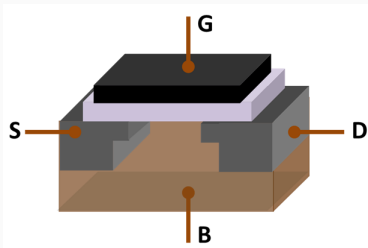
Classification  $\rightarrow$  **RED**



# Quantum Computing

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# Classical vs. quantum bits (qubits)



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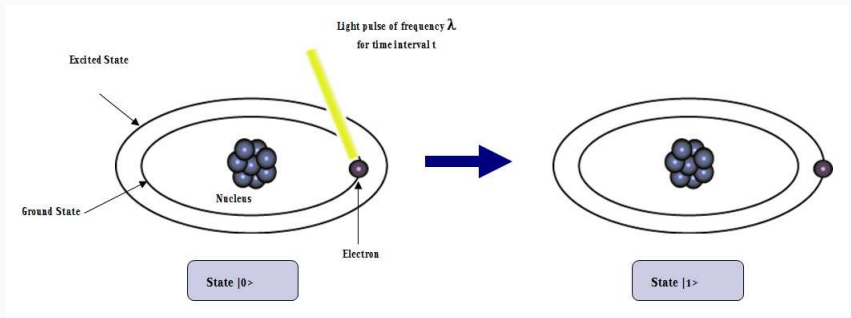
## Classical bit:

- Usually implemented through MOSFETs
- 2 definite states (0,1)
- Can be either 0 OR 1

# Classical vs. quantum bits (qubits)

## Quantum bit (qubit):

- Can be  $|0\rangle$  OR  $|1\rangle$
- But it can also be  $|0\rangle$  AND  $|1\rangle \rightarrow$  quantum superposition



Source: RF Wireless World

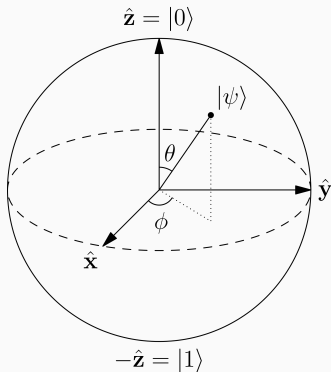
Mathematically, the superposition of a qubit is expressed as:

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and they are called amplitudes.

The last expression is called the **amplitude vector**.

# The Bloch sphere



**Figure 1:** Arbitrary two-dimensional qubit  $|\psi\rangle$  visualized on the Bloch sphere<sup>1</sup>

Most general form of a 2-D qubit:

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle, \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Can also be visualized in spherical polar coords on the unit or Bloch sphere as follows:

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle, \quad (3)$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  and  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$

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# Multi-qubit systems: the power of quantum computing

A quantum computer with  $n$  qubits has  $2^n$  quantum amplitudes.

→ these amplitudes can be used to store huge amounts of information!

Qubit number	classical RAM needed	Simulation time
5	256 bytes	seconds on smartwatch
25	2 gigabytes	seconds on a laptop
50	8000 terabytes	seconds on next year's supercomputer
275	number of atoms in the visible universe	age of the universe

# State-of-the-art quantum computation

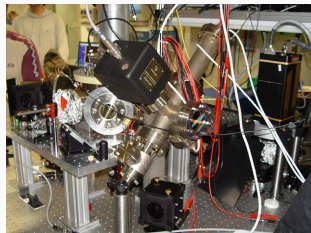
**However**, quantum computation is cutting edge research at the frontier of supercomputing technology!

→ State-of-the art quantum computers are complicated laboratory experiments and prototypes.

## Current state-of-the-art:

- IBM → **5 superconducting qubits**
- Google → **9 superconducting qubits**
- Weizmann Research Group in Israel  
→ **8 trapped ions**
- DWave → **1,152 qubits**

BUT it solves only a narrow class of problems



Source: University of Innsbruck



# Motivation for this thesis research

- Classical machine learning is a very applied field
- State-of-the-art quantum computers have very few qubits
- Quantum-enhanced machine learning is almost purely theoretical
- There have been only a handful of proof-of-principle studies in quantum-enhanced machine learning
- Need for more proof-of-principle implementations and simulations to demonstrate the benefits of quantum computation for machine learning
- Small-scale machine learning problems need to be identified & implemented.

# Methods

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# Methods: IBM Quantum Experience

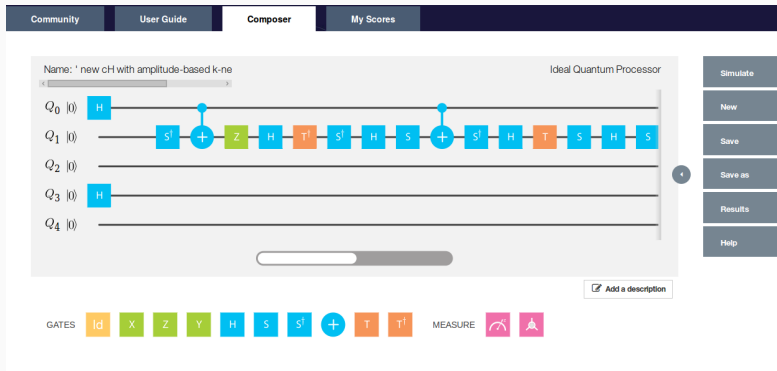


Figure 2: IBM's quantum composer<sup>1</sup>

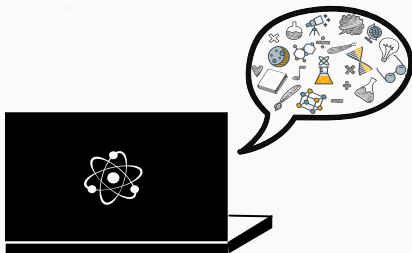
- Accessible to the public
- Allows for ideal + real simulations
- 5 superconducting qubits
- 40 gates (39 gates + 1 measurement)

<sup>1</sup> Screenshot taken from <https://quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net/qstage/#/editor>

Small quantum computers can be simulated on conventional computers!

Liqui|⟩...

- stands for Language-Integrated Quantum Operations.
- is a quantum simulation toolsuite written in F# and developed by Microsoft Research.
- allows for simulations of up to 30 qubits with 16GB RAM.
- was used in this thesis to provide proof-of-principle simulations of quantum-enhanced machine learning algorithms.



# Quantum-enhanced Machine Learning

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# Encoding classical data into amplitudes

## Data encoded into amplitudes

k-dimensional probability vector is encoded into  $\log_2(k)$  qubits, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow |n\rangle = \sqrt{0.6}|0\rangle + \sqrt{0.4}|1\rangle$$

Schuld, Fingerhuth, and Petruccione (Manuscript in preparation) developed a new **amplitude-based** kNN algorithm.

→ requires only a few qubits and provides great speed-up

# The amplitude-based kNN algorithm

1.  $|\psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M}} \sum_{m=1}^M (|0\rangle |\Psi_{\tilde{x}(\ast)}\rangle + |1\rangle |\Psi_{x^m}\rangle) |y^m\rangle |m\rangle$   
[Initial quantum state]
2.  $|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}} \sum_{m=1}^M (|0\rangle [|\Psi_{\tilde{x}}\rangle + |\Psi_{x^m}\rangle] + |1\rangle [|\Psi_{\tilde{x}}\rangle - |\Psi_{x^m}\rangle]) |y^m\rangle |m\rangle$   
[Distance computations with quantum interference]
3.  $|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}} \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N (\tilde{x}_i + x_i^m) |0\rangle |i\rangle |y^m\rangle |m\rangle$   
[Conditional measurement]
4.  $\text{Prob}(|y^m\rangle = |1\rangle) = \sum_{m|y^m=1} 1 - \frac{1}{4M} |\tilde{x} - x^m|^2$   
[Probability to measure a certain class]
5.  $y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \text{Prob}(|y^0\rangle) > \text{Prob}(|y^1\rangle) \\ 1, & \text{if } \text{Prob}(|y^1\rangle) > \text{Prob}(|y^0\rangle) \\ -, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  [Classification]

# Calculating distances with interference



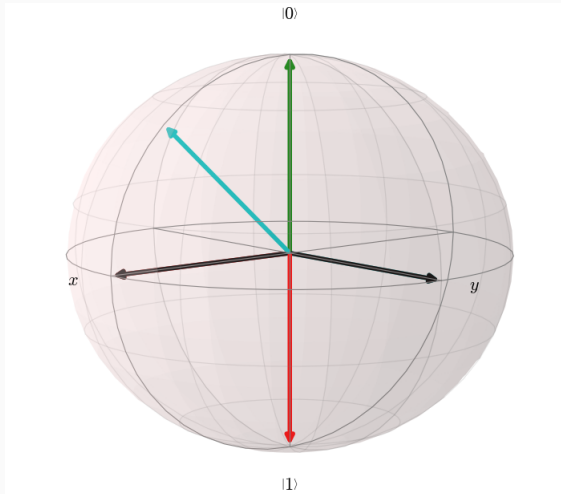
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## **Results: Amplitude-based k-nearest neighbour algorithm**

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## Simple binary classification case



**Figure 3:** Simple binary classification problem of a quantum state

# IBM's universal gate set



**Figure 4:** IBM's universal gate set

**How can we implement the amplitude-based quantum kNN algorithm with this small gate set?**

## Results: IBM quantum computer implementation

- IBM's short qubit lifetimes only allow for 40 quantum gates.
- IBM Quantum Experience has a very small universal gate set making it difficult to run complicated algorithms.
- For this particular classification problem the quantum kNN algorithm requires at least 55 quantum gates.
- Until now, it is **impossible** to solve this particular machine learning problem on IBM's actual quantum hardware!

→ Need for proof-of-principle simulations within the Qiskit toolsuite to show that the quantum algorithms work!

## Results: Liqui| $\rangle$ simulations of amplitude-based kNN algorithm

- In Liqui| $\rangle$ , one can simply define any quantum logic gate.
- Large universal gate set possible!
- No limit on the number of quantum gate slots.
- No need to worry about qubit lifetimes.

Simulations demonstrated 100% accuracy on the small-scale simple Bloch vector classification problem.

→ The amplitude-based kNN algorithm works as expected, is scalable and has the potential to outperform the classical counterpart.

## Conclusion

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# Summary

- Quantum computing is at the frontier of supercomputing and bears the potential to vastly speed up classical machine learning algorithms
- A small-scale machine learning problem was selected for implementation and simulation of an amplitude-based quantum kNN algorithm
- The Bloch vector classification task could not be implemented with the IBM Quantum Experience
- Liqui| $\rangle$  simulations demonstrated 100% classification accuracy on Bloch vector classification task
- Open problem: How to encode arbitrary classical data into quantum amplitude distributions?

- Finding more small-scale machine learning problems that can already be solved with quantum-enhanced machine learning algorithms
- Last week, IBM has released the IBM Quantum Experience 2.0 which makes an actual proof-of-principle implementation feasible. (Publication in preparation)
- Possible collaboration with the Weizmann Research Group in Israel to implement the amplitude-based kNN algorithm in their ion trap quantum computer.



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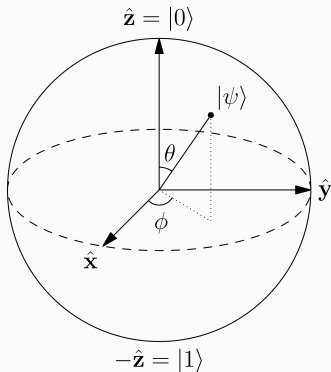
**Questions?**

## Results: Qubit-based kNN algorithm

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# Quantum Computing & Qubits



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# Machine Learning

- Approximately 2.5 quintillion ( $10^{18}$ ) bytes of digital data are created every day<sup>1</sup>
- Need for advanced algorithms that can make sense of data content, retrieve patterns and reveal correlations → Machine learning (ML)
- ML algorithms often involve
  - solving large systems of linear equations
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- Performing these computations on large data sets gets increasingly difficult<sup>2</sup>

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# Quantum Machine Learning

1. ML involves manipulation of large vectors and matrices
  2. Quantum mechanics is about vectors  $\in$  complex Hilbert spaces
  3. Quantum computers are performing linear operations on qubits
- Hence, we can manipulate large vectors in parallel on quantum computers

So can we use QC to improve classical ML algorithms??

- Classical ML is a very practical topic
- BUT, QML has been of almost entirely theoretical nature

# Quantum data encoding

There are two fundamentally different ways for state preparation:

## Data encoded into qubits

$k$ -dimensional probability vector requires  $4k$  classical bits which are encoded one-to-one into  $4k$  qubits, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix} * 10 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0110 \\ 0100 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow n = 01100100 \rightarrow |n\rangle = |01100100\rangle$$

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# Classical k-nearest neighbour

- kNN is a non-parametric classifier
- $k$  is a positive integer, usually chosen small

Given training data set:    Given a new vector  $\tilde{x}$  (red star):

$$D_T = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{10}$$

$$v_i \in \{A, B\}$$

- consider  $k$  nearest neighbours

- classify  $\tilde{x}$ , based on majority vote, as  $A$  or  $B$

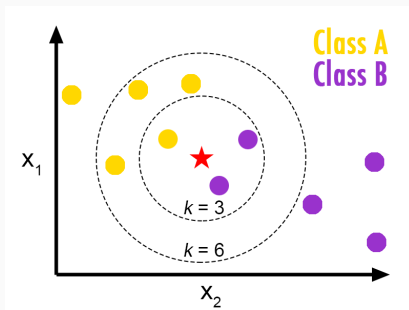


Figure 6: Visualization of a kNN classifier<sup>1</sup>

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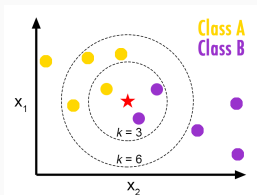
# The algorithm

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2M}} \sum_{m=1}^M (|0\rangle |\Psi_{\tilde{x}}(\star)\rangle + |1\rangle |\Psi_{x^m}\rangle) |y^m(\text{A or B})\rangle |m\rangle \quad (6)$$

where

$$|\Psi_{\tilde{x}}(\star)\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{x}_i |i\rangle \quad |\Psi_{x^m}\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^m |i\rangle \quad (7)$$

$$\text{e.g.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow |n\rangle = \sqrt{0.6} |0\rangle + \sqrt{0.4} |1\rangle \quad (8)$$



**Figure 7:** Visualization of a kNN classifier<sup>1</sup>

# The algorithm

Applying the **Hadamard gate** interferes the input and the training vectors:

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}} \sum_{m=1}^M (|0\rangle[|\psi_{\tilde{x}}\rangle + |\psi_{x^m}\rangle] + |1\rangle[|\psi_{\tilde{x}}\rangle - |\psi_{x^m}\rangle]) |y^m(\text{A or B})\rangle |m\rangle \quad (9)$$

→ Perform **conditional measurement** on ancilla qubit.

Successful if  $|0\rangle$  state is measured.

# The algorithm

After successful conditional measurement, the state is proportional to

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}} \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N (\tilde{x}_i + x_i^m) |0\rangle |i\rangle |y^m(\text{A or B})\rangle |m\rangle \quad (10)$$

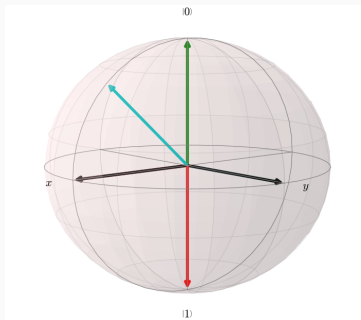
Probability to measure class B:

$$p(|y^m\rangle = |1(\text{B})\rangle) = \sum_{m|y^m=1(\text{B})} 1 - \frac{1}{4M} |\tilde{x} - x^m|^2 \quad (11)$$

## Overall algorithmic complexity

$O(\frac{1}{p_{acc}})$  where  $p_{acc}$  is the probability of measuring ancilla in the  $|0\rangle$  state

# Simple binary classification case



**Figure 8:** Simple binary classification problem of a quantum state

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2M}} \sum_{m=1}^M (|0\rangle |\Psi_{\tilde{x}}(\star)\rangle + |1\rangle |\Psi_{x^m}\rangle) |y^m(A \text{ or } B)\rangle |m\rangle \quad (12)$$

Procedure to load the input vector  $\tilde{x}$ :

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^2 (|0\rangle |0\rangle + |1\rangle |0\rangle) |y^m\rangle |m\rangle \quad (13)$$

Apply controlled rotation  ${}_0^1CR_y(\frac{\pi}{4})$  s.t.

$${}_0^1CR_y(\frac{\pi}{4}) |\Psi_0\rangle = |\Psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^2 (|0\rangle |0\rangle + |1\rangle |\Psi_{\tilde{x}}\rangle) |y^m\rangle |m\rangle \quad (14)$$

Flip the ancilla qubit in the first register

$$(X \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}) |\Psi_1\rangle = |\Psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^2 (|0\rangle |\Psi_{\tilde{x}}\rangle + |1\rangle |0\rangle) |y^m\rangle |m\rangle \quad (15)$$

# Implementation with IBM's quantum computer

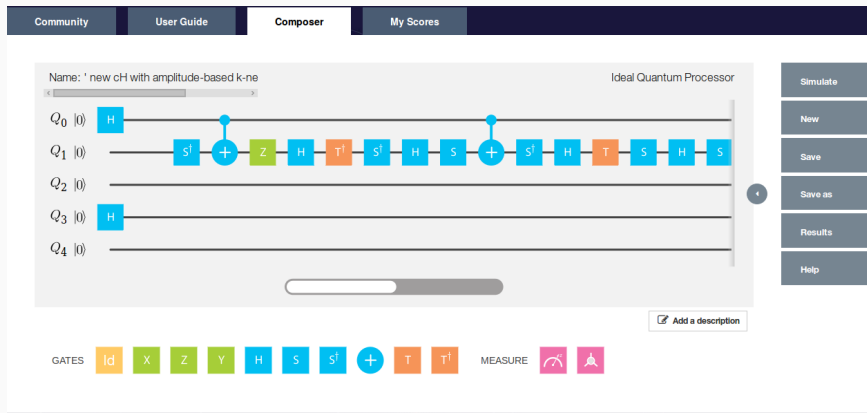


Figure 9: IBM's quantum composer

- Accessible to the public
- Allows for ideal + real simulations
- 5 superconducting qubits
- 40 gates (39 gates + 1 measurement)

# IBM's universal gate set



Figure 10: IBM's universal gate set

How can we implement the  $\frac{1}{0}CR_y(\frac{\pi}{4})$  gate?



## Liqui $|\rangle$ simulations

Currently impossible to implement the quantum algorithm on IBM's quantum computer!  $\rightarrow$  can only simulate it with i.e. Liqui $|\rangle$

In Liqui $|\rangle$  we can directly implement the controlled  $R_y$  rotation!

## Conclusion

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# Summary

- Initial state preparation is non-trivial! (even for very simple examples)
- In this case, state preparation dominates the overall algorithmic complexity
- Solovay-Kitaev yields long gate sequences for good approximations
- Some universal gate sets are only useful when combined with long qubit lifetimes
- **Need for better quantum compiling and more general state preparation algorithms!**

## Taking it further

- Complexity analysis of the qubit-based kNN algorithm
- Classification of gaussian probability distributions
- Implementing more general state preparation algorithms
- Waiting for IBM QASM 2.0 ...

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**Questions?**

## Backup slide: Qubit decoherence times

We expect exponential decay:

$$e^{t/T_i} \quad (16)$$

### **$T_1$ : Longitudinal coherence time (amplitude damping)**

- Prepare  $|0\rangle$  state
- Apply the X (NOT) gate s.t. qubit is in  $|1\rangle$  state
- Wait for time  $t$
- Measure the probability of being in  $|1\rangle$  state

### **$T_2$ : Transversal coherence time (phase damping)**

- Prepare  $|0\rangle$  state
- Apply Hadamard  $\rightarrow \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$
- Wait for time  $t$
- Apply Hadamard again
- Measure the probability of being in  $|0\rangle$  state

We expect this probability to go to 0.5  $\rightarrow$  qubit lost quantum behaviour

## Backup Slide II: Experimental realizations

Only few experimental verifications of QML algorithms:

- Li, Liu, Xu, and Du (2015) successfully distinguished a handwritten six from a nine using a quantum support vector machine on a four-qubit nuclear magnetic resonance test bench<sup>1</sup>
- Cai et al. (2015) were first to experimentally demonstrate quantum machine learning on a photonic QC and showed that the distance between two vectors and their inner product can indeed be computed quantum mechanically<sup>2</sup>
- Rist et al. (2015) solved a learning parity problem with five superconducting qubits and found that a quantum advantage can already be observed in non error-corrected systems<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Li, Z., Liu, X., Xu, N., & Du, J. (2015). Experimental realization of a quantum support vector machine. *Physical Review Letters*, 114 (14), 15. doi: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.114.140504

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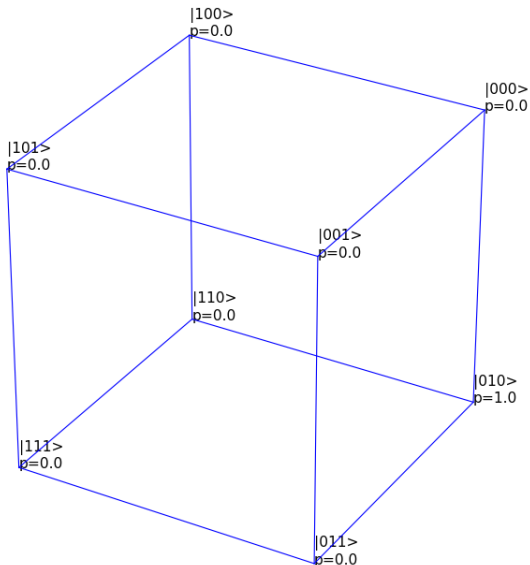
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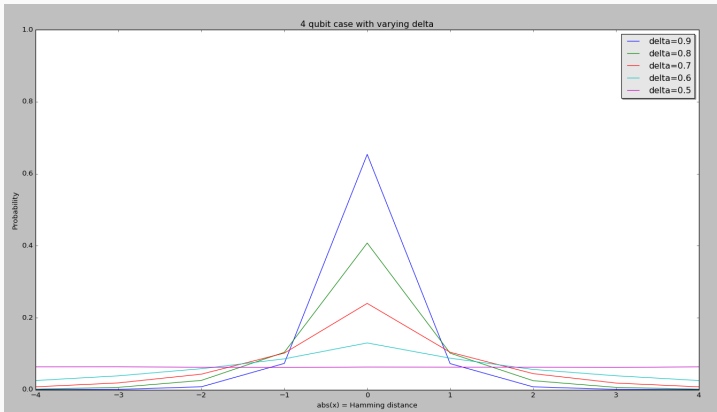
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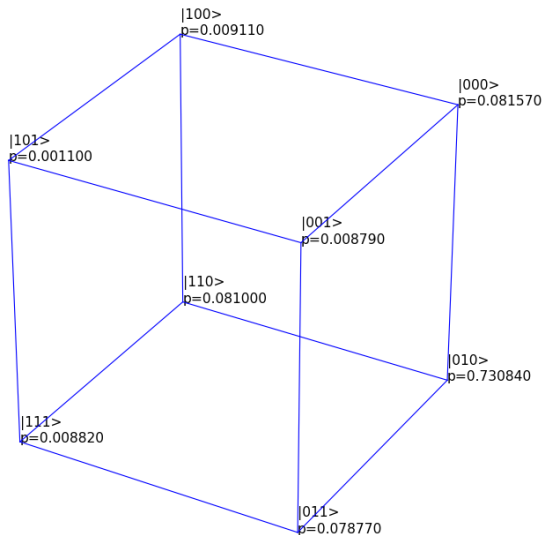
Applying the following matrix

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to all qubits in the data register leads to a gaussian distribution over the "Hamming distance" cube:

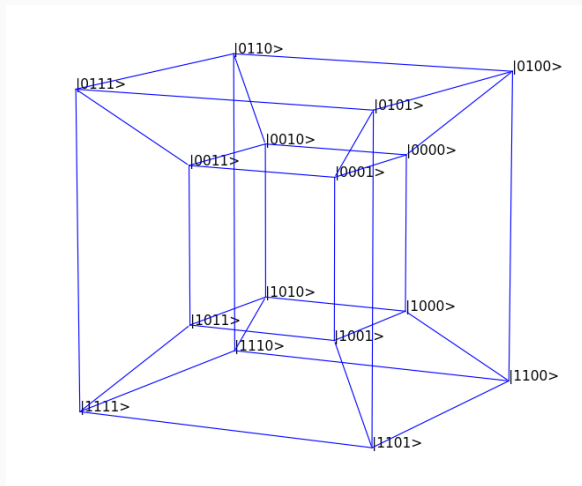


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# Lists

## Items

- Milk
- Eggs
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## Enumerations

1. First,
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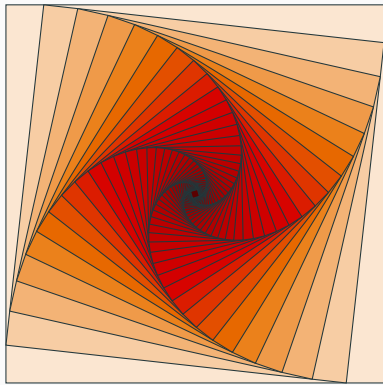
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# Figures



**Figure 15:** Rotated square from texample.net.



**Table 1:** Largest cities in the world (source: Wikipedia)

City	Population
Mexico City	20,116,842
Shanghai	19,210,000
Peking	15,796,450
Istanbul	14,160,467

# Blocks

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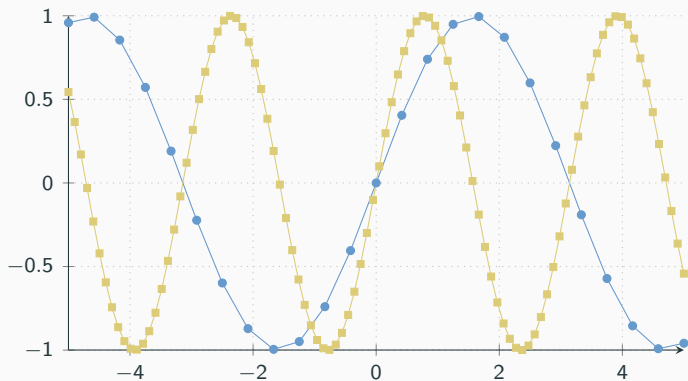
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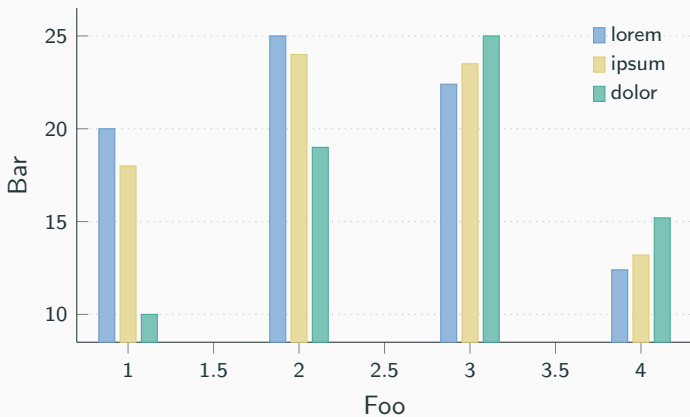
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$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

# Line plots








## Bar charts





*Veni, Vidi, Vici*

# Supervised machine learning: concrete example

ID	Colour	Class label
1		red
2		red
3		red
4		blue
5		blue
6		blue

**Table 2:** Example training dataset.

ID	Colour	Class label
1		?
2		?

**Table 3:** Example input dataset.

# Classical $k$ -nearest neighbour

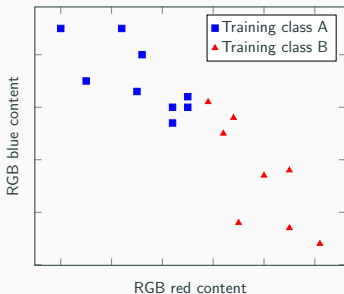
## Transferring the colours into vectors

In the case of 9-bit RGB colours:

000 000 000

3 bits for red, 3 bits for green and 3 bits for blue.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{red content} \\ \text{green content} \\ \text{blue content} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$





# Classical $k$ -nearest neighbour

- $k$ NN is a non-parametric classifier
- $k$  is a positive integer, usually chosen small

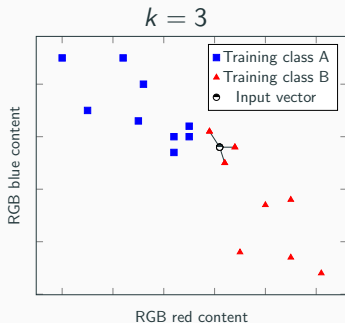
Given training dataset:

$$D_T = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{16}$$

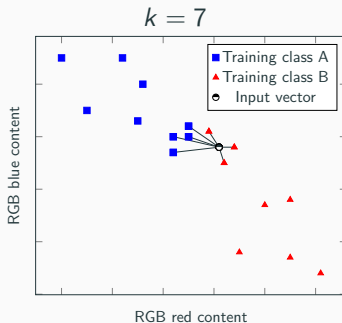
$$v_i \in \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$$

Given a new vector  $\tilde{x}$  (black halfcircle):

- consider  $k$  nearest neighbours
- classify  $\tilde{x}$ , based on majority vote, as *red* or *blue*

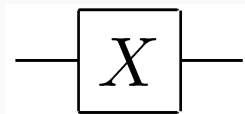
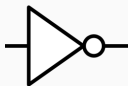


Classification → **RED**



Classification → **BLUE**

# Single-qubit quantum logic gates

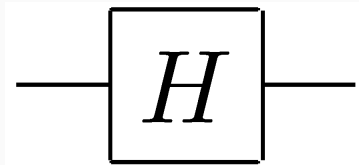


Any single-qubit quantum logic gates can be represented by a unitary  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose action on a qubit is defined as:

$$U|\psi\rangle \doteq \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a\alpha + b\beta \\ c\alpha + d\beta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

- Quantum computers perform linear (unitary) operations on qubits
- A quantum computation is the manipulation of an amplitude vector with a matrix representing a quantum logic gate

## Single-qubit quantum logic gates: Hadamard gate



A very important single-qubit quantum logic gate is the **Hadamard** gate. It is represented by the matrix:

$$H \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

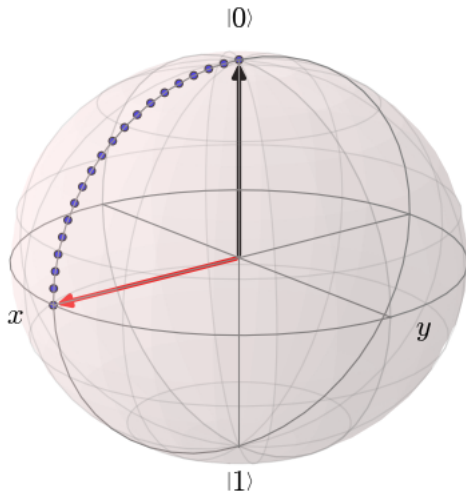
Consider acting the H gate on the  $|0\rangle$  state:

$$H|0\rangle \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle. \quad (21)$$

→ **creates an equal superposition of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ !**

# Single-qubit quantum logic gates: Hadamard gate

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle. \quad (22)$$



# Multi-qubit systems

**Tensor products** are required when combining several qubits.

For example, the tensor product of two  $|0\rangle$  kets is defined as:





$$|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |00\rangle \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

And for three  $|0\rangle$  kets:





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# Three random bits vs. three qubits



Probability	Combination
$p_1$	
$p_2$	
$p_3$	
.	.
.	.
.	.
$p_8$	



Probability	Quantum state
$p_1$	
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# Three random bits vs. three qubits



Probability	Combination
$p_1$	000
$p_2$	010
$p_3$	001
$\cdot$	$\cdot$
$\cdot$	$\cdot$
$\cdot$	$\cdot$
$p_8$	111



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$p_1$	$ 000\rangle$
$p_2$	$ 010\rangle$
$p_3$	$ 001\rangle$
$\cdot$	$\cdot$
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$\cdot$	$\cdot$
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# Three random bits vs. three qubits



Prob.	Combination
$p_1 = \frac{1}{8}$	000
$p_2 = \frac{1}{8}$	010
$p_3 = \frac{1}{8}$	001
.	.
.	.
.	.
$p_8 = \frac{1}{8}$	111

Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state
$p_1 =  a_1 ^2$	$a_1$	$ 000\rangle$
$p_2 =  a_2 ^2$	$a_2$	$ 010\rangle$
$p_3 =  a_3 ^2$	$a_3$	$ 001\rangle$
.	.	.
.	.	.
.	.	.
$p_8 =  a_8 ^2$	$a_8$	$ 111\rangle$



# Three random bits vs. three qubits



Prob.	Combination	Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state
$p_1 = \frac{1}{8}$	000	$p_1 = \left  \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right ^2 = \frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$ 000\rangle$
$p_2 = \frac{1}{8}$	010	$p_2 = \frac{1}{8}$	$-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$ 010\rangle$
$p_3 = \frac{1}{8}$	001	$p_3 = \frac{1}{8}$	$-\frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$ 001\rangle$
.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.
$p_8 = \frac{1}{8}$	111	$p_8 = \frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$ 111\rangle$

→ In quantum mechanics amplitudes can be interfered with each other!

→ This is impossible to do on a classical computer!

# Three random bits vs. three qubits

Applying an H gate to the first qubit leads to quantum interference such that:



Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state
$p_1 =  a_1 + a_5 ^2$	$a_1 + a_5$	$ 000\rangle$
$p_2 =  a_2 + a_6 ^2$	$a_2 + a_6$	$ 010\rangle$
$p_3 =  a_3 + a_7 ^2$	$a_3 + a_7$	$ 001\rangle$
$p_4 =  a_4 + a_8 ^2$	$a_4 + a_8$	$ 011\rangle$
$p_5 =  a_1 - a_5 ^2$	$a_1 - a_5$	$ 100\rangle$
$p_6 =  a_2 - a_6 ^2$	$a_2 - a_6$	$ 110\rangle$
$p_7 =  a_3 - a_7 ^2$	$a_3 - a_7$	$ 101\rangle$
$p_8 =  a_4 - a_8 ^2$	$a_4 - a_8$	$ 111\rangle$

# Three random bits vs. three qubits

For example, substituting the values for  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $a_5 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  yields:



Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state
$p_1 =  a_1 + a_5 ^2$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$	$ 000\rangle$
$p_2 =  a_2 + a_6 ^2$	$a_2 + a_6$	$ 010\rangle$
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$p_5 =  a_1 - a_5 ^2$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$	$ 100\rangle$
$p_6 =  a_2 - a_6 ^2$	$a_2 - a_6$	$ 110\rangle$
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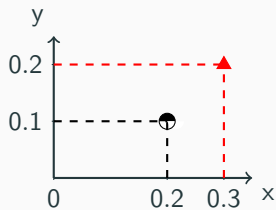
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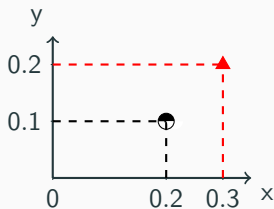
Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state	
$p_1 = \left  \frac{1}{2} \right ^2 = \frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$ 000\rangle$	→ constructive interference
$p_2 = \left  a_2 + a_6 \right ^2$	$a_2 + a_6$	$ 010\rangle$	"
$p_3 = \left  a_3 + a_7 \right ^2$	$a_3 + a_7$	$ 001\rangle$	"
$p_4 = \left  a_4 + a_8 \right ^2$	$a_4 + a_8$	$ 011\rangle$	"
$p_5 = \left  0 \right ^2 = 0$	0	$ 100\rangle$	→ destructive interference
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$p_7 = \left  a_3 - a_7 \right ^2$	$a_3 - a_7$	$ 101\rangle$	"
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# Calculating distances with interference



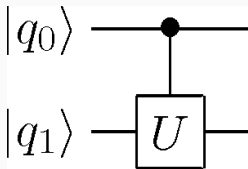
Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state
$p_1 = 0.22$	$\frac{0.2}{\sqrt{0.18}}$	$ 000\rangle$
$p_2 = 0.055$	$\frac{0.1}{\sqrt{0.18}}$	$ 010\rangle$
$p_3 = 0$	0	$ 001\rangle$
$p_4 = 0$	0	$ 011\rangle$
$p_5 = 0.5$	$\frac{0.3}{\sqrt{0.18}}$	$ 100\rangle$
$p_6 = 0.22$	$\frac{0.2}{\sqrt{0.18}}$	$ 110\rangle$
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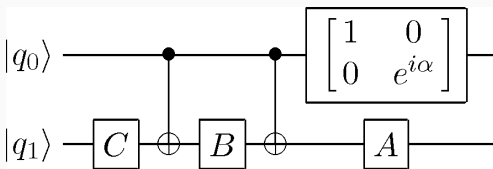
Prob.	Amplitude	Quantum state
$p_1 = \frac{(0.2+0.3)^2}{0.18}$	$\frac{0.2+0.3}{\sqrt{0.18}}$	$ 000\rangle$
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$p_7 = 0$	0	$ 101\rangle$
$p_8 = 0$	0	$ 111\rangle$

# Controlled U gate



**Figure 16:** Controlled U-gate

Choose A,B,C and  $\alpha$  s.t.



**Figure 17:** Decomposition of a controlled U-gate<sup>1</sup>

$$e^{i\alpha} * A * X * B * X * C = U \quad \text{and} \quad A * B * C = \mathbb{1} \quad (25)$$

Need to solve the following equation<sup>1</sup>

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2})} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} & -e^{i(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{\delta}{2})} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} \\ e^{i(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2})} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} & e^{i(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{\delta}{2})} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (26)$$

<sup>1</sup>Nielsen, M. A., & Chuang, I. L. (2010). Quantum computation and quantum information. Cambridge University Press.

<sup>2</sup>Jat, R. N., & Ruhela, D. S. (2011). Comparative study of complexity of algorithms for iterative solution of non-linear equations. Journal of International Academy Of Physical Sciences, 15(4).

# Problems with universal gate sets

In our case we need to find A, B, C and  $\alpha$  for  $\frac{1}{0}CR_Y(\frac{\pi}{4})$ :

Using a root finding algorithm for non-linear equations we find:

$$\alpha = \pi; \quad \beta = 2\pi; \quad \delta = \frac{7}{8}\pi; \quad \gamma = 0 \quad (27)$$

Then,

$$A = R_z(\beta)R_y(\frac{\gamma}{2}) = R_z(2\pi) = \mathbb{1} \quad (28)$$

$$B = R_y(-\frac{\gamma}{2})R_z(-\frac{\delta + \beta}{2}) = R_z(-\frac{23}{16}\pi) = ??? \quad (29)$$

$$C = R_z(\frac{\delta - \beta}{2}) = R_z(-\frac{9}{16}\pi) = ??? \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi} \end{pmatrix} = Z \quad (31)$$

<sup>1</sup>Dawson, C. M., & Nielsen, M. A. (2005). The Solovay-Kitaev algorithm. arXiv preprint quant-ph/0505030.



# The Solovay-Kitaev theorem

$$B = R_z\left(-\frac{23}{16}\pi\right) = ??? \quad (32)$$

$$C = R_z\left(-\frac{9}{16}\pi\right) = ??? \quad (33)$$

The Solovay-Kitaev theorem guarantees that given a set of single-qubit quantum gates which generates a dense subset of  $SU(2)$ , then that set is guaranteed to fill  $SU(2)$  quickly.<sup>1</sup>

→ **Hence, given any universal gate set it is possible to obtain good approximations to any desired gate.**

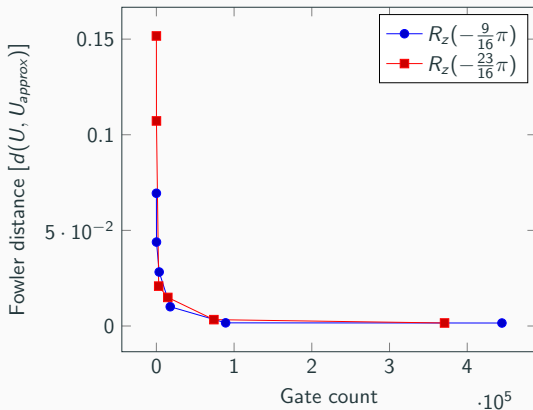
→ **But needs to be computed classically!**

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# The Solovay-Kitaev algorithm

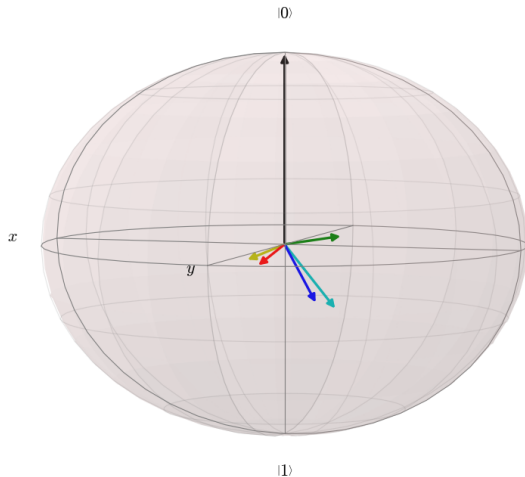
Fowler distance<sup>1</sup>:

$$\text{dist}(U, U_{\text{approx}}) = \sqrt{\frac{2 - |\text{tr}(U \cdot U_{\text{approx}}^\dagger)|}{2}} \quad (34)$$



<sup>1</sup>Booth Jr, J. (2012). Quantum compiler optimizations. arXiv preprint arXiv:1206.3348.

# The Solovay-Kitaev algorithm



$$d = 0.22739 \quad (35)$$

$$d = 0.15165 \quad (36)$$

$$d = 0.10722 \quad (37)$$

$$d = 0.02086 \quad (38)$$

$$d = 0.00156 \quad (39)$$

**Figure 18:** Various Fowler distances visualized on Bloch sphere

# The Solovay-Kitaev algorithm

IBM's quantum computer needs **130ns for single-qubit gates** and **500ns for CNOT gates**.

IBM qubit decoherence times:

$49.5 \mu\text{s} \leq T_1 \leq 85.3 \mu\text{s}$  "amplitude damping"

$56.0 \mu\text{s} \leq T_2 \leq 139.7 \mu\text{s}$  "phase damping"

Approx. Gate	Distance	Gate count	Execution time
$R_z(-\frac{23}{16}\pi)$	0.15165	25	$\sim 3 \mu\text{s}$
	0.10722	109	$\sim 14 \mu\text{s}$
	0.02086	2997	$\sim 390 \mu\text{s}$
	0.01494	14721	$\sim 1914 \mu\text{s}$
	0.003327	74009	$\sim 9621 \mu\text{s}$
	0.001578	370813	$\sim 48\,206 \mu\text{s}$

**Table 4:** SK algorithm results

# Encoding classical data into qubits

## 1. Data encoded into qubits

$k$ -dimensional probability vector requires  $4k$  classical bits which are encoded one-to-one into  $4k$  qubits, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix} * 10 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0110 \\ 0100 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow n = 01100100 \rightarrow |n\rangle = |01100100\rangle$$

Schuld, Sinayskiy, and Petruccione (2014) developed a **qubit-based** quantum kNN algorithm.  $\rightarrow$  requires a lot of qubits

My thesis research stressed the need for an alternative...