

PHYS 314 HW7

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Q2 no-cloning theorem a) Consider a quantum controlled-NOT gate. This gate seems to copy the states for

$$|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle, |1\rangle$$

. Does this gate violate the no-cloning theorem?

Solution No, the no-cloning theorem introduced in Townsend tells us that there does not exist a unitary operator that copies a general quantum state. The c-NOT gate successfully clones the $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$ state, but it fails for an entangled state, for example

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

. An attempt to copy $|\psi\rangle$ through the c-NOT gate results in a state

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

The correct copy must result in a state

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

And clearly the two states do not match which leads to a contradiction. ∇

b) By using the method of Quantum Teleportation, Alice can send a quantum state exactly by using entanglement and sending two classical bits. Now, assume Bob received a qubit from Alice and Bob made a measurement. How much information about $\{\theta, \phi\}$ can Bob retrieve from this experiment?

Solution Suppose Bob receives a state

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$$

We can retrieve the probability that $|\psi\rangle$ will collapse to either $|0\rangle$ or $|1\rangle$.

$$P(0) = \cos^2(\theta/2) \quad \text{and} \quad P(1) = \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

Depending on Bob's measurement, we can claim that the probability that $|\psi\rangle$ will collapse to the measured state is more likely. If Bob measures 1, then it is likely that

$$\theta \in [\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}] \cup [\frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}]$$

. This method does not allow us to make any claims about the phase ϕ .

c) What if Bob is allowed many duplicates of the same qubit?

Solution It would be possible to narrow down the exact value of θ . Still, it would be impossible to recover the value of ϕ