

## Problem Set 5

AS.171.402: Applied Quantum Information [Spring 2022]

Due Date: April 19, 2022 (11:59 pm)

## 1. Hamiltonian Simulation for the time-dynamics of a Spin Chain.

In this problem, we will utilize the Hamiltonian Simulation algorithm to simulate the dynamics of the *Heisenberg model*; this model explains experimental observations in a variety of magnetic materials at low temperatures. This model of magnetism is highly relevant in the field of Quantum Condensed Matter Physics, and in this problem our goal is to analyze a quantum algorithm that can be used to simulate the time-dynamics of this model.

We will simulate a toy-version of the one-dimensional spin-1/2 Heisenberg model consisting of four spins, which is described by the following Hamiltonian,

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \{x,y,z\}} \sum_{i=1}^3 J \hat{\sigma}_i^\alpha \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \{x,y,z\}} \sum_{i=1}^4 B_\alpha \hat{\sigma}_i^\alpha \quad (1)$$

This model depends on four parameters:  $(J, B_x, B_y, B_z)$ , and the spin degree of freedom on each site represented as the two basis states  $\{|\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle\}$  corresponding to pointing along  $+z$  and  $-z$  direction respectively. The initial state of the magnet is given by spins that are all aligned in  $-z$  direction,  $|\psi_0\rangle = |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$ . In experiments, scientists are able to measure the spatially averaged magnetization vector,  $\vec{m}(t)$  as a function of time  $t$ , which is defined as the following observable,

$$\vec{m}(t) \equiv (m_x(t), m_y(t), m_z(t)), \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where, } m_\alpha(t) = \langle \psi(t) | \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^\alpha | \psi(t) \rangle, \quad \alpha \in \{x, y, z\} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and, } |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{U}(t) |\psi_0\rangle = e^{-i\hat{H}t} |\psi_0\rangle \quad (4)$$

where,  $\hat{H}$  and  $|\psi_0\rangle$  have been defined above.

In this problem, the goal is to utilize the Product-Formula based Hamiltonian Simulation Algorithm discussed in class to directly compile the time-evolution unitary for the Heisenberg model,  $\hat{U}(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}t}$  by mapping the state of the spin to a qubit,  $|\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$ , and  $|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$ .

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The code in the accompanying jupyter notebook should be implemented in way that it can be used for arbitrary  $(J, B_x, B_y, B_z)$ . For the purposes of testing, you can check on these values of the parameters:  $J = 1, B_x = 1, B_y = 1, B_z = 1$ . We provide a function `classically_simulate_Heisenberg_chain()` that classically simulates this model, and outputs  $m_\alpha(t)$  which can be used to verify and benchmark the results of your quantum algorithm.

- (a) What is the state-preparation circuit to prepare the initial state  $|\psi_0\rangle$ ? Implement this circuit in the accompanying jupyter notebook in the function `create_initial_state()`.

- (b) In the following, we obtain a circuit representation for the two-qubit gate for implementing the Heisenberg interaction. Let us define the Heisenberg interaction gate as,

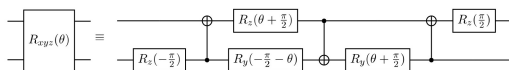
$$R_{xyz}(\theta) = e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}(\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x + \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y + \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z)} \quad (5)$$

- (i) Using the properties of Pauli Matrices, show that the terms in the exponent in Eq. 5 commute with each other, i.e

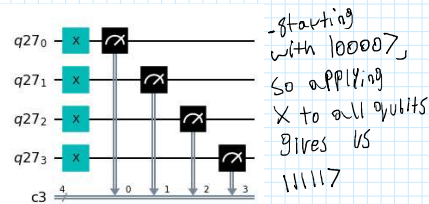
$$[\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x, \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y] = [\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x, \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z] = [\sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y, \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z] = 0 \quad (6)$$

- (ii) What is the  $4 \times 4$  matrix representation of  $R_{xyz}(\theta)$  in the computational basis? (Hint: Use the result from (i) to split the exponential in Eq. 5 using the BCH formula, and then expand each of the exponentials  $R_{\alpha\alpha}(\theta) = e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}\sigma_1^\alpha \sigma_2^\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = x, y, z$  using Pauli Matrix properties.)

- (iii) Show that the  $R_{xyz}(\theta)$  gate can be decomposed (upto an overall phase) using three  $CX$  gates using the following circuit.



[Hint: One way to do this is to show that the decomposed circuit gives the same output state as the matrix in (ii) when applied to the basis states  $|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle$ .]



b)  $\lambda \otimes \lambda \cdot C \otimes I = A C \otimes B \otimes A$  given Pauli matrices  $A B = -B A$

$$i) [\sigma_1^x, \sigma_2^x, \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y] = \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y - \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x$$

$$= \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y - \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x = \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y - \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x = 0$$

ii)  $e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}(\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x + \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y + \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z)} \Rightarrow \prod_{\alpha=x,y,z} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}\sigma_1^\alpha \sigma_2^\alpha}$

Using commutation  $A B = B A$  and BCH property

Since  $\rightarrow R_{xyz} = R_{xx}(\theta) R_{yy}(\theta) R_{zz}(\theta)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & 0 & 0 & i\sin(\theta/2) \\ 0 & \cos(\theta/2) & -i\sin(\theta/2) & 0 \\ 0 & -i\sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) & 0 \\ i\sin(\theta/2) & 0 & 0 & \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & 0 & 0 & i\sin(\theta/2) \\ 0 & \cos(\theta/2) & -i\sin(\theta/2) & 0 \\ 0 & -i\sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) & 0 \\ i\sin(\theta/2) & 0 & 0 & \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta/2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\theta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} (\sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) + \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2})) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta/2} (\cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) - \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})) & -2i e^{i\theta/2} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & 0 \\ 0 & -2i e^{i\theta/2} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & e^{i\theta/2} (\cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) - \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\theta/2} (\sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) + \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2})) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-i\theta/2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -i\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & i\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii)  $R_{xyz}(\theta) = I \otimes R_z(\frac{\theta}{2}) \cdot C X \cdot R_x(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}) \otimes R_y(\frac{\theta}{2} - \theta) \cdot C X \cdot I \otimes R_y(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}) \cdot C X \cdot R_x(\frac{\theta}{2}) \otimes I$

Done I can quickly using

Hamiltonian gate function to show that the unitary on circuit give the same result



$\frac{1}{0.02} = 50$

In m we have 27 single qubit & 9.2-qubit gates

$\times 50 \times 3 \times 100000$ <small>Iterations</small>	$\times 50 \times 3 \times 1000000$ <small>shots</small>
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 4050 M : 19 qubit gates