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In [1]:  from qiskit import *
         from math import pi, sqrt
         from qiskit.visualization import plot_bloch_multivector, plot_histogram
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In [2]:  backend_s = Aer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
         backend_q = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
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# Single Qubit Gates

## Solutions

## 2. Digression: The X, Y & Z bases

### Quick Exercises

1. Verify that  $|+\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$  are in fact eigenstates of the X-gate

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \implies \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \implies \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies a = b \text{ and } b = a$$

$$\text{Hence one eigenstate is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies a = -b \text{ and } b = -a$$

$$\text{The other eigenstate is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

These eigen states are the bases  $|+\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$

## 2. What Eigenvalues do they have?

As evident above, the  $|+\rangle$  state corresponds to eigenvalue  $(+1)$ , and  $|-\rangle$  corresponds to eigenvalue  $(-1)$

## 3. Why would we not see these eigenvalues appear on the Bloch Sphere?

These eigenvalues are what is called global phase on a state. We can only distinguish states on the Bloch sphere up to a global phase. Thus  $2|+\rangle$  and  $1249|+\rangle$  will have the same vector representation on the Bloch sphere.

## 4. Find the eigenstates of the Y-gate, and their co-ordinates on the Bloch sphere.

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -i \\ i & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \implies \lambda^2 + i^2 = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \implies \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow -ib = a \text{ and } ia = b$$

$$\text{Hence one eigenstate is } |\circlearrowleft\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\text{The other eigenstate is } |\circlearrowright\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}.$$

## 3. The Hadamard Gate

### Quick Exercises

1. Write the Hadamard Gate as the outer product of the vectors  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |+\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$

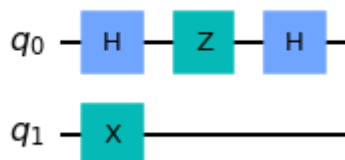
$$(|0\rangle\langle+|) + (|1\rangle\langle-|)$$

**2. Show that applying the sequence of gates: HZH, to any qubit state is equivalent to applying an X-gate.**

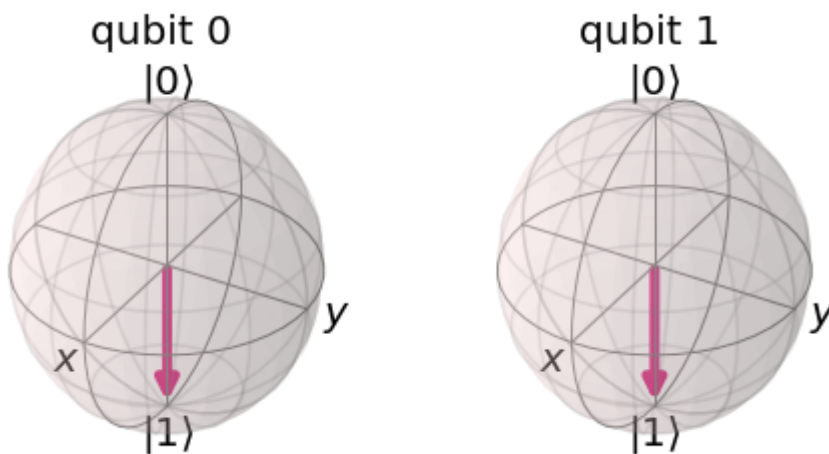
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In [3]: ➤ qc = QuantumCircuit(2)
qc.h(0)
qc.z(0)
qc.h(0)
qc.x(1)

display(qc.draw('mpl'))

# we use the statevector_simulator to obtain the statevector
job = execute(qc, backend_s)
job_result = job.result()
state_vec = job_result.get_statevector()
plot_bloch_multivector(state_vec)
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Out[3]:



We obtain the same state.

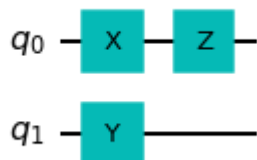
**3. Find a combination of X, Z and H-gates that is equivalent to a Y-gate (ignoring global phase)**

$iXZ$  gives  $Y$ . but  $i$  is part of the global phase, so  $XZ$  is equivalent to a  $Y$  gate, as seen below:

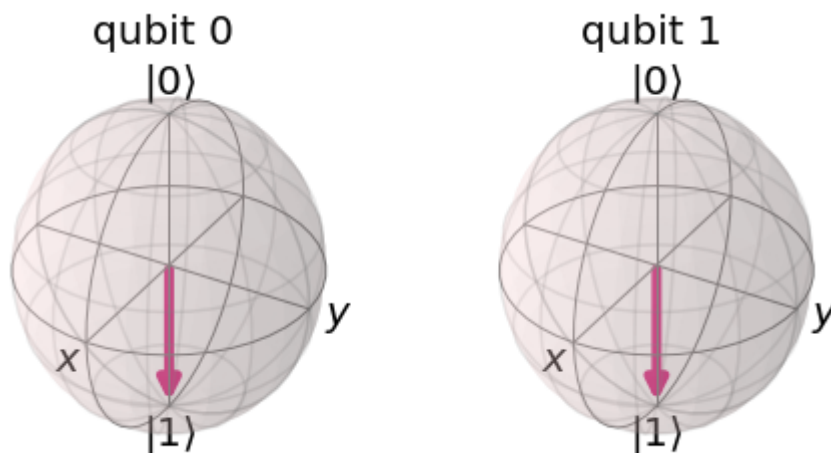
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In [4]: ➤ qc = QuantumCircuit(2)
qc.x(0)
qc.z(0)
qc.y(1)

display(qc.draw('mpl'))

job = execute(qc,backend_s)
job_result = job.result()
state_vec = job_result.get_statevector()
plot_bloch_multivector(state_vec)
```



Out[4]:



## 4. Digression: Measuring in Different Bases

### Quick Exercises

1. If we initialise our qubit in the state  $|+\rangle$ , what is the probability of measuring it in state  $|-\rangle$ ?

We are expect measuring  $|-\rangle$  to be an impossibility. To measure a qubit initialized in the  $|+\rangle$  state, we will have to bring it to the Z (0-1) basis, by applying a Hadamard gate and then measuring. If our measurement outcome is 1, then it means our initial state must have been  $|-\rangle$  that particular percentage of times.

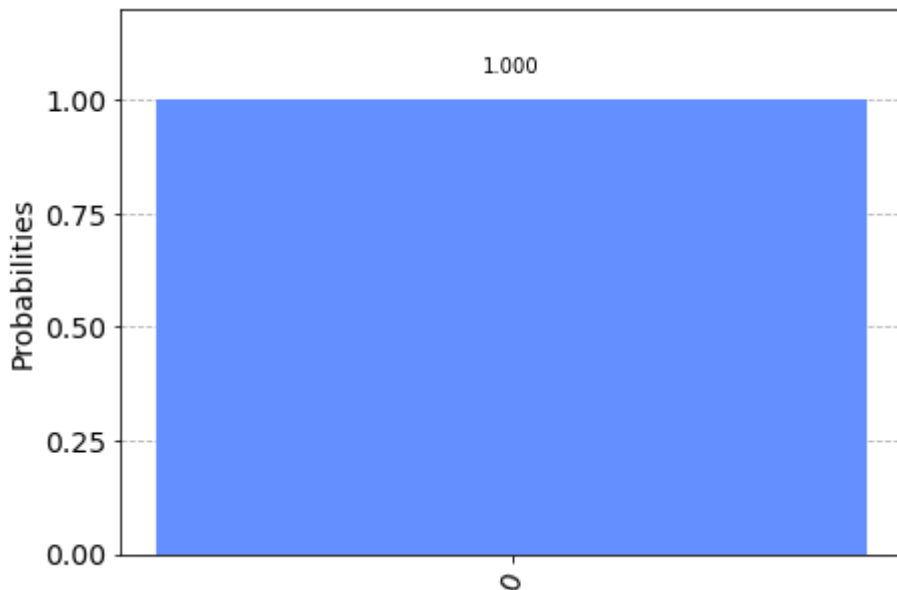
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In [5]: ➤ qc = QuantumCircuit(1,1)
# initialize qubit in state |+>
qc.initialize([1/sqrt(2),1/sqrt(2)],0)
qc.barrier()
qc.h(0)
qc.measure(0,0)

display(qc.draw('mpl'))

job = execute(qc, backend_q)
job_result = job.result()
res_counts = job_result.get_counts()
plot_histogram(res_counts)
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Out[5]:



The probability of measuring it in the state  $|-\rangle$  is 0, since all our measurements return 0, which correspond to the  $|+\rangle$  state.

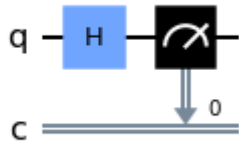
**2. Use Qiskit to display the probability of measuring a  $|0\rangle$  qubit in the states  $|+\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$**

In [6]: `# initialize in  $|+\rangle$  state:`

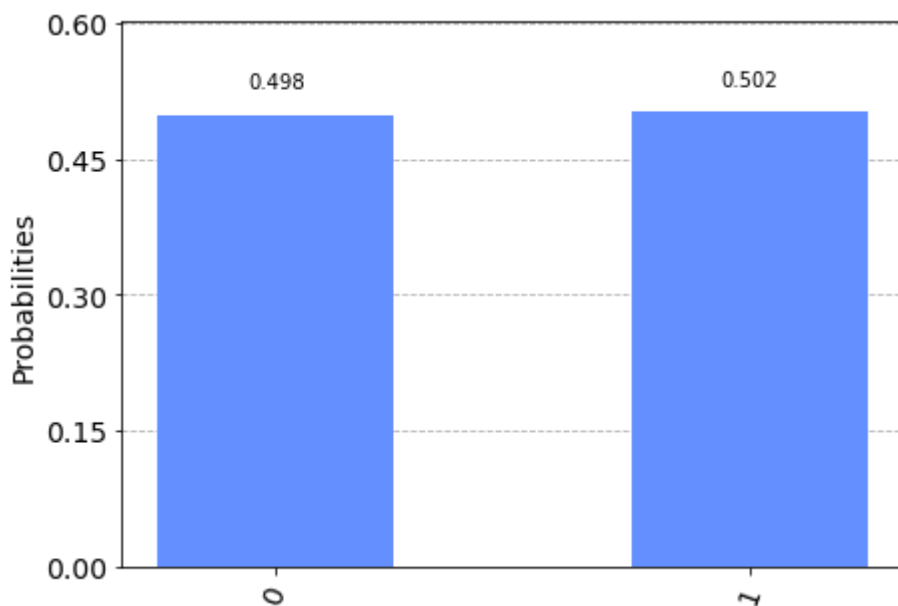
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qc = QuantumCircuit(1,1)
qc.h(0)
qc.measure(0,0)

display(qc.draw('mpl'))

job = execute(qc, backend_q, shots=4000)
job_result = job.result()
res_counts = job_result.get_counts()
plot_histogram(res_counts)
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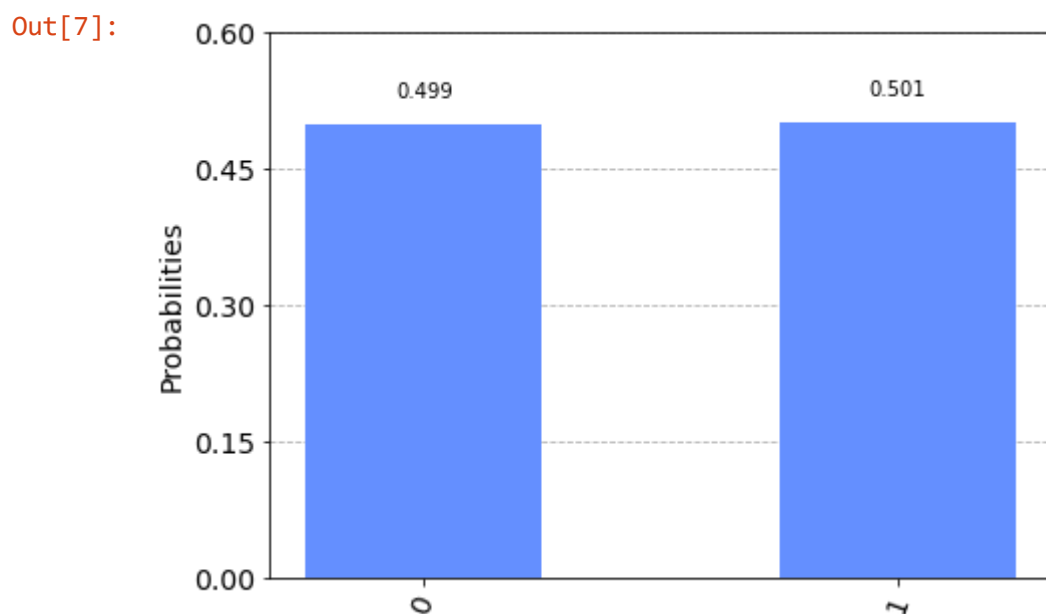
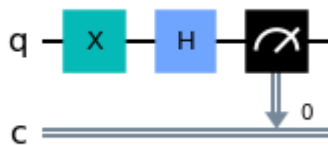


We get  $|0\rangle$  around half the times and  $|1\rangle$  remaining times.

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In [7]: ➤ qc = QuantumCircuit(1,1)
qc.x(0)
qc.h(0)
qc.measure(0,0)

display(qc.draw('mpl'))

job = execute(qc, backend_q, shots=4000)
job_result = job.result()
res_counts = job_result.get_counts()
plot_histogram(res_counts)
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### 3. Try to create a function that measures in the Y-basis.

A function that creates in the Y basis should manipulate the state so that it goes from being a Y eigenstate to a corresponding Z eigenstate, i.e. change Y basis to Z basis.

We have seen above what the Y-basis vectors are:

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } |\phi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}.$$

Our operation will be:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have four variables, and 4 equations, solving which, we will get the following as our operation matrix:

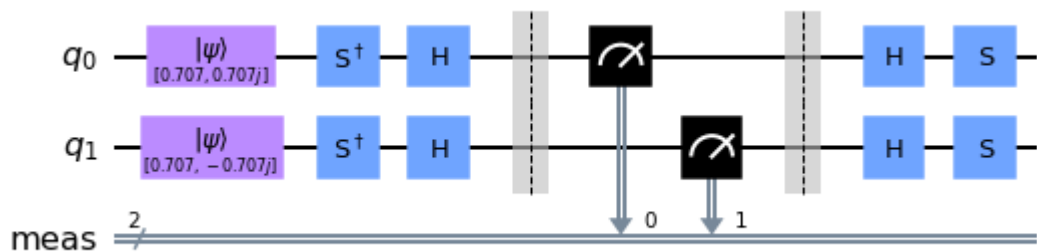
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

We can multiply and verify that this matrix when multiplied by the Y-basis vectors will transform them into the corresponding Z-basis states. We can then measure and reapply this state to get it back in the Y-basis state, as the textbook demonstrated for the X-basis.

Going a little ahead in the textbook, the  $S^\dagger$  gate is introduced. The operation  $HS^\dagger$  gives us the above matrix, so measuring in the Y basis will look like-

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In [8]:  qc = QuantumCircuit(2)
         qc.initialize([1/sqrt(2), 1.j/sqrt(2)], 0)
         qc.initialize([1/sqrt(2), -1.j/sqrt(2)], 1)
         qc.sdg([0, 1])
         qc.h([0, 1])
         qc.measure_all()
         qc.barrier()
         qc.h([0, 1])
         qc.s([0, 1])
         qc.draw('mpl')
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Out[8]:

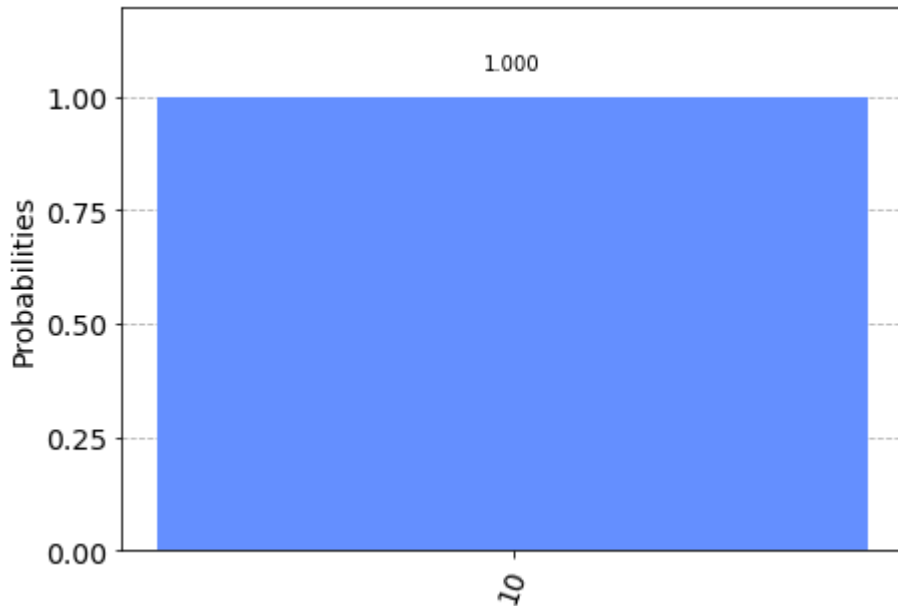


Why  $S$  is used to recreate the state can be understood in the section that deals with the  $S^-$  and  $S^\dagger$  -gate.



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In [9]: ▶ job = execute(qc,backend_q).result()
counts = job.get_counts()
plot_histogram(counts)
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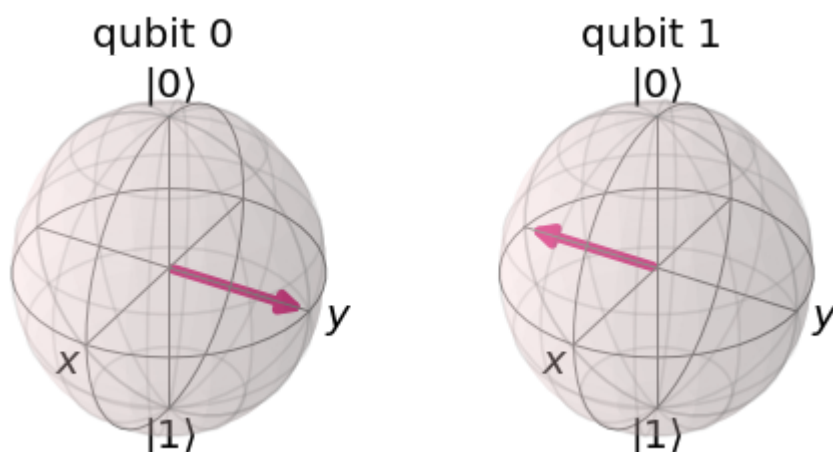
Out[9]:



We can see the results are as expected: qubit  $q_0$  is always measured as  $|0\rangle$ , and  $q_1$  is always measured in  $|1\rangle$ . As final confirmation, we check the bloch spheres for both these qubits.

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In [10]: ▶ job = execute(qc,backend_s).result()
state_vec = job.get_statevector()
plot_bloch_multivector(state_vec)
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Out[10]:



## 6.1 The $I$ gate

# Quick Exercise

## 1. What are the eigenstates of the $I$ -gate?

All vectors in the 2 dimensional Hilbert Space are the eigenstates of  $I$ -gate, since the eigen values of  $I$ -gate is just 1.

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In [11]: ► import qiskit
          qiskit.__qiskit_version__
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Out[11]: {'qiskit-terra': '0.16.1',
          'qiskit-aer': '0.7.1',
          'qiskit-ignis': '0.5.1',
          'qiskit-ibmq-provider': '0.11.1',
          'qiskit-aqua': '0.8.1',
          'qiskit': '0.23.1'}
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