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Operations on the Bloch-sphere

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POSTULATES OF QUANTUM MECHANICS

- 1. postulate: qubit
 - Hilbert-space
- 2. postulate: logical gates
 - Unitary transformation
 - Basic quantum gates
- 3. postulate: Q/C transformation
 - Measurement statistics
 - Post-measurement state
- 4. postulate: registers
 - Tensor product

$$|\varphi\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} \varphi_i |i\rangle$$

$$U^\dagger \equiv U^{-1}$$

$$P(m \mid |\varphi\rangle) = \langle \varphi | M_m^\dagger M_m | \varphi \rangle$$

$$|\varphi'\rangle = \frac{M_m |\varphi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \varphi | M_m^\dagger M_m | \varphi \rangle}}$$

$$|\varphi\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

1ST POSTULATE (STATE SPACE)

The actual state of any closed physical system can be described by means of a so called state vector \mathbf{v} having complex coefficients and unit length in a Hilbert space V i.e. a complex linear vector space (state space) equipped with inner product.

- Dirac 'ket' and 'bra' notation $|\varphi\rangle = (\langle\varphi|)^\dagger$
- Qubit: Contains both classical states (base states): superposition

$$|\varphi\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

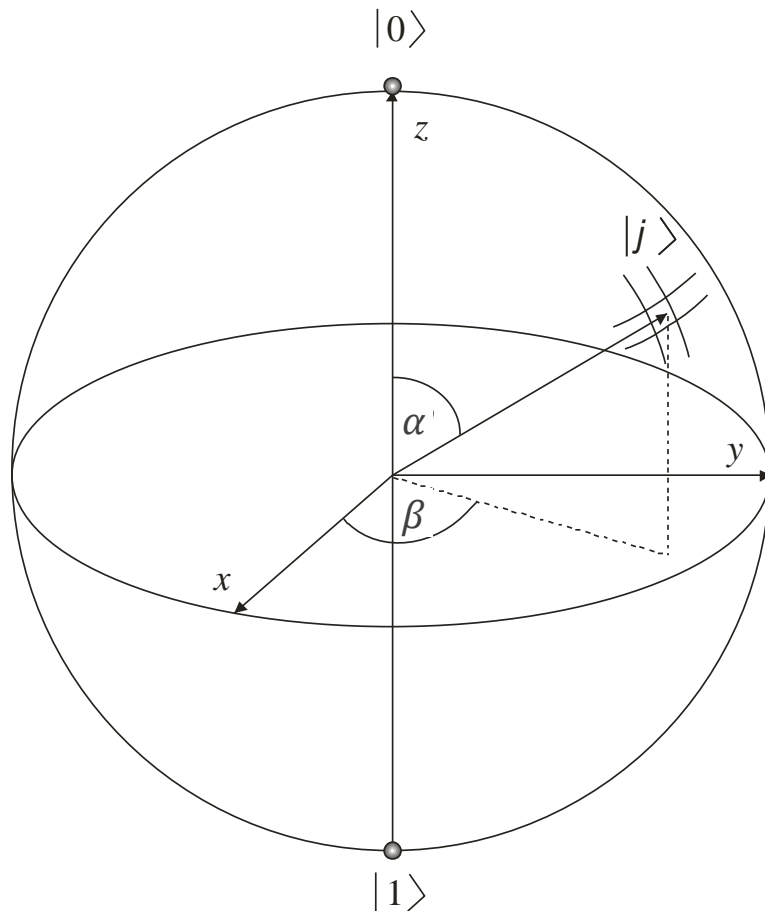
- where a and b are complex probability amplitudes. Their squared absolute values give the probability of a measurement result: $|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$
- Operations: inner and outer product

Describes a qubit:

$$|\varphi\rangle = e^{j\gamma} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) |0\rangle + e^{j\beta} \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) |1\rangle \right] \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$|\varphi\rangle = [x, y, z]^T = [\cos(\beta) \sin(\alpha), \sin(\beta) \sin(\alpha), \cos(\alpha)]^T$$

BLOCH-SPHERE (2)



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- Pauli Z (phase-flip) gate:

$$|\psi\rangle = Z|\varphi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a|0\rangle - b|1\rangle$$

$$|\varphi\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

- Pauli Y (???-flip) gate:

$$|\psi\rangle = Y|\varphi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -j \\ j & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -jb \\ ja \end{bmatrix} = -jb|0\rangle + ja|1\rangle$$

- Geometrical interpretation of Pauli X gate: rotation around axis x in the Bloch sphere

$$e^{-j\frac{\alpha}{2}X} = \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) I - j \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) X$$

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$$|\psi\rangle = P(\alpha)|\varphi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a|0\rangle + e^{j\alpha}b|1\rangle$$

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- Worth noting:

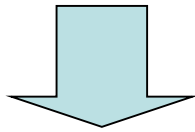
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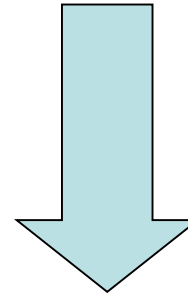
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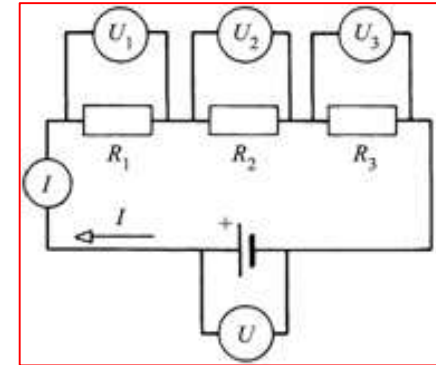
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Exercise 2.1. Prove in several different ways that $HH = I$!

Exercise 2.2. Prove that $HXH = Z$, $HYH = -Y$ and $HZH = X$!