

## What is a Superposition State?

A **superposition state** is a fundamental concept in quantum mechanics where a qubit exists in **multiple states simultaneously** until measured. Unlike classical bits, which can only be **0 or 1**, a qubit in superposition can be **both  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  at the same time**, with certain probabilities.

## Visualizing Superposition (Bloch Sphere Representation)

A qubit state can be represented on a **Bloch Sphere**, where:

- ✓  $|0\rangle$  is at the **north pole**.
- ✓  $|1\rangle$  is at the **south pole**.
- ✓ Superposition states lie **anywhere in between**.

### ♦ Real-World Analogy: The Spinning Coin 🏠

Imagine a **coin spinning in the air**:

- If you **don't look**, it's in **both heads and tails** at once (**superposition**).
- The moment you **catch it and look**, it's **either heads OR tails** (**measurement collapses it to one state**).

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### ♦ Key Takeaways

- ✓ **Superposition** allows qubits to be in multiple states at once.
- ✓ **Measurement collapses** the qubit into either  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$ .
- ✓ **Quantum algorithms** use superposition to explore multiple solutions simultaneously.