

Assignment 1 Fundamentals

Quantum Information Systems

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Problem 1: Solve

Determine if each pair of states is orthogonal or not.

First let us recall the following:

Two quantum states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$ are orthogonal if their inner product is zero:

$$\langle \psi | \phi \rangle = 0$$

(a) $|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$

Answer:

The Hadamard basis states are:

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

Their inner product is:

$$\langle + | - \rangle = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 0| + \langle 1|) \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \right)$$

Distributing:

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\langle 0|0\rangle - \langle 0|1\rangle + \langle 1|0\rangle - \langle 1|1\rangle)$$

Final results

$$= \frac{1}{2}(1 - 0 + 0 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 1) = 0$$

Conclusion is orthogonal

(b) $|0\rangle$ and $|+\rangle$

Answer:

Now $|0\rangle$ is:

$$|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$|+\rangle$ is:

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now let us compute the inner product $\langle 0|+\rangle$:

$$\langle 0| = [1 \quad 0] \text{ and } |+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,

$$\langle 0|+\rangle = ([1 \quad 0]) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Multiplying the row vector by the column vector:

$$\langle 0|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1 * 1 + 0 * 1] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Conclusion: not orthogonal

(c) $\frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{4} |0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}-i}{2} |1\rangle$ and $\frac{\sqrt{2}+i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{4} |1\rangle$.

Answer:

The first part we are going to call it:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{4} |0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2} - i}{2} |1\rangle$$

The second part we are going to call it:

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2} + i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{4} |1\rangle.$$

first we have to calculate $\langle\psi|$, which in vector form its easier to understand:

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}-i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle\psi| = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{3}i}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}+i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

From here we want to calculate the inner product:

$$\langle\psi|\phi\rangle$$

we are going to take the ones from the combination of $\langle 0|0\rangle$ and $\langle 1|1\rangle$ because the other combinations will yield to 0.

$$\langle\psi|\phi\rangle = \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{4} * \frac{\sqrt{2} + i}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2} + i}{2} * \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{4}$$

doing linear algebra we are going to get:

$$\langle\psi|\phi\rangle = \frac{0}{8} + \frac{0}{8} = 0$$

Conclusion: Orthogonal

Problem 2: Proof.

(a) Show that the Hadamard gate is unitary by computing $H^\dagger H$

Answer:

First lets start by recalling what is the definition of a unitary matrix:

$$U^\dagger U = I$$

where U^\dagger is the hermitian transpose of U , and I is the identity of the matrix. Now, the Hadamard gate matrix is:

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, let us do the Hermitian Adjoint, which is simply its transpose:

$$H^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we are going to compute $H^\dagger H$

$$H^\dagger H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H^\dagger H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (1*1 + 1*1) & (1*1 + -1*1) \\ (1*1 + 1*-1) & (1*1 + -1*-1) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Problem 3: Proof.

(a) Prove that Pauli X matrix is unitary

Answer:

First let's start by recalling what is the definition of a unitary matrix:

$$U^\dagger U = I$$

where U^\dagger is the hermitian transpose of U , and I is the identity of the matrix. Now, the Pauli X matrix is:

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

Now, let us do the Hermitian Adjoint, which is simply its transpose:

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

Now, we are going to compute $X^\dagger X$:

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

$$X^\dagger X = \begin{bmatrix} (0*0 + 1*1) & (0*1 + 1*0) \\ (1*0 + 0*1) & (1*1 + 0*0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Problem 4: Bell State

- (a) Show that the bell state is entangled by proving that it cannot be written as a product state $|\Psi^+\rangle$.

Answer: our goal is to prove that we cannot write a bell state as a product state.
for this problem we know that:

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

Well, First we are going to start to write it as a product state:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_A\rangle &= \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \\ |\Psi_B\rangle &= \gamma |0\rangle + \delta |1\rangle \\ |\Psi^+\rangle &= |\Psi_A\rangle \otimes |\Psi_B\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are complex numbers satisfying normalization:

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 &= 1 \\ |\gamma|^2 + |\delta|^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us do the product (tensor) state operation:

$$|\Psi_A\rangle \otimes |\Psi_B\rangle = \alpha\gamma |00\rangle + \alpha\delta |01\rangle + \beta\gamma |10\rangle + \beta\delta |11\rangle$$

It is time to match the coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\gamma &= 0 \\ \beta\delta &= 0 \\ \alpha\delta &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \beta\gamma &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can set the the coefficients of $|00\rangle$ and $|11\rangle$ to 0 because we do not need them, but being equal to 0 means that either α or γ and β or δ is 0.

Contradiction: the problem is the following:

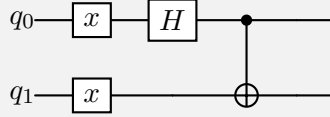
- if $\alpha = 0$, then $\alpha\delta \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- if $\gamma = 0$, then $\beta\gamma \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- if $\delta = 0$, then $\alpha\delta \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- if $\beta = 0$, then $\beta\gamma \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

From this we can **conclude** that it is entangled because the states are not separated and cannot be represented as a tensor product due the contradiction stated before.

Problem 5: Quantum Circuit

(a) Construct a quantum circuit to generate a bell state $|\Psi^-\rangle$

Answer:



Why does this makes sense?

First we start with:

$$q_0 = |0\rangle$$

By applying Pauli-X we get :

$$X |0\rangle = |1\rangle$$

after appplying Hadamar we get:

$$H |1\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

On the other hand, for q_1 we are going to apply Pauli-X:

$$q_1 = |0\rangle$$

Then:

$$\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$$

$$\frac{|01\rangle - |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Because:

$$|q_0 q_1\rangle$$

Finally we apply the control gate and we got :

$$\frac{|01\rangle - |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = |\Psi^-\rangle$$

Problem 6: GHZ

(a) Construct a three-qubit GHZ state and show that measuring any qubit collapses the entire system.

Answer:

Problem 7: CNOT

- (a) Explain the role of the CNOT gate in entanglement creation and provide a mathematical proof.

Answer:

We will begin with the bell state by first doing hadamard:

$$|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |00\rangle$$

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

Now following the system transform into:

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

Now, we are going to apply the CNOT gate and we have to remember that the first qubit works as the control and the second as the target, in the end we get:

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = |\Phi^+\rangle$$

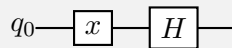
We know from previous proofs that the bell states such as :

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

cannot be represented with tensor products because states cannot be separated and we tend to run into a contradiction, therefore there is entanglement.

Problem 8: Quantum Circuit

- (a) Construct a quantum circuit that applies an X gate followed by a Hadamard gate on a single qubit. what does the qubit end in?

Answer:

Now, let's trace the qubit:

$$q_0 = |0\rangle$$

Then we apply Pauli-X:

$$X|0\rangle = |1\rangle$$

Finally, we apply Hadamard gate:

$$H|1\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

For the next problem I changed $|\Psi^+\rangle$ to $|\Psi^-\rangle$, just to experiment

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Problem 10: Quantum Circuit

- (a) Implement a Quantum Circuit for the Deutsch-Josza algorithm and verify its operation.

Answer: