

Qubit Operations and Quantum Gates: Pauli Gates, Superposition, Entanglement, and Bell States

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Abstract

This report explores fundamental qubit operations and quantum gates. We implement Pauli gates (X , Y , Z), demonstrate superposition using Hadamard gates, create entangled Bell states, and visualize quantum states on the Bloch sphere. Matrix representations and state evolution are simulated using PythonTeX.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

A qubit is the fundamental unit of quantum information:

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle, \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1 \quad (1.1)$$

1.1 Computational Basis

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

Chapter 2

Pauli Gates

2.1 Definitions

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{NOT gate}) \quad (2.1)$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{Phase flip}) \quad (2.3)$$

Properties: $X^2 = Y^2 = Z^2 = I$

2.2 Gate Operations

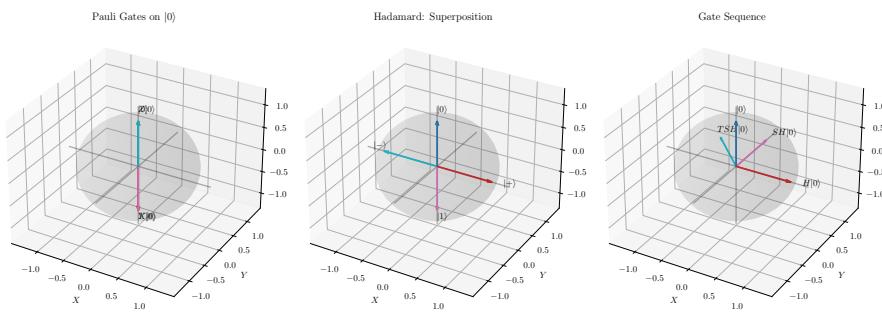


Figure 2.1: Bloch sphere visualization: (a) Pauli gates, (b) Hadamard creating superposition, (c) gate sequence.

Chapter 3

Superposition

The Hadamard gate creates superposition:

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle \quad (3.1)$$

$$H|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle \quad (3.2)$$

Chapter 4

Entanglement and Bell States

4.1 Bell States

The four maximally entangled Bell states:

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \quad (4.1)$$

$$|\Phi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle) \quad (4.2)$$

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle) \quad (4.3)$$

$$|\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle) \quad (4.4)$$

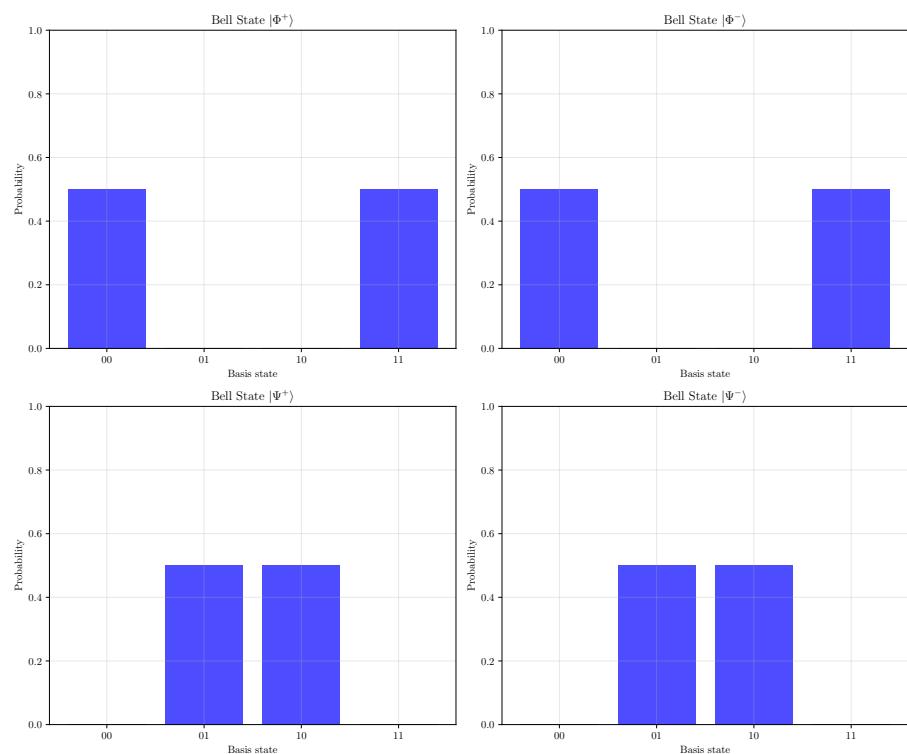


Figure 4.1: The four Bell states showing equal superposition of correlated basis states.

Chapter 5

Quantum Circuit Analysis

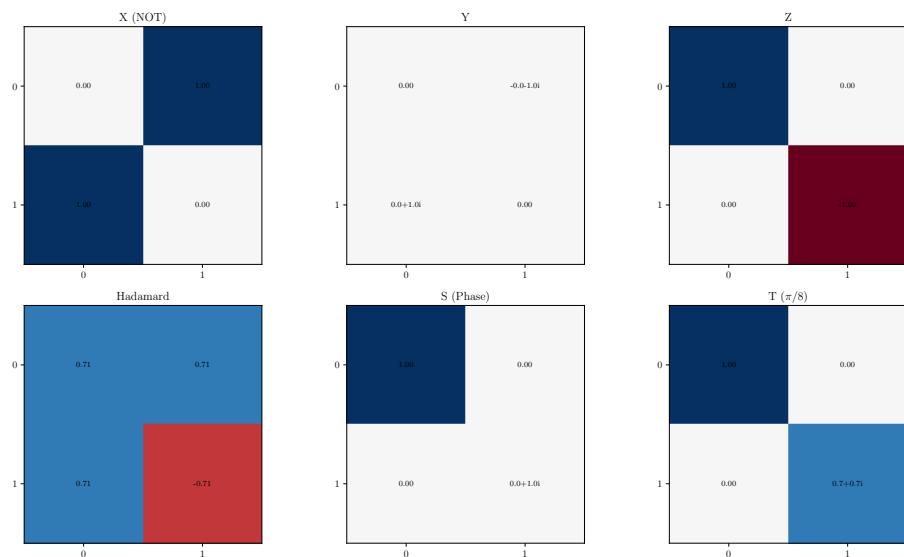


Figure 5.1: Single-qubit gate matrices (real part shown, complex values annotated).

Chapter 6

Measurement and Probabilities

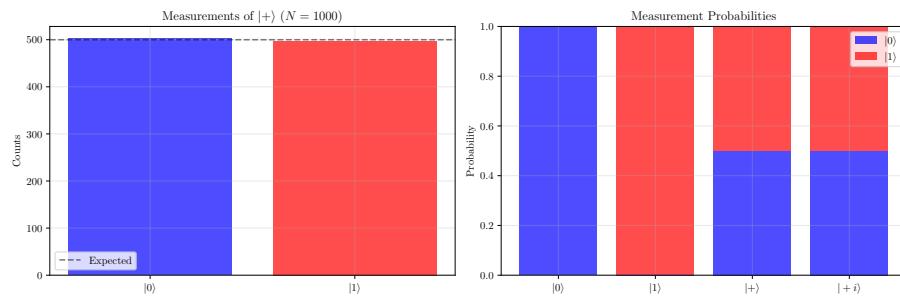


Figure 6.1: Quantum measurements: simulated counts (left), theoretical probabilities (right).

Chapter 7

Summary

Table 7.1: Summary of quantum gates

Gate	Function	Example
X	Bit flip	$X 0\rangle = 1\rangle$
Y	Bit+phase flip	$Y 0\rangle = i 1\rangle$
Z	Phase flip	$Z 1\rangle = - 1\rangle$
H	Superposition	$H 0\rangle = +\rangle$
CNOT	Entanglement	Control-target flip

Purity of reduced density matrix for $|\Phi^+\rangle$: 0.500 (maximum entanglement = 0.5)

Chapter 8

Conclusions

1. Pauli gates rotate states on Bloch sphere axes
2. Hadamard creates equal superposition
3. Bell states are maximally entangled two-qubit states
4. CNOT gate enables entanglement between qubits
5. Measurement collapses superposition to basis states