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In what follows, we evaluate the matrix expressions representing a quantum circuit unitary acting on a sequence of qubit input. We work in the computational basis $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ and use the notation X, Y, Z for the Pauli gates in this basis.

(a) First we consider the conjugation of a CNOT by two CNOT with control and target qubit reversed:

which exchanges the qubits $(|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle, |01\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle, |10\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle, |11\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle)$ and constitutes a SWAP gate. The matrix expression for the reversed CNOT was obtained by writing its action on the computational basis which reads $|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle, |01\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle, |10\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle, |11\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$.

(b) Then we calculate the matrix expression of the entanglement-generating circuit

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \\ \hline H \\ \hline \\ R_{\pi/4} \\ \hline \\ = (1_1 \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_2 + X_1 \otimes |1\rangle \langle 1|_2) \\ R_{\pi/4,2} \bigg(1_1 \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (X_2 + Z_2) \bigg) \\ = (1_1 \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_2 + X_1 \otimes e^{i\pi/4} |1\rangle \langle 1|_2) \bigg(1_1 \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (X_2 + Z_2) \bigg) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bigg(1_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 (\langle 0|_2 + \langle 1|_2) + X_1 \otimes e^{i\pi/4} |1\rangle_2 (\langle 0|_2 - \langle 1|_2) \bigg) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bigg(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ e^{i\pi/4} & -e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix} \bigg) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bigg(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ e^{i\pi/4} & -e^{i\pi/4} & 0 & 0 \\ \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bigg(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\pi/4} - e^{i\pi/4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ e^{i\pi/4} & -e^{i\pi/4} & 0 & 0 \\ \end{pmatrix} \bigg).$$

If we set the phases to 1, we recover the Bell state mapping $|00\rangle \rightarrow (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, |01\rangle \rightarrow (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, |10\rangle \rightarrow (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ and $|11\rangle \rightarrow (-|01\rangle + |10\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$.

(c) Finally, we calculate the matrix expression associated with a three-qubit circuit as follows:

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- (a) Work in progress
- (b)
- (c)
- **3** Grover's algorithm on IBM composer
- 4 Acknowledgement