



Preparation for Qiskit certification exam

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Outline

- **Introduction of quantum computing and Qiskit**
- Brief Details About the Exam
- Sample Exam go through & Answers with explanation

Introduction to Quantum computing

- Qubit (quantum bit)

- Superposition

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1.$$

- Entanglement

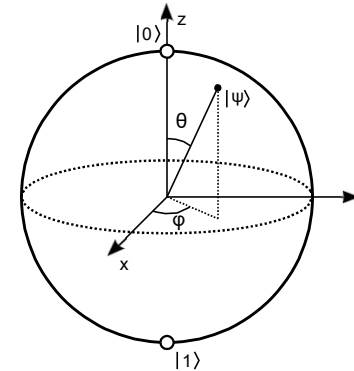
- Bell state $|\psi\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

- Quantum operations

- Single-qubit gate: X, Z, H, etc.
 - Two-qubit gate: CNOT gate, CZ gate, SWAP gate etc.
 - Measurement

- References

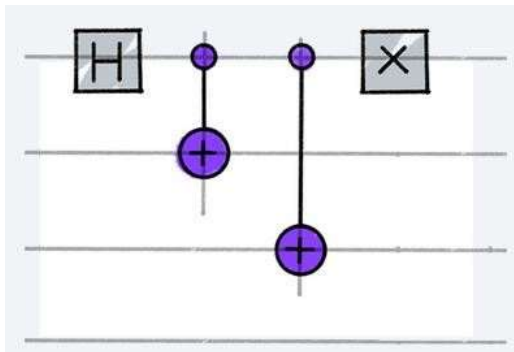
- [Quantum computation and quantum information](#)



Bloch sphere. Source: Wiki

Introduction to IBMQ and Qiskit

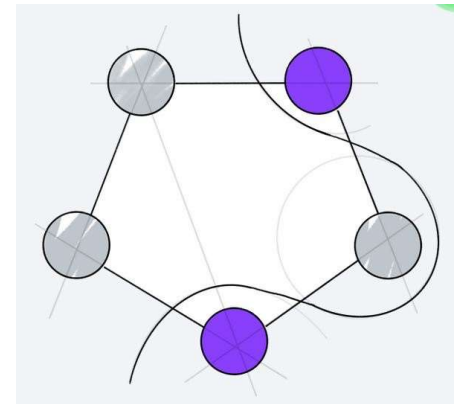
- An open-source toolkit for working with quantum computers at the level of pulses, circuits, and application modules.



Quantum circuits



Quantum hardware



Quantum algorithm

Source: <https://qiskit.org/>

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Brief Details about the Exam

- Test information
 - Number of questions: 60
 - Time allowed: 90 mins
 - Number of questions to pass: 44
 - Status: Live
 - [Official Study guide](#)
 - Use this **form** to Get a free Exam Coupon
- Tips
 - Only laptop is allowed (mac/windows)
 - Prepare a mouse (use provided white board for calculation)
 - Multiple choice questions (how many choices is indicated)
- Resources
 - For any doubts refer to Qiskit slack channel #qiskit-cert-exam
 - Add certi page link, certi sample link, add other imp resources links like My own notebook, Bartu notebook etc

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- C. `QuantumCircuit(QuantumRegister(4, 'qr0'),
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- D. `QuantumCircuit([4, 4])`

Create a quantum circuit

qiskit.circuit.QuantumCircuit 📄

```
class QuantumCircuit(*regs, name=None, global_phase=0, metadata=None) [SOURCE] 📄
```

Create a new circuit.

A circuit is a list of instructions bound to some registers.

Parameters

- **regs** (list(`Register`) or list(`int`) or list(list(`Bit`))) –

The registers to be included in the circuit.

- If a list of `Register` objects, represents the `QuantumRegister` and/or `ClassicalRegister` objects to include in the circuit.

For example:

- `QuantumCircuit(QuantumRegister(4))`
- `QuantumCircuit(QuantumRegister(4),
ClassicalRegister(3))`
- `QuantumCircuit(QuantumRegister(4, 'qr0'),
QuantumRegister(2, 'qr1'))`

- If a list of `int`, the amount of qubits and/or classical bits to include in the circuit. It can either be a single int for just the number of quantum bits, or 2 ints for the number of quantum bits and classical bits, respectively.

For example:

- `QuantumCircuit(4)` # A `QuantumCircuit` with 4 qubits
- `QuantumCircuit(4, 3)` # A `QuantumCircuit` with 4 qubits
and 3 classical bits

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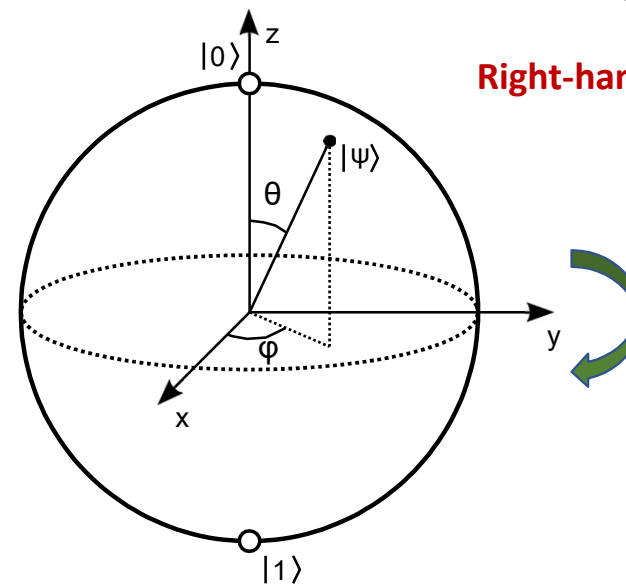
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qc = QuantumCircuit(1)
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- A. 0.8536
- B. 0.5
- C. 0.1464
- D. 1.0



Rotation $\frac{3}{4}\pi$ around Y axis

Right-hand rule!

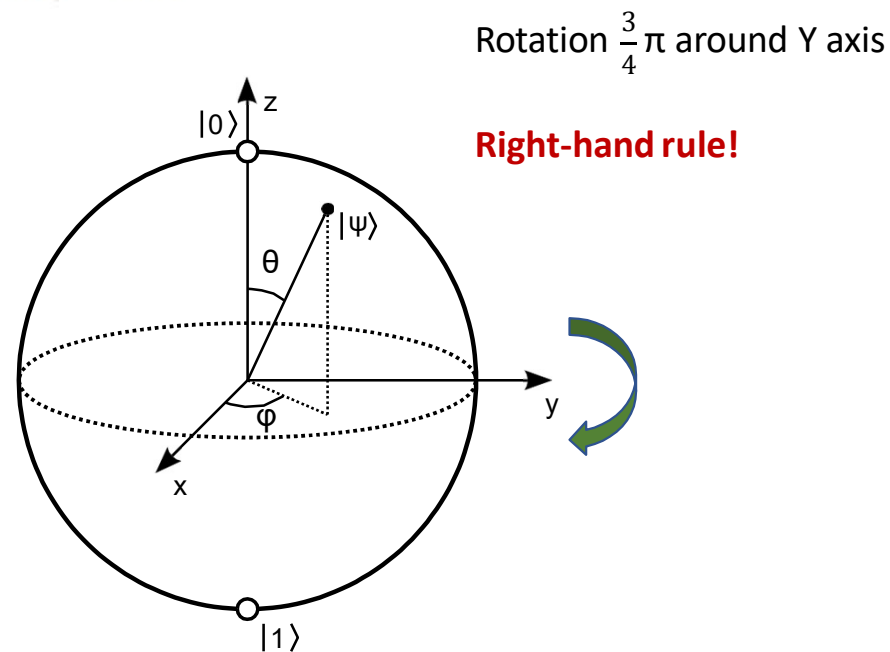
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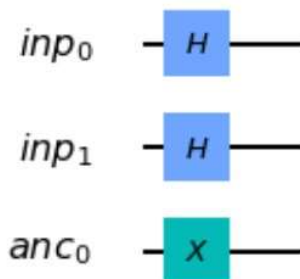


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inp_reg = QuantumRegister(2, name='inp')
ancilla = QuantumRegister(1, name='anc')
qc = QuantumCircuit(inp_reg, ancilla)
```

Insert code here



- A. `qc.h(inp_reg)`
`qc.x(ancilla)`
`qc.draw()`
- B. `qc.h(inp_reg[0:2])`
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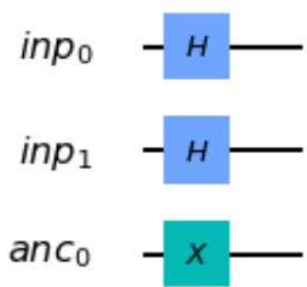
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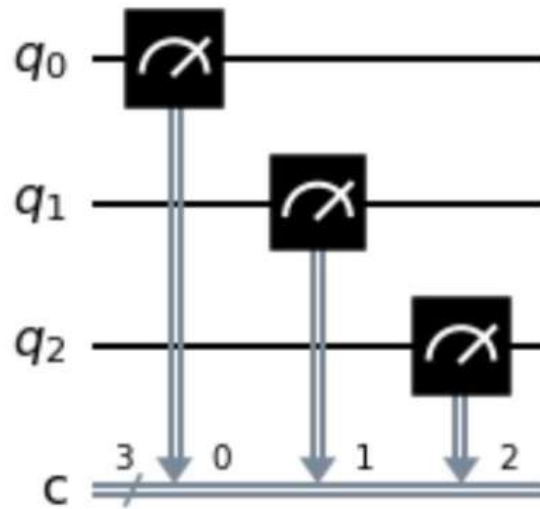
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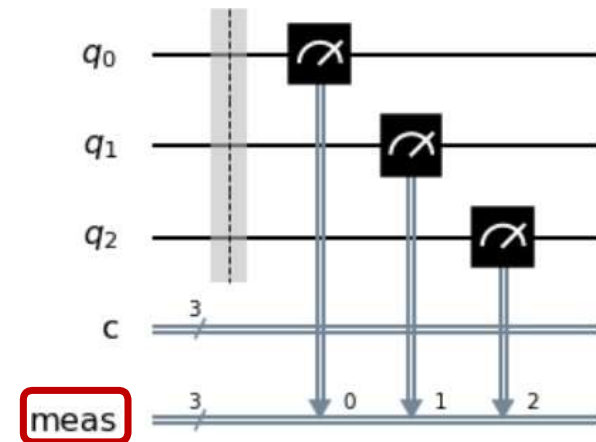


- A. `qc.measure([0,1,2], [0,1,2])`
- B. `qc.measure([0,0], [1,1], [2,2])`
- C. `qc.measure_all()`
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Source: <https://qiskit.org/documentation/>

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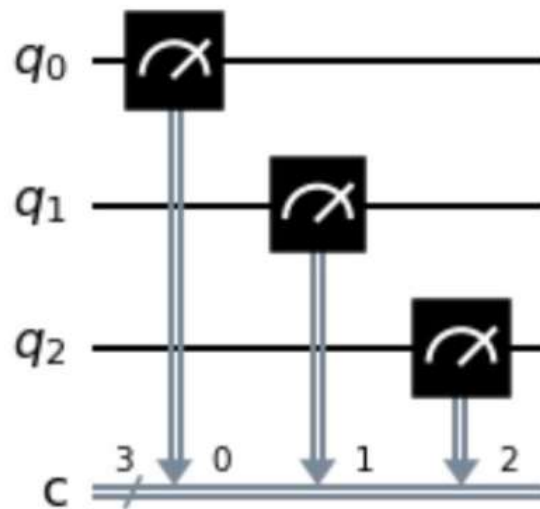
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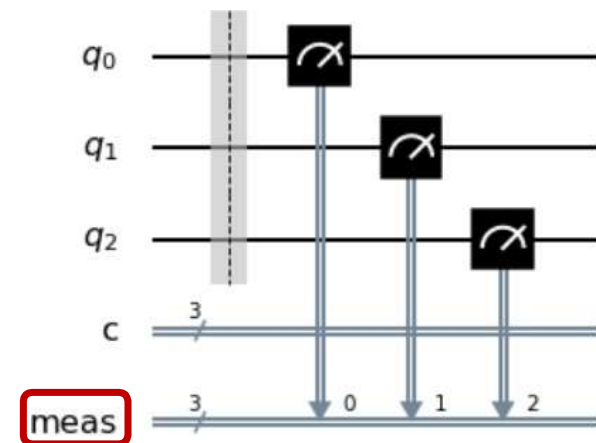
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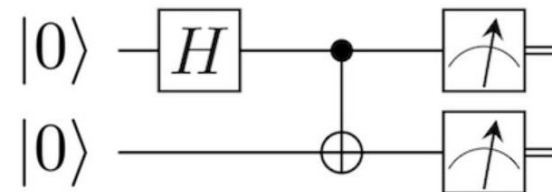
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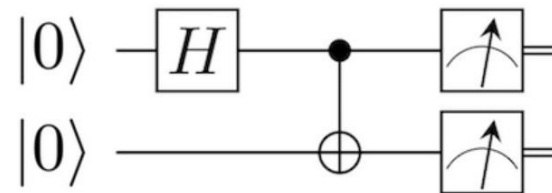
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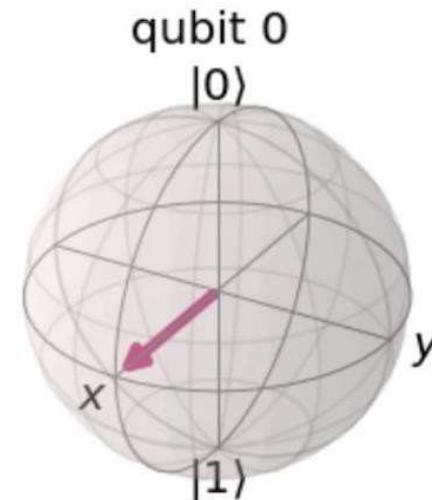
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- A. `qc.h(0)`
- B. `qc.rx(math.pi / 2, 0)`
- C. `qc.ry(math.pi / 2, 0)`
- D. `qc.rx(math.pi / 2, 0)`
- `qc.rz(-math.pi / 2, 0)`
- E. `qc.ry(math.pi, 0)`



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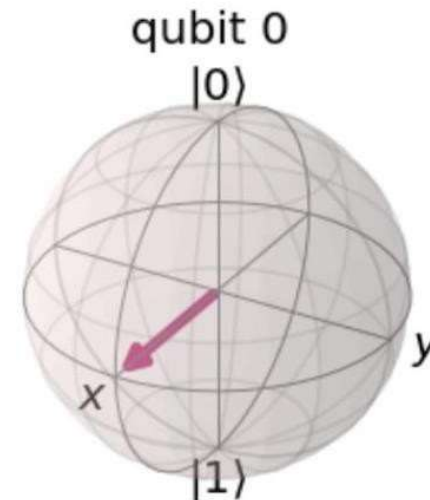
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result = execute(qc, simulator).result()
statevector = result.get_statevector()
print(statevector)
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Output:

```
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A. `v = [1/sqrt(2), 0, 0, 1/sqrt(2)]`
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B. `qc.h(0)`
`qc.cx(0,1)`
C. `v1, v2 = [1,0], [0,1]`
`qc.initialize(v1,0)`
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- B. `qc.cnot(0,1)`
- C. `qc.mct([0],1)`
- D. `qc.cz(0,1)`

```
mct(self, q_controls, q_target, q_ancilla, mode='basic')
```

Multiple-Control Toffoli operation

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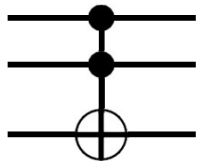
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- A. `qc.ccx(0,1,2)`
- B. `qc.mct([0,1], 2)`
- C. `from qiskit.circuit.library import CXGate`
`ccx = CXGate().control()`
`qc.append(ccx, [0,1,2])`
- D. `qc.cry(0,1,2)`

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class CCXGate(ControlledGate):  
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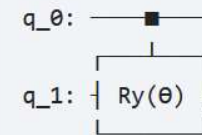
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    control(num_ctrl_qubits=1, label=None, ctrl_state=None)
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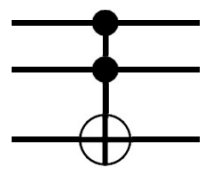
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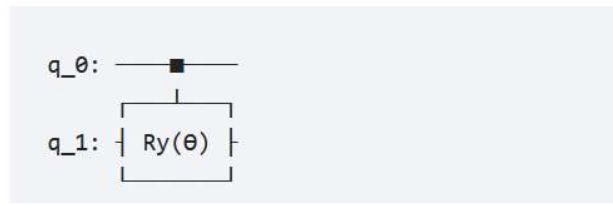
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Barriers

- 11. Which two options would place a barrier across all qubits to the QuantumCircuit below?**

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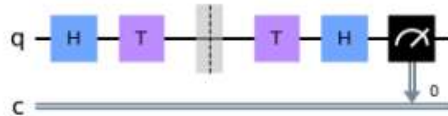
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- C. `qc = QuantumCircuit(1,1)`
`qc.h(0)`
`qc.t(0)`
`qc.tdg(0)`
`qc.h(0)`
`qc.measure(0,0)`
- D. `qc = QuantumCircuit(1,1)`
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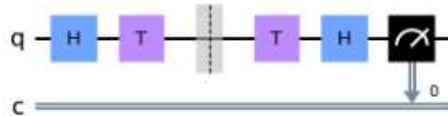
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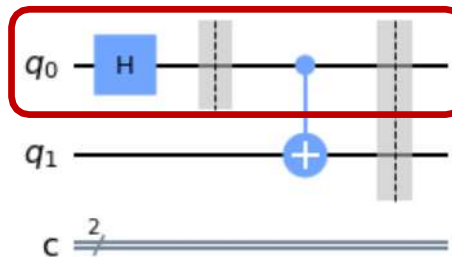
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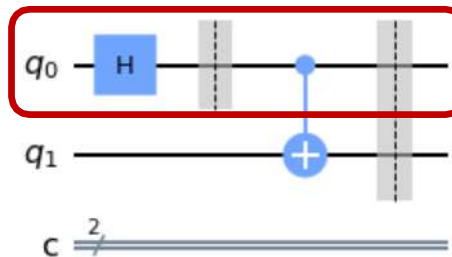
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Source: <https://qiskit.org/documentation/>

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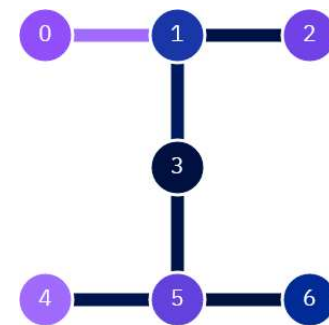
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insert code here

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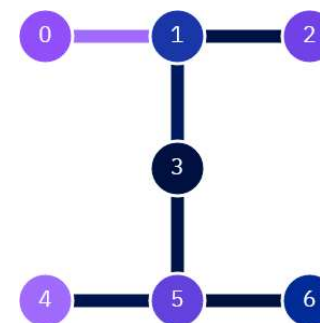
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