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Cascadar

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Backstory

Zenda and Reece have determined Doc Trine's cell number in hyperjail. Searching through Trine's notebooks, they find another note, explaining how the hypercube is patrolled by a fearsome quantum warden, which is able to place itself in a superposition and inspect multiple cells at once. To avoid detection and rescue Doc Trine, they need to build a quantum radar!

A quantum radar

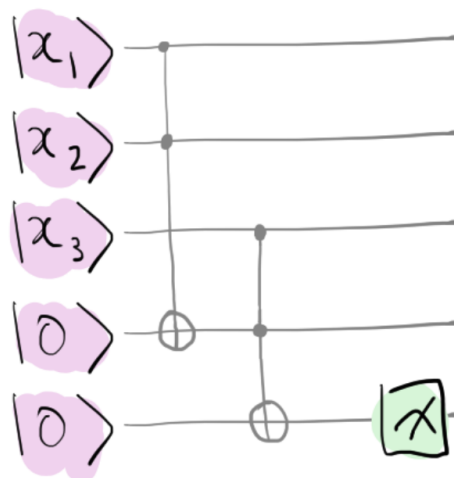
The quantum guard can place itself in a superposition

$$|\text{guard}\rangle = \sum_x g_x |x\rangle,$$

where $x \in \{0, 1\}^5$ ranges over all cell numbers, and g_x are complex-valued amplitudes. Seen in this way, $|g_x|^2$ is the probability that the guard is at position $|x\rangle$. They know that Doc Trine is located in a cell $c = (1, 1, 0, 0, 1)$. Ideally, they would like to wait until the guard's attention, captured by the probability $|g_c|^2$, is sufficiently low.

In this challenge, we will look for a way to be able to measure $|g_c|^2$.

Unfortunately, there isn't much equipment in the office, and what is there is noisy! But Trine has left a collection of "Toffoli cascades" lying around, circuits made from a string of noisy Toffoli gates. Here is an example for three input qubits $|x_1\rangle|x_2\rangle|x_3\rangle$:



Measuring the last qubit in the computational basis gives $|(x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_3)\rangle$ with probability 1, where $x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_3$ indicates the *product* of classical bits x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 . There is a Toffoli cascade acting on 5 input qubits (and with four auxiliary qubits) that Zenda and Reece can use, as well as some Pauli X gates. All are subject to *depolarizing noise*, such that after each gate, the state on each qubit is replaced with something random with probability λ .

Your task: use noisy Toffoli cascades and noisy-Pauli X gates to build a *quantum radar*, which outputs $|g_c|^2$, the guard's attention on Trine's cell. The guard state will be an input, along with four auxiliary qubits starting in the $|0\rangle$ state.

Challenge code

In the code below, you are given various functions:

- `noisy_PauliX`: which applies the Pauli-X gate and then a layer of depolarizing noise with parameter `lmbda`. (The noise is added for you.)
- `Toffoli_cascade`: a cascade of noisy Toffoli gates (noise parameter `lmbda`) which help compute a product, as in the circuit pictured above, with the input qubits on `in_wires` and auxiliary system `aux_wires`. (The noise is added for you.)
- `cascadar`: which takes a `guard_state (numpy.tensor)` and returns $|g_c|^2$, using noisy equipment with parameter `lmbda`. **You must complete this function.**

Inputs

The noisy quantum radar `cascadar` takes as input the guard state `guard_state (numpy.tensor)`, and a noise parameter `lmbda (float)` controlling the depolarizing noise.

Output

Your `cascadar` function should give the correct probability $|g_c|^2$ for test cases, including the effects of noise.

If your solution matches the correct one within the given tolerance specified in `check` (in this case it's a `1e-4` relative error tolerance), the output will be `"Correct!"`. Otherwise, you will receive a `"Wrong answer"` prompt.

Code

 Help



```
1 import json
2 import pennylane as qml
3 import pennylane.numpy as np
```



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4 ▾ def noisy_PauliX(wire, lambda):
5     """A Pauli-X gate followed by depolarizing noise.
6
7     Args:
8         lambda (float): The parameter defining the depolarizing c
9         wire (int): The wire the depolarizing channel acts on.
10    """
11    qml.PauliX(wire)
12    qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=wire)
13
14 ▾ def Toffoli_cascade(in_wires, aux_wires, lambda):
15     """A cascade of noisy Toffolis to help compute the product.
16
17     Args:
18         in_wires (list(int)): The input qubits.
19         aux_wires (list(int)): The auxiliary qubits.
20         lambda (float): The probability of erasing the state of a
21    """
22    n = len(in_wires)
23    qml.Toffoli(wires=[in_wires[0], in_wires[1], aux_wires[0]])
24    qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=in_wires[0])
25    qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=in_wires[1])
26    qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=aux_wires[0])
27 ▾ for i in range(n - 2):
28     qml.Toffoli(wires=[in_wires[i + 2], aux_wires[i], aux_wi
29     qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=in_wires[i + 2])
30     qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=aux_wires[i])
31     qml.DepolarizingChannel(lambda, wires=aux_wires[i + 1])
32
33     # Build a quantum radar to check how much attention is on Trine'
34 ▾ def cascadar(guard_state, lambda):
35     """Return the squared amplitude  $|g_c|^2$  of the guard state,
36
37     Args:
38         guard_state (numpy.tensor): A  $2 \times 5 = 32$  component vector
39         lambda (float): The probability of erasing the state of a
40
41     Returns:
42         (float): The squared amplitude of the guard state on the
43    """
44    dev = qml.device("default.mixed", wires = 5 + 4)
45
46    @qml.qnode(dev)
47 ▾ def circuit():
48     """
49     Circuit that will use the Toffoli_cascade and the noisy_
50     It will return a measurement on the last qubit.
51     """
52
53    qml.QubitStateVector(guard_state, range(5))
54

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55         # Put your code here #
56
57     return
58
59     output = circuit()
60
61     # if you want to post-process the output, put code here also
62
63     return
64
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65 # These functions are responsible for testing the solution.
66 def run(test_case_input: str) -> str:
67
68     guard_state, lambda = json.loads(test_case_input)
69     output = cascadar(guard_state, lambda)
70
71     return str(output)
72
73 def check(solution_output: str, expected_output: str) -> None:
74
75     solution_output = json.loads(solution_output)
76     expected_output = json.loads(expected_output)
77     assert np.allclose(
78         solution_output, expected_output, rtol=1e-4
79     ), "Your quantum radar isn't quite working properly!"
80
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```
81 test_cases = [['[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,
```

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82 for i, (input_, expected_output) in enumerate(test_cases):
83     print(f"Running test case {i} with input '{input_}'...")
84
85     try:
86         output = run(input_)
87
88     except Exception as exc:
89         print(f"Runtime Error. {exc}")
90
91     else:
92         if message := check(output, expected_output):
93             print(f"Wrong Answer. Have: '{output}'. Want: '{expe
94
95         else:
96             print("Correct!")
```

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