

## Question 1

When a measurement is performed on the composite system, which is a measurement of one of the enclosing system, this is called a partial measurement.

$|\psi\rangle$  be the composite system

According to the measurement postulate, any measurement on the system, the state becomes

$$|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\{M \otimes I\} |\psi\rangle}{p'}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} p' &= \langle \psi | M^\dagger M | \psi \rangle \\ &= \| M | \psi \rangle \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let a state with 2 qubits be

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle$$

Let the measurement operator measuring 0 as the 1st bit be

$$\begin{aligned} M_0^{(1)} &= M_{00} + M_{01} \\ &= |00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| \\ &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1| \\ &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\ &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I \end{aligned}$$

Similarly the measurement operator measuring 1 as the 1st bit be

$$\begin{aligned} M_1^{(1)} &= M_{10} + M_{11} \\ &= |10\rangle\langle 10| + |11\rangle\langle 11| \\ &= |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1| \\ &= |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\ &= |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes I \end{aligned}$$

The probability of measuring the 1st qubit in state 0 is

$$\begin{aligned} Pr_0^{(1)} &= \langle \psi | M_0^\dagger M_0^{(1)} | \psi \rangle \\ &= (\alpha^* \langle 00| + \beta^* \langle 01| + \gamma^* \langle 10| + \delta^* \langle 11|) (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I) (\alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle) \\ &= (\alpha^* \langle 00| + \beta^* \langle 01|) (\alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle) \\ &= |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 \end{aligned}$$

The state then get updated to

$$\begin{aligned}
|\psi'\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{Pr_0^{(1)}}} M_0^{(1)} |\psi\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I) \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} (\alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle)
\end{aligned}$$

The relative probability of the states  $|00\rangle$  and  $|01\rangle$  remains same. We eliminate the probability of the state to be in  $|10\rangle$  or  $|11\rangle$ .

## Question 2

Measure the state

$$|\psi\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} [|01\rangle - |10\rangle]$$

Along the axis  $\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$  with the observable  $A = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$

Let  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  be the eigenstates of  $A$

Let the basis be

$$|0\rangle = \alpha|a\rangle + \beta|b\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle = \gamma|a\rangle + \delta|b\rangle$$

So the state becomes

$$|\psi\rangle = (\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma) \frac{|ab\rangle - |ba\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The  $(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)$  is equal to the global phase factor, thus

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{|ab\rangle - |ba\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus the qubits are always anti-correlated, irrespective of the observable (spin vector).