

Quantum Computer Gates

Pauli I Gate: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues 1,1.

Pauli X Gate: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues 1,-1.

Pauli Y Gate: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues 1,-1.

Pauli Z Gate: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues 1,-1.

Phase Gate (S Gate): $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues 1,i.

$\frac{\pi}{8}$ Gate (T Gate): $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{8}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{8}} \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues $1, e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$.

(Note that $TT=S$.)

Hadamard Gate (sometimes called the square root of NOT gate but this is incorrect as $H^2=I$):

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1+\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1-\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ and eigenvalues 1,-1.

Note that if A is unitary so $AA^\dagger=I$ we have, if x is a real number, that:

$$e^{iAx} = (iAx)^0 + iAx + (iAx)^2 + (iAx)^3 + (iAx)^4 + \dots$$

$$= (I - x^2I + x^4I - x^6I \pm \dots) + (ixA - ix^3A + ix^5A \mp \dots) = \cos(x)I + i \sin(x)A$$

Rotation Gate $R_X = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} X = e^{-i\theta X/2}$

Rotation Gate $R_Y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} Y = e^{-i\theta Y/2}$

Rotation Gate $R_Z = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} Z = e^{-i\theta Z/2}$

Qubit Two NOT Gate $\text{NOT}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\text{NOT}_2(|00\rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |01\rangle$ and

$\text{NOT}_2(|01\rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |00\rangle$ and $\text{NOT}_2(|10\rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = |11\rangle$ and

$$\text{NOT}_2(|11\rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |10\rangle \text{ so we see that } \text{NOT}_2 \text{ NOT's the second bit.}$$

$$\text{Note that } \text{NOT}_2 = I \otimes X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Controlled Not or CNOT gate is similar except it only changes the second bit if the first is a 1. It looks

$$\text{like } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \text{CNOT}(|00\rangle) = \text{CNOT} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |00\rangle \text{ and}$$

$$\text{CNOT}(|01\rangle) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |01\rangle \text{ and}$$

$$\text{CNOT}(|10\rangle) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = |11\rangle \text{ and}$$

$$\text{CNOT}(|11\rangle) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |10\rangle \text{ so it}$$

does what we said - if the first qubit is 0 it does nothing. If the first qubit is 1 it flips the second. Another way of describing this is that $|ab\rangle \rightarrow |a(a \oplus b)\rangle$ since $0 \oplus x = x$ and $1 \oplus x = \text{NOT } x$.

Toffoli Gate T_F works on three qubits and has the property that $T_F(a, b, c) = (a, b, c \oplus ab)$ so

$T_F(a, b, 1) = (a, b, a \text{ NAND } b)$ and $T_F(a, b, 0) = (a, b, a \text{ AND } b)$ and $T_F(a, 1, 0) = (a, 1, a) = (a, 1, \text{FANOUT})$.

(FANOUT is classical bit copying but it doesn't work for superposed values.)

Fredkin Gate F_R also works on three qubits and has the property that $F_R(x, 0, y) = (x, x \text{ AND } y, y)$ and

$F_R(1, x, y) = (1, y, x)$ and $F_R(x, 1, 0) = (x, \bar{x}, x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} |000\rangle &= |00\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } |001\rangle &= |00\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ |010\rangle &= |01\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } |011\rangle &= |01\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$|100\rangle = |10\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } |101\rangle = |10\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|110\rangle = |11\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } |111\rangle = |11\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means that the Fredkin Gate has matrix $F_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and the Toffoli gate has matrix

$$T_F = F_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$