TEAM

View successful submissions

✓ Jump to code — Collapse text

Ctrl-Z 100 points

Backstory

Zenda and Reece work at Trine's Designs, a startup run by the eccentric inventor Doc Trine. Trine promises to tell Zenda and Reece about a revolutionary new type of quantum resource she has invented called "timbits". Before explaining timbits, she insists on demonstrating Bennett's Laws of Infodynamics, governing the behaviour of quantum information. "Only then," she says, "will the power of timbits be revealed in their full glory."

Reversible computation

▶ Laws of Infodynamics Part I: The First Law

Some classical logical operations are irreversible. For instance,

$$AND(0,0) = AND(0,1) = AND(1,0) = 0,$$

so given that $\mathrm{AND}(j,k)=0$, we can't tell the values of j and k.

Put differently, there is no way to press <code>ctrl-Z</code> and learn what went in! In contrast, quantum circuits are built out of unitary gates, which are always reversible. We can always press <code>ctrl-Z</code>! How can we encode something irreversible, like an AND gate, into a quantum circuit? Aptly, the answer is a controlled <code>Z</code> gate! It encodes the classical operation into a <code>phase</code>:

$$CZ|j,k
angle \mapsto (-1)^{ ext{AND}(j,k)}|j,k
angle.$$

A phase by itself is unobservable, so we need to interfere this state with some others to detect it. A simple way to do this is to use a *controlled* controlled Z gate, with some extra operations on either side:

Your job: figure out which operations to apply so that measurement on the first qubit is guaranteed to be in state $|\text{AND}(j,k)\rangle$.

Challenge code

In the code below, you are given a function called AND(j, k). You must complete this circuit and provide gates which implement a classical AND gate. More precisely, if the second and third qubits are in states $|j\rangle$ and $|k\rangle$, the circuit should place the first qubit in state $|\mathrm{AND}(j,k)\rangle$.

Inputs

As input to this problem, you are given two bits j (int) and k (int), encoded onto the second and third qubits for you.

Output

Your circuit must place the first qubit in basis state AND(j, k). This will be checked using qml.probs(wires = 0), which gives [1, 0] for $|0\rangle$ and [0, 1] for $|1\rangle$.

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