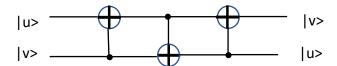
<u>Question 1 [20pts]:</u> For a classical bit flip we have assumed that the probability of a bit is flipped is less than or equal to 0.5. Why can we make this assumption? Can we make a similar assumption for qubits?

Question 2 [20pts] The following quantum circuit swaps <u>arbitrary</u> input u and v, write down the matrix representation of the swap operation and show that it is unitary.



Question 3 [15pts]: Assume you are given a qubit that is either $|1\rangle$ or $\cos\theta$ $|0\rangle + \sin\theta$ $|1\rangle$ states with equal probability, what is the probability of identifying its state if a measurement is made in $|0\rangle/|1\rangle$ basis?

<u>Question 4 [15pts]:</u> Basis vectors |0> and |1> are supposed to be orthonormal, but on the Bloch sphere they do not look orthonormal as they point to South and North poles, respectively. Why?

<u>Question 5 [30pts]:</u> Consider the Grover's search algorithm, is it possible to speed it up by performing the reflection not about the mean (M) but about $2 \times M$?