

# Introduction to Quantum Computing

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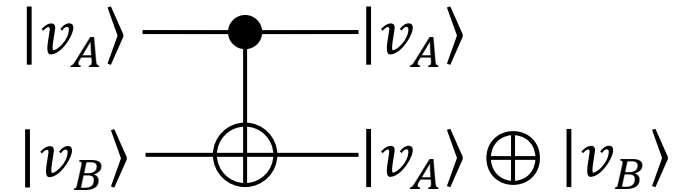
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- There are quantum gates which apply **only to multiple qubits**
- In this course will see only few of them:
  - CNOT
  - SWAP
  - CCNOT (Toffoli gate)
  - ...

# Controlled NOT (CNOT)

- $$\text{CNOT} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



( $\oplus$  is the XOR operator)

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- If the control qubit  $|v_A\rangle$  is  $|1\rangle$ , then the target qubit  $|v_B\rangle$  is flipped
  - as with gate  $X$
- If we apply the CNOT gate to  $|v_A\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$  and  $|v_B\rangle = b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle$ 

$$|v_A v_B\rangle = a_0 b_0 |00\rangle + a_0 b_1 |01\rangle + a_1 b_0 |10\rangle + a_1 b_1 |11\rangle$$

we invert the last two amplitudes

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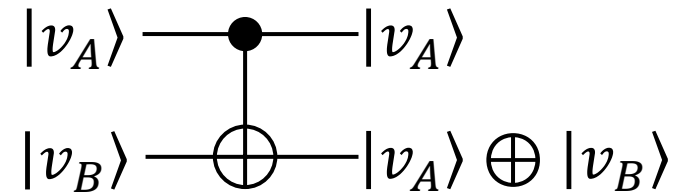
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- **More in general**, if we apply the CNOT gate to

$$|v_C\rangle = c_0|00\rangle + c_1|01\rangle + c_2|10\rangle + c_3|11\rangle$$

we invert the last two amplitudes  $c_2$  and  $c_3$

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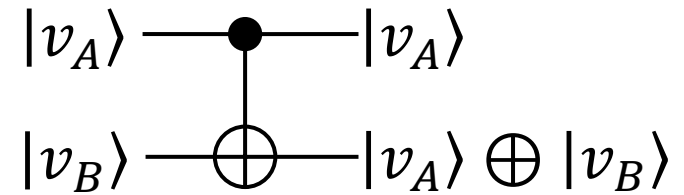
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- Example

- $|v_0 v_1\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |00\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |10\rangle$

- $$\text{CNOT}|v_A v_B\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |00\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |11\rangle$$



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# Generic Controlled Gate

- Controlled  $C_U = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{bmatrix}$
- If control qubit  $|v_A\rangle$  is  $|1\rangle$ , then target gate  $U$  is applied to qubit  $|v_B\rangle$
- Apply the generic controlled gate  $C_U$  to
  - $|v_A\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$
  - $|v_B\rangle = b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle$
- and obtain

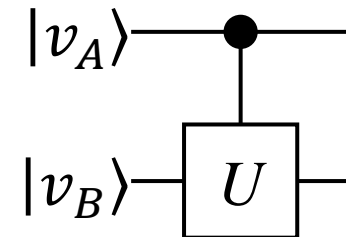
$$C_U|v_A v_B\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 \\ a_0 b_1 \\ a_1 b_0 \\ a_1 b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $|v_A\rangle = |0\rangle$  ( $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 0$ )

$$C_U|0v_B\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $|v_A\rangle = |1\rangle$  ( $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 1$ )

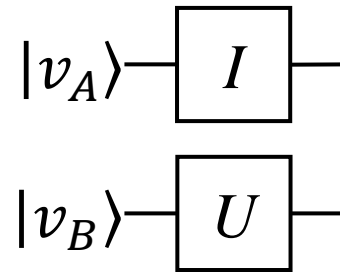
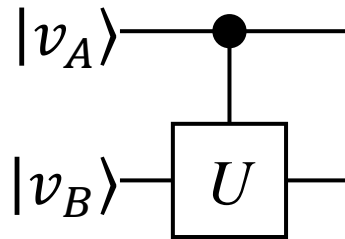
$$C_U|1v_B\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ U|v_B\rangle \end{bmatrix}$$



# Generic Controlled Gate: important

- Important:

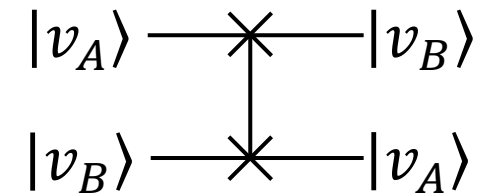
$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{bmatrix} \text{ is **not equivalent** to } I \otimes U$$





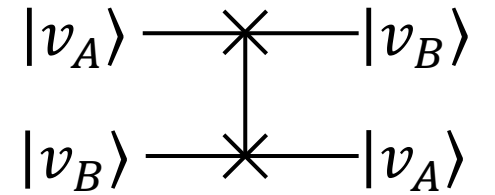
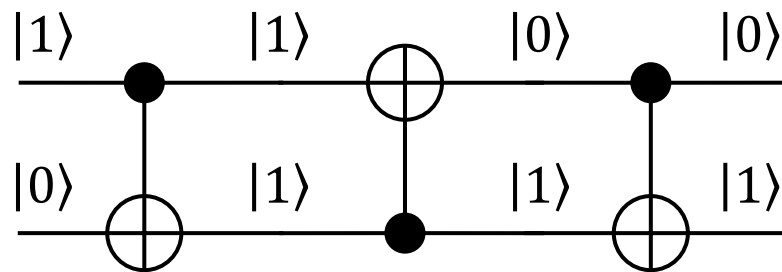
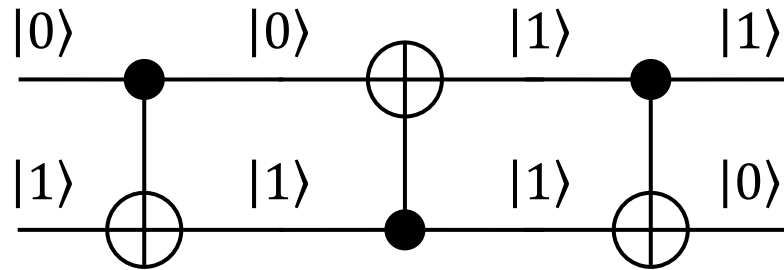
# Multiple-Qubits Gates: SWAP

- $$\text{SWAP} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



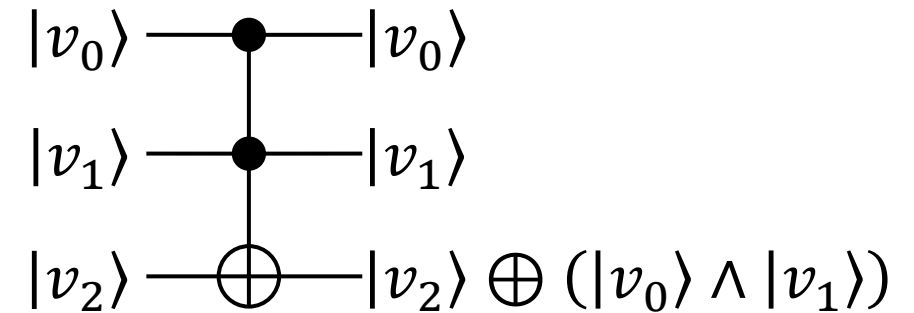
- How it works? The state of  $|v_A\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$  and  $|v_B\rangle = b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle$  is described with their tensor product
  - $|v_A v_B\rangle = a_0 b_0 |00\rangle + a_0 b_1 |01\rangle + a_1 b_0 |10\rangle + a_1 b_1 |11\rangle$
- If we apply the SWAP gate
  - $\text{SWAP}|v_A v_B\rangle = a_0 b_0 |00\rangle + a_1 b_0 |01\rangle + a_0 b_1 |10\rangle + a_1 b_1 |11\rangle$
- which is identical to the tensor product  $|v_B v_A\rangle$ 
  - $|v_B v_A\rangle = b_0 a_0 |00\rangle + b_0 a_1 |01\rangle + b_1 a_0 |10\rangle + b_1 a_1 |11\rangle$

# Multiple-Qubits Gates: *SWAP* as *CNOT*<sup>3</sup>



# Multiple-Qubits Gates: CCNOT (or Toffoli)

$$\bullet \text{ CCNOT} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



- CNOT gate with 2 control bits instead of 1
  - target qubit  $|v_2\rangle$  is inverted when **both control qubits are 1**

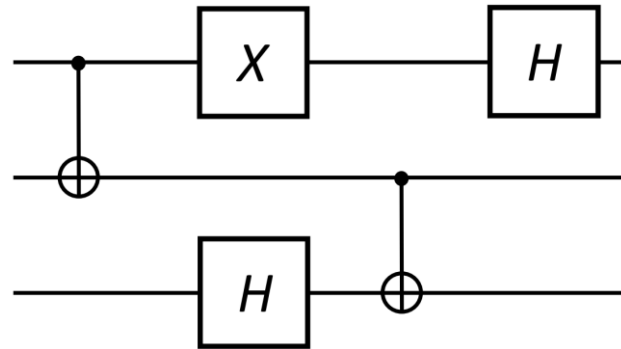
# Universal quantum gates

- **Finite** set of gates that can **approximate** any quantum circuit
  - any other unitary operation
- Two-qubit gates are universal
  - any arbitrary  $n$ -qubit operation can be decomposed as a product of two-qubit gates
- Many possible choices
  - Toffoli + Hadamard
  - ...

# Quantum Circuit

- We can express a quantum circuit as one matrix
  - we must follow three rules:
  - composition across wires is achieved by **tensor product**
  - composition along (sets of) wires is achieved by matrix product, but **right to left**
  - composition across wires requires to use the identity matrix for qubits without gates

- Example



- $(H \otimes I \otimes I) \cdot (I \otimes \text{CNOT}) \cdot (X \otimes I \otimes H) \cdot (\text{CNOT} \otimes I)$

# Entanglement

- It takes  $2^n$  real numbers to describe the state of  $n$ -qubits
  - why?
    - the state of  $n$ -qubits are described by their tensor product
    - this leads to  $2^n$  complex coefficients, equivalent to  $2^{n+1}$  real coefficients
    - one real degree of freedom is removed by the normalization
    - one real degree of freedom is removed because the global phase is meaningless
- It takes  $2n$  real numbers to describe  $n$  qubits (2 real numbers per qubit)
- $2^n \gg 2n \rightarrow$  most  $n$ -qubit states are not described in terms of  $n$  separate qubits
  - multiple-qubits states that cannot be written as the tensor product of  $n$  single-qubits are called **entangled states**
  - states that can be written as a tensor product from the constituent subsystems are called **separable states**

# Entanglement example

- The elements of the **Bell states** are entangled
- For instance, the Bell state  $|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$  cannot be described in terms of the state of each of its component qubits separately
- If we have two qubits  $v_A = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$  and  $v_B = b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle$
- It is impossible to find  $a_0, b_0, a_1, b_1$ , such that

$$|v_A v_B\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

- since

$$(a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle) \otimes (b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle) = a_0b_0|00\rangle + \underbrace{a_0b_1|01\rangle} + \underbrace{a_1b_0|10\rangle} + a_1b_1|11\rangle$$

- and  $a_0b_1 = 0$  implies that either  $a_0b_0 = 0$  or  $a_1b_1 = 0$ , none of which is true

# Entanglement

- Entanglement is **not basis dependent**
  - the notion of superposition is basis-dependent
- Entanglement is not an absolute property of a quantum state
  - depends on the particular decomposition of the system into subsystems under consideration
  - states entangled with respect to one decomposition may be unentangled with respect to other decompositions
  - when we say that a state is **entangled**, we mean that it is entangled with respect to his decomposition **into individual qubits**



# Entangling gates

- Not all two-qubit gates can be written as the tensor product of single-qubit gates
  - a generic 2-qubits gate has 16 complex values
  - two single-qubit gates have  $4 + 4 = 8$  total complex values
- Such a gate is called an **entangling gate**
- One example of an entangling gate is the CNOT gate

# Bell states

- Four specific two-qubit states are designated as **Bell states**
  - maximally entangled two-qubit states

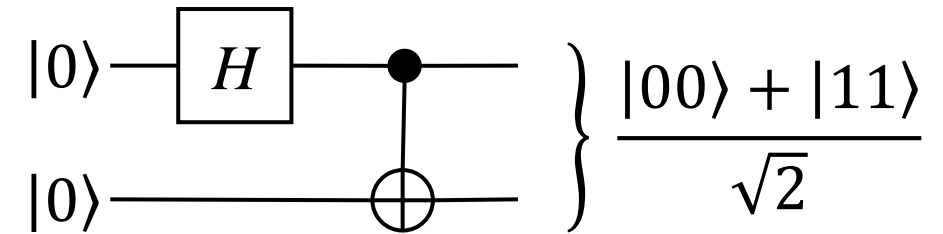
$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$|\Phi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

$$|\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

- Bell states can be created with the following circuit

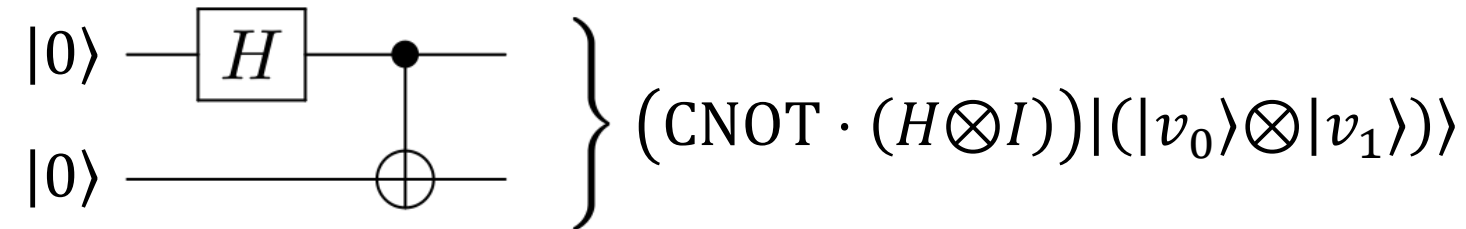


- For the four basic two-qubit inputs,  $|00\rangle$ ,  $|01\rangle$ ,  $|10\rangle$ ,  $|11\rangle$ , the circuit creates the four Bell states

# Entanglement

- If we have a set of  $N$  qubits that are entangled and wish to apply a quantum gate on  $M < N$  qubits in the set, we will have to extend the gate to take  $N$  qubits. This application can be done by combining the gate with an identity matrix such that their tensor product becomes a gate that act on  $N$  qubits
  - it is difficult to simulate large entangled quantum systems using classical computers
    - the state vector of a quantum register with  $n$  qubits is  $2^n$  complex entries
- Bell states are of fundamental importance to quantum computing
  - Bell states are maximally entangled in the sense that, when looked at separately, the state of each qubit is as uncertain as possible
- Unentangled states are the least entangled states possible in the sense that, when looked at separately, the state of each qubit is as certain as possible

# Bell states: how to create (example)



$$\bullet \quad H \otimes I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & -\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

this operator creates  
a Bell state

$$\bullet \quad \text{CNOT}(H \otimes I) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Exercises: Bell states in Hadamard basis

- Show that the Bell state

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- has the same form when expressed in Hadamard basis

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|++\rangle + |--\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- (and the same holds for the other Bell states)

# Exercises: Bell states in Hadamard basis

- Hadamard basis are defined as

$$|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad |-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- We need invert the definitions, to express the computational basis in terms Hadamard basis

$$|0\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad |1\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Substitute these expressions into  $|00\rangle$  and  $|11\rangle$

$$|00\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|++\rangle + |+-\rangle + |-+\rangle + |--\rangle}{2}$$

$$|11\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|++\rangle - |+-\rangle - |-+\rangle + |--\rangle}{2}$$

- Substitute these expressions into the definition of  $|\Phi^+\rangle$  and obtain

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|++\rangle + |--\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

# Multi qubits measurement

- What happens when measuring one qubit in a two-qubits system?

$$|v_C\rangle = |v_A v_B\rangle = c_0|00\rangle + c_1|01\rangle + c_2|10\rangle + c_3|11\rangle$$

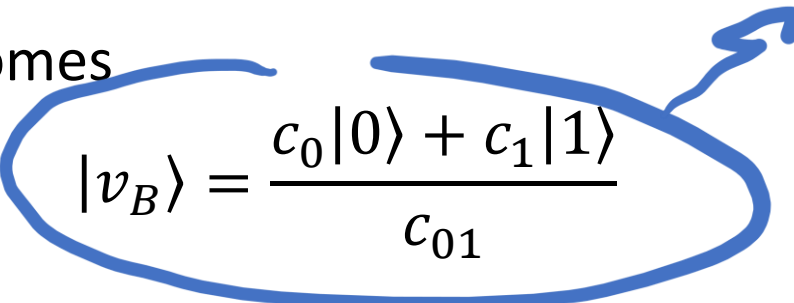
- The state of the system can be always described as

$$|v\rangle = c_{01}|0\rangle \otimes \frac{c_0|0\rangle + c_1|1\rangle}{c_{01}} + c_{23}|1\rangle \otimes \frac{c_2|0\rangle + c_3|1\rangle}{c_{23}}$$

- with  $c_{01} = \sqrt{c_0^2 + c_1^2}$  and  $c_{23} = \sqrt{c_2^2 + c_3^2}$

- If qubit  $|v_A\rangle$  is measured as  $|0\rangle$  then  $c_2 = 0$  and  $c_3 = 0$

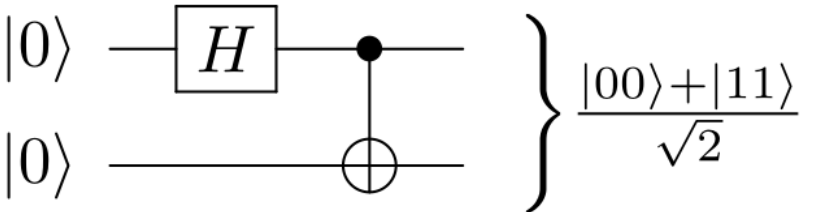
- The state of qubit  $|v_B\rangle$  becomes


$$|v_B\rangle = \frac{c_0|0\rangle + c_1|1\rangle}{c_{01}}$$

this is a valid qubit  
(normalized to 1)

# Multi qubits measurement: example

- What happens when measuring one qubit in a two-qubits system?

$$|v\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$


The diagram shows a quantum circuit with two horizontal lines representing qubits. The top line starts with the label  $|0\rangle$ , followed by a box labeled  $H$  (Hadamard gate). The bottom line starts with the label  $|0\rangle$ . A vertical line connects the two qubits, with a solid black dot on the top line and a circle with a plus sign on the bottom line, representing a CNOT gate. To the right of the circuit is a large curly brace grouping the entire circuit, followed by the expression  $\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

- The state of the system can be described as

$$|v\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

- If qubit  $A$  is measured as  $|0\rangle$  the state of qubit  $B$  becomes  $|v_B\rangle = |0\rangle$
- If qubit  $A$  is measured as  $|1\rangle$  the state of qubit  $B$  becomes  $|v_B\rangle = |1\rangle$

The measurement of a bit determines the second qu-bit  
This is weird, since the measurement affects only 1 qubit



# Limits of Quantum Information

# No-cloning principle: why it matters?

- Cloning violates quantum mechanic principles
  - no-signaling (instantaneous transfer of information)
  - put infinite amount of info inside a qubit
    - Map an arbitrarily long classical bit-string to a unique qubit state
    - Communicate the single qubit
    - Receive the qubit
    - Make an arbitrary number of copies by cloning
    - Perform **quantum state tomography** (which requires several copies of the qubit) to recover the original classical information.
- Makes quantum error correction harder

# No-cloning principle: demonstration

- We have two qubits, one with state  $|x\rangle$  the other with state  $|0\rangle$
- We want to copy qubit  $|x\rangle$  onto qubit  $|0\rangle$
- We need to find a cloning gate  $U$  such that

$$U(|x\rangle|0\rangle) = |x\rangle|x\rangle$$

- If such gate exists, we can apply it to both qubits  $|x\rangle$  and  $|y\rangle$

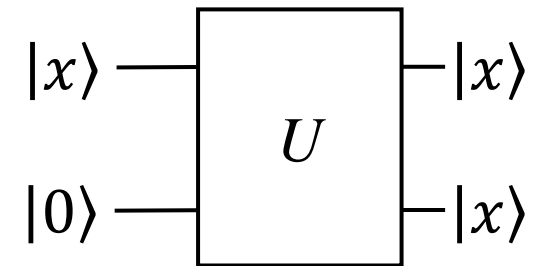
$$U(|x\rangle|0\rangle) = |x\rangle|x\rangle \quad U(|y\rangle|0\rangle) = |y\rangle|y\rangle$$

- Apply the inner product to both sides

- left:  $\langle 0|\langle x|U^H U|y\rangle|0\rangle = \langle 0|\langle x|y\rangle|0\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle\langle 0|0\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle$
- right:  $\langle x|\langle x|y\rangle|y\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle^2$
- combined:  $\langle x|y\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle^2$

- which is not true in general

- only if  $x = y$  (remember that for qubits  $x^2 = y^2 = 1$ ) or if  $x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal ( $\langle x|y\rangle = 0$ )



# No-cloning principle: CNOT apparent violation

- We apply CNOT gate to  $|v_A\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$  and  $|v_B\rangle = |0\rangle$
- To compute the output, we use the notation

$$\text{CNOT}|v_A\rangle|v_B\rangle = |v_A\rangle|v_A \oplus v_B\rangle$$

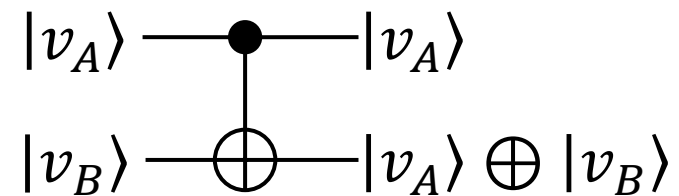
- Replacing  $|v_B\rangle$  with  $|0\rangle$  we obtain

$$\text{CNOT}|v_A\rangle|0\rangle = |v_A\rangle|v_A \oplus 0\rangle = |v_A\rangle|v_A\rangle$$

- We have copied qubit  $|v_A\rangle$  on qubit  $|0\rangle$
- Where is the error?
- The **informal** notation

$$\text{CNOT}|v_A\rangle|v_B\rangle = |v_A\rangle|v_A \oplus v_B\rangle$$

- can be used only when  $|v_A\rangle$  and  $|v_b\rangle$  are basis state
- It is **not valid** when  $|v_A\rangle$  and  $|v_b\rangle$  are in superposition



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# No-cloning principle: CNOT apparent violation

- Different point of view ...
- We apply CNOT gate to  $|v_A\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$  and  $|v_B\rangle = |0\rangle$
- To compute the output, we first compute  $|v_A\rangle|0\rangle$ 
$$|v_A\rangle|0\rangle = a_0|00\rangle + a_1|10\rangle$$
- Then, we apply the CNOT gate that flips  $|10\rangle$  to  $|11\rangle$ 
$$\text{CNOT}|v_A\rangle|0\rangle = a_0|00\rangle + a_1|11\rangle$$
- If we wish to copy  $|v_A\rangle$  onto  $|0\rangle$ , the output state would have been  $|v_A\rangle|v_A\rangle$ 
$$a_0^2|00\rangle + a_0a_1|01\rangle + a_0a_1|10\rangle + a_1^2|11\rangle$$
- The two output states are different
  - the first output is an entangled state (CNOT creates entanglement)
  - the second is a copy of two qubits

# No-deleting principle

- **There does not exist a gate  $U$  that can delete one of two copies of a qubit**

- Demonstration similar to no-cloning

- We need to find a deleting gate  $U$  such that

$$U(|x\rangle|x\rangle) = |0\rangle|x\rangle$$

- If such gate exists, we can apply it to both qubits  $|x\rangle$  and  $|y\rangle$

$$U(|x\rangle|x\rangle) = |0\rangle|x\rangle \quad U(|y\rangle|y\rangle) = |0\rangle|y\rangle$$

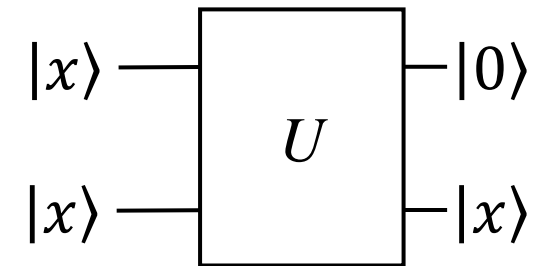
- Apply the inner product to both sides

- left:  $\langle x|\langle x|U^H U|y\rangle|y\rangle = \langle x|\langle x|y\rangle|x\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle\langle x|y\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle^2$

- right:  $\langle x|\langle 0|0\rangle|y\rangle = \langle x|y\rangle$

- combined:  $\langle x|y\rangle^2 = \langle x|y\rangle$

- which is not true in general (only if  $x = y$  or if  $x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal)



# No-signaling principle: the problem

- Alice and Bob are at different ends of the universe, but each have one qubit of a Bell pair  $|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$
- Alice can measure her qubit  $|a\rangle$  whenever she wants, and this will collapse Bob's qubit  $|b\rangle$  to the same state
- **We are interested in whether Bob can infer whether Alice has measured her qubit or not**
- If he can, then Alice can transfer information to Bob instantaneously
- For example, Alice can measure her qubit  $|a\rangle$  when some event occurs, thus signaling this information to Bob

# Example of quantum correlation: Bell pair

- Suppose Alice and Bob each have one qubit of a Bell pair

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|++\rangle + |--\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- If Alice and Bob **both measure in the computational basis**
  - Alice measures first and obtains  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$  with probability 50%
  - Bob's qubit instantaneously collapse to the same state measured by Alice,  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$
  - Bob's measures second and obtains the same value measured by Alice with probability 100%
  - each observer's result is random individually, but if they compare results afterward, they will find perfect correlation in their measurements



# Example of quantum correlation: Bell pair

- Suppose Alice and Bob each have one qubit of a Bell pair

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|+ +\rangle + |- -\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- If Alice measure in the **Hadamard** basis and Bob in the **computational** basis

- Alice measures first and obtains  $|+\rangle$  or  $|-\rangle$  with probability 50%

$$|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad |-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Bob's qubit instantaneously collapse to the same state measured by Alice,  $|+\rangle$  or  $|-\rangle$
  - Bob's measures second and obtains  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$  with probability 50%
    - regardless of the outcome of Alice's measurement
  - Bob and Alice discover the lack of correlation after the measurement

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