

Visualizing the Quantum Fourier Transform in Qiskit

A Short Introduction to Both

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Intent

- Introduce you all to some tools in Qiskit
- Define and give some visual intuition for the QFT
- Build a foundation for further exploration of quantum algorithms and QML

What is Qiskit?

Qiskit is a python module that allows users to code and simulate quantum circuits offering several advantages:

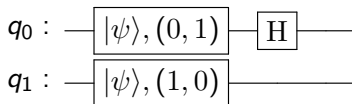
- Currently implementable on IBM's quantum computers with certain backends.
- Useful for experimentation with and visualization of quantum circuits.
- Recently added a QML package[8] including Quantum Kernels[4] and Quantum Neural Nets[5]!

Using Qiskit: Circuit Building

First, make sure qiskit is installed using pip and then import qiskit and qiskit.visualization in your favorite python environment.

Jupyter notebooks work well. Now, for some simple code:

```
from qiskit import *  
qc = QuantumCircuit(2)  
qc.initialize([0,1], 0)  
qc.initialize([1,0], 1)  
qc.h(0)  
qc.draw()
```



Using Qiskit: Simulating a Circuit

Qiskit provides several options for simulation of quantum circuits[2]. Here, we'll just use an idealized quantum circuit (no noise) that lets us peek at the state vector as it evolves.

```
backend = BasicAer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
result = execute(qc, backend).result()
endvector = result.get_statevector()
print(endvector, decimals = 3)

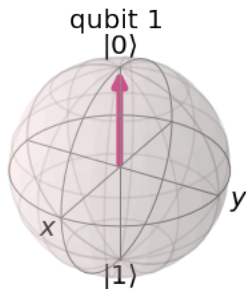
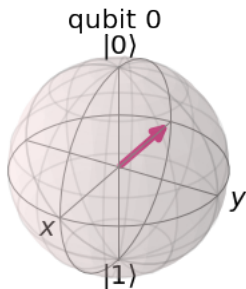
[ 0.707+0.j -0.707+0.j 0. +0.j 0. +0.j]
```

Here we have simulated the circuit's output, a two qubit quantum state, and given it the name 'endvector'. Now, to visualize it!

Using Qiskit: Visualizing States

Qiskit gives several options for the visualization of quantum states[3]. A local favorite is the Bloch sphere.

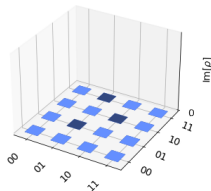
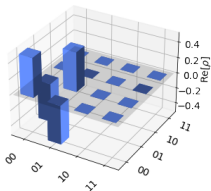
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from qiskit.visualization import *  
plot_bloch_multivector(endvector)
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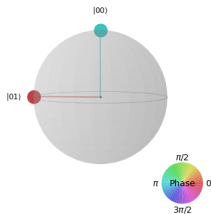
Using Qiskit: Visualizing States cont.

Other options include:

```
plot_state_city(endvector)
```



```
plot_state_qsphere(endvector)
```



The Quantum Fourier Transform

The QFT generalizes the discrete Fourier transform via:

$$|j\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{2\pi i j k / N} |k\rangle$$

Which is unitary, and thus has some quantum circuit describing it.

1-qubit QFT

The QFT for the 1-qubit case should look familiar:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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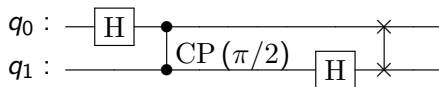


2-qubit QFT

In the computational basis, the QFT for two qubits takes the form:

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

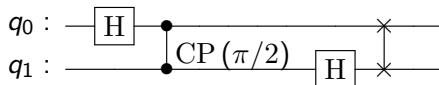
And is represented by the circuit:



$$\text{where } CP(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{i\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

2-qubit QFT cont.

For your consideration,



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{i\pi/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
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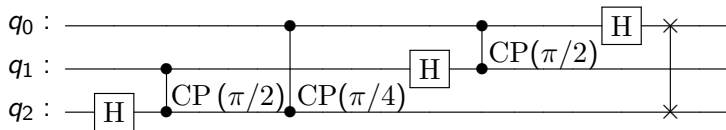
3-qubit QFT

Written out in terms of the 8th roots of unity, the matrix form of the 3 qubit QFT is:

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & \omega^3 & \omega^4 & \omega^5 & \omega^6 & \omega^7 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 & 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega & \omega^4 & \omega^7 & \omega^2 & \omega^5 \\ 1 & \omega^4 & 1 & \omega^4 & 1 & \omega^4 & 1 & \omega^4 \\ 1 & \omega^5 & \omega^2 & \omega^7 & \omega^4 & \omega & \omega^6 & \omega^3 \\ 1 & \omega^6 & \omega^4 & \omega^2 & 1 & \omega^6 & \omega^4 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^7 & \omega^6 & \omega^5 & \omega^4 & \omega^3 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

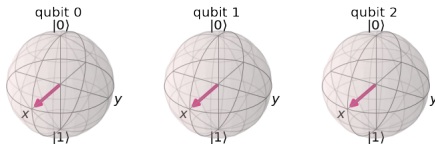
3-qubit QFT cont.

With a circuit diagram:



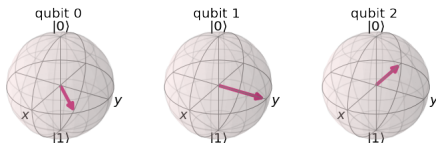
Let's see what it does to some qubits on the bloch sphere:

```
from qiskit.circuit.library import QFT
qft = QFT(3)
qft3_000 = execute(qft, backend).result()
plot_bloch_multivector(qft3_000.get_statevector())
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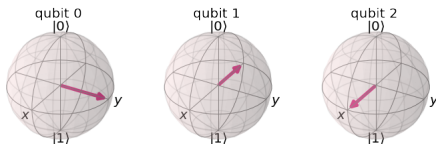


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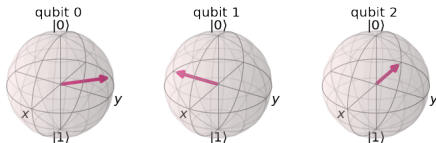
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plot_bloch_multivector(qft3_001.get_statevector())
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plot_bloch_multivector(qft3_010.get_statevector())
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plot_bloch_multivector(qft3_011.get_statevector())
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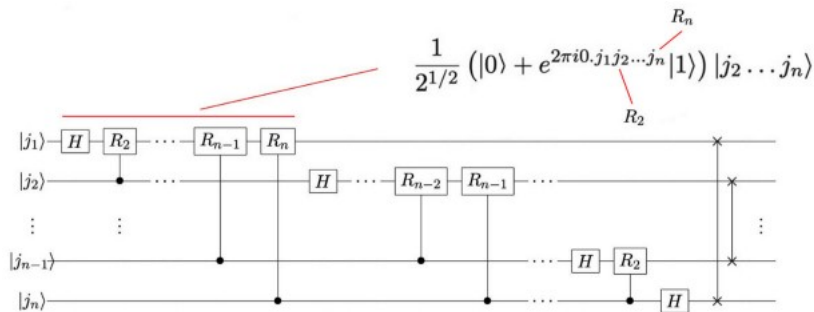


n -qubit QFT

This relative rotation of the output bits by some angle θ^{2^n} hints at the identity proven in [7], where $0.b_1..b_n = b_1/2 + \dots + b_n/2^n$

$$|j_1, \dots, j_n\rangle =$$

$$\frac{(|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i 0 \cdot j_n} |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i 0 \cdot j_{n-1} j_n} |1\rangle) \otimes \dots \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i 0 \cdot j_1 \dots j_n} |1\rangle)}{2^{n/2}}$$



Outlook

- Improve skills
- Use Qiskit to simulate phase estimation
- Long term, extend to QML?

THANK YOU!

–OUTLINE–

Intro to QisKit

How to build a circuit

How to run a simulation

Motivating the QFT

Building the QFT

Running/Visualizing QFT [6]



[n-qubit qft diagram source.](#)

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