

Quantum Computing: The primary difference between classical and quantum computing is about "states". While in classical states are either "0" or "1", in quantum the states can be in superposition, assuming "0" and "1" simultaneously. (The analogous of bit in quantum computing: qubit.)

Using quantum algorithm may allow an exponentially speed-up, however, once a superposition is measured it collapse to a value (one of the states)  $\rightarrow$  that is why it is hard to design quantum algorithms.

But we can use interference effects to design them.

How to describe Quantum states?

Dirac Notation: Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^2$

- ket:  $|a\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + ib_1 \\ a_2 + ib_2 \end{pmatrix}$

- bra:  $\langle b| \rightarrow$  is the transposed complex conjugated of ket  
 $\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}^T = (a_1 \ a_2)^* = (a_1^* \ a_2^*) \therefore \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - ib_1 & a_2 - ib_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Good to mention that  $|\phi_1\rangle$  is a vector and  $\langle\phi_2|$  is the linear functional in quantum mechanics. A linear functional may be described as an operation  $\langle\phi_2|$  applied in some vector  $|\phi_1\rangle$ . And the vector complex vector "lives" in a Hilbert space.

- bra-ket  $\rightarrow \langle b|a\rangle$ : In this case, is the inner product  $\rightarrow a_1 \cdot b_1 + a_2 \cdot b_2$  - from complex numbers, it is the same as  $\langle a|b\rangle^* \in \mathbb{C}^2$

- ket-bra:  $|a\rangle\langle b|$  - In this case is the external product -  
 $\rightarrow |a\rangle\langle b| = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 b_1 & a_1 b_2 \\ a_2 b_1 & a_2 b_2 \end{pmatrix}$

- the states are defined  $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

state  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  are ~~orthogonal~~:

$$\langle 0 | 1 \rangle = (1 \ 0) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = \boxed{0}$$

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$$

To ensure that the summation of all <sup>↑</sup>probabilities of all possible states is equal 1, all quantum state is normalized, dividing by the vector norm.  
The norm of vector  $|a\rangle$  is calculated as follows:

$$\| |a\rangle \| = \sqrt{\langle a | a \rangle}.$$

so, to normalize vector  $|e_1\rangle$ , for example, it should be:  $|e_1\rangle = \frac{|e'_1\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle e'_1 | e'_1 \rangle}}$

$$\text{Ex. } |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Measurements

using orthogonal bases to describe and measure quantum states

When we measure onto a vector bases, for example,  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ , during the measurement, the state will collapse into either  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$ , because they are eigenstates of  $\underline{\sigma}_z$  (Pauli-Z operator, the single-qubit quantum gate). It is called Z-measurement

There are infinite many different bases.

The most common ones:

$$\{|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle), \quad |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\{|+i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + i|1\rangle), \quad |-i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - i|1\rangle)\}$$

corresponding to eigenstates of  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  respectively.

We call an X measurement if we are doing a measurement onto bases  $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$ .

We call a Y measurement if we are doing a measurement onto bases  $|+i\rangle, |-i\rangle$ .

We call a Z measurement if we are doing a measurement onto bases  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$ .

Probability of a measurement yields into a result is given by the **Born's rule**. For instance, the probability that a state  $\Psi$  collapse during a projective measurement onto bases  $\{|x\rangle, |x^+\rangle\}$  to the state  $|x\rangle$  is given by

$$P(x) = |\langle x | \Psi \rangle|^2, \quad \boxed{\sum_i P(x_i) = 1}$$

normalized vectors.

$$E_x \quad |\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|0\rangle + \sqrt{2}|1\rangle) \quad \text{measure in the bases } \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$$

$P(0)$  ?

$$P(0) = \left| \langle 0 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|0\rangle + \sqrt{2}|1\rangle) \right|^2$$

Property of inner product

$$\rightarrow \langle \alpha | b\beta + c\gamma \rangle = b\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle + c\langle \alpha | \gamma \rangle$$

remembering: the inner product of orthogonal vectors is always  $\boxed{0}$

then...

$$P(0) = \left| \langle 0 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|0\rangle + \sqrt{2}|1\rangle) \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 0 | 0 \rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 0 | 1 \rangle \right|^2 =$$

remembering: the inner product of a vector with itself is always  $\boxed{1}$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right|^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$P(1) = \left| \langle 1 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|0\rangle + \sqrt{2}|1\rangle) \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1 | 0 \rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1 | 1 \rangle \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right|^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

by the way:  $P(0) + P(1) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{1}$

Other example:  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ , in basis  $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$

$$P(+)=|\langle + | \psi \rangle|^2 = \left| \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 0 | + \langle 1 |) \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \right] \right|^2$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{1}{2} [\langle 0 | + \langle 1 |] \cdot [ |0\rangle - |1\rangle ] \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4} |\langle 0 | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | 1 \rangle + \langle 1 | 0 \rangle - \langle 1 | 1 \rangle|^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{4} (1-1)^2 = \boxed{0}$$

$$P(-) = |\langle - | \psi \rangle|^2 \therefore \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 0 | - \langle 1 |) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 10 | - \langle 11 |) \right|^2$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{1}{2} (\cancel{\langle 0 | 0 \rangle} - \cancel{\langle 0 | 1 \rangle} - \cancel{\langle 1 | 0 \rangle} + \langle 1 | 1 \rangle) \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \right|^2 = \boxed{1}$$

Representation of states

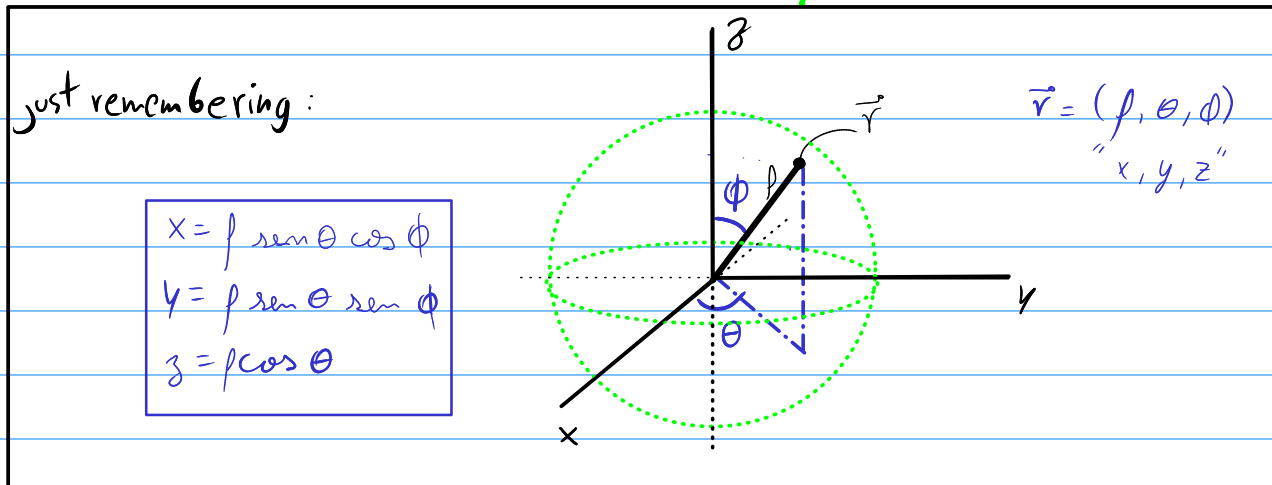
## Bloch Sphere

Any normalized (pure) state as  $|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$   
 where  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$  describes the relative phase  
 and  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$  determine the probability to measure  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$

$$p(0) = \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad p(1) = \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore \overset{\text{RFT}}{\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = 1$$

All normalized pure state can be illustrated on the surface of a sphere with radius  $|\vec{r}|=1$ , which is called **Bloch Sphere**.



then Bloch vector

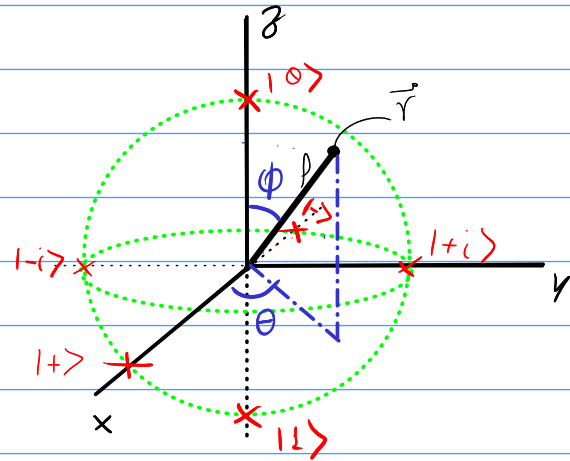
$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex  $|0\rangle \therefore \theta=0, \text{ any } \phi \rightarrow \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$|1\rangle \therefore \theta=\pi; \text{ any } \phi \rightarrow \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$|+\rangle \therefore \theta=\frac{\pi}{2}; \phi=0 \rightarrow \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$|-\rangle \therefore \theta=\frac{\pi}{2}; \phi=\pi \rightarrow \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$



$|+i\rangle \therefore \theta=\frac{\pi}{2}; \phi=\frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$|-i\rangle \therefore \theta=\frac{\pi}{2}; \phi=\frac{3\pi}{2} \rightarrow \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

On the Bloch sphere, angles are twice as big as in Hilbert space

$|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  are orthogonal, but on the Bloch sphere their angle is  $180^\circ$ .

From the general state  $|\psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + \dots$

$\rightarrow \theta$  is the angle in the Bloch sphere, while  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  is the angle in the Hilbert space.

- $z$ -measurement corresponds to a projection onto the  $z$ -axis. analogously for  $x$  and  $y$ .