

Single-qubit measurement in a single qubit system

$$\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma_z \rangle &= \langle \psi | \sigma_z | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | (|0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|) | \psi \rangle = \\ &= \langle \psi | 0\rangle\langle 0| \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | 1\rangle\langle 1| \psi \rangle \\ &= |\langle 0 | \psi \rangle|^2 - |\langle 1 | \psi \rangle|^2 = p_0 - p_1 \end{aligned}$$

Single-qubit measurement in a 2-qubit system

⊗ measuring the first qubit $\hat{\sigma}_z \otimes \hat{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= |00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| - |10\rangle\langle 10| - |11\rangle\langle 11| \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \sigma_z \otimes \hat{I} \rangle = \langle \psi | \sigma_z \otimes \hat{I} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | (|00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| - |10\rangle\langle 10| - |11\rangle\langle 11|) | \psi \rangle$$

Following the same logic as in *

$$= p_{00} + p_{01} - p_{10} - p_{11}$$