

Fig. 1

Exercise 1

Given the quantum circuit in Fig. 1, the candidate shall:

- a) Compute all the intermediate 3-qubit states $|\psi_1\rangle$, $|\psi_2\rangle$, $|\psi_3\rangle$, $|\psi_4\rangle$.
- b) Consider the state $|\psi_1\rangle$. Do you remember its name? Has it any property?
- c) Write the 3-qubit unitary matrix that represents the *U* gate highlighted in Fig. 1.
- d) Compute the measurement probabilities (the measurement is along the standard basis, only the first two qubits are measured).
- e) Write the collapsed state $|\psi_5\rangle$ of the remaining qubit after all possible measurement outcomes.
- f) From what you obtained at point e), can you infer whether the state $|\psi_4\rangle$ is entangled? Explain your reasoning in a few words.

Exercise 2 (optional)

The candidate can implement the quantum circuit in Fig. 1 using the Qiskit platform and compare the results obtained analytically with those estimated by the *qasm_simulator*.

Recall that:
$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -i\sin(\theta/2) \\ -i\sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

a)
$$|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

Given $R_x(\pi/2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|000\rangle - i|000\rangle - i|011\rangle + |111\rangle)$
 $|\psi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|000\rangle - i|100\rangle - i|011\rangle + e^{i\pi/4}|111\rangle)$
 $|\psi_4\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |001\rangle - i|100\rangle - i|101\rangle - i|010\rangle + i|011\rangle + e^{i\pi/4}|110\rangle - e^{i\pi/4}|111\rangle)$

b) GHZ state, maximally entangled

d) All four probabilities are 1/4

e) "00"
$$\rightarrow$$
 |+ \rangle
"01" \rightarrow -i|- \rangle
"10" \rightarrow -i|+ \rangle
"11" \rightarrow $e^{i\pi/4}$ |- \rangle

Yes, it is entangled because the state of the remaining qubit varies depending on the measurement outcome.