

Fig. 1

Exercise 1

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

- a) Compute all the intermediate 2-qubit states $|\psi_1\rangle$, $|\psi_2\rangle$, $|\psi_3\rangle$, $|\psi_4\rangle$, $|\psi_5\rangle$.
- b) Write the state $|\psi_5\rangle$ as a column state vector along the standard basis $\{|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle\}$.
- c) Compute the measurement probabilities (the measurement is along the standard basis, only the second qubit is measured).
- d) Write the collapsed state $|\psi_6\rangle$ of the remaining qubit after both possible measurement outcomes.
- e) From what you obtained at point d), can you infer whether the state $|\psi_5\rangle$ is entangled? Why?
- f) Regardless of the answer to the previous point, quantify the degree of entanglement within $|\psi_5\rangle$ through the entanglement measure $|\langle \psi_5 | \tilde{\psi}_5 \rangle|$.
- g) Now assume that the gates $R_x(\pi)$ and X are aggregated into an equivalent gate U. Compute the unitary matrix that describes U.

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:
$$R_{x}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -i \sin(\theta/2) \\ -i \sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = (Y \otimes Y) |\psi *\rangle$$

Solution

a)
$$|\psi_1\rangle = |00\rangle$$

 $|\psi_2\rangle = (H \otimes H)|00\rangle = |+\rangle|+\rangle$
 $|\psi_3\rangle = CS|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + i|11\rangle)$
 $R_x(\pi) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $|\psi_4\rangle = (R_x(\pi) \otimes I)|\psi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(-i|10\rangle - i|11\rangle - i|00\rangle + |01\rangle)$
 $|\psi_5\rangle = (X \otimes I)|\psi_4\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(-i|00\rangle - i|01\rangle - i|10\rangle + |11\rangle)$

b)
$$|\psi_5\rangle = \frac{-i}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1\\i \end{bmatrix}$$

- c) Pr(0) = Pr(1) = 1/2
- d) Post measurement state Outcome "0" $\Rightarrow -i|+\rangle$ Outcome "1" $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-i|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$
- e) Yes, it is entangled.

f)
$$|\tilde{\psi}_{5}\rangle = (Y \otimes Y)|\psi *_{5}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\ i\\ i\\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\langle \psi_{5}|\tilde{\psi}_{5}\rangle| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2}[i & i & i & 1] * \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\ i\\ i\\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(-1-i) \end{vmatrix} = 1/\sqrt{2}$$
g) $U = X * R_{x}(\pi) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i\\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0\\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} = -i I$