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TASK 4: Commutation Relations and Euler Decomposition

Aim: To verify Pauli matrix commutation relations and decompose a gate using Euler angles.

1. Verify the fundamental commutation and anti-commutation relations of Pauli matrices (X, Y, Z)
2. Implement and validate Z-Y-Z Euler angle decomposition for arbitrary single-qubit gates
3. Demonstrate the decomposition on standard quantum gates (X, Y, Z, H, S, T) and Cirq operations.

Algorithm:

2.1 Pauli Matrix Verification:

a. Symbolically define Pauli matrices using SymPy

b. Compute commutators [A,B] = AB-BA and verify [σi,σj] = 2iεijkσk

c. Compute anti-commutators {A,B} = AB+BA and verify {σi,σj} = 2δijI

2.2 Z-Y-Z Decomposition:

a. Check matrix unitarity: UTU = I

b. Extract global phase from determinant

c. Solve for Euler angles (α, β, γ) in:

d. U = e^iφ Rz(α)Ry(β)Rz(γ)

e. Handle special cases when β ≈ 0 or π

f. Reconstruct matrix to validate decomposition

2.3 Testing:

a. Standard gates: X, Y, Z, Hadamard (H), Phase (S), π/8 (T)

b. Random unitary matrices

c. Optional Cirq integration for hardware verification

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!pip install cirq
import numpy as np
import cmath
import sympy as sp

print("\n" + "="*50)
print("TASK 4: COMMUTATION RELATIONS AND EULER ANGLES")
print("="*50)

# --- Part 1: Verify Pauli commutation & anti-commutation with SymPy ---
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I = sp.eye(2)
sx = sp.Matrix([[0, 1], [1, 0]])
sy = sp.Matrix([[0, -sp.I], [sp.I, 0]])
sz = sp.Matrix([[1, 0], [0, -1]])
paulis = {'X': sx, 'Y': sy, 'Z': sz}

def comm(A, B):
    return sp.simplify(A * B - B * A)

def anti(A, B):
    return sp.simplify(A * B + B * A)

print("\n=== Commutation relations ===")
for (a, b, k) in [('X', 'Y', 'Z'), ('Y', 'Z', 'X'), ('Z', 'X', 'Y')]:
    lhs = comm(paulis[a], paulis[b])
    rhs = 2 * sp.I * paulis[k]
    print(f"[{a},{b}] =\n{lhs}\nExpected:\n{rhs}\n")

print("\n=== Anti-commutation relations ===")
for i in ['X', 'Y', 'Z']:
    for j in ['X', 'Y', 'Z']:
        lhs = anti(paulis[i], paulis[j])
        rhs = 2 * (1 if i == j else 0) * I
        print(f"{{{i},{j}}} =\n{lhs} Expected:\n{rhs}\n")

# --- Part 2: Z-Y-Z Euler decomposition ---
import numpy as np
import cmath

def is_unitary(U, tol=1e-8):
    return np.allclose(U.conj().T @ U, np.eye(2), atol=tol)

def decompose_zyz(U, tol=1e-8):
    """
    Return (phi, alpha, beta, gamma) such that:
    U = e^{i phi} Rz(alpha) Ry(beta) Rz(gamma)
    """
    U = np.array(U, dtype=complex)

    if not is_unitary(U):
        raise ValueError("Matrix is not unitary.")

    detU = np.linalg.det(U)
    phi = cmath.phase(detU) / 2

    # Remove global phase
    U0 = U * np.exp(-1j * phi)

    # Normalize determinant to 1
    detU0 = np.linalg.det(U0)
    U0 = U0 / np.sqrt(detU0)

    a = U0[0, 0]
    b = U0[0, 1]
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    beta = 2 * np.arccos(min(1.0, max(0.0, abs(a))))

    if np.isclose(np.sin(beta / 2), 0, atol=tol):
        alpha = 2 * (-cmath.phase(a))
        gamma = 0.0
    else:
        phi1 = -cmath.phase(a)
        phi2 = -cmath.phase(-b)
        alpha = phi1 + phi2
        gamma = phi1 - phi2

    return float(phi), float(alpha), float(beta), float(gamma)

def Rz(theta):
    return np.array([
        [np.exp(-1j * theta / 2), 0],
        [0, np.exp(1j * theta / 2)]
    ], dtype=complex)

def Ry(theta):
    return np.array([
        [np.cos(theta / 2), -np.sin(theta / 2)],
        [np.sin(theta / 2), np.cos(theta / 2)]
    ], dtype=complex)

def reconstruct(phi, alpha, beta, gamma):
    return np.exp(1j * phi) * (Rz(alpha) @ Ry(beta) @ Rz(gamma))

# --- Part 3: Test examples ---
import numpy as np

# Pauli X (for Rx definition)
sx = np.array([[0, 1], [1, 0]], dtype=complex)

def Rx(theta):
    return np.cos(theta / 2) * np.eye(2) - 1j * np.sin(theta / 2) * sx

# Reuse Ry and Rz from earlier
def Rz(theta):
    return np.array([
        [np.exp(-1j * theta / 2), 0],
        [0, np.exp(1j * theta / 2)]
    ], dtype=complex)

def Ry(theta):
    return np.array([
        [np.cos(theta / 2), -np.sin(theta / 2)],
        [np.sin(theta / 2), np.cos(theta / 2)]
    ], dtype=complex)

# Examples
examples = {
    "Rx(pi/3)": Rx(np.pi / 3),
    "Ry(pi/4)": Ry(np.pi / 4),
    "Rz(pi/2)": Rz(np.pi / 2),
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    "H": (1 / np.sqrt(2)) * np.array([[1, 1], [1, -1]], dtype=complex),
    "S": np.array([[1, 0], [0, 1j]], dtype=complex),
    "T": np.array([[1, 0], [0, np.exp(1j * np.pi / 4)]], dtype=complex),
}

# Import decompose_zyz from earlier code
from math import pi
from cmath import phase
def is_unitary(U, tol=1e-8):
    return np.allclose(U.conj().T @ U, np.eye(2), atol=tol)

def decompose_zyz(U, tol=1e-8):
    U = np.array(U, dtype=complex)
    if not is_unitary(U):
        raise ValueError("Matrix is not unitary.")
    detU = np.linalg.det(U)
    phi = phase(detU) / 2
    U0 = U * np.exp(-1j * phi)
    detU0 = np.linalg.det(U0)
    U0 = U0 / np.sqrt(detU0)
    a = U0[0, 0]
    b = U0[0, 1]
    beta = 2 * np.arccos(min(1.0, max(0.0, abs(a))))
    if np.isclose(np.sin(beta / 2), 0, atol=tol):
        alpha = 2 * (-phase(a))
        gamma = 0.0
    else:
        phi1 = -phase(a)
        phi2 = -phase(-b)
        alpha = phi1 + phi2
        gamma = phi1 - phi2
    return float(phi), float(alpha), float(beta), float(gamma)
print("\n=== Z–Y–Z Euler Decomposition ===")


for name, U in examples.items():
    phi, alpha, beta, gamma = decompose_zyz(U)
    print(f"{name}:\n ϕ={phi:.6f}, α={alpha:.6f}, β={beta:.6f}, γ={gamma:.6f}\n")
# Optional: Use Cirq if available
try:
    import cirq
    print("\nCirq example decomposition for H gate:")
    q = cirq.LineQubit(0)
    H_op = cirq.H(q)
    U = cirq.unitary(H_op)
    phi, alpha, beta, gamma = decompose_zyz(U)
    print(f"Cirq H: ϕ={phi:.6f}, α={alpha:.6f}, β={beta:.6f}, γ={gamma:.6f}")
except ImportError:
    print("\nCirq not installed. Skipping Cirq examples.")
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{X,Z} =
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]]) Expected:
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

{Y,X} =
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]]) Expected:
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

{Y,Y} =
Matrix([[2, 0], [0, 2]]) Expected:
Matrix([[2, 0], [0, 2]])

{Y,Z} =
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]]) Expected:
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

{Z,X} =
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]]) Expected:
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

{Z,Y} =
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]]) Expected:
Matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

{Z,Z} =
Matrix([[2, 0], [0, 2]]) Expected:
Matrix([[2, 0], [0, 2]])


=== Z-Y-Z Euler Decomposition ===
Rx(pi/3):
 ϕ=0.000000, α=-1.570796, β=1.047198, γ=1.570796

Ry(pi/4):
 ϕ=0.000000, α=0.000000, β=0.785398, γ=-0.000000

Rz(pi/2):
 ϕ=0.000000, α=1.570796, β=0.000000, γ=0.000000

H:
 ϕ=1.570796, α=0.000000, β=1.570796, γ=3.141593

S:
 ϕ=0.785398, α=1.570796, β=0.000000, γ=0.000000

T:
 ϕ=0.392699, α=0.785398, β=0.000000, γ=0.000000


Cirq example decomposition for H gate:
Cirq H: ϕ=1.570796, α=0.000000, β=1.570796, γ=3.141593
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Result: Commutation properties and Euler angle decomposition were successfully demonstrated.