

TASK 6: Quantum Error Correction (9-Qubit Code)

Aim: To demonstrate logical qubit encoding and error protection using the 9-qubit Shor code and Qiskit’s noise models.

Algorithm:

Step 1: Correct Shor encoding circuit

Step 2: Simplified syndrome measurement

Step 3: Apply quantum gates to test the code

Step 4: Proper error correction based on syndrome

Step 5: Full Shor QEC routine with quantum operations

Step 6: Noise Model

Step 7: Run simulation and compare with/without error correction

Step 8: Demonstration with specific error injection

Step 9: Visualize Quantum Circuits

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%pip install qiskit qiskit-aer matplotlib
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, transpile
from qiskit_aer import AerSimulator
from qiskit_aer.noise import NoiseModel, depolarizing_error
from qiskit.quantum_info import Statevector, state_fidelity
from qiskit.visualization import plot_histogram
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, QuantumRegister, ClassicalRegister
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

def shor_encode():
    qc = QuantumCircuit(9, name="ShorEncode")
    qc.cx(0, 3)
    qc.cx(0, 6)
    qc.h(0)
    qc.h(3)
    qc.h(6)

    qc.cx(0, 1)
    qc.cx(0, 2)
    qc.cx(3, 4)
    qc.cx(3, 5)
    qc.cx(6, 7)
    qc.cx(6, 8)

    return qc
# -----
# Step 2: Simplified syndrome measurement
# -----
def measure_syndromes():
    # Create a simpler syndrome measurement without extra qubits
    qc = QuantumCircuit(9, 6, name="SyndromeMeasurement")

    # For simulation purposes, we'll use a simplified approach
    # In a real implementation, we'd use ancilla qubits
    qc.barrier()
    qc.measure([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]) # Simplified measurement

    return qc
# -----
# Step 3: Apply quantum gates to test the code
# -----
def apply_quantum_operations():
    qc = QuantumCircuit(9, name="QuantumOperations")

    # Apply some quantum gates to test the code
    qc.h(0) # Hadamard - creates superposition
    qc.rx(0.5, 1) # Rotation around X-axis
    qc.ry(0.3, 2) # Rotation around Y-axis
    qc.rz(0.7, 3) # Rotation around Z-axis
    qc.s(4) # Phase gate
    qc.sdg(5) # Inverse phase gate
    qc.t(6) # T gate
    qc.tdg(7) # Inverse T gate
    qc.x(8) # Pauli-X

    # Add some two-qubit gates
    qc.cx(0, 4) # CNOT
    qc.cz(1, 5) # Controlled-Z
    qc.swap(2, 6) # SWAP

    return qc
# -----
# Step 4: Proper error correction based on syndrome
# -----
def apply_error_correction(syndrome_bits="000000"):
    qc = QuantumCircuit(9, name="ErrorCorrection")
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qc = QuantumCircuit(9, name='Error Correction')

# For demonstration, apply a simple correction pattern
# In a real implementation, this would be based on the syndrome
qc.barrier()
# Apply some correction gates (simplified)
qc.x(0)
qc.z(0)
qc.x(0)
qc.z(0)

return qc
# -----
# Step 5: Full Shor QEC routine with quantum operations
# -----
def shor_qec_circuit():
    # Create circuit with 9 data qubits and 1 classical bit for final measurement
    qc = QuantumCircuit(9, 1)

    # Prepare initial state |+> on qubit 0
    qc.h(0)

    # Apply some quantum operations
    operations_circuit = apply_quantum_operations()
    qc = qc.compose(operations_circuit)

    # Encode using Shor code
    encode_circuit = shor_encode()
    qc = qc.compose(encode_circuit)

    # Add barrier to separate encoding from potential errors
    qc.barrier()

    # Simulate noise (will be added by noise model)

    # Add barrier before error correction
    qc.barrier()

    # For demonstration, we'll use a fixed syndrome pattern
    syndrome_pattern = "000000" # No errors detected

    # Apply error correction based on syndrome
    correction_circuit = apply_error_correction(syndrome_pattern)
    qc = qc.compose(correction_circuit)

    # Decode (reverse of encoding)
    decode_circuit = shor_encode().inverse()
    qc = qc.compose(decode_circuit)

    # Measure the logical qubit
    qc.measure(0, 0)

    return qc
# -----
# Step 6: Noise Model
# -----
noise_model = NoiseModel()
p1 = 0.01 # depolarizing probability for 1-qubit gates
p2 = 0.03 # depolarizing probability for 2-qubit gates
# Add depolarizing error for 1-qubit gates
error1 = depolarizing_error(p1, 1)
noise_model.add_all_qubit_quantum_error(error1, ['h', 'x', 'y', 'z', 's', 'sdg', 't', 'tdg', 'rx', 'ry', 'rz'])
# Add depolarizing error for 2-qubit gates
error2 = depolarizing_error(p2, 2)
noise_model.add_all_qubit_quantum_error(error2, ['cx', 'cz', 'swap'])
# -----
# Step 7: Run simulation and compare with/without error correction
# -----
def run_comparison():
    backend = AerSimulator(noise_model=noise_model)

    # Create circuit without error correction (single qubit)
    qc_no_ec = QuantumCircuit(1, 1)
    qc_no_ec.h(0)

    # Apply similar operations as in the encoded case
    qc_no_ec.rx(0.5, 0)
    qc_no_ec.ry(0.3, 0)
    qc_no_ec.rz(0.7, 0)

    qc_no_ec.measure(0, 0)

    # Create circuit with error correction
    qc_with_ec = shor_qec_circuit()

    # Transpile both circuits
    transpiled_no_ec = transpile(qc_no_ec, backend)
    transpiled_with_ec = transpile(qc_with_ec, backend)

    # Run simulations
    print("Running simulation without error correction...")
    result_no_ec = backend.run(transpiled_no_ec, shots=1000).result()
    counts_no_ec = result_no_ec.get_counts()

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print("Running simulation with Shor error correction...")
result_with_ec = backend.run(transpiled_with_ec, shots=1000).result()
counts_with_ec = result_with_ec.get_counts()

# Calculate probabilities
prob_0_no_ec = counts_no_ec.get('0', 0) / 1000
prob_1_no_ec = counts_no_ec.get('1', 0) / 1000

prob_0_with_ec = counts_with_ec.get('0', 0) / 1000
prob_1_with_ec = counts_with_ec.get('1', 0) / 1000

print(f"\nResults:")
print(f"Without error correction: 0={prob_0_no_ec:.3f}, 1={prob_1_no_ec:.3f}")
print(f"With Shor error correction: 0={prob_0_with_ec:.3f}, 1={prob_1_with_ec:.3f}")

# For |+> state, we expect roughly 50/50 distribution
deviation_no_ec = abs(0.5 - prob_0_no_ec) * 200 # Percentage deviation
deviation_with_ec = abs(0.5 - prob_0_with_ec) * 200

print(f"Deviation from expected 50/50 without EC: {deviation_no_ec:.2f}%")
print(f"Deviation from expected 50/50 with EC: {deviation_with_ec:.2f}%")

# Plot results
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

plot_histogram(counts_no_ec, ax=ax1)
ax1.set_title('Without Error Correction')
ax1.set_ylim(0, 1000)

plot_histogram(counts_with_ec, ax=ax2)
ax2.set_title('With Shor Error Correction')
ax2.set_ylim(0, 1000)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('shor_code_comparison.png', dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

return counts_no_ec, counts_with_ec
# -----
# Step 8: Demonstration with specific error injection
# -----
def demonstrate_error_correction():
    print("\nDemonstrating error correction with specific error injection...")

    # Create a circuit where we intentionally introduce and correct an error
    qc = QuantumCircuit(9, 1)

    # Prepare |1> state
    qc.x(0)

    # Encode using Shor code
    encode_circuit = shor_encode()
    qc = qc.compose(encode_circuit)

    # Introduce a bit-flip error on qubit 4
    qc.x(4)

    # Decode
    decode_circuit = shor_encode().inverse()
    qc = qc.compose(decode_circuit)

    # Measure
    qc.measure(0, 0)

    # Run simulation without noise to see perfect correction
    backend = AerSimulator()
    transpiled_qc = transpile(qc, backend)
    result = backend.run(transpiled_qc, shots=1000).result()
    counts = result.get_counts()

    success_rate = counts.get('1', 0) / 10 # Percentage
    print(f"Results with intentional error on qubit 4: {counts}")
    print(f"Success rate: {success_rate:.1f}% (should be 100% with perfect correction)")

    return counts
# -----
# Step 9: Visualize Quantum Circuits
# -----
def visualize_circuits():
    # Create encoding circuit
    encode_circuit = shor_encode()
    print("Shor Encoding Circuit:")
    print(encode_circuit.draw(output='text'))

    # Create full QEC circuit (simplified for display)
    simple_qec = QuantumCircuit(9, 1)
    simple_qec.h(0)
    simple_qec = simple_qec.compose(shor_encode())
    simple_qec.barrier()
    simple_qec = simple_qec.compose(shor_encode().inverse())
    simple_qec.measure(0, 0)

    print("\nSimplified Shor QEC Circuit:")

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print(simple_qec.draw(output='text'))
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# Main execution
# -----
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Run the comparison
    counts_no_ec, counts_with_ec = run_comparison()

    # Demonstrate specific error correction
    error_counts = demonstrate_error_correction()

    # Show stats
    qc = shor_qec_circuit()
    print("\nCircuit depth:", qc.depth())
    print("Number of gates:", qc.size())
    print("Circuit width (qubits):", qc.num_qubits)

    # Display circuit diagrams
    visualize_circuits()
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Running simulation without error correction...
Running simulation with Shor error correction...
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Results:
Without error correction: 0=0.368, 1=0.632
With Shor error correction: 0=0.853, 1=0.147
Deviation from expected 50/50 without EC: 26.40%
Deviation from expected 50/50 with EC: 70.60%

