

Exercise 3.2.1

A general single qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ corresponds one point on the Bloch sphere with parameter (θ, φ) , and the relation is given by

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} |1\rangle \quad (1)$$

We can use the relation to find the (θ, φ) for a single qubit state.

- For $|+\rangle$, we have

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle = \cos \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) |0\rangle + \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) e^{i0} |1\rangle \quad (2)$$

Thus, the corresponding parameter for $|+\rangle$ is $(\pi/2, 0)$.

- For $|-\rangle$, we have

$$|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle = \cos \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) |0\rangle + \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) e^{i\pi} |1\rangle \quad (3)$$

where $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$. Thus, the corresponding parameter for $|-\rangle$ is $(\pi/2, \pi)$.