

Introduction to Quantum Computation, UPB

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1 Exercises

1. (a) Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ be Hermitian. Prove that if for all $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$, $\langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle \geq 0$, then A has only non-negative eigenvalues. (Hint: Start by taking the spectral decomposition of A , and then make clever choices for $|\psi\rangle$.)

Since A is Hermitian, we have that $A = A^\dagger$ (A is self-adjoint) and we have proven that all since A is normal, A is diagonalizable/there exists a spectral decomposition of A .

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i |\lambda_i\rangle\langle\lambda_i|$$

Where λ_i are the eigenvalues of A and $|\lambda_i\rangle$ are the corresponding eigenvectors such that $\{|\lambda_i\rangle\}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^d .

Additionally, since A is self-adjoint, we have that all eigenvalues λ_i are real.

Given $\langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle \geq 0$, for all $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$, we can choose $|\psi\rangle = |\lambda_i\rangle$ for all i and we have that:

$$\langle\lambda_i|A|\lambda_i\rangle \stackrel{\text{by calculation with spectr. decomp}}{=} \lambda_i \geq 0$$

Which is what we wanted to prove.

- (b) Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ be Hermitian. Prove that if A has only non-negative eigenvalues, then for all $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$, $\langle\psi|A|\psi\rangle \geq 0$. (Hint: Write $|\psi\rangle$ with respect to the eigenbasis of A .)

Similiarly, let:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i |\lambda_i\rangle\langle\lambda_i|$$

Where λ_i are the eigenvalues of A and $|\lambda_i\rangle$ are the corresponding eigenvectors such that $\{|\lambda_i\rangle\}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^d .

Now, since $\{|\lambda_i\rangle\}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^d , we have that:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d \mu_i |\lambda_i\rangle$$

For some $\mu_i \in \mathbb{C}$.

And now:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^d \mu_i^\dagger \langle \lambda_i | A \sum_{j=1}^d \mu_j | \lambda_j \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d \mu_i^\dagger \mu_j \langle \lambda_i | A | \lambda_j \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d \mu_i^\dagger \mu_j \lambda_i \delta_{i,j} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^d \mu_i^\dagger \mu_i \lambda_i \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^d |\mu_i|^2 \lambda_i
\end{aligned}$$

And since $|\mu_i|^2 \geq 0$ for all i , we have that $\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle \geq 0$, for all $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$ as desired.

2. Let $|\psi\rangle = |-\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$. Suppose we measure in the Z basis $B = \{|0\rangle\langle 0|, |1\rangle\langle 1|\}$. What are the probabilities for each possible measurement outcome, and the corresponding post-measurement states?

$$|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(\text{outcome } |0\rangle : |\psi\rangle) &= \text{Tr}(|0\rangle\langle 0| |-\rangle\langle -| |0\rangle\langle 0|) \\
&\stackrel{\text{cyclic}}{=} \text{Tr}(|0\rangle\langle 0| |0\rangle\langle 0| |-\rangle\langle -|) \\
&= \text{Tr}(|0\rangle\langle 0| |-\rangle\langle -|) \\
&= \text{Tr}(\langle 0|-\rangle \langle -|0\rangle) \\
&= \langle 0|-\rangle \langle -|0\rangle \\
&= \langle 0|-\rangle \langle 0|-\rangle^\dagger \\
&= |\langle 0|-\rangle|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 0|0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 0|1\rangle \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Post measurement state if we measure $|0\rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\psi'\rangle &= \frac{|0\rangle \langle 0|-\rangle}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{|0\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \\
&= |0\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

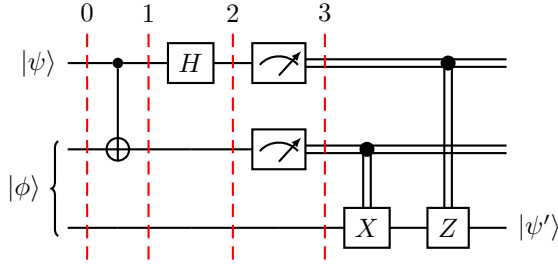
$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(\text{outcome } |1\rangle : |\psi\rangle) &= \text{Tr}(|1\rangle\langle 1| |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) \\
&\stackrel{\text{cyclic}}{=} \text{Tr}(|1\rangle\langle 1| |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) \\
&= \text{Tr}(|1\rangle\langle 1| |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) \\
&= \text{Tr}(\langle 1| - \rangle \langle - | 1 \rangle) \\
&= \langle 1| - \rangle \langle - | 1 \rangle \\
&= \langle 1| - \rangle \langle 1| - \rangle^\dagger \\
&= |\langle 1| - \rangle|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1| 0 \rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1| 1 \rangle \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Post measurement state if we measure $|1\rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\psi'\rangle &= \frac{|1\rangle \langle 1| - \rangle}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{-|1\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \\
&= -|1\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the teleportation protocol we saw in class. Does it still work if we replace the use of the entangled Bell state $|\phi^+\rangle$ with the unentangled state $|00\rangle$ (i.e. Alice and Bob share the state $|00\rangle$)? How about if we use $\sqrt{2/5}|00\rangle + \sqrt{3/5}|11\rangle$ instead of $|\phi^+\rangle$?

In class we saw for $|\phi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ the following circuit.



For $|\phi\rangle = |\phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle$ we have analyzed the circuit and determined that $|\psi'\rangle = |\psi\rangle$.

Now consider $|\phi\rangle = |00\rangle$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_0\rangle &= |\psi\rangle \otimes |00\rangle \\
&= (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes |00\rangle \\
&= \alpha|0\rangle \otimes |00\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \otimes |00\rangle \\
&= \alpha|000\rangle + \beta|100\rangle \\
&= (\alpha|00\rangle + \beta|10\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_1\rangle &= (\text{CNOT} \otimes I) |\phi_0\rangle \\
&= \alpha |00\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + \beta |11\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \\
&= \alpha |000\rangle + \beta |110\rangle \\
&= \alpha |0\rangle |00\rangle + \beta |1\rangle |10\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_2\rangle &= (H \otimes I \otimes I) |\phi_1\rangle \\
&= \alpha |+\rangle |00\rangle + \beta |-\rangle |10\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha |000\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha |100\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta |010\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta |110\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Alice measures $B = \{|00\rangle\langle 00| \otimes I, |01\rangle\langle 01| \otimes I, |10\rangle\langle 10| \otimes I, |11\rangle\langle 11| \otimes I\}$

For outcome $|00\rangle$ we have $\text{Pr} = \frac{1}{2} |\alpha|^2$ and $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{|\alpha|} |0\rangle$.

For outcome $|01\rangle$ we have $\text{Pr} = \frac{1}{2} |\beta|^2$ and $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\beta}{|\beta|} |0\rangle$.

For outcome $|10\rangle$ we have $\text{Pr} = \frac{1}{2} |\alpha|^2$ and $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{|\alpha|} |0\rangle$.

For outcome $|11\rangle$ we have $\text{Pr} = \frac{1}{2} |\beta|^2$ and $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{-\beta}{|\beta|} |0\rangle$.

After applying controlled X and Z gates we have

For outcome $|00\rangle$ we have $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{|\alpha|} |0\rangle$.

For outcome $|01\rangle$ we have $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\beta}{|\beta|} |1\rangle$.

For outcome $|10\rangle$ we have $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{|\alpha|} |0\rangle$.

For outcome $|11\rangle$ we have $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{\beta}{|\beta|} |1\rangle$.

We have essentially measured the qubit and have transferred the resulting state with global phase to Bob. This is not teleportation.

Now consider $|\phi\rangle = \sqrt{2/5} |00\rangle + \sqrt{3/5} |11\rangle$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_0\rangle &= |\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle \\
&= (\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle) \otimes (\sqrt{2/5} |00\rangle + \sqrt{3/5} |11\rangle) \\
&= (\alpha \sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \alpha \sqrt{3/5} |011\rangle + \beta \sqrt{2/5} |100\rangle + \beta \sqrt{3/5} |111\rangle)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_1\rangle &= (\text{CNOT} \otimes I) |\phi_0\rangle \\
&= \alpha \sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \alpha \sqrt{3/5} |111\rangle + \beta \sqrt{2/5} |110\rangle + \beta \sqrt{3/5} |101\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_2\rangle &= (H \otimes I \otimes I) |\phi_1\rangle \\
&= \alpha\sqrt{2/5} |+\rangle |00\rangle + \alpha\sqrt{3/5} |+\rangle |11\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5} |-\rangle |10\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5} |-\rangle |01\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&\quad \cdot (\alpha\sqrt{2/5}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) |00\rangle \\
&\quad + \alpha\sqrt{3/5}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) |11\rangle \\
&\quad + \beta\sqrt{2/5}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) |10\rangle \\
&\quad + \beta\sqrt{3/5}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) |01\rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&\quad \cdot (|00\rangle (\alpha\sqrt{2/5} |0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5} |1\rangle) \\
&\quad + |01\rangle (\alpha\sqrt{3/5} |1\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5} |0\rangle) \\
&\quad + |10\rangle (\alpha\sqrt{2/5} |0\rangle - \beta\sqrt{3/5} |1\rangle) \\
&\quad + |11\rangle (\alpha\sqrt{3/5} |1\rangle - \beta\sqrt{2/5} |0\rangle)) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&\quad \cdot (\alpha\sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5} |001\rangle \\
&\quad + \alpha\sqrt{3/5} |011\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5} |010\rangle \\
&\quad + \alpha\sqrt{2/5} |100\rangle - \beta\sqrt{3/5} |101\rangle \\
&\quad + \alpha\sqrt{3/5} |111\rangle - \beta\sqrt{2/5} |110\rangle)
\end{aligned}$$

We shall consider the measurement outcomes:

For $|00\rangle$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\| (|00\rangle\langle 00| \otimes I) |\phi_2\rangle \|_2^2 &= \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{3/5} |001\rangle \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \cdot |\alpha|^2 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot |\beta|^2 \cdot \frac{3}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

And the new state is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{3/5} |001\rangle}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot |\alpha|^2 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot |\beta|^2 \cdot \frac{3}{5}}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\alpha \cdot \sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \beta \cdot \sqrt{3/5} |001\rangle}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot |\alpha|^2 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot |\beta|^2 \cdot \frac{3}{5}}} \\
&= \frac{\alpha \cdot \sqrt{2/5} |000\rangle + \beta \cdot \sqrt{3/5} |001\rangle}{\sqrt{|\alpha|^2 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + |\beta|^2 \cdot \frac{3}{5}}}
\end{aligned}$$

The other measurement outcomes behave similarly. We will write them out in their un-normalized form:

The new state for the third qubit is

Outcome $|00\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|01\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle$

Outcome $|10\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle - \beta\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|11\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle - \beta\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle$

As before, we may apply the X -gate, controlled by the measurement of the second qubit, to the third qubit.

The new state for the third qubit is

Outcome $|00\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|01\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{3/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|10\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle - \beta\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|11\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{3/5}|0\rangle - \beta\sqrt{2/5}|1\rangle$

As before, we now apply the Z -gate, controlled by the measurement of the first qubit, to the third qubit.

The new state for the third qubit is

Outcome $|00\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|01\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{3/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|10\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{2/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{3/5}|1\rangle$

Outcome $|11\rangle$: $\alpha\sqrt{3/5}|0\rangle + \beta\sqrt{2/5}|1\rangle$

Our result is a state, that is strongly correlated with the original state $|\psi\rangle$.

Since the outcome vectors are normalized, I don't believe that the result is a linear transformation of the original state. It may or may not be difficult to recover the original state from the result.