

Assignment #7.

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We consider a two-qubit error and a one qubit-error

$$E_0 := (Z \otimes 1 \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes Z \otimes 1) \otimes (Z \otimes 1 \otimes 1),$$

$$E_1 := (1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1) \otimes (Z \otimes 1 \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1).$$

Then,

$$E_0 |\bar{0}\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle - |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle + |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle - |111\rangle)$$

$$\text{''} \quad E_1 |\bar{1}\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle - |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle + |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle - |111\rangle)$$

As Shor's code would be able to correct the one-qubit error E_1 back into $|\bar{1}\rangle$, it would also (falsely) "correct" the two-qubits error E_0 into $|\bar{1}\rangle$ since $E_0 |\bar{0}\rangle = E_1 |\bar{1}\rangle$.

We can conclude that Shor's code is not resistant to two-qubits errors.

END of Assignment #7.