

# Assignment #7.

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

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

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

Then,

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

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

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.