

# CSCI-B490: Quantum Programming

## Homework 3

Due: Tues, Feb 4

This assignment will be submitted to Canvas under Homework 3. You'll upload a pdf document named **hw3.pdf** containing your written responses. You'll also upload your qasm files. For the sanity of the graders, name your code files using the following format: **hw3-exE-P.qasm** or **hw3-exE-P.py** where **E** is the exercise number and **P** is the part number.

It is not currently possible to define a circuit in Open QASM which is parametrized by the number of input bits. For example, we know that for all  $n > 0$ , there exists an  $n$ -bit circuit which negates every input. We might call such a circuit  $x(n)$ . On paper, we can define such things recursively in pidgin Python:

```
def x(n):
    if n == 1:
        return single-bit circuit with an x gate
    if n > 1:
        c = x(n-1)
        add a new register q to c
        apply x to q
        return c
```

### Exercise 1. (10 points)

1. Design a 5-bit ripple adder (cf. Lecture on 1/28)
2. Show how to construct for all  $n > 0$ , **adder**( $n$ ), in pidgin python.
3. Define an actual python function **adder\_circuit** which takes a positive integer  $n$  and returns a QuantumCircuit implementing **adder**( $n$ ). (QuantumCircuit is a class you can import from qiskit. QuantumRegister is also a useful class here.)

Next write a wrapper **plus** which takes two non-negative integers and computes their sum by running **adder\_circuit** on appropriate inputs.

**Exercise 2.** (12 points)

1. Convert truth tables for the following functions/circuits into cyclic notation:

- $x$  (in a 1-bit context)
- $x$  (in a 4-bit context)
- $cx$  (in a 2-bit context)
- $cx$  (in a 4-bit context)
- $ccx$  (in a 3-bit context)
- $ccx$  (in a 4-bit context)

2. Recall this theorem discussed in lecture:

**Theorem.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation and let*

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= (a_1\ b_1)(a_2\ b_2) \cdots (a_m\ b_m) \\ \sigma &= (c_1\ d_1)(c_2\ d_2) \cdots (c_n\ d_n)\end{aligned}$$

*be two decompositions of  $\sigma$  into transpositions. Then  $m$  is even iff  $n$  is even.*

Using this theorem, prove that the function CCCNOT cannot be implemented with a 4-bit circuit using the gate basis  $\{x, cx, ccx\}$ .

3. Prove also that a 5-bit majority function cannot be implemented with a 5-bit circuit using the gate basis  $\{x, cx, ccx\}$ .

**Exercise 3.** (2 points). Define `toffoli`( $n$ ) in  $\Pi$  (cf. Lecture on 1/30).

**Exercise 4.** (2 points). Define `toffoli`( $n$ ) in Theseus (cf. Lecture on 1/30).

**Exercise 5.** (4 extra credit points). Use Quipper (cf. Lecture on 1/30) to generate a reversible  $n$ -bit multiplier circuit.