

## Problem Sheet 5

### 1. Balanced functions

(a)  $f: B_2 \rightarrow B_1$

$$\{00, 01, 10, 11\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

Balanced function must have equal number zero outputs as one outputs

| $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $f_1(x_1, x_2)$ | $f_2(x_1, x_2)$ | $f_3(x_1, x_2)$ | $f_4(x_1, x_2)$ | $f_5(x_1, x_2)$ | $f_6(x_1, x_2)$ |
|-------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 0     | 0     | 0               | 1               | 1               | 1               | 0               | 0               |
| 0     | 1     | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 1               | 1               |
| 1     | 0     | 1               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 1               | 0               |
| 1     | 1     | 1               | 0               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 1               |

(b)  $\gamma: B_2 \rightarrow B_1$ , again.

$$|\gamma\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x_1, x_2=0}^1 (-1)^{f(x_1, x_2)} |x_1, x_2\rangle$$

To be orthogonal, we must have  $\langle f_1 | f_2 \rangle = 0$ . Since  $|f_1\rangle$  and  $|f_2\rangle$  are in the same basis, we may choose

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & x_1, x_2 = 00 \\ 0 & x_1, x_2 = 01 \\ 1 & x_1, x_2 = 10 \\ 1 & x_1, x_2 = 11 \end{cases}$$

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & x_1 x_2 = 00 \\ 1 & x_1 x_2 = 01 \\ 1 & x_1 x_2 = 10 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 = 11 \end{cases}$$

Then

$$|f_1(x_1, x_2)\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

$$|f_2(x_1, x_2)\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle - |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$\therefore \langle f_1 | f_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\langle 00|00\rangle - \langle 01|01\rangle + \langle 10|10\rangle - \langle 11|11\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (1 - 1 + 1 - 1) = 0 \quad \therefore \text{hence } |f_1\rangle \text{ and } |f_2\rangle \text{ orthogonal}$$

To find one pair such that their states are not orthogonal we could modify  $|f_2\rangle$  to become

$$f_2(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 & x_1 x_2 = 00 \\ 1 & x_1 x_2 = 01 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 = 10 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 = 11 \end{cases}$$

and hence

$$|f_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (-|00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_1 | f_2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} (-\langle 00|00\rangle - \langle 01|01\rangle - \langle 10|10\rangle - \langle 11|11\rangle) \\ &= -1 \quad \therefore f_1 \text{ and } f_2 \text{ not orthogonal.} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Constant function will have the form

$$g_0(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & x_1 x_2 = 00 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 = 01 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 = 10 \\ 0 & x_1 x_2 = 11 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore |g_0\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

A state associated to a balanced function will have two positive states and two negative states, for example

$$|\gamma\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

Let's label the coefficients  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  as

$$|\gamma\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle)$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \{+1, -1\}$ . Then

$$\langle \gamma | g \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (a + b + c + d)$$

Given that for a balanced function, two of  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  must be  $+1$ , with the other two  $-1$ , we can clearly see that in any permutation, the sum  $a+b+c+d=0$ . Hence  $|\gamma\rangle$  is orthogonal to all balanced functions.

| (d) | $x_1 x_2 x_3$ | $\gamma_1$ | $\gamma_2$ | $\gamma_3$ | $\gamma_4$ |
|-----|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|     | 000           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
|     | 100           | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          |
|     | 010           | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          |
|     | 001           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          |

|     |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| 110 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 101 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 011 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 111 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

balanced      <sup>not</sup> balanced      balanced      balanced

## 2. Functions from one trit to one trit

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$$f: \{0, 1, 2\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$(a) \quad 0 \rightarrow 0, 0 \rightarrow 1, 0 \rightarrow 2, 1 \rightarrow 0, 1 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 0, 2 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 2$$

9 such functions exist.

$$(b) \quad f_1(x) = (x+2) \bmod 3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_1(0) = (0+2) \bmod 3 = 2 \\ f_1(1) = (1+2) \bmod 3 = 0 \\ f_1(2) = (2+2) \bmod 3 = 1 \end{array} \right\} f_1 \text{ takes } \underline{\text{three values}}$$

$$(c) \quad f_2(0) = 1, \quad f_2(1) = 0, \quad f_2(2) = 2$$

$$\text{we want in form } f_2(x) = (ax^2 + bx + c) \bmod 3$$

$$f_2(0) = 1 = c \bmod 3 \quad (1)$$

$$f_2(1) = 0 = (a+b+c) \bmod 3 \quad (2)$$

$$f_2(2) = 2 \equiv (4a + 2b + c) \pmod{3} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (1)} \rightarrow c \pmod{3} = 1 \rightarrow c = 3n + 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{But } c \in \{0, 1, 2\} \therefore \underline{\underline{c=1}} \quad (n=0)$$

$$\therefore (2) \rightarrow (a+b+1) \pmod{3} = 0$$

$$(3) \rightarrow (4a+2b+1) \pmod{3} = 2$$

$$\text{From (2)} \quad a+b+1 = 3n \Rightarrow a+b = 3n-1$$

$$\text{From (3)} \quad 4a+2b+1 = 3n+2 \Rightarrow 4a+2b = 3n+1$$

$$\therefore 4a+2b-2 = a+b$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a+b = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2 - 3a \quad (a, b \in \{0, 1, 2\})$$

Therefore  $a=0$  (any other value would mean that  $b$  is negative) and hence  $b=2$ .

$$a=0, b=2, c=0 \rightarrow f_2(x) = (2x+1) \pmod{3}$$

$$\text{Verify: } f_2(0) = 1 \pmod{3} = 1 \quad f_2(1) = 3 \pmod{3} = 0$$

$$f_2(2) = 5 \pmod{3} = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(d) \quad f_3(x) = x^3 \pmod{3}; \quad f_4(x) = x^4 \pmod{3}$$

Begin with  $f_3$ :

$$f_3(0) = 0; \quad f_3(1) = 1; \quad f_3(2) = 2 \quad \downarrow^{8 \pmod{3}}$$

$$\therefore \underline{f_3(x) = x \bmod 3} \quad (\text{form above with } a=c=0, b=1)$$

Now  $f_4(x)$ :

$$f_4(0) = 0 \bmod 3 = 0$$

$$f_4(1) = 1 \bmod 3 = 1$$

$$f_4(2) = 16 \bmod 3 = 1$$

$$f_4(x) = x^2 \bmod 3 \quad (\text{form above with } b=c=0, a=1).$$

### 3. Identifying Functions

$B_2$ : set of all 2 bit strings  $(00, 01, 10, 11)$

$$B_1 = \{0, 1\}$$

$$g: B_2 \rightarrow B_1$$

has property

$$V_g(x) = (-1)^{g(x)} |x\rangle \quad x = x_1 x_2, |x\rangle = |x_1 x_2\rangle$$

Define 4 functions

$$f_{00}(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$f_{01}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 00, 01 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{10}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 00, 10 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{11}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 00, 11 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Insert  $x = 00$  into  $f_a = f_{00} \text{ or } f_{01} \text{ or } f_{10} \text{ or } f_{11}$ .

into  $f_{00} \rightarrow$  returns 0

into  $f_{01} \rightarrow$  returns 0

into  $f_{10} \rightarrow$  returns 0

into  $f_{11} \rightarrow$  returns 0

Since all functions return the same value, we gain no information from this query.

Consider querying at first 00 as above - we learn no new information.

We might then query  $x = 01$ . In this case, if we get  $f_a(01) = 0$  then it could be  $f_{00} \text{ or } f_{11}$ , and if we get  $f_a(01) = 1$ , then it could be  $f_{01} \text{ or } f_{10}$ . Hence we need one more query ( $11 \text{ or } 10$ ) to properly determine the function.

Hence we need 3 queries ( $2^{n-1} + 1$  in general).

(b) For an arbitrary function  $g$ , we have

$$V_g = (-1)^{g(00)} |00\rangle\langle 00| + (-1)^{g(01)} |01\rangle\langle 01| \\ + (-1)^{g(10)} |10\rangle\langle 10| + (-1)^{g(11)} |11\rangle\langle 11|$$

Check if unitary:  $\xrightarrow{g \in \text{IR}}$  (maps  $\{00, 01, 10, 11\} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$ )

$$V_g^\dagger V = \left( (-1)^{g(00)} |00\rangle\langle 00| + (-1)^{g(01)} |01\rangle\langle 01| \right. \\ \left. + (-1)^{g(10)} |10\rangle\langle 10| + (-1)^{g(11)} |11\rangle\langle 11| \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left( (-1)^{g(00)} |00\rangle \langle 00| + (-1)^{g(01)} |01\rangle \langle 01| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + (-1)^{g(10)} |10\rangle \langle 10| + (-1)^{g(11)} |11\rangle \langle 11| \right) \\
= & \left[ (-1)^{g(00)} \right]^2 |00\rangle \langle 00| + \left[ (-1)^{g(01)} \right]^2 |01\rangle \langle 01| \\
& + \left[ (-1)^{g(10)} \right]^2 |10\rangle \langle 10| + \left[ (-1)^{g(11)} \right]^2 |11\rangle \langle 11|
\end{aligned}$$

We can see that

$$\left[ (-1)^{g(x)} \right]^2 = (-1)^{2g(x)} = 1^{g(x)} = 1$$

and hence

$$V_g^\dagger V = |00\rangle \langle 00| + |01\rangle \langle 01| + |10\rangle \langle 10| + |11\rangle \langle 11| = I$$

Hence  $V_g$  is unitary in general.

$$(c) |g\rangle = V_g (H \otimes H) |00\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = V_g |+\rangle |+\rangle = V_g \left( \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{2} V_g (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle) \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left( (-1)^{g(00)} |00\rangle + (-1)^{g(01)} |01\rangle + (-1)^{g(10)} |10\rangle + (-1)^{g(11)} |11\rangle \right)
\end{aligned}$$

So, for each function the signs in front of the states i.e. the phase will be different.

However, for all possible phase permutations, we will measure  $|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle$  with equal probability, so we still learn nothing about the original function.

(d) Start with two qubits in  $|00\rangle$

$$|q_1\rangle = |00\rangle$$

Apply  $H \otimes H$

$$H \otimes H |q\rangle = |+\rangle|+\rangle = \left( \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

Apply  $V_{f_a}$ :

$$V_{f_a}(H \otimes H)|q\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x^1 (-1)^{f_a(x)} |x\rangle \quad (x \in \{00, 01, 10, 11\})$$

Apply  $H \otimes H$

$$\begin{aligned} (H \otimes H)V_{f_a}(H \otimes H)|q\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}(H \otimes H) \sum_x^1 (-1)^{f_a(x)} |x\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(H \otimes H) \left[ (-1)^{f_a(00)} |00\rangle + (-1)^{f_a(01)} |01\rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)^{f_a(10)} |10\rangle + (-1)^{f_a(11)} |11\rangle \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |m\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (-1)^{f_a(00)} |++\rangle + (-1)^{f_a(01)} |+-\rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)^{f_a(10)} |-+\rangle + (-1)^{f_a(11)} |--\rangle \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$|++\rangle = \left( \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} [ |00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle ]$$

$$|+-\rangle = \left( \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} [ |00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle ]$$

$$|-+\rangle = \left( \frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} [ |00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle - |11\rangle ]$$

$$|--\rangle = \left( \frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} [ |00\rangle - |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |11\rangle ]$$

$$|m_{00}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} [ 2|00\rangle ] = |00\rangle$$

↖ n.b. I'm using this  
to add them in my  
head - it's a lot to  
write out ↑

$$|m_{01}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} [ 2|01\rangle ] = |01\rangle$$

$$|m_{10}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} [ 2|10\rangle ] = |10\rangle$$

↖ all collapse onto single states  
(measurement outcome is certain)

$$|m_{11}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} [2|11\rangle] = |11\rangle$$

Hence

| <u>measurement</u> | <u>function (with certainty)</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 00                 | $f_{00}$                         |
| 01                 | $f_{10}$                         |
| 10                 | $f_{01}$                         |
| 11                 | $f_{11}$                         |

#### 4. Periodic States

$$\text{QFT}|a\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{b=0}^{N-1} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i ab}{N}\right) |b\rangle \quad 0 \leq a \leq N-1$$

(a) in  $N=6$  dimensions

$$\text{QFT}|a\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sum_{b=0}^5 w^{ab} |b\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left[ |0\rangle + w^a |1\rangle + w^{2a} |2\rangle + w^{3a} |3\rangle + w^{4a} |4\rangle + w^{5a} |5\rangle \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ w^a \\ w^{2a} \\ w^{3a} \\ w^{4a} \\ w^{5a} \end{bmatrix} //$$

(b) periodic if  $|a\rangle + |a+r\rangle + |a+2r\rangle + \dots$

with period =  $r$

$|T\rangle$  is either

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [ |0\rangle + |1\rangle + |2\rangle + |3\rangle + |4\rangle + |5\rangle ] \quad r=1$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [ |0\rangle + |2\rangle + |4\rangle ] \quad r=2$$

$\approx$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [ |1\rangle + |3\rangle + |5\rangle ] \quad r=2$$

We measure  $|T\rangle$  in the standard basis  $\{|0\rangle, \dots, |N-1\rangle\}$

As we only measure once, we can only learn one state. This means that there is no way to measure the period. If we measured say  $|2\rangle$ , this tells us nothing about our period - it could be 1 or 2 still.

(c) In  $|T\rangle$  again

Apply  $\text{QFT}_6$

$$\text{QFT}_6 |T\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sum_{b=0}^5 w^{Tb} |b\rangle$$

$$\text{QFT}|T\rangle_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\text{QFT}|0\rangle + \text{QFT}|1\rangle + \dots + \text{QFT}|5\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ w \\ w^2 \\ w^3 \\ w^4 \\ w^5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ w^2 \\ w^4 \\ w^6 \\ w^8 \\ w^{10} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ w^3 \\ w^6 \\ w^9 \\ w^{12} \\ w^{15} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ w^4 \\ w^8 \\ w^{12} \\ w^{16} \\ w^{20} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ w^5 \\ w^{10} \\ w^{15} \\ w^{20} \\ w^{25} \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1+w+w^2+w^3+w^4+w^5 \\ 1+w^2+w^4+w^6+w^8+w^{10} \\ 1+w^3+w^6+w^9+w^{12}+w^{15} \\ 1+w^4+w^8+w^{12}+w^{16}+w^{20} \\ 1+w^5+w^{10}+w^{15}+w^{20}+w^{25} \end{bmatrix} \right] = \frac{1}{6} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{summing power } w=e^{i\pi/3}} = |0\rangle$$

$$QFT |T\rangle_2 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1+w^2+w^4 \\ 1+w^4+w^8 \\ 1+w^6+w^{12} \\ 1+w^8+w^{16} \\ 1+w^{10}+w^{20} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |3\rangle)$$

$$QFT |T\rangle_3 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ w+w^3+w^5 \\ w^2+w^6+w^{10} \\ w^3+w^9+w^{15} \\ w^4+w^{12}+w^{20} \\ w^5+w^{15}+w^{25} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |3\rangle)$$

So being able to measure  $|3\rangle$  is an indicator of periodicity 2. However, we want always measure this.

If the period is actually 2 then we will either be in state 2 or 3.

Then, there is a 50% chance in each to measure  $|0\rangle$ , in which case we are not certain.

## S. Quantum Cryptography

$$(a) |0\rangle, |u\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + w|1\rangle)$$

$$z = |0\rangle \langle 0| - |1\rangle \langle 1|$$

$$c = |u\rangle \langle u| - |u^\perp\rangle \langle u^\perp| \quad (\text{orthogonal state } |u^\perp\rangle)$$

In  $z$  we measure in  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$  basis

$$\langle u^\perp | u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle 0 | u \rangle - w^2 \langle 1 | u \rangle) = 0$$

In  $c$  we measure in  $\{|u\rangle, |u^\perp\rangle\}$  basis

$|u^\perp\rangle$  must be orthogonal to  $|u\rangle$ , can use  $|u^\perp\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - w^* |1\rangle)$

We need  $|0\rangle$  in this basis

$$|0\rangle = A|u\rangle + B|u^\perp\rangle$$

$$\langle u | 0 \rangle = A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \langle u^+ | 0 \rangle = B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\rangle + |u^+\rangle)$$

So Alice can send  $|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\rangle + |u^+\rangle)$  or  $|u\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |u^+\rangle)$

If Bob measures  $Z$ , he can get (in  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ )

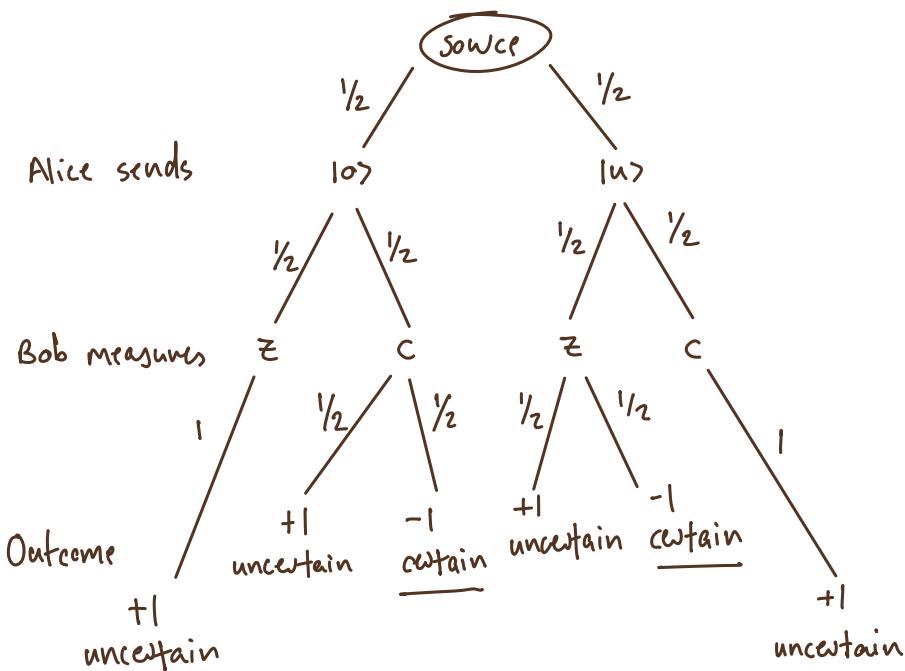
$+1 \rightarrow$  outcome is  $|0\rangle \rightarrow$  uncertain, both  $|0\rangle$  and  $|u\rangle$  have  $|0\rangle$

$-1 \rightarrow$  outcome is  $|1\rangle \rightarrow$  certain, only  $|u\rangle$  contains  $|1\rangle$

If Bob measures  $C$ , he can get (in  $\{|u\rangle, |u^+\rangle\}$ )

$+1 \rightarrow$  outcome is  $|u\rangle \rightarrow$  uncertain, both  $|0\rangle$  and  $|u\rangle$  have  $|u\rangle$

$-1 \rightarrow$  outcome is  $|u^+\rangle \rightarrow$  certain, only  $|0\rangle$  has  $|u^+\rangle$  term.



So the probability that Bob is certain what Alice sent is

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

- (b) we must now encode trits since Alice can send three different bits.

However, we will run into an issue.

Imagine that Alice sends  $|0\rangle$ , and then Bob measures  $Z$ . Previously, to be certain that Alice sent the "other" state, Bob would need to measure  $-I$ . However, since  $|+\rangle$  and  $|y+\rangle$  are superpositions of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$ , we can now only rule out  $|0\rangle$ , but we still have two options on what the state could be. Hence, we can never know with certainty what state Alice sent, so this process is not useful for quantum cryptography.

Bob could then randomly measure another operator on the state he has left ( $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + |y+\rangle)$  here) and he then might learn the state.

However, the probability of "guessing the right operator twice" now becomes very low.