

# qLearn Week 3: Quantum Operations

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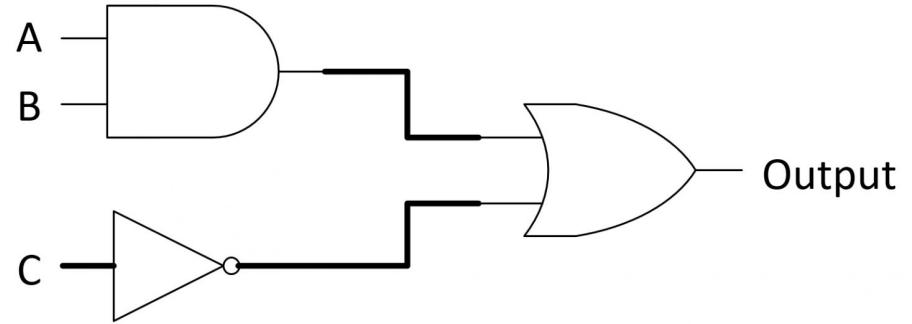


# Last Week Recap

## **WHY LINEAR ALGEBRA?**

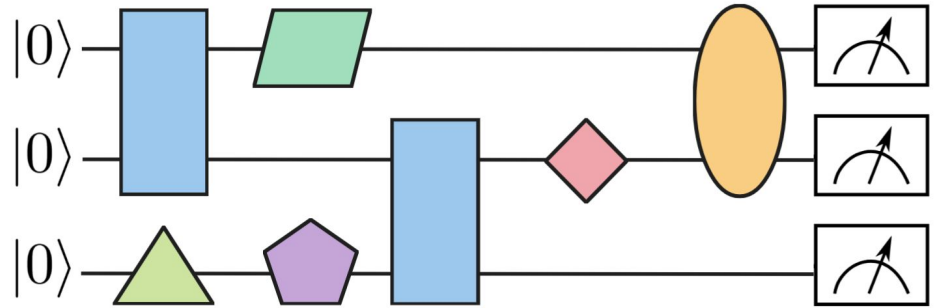
# Classical Circuits

## - Boolean Logic

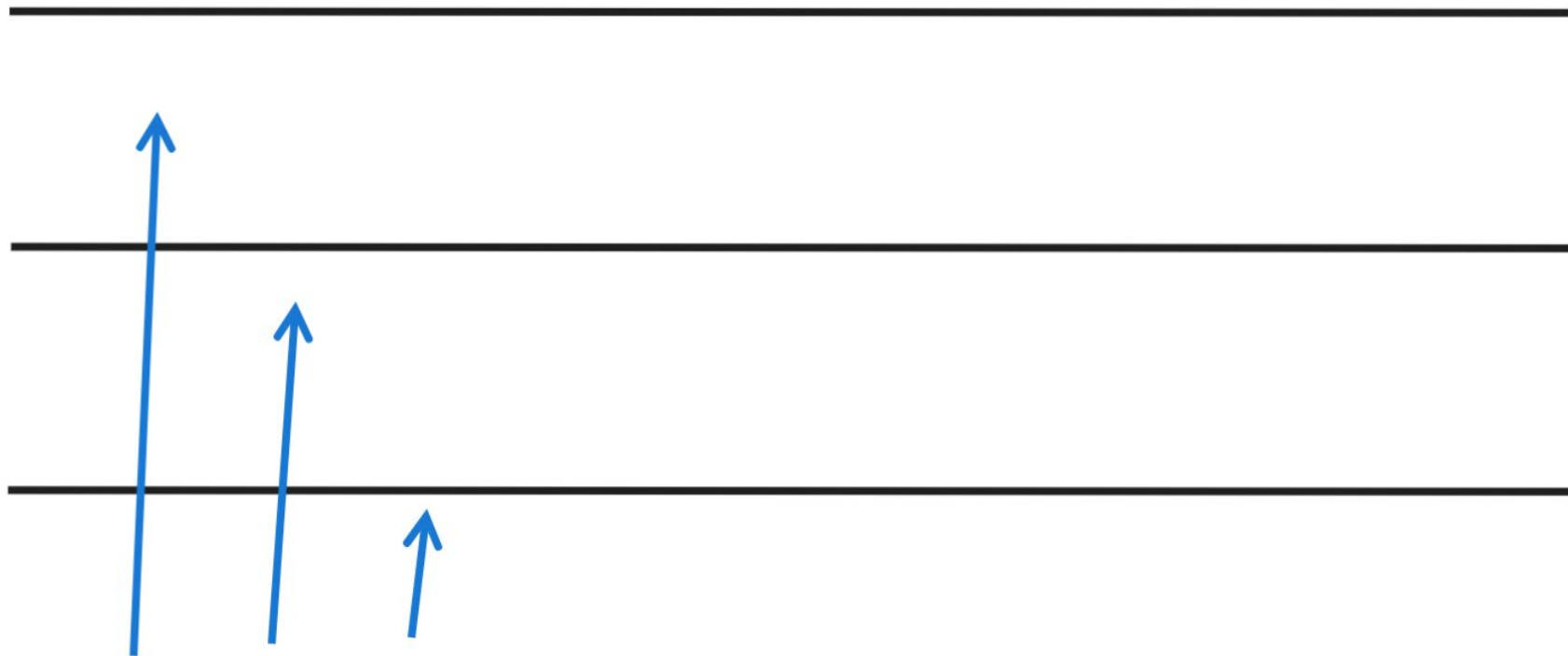


- Binary logic (0 and 1 inputs and outputs)
- **Physical** gates and wiring
- Different types of gates indicate different operations
- Every computer calculation and operation is a result of these circuits

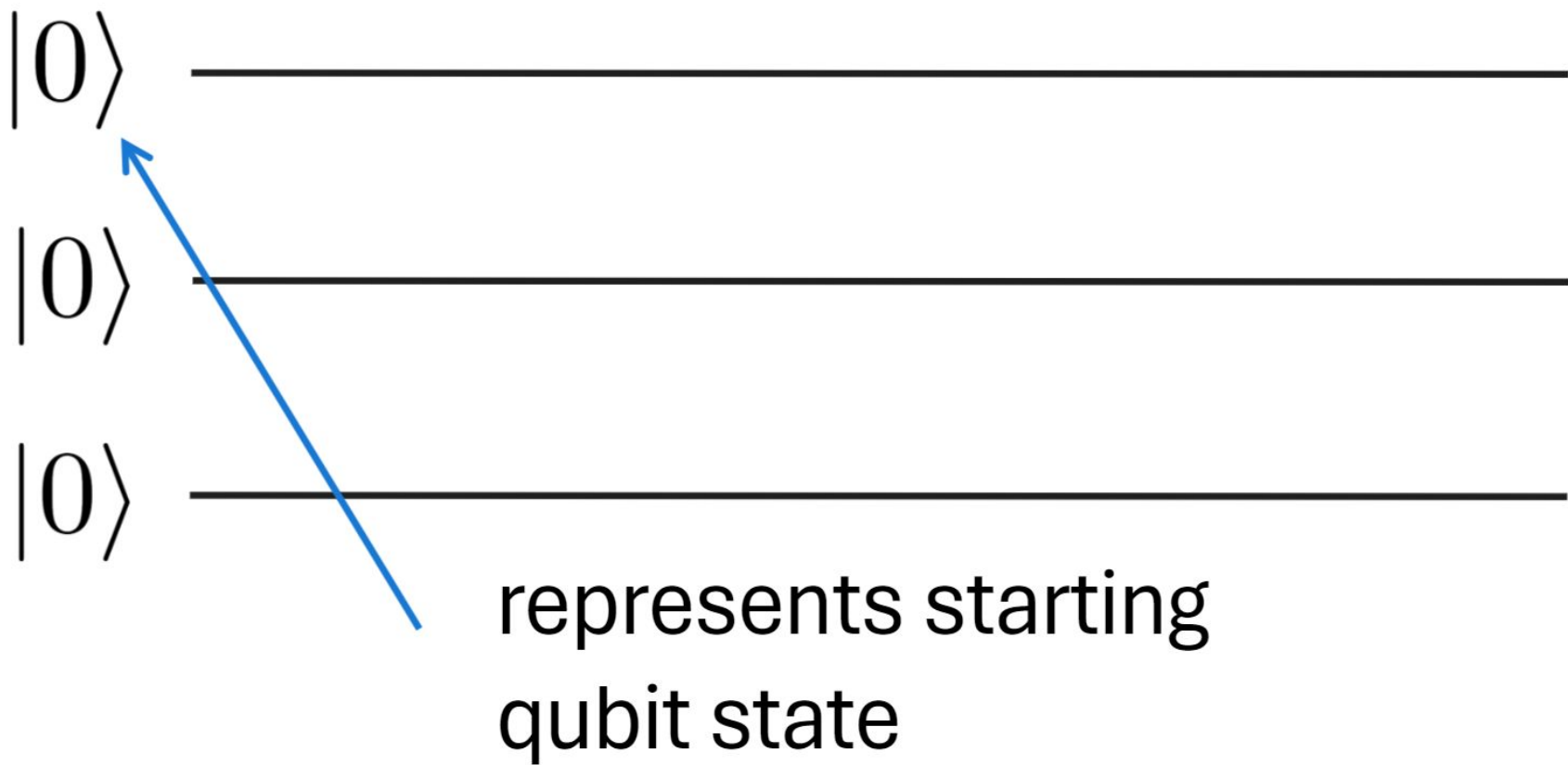
# Quantum Circuits

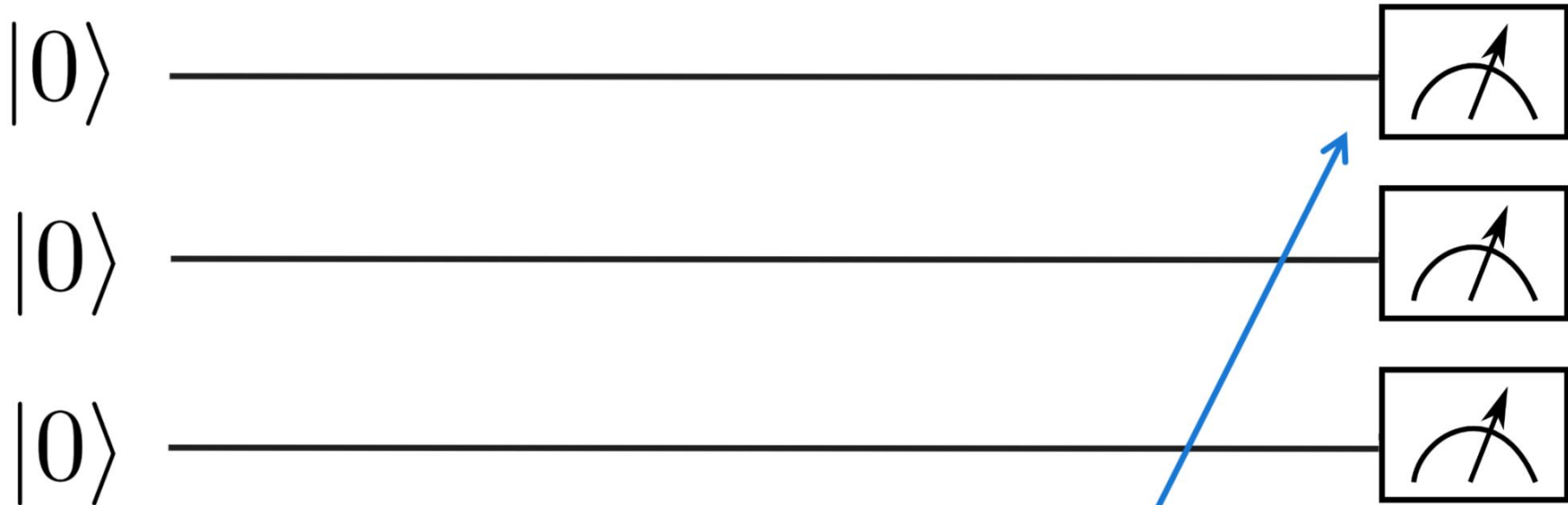


- Visual representation of operations being made on a qubit (very complicated physics, learn more in future hardware lectures)
- Represented by linear algebraic transformations mathematically
- Contains information about quantum algorithms, visual representation of them



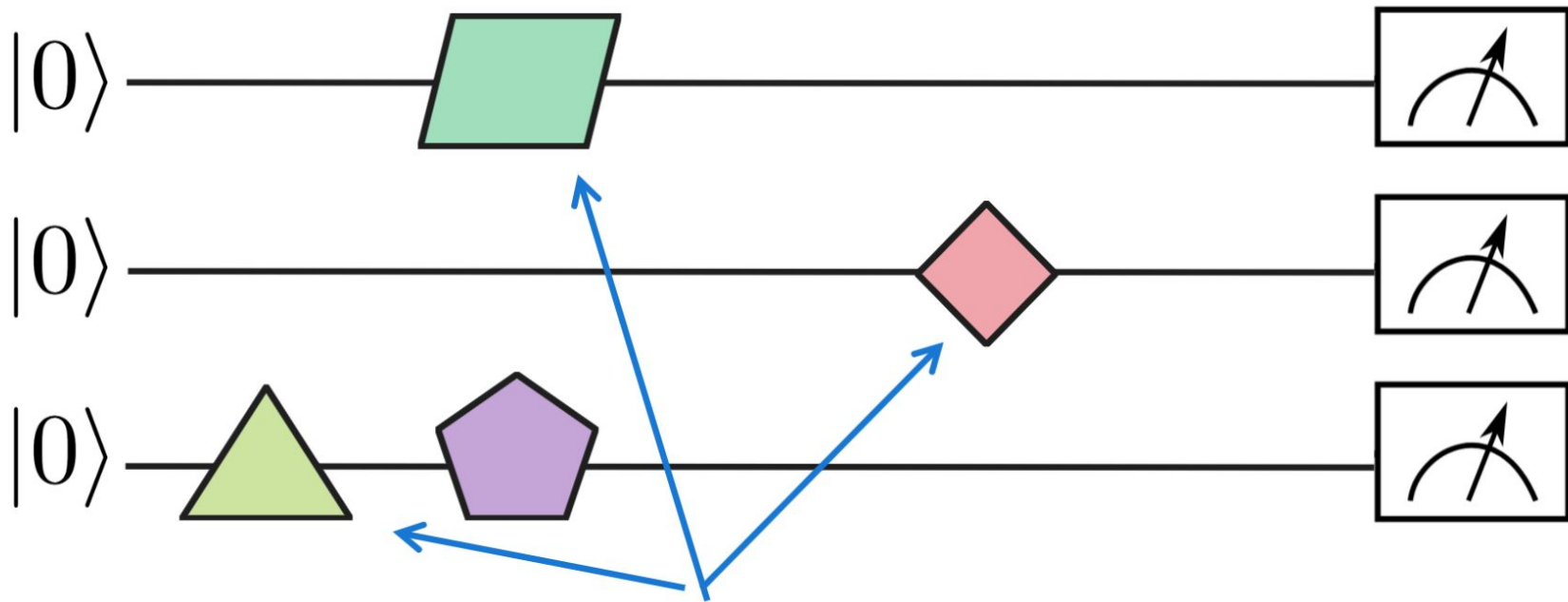
'wires' represent individual qubits





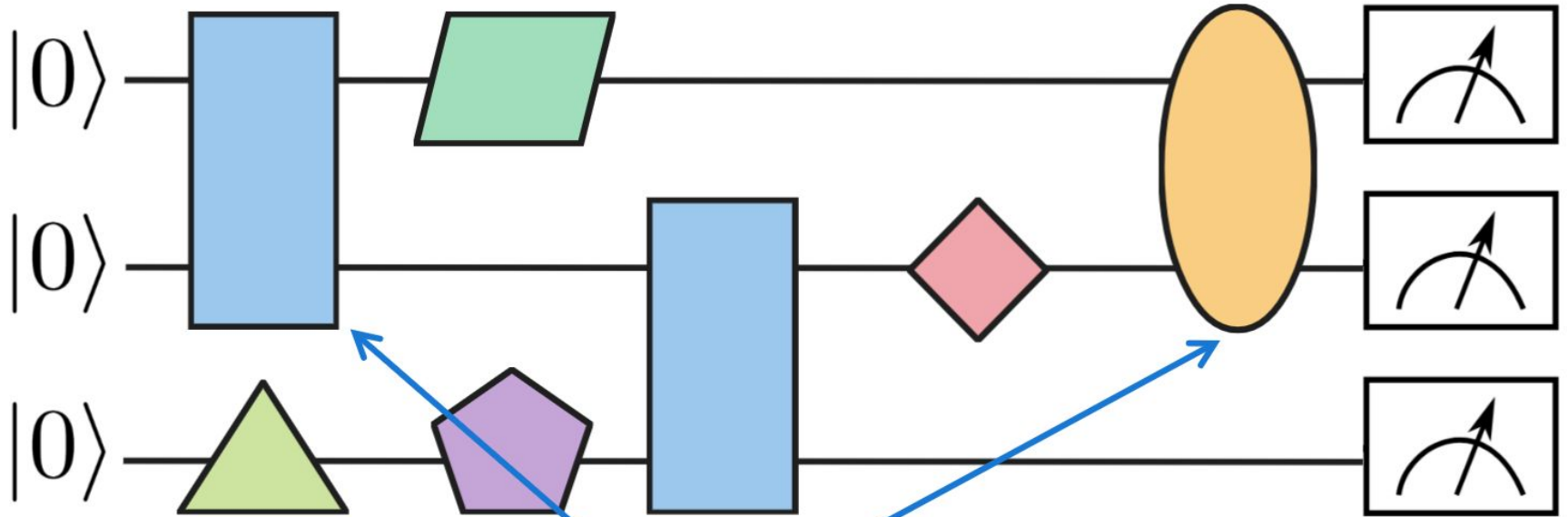
represents qubit  
measurement

**\*\*NOTE:** Does not always have to go at end of circuit!!! We will see examples later



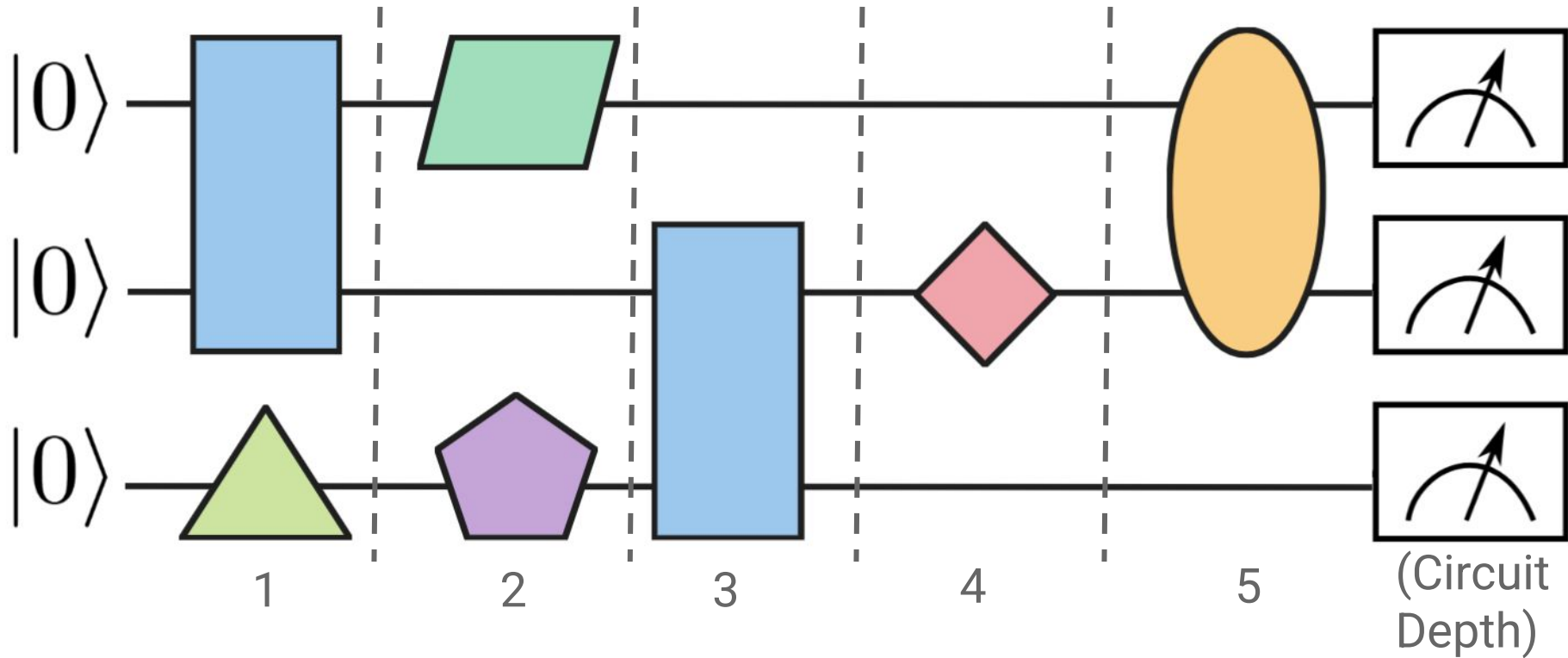
single-qubit gates



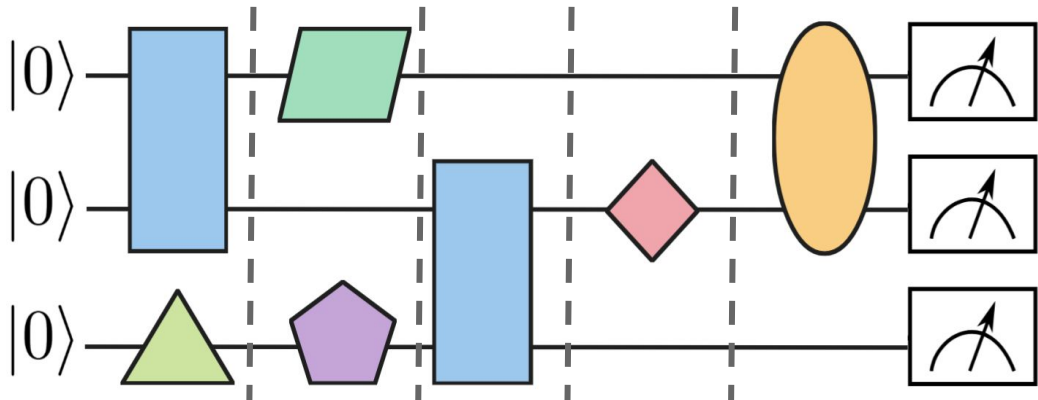


multi-qubit gates

Circuits are read **left to right** (just like you're reading this!)

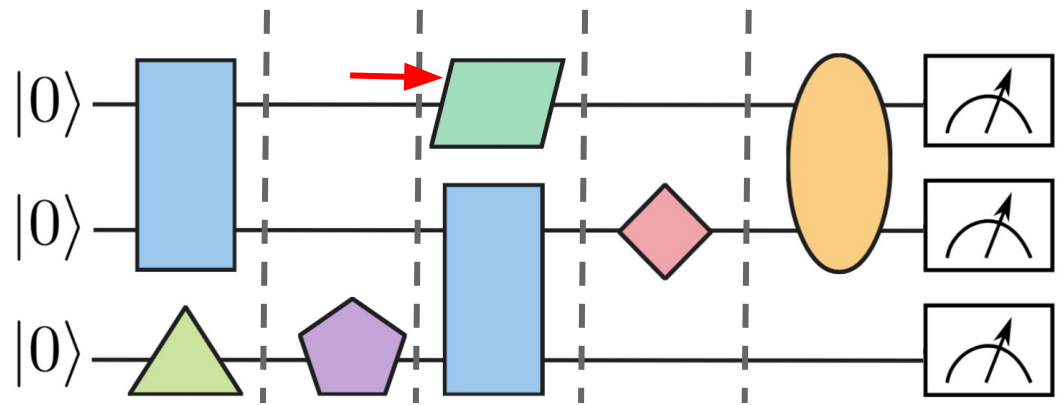


Gates acting on **seperate** qubits act in **parallel**



← We do this for simplicity and resource conservation

Is **EQUAL** to



# Recal: Unitary Matrices

## Key Vocab:

- 1) Identity: Square matrix with 1s on diagonal and 0s elsewhere
- 2) Transpose<sup>T</sup>: flipped matrix values over its diagonal
- 3) Conjugate<sup>\*</sup> (for this lecture's sake): sign of imaginary part of a complex number is flipped

As previously mentioned, qubit operations are represented **mathematically** as **unitary matrices**

What is a unitary matrix and why do we use them?

- Qubit state vectors are normalized, as in they **always** have length 1
- Unitary matrices have special properties that, when applied to qubit state vectors, preserve their length

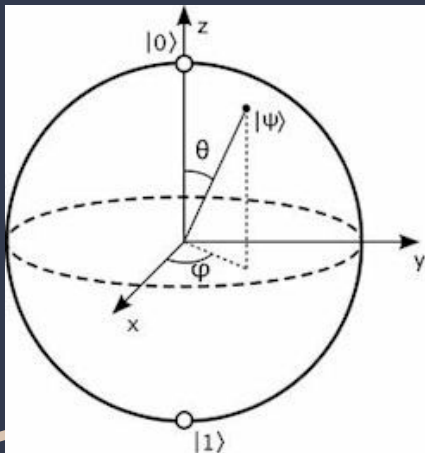
A  $n \cdot n$  matrix  $U$  is unitary if

$$UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I_n$$

Where  $I_n$  represents the  $n$ -dimensional identity, and  $U^\dagger$  is the notation for the conjugate transpose of  $U$

# How do these represent qubit transformations???

[bloch.kherb.io](http://bloch.kherb.io)



Parameterization of a unitary matrix!!



## Proof: Representing a Unitary in Polar Form

For unitary with complex elements

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Write each element in their polar forms

$$a = e^{i\alpha} \cos(\theta/2), b = -e^{i(\beta-\gamma)} \sin(\theta/2)$$

$$c = e^{i\gamma} \sin(\theta/2), d = e^{i(\beta-\alpha)} \cos(\theta/2)$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha} \cos(\theta/2) & -e^{i(\beta-\gamma)} \sin(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\gamma} \sin(\theta/2) & e^{i(\beta-\alpha)} \cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

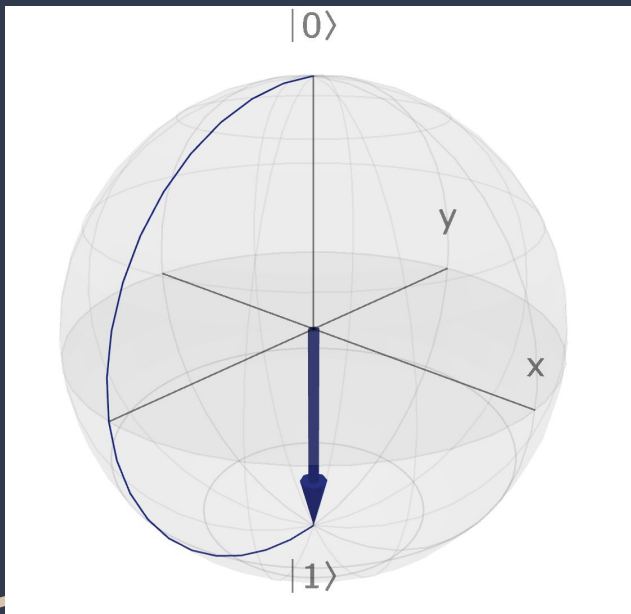
Using substitutions:  $\phi = \beta - \alpha - \gamma, \omega = \gamma - \alpha$   
(and phases)

We obtain:

$$U(\phi, \theta, \omega) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i(\phi+\omega)/2} \cos(\theta/2) & -e^{i(\phi-\omega)/2} \sin(\theta/2) \\ e^{-i(\phi-\omega)/2} \sin(\theta/2) & e^{i(\phi+\omega)/2} \cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Single-Qubit Quantum Gates

# Pauli X Gate



\*\* Reversible (Hermitian, ask me what that means if you're reading this!)

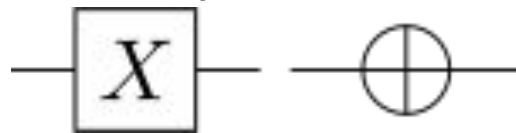
-> Similar to a classical NOT Gate

$$X|0\rangle = |1\rangle \quad \text{For } |\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$X|1\rangle = |0\rangle \quad X|\psi\rangle = \alpha X|0\rangle + \beta X|1\rangle \\ = \alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle$$

-> Geometrically, 180° rotation around x-axis in Bloch sphere

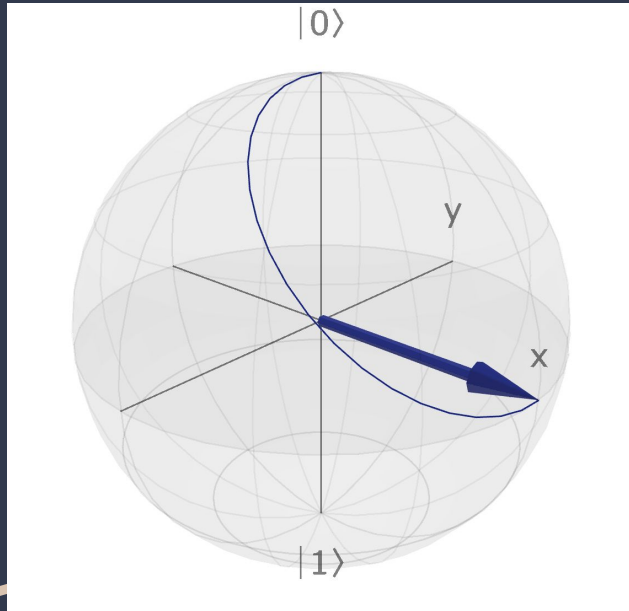
-> Gate representation



-> Matrix representation

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# H (Hadamard) Gate



\*\* Reversible

-> Creates a uniform superposition of states

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

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

-> Geometrically, reflection over the diagonal of the XZ plane in Bloch sphere

-> Gate representation



-> Matrix representation

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Code Break!

Reminder:

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

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



# A Note on Phases

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$\alpha = ae^{i\theta}, \beta = be^{i\varphi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= ae^{i\theta}|0\rangle + be^{i\varphi}|1\rangle \\ &= e^{i\theta}(a|0\rangle + be^{i(\varphi-\theta)}|1\rangle) \\ &= a|0\rangle + be^{i(\varphi-\theta)}|1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

## Global Phase:

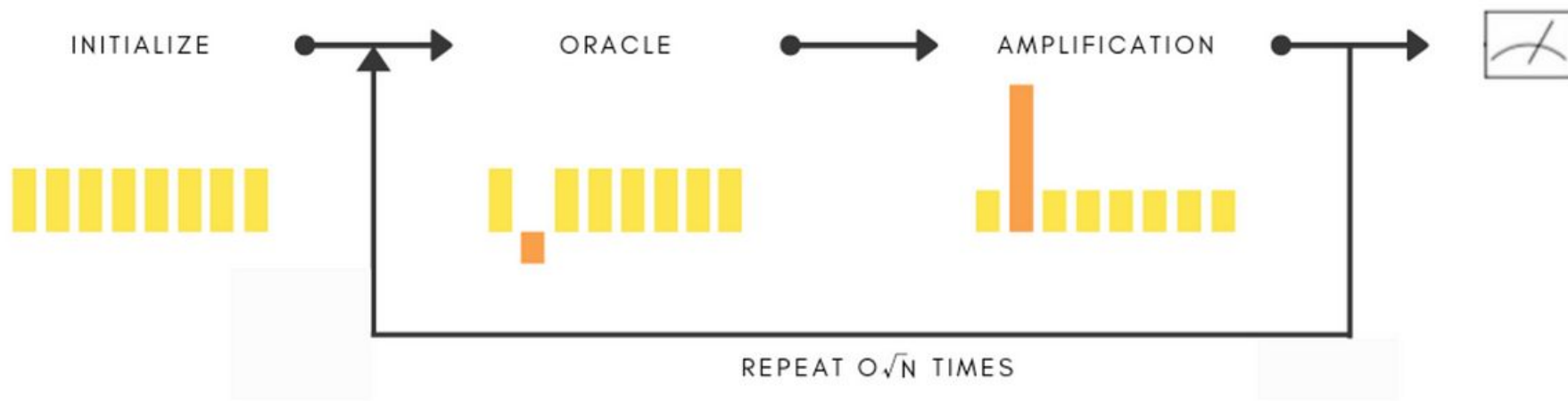
- Transformation that multiplies the entire state by a complex number of unit magnitude
- Note: No observable impact on measurement probabilities
- EX.  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $YY = -I$ ,  $YY|\psi\rangle = -|\psi\rangle$

## Relative Phase:

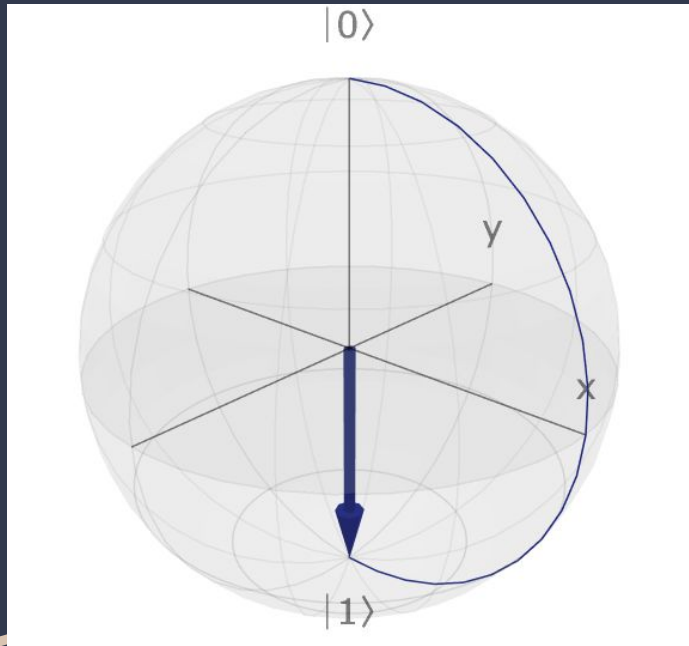
- Changes the phase relationship between the components of a superposition state
- Non-uniform impact on probabilities, thus affects measurement outcomes
- EX.

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

# Example of Relative Phase Use in Algorithm



# Pauli Y Gate



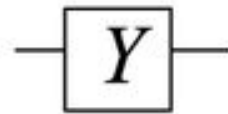
\*\* Reversible

-> X, but adds **phase factors**  $\pm i$

$$\begin{aligned} Y|0\rangle &= i|1\rangle & \text{For } |\psi\rangle &= \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \\ Y|1\rangle &= -i|0\rangle & Y|\psi\rangle &= \alpha Y|0\rangle + \beta Y|1\rangle \\ & & &= \alpha(i|1\rangle) + \beta(-i|0\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

-> Geometrically,  $180^\circ$  rotation around Y-axis

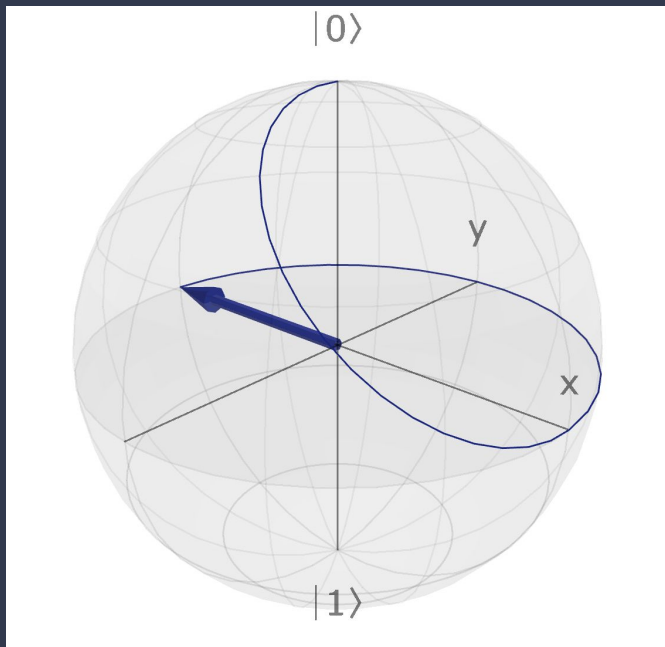
-> Gate representation



-> Matrix representation

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Pauli Z Gate



\*\* Reversible

-> 'Flips' the phase of the state

$$Z|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$$

$$Z|1\rangle \rightarrow -|1\rangle$$

$$Z|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle$$

$$Z|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle$$

-> Geometrically, 180° rotation around Z-axis

-> Gate representation



-> Matrix representation

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rotational Gates

$$RX(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -i\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ -i\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$RY(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$RZ(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\omega}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\omega}{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

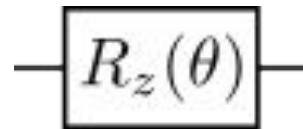
-> 'Rotates' the state around chosen axis

-> Gate representation

-> Pauli Z:  $RZ(\pi)$

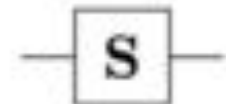
-> Pauli Y:  $RY(\pi)$

-> Pauli X:  $RX(\pi)$

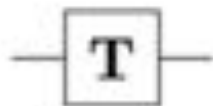


## Special Cases

-> S is  $RZ(\pi/2)$



-> T is  $RZ(\pi/4)$



(Notice anything interesting? If we can rotate around all our axes, what does that mean)

# Code Break!

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$RX(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -i\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ -i\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$RY(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$RZ(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\omega}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\omega}{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Equivalent Gate Identities

$$U(\phi, \theta, \omega) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i(\phi+\omega)/2} \cos(\theta/2) & -e^{i(\phi-\omega)/2} \sin(\theta/2) \\ e^{-i(\phi-\omega)/2} \sin(\theta/2) & e^{i(\phi+\omega)/2} \cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1) \quad H = Ry\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)Rx(\pi)$$

$$2) \quad Ry(\theta) = Rz\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)Rx(\theta)Rz\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$3) \quad Rx(\theta) = Rz\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)Ry(\theta)Rz\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$4) \quad Rz(\theta) = Ry\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)Rx(\theta)Ry\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$5) \quad U(\phi, \theta, \omega) = Rz(\omega)Ry(\theta)Rz(\phi)$$



# Universal Gates

A set of gates is **universal** if any quantum computation can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy using **just gates from that set**

$$U(\phi, \theta, \omega) = R_z(\omega)R_y(\theta)R_z(\phi)$$

-> Example **universal single-qubit gates**:

- Hadamard (H) + T gate ( $\pi/8$  RZ gate)
- RX, RY, RZ

-> This has huge applications in hardware and error correction; we don't need a large breadth of instructions

# Quantum Gates Cheat Sheet



# See you next week!

- Multi-Qubit Operations
- Introduction to Quantum Utility