

Synthesis of Logical Operators for Quantum Computers using Stabilizer Codes

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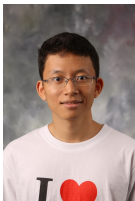
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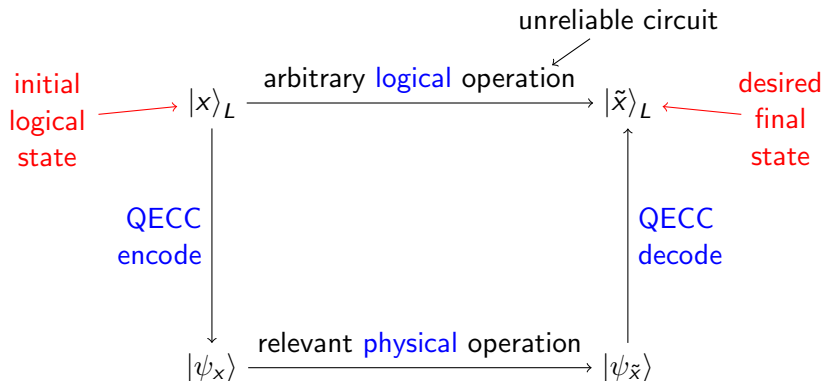


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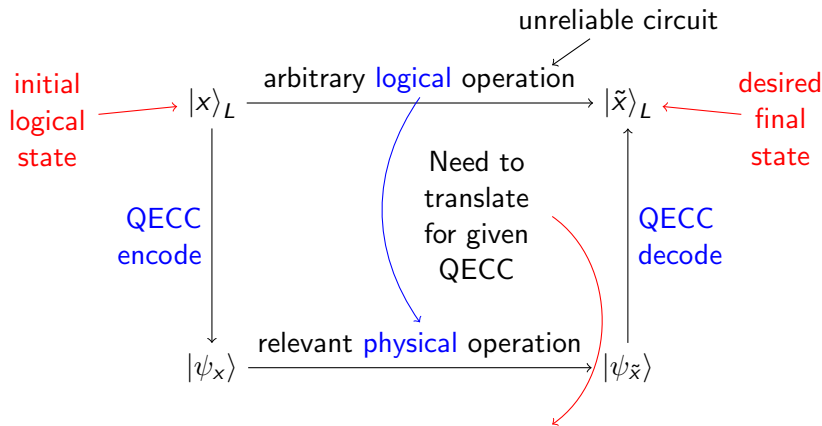
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We do this for **logical Clifford operations** on **stabilizer QECCs**

QECC: Quantum Error-Correcting Codes

In this talk...

- Synthesis of logical Pauli operators for CSS codes
 - Two popular algorithms in the literature: [Got97b; Wil09].
 - We provide a closely-related but [classical coding-theoretic perspective](#).
- Synthesis of logical Clifford operators for stabilizer codes
 - Methods seem to exist only for particular QECCs and operations, e.g., [Got97a; Fow+12; GR13; CR17].
 - We propose a [systematic framework](#) using [symplectic geometry](#).
 - We efficiently [enumerate all symplectic matrices](#) representing a given operator.
 - We highlight some [technical results](#) from our paper.

Overview

- 1 Mathematical Setup for Quantum Computing
- 2 Logical Pauli Operators for CSS Codes
- 3 Logical Clifford Operators for Stabilizer Codes
- 4 General Algorithms and Results

Kronecker Products of Matrices

Given a $p \times q$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ and a $r \times s$ matrix $B = [b_{kl}]$, the Kronecker product $A \otimes B$ is defined by

$$A \otimes B \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}B & \cdots & a_{1q}B \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{p1}B & \cdots & a_{pq}B \end{bmatrix}_{pr \times qs}.$$

Lemma

Given matrices A, B, A', B' , we have

$$(A \otimes B)(A' \otimes B') = (AA') \otimes (BB'),$$

and in general $(A_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes A_m)(B_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes B_m) = (A_1 B_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes (A_m B_m)$.

Pure States

Qubit: Mathematically, it is a 2-dimensional Hilbert space over \mathbb{C} .

Pure state: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$, with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.

Example ($m = 2$ qubits):

$$|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |01\rangle,$$
$$|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |10\rangle.$$

Note that $\mathbb{C}^N = \mathbb{C}^{2^m} = \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ (m times). $N = 2^m$.

Heisenberg-Weyl Group HW_N

The Heisenberg-Weyl (or Pauli) group for a single qubit:

$$HW_2 \triangleq \iota^\kappa \{I_2, X, Z, Y\}, \quad \iota \triangleq \sqrt{-1}, \quad \kappa \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}.$$

Bit-Flip: $X \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow X |v\rangle = |v \oplus 1\rangle, \quad v \in \{0, 1\}.$

Phase-Flip: $Z \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow Z |v\rangle = (-1)^v |v\rangle.$

Bit-Phase Flip: $Y \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\iota \\ \iota & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \iota XZ. \text{ } XZ = -ZX.$

$\{I_2, X, Z, Y\}$ forms an orthonormal basis for the real vector space of Hermitian operators on \mathbb{C}^2 , under the trace inner product.

For m Qubits: $HW_N \triangleq$ Kronecker products of m HW_2 matrices ($N = 2^m$).

Binary Representation of HW_N ($N = 2^m$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E.g.: } (XZ \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes XZ \otimes I_2) |10101\rangle &= XZ |1\rangle \otimes X |0\rangle \otimes Z |1\rangle \otimes XZ |0\rangle \otimes I_2 |1\rangle \\ &= |01111\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Definition

Given binary m -tuples $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$, $b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ define the matrix

$$D(a, b) \triangleq X^{a_1} Z^{b_1} \otimes \dots \otimes X^{a_m} Z^{b_m} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}.$$

$$\text{E.g.: } D(a, b) = D(11010, 10110) = XZ \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes XZ \otimes I_2 \equiv Y_1 X_2 Z_3 Y_4.$$

$$D(a, b) |v\rangle = (-1)^{vb^T} |v + a\rangle \Rightarrow D(11010, 10110) |10101\rangle = |01111\rangle.$$

HW_N Group: All matrices of the form $\iota^\kappa D(a, b)$, $\kappa \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

Isomorphism: $\gamma(D(a, b)) \triangleq [a, b]$

Property: $D(a, b)D(a', b') = (-1)^{a'b^T} D(a + a', b + b')$.

► Multiplication of HW_N elements \simeq addition of binary vectors.

Property: $D(a, b)D(a', b') = (-1)^{a'b^T + b'a^T} D(a', b')D(a, b)$.

Symplectic Inner Product [Cal+98]: For vectors $[a, b], [a', b'] \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$, define

$$\langle [a, b], [a', b'] \rangle_s \triangleq a'b^T + b'a^T = [a, b] \Omega [a', b']^T,$$

where $\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ I_m & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is the symplectic form in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m} .

► $D(a, b), D(a', b') \in HW_N$ commute iff $\langle [a, b], [a', b'] \rangle_s = 0$.

Stabilizer Groups ($N = 2^m$)

k -dimensional stabilizer: commutative subgroup $S \subset HW_N$ generated by linearly independent Hermitian operators

$$E(a_j, b_j) \triangleq \iota^{ab^T} D(a_j, b_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Example: 2-dimensional subgroup of HW_{2^6} ($m = 6$) generated by

$$\begin{aligned} g^X &= E(111111, 000000) = X^{\otimes 6} \quad \text{and} \\ g^Z &= E(000000, 111111) = Z^{\otimes 6}. \end{aligned}$$

Generator Matrix (using the isomorphism γ): $G = [a_j, b_j]_{j=1, \dots, k}$.

Example: $G = \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|cccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right].$

Stabilizer Codes ($N = 2^m$)

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$[[m, m-k, d]]$ Stabilizer Code: The 2^{m-k} dimensional subspace $V(S)$ jointly fixed by all elements of the stabilizer S .

$$V(S) \triangleq \left\{ |\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid g|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \quad \forall g \in S \right\}.$$

The **$[[6, 4, 2]]$ Code:** $S \triangleq \langle g^X = X^{\otimes 6} = E(r, 0), g^Z = Z^{\otimes 6} = E(0, r) \rangle$,
 $r = [111111]$.

Example: The $[[6, 4, 2]]$ CSS Code

Instance of Calderbank-Shor-Steane (CSS) construction [CS96; Ste96].

Built from the classical $[6, 5, 2]$ single-parity-check code \mathcal{C} .

Generator matrix: $G_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ H_{\mathcal{C}} \\ G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \\ h_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

$V(S)$: stabilizer code spanned by the (basis) states $(x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}_2^4)$

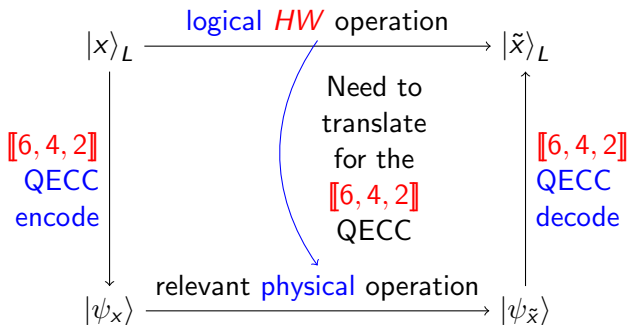
$$|x\rangle_L \equiv |\psi_x\rangle \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| (000000) + \sum_{j=1}^4 x_j h_j \right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| (111111) + \sum_{j=1}^4 x_j h_j \right\rangle.$$

Note: $V(S)$ is preserved by $S = \langle X^{\otimes 6} = E(r, 0), Z^{\otimes 6} = E(0, r) \rangle.$

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Logical Pauli Operators $X_j^L, Z_j^L \in HW_{2^4}$

Defining Properties: $X_j^L |x\rangle_L = |\tilde{x}\rangle_L$, where $\tilde{x}_i = \begin{cases} x_j \oplus 1 & , \text{if } i = j \\ x_i & , \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

and $Z_j^L |x\rangle_L = (-1)^{x_j} |x\rangle_L$.

These operators also satisfy $X_i^L Z_j^L = \begin{cases} -Z_j^L X_i^L & \text{if } i = j, \\ Z_j^L X_i^L & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$

$$|x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4\rangle_L \equiv |\psi_x\rangle \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| (000000) + \sum_{j=1}^4 x_j h_j \right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| (111111) + \sum_{j=1}^4 x_j h_j \right\rangle.$$

Observe:

- Applying X_j^L to $|x\rangle_L \equiv$ Adding/removing h_j in each term of $|\psi_x\rangle$.
- Applying Z_j^L to $|x\rangle_L \equiv$ Multiplying $|\psi_x\rangle$ by (-1) iff h_j present in it.

Synthesizing X_j^L and Z_j^L

Synthesis refers to finding physical operators \bar{X}_j and \bar{Z}_j such that:

- $\bar{X}_j, \bar{Z}_j \in \mathbb{U}_N$ act on $|\psi_x\rangle$ and realize action of X_j^L, Z_j^L (resp.) on $|x\rangle_L$.
- \bar{X}_j, \bar{Z}_j satisfy the commutation relations: $\bar{X}_i \bar{Z}_j = \begin{cases} -\bar{Z}_j \bar{X}_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ \bar{Z}_j \bar{X}_i & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$.
- \bar{X}_j, \bar{Z}_j **normalize** the stabilizer S so that, **for** $g \in S \exists g' \in S$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{X}_j |\psi_x\rangle &= \bar{X}_j g |\psi_x\rangle \\ &= (\bar{X}_j g \bar{X}_j^\dagger) \bar{X}_j |\psi_x\rangle \\ &= g' \bar{X}_j |\psi_x\rangle \quad (\text{similarly for } \bar{Z}_j).\end{aligned}$$

In other words, \bar{X}_j, \bar{Z}_j preserve the code subspace.

Synthesizing X_j^L and Z_j^L

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Generator matrices G_{C/C^\perp}^X and G_{C/C^\perp}^Z satisfying $G_{C/C^\perp}^X \left(G_{C/C^\perp}^Z \right)^T = I_{m-k}$:

$$G_{C/C^\perp}^X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } G_{C/C^\perp}^Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

\bar{X}_j and \bar{Z}_j specified resp. by the j^{th} row of $G_{C/C^\perp}^X(h_j)$ and $G_{C/C^\perp}^Z(h'_j)$.

$$\bar{X}_j \triangleq D(h_j, 0), \bar{Z}_j \triangleq D(0, h'_j), \bar{X}_i \bar{Z}_j = \begin{cases} -\bar{Z}_j \bar{X}_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ \bar{Z}_j \bar{X}_i & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}, \bar{X}_j S \bar{X}_j^\dagger = S, \bar{Z}_j S \bar{Z}_j^\dagger = S.$$

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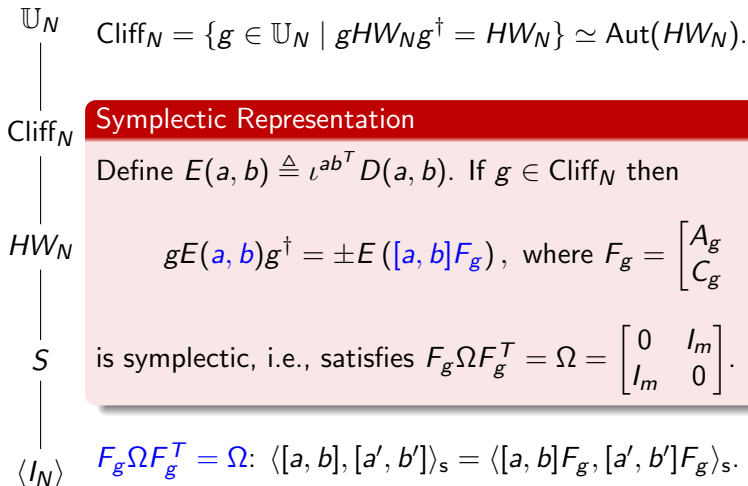
The Clifford Group Cliff_N

$\text{Cliff}_N \triangleq \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{U}_N}(HW_N)$: all $g \in \mathbb{U}_N$ for which $gHW_Ng^\dagger = HW_N$.

$$\text{Cliff}_N = \langle HW_N, H, P, \text{CNOT or CZ} \rangle$$

\mathbb{U}_N			
Cliff_N	Gate	Unitary Matrix	Action on Paulis
HW_N	Hadamard	$H \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$HX = ZH$ $HZ = XH$
S	Phase	$P \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$	$PX = YP$ $PZ = ZP$
$\langle I_N \rangle$	Controlled-NOT	$C_{1 \rightarrow 2} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{bmatrix}$	$C_{1 \rightarrow 2}(X \otimes I_2) = (X \otimes X)C_{1 \rightarrow 2}$
	Controlled-Z	$CZ_{12} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{bmatrix}$	$CZ_{12}(X \otimes I_2) = (X \otimes Z)CZ_{12}$

Cliff_N and Symplectic Geometry



Example: The Controlled-Z Gate

$$g = CZ_{12}, F_g = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & B_g \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \textcolor{red}{1} & 0 & 0 & \textcolor{red}{1} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & & 1 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B_g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Symplectic Representation: $gE(a, b)g^\dagger = \pm E([a, b]F_g).$

$$\begin{aligned} g(X \otimes I_2)g^\dagger &= gE(10, 00)g^\dagger \\ &= E(\textcolor{red}{[10, 00]}F_g) \\ &= E(\textcolor{red}{10}, \textcolor{red}{01}) \\ &= X \otimes Z \end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{or}) CZ_{12}(X \otimes I_2) = (X \otimes Z)CZ_{12}.$$

The Symplectic Group $\text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2)$ [Cal+98]

Recollect that $D(a, b)D(a', b') = (-1)^{\langle [a, b], [a', b'] \rangle_s} D(a', b')D(a, b)$.

Hence, if g is a $D(a, b)$ then $F_g = I_{2m}$, since $gE(a, b)g^\dagger = \pm E(a, b)$.

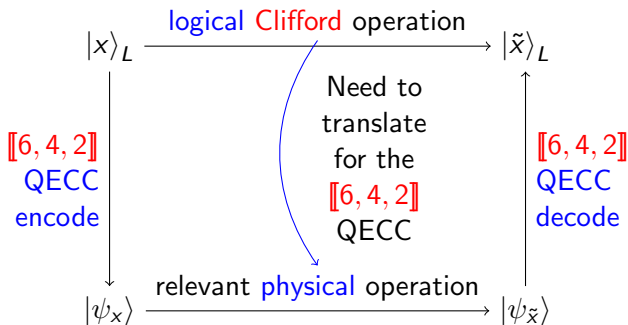
$$\text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2) \triangleq \{F \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m \times 2m} \mid F\Omega F^T = \Omega\}.$$

- ▶ Map $\phi: \text{Cliff}_N \rightarrow \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2)$, $\phi(g) \triangleq F_g$, is a group homomorphism with kernel HW_N , i.e., $\phi(g) = I_{2m}$ for $g \in HW_N$.
- ▶ Map $\gamma: HW_N \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$, $\gamma(D(a, b)) \triangleq [a, b]$, is also a group homomorphism with kernel $\langle \iota^\kappa I_N \rangle$, i.e., $\gamma(h) = [0, 0]$ for $h \in \langle \iota^\kappa I_N \rangle$.

Elementary Symplectic Matrices

Symplectic Matrix F_g	Physical Operator g	Clifford Element
$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ I_m & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$H_N = H_2^{\otimes m}$	Full Hadamard
$A_Q = \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q^{-T} \end{bmatrix}$	$a_Q : v\rangle \mapsto vQ\rangle$	CNOTs, Permutations
$T_R = \begin{bmatrix} I_m & R \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix}$ with R symmetric	$t_R = \text{diag} \left({}_L^{vRv^T} \right)$	Phase (P), Controlled-Z (CZ)
$G_k = \begin{bmatrix} L_{m-k} & U_k \\ U_k & L_{m-k} \end{bmatrix}$ $U_k = \text{diag}(I_k, O_{m-k})$ $L_{m-k} = \text{diag}(O_k, I_{m-k})$	$g_k = H_{2^k} \otimes I_{2^{m-k}}$	Partial Hadamards

Recollect: Operations on Encoded Qubits



Notation: g from Clifford

g^L is the logical operation and \bar{g} is the corresponding physical operation.

Synthesis Problem

Find $\bar{g} \in \mathbb{U}_N$ for each $g^L \in \{P_1^L, CZ_{12}^L, CNOT_{2 \rightarrow 1}^L, H_1^L\}$ such that:

- \bar{g} realizes the action of g^L on the encoded qubits.
- \bar{g} acts on HW_{26} the same way g^L acts on HW_{24} (under conjugation):

$$g^L h^L = (h')^L g^L \Rightarrow \bar{g} \bar{h} = \bar{h}' \bar{g}.$$

- \bar{g} centralizes $S = \langle X^{\otimes 6}, Z^{\otimes 6} \rangle$ (commutes with every element of S).
 - stronger condition than normalize, but is always possible (see paper).

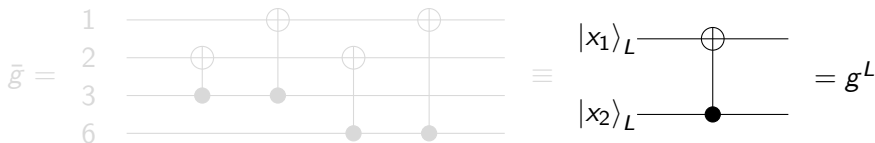
Synthesizing $g^L = \text{CNOT}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^L$: flip x_1 if $x_2 = 1$

$$|x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4\rangle_L \equiv |\psi_x\rangle \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathcal{C}^\perp|}} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}^\perp} |c + x \cdot G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp}^X\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}^\perp} \left| c + \sum_{j=1}^4 x_j h_j \right\rangle.$$

Implementing $\text{CNOT}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^L$ on $|x\rangle_L \equiv x \mapsto x \cdot K$, $K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Then we find that $K \cdot G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp}^X = G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp}^X \cdot Q$, where Q fixes the code \mathcal{C}^\perp , i.e.,

$$\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}^\perp} |c + x K G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp}^X\rangle = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}^\perp} |c + x G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp}^X Q\rangle = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}^\perp} |(c + x G_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}^\perp}^X) Q\rangle.$$



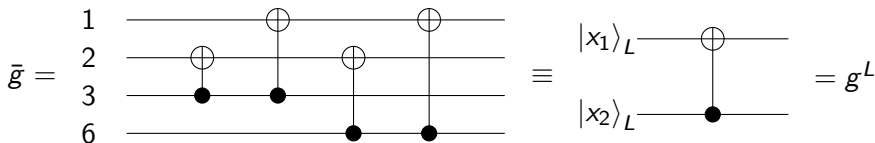
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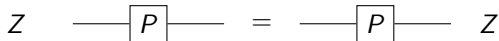
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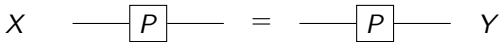


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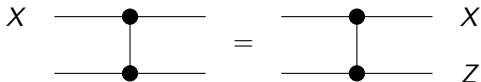
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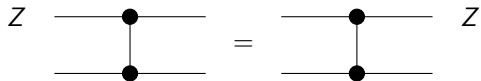
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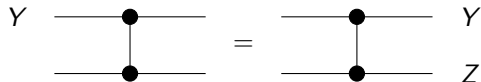
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$$CZ_{12}(Z \otimes I_2) = (Z \otimes I_2)CZ_{12}$$



$$CZ_{12}(Y \otimes I_2) = (Y \otimes Z)CZ_{12}$$



Synthesizing $g^L = P_1^L$

Phase gate on the 1st logical qubit: (translate $P_1^L \mapsto \bar{P}_1$)

Definition : $\bar{P}_1 \bar{X}_j \bar{P}_1^\dagger \triangleq \begin{cases} \bar{Y}_j & \text{if } j = 1, \\ \bar{X}_j & \text{if } j \neq 1, \end{cases}$, $\bar{P}_1 \bar{Z}_j \bar{P}_1^\dagger \triangleq \bar{Z}_j \forall j = 1, 2, 3, 4.$

$$\bar{X}_1 = X_1 \textcolor{red}{X}_2 \xrightarrow{\bar{P}_1} \bar{X}'_1 = X_1 \textcolor{red}{Y}_2 \textcolor{red}{Z}_6$$

$$\bar{X}_2 = X_1 X_3 \xrightarrow{\bar{P}_1} \bar{X}'_2 = X_1 X_3$$

$$\bar{X}_3 = X_1 X_4 \xrightarrow{\bar{P}_1} \bar{X}'_3 = X_1 X_4$$

$$\bar{X}_4 = X_1 X_5 \xrightarrow{\bar{P}_1} \bar{X}'_4 = X_1 X_5$$

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Synthesizing $g^L = P_1^L$

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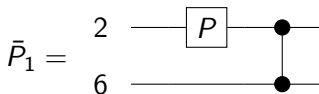
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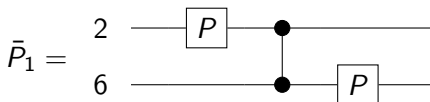
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Synthesizing $g^L = CZ_{12}^L$

Definition : $\overline{CZ}_{12} \bar{X}_j \overline{CZ}_{12}^\dagger \triangleq \begin{cases} \bar{X}_1 \bar{Z}_2 & \text{if } j = 1, \\ \bar{Z}_1 \bar{X}_2 & \text{if } j = 2, \\ \bar{X}_j & \text{if } j \neq 1, 2 \end{cases},$

$$\overline{CZ}_{12} \bar{Z}_j \overline{CZ}_{12}^\dagger \triangleq \bar{Z}_j \quad \forall j = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Recollect:

- From rows of $G_{C/C^\perp}^X, G_{C/C^\perp}^Z$ we get the logical Paulis:

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \bar{X}_1 = X_1 X_2 = E(110000, 000000) & \bar{Z}_1 = Z_2 Z_6 = E(000000, 010001) \\ \bar{X}_2 = X_1 X_3 = E(101000, 000000) & \bar{Z}_2 = Z_3 Z_6 = E(000000, 001001) \\ \bar{X}_3 = X_1 X_4 = E(100100, 000000) & \bar{Z}_3 = Z_4 Z_6 = E(000000, 000101) \\ \bar{X}_4 = X_1 X_5 = E(100010, 000000) & \bar{Z}_4 = Z_5 Z_6 = E(000000, 000011) \end{array}$$

- $\text{Cliff}_{26} \cong \text{Sp}(12, \mathbb{F}_2)$: $\overline{CZ}_{12} E(a, b) \overline{CZ}_{12}^\dagger = \pm E([a, b] F_{\overline{CZ}_{12}})$. Find $F_{\overline{CZ}_{12}}$.

Finding \overline{CZ}_{12} via $Sp(2m = 12, \mathbb{F}_2)$

$$\bar{X}_1 = X_1 X_2 \xrightarrow{\overline{CZ}_{12}} X_1 X_2 Z_3 Z_6 \xleftrightarrow{\gamma, \phi} [110000, 000000] F_{\overline{CZ}_{12}} = [110000, 001001]$$

$$\bar{X}_2 = X_1 X_3 \xrightarrow{\overline{CZ}_{12}} X_1 X_3 Z_2 Z_6 \xleftrightarrow{\gamma, \phi} [101000, 000000] F_{\overline{CZ}_{12}} = [101000, 010001]$$

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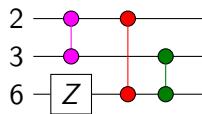
One possible solution

$$\Rightarrow F_{\overline{CZ}_{12}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_6 & B \\ 0 & I_6 \end{bmatrix}, B =$$



$$\begin{aligned} \overline{CZ}_{12} &= \text{diag} \left(\iota^{v B v^T} \right) Z_6 \\ &= CZ_{36} CZ_{26} CZ_{23} Z_6 \end{aligned}$$

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



Not captured in $F_{\overline{CZ}_{12}}$ – added to fix signs

Synthesizing $g^L = H_1^L$

Definition : $\bar{H}_1 \bar{X}_j \bar{H}_1^\dagger \triangleq \begin{cases} \bar{Z}_j & \text{if } j = 1, \\ \bar{X}_j & \text{if } j \neq 1, \end{cases}, \quad \bar{H}_1 \bar{Z}_j \bar{H}_1^\dagger \triangleq \begin{cases} \bar{X}_j & \text{if } j = 1, \\ \bar{Z}_j & \text{if } j \neq 1, \end{cases}.$

One solution: (note that $F_{\bar{H}_1}$ is **not** of any **elementary symplectic** form)

$$F_{\bar{H}_1} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Decomposition of a Symplectic Matrix [Can17]

$$\text{Symplectic Matrix } F = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (A, B) \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 & R_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{m-k} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad A_Q = \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q^{-T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{m-k} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad T_{R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} I_m & R_2 \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Finally, } A_{Q_1^{-1}} F A_{Q_2^{-1}} T_{R_2} G_k \Omega = \Omega T_{R_1} \Omega.$$

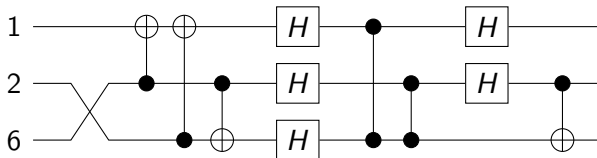
$$\text{So } F = A_{Q_1} \Omega T_{R_1} G_k T_{R_2} A_{Q_2}.$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ (I_m, 0) \end{array} \quad G_k \Omega$$

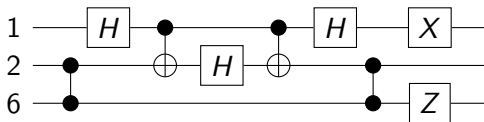
Translate each matrix to a Clifford element!

Synthesizing H_1^L for the $[[6, 4, 2]]$ Code

Our solution using the above [general decomposition](#):



[Particular solution](#) for this case from [CR17]:



Note: Both circuits correspond to the same symplectic solution $F_{\bar{H}_1}$.

Algorithm to Synthesize Logical Clifford Operators

- ① Determine the target \bar{g} by specifying its action on \bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i [Got09]:
 $\bar{g}\bar{X}_i\bar{g}^\dagger = \bar{X}'_i, \bar{g}\bar{Z}_i\bar{g}^\dagger = \bar{Z}'_i$. Add conditions to normalize or centralize S .
- ② Using the maps γ, ϕ , transform these relations into linear equations on $F_{\bar{g}} \in \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2)$, i.e., $\bar{g}E(a, b)\bar{g}^\dagger = \pm E([a, b]F_{\bar{g}}) \Rightarrow [a, b] \mapsto [a, b]F_{\bar{g}}$.
- ③ Find the feasible symplectic solution set $\mathcal{F}_{\bar{g}}$ using transvections.
- ④ Factor each $F_{\bar{g}} \in \mathcal{F}_{\bar{g}}$ using above decomposition [Can17], and compute the physical Clifford operator \bar{g} .
- ⑤ Check for conjugation of \bar{g} with S, \bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i . If some signs are incorrect, post-multiply by an element from HW_N as necessary to satisfy these conditions (apply [NC10, Prop. 10.4] to $S^\perp = \langle S, \bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i \rangle$).
- ⑥ Express \bar{g} as a sequence of physical Clifford gates obtained from the factorization in step 4.

Overview

- 1 Mathematical Setup for Quantum Computing
- 2 Logical Pauli Operators for CSS Codes
- 3 Logical Clifford Operators for Stabilizer Codes
- 4 General Algorithms and Results**

Symplectic Transvections

Definition: Given a vector $h \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$, the transvection $Z_h : \mathbb{F}_2^{2m} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$ is

$$Z_h(x) \triangleq x + \langle x, h \rangle_s h \Leftrightarrow F_h = I_{2m} + \Omega h^T h \in \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2).$$

Fact: Transvections generate the binary symplectic group $\text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2)$.

Lemma ([SAF08; KS14])

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$. Then there exists at most two transvections F_{h_1}, F_{h_2} s.t. $x F_{h_1} F_{h_2} = y$.

We extend this to map a sequence of vectors x_i to y_i , $i = 1, \dots, t$.

Solving for Symplectic F s.t. $x_i F = y_i, i = 1, \dots, t$

Input: $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$ s.t. $\langle x_i, x_j \rangle_s = \langle y_i, y_j \rangle_s \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, t\}$.

Output: $F \in \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2)$ satisfying $x_i F = y_i \forall i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$

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1: if  $\langle x_1, y_1 \rangle_s = 1$  then
2:   set  $h_1 \triangleq x_1 + y_1$  and  $F_1 \triangleq F_{h_1}$ .
3: else
4:    $h_{11} \triangleq w_1 + y_1, h_{12} \triangleq x_1 + w_1$  and  $F_1 \triangleq F_{h_{11}} F_{h_{12}}$ .
5: end if
6: for  $i = 2, \dots, t$  do
7:   Calculate  $\tilde{x}_i \triangleq x_i F_{i-1}$  and  $\langle \tilde{x}_i, y_i \rangle_s$ .
8:   if  $\tilde{x}_i = y_i$  then
9:     Set  $F_i \triangleq F_{i-1}$ . Continue.
10:  end if
11:  if  $\langle \tilde{x}_i, y_i \rangle_s = 1$  then
12:    Set  $h_i \triangleq \tilde{x}_i + y_i, F_i \triangleq F_{i-1} F_{h_i}$ .
13:  else
14:    Find a  $w_i$  s.t.  $\langle \tilde{x}_i, w_i \rangle_s = \langle y_i, w_i \rangle_s = 1$  and  $\langle y_j, w_i \rangle_s = \langle y_j, y_i \rangle_s \forall j < i$ .
15:    Set  $h_{i1} \triangleq w_i + y_i, h_{i2} \triangleq \tilde{x}_i + w_i, F_i \triangleq F_{i-1} F_{h_{i1}} F_{h_{i2}}$ .
16:  end if
17: end for
18: return  $F \triangleq F_t$ .
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Algorithm to Solve for all Symplectic Solutions

Input: $u_a, v_b \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$ s.t. $\langle u_a, v_b \rangle_s = \delta_{ab}$ and $\langle u_a, u_b \rangle_s = \langle v_a, v_b \rangle_s = 0$, $a, b \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.
 $u'_i, v'_j \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$ s.t. $\langle u'_{i_1}, u'_{i_2} \rangle_s = 0$, $\langle v'_{j_1}, v'_{j_2} \rangle_s = 0$, $\langle u'_i, v'_j \rangle_s = \delta_{ij}$, where
 $i, i_1, i_2 \in \mathcal{I}$, $j, j_1, j_2 \in \mathcal{J}$, $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J} \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$.

Output: $\mathcal{F} \subset \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{F}_2)$ s.t. each $F \in \mathcal{F}$ satisfies $u_i F = u'_i \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$, & $v_j F = v'_j \forall j \in \mathcal{J}$.

- 1: Determine a particular symplectic solution F_0 for the linear system.
- 2: Form the matrix A whose a -th row is $u_a F_0$ and $(m+b)$ -th row is $v_b F_0$, where $a, b \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.
- 3: Compute the inverse of this matrix, A^{-1} , in \mathbb{F}_2 .
- 4: Set $\mathcal{F} = \phi$ and $\alpha \triangleq |\bar{\mathcal{I}}| + |\bar{\mathcal{J}}|$, where $\bar{\mathcal{I}}, \bar{\mathcal{J}}$ denote the set complements of \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J} in $\{1, \dots, m\}$, respectively.
- 5: **for** $\ell = 1, \dots, 2^{\alpha(\alpha+1)/2}$ **do**
- 6: Form a matrix $B_\ell = A$.
- 7: For $i \notin \mathcal{I}$ and $j \notin \mathcal{J}$ replace the i -th and $(m+j)$ -th rows of B_ℓ with arbitrary vectors such that $B_\ell \Omega B_{\ell'}^T = \Omega$ and $B_\ell \neq B_{\ell'}$ for $1 \leq \ell' < \ell$.
- 8: Compute $F' = A^{-1} B$.
- 9: Add $F_\ell \triangleq F_0 F'$ to \mathcal{F} .
- 10: **end for**
- 11: **return** \mathcal{F}

More Results ...

Given a stabilizer code with logical Paulis \bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i , we have the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma(\bar{X}) \\ \gamma(S) \\ \gamma(\bar{Z}) \end{bmatrix} F = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(\bar{X}') \\ \gamma(S') \\ \gamma(\bar{Z}') \end{bmatrix}.$$

Theorem

For an $[[m, m - k]]$ stabilizer code, the number of symplectic solutions for each logical Clifford operator is $2^{k(k+1)/2}$.

Theorem

For each logical Clifford operator of an $[[m, m - k]]$ stabilizer code, one can always synthesize a solution that centralizes the stabilizer S .

Recap: In this talk...

- Synthesis of logical Pauli operators for CSS codes
 - Two popular algorithms in the literature: [Got97b; Wil09].
 - We provided a closely-related but classical coding-theoretic perspective.
- Synthesis of logical Clifford operators for stabilizer codes
 - Methods seem to exist only for particular QECCs and operations, e.g., [Got97a; Fow+12; GR13; CR17].
 - We proposed a systematic framework using symplectic geometry.
 - For an $[[m, m - k]]$ stabilizer code, we showed that there are $2^{k(k+1)/2}$ symplectic solutions for a given logical Clifford operator.
 - Then enumerated these matrices efficiently using symplectic transvections, and translated them to physical operators (circuits).
 - Showed that any normalizing solution can be converted into a centralizing solution, i.e., commute with every stabilizer element.

- How to leverage this efficient enumeration during the process of computation?
- Understand the geometry of the solution space of symplectic matrices.
- Optimization of solutions with respect to a useful metric.
- Decomposition of symplectic matrix motivated by practical constraints, e.g., circuit complexity, fault-tolerance.
- Extend the framework to accommodate non-Clifford gates, e.g., T .
- . . . etc.

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Thank you! Questions?

For details see <https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.06987>.

Have fun synthesizing Clifford circuits for your favorite stabilizer code,
at <https://github.com/nrenga/symplectic-arxiv18a> :-).

Any feedback is much appreciated.