

Hadamard Gate in Quantum Mechanics

- The Hadamard gate is a single-qubit quantum gate that creates superposition. It is represented by the matrix

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

- Action on Basis States:

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

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

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of H

- **Eigenvalues:** These tell us how the gate scales certain vectors.
 - We solve $\det(H - \lambda I) = 0$.
 - The result is $\lambda = \pm 1$.
- **Eigenvectors:** These are the specific vectors that are scaled by the eigenvalues.

For $\lambda = +1$, the normalized eigenvector is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

For $\lambda = -1$, the normalized eigenvector is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of H

- The Hadamard gate can be viewed as an operation driven by a **Hamiltonian** (\hat{H})
- **The Hamiltonian** represents the total energy of a quantum system.
- It governs a system's **time evolution** via the Schrödinger equation:
- $i\hbar (d/dt) |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$
- The time evolution operator is $U(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar}$
- We can say that $H = e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar}$ for some Hamiltonian \hat{H} and a specific time t .

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of H

- We can use the eigenvalues of H to find the eigenvalues of the underlying Hamiltonian.
- H eigenvalue = $e^{-i\hat{H}/\hbar}$
- **Deriving for $\lambda = +1$:**

$$+1 = e^{-i\lambda_1/\hbar} \quad \text{only if } \lambda_1=0$$
- **Deriving for $\lambda = -1$:**

$$-1 = e^{-i\lambda_1/\hbar} \quad \text{only if } \lambda_1=\pi\hbar$$
- All at a unit of time

Eigenvector Normalization Check

- The denominators of our normalized eigenvectors come from their squared magnitudes
- **For $\lambda = -1$:**
- $\|U_{-1}\| = 1 + (-\sqrt{2} - 1)^2 = 1 + (1 + 2 + 2\sqrt{2}) = 4 + 2\sqrt{2}$
- **For $\lambda = 1$:**
- $\|U_{-2}\| = 1 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^2 = 1 + (1 + 2 - 2\sqrt{2}) = 4 - 2\sqrt{2}$

Understanding Initial State Components

- Projecting an Arbitrary State onto Eigenstates
- Any initial state $|\Psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$ can be expressed as

$$|\Psi\rangle = c_1|\psi_1\rangle + c_2|\psi_2\rangle$$

Projection onto $\lambda = +1$ eigenvector:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - 2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - 2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ (\sqrt{2} - 1)\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - 2\sqrt{2}}} [\alpha + (\sqrt{2} - 1)\beta]$$

Understanding Initial State Components

- **Projection onto $\lambda = -1$ eigenvector:**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ -(\sqrt{2} - 1)\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + 2\sqrt{2}}} [\alpha - (\sqrt{2} - 1)\beta]$$

Understanding Initial State Components

- At $t=0$ $|\Psi(0)\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$

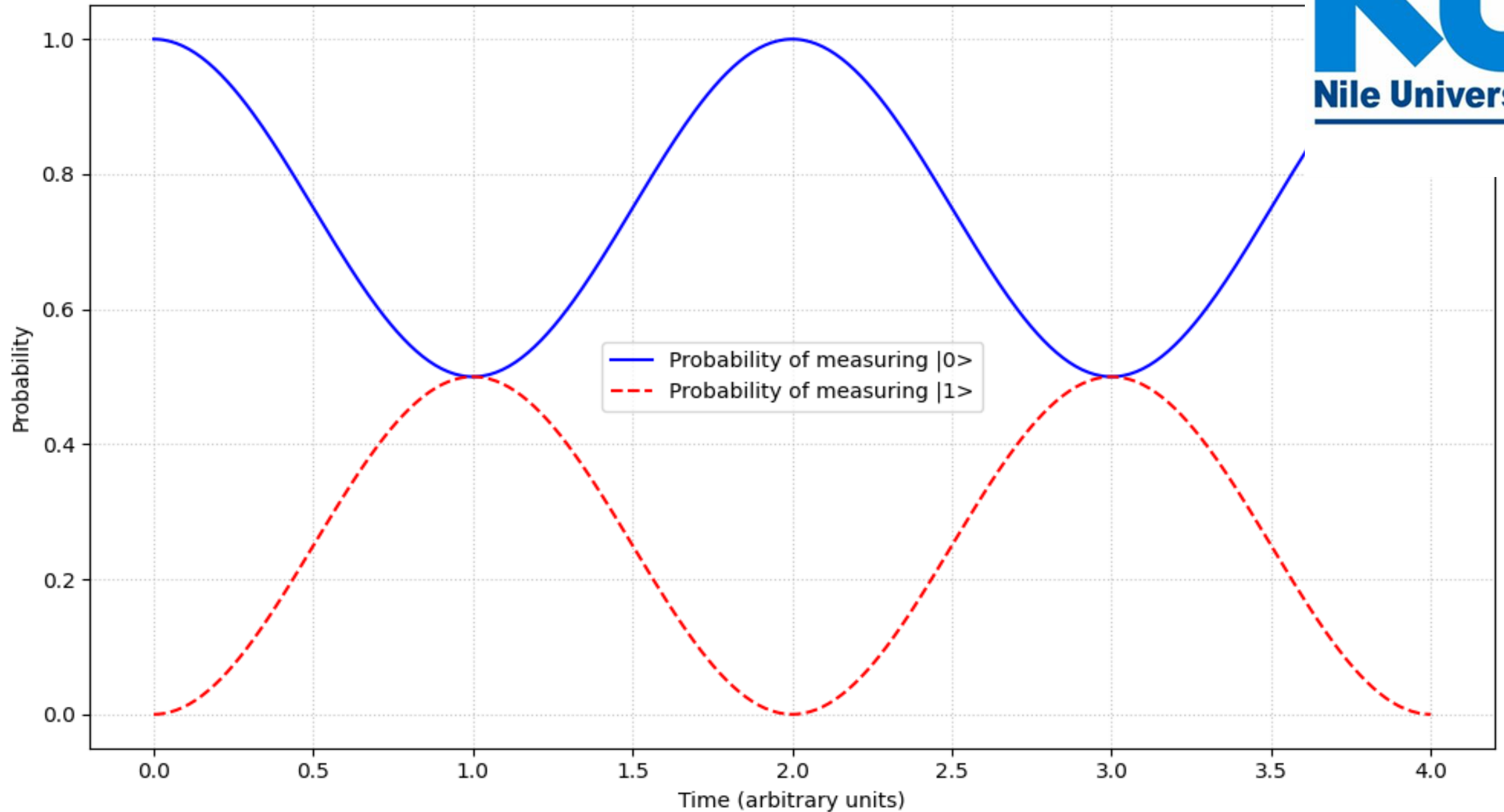
$$\frac{a+\beta(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2}-1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{a+\beta(-\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2}-1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot e^{-i\pi t}$$

To simplify, bring both terms to a **common denominator of 8 by conjugate multiplication** :

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \left[\frac{2(4+2\sqrt{2})\alpha + (4+2\sqrt{2})\beta(\sqrt{2}-1)}{8} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2}-1 \end{bmatrix} + \left[\frac{2(4-2\sqrt{2})\alpha + (4-2\sqrt{2})\beta(-\sqrt{2}-1)}{8} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -(\sqrt{2}-1) \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\pi t}$$

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} a+\beta \\ a-\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Time Evolution of Quantum State (Initial state: $|0\rangle$, $\alpha=1$, $\beta=0$)



Time Evolution of an Arbitrary State

- In quantum mechanics, a system's state evolves over time. If we know its energy eigenstates, we can represent any initial state as a mix of them and track its evolution

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = c_1|\psi_1\rangle e^{-iE_1t/\hbar} + c_2|\psi_2\rangle e^{-iE_2t/\hbar}$$

$|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$: energy eigenstates of the Hamiltonian.

E_1, E_2 : their corresponding energy eigenvalues.

c_1, c_2 : complex coefficients that define the initial state.

\hbar : reduced Planck constant.

t : time

It describes each component of the initial state acquires a **time-dependent phase factor**.

Time Evolution of an Arbitrary State

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = c_1|\psi_1\rangle e^{-iE_1t/\hbar} + c_2|\psi_2\rangle e^{-iE_2t/\hbar}$$

- The total wavefunction $|\Psi(t)\rangle$ is a **superposition** of energy eigenstates.
- Each eigenstate evolves at a **different rate** depending on its energy E_n
- The result is a kind of **quantum rotation or interference** as time progresses.
- This leads to phenomena like **quantum beating, oscillations, and state transitions**.

Time Evolution of an Arbitrary State

- $E_1 = 0 \quad E_2 = \pi\hbar$
- Substitute into the time evolution equation:

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = c_1|\psi_1\rangle e^{-iE_1t/\hbar} + c_2|\psi_2\rangle e^{-iE_2t/\hbar}$$

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = c_1|\psi_1\rangle + c_2|\psi_2\rangle e^{-i\pi t}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^2 C_n |\psi_n\rangle e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$