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- 5. Qubit gates and their fidelities.
 - (a) Density operator: $\hat{\rho} = \sum_{n} P_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$

Therefore we have density matrix:

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} (\alpha^* \quad \beta^*) \quad \text{for } |\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha|^2 & \alpha\beta^* \\ \alpha^*\beta & |\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Conjugate of ρ :

$$\rho^{\dagger} = (|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|)^{\dagger}$$
$$= (\langle \psi|)^{\dagger} (|\psi\rangle)^{\dagger}$$
$$= |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| = \rho$$

Thus ρ is Hermitian.

Also
$$\rho^2 = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi | \psi\rangle \langle \psi | = \rho \Rightarrow \operatorname{tr}(\rho^2) = \operatorname{tr}(\rho) = 1.$$

In this case ρ is unitary, however for a mixed state $\rho^2 \neq \rho$ hence this is not general.

(b) We make definition TRANSPOSE $\equiv T$ for ease of writing.

Then we have:

$$T\rho = \rho^{T}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha|^{2} & \alpha^{*}\beta \\ \alpha\beta^{*} & |\beta|^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{*} \\ \beta^{*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= |\psi^{T}\rangle \langle \psi^{T}|$$

So $|\psi^T\rangle$ has its amplitudes in computational basis conjugated from $|\psi\rangle$.

For state on z-axis, we pick $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$.

For y-axis, we pick $|\psi\rangle = |+\rangle = (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$.

For x-axis, we pick $|\psi\rangle=|R\rangle=(|0\rangle+\mathrm{e}^{i\pi/2}\,|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}.$

$ \psi\rangle$	$ \psi^T angle$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\binom{0}{1}$
$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
$\left \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right $	$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
$\left(\frac{1}{1}\right)$	$\left(\frac{1}{1}\right)$
$\left \begin{array}{c} \sqrt{2} \\ i \end{array} \right $	$\left(\begin{array}{c}\sqrt{2}\\i\end{array}\right)$
$\left \left(\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right $	$\left(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

For $T \sim 1$, we have $1 |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ for all basis, thus:

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \text{for z, x} \\ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = 0$$

So average $\mathcal{F} = \frac{2}{3} + 0 = \frac{2}{3}$.

For $T \sim X$, we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence we have:

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\left\langle\psi^{T}\right|, X\left|\psi\right\rangle\right) = \frac{1}{3}\left[\left|\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix}\right|^{2} + \left|\begin{pmatrix}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{pmatrix}\right|^{2} + \left|\begin{pmatrix}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{pmatrix}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

For $T \sim \texttt{MEASUREMENT}$, we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

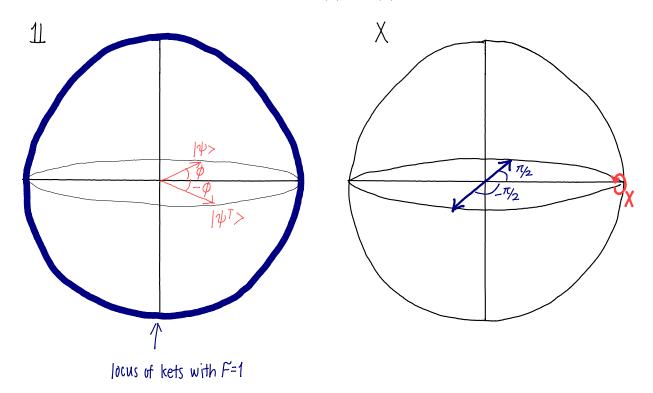
So we have
$$\mathcal{F}_z = 1$$
, $\mathcal{F}_x = \mathcal{F}_y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \\ & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$.

Thus average $\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{3}$.

For 1, since conjugation relates to the azimuthal inversion, the set of kets that satisfies $\mathcal{F}=1$ would be the ones with azimuthal angle $\phi=0$.

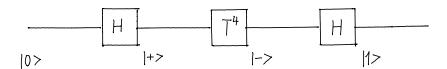
For X, it would be the ones with $\phi = \pm \pi/2$.

For MEASUREMENT, it would be the basis $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$.

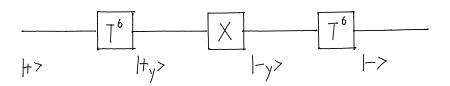


- **6.** Grover algorithm and some nasty NMR computing at the end!
 - (a) Universal single qubit gates are the set of gates that form the basis of constructing a general qubit operation to an arbitrary accuracy, in this case H and T gates may replicate other single qubit operations to F 1.

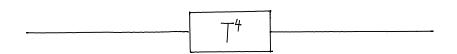
X:



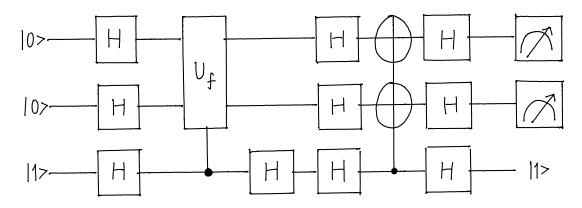
Y:



Z:



(b) Grover for n = 2: $f : \{0, 1\}^2 \to \{0, 1\}$ only one x gives f(x) = 1.

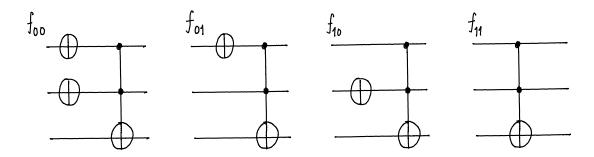


Note that the operation $|x\rangle |y\rangle \to |x\rangle |y\oplus f(x)\rangle$ with $x\equiv$ the input, $y\equiv$ the ancilla becomes $|x\rangle (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \to |x\rangle (|0\oplus f(x)\rangle - |1\oplus f(x)\rangle) = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ ignoring normalisation factor.

Due to the linearity of Hilbert space, the phase $(-1)^{f(x)}$ may be thought of as being applied onto the superposition of inputs while leaving the ancilla unchanged, hence we may largely ignore ancilla in this algorithm for simplicity.

A promise about f is a specific fact that we know about f, without knowing the function itself. In Grover, the promise is that only one of the inputs returns f(x) = 1.

We may then write f_{jk} as the satisfying input being $|jk\rangle$.



After the oracle, we have states (in subspace of input qubits):

$$|x\rangle = |00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |11\rangle$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\-1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We then have propagator:

Acting this on $|x\rangle$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\propto |01\rangle$$

Hence we obtain a unique output here, though a further $\mathtt{NOT}^{\otimes 2}$ is required to get the correct answer.

(c) NMR Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H} = \hbar\omega_1 \frac{\sigma_{1z}}{2} + \hbar\omega_2 \frac{\sigma_{2z}}{2} + \hbar\omega_{12} \frac{\sigma_{1z} \cdot \sigma_{2z}}{4}$$

To implement f_{11} , we exploit the J coupling between qubits to apply the Toffoli gate via a π pulse at ω_{12} .

As shown in the diagram above, applying a π pulse at ω_1 and ω_2 to flip qubits 1 and 2 before the π pulse at ω_{12} should achieve the function f_{00} .

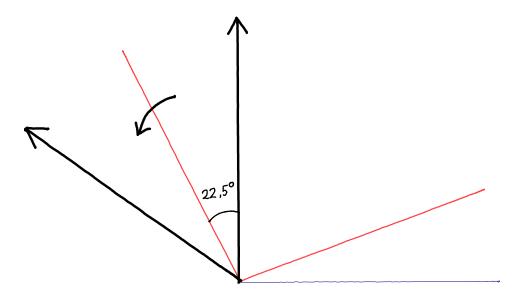
- 7. (DRAFT) Classic GHZ question.
 - (a) (TO EXPAND) Noting that vertical and horizontal polarisations are orthogonal, we make identification:

$$|0\rangle \equiv |H\rangle \qquad |1\rangle \equiv |V\rangle$$

The states $|\pm\rangle$ are then $|H\rangle \pm |V\rangle$, i.e. polarisation 45° to horizontal/vertical.

Similarly, $|R\rangle$ and $|L\rangle$ are $|H\rangle \pm i |V\rangle$, i.e. right/left handed polarisation.

A Hadamard gate may be achieved by placing a π waveplate 22.5° to horizontal as shown below:



A controlled phase gate may be achieved by adjusting the angle and phase of a waveplate by Pockels effect. The control should come from?

The main reasons why a 2-photon gate in such basis is difficult to implement is due to its sensitivity to polarisation angle, a slight error could render the gate unusable.

(b) Ignoring normalisation:

$$\begin{split} |000\rangle \xrightarrow{H^{\otimes 3}} |+++\rangle &= |000\rangle + |001\rangle + \ldots + |111\rangle \\ \xrightarrow{CZ_{13}} |000\rangle + \ldots + |100\rangle - |101\rangle + |110\rangle - |111\rangle \\ \xrightarrow{CZ_{12}} |000\rangle + \ldots + |100\rangle - |101\rangle - |110\rangle + |111\rangle = |0\rangle |++\rangle + |1\rangle |--\rangle \\ \xrightarrow{1 \otimes H^{\otimes 2}} |000\rangle + |111\rangle \end{split}$$

So we have generated a GHZ state in the ZZZ basis.

To rewrite the GHZ state in other bases, we first note the following transformations:

$$|0\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{in X basis} \qquad \qquad = \frac{|R\rangle + |L\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{in Y basis}$$

$$|1\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{in X basis} \qquad = \frac{|R\rangle - |L\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{in Y basis up to a global phase of } i$$

So we may rewrite the GHZ state as:

$$\begin{split} |\mathrm{GHZ}\rangle &= (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \left(|R\rangle + |L\rangle\right) \left(|R\rangle + |L\rangle\right) + (|+\rangle - |-\rangle) \left(|R\rangle - |L\rangle\right) \left(|R\rangle - |L\rangle\right) \\ &= |+RR\rangle + |+RL\rangle + |+LR\rangle + |+LL\rangle + |-RR\rangle + \dots + \\ &|+RR\rangle - |+RL\rangle - \dots + |+LL\rangle - |-RR\rangle + \mathrm{cross\ terms} - |-LL\rangle \\ &= |+\rangle \left[|RR\rangle + |LL\rangle\right] - |-\rangle \left[|LR\rangle + |RL\rangle\right] \quad \text{in XYY basis} \end{split}$$

Similarly we have:

$$|GHZ\rangle = |R + R\rangle + |L + L\rangle - |L - R\rangle - |R - L\rangle \quad \text{in YXY}$$
$$= [|RR\rangle + |LL\rangle] |+\rangle - [|LR\rangle + |RL\rangle] |-\rangle \quad \text{in YYX}$$

Note that there is an entanglement between the X and Y pairs – if Y is measured to be the same \Rightarrow X must be $|+\rangle$ and vice versa.

In XXX basis:

$$\begin{split} |\mathrm{GHZ}\rangle &= (|+\rangle + |-\rangle)^{\otimes 3} + (|+\rangle - |-\rangle)^{\otimes 3} \\ &= |+ + +\rangle + |+ - -\rangle + |- - +\rangle + |- + -\rangle \quad \mathrm{noting \ that \ odd \ powers \ of \ } |-\rangle \ \mathrm{cancels} \\ &= |+\rangle \, |\Phi^+\rangle + |-\rangle \, |\Psi^+\rangle \end{split}$$

Hence a measurement in X basis reveals a maximally entangled state, which is known for violating the CHSH inequality, i.e. $B = 2\sqrt{2} > 2$ as predicted by local realism.

However the slight difference is that the Bell state is encapsulated in the GHZ state when measured in X basis, as opposed to being an inherent feature in computational basis.