## Proof cycle and related stuff

How do I prove this? How do I approach thinking about this in terms of proof; How do I go from this conjecture to thinking; we need to start from things we know to be true and arrive here; this method is known as direct proof; there are other methods too, but a proof generally needs an idea;

- 1. Understand every term of the proof at a cursory level.
- 2. Understand what is being asked in those terms?
- 3. Now you understand the task at this point.
- 4. Ideate and attempt; sketch out promising avenues that look hopeful.
- 5. Once you have a promising sketch, write it in better detail.
- 6. Cycle until you reach a satisfactory proof.
- 7. Write down ideas while Ideating. Think on paper.

## 0.0.1 Pauli gates on $e_i$

## 0.1 Pauli Gates

Quantum gates are simply operators. But since we are doing quantum computation, we adapt the term gate instead of operators.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I \quad X \quad Y \quad Z$$

$$\text{bit flip} \quad \text{phase flip}$$

$$\text{quantum not}$$

$$\begin{split} I|0\rangle &= |0\rangle \\ I|1\rangle &= |1\rangle \\ X|0\rangle &= |1\rangle \\ X|1\rangle &= |0\rangle \\ Y|0\rangle &= -i|1\rangle \\ Y|1\rangle &= i|0\rangle \\ Z|0\rangle &= |0\rangle \\ Z|1\rangle &= -|1\rangle \end{split}$$