

# Definitions of Quantum Gates

This notebook is based on

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Single-qubit pseudo spin operators:  $\mathbb{1}, \hat{\sigma}_x, \hat{\sigma}_y, \hat{\sigma}_z$

```
In[ ]:= {id, sx, sy, sz} = Table[SparseArray[PauliMatrix[i]], {i, 0, 3}];
```

Projectors onto  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  states

```
In[ ]:= proj0 = (id + sz) / 2 // SparseArray;
proj1 = (id - sz) / 2 // SparseArray;
```

Operator  $\hat{a}$  acting on the  $k^{\text{th}}$  qubit of a set of  $n$  qubits:

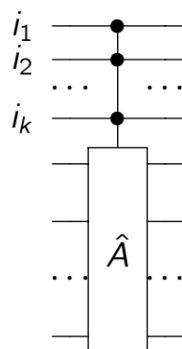
$\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \hat{a} \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}$

```
In[ ]:= op[n_Integer, k_Integer, a_] /; 1 <= k <= n & Dimensions[a] == {2, 2} :=
  KroneckerProduct[IdentityMatrix[2^(k-1), SparseArray],
    a, IdentityMatrix[2^(n-k), SparseArray]]
```

## Controlled operator

In a set of  $n$  qubits, the  $n$ -qubit operator  $\text{ctrl}[n, \lambda, A]$  acts like the operator  $\hat{A}$  if all qubits in the list  $\lambda = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$  are in the

$|1\rangle$  state, and has no action (acts like the identity operator,  $\mathbb{1}$  on  $n$  qubits) if any of the qubits in the list  $\lambda$  are in the  $|0\rangle$  state:




$$\text{CTRL} = \left[ \bigotimes_{j=1}^k |1\rangle\langle 1|^{(i_j)} \right] \cdot \hat{A} + \left[ \mathbb{1} - \bigotimes_{j=1}^k |1\rangle\langle 1|^{(i_j)} \right] \cdot \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1} + \left[ \bigotimes_{j=1}^k |1\rangle\langle 1|^{(i_j)} \right] \cdot (\hat{A} - \mathbb{1})$$

```
In[ ]:= ctrl[n_Integer, λ_ /; VectorQ[λ, IntegerQ], A_] /;
  (Unequal@@λ) ∧ Min[λ] ≥ 1 ∧ Max[λ] ≤ n ∧ Dimensions[A] == {2^n, 2^n} :=
  IdentityMatrix[2^n, SparseArray] +
  Apply[Dot, op[n, #, proj1] & /@ λ].(A - IdentityMatrix[2^n, SparseArray])
```


## Single-Qubit Gates

### Pauli gates


Pauli gates acting on the  $k^{\text{th}}$  qubit of a set of  $n$  qubits:

- The Pauli-X gate  acts like  $\hat{\sigma}_x$  on the desired qubit, and has no effect on all other qubits.

```
In[ ]:= xGate[n_Integer, k_Integer] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k, σx]
```

- The Pauli-Y gate  acts like  $\hat{\sigma}_y$  on the desired qubit, and has no effect on all other qubits.

```
In[ ]:= yGate[n_Integer, k_Integer] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k, σy]
```

- The Pauli-Z gate  acts like  $\hat{\sigma}_z$  on the desired qubit, and has no effect on all other qubits.

```
In[ ]:= zGate[n_Integer, k_Integer] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k, σz]
```

### Pauli rotations

- $\hat{R}_x(\phi) \propto e^{-i\phi\hat{\sigma}_x/2}$

```
In[ ]:= rxGate[n_Integer, k_Integer, φ_] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k,  $\frac{1 + e^{i\phi}}{2} \text{id} + \frac{1 - e^{i\phi}}{2} \sigma_x$ ]
```


- $\hat{R}_y(\phi) \propto e^{-i\phi\hat{\sigma}_y/2}$

```
In[ ]:= ryGate[n_Integer, k_Integer, φ_] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k,  $\frac{1 + e^{i\phi}}{2} \text{id} + \frac{1 - e^{i\phi}}{2} \sigma_y$ ]
```

- $\hat{R}_z(\phi) \propto e^{-i\phi\hat{\sigma}_z/2}$

```
In[ ]:= rzGate[n_Integer, k_Integer, φ_] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k,  $\frac{1 + e^{i\phi}}{2} \text{id} + \frac{1 - e^{i\phi}}{2} \sigma_z$ ]
```

### Hadamard gate

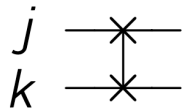
The Hadamard gate  acts like  $\frac{\hat{\sigma}_x + \hat{\sigma}_z}{\sqrt{2}}$  on the desired qubit, and has no effect on all other qubits.

```
In[ ]:= hadamardGate[n_Integer, k_Integer] /; 1 ≤ k ≤ n := op[n, k,  $\frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_z}{\sqrt{2}}$ ]
```

## Two-qubit gates

### SWAP gate

Exchanges the state of qubits  $j$  and  $k$  in a set of  $n$  qubits



$$\text{SWAP}^{(jk)} = (\mathbb{1}^{(j)} \otimes \mathbb{1}^{(k)} + \hat{\sigma}_x^{(j)} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_x^{(k)} + \hat{\sigma}_y^{(j)} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_y^{(k)} + \hat{\sigma}_z^{(j)} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_z^{(k)})$$

```
In[ ]:= swapGate[n_Integer, {j_Integer, k_Integer}] /; 1 ≤ j ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ j ≠ k :=
  (IdentityMatrix[2^n, SparseArray] + xGate[n, j].xGate[n, k] +
   yGate[n, j].yGate[n, k] + zGate[n, j].zGate[n, k]) / 2
```

The matrix representation of a two - qubit SWAP takes on the familiar form

```
In[ ]:= swapGate[2, {1, 2}] // MatrixForm
Out[ ]//MatrixForm=
```

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

### Square root of the SWAP gate

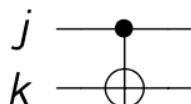
```
In[ ]:= sqrtSwapGate[n_Integer, {j_Integer, k_Integer}] /; 1 ≤ j ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ j ≠ k :=
  (3 + i)/4 IdentityMatrix[2^n, SparseArray] +
  (1 - i)/4 (xGate[n, j].xGate[n, k] + yGate[n, j].yGate[n, k] + zGate[n, j].zGate[n, k])
```

```
In[ ]:= sqrtSwapGate[2, {1, 2}] // MatrixForm
Out[ ]//MatrixForm=
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

### CNOT gate

In a set of  $n$  qubits, if qubit  $j$  is in state  $|0\rangle$  then there is no effect on qubit  $k$ , whereas if qubit  $j$  is in state  $|1\rangle$  then the NOT operator  $\hat{\sigma}_x$  acts on qubit  $k$ .



$$\text{CNOT}^{(jk)} = |0\rangle\langle 0|^{(j)} \otimes \mathbb{1}^{(k)} + |1\rangle\langle 1|^{(j)} \otimes \sigma_x^{(k)}$$

CNOT is simply the CTRL operator with a single element in the list  $\lambda = \{j\}$  and a single-qubit  $\hat{A} = \hat{\sigma}_x^{(k)}$  operator.

```
In[*]:= cnotGate[n_Integer, j_Integer → k_Integer] /; 1 ≤ j ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ j ≠ k :=
  ctrl[n, {j}], op[n, k, σx]
```

```
In[*]:= MatrixForm@cnotGate[2, 1 → 2]
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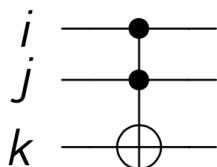
```
Out[*]//MatrixForm=
```

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

## Three-qubit gates

### CCNOT (Toffoli) gate

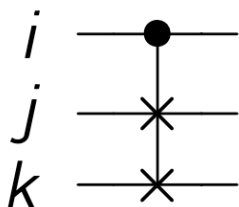
In a set of  $n$  qubits, if both qubits  $i$  and  $j$  are in state 1, then the NOT operator  $\hat{\sigma}_x$  acts on qubit  $k$ ,



```
In[*]:= ccnotGate[n_Integer, {i_Integer, j_Integer} → k_Integer] /;
  1 ≤ i ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ j ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ Unequal[i, j, k] := ctrl[n, {i, j}], op[n, k, σx]
```

### Controlled SWAP (Fredkin) gate

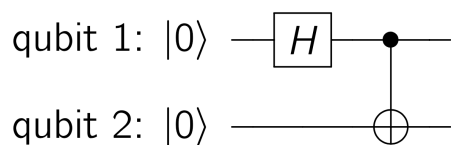
In a set of  $n$  qubits, if qubit  $i$  is in state 0 then there is no effect on qubits  $j$  and  $k$ , whereas if qubit  $i$  is in state 1 then the state of qubits  $j$  and  $k$  is exchanged,



```
In[*]:= cswapGate[n_Integer, i_Integer → {j_Integer, k_Integer}] /;
  1 ≤ i ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ j ≤ n ∧ 1 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ Unequal[i, j, k] := ctrl[n, {i}], swapGate[n, {j, k}]
```

## A Simple Circuit

As a simple example, we study the quantum circuit,



The operator for the circuit,

```
In[ ]:= s = cnotGate[2, 1 → 2].hadamardGate[2, 1];
MatrixForm[s]
```

Out[ ]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

the basis set is  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{ |00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle \}$

```
In[ ]:= bas[n_Integer /; n ≥ 1] := Tuples[{0, 1}, n]
bas[2]
```

Out[ ]:= {{0, 0}, {0, 1}, {1, 0}, {1, 1}}

operate on the  $|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |00\rangle$  input state:

```
In[ ]:= ψin = {1, 0, 0, 0};
ψout = s.ψin;
MatrixForm@ψout
```

Out[ ]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathcal{B}_2$  shows that we have  $|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ , and projective measurements on the two qubits, give  $\frac{1}{2}$  probability of finding the classical result  $|00\rangle$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  probability of finding  $|11\rangle$ , whereas the bit combinations  $|10\rangle$  and  $|01\rangle$  never occur

```
In[ ]:= Abs[ψout]^2
```

Out[ ]:=  $\{\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}\}$

## Quantum Fourier Transform

The quantum circuit for a QFT is assembled from blocks that connect the  $i^{\text{th}}$  qubit to the qubits  $\{i+1, i+2, \dots, n\}$  via controlled phase gates:

```
In[ ]:= qftBlock[n_Integer, i_Integer] /; 1 ≤ i ≤ n :=
Apply[Dot, Table[ctrl[n, {j}], rzGate[n, i, 2 π / 2^{j+1-i}], {j, n, i+1, -1}]] .
hadamardGate[n, i]
```

assemble the quantum Fourier transformation by connecting all qubits:

1. Connect all qubits through the above QFTblock operation
2. Swap the order of the qubits

```

In[ ]:= qft[n_Integer] /; n ≥ 1 := Apply[Dot, Table[swapGate[n, {i, n + 1 - i}], {i, 1,  $\frac{n}{2}$ }]].
      Apply[Dot, Table[qftBlock[n, i], {i, n, 1, -1}]]
QFT consists of a polynomial number of gates:


- $n$  Hadamard gates
- $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  controlled rotations
- $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  swap gates


simple formula for the resulting matrix representation:
In[ ]:= Table[qft[n] ==  $\frac{1}{2^{n/2}}$  Table[ $e^{2\pi i j k / 2^n}$ , {j, 0,  $2^n - 1$ }, {k, 0,  $2^n - 1$ }], {n, 6}] //
      FullSimplify
Out[ ]:= {True, True, True, True, True, True}

```

## Quantum phase estimation

estimate the phase of this:

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In[ ]:= w = {1};
      u[phi_] = {{e^{2\pi i \phi}}};
check that we set up the problem correctly:
In[ ]:= {u[phi].w == e^{2\pi i \phi} w, Norm[w] == 1}
Out[ ]:= {True, True}

```

unit operator in the space of the system  $U$ :

```

In[ ]:= u0 = IdentityMatrix[Length[w], SparseArray];
      U operator attached to  $n$  qubits, controlled by the  $i^{\text{th}}$  qubit:
In[ ]:= ctrlU[n_Integer, i_Integer, phi_] /; 1 ≤ i ≤ n :=
      KroneckerProduct[op[n, i, proj0], u0] + KroneckerProduct[op[n, i, proj1], u[phi]]

```

estimate to  $t$  digits of precision:

```

In[ ]:= t = 4;
      e[phi_] = KroneckerProduct[ConjugateTranspose[qft[t]], u0].
      Apply[Dot, Table[ctrlU[t, i, 2^{t-i} phi], {i, t, 1, -1}]].
      KroneckerProduct[Apply[Dot, Table[hadamardGate[t, i], {i, t}]], u0].
      Flatten[KroneckerProduct[SparseArray[1 → 1, 2^t], w]] // Normal;

```

probabilities for measuring the different basis states: trace out the SUT and look at the diagonal elements of the reduced density matrix  
(see ReducedDensityMatrix.nb)

```

In[ ]:= rdm[ψABC_?VectorQ, {dA_Integer /; dA ≥ 1, dB_Integer /; dB ≥ 1,
    dC_Integer /; dC ≥ 1}] /; Length[ψABC] == dA dB dC :=
    With[{P = ArrayReshape[ψABC, {dA, dB, dC}]}],
    Flatten[Transpose[P, {1, 3, 2}].ConjugateTranspose[P, {{1, 2}, {3, 4}}]]]
traceout[ψ_?VectorQ, d_Integer /; d ≥ 1] /; Divisible[Length[ψ], d] :=
    rdm[ψ, {1, d,  $\frac{\text{Length}[\psi]}{d}$ }]
traceout[ψ_?VectorQ, d_Integer /; d ≤ -1] /; Divisible[Length[ψ], -d] :=
    rdm[ψ, { $\frac{\text{Length}[\psi]}{-d}$ , -d, 1}]

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In[ ]:= prob[φ_?NumericQ] := Re[Diagonal[traceout[ε[N[φ]], -Length[w]]]]

```

When  $\phi$  is an integer multiple of  $2^{-t}$ , only one basis state has 100% probability of occurring. The  $i^{\text{th}}$  basis state corresponds to a measurement of  $\phi = \frac{i-1}{2^t}$ :

```

In[ ]:= Table[prob[φ], {φ, 0, 1, 2-t}] // Chop // MatrixForm

```

Out[ ]//MatrixForm=

1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.
1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

When  $\phi$  is not an integer multiple of  $2^{-t}$ , all basis states can occur in measurement:

```

In[ ]:= Round[prob[0.2], 0.001]

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Out[ ]:= {0.004, 0.008, 0.025, 0.876, 0.055, 0.011, 0.005,
    0.003, 0.002, 0.002, 0.001, 0.001, 0.001, 0.002, 0.002, 0.003}

```

The mean measurement is a bad estimator (doesn't converge as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ).

The most likely measurement is a good estimator.

```

In[ ]:= mean[ $\phi$ ?NumericQ] := prob[ $\phi$ ] .  $\frac{\text{Range}[0, 2^t - 1]}{2^t}$ ;

mostprobable[ $\phi$ ?NumericQ] :=  $\frac{\text{Ordering}[\text{prob}[\phi], -1][[1]] - 1}{2^t}$ ;

Plot[{ $\phi$ , mean[ $\phi$ ], mostprobable[ $\phi$ ]}, { $\phi$ , 0, 1},
  AxesLabel → {"phase setting", "phase measurement"},
  PlotRange → {{0, 1}, {0, 1}}, PlotRangePadding → None,
  PlotStyle → {Black, {Thick, Blue}, {Thick, Red}}, AspectRatio → {1},
  PlotLegends → {"exact", "mean of measurements", "most frequent measurement"},
  GridLines → { $\frac{\text{Range}[1, 2^t - 1]}{2^t}$ ,  $\frac{\text{Range}[1, 2^t - 1]}{2^t}$ }]

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