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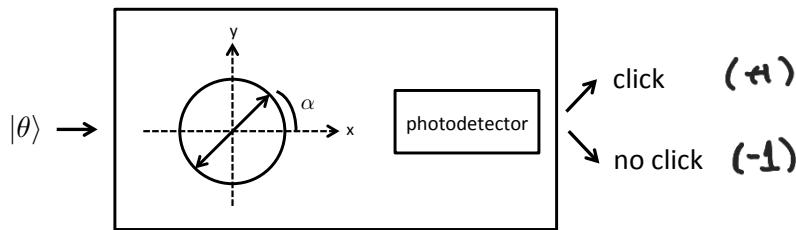
 Homework 4  
 Traitement Quantique de l'Information
 

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**Exercise 1** *Polarization observable and measurement principle*

Consider the “measurement apparatus” (in the below figure) constituted of “an analyzer and a detector”. The incoming (initial) state of the photon is linearly polarized:

$$|\theta\rangle = \cos\theta|x\rangle + \sin\theta|y\rangle.$$



When the photodetector clicks we record +1 and when it does not click we record -1. Thus the “polarization observable” is represented by the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$P_\alpha = (+1)|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| + (-1)|\alpha_\perp\rangle\langle\alpha_\perp|$$

where  $|\alpha\rangle = \cos\alpha|x\rangle + \sin\alpha|y\rangle$  and  $|\alpha_\perp\rangle = -\sin\alpha|x\rangle + \cos\alpha|y\rangle$  are the two vectors of the measurement basis. Note that the two orthogonal projectors of the measurement basis are  $\Pi_\alpha = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$  and  $\Pi_{\alpha_\perp} = |\alpha_\perp\rangle\langle\alpha_\perp|$ .

- ✓ 1) Show that  $\Pi_\alpha^2 = \Pi_\alpha$ ,  $\Pi_{\alpha_\perp}^2 = \Pi_{\alpha_\perp}$  and  $\Pi_\alpha\Pi_{\alpha_\perp} = \Pi_{\alpha_\perp}\Pi_\alpha = 0$ .
- ✓ 2) Check the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(p=+1) & | \langle \theta | \alpha \rangle |^2 = \langle \theta | \Pi_\alpha | \theta \rangle, \\ \text{Prob}(p=-1) & | \langle \theta | \alpha_\perp \rangle |^2 = \langle \theta | \Pi_{\alpha_\perp} | \theta \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- ✓ 3) Let  $p = \pm 1$  the random variable corresponding to the event click / no-click of the detector. Express  $\text{Prob}(p = \pm 1)$  with simple trigonometric functions and check that the two probabilities sum to one.
- 4) Deduce from 3)  $\mathbb{E}(p)$  and  $\text{Var}(p)$  and check that you find the same expressions by directly computing  $\langle \theta | P_\alpha | \theta \rangle$  and  $\langle \theta | P_\alpha^2 | \theta \rangle - \langle \theta | P_\alpha | \theta \rangle^2$  in Dirac notation.

## ✓ Exercise 2 Product versus entangled states

Prove whether the following states are product or entangled states ? (check also they are correctly normalized)

1.  $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$
2.  $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$
3.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|01\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|10\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|11\rangle$
4.  $|\beta_{00}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$ ,  $|\beta_{01}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$ ,  $|\beta_{10}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$ ,  $|\beta_{11}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$ .
5.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2}}(|00\rangle + \epsilon|11\rangle)$ , for  $0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1$
6.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle)$
7.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$
8.  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle + |110\rangle + |101\rangle + |011\rangle + |111\rangle)$
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## Exercise 3 Unitary transformations

Verify that the following transformations are unitary (check also the identities between matrix tables and Dirac notation):

1. Simple time evolution of the type  $|\psi_t\rangle = e^{i\omega t}|\psi_0\rangle$ . This is for example the time evolution of a free photon of frequency  $\nu = \omega/2\pi$  or energy  $E = h\nu = \hbar\omega$ .
2. The Hadamard gate.

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \quad (1)$$

Check how the basis  $|0\rangle$ ,  $|1\rangle$  is transformed. Remark: in interferometers models for example a semi-transparent mirror.

3. The  $X$  or  $NOT$  gate

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|$$

Check how the basis  $|0\rangle$ ,  $|1\rangle$  is transformed. Remark: in interferometers it models for example a reflecting mirror.

4.  $U_1 \otimes U_2$  if  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are unitary. Remark: if  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  act each on a one-qubit Hilbert space  $\mathbb{C}^2$  then the tensor product acts on the two-qubit space  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ .

5. The control-NOT gate. This gate flips the control bit (the second) if the target bit (the first) is 1.

$$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = |00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| + |10\rangle\langle 11| + |11\rangle\langle 10| = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X$$

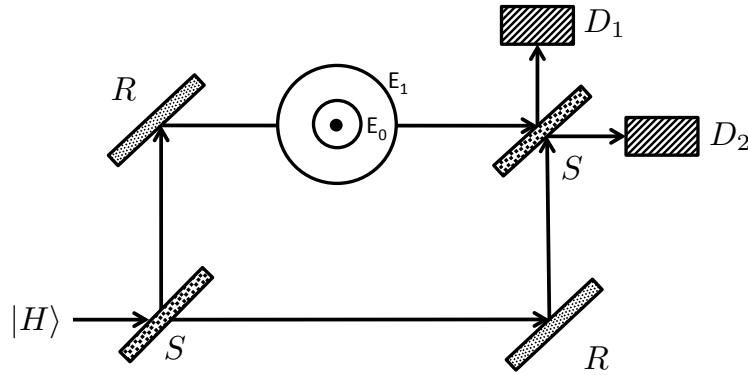
Verify the following identity:

$$|\beta_{ij}\rangle = CNOT \otimes H|i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle, \quad i, j = 0, 1$$

Deduce that  $\{|\beta\rangle, i, j = 0, 1\}$  is an orthonormal basis. This identity shows that  $CNOT$  entangles the two qubits.

**Exercise 4** Interferometer with an atom on the upper path

Consider the following set-up where an atom may absorb the photon on the upper arm of the interferometer.



The Hilbert space of the photon is here  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with basis states

$$|H\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |V\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\text{abs}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the semi-transparent and reflecting mirrors are modeled by the unitary matrices

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the “absorption-reemission” process<sup>1</sup> is modeled by the unitary matrix

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

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<sup>1</sup>On the picture  $E_0$  and  $E_1$  are two energy levels of the atom corresponding to ground state and excited state; but you can ignore this aspect in this problem.

Note that in Dirac notation

$$A = |H\rangle\langle \text{abs}| + |V\rangle\langle V| + |\text{abs}\rangle\langle H|$$

This models three possible transitions:  $A|H\rangle = |\text{abs}\rangle$  (absorption);  $A|\text{abs}\rangle = |H\rangle$  (emission); and  $A|V\rangle = |V\rangle$  (nothing happens).

- 1) Write down all matrices in Dirac notation and then compute the unitary operator  $U = SARS$  representing the total evolution process of this interferometer.
- 2) Given that the initial state is  $|H\rangle$ , what is the state after the second semi-transparent mirror? What are the probabilities of the following three events: click in  $D_1$ ; or click in  $D_2$ ; or no clicks in  $D_1$  nor  $D_2$ ? Verify the probabilities sum to 1.
- 3) Suppose the photon-atom interaction is not absorption-reemission but some other process modeled by a matrix. Which of the two following matrices would be legitimate in QM?

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

and why?

1) Show that  $\Pi_\alpha^2 = \Pi_\alpha$ ,  $\Pi_{\alpha\perp}^2 = \Pi_{\alpha\perp}$  and  $\Pi_\alpha \Pi_{\alpha\perp} = \Pi_{\alpha\perp} \Pi_\alpha = 0$ .

$$\Pi_\alpha = |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha|$$

$$\Pi_\alpha^2 = |\alpha\rangle \underbrace{\langle \alpha|}_{1} \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha| = |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha| = \Pi_\alpha$$

$$\Pi_{\alpha\perp} = |\alpha_\perp\rangle \langle \alpha_\perp|$$

$$\Pi_{\alpha_\perp}^2 = |\alpha_\perp\rangle \underbrace{\langle \alpha_\perp|}_{1} \alpha_\perp \rangle \langle \alpha_\perp| = |\alpha_\perp\rangle \langle \alpha_\perp| = \Pi_{\alpha_\perp}$$

$$\Pi_\alpha \Pi_{\alpha\perp} = |\alpha\rangle \underbrace{\langle \alpha|}_{0} \alpha_\perp \rangle \langle \alpha_\perp| = 0$$

$$\Pi_{\alpha\perp} \Pi_\alpha = |\alpha_\perp\rangle \underbrace{\langle \alpha_\perp|}_{0} \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha| = 0$$

2) Check the following formulas:

$$\rightarrow \langle \theta | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \theta \rangle$$

$$\checkmark \quad |\langle \theta | \alpha \rangle|^2 = \langle \theta | \Pi_\alpha | \theta \rangle,$$

$$\checkmark \quad |\langle \theta | \alpha_\perp \rangle|^2 = \langle \theta | \Pi_{\alpha_\perp} | \theta \rangle$$

$$\hookrightarrow \langle \theta | \alpha_\perp \rangle \langle \alpha_\perp | \theta \rangle$$

$$|\langle \theta | \alpha \rangle|^2 = \langle \theta | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \theta \rangle$$

$$|\langle \theta | \alpha_\perp \rangle|^2 = \langle \theta | \alpha_\perp \rangle \langle \alpha_\perp | \theta \rangle$$

3) Let  $p = \pm 1$  the random variable corresponding to the event click / no-click of the detector. Express  $\text{Prob}(p = \pm 1)$  with simple trigonometric functions and check that the two probabilities sum to one.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(p = +1) &= |\langle \theta | \alpha \rangle|^2 = |(\cos \theta \cos \alpha \underbrace{+ \sin \theta \sin \alpha \cos \gamma}_1) (\cos \alpha \cos \theta \underbrace{+ \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos \gamma}_1)|^2 \\ &= (\cos \theta \cos \alpha \underbrace{+ \sin \theta \sin \alpha \cos \gamma}_1)^2 \\ &= \cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \alpha + \underbrace{2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha \sin \theta \sin \alpha \cos \gamma}_2 + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \alpha \\ &= \frac{\sin 2\theta \sin 2\alpha}{2} \\ &= (\cos(\theta - \alpha))^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Prob}(p=-1) &= |\langle \theta | \hat{\omega} \rangle|^2 = |(\cos\theta \hat{x}_1 + \sin\theta \hat{y}_1)(-\sin\alpha \hat{x}_2 + \cos\alpha \hat{y}_2)|^2 \\ &= \left| -\cos\theta \sin\alpha \underbrace{\langle \hat{x}_1 \hat{x}_2 \rangle_1}_{-1} + \sin\theta \cos\alpha \underbrace{\langle \hat{y}_1 \hat{y}_2 \rangle_1}_{-1} \right|^2 \\ &= (-\cos\theta \sin\alpha + \sin\theta \cos\alpha)^2 \\ &= \cos^2\theta \sin^2\alpha - 2\cos\theta \sin\alpha \sin\theta \cos\alpha + \sin^2\theta \cos^2\alpha \\ &= \sin^2(\theta - \alpha)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Prob}(p=+1) + \text{Prob}(p=-1) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\boxed{\cos^2\theta \cos^2\alpha} + \frac{\sin^2\theta \sin^2\alpha}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta \sin 2\alpha}{2} + \boxed{\sin^2\theta \sin^2\alpha} + \boxed{\cos^2\theta \sin^2\alpha} \\ &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ &\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1 \quad \checkmark \quad \rightarrow \bar{E}(p) \quad E_p^2 ?\end{aligned}$$

4) Dede from 3)  $\mathbb{E}(p)$  and  $\text{Var}(p)$  and check that you find the same expressions by directly computing  $\langle \theta | P_\alpha | \theta \rangle$  and  $\langle \theta | P_\alpha^2 | \theta \rangle - \langle \theta | P_\alpha | \theta \rangle^2$  in Dirac notation.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{E}(p) &= (+1) \text{Prob}(p=+1) + (-1) \text{Prob}(p=-1) \\ &= \underbrace{\cos^2\theta \cos^2\alpha}_{\cos 2\theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta \sin^2\alpha}{2} + \underbrace{\sin^2\theta \sin^2\alpha}_{-\cos 2\theta} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{\cos^2\theta \sin^2\alpha}_{\cos 2\theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta \sin^2\alpha}{2} - \underbrace{\sin^2\theta \cos^2\alpha}_{-\cos 2\theta} \\ &= \cos^2\alpha \underbrace{(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta)}_{\cos 2\theta} + \sin^2\alpha \underbrace{(\sin^2\theta - \cos^2\theta)}_{-\cos 2\theta} \\ &= \cos 2\theta (\cos^2\alpha - \sin^2\alpha) = \boxed{\cos 2\theta \cos 2\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

From Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(\cos(\theta - \alpha))^2 - (\sin(\theta - \alpha))^2 \\ = \cos(2(\theta - \alpha))\end{aligned}$$

It is given that  $P_\alpha = (+1) |a><a| + (-1) |a><a|$   
 $\downarrow$  polarization observable

$$\langle \theta | \tilde{P}_{a|\theta} \rangle$$

$$\tilde{P}_{a|\theta} = (+1) |a\rangle \langle a|\theta\rangle + (-1) |a_\perp\rangle \langle a_\perp|\theta\rangle$$

$$\langle \theta | P_{a|\theta} \rangle = \underbrace{(+1)}_{\text{Prob}(p=+1)} \langle \theta | a \rangle \langle a | \theta \rangle + \underbrace{(-1)}_{\text{Prob}(p=-1)} \langle \theta | a_\perp \rangle \langle a_\perp | \theta \rangle = \tilde{E}[p]$$

From the solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(p) &= \underbrace{\tilde{E}[p^2]}_{1} - (\tilde{E}[p])^2 \\ &= 1 - \tilde{E}[p]^2 \\ &= 1 - \cos(2(\theta - \alpha))^2 \\ &= \sin^2(2(\theta - \alpha)) \quad (\pi_{a-\pi_{a\perp}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta | \tilde{P}_a^2 |\theta \rangle &= \langle \theta | ((+1)\pi_a + (-1)\pi_{a\perp})^2 |\theta \rangle \\ &= \langle \theta | (\pi_a^2 - \cancel{\pi_a \pi_{a\perp}} + \cancel{\pi_{a\perp} \pi_a} + \pi_{a\perp}^2) |\theta \rangle \\ &= \langle \theta | \pi_a + \pi_{a\perp} |\theta \rangle \\ &= (+1)^2 \underbrace{\langle \theta | \pi_a |\theta \rangle}_{\text{Prob}(p=+1)} + (-1)^2 \underbrace{\langle \theta | \pi_{a\perp} |\theta \rangle}_{\text{Prob}(p=-1)} \\ &= \tilde{E}[p^2]_{//} \end{aligned}$$

Prove whether the following states are product or entangled states? (check also they are correctly normalized)

✓ 1.  $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|10\rangle \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) + |11\rangle \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} ((|10\rangle + |11\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)) \rightarrow \text{Product state, Normalized}$$

can be looked to determinant  
if  $\det(A) = 0 \rightarrow \text{product state}$   
 $\neq 0 \rightarrow \text{entangled}$

✓ 2.  $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|10\rangle \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) + |11\rangle \otimes |0\rangle - |1\rangle) \rightarrow \text{Entangled State, Normalized}$$

✓ 3.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|01\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|10\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|11\rangle$

No symmetry  $\rightarrow$  entangled

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{18+1+12}{36} = \frac{31}{36} \neq 1 \rightarrow \text{not normalized}$$

✓ 4.  $|\beta_{00}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$ ,  $|\beta_{01}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$ ,  $|\beta_{10}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$ ,  $|\beta_{11}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$ .

Entangled States  $\rightarrow$  Bell States

Normalized ✓

5.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2}}(|00\rangle + \epsilon|11\rangle)$ , for  $0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1$

No symmetry  $\rightarrow$  Entangled

$$\text{Normalized} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+\epsilon^2} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{1+\epsilon^2} = 1 \vee$$

! For  $\epsilon=0 \rightarrow$  it's product state  
otherwise entangled

✓ 6.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle)$

No symmetry  $\rightarrow$  Entangled

$$\text{Normalized} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1 \vee$$

✓ 7.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$

No symmetry  $\rightarrow$  Entangled

Normalized ✓  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

✓ 8.  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle + |110\rangle + |101\rangle + |011\rangle + |111\rangle)$

Normalized ✓

Symmetric  $\rightarrow$  Product state

$$\left[ |0\rangle \otimes \underbrace{(|00\rangle + |11\rangle + |10\rangle + |01\rangle)}_{\text{group 1}} + |1\rangle \otimes (|00\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle + |11\rangle) \right]$$

$$(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

Verify that the following transformations are unitary (check also the identities between matrix tables and Dirac notation):

- ✓ 1. Simple time evolution of the type  $|\psi_t\rangle = e^{i\omega t}|\psi_0\rangle$ . This is for example the time evolution of a free photon of frequency  $\nu = \omega/2\pi$  or energy  $E = h\nu = \hbar\omega$ .

$$U_t = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\omega t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \quad U_t U_t^\dagger = 1 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} U = e^{i\omega t} |\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0| \\ U^\dagger = e^{-i\omega t} |\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0| \end{array} \right.$$

$$U_t^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\omega t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

2. The Hadamard gate.

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \quad (1)$$

Check how the basis  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$  is transformed. Remark: in interferometers models for example a semi-transparent mirror.

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left\{ H H^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \mathbb{I} \right. \quad \checkmark$$

$$H^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left\{ H = H^\dagger \right.$$

$$(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|)(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|)$$

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 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$

$$|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |0\rangle\langle 1| - |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$+ |1\rangle\langle 1| - |1\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{|0\rangle\langle 0|} + \cancel{|0\rangle\langle 1|} + \cancel{|0\rangle\langle 1|} - \cancel{|0\rangle\langle 1|} + \cancel{|1\rangle\langle 0|} + \cancel{|1\rangle\langle 1|} \\ & - \cancel{|1\rangle\langle 0|} + \cancel{|1\rangle\langle 1|} = 2 \left( \underbrace{|0\rangle\langle 0|}_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\otimes 2}} + \underbrace{|1\rangle\langle 1|}_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\otimes 2}} \right) \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I \end{aligned}$$

$$H|i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + (-1)^i |1\rangle) \text{ for } i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\langle j | \underbrace{H^\dagger H}_{I} | i \rangle = \frac{1}{2} ((|0\rangle + (-1)^j |1\rangle)(|0\rangle + (-1)^i |1\rangle)) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + (-1)^{i+j}) = \delta_{ij}$$

3. The  $X$  or  $NOT$  gate

$$I = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|$$

Check how the basis  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$  is transformed. Remark: in interferometers it models for example a reflecting mirror.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} XX^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I \\ X^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad X = X^\dagger \end{array} \right\} \text{ unitary check} \\ & (|0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|) (|0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|) \\ & = |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \\ & X|i\rangle = |i \oplus 1\rangle \quad \text{thus } \langle j | X^\dagger | i \rangle = \langle j \oplus 1 | i \oplus 1 \rangle = \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$$

4.  $U_1 \otimes U_2$  if  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are unitary. Remark: if  $U_i, i = 1, 2$  act each on a one-qubit Hilbert space  $\mathbb{C}^2$  then the tensor product acts on the two-qubit space  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2} & U_1 \otimes U_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} ae & af & be & bf \\ cg & ch & bg & bh \\ ce & cf & de & df \\ cg & ch & dg & dh \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \\ U_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (U_1 \otimes U_2)^+ (U_1 \otimes U_2) = (ae + bg)(ce + dg) + (af + bh)(cf + dh) \\ & = (U_1^+ \otimes U_2^+) (U_1 \otimes U_2) \\ & = (U_1^+ U_1) \otimes (U_2^+ U_2) ? \\ & = I \otimes I \\ & = I \end{aligned}$$

5. The control-NOT gate. This gate flips the control bit (the second) if the target bit (the first) is 1.

$$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = |00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| + |10\rangle\langle 11| + |11\rangle\langle 10| = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X$$

Verify the following identity:

$$|\beta_{ij}\rangle = CNOT \otimes H|i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle, \quad i, j = 0, 1$$

Deduce that  $\{|\beta\rangle, i, j = 0, 1\}$  is an orthonormal basis. This identity shows that  $CNOT$  entangles the two qubits.

$$\begin{aligned} & CNOT \otimes H|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \\ H|0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes |1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |11\rangle) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(CNOT|01\rangle &+ CNOT|11\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle) \quad \downarrow \text{Entangled state} \\ & \text{target} \qquad \text{target change} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X) \otimes H|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \\ & |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I \otimes H|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X \otimes H|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle k, l | CNOT^{\dagger} CNOT | i, j \rangle = \langle k, l \oplus k | i, i \oplus j \rangle = \delta_{i,k} \delta_{l(i \oplus k), (i \oplus j)} = \delta_{i,k} \delta_{l,j}$$

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = H|i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0,j\rangle + (-1)^i|1,j\rangle)$$

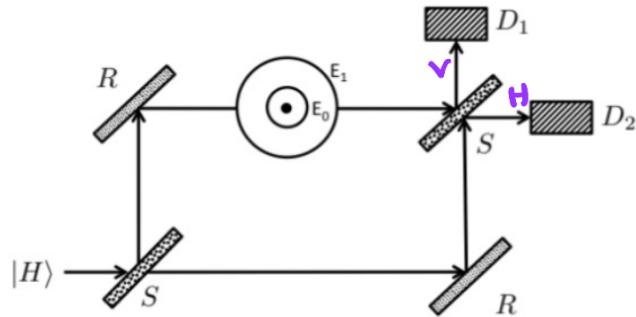
$$CNOT |\Psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0,j\rangle + (-1)^i|1,j \oplus 1\rangle) = |\beta_{ij}\rangle$$

since  $O$  is unitary,  $|\beta_{ij}\rangle$  forms an orthonormal basis.

$O = CNOT \cdot (H \otimes I) \rightarrow$  unitary  
 unitary operator  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$  unitary

#### Exercise 4 Interferometer with an atom on the upper path

Consider the following set-up where an atom may absorb the photon on the upper arm of the interferometer.



The Hilbert space of the photon is here  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with basis states

$$|H\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |V\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\text{abs}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the semi-transparent and reflecting mirrors are modeled by the unitary matrices

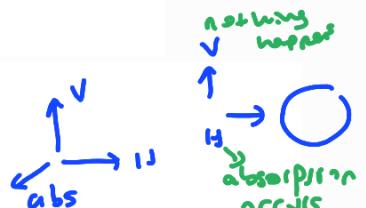
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the “absorption-reemission” process<sup>1</sup> is modeled by the unitary matrix

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

Note that in Dirac notation

$$A = |H\rangle \langle \text{abs}| + |V\rangle \langle V| + |\text{abs}\rangle \langle H|$$



This models three possible transitions:  $A |H\rangle = |\text{abs}\rangle$  (absorption);  $A |\text{abs}\rangle = |H\rangle$  (emission); and  $A |V\rangle = |V\rangle$  (nothing happens).

- 1) Write down all matrices in Dirac notation and then compute the unitary operator  $U = SARS$  representing the total evolution process of this interferometer.

$$S|H\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1_{12} & 0 \\ 1_{12} & -1_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle + |V\rangle)$$

$$S|V\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle - |V\rangle)$$

$$S|\text{abs}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1_{12} & 0 \\ 1_{12} & -1_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |\text{abs}\rangle$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (|H\rangle + |V\rangle) \langle H| + (|H\rangle - |V\rangle) \langle V| + |\text{abs}\rangle \langle \text{abs}| \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \underbrace{|H\rangle \langle H|}_{\text{blue}} + \underbrace{|V\rangle \langle V|}_{\text{red}} + \underbrace{|H\rangle \langle V|}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{|V\rangle \langle H|}_{\text{red}} \right) + |\text{abs}\rangle \langle \text{abs}|$$

$$R|H\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |V\rangle$$

$$R|V\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |H\rangle$$

$$R|abs\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |abs\rangle$$

$$R = |V\rangle\langle H| + |H\rangle\langle V| + |abs\rangle\langle abs|$$

SARS

→ Even the order is reversed, the result is same! since they're unitary and reversible?

$$SA = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle\langle H| |H\rangle\langle abs| + |V\rangle\langle H| |H\rangle\langle abs|)$$

$$+ |H\rangle\langle V| |V\rangle\langle V| - |V\rangle\langle V| |V\rangle\langle V|) + |abs\rangle\langle abs| |abs\rangle\langle H|$$

$$SA = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle\langle abs| + |V\rangle\langle abs| + |H\rangle\langle V| - |V\rangle\langle V|) + |abs\rangle\langle H|$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow$$

$$SAR = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle\langle abs| + |V\rangle\langle abs| + |H\rangle\langle H| - |V\rangle\langle H|) + |abs\rangle\langle V|$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow$$

$$SARS = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle\langle abs| + |V\rangle\langle abs| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |H\rangle\langle H| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |H\rangle\langle V|)$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |V\rangle\langle H| |H\rangle\langle H| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |V\rangle\langle H| |H\rangle\langle V| +$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |abs\rangle\langle V| |V\rangle\langle H| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |abs\rangle\langle V| |V\rangle\langle V|$$

$$SARS = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |H\rangle\langle abs| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |V\rangle\langle abs| + \frac{1}{2} |H\rangle\langle H| + \frac{1}{2} |H\rangle\langle V|$$

$$+ -\frac{1}{2} |V\rangle\langle H| - \frac{1}{2} |V\rangle\langle V| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |abs\rangle\langle H| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |abs\rangle\langle V|$$

- 2) Given that the initial state is  $|H\rangle$ , what is the state after the second semi-transparent mirror? What are the probabilities of the following three events: click in  $D_1$ ; or click in  $D_2$ ; or no clicks in  $D_1$  nor  $D_2$ ? Verify the probabilities sum to 1.

$$SARS|H\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|H\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|V\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\text{abs}\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(D_1) &= |\langle V | SARS | H \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \\ \text{Prob}(D_2) &= |\langle H | SARS | H \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \\ \text{Prob}(\text{abs}) &= |\langle \text{abs} | SARS | H \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

- 3) Suppose the photon-atom interaction is not absorption-reemission but some other process modeled by a matrix. Which of the two following matrices would be legitimate in QM?

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

and why?

Unitary? ✓

  
It is not unitary

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

$$U^+ = \begin{pmatrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$UU^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I \checkmark$$

The second matrix may model . This matrix acts like a Hadamard matrix on the subspace  $\{|H\rangle, |\text{abs}\rangle\}$