

TD 1

1 - HW 1

1. Apply H and measure

2. If $v = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$, $v' = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix}$, then $v \otimes v' = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \gamma \\ \alpha \delta \\ \beta \gamma \\ \beta \delta \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{If } \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = v \otimes v' = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \gamma \\ \alpha \delta \\ \beta \gamma \\ \beta \delta \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } \alpha \gamma = \beta \delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

so $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \neq 0$ But $\alpha \delta = 0$ so $\alpha = 0$ or $\delta = 0$.

This is a contradiction. Thus $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ is not a product state.

2 - Quantum Random Access Code

1. A classical random access code is a function $f: \{0,1\}^2 \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ and a decoding strategy (possibly randomized) which, given the choice of the first or second bit, should decode correctly x_1 given $f(x_1, x_2)$ with probability at least p for all $x_1, x_2 \in \{0,1\}$ (resp. x_2).

Note that the probability is taken only on the decoding strategy, and should succeed with probability at least p for all possible inputs x_1, x_2 .

An example: $f: \begin{array}{ll} 00 \mapsto 0 \\ 01 \mapsto 1 \\ 10 \mapsto 0 \\ 11 \mapsto 1 \end{array}$: for the second bit, given $b = f(x_1, x_2)$ we output b , which is x_2 in all cases, so we succeed with prob. 1

for the first bit, we do not have any information.

The best we can do to succeed in all cases with the best probability is to output uniformly 0 or 1. Then we succeed with probability 0.5 for all inputs.

The proof: $f: \underbrace{\{0,1\}^2}_{\text{size 4}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\{0,1\}}_{\text{size 2}}$

So, there exists two couples $(x_1, x_2) \neq (x_1', x_2')$ such that $f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1', x_2') = b$.

Thus, either $x_1 \neq x_1'$ or $x_2 \neq x_2'$. Let us assume we are in the first case, and that $x_1 = 0$ and $x_1' = 1$.

We are asked to guess the first bit given $b = f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1', x_2')$

The possible strategies are only of the form:

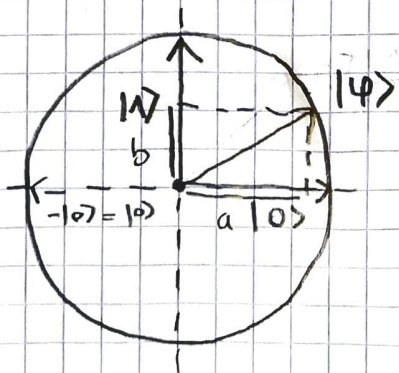
Output 1	w.p. p
0	w.p. $1-p$

with p depending on b .

Thus, in our case, this strategy decides $x_1 = 0$ w.p. $1-p$ and $x_1' = 1$ w.p. p

So it has a global probability of success of at most $\min(p, 1-p) \leq 0.5$, and the statement is proved.

2. A real qubit is a unit vector of the circle. More precisely, it is even the projective line crossing the center of the circle, since the global phase of the qubit does not matter:



To measure, we project the qubit $|\psi\rangle$ on the basis $(|0\rangle, |1\rangle)$ and take the square of its norm.

$|\psi\rangle$ outputs $|0\rangle$ w.p. $|a|^2$ when measured
 $|1\rangle$ w.p. $|b|^2$

with $a = \langle 0 | \psi \rangle$

$b = \langle 1 | \psi \rangle$

In 2-dimensions, the only real unitaries are rotations and reflections.

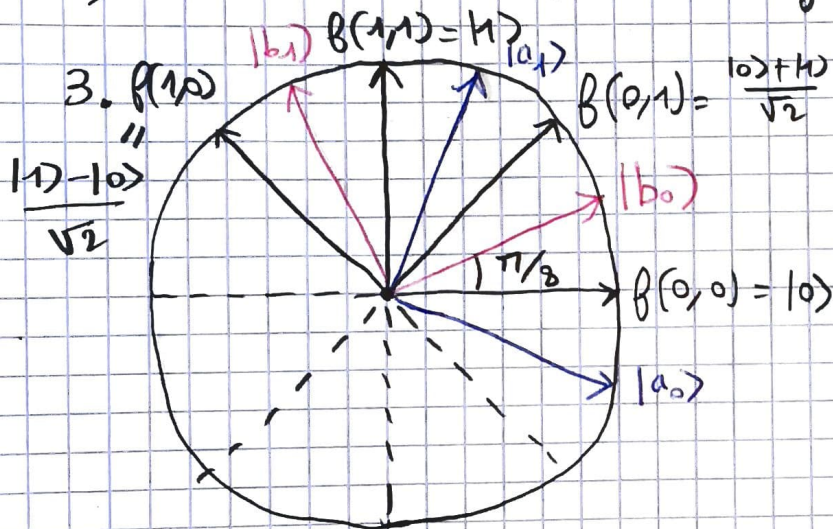
We can "measure" in fact in any orthonormal basis, not only $(|0\rangle, |1\rangle)$

Indeed, if we want to measure in $(|b_1\rangle, |b_2\rangle)$, then $U = (|b_1\rangle, |b_2\rangle)$ is a unitary. ($\langle b_i | b_i \rangle = 1$ and $\langle b_1 | b_2 \rangle = 0$)

Since $\langle b_i | \psi \rangle = \langle i | U^\dagger | \psi \rangle = \langle i | (U^\dagger | \psi \rangle)$ and $U | i \rangle = | b_i \rangle$,

we apply U^\dagger on $|\psi\rangle$, measure on $(|0\rangle, |1\rangle)$, and apply U on the result.

\Rightarrow this is the same as "measuring" $|\psi\rangle$ on $(|b_0\rangle, |b_1\rangle)$.



Take $U_1 = (|b_0\rangle, |b_1\rangle)^\dagger$

$U_2 = (|a_0\rangle, |a_1\rangle)^\dagger$

in the definition is the same as measuring in $(|b_0\rangle, |b_1\rangle)$ for decode the first bit and in $(|a_0\rangle, |a_1\rangle)$ to decode the second one.

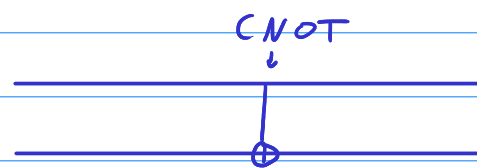
Indeed: $P(\text{Output} = x_1 | 1^{\text{st}} \text{ bit measured}) = |\langle x_1 | U_1 | \beta(x_1, x_2) \rangle|^2$
 $= | \langle x_1 | (U_1^\dagger | a_i \rangle)^\dagger | \beta(x_1, x_2) \rangle |^2 = | \langle b_{x_1} | \beta(x_1, x_2) \rangle |^2$

Similarly, $P(\text{Output} = x_2 | 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ bit measured}) = | \langle a_{x_2} | \beta(x_1, x_2) \rangle |^2$

In all 4 cases in each case, one can check that there is always a $\pi/8$ angle, so we get always $p = \cos^2(\pi/8) \approx 0.85$

QED.

Exercise 3

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2.
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{CNOT} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\text{CNOT} |00\rangle + \text{CNOT} |10\rangle \right] \text{ by linearity} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|00\rangle + |11\rangle \right] \end{aligned}$$

The qubit $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ ($= |+\rangle$) is not cloned since

$$\text{CNOT} |+\rangle \neq |+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle = \frac{1}{2} [|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle]$$

3. Assume that \exists U unitary such that for any qubit $|\psi\rangle$, we have $U \cdot |\psi\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |\psi\rangle |\psi\rangle$.

Then take $|\psi\rangle, |\psi\rangle$ such that $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle \notin \{0, 1\}$ (for example take $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$ and $|\psi\rangle = |+\rangle$, so that $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (|\psi\rangle |0\rangle) \cdot (|\psi\rangle |0\rangle) &= \langle 0 | \langle \psi | \psi \rangle |0\rangle \\ &\stackrel{\text{scalar product}}{=} \langle 0 | 0 \rangle \cdot \langle \psi | \psi \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi | \psi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, as $U^\dagger \cdot U = I$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | \langle \psi | \psi \rangle |0\rangle &= \langle 0 | \langle \psi | U^\dagger U | \psi \rangle |0\rangle \\ &= [U \cdot |\psi\rangle |0\rangle]^\dagger \cdot [U |\psi\rangle |0\rangle] \\ &= [|\psi\rangle |\psi\rangle]^\dagger \cdot [|\psi\rangle |\psi\rangle] \\ &= \langle \psi | \langle \psi | \psi \rangle | \psi \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi | \psi \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

So we have $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle^2 = \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$, which is a contradiction \square