COL866: Quantum Computation and Information

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- Claim: (Projective measurement + unitary operators) = generalised measurement.

Proof sketch

- Let Q be the state space of the quantum system in which we would like to make a generalised measurement using measurement operators M_m.
- We introduce an ancilla system with state space M with orthonormal basis $|m\rangle$.
- Let U be an operator defined as

$$U|\psi\rangle|0\rangle \equiv \sum_m M_m|\psi\rangle|m\rangle$$

  where $|0\rangle$ is an arbitrary state of M.
- Claim 1: U preserves inner products between states of the form $|\psi\rangle|0\rangle$.
- Claim 2: U can be extended to a unitary operator on $Q \otimes M$ (let us denote this by U itself).
- Claim 3: Let $P_m = I_Q \otimes |m\rangle\langle m|$. Projective measurement using P_m on $Q \otimes M$ is similar to generalised measurement using M_m on Q.

Quantum Computation: Quantum circuits

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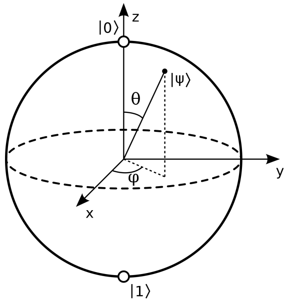

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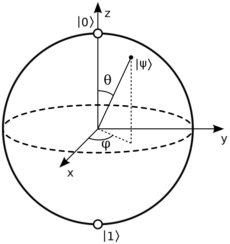

- The vector $(\cos\psi \sin\theta, \sin\psi \sin\theta, \cos\theta)$ is called the Bloch vector.

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- Pauli matrices give rise to three useful classes of unitary matrices when they are exponentiated, the rotational operators about the $\hat{x}$, $\hat{y}$, and $\hat{z}$ axis.

$$R_x(\theta) \equiv e^{-i\theta X/2} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin\frac{\theta}{2} X = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & -i\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i\sin\frac{\theta}{2} & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta) \equiv e^{-i\theta Y/2} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin\frac{\theta}{2} Y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin\frac{\theta}{2} & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- A few useful results:
  - Let $\hat{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$ be a real unit vector. The rotation by θ about the $\hat{n}$ axis is given by

$$R_{\hat{n}}(\theta) \equiv e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}(\hat{n}\cdot\vec{\sigma})} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin\frac{\theta}{2}(n_x X + n_y Y + n_z Z),$$

    where $\vec{\sigma}$ denotes the vector (X, Y, Z).
  - Theorem: Suppose U is a unitary operator on a single qubit. Then there exist real numbers α, β, γ, and δ such that $U = e^{i\alpha} R_z(\beta) R_y(\gamma) R_z(\delta)$.

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