

Algebra of complex numbers

Definition : $c \mapsto (a, b)$ ordered pair of reals real numbers: $a \mapsto (a, 0)$ imaginary numbers: $b \mapsto (0,b)$, e.g. $i \mapsto (0,1)$

Addition : $(a_1, b_1) + (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2)$

Multiplication : $(a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2) = (a_1, b_1) (a_2, b_2) =$ $=(a_1a_2-b_1b_2, a_1b_2+a_2b_1)$

- Addition and multiplication are **commutative:** $c_1 + c_2 = c_2 + c_1$ and $c_1 \times c_2 = c_2 \times c_1$
- They are alsoassociative: $(c_1 + c_2) + c_3 = c_1 + (c_2 + c_3)$ and $(c_1 \times c_2) \times c_3 = c_1 \times (c_2 \times c_3)$
- Multiplication **distributes** over addition: $c_1 \times (c_2 + c_3) = (c_1 \times c_2) + (c_1 \times c_3)$

Algebra (cont'd)

- Absolute value for real numbers: $a = +\sqrt{a^2}$
- Generalization for complex numbers:

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|c| = |a+bi| = +\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}
$$

modulus of a complex number

Algebra (cont'd)

- Unary operation changing sign':
	- 1) change the sign of the real part
	- 2) change the sign of the imaginary part
	- 3) change both
- 3) is obtained by multiplication with (-1,0)
- What about 2) and 1)?

Algebra (cont'd)

• **Conjugation**

The conjugate of $c = a + bi$ is $\overline{c} = a - bi$.

Properties:

Conjugation respects multiplication : $c_1 \times c_2 = c_1 \times c_2$ field isomorphism
Conjugation $c \mapsto \overline{c}$ is bijective Conjugation $c \mapsto \overline{c}$ is bijective Conjugation respects addition : $c_1 + c_2 = c_1 + c_2$ ⎪ $\left\{\frac{1}{c_1}\times\frac{1}{c_2}=\frac{2}{c_1\times c_2}\right\}$ ⎫

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• Changing the sign of the real part has no particular name.

Reading

- This lecture: chapter 1, p 7-20
- Next lecture (next weeR): chapter 2 Complex Vector Spaces

Complex vector space

- Complex number c (a scalar)
- Multiplication of a scalar and a vector $(c \cdot \sqrt{y}) = c \times \sqrt{y}$, where x is the complex multiply
- Properties
	- $-1 \cdot V = V$
	- $c_1 \cdot (c_2 \cdot V) = (c_1 \times c_2) \cdot V$
 $c \cdot (V + W) = c \cdot V + c \cdot W$
	- $(c_1 + c_2)$ \cdot $V = c_1 \cdot V + c_2 \cdot V$

An Abelian group with these properties is called a complex vector space.

A complex vector space is a nonempty set **V**, whose elements we call vectors,

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with three operations
 $-$ Addition: +: V x V \rightarrow V
 $-$ Negation: $-$: V \rightarrow V
 $-$ Scalar multiplication: \cdot : C x V \rightarrow V

and a distinguished element called the zero vector 0.

They must satisfy the following properties:

- i. Commutativity of addition: $V + W = W + V$
iii. Associativity of addition: $(V + W) + X = V + (W + X)$
iiii. Zero is an additive identity: $V + 0 = V = 0 + V$
iv. Every vector has an inverse: $V + (-V) = 0 = (-V) + V$
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- v. Scalar multiplication has a unit: $1 \cdot V = V$
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- vi. Scalar multiplication respects complex multiplication: $c_i \cdot (c_2 \cdot \mathsf{V}) = (c_i \times c_2) \cdot \mathsf{V}$
vii. Scalar multiplication distributes over addition: c·(V+W) = c·V+c· W
viii. Scalar multiplication distributes over comp

Properties i, ii, iii, and iv: Abelian group; all properties: complex vector space.

Real vector space

A real vector space is a nonempty set V, analogue to a complex vector space, but there is a scalar multiplication that uses R and not C, i.e.,

 \cdot : R x V \rightarrow V.

This set and these operations must satisfy the analogous properties of a complex vector space.

$Cⁿ$

- $Cⁿ$, the set of vectors of length *n* with complex entries, will be complex vector space that serves as primary example for the class.
- It is also a real vector space, because every complex vector space is also a real vector space.
- $Rⁿ$, the set of vectors of length n with real entries, is a real vector space.

 $A^{\dagger} = (A)^{T} = (A^{T})$ or $A^{\dagger} [j,k] = A[k,j]$

- Transpose is idempotent: $(A^T)^T = A$
- Transpose respects addtion: $(A + B)^{T} = A^{T} + B^{T}$
- Transpose respects scalar multiplication: $(c \cdot A)^T = c \cdot A^T$
- Conjugate is idempotent: $\overline{A} = A$
- Conjugate respects addtion: $\overline{A + B} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$
- Conjugate respects scalar multiplication: $\overline{c \cdot A} = \overline{c \cdot A}$
- Adjoint is idempotent: $(A^{\dagger})^{\dagger} = A$
- Adjoint respects addtion: $(A + B)^{\dagger} = A^{\dagger} + B^{\dagger}$
- Adjoint respects scalar multiplication: $(c \cdot A)^{\dagger} = \overline{c} \cdot A^{\dagger}$

Matrix multiplication

• Matrix multiplication is a binary operation

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{}^* : C^{m \times n} \times C^{n \times p} \rightarrow C^{m \times p}
$$

• Formally

$$
(A*B)[j,k] = \sum_{h=0}^{n-1} (A[j,h] \times B[h,k])
$$

• When it is clear * will be omitted.

Complex subspace

• Given two complex vector spaces V and V', we say that V is a complex subspace of V' if V is a subset of V and the operations of V are restrictions of operations of V'.

Examples

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\mathbf{R}^n : \langle \mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2 \rangle = \mathbf{V}_1^T * \mathbf{V}_2
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\mathbf{C}^n : \langle \mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2 \rangle = \mathbf{V}_1^{\dagger} * \mathbf{V}_2
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\mathbf{C}^{n \times n} : \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{A}^{\dagger} * \mathbf{B}) \text{ where } \text{Trace}(\mathbf{C}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{C}[i, i]
$$

See book for other examples

Norm or length

Norm or length is a function $| \cdot |: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined as $|{\bf V}| = \sqrt{\langle {\bf V}, {\bf V} \rangle}$

- i. Norm is nondegenerate: $|V| > 0$ if $V \neq 0$ and $|0| = 0$
- ii. Norm satisfies the triangle inequality: $|V + W| \leq |V| + |W|$
- iii. Norm respects scalar multiplication: $|c \cdot \mathbf{V}| = |c| \times |\mathbf{V}|$

Orthogonal and orthonormal basis

- Orthogonal basis $B = \{V_0, V_1, \ldots, V_{n-1}\}$: vectors pairwise orthogonal, $j \neq k$ implies $\langle V_i, V_k \rangle = 0$
- Orthonormal basis B: orthogonal and every basis vector is of norm 1 1 √2

Hilbert space

- A Hilbert space is a complex inner product space that is complete (for definition see book).
- Every finite-dimensional complex vector space with an inner product is automatically a Hilbert space.

Errata chapter 2

All errata:

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This link will be available soon on the QC-webpage.

Reading

- This lecture: Ch 2.1-2.4, p 29-60.
- Next lecture: Ch 2.5-2.7 & (start of) Ch 3.

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- For a matrix A in $C^{m \times n}$, if there is a number c in C and a vector $V \neq 0$ within Cⁿ such that $AV = c \cdot V$, then c is called an eigenvalue of A and V an eigenvector of A associated with c.
- Some matrices have many eigenvalues and eigenvectors and some matrices have none.

Eigenspace

- If A has eigenvalue c_0 with eigenvector V_{0v} then for any $c \in C$ we have $A(cV_0) = cAV_0 = cc_0V_0 = c_0(cV_0)$
	- which shows that cV_o is also an eigenvector of A with eigenvalue $c_{o\cdot}$
- If cV_0 and $c'V_0$ are two such eigenvectors, then because of $A(cV_0 + c'V_0) = AcV_0 + A c'V_0 = cAV_0 + c'AV_0$ $= c(c_o V_o) + c'(c_o V_o) = (c + c')(c_o V_o) = c_o(c + c') V_o$
	- we see that the addition of two such eigenvectors is also an eigenvector.
- Therefore, every eigenvector determines a complex subvector space of the vector space. It is known as the eigenspace associated with the given eigenvector.

Hermitian matrices

- An *n x n* matrix *A* is called hermitian if $A^{\dagger} = A$. In other words $A[i,k] = \overline{A[k,j]}$
- If A is a hermitian matrix then the operator that it represents is called self-adjoint.
- If A is a hermitian $n \times n$ matrix, we have $\langle AV, V \rangle = \langle V, AV \rangle$.
- If A is hermitian, then all eigenvalues are real.
- For a given hermitian matrix, distinct eigenvectors that have distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- A diagonal matrix is a square matrix whose only nonzero entries are on the diagonal. All entries off the diagonal are zero.
- Fevry self-adjoint operator A on a finite-dimensional complex vector space V can be
represented by a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of A,
and whose eigenbesis).
eigenbasis).
- With every physical observable of a quantum system there is a corresponding
hermitian matrix. Measurements of the observable always leads to a state that is
represented by one of the eigenvectors of the associated hermit

Unitary matrices

- An *n x n* matrix U is called unitary if $U * U^{\dagger} = I_n$.
- Unitary matrices preserve inner products <UV,UV'> = <V,V'>.
- Unitary matrices preserve distances $d(UV_1, UV_2) = d(V_1, V_2)$. An operator that preserves distances is called an isometry.
- If U is unitary and $UV = V'$, then we can easily form U^t and by multiplying both sides we get $U^t UV = U^t V'$. In other words U^t can "undo" the action that U performs. In the quantum world all actions (that are not measu

Dynamics (cont'd)

• In general:

 $M^{k}[i,j] = 1$ if and only if there is a path of length k from vertex *i* to vertex *i*.

- In Quantum Computing we start with an initial state (vector of numbers), the "input" of the system. Operations correspond with multiplying the vector with matrices. The "output" is the state of the system when all operations are carried out.
- Summing up:
	- The states of a system correspond to column vectors (state vectors).
	- The dynamics of a system correspond to matrices.
	- To progress from one state to another in one time step, one must multiply the state vector by a matrix.
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	- Multiple step dynamics are obtained via matrix multiplications.

Probabilistic systems

- Quantum mechanics:
	- Inherent indeterminacy in knowledge of a state
	- States change with probabilistic laws
	- States transfer with a certain likelihood.
- Instead of many marbles, just look at one:
	- $X = [1/5, 3/10, 1/2]^T$ corresponds with
		- 1/5 chance that marble is on vertex 0
		- 3/10 chance that marble is on vertex 1 • 1/2 chance that marble is on vertex 2
		- sum must be 1.

Symmetry

• Multiplication also on the left of a matrix with a row vector (=state vector):

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WM = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{5}{18} & \frac{5}{18} \end{bmatrix} = Z
$$

Note :
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\sum
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 entries $Z = 1$

Summarizing

- The vectors that represent states of a probabilistic physical system express a type of indeterminacy about the exact physical state of the system.
- The matrices that represent the dynamics express a type of indeterminacy about the way the physical system will change over time. Their entries enable us to compute the likelihood of transitioning from one state to the next.
- The way in which the indeterminacy progresses is simulated by matrix multiplication, just as in the deterministic scenario.

Quantum Systems

- QM: weight is not a real number p between 0 and 1, rather a complex number c such that $|c|^2$ is a real number between 0 and 1.
- Real number probabilities can only increase when added; complex numbers can cancel each other and lower their probability. This is called interference.

Review

- States in a quantum system are represented by column vectors of complex numbers whose sum of moduli squared is 1.
- The dynamics of a quantum system is represented by unitary
matrices and is therefore reversible. The "undoing" is obtained via
the algebraic inverse, i.e., the adjoint of the unitary matrix
representing forward evolution
- The probabilities of quantum mechanics are always given as the modulus square of complex numbers.
- Quantum states can be superposed, i.e., a physical system can be in more than one basic state simultaneously.

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Reading

- This lecture: Ch 2.5-2.7 & Ch 3.1-3.3, p 60-97.
- Next lecture: Ch 3.4 & (start) Ch 4.

Assembling Systems (cont'd)

- Quantum theory:
	- States can be combined using the tensor product of the vectors
	- Changes of the system are combined by using the tensor product of matrices
	- Important: there are many more states that cannot be combined from "smaller" ones:
		- No tensor product of smaller states
		- More interesting ones
		- Called entangled states
	- Similar for actions

Basic Quantum Theory

Why Quantum Mechanics?

- Classical mechanics:
	- Dichotomy: particles (matter) \leftrightarrow waves (light)
	- Several experiments prove falseness
- New theory of microscopic world: *both matter and light manifest a particle-like and a wave-like behavior.*
- Double-slit experiment: – Also with just one photon: which region is more likely for the single photon to land. The photon is a true chameleon: sometimes it behaves as a particle and sometimes as a wave, depending on how it is observed.
- Not only for light (photons), but also with electrons, protons, and even atomic nuclei. Clearly indicates: no rigid distinction between waves and particles.

Quantum states

Two examples:

- I. A particle confined to a set of discrete positions on a line
- II. A single-particles spin system

Observables

- To each physical observable there corresponds a hermitian operator.
	- An observable is a linear operator, which means it maps states to states. Apply Ω to the state vector $|\psi\rangle$, the resulting state is $Ω |ψ\rangle$.
	- The eigenvalues of a hermitian operator are all real.
- The eigenvalues of a hermitian operator Ω associated with a physical observable are the only possible values the observable can take as a result of measuring it on a given state. Furthermore, the eigenvectors of Ω form a basis for the state space.

Position observable

- Where can the particle be found?
- Acts on the basic states:
	- $P(|x_i\rangle) = x_i |x_i\rangle$ *P* acts as multiplication by position.
- On arbitrary states: $P |\phi\rangle = P(\sum c_i | x_i\rangle) = \sum x_i c_i | x_i\rangle$
- Matrix representation of the operator in the standard basis:

Momentum observable • Classical: momentum = velocity x mass • Quantum analog: $M(\ket{\phi}) = -i * \hbar * \frac{|\phi(x + \delta x)| - |\phi(x)|}{\delta x}$ ■ Is the rate of change of the state vector from one point to the next. ■ The constant *ħ* (pronounced h bar) is a universal constant, called the reduced Planc constant. • Many more observables, but position and momentum are in a sense building blocks. $M(\mid \phi \rangle) = -i * \hbar * \frac{\mid \phi(x + \delta x) \rangle - \mid \phi(x) \rangle}{\delta x}$

More on operators/observables

• p117-125: FYI, not really important for quantum computation

Sum up on observables

- Observables are represented by hermitian operators. The result of an observation is always an eigenvalue of the hermitian.
- The expression $\langle \psi | \Omega | \psi \rangle$ represents the expected value of observing Ω on $|\psi\rangle$.
- Observables in general do not commute. This means that the order of observations matters. Moreover, if the commutator of two observables is not zero, there is an intrinsic limit to our capability of measuring their values simultaneously.

Measuring

- The act of carrying out an observation on a given physical system is called measuring.
- Classical:
- Measuring leaves the system in whatever state it already was, at
- least in principle. The result of a measurement on a well-defined state is predictable.
- Quantum world:
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	- Systems do get perturbed and modified as a result of a measurement. – Only the probability of observing specific values can be calculated: measurement is inherently a nondeterministic process.

What happens?

- Let Ω be an observable and $|\psi\rangle$ be a state. If the result of measuring Ω is the eigenvalue λ , the state after measurement will always be an eigenvector corresponding to λ .
- The probability of the transition to an eigenvector is equal to |*<e|ね>|² .* It is the projection of |*ね*> along |*e*>.

Measurement with more than one observable

- Beam of light:
	- Vibrates along all possible directions orthogonal to its line of propagation.
	- Vibrates only in a specific direction: polarization.
- Experiment: multiple polarization sheets.

Summary on measuring

- The end state of the measurement of an observable is always one of its eigenvectors.
- The probability for an initial state to collapse into an eigenvector of the observable is given by the length squared of the projection.
- When we measure several observables, the order of measurement matters.

Quantum dynamics

- Systems evolving in time.
- The evolution of a quantum system (that is not a measurement) is given by a unitary operator or transformation $|\phi(t+1)\rangle = U |\phi(t)\rangle$
- Unitary transformations are closed under composition and inverse:
	- The product of two arbitrary unitary matrices is unitary.
	- The inverse of a unitary transformation is unitary.

Quantum dynamics (cont'd) • Assume we have a rule \Re that associates with each instance of time a unitary matrix $\mathfrak{R}[t_0], \mathfrak{R}[t_1], ..., \mathfrak{R}[t_{n-1}]$ • Starting with an initial state vector $\ket{\phi}$ ℜ $t_0, t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_{n-1}$ $\Re[t_0] | \phi \rangle$, $\Re[t_1]\Re[t_0] | \phi\rangle$, $\Re[t_{n-1}]\Re[t_{n-2}]\cdots\Re[t_0]|\phi\rangle$

Quantum dynamics (cont'd)

- How is the sequence of unitary transformations selected in real-life quantum mechanics?
- How is the dynamics determined?
- How does the system change?
- Answer: the Schrödinger equation (see book)

Quantum dynamics: recap

- Quantum dynamics is given by unitary transformations.
- Unitary transformations are invertible: thus, all closed system dynamics are reversible in time (as long as no measurement is involved).
- The concrete dynamics is given by the Schrödinger equation, which determines the evolution of a quantum system.

Reading

- This lecture: Ch 3.4 & Ch 4.1-4.4, p 97-132.
- Next lecture: Ch 4.5 & start Ch 5.

Assembling (cont'd)

• Generic state vector:

 $\langle \phi \rangle = c_{0,0} | x_0 \rangle \otimes | y_0 \rangle + \cdots + c_{i,j} | x_i \rangle \otimes | y_j \rangle + \cdots + c_{n-1,m-1} | x_{n-1} \rangle \otimes | y_{m-1} \rangle$

which is a vector in the (*n* x *m*)-dimensional complex space **C***ⁿ*x*^m*.

- The quantum amplitude |*ci,j*| squared is the probability of finding the two particles at positions *xⁱ* and *y^j* .
- Example:

 $\mid \phi \rangle = i \mid x_0 \rangle \otimes \mid y_0 \rangle + (1 - i) \mid x_0 \rangle \otimes \mid y_1 \rangle + 2 \mid x_1 \rangle \otimes \mid y_0 \rangle + (-1 - i) \mid x_1 \rangle \otimes \mid y_1 \rangle$

• What is probability of finding first particle at x_1 and second one at y_1 ?

 $\frac{1}{\left|1-i\right|^2 + \left|2\right|^2 + \left|-1-i\right|^2} = 0.2222$ $(x_1, y_1) = \frac{|-1-i|^2}{|i|^2 + |i - i|^2 + |i - i|^2}$ λ_{1}^{2} , y_{1}) = $\frac{|-1-i|^{2}}{|i|^{2}+|1-i|^{2}+|2|^{2}+|-1-i|^{2}}$ = $=\frac{|-1-i|^2}{|i|^2+|1-i|^2+|2|^2+|-1-i^2}$ $p(x_1, y_1) = \frac{|-1-i|}{2}$

- *Each* generic state vector can be rewritten as the tensor product of two states, coming from one subsystem and a second one? **NOT TRUE**
- Example: simplest two-particle system, where each particle is allowed only in two points. Consider the state $\mid \phi \rangle = x_0 \rangle \otimes \mid y_0 \rangle + \mid x_1 \rangle \otimes \mid y_1 \rangle$
- In order to clarify what is left out, we might write this as $|\phi\rangle = 1|x_0\rangle \otimes |y_0\rangle + 0|x_0\rangle \otimes |y_1\rangle + 0|x_1\rangle \otimes |y_0\rangle + 1|x_1\rangle \otimes |y_1\rangle$
- Can we write this as the tensor product of two states coming from two subsystems? 1st particle $c_0 + x_0 + c_1 | x_1 \rangle$ and particle $c_0 + c_1 | y_0 \rangle + c_1 | y_1 \rangle$ Tensor product $(c_0 | x_0 \rangle + c_1 | x_1 \rangle) \otimes (c_0 | y_0 \rangle + c_1 | y_1 \rangle) = c_0 d_0 | x_0 \rangle \otimes | y_0 \rangle + c_0 c_1 | x_0 \rangle \otimes | y_1 \rangle$ $+c_{1}c_{0}\mid x_{1}\rangle \otimes \mid y_{0}\rangle +c_{1}c_{1}\mid x_{1}\rangle \otimes \mid y_{1}\rangle$
- No solution: |*ね*> cannot be written as a tensor product.

Assembling: Entanglement **Entangled states**

- $|\phi\rangle = |x_0\rangle \otimes |y_0\rangle + |x_1\rangle \otimes |y_1\rangle$ What does it physically mean?
- First particle 50-50 chance of being in x_0 or x_1 .
- If in x_0 ? Term $|x_0 \rangle \otimes |y_1 \rangle$ has coefficient 0, so no chance that second particle in y_1 . We must conclude that it can only be found in y_0 .
- Similarly, if first particle in x_1 , second one must be in y_1 .
- Symmetrical with respect to the two particles: the same if we measure second particle first.
- The individual states of the two particles are intimately related to each other, or entangled.
- Amazing: the *x*_{*i*}'s can be *light years* away from the *y_i*'s! **Separable states**
- Sharp contrast: no clue
	- $|\phi\rangle = 1 |x_0\rangle \otimes |y_0\rangle + 1 |x_0\rangle \otimes |y_1\rangle + 1 |x_1\rangle \otimes |y_0\rangle + 1 |x_1\rangle \otimes |y_1\rangle$

Assembling: spin systems (cont'd)

- Spin states of the two particles will be entangled.
- Spin of total system zero \rightarrow sum of the spins of the two particles must cancel each other out: – Measure spin of left particle along *z* axis |↑_L> → spin of right particle |↓_R>
– Similarly, |↓_L> → |↑_R>
- Basis left particle $B_L = \{ | \uparrow_L >, | \downarrow_L > \}$, basis right particle $B_R = \{ | \uparrow_R >, | \downarrow_R > \}$, so basis of total system $\left\{ \uparrow_{L} \otimes \uparrow_{R}, \ \uparrow_{L} \otimes \downarrow_{R}, \ \downarrow_{L} \otimes \uparrow_{R}, \ \downarrow_{L} \otimes \downarrow_{R} \right\}$
- Entangled particles are described by $\| \uparrow_L \otimes \downarrow_R \rangle + \| \downarrow_L \otimes \uparrow_R \rangle$
- Combinations \uparrow _{*k*} ⊗ \uparrow _{*R*} and \downarrow _{*k*} ⊗ \downarrow _{*R*} cannot occur because of the law of conservation of spin.

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- Measuring left particle: if it collapses to \mid_{1} > then instantaneously right
particle collapses to $\mid_{\mathbb{R}}$ >, even if the particle is millions of light years
away.
- Entanglement plays role in: algorithms, cryptography, teleportation, and decoherence.

Assembling systems

Summarizing:

- We can use the tensor product to build complex systems out of simpler ones.
- The new system cannot be analyzed simply in terms of states belonging to its subsystems. An entire set of new states has been created, which cannot be resolved into their constituents.

- Erasing information is an irreversible, energy-dissipating operation.
- Charles H. Bennett in 1970s: if erasing information is the only operation that uses energy, then a computer that is reversible and does not erase would not use any $energy \rightarrow reversible$ circuits and programs.

Leaves the latitude alone and just changes the longitude. New state will remain unchanged, only the phase will change.

Bloch sphere: higher dimensions

- Valuable tool for understanding qubits and onequbit operations.
- For *n*-qubits there is a higher-dimensional analog of the sphere.
- Research challenge: visualizing what happens when we manipulate several bits at once.
- Entanglement lies beyond the scope of the Bloch sphere.

• See book for "proofs".

No-Cloning Theorem (cont'd)

- What about the fanout gate? The Toffoli and Fredkin quantum gates can mimic the fanout
- Fredkin gate: $(x, 1, 0) \mapsto (x, -x, x)$ Cloning?
- Assume *x* input is superposition $\frac{|\mathcal{V}|+|\mathcal{V}|}{\sqrt{2}}$, while leaving $y = 1$ and $z = 0$. $|0\rangle + |1$
- This corresponds to the state $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$

Reading

- This lecture: Ch 5.3-5.4.
- Next lecture: Ch 6.1-??.

Algorithms

- Deutsch's algorithm: ${0,1} \rightarrow {0,1}$
- Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm: $\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$
- Simon's periodicity algorithm: $\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$
- Grover's search algorithm: unordered array of size *n* in √*n* time instead of *n* time
- Shor's factoring algorithm: factor numbers in polynomial time.

Deutsch's algorithm (cont'd)

Remarks:

- The ±1 tells us which of the two balanced or constant functions we have, but can not be measured.
- Output of top qubit of *U^f* not the same as the input: inclusion of Hadamard matrices makes top and bottom qubits entangled.
- Trick? No changing around the information: 1. Is the function balanced or constant?
	- 2. What is the value of the function on 0?

• Generalization:

- f: (0,1)ⁿ -> (0,1), which accepts a string of *n* 0's and 1's (natural
- fiscalled balanced if exactly half outputs a zero or one.
- fiscalled balanced if exactly half of the inputs go to 0 (and the
- other half go to
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- Problem:
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	- Given a function of {0,1}ⁿ to {0,1}, which you can evaluate but
– cannot "see" the way it is defined.
– The function is either balanced or constant.
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	- Determine if the function is balanced or constant. *n*=1: Deutsch algorithm.

• Classically:

- Evaluate the function on different inputs.
- Best scenario: first two different inputs have different outputs \rightarrow balanced function.
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Solution: superposition

• In Deutsch's algorithm we used the superposition of two possible input states. Now we enter a superposition of all 2*ⁿ* possible input states.

Tensor product of Hadamard matrices

• Single qubit in superposition: single Hadamard matrix; *n* qubits in superposition: tensor product of *n* Hadamard matrices:

 $H, H \otimes H = H^{\otimes 2}, H \otimes H \otimes H = H^{\otimes 3}, \ldots, H^{\otimes n}$

• Hadamard matrix definition:

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H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } H[i, j] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-1)^{i \wedge j} : H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^{0 \wedge 0} & (-1)^{0 \wedge 1} \\ (-1)^{1 \wedge 0} & (-1)^{1 \wedge 1} \end{bmatrix}
$$

0 and 1 as Boolean values, and $(-1)^0$ =1 and $(-1)^1$ =-1.

Simon's periodicity algorithm

- Finding patterns in functions.
- Given a function $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$ that we can evaluate, but is given as a black box
- There is a secret (hidden) binary string $\mathbf{c} = c_0 c_1 c_2 \dots c_{n-1}$, such that for all strings **x**, **y** we have $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{y})$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \oplus \mathbf{c}$
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- In other words, the values of *f* repeat themselves in some pattern, and the pattern is determined by **c**, the period of *f*.
- Goal of Simon's algorithm is to determine **c**.

Classically

- Evaluate *f* on different binary strings.
- After each evaluation, check if the output has already been found.
- If for two input \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 holds $f(\mathbf{x}_1) = f(\mathbf{x}_2)$ then $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2 \oplus \mathbf{c}$
- and can **c** be obtained by
	- $\mathbf{x}_1 \oplus \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 \oplus \mathbf{c} \oplus \mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{c}$
- If the function is two-to-one, we do not have to evaluate more than
half the inputs before we get a repeat. If we have to evaluate more,
we know $c = 0^n$. So, the worst case is $2^n/2 + 1 = 2^{n-1} + 1$.
- Can we do better?

Grover's search algorithm

- Search element in an unordered array of size *m* in √*m* time instead of *m*/2 time on average.
- In terms of functions, given a function $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$, where there exists exactly one binary string \mathbf{x}_0 , such that:

 $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right.$ ≠ $=\begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}_0 \end{cases}$ $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0$
 $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}_0$ \mathbf{x}) = $\begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x} \end{cases}$ $f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \\ 0, & \text{if } \end{cases}$

• Find **x⁰ .** Classically, in the worst case, we have to evaluate all 2*ⁿ* binary strings. Grover's algorithm demands only √2 *ⁿ* = 2*ⁿ*/2 evaluations.

– Another time? No, $\pi/4\sqrt{n}$ times, otherwise the numbers will be "overcooked".

Generalizations Grover's algorithm

- Search an unordered array of size *m* in *m* time → *√m* time: quadratic speedup.
- What if there is more than one hit? Assume t objects: Grover's algorithm still works, but one must go through the loop $\pi/4\sqrt{(2^n/t)}$ times.
- Many other types of generalizations and assorted changes.

Shor's factoring algorithm • Factoring integers important: security • "Hard" on classical computers • Peter Shor: in polynomial time on quantum computers

- Based on the fact that the factoring problem can be reduced to finding the period of a certain function (see Simon's algorithm)
- In practice *N* will be a large number
- Assume *N* is not a prime number. However, there exists a deterministic, polynomial algorithm that determine if *N* is prime.

Not the values, but the period

- Not the values of $f_{a,N}(x) = a^x \mod N$, but the period of this function, i.e., we need to find the smallest $r > 0$ such that $f_{a,N}(r) = a^r \mod N = 1$
- Theorem in number theory that for any co-prime *a* ≤ *N*, the function *fa,N* will output a 1 for some *r* < *N*. After it hits 1, e.g.,

 $f_{a,N}(x) = a^x \mod N$

and in general $f_{a,N}(r+s) = f_{a,N}(s)$ then $f_{a,N}(r+1) = f_{a,N}(1)$ if $f_{a,N}(r) = 1$

- The output of this function will always be less than *N*, so we need $n = log₂ N$ output qubits.
- We will need to evaluate $f_{a,N}$ for at least N^2 values of *x*, so we will need at least $m = \log_2 N^2 = 2 \log_2 N = 2n$ input qubits.

Quantum Fourier transform

- Denoted by *QFT.*
- Same operation, but more suitable for quantum computers.
- This quantum version is very fast and made of "small" unitary operators that are easy to implement.

• Assumption that *r* evenly divides into 2*^m*(not in Shor's actual algorithm: finding period for any *r*). So we measure the top qubit and we will find some multiple of 2*^m*/*r* . We will measure

$$
x = \frac{\lambda 2^m}{r}
$$
 for some whole number λ

- We know 2*^m* and after measurement also *x*, so we get $r2^m$ *r* $\frac{x}{m} = \frac{\lambda 2^m}{2^m}$ *m m* $=\frac{\lambda 2^m}{r 2^m}=\frac{\lambda}{r}$ 2 2
- Reduce this number to an irreducible fraction and take the denominator to be the period *r*. If we don't make the simplifying assumption, given above: perform this process several times.
- From the Period to the Factors
- Assumption the period *r* is an even number; if not, choose another *a*.
- So $a^r \equiv 1 \mod N$ and we may subtract 1 from both sides to get $a^r - 1 \equiv 0 \mod N$, or equivalently $N \mid (a^r - 1)$.
- Or *N* | $(\sqrt{a^r + 1})(\sqrt{a^r 1})$ or *N* | $(a^{r/2} + 1)(a^{r/2} 1)$, remember *r* is even.
- So any factor of N is also a factor of either $(a^{n/2} + 1)$ or $(a^{n/2} 1)$ or both.
- Either way, a factor for *N* can be found by looking at $GCD((a^{n/2} + 1), N)$ and $GCD((a^{n/2} 1), N)$, which can be done by the classical Euclidean algorithm
- One problem: be sure that *a r/2 ≠* –1 mod *N*. Solution: start over again.
- Example: period $f_{2,15}$ is 4. So GCD(5,15)=5 and GCD(3,15)=3.

Shor's algorithm

- Putting all pieces together, see p217 of the book.
- Complexity of this algorithm? $O(n^2 \log n \log \log n)$, where *n* is the number of bits to represent the number *N*.
- The best classical algorithms demand
	- $O(e^{cn^{1/3} \log^{2/3} n})$ where c is some constant
- This is exponential in terms of *n*.
- Implementation of $U_{fa,N}$: see p217-218.

Final remark

"Even if a real implementation of largescale quantum computers is years away, the design and study of quantum algorithms is something that is ongoing and is an exciting field of interest."

Reading

- This lecture: Ch 6.4-6.5
- Next lecture: Ch 9

Encryption protocols • Caesar's protocol: – $ENC = DEC = shift(-,-)$, where shift $(T, n)=T$, the string obtained from T by shifting each character n steps – Original message and encrypted one highly correlated. • One-Time-Pad protocol of Vernam cipher: – Alice generates a random number of bits and uses that as her random key K. $-$ Assume Alice and Bob both share K :

• $K_F = K_D = K$

- ENC(T, K) = DEC (T, K) = T $\oplus K$
- DEC(ENC(T,K),K) = DEC(T \& K,K) = (T \& K) \& K = T \& (K \& K) = T

One-Time-Pad protocol example

Two issues:

- 1) Generation of a new key K is required each time a new message is sent. Otherwise, the text can be discovered through statistical analysis. Hence the name "One-Time-Pad".
2) The protocol is secure only insofar as the
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Private key

So far, we assumed that the pair of keys K_F and K_D are kept secret. In fact, only one key was needed. A protocol where the two keys are computable from each other, and thus requiring that both keys be kept secret, is said to be private key.

Pros and cons of public-key cryptography

- Pro:
	- It solves the key distribution problem.
- Cons:
	- The computation of the private key from the public key appears to be hard.
	- Public-key protocols tend to be considerable slower than their private-key peers.
- Best of both worlds:
	- Use public-key cryptography to distribute a key K_E of some private-
key protocol, rather than the entire text message. Once Alice and
Bob safely share K_E they can use the faster private-key scheme.
	- Sending a binary K_E will be the only concern the rest of this class.

Other topics in cryptography

- Secure communication
- Intrusion detection: Alice and Bob would like to determine whether Eve is, in fact, eavesdropping.
- Authentication: we would like to ensure that nobody is impersonating Alice and sending false messages (outside the context of this course).

Quantum Key Exchange I: The BB84 Protocol

- 1984: Charles Bennett & Gilles Brassard introduced the first quantum key exchange (QKE) protocol, named BB84.
- Why using the quantum world?
	- Classical: Eve can make copies of arbitrary portions of the encrypted bit stream and store them somewhere.
	- Quantum: With qubits Eve cannot make perfect copies of the qubit stream due to the no-cloning theorem.
	- Classical: Eve can listen without affecting the bitstream, i.e., her eavesdropping does not leave traces.
	- Quantum: Measuring the qubit stream alters it.

BB84 protocol

- Alice wants to send Bob a key via a quantum channel.
- As in the One-Time-Pad protocol this key is a sequence of random (classical) bits.
- Alice will send a qubit each time she generates a new bit of her key. • But which qubit should she send?
- She will use two different orthogonal bases:

So there is a 50-50% chance of Bob's recording a $|0\rangle$ or a $|1\rangle$.

Four possible superpositions • \Rightarrow with respect to +, will be $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\uparrow\rangle-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\rightarrow$ • $\ket{7}$ with respect to +, will be $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\uparrow\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|$ • $|\uparrow\rangle$ with respect to x, will be $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\uparrow\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ • \Rightarrow with respect to x, will be $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ \Rightarrow $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Alice flips a coin *n* times to determine which classical bits to send. She then flips the coin another *n* times to determine in which of the two bases to send those bits. She then sends the bits in their appropriate basis.

• Example for $n = 12$

BB84 step 2 As the sequence of qubits reaches Bob, he does not know which basis Alice used to send them, so to determine the basis by which to measure them he also tosses a coin. He then goes on to measure the qubit in those random bases. • In our example: Bit number 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Bob's random bases $x + x + x + x + x + x + x$ Bob observes $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ → →

For about half of the time, Bob's basis will be the same as Alice's, in which case his result after measuring the qubit will be identical to Alice's original bit. The other
half of the time, Bob's basis will differ from Alice's. In that case, the result of Bob's
measurement will agree with Alice's origin

- If Eve is eavesdropping, she must reading the information that Alice transmits and sending that information onward to Bob.
- Eve also has to toss a coin each time (Alice's basis unknown)
	- Basis identical: accurate measurement, and she will send accurate information to Bob.
	- Basis different: agreement with Alice's only 50% of the time. However, the qubit has now collapsed to
one of the two elements of *Eve's basis*. Bob will
receive it in the wrong basis. His chances are 50-50
of getting the same bit as Alice has. Therefore Eve's
eavesdropping

BB84 step 3

Bob and Alice publicly compare which basis they used or chose at each step. Each time they disagree, Alice and Bob scratch out the corresponding bit. At the end they are each left with a subsequence of bits sent and recei

• For our example

BB84 step 4

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- What if Eve was eavesdropping? Bob randomly chooses half of the n/2 bits and publicly compares them with Alice.
- If they disagree by more than a tiny percentage (e.g., due to noise), they know Eve was listening in and t
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• For our example

BB84: #qubits?

- \cdot If we begin with n qubits, only $n/2$ qubits will be available after step 3.
- Furthermore, Alice and Bob publicly display half of the resulting qubits in step 4. This leaves $n/4$ of the original qubits.
- However, Alice can make her qubit stream as large as she wants: if she wants an m bit key, she simply starts with a $4m$ qubit stream.

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\{ \rightarrow, +\infty \} = \left\{ [1, 0]^T, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1, 1]^T \right\}
$$

Alice takes $\ket{\rightarrow}$ to be 0 and $\ket{\pi}$ to be 1.

Role of the nonorthogonal basis:

- All observables have an orthogonal basis of eigenvectors.
- Nonorthogonal basis \rightarrow no observable whose basis of eigenvectors is the one we have chosen.
- No single experiment whose resulting states are precisely the members of our basis.
- In other words, no single experiment can be set up for the specific purpose of discriminating unambiguously between the nonorthogonal states of the basis.

B92 step 1

Alice flips a coin n times and transmits to Bob n random bits in the appropriate polarization with a quantum channel.

B92 step 2

For each of the n qubits, Bob measures the received qubits in either the $+$ or x basis. He flips a coin to determine which basis to use. Possible scenarios:

B92 step 2 (cont'd), 3 & 4

For our example:

Step 3. Bob publicly tells Alice which bits were uncertain and they both omit them.

Step 4. To detect whether Eve was listening in, they can sacrifice half of their hidden bits, as in Step 4 of BB84.

Quantum Key Exchange III: The EPR Protocol

- A completely different type of QKE protocol based on entanglement, proposed by Artur K. Ekert in 1991.
- We will discuss a simplified version of the protocol and point to the original version.

• It is possible to place two qubits in the entangled state:
$$
\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

- We have seen that when one of these qubits is measured, they both will collapse to the same value.
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- Suppose Alice wants to send Bob a secret key.

 A sequence of entangled pairs of qubits can be generated and sent.

 When Alice and Bob wants to communicate, they can measure their respective

 It does not matter who
	- Ready: Alice and Bob have a sequence of random bits that no one else has.

EPR protocol steps 1&2

Step 1. Alice and Bob are each assigned one of each of the pairs of a sequence of entangled qubits. When they are ready to communicate, they move to step 2.

Step 2. Alice and Bob separately choose a random sequence of bases to measure their particles. They then measure their qubits in their chosen basis.

EPR protocol step 3

Step 3. Alice and Bob publicly compare what bases were used and keep only those bits that were measured in the same bases.

If everything worked fine, Alice and Bob share a totally random secret key. Problems:

- 1. the entangled pairs could have become disentangled;
- 2. Eve could have taken hold of one of the pairs, measured them, and sent along disentangled qubits.

Solution: step 4 of BB84, compare half of the bits

Ekert's original protocol

- More sophisticated, measurements with three instead of two different bases.
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- Bell's inequality: Requires three different bases.
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	- If particles are independent, then the measurements will satisfy the inequality. If the particles are dependent, i.e., entangled, then Bell's inequality fails.
- Ekert proposed to use Bell's inequality to check if Alice and Bob's bit sequences were entangled, when they were measured.
- Details: see book, page 277.

Reading

- This lecture: Ch 9.1-9.4 Cryptography
- Next (last) lecture: Ch 9.5 Teleportation & Ch 11 Hardware

Exam

• Mon Jan 25, 2010, 10-13h

Quantum Teleportation

- It is the process by which the state of an arbitrary qubit is transferred from one location to another.
- Not science fiction, it has been performed in the laboratory.
- No-cloning theorem: not possible to make a copy of the state of an arbitrary qubit \rightarrow when the state of the original qubit is teleported to another location, the state of the original will necessarily destroyed. "Move is possible, copy is impossible."

Remarks

- Alice is no longer in possession of the original state. She has only two classical bits.
- To "teleport" a single quantum particle, Alice has to send two
classical bits. Without these Bob cannot know what he has. The
classical bits travel via a classical channel (less than the speed of
light). So entanglement do
- \cdot a and β were arbitrary complex numbers. So they could have had an infinite decimal expansion. This potentially infinite amount of information goes from Alice to Bob via only two bits. However, it is passed as a qu
- Is it teleportation? No particle has been moved at all! However, two
particles having exactly the same quantum state are, from a
standpoint of physics, indistinguishable and can therefore be treated
as the same particle.

Hardware

- Do we actually know how to build a quantum computer?
- Formidable challenge to engineers and applied physicists
- Considering the amount of resources (academia, private sector, military) it would not be surprising if noticeable progress will be made in the near future.
- Disclaimer: area of research that requires a deep background in quantum physics and quantum engineering. Therefore a rather elementary discussion.

Goals and challenges • Generic architecture: – Number of addressable qubits – Capable of initializing them properly – Apply a sequence of unitary transformations – Finally measuring them.

Pure and mixed states

- What's the difference?
- Consider the following family of spin states: $|\psi_{\theta}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $|\psi_{\theta}\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + \exp(i\theta)|1\rangle}{\sqrt{\pi}}$
- For every choice of the angle *し*, there is a distinct pure state.
- Each state is characterized by a specific relative phase (difference between angles of |0> and |1> in the polar representation).
- How can we detect their difference?
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	- In standard basis will not work A change of basis will do: the average spin value *A* along the *x*-axis depends on *し* (see book): *A* = cos(*し*)
	- Tossing a coin contains no relative phase \rightarrow mixed state.
- The loss of purity of the state of a quantum system as the result of interaction with the environment is known as decoherence.

Decoherence

- We always implicitly assumed that we knew exactly how the environment affects the quantum system.
- More realistic scenario: a single electron is immersed in a vast environment, e.g., a single external electron.
- Electron has become entangled with another electron $\sqrt{2}$ $|\psi_{\text{global}}\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + \exp(i\theta)|11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$
- What is the spin of our electron in the *x*-direction? 0 instead of a dependence on *し*! (see book) It turns out that we should measure both electrons to get the dependence on *し*.
- In general: we should measure all electrons of the environment. This is impossible, so our pure state is turned into a mixed one.
- Decoherence does not collapse the state vector: all information is still available!

Challenge due to decoherence

- On the one hand, adopting basic quantum systems that are very prone to "hook up" with the environment makes it difficult to manage the state of the machine.
- On the other hand, we do need to interact with the quantum device. Systems that tend to stay aloof makes it difficult to access their states.
- Can we hope to build a reliable quantum computing device if decoherence plays such an important role? – Fast gates execution: make decoherence sufficient slow compared to our control.
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	- Fault-tolerance:
		- Quantum error-correcting codes • Repeat calculations

DiVincenzo's wish list

- 1. The quantum machine must have a sufficient large number of individually addressable qubits.
- 2. It must be possible to initialize all the qubits to the zero state.
- 3. The error rate in doing computations should be reasonable low, i.e., decoherence time must be substantially longer than gate operation time.
- 4. We should be able to perform elementary logical operations between pairs of qubits.
- 5. Finally, we should be able to reliably read out the results of measurements.

Implementing a quantum computer

- A qubit is a state vector in a two-dimensional Hilbert space.
- Any physical quantum system whose state space has dimension 2*^N* can, in principle, be used to store an addressable sequence of *N* qubits.
- Options
	- Standard: quantum system with a two-dimensional state space.
	- Quantum register can be implemented by a number of copies.
	- Canonical two-dimensional quantum systems are particles with spin, e.g., electrons and single atoms.
	- Another choice is excited states of atoms.

Ion traps

- Oldest, most popular proposal
- Core idea: an ion is an electrically charged atom. Two types: Positive ions or cations (lost one or more electrons) Negative ions or anions (acquired some electrons)
- Ions can be acted upon by means of an electromagnetic field, or even better they can be confined in a specific volume, known as ion trap

• Practice: Cat

• How are qubits encoded? Ground state and exited state.

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• Initialization:

- Optical pumping: a laser pumps energy into an atom, that absorbs a photon, and
- raises from ground state to excited state. It can lose energy by emitting a photon.
- linitialization of a register to some initial state p
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- Manipulation:

 Single-qubit rotation: by "hitting" the single ion with a laser pulse of a given amplitude,

frequency, and duration, one can rotate its state appropriately.

 Two-qubit gates: the ions in the trap are
- **Measurement**
	- Two main long-lived states |0> and |1>, and also a short-lived state |*s*> in the middle of |0>and |1>.
	- If ion is in ground state, gets pushed to $|s$ >, it will revert to ground state and emits a photon. If it is in the excited state pit will not. Repeat this many times, and detect if photons are emitted to establish wher

+ and – of ion trap

• On the plus side

- Mode has a long coherence time, order 1-10s.
- Measurements quite reliable, close to 100%.
- Qubits can be transported around in the computer.
- On the minus side
	- Ion trap is slow in terms of gate time (order of 10ms)
	- Not apparent how to scale the optical part to thousands of qubits.

+ and – of the optical scheme

- On the plus side:
	- Light *travels*. This means that quantum gates and quantum memory devices can be easily connected via optical fibers.
- On the minus side:
	- It is not easy for photons to become entangled. Also a plus wrt decoherence, but it makes gate creation challenging.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

- Idea: encode qubits not as single particles or atoms, but as global spin states of many molecules in some fluid.
- These molecules float in a cup which is placed in an NMR machine.
- Contains plenty built-in redundancy \rightarrow maintain coherence for a relatively long time span (several seconds)
- 1998: first two-qubit NMR computers.

Superconductor Quantum Computers (SQP)

- NMR uses fluids, SQP employs superconductors.
- By means of Josephson junctions thin layers of nonconducting material sandwiched between two pieces of superconducting metal.
- At very low temperatures, electrons within a superconductor pair up to form a "superfluid" flowing with no resistance and as a single, uniform wave pattern.
- The current flows back and forth through the junction, like a ping-pong ball, in a rhythmic fashion.
- Implementation of qubits:
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	- Through the Josephson junction qubit The |0> and |1> states are represented by the two lowest-frequency oscillations of the currents.

Where are we now?

- In 2001 the first execution of Shor's algorithm was carried out at IBM's Almaden Research Center and Stanford University: 15 = 5 x 3!
- In 2005 a 12-bit NMR quantum register was benchmarked. Scalability seems to be a major hurdle.
- Recent news: NIST Road Map
- NIST = US National Institute of Science and Technology
- Major directions toward quantum hardware
- http://qist.lanl.gov/qcomp_map.shtml
- Companies whose main business is developing Quantum Computing.

Future of Quantum Ware

- Quantum computing may become a reality in the future, perhaps even in the relatively near future.
- Likely that many areas of information technology will be affected, in particular communication and cryptography.
- If sizeable quantum devices become available: impact of artificial intelligence.
- Science fiction...
- The dreams of today are the reality of tomorrow.

Exam

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Book: chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 &11