

EG 11

classical bit: discrete choice  
0 or 1

Qubit: chose a state in a  
2dim. Hilbert space

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$n$  classical bits: discrete choice  
of  $2^n$  states

$n$  qubits: Hilbert space of dim =  $2^n$

bases:  $|00\dots 0\rangle, |00\dots 1\rangle, |00\dots 1\rangle, \dots, |n \text{ times } 1\rangle$ .

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Entangled bits qubits

$$2 \text{ qubit state } \frac{4}{5}|0,0\rangle + \frac{3}{5}|1,1\rangle$$

each qubit has 64% probability 1  
36% probability 0

100% probability of 2 qubits being same.

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No Quantum Xerox theorem.

cannot copy quantum information

no linear operator  $\hat{C}|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\psi, \psi\rangle$ .

or rather  $\hat{C}|\psi, |I\rangle \rightarrow |\psi, \psi\rangle$

for any  $|\psi\rangle$  and some prepared  $|I\rangle$ .

single qubit example.

identify  $|0\rangle$  &  $|1\rangle$  as a states

$|z-\rangle$  &  $|z+\rangle$  of a spin  $= \frac{1}{2}$  atom.

$$\text{Take 2 atoms } \hat{C}|z-, I\rangle = |z-, z-\rangle$$

$$\hat{C}|z+, I\rangle = |z+, z+\rangle.$$

$$|x+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|z+\rangle + |z-\rangle).$$

$$\text{by linearity } \hat{C}|x+, I\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z-, z-\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z+, z+\rangle.$$

$$|x+, x+\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|z+, z+\rangle + |z+, z-\rangle + |z-, z+\rangle + |z-, z-\rangle)$$

$$\neq \hat{C}|x+, I\rangle$$

Can copy a classical bit

$$|z+\rangle = |1\rangle, |z-\rangle = |0\rangle$$

but not the qubit.

Quantum computer: all gates

are unitary operations on a few

or qubits @ a time

No information loss.

Information loss  $\rightarrow$  entropy gain

$\rightarrow$  heat

## Information Loss

2 particles collide and never meet again.

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$$\mathcal{H}(2 \text{ particles}) = \mathcal{H}(1^{\text{st}}) \otimes \mathcal{H}(2^{\text{nd}})$$

before collision  $|u_1 u_2\rangle = |u_1\rangle \otimes |u_2\rangle$

$$\text{for ex } \psi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) = \psi_{u_1}(\vec{x}_1) * \psi_{u_2}(\vec{x}_2)$$

After collision  $|f_{uv}\rangle$  does not factorize into  $|f_{uv1}\rangle \otimes |f_{uv2}\rangle$   
instead, you get some entangled state  $|f_{uv}\rangle$ .

$\{|\alpha\rangle\}$  basis of  $\mathcal{H}(1^{\text{st}})$

$\{|\iota\rangle\}$  basis of  $\mathcal{H}(2^{\text{nd}})$

$\{|\alpha, \iota\rangle\}$  basis of  $\mathcal{H}(2 \text{ particles})$ .

$$|f_{uv}\rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \iota} c_{\alpha, \iota} |\alpha, \iota\rangle$$

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Suppose we have no access to 2<sup>nd</sup> particle & want to measure some property of the 1<sup>st</sup> particle.

→ operator  $\hat{A}$  on  $\mathcal{H}(1^{\text{st}})$

on  $\mathcal{H}(2 \text{ particles})$  it becomes  $\hat{A} \otimes I$

$$\langle \alpha, \ell | \hat{A} | \beta, \ell \rangle = \langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \beta \rangle \times \delta_{\ell \ell}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \ell} C_{\alpha \ell} |\alpha, \ell\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi | \hat{A} | \Psi \rangle &= \sum_{\alpha, \ell} \sum_{\beta, \ell'} C_{\alpha \ell}^* C_{\beta \ell'} \langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \beta \rangle \times \delta_{\ell \ell'} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta} P_{\beta \alpha} \langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \beta \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\beta \alpha} = \sum_{\ell} C_{\beta \ell} C_{\alpha \ell}^*$$

(density matrix)

$P_{\beta \alpha}$  is all we need to measure some property of the 1<sup>st</sup> particle w/o access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> particle.

$$\langle \Psi | \hat{A} | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} P_{\beta \alpha} \langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \beta \rangle$$

density operator  $\hat{\rho} = \sum_{\beta, \alpha} |\beta\rangle P_{\beta \alpha} \langle \alpha|$ .

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\beta, \alpha} \langle \beta | \hat{\rho} | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \beta \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\beta} \langle \beta | \hat{\rho} \hat{A} | \beta \rangle = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{A})$$

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$\text{Tr}(\text{matrix}) = \sum \text{diagonal elements}$

$\text{tr}(\hat{A}) = \sum_i \langle i | \hat{A} | i \rangle$  in any orthonormal basis.

same trace in any basis.

Q. if  $\hat{A}$  has a basis of eigenstates

then  $\text{tr}(\hat{A}) = \sum \text{eigenvalues}$ .

$\text{tr}(\hat{A}\hat{B}) = \text{tr}(\hat{B}\hat{A})$  if both are convergent.

Properties of the density operator  $\hat{\rho}$ .

1)  $\hat{\rho}$  is Hermitian  $\hat{\rho}^\dagger = \hat{\rho}$

$$\hookrightarrow \langle \beta | \hat{\rho} | \alpha \rangle = \sum_i c_{\beta i} c_{\alpha i}^* = \langle \alpha | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle^*$$

2)  $\text{tr}(\hat{\rho}) = 1$

$$\text{tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{\beta} \langle \beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle = \sum_{\beta} c_{\beta i} c_{\beta i}^* = \langle \text{Pauli} | \text{Pauli} \rangle = 1$$

3)  $\hat{\rho} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  all eigenvalues  $\geq 0$

$$\Downarrow \langle \psi | \hat{\rho} | \psi \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}(\text{1st}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi | \hat{\rho} | \psi \rangle &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \psi | \beta \rangle \langle \alpha | \psi \rangle \sum_i c_{\beta i} c_{\alpha i}^* \\ &= \sum_i \left| \sum_{\beta} \langle \psi | \beta \rangle c_{\beta i} \right|^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Physically  $\langle \psi | \hat{\rho} | \psi \rangle$  is the probability of the 1<sup>st</sup> particle being in state  $|\psi\rangle$  assuming  $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Prob}(1^{\text{st}} \text{ in } |\psi\rangle) / \text{Prob} &= \sum_{\alpha} \text{Prob}(1^{\text{st}} \text{ in } |\psi\rangle, 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ in } |\alpha\rangle) \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha} Q |\langle \psi, \alpha | \rho_{\alpha} \rangle|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha} \left| \sum_{\beta} Q \langle \psi | \beta \rangle \underbrace{\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle}_{\delta_{\beta\alpha}} \right|^2 \\
 &= \langle \psi | \hat{\rho} | \psi \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{\rho}$ : eigenvalues  $\geq 0$ , add up to  $\text{tr}(\hat{\rho}) = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  eigenvalues  $\leq 1$

$\rightarrow$  probabilities betw 0 and 1  
add up to 1.

what if  $Q(|\psi\rangle)$  un-normalizable  
like  $|\vec{x}\rangle$  or  $|\vec{p}\rangle$ ?

$\rightarrow$  probability density  $\langle \vec{x} | \hat{\rho} | \vec{x} \rangle \times d^3x$   
 $\langle \vec{p} | \hat{\rho} | \vec{p} \rangle \times \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3}$

eigenvalues & eigenstates of  $\hat{\rho}$

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_a |a\rangle w_a \langle a|$$

$w_a \geq 0, \sum w_a = 1.$

Physically, a 1<sup>st</sup> particle is in state  $|a\rangle$   
 $|a\rangle$  with probability  $w_a$ .

Suppose the  $|k\rangle$  state of 2 particles is not entangled.

$$|k\rangle = |f_1\rangle \otimes |f_2\rangle.$$

$$p_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta | k \rangle = \langle \beta | f_1 \rangle \times \langle \beta | f_2 \rangle$$

$$p_{\beta\alpha} = \sum_i c_{\beta i} c_{\alpha i}^*$$

$$= \sum_i \langle \beta | f_i \rangle \langle f_i | \alpha \rangle \times \underbrace{\sum_i |\langle f_i | f_2 \rangle|^2}_1$$

$$p_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta | f_1 \rangle \langle f_1 | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\hat{p} = |f_1\rangle \langle f_1|.$$

1 eigenvalue = 1 for  $|\alpha\rangle = |f_1\rangle$

other eigenvalues = 0.

→ particle in state  $|f_1\rangle$  with probability 100%

→ such states are called pure states

Block: states w/  $\hat{p}$

when  $\hat{p}$  has several non-zero eigenvalues → mixed state.

Mixed states follow from entanglement with unobservable part of the quantum system