

## Assignment 2

Please submit it electronically to ELMS. This assignment is 70% in your final grade. For the simplicity of the grading, the total number of points for the assignment is 70.

**Problem 1.** *The Hadamard gate and qubit rotations*

- (5 points) Suppose that  $(n_x, n_y, n_z) \in \mathcal{R}^3$  is a unit vector and  $\theta \in \mathcal{R}$ . Show that

$$e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}(n_x X + n_y Y + n_z Z)} = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) I - i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) (n_x X + n_y Y + n_z Z).$$

- (5 points) Find a unit vector  $(n_x, n_y, n_z) \in \mathcal{R}^3$  and numbers  $\phi, \theta \in \mathcal{R}$  so that

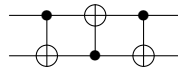
$$H = e^{i\phi} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}(n_x X + n_y Y + n_z Z)},$$

where  $H$  denotes the Hadamard gate. What does this mean in terms of the Bloch sphere?

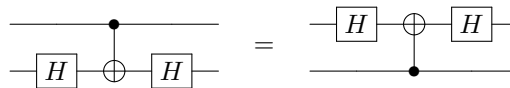
- (5 points) Write the Hadamard gate as a product of rotations about the  $x$  and  $y$  axes. In particular, find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \phi \in \mathcal{R}$  such that  $H = e^{i\phi} R_y(\gamma) R_x(\beta) R_y(\alpha)$ .

**Problem 2.** *Circuit identities.*

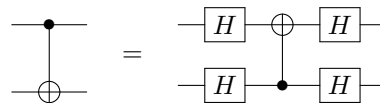
- (5 points) Show that the following circuit swaps two qubits:



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Give an interpretation of this identity.

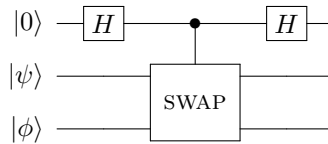
**Problem 3.** *Universality of gate sets.* Prove that each of the following gate sets either is or is not universal. You may use the fact that the set  $\{\text{CNOT}, H, T\}$  is universal.

1. (3 points)  $\{H, T\}$
2. (3 points)  $\{\text{CNOT}, T\}$
3. (4 points)  $\{\text{CNOT}, H\}$
4. (Bonus: 10 points)  $\{\text{CNOT}, H, T^2\}$

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**Problem 4.** *Swap test.*

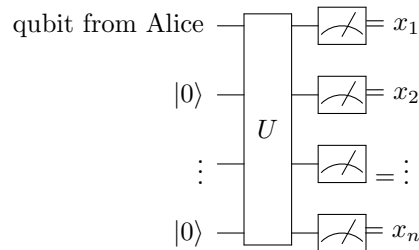
1. (5 points) Let  $|\psi\rangle$  and  $|\phi\rangle$  be arbitrary single-qubit states (not necessarily computational basis states), and let SWAP denote the 2-qubit gate that swaps its input qubits (i.e.,  $\text{SWAP}|x\rangle|y\rangle = |y\rangle|x\rangle$  for any  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ ). Compute the output of the following quantum circuit:



2. (5 points) Suppose the top qubit in the above circuit is measured in the computational basis. What is the probability that the measurement result is 0?
3. (3 points) If the result of measuring the top qubit in the computational basis is 0, what is the (normalized) post-measurement state of the remaining two qubits?
4. (2 points) How do the results of the previous parts change if  $|\psi\rangle$  and  $|\phi\rangle$  are  $n$ -qubit states, and SWAP denotes the  $2n$ -qubit gate that swaps the first  $n$  qubits with the last  $n$  qubits?

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**Problem 5.** *A qubit cannot be used to communicate a trit perfectly* Suppose that Alice wants to convey a trit of information (an element of  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ ) to Bob and all she is allowed to do is prepare one qubit and send it to Bob. Bob is allowed to prepare  $n - 1$  additional qubits, each in state  $|0\rangle$ , and apply an  $n$ -qubit unitary  $U$  operation to the entire  $n$  qubit system followed by a measurement in the computational basis.



The outcome will be an element of  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . It is conceivable that such a scheme could exist where Bob can determine the trit from these  $n$  bits (e.g., by a function  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ). We shall prove that this is impossible.

The framework is that Alice starts with a trit  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  (unknown to Bob) and, based on  $j$ , prepares a one-qubit state,  $\alpha_j|0\rangle + \beta_j|1\rangle, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . and sends it to Bob.

Then Bob applies some  $n$ -qubit unitary  $U$  to  $(\alpha_j|0\rangle + \beta_j|1\rangle)|00 \dots 0\rangle$  and measures each qubit in the computational basis, obtaining some  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$  as outcome. Finally, Bob applies some function  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  to  $x$  to obtain a trit. The scheme *works* if and only if, starting with any  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , the resulting  $x$  will satisfy  $f(x) = j$  with probability 1.

1. (5 points) Note that each row of the matrix  $U$  is a  $2^n$ -dimensional vector. For  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , define the space  $V_j$  to be the span of all rows of  $U$  that are indexed by an element of the set  $f^{-1}(j) \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$ . Prove that  $V_0, V_1$ , and  $V_2$  are mutually orthogonal spaces.
2. (5 points) Explain why, for a scheme to work,  $(\alpha_j|0\rangle + \beta_j|1\rangle)|00 \cdots 0\rangle \in V_j$  must hold for all  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .
3. (5 points) Prove that it is impossible for  $(\alpha_j|0\rangle + \beta_j|1\rangle)|00 \cdots 0\rangle \in V_j$  to hold for all  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

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