

Quantum Gates, Circuits, and Algorithms

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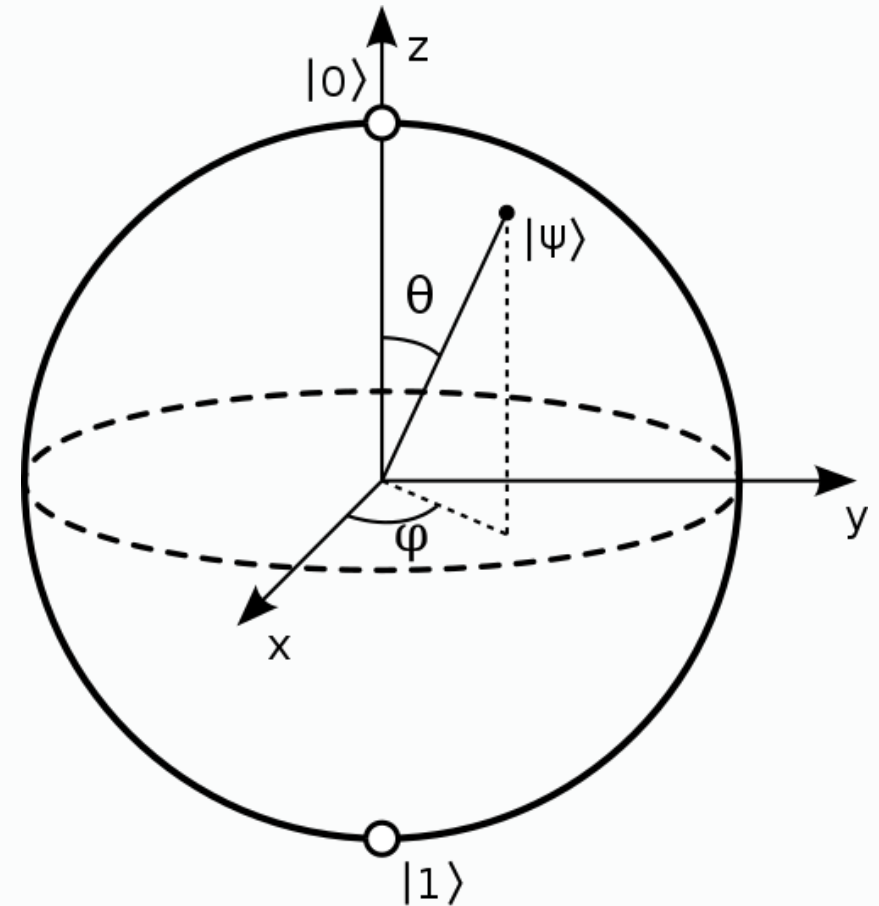
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$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

Measurement = projection of state to a basis vector (changes the state – superposition is destroyed)

NOTE: There are many possible basis vector sets – any antipodal points on the Bloch sphere are orthogonal. “Standard” basis is $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$.

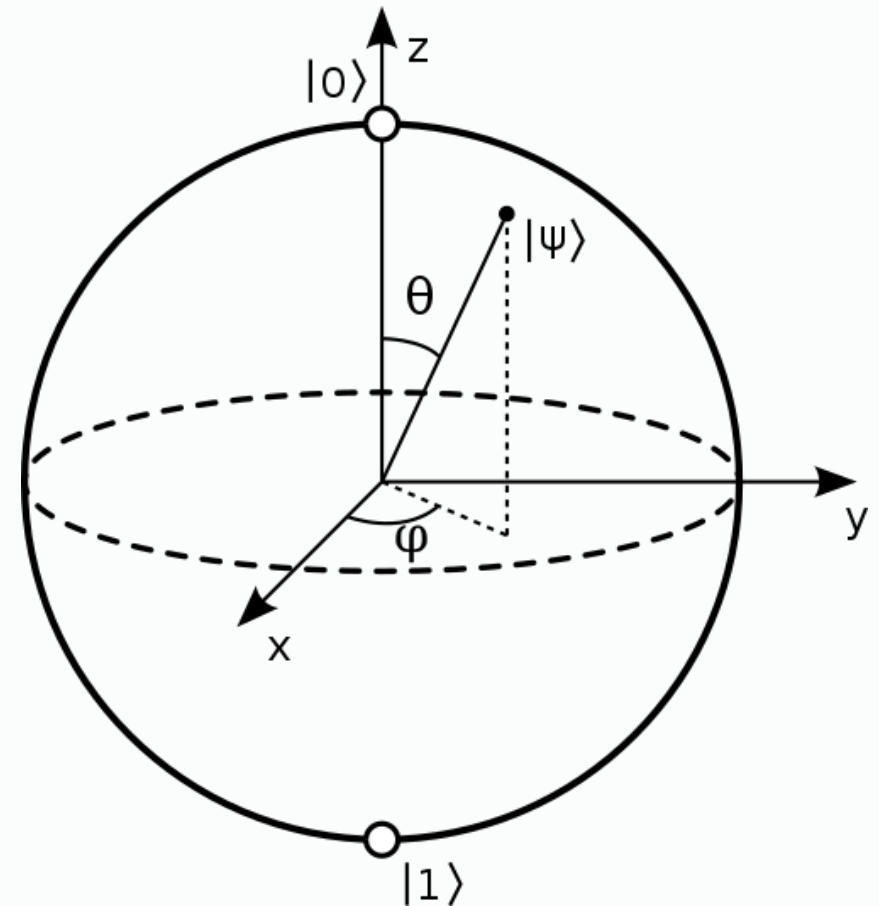


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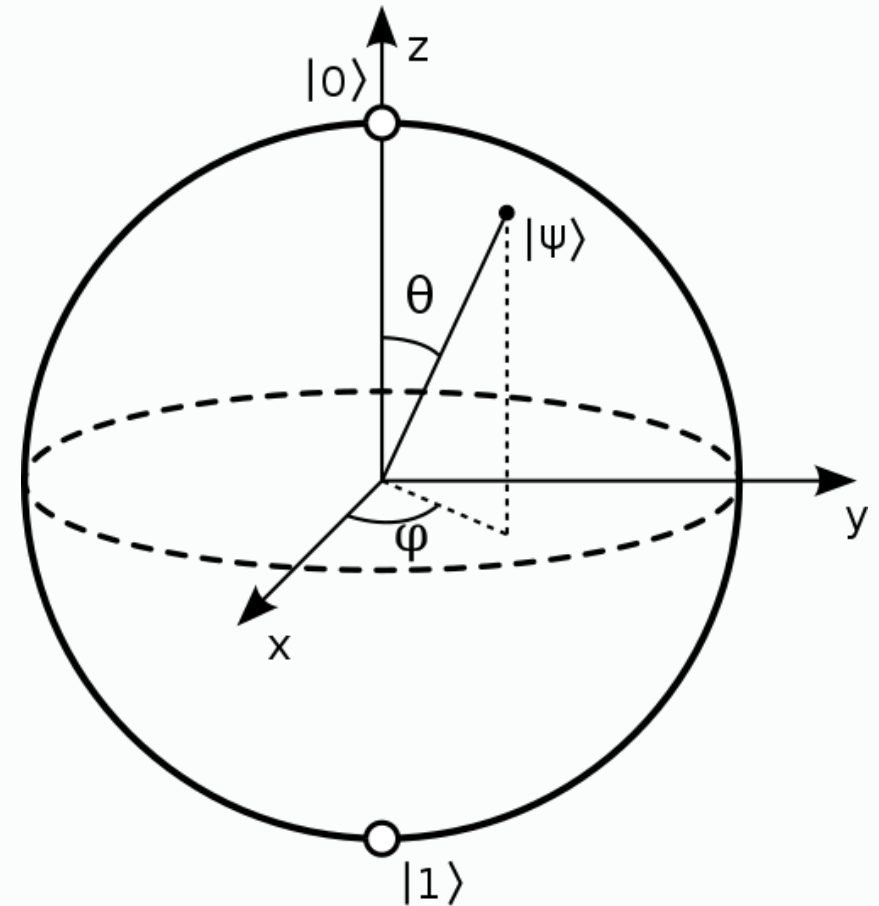
α	β	θ	state
1	0	0	$ 0\rangle$
0	1	π	$ 1\rangle$
$1/\sqrt{2}$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$\pi/2$	$ +\rangle$
$1/\sqrt{2}$	$-1/\sqrt{2}$	$3\pi/2$	$ -\rangle$



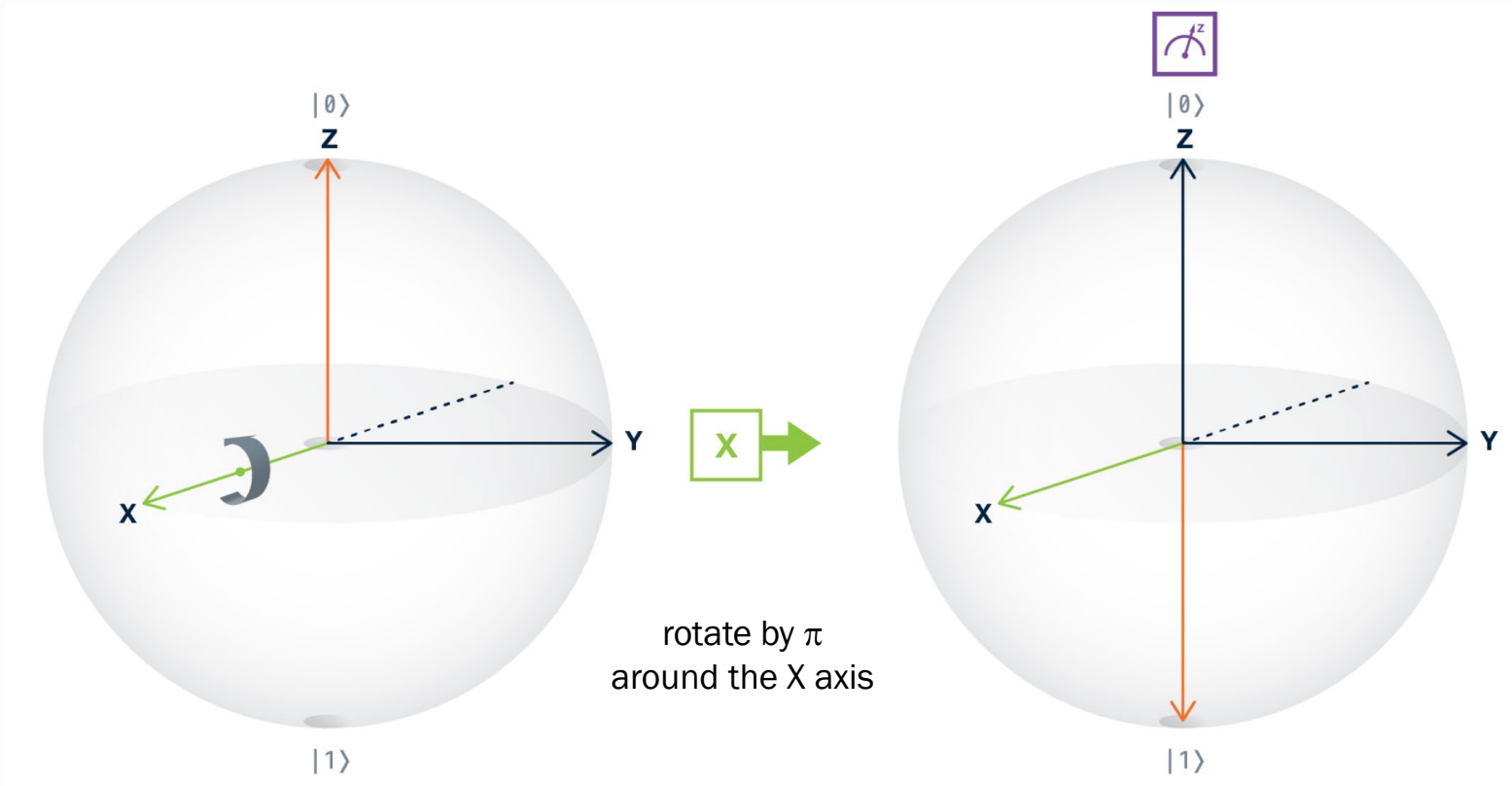
Quantum Gate

Quantum gate is a transformation from one qubit state to another.

Single-qubit gate = rotation around Bloch sphere. **Reversible**.
Represented by a (unitary) **matrix** acting on the **vector**.



X Gate: NOT



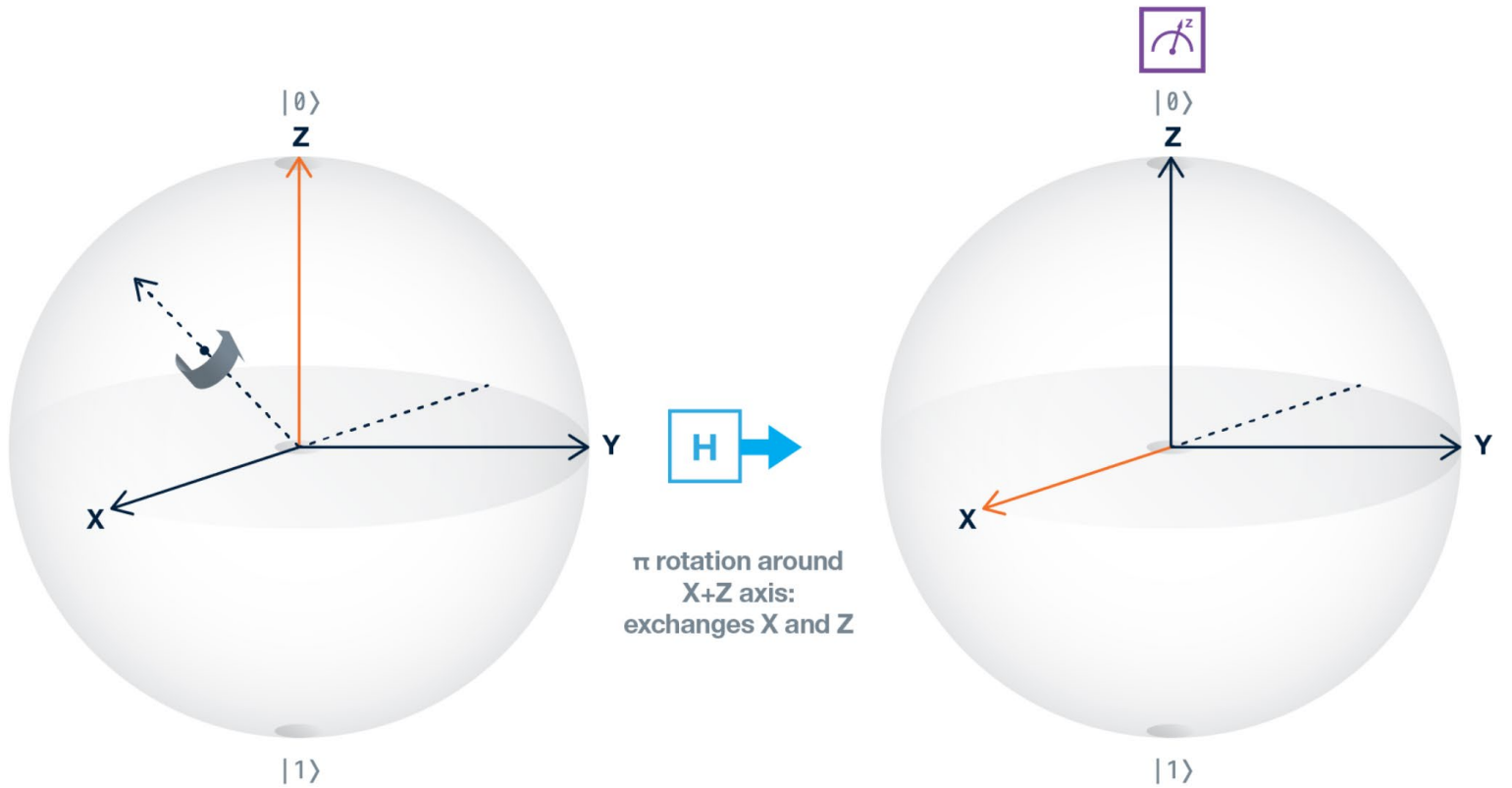
Start	End
$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$
$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$
$\alpha 0\rangle + \beta 1\rangle$	$\beta 0\rangle + \alpha 1\rangle$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 [Quirk](#)

Hadamard (H) Gate: Superposition

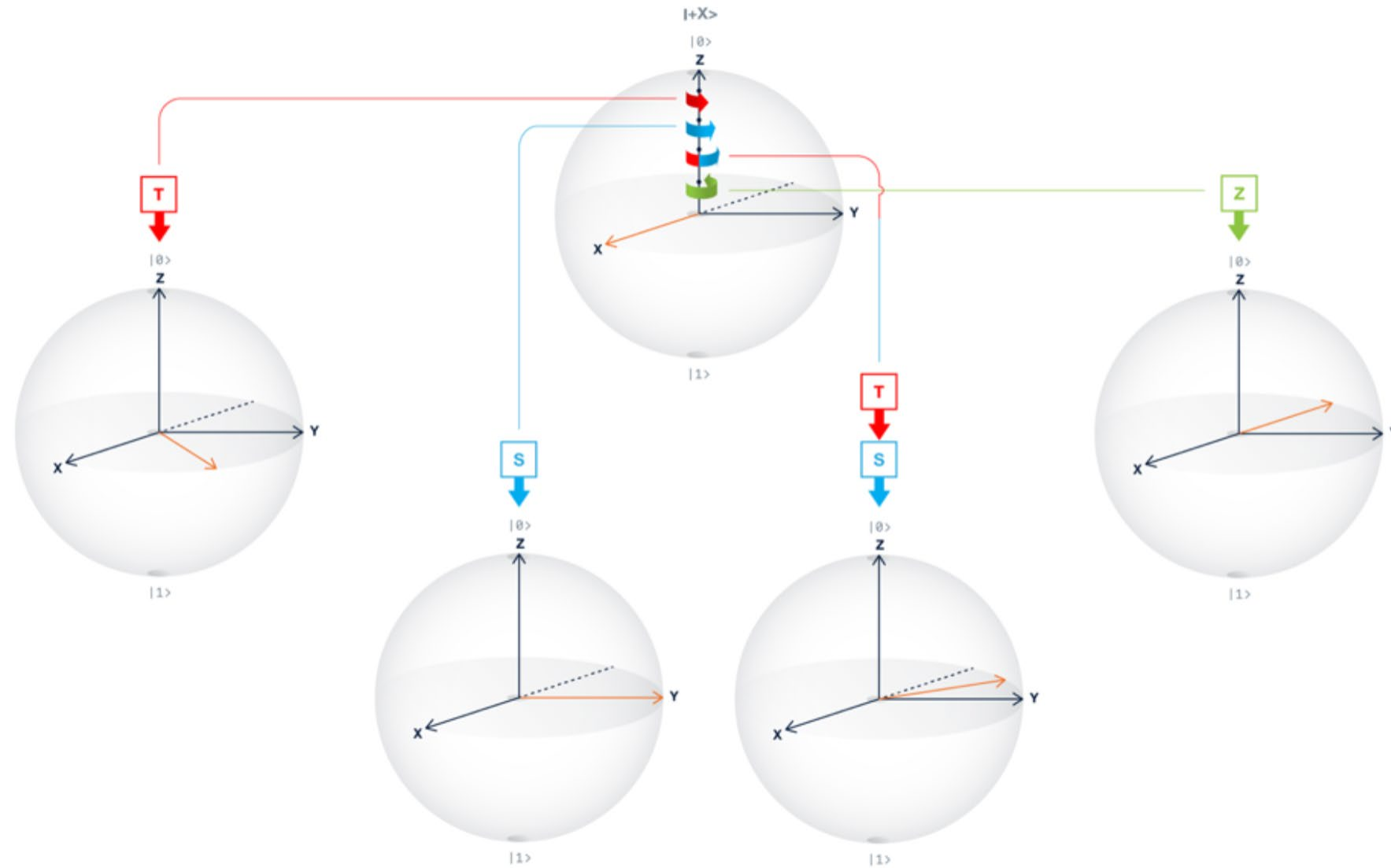


Start	End	AKA
$ 0\rangle$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle + 1\rangle)$	$ +\rangle$
$ 1\rangle$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle - 1\rangle)$	$ -\rangle$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Phase: Z, S, T



Rotations around the Z axis

$$T = \pi/4$$






$$S = \pi/2$$

$$Z = \pi$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|0\rangle + e^{i\varphi}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|1\rangle$$

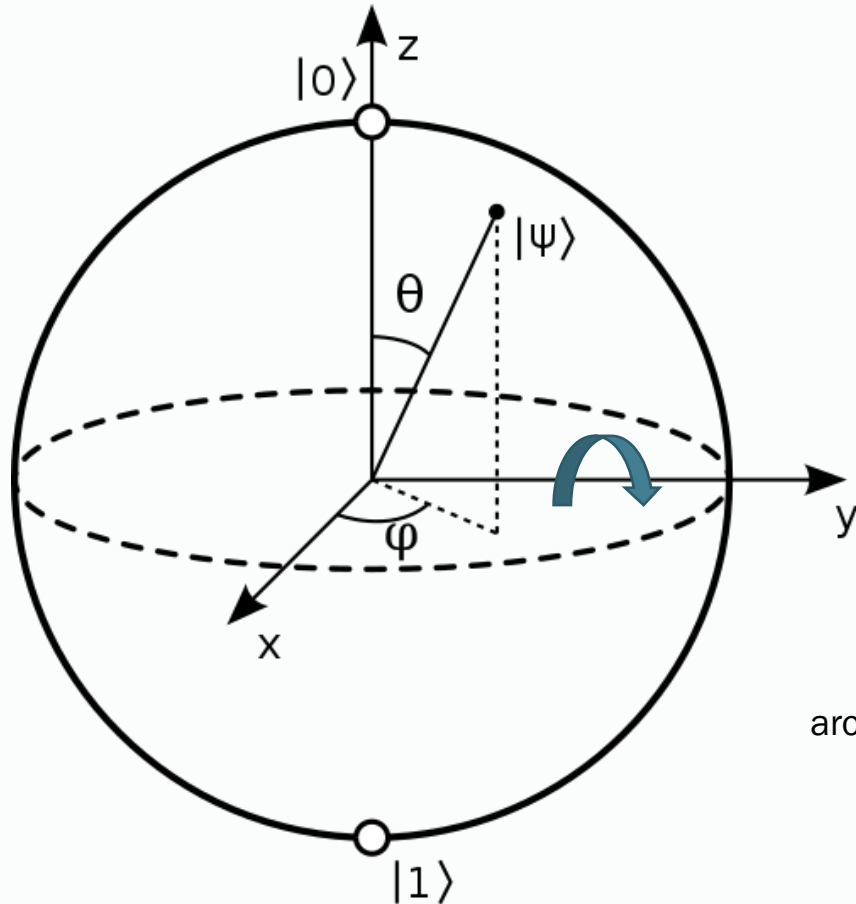


Phase: Z, S, T

Gate sequence	Rotation around Z	Probability of 0	Probability of 1
H H 	0	1.0	0
H T H 	$\pi/4$	0.85	0.15
H S H 	$\pi/2$	0.50	0.50
H S T H 	$3\pi/4$	0.15	0.85
H Z H 	π	0	1



Y Gate



NOTE: $Y = -iXZ$

Start	End
$ 0\rangle$	$i 1\rangle$
$ 1\rangle$	$-i 0\rangle$
$\alpha 0\rangle + \beta 1\rangle$	$i(-\beta 0\rangle + \alpha 1\rangle)$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotational Gates

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

rotate by θ
around the X axis

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

rotate by θ
around the Y axis

$$R_z(\theta) = e^{-i\theta Z/2} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}I - i\sin\frac{\theta}{2}Z = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

rotate by θ
around the Z axis

U Gates: $u1$, $u2$, $u3$

The most general unitary gate

IBM Gate

Used to generate...

$$U(\theta, \varphi, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -e^{i\lambda} \sin(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin(\theta/2) & e^{i\lambda+i\varphi} \cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u3(\theta, \varphi, \lambda)$$

$$U(0, 0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u1(\lambda)$$

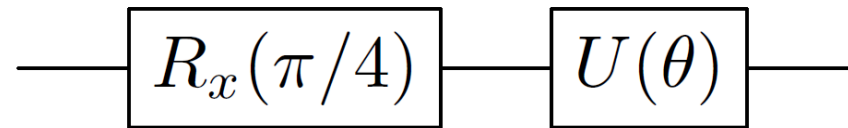
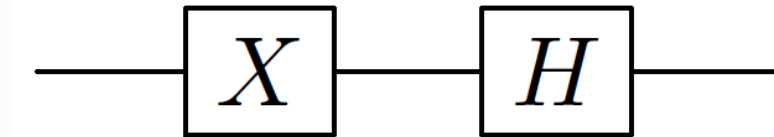
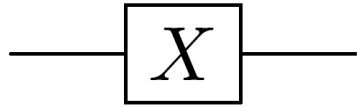
$$T, T^\dagger, S, S^\dagger, Z$$

$$U(\pi/2, \varphi, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -e^{i\lambda} \\ e^{i\varphi} & e^{i\lambda+i\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u2(\varphi, \lambda)$$

$$H = u2(0, \pi)$$

Quantum Gates: Circuit

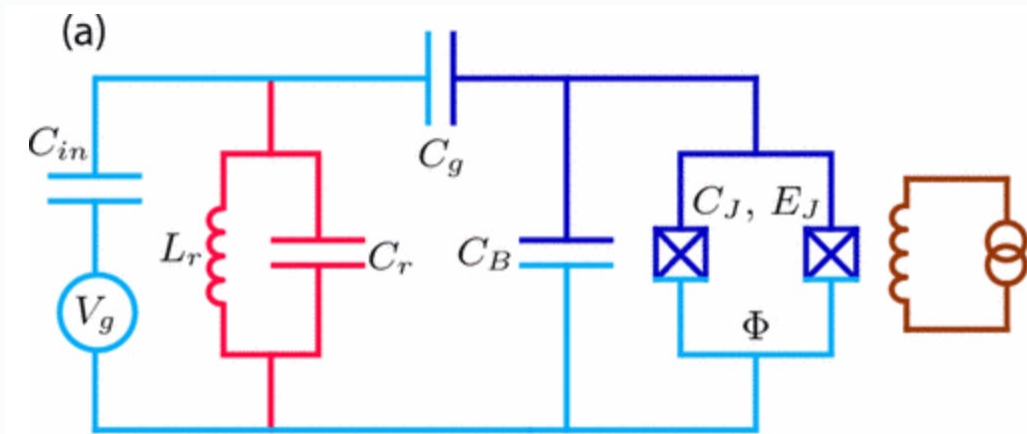


A word about implementation...

Quotes from IBM Q material

The qubit we use is a **fixed-frequency superconducting transmon** qubit. It is a **Josephson-junction-based** qubit that is insensitive to charge noise.

The devices are made on silicon wafers with superconducting metals such as **niobium** and **aluminum**.



Koch, et al.
Phys. Rev. A **76**, 042319 –Oct 2007

Quantum gates are performed by sending **electromagnetic impulses at microwave frequencies** to the qubits through coaxial cables. These electromagnetic pulses have a particular **duration, frequency, and phase** that determine the **angle of rotation** of the qubit state around a particular axis of the Bloch sphere.

Multi-Qubit States

There are 2^n basis vectors for an n -qubit system. In the standard basis, these are:

$|00\dots 000\rangle$
 $|00\dots 001\rangle$
 $|00\dots 010\rangle$
...
 $|11\dots 111\rangle$

$$|ab\rangle = |a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i |i\rangle, \text{ where } \sum_i |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$$

Notation:
 q_0 is the least significant qubit,
 q_{n-1} is the most significant qubit.

Multi-Qubit States

1 qubit

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \end{matrix}$$

2 qubits

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |00\rangle = |0\rangle \\ |01\rangle = |1\rangle \\ |10\rangle = |2\rangle \\ |11\rangle = |3\rangle \end{matrix}$$

3 qubits

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \\ \alpha_5 \\ \alpha_6 \\ \alpha_7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |000\rangle = |0\rangle \\ |001\rangle = |1\rangle \\ |010\rangle = |2\rangle \\ |011\rangle = |3\rangle \\ |100\rangle = |4\rangle \\ |101\rangle = |5\rangle \\ |110\rangle = |6\rangle \\ |111\rangle = |7\rangle \end{matrix}$$

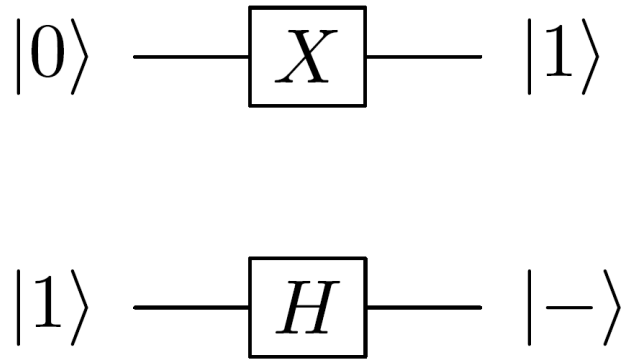
n qubits

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{2^n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |0..00\rangle = |0\rangle \\ |0..01\rangle = |1\rangle \\ \dots \\ |... \rangle = |i\rangle \\ \dots \\ |1..11\rangle = |2^n - 1\rangle \end{matrix}$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i |i\rangle, \text{ where } \sum_i |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$$

Two-qubit System Example

Input state: $|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |10\rangle$



Output state: $|-\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = | - 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle - |11\rangle)$

Transformation:

$$H \otimes X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Our convention:

Qubits from top to bottom represent least to most significant.

This is different from many texts, but consistent with IBM Qiskit convention.

Entangled States

In some multi-qubit systems, the states of individual qubits cannot be independently determined. These are known as **entangled** states.

$$\alpha_0|00\rangle + \alpha_1|01\rangle + \alpha_2|10\rangle + \alpha_3|11\rangle = (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) \otimes (c|0\rangle + d|1\rangle)?$$

If no such factoring, the states are entangled.

$\frac{1}{2}(00\rangle - 01\rangle + i 10\rangle - 11\rangle)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle + i 1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle - 1\rangle)$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(00\rangle + 11\rangle)$	entangled
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(10\rangle + 11\rangle)$	$ 1\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle + 1\rangle)$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 00\rangle + \frac{1}{2} 10\rangle + \frac{1}{2} 11\rangle$	entangled

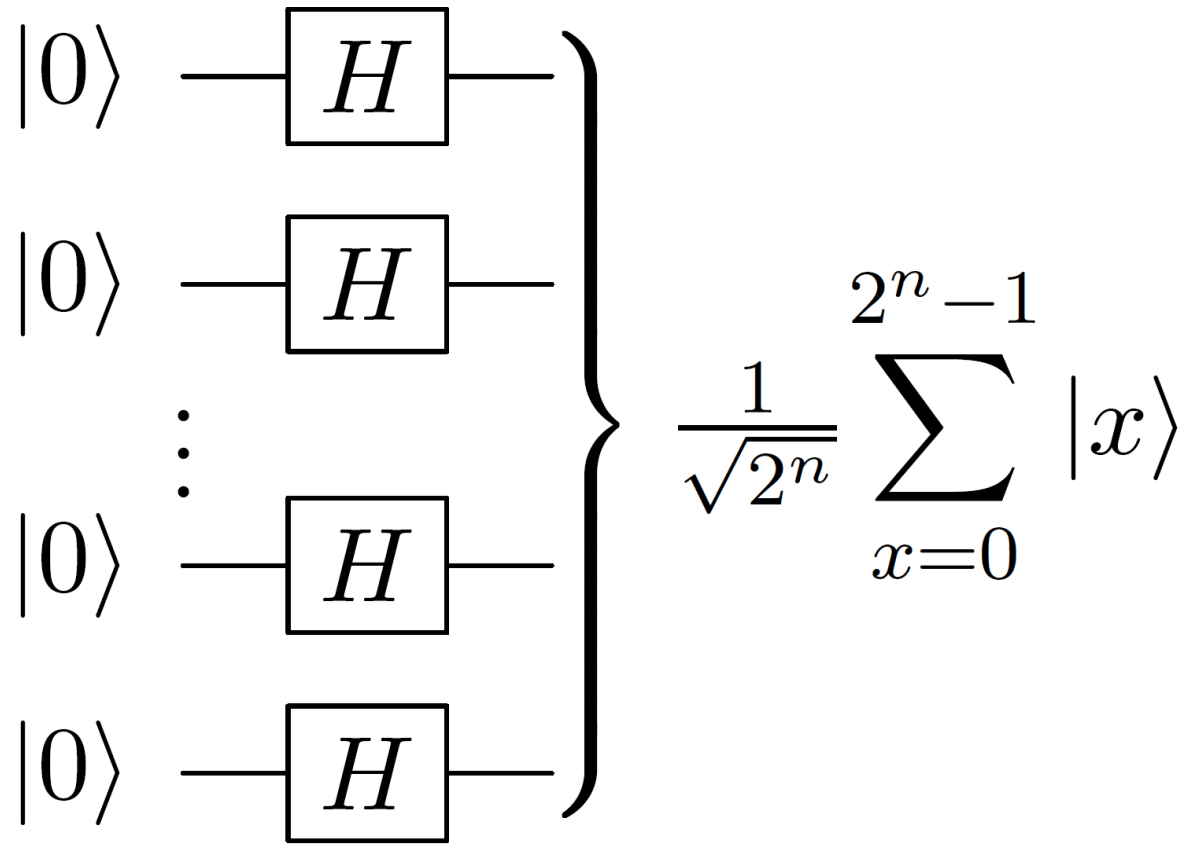
Entangled States

What does entangled mean?

There is correlation between the states of the (two) qubits. If we measure one qubit, we may gain information about the state of the other.

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(00\rangle + 11\rangle)$	<p>If measure first qubit and get 0, then state of 2nd qubit must be $0\rangle$.</p>
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 00\rangle + \frac{1}{2} 10\rangle + \frac{1}{2} 11\rangle$	<p>If measure first qubit and get 0, then state of the 2nd qubit must be $0\rangle$.</p> <p>If measure second qubit and get 1, then state of the first qubit must be $1\rangle$.</p> <p>If measure first bit and get 1, no information about state of 2nd qubit.</p>

Walsh-Hadamard Transform



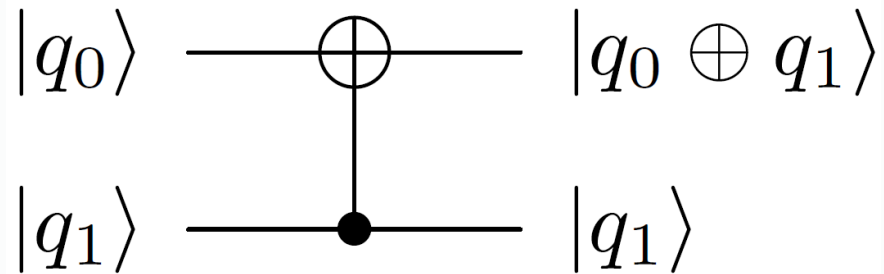
Used in the setup phase of algorithms, to create a **superposition of all inputs.**

Transformations occur on all components of the superposition. This is the source of **quantum parallelism.**

This is not an entangled state.

Two-qubit Gate: CNOT

CNOT = controlled-NOT = CX



Start	End
$ 00\rangle$	$ 00\rangle$
$ 01\rangle$	$ 01\rangle$
$ 10\rangle$	$ 11\rangle$
$ 11\rangle$	$ 10\rangle$

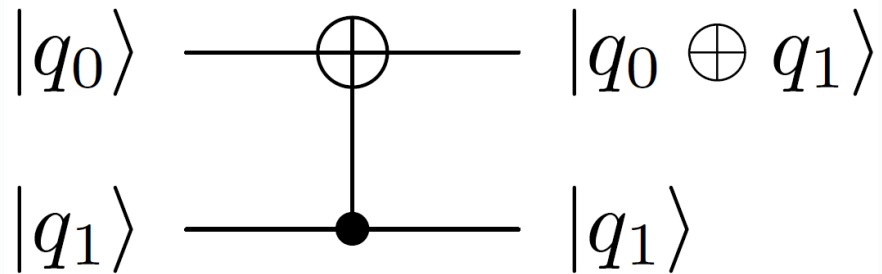
$$CX = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$CX(|10\rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |11\rangle$$

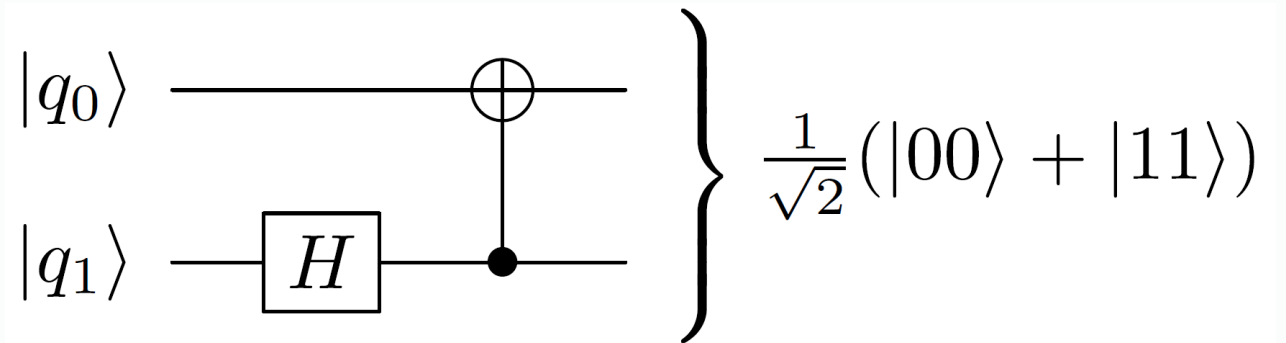
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More about this later...

Two-qubit Gate: CNOT

CNOT = controlled-NOT



Entanglement: Bell Pair



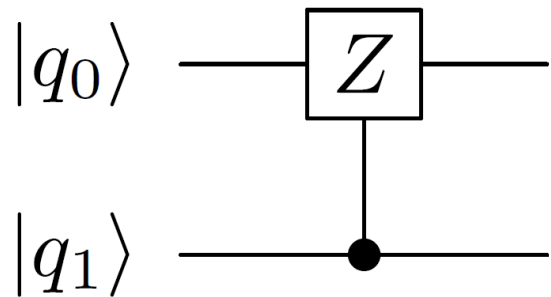
Start	End
$ 00\rangle$	$ 00\rangle$
$ 01\rangle$	$ 11\rangle$
$ 10\rangle$	$ 10\rangle$
$ 11\rangle$	$ 01\rangle$

There is no tensor product $|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle$ that corresponds to this state.

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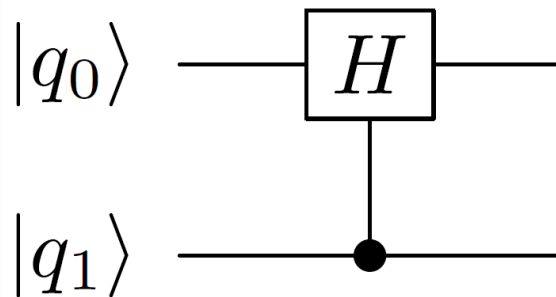
Generalized Control Gates

CZ = controlled-Z



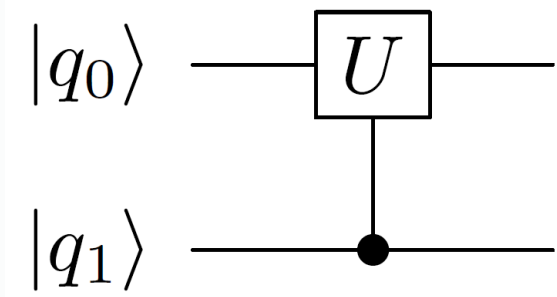
$$CZ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

CH = controlled-H



$$CH = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

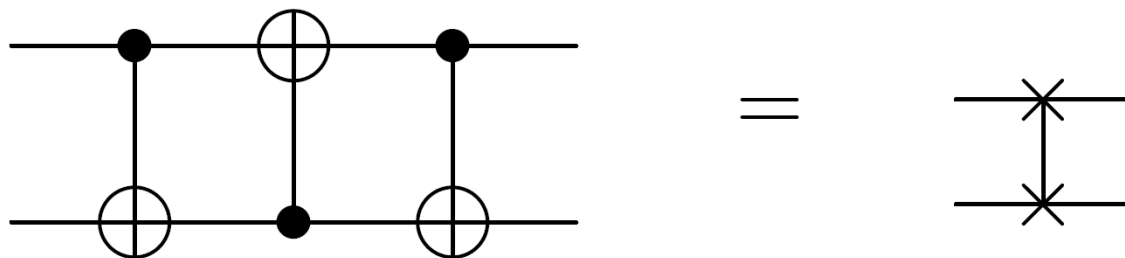
CU = controlled-U



$$CU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & U & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & U \end{pmatrix}$$

Other Two-Bit Gates (IBM Qiskit)

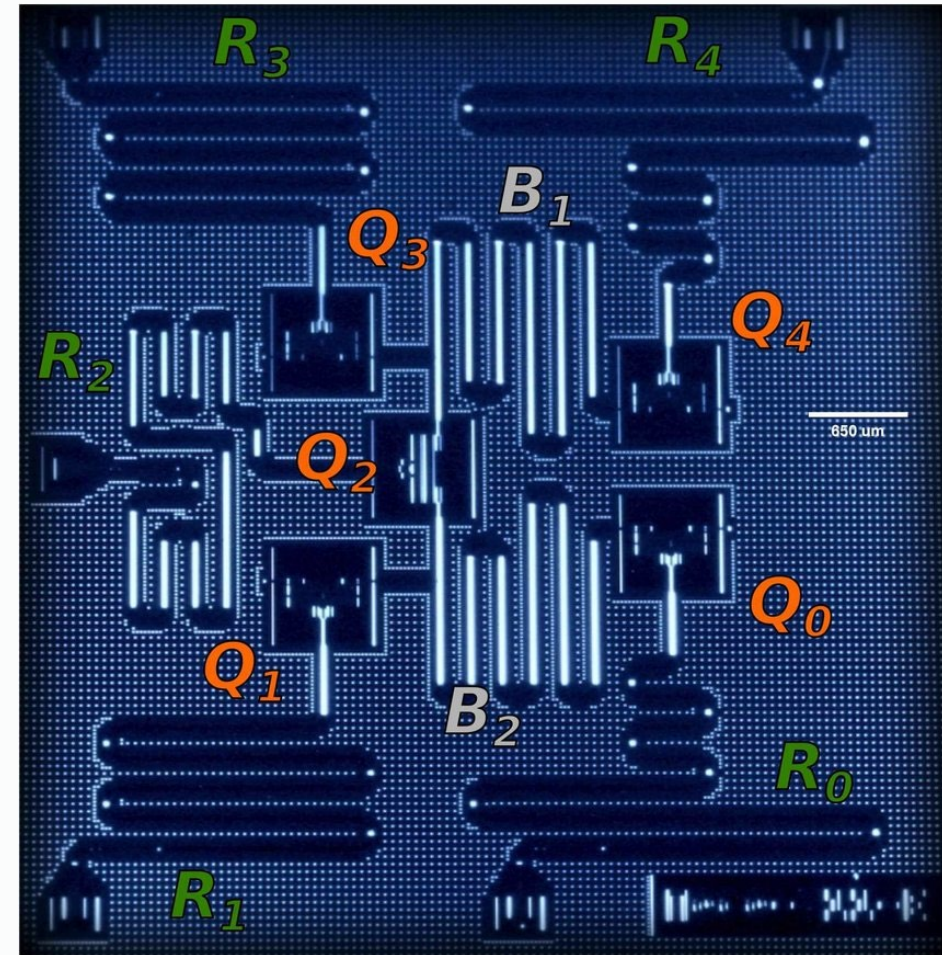
- controlled **Pauli** gates (X, Y, Z) – controlled X is CNOT
- controlled **Hadamard** gate
- controlled **rotation** gates (Rx, Ry, Rz)
- controlled **phase** gate (u1)
- controlled **u3** gate
- **swap** gate



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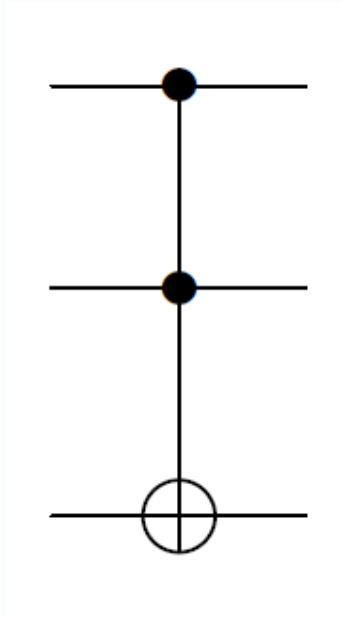
Quotes from IBM Q material

Two-qubit gates typically require tuning to calibrate the interaction between the two qubits during the gate duration, and minimizing the interaction at any other time. Since our qubits of choice are fixed-frequency transmons, we cannot tune the interaction by bringing them closer in frequency during the two-qubit gate. Instead, we exploit the **cross-resonance effect**, by **driving one of the qubits (called control) with a microwave pulse tuned at the frequency of the second qubit (called target)**. By doing this, we can actively increase the strength of the coupling between them. The nature of the cross-resonance effect also allows us to **perform rotations in the target qubit conditioned on the state of the control qubit**, a key characteristic of the CNOT operation required for a universal quantum gate set.

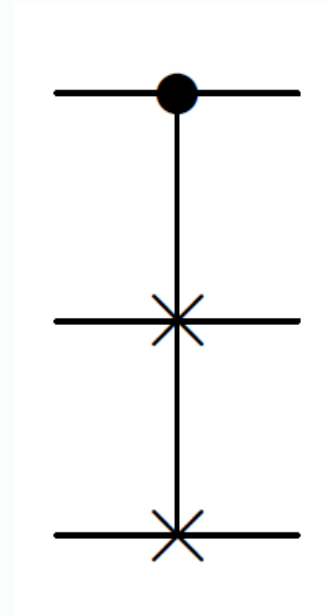


Three-qubit Gates

Toffoli: controlled CNOT



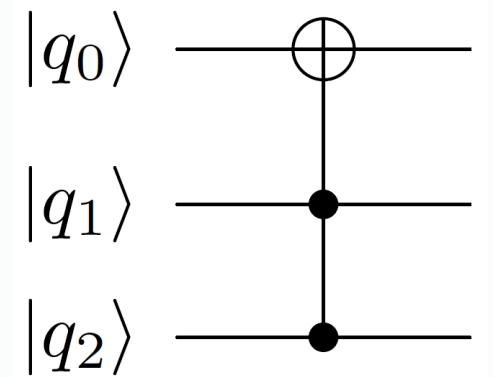
Fredkin: controlled swap



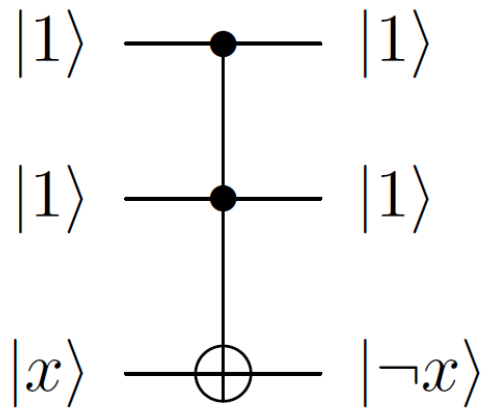
These are not implemented directly on the IBM Q. They are built from 1- and 2-qubit gates.

Toffoli Gate

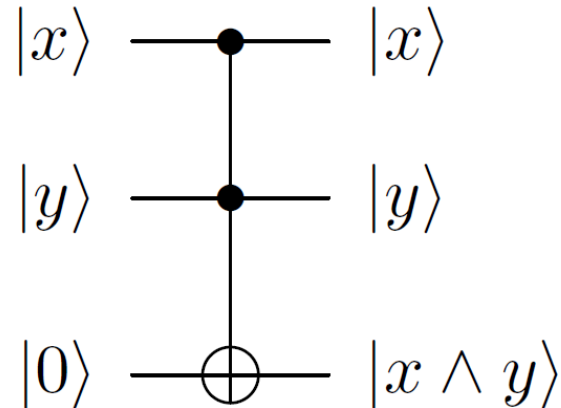
$$\text{Toffoli} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



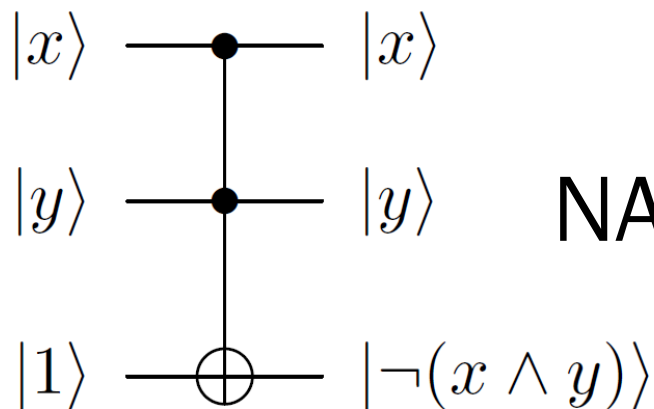
Toffoli: Reversible Classic Gates



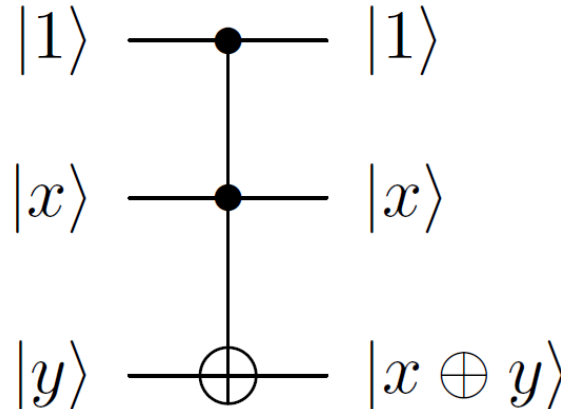
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AND



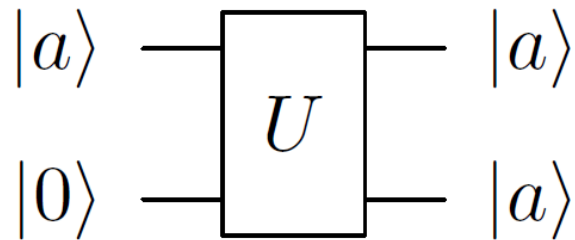
NAND



XOR

No-Cloning Principle (revisited)

Suppose we have a cloning transformation U , such that $U(|a\rangle|0\rangle) = |a\rangle|a\rangle$ for any quantum state $|a\rangle$.



Let $|a\rangle$ and $|b\rangle$ be two orthogonal quantum states. Therefore,

$$U(|0\rangle|a\rangle) = |a\rangle|a\rangle$$

$$U(|0\rangle|b\rangle) = |b\rangle|b\rangle$$

Consider $|c\rangle = \frac{|a\rangle+|b\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$.

By linearity:

$$\begin{aligned} U(|0\rangle|c\rangle) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (U(|0\rangle|a\rangle) + U(|0\rangle|b\rangle)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|a\rangle|a\rangle + |b\rangle|b\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

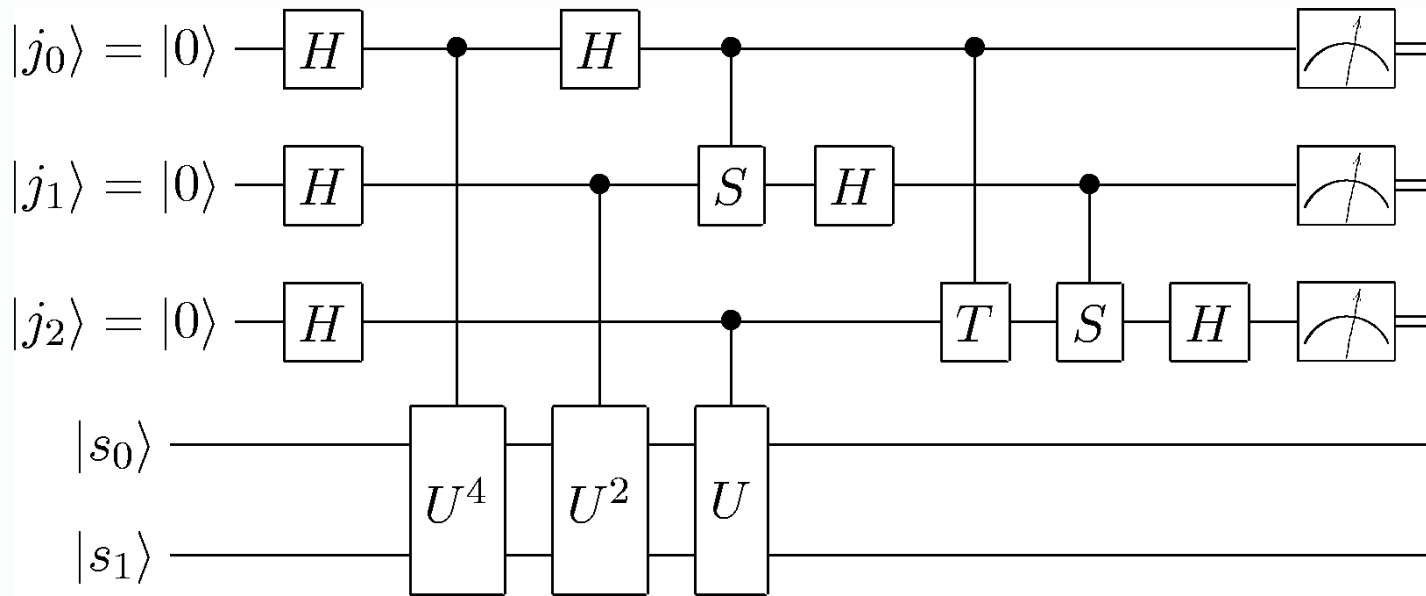
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By definition of cloning transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} U(|0\rangle|c\rangle) &= |c\rangle|c\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|a\rangle + |b\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|a\rangle + |b\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|a\rangle|a\rangle + |a\rangle|b\rangle + |b\rangle|a\rangle + |b\rangle|b\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

These are not equal \Rightarrow there is no U for which both can be true.

Quantum Circuit



Measurement.

Double line represents classical bit.

Standard Circuit Model

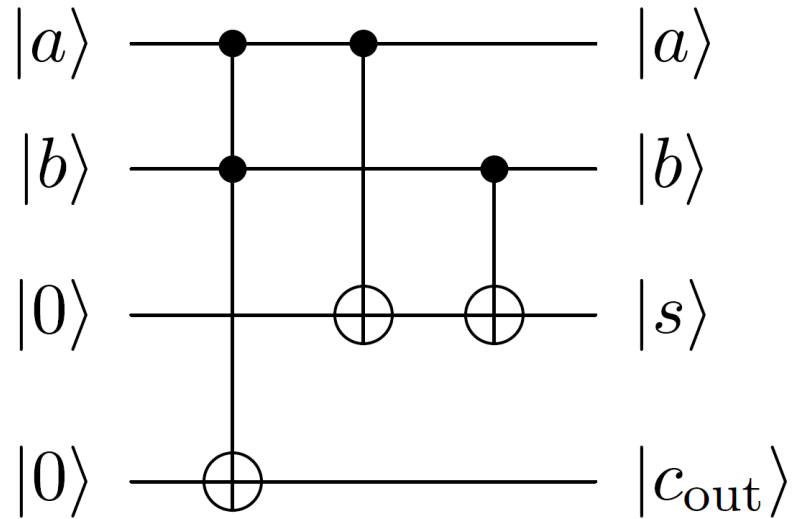
- CNOT plus all single-bit transformations
- Measurement in the standard basis

Any quantum transformation can be realized in terms of the basic gates of the standard circuit model.

Time flows left to right.

Quantum gates (operators) are applied sequentially to qubit states, with result shown on the right.

Example Circuit: Half Adder



Start $ ab00\rangle$	End $ absc\rangle$
$ 0000\rangle$	$ 0000\rangle$
$ 0100\rangle$	$ 0110\rangle$
$ 1000\rangle$	$ 1010\rangle$
$ 1100\rangle$	$ 1101\rangle$

Using the standard basis states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$, this is a binary half adder.
What if the input qubits are general?

What if input is $|+\ 000\rangle$? What would you expect if you measure all output qubits?

Caution 1: Phases

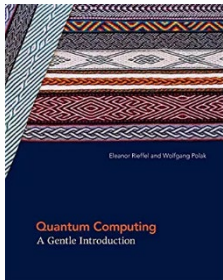
Quantum state transformations are specified in terms of actions in the vector space, not in terms of quantum state. (There's a difference.) Example – consider the **controlled phase shift**:

$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\rightarrow |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\rightarrow |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\rightarrow e^{i\theta} |10\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\rightarrow e^{i\theta} |11\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$|10\rangle$ and $e^{i\theta}|10\rangle$ represent exactly the same state. So is this equivalent to the identity transformation? No.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + e^{i\theta}|11\rangle)$$

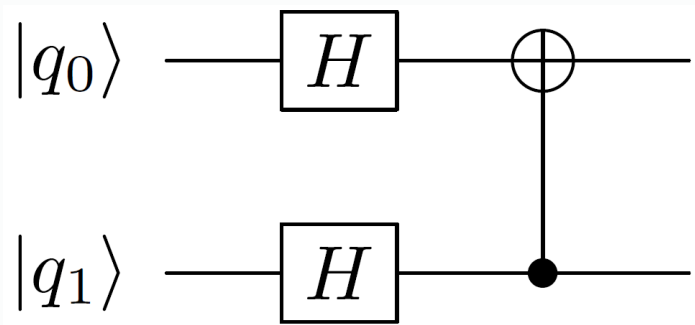
These are different states due to the relative phase.



Caution 2: Notion of Control

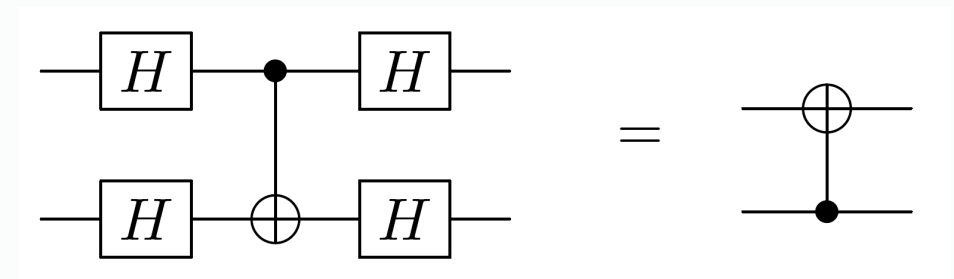
The notions of **control** and **target** bit is a carryover from the classical gate, and should not be taken too literally. Do not conclude that the control bit is never changed.

Consider the CNOT gate operating in the Hadamard basis:



Start	End
$ ++\rangle$	$ ++\rangle$
$ +-\rangle$	$ --\rangle$
$ -+\rangle$	$ -+\rangle$
$ --\rangle$	$ +-\rangle$

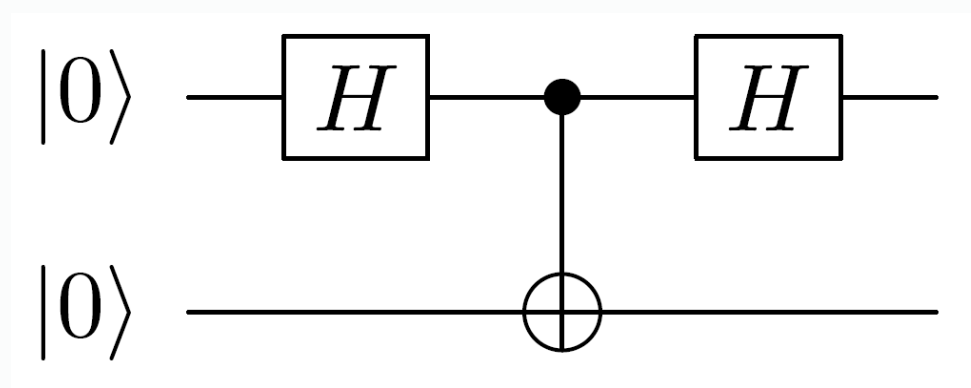
In this case, it's the "control" qubit that changes.



Caution 3: Reading Circuit Diagram

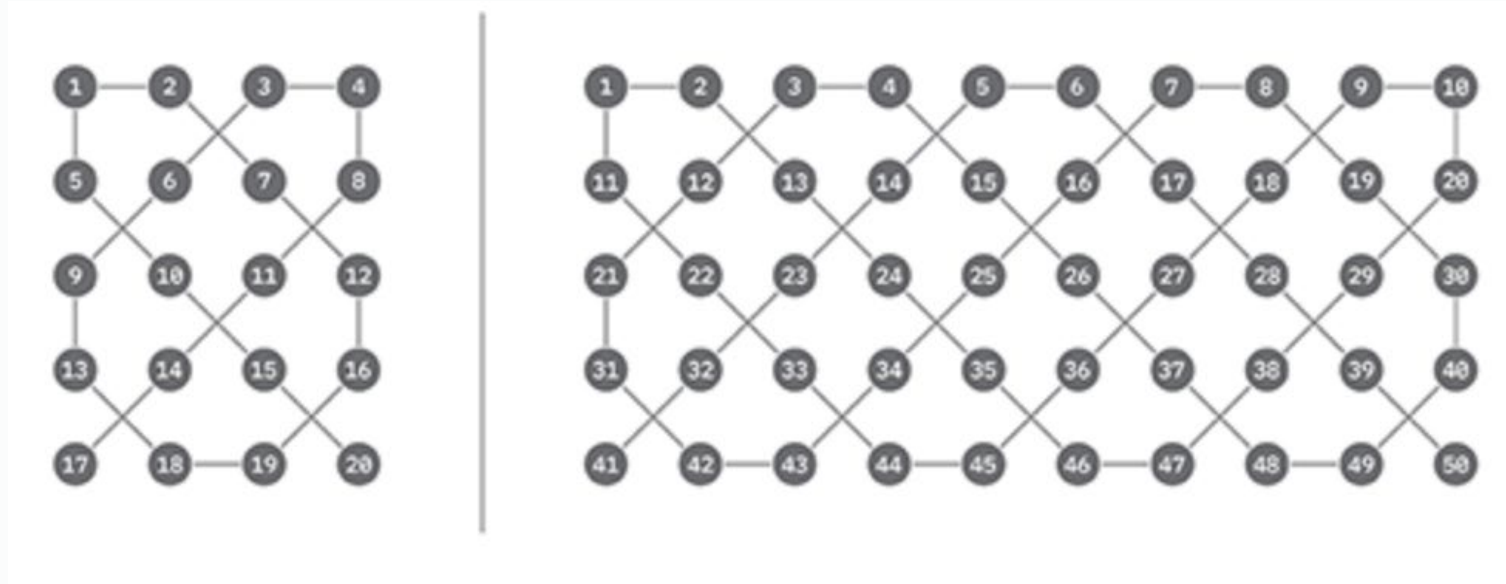
The graphical representation of a circuit can be misleading. Must “do the math” and figure out exactly what transformation is happening, even if all qubits are in the standard basis.

What is the output of the following circuit?



Because the H gate is its own inverse, you might think that the first qubit will be unchanged. But the output is $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$ -- not obvious from the diagram.

Limited Connectivity

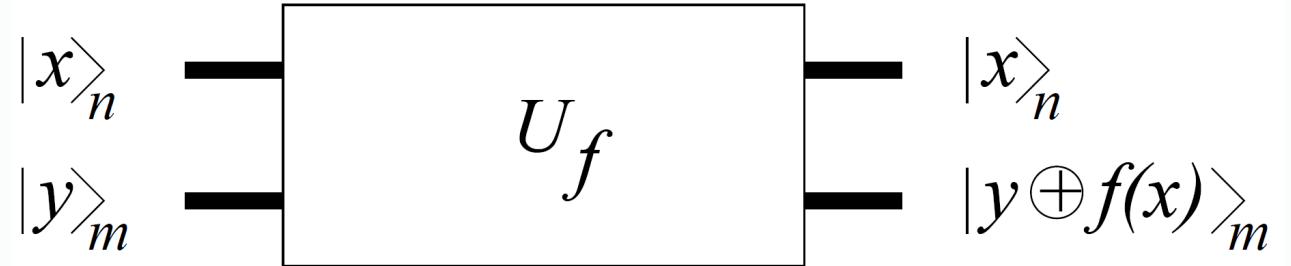


IBM Q (and other machines) do not provide full connectivity among qubits.
Can't arbitrarily perform CNOT between any two qubits.
Careful planning, using SWAP to move qubit state where it is needed. (Can't copy!)

Quantum Parallelism

A typical transformation U_f :

$$U_f: |x, 0\rangle \rightarrow |x, f(x)\rangle$$



When this acts on a superposition,
it acts on each element of the superposition:

$$U_f: \sum_x a_x |x, 0\rangle \rightarrow \sum_x a_x |x, f(x)\rangle$$

But if you measure $|x, f(x)\rangle$, you're only going to get one value.
So have to do other things to make this useful.

Quantum Algorithm Strategies

Create superposition of states (quantum parallelism)

Apply transforms that **amplify** desirable values and **diminish** unwanted values

- Measure to get desired value with high probability.
 - Typically, execute many times (“shots”) to identify high-probability value(s).
- Repeat calculation to learn about relationships among values.
- Measurements can yield information about the properties of values

Next Steps

- Efficient quantum implementations of classical functions
 - Create reversible classical circuits
 - Convert to quantum
 - Undo entanglement
- Quantum algorithms