



# Algebra of Quantum Operations

## Problem Set 2

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*The goal of the problem set 2 is to recall the algebra of quantum operation by applying quantum operations in Haskell.*

You can find the documentation page for the Data.Complex Haskell package helpful for operations regarding complex numbers.

### Let's recall some essential concepts

#### Qubit

A single-qubit state  $|\psi\rangle$  can be in a superposition of basis states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ :

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex coefficients with normalisation  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$ . The bra-ket notation simplifies the description of quantum states in a complex vector space. In other words,  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  are shorthand for the following column vectors:

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

#### Matrix in Haskell:

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow [[1,0],[0,-1]]$$

#### Vectors in Haskell:

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow [[1],[0]]; \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow [[0],[1]]$$

1. The Hadamard gate,

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

can map the bases states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  to the superposition basis  $|+\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$ , respectively.

Write both states ( $|+\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$ ) as a superposition of basis states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ , as presented in equation 1.

2. The joint state of a system of qubits is described by the tensor product  $\otimes$ . For two (separable) qubit states  $|q_0\rangle$  and  $|q_1\rangle$ , the joint state of the system may be written in the bra-ket notation with an implicit tensor product:

$$|q_0\rangle \otimes |q_1\rangle = |q_0\rangle|q_1\rangle = |q_0q_1\rangle$$

Using the tensor product function from Problem Set 1:

- (a) Write the vector representation of states  $|00\rangle$ , and  $|11\rangle$ .
  - (b) Write the vector representation of the state  $|010\rangle$ .
3. In a complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , the norm of a vector is expressed as:

$$\|v\| := \sqrt{|v_1|^2 + \dots + |v_n|^2} = \sqrt{v_1v_1 + \dots + v_nv_n}$$

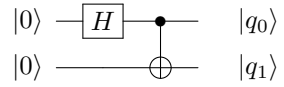
- (a) Implement a function to determine the norm of a vector  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .
  - (b) Implement a function “normalise” that takes a column vector  $v$  representing an n-qubit quantum state, and returns a state  $v/\|v\|$  with normalised coefficients (i.e. such that the sum of the absolute squares over all coefficients is equal to 1).
4. Matrices representing quantum operations are always *unitary*. A general form of a unitary matrix representing single-qubit operations may be expressed as:

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

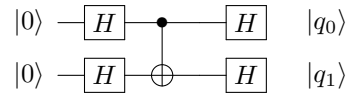
with  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < 2\pi$ .

- (a) Implement a function `u3`, that takes  $(\theta, \phi, \lambda)$ .
  - (b) Apply `u3(0,pi,0)` and `u3(pi/2,0,pi)`. Do you know these gates by other names?
5. In the quantum circuit model of quantum computation, qubits are represented as horizontal lines, with a sequence of boxes over n-lines representing a sequence of n-qubit quantum operations being performed in left-to-right order. Using the functions `gate` and `tensor`:

(a) Write the state of the two-qubit system  $|q_0q_1\rangle$ :



(b) Write the state of the two-qubit system  $|q_0q_1\rangle$ . Build a truth table (i.e. result over input states  $|00\rangle$ ;  $|01\rangle$ ;  $|10\rangle$ ;  $|11\rangle$ ) for the circuit below. Can you describe the operation being performed?



6. One cannot obtain the matrix representing the CNOT gate in a quantum circuit by applying the tensor products when the control and target qubits are in non-consecutive registers. In figure 1 are three example cases of CNOT matrices.

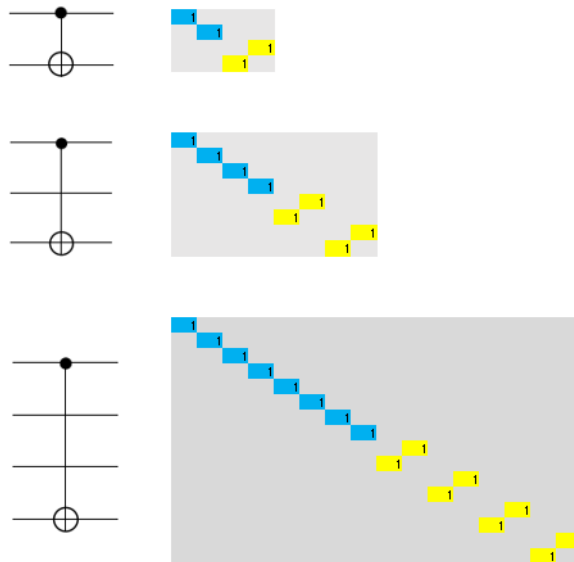


Figure 1: Different instances of CNOT gates in a quantum circuit. Entries sitting on the main diagonal are in blue, while entries outside of it are in yellow; grey space represents null entries.

Implement a function that takes an integer  $n$  representing the number of qubits over which the quantum gate is performed and returns a matrix in the form  $[[\text{Complex Float}]]$  characterising the operation.