

**Q1 [5 points]** Consider the quantum money protocol that we learnt and answer the below questions from the point of view of a malicious person who is traditionally named Eve. Eve receives a note from a legitimate channel, say with denomination  $D$ , serial number  $S$ , and qubit in state  $|\psi\rangle$ ; she prepares a forged note in the following manner.

She randomly decides between two measurement  $X$  or  $Z$  and measures  $|\psi\rangle$  using that measurement. Suppose the outcome is  $|\psi'\rangle$ . She creates a qubit in the state  $|\psi'\rangle$  for her duplicate note. She uses creates a fake note using  $|\psi'\rangle$  with denomination  $D$  and serial number  $S$ .

Then, to legitimise her note, she presents the note to the bank for verification. This exercise will help you compute Eve probability of success.

1. Suppose  $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$ . What is the probability that  $|\psi'\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ ?  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 = \frac{1}{2}$ .
2. Prove that the bank always successfully verifies the note if  $|\psi'\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ . **State in the note matches with what bank has on record.**
3. What is the probability that the bank successfully verifies the note if  $|\psi'\rangle \neq |\psi\rangle$  when  $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$ ?  $|\psi'\rangle$  can be  $+$  or  $-$  with probability  $1/2$  each; in each case, bank verification is successful with probability  $1/2$ . Total prob. =  $1/2$ .
4. Prove that the bank successfully verifies the note with only  $\frac{1}{2}$  probability if  $|\psi'\rangle \neq |\psi\rangle$  for all possible  $|\psi\rangle$ . **Similar to 3, prob. =  $1/2$ .**
5. Now combine both the cases of  $|\psi'\rangle = |\psi\rangle$  and  $|\psi'\rangle \neq |\psi\rangle$  to compute the probability of the bank successfully verifying the note.  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{4}$ .

**Q2 [3 points]** Write down the action of  $\sqrt{X}$ ,  $\sqrt{Y}$ ,  $\sqrt{Z}$  gates in any one of these basis: standard basis, Hadamard basis,  $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$  (we will refer to this as the CP-basis – CP stands for circular polarization).

$$\sqrt{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}, \sqrt{X} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\pi/4} & e^{-i\pi/4} \\ e^{-i\pi/4} & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix}, \sqrt{Y} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & -1-i \\ 1+i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\pi/4} & -e^{i\pi/4} \\ e^{-i\pi/4} & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix}$$

The actions of  $\sqrt{X}$  and  $\sqrt{Y}$  can be expressed better in their respective eigenstates.

$$X = 1 \cdot |+\rangle\langle+| + (-1) \cdot |-\rangle\langle-|, \sqrt{X} = 1 \cdot |+\rangle\langle+| + i \cdot |-\rangle\langle-|$$

$$Y = 1 \cdot |+\rangle\langle+| + (-1) \cdot |-\rangle\langle-|, \sqrt{Y} = 1 \cdot |+\rangle\langle+| + i \cdot |-\rangle\langle-|$$

**Q3 [3 points]** Recall that  $X$  acts like a NOT-operator in the standard basis. Show that  $Z$ ,  $Y$  and  $H$  too act like a NOT-operator in some basis. Write down the states of all the three bases in either the standard basis, the Hadamard basis, or the  $i$  basis.

$Z$  acts as NOT in the Hadamard basis,  $Y$  acts as NOT in the  $\{|0\rangle, i|1\rangle\}$  basis and in the  $\{|+\rangle, -i|-\rangle\}$ .  $H$  acts as NOT in the basis  $\{e^{i\pi/4}|+\rangle, e^{-i\pi/4}|-\rangle\}$ .

There is an intuitive approach, using the Bloch sphere, to perform the same task for any arbitrary operator. Eigenvectors of  $H$  are:  $\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}}|1\rangle$  with eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ . The Bloch vector  $(\theta, \phi)$  corresponding

to eigenvalue 1 is the axis of rotation for  $H$ ; that corresponds to  $\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}}$ ,  $e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}}$ , from which we get  $\cos \theta = \pi/4$  and  $\phi = 0$ . Thus,  $H$  is a rotation about the Bloch vector  $(1, 0, -1)/\sqrt{2} = (X+Z)/\sqrt{2} \equiv (\pi/4, 0)$ .

This implies that  $H$  is a reflection about the plane perpendicular to  $(1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2}$  and any two vectors in that plane that form a basis can be the basis we are looking for.

One such vector is  $(1, 0, -1)/\sqrt{2} \equiv (3\pi/4, 0)$ ; Since basis vectors lie diametrically opposite in the Bloch sphere, the other vector (still perpendicular to the axis) must be  $(-1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2} \equiv (\pi/4, \pi)$ . Represented in the standard basis, the corresponding states are:

$$\cos(3\pi/8)|0\rangle + \sin(3\pi/8)|1\rangle, \cos(\pi/8)|0\rangle + e^{i\pi} \sin(\pi/8)|1\rangle$$

Another pair is  $(0, 1, 0) \equiv (\pi/2, \pi/2)$  and  $(0, -1, 0) \equiv (\pi/2, 3\pi/2)$ ; these correspond to the  $|+i\rangle$  and  $|-i\rangle$  states.

**Q4(a) [0 points, do not submit]** Read about 3D rotations using Euler angles.

**Q4(b) [0 points, do not submit]** Understand how  $R_Z(\theta)$  and  $R_Y(\theta)$  modifies the above basis states for different values of  $\theta$ .

**Q5 [1+3+4+3+1+2=14 points]** In this question you will design and implement the following operator:

$$U = |+\rangle\langle 0| + |-i\rangle\langle 1|$$

1. Write down the matrix form of  $U$ .  $U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[1, 1; i, -i]$ .
2. Apply  $U$  on the states in the standard basis, states in the Hadamard basis, and states in the CP-basis. You should write the output states in the standard basis.

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle &\rightarrow |+\rangle, & |1\rangle &\rightarrow |-i\rangle \\ |+\rangle &\rightarrow |0\rangle, & |-\rangle &\rightarrow i|1\rangle \\ |+\rangle &\rightarrow \frac{1+i}{2}|0\rangle + \frac{1+i}{2}|1\rangle = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}|+\rangle, & |-i\rangle &\rightarrow \frac{1-i}{2}|0\rangle - \frac{1-i}{2}|1\rangle = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}|-\rangle \end{aligned}$$

3. Draw a Bloch sphere and show these states on the sphere:  $U|0\rangle, U|1\rangle, U|+\rangle, U|-\rangle$ .
4. Any 3D rotation can be decomposed as three rotations: about  $Z$  by  $\gamma$ , about  $Y$  by  $\delta$ , about  $Z$  by  $\beta$ . With the help of trial-and-error, identify  $\beta, \delta, \gamma$  such that the sequence performs the same mapping as  $U$  on  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |+\rangle, |-\rangle$ . The angles should also satisfy  $U = e^{i\alpha}R_Z(\beta)R_Y(\delta)R_Z(\gamma)$  for some  $\alpha$ . *Hint: Use 3D rotation ideas. The angles are either  $0, \pi/2$  or  $\pi$ , so there are only a few combinations.*  $U = e^{i5\pi/4}R_Z(\pi/2)R_Y(\pi/2)R_Z(\pi)$ .
5. Use Qiskit composer to create a 1-qubit circuit that first applies  $R_Z(\gamma)$ , then applies  $R_Y(\delta)$ , and finally  $R_Z(\beta)$ . Add a measurement to a classical register.

```
circuit.rz(np.pi, qreg_q[0])
circuit.ry(np.pi / 2, qreg_q[0])
circuit.rz(np.pi / 2, qreg_q[0])
circuit.measure(qreg_q[0], creg_c[0])
```

6. Copy the python code that created the circuit. Then paste it inside this boiler-plate code. You can either install qiskit on your computer or use Google colab for the same.

```
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, transpile, QuantumRegister, ClassicalRegister
from qiskit_aer import AerSimulator
from qiskit_aer.noise import NoiseModel, pauli_error, depolarizing_error
from qiskit.providers.basic_provider import BasicSimulator
import numpy as np
import math

# add your circuit here
# make sure the object for QuantumCircuit is named 'circuit'

backend = BasicSimulator()

# Run the circuit on |0> and get the results
job = backend.run(circuit, shots=1000, initial_statevector = np.array([1, 0]))
result = job.result()
counts = result.get_counts()

print(counts)
```

Print the `counts` that the code outputs for different `initial_statevector` corresponding to  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |+\rangle$ , and  $|-\rangle$ . Both outcomes are equally likely for the initial states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ . When the initial state is  $|+\rangle$ , only 0 is observed, and when the initial state is  $|-\rangle$ , only 1 is observed.