APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Quantum Computing
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Question 1 (15 marks)

Consider a qubit state preparation that has produced the ensemble $\{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$, where each $|\psi_i\rangle$ is a pure state and p_i is the corresponding probability.

(a) Show that for each pure state $|\psi_i\rangle$, (6)

$$|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \frac{1}{2}\left(I + \boldsymbol{r}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}\right),$$

where $\boldsymbol{r}_i$ is a three-dimensional unit vector indicating the position of the state on the Bloch sphere.

(b) For an arbitrary mixed state, show that the density matrix can be written as (5)

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}\left(I + \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}\right),$$

where $|\boldsymbol{r}| < 1$.

(c) Where would the completely mixed state $\rho = I/2$ be located on (or inside) the Bloch sphere? (2)

(d) Where would the pure states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ be located on the Bloch sphere? (2)

Question 2 (12 marks)

This question discusses the idea of ensemble ambiguity.

(a) Consider two ensembles $\{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$ and $\{q_i, |\phi_i\rangle\}$. If the two sets of states are related to each other by (6)

$$\sqrt{p_i}\,|\psi_i\rangle = \sum_j u_{ij}\sqrt{q_j}\,|\phi_j\rangle,$$

where u_{ij} is a unitary matrix, show that both ensembles give the same density matrix.

(b) Study the following density matrix (6)

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1/6 \\ -1/6 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

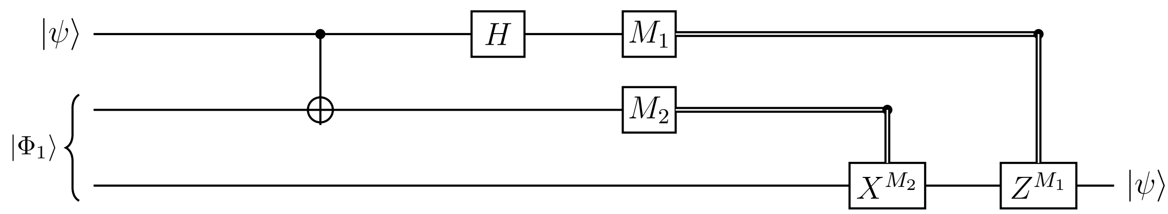
Solving the eigenvalue problem for ρ one may conclude that the system described by ρ has the ensemble

$$\rho = \frac{2}{3}\,|+\rangle\langle+| + \frac{1}{3}\,|-\rangle\langle-|.$$

Find one other ensemble that gives the same density matrix ρ.

Question 3 (14 marks)

The following circuit implements the quantum teleportation algorithm.



The top two registers belong to Alice and the bottom one belongs to Bob. Alice and Bob share the entangled state $|\Phi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$. Alice wants to transit the qubit $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ to Bob using the above circuit.

(a) Calculate the overall state just before Alice performs the measurements M_1 and M_2. (6)

(b) What is the density matrix for the system after Alice has performed the measurements M_1 and M_2? (4)

(c) What is the density matrix for Bob's system alone? (4)

Question 4 (9 marks)

Find the Schmidt decomposition for the states

(a) (2)

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle}{2}$$

(b) (2)

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle}{2}$$

(c) Find the Schmidt coefficients for the following state (5)

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Useful information

- The Pauli matrices are defined as:

$$X = \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z = \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- We also define

$$|\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle)$$

- The Hadamard transform H is

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

- The Schmidt decomposition for a pure state $|\psi\rangle$ of a composite system AB is

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i |i_A\rangle |i_B\rangle,$$

where the λ_i are the Schmidt coefficients and the $|i_{A/B}\rangle$ are orthonormal states for systems A and B respectively.

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