

# Quantum Computing CO484

## Tutorial\*

### Sheet 1 - Answers

**Exercise 1** Consider a single qubit system, i.e. a system with  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^2$ .

(i) Does the following matrix represent an observable on  $\mathbb{C}^2$

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}?$$

What are its eigenbase vectors and eigenvalues?

(ii) Construct an observable  $\mathbf{A}_2$  (i.e. its matrix representation) on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  which has eigenvalues  $\{+1, -1\}$  and eigenvectors

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1) \right\}.$$

(iii) What happens if you measure either of the two observables  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  in the state  $|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1)$ ? Sketch the situation geometrically.

*Note: The outer product  $|x\rangle\langle y|$  for vectors  $|x\rangle = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$  and  $\langle y| = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  is an operator/matrix:  $(|x\rangle\langle y|)_{ij} = x_i y_j$ . It could be treated just as a formal combination of a ket and a bra vector.*

### Solution

(i) Yes, this is an observable (it is self-adjoint). Eigenvectors are the standard base vectors  $|0\rangle = (1, 0)$  and  $|1\rangle = (0, 1)$  and the corresponding eigenvalues are 3 and 7.

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(ii) In the base  $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1)\}$  the matrix  $\mathbf{A}_2$  is represented by

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} +1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the standard base it with  $|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1)$  and  $|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1)$  it could be constructed with

$$|+\rangle\langle+| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 1) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|-\rangle\langle-| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (-1 \ 1) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so we get

$$\left(+1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \left(-1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(iii) If we measure  $\mathbf{A}_1$  in state  $|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1)$  we will measure either 3 or 7, the probability of either is 0.5 (as this is the inner product  $\langle 0|x\rangle = \langle 1|x\rangle$ ).

Measuring  $\mathbf{A}_2$  in  $|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1)$  results in the potential measurement results +1 and -1. However as  $|+\rangle$  is *orthogonal* to  $|x\rangle$  we have probability 0 =  $\langle +|x\rangle$  to see +1 but we will get -1 with probability 1 =  $\langle -|x\rangle$ .

**Exercise 2** Consider the complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ .

(i) Show that for complex numbers  $x$  and  $y$  we have:  $|x + y|^2 = |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2\text{Re}(x^*y)$ .

(ii) Compare  $x^*x$  with  $x^2$  for a complex number  $x$  and explain why the inner product of two complex vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{C}^d$  is defined as  $v^\dagger w$  rather than  $v^T w$ .

**Solution** Based on the arithmetic rules in  $\mathbb{C}$  we have:

(i) Let  $x = x_1 + ix_2$  and  $y = y_1 + iy_2$ . Then  $x + y = x_1 + y_1 + i(x_2 + y_2)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |x + y|^2 &= (x_1 + y_1)^2 + (x_2 + y_2)^2 = \\ &= (x_1^2 + x_2^2) + (y_1^2 + y_2^2) + 2(x_1y_1 + x_2y_2) = \\ &= |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2\text{Re}(x^*y), \end{aligned}$$

since  $\text{Re}(x^*y) = \text{Re}[(x_1 - iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2)] = x_1x_2 + y_1y_2$ .

- (ii)  $x^*x$  is always a non-negative real number, the length of the complex number  $x$ , whereas  $x^2$  is in general a complex number. Since we would like  $\langle v, v \rangle$  to give us the length of the complex vector  $v$ , we need to use  $v^\dagger$  in the definition of the inner product  $\langle v, w \rangle = v^\dagger w$  to get we a non-negative real number.

**Exercise 3** *Complex numbers (again)*

- (i) Give the cartesian representation of (in polar coordinates) the following complex numbers  $(1, \frac{\pi}{4})$ ,  $(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $(1, \pi)$ .
- (ii) What is  $1^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ?
- (iii) **Proof De Moivre's formula:**  $(e^{i\theta})^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)$

**Solution**

- (i)  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) + i \cos(\frac{\pi}{4})$ ,  $i$ , and  $-1$ .
- (ii)  $1^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{1} = \{1, -1, -i, i\}$  or  $\{e^{ik\frac{\pi}{2}}\}_{k=0,1,2,3}$ .
- (iii) We know that  $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$ , geometrically or in polar coordinates, the multiplication of two complex numbers corresponds to an addition of the angles and multiplication of radiuses (here  $r = 1$ ).  
Therefore:  $e^{i\theta} e^{i\theta} = e^{2i\theta} = \cos(2\theta) + i \sin(2\theta)$  etc.

**Exercise 4** *Generalise the following notions and properties given for the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .*

- (i) Define linear independence and linear dependence of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
- (ii) What is the least integer  $n$  such that any set of  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  will be linearly dependent?
- (iii) What is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ? How many linearly independent vectors it takes to get a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ?
- (iv) Define the notion of an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . What would be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ?

## Solution

- (i) Same definition as in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : the vectors

$$\{v_i \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

are *linearly independent* if whenever

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_kv_k = 0$$

for  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) then  $a_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Otherwise they are called linearly dependent.

- (ii)  $d + 1$ .
- (iii) A basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is any set of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  can be expressed as a linear combination of vectors in the set. Any  $d$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  form a basis.
- (iv) A basis  $\{v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq d\}$  is an orthonormal basis if  $v_i \cdot v_i = 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq d$  and  $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . The standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  consists of the  $d$  vectors  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq d$ , such that all entries of the column vector  $v_i$  are 0 except the  $i$ th entry which is 1.

**Exercise 5** Generalise the following notions and properties given for the vector space  $\mathbb{C}^2$  to  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .

- (i) Define the norm  $\|w\|$  of a vector and the inner product of two vectors  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  in  $\mathbb{C}^d$ . What is the dual of a vector  $w$  in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  and what can it be identified with?
- (ii) Define linear independence and linear dependence of vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .
- (iii) What is the least integer  $n$  such that any set of  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  will be linearly dependent?
- (iv) What is a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^d$ ? How many linearly independent vectors it takes to get a basis for  $\mathbb{C}^d$ ?
- (v) Define the notion of an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^d$ . What would be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{C}^d$ ?

**Solution** The notions can be generalised simply as follows:

(i) The norm of a vector  $w$  with  $w^T = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d)$  is  $\|w\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^d |w_j|^2}$ .

The inner product of the two vectors  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  with  $w_1^T = (w_{11}, w_{12}, \dots, w_{1d})$  and  $w_2^T = (w_{21}, w_{22}, \dots, w_{2d})$  is  $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^d w_{1j}^* w_{2j}$ .

The dual of  $w$  is the linear map  $L_w : \mathbb{C}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $L_w(v) = (w, v) = w^\dagger v$  and can be identified with  $w^\dagger$ .

(ii) Exactly as in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

(iii)  $d + 1$ .

(iv) A basis of  $\mathbb{C}^d$  is any set of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  such that any vector in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  can be expressed as a linear combination of vectors in the set. Any  $d$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  form a basis.

(v) A basis  $\{w_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq d\}$  is an orthonormal basis if  $(w_i, w_i) = 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq d$  and  $(w_i, w_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

**Exercise 6** Show that the two vectors  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  in  $\mathbb{C}^4$  with  $w_1^T = \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $w_2^T = \frac{1}{2}(1, -1, 1, -1)$  are orthogonal unit vectors. Find vectors  $w_3$  and  $w_4$  such that the collection  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$  forms an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^4$ .

**Solution**  $\|w_1\| = \sqrt{\frac{1^2+1^2+1^2+1^2}{4}} = 1$  and  $\|w_2\| = \sqrt{\frac{1^2+(-1)^2+1^2+(-1)^2}{4}} = 1$ .

Also  $(w_1, w_2) = \frac{1-1+1-1}{4} = 0$ . To find  $w_3 = (a, b, c, d)$  and  $w_4 = (e, f, g, h)$  we need to solve:

(i)  $(w_1, w_3) = a + b + c + d = 0,$

(ii)  $(w_1, w_4) = e + f + g + h = 0,$

(iii)  $(w_2, w_3) = a - b + c - d = 0,$

(iv)  $(w_2, w_4) = e - f + g - h = 0,$

(v)  $(w_3, w_4) = ae + bf + cg + dh = 0,$

(vi)  $\|w_3\|^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$  and

(vii)  $\|w_4\|^2 = e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2 = 1.$

These are seven equations with eight unknowns. Therefore, there are an infinite number of solutions. By inspection, we see that  $w_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, -1, 0)$  and  $w_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, 0, -1)$  is one particularly simple solution.

**Exercise 7** *Linear Maps*

(i) Show that composition of two linear maps (on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ) is again linear.

(ii) Show that if  $\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_2 : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  are linear, so is  $\alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2 : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  defined by

$$(\alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2)(v) = \alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1(v) + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2(v).$$

(iii) Show that for  $|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , the map  $|\psi\rangle\langle\phi| : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  defined, using the bracket notation, by  $|\psi\rangle\langle\phi|(|x\rangle) = \langle\phi|x\rangle|\psi\rangle$  is linear.

**Solution**

(i) Let  $\mathbf{L} : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  and  $\mathbf{L}' : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  be linear maps. Then  $\mathbf{L} \circ \mathbf{L}' : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  and  $\mathbf{L} \circ \mathbf{L}'(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2) = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{L}'(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2)) = \mathbf{L}(a_1 \mathbf{L}'(v_1) + a_2 \mathbf{L}'(v_2)) = a_1 \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{L}'(v_1)) + a_2 \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{L}'(v_2)) = a_1 \mathbf{L} \circ \mathbf{L}'(v_1) + a_2 \mathbf{L} \circ \mathbf{L}'(v_2)$ .

(ii) This follows step by step from the definitions:  $(\alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2)(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2) = \alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2) + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2) = (\alpha_1 a_1 \mathbf{L}_1(v_1) + \alpha_1 a_2 \mathbf{L}_1(v_2)) + (\alpha_2 a_1 \mathbf{L}_2(v_1) + \alpha_2 a_2 \mathbf{L}_2(v_2)) = a_1(\alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2)(v_1) + a_2(\alpha_1 \mathbf{L}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{L}_2)(v_2)$ .

(iii) This is a consequence of the linearity of the dual  $\langle\phi|$  of the vector  $|\phi\rangle$ :

$$|\psi\rangle\langle\phi|(\alpha|x\rangle + \beta|y\rangle) = (\alpha\langle\phi|x\rangle + \beta\langle\phi|y\rangle)|\psi\rangle = \alpha|\psi\rangle\langle\phi|(|x\rangle) + \beta|\psi\rangle\langle\phi|(|y\rangle).$$

**Exercise 8** Show that the matrix representation of the NOT gate – i.e. a linear map on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  which maps  $|0\rangle \mapsto |1\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle \mapsto |0\rangle$  – in the basis  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$  is given by

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

What is its matrix representation in the basis  $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$ ?

**Solution** We have  $|0\rangle \mapsto |1\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle \mapsto |0\rangle$ . Hence,

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

is the matrix representation.

We have  $|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$  and  $|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ . Hence,  $|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + |-\rangle)$  and  $|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle - |-\rangle)$ . Therefore, the matrix for the change of basis is

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence the matrix representation of NOT in the new basis is:

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### Exercise 9 Unitary Maps and Matrices

- (i) Check that a matrix (in computational basis) is unitary iff its columns (or its rows) form an orthonormal basis.
- (ii) Check: the matrix for a change in the computational basis is unitary.
- (iii) Show that  $(\mathbf{AB})^\dagger = \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger$  and deduce that if a linear map has a unitary matrix representation, then its matrix representation in any computational basis is unitary.

### Solution

- (i) If  $\mathbf{U}$  is unitary then  $\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{I}$  where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix. The first equality tells us that the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  form an orthonormal basis and the second equality says that the rows of  $\mathbf{U}$  form an orthonormal basis. Conversely, suppose that the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  form an orthonormal basis. Then  $\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$  and hence  $\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ . Similarly if the rows of  $\mathbf{U}$  form an orthonormal basis. Then  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{I}$  and hence  $\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ .
- (ii) Let  $\delta_{mi} = 1$  if  $m = i$  and 0 otherwise. Suppose  $|w_j\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$  (for  $j = 1, \dots, d$ ) and  $|v_j\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$  (for  $j = 1, \dots, d$ ) are computational basis with  $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})$  as the matrix for the change of basis:

$$|w_i\rangle = \sum_k b_{ki} |v_k\rangle \quad \text{and thus} \quad \langle w_m | = \sum_t b_{tm}^* \langle v_t |.$$

Thus we have:  $\delta_{mi} = \langle w_m | w_i \rangle = \sum_{k,t} b_{tm}^* b_{ki} \langle v_t | v_k \rangle = \sum_{k,t} b_{tm}^* b_{ki} \delta_{tk} = \sum_k b_{km}^* b_{ki}$ . This shows that the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  form an orthonormal basis. Hence,  $\mathbf{B}$  is unitary.

(iii) Note that  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$  since  $((\mathbf{AB})^T)_{ij} = (\mathbf{AB})_{ji} = \sum_m \mathbf{A}_{jm} \mathbf{B}_{mi} = \sum_m \mathbf{B}_{mi} \mathbf{A}_{jm} = \sum_m (\mathbf{B}^T)_{im} (\mathbf{A}^T)_{mj} = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T)_{ij}$ . Furthermore, since for complex numbers  $x$  and  $y$  we have  $(xy)^* = x^* y^*$ , it follows that  $(\mathbf{AB})^\dagger = ((\mathbf{AB})^T)^* = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T)^* = (\mathbf{B}^T)^* (\mathbf{A}^T)^* = \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger$ .

Now assume a linear map has a unitary matrix representation  $\mathbf{U}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ . Suppose we have a different basis with  $\mathbf{B}$  the matrix of the change of basis. Then the matrix representation in the new basis is  $\mathbf{BUB}^{-1} = \mathbf{BUB}^\dagger$  since the matrix for a change in basis is unitary by part (ii). We have:  $(\mathbf{BUB}^\dagger)^\dagger = (\mathbf{B}^\dagger)^\dagger \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{B}^\dagger = \mathbf{BU}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\dagger$ . The result follows as the latter is the inverse of  $\mathbf{BUB}^{-1}$ .

**Exercise 10** Show that  $\langle u | \mathbf{A} v \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}^\dagger u | v \rangle$ . Deduce that a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is unitary iff it preserves all inner products, i.e. iff  $\langle \mathbf{M} u | \mathbf{M} v \rangle = \langle u | v \rangle$  for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^2$ .

**Solution**  $\langle u | \mathbf{A} v \rangle = \sum_i u_i^* (\mathbf{A} v)_i = \sum_i u_i^* \sum_j \mathbf{A}_{ij} v_j = \sum_i \sum_j (\mathbf{A}^T)_{ji} u_i^* v_j = \sum_i \sum_j ((\mathbf{A}^T)^*)_{ji}^* u_i^* v_j = \sum_i \sum_j (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)_{ji}^* u_i^* v_j = \sum_j ((\mathbf{A}^\dagger u)_j)^* v_j = \langle \mathbf{A}^\dagger u | v \rangle$ .

Now, if  $\mathbf{M}$  is unitary then  $\langle \mathbf{M} u | \mathbf{M} v \rangle = \langle \mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M} u | v \rangle = \langle u | v \rangle$ . On the other hand, suppose  $\langle \mathbf{M} u | \mathbf{M} v \rangle = \langle u | v \rangle$  for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , then  $\langle u | \mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M} v \rangle = \langle u | v \rangle$  for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^2$ .

Suppose  $(\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ii} \neq 1$  for some  $i$ , then  $\langle i | \mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M} | i \rangle = \langle i | (\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ii} | i \rangle = (\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ii} \neq 1 = \langle i | i \rangle$ . Hence,  $(\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$ . Similarly, suppose  $(\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ij} \neq 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ , then  $\langle i | \mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M} | j \rangle = \langle i | (\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ij} | j \rangle = (\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ij} \neq 0 = \langle i | j \rangle$ . Hence,  $(\mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{M})_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

**Exercise 11** Show that any unitary matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(\alpha - \beta/2 - \delta/2)} \cos \gamma/2 & -e^{i(\alpha - \beta/2 + \delta/2)} \sin \gamma/2 \\ e^{i(\alpha + \beta/2 - \delta/2)} \sin \gamma/2 & e^{i(\alpha + \beta/2 + \delta/2)} \cos \gamma/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \delta$  and  $\gamma$  are real numbers.

**Solution** Let  $\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$ . Since the rows (respectively, the columns) must form unit vectors, we can put:

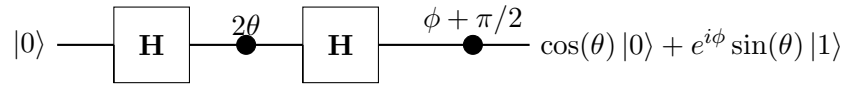
$$a = e^{iA} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2}, \quad b = e^{iB} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2}, \quad c = -e^{iC} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2}, \quad d = e^{iD} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2}.$$

Now, the two columns must be orthogonal, hence:  $-A + C = -B + D$ . Now let  $\alpha = (A + D)/2$ ,  $\beta = D - C$  and  $\delta = -A + C = -B + D$ . Then, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 2A &= 2\alpha - \delta - \beta & 2C &= 2\alpha - \beta + \delta \\ 2D &= 2\alpha + \beta + \delta & 2B &= 2D - 2\delta = 2\alpha + \beta - \delta. \end{aligned}$$



**Exercise 12** Verify the output, up to a global phase, of the following:



**Solution** Evaluate the quantum circuit step by step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}: \quad |0\rangle &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \\
 2\theta: \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2i\theta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ e^{2i\theta} \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\theta} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\theta} \\ e^{i\theta} \end{pmatrix}. \\
 \mathbf{H}: \quad \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\theta} \\ e^{i\theta} \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\theta} + e^{i\theta} \\ e^{-i\theta} - e^{i\theta} \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ -i \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}. \\
 \phi + \pi/2: \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ -i \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ -ie^{i(\phi+\pi/2)} \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ e^{i\phi} \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$