

#### Being alive OR Being dead



# Fundamentos Básicos de la Computación Cuántica

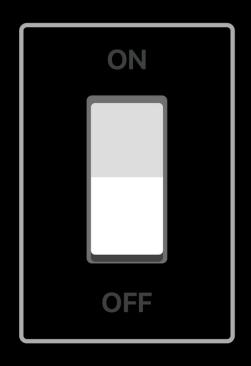
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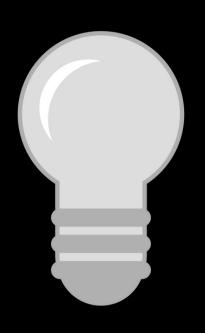
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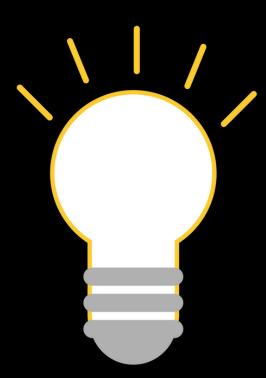
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## From bits to qubits

#### bit



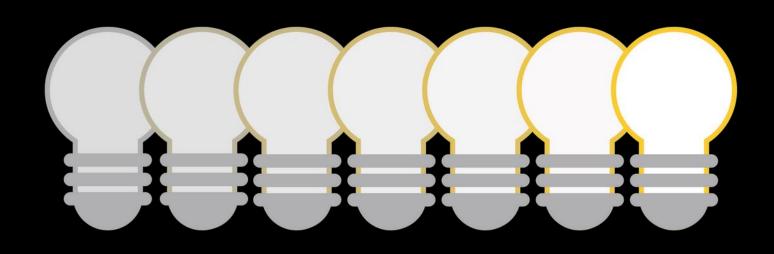




## What is a qubit?

**Qubit: Quantum bit** 





## State superposition

Awake

Sleep

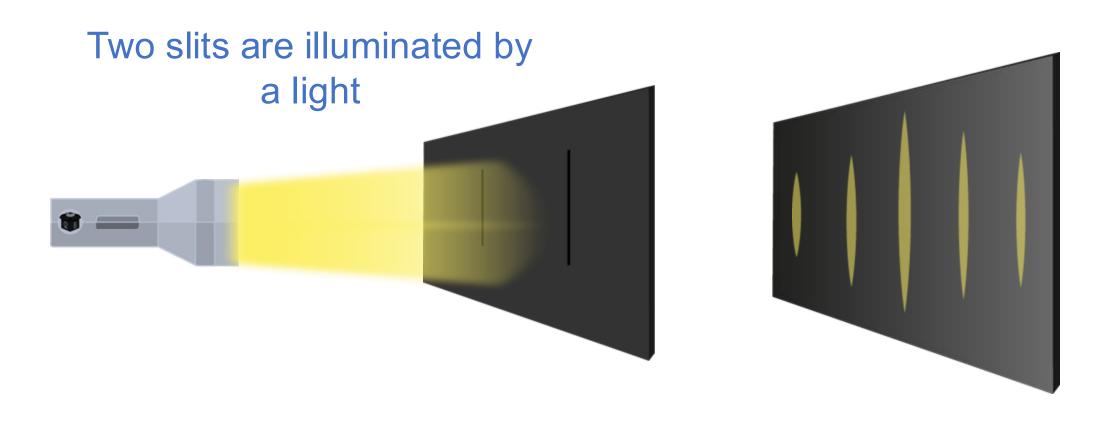


#### Superposition

awake but at what cost



#### Wave-particle duality



BITS



2 BITS

0 1

3 BITS

0 1 1

**QUBITS** 



2 QUBITS

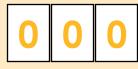




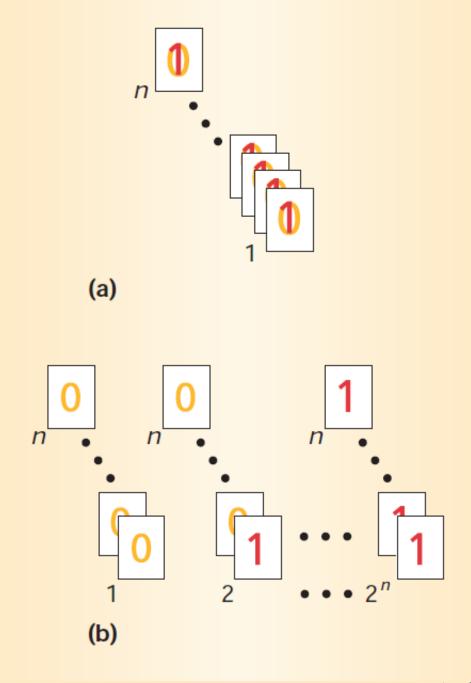




3 QUBITS



| 1 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |



To achieve the same degree of parallelism as (a) 300 quantum processors(n = 300), we would need

**(b)**  $2^{300} \approx 2.04 \times 10^{90}$  classical processors

Since 2<sup>300</sup> is more than the number of particles in the universe, to say that quantum computing enables an astronomical increase in parallelism is obviously an understatement



#### Quantum state

$$|cat\rangle = \alpha$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$ 

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$



with a and  $\beta$  called the amplitudes of the states. Amplitudes are generally complex numbers

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

This is called a **normalization** rule

1. The quantum state of a spinning coin can be written as a superposition of heads and tails. Using heads as  $|1\rangle$  and tails as  $|0\rangle$ , the quantum state of the coin is

$$|\text{coin}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle + |0\rangle).$$

What is the probability of getting heads?

The amplitude of  $|1\rangle$  is  $\beta = 1/\sqrt{2}$ , so  $|\beta|^2 = \left(1/\sqrt{2}\right)^2 = 1/2$ . So the probability is 0.5, or 50%.

2. A weighted coin has twice the probability of landing on heads vs. tails. What is the state of the coin in "ket" notation?

 $P_{\text{heads}} + P_{\text{tails}} = 1$  (Normalization Condition)

$$P_{\text{heads}} = 2P_{\text{tails}}$$
 (Statement in Example)  
 $\Rightarrow P_{\text{tails}} = \frac{1}{3} = \alpha^2$   $\Rightarrow \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}, \ \beta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$   
 $\Rightarrow P_{\text{heads}} = \frac{2}{3} = \beta^2$   $||\cos \alpha|| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}||0\rangle| + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}||1\rangle|.$ 

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|0\rangle + e^{i\pi/6}|1\rangle\right)$$

Is this state normalized?

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

$$\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left| \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 = \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-i\pi/6}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{e^0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \sqrt{2} |0\rangle + |1\rangle \right)$$

$$\left| \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \right|^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

$$\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right|^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

Measuring a qubit does not produce an average of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ : the qubit collapses to one definite state. A single measurement cannot reveal a or  $\beta$ ; many identical qubits are needed to observe how often outcomes collapse to  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$ 

## Matrix representation

When writing a single qubit in a superposition  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ In matrix representation, a qubit is written as a two-dimensional vector where the amplitudes are the components of the vector

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

The states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  are usually represented as

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

Changing a qubit's state through a physical action mathematically corresponds to multiplying the qubit vector  $|\psi\rangle$  by some **unitary matrix** U so that after the operation the state is now

$$|\psi'\rangle = U|\psi\rangle.$$

A matrix U is unitary if the matrix product of U and its conjugate transpose  $U^{\dagger}$  (called U-dagger) multiply to give the identity matrix:

$$UU^{\dagger} = U^{\dagger}U = \mathbb{I}$$

#### Review: matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by + cz \\ dx + ey + fx \\ gx + hy + iz \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} aw + by & ax + bz \\ cw + dy & cx + dz \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Review: matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

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#### Review: transpose of a matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$A^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{pmatrix}$$

What is the conjugate transpose of the following matrix?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

Is the matrix A unitary?

$$UU^{\dagger} = U^{\dagger}U = \mathbb{I}$$

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$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The operator X is unitary?

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad X^{\dagger} = X^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^{\dagger}X = XX = egin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} egin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = egin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$$

What is the result of applying the unitary operator X onto a  $|0\rangle$  state qubit?

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

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

## Operations on one classical bit

#### Reversible computing

Reversible means given the operation and output value, you can find the input values

Quantum computers use only reversible operation

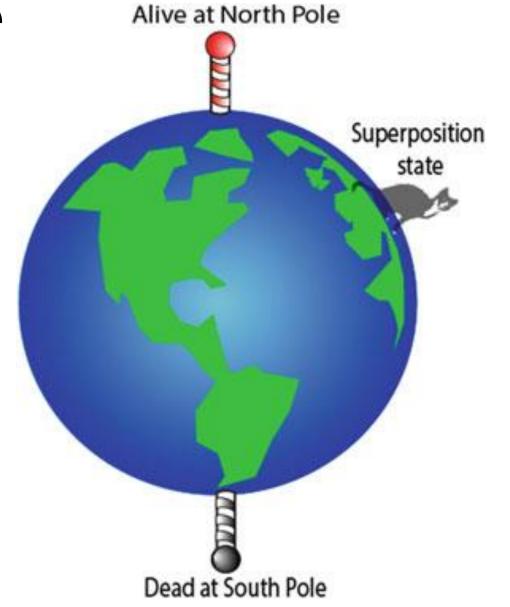
## **Check Your Understanding**

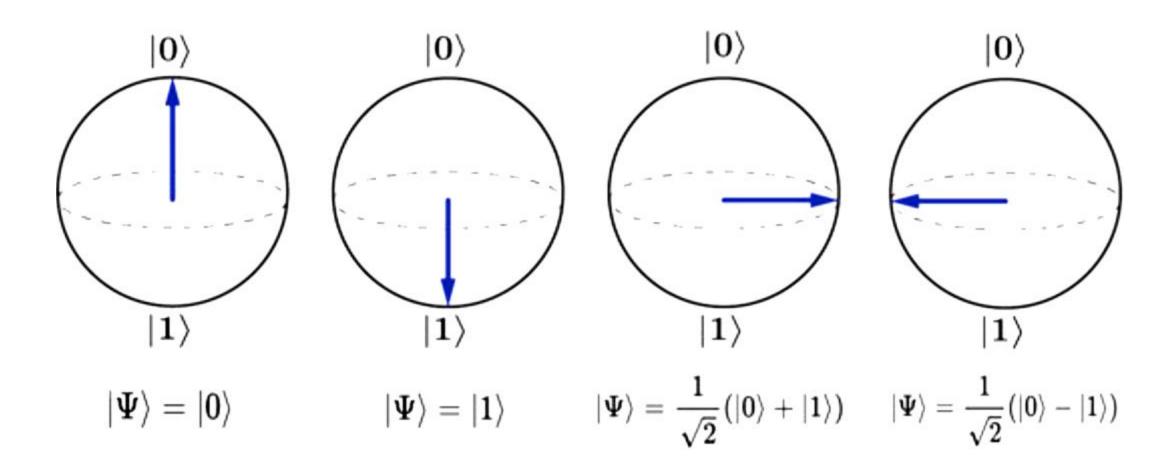
Assume a flipped coin can be measured as either heads (H) or tails (T).

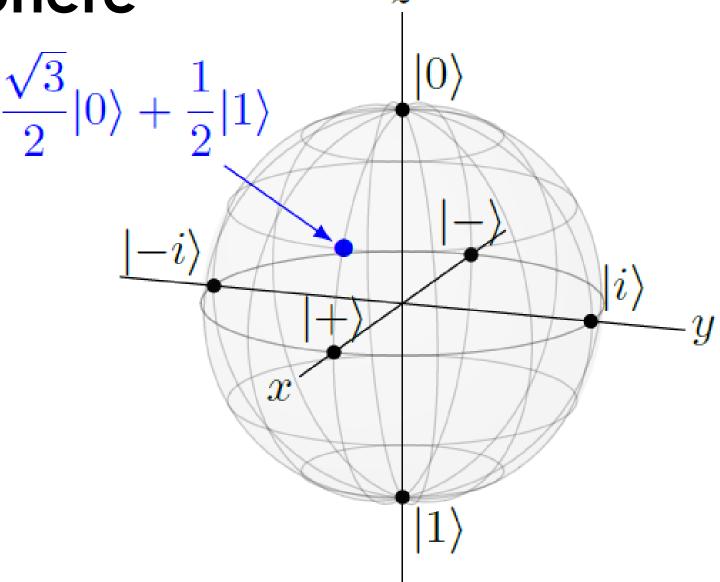
- a) If the coin is in a normalized state  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}|H\rangle + \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}|T\rangle$ , what is the probability that the coin will be tails?
- b) During a flip, the coin is in a state  $\frac{1}{3}|H\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|T\rangle$ . Is this state normalized?
- c) A machine is built to flip coins and put them into a state  $\frac{1}{3}|H\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}|T\rangle$  when flipped. If 100 coins are flipped, how many coins should land on tails?
- d) What is the matrix product of the matrix

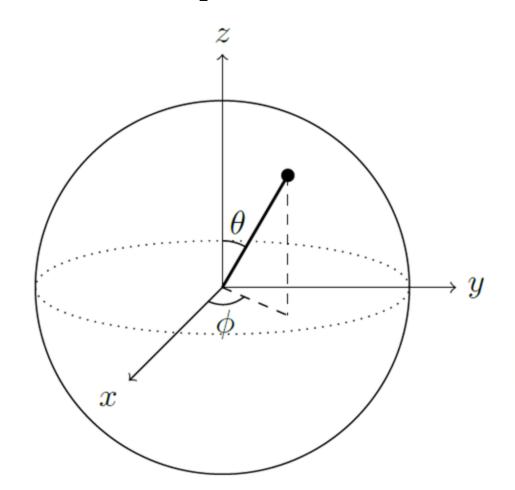
$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and a qubit in the general state  $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$ 





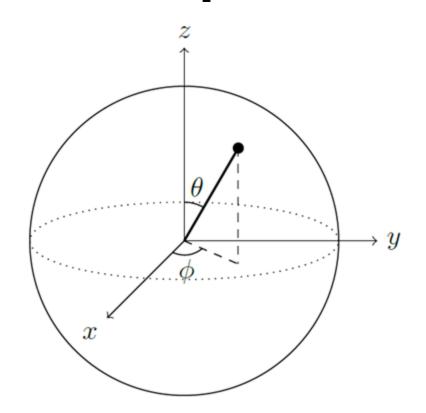


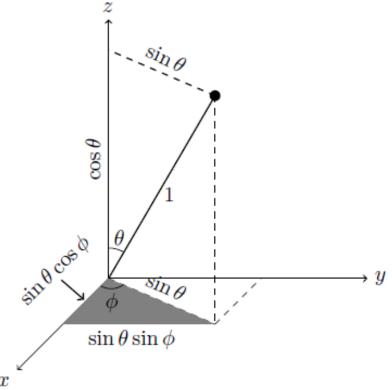


$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$\alpha = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right), \quad \beta = e^{i\phi}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

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 $x = \sin \theta \cos \phi,$   $y = \sin \theta \sin \phi,$  $z = \cos \theta.$ 

Consider the following state

$$|a\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}|0\rangle + \frac{i}{2}|1\rangle$$

Where on the Bloch sphere is this state?

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|1\rangle \qquad \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \qquad \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6} \qquad \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$e^{i\phi} = \cos(\phi) + i\sin(\phi)$$

$$i = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \qquad \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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$$x = \sin\theta\cos\phi, \qquad x = 0 \quad y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad z = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = \sin\theta\sin\phi,$$

$$z = \cos\theta.$$

#### **Check Your Understanding**

Consider the following state

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |0\rangle + e^{i\pi/6} |1\rangle \right)$$

Where on the Bloch sphere is this state?

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

$$x = \sin \theta \cos \phi,$$
  

$$y = \sin \theta \sin \phi,$$
  

$$z = \cos \theta.$$

## Representing multiple qubits

Tensor product

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ x_1 \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\binom{0}{1} \otimes \binom{0}{1} = \binom{0}{0} \\ \binom{0}{1}$$

## Representing multiple qubits

$$|00\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad |01\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|10\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad |11\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The product state of n bits is a vector of size  $2^n$ 

#### Operation on multiple qubits: CNOT

- \*\*Operators on pairs of qubits, one of which is the "control" qubits and the other the "target" qubit.
- If the control qubit is 1, then the target qubit is flipped.
- If the control qubit is 0, then the target qubit is unchanged.
- The control qubit is always unchanged.

$$\begin{array}{c} |00\rangle \longrightarrow |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle \longrightarrow |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle \longrightarrow |10\rangle \\ |11\rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
|00\rangle & \to & |00\rangle \\
|01\rangle & \to & |01\rangle \\
|10\rangle & & |10\rangle \\
|11\rangle & & |11\rangle
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc}
CNOT & = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Operation on multiple qubits: CNOT

$$\begin{array}{c|c} |00\rangle \longrightarrow |00\rangle & |10\rangle & |10\rangle \\ |01\rangle \longrightarrow |01\rangle & |11\rangle & |11\rangle \end{array}$$

#### Superposition: the Hadamard gate

The Hadamard gate takes a 0 or 1 qubit and puts it into exactly equal superposition

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

The *identity gate* turns  $|0\rangle$  into  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  into  $|1\rangle$ , hence doing nothing:

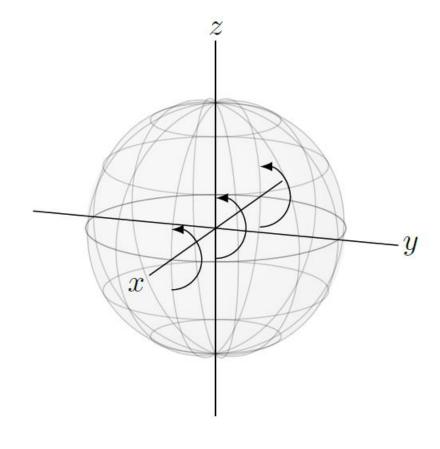
$$I|0\rangle = |0\rangle,$$

$$I|1\rangle = |1\rangle$$
.

The *Pauli X gate*, or *NOT gate*, turns  $|0\rangle$  into  $|1\rangle$ , and  $|1\rangle$  into  $|0\rangle$ :

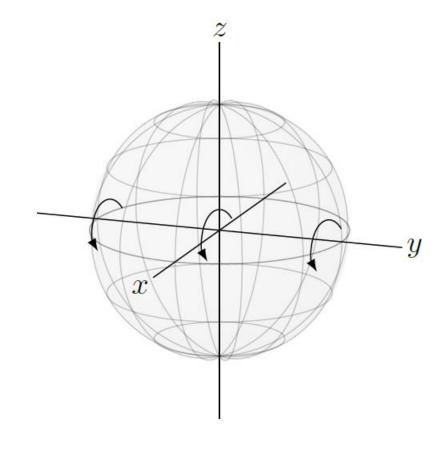
$$X|0\rangle = |1\rangle,$$

$$X|1\rangle = |0\rangle.$$

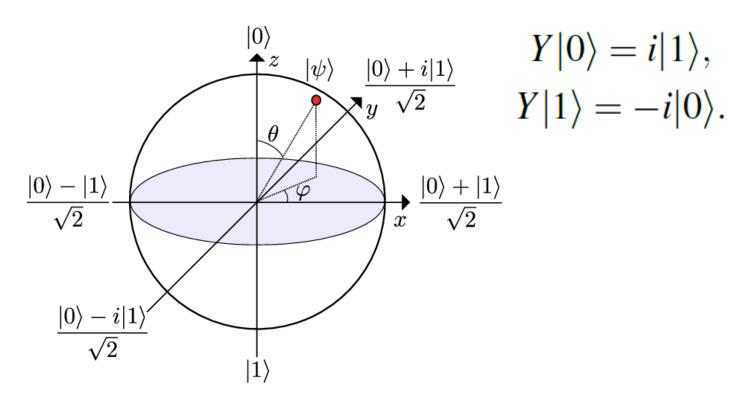


The *Pauli Y gate* turns  $|0\rangle$  into  $i|1\rangle$ , and  $|1\rangle$  into  $-i|0\rangle$ :

$$Y|0\rangle = i|1\rangle,$$
  
 $Y|1\rangle = -i|0\rangle.$ 



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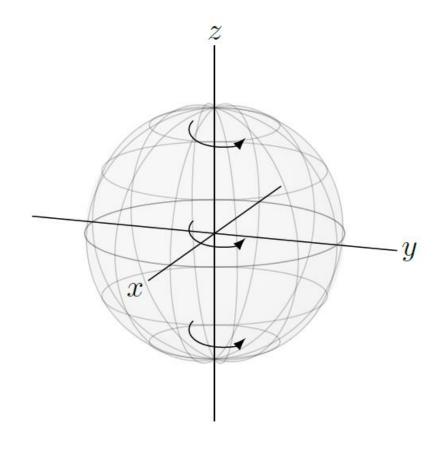


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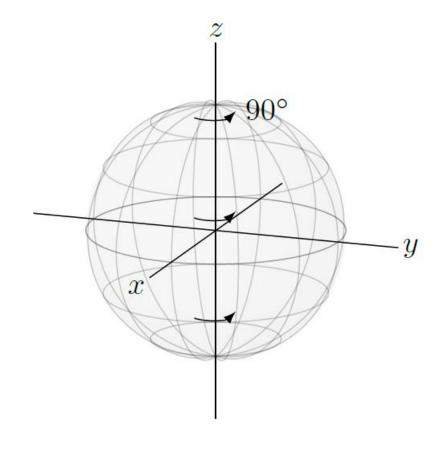
The *Pauli Z gate* keeps  $|0\rangle$  as  $|0\rangle$  and turns  $|1\rangle$  into  $-|1\rangle$ :

$$Z|0\rangle = |0\rangle,$$
  
 $Z|1\rangle = -|1\rangle.$ 



*Phase gate*, which is the square root of the Z gate (i.e.,  $S^2 = Z$ ):

$$S|0\rangle = |0\rangle,$$
  
 $S|1\rangle = i|1\rangle.$ 



#### Quantum circuit

