

Introduction to Quantum Computing

Lecture 24: MBQC II

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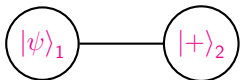
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$M(\theta), s_1$

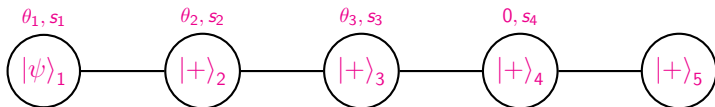


The $J(-\theta)$ -gate MBQC pattern

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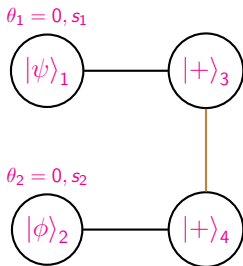
Previously in MBQC



A general single-qubit gate: MBQC pattern

The above measurement pattern results to:

$$X^{s_4} J(0) X^{s_3} J(-\theta_3) X^{s_2} J(-\theta_2) X^{s_1} J(-\theta_1) |\psi\rangle$$



The $(\wedge Z_{12})(H_1 \otimes H_2)$ -gate MBQC pattern

The above measurement pattern results to:

$$\wedge Z_{34} (X_3^{s_1} H_3 |\psi\rangle_3 \otimes X_4^{s_2} H_4 |\phi\rangle_4)$$

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 - **Default angles determine computation:** $\{\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots\}$
 - **Corrected angles** are the one **used for measurements:**
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 - **Example**: 2-dim lattice. $f(x) \Rightarrow$ same row, next column

Graph States as Stabiliser States

Graph state $|G\rangle$ is defined as:

$$|G\rangle = \prod_{(a,b) \in E} \wedge Z^{(a,b)} |+\rangle^{\otimes V}$$

An operator A **stabilises** a state if ($\lambda = +1$ eigenspace)

$$A|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$$

The state $|G\rangle$ is a **stabiliser state** with generators:

$$K_i := X_i \left(\prod_{j \in N_G(i)} Z_j \right)$$

For each vertex $i \in V$ there is a stabiliser that has X at that vertex and Z to all its neighbours $N_G(i)$ in the graph.

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where we used that Z commutes with $\wedge Z$ and that $Z|+\rangle = |-\rangle$.

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We know that $X_i \wedge Z^{(i,j)} = \wedge Z^{(i,j)} X_i Z_j$ and we get:

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since X_i acts as above if i belongs to that edge while it commutes with all the other $\wedge Z$ that do not involve qubit i . However this changes back the states since $Z|-\rangle = |+\rangle$, and $X|+\rangle = |+\rangle$ results to

$$K_i |G\rangle = \prod_{(a,b) \in E} \wedge Z^{(a,b)} |+\rangle^{\otimes V}, \forall i \in V = |G\rangle$$

- It can be shown that this set of generators uniquely determines the graph state $|G\rangle$.

How to cancel the “corrections” due to randomness

How to apply an operator by acting on different qubits

Given a graph state $|G\rangle$, we can apply X, Z operators at qubit i by acting on qubits other than i .

We will use: $K_i |G\rangle = |G\rangle$

① To apply X_i :

$$X_i |G\rangle = X_i K_i |G\rangle = \prod_{j \in N_G(i)} Z_j |G\rangle$$

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② To apply Z_i :

$$Z_i |G\rangle = Z_i K_{f(i)} |G\rangle = X_{f(i)} \prod_{j \in N_G(f(i)) \setminus i} Z_j |G\rangle$$

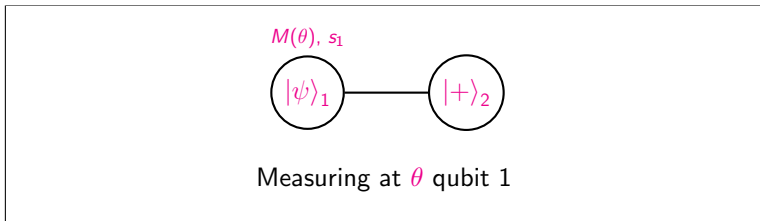
where $f(i)$ is the flow of i and $N_G(f(i)) \setminus i$ are all the neighbours of $f(i)$ in the graph apart from i

How to apply an operator by acting on different qubits

Can cancel a correction **after** measuring that qubit, provided **all** qubits j involved are still not measured!

- This **cannot** be done for the X operator (qubits both to the past and future according to the definition of flow).
Need to adapt the angles
- This **can** be done for the Z operator because of properties of the flow! (conditions 2 and 3)

Rules for adapting measurement angles



Recall (previous lecture) the state before measurement is:

$$\begin{aligned} |\chi\rangle_{12} &= \wedge Z_{12} (|\psi\rangle_1 \otimes |+\rangle_2) = a|0+\rangle_{12} + b|1-\rangle_{12} \\ &= |+\theta\rangle_1 X^{s_1=0} J(-\theta)_2 |\psi\rangle_2 + |-\theta\rangle_1 X_2^{s_1=1} J(-\theta)_2 |\psi\rangle_2 \end{aligned}$$

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If we could have started with $Z_1^{s_1} |\psi\rangle_1$ state instead of $|\psi\rangle_1$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\chi\rangle_{12} &= |+\theta\rangle_1 X^{s_1} J(-\theta)_2 Z_2^{s_1} |\psi\rangle_2 + |-\theta\rangle_1 X_2^{s_1} J(-\theta)_2 Z_2^{s_1} |\psi\rangle_2 \\ &= |+\theta\rangle_1 J(-\theta)_2 |\psi\rangle_2 + |-\theta\rangle_1 J(-\theta)_2 |\psi\rangle_2 \end{aligned}$$

using that $J(-\theta)Z^{s_1} = X^{s_1}J(-\theta)$ and $X^{s_1}X^{s_1} = \mathbf{I}$. Now, there is **no random correction** and any outcome of the measurement leads to the desired gate.

- Getting the “wrong” outcome $s_i = 1$ is as if a Z -correction on the initial state was applied, and could cancel it by applying another Z on that qubit.
- However, to do this we **need to know** s_1 which is the outcome of measuring qubit 1, and this (clearly) happens **after** the preparation of qubit 1.

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This holds since:

$$X|+\phi\rangle = e^{i\phi}|+(-\phi)\rangle \text{ and } Z|+\phi\rangle = |-\phi\rangle = |+(\phi+\pi)\rangle$$

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I.e. take each k of the neighbours of i and find $j := f^{-1}(k)$

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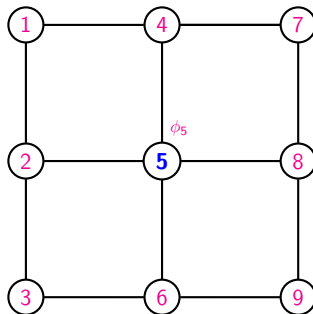
This sum leads to the corrected angle ϕ'_i :

$$\phi'_i = (-1)^{\sum_{j \in S_x(i)} s_j} \phi_i + \pi \left(\sum_{j \in S_z(i)} s_j \right)$$

$$\phi'_i = (-1)^{s_{f^{-1}(i)}} \phi_i + \pi \left(\sum_{j: i \in N_G(f(j)) | j \neq i} s_j \right)$$

An Example, Output Corrections and MBQC recap

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We then obtain the corrected measurement angle:

$$\phi'_5 = (-1)^{s_2} \phi_5 + \pi(s_1 + s_3)$$

Note: Depends on outcomes measured **before** qubit 5.

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- **NOTE.** Measured Vs Output qubits

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Measured qubits modify their measurement angle to ϕ'_i

Output qubits need to apply the extra gates Z^{s_Z} and X^{s_X}

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- A unitary U is implemented by a set of **default** angles ϕ_i if all measurement had outcomes $s_j = 0$.
- The actual “**corrected**” **basis** that a qubit i is measured is modified, using flow & stabiliser properties:

$$\phi'_i = (-1)^{s_{f^{-1}(i)}} \phi_i + \pi \left(\sum_{j: i \in N_G(f(j))} s_j \right)$$

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