## 1. Kvantum-számításelmélet feladatsor (Richard Józsa feladatai)

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- (1) (Quantum teleportation) Write  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$  and let  $|\alpha\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$  be a general 1-qubit state. Subscripts will denote qubit positions labelled from left to right, in a multi-qubit state.
- (a) Write  $|A\rangle_{123} = |\alpha\rangle_1 |\psi\rangle_{23}$  in the computational basis of three qubits and hence compute  $|B\rangle_{123} = (H_1 \otimes I_{23})(CX_{12} \otimes I_3) |A\rangle_{123}$ .
- (b) Suppose we perform a standard quantum measurement on qubits 1 and 2 of  $|B\rangle$ . Show that the four possible outcomes ij=00,01,10,11 are always equiprobable and compute the post-measurement state in each case.
- (c) Show that in each case the post-measurement state in slot 3 is a unitary transform of  $|\alpha\rangle$  (independent of a and b) and identify the corresponding unitary matrix  $U_{ij}$  for each possible outcome ij.

Remark: in quantum teleportation Alice holds qubits 1 and 2 while Bob, distantly separated in space, holds qubit 3. So Alice, by applying the local operations  $H_1, CX_{12}$  and local measurements, can faithfully transfer the state of qubit 1 to Bob (even if she does not know its identity), at the communication expense of sending him only two classical bits ij (so he can correct the unitary "error"  $U_{ij}$ ).

- (2) (Basic entanglement) Prove that the state  $a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle$  is entangled iff  $ad bc \neq 0$ . Deduce that the state  $|\varphi\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + (-1)^k |11\rangle)$  is entangled if k = 1
- (a) Let  $\{|\alpha_0\rangle, |\alpha_1\rangle\}$  be any orthonormal basis for a qubit. Show that there is a 1-qubit unitary gate U with  $U|0\rangle = |\alpha_0\rangle$  and  $U|1\rangle = |\alpha_1\rangle$ .
- (b) Let  $|\psi\rangle$  be any 2-qubit state. Is it possible to manufacture  $|\psi\rangle$  from  $|0\rangle|0\rangle$  by the application of a circuit comprising only 1-qubit gates (which are otherwise unrestricted)? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) The Schmidt decomposition theorem for 2-qubit states is the following:

Theorem: if  $|\psi\rangle$  is any 2-qubit state then there are orthonormal bases  $\{|\alpha_0\rangle, |\alpha_1\rangle\}$  and  $\{|\beta_0\rangle, |\beta_1\rangle\}$  and non-negative real numbers  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that  $|\psi\rangle = \lambda |\alpha_0\rangle |\beta_0\rangle + \mu |\alpha_1\rangle |\beta_1\rangle$ .  $\square$ 

(For a simple proof, let  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{ij} a_{ij} |ij\rangle$  be any state and just replace the matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  by its singular value decomposition).

Assuming this theorem is true, prove that any 2-qubit state can be manufactured from  $|0\rangle |0\rangle$  by application of a circuit comprising only 1-qubit gates and a *single* use of the 2-qubit CX

- (3) (No cloning of quantum states) We routinely copy classical data in everyday life e.g. for a single bit value b=0 or 1, show that the classical CNOT gate (which operates just like the quantum CX gate on basis states viz.  $(b,c) \mapsto (b,b \oplus c)$  for bits b,c) when acting on the 2-bit pair (b,0), will copy b into the second slot i.e. we get (b,b).
- (i) Consider now the quantum CNOT gate acting on the 2-qubit state  $|\psi\rangle|0\rangle$  where  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$  is a general qubit state. Will we now get a copy of  $|\psi\rangle$  in the second register? i.e. do we get  $|\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle$ ?
- (ii) Consider any process which purports to clone an arbitrary input qubit state. Any such process has the following form. The input is  $|\psi\rangle|0\rangle\dots|0\rangle$  where  $|\psi\rangle$  is any qubit state and  $|0\rangle\dots|0\rangle$  are any required number of "working space" qubits all in state  $|0\rangle$ . The output is  $|\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle|A_{\psi}\rangle$  i.e. we get two copies of  $|\psi\rangle$  together with (possibly) some further  $\psi$ -dependent state  $|A_{\psi}\rangle$ . Prove that no such process can exist within the framework of quantum theory i.e. "quantum states cannot be cloned". (Hint: think about unitarity).

## (4) (Entanglement necessary in quantum computation)

Consider a quantum computation, given as a polynomial-sized circuit family  $\{C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n, \ldots\}$  where each  $C_n$  comprises gates from the universal set  $\{H, S, CX\}$  (where S denotes the  $\pi/8$  phase gate) and suppose that this computation solves a decision problem  $\mathcal{A}$  in **BQP**. Suppose further that for any input  $x \in B_n$  to  $C_n$  (for any n), at every stage of the process, the quantum state is unentangled i.e. it is a product state of all the qubits involved.

Show that then the problem  $\mathcal{A}$  is also in **BPP** i.e. if no entanglement is ever present in a quantum computation, then it cannot provide any computational benefit over classical computation (up to a poly overhead in time).

(A szorzás, összeadás, stb. alapműveletek természetesen mind polinomiális időben kiszámíthatóak. Vagyis igazából azt kell megmutatni, hogy a folyamat jól szimulálható összesen polinomiális sok alapművelet elvégzésével – és közben végig elég polinomiális (bit)méretű számokkal számolni.)

## (5) (Bernstein-Vazirani problem)

For *n*-bit strings  $x = x_1 \dots x_n$  and  $a = a_1 \dots a_n$  in  $B_n$  we have the sum  $x \oplus a$  which is an *n*-bit string, and now introduce the 1-bit "dot product"  $x \cdot a = x_1 a_1 \oplus x_2 a_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n a_n$ .

For any fixed n-bit string  $a = a_1 \dots a_n$  with  $a \neq 00 \dots 0$ , consider the function  $f_a : B_n \to B_1$  given by

$$f_a(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x \cdot a \tag{1}$$

- (a) Show that for any  $a \neq 00...0$ ,  $f_a$  is a balanced function i.e.  $f_a$  has value 0 (respectively 1) on exactly half of its inputs x.
- (b) Given a classical black box that computes  $f_a$  describe a classical deterministic algorithm that will identify the string  $a = a_1 \dots a_n$  on which  $f_a$  is based. Show that any such black box classical algorithm must have query complexity at least n.

Now for any n let  $H_n = H \otimes ... \otimes H$  be the application of H to each qubit of a row of n qubits. Show that

$$H|x\rangle = \sum_{y=0}^{1} \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{xy} |y\rangle \qquad H_n|a\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{\text{all } y} (-1)^{a \cdot y} |y\rangle$$

(c) (the Bernstein-Vazirani problem)

For each a consider the function  $f_a$  which is a balanced function if  $a \neq 00...0$  (as shown above). Show that the DJ algorithm will perfectly distinguish and identify the  $2^n - 1$  balanced functions  $f_a$  (for  $a \neq 00...0$ ) with only one query to the function – in fact show that the n bit output of the algorithm gives the string a with certainty for these special balanced functions.