
CS290A, Spring 2005:

**Quantum Information &
Quantum Computation**

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Administrative

- The Final Examination will be:
Monday June 6, 12:00–15:00, PHELPS 1401
 - New Exercises are posted
Try to answer Question 2 before Thursday.
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Last Week / This Week

- Last week we looked at quantum money and quantum cryptography, which uses the qubit states $0, 1, +, -$.
- This week we will extend this idea to describe “quantum fingerprinting”.
- Also this week: superdense quantum coding and quantum teleportation of quantum states.

Fingerprinting



Assume two parties A and B that each have data in the form of a (long) string x and $y \in \{0,1\}^N$.

A and B want to check if they have the same data, without revealing a priori to the other their strings.

They do this by sending (publicly) information about their strings (x and y) to a trusted third party C, who decides.

Sending the whole strings is not allowed because the strings are too long / risk of eavesdropping.

A and B want to have a way of *fingerprinting* their strings.

Quantum Fingerprinting



“Quantum Fingerprinting” refers to a way of mapping the strings $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^N$ to quantum states $|\varphi_x\rangle$ and $|\varphi_y\rangle$, that live in a ‘much smaller than 2^N ’-dimensional Hilbert space, such that from ψ and φ we can tell decide whether $x=y$.

The set $\{ |\varphi_x\rangle : x \in \{0, 1\}^N \}$ cannot be mutually orthogonal. Instead we will have to work with near orthogonal states.

Central Idea: Encode $x \in \{0, 1\}^N$ into m qubit state $|\varphi_x\rangle$ (with m much smaller than N).

Do this in a way such that $|\langle \varphi_x | \varphi_y \rangle|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ if $x \neq y$.

Third party decides if $|\varphi_x\rangle = |\varphi_y\rangle$ or not.

Simple Example



Let x and y be from a set of 6 possibilities.

Let $|\varphi_x\rangle$ and $|\varphi_y\rangle$ be qubits from the set of 6 states
 $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, (|0\rangle+|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, (|0\rangle-|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, (|0\rangle+i|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, (|0\rangle-i|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}\}$

For all qubit states with $x \neq y$ we have $|\langle \varphi_x | \varphi_y \rangle|^2 \leq 1/2$.

The third party receives two unknown states $|\varphi_x\rangle$ and $|\varphi_y\rangle$
that are either the same or very different.

How to distinguish between these two possibilities?

A Quantum State Equality Tester for unknown states can
be implemented with a Controlled Swap Test...

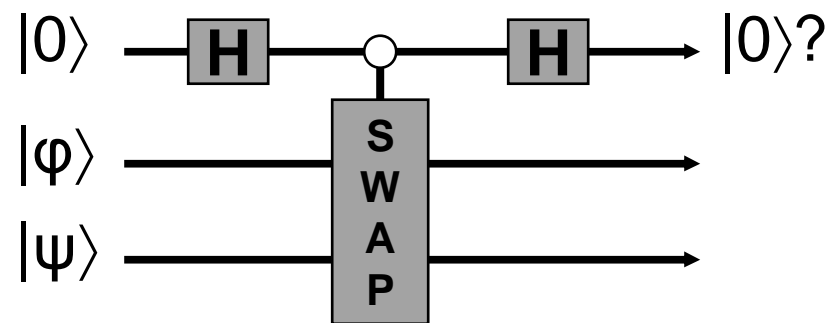
Controlled Swap Test

- Given two unknown quantum states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$, are they the same or not?
- You can test this using the Controlled Swap Test

C-SWAP: $|0,x,y\rangle \mapsto |0,x,y\rangle$

C-SWAP: $|1,x,y\rangle \mapsto |1,y,x\rangle$

in the circuit.....



- Observing a “0” indicates that $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$ are close to each other, observing a “1” that they are far apart.
- What are the exact probabilities?

Probabilities of C-SWAP

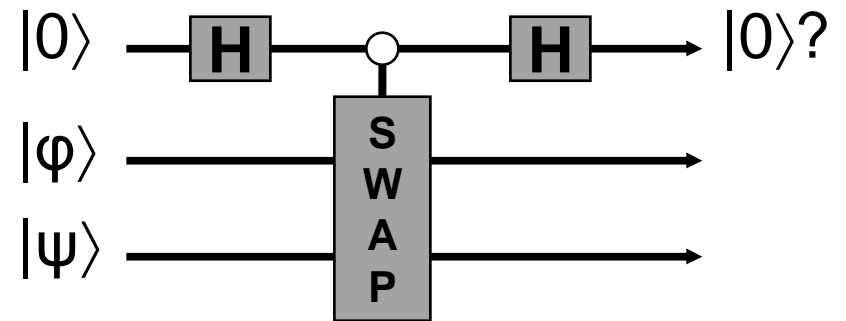
- The evolution of the system is

$$|0, \varphi, \psi\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0, \varphi, \psi\rangle + |1, \varphi, \psi\rangle)$$

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$$\mapsto \frac{1}{2} (|0, \varphi, \psi\rangle + |1, \varphi, \psi\rangle + |0, \psi, \varphi\rangle - |1, \psi, \varphi\rangle)$$

$$= |0\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{2} (|\varphi, \psi\rangle + |\psi, \varphi\rangle) + |1\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{2} (|\varphi, \psi\rangle - |\psi, \varphi\rangle)$$



The probability of observing a “0” is therefore

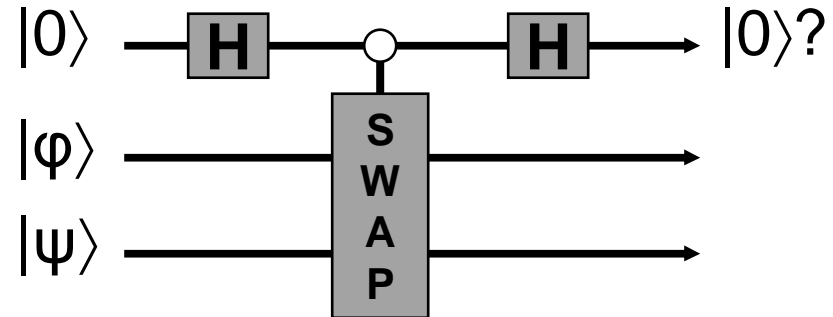
$$\text{Prob}("0") = \frac{1}{4} (\langle \varphi, \psi | + \langle \psi, \varphi |) (|\varphi, \psi\rangle + |\psi, \varphi\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (2 + \langle \psi, \varphi | \varphi, \psi\rangle + \langle \varphi, \psi | \psi, \varphi\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} |\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle|^2$$

Equality Testing

- The previous calculations show that if $|\langle\varphi,\psi\rangle|^2 \approx 1$, then the probability of observing a “0” is ≈ 1 .



- If $|\langle\varphi,\psi\rangle|^2 \approx 0$, then the probability of “0” is $\approx 1/2$.
- By repeating the experiment a number of times (using fresh copies of $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\varphi\rangle$), we can –with near certainty– distinguish between the cases $|\psi\rangle = |\varphi\rangle$ and $|\langle\varphi,\psi\rangle|^2 \leq 1/2$.

More on Q-Fingerprinting



Using methods from error correction it is possible to encode N bits of information into $M \approx c \log N$ qubits such that $|\langle \varphi_x | \varphi_y \rangle|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ if $x \neq y$.

Even if we have to send many copies of the the fingerprint, it will still be more efficient than sending the N classical bits of the original strings x and y .

Added advantage: because we send such a highly compressed quantum state, it is impossible to infer the string x from the fingerprint $|\varphi_x\rangle$.

Communication & Entanglement

- Holevo's bound tells us that we can encode only one bit of information into one qubit.
This bound assumes that the qubit is unentangled.
- Things change if we allow the communication of qubits that are entangled with qubits of the receiver.
- **What happens if A and B share a prior entangled pair of qubits $|EPR\rangle = (|0_A, 0_B\rangle + |1_A, 1_B\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ before Alice is to send (quantum) information to Bob?**

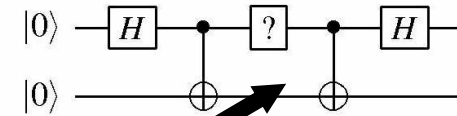
Superdense Quantum Coding

- Let A and B share an EPR pair of qubits.
Alice wants to transmit classical information to Bob.
- Using Superdense coding, A can send two bits of information to B, using only one qubit.
- Approach: Depending on A's input $\{1,2,3,4\}$ she applies to her side of the EPR pair, one of 4 transformations $\{I, X, Y, Z\}$, and sends her EPR qubit to Bob.
- From the changed EPR pair, Bob decodes which transformation A has applied. This can be done reliably and will transfer 2 bits of information from A to B.

How to Do It?

- Look back at Question 1, Exercises 2 (Week 3)
- The four transformations give us four entangled states that are mutually orthogonal...
- With a CNOT and a Hadamard, Bob can map those states to the outputs $|00\rangle$, $|01\rangle$, $-i|11\rangle$ and $|10\rangle$.

Question 1. (The Effect of Pauli Gates). Consider the following 2 qubit circuit:



where the ?-gate can be one of the Pauli matrices $\{I, X, Y, Z\}$. Calculate what the output of this quantum circuit will be depending on the choice for the ?-gate.

Question 2. (Creating Correlated Quantum States). Describe

$$(I) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$(X) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |01\rangle)$$

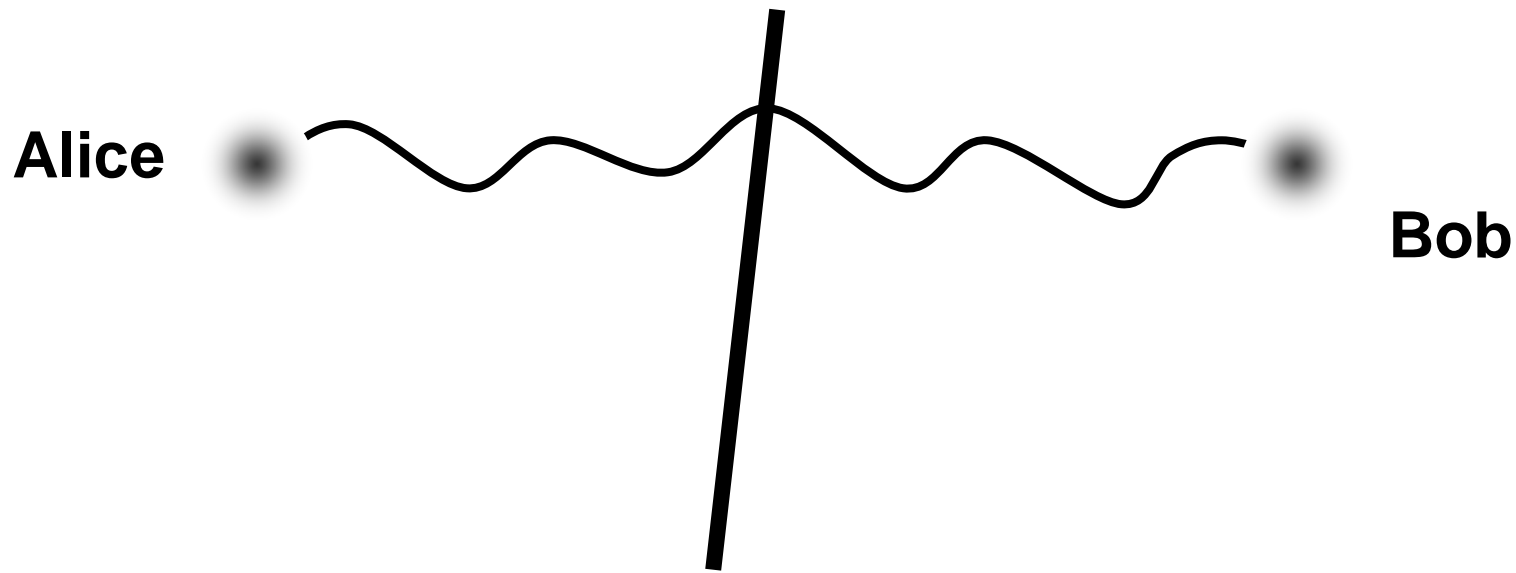
$$(Y) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (i|10\rangle - i|01\rangle)$$

$$(Z) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

More on Superdense Coding

- One can prove that the 2 bits / 1 qubit ratio is optimal: it is not possible to send (say) 3 bits of information using 1 qubit and lots of entanglement.
- Superdense coding is not possible classically.
- Experimental implementation of superdense coding: [Zeilinger et al., 1996, Innsbruck, Austria]
- Can we do the inverse: Send quantum information using classical communication between A and B?

What is Teleportation?



Alice wants to send her unknown quantum information to Bob.

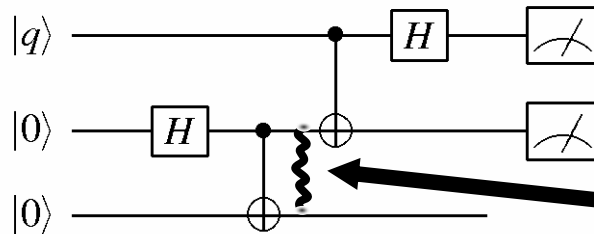
A and B do not have a quantum channel:
only classical communication is allowed.

Alice cannot tell Bob what the values α, β are,
nor can she measure $|q\rangle$ to see what they are.

**Solution: Use
an entangled
EPR pair**

Towards Teleportation

Question 2. (Towards Teleportation) (See Handout III if you have problems answering this question.) Consider the following three qubit circuit that has as input an unknown qubit $|q\rangle$ and two zero states:



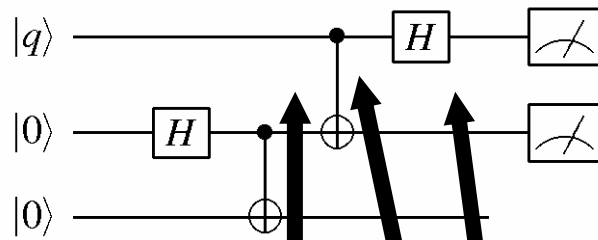
(a) With $|q\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$, what is the output state before the measurements?

The first two qubits are on Alice's side
The 3rd one is Bob's

After H/CNOT, they share an EPR pair.

Alice performs a CNOT and a Hadamard to her 2 qubits and measures them in the 0/1 basis.

What can she expect to observe?



Output?

(a) With $|q\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$, what is the output state before the measurements?

$$\begin{aligned}
 |q\rangle \otimes |\text{EPR}\rangle &= (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha|0,00\rangle + \alpha|0,11\rangle + \beta|1,00\rangle + \beta|1,11\rangle) \\
 &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha|0,00\rangle + \alpha|0,11\rangle + \beta|1,10\rangle + \beta|1,01\rangle) \\
 &\mapsto \frac{1}{2} (\alpha|0,00\rangle + \alpha|1,00\rangle + \alpha|0,11\rangle + \alpha|1,11\rangle + \\
 &\quad \beta|0,10\rangle - \beta|1,10\rangle + \beta|0,01\rangle - \beta|1,01\rangle) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} |00\rangle \otimes (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) + \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} |01\rangle \otimes (\alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle) + \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} |10\rangle \otimes (\alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle) + \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} |11\rangle \otimes (\alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

Regardless of the values α, β the probability of measuring $\{00, 01, 10, 11\}$ is one-quarter.

Effect of A's Measurement

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} |00\rangle \otimes (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} |01\rangle \otimes (\alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} |10\rangle \otimes (\alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} |11\rangle \otimes (\alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Depending on the two leftmost qubits (A's side), the third qubit (B's side) is 1-out-of-4 permutations of the original qubit $|q\rangle$.

When A measures the two bits $\in \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$ the qubit of B collapses to 1 of the 4 versions of q .

Outcome "00": $\rightarrow \alpha 0\rangle + \beta 1\rangle$
Outcome "01": $\rightarrow \alpha 1\rangle + \beta 0\rangle$
Outcome "10": $\rightarrow \alpha 0\rangle - \beta 1\rangle$
Outcome "11": $\rightarrow \alpha 1\rangle - \beta 0\rangle$

When A tells B which one of the 4 outcomes she has observed, Bob knows what to do to correct his qubit to the original $|q\rangle$.

Bob's Correction

“00”: $\rightarrow \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$

“01”: $\rightarrow \alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle$

“10”: $\rightarrow \alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle$

“11”: $\rightarrow \alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle$

When A tells B which one of the 4 outcomes she has observed, Bob knows what to do to correct his qubit to the original $|q\rangle$...

If first bit is a “1”, Bob applies a Z gate $|b\rangle \mapsto (-1)^b|b\rangle$.

If 2nd bit is a “1”, Bob applies a NOT $|b\rangle \mapsto |b \oplus 1\rangle$

The outcome will always be $\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle = |q\rangle$

Bob has (re)created the unknown qubit q that was on Alice's side. During the process Alice has 'lost' her copy of the qubit (otherwise we would have copied q).

Teleportation

Alice

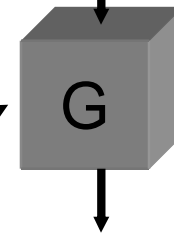
unknown qubit
 $|q\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$.

Alice applies a CNOT
and a Hadamard to
q and her EPR half.

She measures the bits in
the 0/1 basis and sends
the information to Bob.

Shared EPR pair

Bob



Bob receives the two
bits and acts on his
side of the EPR, in
a way that recreates
the unknown qubit
 $|q\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$.

What Just Happened?

- Teleportation requires one EPR pair and two classical bits to transfer one qubit from A to B.
- Superdense coding requires one EPR pair and one quantum bit to transfer two classical bits of information.
- The qubit did not get copied: Alice's measurement destroyed it on her side.
- The outcome of Alice's measurement is completely random and independent of the α, β values of $|q\rangle$. A and B learn nothing about the unknown qubit.

Alice's Measurement

- Initially, Bob's part of the EPR pair has nothing to do with the qubit q on Alice's side.
- After she has performed her measurement, this appears to have changed: Now Bob's EPR-half is (almost) identical to q (except for some 'corrections').
- Does Alice's measurement instantaneously change B's qubit in a way that can be used for communication?
- Answer: No (of course). Until Bob has received the two bits of information from Alice, his qubit remains as random as it was before the measurement.

So What does Happen?

- What exactly happens when one half of an EPR pair gets measured is a deep question in physics.
- Example, take $|EPR\rangle = (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ between A and B.
- If B measures his part, he will see 0/1 with 50%/50%. We say that this is caused by of the unavoidable randomness of quantum physics.
- But if A has measured her qubit beforehand, then she knows with 100% that Bob will observe the same value.
- *When is the outcome of a measurement determined?*

Classical Correlations

- Compare a classically correlated state:
Two distributed bits with are promised to be equal, but are otherwise random (“00” or “11”)
- Again, Bob does not know what value he will see. But when Alice knows her value, she can predict Bob’s value with 100% accuracy.
- In this situation we would say that the randomness on Bob’s side is due to his **ignorance**: The outcome is predetermined, but he is just unaware of it.
- In quantum mechanics, on the other hand, the outcome does not seem to be predetermined...

Complete Description?

- The question is: When we say that two qubits are in the state $|EPR\rangle = (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$, is that all there is to know?
- From it, we cannot predict what the outcomes of our measurements will be, so some information seems to be missing in our description (ignorance).
- Are there “hidden variables” that we could include in our description of the quantum state that would predict the outcomes of (future) measurements?
- **Answer: This is not the case.**

Hidden Variables



In a hidden variable theory, the particles A and B have determined beforehand what the outcomes will be when (later on) they are measured.

Several kinds of measurements are possible so each particle would have a list of answers for the various kinds of measurements:

Measurement:

“0”?

“+”?

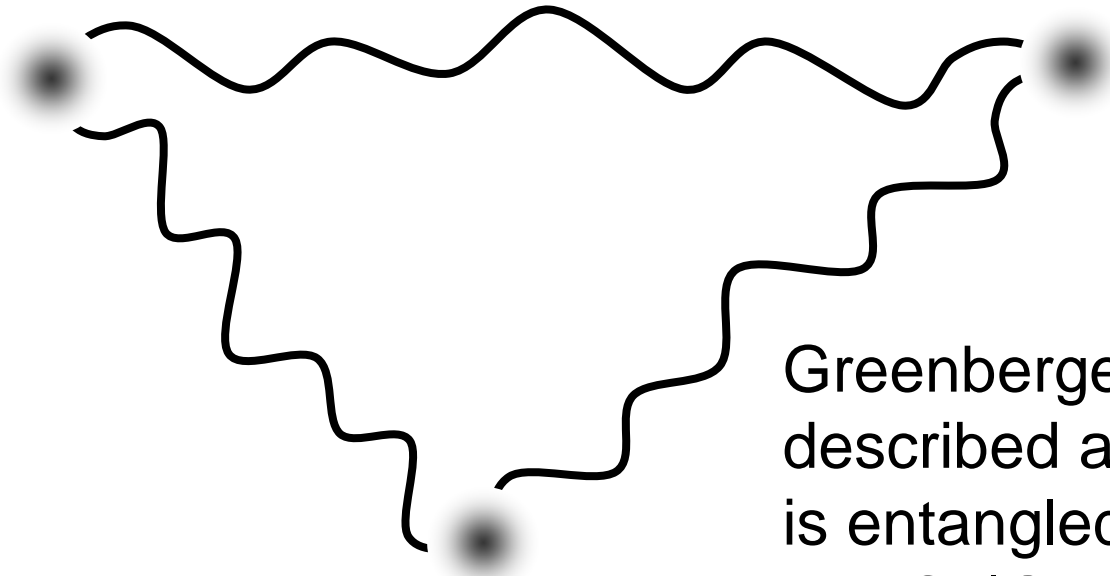
Outcome:

“Yes”

“No”

Such lists cannot mimic the statistics of quantum mechanics that we see in the laboratory.

Three Party Entanglement



Greenberger, Horne and Zeilinger described a three qubit state that is entangled over three parties A,B,C: $|\text{GHZ}\rangle = (|000\rangle + |111\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$

Party A will change the phase of her qubit according to $|0\rangle \mapsto |0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle \mapsto e^{i\alpha}|1\rangle$. Same for B,C with angles β, γ . After that they perform a Hadamard gate and measure their qubits in the standard 0/1 basis...

Midterm Flashback

- What happens was the last question on the Midterm.
- If the sum $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ then the parity of the outcome bits will be even. If $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi \pmod{2\pi}$, then the parity of the three bits will be odd.
- You can use this to implement a distributed even/odd deciding algorithm that minimizes the communication between the three parties A, B and C.
- **It is impossible to implement this algorithm using a “hidden variables technique” ...**