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## Question 1

- (a) The GHZ state is an entangled quantum state for 3 qubits and its state is :

$$|\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |000\rangle + |111\rangle \right).$$

Find the probability that **each of the three qubits** are in the diagonal state, where the diagonal state is defined as:

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

[3]

- (b) Given the state:

$$|\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |H\rangle|V\rangle - |V\rangle|H\rangle \right).$$

Find the probability that the first qubit is in the  $|L\rangle$  state and the second qubit is in the  $|R\rangle$  state, where

$$|L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |H\rangle + i|V\rangle \right)$$

$$|R\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |H\rangle - i|V\rangle \right).$$

[3]

## Question 2

Consider the three-qubit quantum circuit shown overleaf.

The circuit consists of a Hadamard gate (H gate), a SWAP gate, and a controlled-NOT (controlled N gate). The action of each gate is described below.

- (i) Hadamard Gate (H gate): This is a single qubit gate.

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

$$|1\rangle \xrightarrow{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle).$$

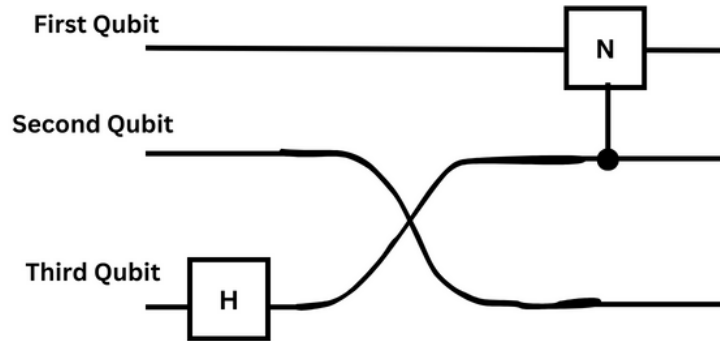


Figure 1: Quantum Circuit for Question 2

- (ii) SWAP gate: This is a two-qubit gate. If the input state is  $|X\rangle \otimes |Y\rangle$ , the output is  $|Y\rangle \otimes |X\rangle$ . This gate is represented by the wires crossing over in the circuit shown.
- (iii) Controlled NOT gate (controlled N gate): This acts on two qubits. If the control qubit is in the state  $|1\rangle$ , the qubit with the N gate on it is flipped. If the control qubit is in  $|0\rangle$ , nothing happens to the qubit with the N gate on it. In either case, nothing happens to the control qubit.

To represent states of the three-qubit system, we will use the convention that in the composite state  $|\alpha\rangle \otimes |\beta\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle$ , the first ket ( $|\alpha\rangle$ ) is of the first qubit, the second ket ( $|\beta\rangle$ ) is of the second qubit, and the third ket ( $|\gamma\rangle$ ) is of the third qubit.

- (a) Write the matrix representing the two-qubit SWAP gate. [3.5]
- (b) The input state into the circuit is  $|0\rangle |0\rangle |0\rangle$ . Find the state at the end of the circuit.
- (c) Is the state you found in part (b) entangled? [1.5]
- (d) We do a measurement on the final three-qubit state. Find the probability that the third qubit is found in the state  $|0\rangle$  and the first two qubits are found in orthogonal basis states ( as in, if the first qubit is found in  $|0\rangle$ , the second should be in  $|1\rangle$  or vice versa). [2]

**Hint: Getting either  $|010\rangle$  or  $|100\rangle$  as the output will satisfy the condition set in this part.**

**Solution 1**

(a) We need to find the overlap with the state:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |D\rangle \otimes |D\rangle \otimes |D\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$|\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can find the probability as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\langle DDD | \Psi_{GHZ} \rangle|^2 \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) We need to projection on

$$\begin{aligned} |L\rangle \otimes |R\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( |H\rangle + i|V\rangle \right) \otimes \left( |H\rangle - i|V\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( |HH\rangle - i|HV\rangle + i|VH\rangle + |VV\rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob.} &= \left| \langle L | \langle R | (|\Psi^-\rangle) \right|^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \left| (i+i) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

## Solution 2

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) |000\rangle \xrightarrow{H_3} |00\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |001\rangle).$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |001\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{SWAP}_{2,3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |010\rangle).$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |010\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}_{2,1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |110\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle = |\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle.$$

(c) Partially, yes. The first and second qubits are entangled with each other, while being separable from the third.

$$(d) P(|010\rangle) = |\langle 010 | \psi_{\text{out}} \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2} |\langle 010 | 000 \rangle + \langle 010 | 110 \rangle|^2 = 0.$$

$$P(|100\rangle) = |\langle 100 | \psi_{\text{out}} \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2} |\langle 100 | 000 \rangle + \langle 100 | 110 \rangle|^2 = 0.$$

$$P(|010\rangle) + P(|100\rangle) = 0.$$