

EX: Schrödinger's equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = -iH |\psi(t)\rangle$$

↳ Verify that $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle$:

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{d}{dt} e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-iHt)^k |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} k (-iH) (-iHt)^{k-1} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$= -iH \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-iHt)^k |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$= -iH |\psi(t)\rangle$$

Ex:

$$\text{Let } \boxed{R_z(\theta)} \equiv e^{-i\theta Z} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that

$$\boxed{H} \boxed{Z} \boxed{H} \equiv \boxed{X}$$

$$\hookrightarrow = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = X$$

$$\text{and } e^{-i\theta X} \equiv \boxed{H} \boxed{R_z(\theta)} \boxed{H}$$

$$\hookrightarrow = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-i\theta X)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-i\theta H Z H)^k$$

$$= H \left(\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-i\theta Z)^k \right) H = H e^{-i\theta Z} H$$

Using that
 $H^2 = \mathbb{1}$

EX: Lie-Trotter

A, B Hermitian, $\|A\|, \|B\| \leq 1$, $0 < \delta < 1$

Show that $e^{(A+B)\delta} = e^{A\delta} e^{B\delta} + O(\delta^2)$.

↳ Use Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(A+B)\delta} &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k!} ((A+B)\delta)^k \\ &= \mathbb{1} + (A+B)\delta + O(\delta^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } e^{A\delta} e^{B\delta} &= (\mathbb{1} + A\delta + O(\delta^2))(\mathbb{1} + B\delta + O(\delta^2)) \\ &= \mathbb{1} + (A+B)\delta + O(\delta^2). \end{aligned}$$

EX: measuring $\langle \psi | Z | \psi \rangle$.

Using $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \psi | Z | \psi \rangle &= (\bar{\alpha}_0 \langle 0 | + \bar{\alpha}_1 \langle 1 |) Z (\alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle) \\ &= (\bar{\alpha}_0 \langle 0 | + \bar{\alpha}_1 \langle 1 |) (\alpha_0 |0\rangle - \alpha_1 |1\rangle) \\ &= |\alpha_0|^2 - |\alpha_1|^2 = 2|\alpha_0|^2 - 1.\end{aligned}$$

(using that $|\alpha_0|^2 + |\alpha_1|^2 = 1$)

EX: measuring $\langle \psi | X | \psi \rangle$.

$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{H}} \xrightarrow{\text{X}}$ maps $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$

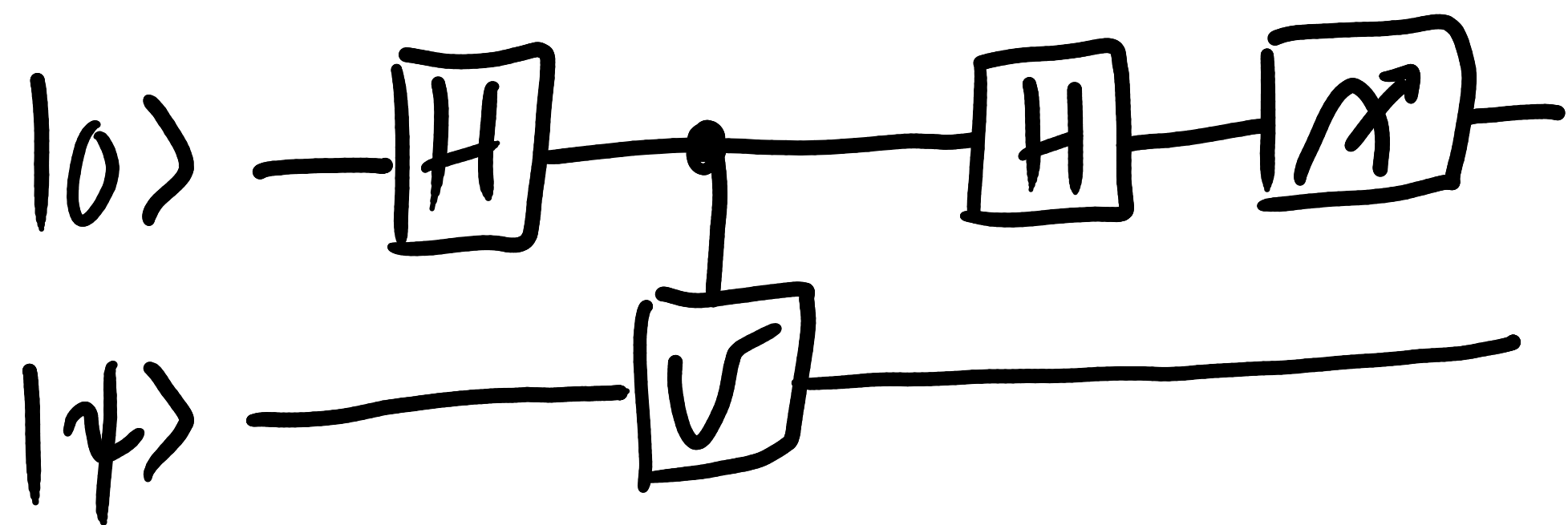
$$\begin{aligned}&\xrightarrow{\text{H}} \alpha_0 \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \alpha_1 \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) |0\rangle + \left(\frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) |1\rangle \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{X}} \text{"0"} \text{ w. prob. } \frac{1}{2} |\alpha_0 + \alpha_1|^2\end{aligned}$$

and $\langle \psi | X | \psi \rangle = (\bar{\alpha}_0 \langle 0 | + \bar{\alpha}_1 \langle 1 |) (\alpha_0 |1\rangle + \alpha_1 |0\rangle)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \bar{\alpha}_0 \alpha_1 + \bar{\alpha}_1 \alpha_0 \\ &= |\alpha_0 + \alpha_1|^2 - 1.\end{aligned}$$

EX: unitary Hamiltonian

consider U s.t. $U^\dagger U = \mathbb{1}$, $U = U^\dagger$



maps $|0\rangle|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{H} \frac{|0\rangle|\psi\rangle + |1\rangle|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\xrightarrow{U} \frac{|0\rangle|\psi\rangle + |1\rangle U|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\xrightarrow{H} \frac{|0\rangle|\psi\rangle + |1\rangle|\psi\rangle + |0\rangle U|\psi\rangle - |1\rangle U|\psi\rangle}{2}$

$= |0\rangle \left(\frac{|\psi\rangle + U|\psi\rangle}{2} \right) + |1\rangle \left(\frac{|\psi\rangle - U|\psi\rangle}{2} \right)$

\rightarrow "0" w. prob.

$\left\| \frac{|\psi\rangle + U|\psi\rangle}{2} \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{4} (\langle\psi| + \langle\psi|U^\dagger) (|\psi\rangle + U|\psi\rangle)$

$= \frac{1}{4} (1 + \langle\psi|U|\psi\rangle + \langle\psi|U^\dagger|\psi\rangle + \langle\psi|U^\dagger U|\psi\rangle)$

$= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \langle\psi|U|\psi\rangle)$