

**Exercise 1** *Bell states*

The purpose of this exercise is to get you familiar with calculations involving Bell states: the calculations of the first three questions are in Dirac notation.

- 1) Show that the four Bell states introduced in class form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ .
- 2) Show that the state  $|B_{00}\rangle$  (or take any other Bell states you like) is entangled. This means that there does not exist  $|\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$  such that  $|B_{00}\rangle = |\phi_1\rangle \otimes |\phi_2\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$ .
- 3) Let  $|\gamma\rangle = \cos \gamma |0\rangle + \sin \gamma |1\rangle$  and  $|\gamma_\perp\rangle = -\sin \gamma |0\rangle + \cos \gamma |1\rangle$ . Show the identity (for all angle of polarization  $\gamma$ )

$$|B_{00}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\gamma\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle + |\gamma_\perp\rangle \otimes |\gamma_\perp\rangle).$$

- 4) Represent the four Bell states in coordinates. Use the canonical representation  $|0\rangle = (1, 0)^\top$  and  $|1\rangle = (0, 1)^\top$ .

**Exercise 2** *Entanglement by unitary operations*

Let  $|x\rangle \otimes |y\rangle$  with  $x, y = 0, 1$  be the four states of the “computational basis” (or canonical) for two qubits. We define the unitary operation CNOT (called “controlled-not”)

$$\text{CNOT} |x\rangle \otimes |y\rangle = |x\rangle \otimes |x \oplus y\rangle \tag{1}$$

where  $x \oplus y$  is the addition of bits modulo 2. This operation models certain magnetic interactions between the degree of freedom in spin and is responsible for the entanglement.

- 1) Verify that

$$|B_{xy}\rangle = (\text{CNOT})(H \otimes I) |x\rangle \otimes |y\rangle$$

using Dirac’s notation. Is the part  $(H \otimes I) |x\rangle \otimes |y\rangle$  already entangled? Justify your answer! (Note that the identity above is the reason for the index notation  $|B_{xy}\rangle$ ).

- 2) Write down CNOT and  $H \otimes I$  and their product in matrix notation. Check that the matrices are unitary.
- 3) From the unitarity of the matrices, give a new proof (compact) of orthonormality of the states  $|B_{xy}\rangle$ .