

Hands-on Introduction to Qiskit

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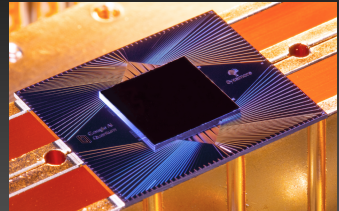
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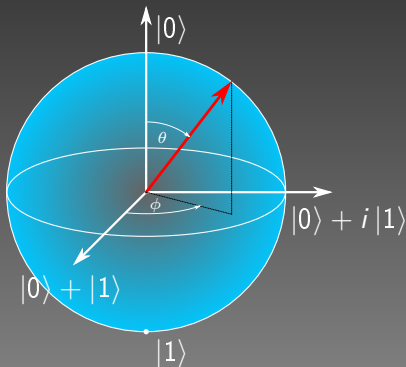
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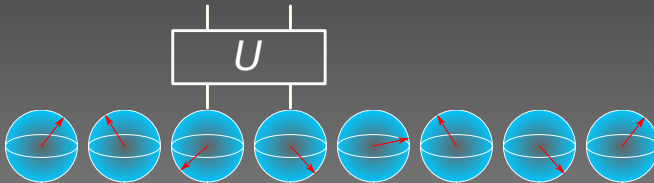
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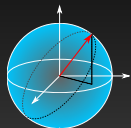
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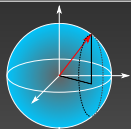
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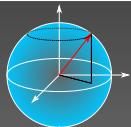
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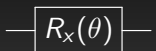
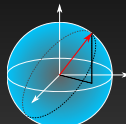
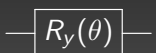
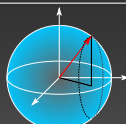
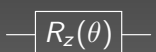
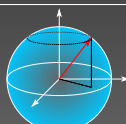

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


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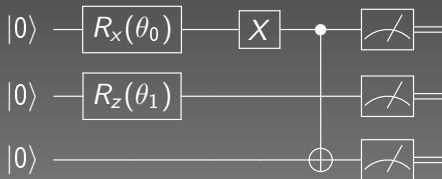
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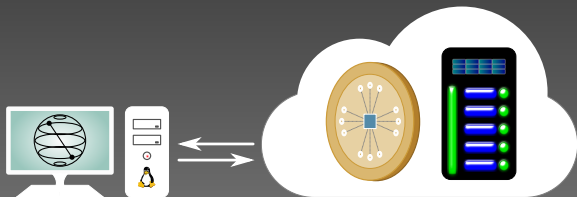
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Example

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1 # Importing standard Qiskit libraries
2 from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, execute, Aer, IBMQ
3 from qiskit.visualization import *
4 from qiskit.quantum_info import state_fidelity
5
6 # Create a quantum circuit for 3 qubits
7 qc = QuantumCircuit(3)
8 # Add gates
9 qc.cnot(0,1)
10 qc.rz(np.pi/8, 2)
11 # Add a measurement to all qubits
12 qc.measure_all()
13
14 # Simulate the experiment
15 qasm_simulator = Aer.get_backend("qasm_simulator")
16 job = execute(qc, qasm_simulator, shots=500)
17 result = job.result()
18 counts = result.get_counts()
19 print("Counts for the basis states:",counts)
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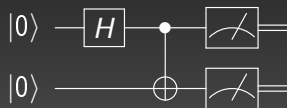
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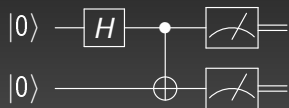
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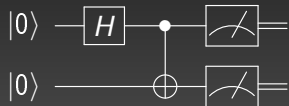


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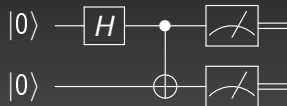


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- 3 Measurement in computational basis yields:
 $P(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle) = 1/2, P(|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle) = 1/2$

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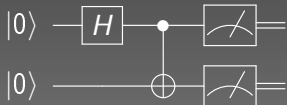
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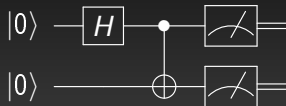
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Repeat the same tasks for this circuit.

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- The following circuit yields $|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$



Optional tasks

- Can you find circuits preparing the other three Bell states?

$$|\Phi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle - |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$$

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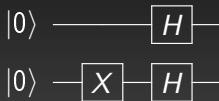
- Convince yourself that the Bell states are orthonormal.

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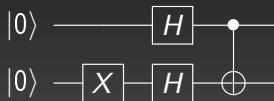
Tasks:

- 1 Implement the circuit and visualize it to make sure it is correct.
- 2 Obtain the final state using the state vector simulator and visualize the state of the individual qubits on the Bloch sphere. Which state did you obtain?
- 3 Add an additional CNOT gate to the circuit.
- 4 Execute it again the state vector simulator and the state of the individual qubits on the Bloch sphere. What do you observe?

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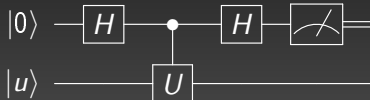
Optional tasks:

- 1 Replace the CNOT gate in the circuit above with a controlled R_x rotation.
- 2 Simulate the circuit for various angles of the rotation gate and visualize the results on the Bloch sphere. What do you observe? Can you explain the effect?

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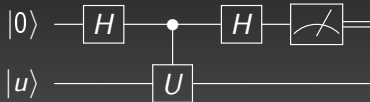


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 - 3 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \otimes |u\rangle + e^{i\phi} |1\rangle \otimes |u\rangle) \xrightarrow{H} \left(\cos \frac{\phi}{2} |0\rangle + i \sin \frac{\phi}{2} |1\rangle \right) \otimes |u\rangle$

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$$\bar{U} |x\rangle |y\rangle = |x\rangle |y \oplus f(x)\rangle$$

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- 2 Complete the function that implements the Trotter evolution of the Ising model.
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Optional tasks

- Create a parameterized version of your previous circuit with parameters Δt and h . Instructions for creating parameterized circuits can be found here:

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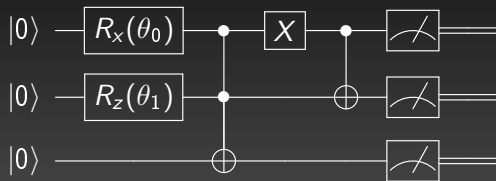
Next steps

- Register for an IBM ID to access cloud services
<https://quantum-computing.ibm.com/>
 - ▶ Access IBM's small scale quantum devices
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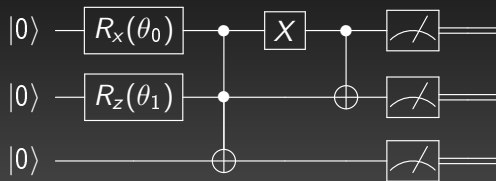
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- Choose U such that $D = U O U^\dagger = \text{diag}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{2^N-1})$ in the computational basis

$$\langle \psi | O | \psi \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{2^N-1} |c'_i|^2 \lambda_i$$

- U is often called **post rotation**
- Instead of $|\psi\rangle$ we prepare $|\psi'\rangle$ and measure the probability distribution $|c'_i|^2$

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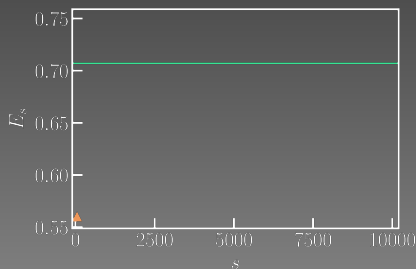
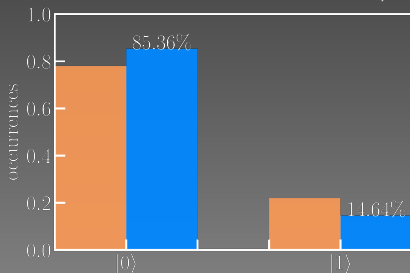
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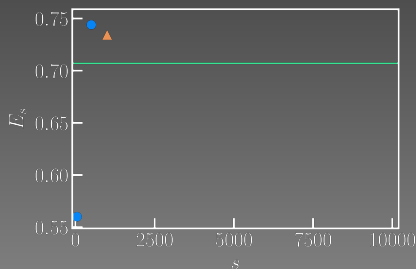
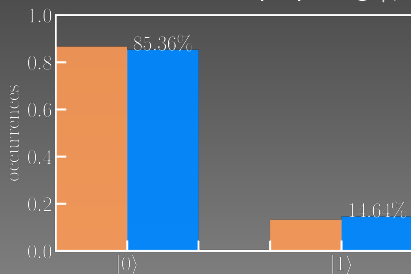
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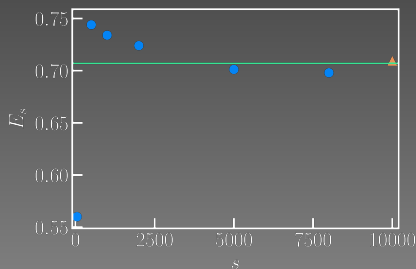
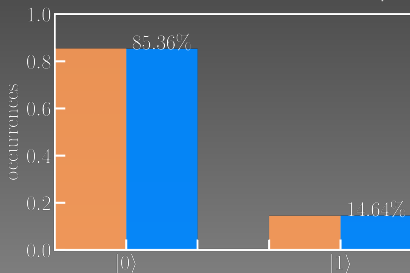
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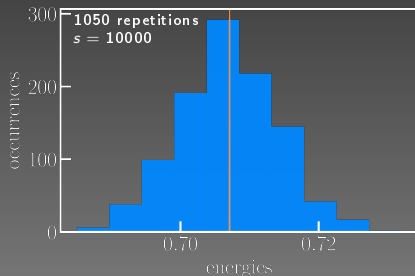
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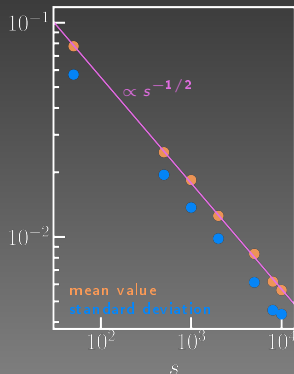
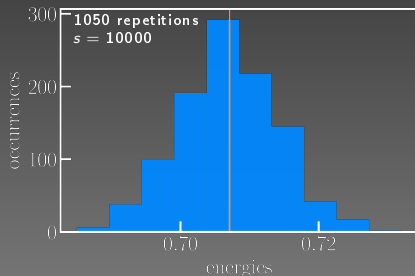
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decay as a power law in s



Appendix B. Universal quantum gates

Universal gate set

A set of gates is **universal** if, by composing gates from it, one can express **any unitary transformation** on any number of qubits.

- Since the n -qubit unitaries form an uncountable infinite set $U(2^n)$, this requires an infinite number of gates
- Example: $\{\text{CNOT}, R_x(\theta), R_y(\theta), R_z(\theta)\}$, $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

Approximate universal gate set

A set of gates is **universal** if, by composing gates from it, one can **approximate any unitary transformation** on any number of qubits to **any desired precision**.

- Examples: $\{\text{CNOT}, R_y(\pi/4), R_z(\pi/2)\}$, $\{\text{Toffoli}, H, R_z(\pi/2)\}$
- Approximation can be done efficiently (Solovay–Kitaev theorem, $\mathcal{O}(\text{polylog}(1/\varepsilon))$)