

Quantum Cryptography

Quantum Key Distribution

- Shared secret keys are important
 - encryption (OTP)
 - authentication (Orthogonal arrays)
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- complexity solutions: Diffie Hellman, Elliptic Diffie Hellman, Post-quantum complexity solutions

→ quantum mechanics solution: QKD

Quantum mechanics - the very basic

Qubit - basic information unit

Mathematical description

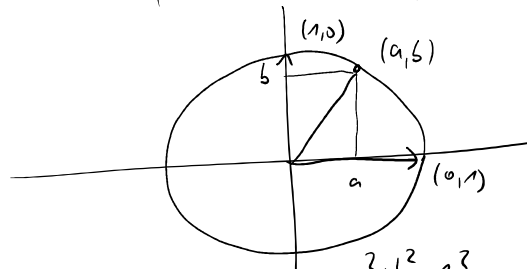
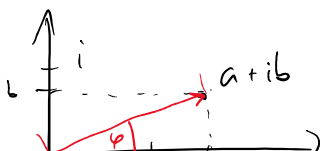
Qubits are normalized vectors in \mathbb{C}^2 (\mathbb{C} complex numbers)

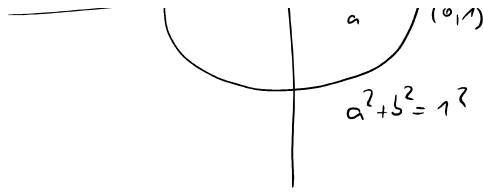
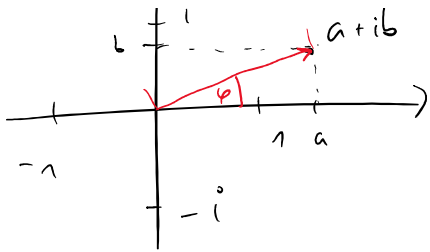
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$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ |1\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{these form an orthonormal basis}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

$a + ib$



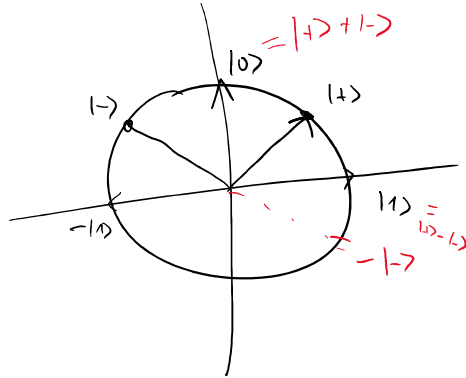


$$|a+ib| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$$

There are different qubit bases

$$|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = a \cdot c + b \cdot d = 0 \iff (a, b)$ and (c, d) are orthogonal

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = (a, b) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = a \cdot c + b \cdot d = \text{scalar product}$$

$$\langle b|b\rangle = (d^*, b^*) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} d \\ b \end{pmatrix} = d^*d + b^*b = |d|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

$$|b\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|d|^2 = d^*d$$

$$(a-ib) \cdot (a+ib) = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\langle b| = (d^*, b^*)$$

$|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$ are a basis

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 + \left| -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

Normalization

$$\langle -|+\rangle = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \rightarrow \text{orthogonal}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad \alpha \text{ and } \beta \text{ are amplitudes}$$

and Ψ is in a superposition of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

$$|0\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|1\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha \left(\frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \beta \left(\frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\sqrt{2}} |+\rangle + \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\sqrt{2}} |-\rangle$$

$|\Psi\rangle$ is also in a superposition of $|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \langle + | \Psi \rangle |+\rangle + \langle - | \Psi \rangle |-\rangle$$

Measurements

To (projective) measurements we associate a basis

if you measure $|\Psi\rangle$ in basis $\{|a\rangle, |b\rangle\}$

you get answer to the following question:

is qubit $|\Psi\rangle$ in state $|a\rangle$ or $|b\rangle$?

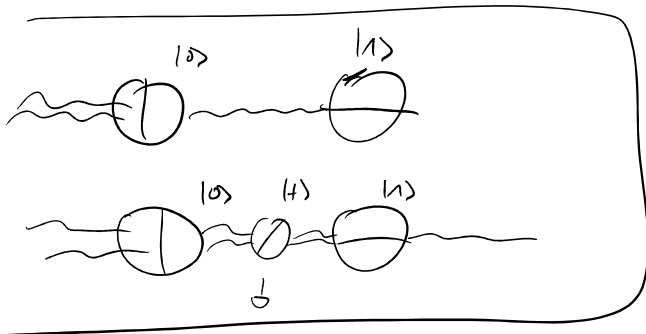
$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|a\rangle + \beta|b\rangle \rightarrow \text{is in superposition of } |a\rangle \text{ and } |b\rangle$$

answer is $|a\rangle$ w.p. $|\alpha|^2$
 and answer $|b\rangle$ w.p. $|\beta|^2$ } truly random

after measuring $|\Psi\rangle$ and getting answer $|a\rangle$ state continues

its existence in state $|a\rangle$. E.g. if you measure it again

in $\{|a\rangle, |b\rangle\}$ the answer is $|a\rangle$ w.p. 1.



Measuring $|ψ\rangle$ in $\{|a\rangle, |b\rangle\}$

$|\langle a|ψ\rangle|^2 \rightsquigarrow$ probability of answer $|a\rangle$

$|\langle b|ψ\rangle|^2 \rightsquigarrow$ probability of answer $|b\rangle$

Quantum Key Distribution (BB84 protocol)

1.) Repeat $2N$ times (rounds)

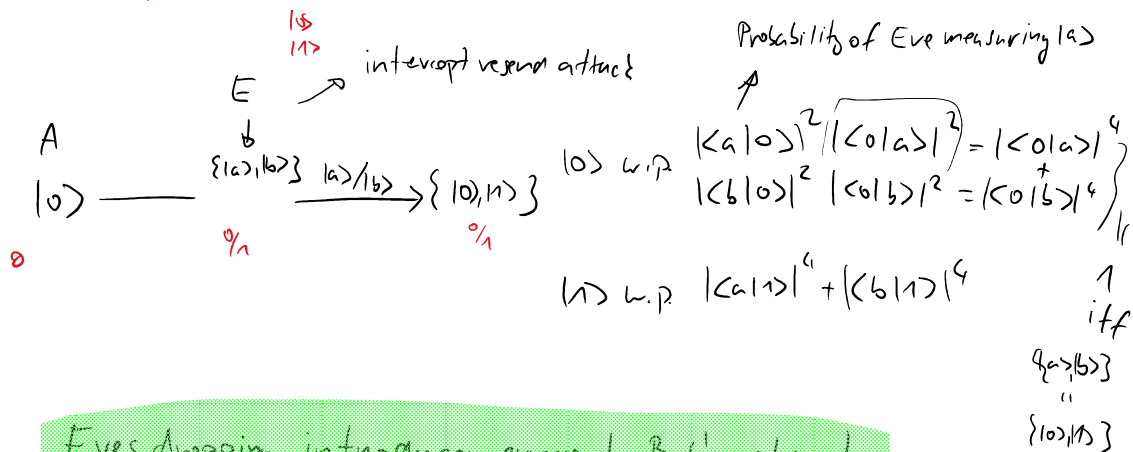
a.) Alice prepares one of 4 states $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$ at random and sends it to Bob

b.) Bob measures the received qubit in randomly chosen basis $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ or $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$

2.) **Sifting** Alice publishes her $2N$ preparation bases $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ or $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$
 Bob publishes his $2N$ measurement bases $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ or $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$

They keep only rounds where their basis match

A	B	
$\circ 0\rangle$	$\circ \{ 0\rangle, 1\rangle\}$	$ \langle 0 0\rangle ^2 = 1$
$\circ 1\rangle$	$\circ \{ 0\rangle, 1\rangle\}$	$ \langle 1 0\rangle ^2 = 0$
$\circ +\rangle$	$\circ \{ +\rangle, -\rangle\}$	$ \langle 0 +\rangle ^2 = 1$
$\circ -\rangle$	$\circ \{ +\rangle, -\rangle\}$	$ \langle 1 +\rangle ^2 = 0$



Eves dropping introduces errors to Bob's string!

Classical postprocessing

1.) Parameter estimation

How many errors are there in Bob's string

They reveal a small (representative) sample to estimate error in the rest of their strings

if too many errors \rightarrow Abort

11% error is critical

2.) Error correction

\rightarrow Assume Bob has ϵ errors and Eve has $\delta \gg \epsilon$

\rightarrow Alice creates an error correcting code which can correct ϵ errors (but not more), s.t. her string is a codeword.

She publishes the code

\rightarrow Bob correct his string

\rightarrow Eve can't do this so there is some secret left

3.) Privacy amplification

\rightarrow Hashing (Universal hashing)

They hash long and partially secret strings to short but perfectly secret strings.

= they shake a key!

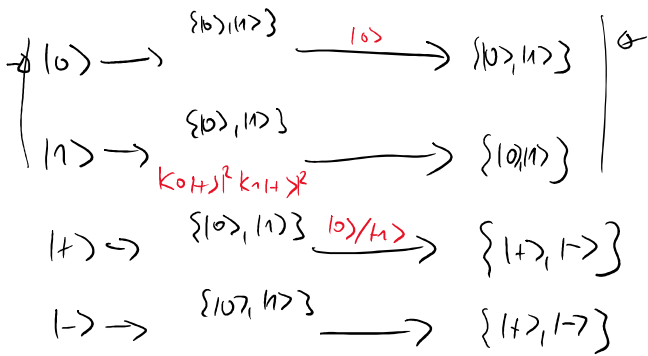
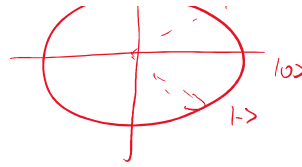
Very simple attack

\downarrow Eve in each round



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Eve in each round
 $\{ |0\rangle, |1\rangle \}$



	A	B	E
$ 0\rangle$	0	0	0
$ 1\rangle$	1	1	1
$ +\rangle$	0	0 w.p. $\frac{1}{2}$	0 w.p. $\frac{1}{2}$
$ -\rangle$	1	0 w.p. $\frac{1}{2}$	0 w.p. $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 0|+\rangle^2 &= \left| \langle 0| \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle \right) \right|^2 \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 0|0\rangle + \langle 0|1\rangle) \right|^2 \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1+0) \right|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 \langle 1|+\rangle^2 &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Overall Bob knows 75% of Alice's string
 Eve knows 75% of Alice's string

Eve measures $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$ w.p. p and does nothing w.p. $(1-p)$

How much Error she introduces to Bob?

$$0.25p + (1-p) \cdot 1 = 1 - 0.25p$$

Assume Bob and Alice observe only 20% error.

$$1 - 0.25p = 0.8 \Leftrightarrow 0.25p = 0.2 \Leftrightarrow p = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$$

How much Eve learns?

$$p \cdot (0.75) + (1-p) \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}p \quad \text{if } p=0.8 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} = 0.7$$