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## Lec 4 Clifford group

Consider a stabilizer  $S$ , any  $|\psi\rangle \in T(S)$ ,  $U$  unitary.

Qn: What operators stabilize  $U|\psi\rangle$ ? (call the set  $S'$ )

Let  $S' = \{UMU^\dagger : M \in S\}$  (Abelian group,  $|S| = |S'|$ )

$$\forall M \in S, (UMU^\dagger) \cdot (U|\psi\rangle) = U(M|\psi\rangle) = U|\psi\rangle \quad \therefore S' \subseteq S''$$

• Nice if  $S'$  consists of Pauli's; even nicer if  $U$  conjugates Paulis to Paulis.

Def [Clifford group on  $n$  qubits]:

$$\mathcal{C}_n = \{U \in U(2^n) : UPU^\dagger \in \mathcal{P}_n \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}_n\}$$

Obs: For a stabilizer  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{C}_n$ ,  $\sum[U(T(S))] = S' =: USU^\dagger$   
|  
Stabilizer of space after  $U$  acts on  
codespace defined by  $S$

Pf: We saw  $S' \subseteq \sum[U(T(S))]$  above.

$$|S| = |S'| \leq |\sum[U(T(S))]|$$

Now apply  $U^\dagger$  to  $U(T(S))$ , so the revised stabilizer is  $S$ .

By the same argument  $|\sum[U(T(S))]| \leq |S|$ .

$\therefore$  Both inequalities must be equalities.

Ex: Check that the Clifford "group" is a group.

Consider the mapping on  $\mathcal{P}_n$  due to conjugation by  $U \in U(2^n)$ :

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mu} : \mathcal{P}_n &\rightarrow U(2^n) \\ P &\mapsto U P U^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

Properties of  $\text{Mu}$ :

① Homomorphic :  $PQ \mapsto U(PQ)U^\dagger = (UPU^\dagger)(UQU^\dagger)$

② Injective :  $UPU^\dagger = UQU^\dagger \Rightarrow P=Q$

$\therefore$  Restricting the range  $\mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow U\mathcal{P}_nU^\dagger$  gives a bijection.

Cor: For  $U \in \mathcal{C}_n$ ,  $\text{Mu}$  is a permutation on  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

③ Preserves  $c(P,Q)$ : If  $QP = (-1)^{c(P,Q)} PQ$   
then  $UQU^\dagger UPU^\dagger = UQP U^\dagger = (-1)^{c(P,Q)} UPQU^\dagger$   
 $= (-1)^{c(P,Q)} UPU^\dagger UQU^\dagger$

Remarks:

- Because of ①,  $\text{Mu}$  is determined by its action on the generators of  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .
- Because of ③, the action on the generators are restricted.
- \* Conversely, a map for the generators respecting com/anticom relations specifies a unitary  $U$  (up to a phase) s.t.  $\text{Mu}$  extends the map. (See pages 5-7)
- \* Condition ①  $\Rightarrow$  indep of the images for the generators but indep is not explicitly needed as a hypothesis for the above converse.

Examples of Clifford group gates:

eg1  $\forall n, \forall \theta, e^{i\theta} I \in C_n$

eg2  $\forall n, P_n \in C_n$

Def:  $\hat{C}_n := C_n / \{e^{i\theta} I\}$

$\check{C}_n := \hat{C}_n / \hat{P}_n$

When  $V \in P_n, M_V(Q) \in \{Q, -Q\}$

$\forall U \in C_n, M_U$  can be specified in 2 steps:

For each generator  $g_i$  for  $\hat{P}_n$ :

① Pick  $M_W(g_i) \in \hat{P}_n$  for some  $W \in \check{C}_n$

② Pick signs of each  $M_W(g_i)$ , which can be effected by conjugation by some  $V \in \hat{P}_n$ .

and  $U = VW$  (See page ...)

eg3  $n=1, H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(X+Z)$

Then  $\begin{cases} HXH = Z \\ HZH = X \end{cases} \text{ (*) Note condition ③ is satisfied.}$

And  $HYH = H(iXZ)H = i HXH HZH = i Z X = -Y$  determined by (\*)

NB: If we want  $\begin{cases} UXU^T = Z \\ UZU^T = -X \end{cases}$   
take  $U = ZH$ .

Then  $\begin{cases} UXU^T = ZZH X H Z = Z Z Z = Z \\ UZU^T = Z H Z H Z = Z X Z = -X \end{cases}$

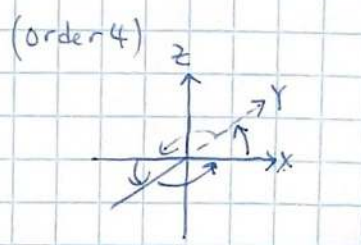
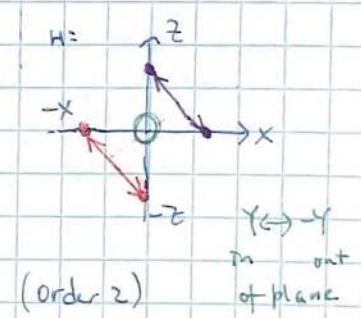
Again  $UYU^T$  fixed,  $UYU^T = Y$ .

eg4.  $n=1, U = R_{\pi/4} = e^{-i\pi/4 Z}$

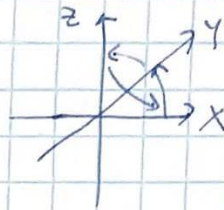
Then  $\begin{cases} UXU^T = Y \\ UZU^T = Z \end{cases}$

And  $UYU^T = U(iXZ)U^T = i UXU^T UZU^T = i Y Z = -X$

Ex: check that  $U = ZH$  &  $U' = e^{+i\pi/4 Y}$  give  $M_U = M_{U'}$ .



eg 5 We will see  $\exists U$  s.t.  $UXU^\dagger = Y$   
 $(n=1)$   $UZU^\dagger = Z$   
 $UZU^\dagger = X$



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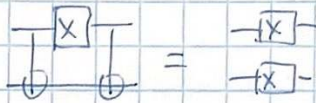
order 3.

eg 6  $n=2$ .  $U = \text{CNOT}_{12} = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes Z$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} UXU^\dagger &= XX \\ UZU^\dagger &= ZI \\ UIXU^\dagger &= IX \\ UIZU^\dagger &= ZZ \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

time  $\rightarrow$

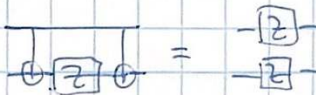
Useful later:



means



i.e. CNOT propagate X error from control to target.



CNOT ... Z error from target to control.

Notation: (\*) often written as =

$$\begin{aligned} XI &\rightarrow XX \\ ZI &\rightarrow ZI \\ IX &\rightarrow IX \\ IZ &\rightarrow ZZ \end{aligned}$$

note also still anti-comm

and the first two commute with the last two

eg 7  $n=2$ ,  $U = \text{SWAP}$ ,  $U \in C_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} XI &\rightarrow IX \\ ZI &\rightarrow IZ \\ IX &\rightarrow XI \\ IZ &\rightarrow ZI \end{aligned}$$

eg 8  $n=2$ ,  $U = \text{controlled-Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$U = (I \otimes H) \text{CNOT}_{12} (I \otimes H)$$

( $\because Z = HXH$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore XI &\xrightarrow{IH} XI \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}_{12}} XX \xrightarrow{IH} XZ \\ ZI &\longrightarrow ZI \longrightarrow ZI \longrightarrow ZI \\ IX &\longrightarrow IZ \longrightarrow ZZ \longrightarrow ZX \\ IZ &\longrightarrow IX \longrightarrow IX \longrightarrow IZ \end{aligned}$$

(in fact, C-Z diagonal, com with ZI)

(again, C-Z com with IZ)

Note C-Z symmetric between the 2 qubits

Thm Let  $f: P_n \rightarrow U(2^n)$  be a gp homomorphism

$$\forall i=1,2,\dots,n, \text{ let } X_i = I^{\otimes i-1} X I^{\otimes n-i}$$

$$Z_i = I^{\otimes i-1} Z I^{\otimes n-i}$$

$$\bar{X}_i = f(X_i), \quad \bar{Z}_i = f(Z_i) \quad (\text{note diff usage of the "bar" from lec 3})$$

If  $\forall i,j, \langle (\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j) \rangle = \langle (\bar{Z}_i, \bar{Z}_j) \rangle = 0$   
 $\langle (\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_j) \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

Then  $\exists U \in U(2^n)$  s.t.  $\forall P \in P_n, f(P) = UPU^\dagger$ .

Furthermore, we can determine  $U$  up to an overall phase.

NB: it means,  $\underbrace{2n \text{ images}}_{\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i}$  with correct com/anticom relations specify  
 $\mu_U$   
 a unitary  $U$  whose conjugation map  $\mu_U$  realizes the gp homo.

Lemma: Let  $U, V \in U(2^n)$   
 If  $\forall P \in \hat{P}_n, UPU^\dagger = VPV^\dagger$   
 then  $U = e^{i\theta} V$  for some  $\theta$ .

Pf: Let  $W = V^\dagger U$ . It suffices to show if  $\forall P \in \hat{P}_n, WPW^\dagger = P \iff (*)$   
 then  $W = e^{i\theta} I$ .

From  $(*)$ ,  $\forall P \in \hat{P}_n, P^\dagger W P = W \iff (\ddagger)$

But for any  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $M, M + XM + YMY + ZMZ \propto I$   
 $\therefore$  for any  $2^n \times 2^n$  matrix  $M, \sum_{P \in \hat{P}_n} P^\dagger M P \propto I$ .

So  $\sum_{P \in \hat{P}_n} P^\dagger W P \propto I$   
 $\parallel$   
 $W$  by  $(\ddagger) \quad \therefore W \propto I \quad \therefore W = e^{i\theta} I$  for some  $\theta$ .

$\therefore$  Uniqueness in Thm is proved.

NB Lemma holds whether we take  $\forall P \in P_n$  or  $\forall P \in \hat{P}_n$ .

Pf (thm):

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• Procedure to determine  $U$ :

① Define  $|\psi_0\rangle \propto \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{I + \bar{z}_i}{2} \right) |\alpha\rangle$ , for any  $|\alpha\rangle$  s.t.  $\langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle \neq 0$ . Take  $\| |\psi_0\rangle \| = 1$ .

② Let  $b = b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$  be an  $n$ -bit string. Let  $\tilde{X}(b) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{X}_i)^{b_i}$ .

③ Let  $|\psi_b\rangle = \tilde{X}(b) |\psi_0\rangle$ .

④ Let  $U = \sum_b |\psi_b\rangle \langle b|$ .

• Intuition:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{I + \bar{z}_i}{2} \right) |\beta\rangle \propto |0\rangle^{\otimes n} & \xrightarrow{\prod_{i=1}^n (X_i)^{b_i}} & |b\rangle \\ \downarrow U & & \downarrow U \\ \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{I + \bar{z}_i}{2} \right) |\alpha\rangle \propto |\psi_0\rangle & \xrightarrow{\prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{X}_i)^{b_i}} & |\psi_b\rangle \end{array}$$

• Verifying  $\sum_b |\psi_b\rangle \langle b|$  is a valid  $U$ :

(a)  $U$  is unitary iff  $\{ |\psi_b\rangle \}$  is an orthonormal basis.

(i) If  $b \neq b' \exists j$  s.t.  $b_j \neq b'_j$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \langle \psi_b | \psi_{b'} \rangle &= \langle \psi_0 | \prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{X}_i)^{b_i + b'_i} | \psi_0 \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi_0 | \prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{X}_i)^{b_i + b'_i} \bar{z}_j | \psi_0 \rangle \\ &= (-1) \langle \psi_0 | \bar{z}_j \prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{X}_i)^{b_i + b'_i} | \psi_0 \rangle \\ &= (-1) \langle \psi_0 | \prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{X}_i)^{b_i + b'_i} | \psi_0 \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The  $|\psi_b\rangle$ 's are mutually orthogonal.

(ii) Also,  $\tilde{X}(b)$  unitary  $\therefore \| |\psi_b\rangle \| = \| |\psi_0\rangle \| = 1 \quad \forall b$ .

$\therefore \{ |\psi_b\rangle \}_b$  is an orthonormal set.

(b) Verify  $U X_i U^\dagger = \bar{X}_i$ ,  $U Z_i U^\dagger = \bar{Z}_i$ .

$$(i) \forall b, U Z_i U^\dagger |\psi_b\rangle = U Z_i |b\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} U |b\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} |\psi_b\rangle$$

$$\bar{Z}_i |\psi_b\rangle = \bar{Z}_i \tilde{X}(b) |\psi_0\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} \tilde{X}(b) \bar{Z}_i |\psi_0\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} \tilde{X}(b) |\psi_0\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} |\psi_b\rangle$$

∴  $U Z_i U^\dagger$  and  $\bar{Z}_i$  act the same on a basis,  $U Z_i U^\dagger = \bar{Z}_i$ .

The case for  $U X_i U^\dagger = \bar{X}_i$ : exercise.

Obs: For any  $2n$  bits  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$

the group homomorphism defined by =  $X_i \mapsto (-1)^{a_i} X_i$   
 $Z_i \mapsto (-1)^{b_i} Z_i$

can be implemented by  $M_W = P \mapsto W P W^\dagger$  for  $W = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n X_j^{b_j} Z_j^{a_j}$ .

Cor: For  $U \in \hat{C}_n$ , we can specify  $M_U$  by

(1)  $\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i \in \hat{P}_n$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$  (implemented by  $V \in \hat{C}_n$ )

(2)  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \{0, 1\}$  (implemented by  $W \in \hat{P}_n$ )

Then  $U = V W$ .

NB. Step (1) in procedure requires  $\bar{Z}_i$ 's be commuting.

(2)  $\bar{X}_i$ 's

Unitarity of  $U$  requires  $\{\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_j\} = \delta_{ij}$ .

NB. Specifying  $U \in \hat{C}_n$  in Cor takes  $2n^2 + 2n$  bits  $\ll$  size of  $U$  ( $2^n \times 2^n$ ).

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eg. for  $M_u$ :  $\begin{cases} X \rightarrow Y \\ Y \rightarrow Z \\ Z \rightarrow X \end{cases}$   $\left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{X} = Y \\ \bar{Z} = X \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow U Y U^\dagger = U(i X Z) U^\dagger = i Y X = Z$

↘ anticommute

$$|\psi_0\rangle \propto \left( \frac{I + \bar{Z}}{2} \right) |x\rangle = \left( \frac{I + X}{2} \right) |0\rangle \quad (\text{take } |x\rangle = |0\rangle)$$

$$|\psi_0\rangle = |+\rangle$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \bar{X} |\psi_0\rangle = Y |\psi_0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = |\psi_1\rangle\langle 1| + |\psi_0\rangle\langle 0| = \begin{bmatrix} |\psi_1\rangle & |\psi_0\rangle \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ ↑

relative phase between columns is important!!

ie cannot change the phase of  $\bar{X}$ .

Ex: check that indeed  $U X U^\dagger = Y$   
 $U Z U^\dagger = X$

NB = Without the recipe, one will need symmetry, namely,  $X+Y+Z$  is preserved to deduce the rotation axis, and the order 3 to deduce the rotation angle to obtain a matrix rep of this unitary.

eg. If instead, we want  $\bar{X} = -Y$ , we choose  $U = X \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\bar{Z} = X$

Ex: find what unitary gives  $\bar{X} = Y$  and  $\bar{X} = -Y$   
 $\bar{Z} = -X$



## Encoded Clifford gates for stabilizer codes:

Recall a valid logical operation  $U$  satisfies  $U Q U^\dagger \in S \quad \forall \text{ generator } Q$   
 $U S U^\dagger = S$

Logical Clifford: can permute elements within  $S$   
 also permute elements in  $N(S)/S$ .

$N(S)$ : each  $N$  commutes with each  $M \in S$ .

$$\therefore N M N^\dagger = M$$

ie fixes each  $M$  by conjugation

$S$ : each  $M \in S$   
 fixes each  $|\psi\rangle \in T(S)$

But  $N(S)/S \cong$  logical Pauli's.

$\therefore$  contains  $N$ 's that do not fix  
 some state  $|\psi\rangle \in T(S)$

in  $\checkmark C_n$

in  $\hat{P}_n$

When proposing logical Clifford gates  $\bar{U}$  for a stabilizer code, check:

①  $\bar{U} Q \bar{U}^\dagger \in S \quad \forall Q \text{ generator for } S$

②  $\bar{U} \bar{X}_i \bar{U}^\dagger, \bar{U} \bar{Z}_i \bar{U}^\dagger$  transform according to the Clifford gate  
 (then Thm on page 5 implies correctness of logical operation)

eg 7-qubit code

$$Q_1 = I I I X X X X$$

$$Q_2 = I X X I I X X$$

$$Q_3 = X I X I X I X$$

$$\bar{X} = X X X X X X X$$

$$Q_4 = I I I Z Z Z Z$$

$$Q_5 = I Z Z I I Z Z$$

$$Q_6 = Z I Z I Z I Z$$

$$\bar{Z} = Z Z Z Z Z Z Z$$

• Consider  $U = H^{\otimes 7}$ ,  $HXH = Z$ ,  $HZH = X$

$$\text{Then } UQ_1U^\dagger = Q_4, \quad UQ_4U^\dagger = Q_1$$

$$UQ_2U^\dagger = Q_5, \quad UQ_5U^\dagger = Q_2$$

$$UQ_3U^\dagger = Q_6, \quad UQ_6U^\dagger = Q_3$$

$$\therefore \forall i: UQ_iU^\dagger \in S$$

$\therefore U$  is an encoded operation.

$$\text{Also } U\bar{X}U^\dagger = \bar{Z}, \quad U\bar{Z}U^\dagger = \bar{X}.$$

By Thm,  $U = \bar{H}$  up to an overall phase.

• Consider  $U = R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\otimes 7}$ ,  $UXU^\dagger = Y$ ,  $UZU^\dagger = Z$  ( $Y = iXZ$ ) (see  $R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}$  from ③)

$$\text{Then } UQ_1U^\dagger = I I I Y Y Y Y$$

$$= I I I (iXZ) (iXZ) (iXZ) (iXZ) \quad (\text{nice } i^4 = 1)$$

$$= (I I I X X X X) (I I I Z Z Z Z) = Q_1 Q_4$$

$$\text{Similarly } UQ_2U^\dagger = I Y Y I I Y Y = Q_2 Q_5$$

$$UQ_3U^\dagger = Y I Y I Y I Y = Q_3 Q_6$$

$$UQ_iU^\dagger = Q_i \text{ for } i=4,5,6.$$

$\therefore \forall i: UQ_iU^\dagger \in S$ , and  $U$  is an encoded operation.

$$U\bar{X}U^\dagger = Y^{\otimes 7} = (iXZ)^{\otimes 7} = i^7 \bar{X} \bar{Z} = -i \bar{X} \bar{Z} = \ominus \bar{Y}$$

$$U\bar{Z}U^\dagger = Z^{\otimes 7} = \bar{Z}.$$

$$\therefore U = \bar{R}_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^\dagger = \bar{R}_{(-\frac{\pi}{4})}.$$

(NB  $\bar{R}_{\frac{\pi}{4}}$  can be implemented as  $R_{(-\frac{\pi}{4})}^{\otimes 7}$ .)

- Before analyzing  $CNOT^{\otimes T}$ , how to encode 2 qubits into 2 blocks of 7-qubit codes?

What is the stabilizer, and the encoded Paulis?

- General proposition:

Consider a stabilizer  $S$  with generators  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_r$  encoding  $K$  qubits into  $n$  qubits ( $K=n-r$ ), with encoded Paulis  $\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, K$ .

Consider a stabilizer  $S'$  with generators  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{r'}$  encoding  $K'$  qubits into  $n'$  qubits ( $K'=n'-r'$ ), with encoded Paulis  $\bar{X}'_j, \bar{Z}'_j$  for  $j=1, 2, \dots, K'$ .

Then the combined code encodes  $K+K'$  qubits into  $n+n'$  qubits, with stabilizer generated by  $r+r'$  generators:

$$\begin{array}{ll} Q_1 \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes G_1 \\ Q_2 \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes G_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ Q_r \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes G_{r'} \end{array}$$

and encoded Pauli group generated by:

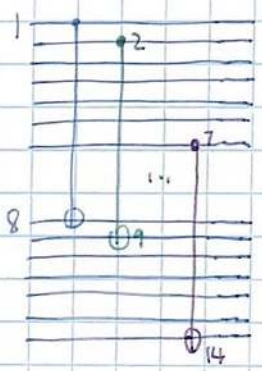
$$\begin{array}{ll} \bar{X}_1 \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{X}'_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \bar{X}_K \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{X}'_{K'} \\ \bar{Z}_1 \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{Z}'_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \bar{Z}_K \otimes I^{\otimes n'} & , \quad I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{Z}'_{K'} \end{array}$$

For 2 blocks of 7 qubit code, stabilizer generators are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_1 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} &= 111 XXXX 111 1111 = J_1 \\
 Q_2 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} &= 1XX 11 XX 111 1111 = J_2 \\
 Q_3 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} &= XIX 1X 1X 111 1111 = J_3 \\
 Q_4 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} &= 111 ZZZZZ 111 1111 = J_4 \\
 Q_5 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} &= 1ZZ 11 ZZ 111 1111 = J_5 \\
 Q_6 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} &= Z1Z 1Z1Z 111 1111 = J_6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{X}_1 &= X^{\otimes 7} \otimes I^{\otimes 7} \\
 \bar{X}_2 &= I^{\otimes 7} \otimes X^{\otimes 7} \\
 \bar{Z}_1 &= Z^{\otimes 7} \otimes I^{\otimes 7} \\
 \bar{Z}_2 &= I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Z^{\otimes 7}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_1 &= 1111111 111 XXXX = J_7 \\
 I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_2 &= 1111111 1XX 11 XX = J_8 \\
 I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_3 &= 1111111 XIX 1X 1X = J_9 \\
 I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_4 &= 1111111 111 ZZZZZ = J_{10} \\
 I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_5 &= 1111111 1ZZ 11 ZZ = J_{11} \\
 I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_6 &= 1111111 Z1Z 1Z1Z = J_{12}
 \end{aligned}$$



Let  $U = \text{CNOT}_{1,8} \otimes \text{CNOT}_{2,9} \otimes \dots \otimes \text{CNOT}_{7,14}$

Then  $U J_1 U^\dagger = 111 XXXX 111 XXXX = J_1 J_7$   
 $\uparrow$   
 Recall  $\text{CNOT } XI \text{ CNOT} = XX$

$U J_2 U^\dagger = J_2 J_8$

$U J_3 U^\dagger = J_3 J_9$

$U J_i U^\dagger = J_i$  for  $i = 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$ .

$U J_{10} U^\dagger = 111 ZZZZZ 111 ZZZZZ = J_4 J_{10}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\text{CNOT } 1Z \text{ CNOT} = ZZ$

$U J_{11} U^\dagger = J_5 J_{11}$

$U J_{12} U^\dagger = J_6 J_{12}$

$J_i U$  is an encoded operation.

Also  $U \bar{X}_1 U^\dagger = X^{\otimes 7} \otimes X^{\otimes 7} = \bar{X}_1 \bar{X}_2$ ,  $U \bar{Z}_1 U^\dagger = Z^{\otimes 7} \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = \bar{Z}_1$

$U \bar{X}_2 U^\dagger = I^{\otimes 7} \otimes X^{\otimes 7} = \bar{X}_2$ ,  $U \bar{Z}_2 U^\dagger = Z^{\otimes 7} \otimes Z^{\otimes 7} = \bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2$

$\therefore U = \overline{\text{CNOT}}_{1,2}$

Summary: for the 7-qubit code, encoded  $X, Z, R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{-1}, H, CNOT$  can be performed transversally.

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Def: a transversal operation does not interact different qubits within a code-block.

NB. Transversal operations do NOT spread errors within a code block - crucial for fault-tolerant QC.

Obs:

①  $R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}, H, CNOT$  generate the Clifford group!

② Logical Clifford ops for the 7-qubit code are not just transversal, but "bitwise" - being tensor power of a physical op symmetric over the qubits in the code block.

This may give advantages in implementation / cryptography.

eg 5-qubit code

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 &= X Z Z X I \\
G_2 &= I X Z Z X \\
G_3 &= X I X Z Z \\
G_4 &= Z X I X Z \\
\bar{X} &= X X X X X \\
\bar{Z} &= Z Z Z Z Z
\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{H} \stackrel{?}{=} U = H H H H H$$

Unfortunately no.  $U \bar{X} U^\dagger = \bar{Z}$ ,  $U \bar{Z} U^\dagger = \bar{X}$

but  $U G_1 U^\dagger = Z X X Z I$

Ex: show that no  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  make  $G_1^{a_1} G_2^{a_2} G_3^{a_3} G_4^{a_4} = Z X X Z I$

So  $U G_1 U^\dagger \notin S$   $\therefore U = H^{\otimes 5}$  does not preserve the code space  
 $\therefore$  not a valid logical operator, despite the action on  $N(S)/S$  is correct.

Solution: gate teleportation, code switching etc (measurement induced evolution).

$$\text{Thm} = \mathcal{U}_n = \langle e^{i\theta} I, H_i, R_{\mathbb{F},i}, \text{CNOT}_{ij} (i < j) \rangle$$

i.e.  $H_i, R_{\mathbb{F},i}, \text{CNOT}$  generate  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}_n$  multiplicatively.

Pf: lin alg in symplectic rep, with all homomorphisms & symplectic inner product constraints, amounts to row/col operations with constraints.

Will return to this if there is time in lec 6.

See 2018 recording, lec 4 (around 1:00 into the video).

Important:

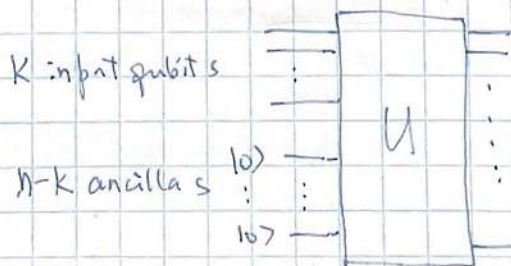
① Constructive proof gives  $\mathcal{U}$  as product of  $H, R_{\mathbb{F}}, \text{CNOT}$ , with  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  such gates.

② Corollary: encoding circuit for any stabilizer code has size  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ :

Idea:  $Q_1, \dots, Q_{n-k}$  generators,  
 $\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i$  encoded Paulis for  $i=1, \dots, k$ .

Take  $\mathcal{U}$  s.t. for  $i=1, \dots, k$ ,  
 $X_i \rightarrow \bar{X}_i$   
 $Z_i \rightarrow \bar{Z}_i$   
 for  $j=k+1, \dots, n$ ,  
 $Z_j \rightarrow Q_{j-k}$   
 $X_j \rightarrow$  Paulis chosen to satisfy com/anti rel's.

Get  $\mathcal{C}(n)$ , then circuit in  $H, \text{CNOT}, R_{\mathbb{F}}$ .



Observation:  $C_n$  is not universal (it's a finite, discrete, group)

Thm (Nebe, Rains, Sloane, arXiv:math/0001038):

Add any  $G \notin C_n$  into  $C_n$  generates a dense set in  $U(2^n)$

ie  $\{G, R_{\frac{\pi}{8}}, H, \text{NOT}\}$  universal.

The  $C^k$  hierarchy:

$$\text{Let } C^1 = \bigcup_n P_n$$

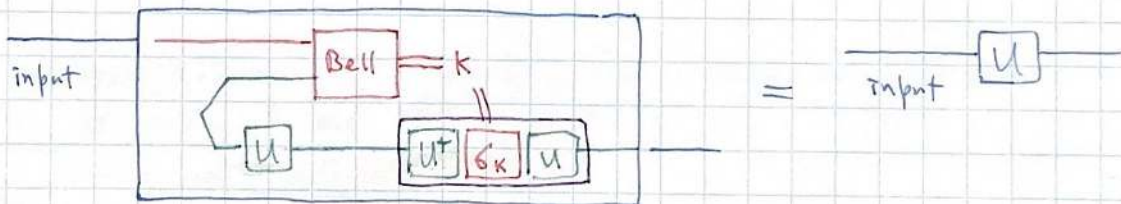
$$\text{Let } C^2 = \bigcup_n \{U \in U(2^n) : U P_n U^\dagger \in P_n\} = \bigcup_n \{U \in U(2^n) : U P_n U^\dagger \in C^1\}$$

$$\text{Let } C^3 = \bigcup_n \{U \in U(2^n) : U P_n U^\dagger \in C_n\} = \bigcup_n \{U \in U(2^n) : U P_n U^\dagger \in C^2\}$$

$\vdots$

$$C^k = \bigcup_n \{U \in U(2^n) : U P_n U^\dagger \in C^{k-1}\}$$

Teleporting a  $C^3$  gate:



① This box teleports, then apply  $U$

② This box can be implemented with

- ⓪ State  $I \otimes U$  (max entangled state) ← Will learn more in part II
- ✓ Ⓛ Bell measurement  $(XX, ZZ)$
- ✓ Ⓜ  $U \circ G_k \circ U^\dagger$  which is Clifford!

More efficient schemes exist for (NOT,  $R_{\frac{\pi}{8}}$ , etc (1-bit teleportation))