

Lec 6 Clifford group

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

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

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

$$\forall M \in S, (UMU^+) \cdot (U|y\rangle) = UM|y\rangle = U|y\rangle \therefore S' \subseteq S''.$$

- Nice if S' consists of Paulis; even nicer if U conjugates Paulis to Paulis.

Def [Clifford group on n qubits]:

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

Obs: For a stabilizer $S \subseteq P_n$, $U \in \mathcal{C}_n$, $\sum [U(T(S))] = S' := USU^+$

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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^+ to $U(T(S))$, so the revised stabilizer is S .

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

\therefore Both inequalities must be equalities.

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} Mu : \mathfrak{P}_n &\rightarrow U(2^n) \\ P &\mapsto UPU^+ \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Mu :

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

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

i: Restricting the range $\mathfrak{P}_n \rightarrow UP_nU^+$ gives a bijection.

Cor: For $U \in C_n$, Mu is a permutation on \mathfrak{P}_n .

③ Preserves $c(P, Q)$: If $QP = c(P, Q) PQ$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } UQU^+UPU^+ &= UQPUS^+ = c(P, Q) UPQU^+ \\ &= c(P, Q) UPUS^+ UQU^+ \end{aligned}$$

Remarks:

- Because of ①, Mu is determined by its action on the generators of \mathfrak{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. Mu extends the map. (See page)

* Condition ① \Rightarrow indep of the images for the generators
but indep is not explicitly needed as a hypothesis for the above converse.

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Examples of Clifford group gates:

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

eg2 $\forall n, P_n \subseteq C_n$.

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

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

When $V \in P_n, M_V(Q) = \pm Q$,

Each $U \in C_n$ can be a two step process:

(1) Picking $M_W(G_i) \in \widehat{P}_n$ for generators G_i of P_n
where $W \in \check{C}_n$

(2) Picking signs of each $M_W(G_i)$, which is affected
by conjugation by some $V \in \widehat{P}_n$.

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } HXH &= Z \\ HZH &= X \end{aligned} \quad \text{by } \textcircled{*}$$

And $HYH = H(iXZ)H = i HXH HZH = iZx = -Y$ determined by $\textcircled{*}$

NB: If we want $UXU^T = Z$
 $UXU^T = -X$

take $U = ZH$.

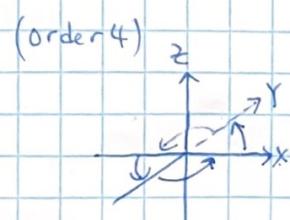
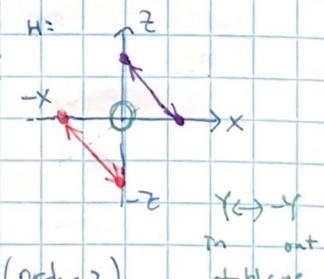
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } UXU^T &= ZHXH^T Z = ZZZ = Z \\ UZH^T &= ZHZH^T = ZXZ = -X \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } UXU^T &= Y \\ UZH^T &= Z \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And } UYU^T = U(iXZ)U^T = -UXU^T UZH^T = -YZ = -X$$

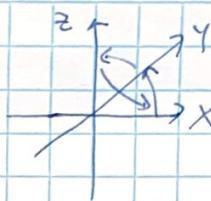


eg 5 We will see $\exists U$ s.t. $UXU^\dagger = Y$

($n=1$)

$$UYU^\dagger = Z$$

$$UZU^\dagger = X$$



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order 3.

eg 6 $n=2$. $U = \text{CNOT}_{12} = 10X_01 \otimes I + 11X_11 \otimes Z$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} UX_1 U^\dagger = XX \\ UZ_1 U^\dagger = Z_1 \\ UI_1 X U^\dagger = IX \\ UI_2 Z U^\dagger = ZZ \end{array} \right\} (*)$$

Useful later:

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ \square \\ \oplus \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} -X \\ -X \\ \ominus \end{array} \text{ means}$$

time \rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ \square \\ \oplus \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} X \\ \oplus \\ X \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{c} Z \\ \square \\ \oplus \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} Z \\ Z \\ \ominus \end{array}$$

CNOT - - - Z error from target to control.

Notation: (*) often written as =

$$\begin{array}{l} X_1 \rightarrow XX \\ Z_1 \rightarrow Z_1 \\ IX \rightarrow IX \\ IZ \rightarrow ZZ \end{array}$$

note also still anticomm

and each in first group com with each in 2nd group.

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

$$\begin{array}{l} X_1 \rightarrow IX \\ Z_1 \rightarrow IZ \\ IX \rightarrow XI \\ IZ \rightarrow ZI \end{array}$$

eg 8 $n=2$, $U = \text{controlled-Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. $U = (I \otimes H) (\text{CNOT}_{12}) (I \otimes H)$

($\because Z = HXH$).

$$\therefore X_1 \xrightarrow{IH} X_1 \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}_{12}} XX \xrightarrow{IH} XZ$$

$Z_1 \rightarrow Z_1 \rightarrow Z_1 \rightarrow Z_1$ (in fact, C-Z diagonal, com with Z_1)

$$IX \rightarrow IZ \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ZX$$

$I_2 \rightarrow IX \rightarrow IX \rightarrow IZ$ (again, C-Z com with I_2)

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

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

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

$$\bar{x}_i = f(x_i), \quad \bar{z}_i = f(z_i)$$

$$\text{If } \forall i, j, \quad C(\bar{x}_i, \bar{x}_j) = C(\bar{z}_i, \bar{z}_j) = 0$$

$$C(\bar{x}_i, \bar{z}_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

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

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

NB: it means, $\underbrace{2n \text{ images}}$ with correct com/anticom relations specify \bar{x}_i, \bar{z}_i

a unitary whose conjugation map realizes the gp homo.

Lemma: Let $U, V \in U(2^n)$

$$\text{If } \forall P \in P_n, \quad UPU^\dagger = VPV^\dagger$$

$$\text{then } U = e^{i\theta} V \text{ for some } \theta.$$

Pf: Let $W = V^\dagger U$. It suffices to show if $\forall P \in P_n, \quad WPW^\dagger = P \leftarrow (\#)$
 then $W = e^{i\theta} I$.

$$\text{From } (\#), \quad \forall P \in P_n, \quad P^\dagger W P = W \leftarrow (\#)$$

But for any 2×2 matrix M , $M + XMX + YM\bar{Y} + ZM\bar{Z} \propto I$

i.e. for any $2^n \times 2^n$ matrix M , $\sum_{P \in P_n} P^\dagger M P \propto I$.

$$\text{So } \sum_{P \in P_n} P^\dagger W P \propto I$$

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$$W \text{ by } (\#) \quad \therefore W \propto I \quad \therefore W = e^{i\theta} I \text{ for some } \theta.$$

i.e. Uniqueness in Thm is proved.

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Pf (thm):

- Procedure to determine U :

① Define $|\Psi_0\rangle \propto \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{I + \bar{z}_i}{2}\right) |0\rangle$, for any id st. RHS $\neq 0$. 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:

$$\begin{array}{c} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{I + \bar{z}_i}{2}\right) |0\rangle \propto |0\rangle^{\otimes n} \xrightarrow{\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i)^{b_i}} |b\rangle \\ \downarrow U \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow U \\ \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{I + \bar{z}_i}{2}\right) |0\rangle \propto |\Psi_0\rangle \xrightarrow{\prod_{i=1}^n (\bar{x}_i)^{b_i}} |\Psi_b\rangle \end{array}$$

- Verifying $\sum_b |\Psi_b\rangle \langle b|$ is a unitary 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 $\because \| |\Psi_b\rangle \| = \| |\Psi_0\rangle \| = 1 \quad \forall b$.

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

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(b) Verify $Ux_i U^\dagger = \bar{x}_i$, $Uz_i U^\dagger = \bar{z}_i$.

$$(i) \forall b, Uz_i U^\dagger |y_b\rangle = U\bar{z}_i |b\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} U|b\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} |y_b\rangle$$

$$\bar{z}_i |y_b\rangle = \bar{z}_i \tilde{X}(b) |y_0\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} \tilde{X}(b) \bar{z}_i |y_0\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} \tilde{X}(b) |y_0\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} |y_b\rangle$$

$\because Uz_i U^\dagger$ and \bar{z}_i act the same on a basis, $Uz_i U^\dagger = \bar{z}_i$.

The case for $UX_i U^\dagger = \bar{x}_i$: 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 $M_w: P \mapsto WPW^\dagger$ for $w = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n x_j^{b_j} z_j^{a_j}$.

Lor: 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 $V \in \check{C}_n$)

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

Then $U = V W$.

N.B. Step (1) in procedure requires \bar{z}_i 's be commuting.

(2) \bar{x}_i 's

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

N.B. Specifying $U \in \hat{C}_n$ in Lor takes $2n^2 + 2n$ bits << size of U ($2^n \times 2^n$).

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Encoded Clifford gates for stabilizer codes:

Recall a valid logical operation U satisfies $UQU^+ \in S$ \forall generator Q
 $USU^+ = S$

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

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

$$\therefore N M N^+ = M \\ \text{ie fixes each } M \text{ by conjugation}$$

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

But $N(S)/S \cong \text{logical Pauli's}$.
 \therefore contains N that do not fix
 the state $|Y\rangle \in T(S)$

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

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

② $\bar{U}\bar{X}_i\bar{U}^+$, $\bar{U}\bar{Z}_i\bar{U}^+$ transform according to the Clifford gate

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eg 1 5-qubit code

$$G_1 = X Z Z X I$$

$$G_2 = I X Z Z X$$

$$G_3 = X I X Z Z$$

$$G_4 = Z X I X Z$$

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

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

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

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

$$\text{but } U G_i U^\dagger = Z X X Z I$$

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

So $U G_i U^\dagger \notin S$ i.e. $U = H^{\otimes 5}$ does not preserve the code space

i.e. not a valid logical operator, despite the action on $N(S) / S$ is correct.

e.g. 7-qubit code

$$Q_1 = \begin{smallmatrix} I & I & I & X & X & X & X \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$Q_2 = \begin{smallmatrix} I & X & X & I & I & X & X \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$Q_3 = \begin{smallmatrix} X & I & X & I & X & I & X \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$Q_4 = \begin{smallmatrix} I & I & I & Z & Z & Z & Z \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$Q_5 = \begin{smallmatrix} I & Z & Z & I & I & Z & Z \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$Q_6 = \begin{smallmatrix} Z & I & Z & I & Z & I & Z \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$\bar{X} = \begin{smallmatrix} X & X & X & X & X & X & X \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$\bar{Z} = \begin{smallmatrix} Z & Z & Z & Z & Z & Z & Z \end{smallmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$$UQ_3U^\dagger = Q_6, \quad UQ_6U^\dagger = Q_3 \quad \therefore U = UQ_iU^\dagger \in S$$

$\therefore U$ 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 $U = R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\otimes 7}$, $UXU^\dagger = Y, \quad UZU^\dagger = Z \quad (Y = iXZ)$

$$\text{Then } UQ_1U^\dagger = \begin{smallmatrix} I & I & I & Y & Y & Y & Y \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{smallmatrix} I & I & I & (iXZ) & (iXZ) & (iXZ) & (iXZ) \end{smallmatrix}$$

$$= (\begin{smallmatrix} I & I & I & X & X & X & X \end{smallmatrix}) (\begin{smallmatrix} I & I & I & Z & Z & Z & Z \end{smallmatrix}) = Q_1Q_4$$

$$\text{Similarly } UQ_2U^\dagger = \begin{smallmatrix} Y & Y & Y & I & I & Y & Y \end{smallmatrix} = Q_2Q_5$$

$$UQ_3U^\dagger = \begin{smallmatrix} Y & Y & Y & Y & I & Y & Y \end{smallmatrix} = Q_3Q_6$$

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

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

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

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

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

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- Before analyzing $\text{CNOT}^{\otimes 7}$, 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 Pauli's \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 Pauli's \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:

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

and encoded Pauli group generated by:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \bar{x}_1 \otimes I^{\otimes n'}, & I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{x}'_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \bar{x}_K \otimes I^{\otimes n'}, & I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{x}'_K \\ \\ \bar{z}_1 \otimes I^{\otimes n'}, & I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{z}'_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \bar{z}_K \otimes I^{\otimes n'}, & I^{\otimes n} \otimes \bar{z}'_K \end{array}$$

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

$$Q_1 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = 111XXX 1111111 = J_1$$

$$Q_2 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = 1XX11XX 1111111 = J_2$$

$$Q_3 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = X1X1X1X 1111111 = J_3$$

$$Q_4 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = 111ZZZZZ 1111111 = J_4$$

$$Q_5 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = 1ZZ11ZZ 1111111 = J_5$$

$$Q_6 \otimes I^{\otimes 7} = Z1Z1Z1Z 1111111 = J_6$$

$$\bar{X}_1 = X^{\otimes 7} \otimes I^{\otimes 7}$$

$$\bar{X}_2 = I^{\otimes 7} \otimes X^{\otimes 7}$$

$$\bar{Z}_1 = Z^{\otimes 7} \otimes I^{\otimes 7}$$

$$\bar{Z}_2 = I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Z^{\otimes 7}$$

$$I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_1 = 1111111111XXX = J_7$$

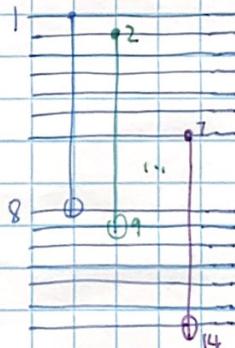
$$I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_2 = 11111111XX11XX = J_8$$

$$I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_3 = 11111111X1X1X1X = J_9$$

$$I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_4 = 1111111111ZZZZZ = J_{10}$$

$$I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_5 = 11111111ZZZ11ZZ = J_{11}$$

$$I^{\otimes 7} \otimes Q_6 = 11111111Z1Z1Z1Z = J_{12}$$



$$\cdot \text{ Let } U = \text{CNOT}_{18} \otimes \text{CNOT}_{29} \otimes \dots \otimes \text{CNOT}_{714}$$

$$\text{Then } U J_i U^\dagger = 111XXX 111XXX = J_i J_{i+7}$$

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Recall $\text{CNOT} X1 \text{ CNOT} = XX$

$$U J_2 U^\dagger = J_2 J_9$$

$$U J_3 U^\dagger = J_3 J_9$$

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

$$U J_{10} U^\dagger = 111ZZZZZ 111ZZZZZ = J_4 J_{10}$$

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$\text{CNOT} Z2 \text{ CNOT} = ZZ$

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

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

$\therefore U$ is a entwined operator.

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

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

$$\therefore U = \overline{\text{CNOT}}_{\bar{Z}_2}.$$

Summary: for the 7-qubit code, encoded $X, Z, R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}, H, \text{CNOT}$
 can be performed transversally (crucial for fault-tolerance). (13)

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

Obs: ① These operations are "bitwise", being tensor power of a physical op, which is symmetric over the qubits in the code block.

This may have implementation / cryptographic advantages.

② $R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}, H, \text{CNOT}$ generate the Clifford group!

Thm: If $U \in C_n$, then $U \in \langle e^{i\theta} I, H_i, R_{\frac{\pi}{4}i}, \text{CNOT}_{ij} (i < j) \rangle$.
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 which qubit(s) the gates act on

i.e. the Clifford group is generated (multiplicatively) by $H, R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}, \text{CNOT}$.

Pf idea: Note that $R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^2 \propto Z$, so, $H, R_{\frac{\pi}{4}}$ generate the Pauli subgroup.

Recall $\hat{C}_n = C_n / \langle e^{i\theta} I \rangle$, $\hat{C}_n = \hat{C}_n / \hat{P}_n$, focus on \hat{C}_n .

specify $U \in \hat{C}_n$ by $f(x_i) = Ux_i U^\dagger$, $f(z_i) = Uz_i U^\dagger$, $i=1\dots n$.

Switch to symplectic rep: $\mathcal{V}_{f(x_i)} = (x_{f(x_i)}, z_{f(x_i)})$

$\mathcal{V}_{f(z_i)} = (x_{f(z_i)}, z_{f(z_i)})$

The map f (from \hat{P}_n to \hat{P}_n) induces a linear transf on $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2n}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \begin{matrix} \uparrow & \\ n & x_{f(x_i)} \\ \downarrow & \\ n & z_{f(x_i)} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \uparrow & \\ n & x_{f(z_i)} \\ \downarrow & \\ n & z_{f(z_i)} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_p \\ \dots \\ z_p \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_{\text{uput}} \\ \dots \\ z_{\text{uput}} \end{matrix} \\
 & \xleftarrow{n} & \xleftarrow{n} & = & \\
 & i\text{th col} & i\text{th col} & & \\
 & = \mathcal{V}_{f(x_i)} & = \mathcal{V}_{f(z_i)} & &
 \end{array}$$

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eg H_1 is represented by :

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & \\ \hline : & I & : & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & \\ \hline : & 0 & : & I \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(Swaps X_1 & Z_1
leaves the rest invariant) $(R_{\frac{\pi}{4}})$, is represented by :

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \hline 0 & I & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(takes X_1 to iX_1Z_1
leaves the rest invariant) $(CNOT)_{1,2}$ is rep by :

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 1 & & & \\ \hline 0 & I & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & 1 \\ \hline : & 0 & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(takes X_1 to X_1X_2
 Z_2 to Z_1Z_2
leaves the rest inv)

- Call the symplectic rep of $U \in \mathbb{C}_n$ $\overset{\vee}{S}(U)$.
- Columns of $\overset{\vee}{S}(U)$ satisfy symplectic inner product governed by (anti) comm relations of the Pauli's.
- Left multiplications by $\overset{\vee}{S}(H_i)$, $\overset{\vee}{S}(R_{\frac{\pi}{4}i})$, $\overset{\vee}{S}(CNOT_{i,j})$ corr to special row operations, right multiplication corr to column operations.
- $\overset{\vee}{S}(U) \cdot \overset{\vee}{S}(V) = \overset{\vee}{S}(UV)$
- These row / col operations preserve the full rank of $\overset{\vee}{S}(U)$, but can be chosen to strictly reduce the # of 1's.
- \exists a sequence of these row / col operations to transform $\overset{\vee}{S}(U)$ to I_{2n} .
 $\therefore \exists$ a sequence of $H, R, CNOT$ that left/right multiply to U resulting in $I \in \mathbb{C}_n$.
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 $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ of them

- $I \in \check{C}_n$ correspond to an operator $P \in \hat{P}_n$.

$$\therefore V_1 V_2 \dots V_t U V_{t+1} \dots V_r = P \quad \text{with } r \sim O(n^2)$$

$$\therefore U = V_t^\dagger \dots V_2^\dagger V_1^\dagger P V_r^\dagger V_{r-1}^\dagger \dots V_{t+1}^\dagger$$

where each V_i is H , R_x or CNOT.

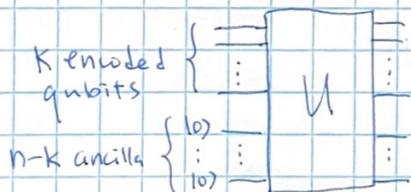
Remarks:

① Proof of thm is constructive

② We can obtain encoding circuit for any stabilizer code.

Say block length = n , # encoded qubits = k , Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_{n-k} generate S .

\bar{X}_i, \bar{Z}_i are logical Pauli's.



$$\text{Want: } UX_i U^\dagger = \bar{X}_i$$

$$UZ_i U^\dagger = \bar{Z}_i \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$UZ_j U^\dagger = Q_{j-k} \quad \text{for } j=k+1, k+2, \dots, n$$

Augment: $UX_j U^\dagger$ for $j=k+1, k+2, \dots, n$, preserving needed com/anti-com relations.

Take $UX_i U^\dagger, UZ_i U^\dagger$ for $i=1, \dots, n$ and apply Thm to get sequence of R, H, CNOT.

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

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

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

$\{G, R\}$, H , (NOT) universal.

The C^k hierarchy:

Let $C' = \bigcup_n P_n$

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

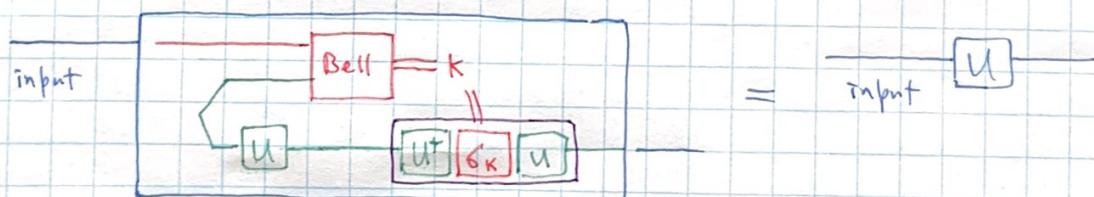
$$\text{Let } C^3 = \bigcup_n \{U \in \mathcal{U}(2^n) : UP_nU^+ \subseteq C_n\} = \bigcup_n \{U \in \mathcal{U}(2^n) : UP_nU^+ \subseteq C^2\}$$

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

Teleporting a C^3 gate:



- ① This box teleports, then apply U
 - ② This box can be implemented with

- ① State $|0\rangle|1\rangle$ (max entangled state) \leftarrow Will learn more in part II
 - ✓ ② Bell measurement (XX, ZZ)
 - ✓ ③ $U_0 \otimes U_1^\dagger$ which is Clifford!

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