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Abstract: While quantum computers are naturally well-suited to implementing linear operations, it is less clear how to implement nonlinear operations on quantum computers. However, nonlinear subroutines may prove key to a range of applications of quantum computing from solving nonlinear equations to data processing and quantum machine learning. Here we develop algorithms for implementing nonlinear transformations of input quantum states. Our algorithms are framed around the concept of a weighted state, a mathematical entity describing the output of an operational procedure involving both quantum circuits and classical post-processing.

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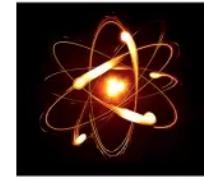
The Challenge



Quantum mechanics is inherently linear:

- Schroedinger's equation is linear

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi$$



- Unitary operations (which govern the evolution of quantum states) are linear

$$U(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) = \alpha U|0\rangle + \beta U|1\rangle$$



Therefore quantum computers are naturally adept at implementing linear operations

But to exploit the full power of quantum computing we may need to implement non-linear operations...

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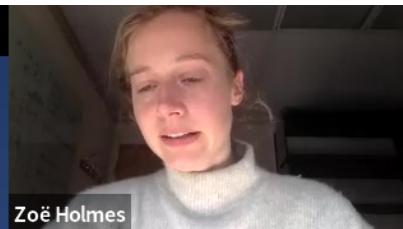
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Also consider functions of multiple pure states: $|\psi^{in}\rangle = |\psi^{(0)}\rangle \dots |\psi^{(k)}\rangle \Leftrightarrow |\tau\rangle = \sum_j h(\vec{v}_{\psi^{in}})_j |j\rangle$

Vector containing all amplitudes of $|\psi^{in}\rangle$



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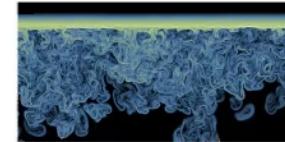
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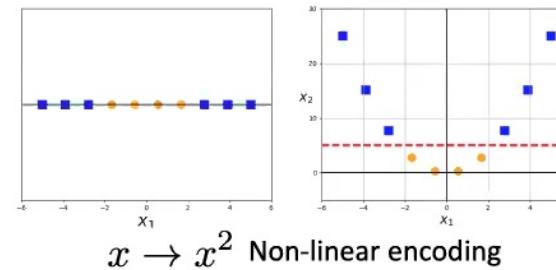
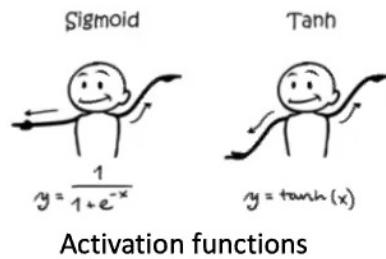
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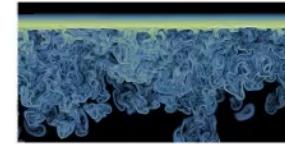
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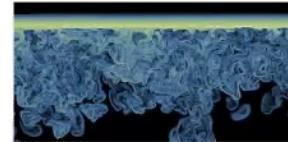
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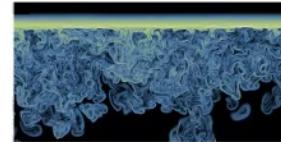
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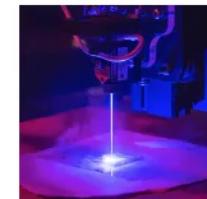
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"A solution searching
for a problem?"



Outline of rest of talk



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- 1) Introduce the weighted state framework
- 2) Introduce three primitives for implementing non-linear operations
 - Quantum Hadamard Product
 - Generalized Transpose
 - Quantum State Polynomial
- 3) Sampling complexity analysis

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Framework



Note that $|\tau\rangle = |f(\psi)\rangle$ (or more generally $\tau = f(\rho)$) may not be a genuine quantum state.

We only ever have access to quantum states through measurement outcomes

So we don't need to (and often won't be able to) prepare τ on a quantum register...

Rather, we just need to find an operational strategy to compute

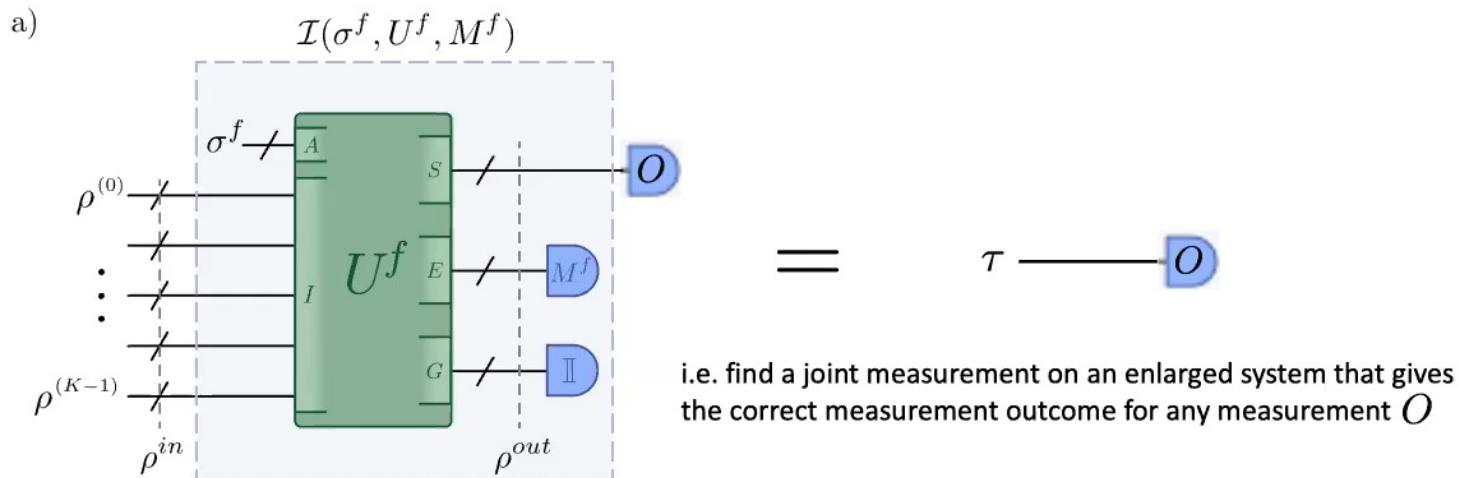
$$\langle O \rangle_\tau = \text{Tr}[\tau O] \quad (\text{or more generally compute } \text{Tr}[U(\tau \otimes \rho_{\text{other}})U^\dagger O])$$



Weighted states



Key idea: Find ρ_{out} and M such that: $\text{Tr}[\tau O] = \text{Tr}[\rho_{\text{out}} (O_S \otimes M_E \otimes \mathbb{I}_G)] \quad \forall O$

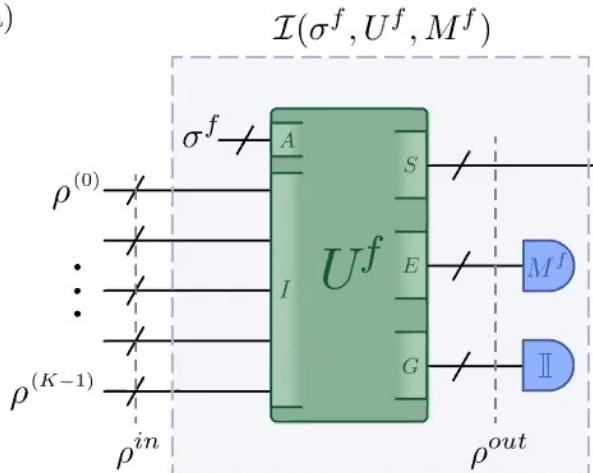


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a)



Since this holds for any observable O we can write

$$\tau = \text{Tr}_{MG}[\rho_{\text{out}} (\mathbb{I}_S \otimes M_E \otimes \mathbb{I}_G)]$$

Can use this framework to implement non-linear operations if we feed in multiple copies of the same input

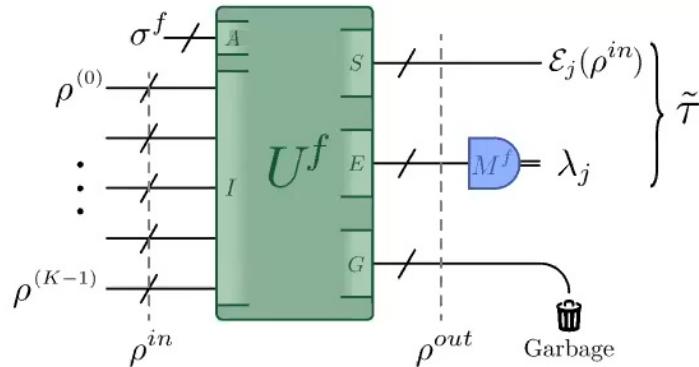
e.g. for $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\psi^k\rangle$ need $\rho^{(0)} = \dots = \rho^{(k)} = \psi$
 $(|f(\psi)\rangle = \sum_i f(\psi_i)|i\rangle)$

Weighted states (alternative perspective)



τ is a ‘weighted state’

b)



“re-weight output states
by obtained eigenvalues”

$$\tau = \sum_j \lambda_j p_j \frac{\mathcal{E}_j(\rho^{in})}{p_j}$$

Diagram annotations:

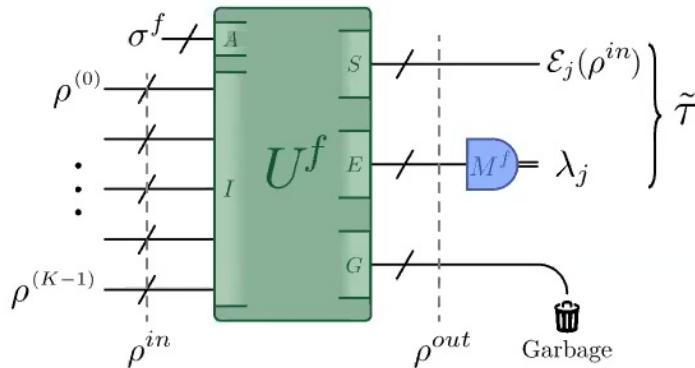
- Blue arrows point from the terms λ_j and p_j to the label "eigenvalue".
- Blue arrows point from the term $\mathcal{E}_j(\rho^{in})$ to the label "Conditional output".
- Blue arrows point from the term p_j to the label "Probability of getting it".

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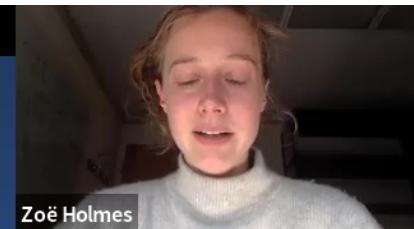
$$\text{Where } \mathcal{E}_j(\rho_{\text{in}}) = \text{Tr}_{EG}(U^f(\sigma_A^f \otimes \rho_{\text{in}})U^{f\dagger}(\mathbb{I}_S \otimes |\lambda_j\rangle\langle\lambda_j|_E \otimes \mathbb{I}_G))$$

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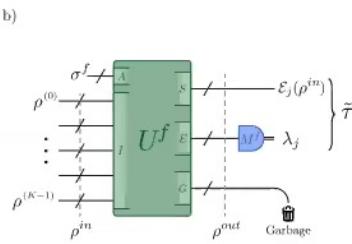
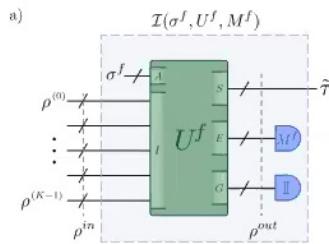
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Same output as before...
the two pictures are equivalent

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This definition agrees with previous definition:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \sum_j \lambda_j p_j \frac{\mathcal{E}_j(\rho_{\text{in}})}{p_j} = \sum_j \lambda_j \mathcal{E}_j(\rho_{\text{in}}) \\ &= \sum_j \lambda_j \text{Tr}_{EG}(U^f(\sigma_A^f \otimes \rho_{\text{in}})U^{f\dagger}(\mathbb{I}_S \otimes |\lambda_j\rangle\langle\lambda_j|_E \otimes \mathbb{I}_G)) \\ &= \text{Tr}_{EG}(U^f(\sigma_A^f \otimes \rho_{\text{in}})U^{f\dagger}(\mathbb{I}_S \otimes M_E \otimes \mathbb{I}_G))\end{aligned}$$



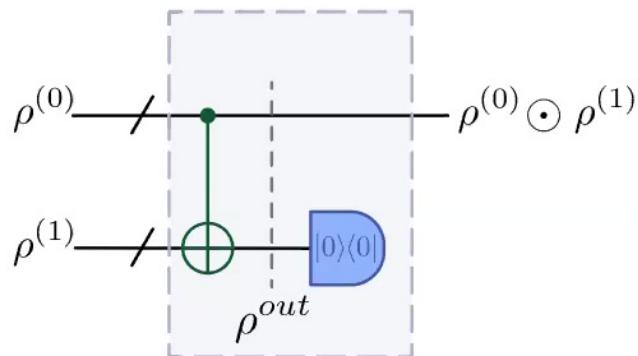
Quantum Hadamard Product

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Definition:

$$|\psi^{(0)}\rangle \odot |\psi^{(1)}\rangle \equiv \sum_i \psi_i^{(0)} \psi_i^{(1)} |i\rangle$$

Circuit:



Claim:

$$\tau = \text{Tr}_2[|0\rangle\langle 0|\rho_{\text{out}}] = |\psi^{(0)} \odot \psi^{(1)}\rangle\langle\psi^{(0)} \odot \psi^{(1)}|$$

Proof:

$$|\psi^{(0)}\rangle|\psi^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{ij} \psi_i^{(0)} \psi_j^{(1)} |ij\rangle$$

$$\text{CNOT} \rightarrow \rho_{\text{out}} = \sum_{ij} \psi_i^{(0)} \psi_j^{(1)} |ij \oplus i\rangle \times \text{c.c.}$$

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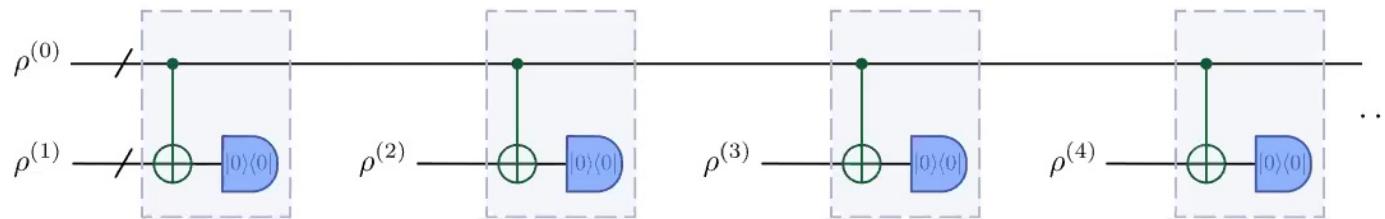
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Or more generally $\rho^{(0)} \odot \rho^{(1)} = \sum_{ij} \rho_{ij}^{(0)} \rho_{ij}^{(1)} |i\rangle\langle j|$

Circuit: Repeated use implements powers of states

$$|\psi \odot \psi \odot \cdots \odot \psi\rangle \equiv |\psi^p\rangle \equiv \sum_i \psi_i^p |i\rangle$$



Generalized Transpose Operation



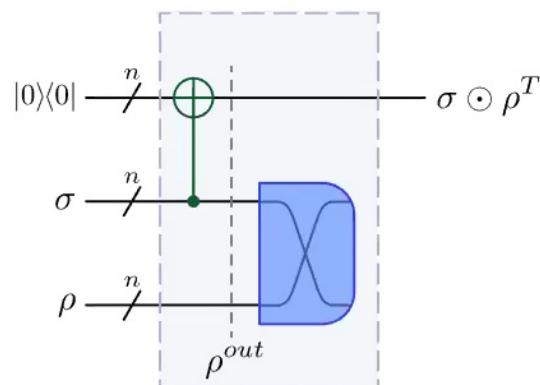
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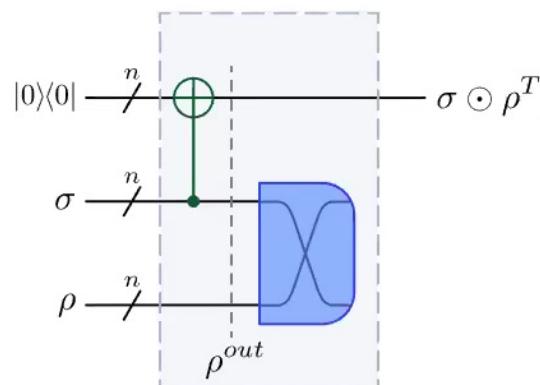
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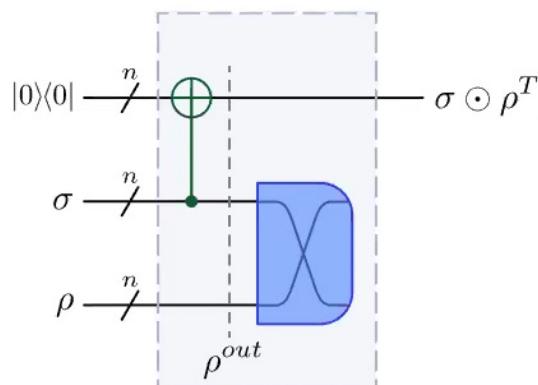
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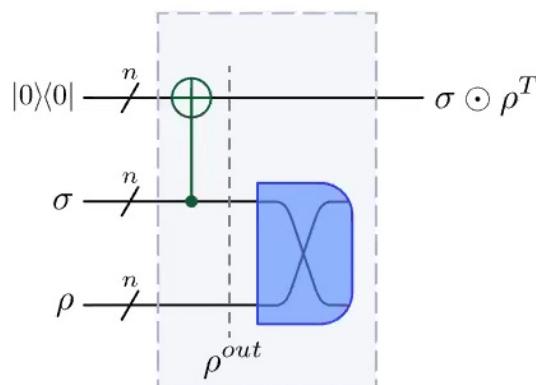
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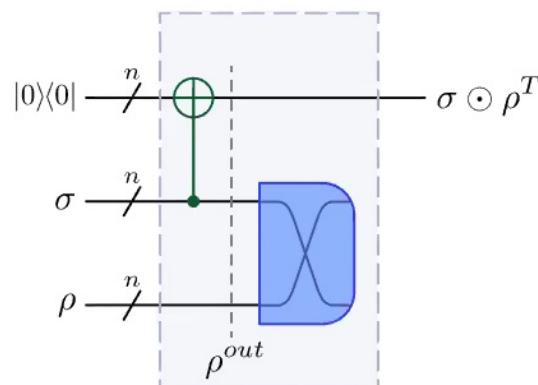
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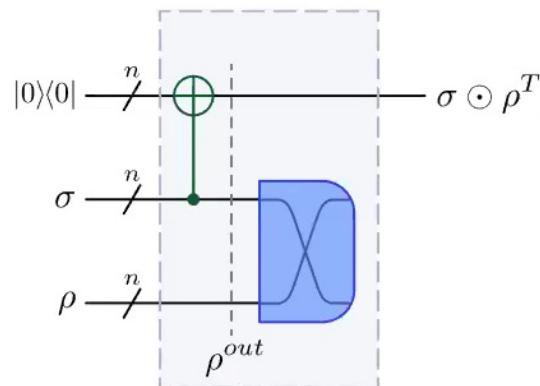
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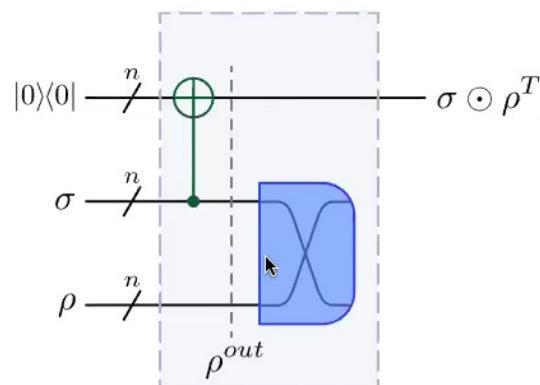


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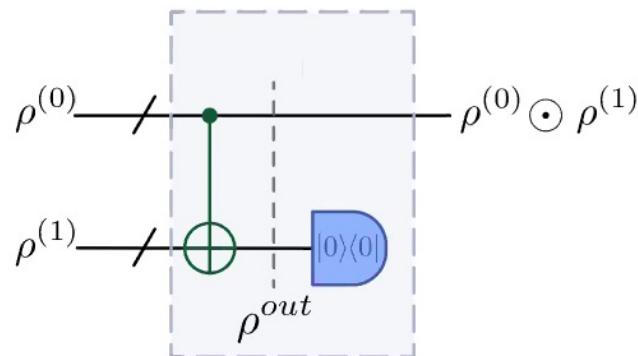
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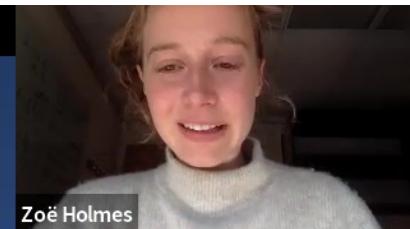


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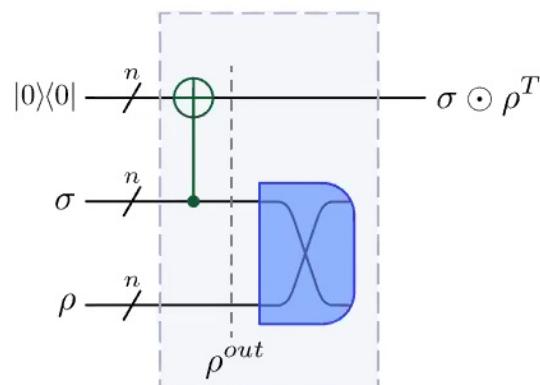
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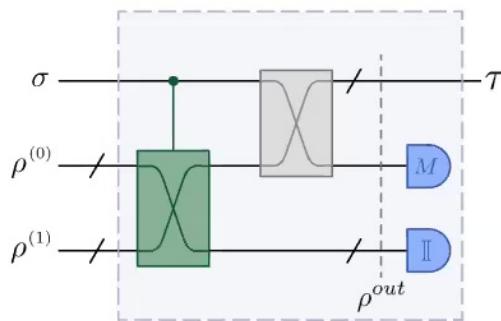
Definition:

$$\tau = \alpha_{00}\rho^{(0)} + \alpha_{11}\rho^{(1)} + \alpha_{01}\rho^{(0)}\rho^{(1)} + \alpha_{10}\rho^{(1)}\rho^{(0)}$$

Think about alpha coefficients
as forming a matrix

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} & \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

Circuit:



You'll have to believe me on this.

Simple enough to show... but I thought I'd
spare you a slide full of algebra.

Pick σ and M such that $\alpha = \sigma \odot M^T$

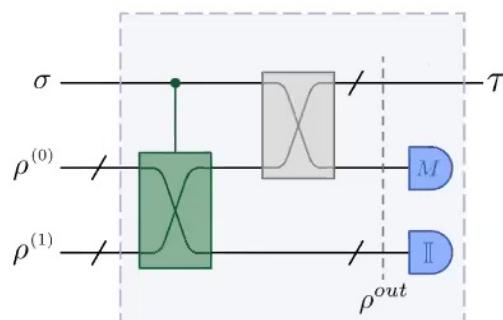
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Circuit:



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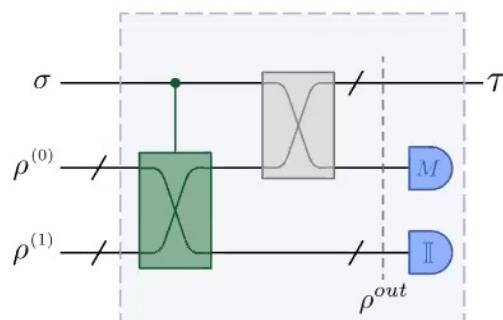
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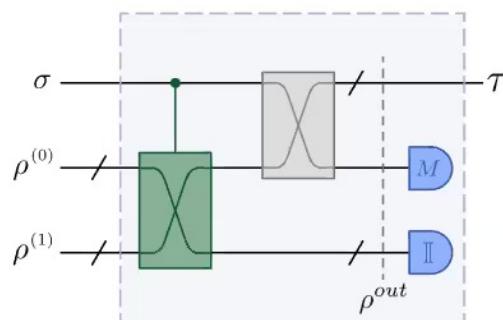
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Comparing two expressions we can see that

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$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha_0|^2 & \frac{\alpha_0\alpha_1^*}{\langle\psi_0|\psi_1\rangle} \\ \frac{\alpha_1\alpha_0^*}{\langle\psi_1|\psi_0\rangle} & |\alpha_1|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Can use } \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} |\beta_0|^2 & \beta_0\beta_1^* \\ \beta_1\beta_0^* & |\beta_1|^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{|\alpha_0|^2}{|\beta_0|^2} & \frac{\alpha_1\alpha_0^*}{\beta_1\beta_0^*\langle\psi_1|\psi_0\rangle} \\ \frac{\alpha_0\alpha_1^*}{\beta_0\beta_1^*\langle\psi_0|\psi_1\rangle} & \frac{|\alpha_1|^2}{|\beta_1|^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$\sigma = |\beta\rangle\langle\beta| \text{ with } |\beta\rangle = \beta_0|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle$$

Concatenation: Arbitrary Polynomials

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Use Quantum Hadamard Product to implement powers of states

$$|\psi \odot \psi \odot \cdots \odot \psi\rangle \equiv |\psi^p\rangle \equiv \sum_i \psi_i^p |i\rangle$$

Use Quantum State Polynomial to take linear combinations of states

$$\alpha_0 |\psi\rangle + \alpha_1 |\psi^2\rangle + \dots$$

Combine the two to implement arbitrary functions (power series) of states

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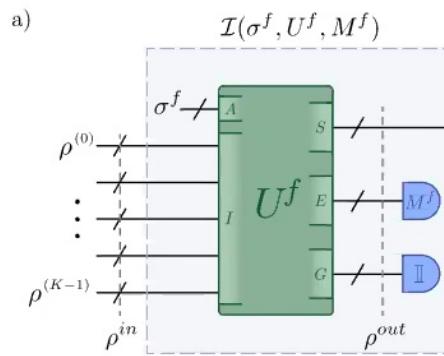
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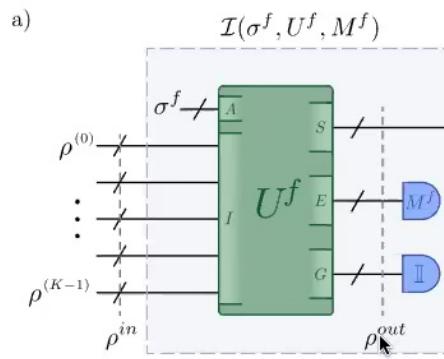
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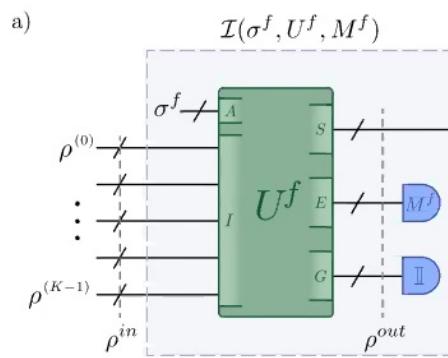
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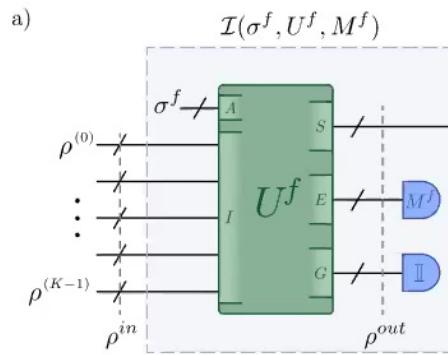
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If freedom- chose M to minimize sampling complexity.

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Bounding the variance



Roeland Wiersema

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The variance (and sampling complexity) depends on the measurement O performed on the weighted state

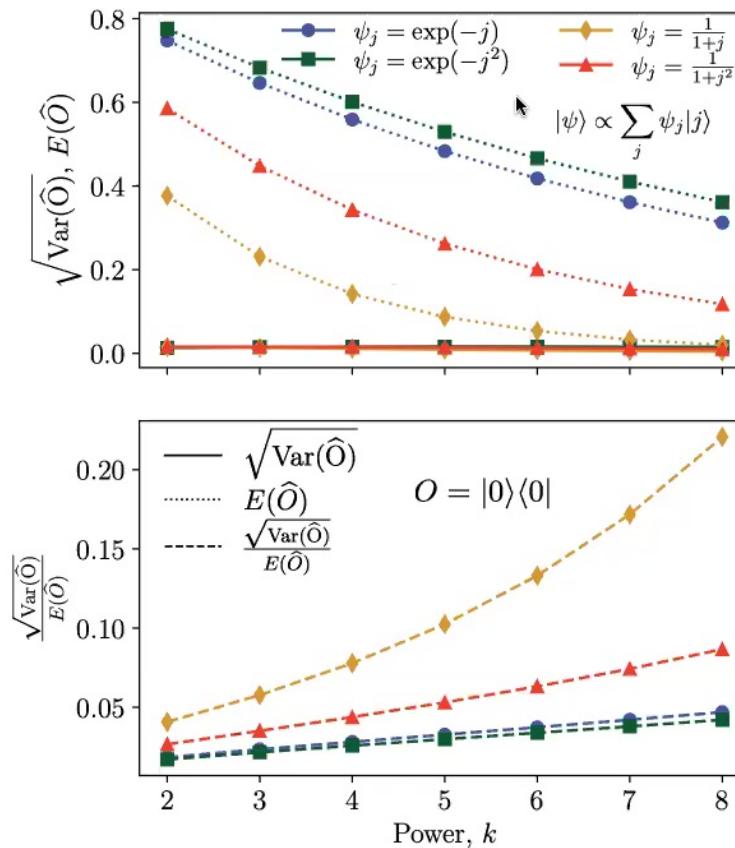
To compare the sampling complexity of different algorithms it is helpful to derive an operator independent bound on the variance:

$$\text{Var}(\widehat{XY}) \leq 2\text{Var}(\widehat{X})\|Y\|_{\infty}^2 + 2\langle X \rangle^2\text{Var}(\widehat{Y}) \leq 2\langle X^2 \rangle \quad \text{Assuming } \|Y\|_{\infty} \leq 1$$

→ Variance of weighted state circuit bounded as: $\text{Var} \leq \frac{2\text{Tr}[\rho^{\text{out}}(\mathbb{I} \otimes M \otimes \mathbb{I})^2]}{s}$

Powers of states error analysis

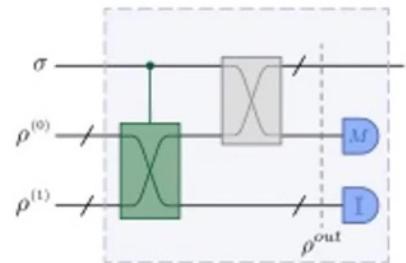
$$|\psi^k\rangle$$



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Optimizing initial state for linear combination of states analysis

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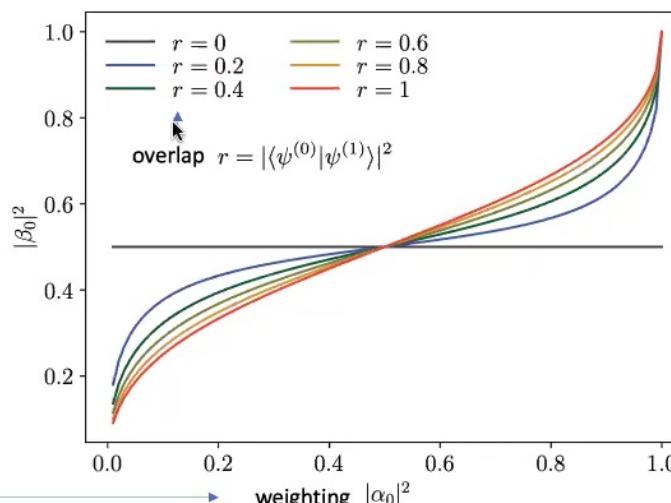
Recall there is freedom in how to pick the initial state σ

Suppose, as before we write:

$$\sigma = |\beta\rangle\langle\beta| \text{ with } |\beta\rangle = \beta_0|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle$$

Then we find that....

Optimum choice in β_0



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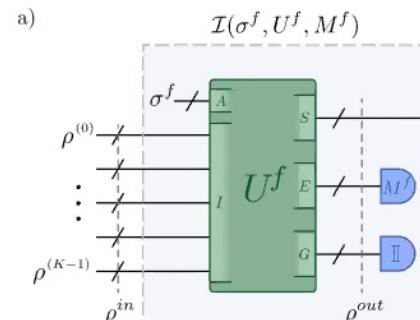
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