

Quantum Computing with Pictures

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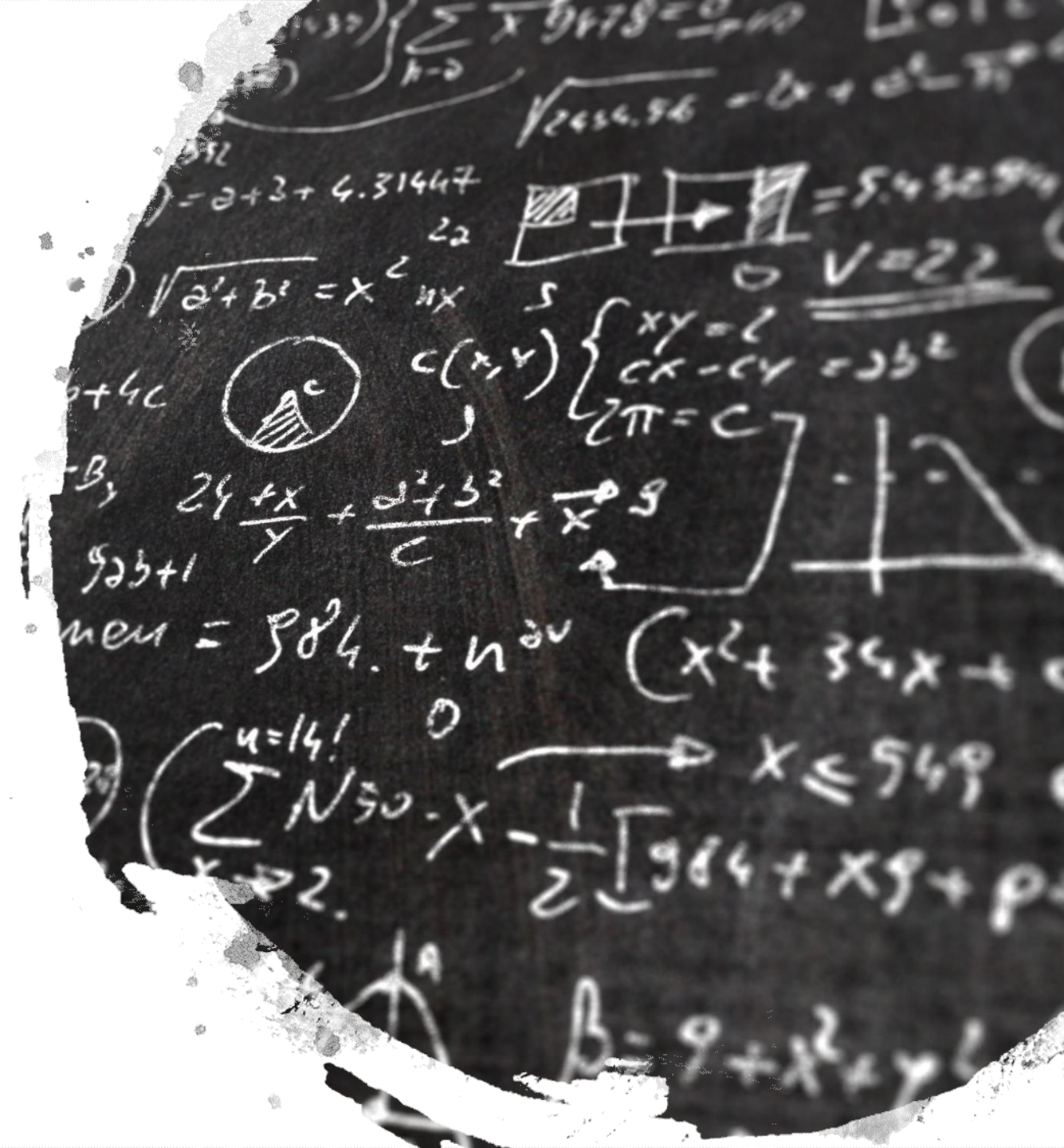
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In this Masterclass

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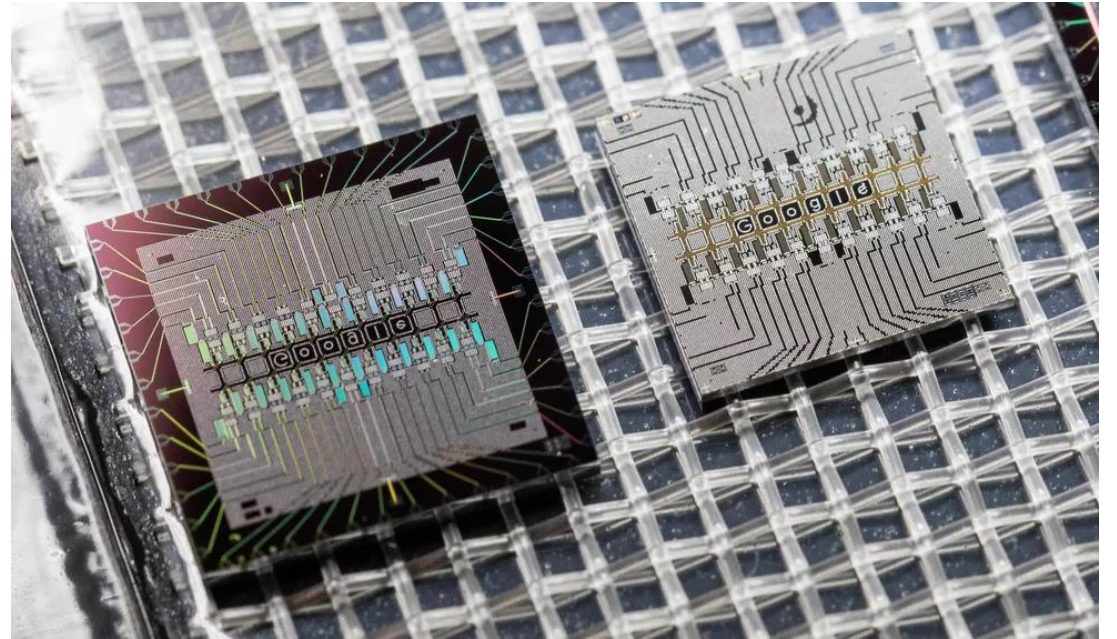
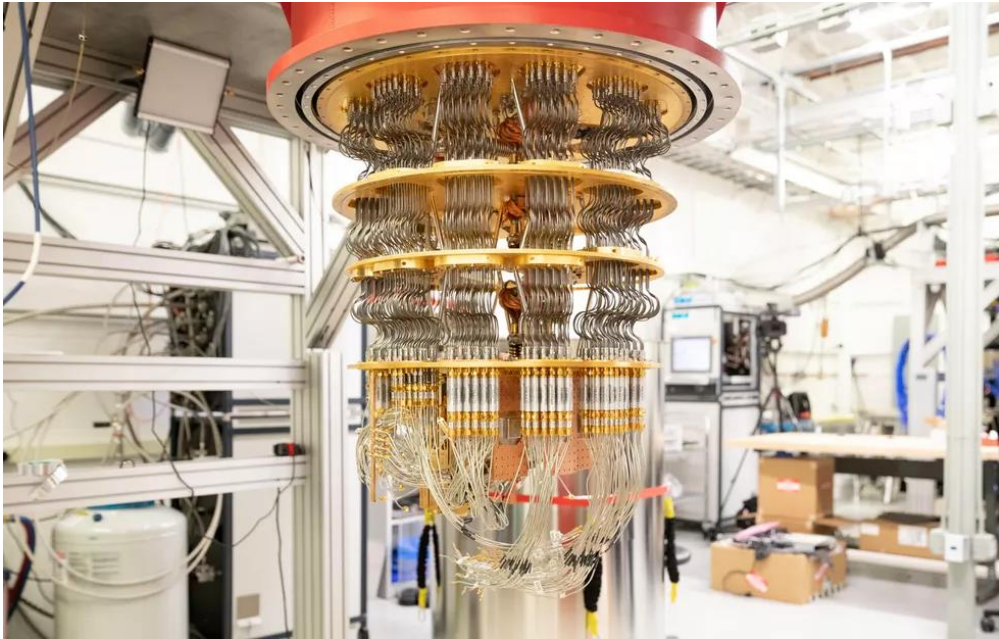
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- Quantum Arithmetic



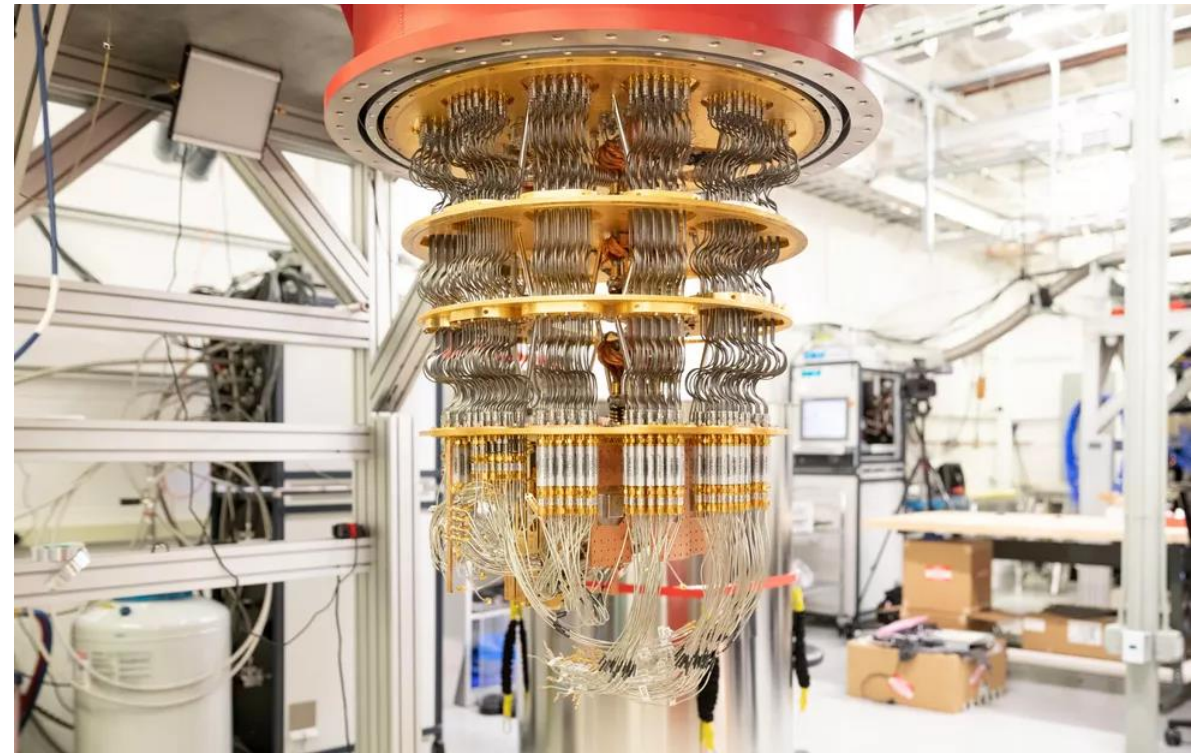
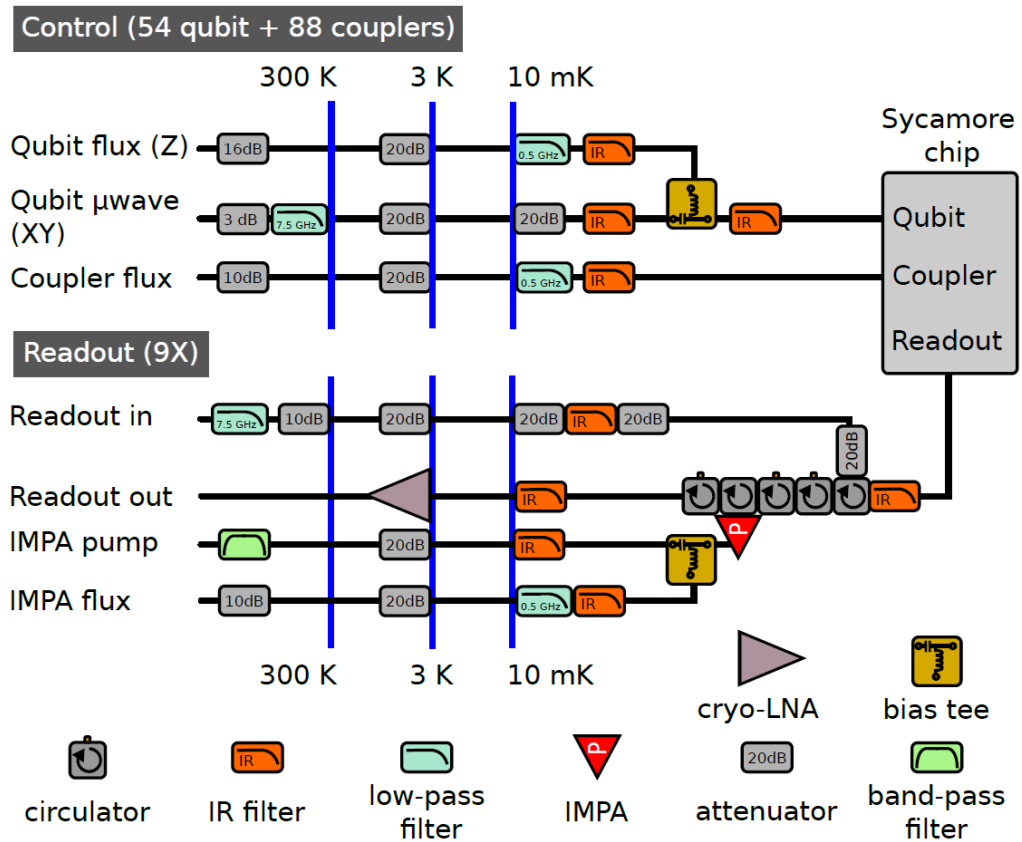


Introduction

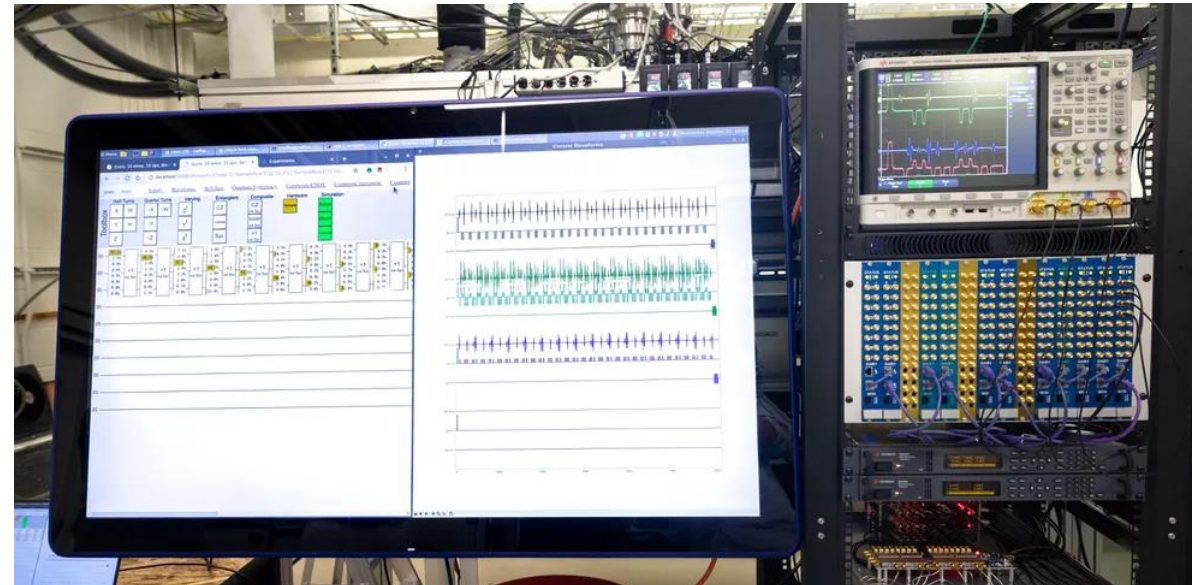
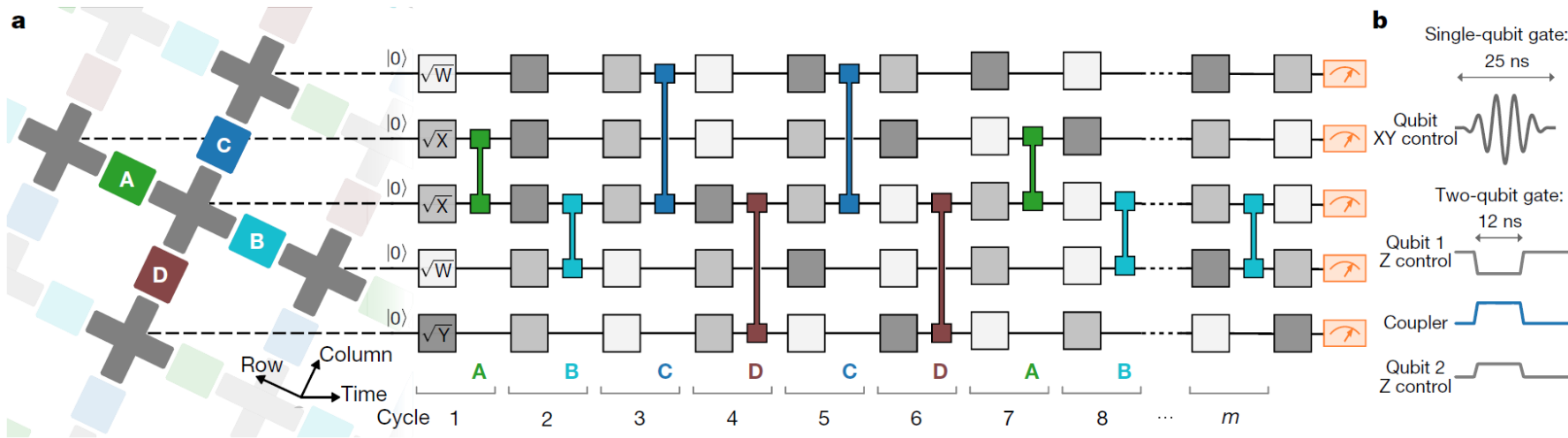
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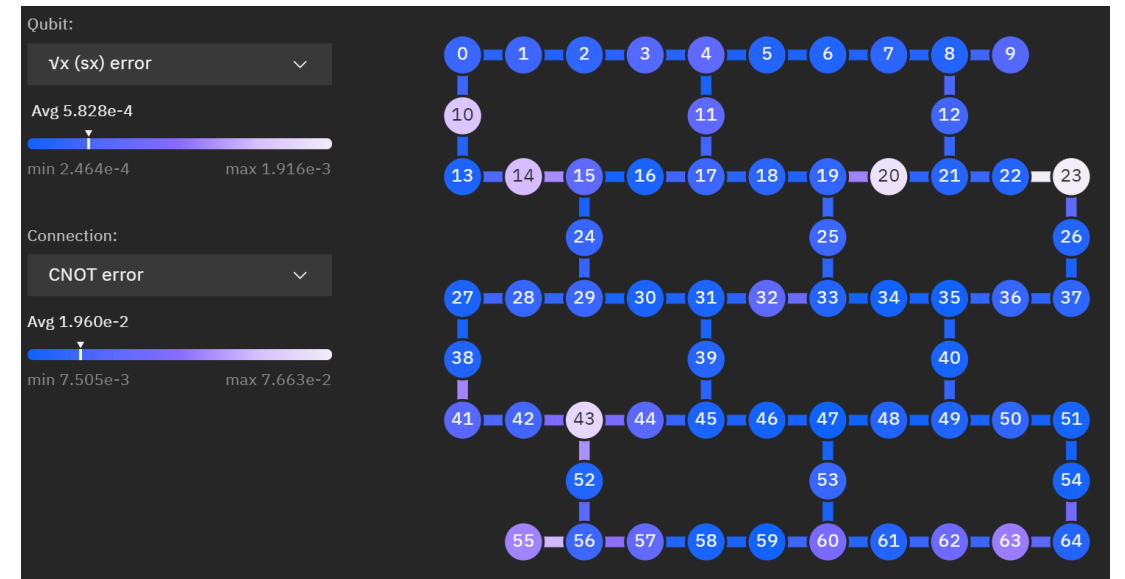
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The screenshot displays the IBM Quantum service dashboard. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the IBM Quantum logo and search, help, and user icons. Below this, the 'Quantum services' section provides a brief description and links for 'New reservation' and 'How to cite'. The main content area features a filter bar with 'All (28)' and 'Yours (22)' tabs, a search bar, and view toggles for 'Card' and 'Table'. A list of quantum systems is shown in a grid, each with its name, status, processor type, and qubit/quantum volume details. Each system card includes a small icon of a quantum circuit.

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ibmq_paris	Online	Falcon r4	27	32
ibmq_casablanca	Online	Falcon r4H	7	32
ibmq_manila	Online	Falcon r5.11L	5	32
ibmq_bogota	Online	Falcon r4L	5	32
ibmq_santiago	Online	Falcon r4L	5	32
ibmq_rome	Online	Falcon r4L	5	32
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ibmq_jakarta	Online	Falcon r5.11H	7	16
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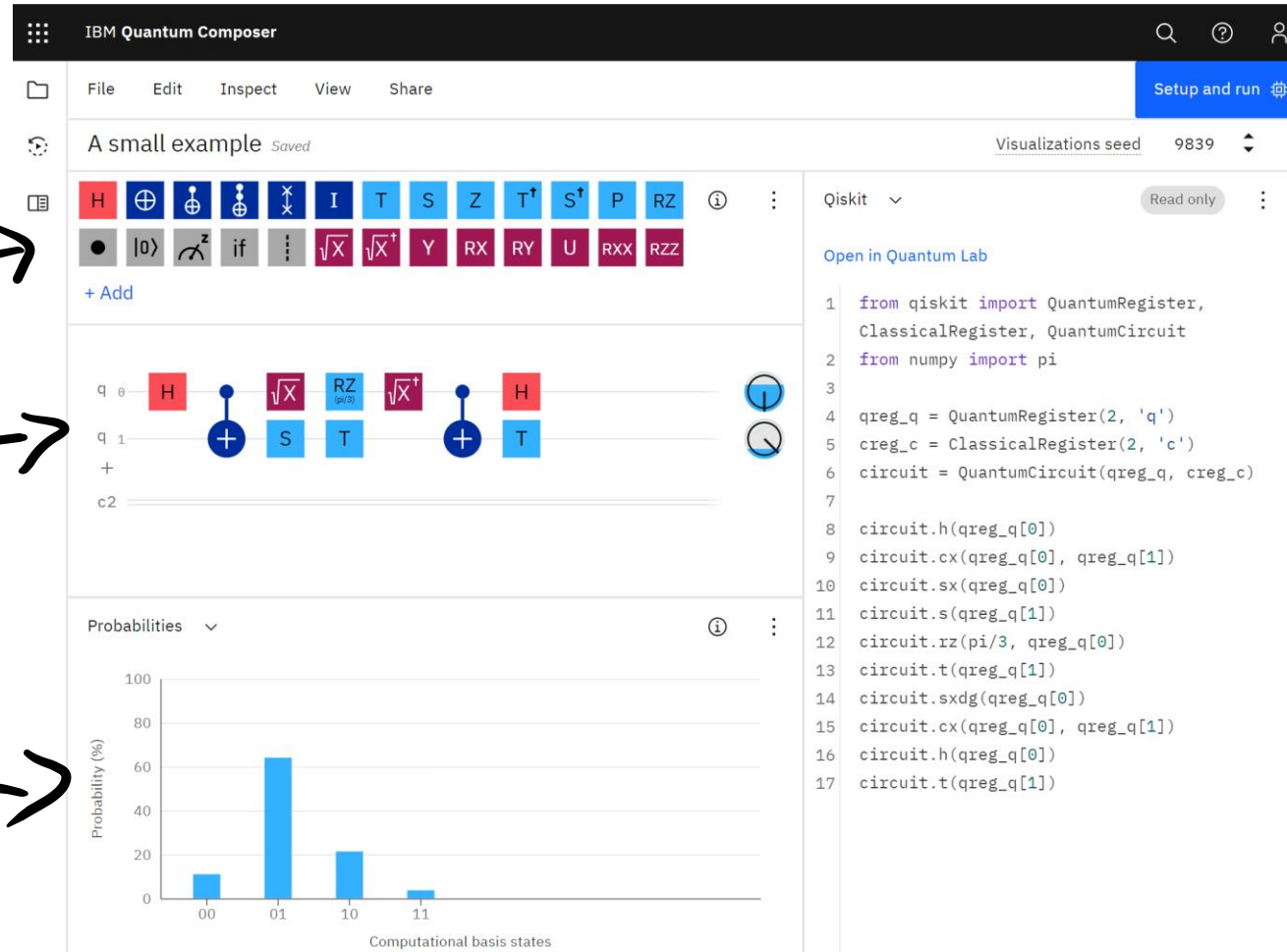
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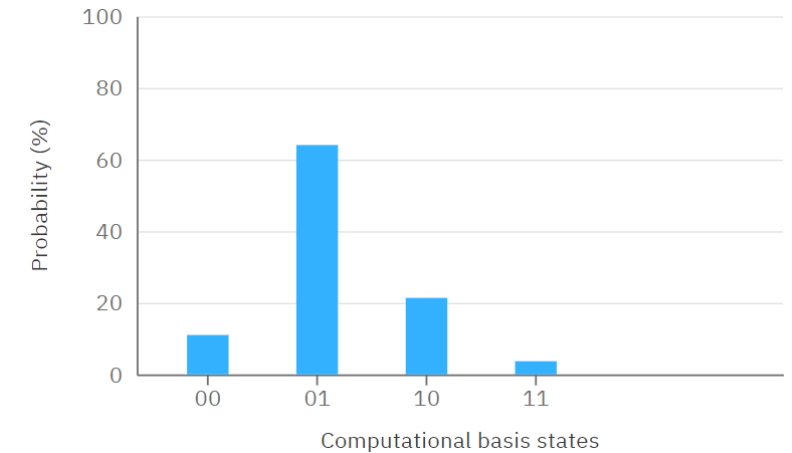
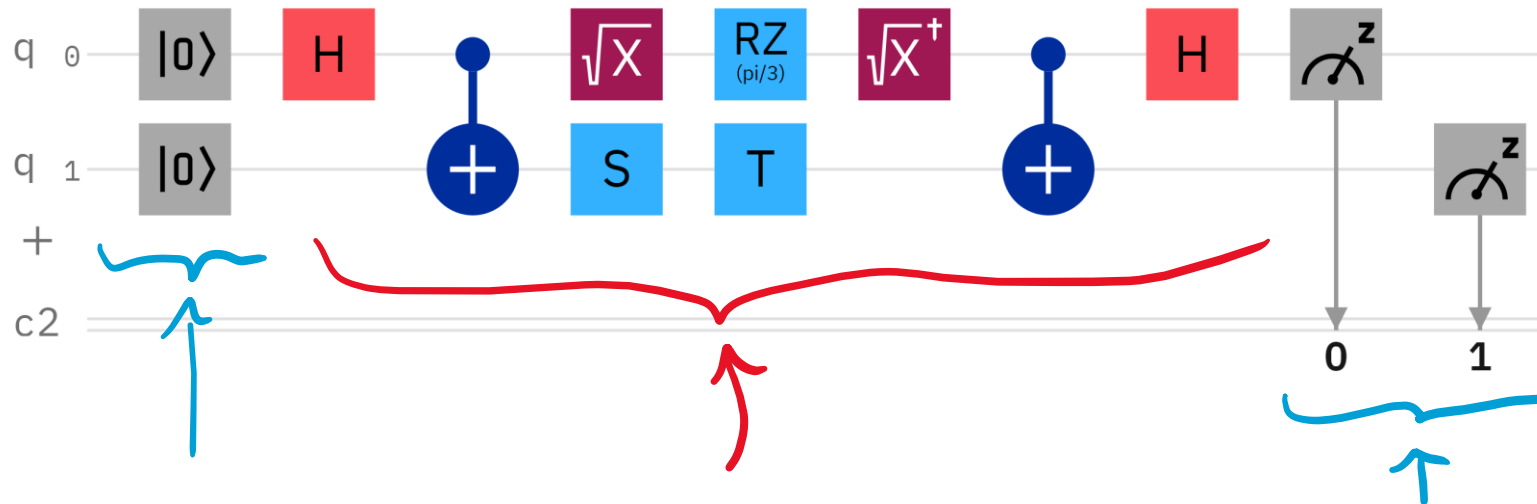
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Python code
creating the
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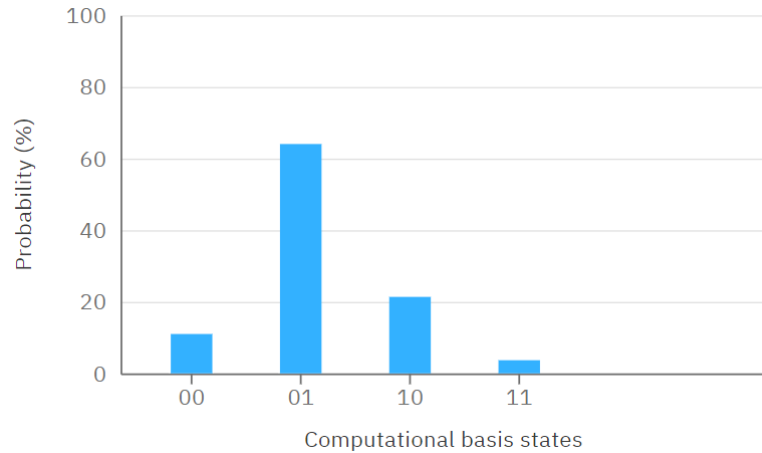
1. Qubits are prepared in a standard $|0\rangle$ state at the start of the computation.

2. Gates are applied to the qubits one after the other, as specified by the circuit.

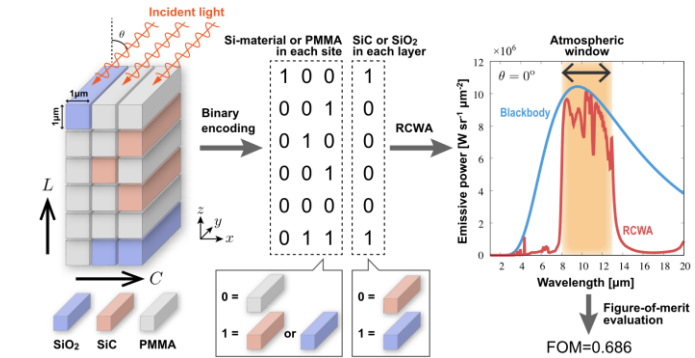
3. Qubits are measured, yielding a bitstring (0 or 1 for each qubit), aka a “measurement outcome”

4. Process is repeated many times and the histogram of observed outcomes is returned.

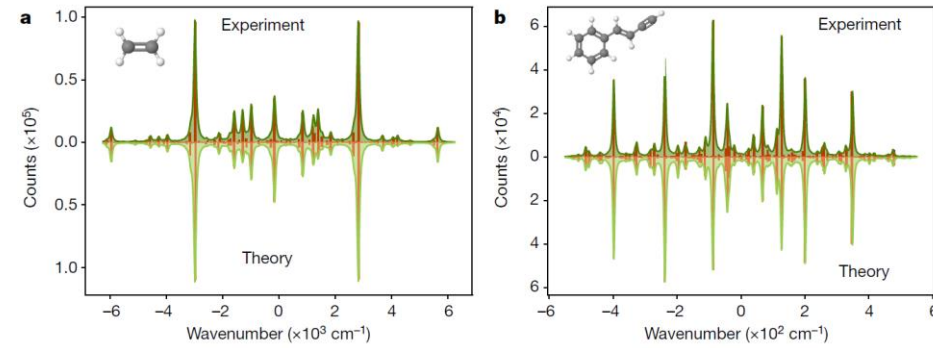
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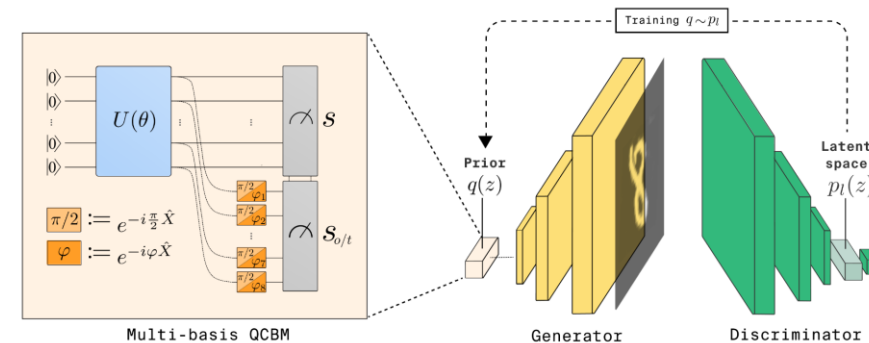
5. The measurement outcome probabilities are post-processed and used to solve interesting real-world problems (usually as part of larger classical algorithms).



Material design



Molecular chemistry

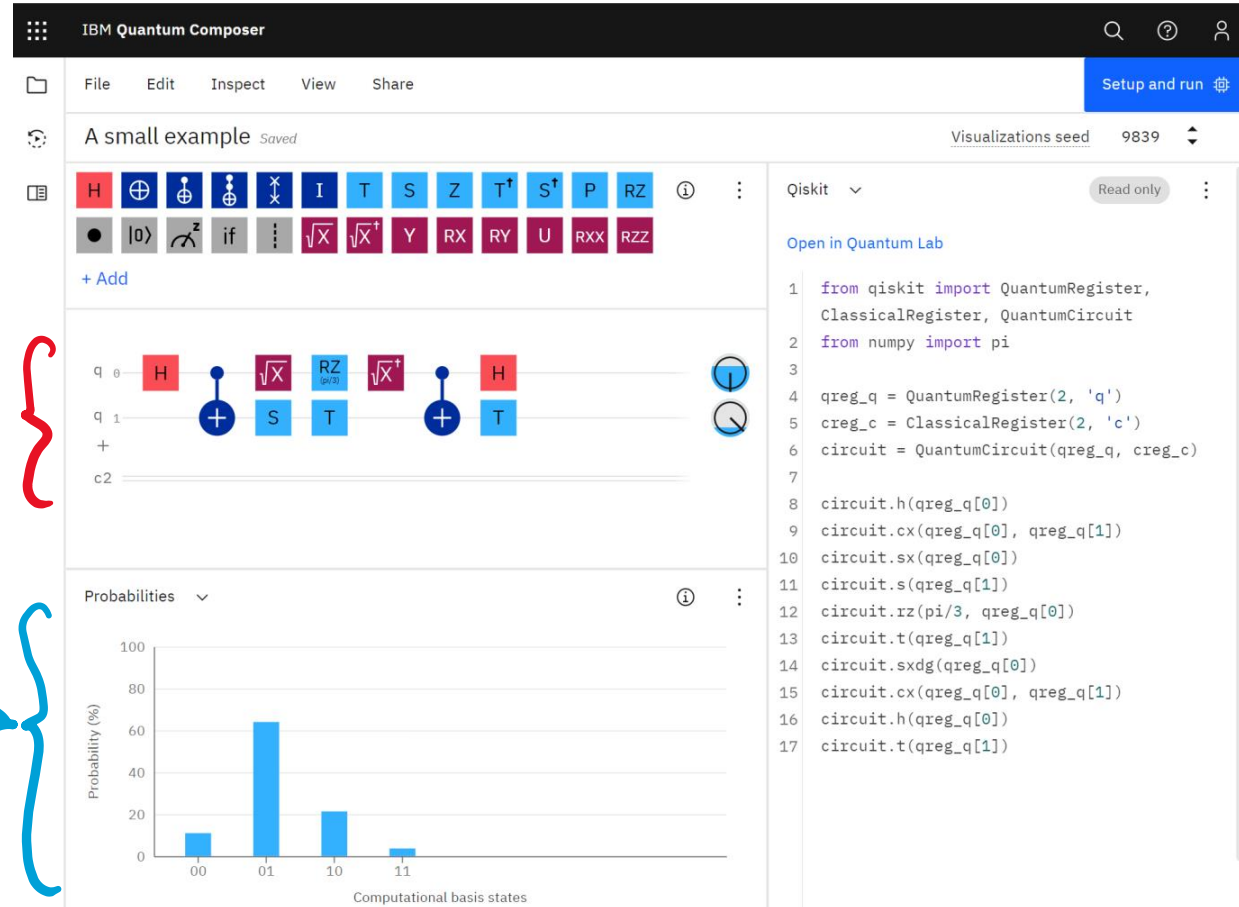


Machine learning

Quantum Computing

Problem

Given a circuit, how
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probabilities that will
be observed from it?

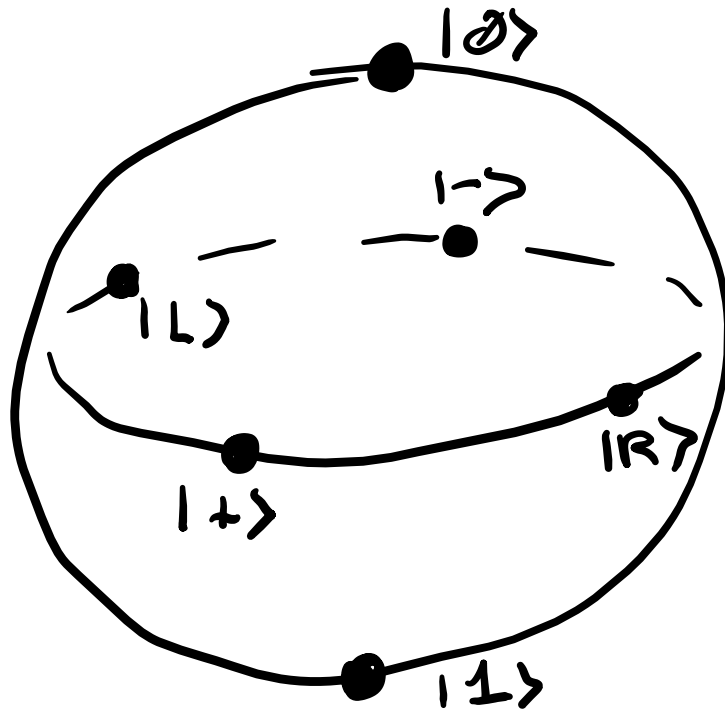


(That is, how do we know which circuits are useful for which problems?)

Bits and Qubits

- A bit can take two values: 0 or 1
- A qubit can take infinitely many values: points on a sphere

Known as the
“Bloch sphere”



Named quantum states:

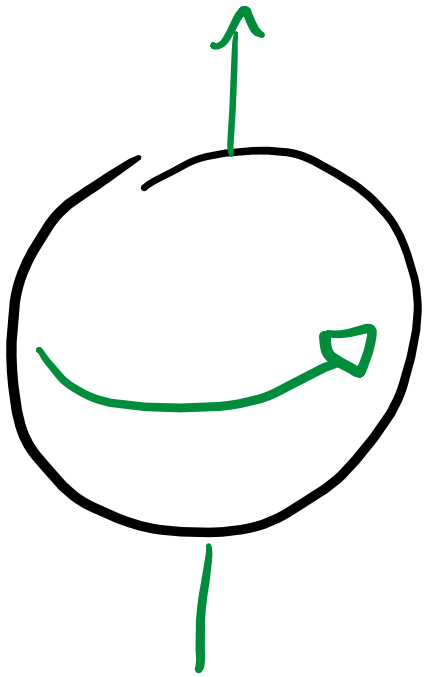
“ket” notation

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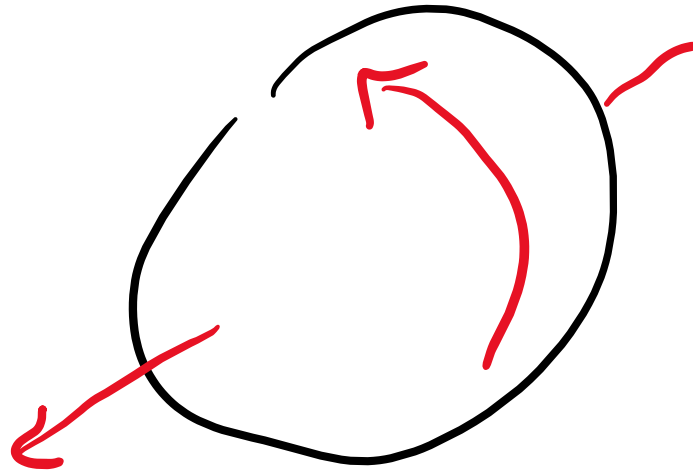
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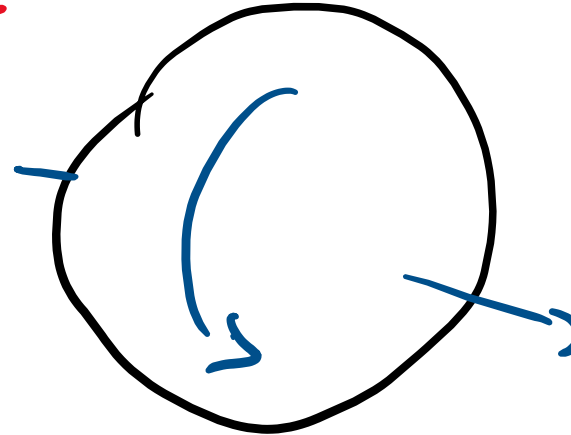
Transformations of a qubit: rotations of the sphere



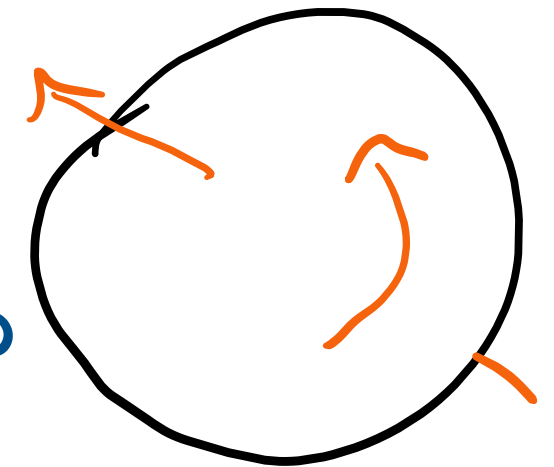
Z-axis rotations



X-axis rotations



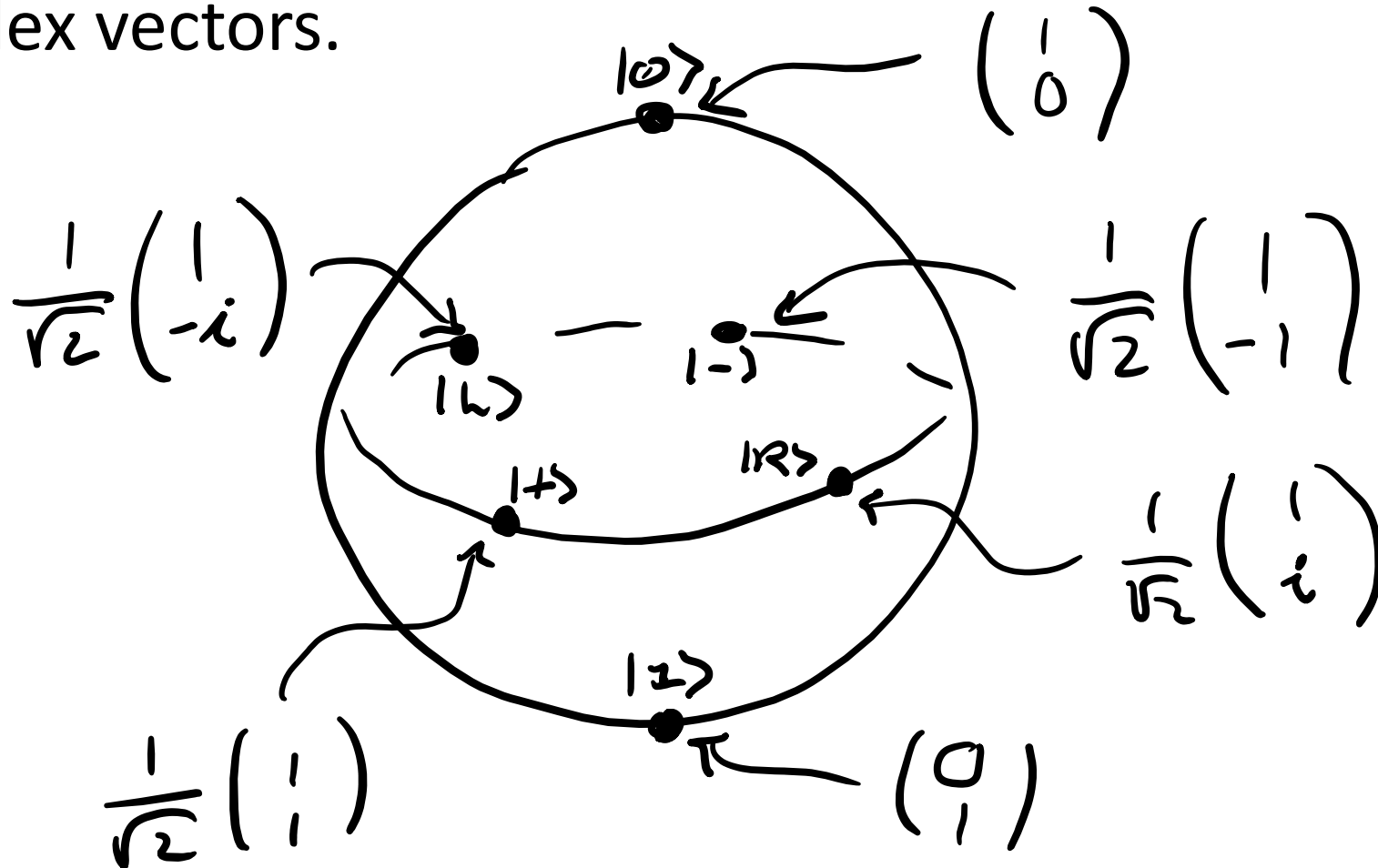
Y-axis rotations



other axis rotations

Bits and Qubits

Qubit values (known as “states”) are traditionally written as complex vectors.



Bits and Qubits

The vectors for an n-qubit state have 2^n components.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

1-qubit state
= 2 components

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

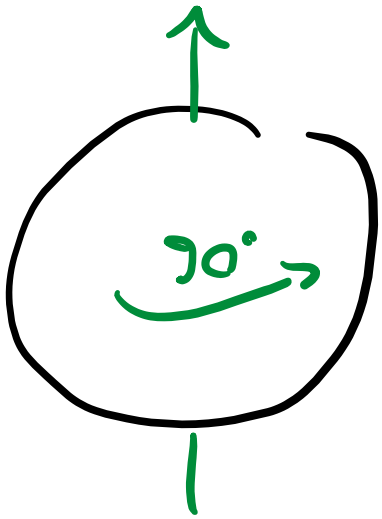
2-qubit state
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$$\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} \\ -i \\ \sqrt{3}i \\ -\sqrt{3}i \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

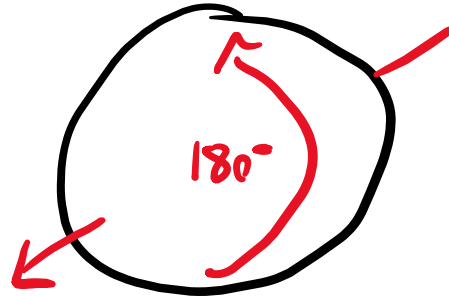
3-qubit state
= 8 components

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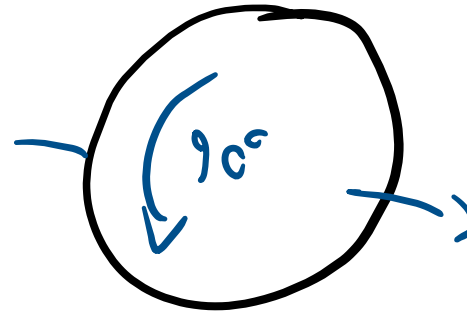
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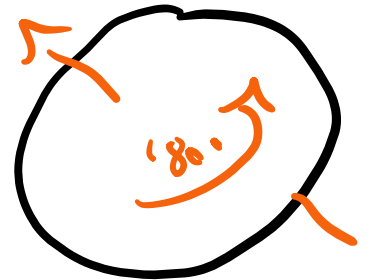
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



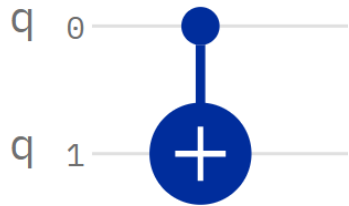
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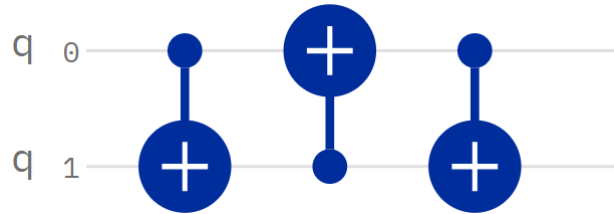
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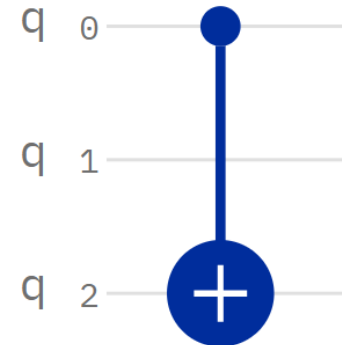
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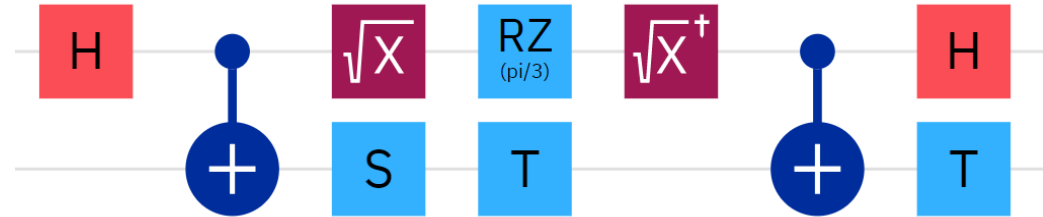
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.12+0.30i & 0.17+0.42i & 0.12+0.30i & -0.07-0.17i \\ 0.33-0.30i & -0.17+0.42i & 0.73-0.30i & -0.42+0.17i \\ 0.42+0.17i & 0.30+0.12i & 0.42+0.17i & 0.33+0.30i \\ 0.07-0.17i & -0.30+0.33i & 0.07-0.17i & 0.12-0.30i \end{pmatrix}$$

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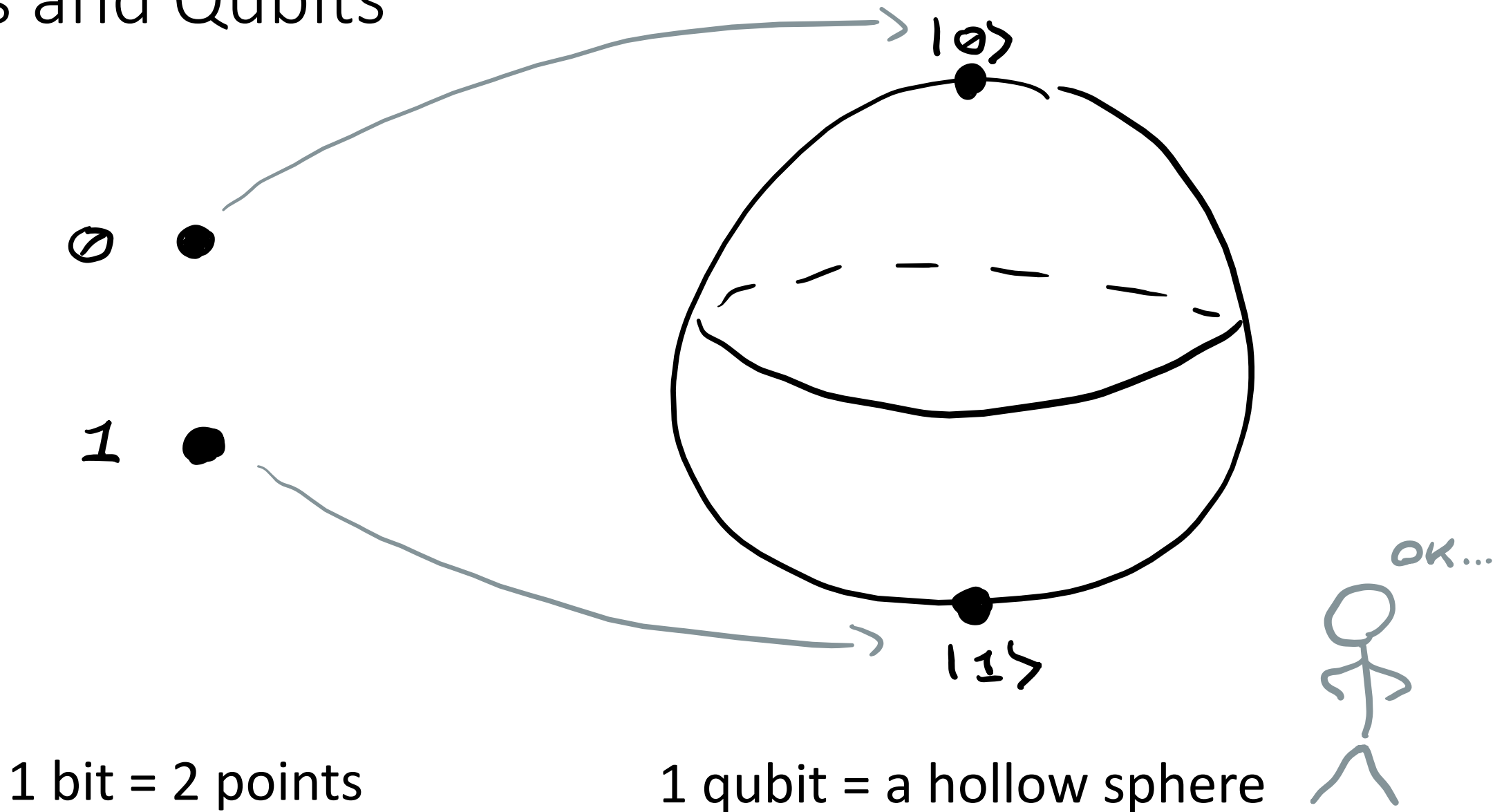
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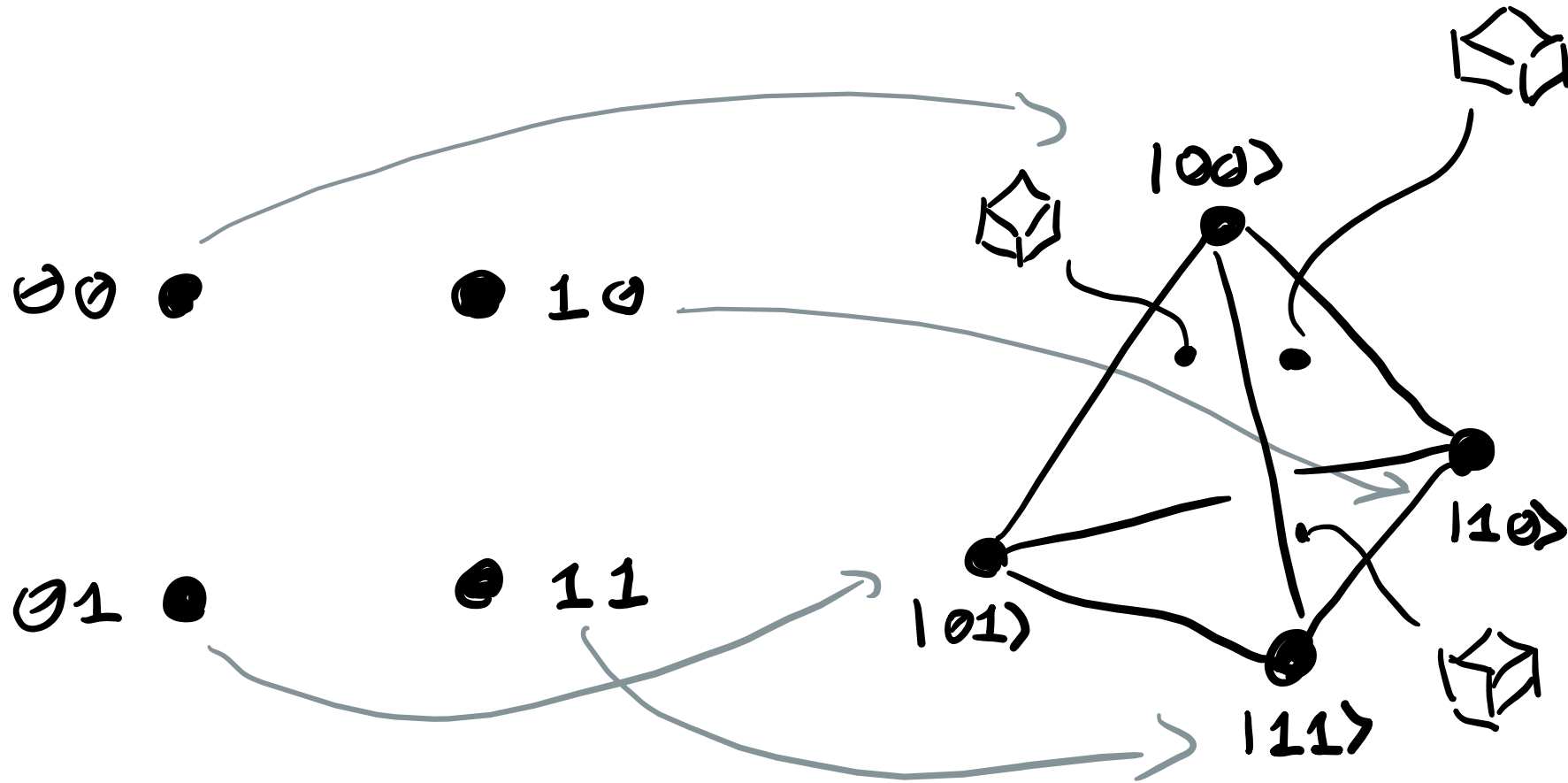
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For 2+ qubits, unfortunately, things get really complicated, really fast: geometrical intuition is better left to trained mathematicians...

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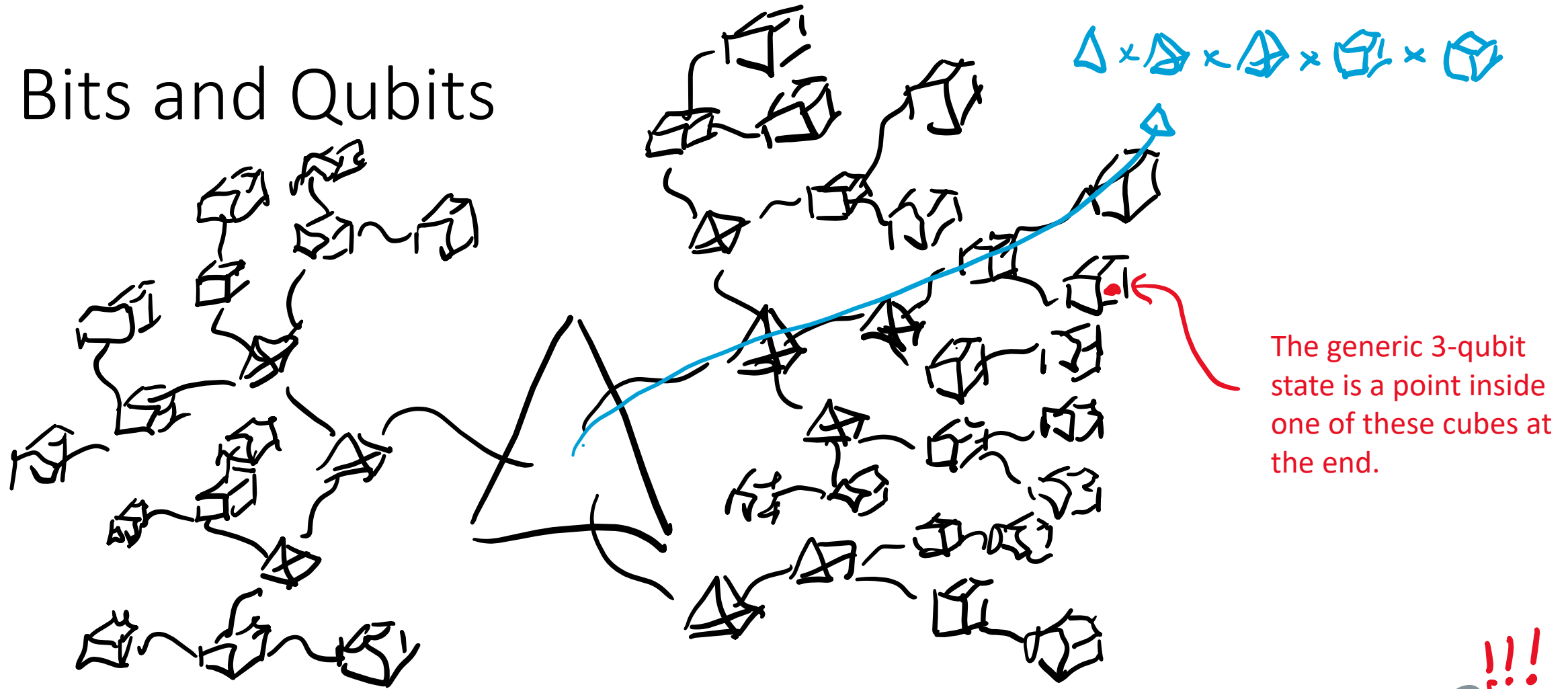


2 bits = 4 points

2 qubits = a filled pyramid where
each point is a filled cube.



Bits and Qubits



3 qubits = a filled triangle where each point is a filled pyramid, where each point is another filled pyramid, where each point is a filled cube, where each point is another filled cube.



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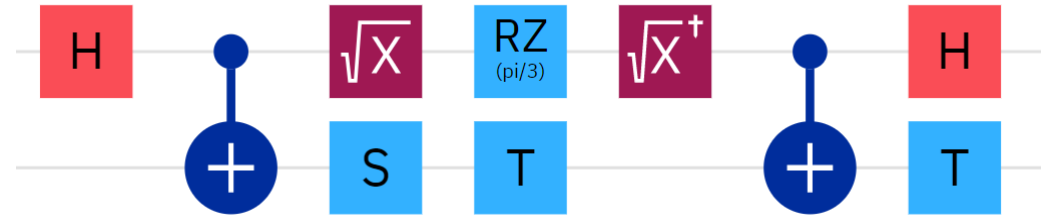
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What do we do? We need a change of perspective.

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Quantum circuits make it easy to understand what's happening to the qubits in a quantum computer.

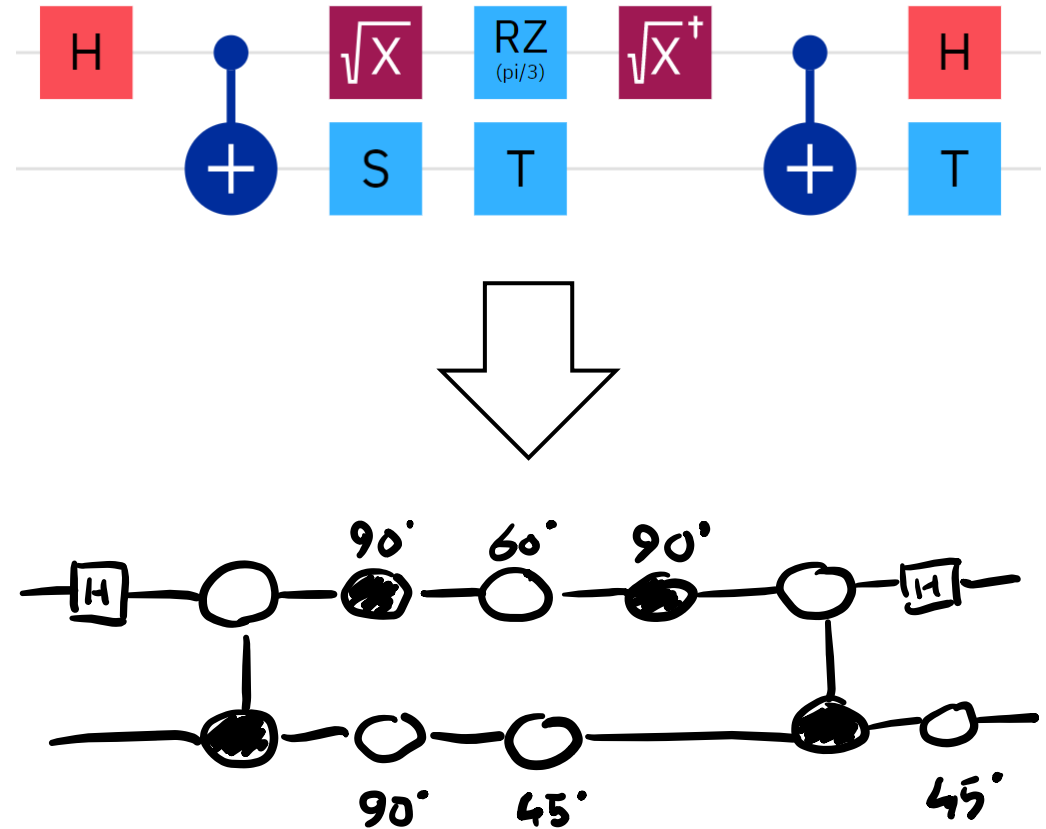
Unfortunately, we can't use them directly to perform calculations.



A change of perspective

Solution

Transform quantum circuits into another kind of diagrams, with simple graphical rules that can be used to perform calculations.





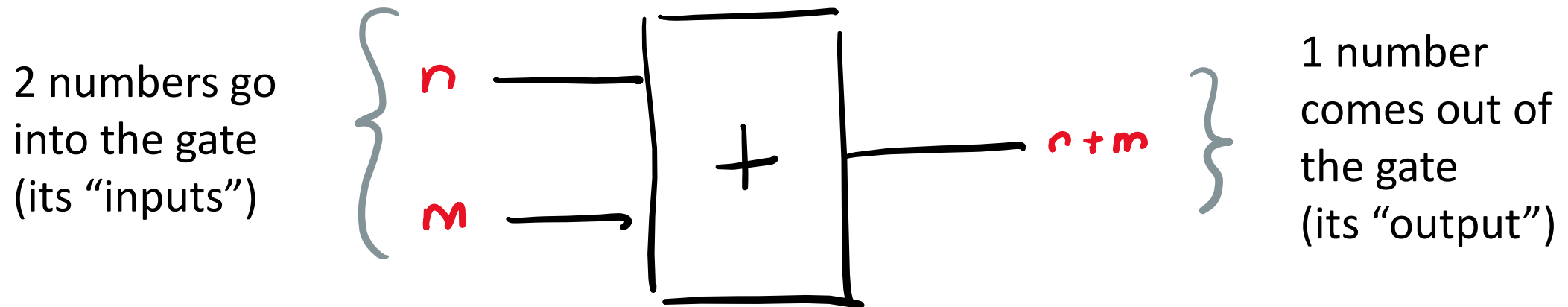
Let's take a short break (10m)



Arithmetic with Pictures

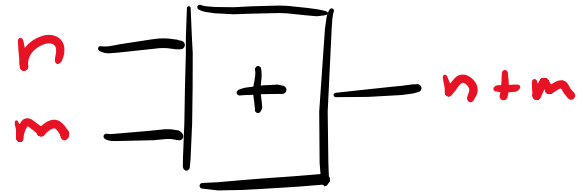
Gates for arithmetic

Addition as a gate:



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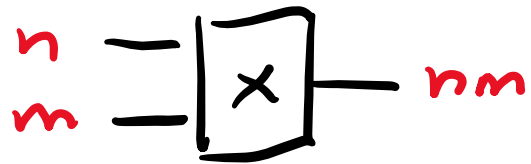
Addition:



Negation:



Multiplication:



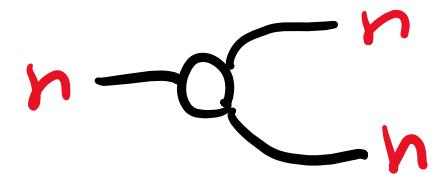
Prepare 0:



Prepare 1:



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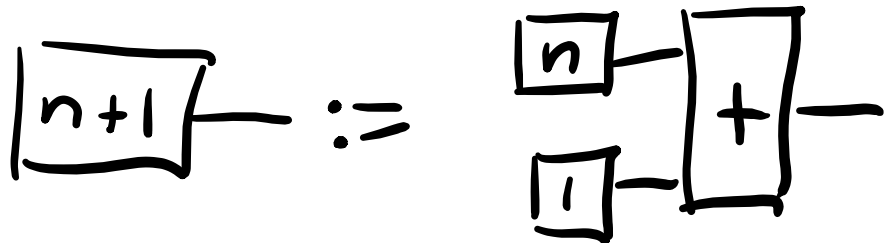
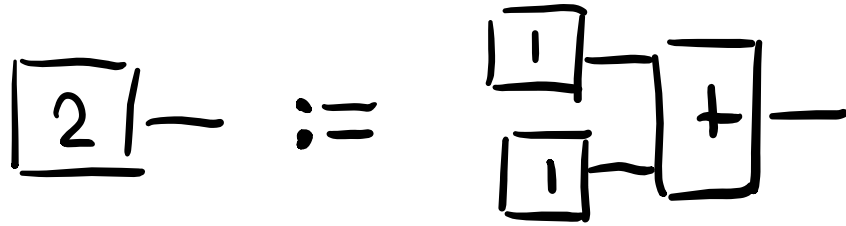
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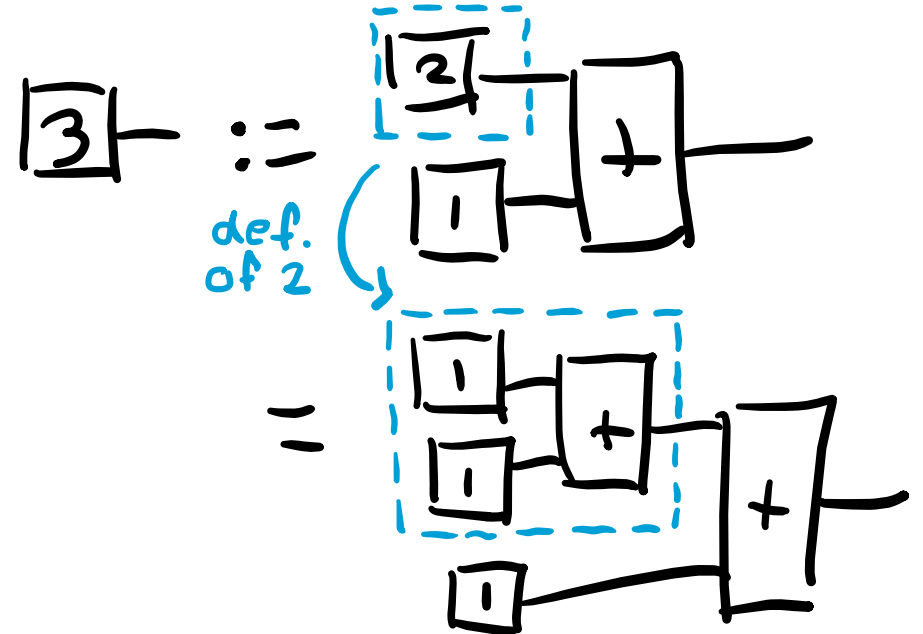
Gates for arithmetic

Preparing 0 and 1 is enough: all other numbers can be prepared by applying addition gates to enough copies of 1.

$$2 := 1+1$$

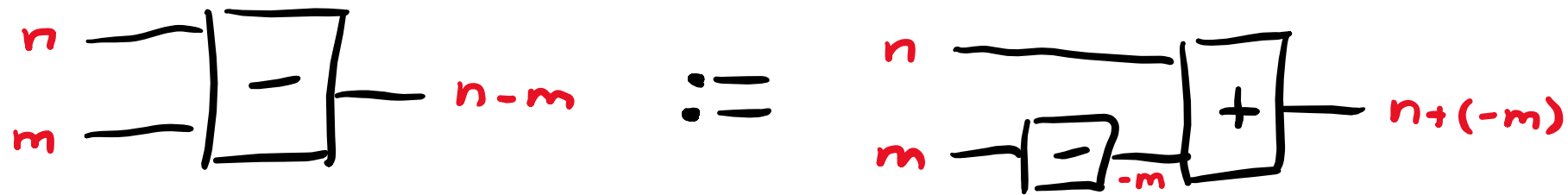


$$3 := \overbrace{2+1}^{(1+1)+1}$$



Gates for arithmetic

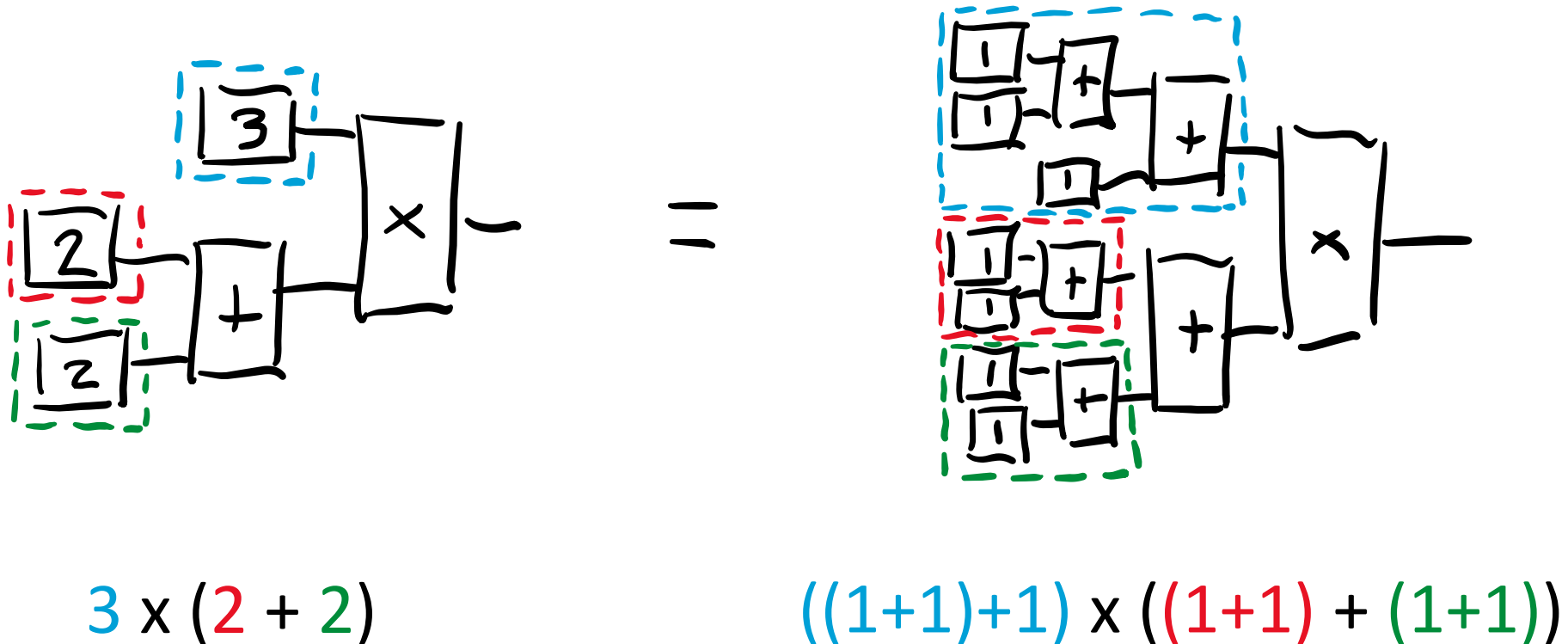
We didn't write a subtraction gate, because it can be defined in terms of addition and negation:



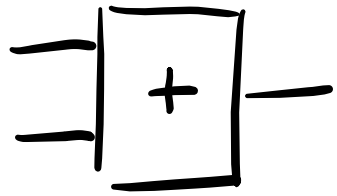
We have two gates labelled by “-”, but they cannot be confused: one takes two inputs (subtraction), the other takes one (negation).

Gates for arithmetic

The gates we defined so far are enough to translate all arithmetic expressions as circuits. For example:



Exercise (5m)

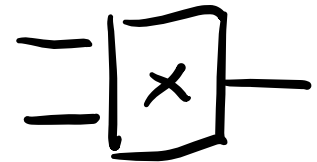


Using the gates on the left and the definition below for subtraction, write the following expressions as circuits:



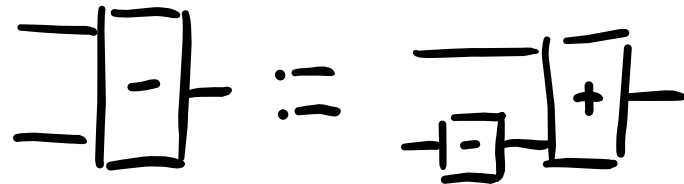
- $3+1$

- $(-2)+1$



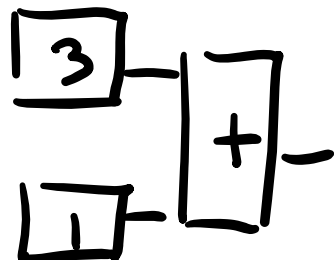
- $(1+2)+1$

- $(2+1) \times (2-1)$

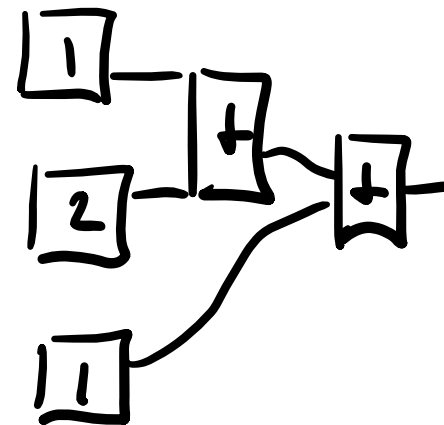


Exercise (Solutions)

$3+1$



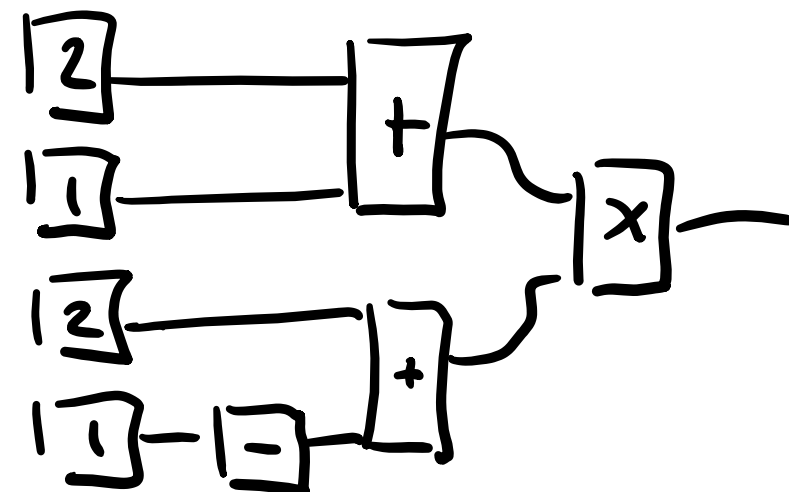
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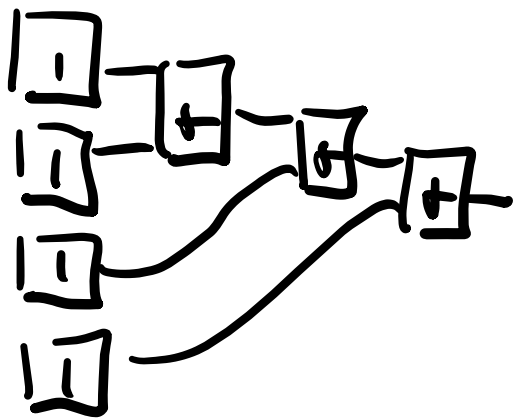


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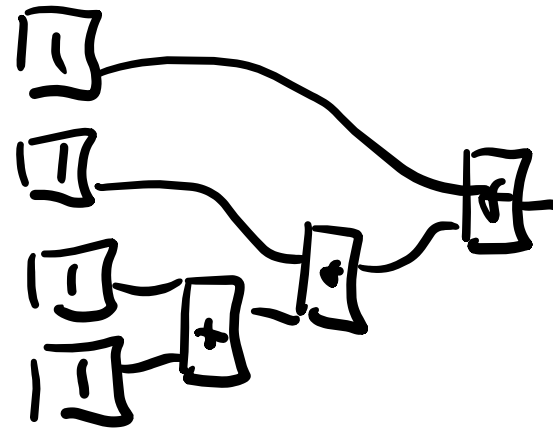
Rules of arithmetic

With gates we can write expressions, but we cannot perform calculations. For example, the following two circuits give the same number at the end, but we have no way to equate them:



3+1

?



1+(1+2)

Rules of arithmetic

In order to perform calculations, we need “rules” to tell us how we can turn a circuit into an “equivalent” one, that is, without changing its result.

Luckily, you already know (some of) these rules: they are the Laws of Arithmetic!

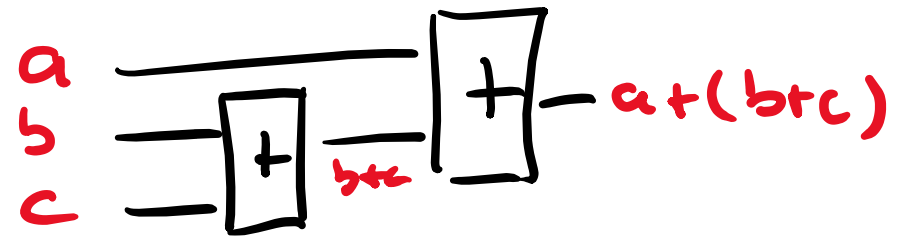
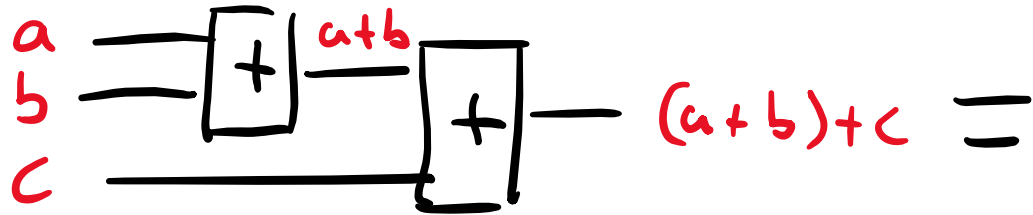
Neutral elements

Neutral elements give a way to remove gates from a circuit:

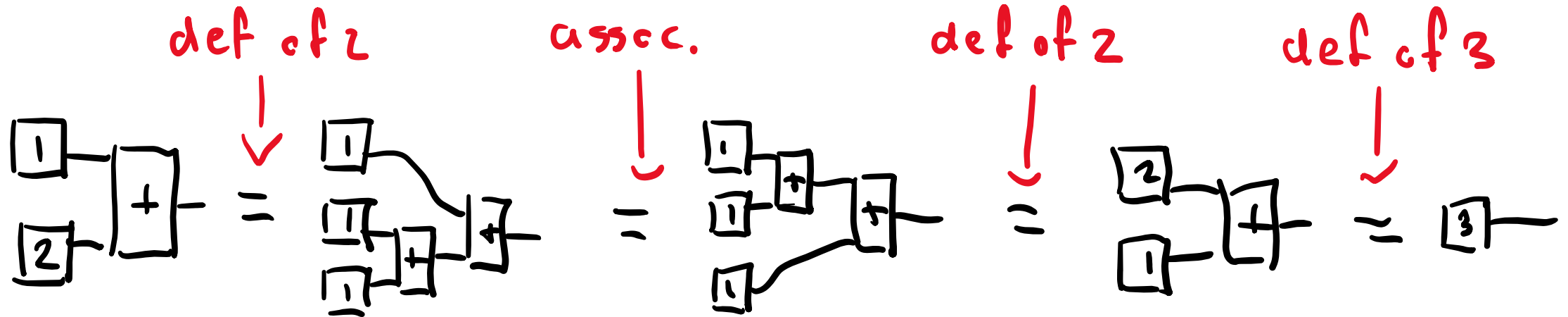


Associativity

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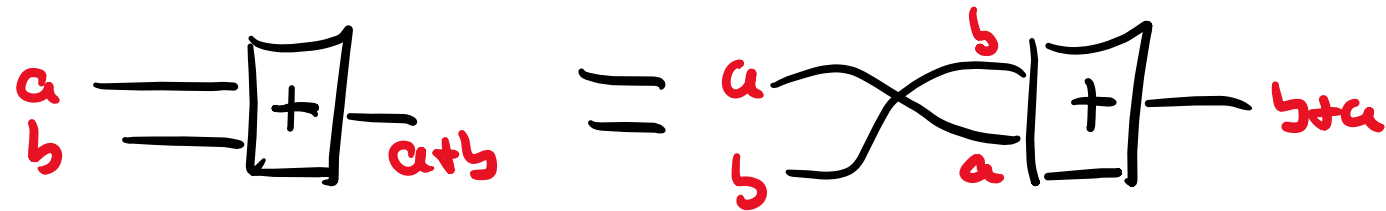


Computation by addition



Commutativity

Commutativity allows us to change the order of inputs:



Exercise (5m)

Prove that $2+2=4$, using associativity and the definitions of the numbers 2, 3 and 4:

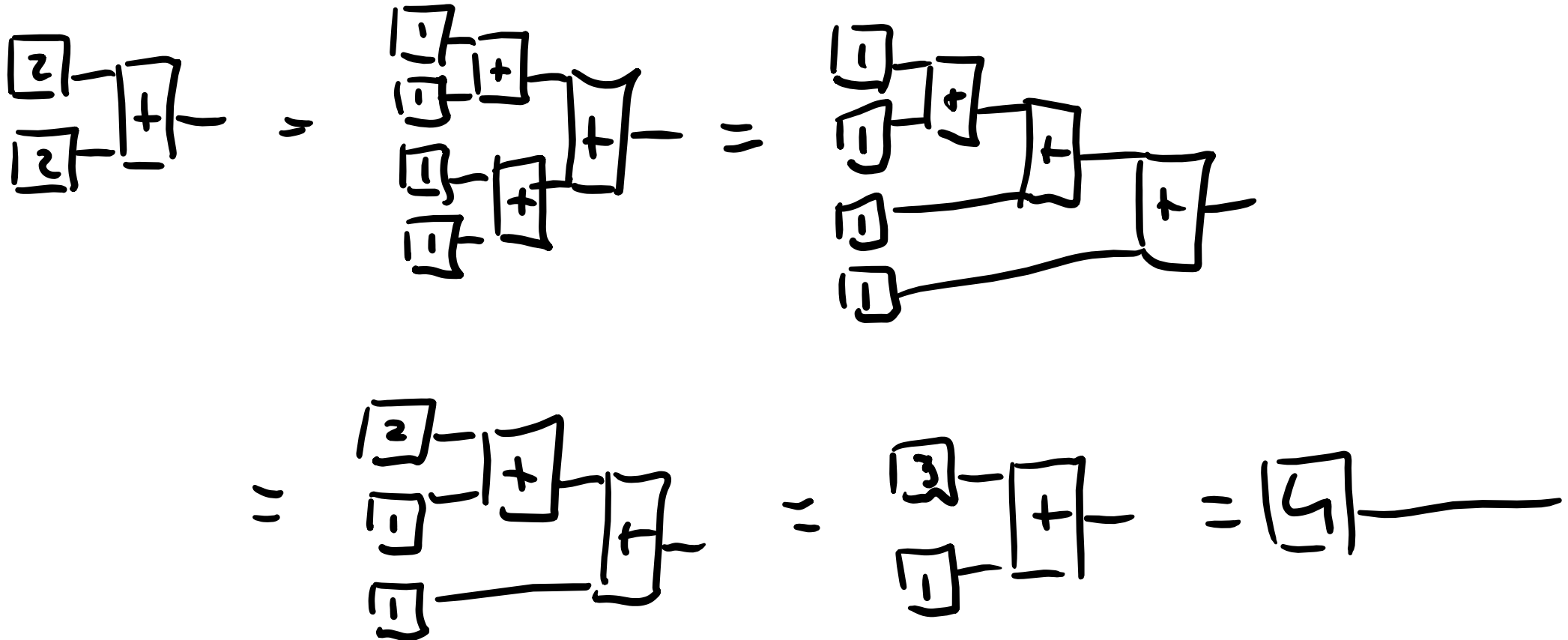
$$\boxed{2} - = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{1} \end{array} \rightarrow \boxed{+} -$$

$$\boxed{3} - = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{1} \end{array} \rightarrow \boxed{+} -$$

$$\boxed{4} - = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{1} \end{array} \rightarrow \boxed{+} -$$

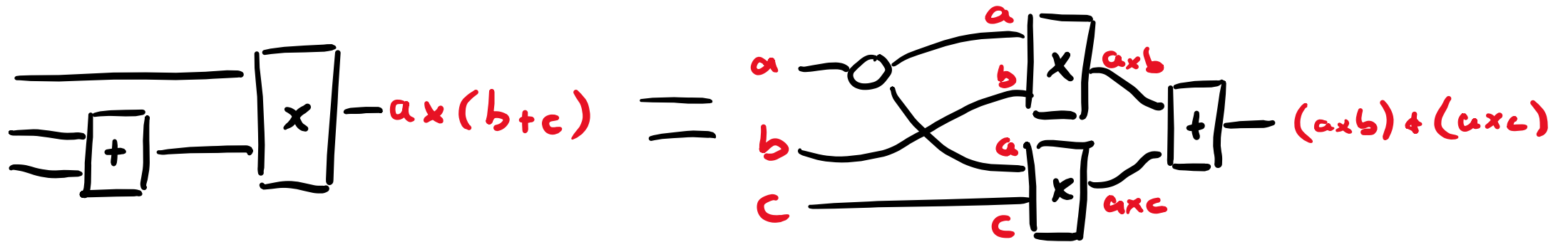
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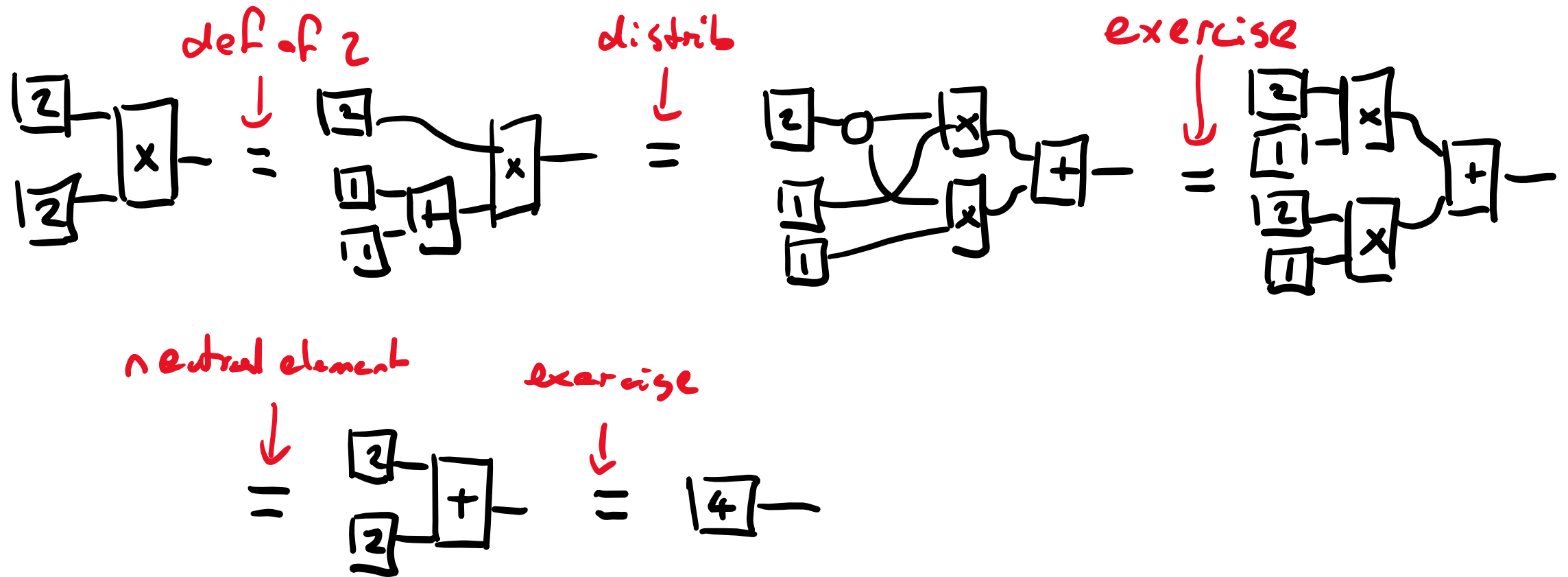


Distributivity

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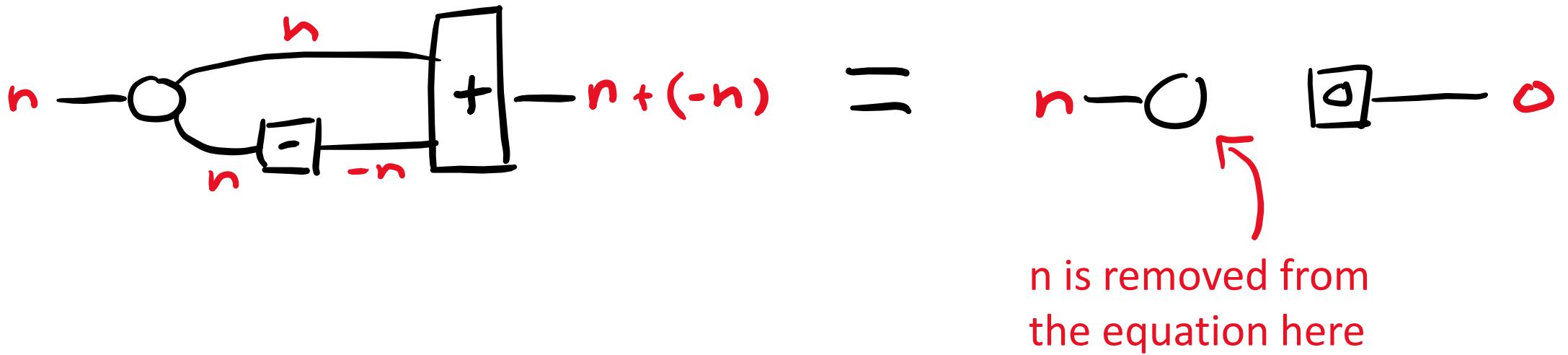


Computation by multiplication

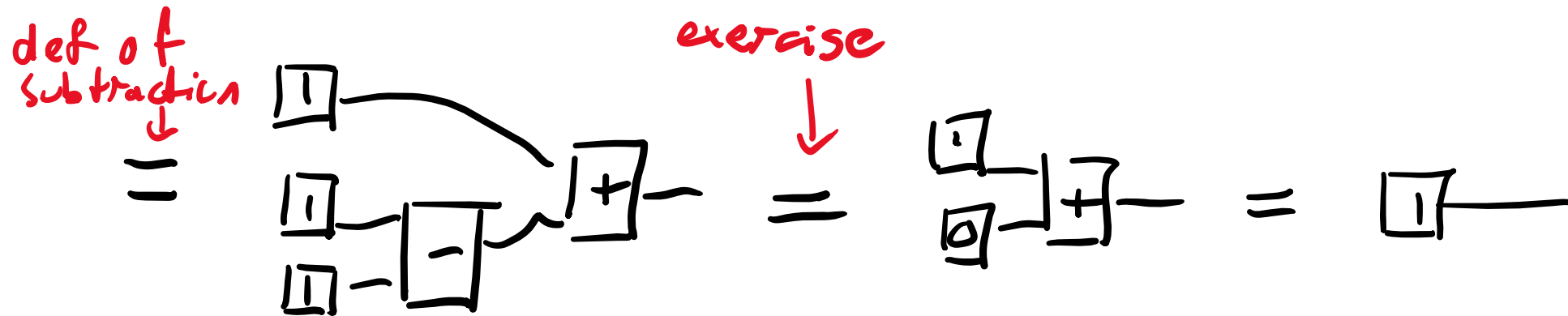
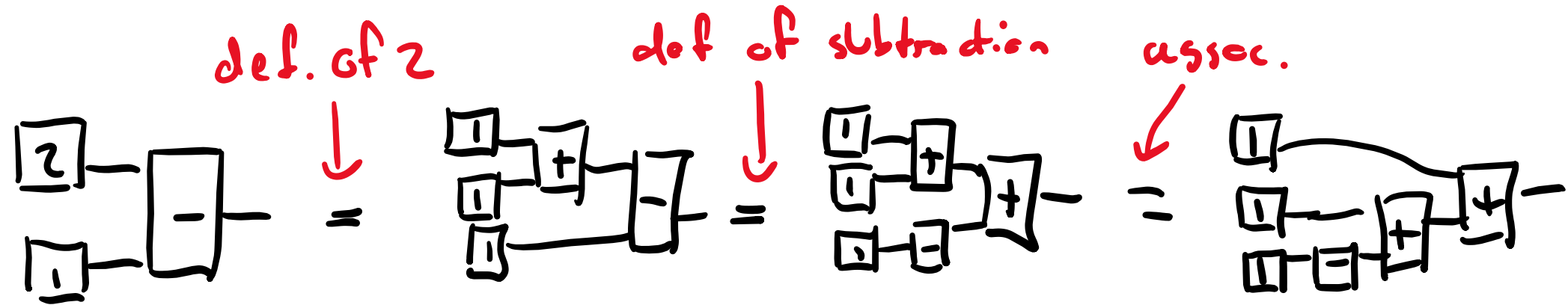


Cancellativity

Cancellativity is the first rule where deleting becomes necessary, because n does not appear in the right hand side of the equation $n + (-n) = 0$.

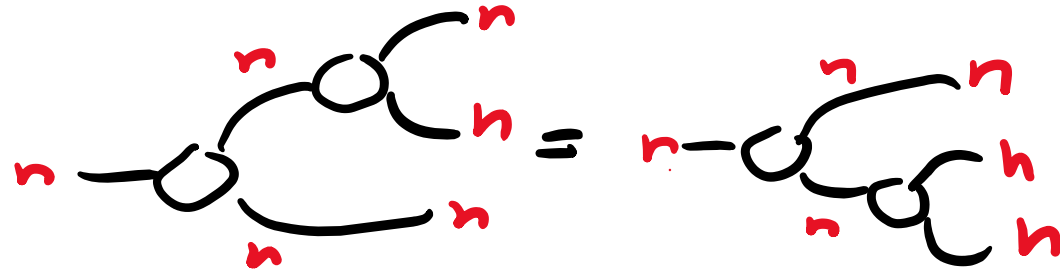


Computation by subtraction

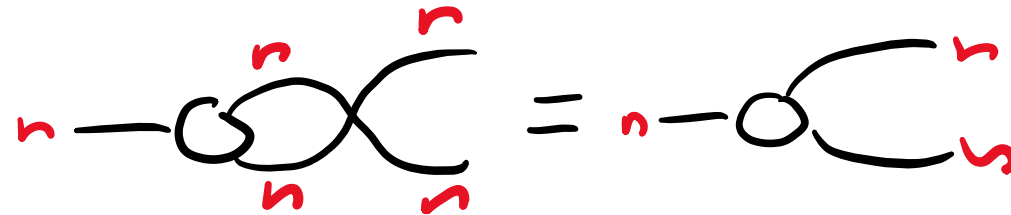


Rules of copying

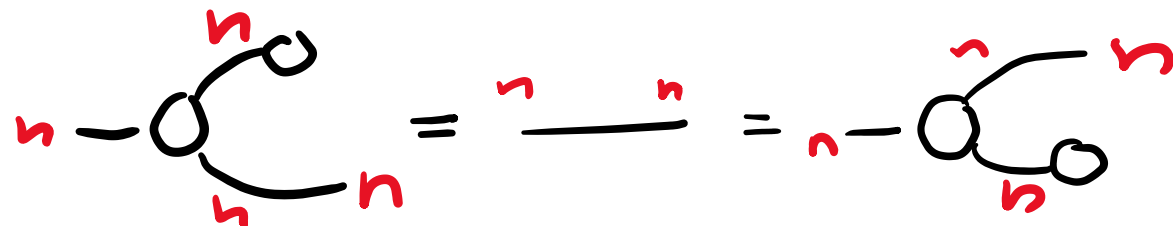
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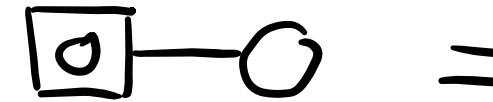
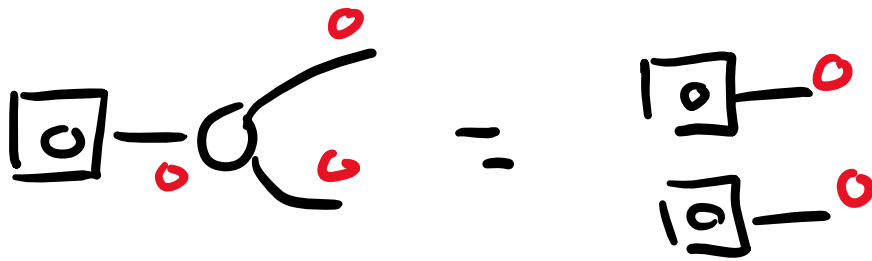
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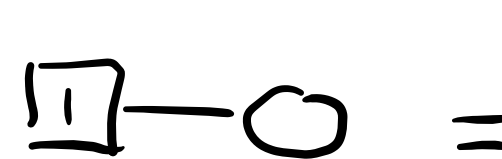
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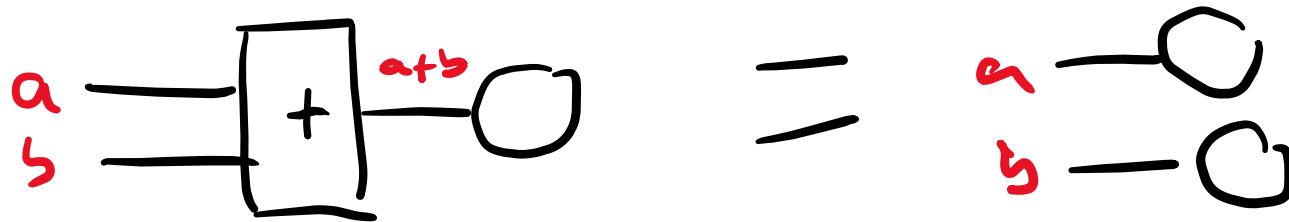
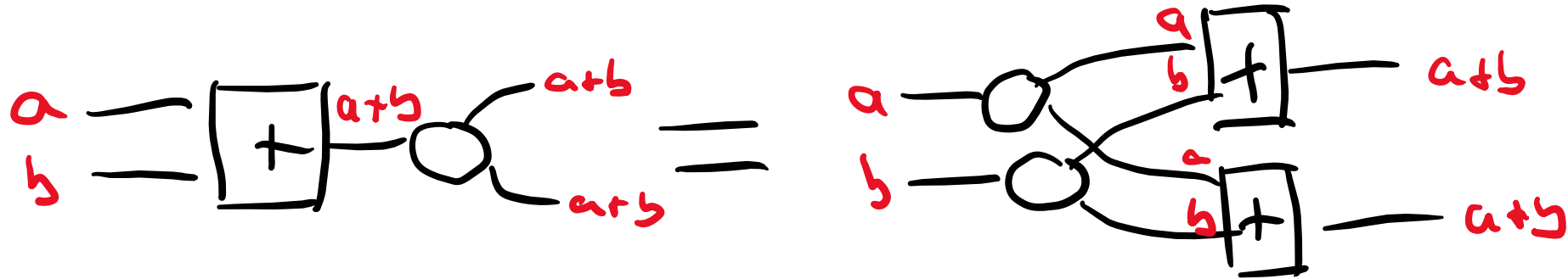
Copy/delete rules for states



Right hand side is empty because
the state is removed entirely



Copy/delete rules for gates



Exercise (5m)

Using cancellativity, prove that $1-1=0$:

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 1$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 1$$

Exercise (Solutions)

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$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{1} \boxed{-} \boxed{1} \boxed{-} &= \boxed{1} \boxed{-} \boxed{1} \boxed{+} \boxed{-} = \boxed{1} \boxed{-} 0 \boxed{+} \boxed{-} \\ &= \boxed{1} \boxed{-} 0 \boxed{0} \boxed{-} = \boxed{0} \boxed{-} \end{aligned}$$



Binary Arithmetic with Pictures

Gates for binary arithmetic

In binary arithmetic, we only have the numbers 0 and 1. That is, we work with bits, or Boolean values, rather than integer numbers.

0	\longleftrightarrow	False (F)
1	\longleftrightarrow	True (T)

Gates for binary arithmetic

Multiplication is fine as it is (it's the same as the logical conjunction AND).

x	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

AND	0 _F	1 _T
0 _F	0 _F	0 _F
1 _T	0 _F	1 _T

Gates for binary arithmetic

Addition, on the other hand, doesn't quite work as it is.

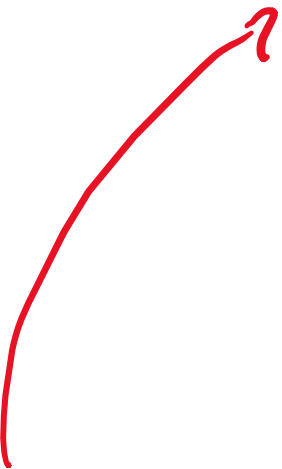
+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	2

Not a valid
binary value!



Gates for binary arithmetic

There are two possible ways to fix addition: making it addition modulo 2 (still written +) or making it logical disjunction (OR).



+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

$1 + 1 = 0$

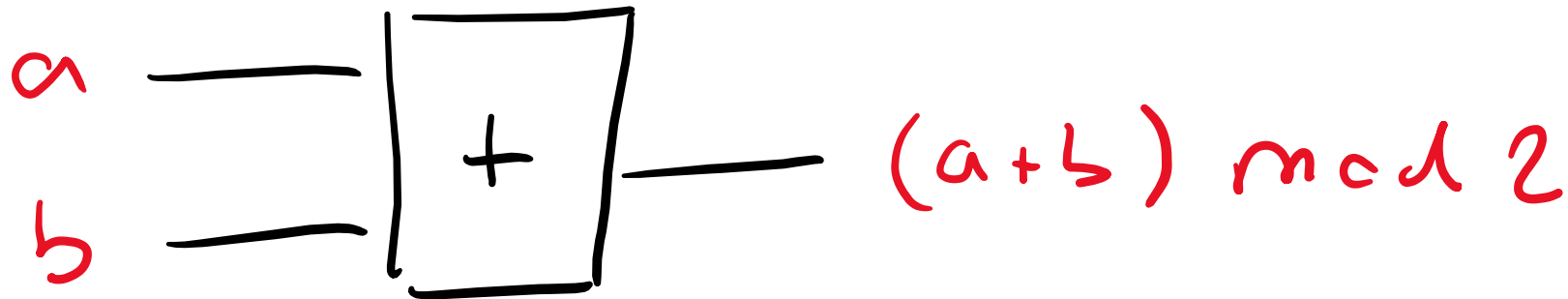
Sometimes also called
XOR, for eXclusive OR.

OR	0 F	1 T
0 F	0 F	1 T
1 T	1 T	1 T

$1 \text{ OR } 1 = 1$
 $T \text{ OR } T = T$

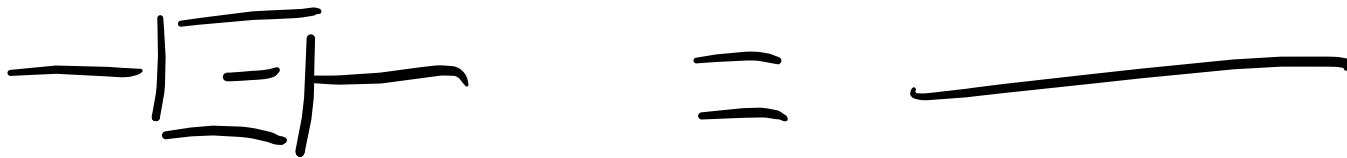
Gates for binary arithmetic

We define addition to be addition modulo 2. Logical disjunction can be defined from this addition and multiplication.



Gates for binary arithmetic

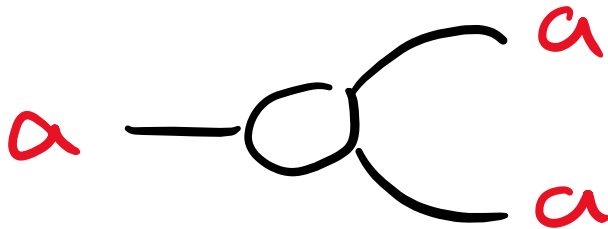
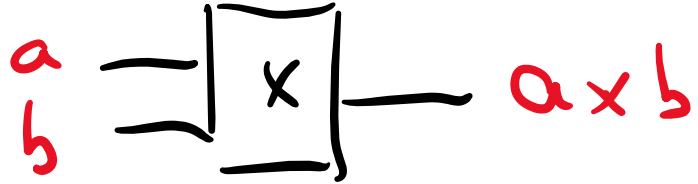
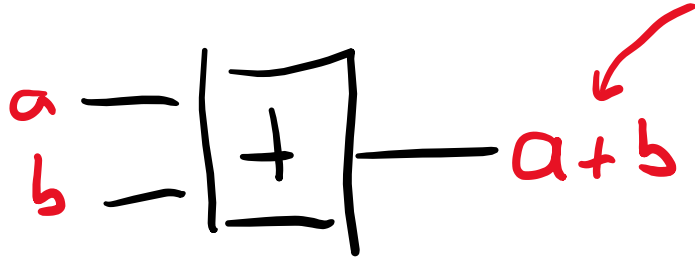
Negation is no longer necessary: we have that $1+1=0$, so the negative of 1 is 1 itself.



The diagram illustrates a logical equivalence. On the left, a NOT gate (represented by a vertical line with a horizontal bar at the top) is followed by an XOR gate (represented by a vertical line with a horizontal bar at the bottom). This combination is shown to be equivalent to a single horizontal line, representing the identity function.

Gates for binary arithmetic

(from now on, implicitly mod 2)



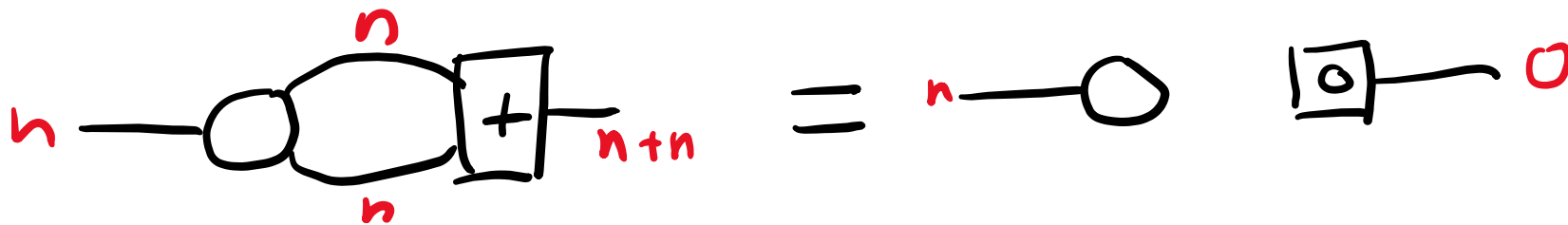
Rules for binary arithmetic

Pretty much the same as for ordinary arithmetic:

- Associativity of $+$, \times and copy
- Commutativity of $+$, \times and copy
- Neutral element for $+$, \times and copy
- Distributivity of \times on $+$
- Copy/delete rules for 0, 1, $+$ and \times

Cancellativity

Because there is no negation, cancellativity is simplified, becoming the statement that $n + n = 0$ for all n (i.e. for $n=0, 1$).



Exercise (5m)

Define the NOT gate using addition and the preparation of 1.

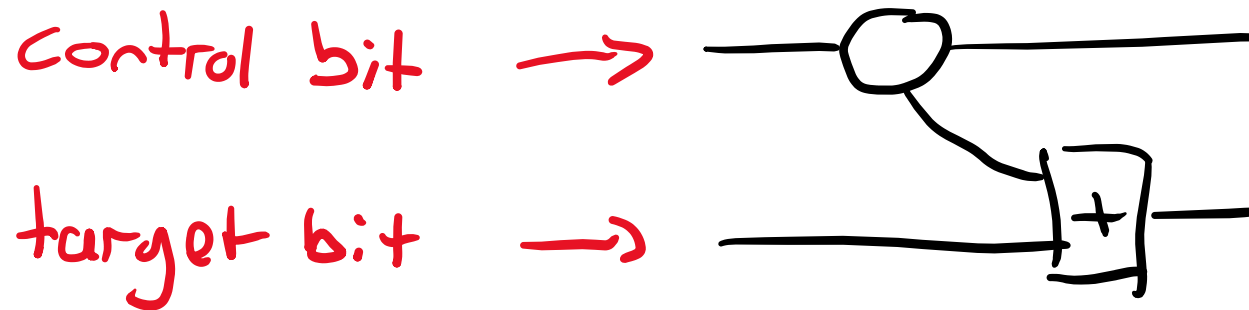
$$a \text{ --- } \boxed{\text{NOT}} \text{ --- } \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a=1 \end{cases}$$

Exercise (Solutions)

$$\text{---} \boxed{\text{NOT}} \text{---} ::= a \text{---} \boxed{1} \text{---} \boxed{+} \text{---} a+1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a=1 \\ & (\text{because } 1+1=0) \end{cases}$$

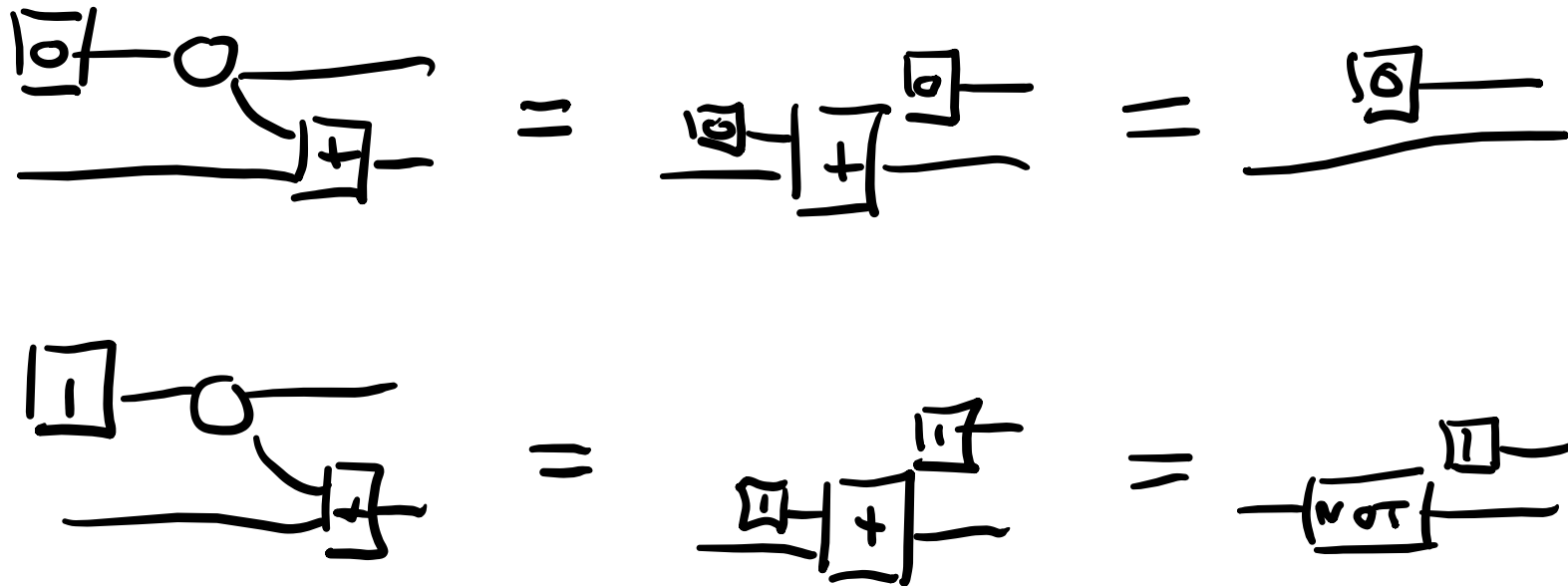
CNOT gate

The definition of the NOT gate in terms of addition inspires the following Controlled NOT gate, aka CNOT gate.



CNOT gate

When the control bit is 1, the target bit has a NOT applied to it.
When the control bit is 0, the target bit is unchanged.
The control bit is always copied through unchanged.





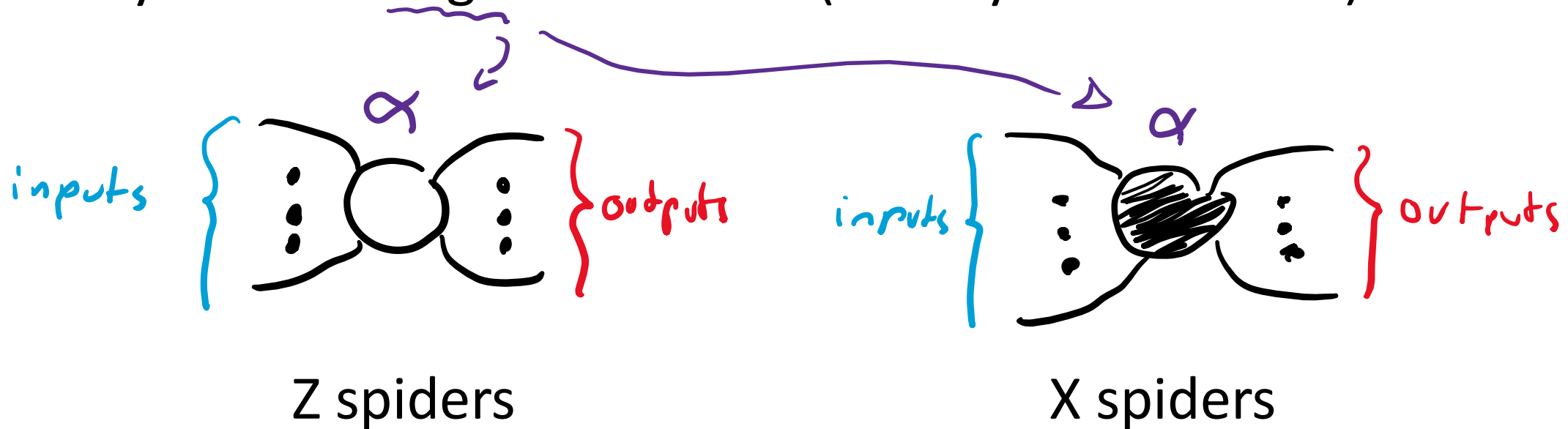
Let's take a short break (15m)



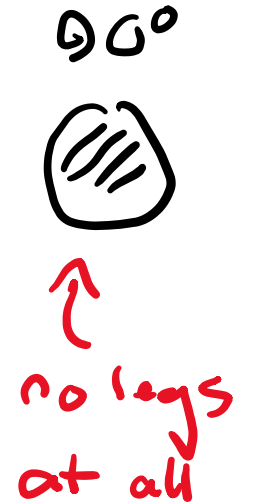
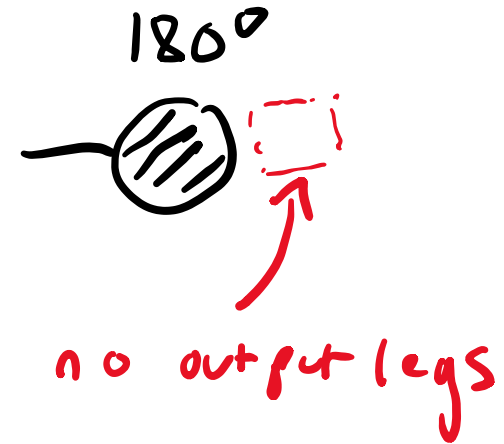
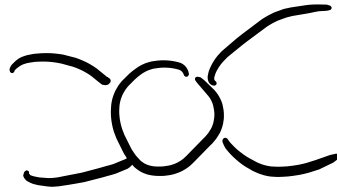
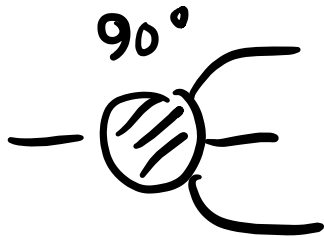
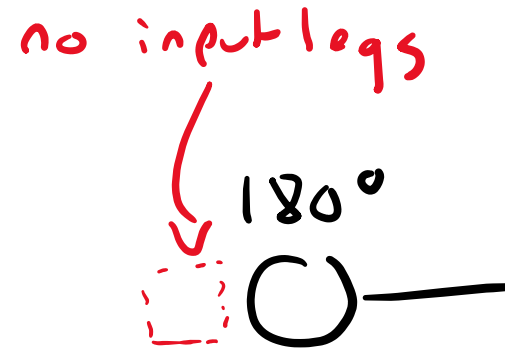
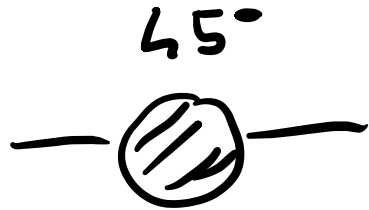
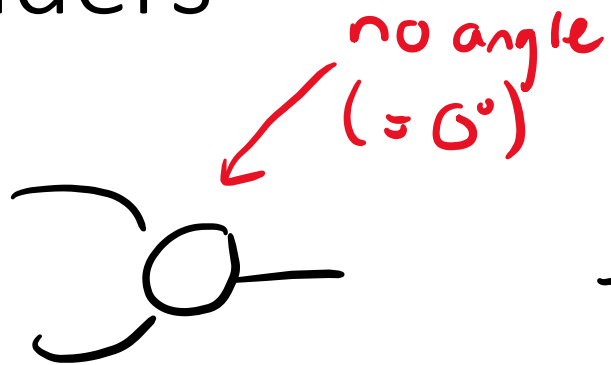
Quantum Arithmetic with Pictures

Spiders

Much of quantum arithmetic is done with special gates known as “spiders”. These come in two flavours: Z spiders and X spiders. They can have any number of inputs and any number of outputs. They have an angle associated (usually omitted if 0°).

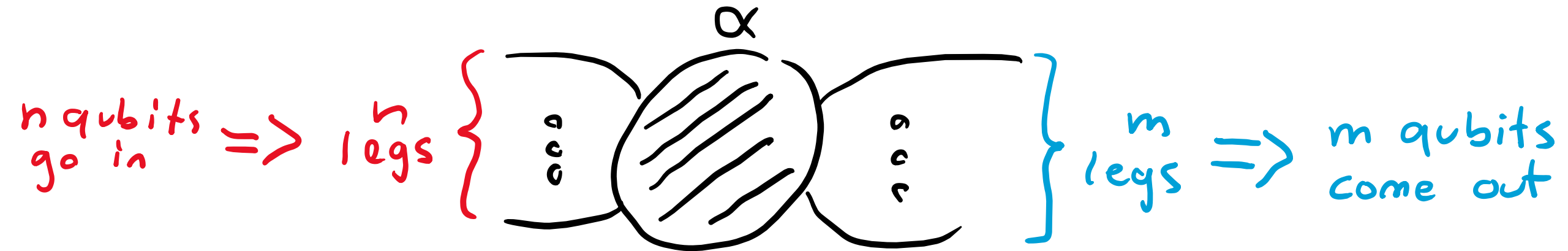


Spiders



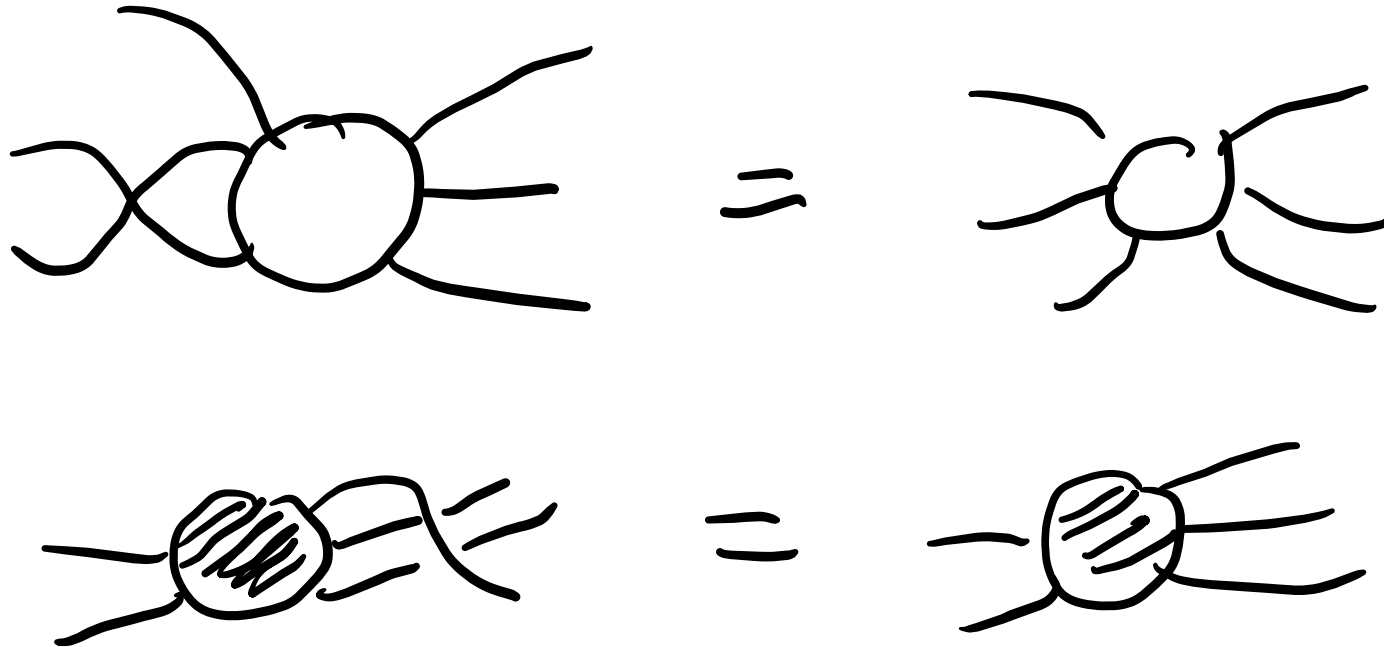
Spiders

Each leg of a spider carries one qubit. The generic spider below is a gate that takes n qubits in input and returns m qubits in output.



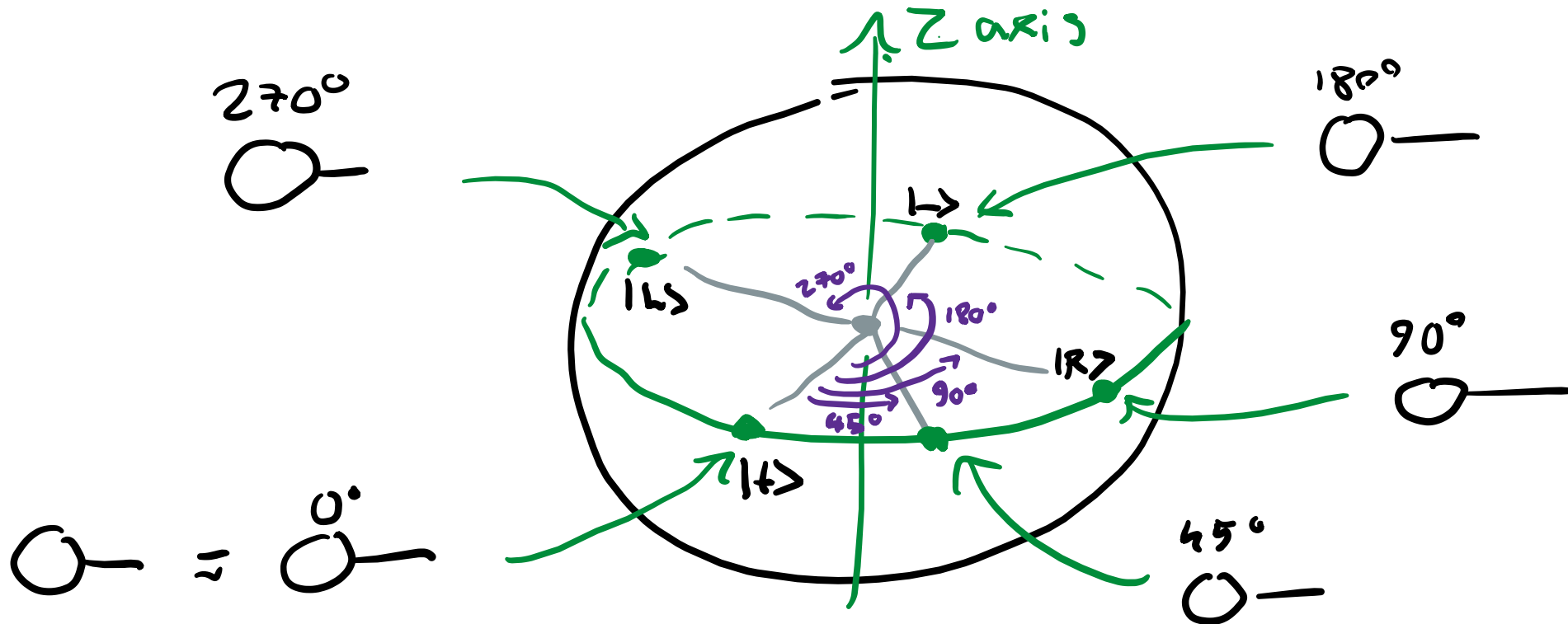
Commutativity for Spiders

The ordering of input (resp. output) legs in spiders is irrelevant.
Think of this as an extreme version of commutativity.



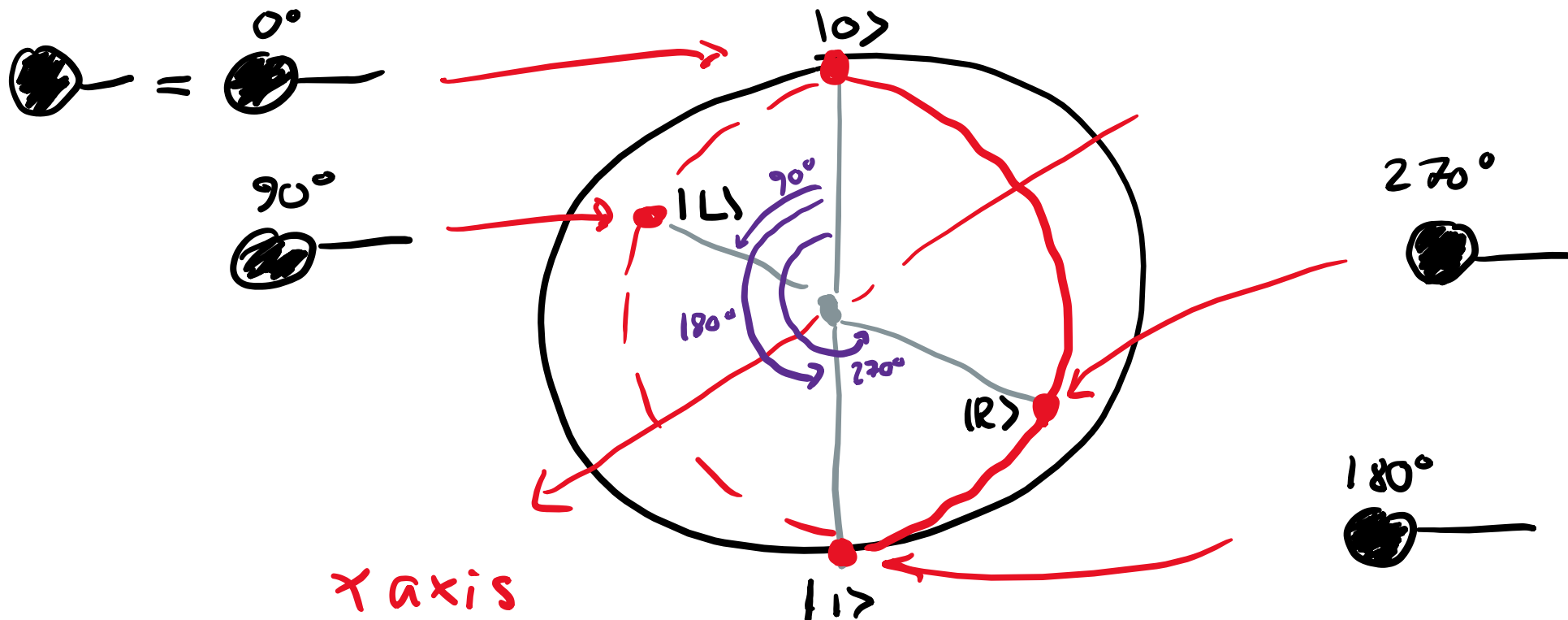
Spiders

Spider “states” are those with no input legs and a single output leg. These are the qubit states lying on the equator of the Bloch sphere (with respect to the Z and X axis respectively).



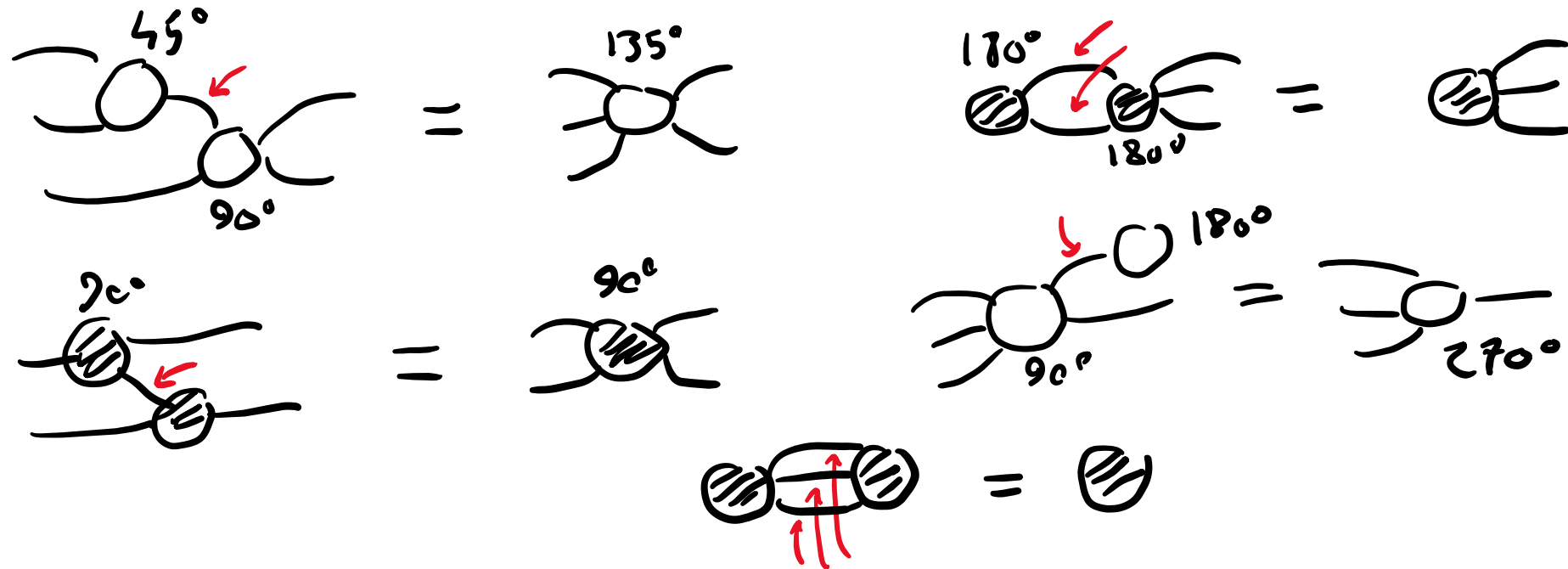
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Spider fusion

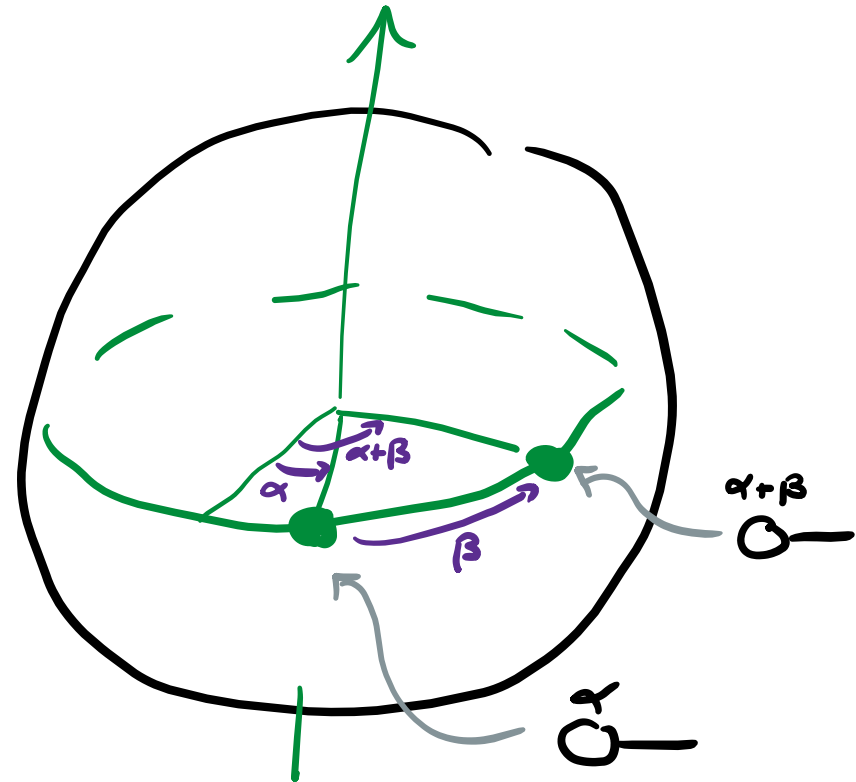
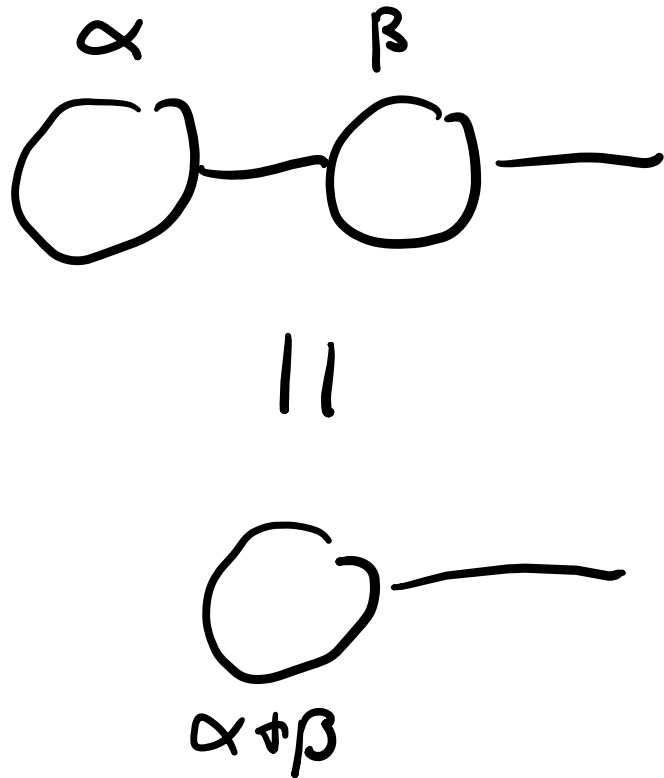
Spiders of the same colour sharing at least one leg can be “fused” together. The angles are added in the process.



NB: Number of input/output legs is the same on both sides of the equation

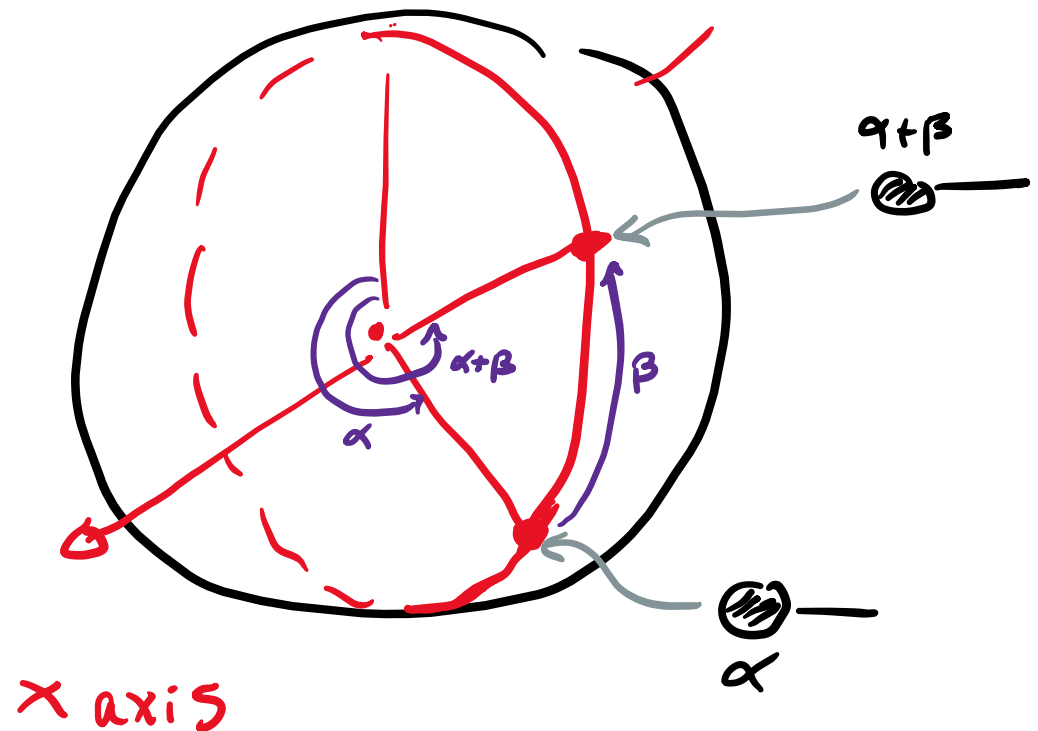
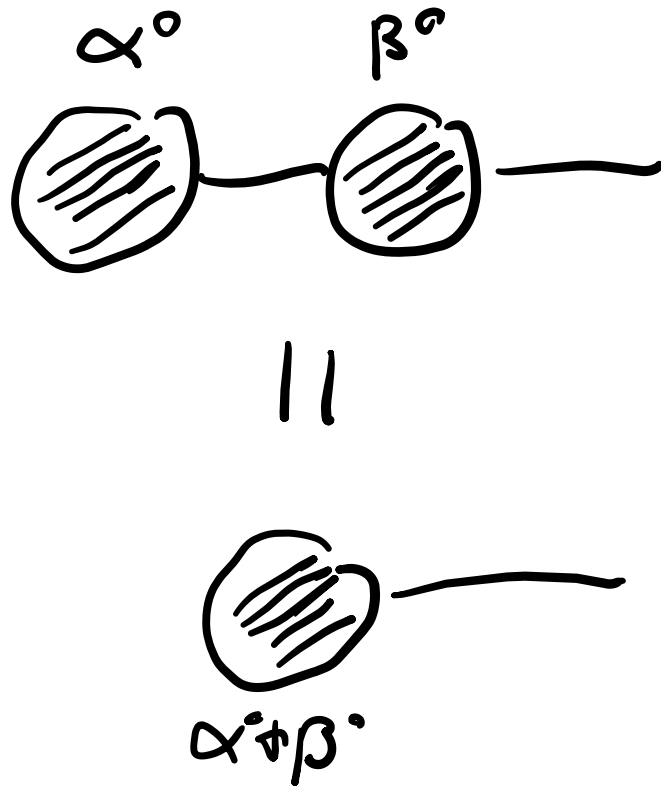
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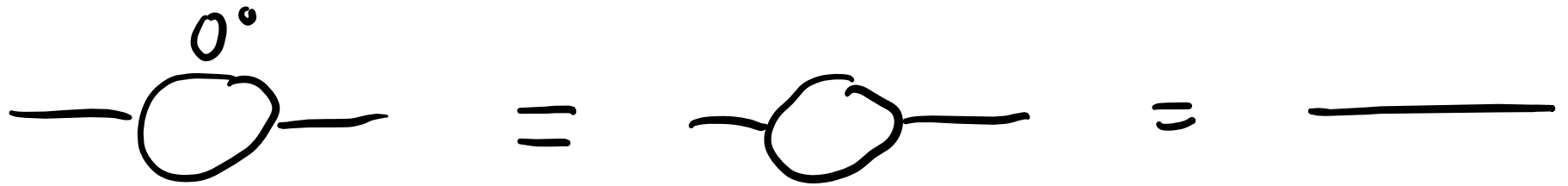
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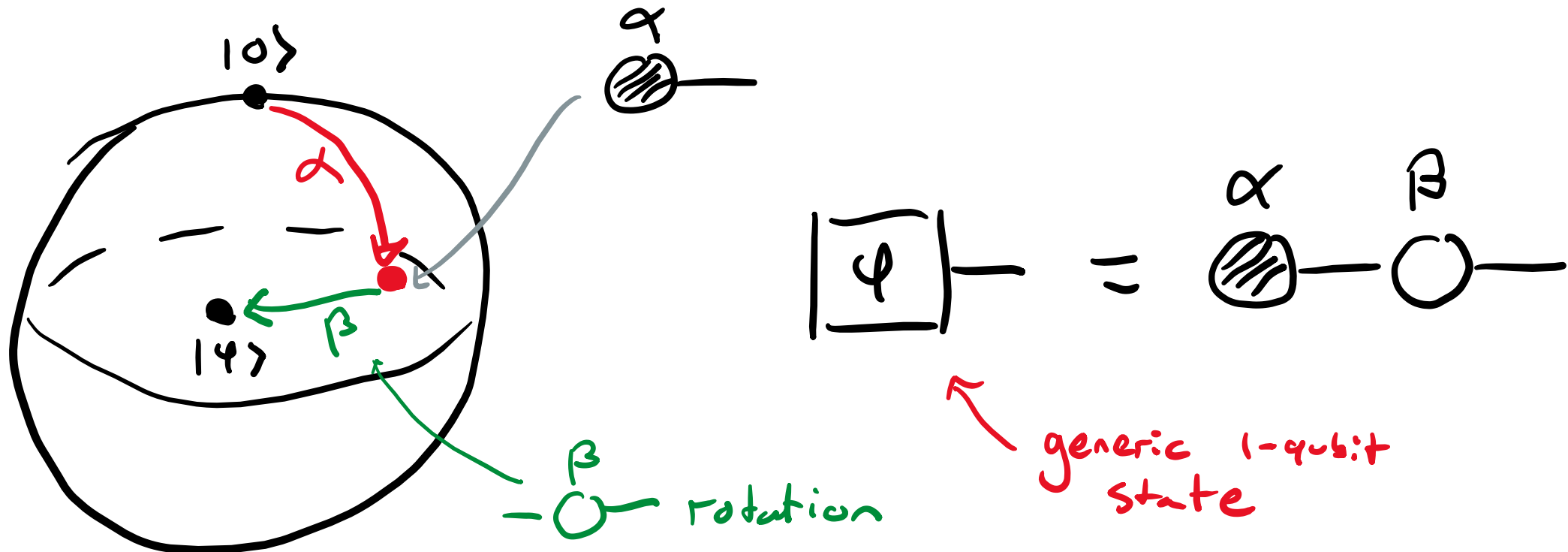
Identity spiders

Spiders with 1 input leg, 1 output leg and an angle of 0° are rotations by 0° : they do nothing, and hence can be omitted.



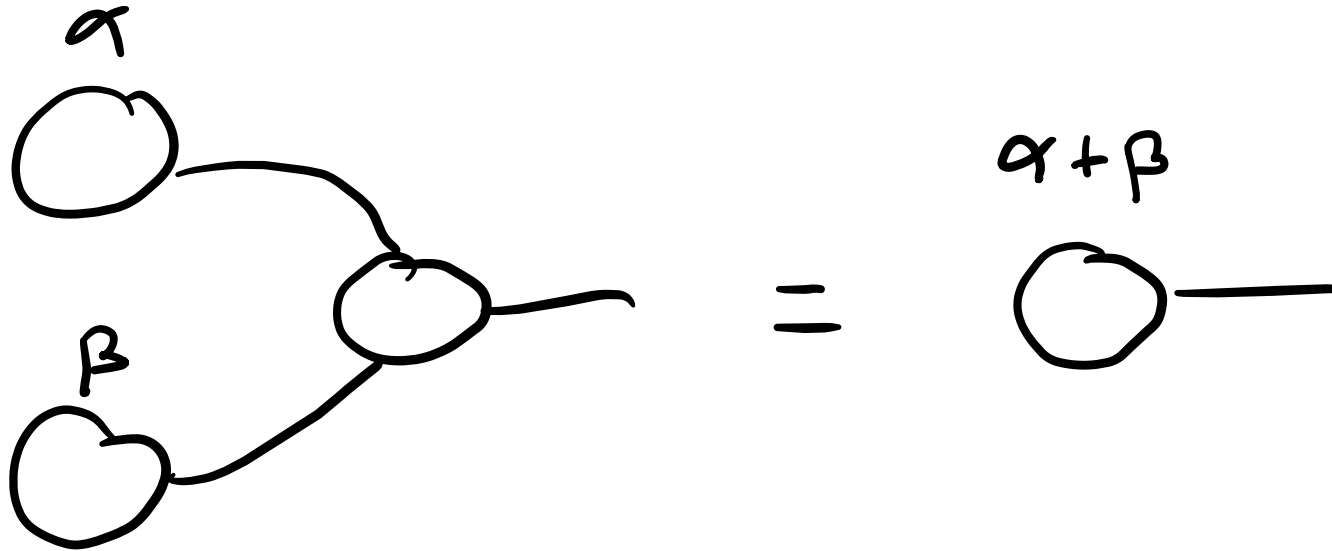
All qubit states from spiders

All qubit states can be obtained by using two spiders, e.g. an X spider state (selecting the latitude on the sphere) followed by a Z rotation (selecting the longitude on the sphere):



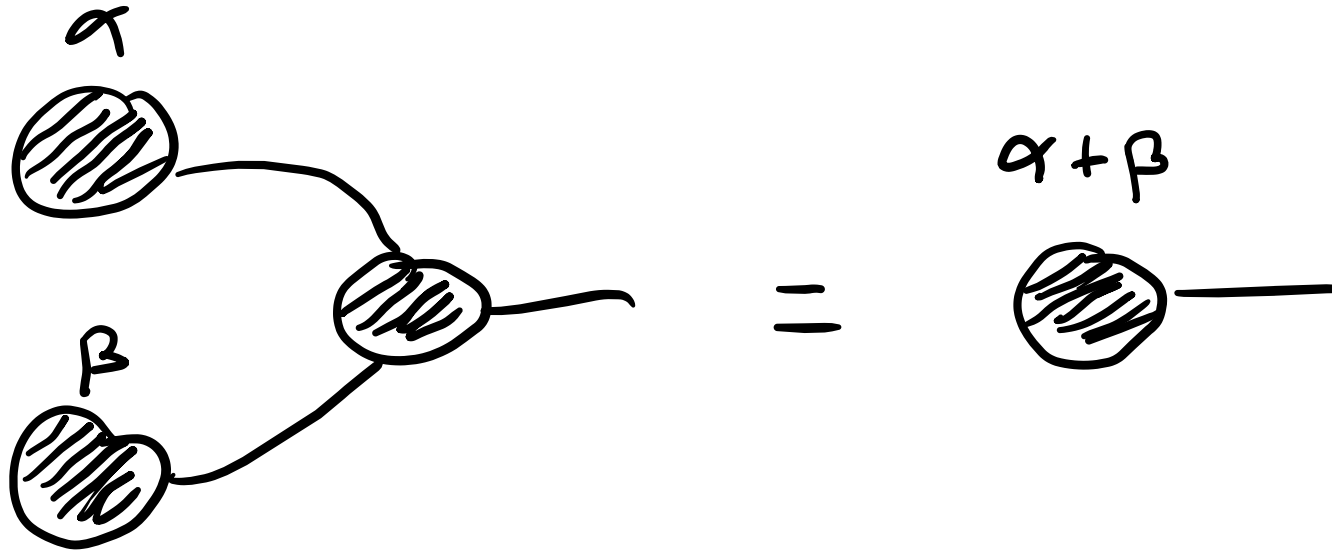
Addition spiders

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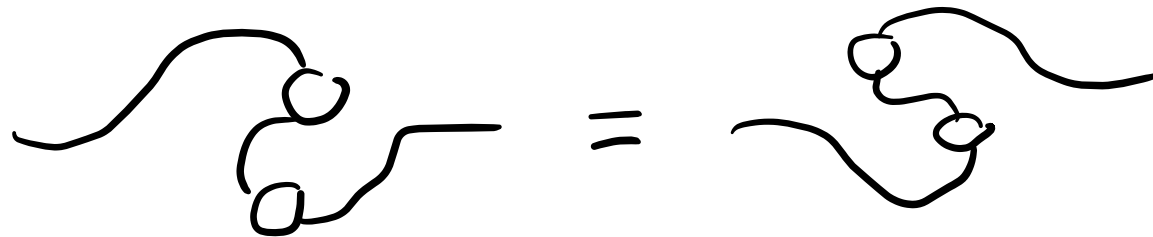


Prove the following properties using spider fusion:

- Associativity



- Snake equations



- Neutral element

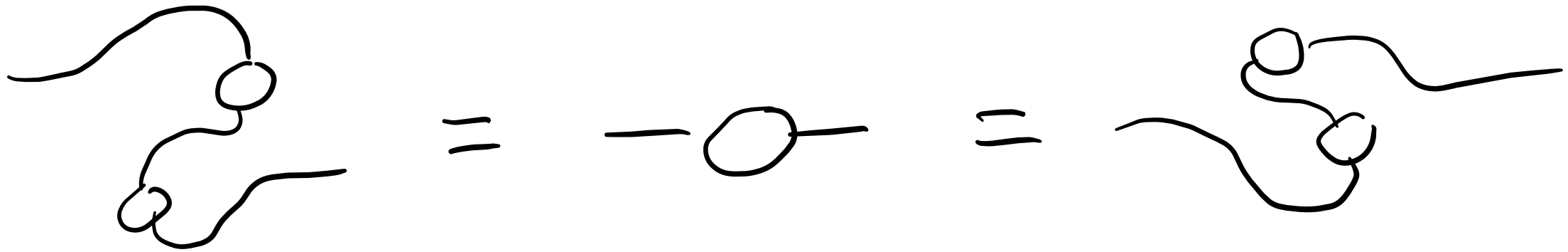


Exercise (Solutions)

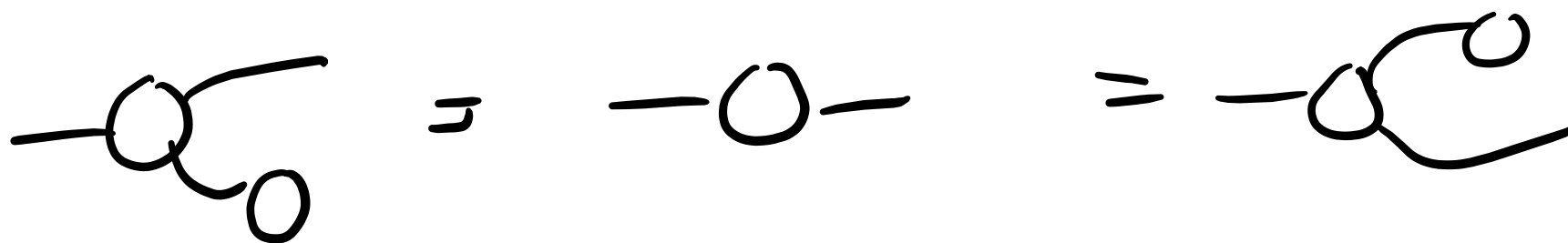
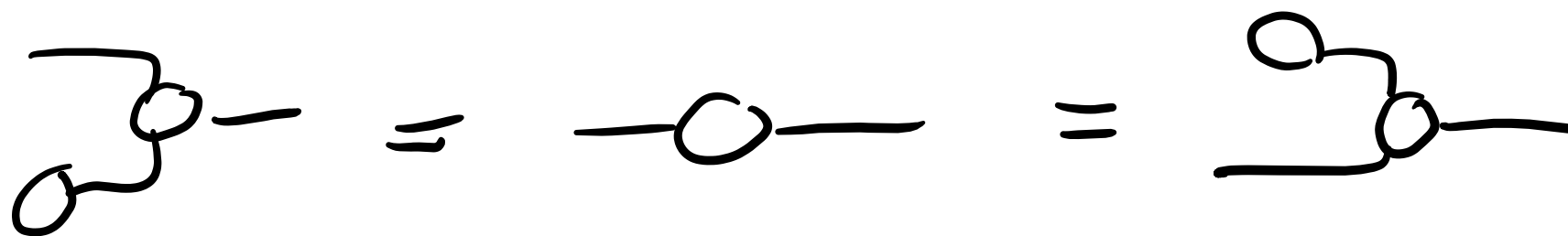
Hand-drawn knot diagrams illustrating the Reidemeister III move. The first diagram shows three strands with crossings in a specific sequence. The second diagram shows the same strands with the crossings rearranged. The third diagram shows the strands with the crossings in a different sequence. The diagrams are connected by equals signs, indicating they represent the same knot.

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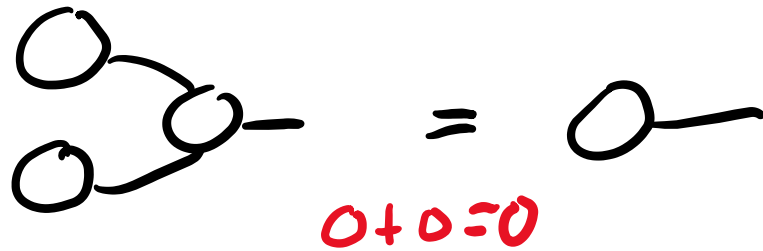


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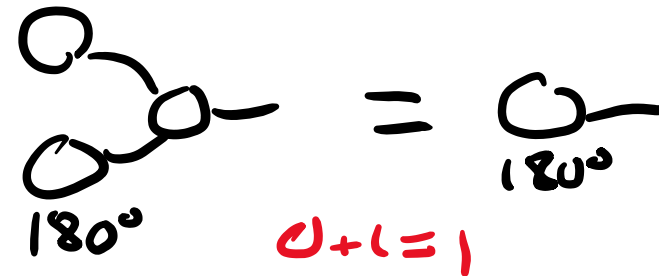


Special spider states

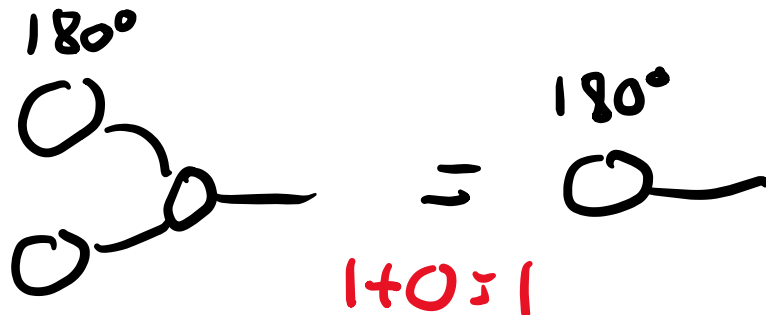
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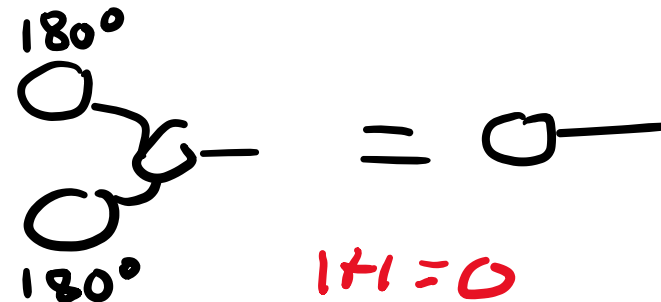
A diagram showing a spider with two input circles at the top and one output circle at the bottom. The top-left input is labeled 0° and the top-right input is labeled 0° . The output circle is labeled 0° . Below the spider is the red text $0+0=0$.



A diagram showing a spider with two input circles at the top and one output circle at the bottom. The top-left input is labeled 0° and the top-right input is labeled 180° . The output circle is labeled 180° . Below the spider is the red text $0+1=1$.



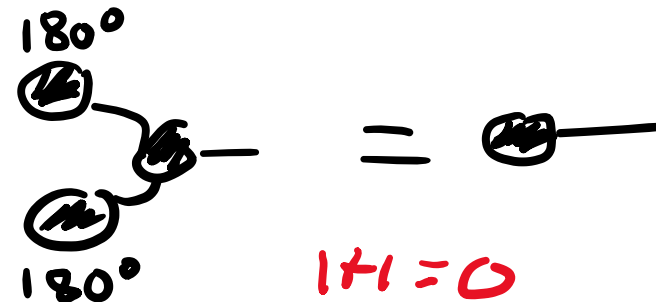
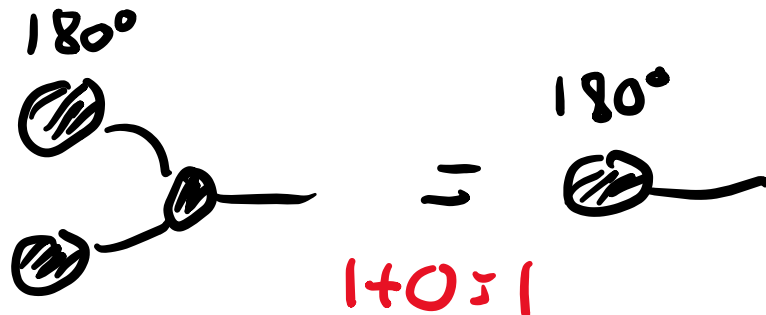
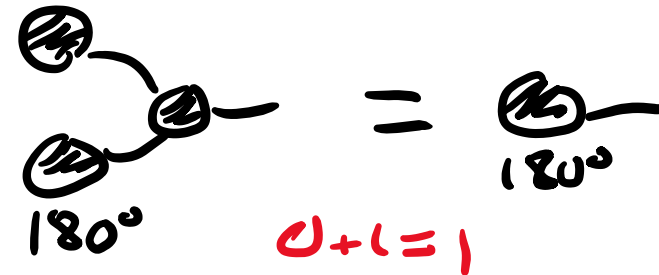
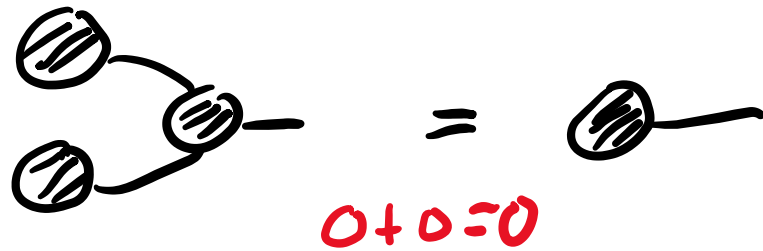
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NOT gates for spider states

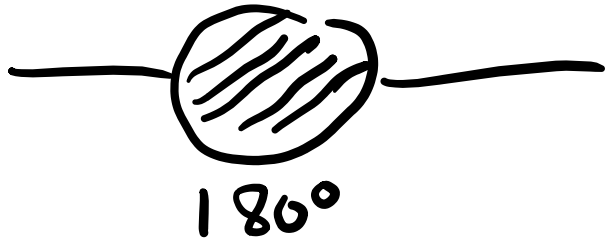
We have addition spiders and we have 180° spider states that act as the bit value 1: if we put them together, we get NOT gates for spiders (one per colour).



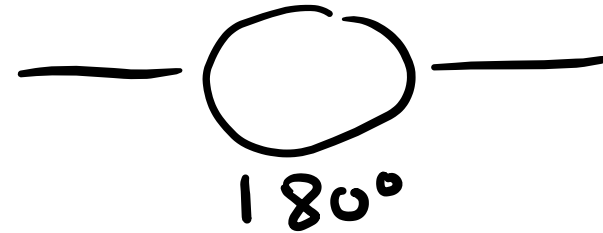
(recall that $\text{NOT} := \boxed{-} \boxed{+}$)

The X and Z gates

Because there are two possible NOT gates, on qubits, they get special names: they are called X gates and Z gates.




X gate





Z gate

Other named rotations


S gate —  90°

\sqrt{x} gate —  90°

S^\dagger gate —  270°

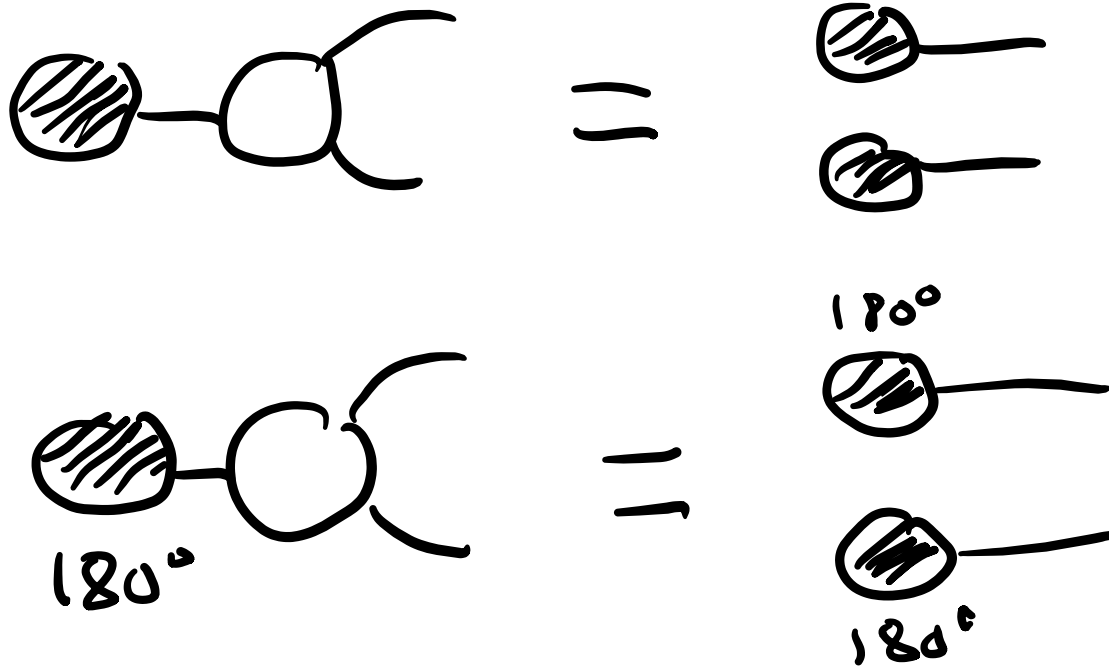
\sqrt{x}^\dagger gate —  270°

T gate —  45°

T^\dagger gate —  315°

Copy rules for spider states

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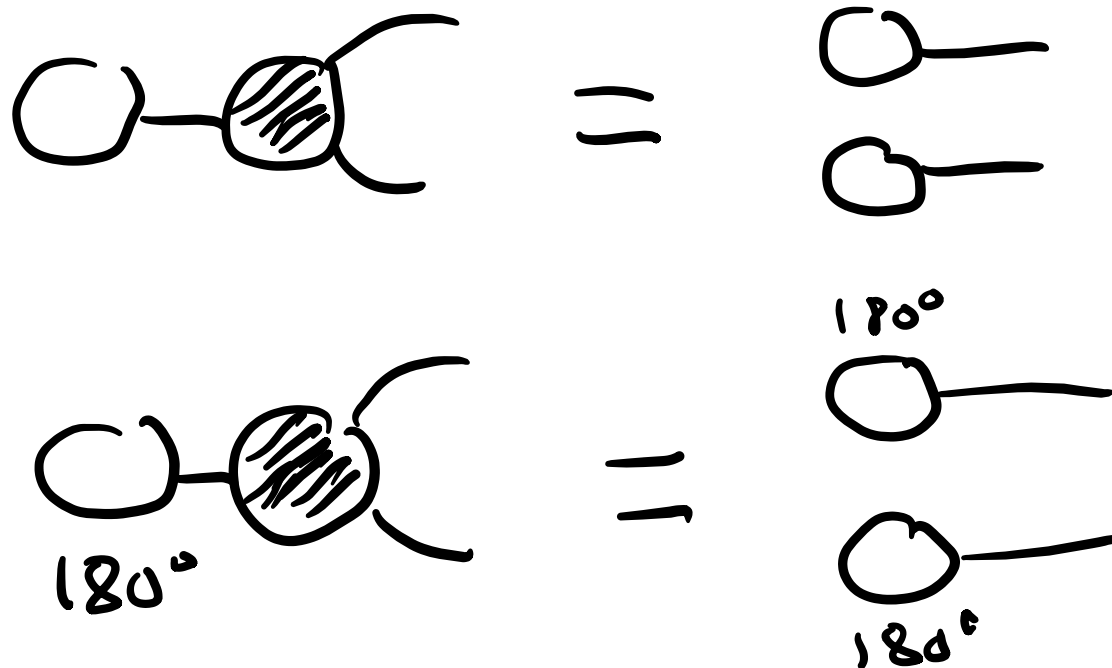


$$\boxed{0} - \text{C} = \begin{matrix} \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} \end{matrix}$$

$$\boxed{180} - \text{C} = \begin{matrix} \boxed{180} \\ \boxed{180} \end{matrix}$$

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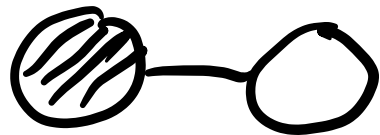


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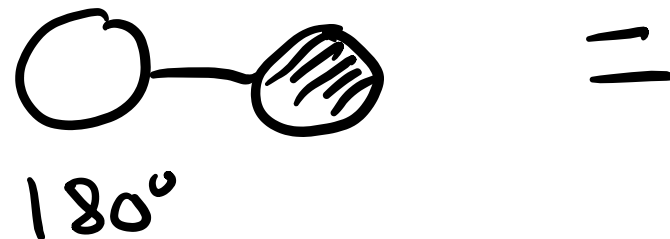
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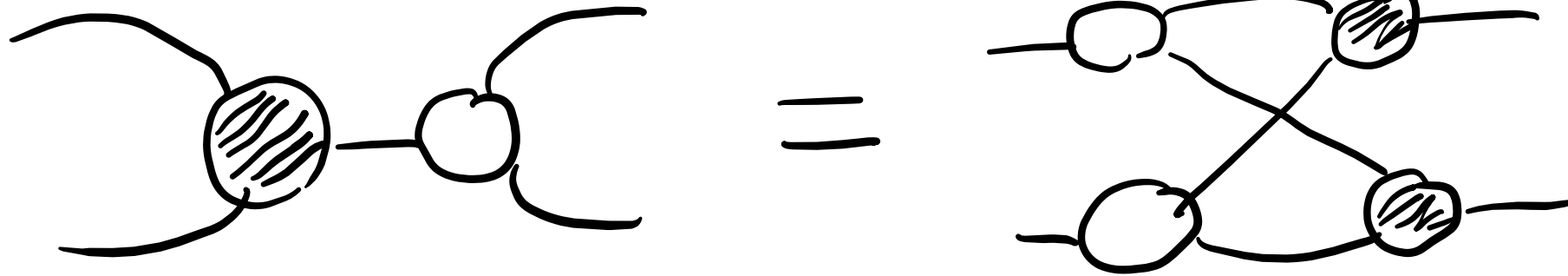
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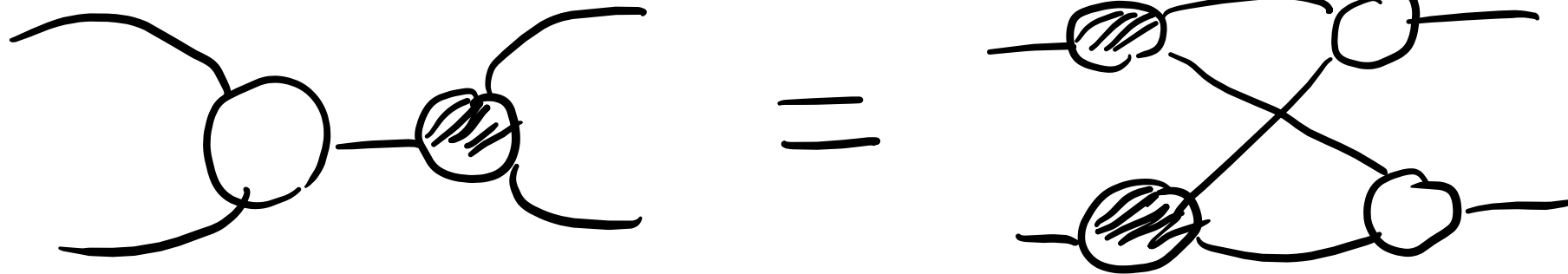
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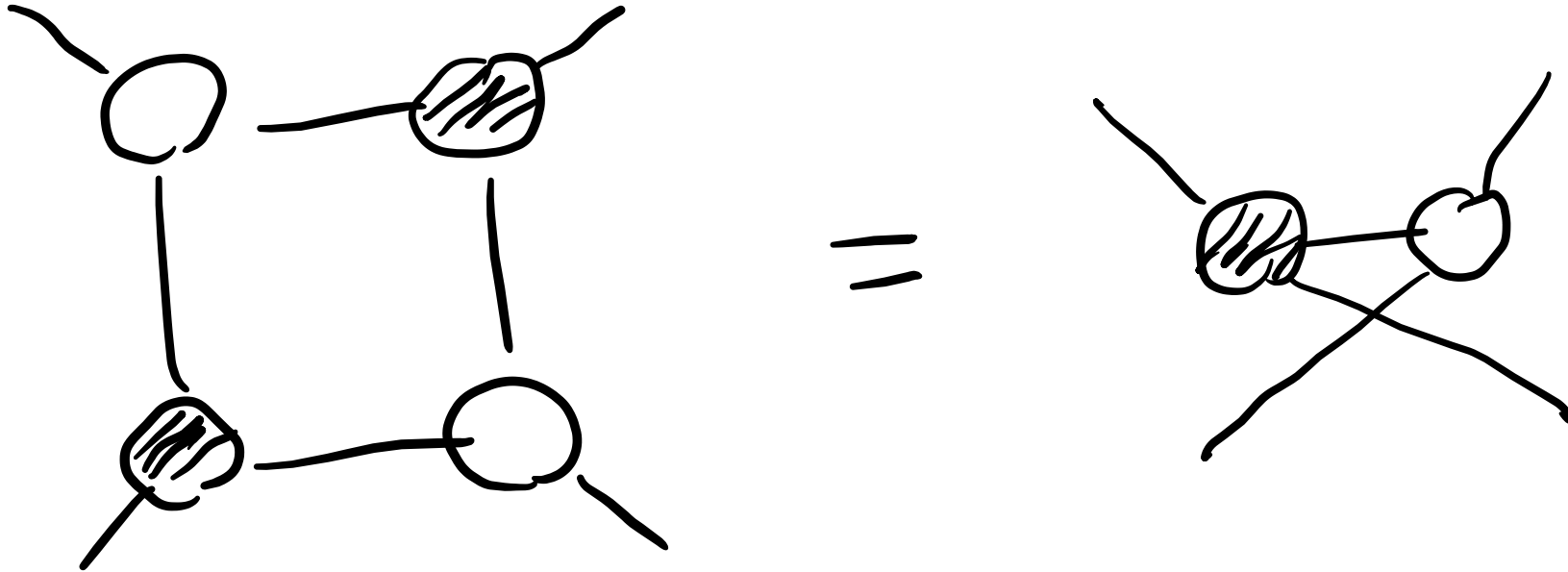
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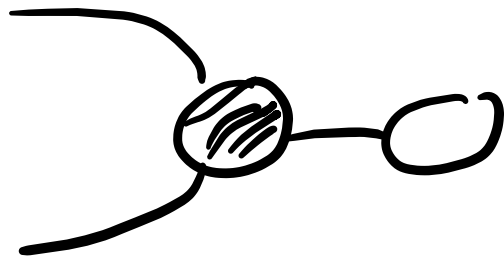
The square popping rule

An alternative way to see the copy rule for spider is the following “square-popping rule”:

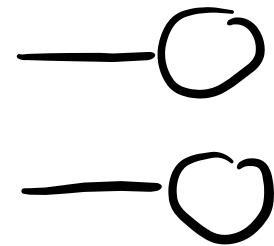


Delete rules for addition spiders

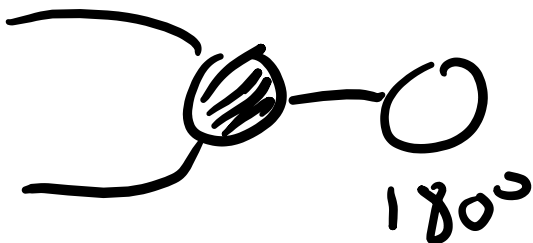
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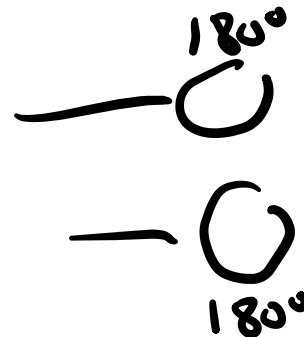
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$$\overline{+} - 0 = -0$$



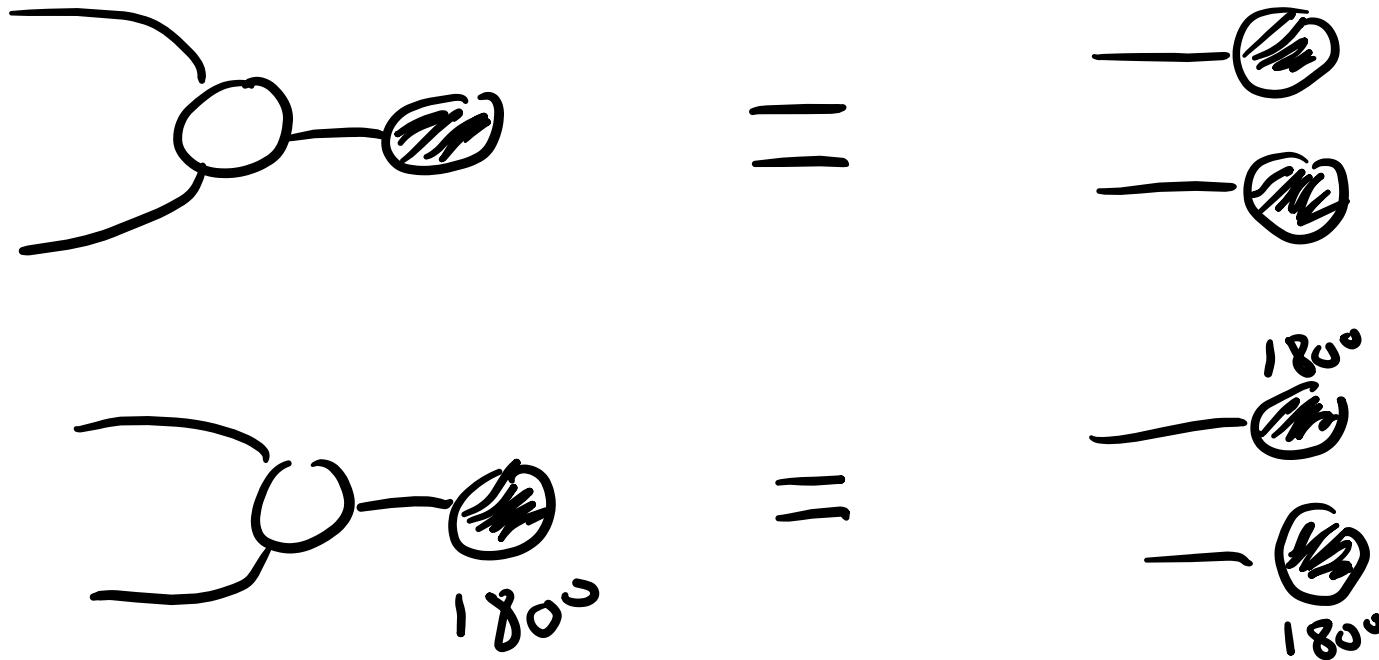
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← NOT!

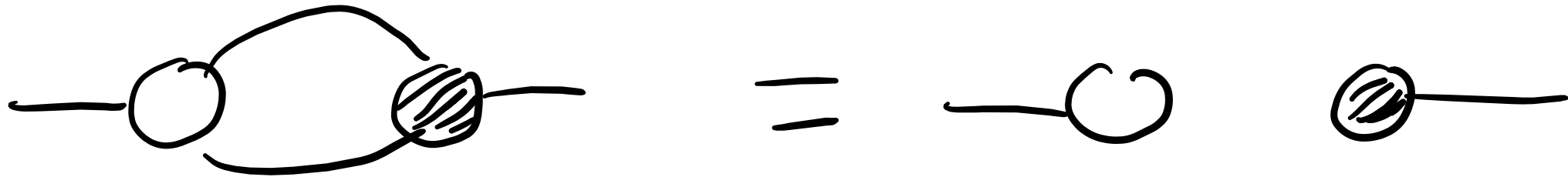
Delete rules for addition spiders

The delete rules for spiders relate the delete spider of one colour to the addition spider of the other.



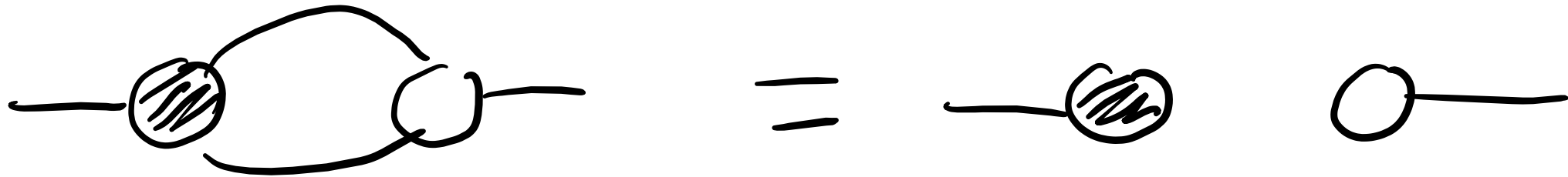
Cancellativity for spiders

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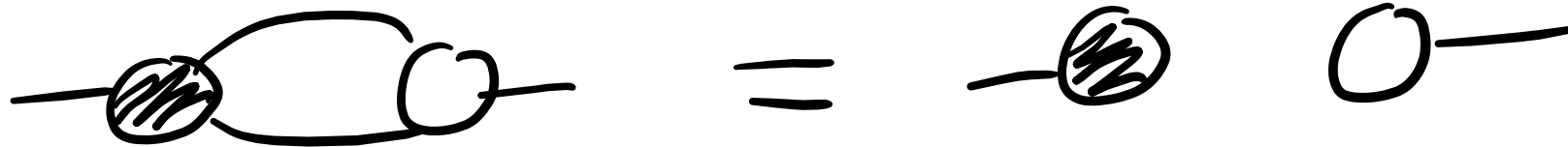
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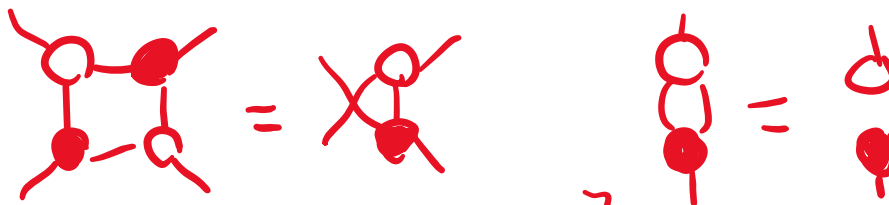


Leg-chopping rule

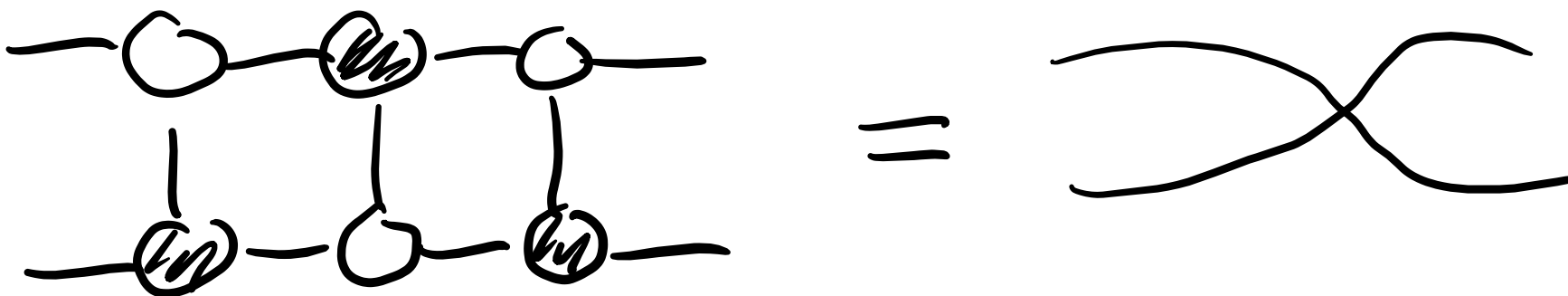
Cancellativity is also known as the “leg-chopping rule”.



Exercise (10m)



Use the square-popping, leg-chopping and spider fusion to prove the following equation:

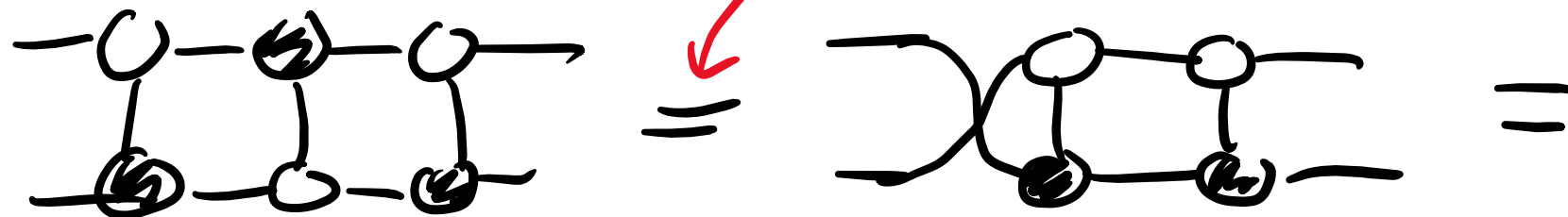


(Later on, we'll see that the gates above are CNOTs. This equation then states that three alternating CNOTs can be used to swap qubits, a useful fact that finds many applications in quantum computing.)

Exercise (Solutions)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \end{array} = \text{X}$$

Square-popping



Spider fusion

Spider fusion

leg chopping

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ \end{array}$$


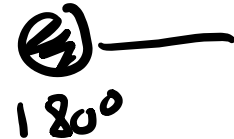
Spider fusion



Spider arithmetic

At this point, we have two ways of doing binary arithmetic with spiders: one where the $0^\circ/180^\circ$ Z spider states play the role of a bit, another where the $0^\circ/180^\circ$ X spider states play the same.

addition 

Prepare 0 
Prepare 1 

copy 


delete 

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addition 

Prepare 0 

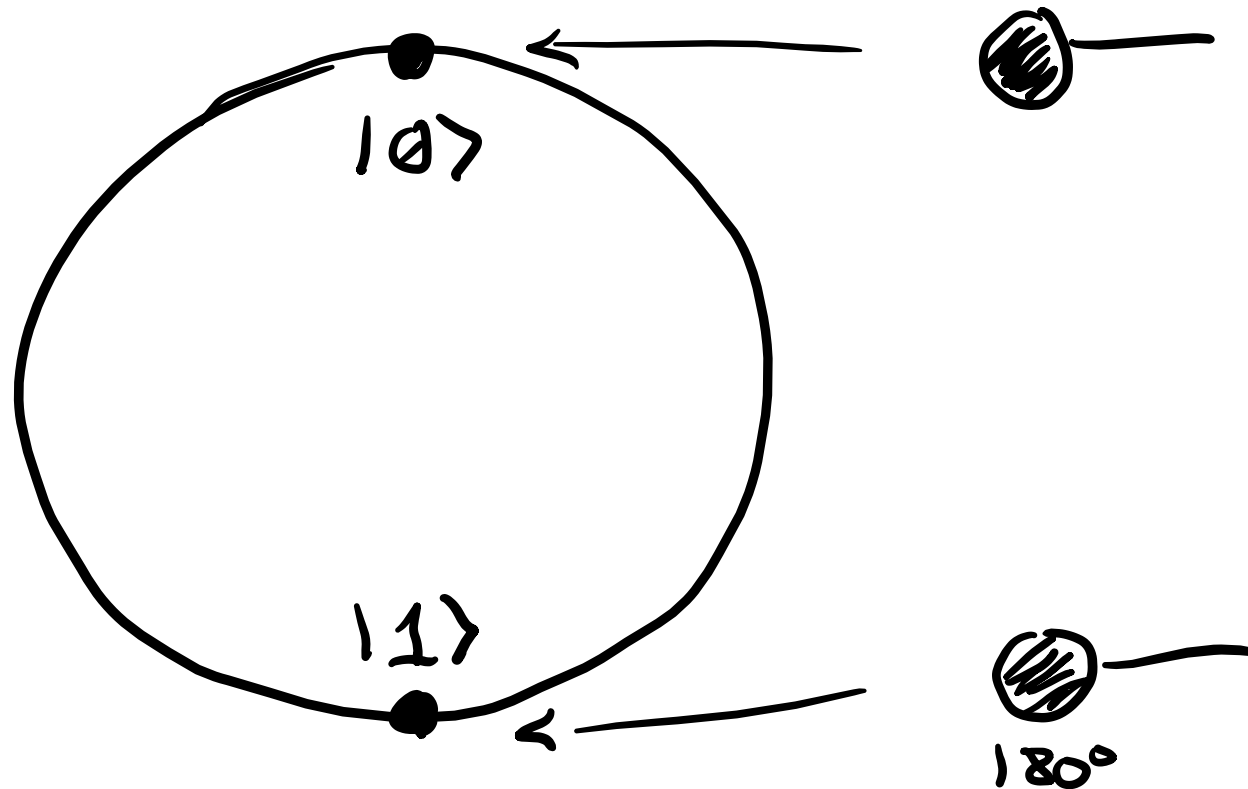
Prepare 1 
180°

copy 

delete 

Spider arithmetic

Traditionally, the $0^\circ/180^\circ$ X spider states are the ones used to encode a bit, hence their name on the Bloch sphere:



CNOTs from spiders

When using the $0^\circ/180^\circ$ X spider states to encode the bit values 0 and 1, the X gate acts as a NOT gate:

$$\text{X spider } 0^\circ \text{ --- X spider } 180^\circ \text{ ---} = \text{X spider } 180^\circ \text{ ---}$$

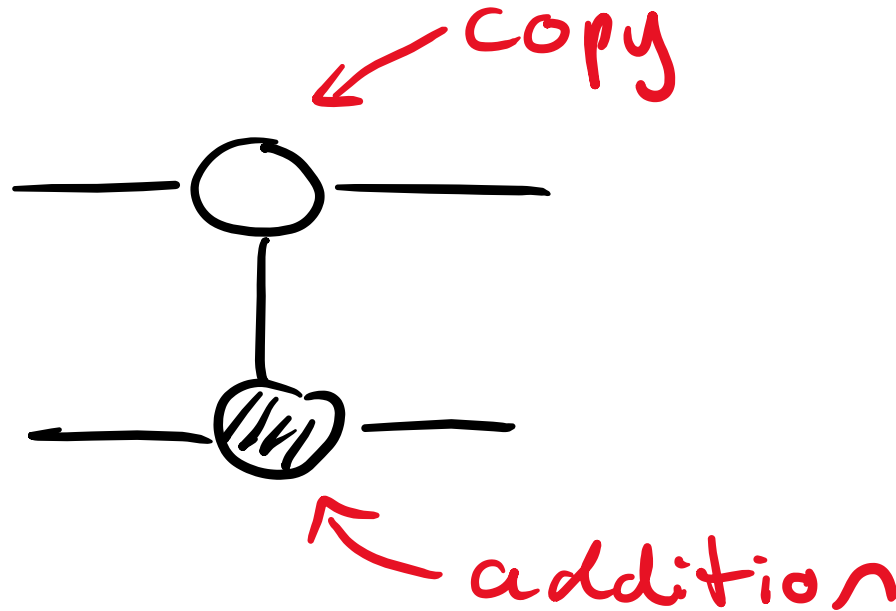
$\text{NOT } 0 = 1$

$$\text{X spider } 180^\circ \text{ --- X spider } 180^\circ \text{ ---} = \text{X spider } 0^\circ \text{ ---}$$

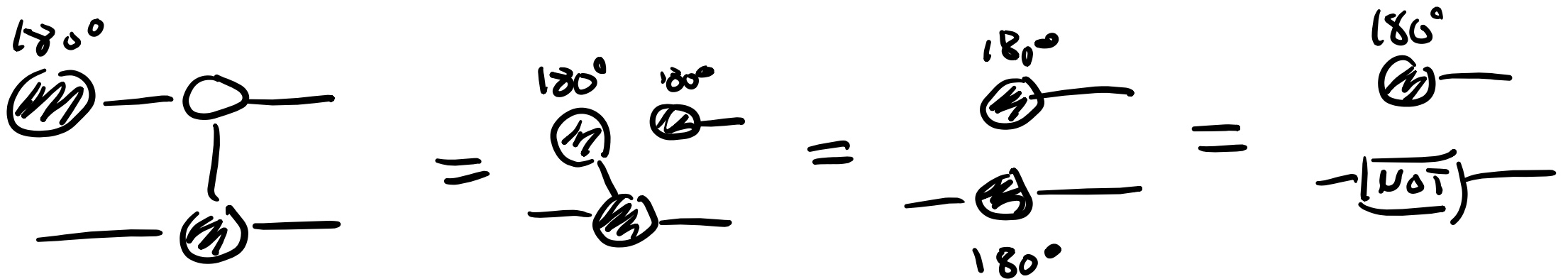
$\text{NOT } 1 = 0$

CNOTs from spiders

When using the $0^\circ/180^\circ$ X spider states to encode the bit values 0 and 1, the following acts as a CNOT gate:

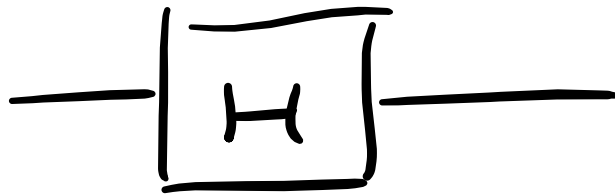


CNOTs from spiders



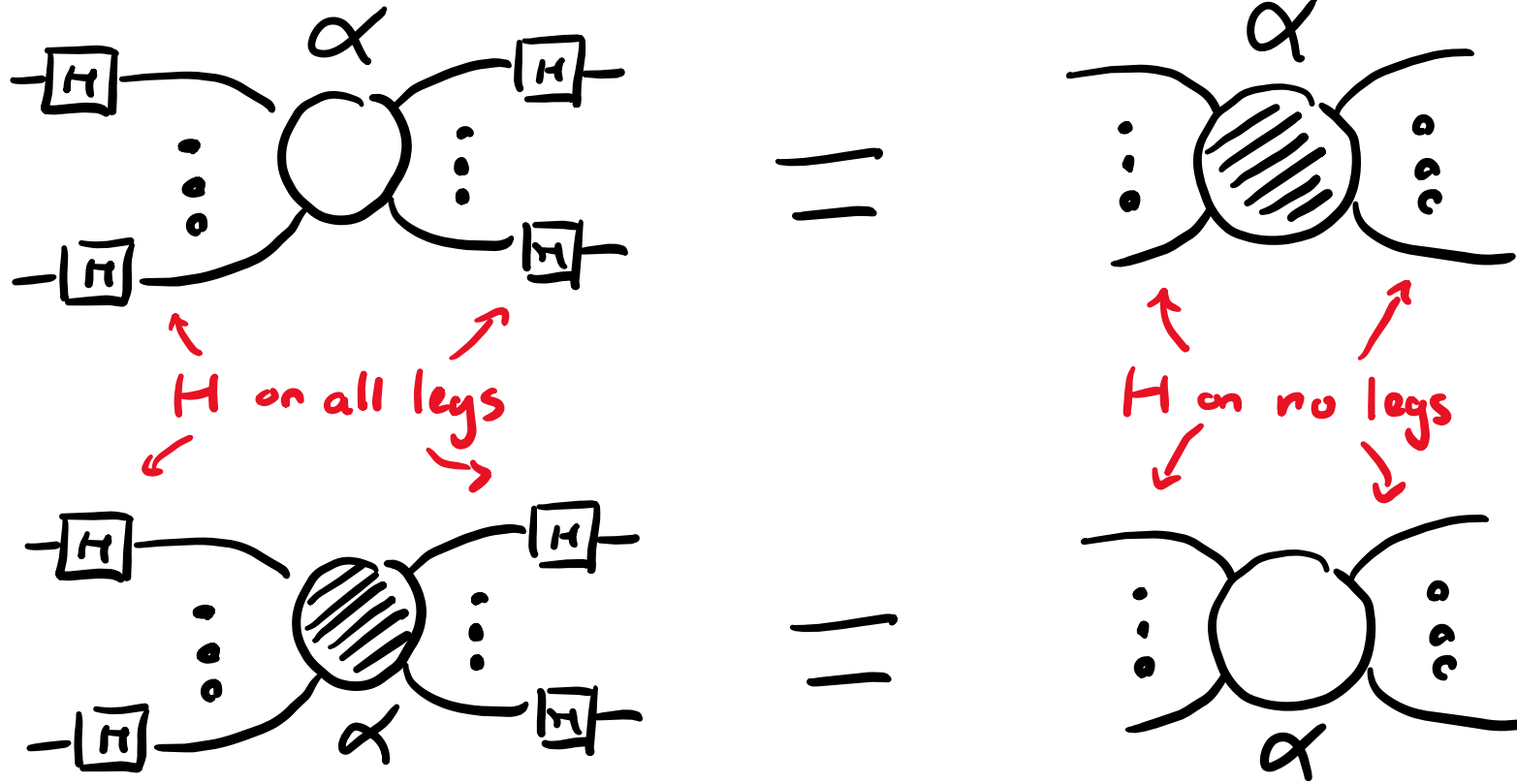
Colour-change gate

There is a special “colour-change” gate, also known as the “Hadamard gate”, which can be used to turn spiders of one colour into the other.



Hadamard gate

Colour-change rules



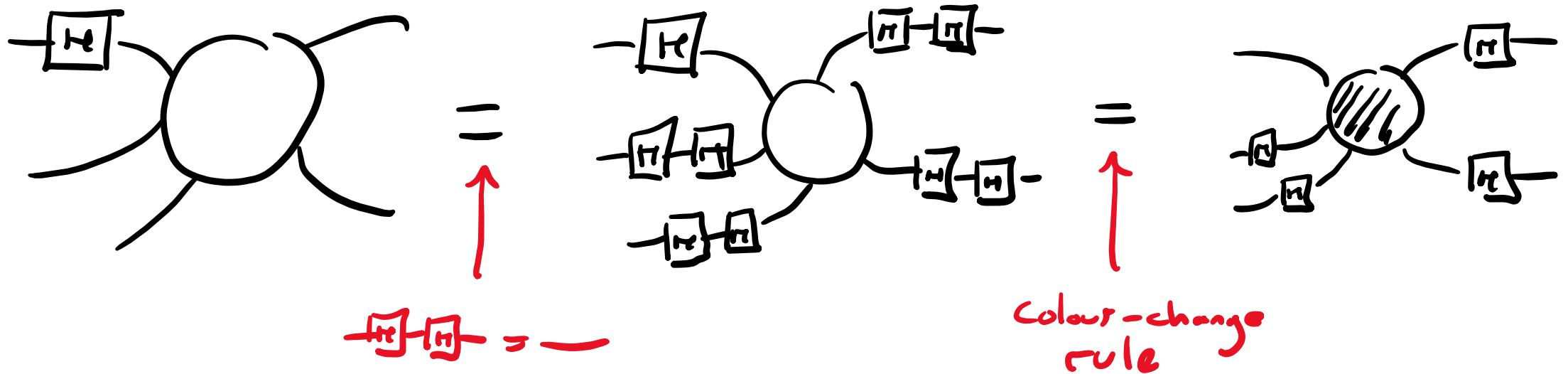
Colour-change gate

Applying the colour-change gate twice is like doing nothing at all.



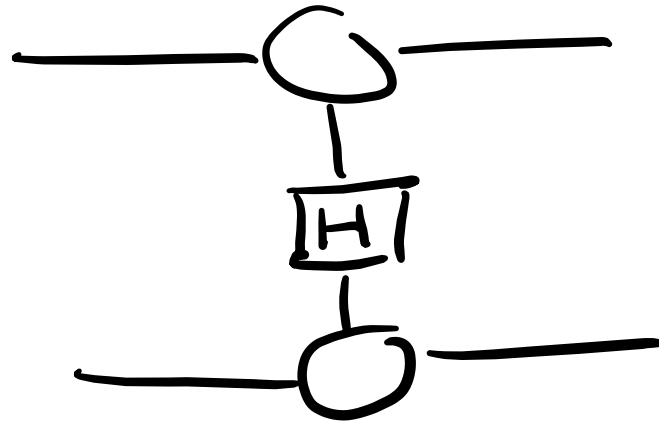
Derived colour-change rules

If we apply a colour change gate to one leg of a spider, it passes through, changes the spider colour and appears on all other legs:



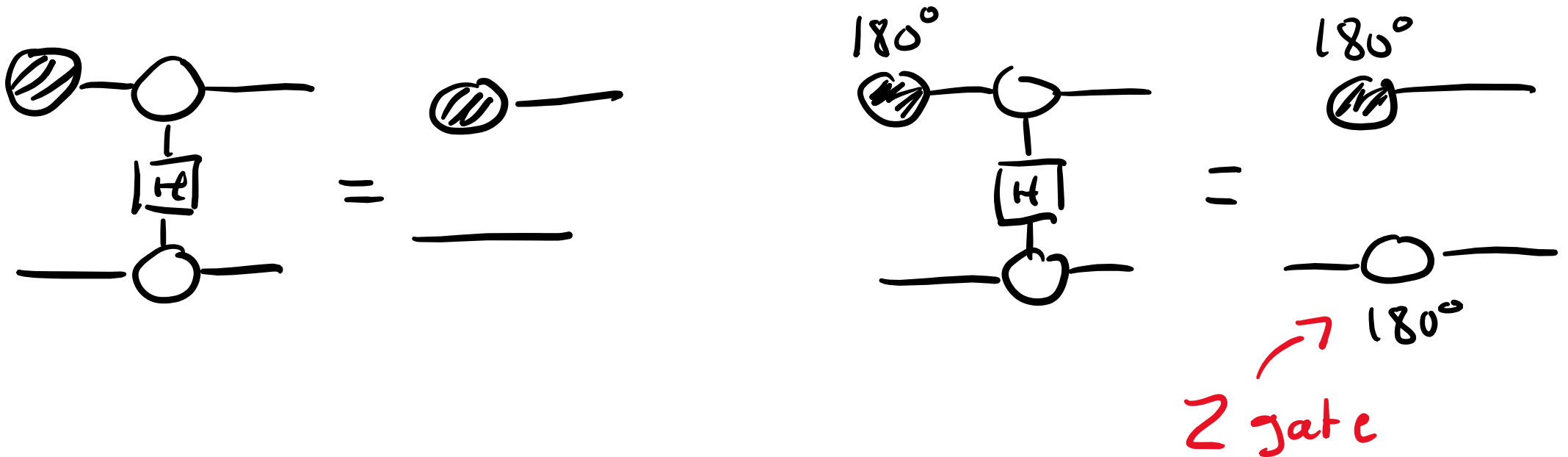
The CZ gate

Because the X gate acts as NOT gate, the CNOT is sometimes called CX (for Controlled X). We can also make a CZ gate (for Controlled Z), where a Z gate is applied instead:

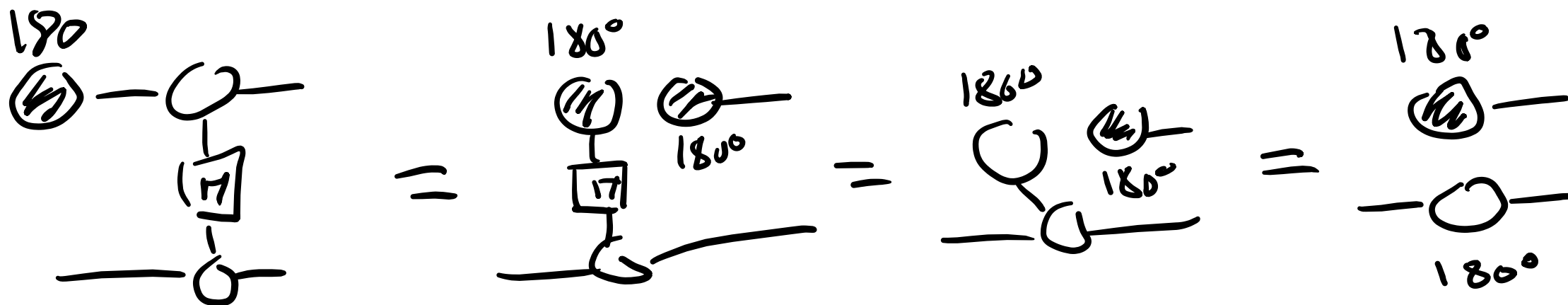
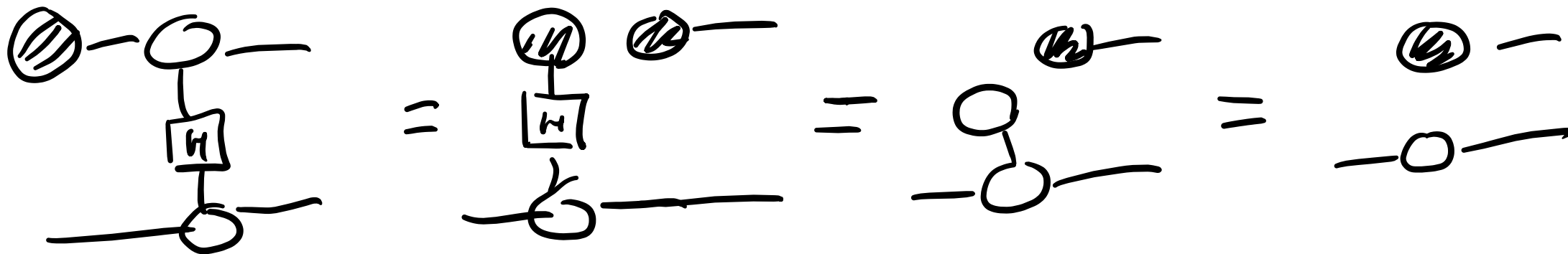


Exercise (5m)

Use the copy rules, colour-change rule and spider fusion to prove that the gate defined in the previous slide is really the controlled Z gate:



Exercise (Solutions)



Numbers

The final ingredient necessary to perform quantum computation are numbers, which are circuits with no inputs or outputs. Below are some simple numbers coming from spiders:

$$\overset{0^\circ}{\bigcirc} = 2 = \textcircled{0^\circ}$$

$$\overset{180^\circ}{\bigcirc} = \textcircled{1} = \textcircled{180^\circ}$$

$$\overset{\alpha}{\bigcirc} - \textcircled{\hspace{0.5em}} = 1 = \overset{\alpha}{\bigcirc} - \overset{180^\circ}{\textcircled{\hspace{0.5em}}}$$

$$\textcircled{\hspace{0.5em}} - \overset{\alpha}{\bigcirc} = 1 = \textcircled{\hspace{0.5em}} - \overset{180^\circ}{\bigcirc}$$

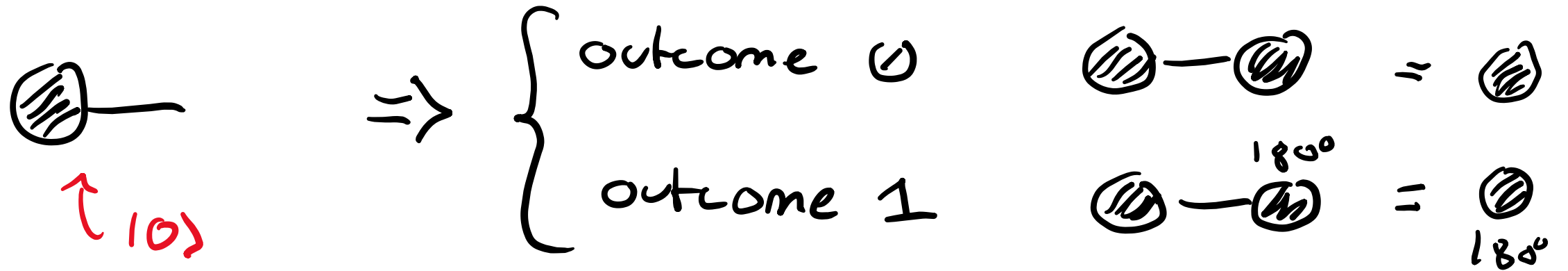
Measurement outcome probabilities

To compute the probabilities for a measurement outcome (a bitstring, 1 bit for each qubit), we do the following:

1. Apply a 0° or 180° X delete spider to each qubit (depending on whether the string is 0 or 1 at that qubit).
2. Simplify the circuit until we get to a number we know (let's call it the “weight” for the bitstring).

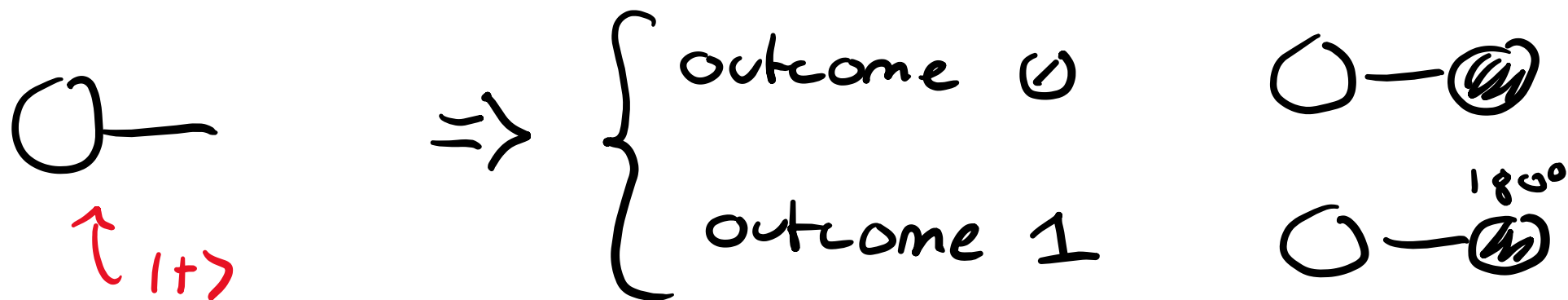
We then normalise all weights so that they sum to 1. Once normalised, those numbers are the probabilities we seek.

Measuring the $|0\rangle$ state



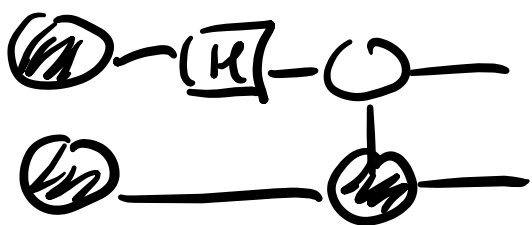
$$\begin{aligned}
 |0\rangle &= 2 \\
 |0\rangle^{180^\circ} &= 0
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} IP(0) = \frac{2}{2+0} = 1 \\ IP(1) = \frac{0}{2+0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Measuring the $|+\rangle$ state

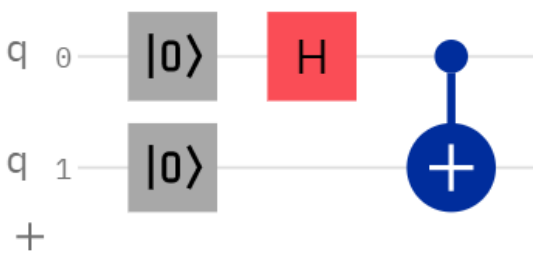


$\bigcirc - \bigcirc = 1$
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Measuring the Bell state



Circuit preparing the Bell state



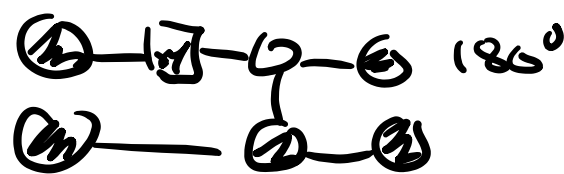
outcome 00
 outcome 01
 Outcome 10
 Outcome 11



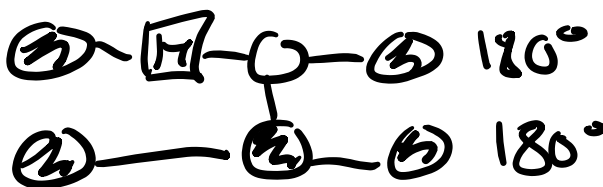
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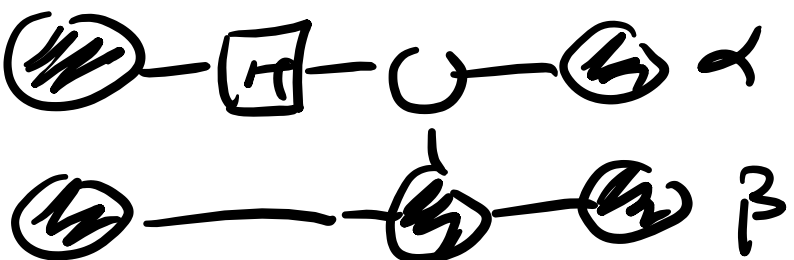


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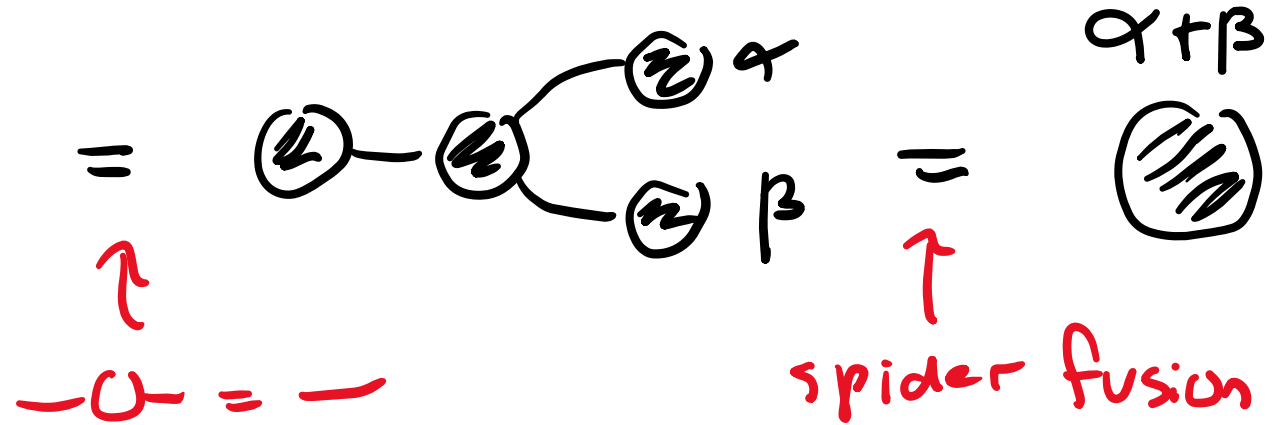
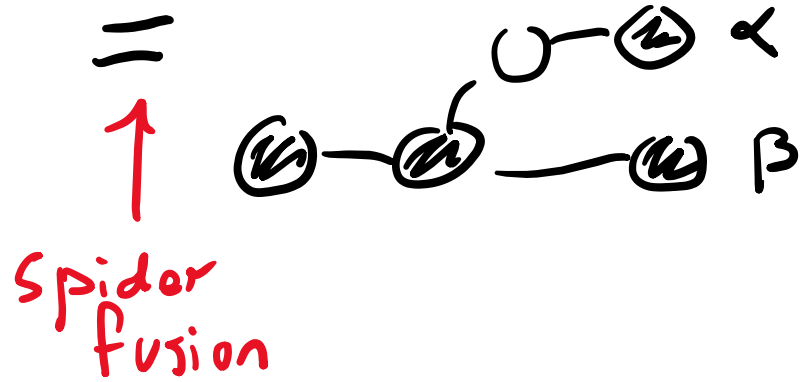
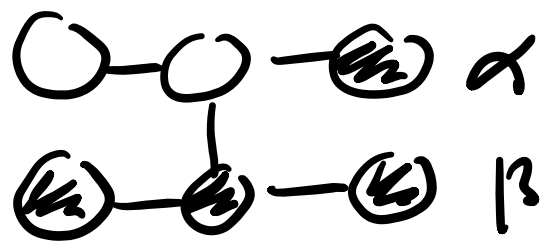
Measuring the Bell state

$(\alpha, \beta = 0^\circ, 180^\circ)$

colour change



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Measuring the Bell state

Weight: $\alpha + \beta$


Outcome	00	$\alpha = 0^\circ, \beta = 0^\circ \Rightarrow$	$\overset{\alpha+\beta}{\text{Ⓢ}}$	$=$	Ⓢ	$= 2$
Outcome	01	$\alpha = 0^\circ, \beta = 180^\circ \Rightarrow$	$\overset{\alpha+\beta}{\text{Ⓢ}}$	$=$	$\overset{180^\circ}{\text{Ⓢ}}$	$= 0$
Outcome	10	$\alpha = 180^\circ, \beta = 0^\circ \Rightarrow$	$\overset{\alpha+\beta}{\text{Ⓢ}}$	$=$	$\overset{180^\circ}{\text{Ⓢ}}$	$= 0$
Outcome	11	$\alpha = 180^\circ, \beta = 180^\circ \Rightarrow$	$\overset{\alpha+\beta}{\text{Ⓢ}}$	$=$	Ⓢ	$= 2$

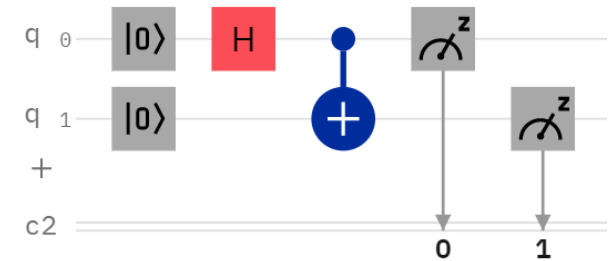
Measuring the Bell state

$$P(00) = \frac{2}{2+0+0+2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

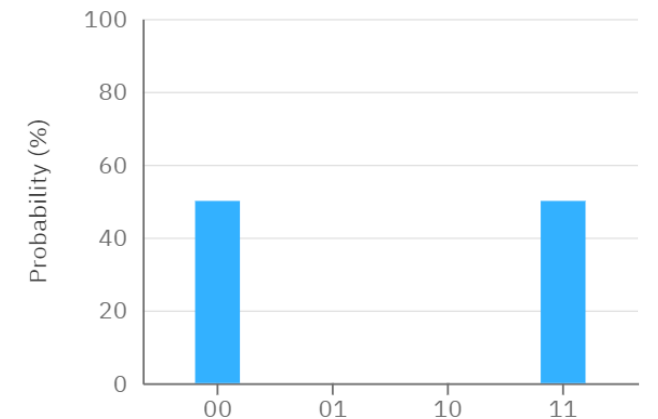
$$P(01) = \frac{0}{2+0+0+2} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$$

$$P(10) = \frac{0}{2+0+0+2} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$$

$$P(11) = \frac{2}{2+0+0+2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$



Probabilities





That's a wrap!

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