

# First steps in a (linear) algebra of (quantum) functional programming

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# Context



- New initiative at Minho
- **Quantum computing** more and more on spot in the media
- Trying to address **quantum programming** from an **algebraic** (category-theoretical) perspective.
- Need to abstract from the physics level.

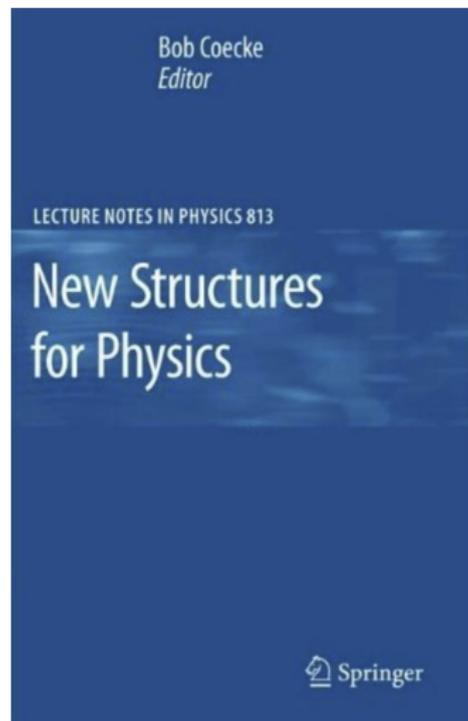
# Literature is vast!

2011 (vintage year):

The “bible”, compiled by B. Coecke:

**“New Structures for Physics”**, **Lect. Notes in Physics** *volume 813*, 2011

The generic structures (**monoidal categories**) in which **quantum physics** are expressed in this book accommodate typed linear algebras in a natural way.



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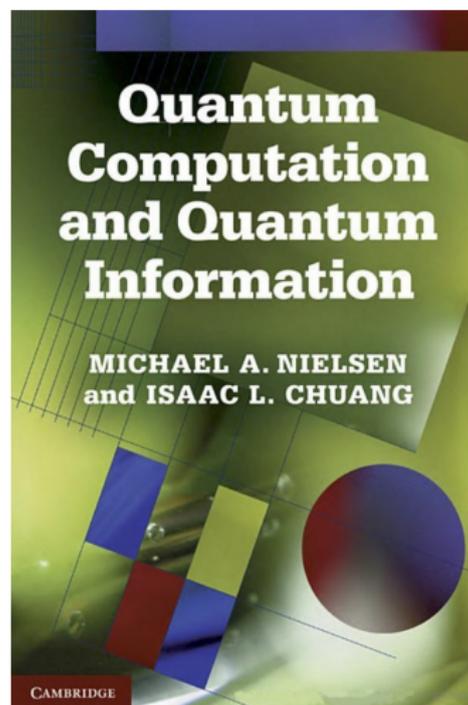
2011 (vintage year):

The 10th Anniversary Edition of the “classic” by Nielsen and Chuang.

But there is more — Selinger’s **qPL** (2004) etc etc

Literature is vast.

This includes previous WG2.1 work in this field, see e.g. Mu and Bird (2001).



# Opportunities for QP

“Equation” *a la* Wirth:

$$(Quantum) Programs = (Quantum) Algorithms + (Quantum) Data Structures$$

Quantum algorithms based on elementary **components**, called **quantum gates**.

Classical bits generalize to quantum bits (**qubits**) — quantum data.

		CONTROL	
		Classic	Quantum
DATA	Classic	–	x
	Quantum	x	x

## What QP should (eventually) be

**QP** expected to evolve and reach maturity as the other bodies of knowledge in programming, requiring

- a **syntax**
- a **semantics**
- a **calculus**

This enables **program calculation**, the *scientific method* applied to software.

E.g., the **FP calculus** derives one version of the *Fibonacci recurrence relation* (aside) from the other.

$$\text{fib } 0 = 0$$

$$\text{fib } 1 = 1$$

$$\text{fib } (n + 2) = \text{fib } (n + 1) + \text{fib } n$$

$$\text{fib } n =$$

$$\text{let } (x, y) = \text{for loop } (0, 1) \ n$$

$$\text{loop } (x, y) = (y, x + y)$$

$$\text{in } x$$

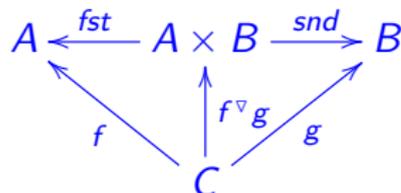
# Syntax, semantics, calculus (FP)

## Syntax:

- **Sequential** composition ( $f \cdot g$  seen above)
- **Parallel** composition ( $f \nabla g$ ) based on **pairing**  
 $(f \nabla g) x = (f x, g x)$
- **Alternative** composition  $[f, g]$  — the dual of **pairing**
- Recursive solutions to **equations** involving the above.

## Semantics, e.g. that of **pairing**

$$k = f \nabla g \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} fst \cdot k = f \\ snd \cdot k = g \end{cases}$$



# Syntax, semantics, calculus (FP)

**Calculus**, e.g. *fusion*,

$$(f \nabla g) \cdot h = (f \cdot h) \nabla (g \cdot h) \quad (1)$$

*loss-less decomposition*

$$k = (fst \cdot k) \nabla (snd \cdot k) \quad (2)$$

*reflection*

$$fst \nabla snd = id \quad (3)$$

*pairwise equality*

$$k \nabla h = f \nabla g \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} k = f \\ h = g \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

and so on.

## Does this hold in the quantum world?

Quantum computations are all **reversible**.

This is expressed in linear algebra by **unitary** matrices (more about this later)

**Isomorphisms** are unitary and many quantum **gates** are isos

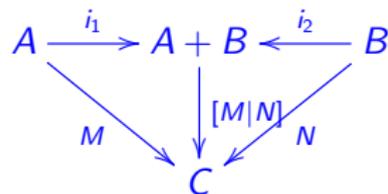
Yesterday we have seen how **pairing** differs from functions in the case of stochastic matrices

With matrices in general, **products** have to do with **coproducts** and not with **pairing** — this leads to **biproducts**.

# Biproducts

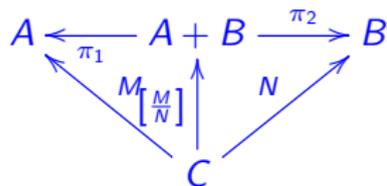
In LA **coproducts** correspond to putting matrices side by side (horizontally):

$$X = [M|N] \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} X \cdot i_1 = M \\ X \cdot i_2 = N \end{cases}$$



**Products** correspond to putting matrices side by side vertically:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} M \\ N \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \pi_1 \cdot X = M \\ \pi_2 \cdot X = N \end{cases}$$



This is the basis of **block** operations in LA and leads to **direct sums**:

$$M \oplus N = [i_1 \cdot M | i_2 \cdot N] = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Quantum gates

Let us briefly show how standard **quantum programming gates**, used in **quantum circuits** (Nielsen and Chuang, 2011), can be expressed in typed LA.

They can be **decomposed** into polymorphic, elementary matrix categorial **units**.

Pairing (Khatri-Rao  $\nabla$  + Kronecker products  $\otimes$ )<sup>1</sup> is central to quantum data structuring.

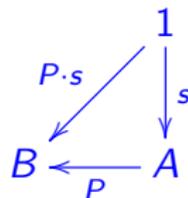
Interestingly, **biproducts** can make quantum gates easier to understand and reason about, as I will briefly show.

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<sup>1</sup>The latter is defined by  $M \otimes N = (M \cdot fst) \nabla (N \cdot snd)$ .

# Quantum processing

**Quantum application** — like function application, the outcome of processing quantum data  $s$  by quantum gate  $P$  is given by  $P \cdot s$ :



**Qubits** — The smallest (useful)  $A$  is  $2$ , the Booleans — so a (qu)bit  $2 \xleftarrow{s} 1$  is always a vector of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ .

**'Ket' Notation** — traditionally,

- $|0\rangle : 1 \rightarrow 2$  denotes the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which represents point 0 (a bit holding 0).
- $|1\rangle : 1 \rightarrow 2$  denotes the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  which represents point 1 (a bit holding 1).

## $|\phi\rangle$ notation

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the notation  $a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$  is normally used to denote **qubit**  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ .

A qubit  $2 \xleftarrow{a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle} 1$  expresses a quantum **superposition** of the two truth values.

Complex numbers  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$  are called **amplitudes** and are such that  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ .

Given two qubits  $1 \xrightarrow{u} 2$  and  $1 \xrightarrow{v} 2$ ,  $1 \xrightarrow{u^\vee v} 2 \times 2$  denotes their **pairing**.

This leads to an extension of the 'ket' notation (next slide).

# $|\phi\rangle$ notation and pairing

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |0\rangle \vee |1\rangle \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{thinking functional helps} \} \\
 & \underline{0} \vee \underline{1} \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{constant functions} \} \\
 & \underline{(0, 1)} \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{vector notation} \} \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{extended 'ket' notation} \} \\
 & |01\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

## $|\phi\rangle$ notation and pairing

More generally, the qubit pairing  $(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) \nabla (c|0\rangle + d|1\rangle)$  yields, once converted to vector notation

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \nabla \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \\ = & \quad \{ \text{Khatri-Rao} \} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} ac \\ ad \\ bc \\ bd \end{bmatrix} \\ = & \quad \{ \text{vector addition} \} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} ac \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ ad \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ bc \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ bd \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $ac|00\rangle + ad|01\rangle + bc|10\rangle + bd|11\rangle$ .

# Qubit entanglement

The qubit pair

$$2 \times 2 \longleftarrow \frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} 1$$

is a well-known example of **entanglement** – you get

$$\begin{aligned}fst \cdot \frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\snd \cdot \frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

but

$$\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = 2 \times 2 \longleftarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\circ} 1$$

is different from the original  $2 \times 2 \longleftarrow \frac{|00\rangle + |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} 1$ .

# Quantum control

A well-known quantum gate is the **Hadamard gate**:

$$|2\rangle \xleftarrow{H} |2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying this gate to qubit  $|u\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$ :

$$|2\rangle \xleftarrow{H} |2\rangle \xleftarrow{u} |1\rangle$$

$\xleftarrow{H \cdot u}$

Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a-b \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{a-b}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

## Classic control (functional programming)

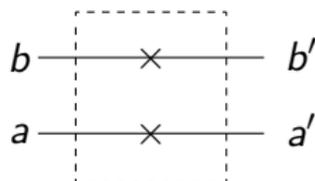
(Polymorphic) functional programming can play a nice role in quantum processing (perhaps not fully appreciated yet).

Think of the function  $swap(a, b) = (b, a)$ , that is, the **isomorphism**:

$$A \times B \xrightarrow{swap} B \times A = snd \triangleright fst.$$

For  $A = B = 2$ , this corresponds to the classical gate

			0	0	1	1
			0	1	0	1
0	0		1	0	0	0
0	1		0	0	1	0
1	0		0	1	0	0
1	1		0	0	0	1



## SWAP Gates

Applied to a qubit pair it will yield:

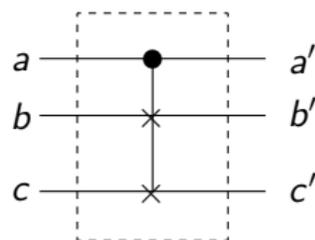
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{swap} \cdot (a |00\rangle + b |01\rangle + c |10\rangle + d |11\rangle) \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{expand to vector notation} \} \\
 & \text{swap} \cdot \left( a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{swap} = \text{snd} \nabla \text{fst} ; \text{vector addition} \} \\
 & (\text{snd} \nabla \text{fst}) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{matrix-vector multiplication; then back to } |\phi\rangle \text{ notation} \} \\
 & a |00\rangle + c |01\rangle + b |10\rangle + d |11\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

## The Fredkin gate

This is a 3-(qu)bit gate, also known as “controlled”-SWAP. Let us see why.

Untyped description:

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



As a function (pointwise) of type  $fred : 2 \times (2 \times 2) \rightarrow 2 \times (2 \times 2)$ :

$$\begin{cases} fred(0, x) = (0, x) \\ fred(1, (b, c)) = (1, (c, b)) \end{cases}$$

## Back to elementary AoP

$$\begin{cases} fred \cdot (\underline{0} \triangleright id) = \underline{0} \triangleright id \\ fred \cdot (\underline{1} \triangleright id) = \underline{1} \triangleright swap \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \{ \text{coproducts} \}$$

$$fred \cdot \underbrace{[\underline{0} \triangleright id | \underline{1} \triangleright id]}_{\alpha} = [\underline{0} \triangleright id | \underline{1} \triangleright swap]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \{ \underline{1} \cdot swap = \underline{1} \text{ and so on} \}$$

$$fred \cdot \alpha = \alpha \cdot (id \oplus swap)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \{ \text{introduce } C = (id \oplus) \}$$

$$fred \cdot \alpha = \alpha \cdot C \text{ swap}$$

that is,  $\alpha$  translates *fred*kin into *Controlled swap*.

## The $\alpha$ -isomorphism

The above is a faithful transformation

$$fred \xleftarrow{\alpha} C \text{ swap}$$

because it relies on parametric **isomorphism**

$$\alpha : A + A \rightarrow 2 \times A$$

$$\alpha = [\underline{0} \nabla id | \underline{1} \nabla id] \tag{5}$$

that (by the exchange law) can also be written

$$\alpha = [\underline{0} | \underline{1}] \nabla [id | id] \tag{6}$$

with **natural** property:

$$\alpha \cdot (M \oplus M) = (id \otimes M) \cdot \alpha \tag{7}$$

For free we obtain that *fred* is an **isomorphism** too.

## The $\alpha$ -isomorphism

The translation from a pair-wise description of the Fredkin gate to a copair-wise one is so useful that we define, for every

$M : 2 \times A \rightarrow B$ , the corresponding  $M' : A + A \rightarrow B$  defined by

$$M' = M \cdot \alpha \tag{8}$$

This transform has a number of immediate properties:

$$(M \triangleright N)' = M' \triangleright N' \tag{9}$$

$$id' = \alpha \tag{10}$$

$$!' = ! \tag{11}$$

$$fst' = ! \oplus ! \tag{12}$$

$$xor' = [id | \neg] \tag{13}$$

an so on.

## The CNOT gate

Think now of implementing  $xor : 2 \times 2 \rightarrow 2$  defined by

$$xor(0, a) = a$$

$$xor(1, a) = \neg a$$

Clearly, this gate is not **injective** — e.g.  $xor(0, 0) = xor(1, 1)$  — and therefore not **reversible**.

The laws of quantum physics give no hope for non-reversible computations, so how can such an important classical gate be incorporated in quantum circuits?

The trick is to add a “garbage” bit to the output, which becomes type  $2 \times 2$  making room for a reversible computation:

$$xor\_ (a, b) = (a, xor(a, b))$$

How can we be sure this is reversible (isomorphism)?

## Easy (indirect) calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{xor}' \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{definition} \} \\
 & (\text{fst} \triangleright \text{xor})' \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{laws given} \} \\
 & (! \oplus !) \triangleright [\text{id} | \neg] \\
 = & \quad \{ ! \triangleright M = M \text{ etc} \} \\
 & [i_1 | i_2 \cdot \neg] \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{coproducts} \} \\
 & \text{id} \oplus \neg \\
 = & \quad \{ \text{defined above} \} \\
 & C \neg
 \end{aligned}$$

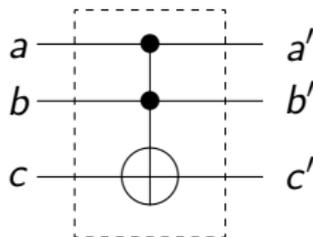
Because  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism,  $f$  is **injective** iff  $f' = f \cdot \alpha$  is so.

So the calculation on the left is an indirect way of proving that  $\text{fst}$  is a **constant complement** of  $\text{xor}$  (Matsuda et al., 2007).

No need for **pointwise** arguments!

# Toffoli gate (*CCNOT*)

Diagram:



As a functional program:

$$\text{toffoli} : (2 \times 2) \times 2 \rightarrow (2 \times 2) \times 2$$

$$\text{toffoli} ((1, 1), c) = ((1, 1), \neg c)$$

$$\text{toffoli} ((a, b), c) = ((a, b), c)$$

the same as

$$\text{toffoli} ((a, b), c) = ((a, b), \text{xor } (a \wedge b, c))$$

A very useful gate, cf.

$$\text{toffoli} ((a, 1), c) = ((a, 1), \text{xor } a \text{ } c) \text{ — implements } \text{xor}$$

$$\text{toffoli} ((a, b), 0) = ((a, b), a \wedge b) \text{ — implements } \wedge$$

$$\text{toffoli} ((1, 1), c) = ((1, 1), \neg c) \text{ — implements } \neg$$

## Toffoli gate

Pointfree *toffoli*, as a linear algebra expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{toffoli} &: (2 \times 2) \times 2 \rightarrow (2 \times 2) \times 2 \\ \text{toffoli} &= \text{fst} \nabla (\text{xor} \cdot (\wedge \otimes \text{id})) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Again note how far the “*useful part*” of *toffoli*

$$\text{xor} \cdot (\wedge \otimes \text{id}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is from being a **reversible** computation, as all quantum gates should be.

The trick will be the same — pair with constant complement ( $\text{fst} \nabla \_$ ).

In general, functional **pairing** always increases **injectivity** because

$$(f \nabla g)^\circ \cdot (f \nabla g) = (f^\circ \cdot f) \times (g^\circ \cdot g) \tag{15}$$

and  $f^\circ \cdot f$  (the **kernel** of  $f$ ) measures the injectivity of  $f$ .

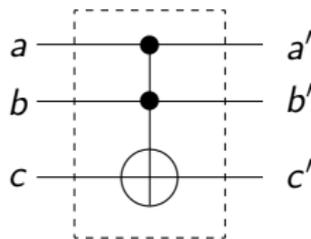
# Toffoli gate

Altogether, for  $A = 2$  in the type of  $\alpha$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (2 + 2) + (2 + 2) & \xrightarrow{\text{toffoli}} & (2 + 2) + (2 + 2) \\
 \alpha \oplus \alpha \downarrow & & \uparrow (\alpha \oplus \alpha)^\circ \\
 (2 \times 2) + (2 \times 2) & & (2 \times 2) + (2 \times 2) \\
 \alpha \downarrow & & \uparrow \alpha^\circ \\
 (2 \times 2) \times 2 & \xrightarrow{X} & (2 \times 2) \times 2
 \end{array}$$

**Calculations** (omitted for brevity) will derive, from the diagram above,

$$X = id \oplus (id \oplus \neg) = C (C \neg)$$



where  $2 \xrightarrow{\neg} 2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  — a much simpler version of (14).

## Controlled-U gates

Generalizing, **controlled-U** gates are captured by the **generic** combinator:

$$C : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (2 + A \rightarrow 2 + B)$$

$$C(U) = id \oplus U$$

where  $2 \xrightarrow{id} 2$ , whereby

$$fredkin = C \text{ swap}$$

$$xor\_ = C \neg$$

$$toffoli = C(C \neg)$$

and so on. Moreover,  $C \_$  is a **functor**:

$$C \text{ id} = id \tag{16}$$

$$C(M \cdot N) = (C M) \cdot (C N) \tag{17}$$

## Unitary gates

The isomorphisms (reversible functions) we have seen so far are special cases of so-called **unitary** matrices.

A  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued matrix  $U$  is unitary iff  $U \cdot U^* = U^* \cdot U = id$ , where  $U^*$  is the **conjugate** transpose of  $U$ .

**Isomorphisms** admit further decompositions in terms of such matrices, for instance “the sqrt of not”

$$\neg = (\sqrt{\neg}) \cdot (\sqrt{\neg})$$

where

$$\sqrt{\neg} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{T} + i (id - \neg)) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + i & 1 - i \\ 1 - i & 1 + i \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus one gets into the wonderful world of **actual** quantum gates in which classical logic operations are no longer primitive.

# My first (tentative) quantum 'adjoint fold'

Suppose we want to apply the Hadamard gate

$$2 \xleftarrow{H} 2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$n$  times to qubit  $q$  — a kind of **for**-loop:

**for**  $H$   $n$   $q$

Expanding — and ignoring the quantum essence of  $H$  for the moment:

**for**  $H$   $0$   $q = q$

**for**  $H$   $(n + 1)$   $q = H$  (**for**  $H$   $n$   $q$ )

## My first (tentative) quantum 'adjoint fold'

From the type of **for**  $H : \mathbf{N}_0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2$ , or the isomorphic  $\mathbf{N}_0 \times 2 \rightarrow 2$ , we see that **for**  $H$  cannot be reversible.

But type  $\mathbf{N}_0 \times 2 \rightarrow \mathbf{N}_0 \times 2$  would have room to accommodate one such reversible computation.

So we go for the uncurried version, paired with *fst* as before — the **constant complement** trick again — abbreviated to *f*:

$$\begin{aligned} f (0, q) &= (0, q) \\ f (n + 1, q) &= (n + 1, H (snd (f (n, q)))) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $H$  is not a function, we have to go **pointfree** (in LA) to have the right definition:

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot (\underline{0} \otimes id) &= \underline{0} \otimes id \\ f \cdot (succ \otimes id) &= (succ \cdot fst) \triangleright (H \cdot snd \cdot f) \end{aligned}$$

# My first (tentative) quantum 'adjoint fold'

Putting the two lines together using **coproducts** and converse, we get the **recursive** matrix,

$$f = [0 \otimes id | (succ \cdot fst)^\nabla (H \cdot snd \cdot f)] \cdot ((([0|succ] \otimes id) \cdot \beta)^\circ)$$

cf. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{N}_0 \times 2 & \xleftarrow{[0|succ] \otimes id} & (1 + \mathbf{N}_0) \times 2 \xleftarrow{\beta} 1 \times 2 + \mathbf{N}_0 \times 2 \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow id + fst^\nabla f \\
 \mathbf{N}_0 \times 2 & \xleftarrow{[0 \otimes id | succ \times H \cdot snd]} & 1 \times 2 + \mathbf{N}_0 \times (\mathbf{N}_0 \times 2)
 \end{array}$$

where  $\beta$  is the obvious isomorphism.

## My first (tentative) quantum 'adjoint fold'

To test this quantum program in MATLAB we fix an approximation to  $N_0$ , for instance we restrict to  $n$ -bit numbers in  $\{0 \dots 2^n - 1\}$ , taking  $\beta = id$  valid at matrix level into account:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 2^n \times 2 & \xrightarrow{([0|succ] \otimes id)^\circ} & 1 \times 2 + 2^n \times 2 \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow id + fst^\nabla f \\
 2^n \times 2 & \xleftarrow{[0 \otimes id | succ \times H \cdot snd]} & 1 \times 2 + 2^n \times (2^n \times 2)
 \end{array}$$

Then we iterate over

$$f = \underbrace{[0 \otimes id | (succ \cdot fst)^\nabla (H \cdot snd \cdot f)] \cdot ([0|succ] \otimes id)^\circ}_{F f}$$

starting with  $f_0 = 2^n \times 2 \xleftarrow{\perp} 2^n \times 2$  holding zeros only.

# MatLab checking

In  $2^n$  iterations we reach the fixpoint:

```
>> f4=[ (kron(z,id)) kr(s*fst(4,2),H*snd(4,2)*f3) ]*out
```

```
f4 =
```

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1.0000      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0 1.0000      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0      0 0.7071 0.7071      0      0      0      0
      0      0 0.7071 -0.7071      0      0      0      0
      0      0      0      0 1.0000      0      0      0
      0      0      0      0      0 1.0000      0      0
      0      0      0      0      0      0 0.7071 0.7071
      0      0      0      0      0      0 0.7071 -0.7071

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Note the type  $f_4 : 2^n \times 2 \rightarrow 2^n \times 2$ .

Since it is a real valued, symmetric matrix, it is **unitary**.

## MatLab checking

Suppose we want to check the outcome of **for**  $H^3(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ .

We obtain this by running  $f_4 \cdot (3 \nabla \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}) = f_4 \cdot \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \nabla \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ , cf.

```
>> x=f4*kr(n3, [1;-1])
x =
     0
     0
     0
     0
     0
     0
     0
     0
    1.4142
```

This corresponds to the pair  $(3, |0\rangle + \frac{|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}})$ , as expected.

## Phase-shift gates

The for-loop above gets more interesting when we replace the Hadamard gate by the so-called **phase shift gate** defined by

$$R_\phi = (\sigma \phi) \triangleright id = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$

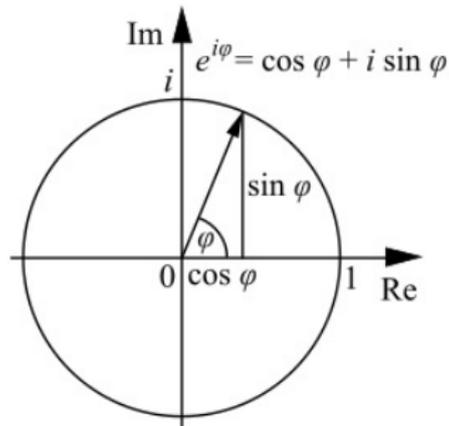
where

$$\sigma \phi = [1 \ e^{i\phi}].$$

Recalling  $e^{i\phi} = \cos \phi + i \sin \phi$   
the fixpoint of

$$f = \underbrace{[0 \otimes id] \mid (succ \cdot fst) \triangleright (R_{\frac{\pi}{6}} \cdot snd \cdot f)}_{F f} \cdot ([0 \mid succ] \otimes id)^\circ$$

for the same types is given in the next slide.



## Iterating a phase-shift gate

$$f_4 = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.867 + 0.5i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 + 0.867i & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Complex matrix  $f_4$  is unitary.

Note the effect of the constant complement ( $f_{st} \nabla \_$ ) shifting the corresponding iteration of gate  $R_{\frac{\pi}{6}}$  along the diagonal.

## Summary

Very experimental still.

Previous work on stochastic folds in LA (Murta and Oliveira, 2015) showed that we can have **quantitative** algebras of programming

Would like to investigate the AoP of **unitary** (recursive) matrices now

Towards **correct by construction** quantum programs, who knows...

Need to investigate Ralph Hinze's "Adjoint folds" not in CCCs but rather in MCCs

Also studying previous WG2.1 work in the field (Mu and Bird, 2001)

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*“to adopt linear algebra as the lingua franca of **software verification**” (SQIG-Group, 2011).*

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