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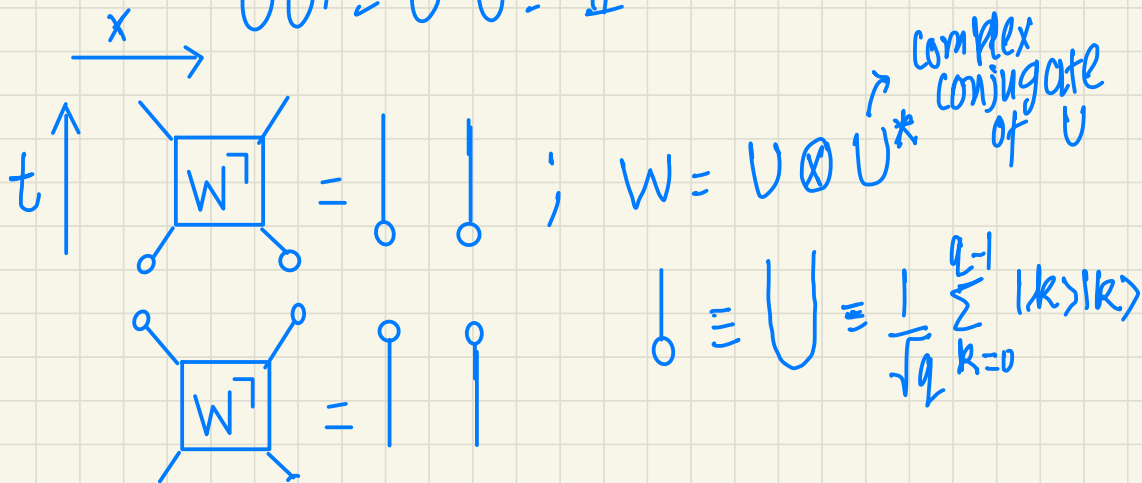
Hierarchical Dual unitary permutation gates

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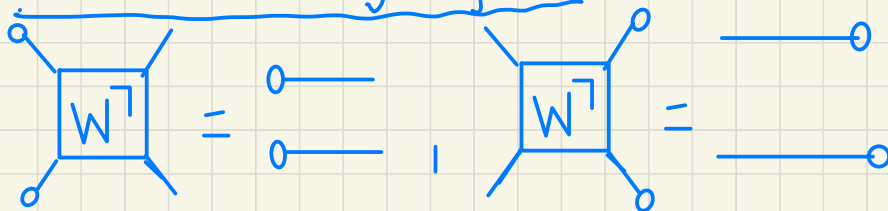
Let us first define hierarchical dual unitarity:

0) Unitarity of U : $U: \mathbb{C}^q \otimes \mathbb{C}^q \mapsto \mathbb{C}^q \otimes \mathbb{C}^q$

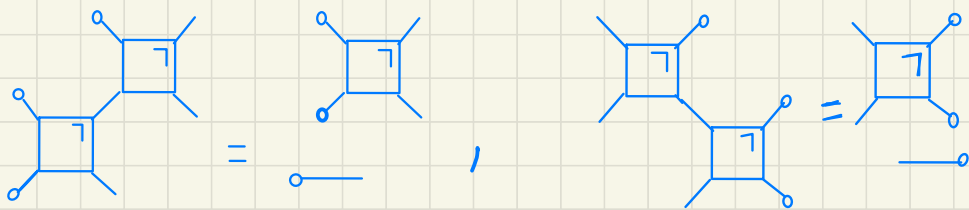
$$UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = \mathbb{1}$$



1) Dual unitarity of U :



2) Level-2 hierarchy; L_2 gates:



Similarly, one can define higher levels of hierarchy by adding more gates. Here we focus mainly on Level-1 (Dual unitaries) and Level-2 gates.

From the definitions of hierarchical gates, it is easy to see the following inclusion:

$$\underline{L_{k-1}} \subseteq L_k, \quad k \geq 2$$

We denote by \bar{L}_k the set of gates in $L_k \setminus L_{k-1}$. Our main interest is in \bar{L}_2 gates.

Defining \tilde{U} as: $\langle k | \langle l | \tilde{U} | l' \rangle | l'' \rangle := \langle j | \langle l | U | i \rangle | k \rangle$

L_2 gates satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} (U \otimes \tilde{U}) (U \tilde{U}^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}) (U \otimes \tilde{U}^\dagger) &= U \otimes \tilde{U} \tilde{U}^\dagger \\ (\tilde{U} \otimes \mathbb{1}) (U \otimes \tilde{U} \tilde{U}^\dagger) (\tilde{U}^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}) &= \tilde{U} \tilde{U}^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1} \end{aligned}$$

Construction of \tilde{L}_2 gates:

For a given local dimension q , various constructions of dual unitary gates are known.

However, exhaustive construction is known only for $q=2$ (qubits) [Beatrix, Kos, Prosen PRL 2019]

For \tilde{L}_2 gates some constructions have been recently proposed [Yu, Wang, Kos Quantum 2021]
[Rampf, Raftery (clay) 2023]

As in the dual unitary case, exhaustive construction of \tilde{L}_2 gates is known only in the qubit case.

Insights about the construction and existence of hierarchical gates is provided by Schmidt decomposition:

$$U = \sum_{m=0}^R \lambda_m A_m \otimes B_m ; \lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \dots \lambda_R > 0$$

R : Schmidt rank of U . $R \in \{1, 2, \dots, q^2\}$

$$\text{tr}(A_m^\dagger A_m) = \text{tr}(B_m^\dagger B_m) = \delta_{mm}$$

Special gates :-

(i) Local gates ; $\lambda_0 = q \Rightarrow U = q \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{q}} \otimes \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{q}}$

$u_0, v_0 \in U(q)$ unitary group of $q \times q$ matrices.
 $R = 1$ (analogous to product states)

(ii) Maximally entangled gates:

$$\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_{q^2-1} = 1$$

(analogous to Bell states)

$$R = q^2$$

$$U = \sum_{k=0}^{q^2-1} A_k \otimes B_k$$

Note: A_k s and B_k s for these gates need not be necessarily unitary, however for $q=2$ (qubit case) A_k s and B_k s can always be chosen as unitary. For higher local dimensions it is believed/conjectured that A_k s and B_k s can always be chosen to be unitary
[Brahmachari, Rajmohan, Rather, Lakshminarayanan PRA 2024]

Remarkably set of maximally entangled unitaries is same as dual unitary gates:

Maximally entangled unitary \equiv Dual unitary

[Rather, Ravindra, Lakshminarayanan PRL 2020]

Is Schmidt decomposition of \bar{L}_2 gates also special?

From definition of \bar{L}_2 gates it can be easily shown that Schmidt rank of \bar{L}_2 gates cannot be maximal; $R < q^2$.

For \bar{L}_2 gates Schmidt spectrum; $\{\lambda_m\}_{m=1}^R$ is always flat; $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_R = \lambda$

[Foligno, Kos, Bestini 2023]
Unlike the dual unitary case, this condition is only necessary but not sufficient.

Two-qubit L_2 gates:

Possible Schmidt ranks for two-qubit unitaries are 1, 2, and 4 (Note that two-qubit unitary of Schmidt rank 3 does not exist)

[Kraus, Cirac PRA(2001)
Nielsen, ..., Hines, PRA(2003)]

For \bar{L}_2 gates Schmidt rank 4 is not possible therefore, only possible Schmidt ranks are 1 (local gates) and 2.

Remark: All two-qubit entangling \mathcal{L}_2 gates have Schmidt rank equal 2.

Consider the two-qubit CNOT gate:-

$$CX_2 = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \mathbb{1} + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes \sigma_x \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

	$ 0\rangle\langle 0 $	$ 0\rangle\langle 1 $	$ 1\rangle\langle 0 $	$ 1\rangle\langle 1 $
$ 0\rangle\langle 0 $	1	0	0	0
$ 0\rangle\langle 1 $	0	1	0	0
$ 1\rangle\langle 0 $	0	0	0	1
$ 1\rangle\langle 1 $	0	0	1	0

Schmidt form of CX_2 :

$$CX_2 = \sqrt{2} \left[|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \frac{\mathbb{1}}{\sqrt{2}} + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes \frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

It is easy to see that CX_2 has Schmidt rank 2 with $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \sqrt{2}$. In fact, CX_2 is "the representative" of two-qubit \mathcal{L}_2 gates as all such gates are locally equivalent to CX_2 .

$\mathcal{L}_2 \equiv \{ (u_1 \otimes v_1) CX_2 (u_2 \otimes v_2) \}$ where u_i & v_i are spectral single-qubit unitary gates.

It can be shown that the generalized CNOT gate in local dimension q defined as:

$$CX_q = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X + \dots + |q-1\rangle\langle q-1| \otimes X^{q-1}; \quad X|j\rangle = |j \oplus 1\rangle$$

← addition mod q

$$= \sqrt{q} \sum_{m=0}^{q-1} |m\rangle\langle m| \otimes \frac{X^m}{\sqrt{q}},$$

is an $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ gate having Schmidt rank q with $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_{q-1} = \sqrt{q}$

All $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ gates in a given local dimension q considered so far are permutation matrices or permutation matrices multiplied with local gates that preserve $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ property.

We now focus only on permutation matrices and search for $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ gates having different Schmidt ranks.

$q=3$ (qutrits) :-

As all two-qubit \bar{L}_2 gates are known, we focus on local dimension $q=3$ (qutrit)

As Schmidt rank 2 unitaries with flat Schmidt decomposition do not exist for odd local dimensions, consequently two-qubit \bar{L}_2 gates of Schmidt rank 2 do not exist.

The possible Schmidt ranks for two-qubit \bar{L}_2 gates are $\{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

CNOT: \downarrow
 CX_3

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Consider a two-qutrit permutation matrix:

$$P(|i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle) = |a_{ij}\rangle |b_{ij}\rangle;$$

$$i, j = 0, 1, 2$$

$$P = \sum_{i,j=0}^2 |a_{ij}\rangle |b_{ij}\rangle \langle i| \langle j|$$

We write the permutation matrix in so-called block form [Hermes, Nechita (2017)]

$$P = \sum_{i,j=0}^{q-1} |i\rangle\langle j| \otimes M_{ij},$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} M_{0,0} & M_{0,1} & \dots & M_{0,q-1} \\ \hline M_{1,0} & M_{1,1} & \dots & M_{1,q-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hline M_{q-1,0} & M_{q-1,1} & \dots & M_{q-1,q-1} \end{array} \right)$$

where M_{ij} are $q \times q$ matrices consisting of entries 0 and 1. From unitarity of P it is not hard to see that:

$$\|M_{ij}\|^2 = 0, 1, \dots, q \quad \forall i, j$$

For a dual unitary permutation:

$$\|M_{ij}\|^2 = 1, \quad \text{tr}(M_{ij}^\dagger M_{i'j'}) = \delta_{ii'} \delta_{jj'}$$

i.e., each M_{ij} has one non-zero element (=1) and M_{ij} are orthogonal.

As \bar{L}_2 gates have flat Schmidt spectrum, therefore all orthonormal non-zero blocks must have the same norm;

$$\|M_{ij}\|^2 = \text{constant} > 0$$

The number of such non-zero blocks defines the Schmidt rank of given \bar{L}_2 permutation gate. For example, the controlled NOT gate; $CX_q = \sum_{k=0}^{q-1} |k\rangle\langle k| \otimes X^k$, has q orthonormal blocks each having norm equal to \sqrt{q} . Therefore, its Schmidt rank is q .

As $\|M_{ij}\|^2$ is an integer for an \bar{L}_2 gate, therefore the only possible Schmidt ranks possible for \bar{L}_2 gates in given local dimension q are factors of q^2 . Trivial factors; 1 (local permutation) $\frac{q^2}{q^2}$ (dual permutation)

For $q=3$, the only possible Schmidt rank for $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ permutation gates is 3.

For composite dimension such as $q=4, 6$ different Schmidt ranks are possible.

For $q=4$, $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ permutation gates having Schmidt ranks 2, 4, and 8 are possible
[Ramp, Rauer (1994) 2003]

Similarly for $q=6$, $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ permutation gates having Schmidt ranks 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, and 18 can be constructed.

$\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ gates beyond permutation gates:

we are not aware of an $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_2$ gate which cannot be obtained by dressing a permutation gate with single-site unitaries or phases.

Conjecture :- For prime local dimensions q , the only possible Schmidt rank for entangling \bar{L}_2 gates is q .

If the above conjecture holds, this implies that the only possible entanglement velocity,

$$v_E = \frac{\log R}{\log q^2},$$

for \bar{L}_2 circuits is $\frac{1}{2}$ in prime dimensional qudits.

Thank you for the attention!