

1. You are given one of two quantum states of a single qubit: either  $|\phi\rangle = |0\rangle$  or  $|\psi\rangle = \cos\theta|0\rangle + \sin\theta|1\rangle$ . What measurement best distinguishes between these two states? If the state you are presented is either  $|\phi\rangle$  or  $|\psi\rangle$  with 50% probability each, what is the probability that your measurement correctly identifies the state? Can you generalize your result to distinguish between two arbitrary quantum states  $|\phi\rangle$  and  $|\psi\rangle$  on two qubits?
2. Alice and Bob share an arbitrarily long common string  $S$ . Alice is given as input a random bit  $a_{in}$  and Bob a random bit  $b_{in}$ . Without communicating with each other, Alice and Bob wish to output bits  $a_{out}$  and  $b_{out}$  respectively such that  $a_{in} \cdot b_{in} = a_{out} + b_{out} \pmod{2}$ . Prove that any protocol that Alice and Bob follow has success probability at most  $3/4$ .
3. Prove that the Bell state  $|\psi^-\rangle$  is rotationally invariant: i.e.  $|\psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|vv^\perp\rangle - |v^\perp v\rangle)$ .
4. Give a quantum circuit that outputs the four Bell states  $|\psi^+\rangle$ ,  $|\psi^-\rangle$ ,  $|\phi^+\rangle$ ,  $|\phi^-\rangle$  on input (respectively) the four basis states  $|00\rangle$ ,  $|01\rangle$ ,  $|10\rangle$ ,  $|11\rangle$ . Use this to conclude that the Bell states form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{C}^4$ .