

Introduction to quantum computation

-Heisenberg picture in quantum computation and the Gottesman-Knill theorem

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Qubit

- ▶ any quantum mechanical system that has two distinct quantum states can be a qubit

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- spin-1/2 $|0\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle, \quad |1\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle$

- atom $|0\rangle = |\text{ground state}\rangle, \quad |1\rangle = |\text{excited state}\rangle \quad \dots$

- ▶ qubit can be in superposition of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

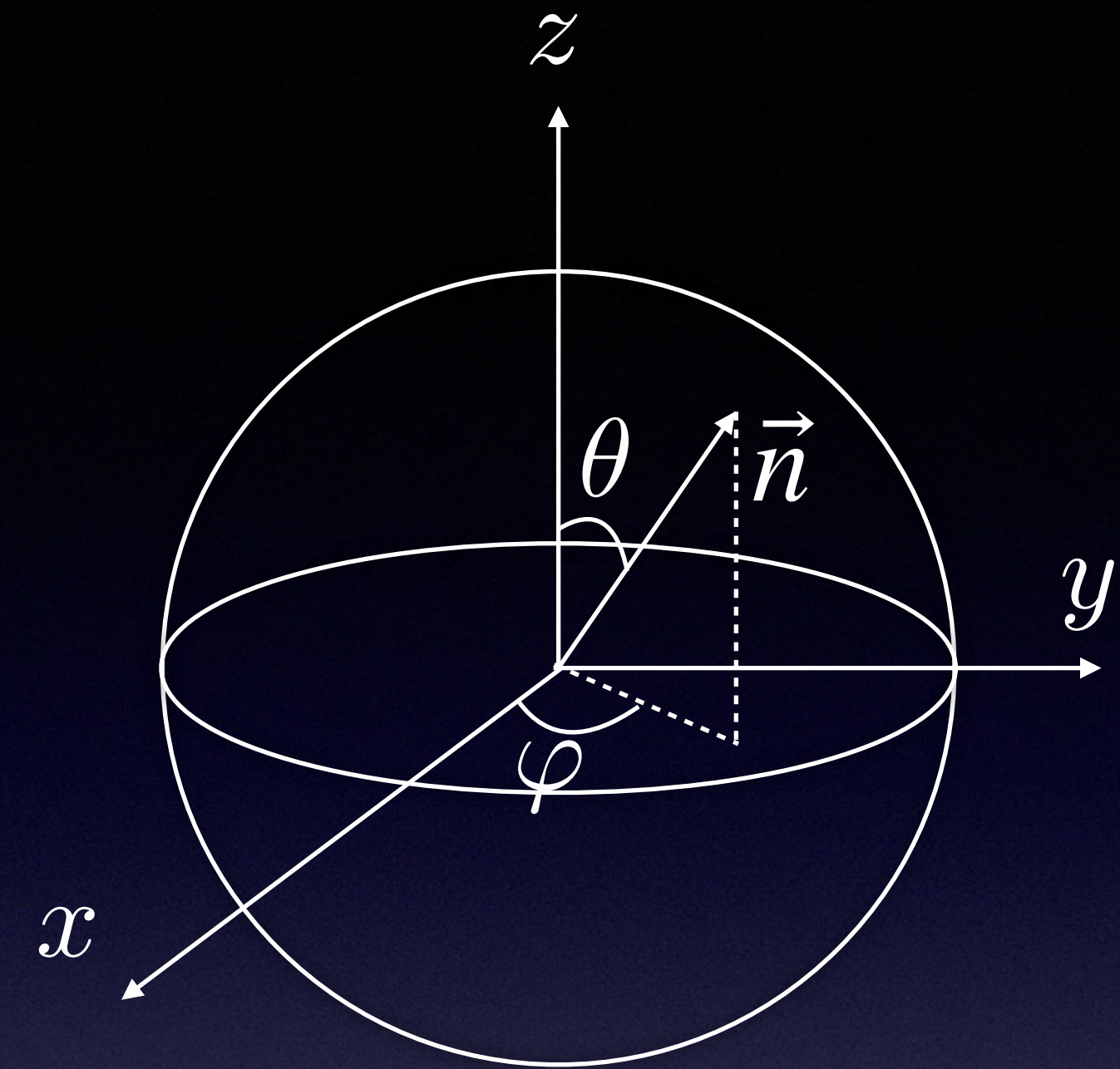
$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

Bloch sphere

► general form of a single qubit state

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

$$(0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi)$$



• single qubit state can be visualized as a single vector on a unit sphere

$$\vec{n} = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$$

Exercise 1

Show

$$|\psi\rangle = R_z(\varphi)R_y(\theta) |0\rangle$$

this means that $|\psi\rangle$ corresponds to the "up" state in the direction of \vec{n}

Bloch sphere

► general form of a single qubit state

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

$$(0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi)$$

Exercise 2

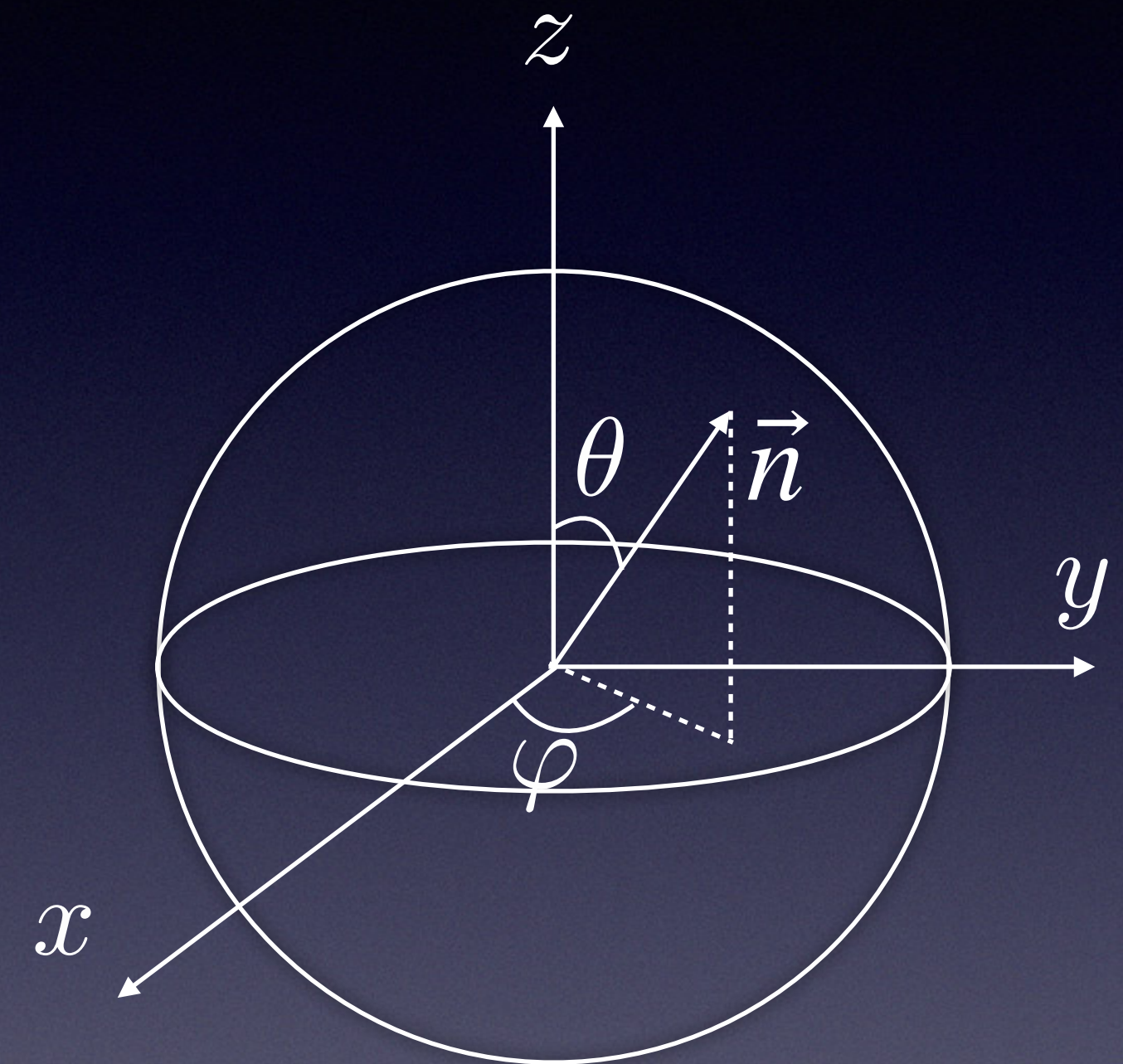
Show

$$\langle \psi | X | \psi \rangle = \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$\langle \psi | Y | \psi \rangle = \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

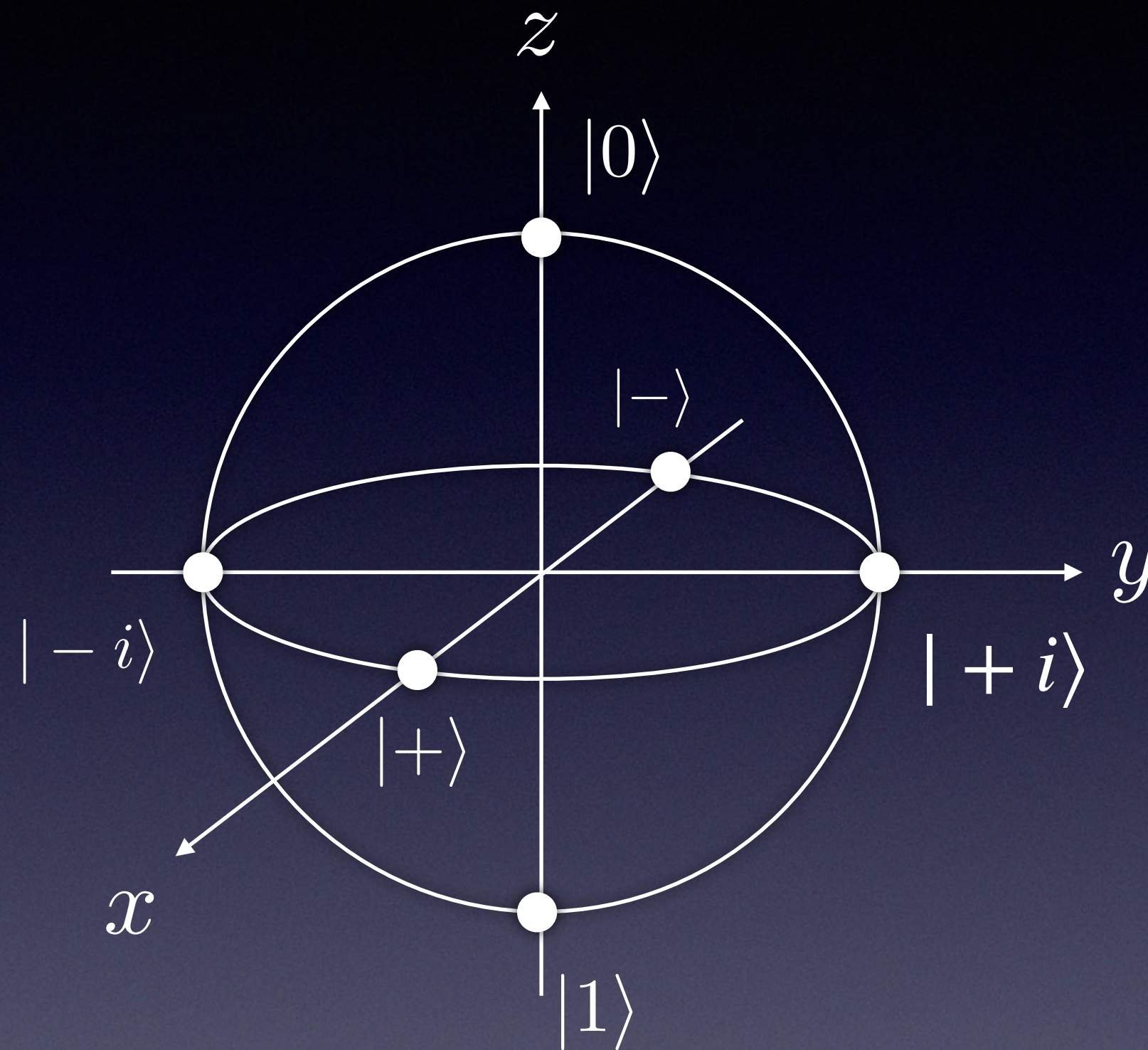
$$\langle \psi | Z | \psi \rangle = \cos \theta$$

$$(X = \sigma_x, Y = \sigma_y, Z = \sigma_z)$$



$$\langle \psi | \vec{\sigma} | \psi \rangle = \vec{n}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$



$$X|\pm\rangle = \pm|\pm\rangle$$

$$Y|\pm i\rangle = \pm|\pm i\rangle$$

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \quad |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

$$|+i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + i|1\rangle) \quad |-i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - i|1\rangle)$$

Single-qubit unitary

► U : single qubit operation

$$|\psi'\rangle = U|\psi\rangle \quad \langle\psi'|\psi'\rangle = \langle\psi|U^\dagger U|\psi\rangle$$

$$\langle\psi'|\psi'\rangle = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$$



$$U^\dagger U = I$$

► a general U transforms $|0\rangle$ to $\cos(\theta/2)|0\rangle + e^{i\varphi}\sin(\theta/2)|1\rangle$

$$U|0\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + e^{i\varphi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle$$

$$U^\dagger U = I$$



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -e^{i\lambda}\sin(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\varphi}\sin(\theta/2) & e^{i(\lambda+\varphi)}\cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Euler decomposition

► any single-qubit unitary U can be written as

$$U = e^{i\alpha} R_z(\beta) R_y(\gamma) R_z(\delta)$$

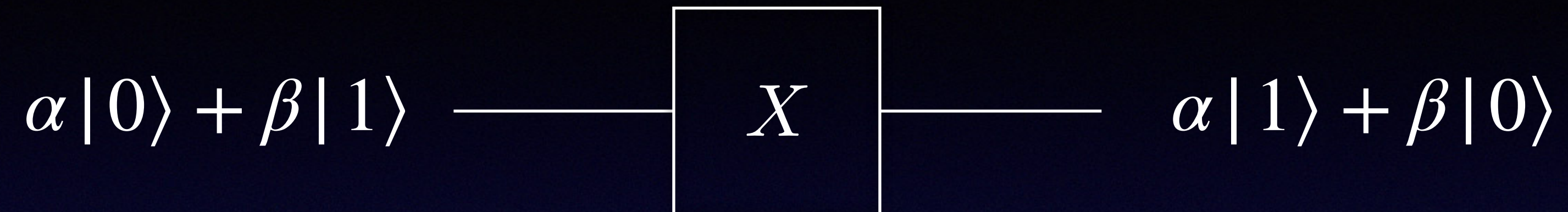
$$R_z(\beta) = \cos(\beta/2)I - i \sin(\beta/2)Z = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\beta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\beta/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\beta) = \cos(\gamma/2)I - i \sin(\gamma/2)Y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\gamma/2) & -\sin(\gamma/2) \\ \sin(\gamma/2) & \cos(\gamma/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

- any single-qubit operation can be decomposed into rotations about two orthogonal axes
- any single-qubit operation can be realized if rotations about two orthogonal axes can be implemented

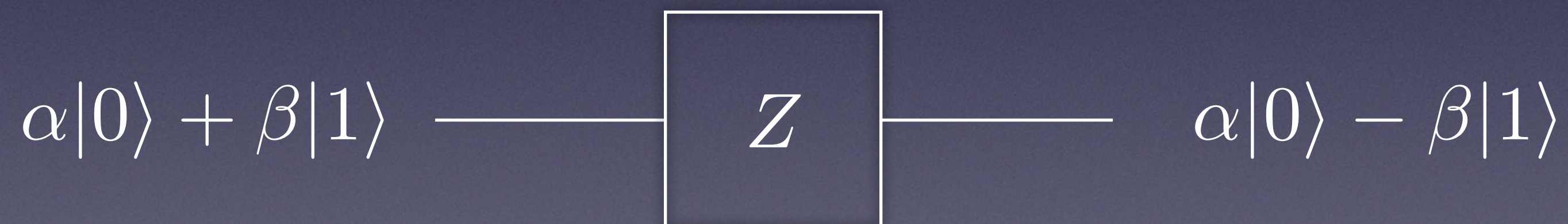
Pauli gates

• X-gate



$$X = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \quad : \text{bit flip gate}$$

• Z-gate



$$Z = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \quad : \text{phase flip gate}$$

Pauli gates

• X-gate

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \longrightarrow \boxed{X} \longrightarrow \alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle$$

$$X = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \quad : \text{bit flip gate}$$

• Y-gate

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \longrightarrow \boxed{Y} \longrightarrow i(\alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle)$$

$$Y = i|1\rangle\langle 0| - i|0\rangle\langle 1| \quad : \text{bit-phase flip gate}$$

Hadamard gate

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



Exercise 3

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

Hadamard gate

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

$$|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$H : |0\rangle \rightarrow |+\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |-\rangle \quad H = |+\rangle\langle 0| + |-\rangle\langle 1|$$

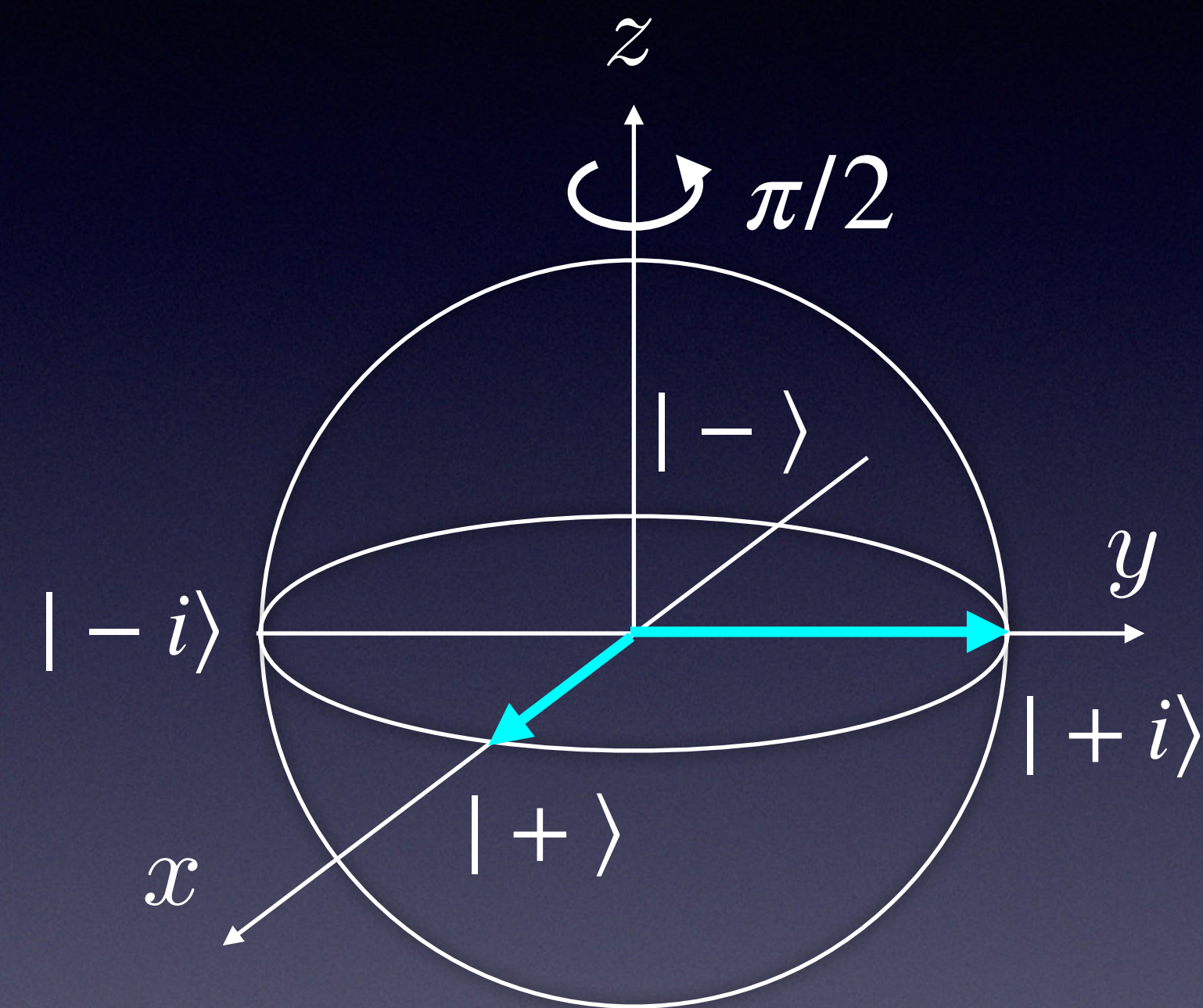
- ▶ H exchanges x and z axes of the Bloch sphere
- an important gate for making superposition of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

Phase gate

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

$$S = e^{i\pi/4} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\pi/4} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\pi/4} R_z(\pi/2)$$

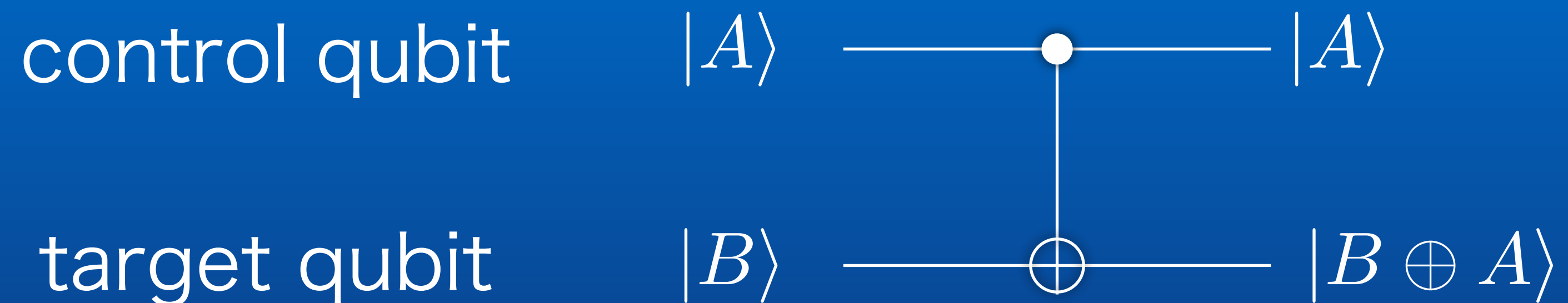
$\pi/2$ rotation about z-axis



$$S : |+\rangle \rightarrow |+i\rangle, \quad |-\rangle \rightarrow |-i\rangle$$

Two-qubit gates

▶ CNOT (controlled-NOT) gate



\oplus : sum in mod 2

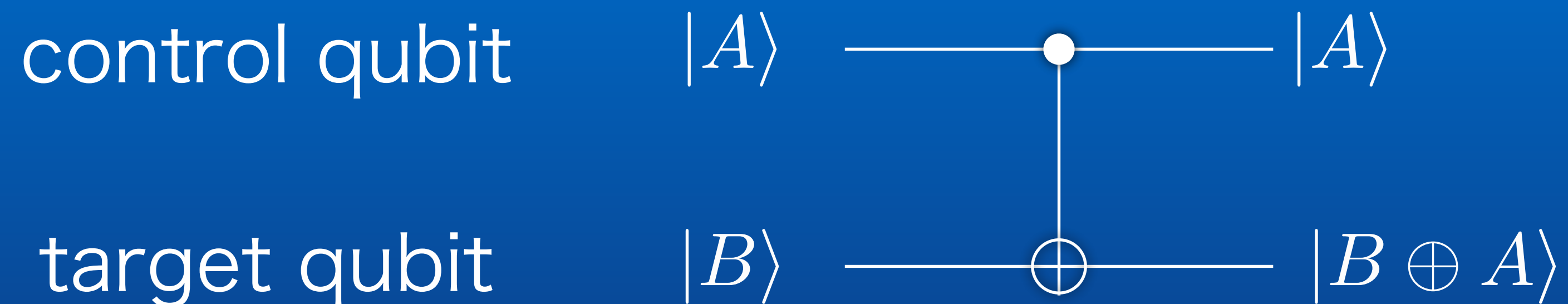
$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$ $|01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$ $|10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle$ $|11\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle$

Exercise 4

Express the CNOT gate in a matrix form

Two-qubit gate

▶ CNOT (controlled-NOT) gate



\oplus : sum in mod 2

$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$ $|01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$ $|10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle$ $|11\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle$

$$U_{CN} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad U_{CN}^\dagger U_{CN} = I$$

Two-qubit gate

▶ CNOT (controlled-NOT) gate

control qubit

$|A\rangle$



target qubit

$|B\rangle$

$|B \oplus A\rangle$

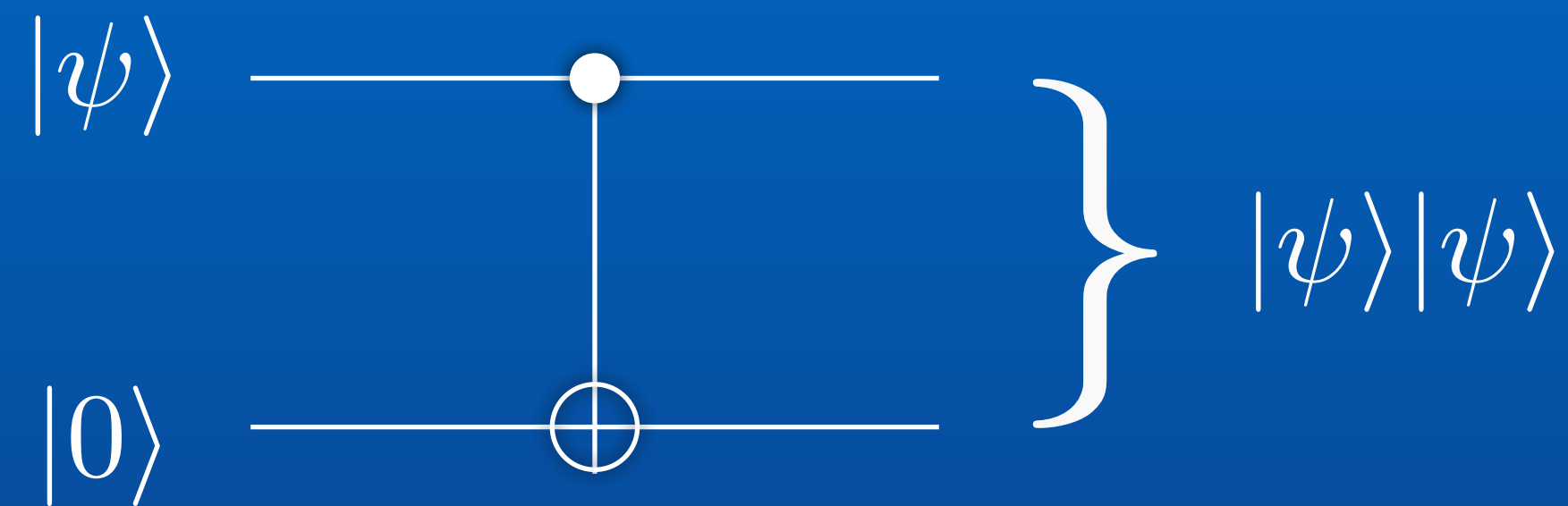
$$\text{CNOT} = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X$$

CNOT gate

$$|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$$

or

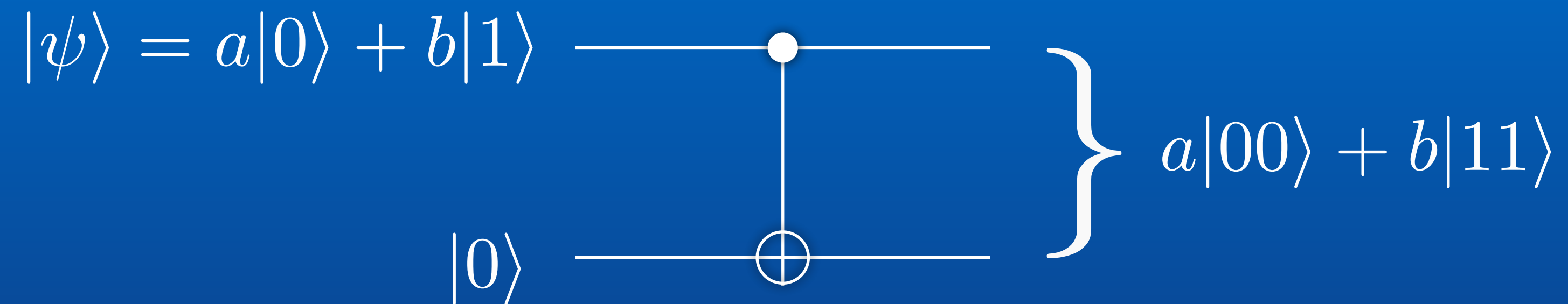
$$|\psi\rangle = |1\rangle$$



$$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle \quad |10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle$$

• CNOT gate can copy the state of a classical bit

CNOT gate



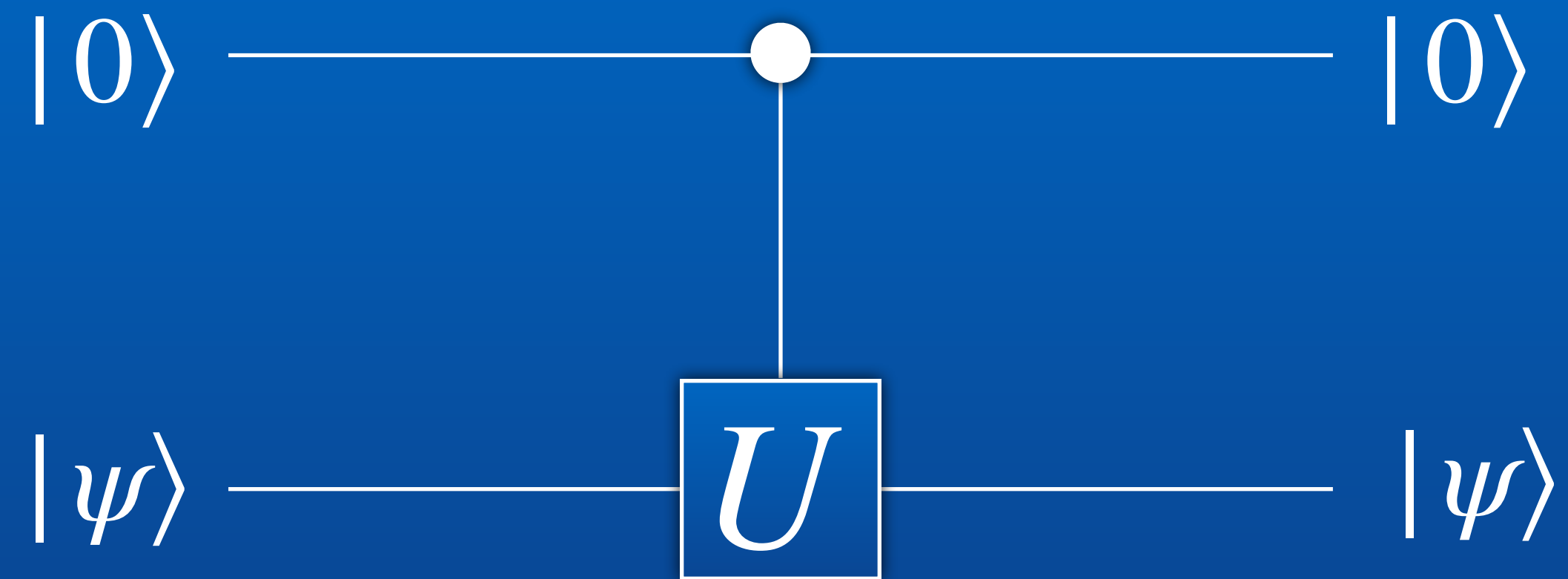
$$a|00\rangle + b|11\rangle \neq |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle \quad \text{unless } ab = 0$$

• CNOT gate cannot copy the state of a qubit in superposition

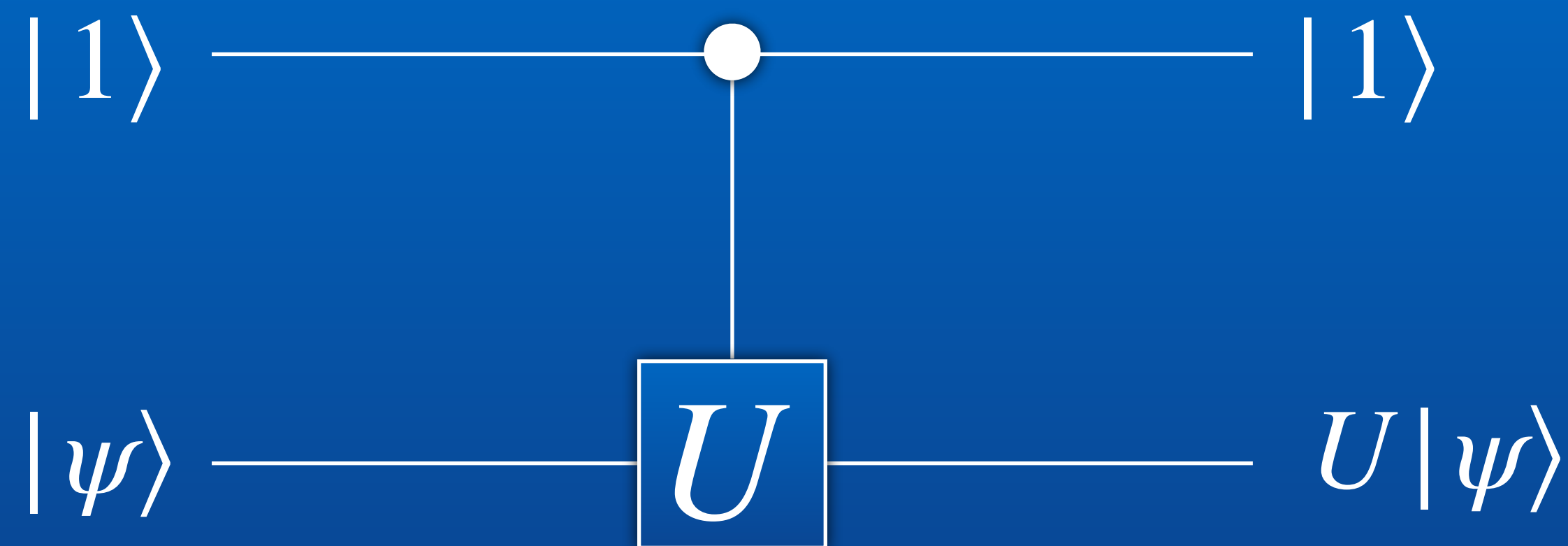
← no-cloning theorem

It is impossible to create an independent and identical copy of an arbitrary unknown quantum state

Controlled-U gate



Controlled-U gate

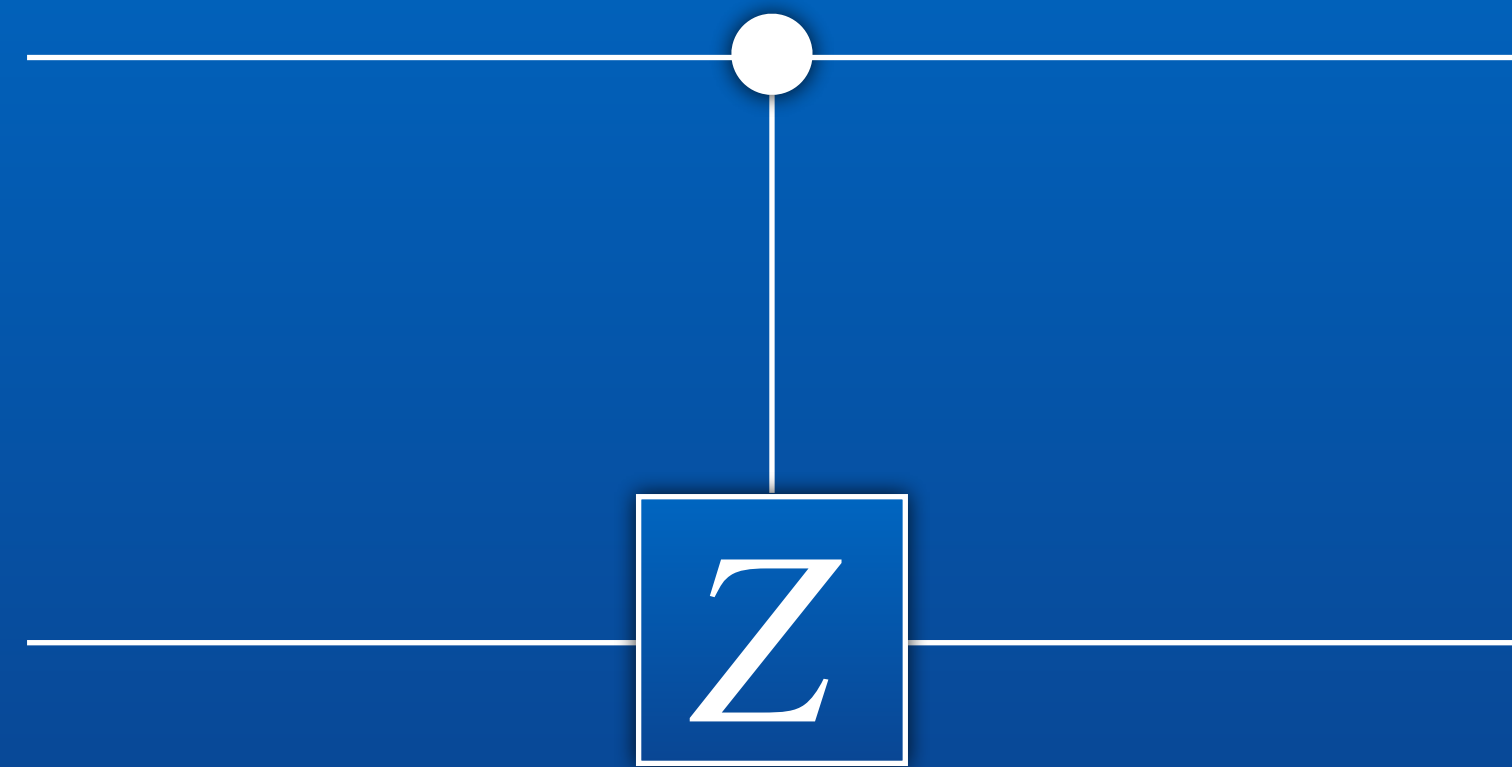


$$\Lambda(U) = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes U$$

CNOT gate : $U = X$

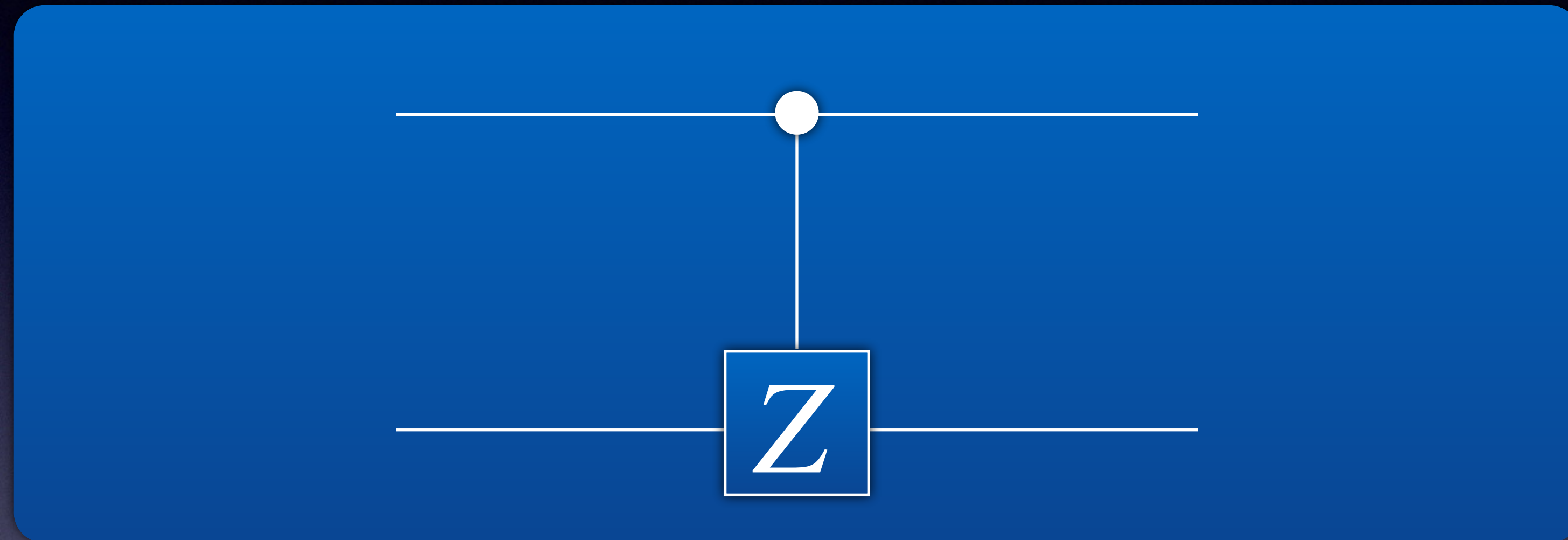
CZ gate : $U = Z$

Controlled-Z gate



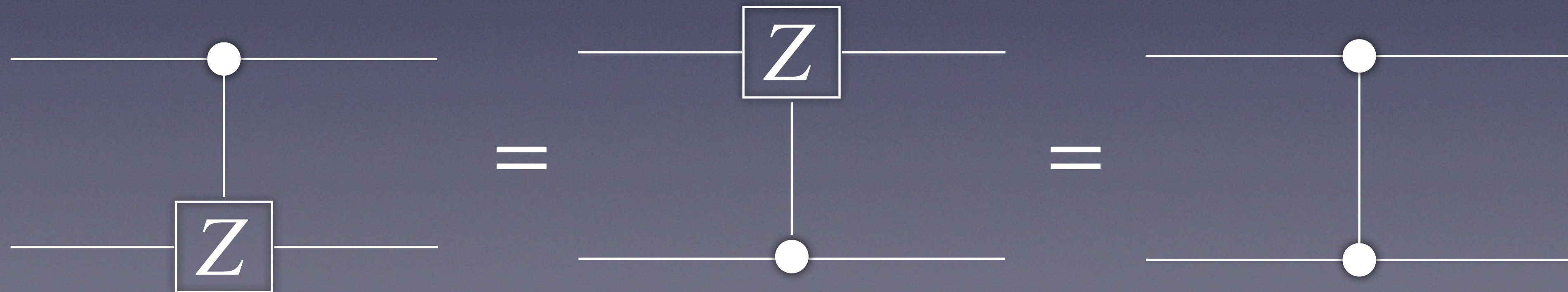
$$CZ = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes Z$$

Controlled-Z gate

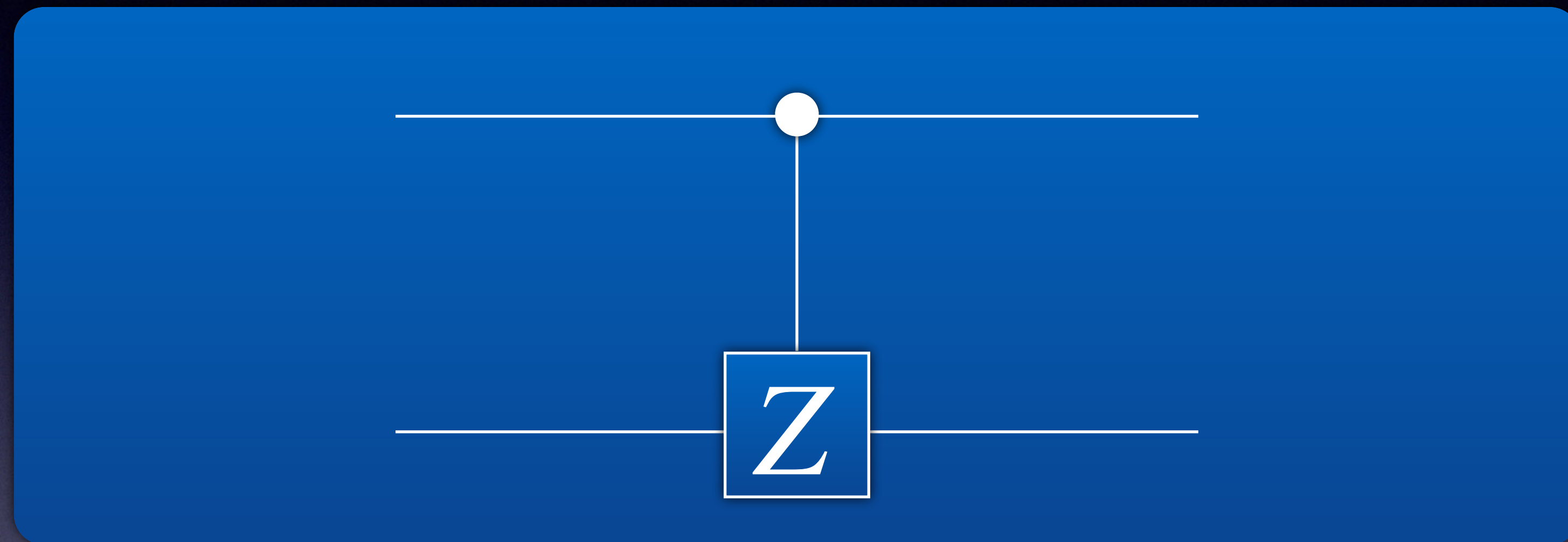


Exercise 5.1

Show



Controlled-Z gate



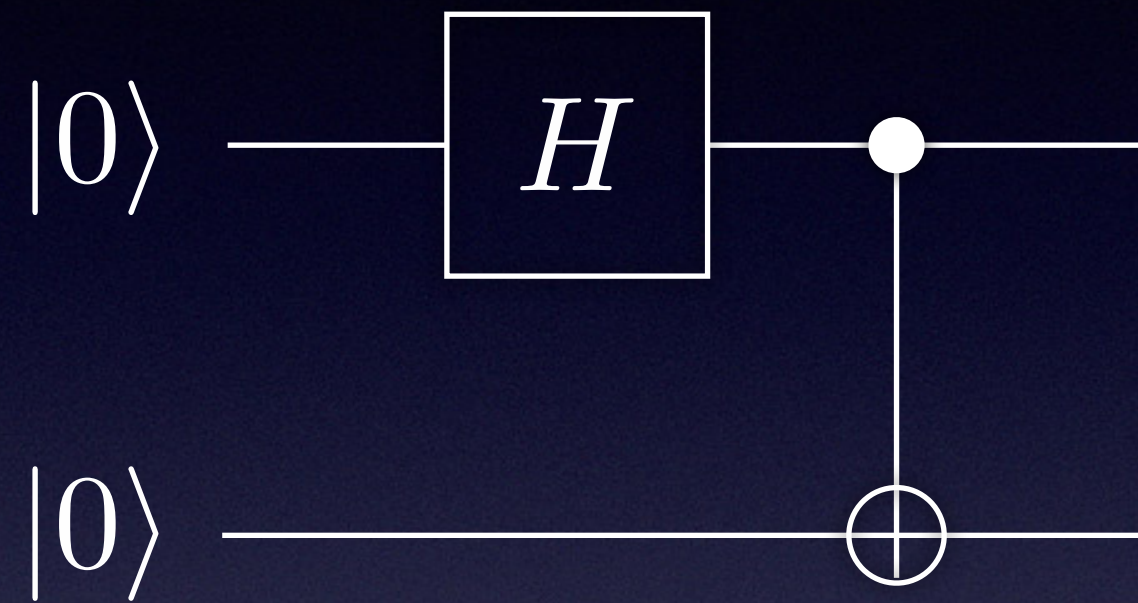
Exercise 5.2

Show



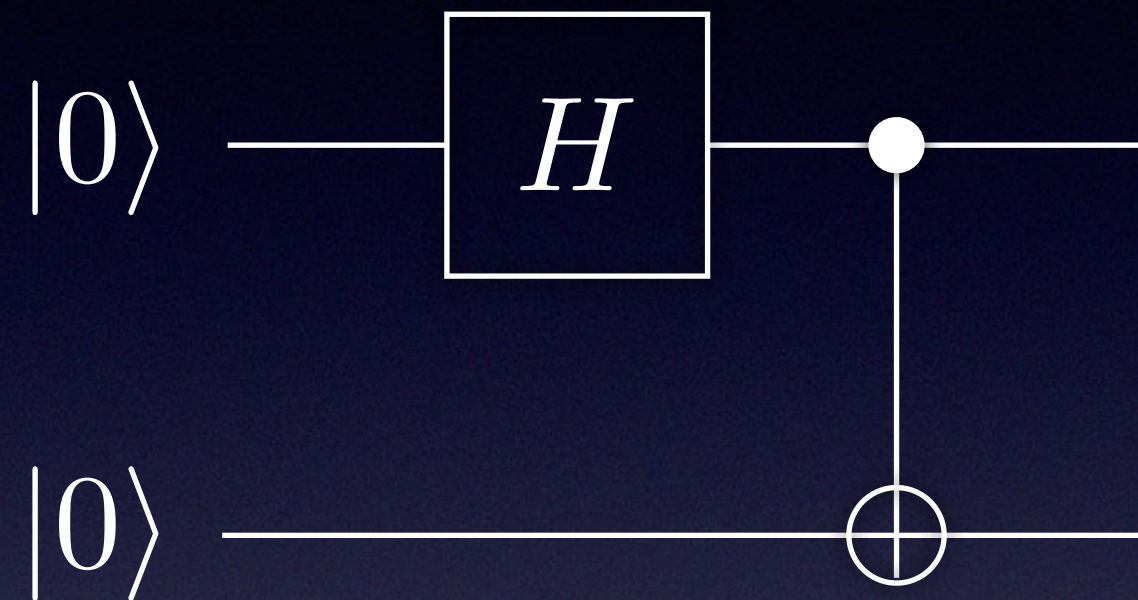
Quantum circuits

example



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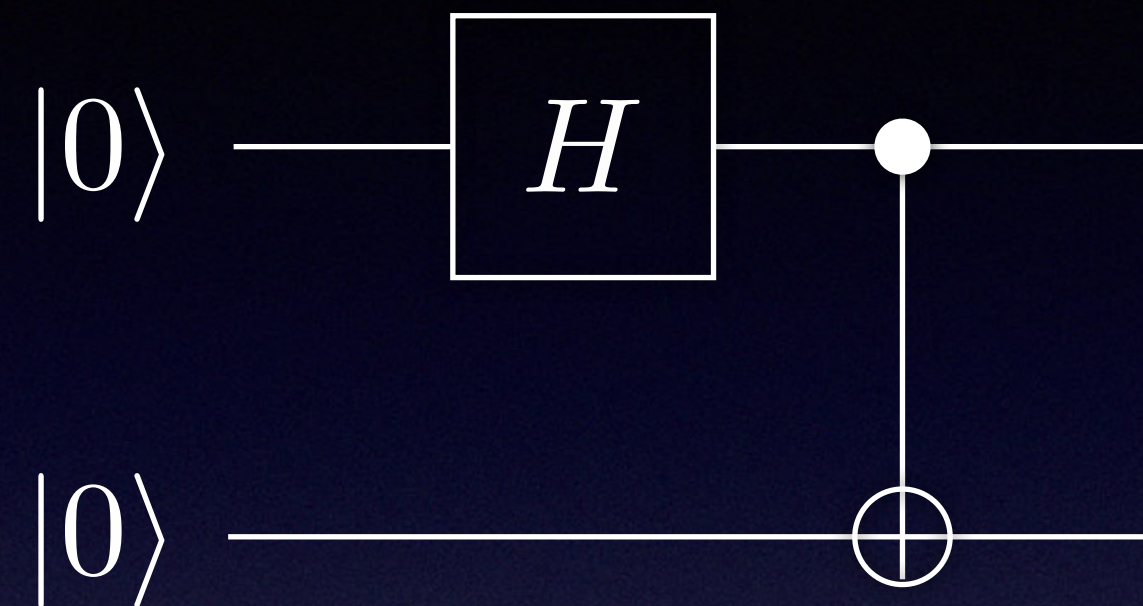


$$|00\rangle \longrightarrow H|00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \neq |\psi\rangle|\phi\rangle$$

Bell state

- the circuit outputs an entangled state from the input of a product state

Quantum circuits



Exercise 6

Show

$$|00\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \quad |01\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

$$|10\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle) \quad |11\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

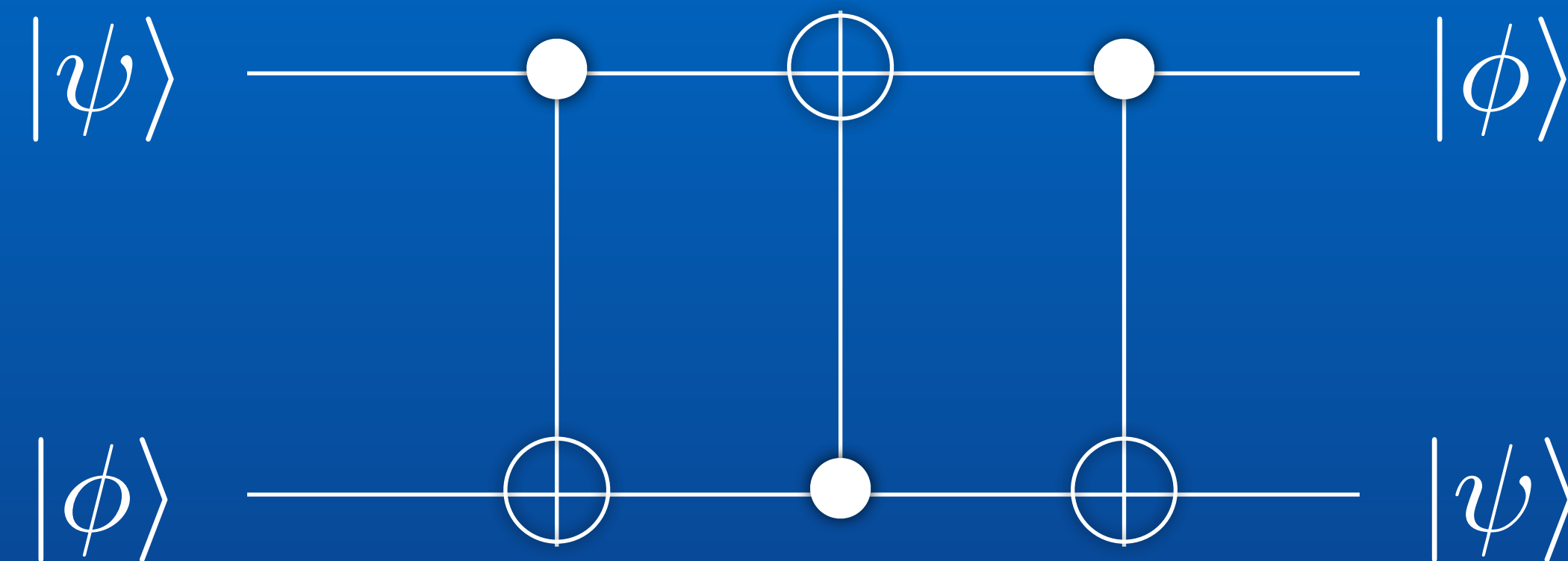
Confirm that this set of states form an orthonormal basis.

Bell basis

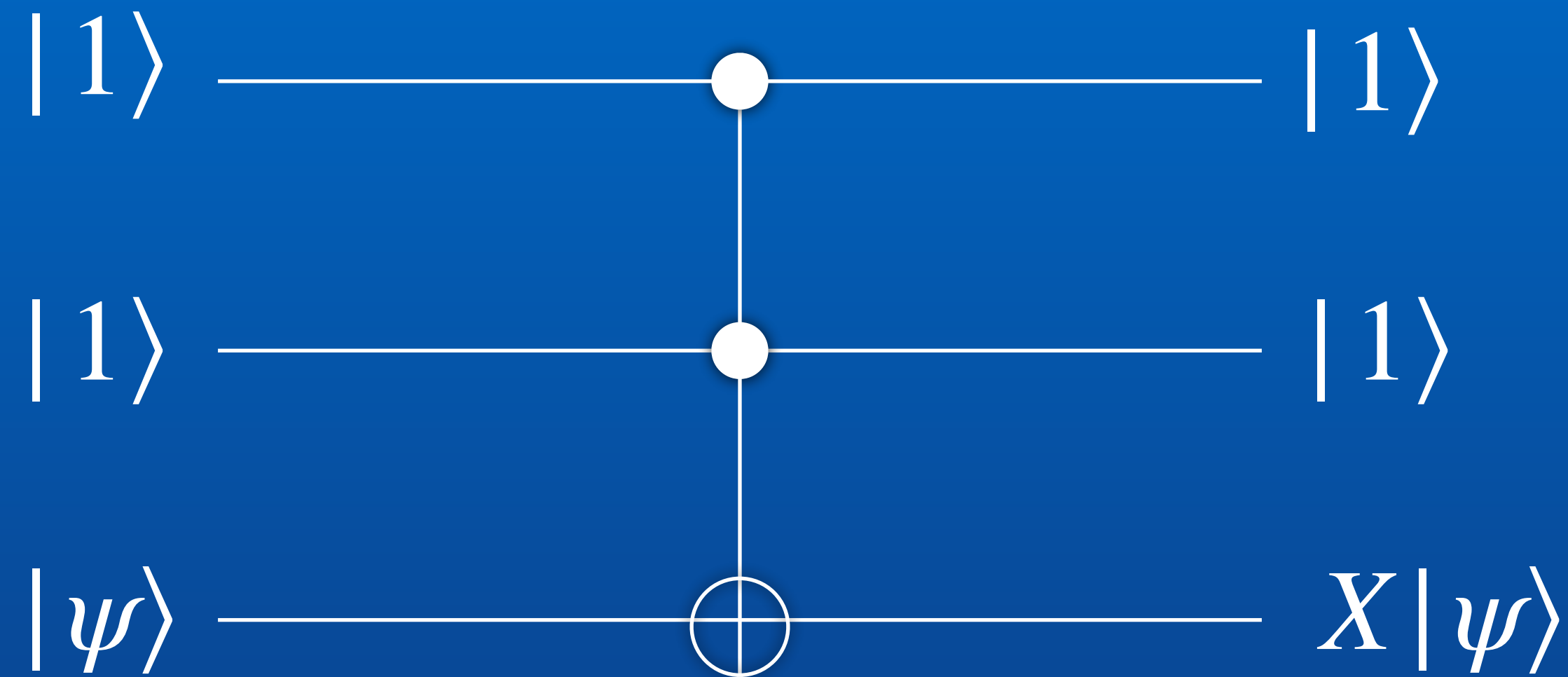
SWAP gate

Exercise 7

Show that operation of three CNOT gates is equivalent to a SWAP gate



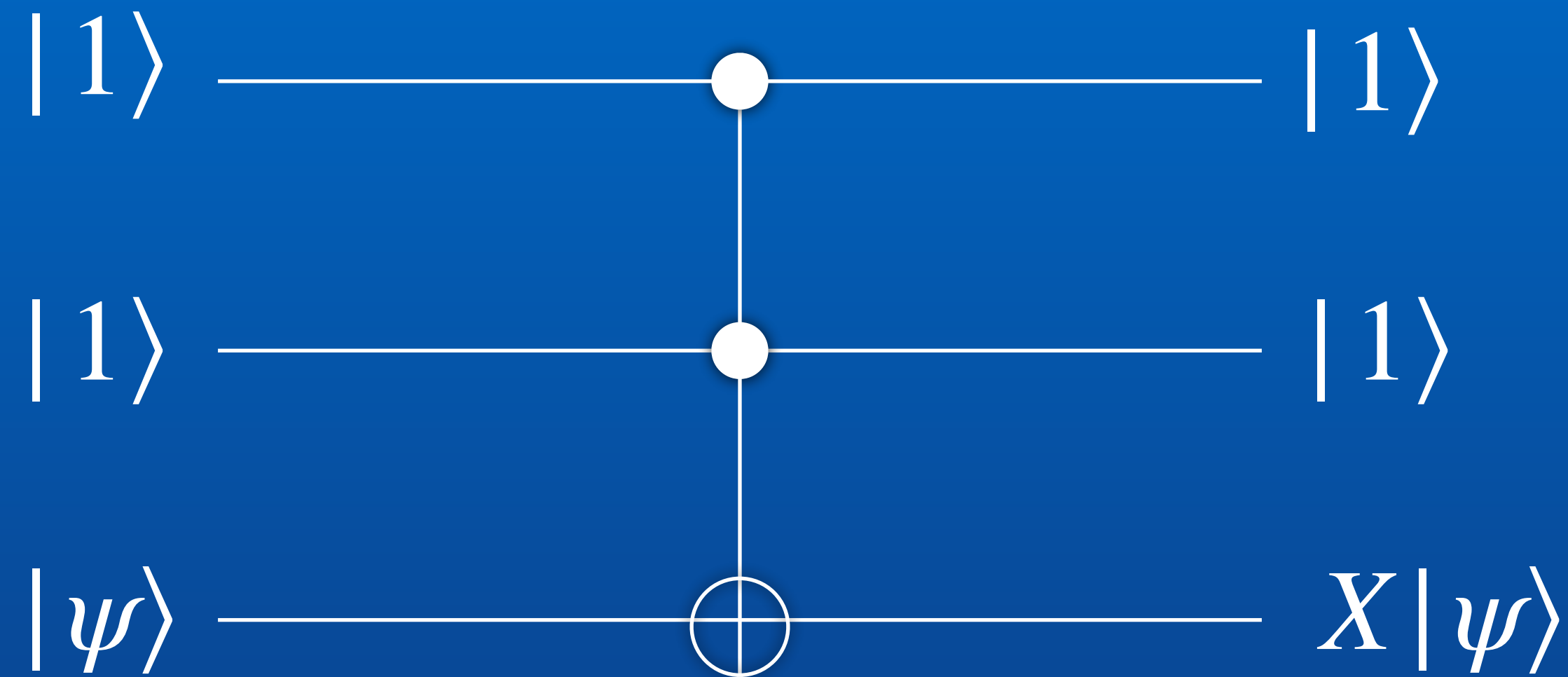
Toffoli gate



$$T = (I^{\otimes 2} - |11\rangle\langle 11|) \otimes I + |11\rangle\langle 11| \otimes X$$

- a universal logic gate for reversible logic circuits: any classical reversible logic circuit can be constructed from Toffoli gates

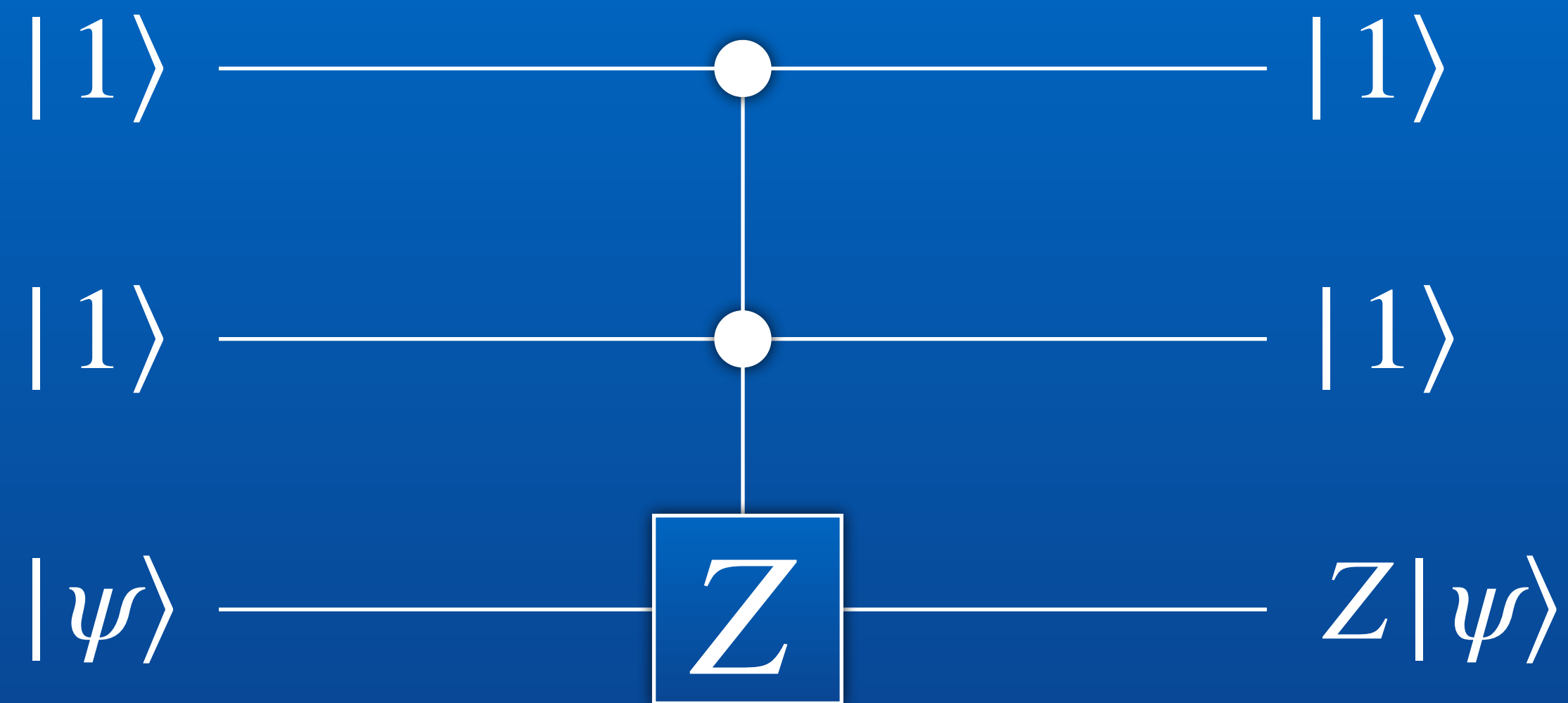
Toffoli gate



$$T = (I^{\otimes 2} - |11\rangle\langle 11|) \otimes I + |11\rangle\langle 11| \otimes X$$

- any classical reversible logic circuit can be implemented on a quantum computer

CCZ gate

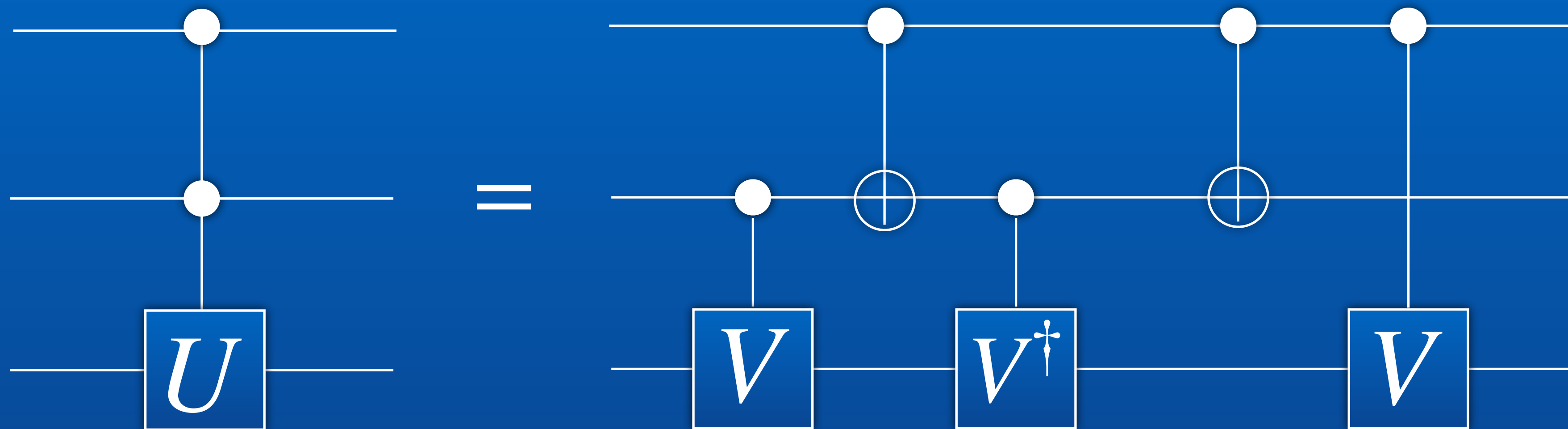


$$CCZ = (I^{\otimes 2} - |11\rangle\langle 11|) \otimes I + |11\rangle\langle 11| \otimes Z$$

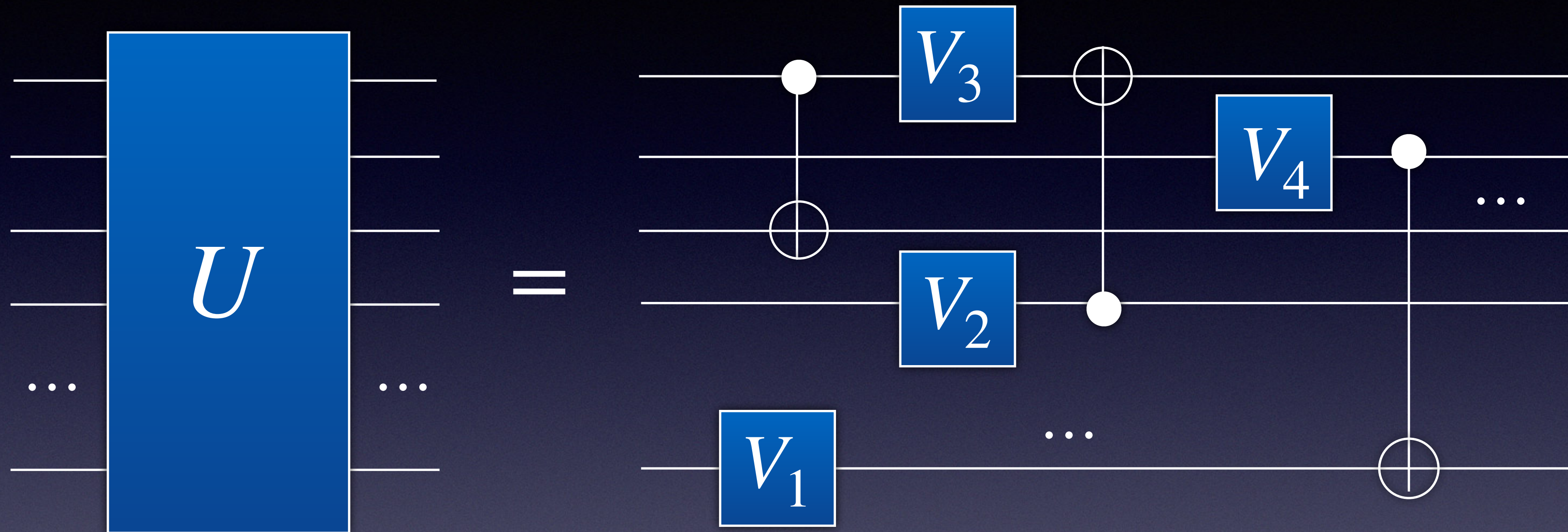
CCU gate

Exercise 8

Show that any CCU gate can be decomposed into the two-qubit gates as below, where $V^2 = U$ and $V^\dagger V = I$



Universal quantum gates



- single qubit and CNOT (CZ) gates can be used to implement an arbitrary unitary operation on n qubits, therefore they are universal for quantum computation

Universal quantum gates

T-gate

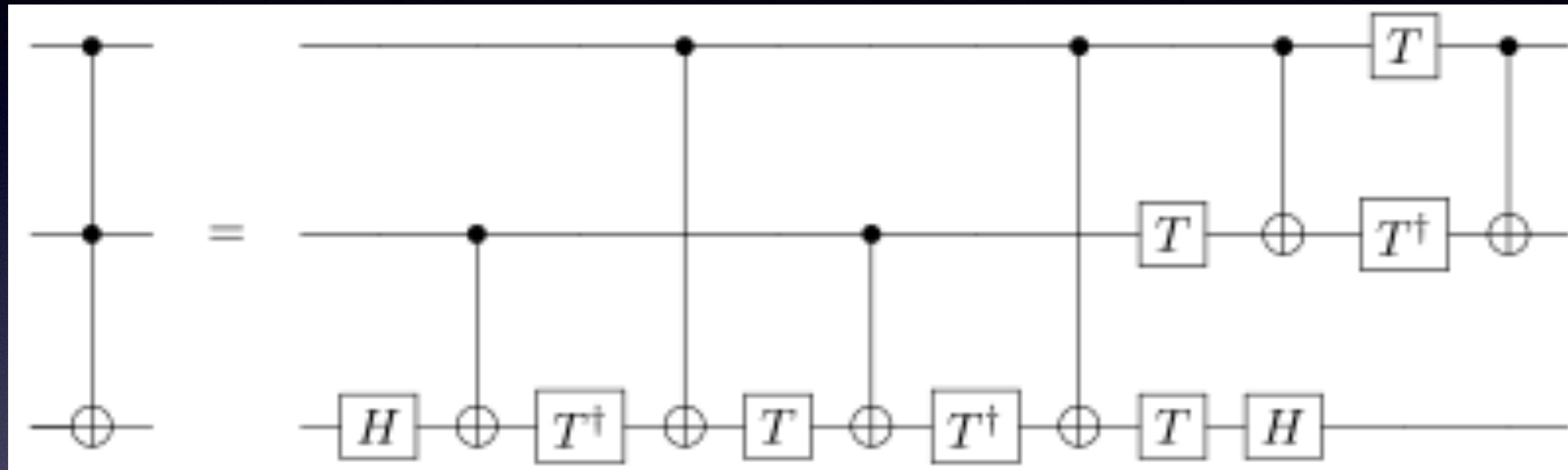
$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix} = e^{-i(\pi/8)} R_z(\pi/4) \quad S = T^2$$

$\pi/4$ rotation about the z-axis

- any single qubit operation can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy by $\{H, T\}$
 - $\because THTH =$ rotation of an angle irrational multiple of π
- any n -qubit unitary operation can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy using $\{H, T, \text{CNOT}\}$

 $\{H, T, \text{CNOT}\}$ is a universal set of gates

Universal quantum gates



Implementation of the Toffoli gate using $\{H, T, \text{CNOT}\}$