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With a Few Square Roots, Quantum Computing is as Easy as Π

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Rig groupoids provide a semantic model of Π, a universal classical reversible programming language over finite types. We prove that extending rig groupoids with just two maps and three equations about them results in a model of quantum computing that is computationally universal and equationally sound and complete for a variety of gate sets. The first map corresponds to an 8th root of the identity morphism on the unit 1. The second map corresponds to a square root of the symmetry on 1 + 1. As square roots are generally not unique and can sometimes even be trivial, the maps are constrained to satisfy a nondegeneracy axiom, which we relate to the Euler decomposition of the Hadamard gate. The semantic construction is turned into an extension of Π, called √Π, that is a computationally universal quantum programming language equipped with an equational theory that is sound and complete with respect to the Clifford gate set, the standard gate set of Clifford+T restricted to ≤ 2 qubits, and the computationally universal Gaussian Clifford+T gate set.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Just like in the classical case, quantum computing can be built up from booleans and associated operations. The quantum version of boolean negation is the X gate defined by

\[ X|0\rangle = |1\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad X|1\rangle = |0\rangle. \]

The quantum circuit model also includes a gate √X (also known as the V gate) that is the “square root of X.” Informally √X performs half of the action of the X gate, i.e., if we imagine a trajectory from |0⟩ to |1⟩ and another trajectory from |1⟩ to |0⟩, then one application of √X follows half the relevant trajectory. The standard approach to model this behaviour is to explicitly express the intermediate midpoints as complex vectors [Hayes 1995; Satoh et al. 2022]:

\[ √X|0\rangle = \frac{1 + i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1 - i}{2} |1\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad √X|1\rangle = \frac{1 - i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1 + i}{2} |1\rangle. \]

One can verify that:

\[ √X(√X|0\rangle) = √X(\frac{1 + i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1 - i}{2} |1\rangle) = \frac{1 + i}{2} √X|0\rangle + \frac{1 - i}{2} √X|1\rangle = \frac{1 + i}{2} (\frac{1 + i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1 - i}{2} |1\rangle) + \frac{1 - i}{2} (\frac{1 - i}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1 + i}{2} |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle = |1\rangle. \]

and similarly that √X(√X|1⟩) = |0⟩. As is evident in this tiny example, reasoning this way about quantum programs is overwhelmed by complex numbers and linear algebra.
Our first insight is that we do not need to explicitly represent the intermediate points. All we need to know about them are two things: (i) they exist, and (ii) they satisfy one critical axiom. Technically, we demonstrate that the following categorical model is, not only computationally universal for quantum computing, but also sound and complete for several modes of unitary quantum computing.

**Definition of the Quantum Model.** The model consists of a rig groupoid \((C, \otimes, \oplus, O, I)\) equipped with maps \(\omega: I \to I\) and \(V: I \oplus I \to I \oplus I\) satisfying the equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(E1)} \quad \omega^8 &= \text{id} \\
\text{(E2)} \quad V^2 &= \sigma_\oplus \\
\text{(E3)} \quad V \circ S \circ V &= \omega^2 \bullet S \circ V \circ S
\end{align*}
\]

where \(\circ\) is sequential composition, \(\bullet\) is scalar multiplication (cf. Def. 4), \(\sigma_\oplus\) is the symmetry on \(I \oplus I\), exponents are iterated sequential compositions, and \(S: I \oplus I \to I \oplus I\) is defined as \(S = \text{id} \oplus \omega^2\).

In the definition, the rig groupoid \(C\) models an underlying reversible classical programming language. By convention, booleans in this language are represented as values of type \(I \oplus I\) with one injection representing \text{false}, the other representing \text{true}, and the symmetry \(\sigma_\oplus: I \oplus I \to I \oplus I\) representing boolean negation. The quantum model has two additional morphisms \(\omega\) and \(V\). The map \(\omega\) is a primitive 8\text{th} root of the identity; its semantics is partially specified by (E1). The map \(V\) is the square root of boolean negation; its semantics is partially specified by (E2). So far, we have postulated the existence of square roots but without needing to write any actual complex numbers: they are just morphisms partially specified by (E1) and (E2). At this point, it would be consistent to choose \(\omega = \text{id}\) but this would not lead to a universal quantum model. To understand how (E3) selects just the “right” square root, we recall that the Euler decomposition expresses any 1-qubit unitary gate as a product of a global phase and three rotations along two fixed orthogonal axes, and that \(S\) and \(V\) correspond to rotations in complementary bases. In that light, axiom (E3) picks the \(Z\)-basis and the \(X\)-basis as the two axes and enforces that decompositions along \(ZXZ\) or \(Z\) are equal (up to a physically unimportant global phase). This ensures that it is immaterial which of \(S\) and \(V\) rotations is mapped to the \(Z\)- or \(X\)-basis and additionally ensures that the angle of the \(S\) rotation (induced by the \(\omega^2\) in the definition of \(S\)) is \(\pi/2\). As a helpful illustration, Fig. 1 shows that, with the standard choice for the computational basis in the \(Z\)-direction, starting from an arbitrary state (near the North pole in the figure), a sequence of \(\pi/2\)-\(Z\) rotations (top) is equivalent to a sequence of \(\pi/2\)-\(Z\) rotations (bottom). Were the angle of the \(Z\)-rotation different due to a different choice of \(\omega\), the two sequences of rotations would not be equivalent.

This approach reduces reasoning about quantum programs to manipulating the coherence conditions of rig categories [Laplaza 1972] extended with the axioms (E1), (E2), and (E3). The calculation that \(\sqrt{X} \circ \sqrt{X} = X\) follows by (E2). Many quantum equivalences follow similarly. For example, the proof that \(S \circ S\) is equivalent to the \(Z\) gate defined as \(\text{id} \oplus \omega^4\) follows by:

\[
S \circ S = (\text{id} \oplus \omega^2) \circ (\text{id} \oplus \omega^2) = (\text{id} \circ \text{id}) \oplus (\omega^2 \circ \omega^2) = \text{id} \oplus \omega^4 = Z
\]

The proof uses just the coherence conditions of rig categories and is, along with many other results, formalised in an extension of the agda-categories library [Hu and Carette 2021] included in the supplementary material.

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Fig. 1. \(XZX\) and \(ZXZ\) rotations with all angles at \(\pi/2\).
The equational theory extracted from the semantic model is sound and complete with respect to arbitrary Clifford circuits, Clifford+T circuits of at most 2 qubits, and arbitrary Gaussian Clifford+T circuits. These completeness theorems, Thms. 16, 19, and 25, form our main technical results:

- Completeness for Arbitrary Clifford circuits (cf. Thm 16). Circuits built from Clifford gates are important in quantum computing for two related reasons. First, Clifford gates are exactly those quantum gates that normalise the Pauli matrices, which provide a linear-algebraic basis for a single qubit. Clifford gates include, and are in fact generated by, H, S, and CX. Second, although Clifford circuits may “look quantum,” they are in fact efficiently simulatable by a probabilistic classical computation, by the Gottesman-Knill theorem [Gottesman 1999].
- Completeness for Clifford+T circuits of at most 2 qubits (cf. Thm 19). To move beyond classical probabilistic machines in computational power, other quantum gates need to be considered. One popular choice is to extend the Clifford set with the T gate. The restriction to ≤ 2 qubits is a stepping stone to the next result.
- Completeness for Arbitrary Gaussian Clifford+T circuits (cf. Thm 21). Another universal quantum gate set is given by \{X, CX, CCX, S, K\} [Amy et al. 2020; Bian and Selinger 2021]. Such circuits can be characterised algebraically as those unitary matrices with entries in the ring \(\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i]\) of Gaussian dyadic rationals [Amy et al. 2020].

To summarise, we have developed a vastly simplified axiomatic treatment of quantum computation using the coherence conditions of rig categories extended with morphisms modeling roots of the identity and a square root of the symmetry \(\sigma_G: I \oplus I \rightarrow I \oplus I\).

This formalism provides, to our knowledge, the first sound and complete equational theory for a computationally universal unitary quantum programming language. As this approach avoids imposing specific assumptions about gate sets or implementation details, it could serve to bridge the gap between quantum programming languages and the various gate sets used in the quantum circuit model. Further, it could serve as a “theory of equational theories” capable of describing and analyzing various modes of quantum computing, such as different gate sets, without preference to any specific approach. While this paper primarily focuses on qubit circuits due to the abundance of finite presentation results, it does not reflect an inherent limitation or assumption within the formalism. In fact, we propose that this formalism could be used equally well to represent and analyse circuits from qudit gate sets (e.g., qutrit Clifford+T [Yeh and Wetering 2022]).

**Related work.** Our result is distinguished from other calculi based on ZX [Coecke and Duncan 2011], notably ZH [Backens and Kissinger 2019] and PBS/LOv [Clément et al. 2023] in two fundamental aspects. First, ZX and ZH describe quantum theory, not quantum computation. That is, they are complete for all linear maps, not for unitary ones only. Indeed, one of the major problems associated with the ZX calculus is circuit extraction: to ensure that rewriting a quantum circuit ends up with a quantum circuit again. This problem is \#P-hard [de Beaudrap et al. 2022]. Second, these calculi do not have universal equational theories, as some of the axiom schemas involve existential quantifiers, resulting from the Euler decomposition, that cannot be eliminated [Duncan and Perdrix 2009]. The theory presented here builds on a different line of research that led to advances in reversible quantum computing (e.g., [Choudhury et al. 2022; Glück et al. 2019; Heunen and Kaarsgaard 2022; Heunen, Kaarsgaard, and Karvonen 2018]) and equational theories of quantum circuits and unitaries [Bian and Selinger 2021, 2022; Selinger 2015] (see also [Thomsen et al. 2015]) arising from number-theoretic insights (e.g., [Amy et al. 2020; Giles and Selinger 2013]). Our resulting theory is sound, complete and universal, never considers more general linear maps (unlike ZH/ZX), and relies only on universally quantified equations (unlike PBS/LOv). Our work complements the work of Staton [2015], which provides a sound and complete equational theory.
of state preparation and measurement (which we do not consider here), but does not consider an equational theory of unitaries.

Outline. We assume familiarity with category theory (in particular rig categories, monoidal categories, and string diagrams) and with the fundamentals of quantum computing. We provide a brief review in the next section for the necessary notation and conventions. Sec 3 motivates the use of combinator-based languages to reason about quantum circuits. Sec. 4 introduces the formal syntax of the combinator language $\sqrt{\Pi}$ used as a technical device in this paper. Sec. 5 gives the denotational semantics of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ in extended rig groupoids. Sec. 6 includes the main technical results that establish soundness and completeness of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ for a variety of gate sets. Sec. 7 describes the equational theory in action. The concluding section puts the results in a larger context and discusses their significance. Some of the proofs are relegated to the appendix.

2 BACKGROUND
We recall here some basics of unitary quantum computing and rig categories.

2.1 Unitary quantum computing
For more details about this topic we refer to textbooks such as [Nielsen and Chuang 2010; Yanofsky and Mannucci 2008].

Closed quantum systems are modelled mathematically by complex Hilbert spaces $H$, which are complex vector spaces with an inner product $\langle - | - \rangle$ that are complete as metric spaces (with respect to the metric induced by the inner product). For example, a one-qubit system is represented by $\mathbb{C}^2$, with vectors $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ representing the two classical states. Hilbert spaces $H$ and $K$ can be combined to form new ones using the direct sum $H \oplus K$ and tensor product $H \otimes K$: these can be seen as analogues of sum types and product types in the sense that $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^m \cong \mathbb{C}^{n+m}$ and $\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m \cong \mathbb{C}^{nm}$.

Every linear map $f$ on a Hilbert space is associated with a (Hermitian) adjoint $f^\dagger$ satisfying $\langle f \phi | \psi \rangle = \langle \phi | f^\dagger \psi \rangle$. The discrete time evolution of closed quantum systems is described by unitaries, which are linear isomorphisms $U$ satisfying $U^{-1} = U^\dagger$. Some important examples of unitaries on $\mathbb{C}^2$ include the Hadamard gate $H$, the X gate (the quantum analogue of the classical NOT gate), and the phase gates $Z$, $S$, and $T$, given by the matrices:

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Any unitary $U$ acting on $H$ can be extended to a controlled variant acting on $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes H$, given in matrix form by the block diagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{pmatrix}$$

where $I$ is the identity on $H$. This controlled-$U$ will apply $U$ to $H$ only if the given qubit was in the state $|1\rangle$; otherwise it will do nothing. For example, the controlled-X gate $CX$ is given by

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

Similar to classical hardware description, low-level quantum computations can be described at the level of qubits and gates using quantum circuits, which we describe in further detail in Sec. 3, save for one crucial definition concerning when a quantum gate set can be said to be universal:

Definition 1 (Computational universality [Aharonov 2003]). A set of quantum gates $G$ is said to be strictly universal if there exists a constant $n_0$ such that for any $n \geq n_0$, the subgroup generated by
is dense in $\text{SU}(2^n)$. The set $G$ is said to be \textit{computationally universal} if it can be used to simulate to within $\epsilon$ error any quantum circuit which uses $n$ qubits and $t$ gates from a strictly universal set with only polylogarithmic overhead in $(n, t, 1/\epsilon)$.

### 2.2 Rig categories

We refer to [Awodey 2010; Heunen and Vicary 2019] for more on (monoidal) categories, and to [Johnson and Yau 2021] for a recent textbook on rig categories and their applications.

A category $C$ is an algebraic structure capturing typed processes: a category consists of some types (objects) $X$, $Y$, $Z$ and some processes (morphisms) $f, g, h$ such that each process $f$ is assigned an input type (domain) $X$ and an output type (codomain) $Y$, written $f : X \to Y$. Processes $f : X \to Y$ and $g : Y \to Z$ can be composed to form a new process $g \circ f : X \to Z$ in such a way that composition is associative and unital (i.e., every object $X$ is associated with an identity $\text{id}_X : X \to X$ such that $f \circ \text{id}_X = f = \text{id}_Y \circ f$ for all $f : X \to Y$). Thus, categories describe theories of processes that can be composed in sequence: if a morphism $f$ has an inverse $f^{-1}$ such that $f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}$ and $f^{-1} \circ f = \text{id}$, we say that $f$ is an \textit{isomorphism}. A category which contains only isomorphisms is called a \textit{groupoid}.

A symmetric monoidal category $(C, \otimes, I)$ is a category that also permits parallel composition of objects and morphisms: whenever one has objects $X$ and $Y$, there exists an object $X \otimes Y$; similarly, morphisms $f : X \to Y$ and $g : Z \to W$ give rise to $f \otimes g : X \otimes Z \to Y \otimes W$. Further, we require that there is a distinguished object $I$ and families of isomorphisms (indexed by objects $X, Y, Z$)

$$\lambda_\otimes : I \otimes X \to X \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_\otimes : I \otimes X \to X \quad (\text{the unitors});$$

$$\alpha_\otimes : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \to X \otimes (Y \otimes Z) \quad (\text{the associator});$$

and $\sigma_\otimes : X \otimes Y \to Y \otimes X \quad (\text{the symmetry})$, satisfying some equations (see, e.g., [Heunen and Vicary 2019, Chapter 1]).

A rig category (or bimonoidal category) $(C, \otimes, \oplus, I, O)$ is a category which is symmetric monoidal in two different ways, such that one monoidal structure distributes over the other. Precisely, it is a category such that $(C, \otimes, I)$ and $(C, \oplus, O)$ are both symmetric monoidal categories, and there are families of isomorphisms (indexed by objects $X, Y, Z$)

$$\delta_L : X \otimes (Y \oplus Z) \to (X \otimes Y) \oplus (X \otimes Z) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_R : (X \otimes Y) \oplus Z \to (X \otimes Z) \oplus (Y \otimes Z) \quad (\text{the distributors});$$

$\delta^L_O : O \otimes X \to O$ and $\delta^R_O : X \otimes O \to O \quad (\text{the annihilators})$, subject again to some equations (see [Laplaza 1972]). A rig category which is simultaneously a groupoid is called a \textit{rig groupoid}. The category \textit{Unitary} of finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces and unitaries forms a rig groupoid with its tensor product $\otimes$ and direct sum $\oplus$.

### 3 REASONING ABOUT QUANTUM CIRCUITS WITH COMBINATORS

The \textit{lingua franca} of quantum computing is that of quantum circuits. Like boolean circuits consisting of bit-carrying wires connecting boolean gates, quantum circuits consist of wires carrying qubits connecting quantum gates. For example, the circuit in Fig. 2 has 5 controlled unitary gates acting on 3 qubits. In order, the first three gates are: controlled-$\sqrt{X}$ (aka CSX), controlled-not (aka CX), and controlled-inverse-$\sqrt{X}$ (aka CSXdg).

#### 3.1 Circuits as Matrices

Quantum circuits have a canonical reading as complex matrices. The quantum gates stand for specific unitary matrices which are combined by matrix multiplication when gates are composed sequentially, and by tensor product when gates are composed in parallel. For example, the controlled
gates used in the circuit above denote the following matrices:

\[
\text{CSX} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix}
2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -1+i & -1-i \\
0 & 0 & -1-i & -1+i
\end{pmatrix},
\text{CX} = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{pmatrix},
\text{CSX}_{\text{dg}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix}
2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -1-i & -1+i \\
0 & 0 & -1+i & -1-i
\end{pmatrix}
\]

which when all multiplied following the layout of the circuit produce:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}
\]

The reader may recognise the resulting matrix as the denotation of the Toffoli (aka CCX) gate [Toffoli 1980]. Indeed the equivalence of CCX to the circuit in Fig. 2 is an instance of the Sleator-Weinfurter [1995] construction. Evidently, one way to establish the equivalence is to reduce both circuits to a common matrix. If such a low-level algebraic manipulation is undesirable, a high-level, but informal proof, would proceed by case analysis on the possible values of \(q_0 q_1\):

- if both \(q_0 q_1\) are 0, then no control gate is activated and the circuit behaves like the identity;
- if one of \(q_0 q_1\) is 1 and the other is 0, then both \(\sqrt{X}\) and its inverse are activated and the circuit is again equivalent to the identity;
- if both \(q_0 q_1\) are 1, then two instances of \(\sqrt{X}\) are activated which negates \(q_2\).

To summarise, the circuit in Fig. 2 negates \(q_2\) exactly when both \(q_0 q_1\) are 1, which is exactly the behaviour of the Toffoli gate. We will formalise this example using our calculus in Sec. 7.

### 3.2 Circuits as Rig Morphisms

It is relatively easy to find some collection of local rewrite rules that are sound for quantum circuits composed of particular gate sets. It is much harder to find a complete collection that guarantee that any equivalent quantum circuits can be transformed to one another. We solve this problem as follows. First, we build on the completeness result for classical reversible circuits [Choudhury et al. 2022] by including all the coherence conditions for rig categories as a foundation for reasoning about the classical subset of gates (e.g., X, CX, CCX, etc.) To reason about the purely quantum gates (e.g., \(\sqrt{X}\), H, T, etc.) we build on a collection of insights explained below.

The first insight is to not worry about gates at all but instead exploit the rig groupoid structure that provides two constructors \(\oplus\) and \(\otimes\) that behave in a distributive way, like \(+\) and \(\times\) in the rig of natural numbers. The \(\oplus\) construct, which is not present in formalisms such as the ZX-calculus [Coecke and Duncan 2011] provides a way to build quantum gates from first principles by exploiting the fact that a qubit is a two-dimensional additive structure \(1 \oplus 1\). For example, the rig structure provides, among others, the natural isomorphisms \(\lambda_\oplus : I \otimes A \to A\), \(\sigma_\oplus : A \oplus B \to B \oplus A\), and \(\delta_R : (A \oplus B) \otimes C \to (A \otimes C) \otimes (B \otimes C)\) which can be used to define gates as follows. First, we isolate two patterns \(\text{Mat}\) and \(\text{Ctrl}\) to construct simple gates and their controlled versions:

\[
\text{Mat} := \lambda_\oplus \otimes \lambda_\otimes \circ \delta_R : (I \otimes I) \otimes A \to A \otimes A
\]

\[
\text{Ctrl } m := \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes m) \circ \text{Mat} : (I \oplus I) \otimes A \to (I \oplus I) \otimes A
\]

The definition of \(\text{Ctrl}\) above is parametric in \(m : I \oplus I \to I \oplus I\), enabling the definitions of the classical gates:

\[
X := \sigma_\oplus : I \oplus I \to I \oplus I
\]

\[
\text{CX} := \text{Ctrl } X : (I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I) \to (I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I)
\]

\[
\text{CCX} := \text{Ctrl } \text{CX} : (I \oplus I) \otimes ((I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I)) \to (I \oplus I) \otimes ((I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I))
\]
These patterns would also provide controlled versions of single qubit quantum gates if we managed to express them. To that end, we use the insight that, by the Euler decomposition, single qubit quantum gates can be expressed as a product $\phi \cdot PQP'$, where $\phi$ is a phase, $P$ and $P'$ are rotations in one basis, and $Q$ is a rotation in a complementary basis. Thus, the categorical framework "only" needs to express phase gates in two complementary bases such as the canonical Z and X bases; it turns out that this is relatively straightforward once the framework includes roots of unity and a square root of $\sigma$. Each root of unity $\omega$ directly provides phase gate $\text{id} \oplus \omega$ in the Z-basis; phase gates in the X-basis are obtained by the change of basis induced by $H$ which itself can be defined using roots of unity and the square root of $\sigma$ (cf. Fig. 8). The technical challenge is that square roots are not unique, so for example postulating some $V$ such that $V \circ V = \sigma_{\oplus}$ is not sufficient to determine $V$. Axiom $(E_3)$, however, is sufficient to completely determine all the required square roots. The final product is an equational theory that provides (formalisable) proofs for circuit equivalences that only require a modest extension of conventional categorical reasoning.

Fig. 3. The syntax of $\Pi$.

4 A UNIVERSAL QUANTUM LANGUAGE: $\sqrt{\Pi}$

We present the syntax of $\sqrt{\Pi}$, whose underlying language is the classical reversible language $\Pi$ that is universal for reversible computing over finite types and whose semantics is expressed in the rig groupoid of finite sets and bijections [James and Sabry 2012]. After reviewing the design of $\Pi$ we introduce the extension $\sqrt{\Pi}$.

4.1 The Core Language: $\Pi$

In reversible boolean circuits, the number of input bits matches the number of output bits. Thus, a key insight for a programming language of reversible circuits is to ensure that each primitive operation preserves the number of bits, which is just a natural number. The algebraic structure of natural numbers as the free commutative semiring (or, commutative rig), with $(0, +)$ for addition, and $(1, \times)$ for multiplication then provides sequential, vertical, and horizontal circuit composition. Generalising these ideas, a typed programming language for reversible computing should ensure that every primitive expresses an isomorphism of finite types, i.e., a permutation.

The syntax of the language $\Pi$, shown in Fig. 3, captures this concept. Type expressions $b$ are built from the empty type ($\emptyset$), the unit type ($\top$), the sum type ($+$), and the product type ($\times$). A type isomorphism $c : b_1 \leftrightarrow b_2$ models a reversible circuit that permutes the values in $b_1$ and $b_2$. These type isomorphisms are built from the primitive identities $\text{iso}$ and their compositions. The $\Pi$-isomorphisms are not ad hoc: they correspond exactly to the laws of a rig operationalised into invertible transformations [Carette, James, et al. 2022; Carette and Sabry 2016] which have the types in Fig. 4. Each line in the top part of the figure has the pattern $c_1 : b_1 \leftrightarrow b_2 : c_2$ where $c_1$ and $c_2$ are self-duals; $c_1$ has type $b_1 \leftrightarrow b_2$ and $c_2$ has type $b_2 \leftrightarrow b_1$. 

\[
\begin{align*}
b &::= \emptyset | \top | b + b | b \times b \quad \text{(value types)} \\
t &::= b \leftrightarrow b \quad \text{(combinator types)} \\
isom &::= \text{id} | \text{swap}^+ | \text{assocr}^+ | \text{assocl}^+ | \text{unite}^+l | \text{uniti}^+l | \text{absorbl} | \text{factorzr} \quad \text{(isomorphisms)} \\
& | \text{swap}^\times | \text{assocr}^\times | \text{assocl}^\times | \text{unite}^\times l | \text{uniti}^\times l | \text{dist} | \text{factor} \\
c &::= \text{iso} | c \circ c | c + c | c \times c \quad \text{(combinators)}
\end{align*}
\]
A crucial fact for the rest of the paper is the existence of an equational theory for $\Pi$. An input value of type $2^4$.

### 2. Classical Completeness

A gate is defined as $\text{ctrl cx}$ applied to get the final result. Using this conditional, $\text{true}$ is type $\times 1$. We can represent $\text{ctrl cx}$ as needed, it is universal for classical reversible circuits.

Theorem 2 ($\Pi$ Expressivity). $\Pi$ is universal for classical reversible circuits, i.e., boolean bijections $2^n \rightarrow 2^n$ (for any natural number $n$).

#### 4.2 Classical Completeness

A crucial fact for the rest of the paper is the existence of an equational theory for $\Pi$ that is sound and complete for the permutation semantics. The equations for the theory were collected in a second level of $\Pi$ syntax as level-2 combinators [Carette and Sabry 2016]. Each level-2 combinator is of the form $c_1 \leftrightarrow c_2$ for appropriate $c_1$ and $c_2$ of the same type $b_1 \leftrightarrow b_2$ and asserts that $c_1$
and $c_2$ denote the same bijection. For example, among the large number of equations, we have the following level-2 combinators dealing with associativity:

\[
\text{assoc}_l : (c_1 \uplus (c_2 \uplus c_3)) \leftrightarrow_2 (c_1 \uplus (c_2 \uplus c_3))
\]

\[
\text{assoc}_r : ((c_1 \uplus c_2) \uplus c_3) \leftrightarrow_2 (c_1 \uplus (c_2 \uplus c_3))
\]

\[
\text{assoc}_{l+} : (((c_1 + (c_2 + c_3)) \uplus \text{assoc}_{l+}) \leftrightarrow_2 (\text{assoc}_{l+} \uplus ((c_1 + c_2) + c_3))
\]

\[
\text{assoc}_{r+} : (\text{assoc}_{l+} \uplus ((c_1 + c_2) + c_3)) \leftrightarrow_2 ((c_1 + (c_2 + c_3)) \uplus \text{assoc}_{l+})
\]

Theorem 3 (Π Full Abstraction and Adequacy [Choudhury et al. 2022]). The equational theory of Π expressed using the level-2 combinators $\leftrightarrow_2$ is sound and complete with respect to its semantics in the weak symmetric rig groupoid of finite sets and permutations.

As a consequence, we may use any classical reversible circuit identity (i.e., any identity involving only rig terms in the category of finite sets and permutations) without explicit proof, as such a proof can be reconstructed using the theorem above. In particular, we will freely use the classical identities below involving various combinations of CX and SWAP gates (which can all be straightforwardly verified by explicit computation):

\[
\begin{align*}
(P1) & \quad = \\
(P2) & \quad = \\
(P3) & \quad = \\
(P4) & \quad = \\
(P5) & \quad = \\
(P6) & \quad =
\end{align*}
\]

4.3 Adding Square Roots

The remarkable fact is that all it takes for a programming language to be universal for quantum computing with a sound and complete equational theory is the modest extension to Π in Fig. 6.

The extension consists of a square root $v$ of $x$ and an $8^\text{th}$ root $w$ of the identity combinator $1$. To maintain reversibility, we add not just these square roots but their inverses $v_1$ and $w_1$ as well. The semantics of the new combinators is partially specified by Eqs. (E1) and (E2). From these equations
Syntax

iso ::= · · · | v | v1 | w | w1

(isomorphisms)

Types

v : 2 ↔ 2 : v1
w : 1 ↔ 1 : w1

Equations

(E1) v^2 ↔_2 x
(E2) w^8 ↔_2 1
(E3) v o (id + w^2) o v ↔_2 unite^x l o w^2 x ((id + w^2) o v o (id + w^2)) o unite^x l

Fig. 6. The \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) extension of \(\Pi\).

and the original level-2 combinators, we can derive properties of the inverses, e.g.:

\[
\begin{align*}
& \ x \leftrightarrow_2 v \circ v \quad & \text{(by 2-reversibility)} \\
& \ v1 \circ x \circ x \leftrightarrow_2 \ v1 \circ v \circ v \circ x \quad & \text{(by compatibility)} \\
& \ v1 \leftrightarrow_2 v \circ x \quad & \text{(by inverses and unit)} \\
& \ 1 \leftrightarrow_2 w^8 \quad & \text{(by 2-reversibility)} \\
& \ w1 \circ 1 \leftrightarrow_2 w1 \circ w^8 \quad & \text{(by compatibility)} \\
& \ w1 \leftrightarrow_2 w^7 \quad & \text{(by inverses and unit)}
\end{align*}
\]

As discussed earlier, Eqs. (E1) and (E2) do not completely determine the meaning of the new combinators, however. In particular, they do not exclude the trivial square root \(w = 1\). To get a non-trivial semantics, we also impose Eq. (E3).

5 DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS

By design, \(\Pi\) has a natural model in rig groupoids [Carette and Sabry 2016; Choudhury et al. 2022]. Indeed, every atomic isomorphism of \(\Pi\) corresponds to a coherence isomorphism in a rig category, while sequencing corresponds to composition, and the two parallel compositions are handled by the two monoidal structures. Inversion corresponds to the canonical dagger structure of groupoids. This interpretation is summarised in the top part of Fig. 7.

5.1 Postulating Square Roots

We will postulate the existence of certain square roots to a rig groupoid to obtain models of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\). Ideally, there would be a universal categorical construction that formally adjoins \(n\)th roots of specified (endo)morphisms to a given (rig) category. The traditional way in commutative algebra to adjoin a square root of \(r\) to a ring \(R\) is to first move to the polynomial ring \(R[x]\) in one variable \(x\), and then to quotient out the ideal generated by \(x^2 - r\) to force \(x^2 = r\). This method is fraught with problems in the categorical case, because there is no analogue of the polynomial ring, no good analogue of quotients by ideals, and because it only works for endomorphisms.

Another way to formally adjoin a square root of \(A \xrightarrow{f} B\) is to add a new object and two new morphisms \(A \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}f} \bullet \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}f} B\), to take the free category on the resulting directed graph, and then quotient out composition that already existed in the base category, as well as quotienting out \(f \sim f^{1/2} \circ 1/2 f\). This does work in arbitrary categories, satisfies a universal property, and can be applied to arbitrary sets of morphisms \(f\) simultaneously. The new square roots automatically
Where $S$ = model of Clifford+T only requires a fourth root of unity, universal model, however: for example, the (computationally universal) gate set of Gaussian multiplication on the right, $f$ of $f$ free combinations of $\oplus$ interact well with inverses in groupoids. However, to respect rig structure we would have to take $V(E_2) = V(E_1) \circ \omega = V(E_3)$.

**Proof.** Choosing the rig groupoid $\pi$, we have $\omega = 1$ id.

**Definition 4.** Given a scalar $s : I \to I$ and a morphism $f : X \to Y$, define the scalar multiplication of $f$ by $s$ on the left, written $s \bullet f$, as $\lambda_{\oplus} \circ s \otimes f \circ \lambda_{\oplus}^{-1} : X \to Y$. One similarly defines scalar multiplication on the right, $f \bullet s$, by replacing left unitors in the above by right unitors.

**Definition 5.** A model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ consists of a rig category $(C, \otimes, \oplus, O, I)$ equipped with maps $\omega : I \to I$ and $V : I \oplus I \to I \oplus I$ satisfying the equations:

- (E1) $\omega^S = id$,
- (E2) $V^2 = \sigma_{\oplus}$,
- (E3) $V \circ S \circ V = \omega^2 \cdot S \circ V \circ S$

where $S : I \oplus I \to I \oplus I$ is given by $S = id \oplus \omega^S$.

This model is strong enough to express the standard gate set of Clifford+T. It is not a minimal universal model, however: for example, the (computationally universal) gate set of Gaussian Clifford+T only requires a fourth root of unity, i.e., the use of $\omega : I \to I$ with $\omega^S = id$ can be replaced by $i : I \to I$ with $i^4 = id$ while still retaining computational universality.

**Proposition 6.** The rig groupoid Unitary of finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces and unitaries is a model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$.

**Proof.** Choosing $\omega = \exp(i \pi/4)$ and $V = H(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{smallmatrix})H$ (with $H$ the usual Hadamard gate, i.e., $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$), it is verified by straightforward calculation that the three equations are satisfied. $\square$

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**Types**

- $[0] = O$
- $[b_1 + b_2] = [b_1] \oplus [b_2]$
- $[b_1 \times b_2] = [b_1] \otimes [b_2]$

**$\Pi$ Terms**

- $[id] = id$
- $[c_1 + c_2] = [c_1] \oplus [c_2]$
- $[c_1 \times c_2] = [c_1] \otimes [c_2]$
- $[\text{assocr}^*] = \alpha_{\otimes}$
- $[\text{uniti}^*] = \lambda_{\oplus}^{-1}$
- $[\text{assocr}^\times] = \alpha_{\otimes}$
- $[\text{uniti}^\times] = \lambda_{\oplus}^{-1}$
- $[\text{swap}^*] = \sigma_{\oplus}$
- $[\text{dist}] = \delta_R$
- $[\text{absorbl}] = \delta_0$

**$\sqrt{\Pi}$ Terms**

- $[w] = \omega$
- $[v] = V$
- $[w^1] = \omega^3$
- $[v^1] = V^3$

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Fig. 7. Semantics of $\Pi$ in rig groupoids $(C, \otimes, \oplus, O, I)$ and of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ in models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$.
We will consider Unitary to be the standard model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$. A semantics of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ can, more generally, be given in any model satisfying Def. 5 by interpreting all the “classical” morphisms as in $\Pi$, and additionally interpreting the additional combinators as shown at the bottom of Fig. 7.

**Definition 7 (Models).** We use $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ to denote the interpretation of a $\sqrt{\Pi}$ term in an arbitrary model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$, and $\langle - \rangle$ to denote its interpretation in the standard model Unitary.

In this way, given $\sqrt{\Pi}$ terms $c_1$ and $c_2$, we can only ever establish $\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket$ if this holds from the axioms of models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ alone. On the other hand, we can establish $\langle c_1 \rangle = \langle c_2 \rangle$ by any means sound for unitaries (e.g., matrix computation, circuit rewriting rules, ZX-calculus derivations, etc.).

### 5.2 Representing Quantum Gates

Let $(C, \otimes, \oplus, O, I)$ be a model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$. We demonstrate that, in any such model, all the familiar quantum gates can be represented **internally** as shown in Fig. 8. We can combine these gates into circuits using the tensor product and composition as usual. For example, the circuit

![Circuit Diagram]

is represented by the morphism $id \otimes H \circ Ctrl X \circ id \otimes H$ in a model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$. Besides familiar gates, Fig. 8 also defines the convenient map $Mat$ which is so named because it can be seen as a way to construct maps from *matrix representations*. This powerful technique was implicitly used in the definition of Ctrl-gates in Sec. 3.2. More generally, we think of $g$ as an abstract block matrix representation of $f$ when $g \circ Mat = Mat \circ f$, as this means in turn that $Mat^{-1} \circ g \circ Mat = f$.

It is straightforward to confirm that the internal gates correspond to their usual definitions in Unitary, the standard model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$. Here, we focus on properties that are valid in every model.
We present our main technical development: gate sets, including the computationally universal Gaussian Clifford+T. Forward but tedious proofs are collected in Appendix A.

For (ii), we see that
\[ (\sigma \circ \sigma) = (\sigma \circ \sigma) \]
commutativity of scalars, so \( s \) \( t \) for (ii), we see that \( t^{-1} \circ s \circ s = t^{-1} \circ t = \text{id}_I \) and \( s \circ t^{-1} \circ s \circ s = t^{-1} \circ t = \text{id}_I \) using commutativity of scalars, so \( s^{-1} = t^{-1} \circ s \) follows by unicity of inverses.

The next three lemmas establish basic properties of the internal gates and scalars; the straightforward but tedious proofs are collected in Appendix A.

\[ (i) \] \(-1^2 = \text{id} \) and \( i^2 = -1 \),
\[ (ii) \] \( X^2 = \text{id} \),
\[ (iii) \] \( P(s)^2 = P(s^2) \),
\[ (iv) \] \( P(s)^{-1} = P(s^{-1}) \),
\[ (v) \] \( P(s) \circ P(t) = P(s \circ t) = P(t) \circ P(s) \),
\[ (vi) \] \( P(s) \circ X \circ P(s) = s \circ X \),
\[ (vii) \] \( X \circ V = V \circ X \),
\[ (viii) \] \( CX^2 = \text{id} \),
\[ (ix) \] \( CZ^2 = \text{id} \),
\[ (x) \] \( CCX^2 = \text{id} \),
\[ (xi) \] \( X \circ P(s) = s \circ P(s^{-1}) \circ X \).

Lemma 10. Let \( f : X \rightarrow Y \), \( g : X \rightarrow X \), and \( h : X \rightarrow X \) be maps, and \( s \) and \( t \) be scalars. Then:
\[ (i) \] \( \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id}_I \otimes f) = (f \otimes f) \circ \text{Mat} \),
\[ (ii) \] \( \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} = \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \),
\[ (iii) \] \( \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \),
\[ (iv) \] \( \text{Mat} \circ (f \otimes \text{id}_I) = \text{Midswap} \circ (f \otimes f) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \),
\[ (v) \] \( \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} P(s) \circ \text{SWAP} = \text{Ctrl} P(s) \),
\[ (vi) \] \( \text{Ctrl} P(s) \circ \text{Ctrl} P(t) = \text{Ctrl} P(t) \circ \text{Ctrl} P(s) \),
\[ (vii) \] \( \text{Ctrl} P(s) \circ (\text{id}_I \otimes P(t)) = (\text{id}_I \otimes P(t)) \circ \text{Ctrl} P(s) \),
\[ (viii) \] \( \text{Mat} \circ (X \otimes \text{id}_I) = \sigma_\otimes \circ \text{Mat} \),
\[ (ix) \] \( \text{Mat} \circ (P(s) \otimes \text{id}_I) = (\text{id}_I \otimes (s \circ \text{id})) \circ \text{Mat} \),
\[ (x) \] \( \text{Ctrl} g \circ \text{Ctrl} h = \text{Ctrl}(g \circ h) \).

Lemma 11. Any model of \( \sqrt{I} \) satisfies \( H \circ X \circ H = Z \) and \( H \circ Z \circ H = X \).

6 SOUNDNESS AND COMPLETENESS
We present our main technical development: \( \sqrt{I} \) is equationally sound and complete for a variety of gate sets, including the computationally universal Gaussian Clifford+T [Amy et al. 2020]. This is
\[
\begin{align*}
\omega \cdot A &= A \cdot \omega & (A1) \\
\omega \times &= \text{id} & (A3) \\
S^4 &= \text{id} & (A5) \\
H^2 &= \text{id} & (A7) \\
SHS = \omega \cdot \text{id} & (A8)
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 9. A sound and complete equational theory of ≤ 2-qubit Clifford circuits due to Selinger [2015]. What we call (A3)–(A13) refer to relations (C1)–(C11) in the original paper by Selinger [2015] (equations (A1) and (A2) become relevant once we consider ≤ 2-qubit Clifford+T circuits [Bian and Selinger 2022]). Note that we swap the order of (A12) and (A13) compared to the original presentation by Selinger [2015].

expressed in terms of a series of full abstraction results, showing that fragments of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ are fully abstract for certain classes of unitaries.

To our knowledge, this is the first presentation of a computationally universal quantum programming language with a sound and complete equational theory.

6.1 ≤ 2-qubit Clifford Circuits

We begin by proving that models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ satisfy the sound and complete equational theory of ≤ 2-qubit Clifford circuits shown in Fig. 9. Clifford circuits are those which can be formed using the gates \{CZ, S, H\} and the scalar $\omega = e^{i\pi/4}$.

Definition 12. In a model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$, a representation of a Clifford circuit is any morphism which can be written in terms of morphisms from the sets \{\omega, S, H, CZ\} and \{\omega, \alpha^{-1}, \lambda^{-1}, \rho, \sigma\}, composed arbitrarily in parallel (using $\otimes$) and in sequence (using $\circ$). A representation of a ≤ 2-qubit Clifford circuit is one with signature $I \oplus I \rightarrow I \oplus I$ or $(I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I) \rightarrow (I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I)$.

Note that this definition permits both scalar multiplication by powers of $\omega$ (since this is formulated using the coherence isomorphisms) and use of the SWAP gate (since this is precisely $\sigma_0$). This result relies on the generators and relations for Clifford circuits due to Selinger [2015], which we prove are all satisfied in any model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$:

(A1) $\omega \cdot f = f \cdot \omega$ for all $f$ follows by Prop. 8 (iii).

(A2) That $(f \otimes \text{id}) \circ (\text{id} \otimes g) = (\text{id} \otimes g) \circ (f \otimes \text{id})$ follows by bifunctoriality of $\otimes$.

(A3) $\omega^\times = \text{id}$ follows immediately by (E1).

(A4) We derive

\[
\begin{align*}
H \circ H &= (\omega \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \circ (\omega \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) & (\text{def. H}) \\
&= \omega^2 \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X & (\text{Prop. 8}) \\
&= \omega^2 \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X & (X^2 = \text{id}) \\
&= \omega^2 \cdot X \circ (\omega^{-2} \cdot V \circ S \circ V) \circ (\omega^{-2} \cdot V \circ S \circ V) \circ X & (E3) \\
&= \omega^{-2} \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ V \circ S \circ X & (\text{Prop. 8})
\end{align*}
\]
\begin{align*}
&= \omega^{-2} \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ X \\
&= \omega^{-2} \cdot X \circ V \circ (\omega^2 \cdot X) \circ V \circ X \quad \text{(Lem. 9 (vi))} \\
&= X \circ V \circ X \circ V \circ X \quad \text{(Prop. 8)} \\
&= X \circ X \circ V \circ V \circ X \quad \text{(Lem. 9 (vii))} \\
&= X \circ X \circ X \circ X \quad \text{(E2)} \\
&= \text{id} \quad \text{(}\!X^2 = \text{id}\!) \\
\end{align*}

(A5) \( S^4 = (\text{id} \oplus i)^4 = (\text{id} \oplus \omega^2)^4 \) = \( \text{id}^4 \oplus \omega^8 = \text{id} \oplus \text{id} \) by bifunctoriality and (E1).

(A6) We compute
\begin{align*}
(S \circ H)^3 &= (S \circ (\omega \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X))^3 \\
&= (\omega \cdot S \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X)^3 \\
&= (\omega \cdot (\omega^2 \cdot X) \circ V \circ S \circ X)^3 \\
&= (\omega^3 \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ X)^3 \\
&= (\omega^3 \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ X) \circ (\omega^3 \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ X) \circ (\omega^3 \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ X) \\
&= \omega^9 \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X \\
&= \omega \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \\
&= \omega \cdot X \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \\
&= \omega \cdot (\omega \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \circ (\omega \cdot X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \\
&= \omega \cdot (H \circ H) \\
&= \omega \cdot \text{id} \\
\end{align*}

(A7) By Lem. 9 (ix).

(A8) We have
\begin{align*}
\text{Ctrl Z} \circ (S \otimes \text{id}) &= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (S \otimes \text{id}) \\
&= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (\text{id} \otimes S) \circ \text{SWAP} \\
&= \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes S) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ \text{SWAP} \\
&= (S \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ \text{SWAP} \\
&= (S \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \\
\end{align*}

(A9) By Lem. 10 (v).

(A10) Since \( S \circ S = Z \) and \( H \circ S \circ S \circ H = H \circ Z \circ H = X \) by Lems. 9 and 11, it suffices to show \( \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (X \otimes \text{id}) = X \otimes Z \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \). This follows by
\begin{align*}
\text{Ctrl Z} \circ (X \otimes \text{id}) &= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes Z) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (X \otimes \text{id}) \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes Z) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (X \otimes \text{id}) \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (Z \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \\
\end{align*}
Similarly, since it has already been established that $H \circ S \circ S \circ H = X$ and $S \circ S = Z$, it suffices to show $\text{Ctrl} Z \circ (id \otimes X) = Z \otimes X \circ \text{Ctrl} Z$:

$$\text{Ctrl} Z \circ (id \otimes X) = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (id \otimes X) \quad (\text{Lemma } 9(v))$$

$$= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ (X \otimes id) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{naturality of SWAP})$$

$$= \text{SWAP} \circ X \otimes Z \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{A10})$$

$$= Z \otimes X \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{naturality of SWAP})$$

$$= Z \otimes X \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \quad (\text{Lemma } 9(v))$$

(A12) We defer the derivation of this identity to Appendix B.

(A13) This relation follows by the above since

$$\omega^{-1} \bullet ((S \circ H \circ S) \otimes S) \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ ((H \circ S) \otimes id)$$

$$= \omega^{-1} \bullet ((S \circ H \circ S) \otimes S) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \circ ((H \circ S) \otimes id) \quad (\text{Lemma } 10(v))$$

$$= \omega^{-1} \bullet \text{SWAP} \circ (S \otimes (S \circ H \circ S)) \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ (id \otimes (H \circ S)) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{naturality of SWAP})$$

$$= \text{SWAP} \circ (\omega^{-1} \bullet ((S \otimes (S \circ H \circ S)) \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ (id \otimes (H \circ S))) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{Proposition } 8)$$

$$= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ (id \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \quad B$$

$$= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (id \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{SWAP involutive})$$

$$= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (H \otimes id) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{SWAP} \quad (\text{naturality of SWAP})$$

$$= \text{Ctrl} Z \circ (H \otimes id) \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \quad (\text{Lemma } 10(v))$$

These derivations lead us, as a first step, to full abstraction for $\leq 2$-qubit Clifford circuits.

**Theorem 13 (Full Abstraction for $\leq 2$-qubit Clifford).** Let $c_1$ and $c_2$ be $\sqrt{\Pi}$ terms representing Clifford circuits of at most two qubits. Then $\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket$ iff $\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket$.

**Proof.** The identities (A3)–(A13) are complete for $\leq 2$-qubit Clifford circuits by [Selinger 2015, Prop. 7.1] (see Remark 7.2 regarding the special case of $\leq 2$-qubit circuits), and have been shown above to hold in any model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$. \hfill $\square$

### 6.2 $n$-qubit Clifford Circuits

To extend Thm. 13 to Clifford circuits with an arbitrary number of qubits, it suffices by a result of Selinger [2015] to prove just four identities (shown in Fig. 10). Interestingly, by showing that models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ admit a few circuit rewriting rules and applying these, we will see that the heavy lifting of these four identities can be done entirely by classical reasoning. This lets us exploit the soundness and completeness of $\Pi$ with respect to its permutation semantics, which greatly simplifies these proofs.
Fig. 10. The 3-qubit identities of Clifford circuits due to Selinger [2015] which, together with (A3)–(A13) of Fig. 9, form a sound and complete equational theory of Clifford circuits.

Recall that we interpret controlled gates in \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) using the \text{Ctrl} macro, such that, e.g., a controlled-\(X\) gate \(\begin{array}{c} \text{Ctrl} \end{array}\) becomes \(\text{Ctrl} X\). If we’re interested in a controlled gate where the target line is above rather than below, we can simply conjugate it by a swap, e.g.,

\[
\begin{array}{c} \text{Ctrl} X \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{SWAP} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ctrl} X \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{SWAP} \end{array}.
\]

Thus a “bottom-controlled” \(X\) is interpreted in \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) as \(\text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP}\). We first collect some useful additional properties of \(\text{Ctrl} X\) and \(\text{Ctrl} Z\), with proofs located in Appendix B.

**Lemma 14.** The following identities hold in any model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\):

(i) \(\text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{id} \otimes H = \text{Ctrl} Z\),

(ii) \(H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP} \circ H \otimes \text{id} = \text{Ctrl} Z\),

(iii) \(\text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{id} \otimes H = \text{Ctrl} X\),

(iv) \(H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ H \otimes \text{id} = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP}\),

(v) \(H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ H \otimes \text{id} = \text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{id} \otimes H\)

These have direct interpretations as circuit identities, which we will use to simplify (B1)–(B4).

**Corollary 15.** The following circuit identities hold in any model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\):

(i) \(\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array}\),

(ii) \(\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array}\),

(iii) \(\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array}\),

(iv) \(\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array}\),

(v) \(\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \end{array}\),

(vi) \(\begin{array}{c} U \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} U \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} U \end{array}\) and \(\begin{array}{c} U \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} U \end{array}\) for any gate \(U\).

**Proof.** Points (i)–(v) hold by Lem. 14, while (vi) is naturality of \text{SWAP}. \(\Box\)

We can now tackle the four 3-qubit rules for Clifford circuits, named (C12)–(C15) in the presentation of Selinger [2015], which we call (B1)–(B4).
This rule is can be derived using the circuit identities and classical completeness.

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\circled{H} \circled{H} = \circled{H} \circled{H} \\
\circled{H} = \circled{H} \\
\circled{H} = \circled{H} \\
\end{array} \]

Notice how the essential argument of this proof is the classical identity \((P1)\).

We defer the proof of this identity to Appendix B.

This identity and the next follow by reducing the circuit to one with a large classical subcircuit, which turns out (by classical completeness) to be the identity circuit.

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\circled{H} \circled{H} \circled{H} = \circled{H} \circled{H} \circled{H} \\
\circled{H} = \circled{H} \\
\circled{H} = \circled{H} \\
\end{array} \]

We defer the proof of this identity to Appendix B.

From this follows an equational completeness result for Clifford circuits of arbitrary size.

**Theorem 16 (Full abstraction for Clifford circuits).** Let \(c_1\) and \(c_2\) be \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) terms representing Clifford circuits of arbitrary size. Then \([c_1] = [c_2]\) iff \(\langle c_1 \rangle = \langle c_2 \rangle\).

**Proof.** The identities \((A3)-(A13)\) and \((B1)-(B4)\) are complete for Clifford circuits of arbitrary size by Selinger [2015, Thm. 7.1], and have been shown above to hold in any model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\).

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\circled{H} \circled{H} \circled{H} = \circled{H} \circled{H} \circled{H} \\
\circled{H} = \circled{H} \\
\circled{H} = \circled{H} \\
\end{array} \]

\(6.3 \leq 2\)-qubit Clifford+T

We extend Thm. 13 to show that models of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) are sound and complete for all \(\leq 2\)-qubit Clifford+T circuits. We do this by showing the remaining identities of Bian and Selinger [2022] (see Fig. 11), which, together with \((A1)-(A13)\) from Sec. 6.1, are equationally sound and complete for \(\leq 2\)-qubit Clifford+T circuits. Recall that Clifford+T circuits are those which can be formed using the scalar \(\omega\)
and gates \{S, H, CZ, T\}. This leads us to the following definition of representations of Clifford+T circuits in models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$:

**Definition 17.** In a model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$, a representation of a Clifford+T circuit is any morphism which can be written in terms of morphisms from the sets \{\(\omega, S, H, CZ, T\)\} and \{\(\alpha_\oplus, \alpha_\ominus^1, \lambda_\oplus, \lambda_\ominus^1, \rho_\oplus, \rho_\ominus^1, \sigma_\oplus\)\}, composed arbitrarily in parallel (using \(\otimes\)) and in sequence (using \(\circ\)). A representation of a \(\leq 2\)-qubit Clifford+T circuit is one with signature \(I \oplus I \to I \oplus I\) or \((I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I) \to (I \oplus I) \otimes (I \oplus I)\).

We start by showing an equivalence of representations of negatively controlled gates, as the definition of nCtrl in Fig. 8 may be considered non-standard. One usually thinks of a negatively controlled gate as a positively controlled one conjugated by X on the control line, and we show that our definition nCtrl is a convenient reduced form for stating this. Bian and Selinger [2022] uses yet another representation of negatively controlled X and H, which we also show to be equivalent.

**Lemma 18 (Negative Control).** Let \(f : X \to X\) be a map in a rig category. Then
(i) \(\text{nCtrl } f = X \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl } f \circ X \otimes \text{id}\),
(ii) \(\text{nCtrl } f = \text{Ctrl } f \circ \text{id} \otimes f\) when \(f\) is involutive.

**Proof.** We derive (i) by
\[
X \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl } f \circ X \otimes \text{id} \\
\quad = X \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat} \circ X \otimes \text{id} \quad \text{(definition Ctrl)}\\
\quad = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \alpha_\oplus \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ \alpha_\oplus \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (viii))}\\
\quad = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (f \oplus \text{id}) \circ \alpha_\oplus \circ \alpha_\oplus \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(naturality } \alpha_\oplus\text{)}\\
\quad = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (f \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(} \sigma_\oplus \text{ involutive)}\\
\quad = \text{nCtrl } f \quad \text{(definition nCtrl)}
\]
and we show (ii) by
\[
\text{Ctrl } f \circ (\text{id} \otimes f) = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \otimes f) \quad \text{(definition Ctrl)}\\
\quad = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ (f \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (i))}\\
\quad = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (f \oplus (f \circ f)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality } \oplus\text{)}\\
\quad = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (f \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(} f \text{ involutive)}\\
\quad = \text{nCtrl } f \quad \text{(definition nCtrl)}
\]
\(\square\)
We are now ready to derive the remaining identities.

(A14) By Lem. 9 and definition of $S$ and $T$, $T^2 = P(\omega)^2 = P(\omega^2) = S$.

(A15) We derive

\[
(T \circ H \circ S \circ S \circ H)^2 = (T \circ H \circ Z \circ H)^2 \quad (S^2 = Z)
\]

\[
= (T \circ X)^2 \quad \text{(Lem. 11)}
\]

\[
= T \circ X \circ T \circ X \quad \text{(expand)}
\]

\[
= (\omega \circ X) \circ X \quad \text{(Lem. 9)}
\]

\[
= \omega \circ (X \circ X) \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}
\]

\[
= \omega \circ \text{id} \quad (X^2 = \text{id})
\]

(A16) This is a special case of commutativity of phase gates:

\[
\text{Ctrl Z} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \quad \text{(Lem. 10)}
\]

\[
= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(naturality SWAP)}
\]

\[
= \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(Lem. 10)}
\]

\[
= (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(naturality SWAP)}
\]

\[
= (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \quad \text{(Lem. 10)}
\]

(A17) By first applying circuit identities from Cor. 15, this identity amounts to showing that

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{T} & = \text{Ctrl X} \\
\text{T} & = \text{Ctrl X}
\end{align*}
\]

We then derive this:

\[
(T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X}
\]

\[
= (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \quad ((\text{Ctrl X})^2 = \text{id})
\]

\[
= (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \quad \text{(Lem. 14)}
\]

\[
= (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality $\otimes$)}
\]

\[
= (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \quad \text{(A16)}
\]

\[
= (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ \text{Ctrl Z} \circ (\text{id} \otimes H) \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality $\otimes$)}
\]

\[
= \text{Ctrl X} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \quad \text{(Lem. 14)}
\]

\[
= \text{Ctrl X} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(P6)}
\]

\[
= \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \quad \text{(naturality SWAP)}
\]

\[
= \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \quad \text{(P6)}
\]

\[
= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl X} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \quad ((\text{Ctrl X})^2 = \text{id})
\]

(A18) As noted by Bian and Selinger [2022], this identity and the next are both of the form

\[
\begin{align*}
\begin{array}{c}
U \downarrow W \\
\end{array} & = \begin{array}{c}
W \downarrow U \\
\end{array}
\end{align*}
\]

for some $U : I \oplus I \to I \oplus I$ and $W : I \oplus I \to I \oplus I$. This is because

\[
\text{id} \otimes g^{-1} \circ \text{nCtrl} f \circ \text{id} \otimes g
\]

\[
= \text{id} \otimes g^{-1} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (f \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{id} \otimes g \quad \text{(definition nCtrl)}
\]

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We now show that models of Selinger [2021] (see Fig. 12). In other words, these unitaries are enough to approximate any other in Gaussian Clifford+T. It was shown by Amy et al. [2020] that every circuit in the computationally rational unitaries from the ring and Selinger 2022, and have been shown to hold in any model of $J$.

\[ 6.4 \text{ Unitaries with entries in } \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i] \]

We now show that models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ are equationally sound and complete for unitaries with entries from the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i]$ (i.e., the ring of integers extended with $\frac{1}{2}$ and $i$). We call these Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries. It was shown by Amy et al. [2020] that every circuit in the computationally universal Gaussian Clifford+T gate set has an exact representation as a unitary matrix with entries in $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i]$. A sound and complete equational theory for these unitaries was given by Bian and Selinger [2021] (see Fig. 12). In other words, these unitaries are enough to approximate any other

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(D1)} \quad \text{id}^i_{i,j} &= i_{i,j} \\
\text{(D2)} \quad X_{[j,k]}^2 &= \text{id} \\
\text{(D3)} \quad K_{[j,k]}^8 &= \text{id} \\
\text{(D4)} \quad i_{[j]}^{i_{[k]}} &= i_{[k]}^{i_{[j]}} \\
\text{(D5)} \quad i_{[j]}^{X_{[j,k]}^i} &= X_{[j,k]}^i i_{[j]} \\
\text{(D6)} \quad i_{[j]}^{K_{[j,k]}^i} &= K_{[j,k]}^i i_{[j]} \\
\text{(D7)} \quad X_{[j,k]} X_{[l,m]} &= X_{[j,k]} X_{[l,m]} \\
\text{(D8)} \quad X_{[j,k]} K_{[l,m]} &= K_{[j,k]} X_{[l,m]} \\
\text{(D9)} \quad K_{[j,k]} K_{[l,m]} &= K_{[j,k]} K_{[l,m]}
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 12. The sound and complete equational theory of Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries due to [Bian and Selinger 2021].

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(Lem. 10 (i))} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (g^{-1} \otimes g^{-1}) \circ (f \otimes \text{id}) \circ (g \otimes g) \circ \text{Mat} \\
\text{(bifunctoriality \oplus)} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((g^{-1} \otimes f \circ g) \oplus (g^{-1} \otimes g) \circ \text{Mat} \\
\text{(g invertible)} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((g^{-1} \otimes f \circ g) \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat}
\end{align*}
\]

In other words, conjugating a negatively controlled $f$-gate by $g$ on the target line yields a negatively controlled $g^{-1} \circ f \circ g$-gate (idem for positively controlled gates). Thus, it suffices to show that positively controlled gates commute with negatively controlled gates.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Ctrl } f \circ \text{nCtrl } g \\
\text{(definition Ctrl, nCtrl)} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (g \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \\
\text{(Mat invertible)} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ (g \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \\
\text{(bifunctoriality \oplus)} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (g \oplus \text{id}) \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat} \\
\text{(Mat invertible)} \quad &\text{nCtrl } g \circ \text{Ctrl } f \\
\text{(definition Ctrl, nCtrl)} \quad &\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ (g \oplus \text{id}) \circ (\text{id} \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat}
\end{align*}
\]

(A19) As above. (A20) We defer the derivation of this identity to Appendix B.

Summing up:

**Theorem 19.** Let $c_1$ and $c_2$ be $\sqrt{\Pi}$ terms representing Clifford+T circuits of at most two qubits. Then $[c_1] = [c_2]$ iff $\langle c_1 \rangle = \langle c_2 \rangle$.

**Proof.** (A1)–(A20) are sound and complete for Clifford+T circuits of at most two qubits [Bian and Selinger 2022], and have been shown to hold in any model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ (see also Thm. 13). \qed

6.4 Unitaries with entries in $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i]$

We now show that models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ are equationally sound and complete for unitaries with entries from the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i]$ (i.e., the ring of integers extended with $\frac{1}{2}$ and $i$). We call these Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries. It was shown by Amy et al. [2020] that every circuit in the computationally universal Gaussian Clifford+T gate set has an exact representation as a unitary matrix with entries in $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i]$. A sound and complete equational theory for these unitaries was given by Bian and Selinger [2021] (see Fig. 12). In other words, these unitaries are enough to approximate any other
finite quantum computation to any desired degree of error, and they can be reasoned about using a sound and complete equational theory.

In this section, we show that this equational theory is subsumed by that of $\sqrt{\Pi}$. Then we show that the easy direction of [Amy et al. 2020] can also be internalised in models of $\sqrt{\Pi}$, thus proving equational soundness and completeness for Gaussian Clifford+T circuits.

Unlike the previous results, which concerned circuits (formed using $\otimes$), this result concerns only matrices (formed using $\oplus$). This also means that the presentation (in Fig. 12) is quite different. Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries are generated by $i, X,$ and $K$, where $K$ is a variant of the Hadamard gate given by $K = \omega^{-1} \bullet H$. In Fig. 12, these are additionally given indices, assumed distinct, corresponding to the component(s) that the generator is applied to. When proving these identities, we further assume indices to start from 1 and to be consecutive in the order written. We are free to do so since we can simply conjugate by the appropriate permutation to make it so (recalling that $\Pi$ can express all permutations). Likewise, we will assume identities to be minimal, and only consider the case that uses the number of distinct indices; any other case reduces to this by appending an identity morphism as necessary using the direct sum and conjugating by a permutation. For example, in the context on an $n \times n$ unitary (i.e., a morphism $I \oplus^n \rightarrow I \oplus^n$, where $I \oplus^n$ is taken as usual to mean the $n$-fold direct sum of $I$ with itself), $X_{[2,3]}$ is taken to mean $id_{I} \oplus X \oplus id_{I \oplus 3}$ (up to associativity). To form $X_{[2,4]}$ would require us to conjugate this by the permutation swapping the third and fourth components.

**Definition 20.** In a model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$, a representation of a Gaussian dyadic rational unitary is any morphism which can be written in terms of morphisms from the sets $\{i, K\}$ and $\{\alpha_{\oplus}, \alpha_{\oplus}^{-1}, \lambda_{\oplus}, \lambda_{\oplus}^{-1}, \rho_{\oplus}, \rho_{\oplus}^{-1}, \sigma_{\oplus}\}$, composed arbitrarily in parallel (using $\oplus$) and in sequence (using $\circ$).

Note that the above definition permits the use of $X$ since $X = \sigma_{\oplus}$ by definition. It is additionally important to realise that the notion of parallel composition is different between the above the previous definitions concerning circuits, as this uses the direct sum $\oplus$ for parallel composition whereas the circuits used the tensor product $\otimes$.

We show that the identities of Fig. 12 are all satisfied in any model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$.

(D1) $i^4 = (\omega^2)^4 = \omega^8 = id$ by (E1).
(D2) $X^2 = \sigma_{\oplus}^2 = id$ by the rig axioms.
(D3) We start by seeing that

$$K^2 = (\omega^{-1} \bullet H) \circ (\omega^{-1} \bullet H) \quad \text{(def. K)}$$

$$= (\omega^{-1} \circ \omega^{-1}) \bullet H \circ H \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}$$

$$= (\omega^{-7} \bullet \omega^{-7}) \bullet id \quad \text{(A4)}$$

$$= (\omega^{8} \circ \omega^{8}) \bullet id \quad \text{(circ. associative)}$$

$$= \omega^{6} \bullet id \quad \text{(E1)}$$

and so $K^8 = (K^2)^4 = (\omega^{6} \bullet id)^4 = \omega^{24} \bullet id = (\omega^{8} \circ \omega^{8} \circ \omega^{8}) \bullet id = id$ by (E1) and Prop. 8.

(D4–9) These are all instances of bifunctoriality for $\oplus$, i.e., $(f \oplus id) \circ (id \oplus g) = (id \oplus g) \circ (f \oplus id)$.

(D10) We have

$$(id \oplus i) \circ X = (id \oplus i) \circ \sigma_{\oplus} \quad \text{(definition X)}$$

$$= \sigma_{\oplus} \circ (i \oplus id) \quad \text{(naturality } \sigma_{\oplus})$$

\footnote{Note the slight discrepancy in the literature that Bian and Selinger [2021] take $K = \omega^{-1} \bullet H$ while Amy et al. [2020] use $K = \omega \bullet H$. However, since one definition is inverse to the other, and $U_{n}(\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i])$ is closed under inversion, the particular choice doesn’t matter so long as it is done consistently.}
= X \circ (i \oplus \text{id}) \quad \text{(definition } X) \\

(D11) We show the more general case for any \( f \), from which this identity follows as the case of \( f = X \). Marking lines in the string diagram by indices, we see that this is nothing but

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{(D11)} \\
\end{array}
\]

which follows by invertibility of the symmetry.

(D12) Likewise, we show the more general case for any \( f \), from which this identity will follow as the case where \( f = X \). Marking lines in the string diagram by indices, we get

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{(D12)} \\
\end{array}
\]

which follows by (respectively) naturality and invertibility of the symmetry.

(D13) This follows by the generalised form of (D11) with \( f = K \).

(D14) This follows by the generalised form of (D12) with \( f = K \).

(D15) We have

\[
K \circ Z = K \circ Z \circ H \circ H \\
= K \circ Z \circ H \circ (\omega \bullet K) \quad \text{(definition } H) \\
= (\omega \bullet K) \circ Z \circ H \circ K \quad \text{(Prop. } 8) \\
= H \circ Z \circ H \circ K \quad \text{(definition } H) \\
= X \circ K \quad \text{(Lem. } 11)
\]  

(D16) We reduce

\[
K \circ Z \circ S = X \circ K \circ S \\
\quad = X \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ S \quad \text{(definition } K) \\
\quad = S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ S \quad \text{(X involutive)} \\
\quad = S \circ V \circ (i \bullet X) \quad \text{(Lem. } 9 \text{ (vi))} \\
\quad = i \bullet S \circ V \circ X \quad \text{(Prop. } 8)
\]  

and

\[
S \circ K \circ S \circ K = S \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ S \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \quad \text{(definition } K) \\
\quad = (i \bullet X) \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ (i \bullet X) \circ V \circ S \circ X \quad \text{(Lem. } 9 \text{ (vi))} \\
\quad = i^2 \bullet X \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X \quad \text{(Prop. } 8) \\
\quad = -1 \bullet X \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \quad \text{(X involutive)}
\]
We derive this final identity by showing that it is an instance of bifunctoriality of the tensor product in disguise:

\begin{align*}
&= -1 \bullet X \circ V \circ (-i \bullet V \circ S \circ V) \circ X \\
&= -1 \circ -i \bullet X \circ V \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ X \\
&= i \bullet X \circ V \circ S \circ V \circ X \\
&= i \bullet S \circ V \circ X \quad \text{(X involutive)}
\end{align*}

so \( K \circ Z \circ S = i \bullet S \circ V \circ X = S \circ K \circ S \circ K \).

\textbf{(D17)} It follows that

\begin{align*}
K \circ (i \oplus i) &= K \circ (i \bullet (\text{id} \oplus \text{id})) \\
&= i \bullet K \circ \text{id} \\
&= i \bullet K \\
&= i \bullet (\text{id} \oplus \text{id}) \circ K \\
&= (i \oplus i) \circ K
\end{align*}

\textbf{(D18)} We derive

\begin{align*}
K^2 \circ (i \oplus i) &= K^2 \circ (i \bullet (\text{id} \oplus \text{id})) \\
&= i \bullet K^2 \\
&= i \bullet (\omega^{-1} \bullet H) \circ (\omega^{-1} \bullet H) \\
&= i \circ \omega^{-1} \circ \omega^{-1} \bullet H \circ H \\
&= i \circ -i \bullet \text{id} \\
&= \text{id}
\end{align*}

\textbf{(D19)} We derive this final identity by showing that it is an instance of bifunctoriality of the tensor product in disguise:

\textbf{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K)

\begin{align*}
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \\
&= (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (K \oplus K) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \quad \text{(Mat invertible)}
\end{align*}

We yet another equational completeness result:

\textbf{Theorem 21 (Full abstraction for Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries).} Let \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \) be \( \sqrt{\Pi} \) terms representing unitaries with entries in the ring \( \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}, i] \). Then \( [c_1] = [c_2] \) \iff \( [c_1] = (c_2) \).
We mentioned in Sec. 6.4 the one-to-one correspondence (due to [Amy et al. 2020]) between circuits which can be written in terms of morphisms from the sets (as it was for classical reversible circuits as well [Choudhury et al. 2022]).

Definition 22. In a model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\), a representation of a Gaussian Clifford+T circuit is any morphism which can be written in terms of morphisms from the sets \(\{X, CX, CCX, K, S\}\) and \(\{\alpha_\otimes, \alpha^{-1}_\otimes, \lambda_\otimes, \lambda^{-1}_\otimes, \rho_\otimes, \rho^{-1}_\otimes, \sigma_\otimes\}\), composed arbitrarily in parallel (using \(\otimes\)) and in sequence (using \(\circ\)).

We argue that we can reason about Gaussian Clifford+T circuits in models of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) by reasoning about their matrices, using the coherence theorem for rig categories. Recall that a bipermutative category is a rig category where both symmetric monoidal structures are strict, and the annihilators and right distributor are all identities. (The explicit definition can be found in [May 1977].)

The coherence theorem for rig categories can be stated in terms of bipermutative categories as follows:

Theorem 23. Any rig category is rig equivalent to a bipermutative category.

Proof. See [May 1977, VI, Prop. 3.5].

We can use this theorem to make the rig structure in any model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) bipermutative. This is very handy since we notice that in a bipermutative category, the isomorphism \(\text{Mat} : (I \oplus I) \otimes A \to A \oplus A\) is the identity, as it is composed of the right distributor and some unitors; similarly, \(\text{Midswap} : (A \oplus B) \oplus (C \oplus D) \to (A \oplus C) \oplus (B \oplus D)\) is \(\text{id} \oplus \sigma_\otimes \oplus \text{id}\) (we don’t need to worry about associativity due to strictness). Since in a general model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) we have

\[
\text{CX} = \text{Ctrl X} = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus X) \circ \text{Mat},
\]

in a bipermutative model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) we have \(\text{CX} = \text{id} \oplus X\); and \(\text{CCX} = (\text{id} \oplus (\text{id} \oplus X))\). As

\[
\text{SWAP} = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat}
\]

by invertibility of Mat and Lem. 10, we have that \(\text{SWAP} = \text{Midswap} = \text{id} \oplus X \oplus \text{id}\) in the bipermutative case, so even swapping two circuit lines reduces to applying X. As such, X, CX, CCX, K, S, and SWAP are all Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries in a bipermutative model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\). This is the key observation in obtaining equational soundness and completeness for Gaussian Clifford+T circuits (as it was for classical reversible circuits as well [Choudhury et al. 2022]).

We will need a small lemma (with proof in Appendix B). Let \(\text{SWAPASSOC} : (I \oplus I) \otimes ((I \oplus I) \otimes A) \to (I \oplus I) \otimes ((I \oplus I) \otimes A)\) denote the natural isomorphism \(\alpha_\otimes \circ \text{SWAP} \otimes \text{id} \circ \alpha^{-1}_\otimes\).

Lemma 24. In any model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\), we have

\[
(\text{Mat} \oplus \text{Mat}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAPASSOC} = \text{Midswap} \circ (\text{Mat} \oplus \text{Mat}) \circ \text{Mat}.
\]

Theorem 25 (Full abstraction for Gaussian Clifford+T circuits). Let \(c_1\) and \(c_2\) be \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) terms representing Gaussian Clifford+T circuits. Then \([c_1] = [c_2]\) iff \(|c_1| = |c_2|\).

Proof. Let \(c_1, c_2 : (I \oplus I)^{\otimes n} \to (I \oplus I)^{\otimes n}\). By coherence, we may assume every model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\) in sight to be bipermutative.

As noted above, the gates of the Gaussian Clifford+T gate set are all representations of Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries in this bipermutative model: X and K are so directly, and \(S = \text{id} \oplus i\),
CX = id ⊕ X and CCX = id ⊕ (id ⊕ X) are so too by closure under direct sums. To see that the tensor product of two representations is also a representation, it suffices to show that tensoring by identities on \((I ⊕ I)^{⊗ m}\) on either side preserves this property, since we have \((f ⊗ id) ⊗ (id ⊗ g) = f ⊗ g\):

- By Lem. 10, tensoring by \(id_{I ⊕ I}\) on the left yields \(id_{I ⊕ I} ⊗ f = Mat^{-1} ⊗ (f ⊗ f) ⊗ Mat\), so in the bipermutative case \(id_{I ⊕ I} ⊗ f = f ⊕ f\), which is again a representation of a Gaussian dyadic rational unitary unitary when \(f\) is, by closure under direct sum. But then we can repeat this process \(m - 1\) times to tensor by \(id_{(I ⊕ I)^{⊗ m}}\).
- By naturality, \(f ⊗ id_{(I ⊕ I)^{⊗ m}} = σ_⊗ ⊗ id_{(I ⊕ I)^{⊗ m}} ⊗ f ⊗ σ_⊗\), so this reduces to the case above since (in the bipermutative case, using Lems. 24 and 10) the symmetry \(σ_⊗\) on \((I ⊕ I)^{⊗ p} ⊗ (I ⊕ I)^{⊗ q}\) is nothing but a series of direct sums of identities and \(⊕\)-symmetries on \(I ⊕ I\) (i.e., X gates).

Finally, since representations of Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries are also closed under composition, it follows that any representation of a Gaussian Clifford+T circuit in a bipermutative category is directly also a representation of a Gaussian dyadic rational unitary.

From this it follows for terms \(c_1\) and \(c_2\) representing Gaussian Clifford+T circuits that \([c_1] = [c_2]\) iff they are equal as representations of Gaussian dyadic rational unitaries, which in turn happens (by Thm. 21) iff they are equal as actual unitaries in \textit{Unitary} (so specifically as Gaussian Clifford+T circuits), i.e., iff \([c_1] = [c_2]\).

\[\square\]

7 CIRCUIT EQUIVALENCES

As a supplement to this paper, we have developed an Agda library and used it to formalise some of our results. We discuss its use in proving the Sleator-Weinfurter decomposition of CCX mentioned in Sec. 3, as well as keys aspects of the implementation.

7.1 Decomposing CCX

In the previous section, we noted that every gate in the Gaussian Clifford+T gate set has a "matrix representation", i.e., that it can be written as \(Mat^{-1} ⊗ g ⊗ Mat\) for some \(g\) that only uses \(K, X, i, \) direct sums and composition. To prove the correctness of the Sleator-Weinfurter decomposition (see Fig. 2 on page 5), we will use a common technique: find the matrix form of each gate, compose them to form the circuit, and use elementary reasoning to take care of the rest.

The first step seems simple given that each elementary gate has a matrix representation, but additional work is required in the case of multi-qubit circuits. This is because the exact positioning of the gate alters its representation. For example, to find the matrix representation of a CX applied to the top two qubits of a three qubit circuit, we apply it instead to the bottom two qubits and apply SWAP gates to "rewire" the circuit appropriately, as in

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Top:} \\
\text{Bottom:}
\end{array}
\]

This form allows us to use Lems. 10 and 24 to find its matrix representation, which turns out (with a bit of work) to be

\[
Mat^{-1} ⊗ (Mat^{-1} ⊕ Mat^{-1}) ⊗ (id ⊕ σ_⊕^{I ⊕ I ⊕ I}) ⊗ (Mat ⊕ Mat) ⊗ Mat.
\]

We use the same technique to find the matrix representation of the remaining gates in the circuit and compose them, yielding (after removing a number of superfluous Mat\(^{-1}\) ⊗ Mat)

\[
\begin{align*}
Mat^{-1} ⊗ (Mat^{-1} ⊕ Mat^{-1}) ⊗ (id ⊕ (V ⊕ V)) ⊗ (id ⊕ σ_⊕^{I ⊕ I ⊕ I}) ⊗ ((id ⊕ V^{-1}) ⊕ (id ⊕ V^{-1}))) ⊗ (id ⊕ σ_⊕^{I ⊕ I ⊕ I}) ⊗ ((id ⊕ V) ⊕ (id ⊕ V)) ⊗ (Mat ⊕ Mat) ⊗ Mat
\end{align*}
\]
Expanding out and applying naturality of $\sigma_{\oplus}$, invertibility of $V$, and bifunctoriality a few times show that this is equivalent to our previous definition of CCX, i.e.

$$\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus (\text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus X) \circ \text{Mat})) \circ \text{Mat}.$$ 

An Agda program implementing the formal proof can be found in the supplementary material. The equational proofs are reasonably readable by humans (much more so than tactic proofs would be) but not so enlightening that including them here would be warranted.

## 7.2 Agda implementation

Presented with the choice of working in the syntax of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ (Sec. 4) or in its generic models (Def. 5), we chose to work in the latter for purely practical considerations: the library agda-categories already contains a wealth of reasoning combinators for both categories and monoidal categories that we would have to reproduce in the syntax of the language. Furthermore, it also has proofs of useful results, such as Kelly’s various coherence lemmas, and defines useful extra combinators like “middle exchange” (our Midswap). As we would have had to reproduce all of that, this seemed like a simple choice.

However, everything in agda-categories is weak, so that we have to worry about units and association in our formal proofs. Doing this manually is overwhelmingly tedious. Luckily, there are a lot of combinators already defined that make this essentially bearable. The translation from the proofs presented in the paper, which ignore associativity altogether, does require some care.

We have not yet had a chance to formalise everything. We did formalise all of Sec. 5, all results in Sec. 6.1, Lem. 14 of Sec. 6.2, Lem. 18, and (A14) to (A17) in Sec. 6.3. We foresee no additional difficulties for other parts, except that many of the later equations are larger. Going at “full speed,” a proof like that of Sleator-Weinfurter takes a little over an hour of dedicated work. However, identities like (B1)–(B4) and (A20) are likely to take several hours each.

We did not find any errors in any of the paper proofs while formalising them. We did find several cross-referencing errors (i.e., the wrong lemma justifying the step had been written down), which were subsequently corrected. Interestingly, we did find an error in agda-categories itself: it was missing some coherences for $\text{RigCategory}$. This error has been fixed in the library.

We did find that some classical coherences used in the proofs of Lem. 8 and 9 were significantly more work to prove than the diagrammatic sketches let on. Three of the sub-parts of these “preliminary lemmas” accounted for more than a day’s work each.

Nevertheless, we conclude that doing categorical meta-theory for quantum programming languages absolutely can be formalised at a reasonable cost.

## 8 CONCLUDING REMARKS

In this paper we have studied square roots from a purely axiomatic perspective. We have shown that with a remarkably small extension to the classical reversible programming language $\Pi$, one can obtain a language which is computational universal as well as sound and complete for a variety of modes of unitary quantum computing. A key feature of our approach (also found in other successful calculi such as the ZX-calculus) is the treatment of gates as white boxes that can be decomposed and recomposed during rewriting. This is in contrast to the circuit based approach that treat gates as black boxes. For example, while a circuit theory will allow one to derive that $TT = S$, it is unable to provide justification for this in terms of the definitions of $S$ and $T$. On the other hand, our approach reduces this equation to the bifunctoriality of $\oplus$ and the definition of $S$ and $T$. This style of reasoning is very close to the kind of semi-formal reasoning used to justify matrix equalities (employed, e.g., in [Bian and Selinger 2022] to justify their relations).
Physically, square roots are a key feature of quantum hardware. To understand this point, we briefly delve under the computational abstraction to the level of energy flow. At that level, the quantum mechanical description of a system is expressed using a Hamiltonian that is continuous in time (and assumed here to be time independent). Given a Hamiltonian $H$ and some initial state $|\psi(0)\rangle$, the state of the system at a subsequent time $t$ is given by:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

In the circuit model of quantum computing, the quantity $e^{-iHt}$ denotes a unitary $U$ that is implemented by a gate or collection of gates. Mathematically, it is clearly legitimate to decompose $U = e^{-iHt} \circ \sqrt{U} = e^{-iHt/2} \cdot e^{-iHt/2}$. This decomposition has a simple operational realisation: if the application of $U$ requires an energy pulse lasting $k$ units of time, then applying the pulse for $k/2$ units implements $\sqrt{U}$ [Arute et. al. 2019, VII.F.2]. It turns out that the classical computing abstraction generally does not allow such decompositions, whereas quantum computing is distinguished by this feature.

The fact that a function and its square root operate at different time scales suggests evidence for the widely-believed exponential speedup that distinguishes quantum from classical computing. Indeed the simple Haskell module in Appendix D shows that, if we arrange for boolean negation to take two steps, then it is possible to model the analogue of a square root of boolean negation by just taking one of the two steps, and most importantly, this leads to the same quantum speedup observed Deutsch’s problem [Deutsch 1985; Deutsch and Jozsa 1992]. Taking this idea further, it is arguably the case that more and more square roots, for example by providing additional roots of unity, would unlock additional speedup opportunities. We consider a formal investigation of these connections to be an important direction of future work.

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A SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR SEC. 5

**Lemma 9.** Let $s$ and $t$ be scalars.

(i) $-1^2 = \text{id}$ and $i^2 = -1$,

(ii) $X^2 = \text{id}$,

(iii) $P(s)^2 = P(s^2)$,

(iv) $P(s)^{-1} = P(s^{-1})$,

(v) $P(s) \circ P(t) = P(s \circ t) = P(t) \circ P(s)$,

(vi) $P(s) \circ X \circ P(s) = s \bullet X$,

(vii) $X \circ V = V \circ X$,

(viii) $CX^2 = \text{id}$,

(ix) $CZ^2 = \text{id}$,

(x) $CCX^2 = \text{id}$,

(xi) $X \circ P(s) = s \bullet P(s^{-1}) \circ X$.

**Proof.** We consider each property in turn:

(i) $i^2 = (\omega^2)^2 = \omega^4 = -1$ and $(-1)^2 = (\omega^4)^2 = \omega^8 = \text{id}$ by (E1).

(ii) $X^2 = \sigma_{\oplus} \circ \sigma_{\oplus} = \text{id}$ by laws of rig categories.

(iii) $P(s)^2 = (\text{id} \oplus s) \circ (\text{id} \oplus s) = (\text{id} \circ \text{id}) \oplus (s \circ s) = \text{id} \oplus s^2 = P(s^2)$ by bifunctoriality.

(iv) $P(s) \circ P(s^{-1}) = (\text{id} \oplus s) \circ (\text{id} \oplus s^{-1}) = (\text{id} \circ \text{id}) \oplus (s \circ s^{-1}) = \text{id} \oplus \text{id} = \text{id}$ by bifunctoriality, and similarly $P(s^{-1}) \circ P(s) = (\text{id} \circ \text{id}) \oplus (s^{-1} \circ s) = \text{id} \oplus \text{id} = \text{id}$, so $P(s^{-1}) = P(s)^{-1}$ by unicity of inverses.

(v) $P(s) \circ P(t) = (\text{id} \oplus s) \circ (\text{id} \oplus t) = \text{id} \oplus (s \circ t) = \text{id} \oplus (t \circ s) = \text{id} \oplus t \circ (\text{id} \oplus s) = P(t) \circ P(s)$ by bifunctoriality and commutativity of scalars.

(vi) $P(s) \circ X \circ P(s) = (s \circ \text{id}) \circ \sigma_{\oplus} \circ (s \circ \text{id}) = (s \circ \text{id}) \circ \sigma_{\oplus} = (s \circ \text{id}) \circ (s \circ \text{id}) \circ \sigma_{\oplus} = (s \circ (s \circ \text{id})) \circ \sigma_{\oplus} = s \circ \sigma_{\oplus} = s \bullet X$ by naturality of $\sigma_{\oplus}$, bifunctoriality, and Prop. 8.

(vii) $X \circ V = (V \circ V) \circ V = V \circ (V \circ V) = V \circ X$ by (E2).

(viii) We compute:

\[
CX^2 = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus X) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus X) \circ \text{Mat}
\]

\[
= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus X) \circ (\text{id} \oplus X) \circ \text{Mat}
\]

\[
= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \circ \text{id}) \oplus (X \circ X)) \circ \text{Mat}
\]

\[
= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat}
\]

\[
= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat}
\]

\[
= \text{id}
\]

(ix) By analogous argument.

(x) By analogous argument.

(xi) We compute:

\[
X \circ P(s) = \sigma_{\oplus} \circ (\text{id} \oplus s)
\]

\[
= (s \oplus \text{id}) \circ \sigma_{\oplus}
\]

\[
= ((s \circ \text{id}) \oplus (s \circ s^{-1})) \circ \sigma_{\oplus}
\]

\[
= s \bullet (\text{id} \oplus s^{-1}) \circ \sigma_{\oplus}
\]

\[
= s \bullet P(s^{-1}) \circ X
\]

\[\square\]
Lemma 10. Let \( f : X \to Y, g : X \to X, \) and \( h : X \to X \) be maps, and \( s \) and \( t \) be scalars. Then:

(i) \( \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}} \otimes f) = (f \otimes f) \circ \text{Mat}, \)
(ii) \( \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} = \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat}, \)
(iii) \( \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap}, \)
(iv) \( \text{Mat} \circ (f \otimes \text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}}) = \text{Midswap} \circ (f \otimes f) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat}, \)
(v) \( \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl P}(s) \circ \text{SWAP} = \text{Ctrl P}(s), \)
(vi) \( \text{Ctrl P}(s) \circ \text{Ctrl P}(t) = \text{Ctrl P}(t) \circ \text{Ctrl P}(s), \)
(vii) \( \text{Ctrl P}(s) \circ (\text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}} \otimes \text{P}(t)) = (\text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}} \otimes \text{P}(t)) \circ \text{Ctrl P}(s), \)
(viii) \( \text{Mat} \circ (X \otimes \text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}}) = \sigma_{\oplus} \circ \text{Mat}, \)
(ix) \( \text{Mat} \circ (P(s) \otimes \text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}}) = (\text{id}_{I_{\oplus I}} \otimes (s \cdot \text{id})) \circ \text{Mat}. \)
(x) \( \text{Ctrl g} \circ \text{Ctrl h} = \text{Ctrl}(g \circ h). \)

Proof. Below, the word Laplaza followed by a numeral refers to the coherence conditions of rig categories, first described in [Laplaza 1972].

We consider each property in turn:

(i) follows by commutativity of the diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
(I \oplus I) \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\text{Mat}} & X \oplus X \\
\downarrow{\delta_R} & & \downarrow{\lambda_\oplus \lambda_\oplus} \\
(I \otimes X) \oplus (I \otimes X) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id} \otimes f) \oplus (\text{id} \otimes f)} & (I \otimes Y) \oplus (I \otimes Y) \\
\downarrow{\delta_R} & & \downarrow{\lambda_\oplus \lambda_\oplus} \\
(I \oplus I) \otimes Y & \xrightarrow{\text{Mat}} & Y \oplus Y
\end{array}
\]

where the left and right cells commute by naturality, and the top and bottom cells by definition.

(ii) then follows by chasing

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
(I \oplus I) \oplus (I \oplus I) & \xrightarrow{\text{SWAP}} & (I \oplus I) \oplus (I \oplus I) \\
\downarrow{\delta_R} & & \downarrow{\lambda_\oplus \lambda_\oplus} \\
(I \oplus (I \oplus I)) \oplus (I \oplus (I \oplus I)) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id} \otimes (I \oplus I)) \oplus (\text{id} \otimes (I \oplus I))} & ((I \oplus I) \oplus (I \oplus I)) \oplus ((I \oplus I) \oplus (I \oplus I)) \\
\downarrow{\delta_R} & & \downarrow{\lambda_\oplus \lambda_\oplus} \\
(I \oplus I) \oplus (I \oplus I) & \xrightarrow{\text{Midswap}} & (I \oplus I) \oplus (I \oplus I)
\end{array}
\]

where (i) commutes by coherence (Laplaza (II) + (IX)), (ii) and (iii) by coherence (Laplaza (XXIII)), and (iv) by naturality. But then

(iii) follows by

\[
\text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} = \text{SWAP}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \quad \text{(SWAP involutive)}
\]
\[
= (\text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP})^{-1} \quad \text{((-1) contravariant functorial)}
\]
\[
= (\text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat})^{-1} \quad \text{Lem. 10 (2)}
\]
\[
\begin{align*}
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap}^{-1} \quad (\text{\textbf{(-)}}^{-1} \text{contravariant functorial}) \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \quad (\text{Midswap involutive}) \\
\text{(iv) by} \\
\text{Mat} \circ (f \otimes \text{id}) &= \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes f) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(naturality SWAP)} \\
&= \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \otimes f) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{Lem. 10 (2)} \\
&= \text{Midswap} \circ (f \oplus f) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{Lem. 10 (1)} \\
&= \text{Midswap} \circ (f \oplus f) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{Lem. 10 (2)} \\
\text{(v) by} \\
\text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} \, P(s) \circ \text{SWAP} \\
&= \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (2)+(3))} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ ((\text{id} \oplus \text{id}) \oplus (\text{id} \oplus s)) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. P(s))} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ ((\text{id} \oplus \text{id}) \oplus (\text{id} \oplus s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(naturality Midswap)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \oplus \text{id}) \oplus (\text{id} \oplus s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Midswap involutive)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. P(s))} \\
&= \text{Ctrl} \, P(s) \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)} \\
\text{(vi) by} \\
\text{Ctrl} \, P(s) \circ \text{Ctrl} \, P(t) &= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Mat invertible)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus (P(s) \circ P(t))) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(\oplus bifunctoriality)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus (P(t) \circ P(s))) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 9(u))} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(\oplus bifunctoriality)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Mat invertible)} \\
&= \text{Ctrl} \, P(t) \circ \text{Ctrl} \, P(s) \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)} \\
\text{(vii) by} \\
\text{Ctrl} \, P(s) \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) &= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ (P(t) \oplus P(t)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10(1))} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \circ P(t)) \oplus (P(s) \circ P(t))) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(\oplus bifunctoriality)} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((P(t) \circ \text{id}) \oplus (P(t) \circ P(s))) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 9(v))} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (P(t) \oplus P(t)) \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(\oplus bifunctoriality)} \\
&= (P(t)^{-1} \oplus P(t)^{-1}) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad (\text{\textbf{(-)}}^{-1} \text{contrav. funct.)} \\
&= (\text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \circ P(t)^{-1}))^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad (\text{Lem. 10(1)}) \\
&= (\text{id} \circ P(t)) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad (\text{\textbf{(-)}}^{-1} \text{contrav. funct.)} \\
&= (\text{id} \oplus P(t)) \circ \text{Ctrl} \, P(s) \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)} \\
\text{(viii) by commutativity of the diagram} \\
\end{align*}
\]
where (i) commutes by Laplaza (I)+(II) (recalling that X is just defined to be $\sigma_{\oplus}$ on $I \oplus I$), (ii) by naturality of $\sigma_{\oplus}$, and (iii) by definition of Mat.

(ix) follows by

$$\text{Mat} \circ (P(s) \otimes \text{id}) = \text{Midswap} \circ (P(s) \oplus P(s)) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (4))}$$

$$= \text{Midswap} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes s) \oplus (\text{id} \otimes s)) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. P(s))}$$

$$= \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes \text{id}) \oplus (s \otimes s)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(naturality Midswap)}$$

$$= ((\text{id} \otimes \text{id}) \oplus ((s \otimes \text{id}) \oplus (s \otimes \text{id})) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}$$

$$= ((\text{id} \otimes \text{id}) \oplus (s \otimes \text{id} \otimes \text{id})) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}$$

$$= (\text{id} \otimes (s \otimes \text{id})) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality $\otimes$)}$$

(x) follows by

$$\text{Ctrl} g \circ \text{Ctrl} h = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{id} \oplus g \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{id} \oplus h \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)}$$

$$= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{id} \oplus g \circ \text{id} \oplus h \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Mat invertible)}$$

$$= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{id} \oplus (g \circ h) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality $\otimes$)}$$

$$= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{id} \oplus (g \circ h) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. Ctrl)}$$

\[ \Box \]

**Lemma 11.** Any model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$ satisfies $H \circ X \circ H = Z$ and $H \circ Z \circ H = X$.

**Proof.**

$$H \circ X \circ H = (\omega \bullet X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \circ X \circ (\omega \bullet X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \quad \text{(def. H)}$$

$$= \omega^2 \bullet (X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ X \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}$$

$$= i \bullet (X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X \circ S \circ V \circ S \circ X) \quad (X^2 = \text{id}, \omega^2 = i)$$

$$= i \bullet (X \circ S \circ V \circ (i \bullet X) \circ V \circ S \circ X) \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}$$

$$= i^2 \bullet (X \circ S \circ V \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X) \quad \text{(Prop. 8)}$$

$$= -1 \bullet (X \circ S \circ X \circ V \circ S \circ X) \quad \text{(Lem. 9, } i^2 = -1)$$

$$= -1 \bullet (X \circ S \circ X \circ X \circ S \circ X) \quad (V^2 = X)$$

$$= -1 \bullet (X \circ S \circ S \circ X) \quad (X^2 = \text{id})$$

$$= -1 \bullet (X \circ Z \circ X) \quad (S^2 = Z)$$

$$= -1 \bullet ((-1 \bullet Z \circ X) \circ X) \quad \text{(Lem. 9)}$$
We start by showing some identities that will be helpful in showing this relation and the one that follows. We first observe that

\[ \omega \circ (-1) = \omega \circ (\omega \cdot (X \circ V \circ S \circ X)) \]

As defined in (def. H)

\[ \omega \circ (-1)^2 = \id, \quad X^2 = \id \]

Proof of (A12). We start by showing some identities that will be helpful in showing this relation and the one that follows. We first observe that

\[ S \circ H \circ S \circ H = S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ H \]

As defined in (A4)

\[ \omega \circ \id \circ H \]

As defined in (A6)

and that

\[ i \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ Z \circ H \circ S = i \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ Z \circ H \circ S \]

As defined in (A4)

\[ i \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ X \circ S \]

As defined in (Lem. 11)

\[ i \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ (i \circ S \circ Z \circ X) \]

As defined in (Lem. 9 (xi))

\[ i^2 \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ S \circ Z \circ X \]

As defined in (Prop. 8)

\[ -1 \circ \omega \circ H \circ Z \circ X \]

As defined in (Lem., \( i^2 = -1 \))

\[ -1 \circ \omega \circ H \circ (-1 \circ X \circ Z) \]

As defined in (Lem. 9 (xi))

\[ (-1)^2 \circ \omega \circ H \circ X \circ Z \]

As defined in (Prop. 8)

\[ \omega \circ H \circ X \circ H \circ H \circ Z \]

As defined in (A4), \((-1)^2 = \id\)

\[ \omega \circ Z \circ H \circ Z \]

As defined in (Lem. 11)

But then we have

\[ \omega^{-1} \cdot (S \otimes (S \circ H \circ S)) \circ \text{Ctrl} \circ Z \circ (\id \otimes (H \circ S)) \]

As defined in (def. Ctrl)

\[ = \omega^{-1} \cdot (S \otimes (S \circ H \circ S)) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\id \otimes Z) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\id \otimes (H \circ S)) \]

As defined in (def. Ctrl)

\[ = \omega^{-1} \cdot (\id \circ (\id \otimes (S \circ H \circ S))) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\id \otimes Z) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\id \otimes (H \circ S)) \]

As defined in (def. Ctrl)

\[ = \omega^{-1} \cdot (\id \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((S \circ H \circ S) \circ (S \circ H \circ S)) \circ (\id \otimes Z) \circ ((H \circ S) \otimes (H \circ S))) \circ \text{Mat} \]

As defined in (Lem. 10 (i) twice)
Points (iii) and (iv) follow entirely analogously to (i) and (ii) respectively. As for (v), as desired.

**Lemma 14.** The following identities hold in any model of $\sqrt{\Pi}$:

(i) $\text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{id} \otimes H = \text{Ctrl} Z$,

(ii) $H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{id} \otimes H = \text{Ctrl} Z$,

(iii) $\text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ \text{id} \otimes H = \text{Ctrl} X$,

(iv) $H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl} Z \circ H \otimes \text{id} = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP}$,

(v) $H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{H} \circ \text{id} = \text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{id} \otimes H$

**Proof.** For (i),

$$
\text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{id} \otimes H = \text{id} \otimes H \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{id} \otimes X \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{id} \otimes H
$$

(def. Ctrl)

and (ii),

$$
H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ \text{SWAP} \circ H \otimes \text{id}
$$

(naturality SWAP)

Points (iii) and (iv) follow entirely analogously to (i) and (ii) respectively. As for (v),

$$
H \otimes \text{id} \circ \text{Ctrl} X \circ H \otimes \text{id}
$$

(naturality SWAP)
Proof of (B2). Once again, we derive this from the circuit identities and a classical lemma:

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{[Diagram]} & \quad \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(A4)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(Cor. 15)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(P2)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(Cor. 15)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(Cor. 15)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(P3)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(Cor. 15)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(A4)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
\end{align*} \]

□

Proof of (B4).

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{[Diagram]} & \quad \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(A4)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(Cor. 15)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \overset{\text{(P5)}}{=} \text{[Diagram]} \\
& \end{align*} \]
Proof of (A20). To start, this identity involves a controlled Hadamard gate, which by [Bian and Selinger 2022] is taken as the shorthand

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{□} \\
S[H]T^{-1}H^{-1}S^{-1}
\end{array}
\]

Since this representation is very inconvenient, we start by showing that it is equal to the far simpler Ctrl H. Since, as previously observed regarding controlled gates conjugated by other gates on the target line,

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{□} \\
S[H]T^{-1}H^{-1}X\otimes T\otimes H\otimes S
\end{array}
\]

is a controlled \( S^{-1} \circ H \circ T^{-1} \circ X \circ T \circ H \circ S \) gate, it suffices to show that \( S^{-1} \circ H \circ T^{-1} \circ X \circ T \circ H \circ S \) is nothing more than \( H \), which follows by

\[
\begin{align*}
S^{-1} \circ H \circ T^{-1} \circ X \circ T \circ H \circ S &= S \circ Z \circ H \circ Z \circ S \circ T \circ X \circ T \circ H \circ S \\
&= S \circ Z \circ H \circ Z \circ S \circ (\omega \cdot X) \circ H \circ S \\
&= \omega \cdot S \circ Z \circ H \circ Z \circ S \circ X \circ H \circ S \\
&= \omega \cdot S \circ Z \circ H \circ Z \circ X \circ (i \cdot Z \circ S) \circ H \circ S \\
&= i \circ \omega \cdot S \circ Z \circ H \circ Z \circ X \circ Z \circ S \circ H \circ S \\
&= i \circ \omega \cdot S \circ Z \circ H \circ (-1 \cdot X) \circ S \circ H \circ S \\
&= -1 \circ i \circ \omega \cdot S \circ Z \circ H \circ X \circ S \circ H \circ S \\
&= \omega^{-1} \cdot S \circ Z \circ H \circ X \circ S \circ H \circ S \\
&= \omega^{-1} \cdot S \circ Z \circ Z \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ S \\
&= \omega^{-1} \cdot S \circ H \circ S \circ H \circ S \\
&= \omega^{-1} \cdot (\omega \cdot H) \\
&= (\omega^{-1} \circ \omega) \cdot H \\
&= H
\end{align*}
\]

With that shown, we can move on to showing the final identity. We do this by showing four smaller identities which, together, imply this last identity, namely equations (5)–(8) in [Bian and Selinger 2022].

(i) Directly by Lem. 10 (v).
(ii) This is straightforwardly derived as

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Ctrl T } \circ \text{nCtrl T} &= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id } \oplus \text{T}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{T } \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id } \oplus \text{T}) \circ (\text{T } \oplus \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{T } \oplus \text{T}) \circ \text{Mat} \\
&= \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id } \oplus \text{T}) \\
&= \text{id } \oplus \text{T}
\end{align*}
\]
(iii) We first see that

\[ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{nCtrl T} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \]

\[ = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \quad \text{(def. nCtrl)} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (ii, iii))} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ (T \otimes T) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (i))} \]

and then derive

\[ \text{nCtrl T} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \]

\[ = \text{nCtrl T} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(naturality SWAP)} \]

\[ = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{nCtrl T} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(SWAP invertible)} \]

\[ = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes \omega) \otimes (\omega \otimes \omega)) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAP} \quad \text{(above)} \]

\[ = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes \omega) \otimes (\omega \otimes \omega)) \circ \text{Midswap} \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (ii))} \]

\[ = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ \text{Midswap} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes \omega) \otimes (\omega \otimes \omega)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(naturality Midswap)} \]

\[ = \text{SWAP} \circ \text{SWAP} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes \omega) \otimes (\omega \otimes \omega)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (iii))} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((\text{id} \otimes \omega) \otimes (\omega \otimes \omega)) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(SWAP invertible)} \]

(iv) We derive

\[ \text{Ctrl H} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{nCtrl H} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{H}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{H} \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(def. Ctrl, nCtrl)} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{H}) \circ (T \otimes \text{T}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{H} \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (1))} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{H}) \circ (T \otimes \text{T}) \circ (\text{H} \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Mat invertible)} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ ((T \otimes \text{H}) \otimes (\text{H} \otimes \text{T})) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality \(\otimes\))} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ (\text{H} \otimes \text{H}) \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{T}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(bifunctoriality \(\otimes\))} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ (\text{H} \otimes \text{H}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{T}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Mat invertible)} \]

\[ = \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (T \otimes \text{id}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{H}) \circ \text{Mat}^{-1} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{T}) \circ \text{Mat} \quad \text{(Lem. 10 (1))} \]

\[ = \text{nCtrl T} \circ (\text{id} \otimes \text{H}) \circ \text{Ctrl T} \quad \text{(def. Ctrl, nCtrl)} \]

Lemma 24. In any model of \(\sqrt{\Pi}\), we have

\[ (\text{Mat} \otimes \text{Mat}) \circ \text{Mat} \circ \text{SWAPASSOC} = \text{Midswap} \circ (\text{Mat} \otimes \text{Mat}) \circ \text{Mat} \]

Proof. This follows by commutativity of the diagram in Fig. 13.

Here (i) commutes by definition, (ii) by Laplaza (VII), (iii) monoidal coherence for \(\otimes\), (iv) by Lem. 10, (v) by naturality of \(\delta_R\), and (vi) using Laplaza (I).
Fig. 13. Diagram for proving Lem. 24.
C  DEFINITION OF BIPERMUTATIVE CATEGORY

Definition 26. A bipermutative category is a rig category where

1. the associators \( \alpha \oplus : (A \oplus B) \oplus C \to A \oplus (B \oplus C) \) and \( \alpha \otimes : (A \otimes B) \otimes C \to A \otimes (B \otimes C) \) and
   unitors \( \lambda : O \oplus A \to A \), \( \rho : A \oplus O \to A \), \( \lambda : I \otimes A \to A \), and \( \rho : A \otimes I \to A \) are all identities.

   \[ \begin{array}{c}
   (A \oplus B) \oplus C \xrightarrow{\alpha \oplus} (A \oplus (B \oplus C)) \\
   \downarrow \sigma \oplus \downarrow \sigma \oplus \\
   (B \oplus A) \oplus C \xrightarrow{\alpha \oplus} (B \oplus (C \oplus A)) \\
   \end{array} \]

2. the annihilators \( \delta^0_R : A \otimes O \to O \) and \( \delta^0_L : O \otimes A \to O \) and right distributor \( \delta^0_R : (A \oplus B) \otimes C \to (A \otimes C) \oplus (B \otimes C) \) are identities, and the following diagram commutes:

   \[ \begin{array}{c}
   (A \oplus B) \otimes C \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes} (A \otimes C) \oplus (B \otimes C) \\
   \downarrow \sigma \otimes \downarrow \sigma \otimes \\
   (B \oplus A) \otimes C \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes} (B \otimes C) \oplus (A \otimes C) \\
   \end{array} \]

3. The left distributivity \( \delta_L : A \otimes (B \oplus C) \to (A \otimes B) \oplus (A \otimes C) \) makes the diagrams below commute:

   \[ \begin{array}{c}
   A \otimes (B \oplus C) \xrightarrow{\sigma \oplus} (B \oplus C) \otimes A \\
   \downarrow \delta_L \downarrow \delta_L \\
   (A \otimes B) \oplus (A \otimes C) \xleftarrow{\sigma \otimes \sigma \oplus} (B \otimes A) \oplus (C \otimes A) \\
   \end{array} \]

D  SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR SEC. 8

module Demo where

-- A class for booleans with, possibly,
-- a square root of negation

class Enum a => B a where
  falseB :: a
  trueB :: a
  notB :: a -> a
  sqrtNotB :: a -> a
  evenB :: a -> Bool
  evenB = even . fromEnum

-- The classical instance has no square root

instance B Bool where
  falseB = False
  trueB = True
  notB = not
  sqrtNotB = error "No classical sqrt of not"
-- Now define "big" booleans: Zero and Two are the
-- classical booleans; One and Three are intermediate
-- values along the negation trajectories

data Four = Zero | One | Two | Three

-- Create the trajectories for boolean negation:
-- Zero -> One -> Two
-- Two -> Three -> Zero

instance Enum Four where
  toEnum 0 = Zero
  toEnum 1 = One
  toEnum 2 = Two
  toEnum 3 = Three
  toEnum n = toEnum (n `mod` 4)
fromEnum Zero = 0
fromEnum One = 1
fromEnum Two = 2
fromEnum Three = 3

instance B Four where
  falseB = Zero
  trueB = Two
  notB = succ . succ
  sqrtNotB = succ

-- When boolean negation is applied to Zero, it produces Two after
-- "internally" visiting the intermediate value One. Although
-- the particular internal values are not exposed, the evenB
-- method reveals whether the underlying value is a "whole" or
-- "partial" boolean.

data Classification = Balanced | Constant

-- An analogue of Deutsch's problem.
-- We have four functions defined on abstract booleans:
-- two constant functions (f0 and f1) and two balanced
-- functions (f2 and f3)

f0, f1, f2, f3 :: B a => a -> a
f0 a = falseB
f1 a = trueB
f2 a = a
f3 a = notB a

-- Classically the given function is applied twice to
-- classify it as Balanced or Constant

deutschC :: (Bool -> Bool) -> Classification
  deutschC f = if f False == f True then Constant else Balanced

-- If we can observe the values introduced by the square roots, we only need one application!

deutschF :: (Four -> Four) -> Classification
  deutschF f = if evenB (f (sqrtNotB falseB)) then Constant else Balanced