

Completeness for prime-dimensional phase-affine circuits

Normal forms and complete rewrites for binomial phases

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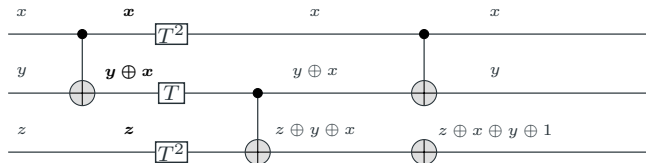
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CNOT-dihedral is Hadamard-free Clifford+T

Definition

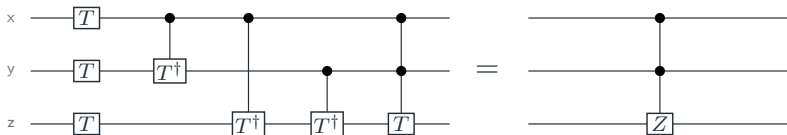
For $C \in \langle X, \text{CNOT}, T \rangle$, $\llbracket C \rrbracket |x\rangle = \omega^{q(x)} |g(x)\rangle$,
 where g is affine, $q : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8$ has degree ≤ 3 , and $\omega = e^{2\pi i/8}$.



$$q(x, y, z) = (y \oplus x) + 2z + 2x = (y + x - 2xy) + 2z + 2x$$

$$|x, y, z\rangle \mapsto \omega^{q(x, y, z)} |x, y, z \oplus x \oplus y \oplus 1\rangle$$

Spider nests encode CCZ parity



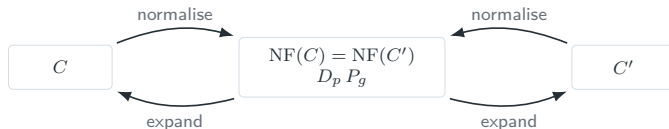
$$x + y + z - (x \oplus y) - (x \oplus z) - (y \oplus z) + (x \oplus y \oplus z) \equiv 4xyz \pmod{8}.$$

Proposition

The left-hand phase-gadget product has exponent $4xyz \pmod{8}$, hence it is exactly the controlled-controlled-Z phase on three Boolean wires.

[Amy-Chen-Ross, 2018] [de Beaudrap et al., 2020] [Kissinger-van de Wetering, 2024]

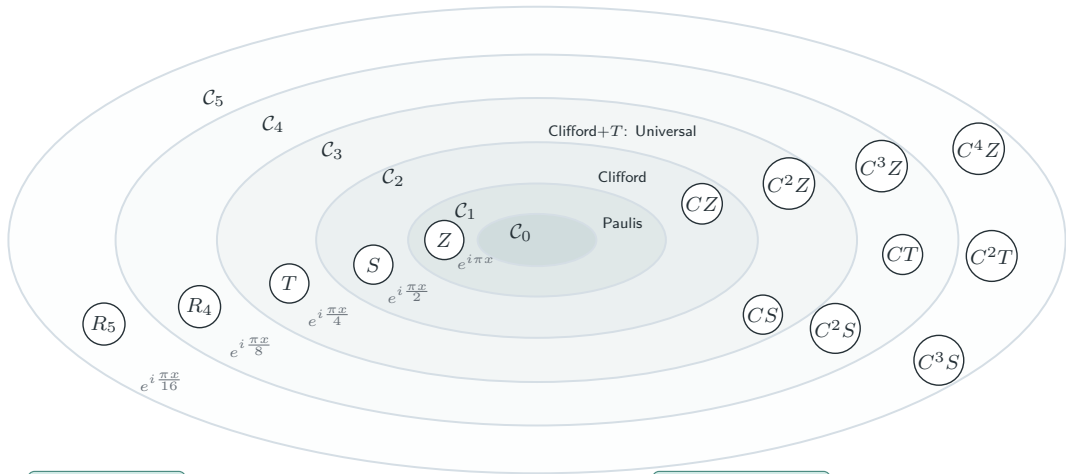
CNOT-dihedral normal forms compare coefficients



Theorem

Every $C \in \langle X, \text{CNOT}, T \rangle$ rewrites to a unique phase-affine normal form $D_q P_g$.
Hence $\mathcal{E} \vdash C = C'$ iff $g = g'$ and $q = q'$.

- ▶ Clifford+ T T -depth optimisation
[Amy–Maslov–Mosca, 2014]
- ▶ non-Clifford randomized benchmarking
[Cross et al., 2016]
- ▶ finite CNOT-dihedral presentations
[Amy–Chen–Ross, 2018]
- ▶ CNOT-phase CNOT-cost synthesis
[Amy–Azimzadeh–Mosca, 2018]
- ▶ optimal two-qubit CNOT-dihedral synthesis
[Garion et al., 2020]
- ▶ spider-nest T -count reduction
[de Beaudrap et al., 2020]
- ▶ scalable ZX spider nests
[Kissinger–van de Wetering, 2024]
- ▶ minimal CNOT-dihedral presentation
[Blake, 2026]



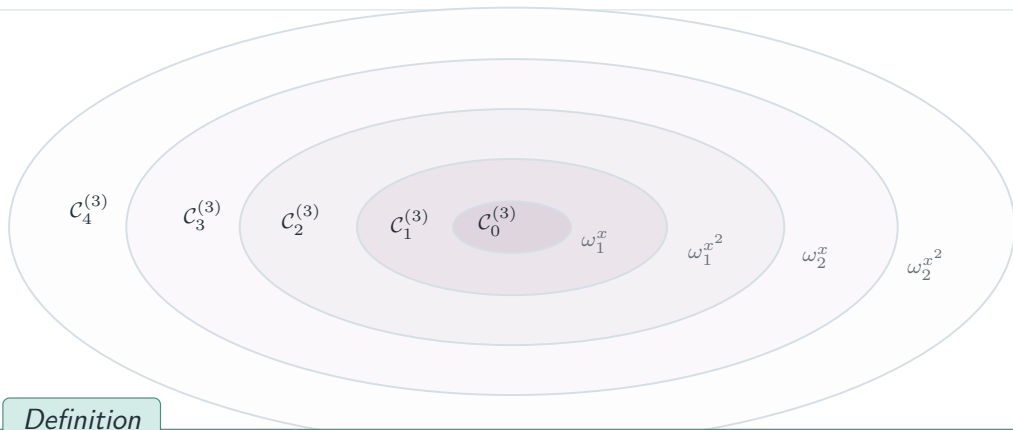
Definition

$$\mathcal{C}_{k+1} = \{U \mid UPU^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}_k, \forall P \in \text{Pauli}\}.$$

Proposition

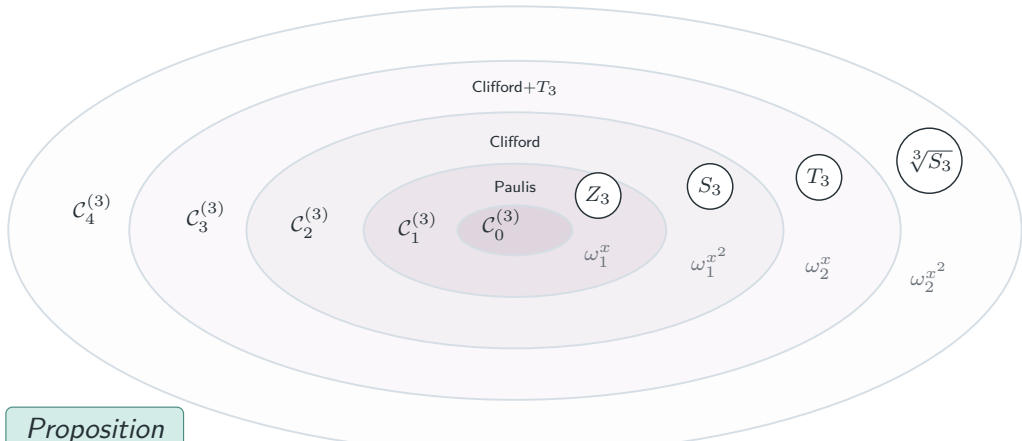
$$D \in \mathcal{C}_k \implies \text{Controlled } D \in \mathcal{C}_{k+1}.$$

Qutrit hierarchy



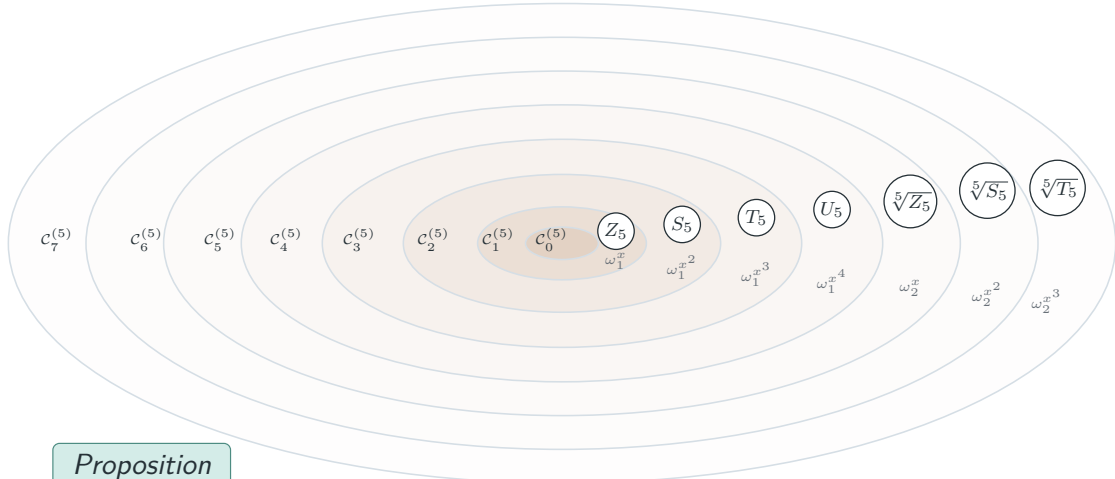
Definition

For non-scalar one-qutrit diagonal hierarchy gates $D_{r,f}|x\rangle = \omega_r^{f(x)}|x\rangle$, $\omega_r = e^{2\pi i/3^r}$, the level is $2(r-1) + \deg f$ with $\deg f \in \{1, 2\}$. [Cui-Gottesman-Krishna, 2017]



Proposition

- ▶ $T_3 = \text{diag}(1, \omega_2, \omega_2^8)$, with $\omega_2 = e^{2\pi i/9}$.
- ▶ $T_3 \in C_3^{(3)} \setminus C_2^{(3)}$ and $T_3^3 = Z_3$.
- ▶ Clifford + T_3 is approximately universal [Campbell–Anwar–Browne, 2012]; [Glaudell et al., 2022].



Proposition

- ▶ In dimension 5, $T_5|x\rangle = \omega_1^{x^3}|x\rangle$ lies in $C_3^{(5)} \setminus C_2^{(5)}$ [Cui–Gottesman–Krishna, 2017].
- ▶ Fifth roots of Z_5, S_5, T_5 occupy different higher levels.
- ▶ We use the third-level non-Clifford phase as the T -gate convention.

Qutrit T uses finite differences



Proposition

The usual qutrit phase gate is the diagonal operator $S_3|x\rangle = \omega^{\frac{x(x-1)}{2}}|x\rangle = \omega^{\binom{x}{2}}|x\rangle$, because $\Delta\binom{x}{2} = \binom{x+1}{2} - \binom{x}{2} = x$.

Binomial identities generate diagonal gates

$$\begin{aligned} q(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_i A_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_i B_i \mathbf{x}_i^2 + \sum_i T_i \mathbf{x}_i^3 + \sum_{i < j} C_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \\ &+ \sum_{i < j} U_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j^2 + \sum_{i < j} \bar{U}_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i^2 \mathbf{x}_j + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_k. \quad \text{monomial basis} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} q(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_i a_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_i b_i \binom{\mathbf{x}_i}{2} + \sum_i t_i \binom{\mathbf{x}_i}{3} + \sum_{i < j} c_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \\ &+ \sum_{i < j} u_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i \binom{\mathbf{x}_j}{2} + \sum_{i < j} \bar{u}_{ij} \binom{\mathbf{x}_i}{2} \mathbf{x}_j + \sum_{i < j < k} v_{ijk} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_k. \quad \text{binomial basis} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

For degree $< d$, the monomial and binomial bases are related by an invertible triangular change of basis.

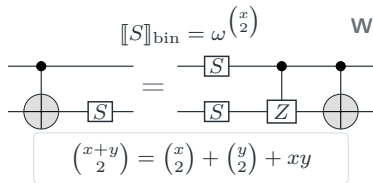
Binomial identities generate diagonal gates

$$\begin{aligned}
 q(x) = & \sum [Z] x_i + \sum [S] \binom{x_i}{2} + \sum [T] \binom{x_i}{3} + \sum_{i < j} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ [Z] \end{array} x_i x_j \\
 & + \sum_{i < j} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ [S] \end{array} x_i \binom{x_j}{2} + \sum_{i < j} \begin{array}{c} [S] \\ | \\ \bullet \end{array} \binom{x_i}{2} x_j + \sum_{i < j < k} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ [Z] \end{array} x_i x_j x_k
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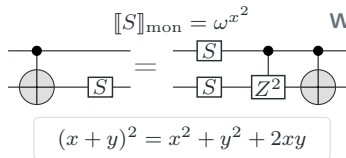
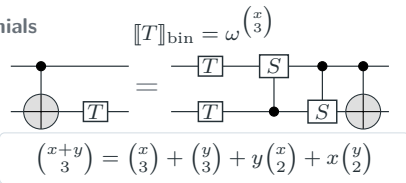
Proposition

For degree $< d$, the monomial and binomial bases are related by an invertible triangular change of basis.
 The ordered diagonal layer records the same polynomial as a binomial coefficient vector.

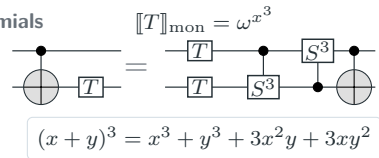
Affine transport is binomial



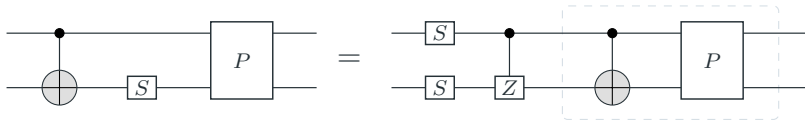
With binomials



With monomials



Normalisation collects phases diagonally



Proposition

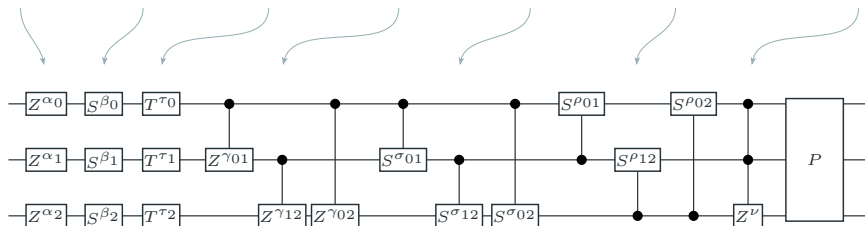
Let A_g be an affine generator and D_q a binomial diagonal generator. Then $A_g D_q = D_{q \circ g} A_g$, with $q \circ g$ expanded in the ordered binomial basis.

Theorem

Every phase-affine circuit C rewrites as $\mathcal{E} \vdash C = D_q P_g$, where P_g is the affine normal form and q is a binomial coefficient vector.

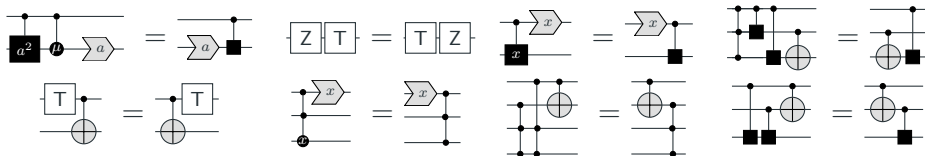
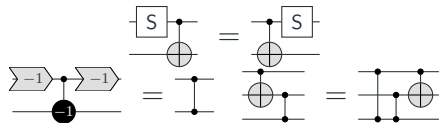
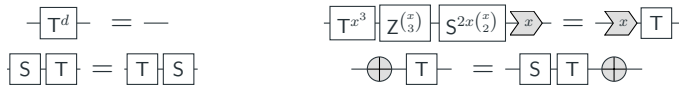
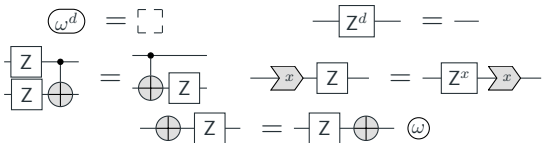
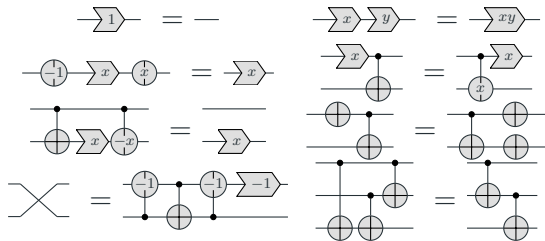
Diagonals share one binomial form

$$q(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_i \beta_i \binom{\mathbf{x}_i}{2} + \sum_i \tau_i \binom{\mathbf{x}_i}{3} + \sum_{i < j} \gamma_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j + \sum_{i < j} \sigma_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i \binom{\mathbf{x}_j}{2} + \sum_{i < j} \rho_{ij} \binom{\mathbf{x}_i}{2} \mathbf{x}_j + \sum_{i < j < k} \nu_{ijk} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_k.$$



Theorem

For n wires and degree ≤ 3 , every circuit rewrites to $D_q P_g$, with P_g the affine normal form and q the ordered binomial coefficient vector. The pair (g, q) is unique.

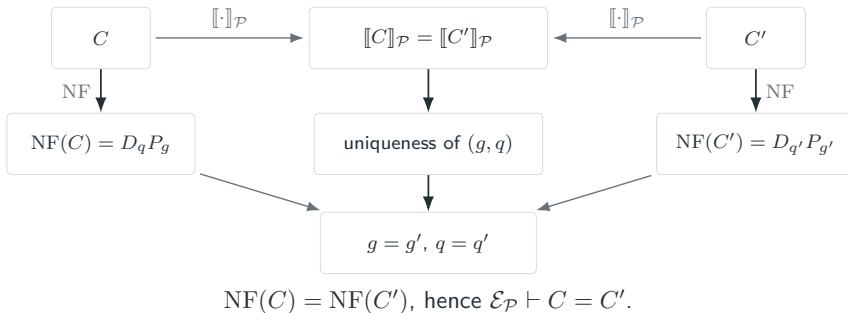


Completeness follows from normal-form uniqueness

Theorem

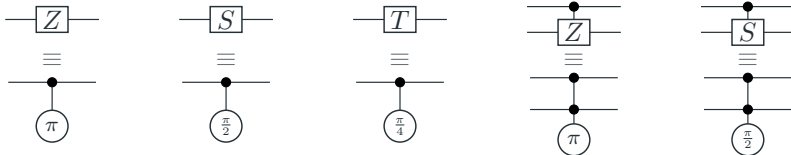
For circuits C, C' in **LinPhase** $_d$ (d prime), **QuadPhase** $_d$ (d odd), or **CubicPhase** $_d$ ($d > 3$),

$$\llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathcal{P}} = \llbracket C' \rrbracket_{\mathcal{P}} \iff \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{P}} \vdash C = C'.$$

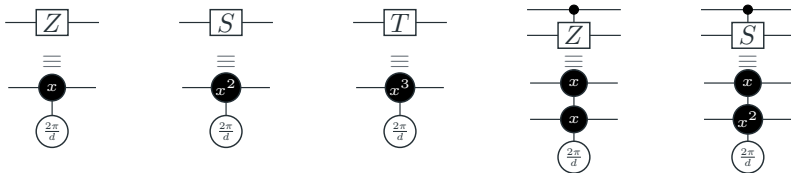


Modern phase notations

On qubits



On qudits



Conclusion

Takeaway.

- ▶ CNOT-dihedral: affine Boolean map plus $\mathbb{Z}_8$ -valued cubic phase polynomial.
- ▶ Prime qudits: affine $\mathbb{F}_d$ -map plus finite-field binomial phase polynomial.
- ▶ Completeness: transport, collect, reduce finite orders, compare (g, q) .

Open directions.

- ▶ Minimal and reduced finite presentations.
- ▶ Optimisation passes for qudit phase-affine circuits.
- ▶ ZX- and ZH-style presentations of binomial/spider-nest identities.
- ▶ Higher Clifford-hierarchy fragments.

Proposition

The Clifford hierarchy is classified by phase precision and polynomial degree. Binomial coordinates are the coordinate system in which affine transport is triangular.