# A lambda calculus for density matrices with classical and probabilistic controls

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# **Motivation**

Two paradigms



In this work we propose a paradigm in between: "Probabilistic control" or "Weak quantum control"

### Outline

Density matrices and quantum mechanics

Postulates of quantum mechanics Density matrices Postulates of quantum mechanics with density matrices

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#### Conclusions

#### Postulate 1: State space

The state of an isolated quantum system can be fully described by a *state vector*, which is a unit vector in a complex Hilbert space\*.

\* Hilbert space: Vector space with inner product, complete in its norm

Examples					
	Space	ace Vectors			
	$\mathbb{C}^{2}$	$ 0 angle = \left( egin{array}{c} 1 \ 0 \end{array}  ight)   1 angle = \left( egin{array}{c} 0 \ 1 \end{array}  ight)  rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left 0 angle + rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left 1 ight angle = \left( egin{array}{c} rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array}  ight)$			
	$\mathbb{C}^4 = \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$	$ 00 angle = egin{pmatrix} 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad rac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ket{00} + rac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \ket{11} = egin{pmatrix} rac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\ 0\ 0\ rac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$			

**Postulate 2: Evolution** The evolution of an isolated quantum system can be described by a *unitary matrix*\*.

$$\ket{\psi'} = U \ket{\psi}$$

\* U unitary if  $U^{\dagger} = U^{-1}$ .

#### Examples

$H = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$H\left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}  ight) = \left( \begin{smallmatrix} rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{smallmatrix}  ight) = \ket{+}$
$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 - 1)$	$H( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}) = \left( \begin{smallmatrix} rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ rac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{smallmatrix}  ight) = \left  -  ight angle$
$N_{ot} = (01)$	$Not \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
$NOL = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$Not\left( \begin{smallmatrix} 0\\1 \end{smallmatrix}  ight) = \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1\\0 \end{smallmatrix}  ight)$
$7 - (1 \ 0 )$	$Z \ket{+} = \ket{-}$
2 - (0 - 1)	$Z \ket{-} = \ket{+}$

Postulate 3: MeasurementThe quantum measurement is described by a collection of measurementmatrices\*  $\{M_i\}_i$ , where i is the output of the measurement.Condition over  $\{M_i\}_i$ : $\sum_i M_i^{\dagger} M_i = I$ The probability of measuring i is: $p_i = \langle \psi | M_i^{\dagger} M_i | \psi \rangle$ The state after measuring i is: $|\psi' \rangle = \frac{M_i | \psi \rangle}{\sqrt{p_i}}$ \* square matrices with complex coefficients

#### Example

$$\{M_0, M_1\} \text{ with } M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \qquad \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_0}} M_0 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_0}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \qquad \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_0}} M_1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general, with those  $\{M_0, M_1\}$ , the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  measures 0 with probability  $|a|^2$  and 1 with probability  $|b|^2$ , and the sates after measuring are  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  y  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively.

#### Postulate 4: Composed system

The sate space of a composed system is the tensor product of the state space of its components.

Given *n* systems in states  $|\psi_1\rangle, \ldots, |\psi_n\rangle$ , the composed system is

 $|\psi_1\rangle\otimes|\psi_2\rangle\otimes\cdots\otimes|\psi_n\rangle$ 

# Example System 1: $|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ System 2: $|\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$ Composed system $|\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle$ : $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix}$

### **Density matrices**

A representation of our ignorance about the system

#### Definition (Density matrix)

Mixed state: A distribution set of pure states:  $\{(p_i, |\psi_i\rangle)\}_i$ Density matrix:  $\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i |$ 

**Characterisation:**  $\rho$  density matrix  $\Leftrightarrow$  tr $(\rho) = 1 \land \rho$  positive

Let  $M = \{M_0, M_1\}$ , with  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  projecting to the canonical base After measuring  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with probability  $|\alpha|^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with probability  $|\beta|^2$ 

#### Example: Pre and post measure

$$\{ (|\alpha|^2, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}), (|\beta|^2, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}) \} \Rightarrow \rho = |\alpha|^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 0) + |\beta|^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1) = \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & |\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\{ (1, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}) \} \Rightarrow \rho = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} (\alpha^* \ \beta^*) = \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha|^2 \ \alpha\beta^* \\ \alpha^*\beta \ |\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with density matrices

#### Postulate 1 (with vectors): State space

The state of an isolated quantum system can be fully described by a *state vector*, which is a unit vector in a complex Hilbert space.

#### Postulate 1 (with matrices): State space

The state of an isolated quantum system can be fully described by a *density matrix*, which is a square matrix  $\rho$  with trace 1 acting on a complex Hilbert space.

If a quantum system is in state  $\rho_i$  with probability  $p_i$ , the density matrix of the system is



with density matrices

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The state after measuring <i>i</i> is:	$ \psi' angle=rac{M_i \psi angle}{\sqrt{ ho_i}}$			

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[Nielsen-Chuang p371]

#### Experiment 1: Toss a coin

**Experiment 2:** Toss a coin to decide whether or not to apply Z to  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Experiment 1} \\ \{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/2, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1/2, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \} \\ \rho_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1/2}{0} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{Experiment 2} \\ \{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/2, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1/2, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \} \\ \rho_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

#### Same density matrix does not imply same mixed state

But mixed states with same density matrices are indistinguishable

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Conclusions

# **Untyped** $\lambda_{\rho}$

$$\begin{split} t &:= x \mid \lambda x.t \mid tt & \text{(lambda calculus)} \\ \mid \rho^n \mid U^n t \mid \pi^n t \mid t \otimes t & \text{(the 4 postulates)} \\ \mid (b^m, \rho^n) \mid \text{letcase } x = r \text{ in } \{t \dots t\} & \text{(classical control over meas.)} \end{split}$$

where

π<sup>n</sup> = {π<sub>0</sub>,...,π<sub>2<sup>n</sup>-1</sub>} is a measurement in the computational base
 b<sup>m</sup> is a m-bits number

$$(\lambda x.t)r \longrightarrow_{1} t[r/x]$$

$$U^{m}\rho^{n} \longrightarrow_{1} {\rho'}^{n}$$

$$\pi^{m}\rho^{n} \longrightarrow_{\rho_{i}} (i^{m}, \rho_{i}^{n})$$

$$\rho_{1} \otimes \rho_{2} \longrightarrow_{1} {\rho'}$$
letcase  $x = (b^{m}, \rho^{n})$  in  $\{t_{0}, \dots, t_{2^{m}-1}\} \longrightarrow_{1} t_{b^{m}}[\rho^{n}/x]$ 

#### **Types**

$$A := n \mid (m, n) \mid A \multimap A$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \xrightarrow{\text{ax}} \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.t : A \multimap B} \xrightarrow{\neg i}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \multimap B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash tr : B} \xrightarrow{\neg e} \frac{\Gamma \vdash \rho^n : n}{\Gamma \vdash \rho^n : n} \xrightarrow{\text{ax}\rho}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : n}{\Gamma \vdash U^m t : n} \xrightarrow{\text{u}} \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : n}{\Gamma \vdash \pi^m t : (m, n)} \xrightarrow{\text{m}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : n}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash t \otimes r : n + m} \otimes \frac{\Gamma \vdash (b^m, \rho^n) : (m, n)}{\Gamma \vdash (b^m, \rho^n) : (m, n)} \xrightarrow{\text{ax}_{\text{am}}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta, x : n \vdash t_0 : A \dots \Delta, x : n \vdash t_{2^m - 1} : A}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \text{letcase } x = r \text{ in } \{t_0, \dots, t_{2^m - 1}\} : A} \xrightarrow{\text{lc}}$$

with  $m \leq n$  and  $0 \leq b^m < 2^m$ .

# **Denotational semantics**

Intuition

$$\llbracket \pi^n \rho^n \rrbracket = \{ (p_0, \rho_0), \dots, (p_{2^n - 1}, \rho_{2^n - 1}) \}$$
  
where, with probability  $p_i$  the final state is  $\rho_i$   
$$\llbracket \pi^n \rho^n \rrbracket = \sum_i p_i \rho_i$$

In general:

$$[t] = \{(p_i, e_i)\}_i$$

with  $e_i$  density matrix or function from density matrices to density matrices

$$(|t|) = \sum_i p_i e_i$$

where (a.f + b.g)(x) = a.f(x) + b.g(x)

$$(n) = ((m, n)) = \mathcal{D}_n \qquad (A \multimap B) = \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{D}_A \multimap \mathcal{D}_B} = \mathcal{D}_A \multimap \mathcal{D}_B$$

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**Experiment 2:** letcase 
$$x = \pi^1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
 in  $\{ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, Z \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \}$ 

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A possible trace (confluence of trees to be proven following [DC-Martínez LSFA'17])



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$$(\lambda x.t)r \to t[r/x]$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\pi^{m}\rho^{n} \longrightarrow \rho_{i}} (i^{m}, \overline{\rho_{i}^{n}})$$

$$\rho_{1} \otimes \rho_{2} \to {\rho'}$$

$$\underline{letcase \ x = (b^{m}, \rho^{n}) \text{ in } \{t_{0}, \dots, t_{2^{m}-1}\} \to t_{b^{m}}[\overline{\rho^{n}/x}]}$$

$$\underline{letcase^{\circ} \ x = \pi^{m}\rho^{n} \text{ in } \{t_{0}, \dots, t_{2^{m}-1}\} \to \sum_{i} p_{i}t_{i}[\rho_{i}^{n}/x]}$$

### Example 2 again

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in  $\{\lambda x.\text{letcase}^{\circ} z = \pi^{1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\{z, z\}, \lambda x. x\}$   
)  
(letcase^{\circ} z = \pi^{1} \rho in  $\{z, z\}$ )

 $t \to^* \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{5}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{8} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ 

# Summarising

- $\lambda_{\rho}$ : classical control/quantum data (data = density matrices)
- $\lambda_{\rho}^{\circ}$ : probabilistic control/quantum data
- Same denotational semantics

#### **Future works**

• Comparison between  $\lambda_{\rho}/\lambda_{\rho}^{\circ}$ , and Selinger-Valiron's  $\lambda_{q}$ 

(with Agustín Borgna (UBA))

Implementation of a simulator in Haskell

(with Alan Rodas and Pablo E. Martínez López (UNQ))

Polymorphic extension and proofs of SN and confluence

(with Lucas Romero (UBA))

Studding a fixed point operator

(with Malena Ivnisky and Hernán Melgratti (UBA))