A Simple n-Dimensional Intrinsically Universal Quantum Cellular Automata

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Cellular Automata

- A cellular automata is an array of identical cells
- Each takes one of a finite set of states
- Evolves by iteration of a global evolution function
- Defined over a local neighbourhood of cells, shift invariant
- Applied synchronously across grid

Quantum Computing

Quantum bits:

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

Universal quantum circuits:



Hadamard, Rotation, Controlled-Rotation

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad H^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$$

Introduction

- A simple Partitioned Quantum Cellular Automata
- Simulates any other PQCA in a topology preserving manner
- Able to simulate multiple iterations.
- Intrinsically universal
- Construction presented in 2D

Partitioned QCA



Second application



First application

Flattening a PQCA



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Signals

- Cells: *Blank*, *Qubit* (0 or 1) or a *Barrier*
- Signals carry qubits
- Diagonal propagation



Barriers

Two barriers: Signal redirection

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} s \\ \hline s \\ \hline \end{array} \right\rangle \mapsto \left| \begin{array}{c} s \\ \hline s \\ \hline \end{array} \right\rangle$$

One barrier: No effect



Barriers

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Identity (Delay) Circuit

■ 8 x 14 tile

24 time steps



Swap Circuit

■ 16 x 14 tile

24 time steps



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- 24 time steps









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Gates

Quantum Gates II

Signal collisions: Controlled- $R(\pi/4)$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow, \qquad \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow, \qquad \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \begin{vmatrix} y \\ x \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ y \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow e$$

- Used to create two circuits:
 - Controlled- $R(\pi/4)$
 - $R(\pi/4)$

$$\left\{ \left| \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ \end{array} \right\rangle \right\}_{x,y \in \{0,1\}} \right\}$$

Controlled- $R(\pi/4)$





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Controlled-R(\pi/4)

$R(\pi/4)$ gate

- Auxiliary signal, set to 1
- Loops every 6 time-steps

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 $\begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}|1\rangle \end{array}$

Circuits and wires

- Gates are modular, so can be combined.
- Each *qubit* occupies an 8x14 (diagonal) tile.
- Hadamard, $R(\pi/4)$, delay are primitive.
- Controlled-Not from Controlled- $R(\pi/4)$:

 $\operatorname{CNOT} |\psi\rangle = (\mathbb{I} \otimes H)(\operatorname{CR}(\pi/4))^4(\mathbb{I} \otimes H) |\psi\rangle$

Barriers and delays complete wiring.

Minimal 3D PQCA

- Binary 3D PQCA
- More complicated, but seems interesting

Conclusion

- A simple PQCA capable of simulating all other *QCA* in a topology preserving manner.
- Simple, but not minimal.
- Step towards a *universal physical phenomenon*?
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