



1) If no bomb, what is prob. of photon detection?

- Same state enters interferometer as leaves
- Adds  $\frac{\pi}{2n}$  angles  $n$  times  $\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$

• Initially  $\theta = 0$   $\begin{pmatrix} \cos 0 \\ \sin 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Will be blocked by filter  $\Rightarrow$  No detection

2) If bomb, what is prob of No explosion?

- Each time no explosion, state collapses to  $|0\rangle$ .
- Rotates  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \end{pmatrix}$
- $\Pr(\text{No explosion in } j^{\text{th}} \text{ round} \mid \text{no explosion yet}) = \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2n}$
- $\Pr(\text{no explosion}) = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)\right)^{2n}$

3) If bomb but no explosion, what is the probability of photon detection?

- If bomb doesn't explode, state keeps collapsing to  $|0\rangle$ , so  $|0\rangle$  exits, and you get a detection with probability 1.

## Taylor Series Expansion

$$\text{If } x \ll 1: \quad \cos(x) \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$(1+x)^k \approx 1+kx$$

$$\text{If } n \gg 1: \quad \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)\right)^{2n} \approx \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8n^2}\right)^{2n} \approx 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4n}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Probability of Bomb detonating is small, so  
can figure out if live or dud!

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# Quantum Operations (gates)

Reversible transformations

Mathematical representation:  
(qubit operation)

Unitary matrix  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$

2x2 complex matrix  
↓  
2x2

$$U U^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I$$

(conj. transpose)

identity  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

In action

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{U \text{ acts}} U|\psi\rangle$$

matrix multiplication

↑  
vector

matrix · vector = vector