Cutoff Theorems for the Equivalence of Parameterized Quantum Circuits (Extended)

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- Abstract

Many promising quantum algorithms in economics, medical science, and material science rely on circuits that are parameterized by a large number of angles. To ensure that these algorithms are efficient, these parameterized circuits must be heavily optimized. However, most quantum circuit optimizers are not verified, so this procedure is known to be error-prone. For this reason, there is growing interest in the design of equivalence checking algorithms for parameterized quantum circuits. In this paper, we define a generalized class of parameterized circuits with arbitrary rotations and show that this problem is decidable for cyclotomic gate sets. We propose a cutoff-based procedure which reduces the problem of verifying the equivalence of parameterized quantum circuits to the problem of verifying the equivalence of finitely many parameter-free quantum circuits. Because the number of parameter-free circuits grows exponentially with the number of parameters, we also propose a probabilistic variant of the algorithm for cases when the number of parameters is intractably large. We show that our techniques extend to equivalence modulo global phase, and describe an efficient angle sampling procedure for cyclotomic gate sets.

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1 Introduction

In quantum mechanics, unitary operators describe how the probability distributions of quantum systems evolve over time. In quantum computing, primitive operators (known as quantum qates) are composed in sequence and parallel, to create quantum circuits which prepare quantum systems with desirable probability distributions. By sampling from these distributions, answers can be obtained to many high-value problems, such as those from economics [21], medical science [16,43], and material science [32]. In these algorithms, an initial guess is made for the correct probability distribution, and then each sample is used to further refine the distribution. To make this search tractable, the probability distributions are sampled from a family of parameterized quantum circuits, known as ansatz circuits.

In practice, the structure of the ansatz circuit is static, so that the parameters only vary the operators which appear within the circuits. The parameterized operators within ansatz circuits can be understood geometrically as rotations by arbitrary angles. As a result, the gate sets used to construct ansatz circuits are necessarily infinite. In contrast, the gate sets implemented by real quantum computers are finite, due to limitations related to error-correction [17]. This means that for each parameter refinement, the ansatz circuit must be recompiled and optimized again. However, the compilation and optimization of

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quantum circuits are known to be highly error-prone [22, 54], so it is desirable to verify both the equivalence of the optimized circuit to the original circuit, and more generally, the correctness of each optimization. In both cases, it is necessary to reason equationally about parameterized relations between quantum circuits.

The problem of parameterized equivalence-checking has been well-studied in the context of distributed system. Given a set of parameters P and two programs parameterized by P, say C_1 and C_2 , the parameterized-equivalence checking problem asks whether $C_1(\theta) = C_2(\theta), \forall \theta \in P$. When P is finite, this problem can be solved by simply testing the elements of P. When P is infinite, one approach to this problem is to find a cutoff n for which checking the equivalence of C_1 and C_2 for n distinct elements of P implies the equivalence of C_1 and C_2 for n distinct elements of P implies the equivalence of C_1 and C_2 for all elements of P [18]. Formally, one tries to find an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $D \subseteq P$, if $|D| \geq n$, then $\forall \theta \in D \cdot C_1(\theta) = C_2(\theta)$ implies $\forall \theta \in P \cdot C_1(\theta) = C_2(\theta)$. Typically, the choice of n (and sometimes even D) will depend on both C_1 and C_2 , and therefore this technique requires domain-specific insights (see, e.g., [2, 24, 27, 29, 37, 49]). When n becomes intractably large, probabilistic techniques have also been employed [15].

Cutoff-based techniques have yet to see wide application in the domain of parameterized quantum circuit equivalence-checking. In 2020, Miller-Bakewell developed a framework which adapts cutoff-based techniques to quantum circuits [35], though these techniques have yet to be applied in practice. The key insight of this work was to note that parameterized quantum circuits are analytic for realistic gate sets, and (up to a change of variable) can often be expressed as matrices over complex Laurent polynomials. The positive and negative degrees of these Laurent polynomials can be over-approximated in an inductive manner, and correspond to a cutoff for parameterized verification. The main challenge in applying the Miller-Bakewell framework is to identify an appropriate change-of-variables such that all parameterized matrices become matrices over complex Laurent polynomials. Once this change-of-variable has been identified, further steps may be taken, such as deriving a closedform equation for the cutoff. In Miller-Bakewell's paper, the framework was applied to ZX-, ZW-, and ZH-diagrams, though closed-form bounds were not derived.

In this paper, we propose a cutoff-based technique for quantum circuits with arbitrary rotations with linear arguments. This technique can be understood as an instantiation of the Miller-Bakewell framework, insofar as each parameterized circuit is realized as a matrix over complex Laurent polynomials. However, the circuits considered in this paper correspond to ZXW-diagrams (i.e., with matrix exponentiation) [45], which are not addressed in Miller-Bakewell's original work. We derive closed-form equations for these cutoffs, which depend only on the coefficients of the parameters in the circuits. Furthermore, we provide an alternative proof for the correctness of the Miller-Bakewell framework, which depends on the distribution of zeros of Laurent polynomials as opposed to polynomial interpolation. This change in perspective motivates a probabilistic variant of the Miller-Bakewell framework, which is applicable for circuits with intractably large cutoffs.

In Sec. 3, we provide the syntax and semantics for our circuit language. In Sec. 4, we illustrate our technique on a simple real-world example. In Sec. 5, we prove a cutoff theorem, and propose a probabilistic variant. In Sec. 6, we identify and solve several challenges faced when implementing this technique.

2 Background

We write \mathbb{N} for the set of natural numbers (including zero), \mathbb{Z} for the set of integers, \mathbb{Q} for the set of rational numbers, \mathbb{R} for the set of real numbers, and \mathbb{C} for the set of complex



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Figure 1 Geometry of the cyclotomic numbers. The basis vectors of $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_n]$ form the vertices of a regular *n*-gon on the complex unit circle, with one vertex at (1, 0).

numbers. If $z \in \mathbb{C}$, then \overline{z} denotes the complex conjugate of z. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then [n] denotes the set $\{j \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ so that $[0] = \emptyset$. If $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then $a^+ = \max(0, a)$ and $a^- = \min(0, a)$.

2.1 Linear Algebra

We assume familiarity with the basics of linear algebra. Otherwise, we refer the reader to an introductory text, such as [7]. Let M be a complex matrix. We let $M_{j,k}$ denote the entry of M in the *j*-th row and the *k*-th column. We recall the following definitions. The *conjugate* of M is the matrix \overline{M} such that $\overline{M}_{j,k} = \overline{M}_{j,k}$. The transpose of M is the matrix M^T such that $(M^T)_{j,k} = M_{k,j}$. The adjoint of M is the matrix \overline{M}^T , and is denoted M^{\dagger} . A matrix H is called Hermitian if $H = H^{\dagger}$. A matrix U is called unitary if U is invertible and $U^{-1} = U^{\dagger}$.

2.2 Algebraic Numbers and Computation

We assume the reader is familiar with field theory, as found in standard abstract algebra textbooks, such as [19]. Let \mathbb{F} be a subfield of \mathbb{K} . An element $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$ is algebraic over \mathbb{F} if there exists a polynomial $p \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ such that $p(\alpha) = 0$. We write $\mathbb{F}(\alpha)$ to denote the smallest subfield of \mathbb{K} containing both \mathbb{F} and α . If deg(p) = n, then it can be shown that the elements of $\mathbb{F}(\alpha)$ form a finite-dimensional \mathbb{F} -vector space with basis vectors $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \ldots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$. Furthermore, this vector space forms an \mathbb{F} -algebra under the multiplication of $\mathbb{F}(\alpha)$. In the case where $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, we say that α is an algebraic number. The field of all algebraic numbers is denoted \mathbb{Q}^{Alg} . Algebraic numbers are ideal from a computational perspective, since elements from *n*-dimensional \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces can be represented exactly using only 2n integers (i.e., the numerators and denominators). This is in contrast to floating-point arithemtic, which is inherently inexact.

A special class of algebraic numbers are the cyclotomic numbers. These are solutions to polynomial equations of the form $x^n - 1 = 0$. In other words, each cyclotomic number is a root of unity. We let ζ_n denote the primitive n-th root of unity, which can be defined analytically as $\zeta_n = e^{i2\pi/n}$. For example, $\zeta_2 = -1$ and $\zeta_4 = i$. The smallest subfield of \mathbb{C} containing \mathbb{Q} and all cyclotomic numbers is referred to as the universal cyclotomic field. Many algorithms exist to work efficiently with elements of the universal cyclotomic field, such as [11] and [12]. It is well-known that many quantum gate sets can be defined exactly using only finite-dimensional sub-fields of the universal cyclotomic field, such as the Clifford+T gate set [20] and its generalizations [4]. For this reason, recent work in the verification of quantum programs has advocated for the use of cyclotomic numbers as an exact representation [6].

In this paper, we also utilize analytic properties of cyclotomic numbers. It follows from Euler's formula that $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$. We can then think of each cyclotomic

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number as a point of the complex unit circle (see Figure 1a). It follows geometrically that $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2n})$ whenever n is odd (see Figure 1b). Moreover, it can be shown by simple algebraic manipulations that the following equations hold.

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \qquad \qquad \sin(\theta) = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$

If θ is a rational multiple of π , say $(q/r)2\pi$, this means that both $\cos(\theta)$ and $\sin(\theta)$ are elements of $\mathbb{Q}(i, \zeta_r)$. However, identifying roots of unity can be challenging, since not all elements of norm 1 in the universal cyclotomic field are roots of unity. A well-known example is (3 + 4i)/5, which has norm 1 but is not a root of unity.

2.3 Multivariate Laurent Polynomials

Let R be a ring. Then $R[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ denotes the ring of multivariate polynomials with coefficients in R and indeterminates x_1 through x_k . An arbitrary element $f \in R[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ is of the form $f(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = \sum_{t \in T} (a_t \prod_{j=1}^k x_j^{t_j})$ for some finite $T \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k \setminus \{0\}^k$ with a non-zero sequence $\{a_t\}_{t \in T}$ over R. We write $\deg_{x_j}(f)$ for the degree of f in variable x_j and $\deg(f)$ for the total degree of f, where $\deg_{x_j}(f) = \max\{t_j : t \in T\}$ and $\deg(f) = \max\{\sum_{j=1}^k t_j : t \in T\}$. When R is an integral domain, the following hold for all $f, g \in R[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ and $j \in [k]$.

$$\begin{split} \deg_{x_j}(fg) &= \deg_{x_j}(f) + \deg_{x_j}(g) & \deg(fg) &= \deg(f) + \deg(g) \\ \deg_{x_j}(f+g) &\leq \max\{\deg_{x_j}(f), \deg_{x_j}(g)\} & \deg(f+g) &\leq \max\{\deg(f), \deg(g)\} \end{split}$$

It is well known that when k = 1 and R is an integral domain, either f = 0 or f has at most $\deg(f)$ zeros. A consequence is that for any $S \subseteq R$, if $f \neq 0$ and $|S| > \deg_{x_1}(f)$, then there exists an $s \in S$ such $f(s) \neq 0$. Moreover, if s is sampled uniformly from S, then $\Pr(f(x) = 0) \leq \deg(f)/|S|$. The latter two remarks generalize to multivariate polynomials. Further generalization to Laurent polynomials are possible, by clearing the denominators.

▶ **Theorem 2.1** (Combinatorial Nullstellensatz [3]). Let \mathbb{F} be a field and f a polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k]$ with total degree $d_1 + d_2 + \cdots + d_k$ such that the coefficient of $\prod_{j=1}^k x_j^{d_j}$ is nonzero in f. If S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_k are subsets of \mathbb{F} with $|S_j| > d_j$ for each j, then there exists $x \in S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_k$ such that $f(x) \neq 0$.

▶ **Theorem 2.2** (DeMillo–Lipton–Schwartz–Zippel Lemma [15, 44, 55]). Let R be an integral domain and $f \in R[x_1, x_2, ..., x_k]$ a polynomial with total degree d. For each finite subset S of R, if $s_1, s_2, ..., s_k$ are sampled at random, both independently and uniformly from S, then $\Pr(f(s_1, s_2, ..., s_k) = 0) \le d/|S|$.

We can further generalize multivariate polynomials to multivariate Laurent polynomials, denoted $R[x_1, x_1^{-1}, \ldots, x_k, x_k^{-1}]$. In this setting, $T \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^k$, so that powers may be positive or negative. For example, $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1x_2 - x_1^{-3} + 5$ is a Laurent polynomial from $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_1^{-1}, x_2, x_2^{-1}]$. Since the exponents in a Laurent polynomial may be both positive and negative, each Laurent polynomial has both positive and negative degrees. We write $\deg_{x_j}^+(f)$ for the positive degree of f in variable x_j and $\deg_{x_j}^-$ for the negative degree of f in variable x_j , where $\deg_{x_j}^+(f) = \max\{t_j^+ : t \in T\}$ and $\deg_{x_j}^-(f) = \max\{-t_j^- : t \in T\}$. Similarly, the total positive degree of f is $\deg^+(f) = \max\{\sum_{i=1}^k t_j^+ : t \in T\}$.

3 A Syntax and Semantics for Parameterized Circuits

This section begins by reviewing quantum states, quantum operators, and their composition, as in [38, Ch. 4]. This background material is then used to give syntax and parameterized semantics for quantum circuits with arbitrary gates, and rotations around arbitrary axes.

3.1 Quantum States

The primitive unit of information in quantum computing is the qubit. As in classical computing, a qubit can be in the states zero and one, denoted $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. However, a qubit may also be in a *superposition* of the states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. Formally, this means that the state of a qubit $|\psi\rangle$ can be described as $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfying $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$. To simplify calculations, we think of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ as the standard basis vectors for \mathbb{C}^2 to obtain the following vector equation: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$.

Of course, the quantum algorithms described in the introduction of this paper require more than a single qubit of information. Given an *n*-qubit quantum system, there are clearly 2^n possible basis states. For example, when n = 2, these are $|00\rangle$, $|01\rangle$, $|10\rangle$, and $|11\rangle$. As before, an *n*-qubit quantum system may also be in an arbitrary superposition of these basis states with the modulus-squared of the coefficients summing to 1. For example, an arbitrary 2-qubit quantum system has state $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \rho |11\rangle$ for any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \rho \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfying $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 + |\gamma|^2 + |\rho|^2 = 1$. This means that the states of an *n*-qubit quantum system correspond to the unit vectors in \mathbb{C}^{2^n} .

3.2 Quantum Operations

A quantum program evolves the state of a quantum system, after which all qubits are measured. Given a quantum state $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{2^n} \alpha_j |j\rangle$, the probability of observing state $|j\rangle$ is $|\alpha_j|^2$. Then the paradigm of quantum computing is to construct an *n*-qubit quantum system whose probability distribution assigns high probability to the correct output.

The evolution of a quantum system is described by a linear transformation of its state space. Since the laws of physics are reversible, then this transformation must be invertible. Moreover, the inverse of this transformation should be its conjugate transpose. This means that operations on *n*-qubit systems correspond to unitary matrices. Given an *n*-qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ and an $(2^n) \times (2^n)$ dimensional matrix M, the state obtained by applying M to $|\psi\rangle$ is $M |\psi\rangle$. For example, the following four matrices are unitary operations on a qubit.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix I corresponds to a no-op and the matrix X corresponds to a not gate. The matrix Z can be understood as adjusting the coefficient of $|1\rangle$ by a factor of (-1). This has no classical analogue. The gate Y is equal to (-iZ)X, and therefore, corresponds to a not gate followed by some non-classical operation.

An important construct in classical computing is the if-then statement. This can be generalized to quantum computing as follows. Let M be a unitary transformation on an n-qubit quantum system. Then there exists a unitary transformation $I_{2^n} \oplus M$ on an (n + 1)qubit quantum system, such that $I_{2^n} \oplus M$ applies M to the last n qubits of a basis state if and only if the first qubit of the basis is in state $|1\rangle$. Formally, I_{2^n} is the $(2^n) \times (2^n)$ identity matrix, and $I_{2^n} \oplus M$ is the direct sum of I_{2^n} with M. In terms of matrices, $I_{2^n} \oplus M$ is simply the block diagonal matrix with blocks I_{2^n} and M, as shown below.

$$I_{2^n} \oplus M = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2^n} & 0\\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad I_2 \oplus X = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0\\ 0 & X \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix for $I_2 \oplus X$, known as a *cnot gate*, is given above. This generalizes the classical conditional statement: if the first bit is in state $|1\rangle$, then apply a not gate to the second bit.

So far, all of the operations discussed are parameter-free. However, quantum algorithms also make use of rotation gates, which are parameterized by an angle of rotation. As the

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name suggests, a rotation gate is defined by its axis-of-rotation. Formally, each axis M is a Hermitian unitary matrix. Then one can define, as a generalization of Euler's formula, the rotation $R_M(\theta)$ as follows.

$$R_M(\theta) = e^{-iM\theta/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-iM\theta/2)^n}{n!} = \cos(-\theta/2)I + i\sin(-\theta/2)M$$

This definition can be extended to k parameters by taking any transformation $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}$. For example, given $f(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \theta_1 + \theta_2$, we can define a two parameter rotation $R_M(f)$ where $R_M(f)(\theta_1, \theta_2) = R_M(f(\theta_1, \theta_2)) = R_M(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$. In this work, we consider the family \mathcal{F} of k-variable rational-linear functions with affine translations by rational multiples of π . That is, the set \mathcal{F} is defined to be $\{f(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + a_2\theta_2 + \cdots + a_k\theta_k + q\pi \mid a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k, q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

The most common rotations in quantum circuits are the *I*-, *X*-, *Y*-, and *Z*-rotations. However, there are many single qubit rotations not of this form. For example, given any coefficients $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, if $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$, the matrix $\alpha X + \beta Y + \gamma Z$ is also a Hermitian unitary matrix. Note that the matrix $R_I(-2\theta)$ is typically referred to as a global phase gate, rather than an *I*-rotation.

Example 3.1 (Real Amplitude Ansatz Circuit). In quantum machine learning, convolutional layers are often implemented using the real amplitude ansatz circuit [1, 5, 28, 34, 52]. This circuit is composed from one or more layers of Z-rotations, each followed by a layer of controlled-not gates. Since Z-rotations do not commute with the targets of controlled-not gates, then these layers can interact in non-trivial ways. The choice of parameter to each Z-rotation is treated as a weight in the quantum machine learning model.

3.3 Composing Quantum Operations

Just like classical operations, quantum operations can also be composed in sequence and in parallel. Of the two, sequential composition is the simplest to describe. Assume that both M and N are operations on an n-qubit quantum system. If N is applied to an n-qubit system $|\psi\rangle$, then the state $N |\psi\rangle$ is obtained. If M is then applied to this intermediate state, then the state $M(N |\psi\rangle)$ is obtained. This is equivalent to applying MN to $|\psi\rangle$. In other words, the sequential composition of quantum operations corresponds to matrix multiplication.

Now let M denote a quantum operation on an m-qubit quantum system and N denote a quantum operation on an n-qubit quantum system. Intuitively, the parallel composition of M and N should act on the first m-qubits by M, and the last n-qubits by N. However, this composition must also respect superposition, through a property known an *bilinearity*. To compute this new operation, the *Kronecker tensor product* is required, which is denoted \otimes and defined as follows for matrices of any dimension.

$c_{1,1}$	$c_{1,2}$	• • •	$c_{1,n}$		$\int c_{1,1}M$	$c_{1,2}M$	•••	$c_{1,n}M$
$c_{2,1}$	$c_{2,2}$		$c_{2,n}$		$c_{2,1}M$	$c_{2,2}M$		$c_{2,n}M$
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$c_{m,1}$	$c_{m,2}$		$c_{m,n}$		$c_{m,1}M$	$c_{m,2}M$	•••	$c_{m,n}M$

It follows that $(M \otimes N)(|\psi\rangle \otimes |\varphi\rangle) = (M |\phi\rangle) \otimes (N |\varphi\rangle)$ as desired.

3.4 Quantum Circuits

Quantum circuits are constructed from primitive gates, under sequential and parallel composition. In this section, we first define what we take to be primitive gates, and then define what it means to be a circuit over this gate set. The distinction between syntax and semantics is



Figure 2 The graphical language for circuits in $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

emphasized. In both cases, we introduce inductive principles which will be used later in this paper. Formally, these circuits correspond to diagrams in a certain PROP category [9], with semantics given functorially [31], though this is only used to prove the inductive principles used throughout the paper, and to establish that our semantics and circuit transformations are well-defined (see Appx. A for more details).

In what follows, C(-) is a function symbol used to denote conditional control. A gate set is a collection of basic gates, closed under conditional control. A basic gate is a complex matrix (e.g. unitary operations, state preparation, post-selection) or parameterized rotation. Formally, we take some set \mathcal{G} of complex matrices and some set \mathcal{H} of Hermitian unitary matrices. The associated gate set, denoted $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is defined inductively as follows.

If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

If $M \in \mathcal{H}$, then $R_M(f) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ for each parameterization $f \in \mathcal{F}$.

If $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and G is unitary, then $C(G) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

We let in(-) and out(-) denote the input and output arities of these gates, which are defined as follows.

If $G \in \mathcal{G}$ is $(2^n) \times (2^m)$, then in(G) = n and out(G) = m.

If $M \in \mathcal{H}$ is $(2^n) \times (2^n)$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$, then $in(R_M(f)) = out(R_M(f)) = n$.

If $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then in(C(G)) = in(G) + 1 and out(C(G)) = out(G) + 1.

We let $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ denote the parameterized semantics of each gate, which are defined as expected. If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta) = G$.

If $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$, then $[R_M(f)](\theta) = \cos(-f(\theta)/2)I + i\sin(-f(\theta)/2)M$.

If $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with G an $(2^n) \times (2^n)$ unitary, then $\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket(\theta) = I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta)$.

Since this gate set is defined inductively, then to prove that every gate satisfies a predicate P, it suffices to use well-founded induction (see Appx. A).

▶ **Proposition 3.2.** Assume that a predicate P on $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies the following.

Base Case (1). $\forall G \in \mathcal{G}, P(G)$.

■ Base Case (2). $\forall M \in \mathcal{H}, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, P(R_M(f)).$

Control Induction. $\forall G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}), G \text{ unitary and } P(G) \text{ implies } P(C(G)).$

Then P(G) holds for each $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

Circuits are then constructed from the elements of $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ through sequential and parallel composition. We let (\circ) denote sequential composition and (//) denote parallel composition, to distinguish between syntactic compositions and their semantic counterparts. Of course, sequential composition requires that the outputs of the first sub-circuit matches the inputs of the second sub-circuit. To handle this, we extend in(-) and out(-) as follows.

 $= in(C_1//C_2) = in(C_1) + in(C_2) \text{ and } out(C_1//C_2) = out(C_1) + out(C_2).$

in
$$(C_2 \circ C_1) = in(C_1)$$
 and $out(C_2 \circ C_1) = out(C_2)$

Then $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, the family of circuits over the gate set $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, is defined inductively as follows where ϵ denotes the *empty* wire with $\operatorname{in}(\epsilon) = \operatorname{out}(\epsilon) = 1$.

If $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $C \in \mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

If $C_1, C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $C_1//C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $in(C_2) = out(C_1)$, then $C_2 \circ C_1 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.



Figure 3 A parameterized equality used to compile controlled rotations.

A graphical language for $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is given in Figure 2. The semantic map $[\![-]\!]$ extends to these circuits as expected: $[\![C_2]/C_1]\!](\theta) = [\![C_2]\!](\theta) \otimes [\![C_1]\!](\theta), [\![C_2 \circ C_1]\!](\theta) = ([\![C_2]\!](\theta))([\![C_1]\!](\theta)),$ and $[\![\epsilon]\!] = I_2$. As with quantum gates, an inductive principle also holds for quantum circuits.

- ▶ **Proposition 3.3.** Assume that a predicate P on $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies the following.
- **Base Case (1).** $P(\epsilon)$.
- **Base Case (2).** $\forall G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}), P(G).$
- **Parallel Induction.** If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $P(C_1)$ and $P(C_2)$, then $P(C_1//C_2)$.
- Sequential Induction. If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $in(C_2) = out(C_1)$ with $P(C_1)$ and $P(C_2)$, then $P(C_2 \circ C_1)$.

Then P(C) holds for each $C \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

4 A Motivating Example: Circuit Compilation

We now discuss the verification of a concrete circuit equation. The example is simple but illustrative of the techniques we will develop in the next section. Consider the equation in Figure 3. A naive approach to establishing this equation is to evaluate the right-hand side to obtain the following operator.

$$(I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(-\theta))(I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(\theta)) = \begin{bmatrix} R_Z(-\theta)R_Z(\theta) & 0\\ 0 & XR_Z(-\theta)XR_Z(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, by further simplification, we obtain the following equations.

$$R_{Z}(-\theta)R_{Z}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2}e^{i\theta/2} & 0\\ 0 & e^{i\theta/2}e^{-i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} \quad XR_{Z}(-\theta)XR_{Z}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2}e^{-i\theta/2} & 0\\ 0 & e^{i\theta/2}e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the identities $e^a e^b = e^{a+b}$ and $e^0 = 1$, it then follows that $XR_Z(-\theta)XR_Z(\theta) = R_Z(2\theta)$ and $R_Z(-\theta)R_Z(\theta) = I$. Consequently,

$$(I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(-\theta))(I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(\theta)) = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0\\ 0 & R_Z(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} = (I \oplus R_Z(2\theta)).$$

This establishes the equation in Figure 3 for all choices of θ . However, this proof depends on the parameterized equations $e^{a+b} = e^a e^b$ and $e^0 = 1$. In general, it is challenging to find a complete set of parameterized relations for a parameterized gate set [36]. Moreover, given an arbitrary set of complete relations, the problem of deciding if two expressions are equivalent is known to be undecidable [39]. For these reasons, we adopt a different approach.

A perhaps surprising result is that all parameterized circuit equalities can be established by checking only a finite number of rotation angles. In other words, if the equality in Figure 3 did not hold, then a counterexample could be found by checking only a fixed number of instances. To do this, we first convert the equality into a family of polynomials, such that the equality holds if and only if all of the polynomials are identically zero. We then find an integer n such that each of the polynomials has degree at most n. Since non-zero polynomials of degree n have at most n roots, then either the polynomial is zero and will evaluate to zero on n + 1 angles, or the polynomial is non-zero and at least one of the n + 1 angles yields a non-zero result.

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To obtain the desired polynomials, we apply the change-of-variable $e^{-i\theta/2} \mapsto z$. Under this change of variable, the following equalities hold.

$$R_{Z}(-\theta)R_{Z}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} z^{-1}z & 0\\ 0 & zz^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = z^{-2} \begin{bmatrix} z^{2} & 0\\ 0 & z^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$XR_{Z}(-\theta)XR_{Z}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} z^{-1}z^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & zz \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z^{-2} & 0\\ 0 & z^{2} \end{bmatrix} = z^{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & z^{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Continuing in this fashion, we can find that each matrix entry on the left-hand side or the right-hand side of Figure 3 has degree at most four. Then the difference between the left-hand side and the right-hand side also has degree at most four. Note that the z^{-2} terms correspond to a removable singularity at z = 0, which does not fall on the complex unit circle, and can be safely ignored. Since degree four polynomials have at most four roots, then it suffices to check the equality in Figure 3 using only 5 angles from $[0, 4\pi)$. For example, consider the five angles $\theta_j = j\pi/2$ for $0 \le j \le 4$. It is easily verified that $(I \oplus R_Z(2\theta_j)) = (I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(-\theta_j))(I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(\theta_j))$ for all $0 \le j \le 4$. Then $f(\theta) = (I \oplus R_Z(2\theta)) - (I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(-\theta))(I \oplus X)(I \otimes R_Z(\theta))$ has at least five roots. Since each entry of $f(\theta)$ has degree at most four, then f is identically zero and Figure 3 must hold. Note that the angles were sampled from $[0, 4\pi)$ since $e^{-i\theta_j/2}$ has period 4π .

While this example was admittedly simplistic, we will see in the next section, that the technique generalizes to all parameterized circuits. In particular, just as in this example, we will see that computing the polynomials is inconsequential. Instead, it will suffice to find an efficient procedure which provides a reason bound on each degree.

5 Equivalence Checking Techniques

In this section, we consider parameterized quantum circuits where all coefficients are from \mathbb{Z} , rather than \mathbb{Q} . We denote these circuits $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. It is first shown that up to a change of variable, these circuits admit semantics as matrices over the ring of Laurent polynomials $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_1^{-1}, \ldots, z_k, z_k^{-1}]$. This is then combined with Thm. 2.1 to establish a cutoff-based equivalence checking theorem for these circuits. Using Thm. 2.2, a probabilistic variant is also obtained. In Sec. 6, we show how these results generalize back to parameterized circuits with rational coefficients.

5.1 Polynomial Semantics

This section shows that, up to a change of variable, each circuit $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ has semantics given by a matrix with entries corresponding to complex Laurent polynomials. Moreover, these polynomials are shown to have degrees bounded by certain sums of the coefficients which appear in the circuit. It follows that the techniques used in Sec. 4 can be generalized to all integral circuits in $Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

As a first step, a new semantic interpretation $[-]_{Poly}$ is provided for $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, which interprets each circuit in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ as a polynomial over $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_1^{-1}, \ldots, z_k, z_k^{-1}]$. Since parameters only appear in trigonometric terms, then a first step is to give Laurent polynomials which abstract the trigonometric terms. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^k$, $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, and $f(\theta) = \alpha_1 \theta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k + q$.

$$\cos\left(-\frac{f(\theta)}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{i(-f(\theta)/2)} + e^{-i(-f(\theta)/2)}}{2} = \frac{e^{-iq/2}}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{k} \left(e^{-i\theta_j/2}\right)^{a_j} + \frac{e^{iq/2}}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{k} \left(e^{i\theta_j/2}\right)^{a_j}$$
$$\sin\left(-\frac{f(\theta)}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{i(-f(\theta)/2)} - e^{-i(-f(\theta)/2)}}{2i} = \frac{e^{-iq/2}}{2i} \prod_{j=1}^{k} \left(e^{-i\theta_j/2}\right)^{a_j} - \frac{e^{iq/2}}{2i} \prod_{j=1}^{k} \left(e^{i\theta_j/2}\right)^{a_j}$$

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By substituting $z_j = e^{-i\theta_j/2}$ for each $j \in [k]$ and letting $c = e^{-iq/2}$, the following Laurent polynomials are obtained.

$$\mathsf{CPoly}(f) = \frac{c}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{k} z_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} + \frac{1}{2c} \prod_{j=1}^{k} z_{j}^{-\alpha_{j}} \qquad \qquad \mathsf{SPoly}(f) = \frac{-ic}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{k} z_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} + \frac{i}{2c} \prod_{j=1}^{k} z_{j}^{-\alpha_{j}}$$

Then the following equations hold by construction.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{CPoly}(f) \left(e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \dots, e^{-i\theta_k/2} \right) &= \frac{e^{-iq/2}}{2} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(e^{-i\theta_j/2} \right)^{a_j} + \frac{e^{iq/2}}{2} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(e^{i\theta_j/2} \right)^{a_j} = \cos\left(-\frac{f(\theta)}{2} \right) \\ \mathsf{SPoly}(f) \left(e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \dots, e^{-i\theta_k/2} \right) &= \frac{e^{-iq/2}}{2i} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(e^{-i\theta_j/2} \right)^{a_j} - \frac{e^{iq/2}}{2i} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(e^{i\theta_j/2} \right)^{a_j} = \sin\left(-\frac{f(\theta)}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Given these polynomials, $[\![-]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ is defined inductively on the gates as follows.

- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then $\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = G$.
- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$, then $[\![R_M(f)]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} = \mathsf{CPoly}(f)I + i \mathsf{SPoly}(f)M$.
- If $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with G an $(2^n) \times (2^n)$ unitary, then $\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}$.

The semantics extend as expected to sequential and parallel composition. This makes precise the change of variable used in Sec. 4.

▶ Definition 5.1 (Polynomial Abstraction). A polynomial abstraction is a function $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ from $Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ to collection of matrices over $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_1^{-1}, \ldots, z_k, z_k^{-1}]$ such that $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k) = \llbracket C \rrbracket_* (e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \ldots, e^{-i\theta_k/2})$ for all $C \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

▶ Theorem 5.2. $\llbracket - \rrbracket_{Poly}$ is a polynomial abstraction.

▶ **Example 5.3** (Polynomial Semantics). The calculations from Sec. 4 can be revisited from the perspective of polynomial semantics. Of course, the circuit in Figure 3 is somewhat uninteresting, since the circuit has only one parameter. Instead, we will consider a new circuit with two parameters ρ_1 and ρ_2 obtained through the substitution $\theta = f(\rho_1, \rho_2)$ where $f(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \rho_1 - 2\rho_2$. The sine and cosine polynomials for f are as follows.

$$\mathsf{CPoly}(f) = \frac{1}{2}z_1 z_2^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}z_1^{-1} z_2^2 \qquad \qquad \mathsf{SPoly}(f) = \frac{-i}{2}z_1 z_2^{-2} + \frac{i}{2}z_1^{-1} z_2^2$$

Then $\operatorname{CPoly}(f) + i \operatorname{SPoly}(f) = z_1 z_2^{-2}$ and $\operatorname{CPoly}(f) - i \operatorname{SPoly}(f) = z_1^{-1} z_2^2$. Let C_1 denote the right-hand side of the equation in Figure 3. To compute $[\![C_1]\!]_{\operatorname{Poly}}$, we start by evaluating each gate. Clearly $[\![C(X)]\!]_{\operatorname{Poly}} = I_2 \oplus X$. Moreover,

$$\begin{split} \llbracket \epsilon / / R_Z(f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} &= I_2 \otimes \llbracket R_Z(f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = I_2 \otimes \begin{bmatrix} z_1 z_2^{-2} & 0 \\ 0 & z_1^{-1} z_2^2 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \llbracket \epsilon / / R_Z(-f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} &= I_2 \otimes \llbracket R_Z(-f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = I_2 \otimes \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{-1} z_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & z_1 z_2^{-2} \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

It follows by calculations similar to those in Sec. 4 that,

$$\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = \llbracket C(X) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \llbracket \epsilon / / R_Z(-f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \llbracket C(X) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \llbracket \epsilon / / R_Z(f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = I_2 \oplus \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{-2} z_2^4 & 0\\ 0 & z_1^2 z_2^{-4} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then $[\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}}(e^{-i\rho_1/2}, e^{-i\rho_2/2}) = I \oplus R_Z(2f(\rho_1, \rho_2)) = [\![C_1]\!](\rho_1, \rho_2)$ as expected.

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To check that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$, it suffices to check symbolically that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}$. However, it is often too computationally expensive to compute the polynomials explicitly. Instead, one could first upper-bound the degree of each polynomial, and then combine these degree bounds with the theorems of Sec. 2.3. It is not hard to see that for each component of $\llbracket R_H(f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}$, its degrees are all bounded by the coefficients of f. This property extends to all circuits in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ by studying their coefficient sequences. Intuitively, the coefficient sequence of a circuit C is a sequence A(C) over \mathbb{Q}^k such that $A(C)_j$ is the list of coefficients for the *j*-th rotation in C. More formally, let $(\mathbb{Q}^k)^*$ denote the set of all finite sequences over \mathbb{Q}^k and (·) denote sequence concatenation. Then A(-) is defined inductively as follows.

If
$$G \in \mathcal{G}$$
, then $A(G) = \epsilon$.

If $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + \dots + a_k\theta_k + q$, then $A(R_M(f)) = ((a_1, \dots, a_k)).$

If
$$G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$$
, then $A(C(G)) = A(G)$.

If $C_1, C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $A(C_1//C_2) = A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2)$.

If $C_1, C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $\operatorname{in}(C_2) = \operatorname{out}(C_1)$, then $A(C_2 \circ C_1) = A(C_2) \cdot A(C_1)$.

Then $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ is precisely the set of circuits in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ such that $A(C) \in (\mathbb{Z}^k)^*$. We define $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ analogously. The following definition generalizes the coefficient bound of the degree of a gate to a coefficient bound on the degree of all circuits.

▶ Definition 5.4 (Coefficient Bounded Semantics). Let $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ be a polynomial abstraction. A circuit $C \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with in(C) = n and out(C) = m is coefficient bounded with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$, denoted $Bnd_*(C)$, if for each $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ with $f = (\llbracket C \rrbracket_*)_{s,t}$,

$$= (B1). \ \deg_{z_j}^+(f) \le \sum_{a \in A(C)} |a_j| \ for \ each \ j \in [k],$$

 $= (B2). \operatorname{deg}_{z_j}^-(f) \leq \sum_{a \in A(C)} |a_j| \text{ for each } j \in [k],$

 $= (B3). \ \deg^+(f) \le \sum_{a \in A(C)} \kappa(a) \ where \ \kappa(a) = \max\{\sum_{j=1}^k a_j^+, \sum_{j=1}^k -a_j^-\}.$

▶ Example 5.5 (Coefficient Bounded Semantics). Recall C_1 from Ex. 5.3. It will be shown that $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C_1)$ holds. First, the coefficient sequence of C_1 must be computed. As illustrated in the previous example, C_1 contains only the rotations: $R_1 = C(R_Z(-\rho_1 + 2\rho_2))$ and $R_2 = C(R_Z(\rho_1 - 2\rho_2))$. The coefficient sequences of these rotations are $\beta = (-1, 2)$ and $\gamma = (1, -2)$ respectively. Then $A(C_2) = A(R_1) \cdot A(R_2) = (\beta) \cdot (\gamma) = (\beta, \gamma)$. Moreover, $\kappa(\beta) = \max\{0+2, 1+0\} = 2$ and $\kappa(\gamma) = \max\{1+0, 0+2\} = 2$. By inspecting the matrices in Ex. 5.3, it is clear that the following bounds hold for all $j \in [2]$ and $s, t \in [4]$.

$$\begin{split} & \deg_{z_j}^+((\llbracket R_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}) \le |\beta_j| \qquad \deg_{z_j}^-((\llbracket R_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}) \le |\beta_j| \qquad \deg_{z_j}^+((\llbracket R_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}) \le \kappa(\beta) \\ & \deg_{z_j}^+((\llbracket R_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}) \le |\gamma_j| \qquad \deg_{z_j}^-((\llbracket R_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}) \le |\gamma_j| \qquad \deg_{z_j}^+((\llbracket R_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}) \le \kappa(\gamma) \end{split}$$

The κ terms can be thought of as adding together the maximum positive degrees of the two terms in each sine or cosine polynomial It turns out that these bounds compose additively under the composition of matrices, motivating properties (B1) through to (B3). In this example $\sum_{\alpha \in A(C_1)} |\alpha_1| = |-1| + |1| = 2$, $\sum_{\alpha \in A(C_1)} |\alpha_2| = |2| + |-2| = 4$, and $\sum_{\alpha \in A(C_1)} \kappa(\alpha) = 2 + 2 = 4$ By inspecting the final matrix in Ex. 5.3, it is clear that the following bounds hold for all $s, t \in [4]$ where $f = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{Poly})_{s,t}$.

$$\deg_{z_1}^+(f) \le 2 \qquad \deg_{z_1}^-(f) \le 2 \qquad \deg_{z_2}^+(f) \le 4 \qquad \deg_{z_2}^-(f) \le 4 \qquad \deg^+(f) \le 4$$

Then C_1 satisfies (B1) through to (B3). Therefore, $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C_1)$ holds

This rationale given in Ex. 5.5 extends to all circuits in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Since primitive gates map to constant matrices, then they trivially satisfy $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$. By construction of $\operatorname{CPoly}(f)$ and $\operatorname{SPoly}(f)$, then rotation matrices also satisfy $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$. It is then easy to show, using Prop. 3.2, that every gate in $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$. With a slightly more careful analysis, it can then be shown that this invariant is closed under sequential and parallel

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Figure 4 Circuits used in Ex. 5.8 and Ex. 5.9 to illustrate the precision of Bnd(-).

composition. Intuitively, both matrix multiplication and the Kronecker tensor product yields sums of products of polynomials, in which each term can be shown to satisfy the degree bounds. Then by Prop. 3.3, every circuit in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ also satisfies $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$. Given these coefficient bounded semantics, the singularity factoring techniques of Sec. 4 can then be applied to obtain Cor. 5.7. All proof details can be found in Appx. B.

▶ Theorem 5.6. If $C \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $Bnd_{Poly}(C)$.

▶ Corollary 5.7. If $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with $in(C_1) = in(C_2) = n$ and $out(C_1) = out(C_2) = m$, then for each pair of indices $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$, there exists a polynomial $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ such that,

- $= (D1). \ \deg_{x_i}(f) \le 2\lambda_j \ for \ each \ j \in [k],$
- $= (D2). \ \deg(f) \le \max\{\sum_{a \in A(C)} \kappa(a) : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j,$

 $(D3). (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket - \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket)_{s,t} (\theta) = 0 \text{ if and only if } f(e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \dots, e^{-i\theta_k/2}) = 0,$ where $\lambda_j = \max\{\sum_{a \in A(C)} |a_j| : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\}$ for each $j \in [k]$.

An interesting observation is that the bounds obtained through Thm. 5.6 were tight in Ex. 5.5. A natural question is whether these bounds are always tight, with respect to the granularity of the abstraction. We answer this question in the positive, by showing that for each coefficient sequence α , there exists a circuit C with $A(C) = \alpha$ such that the corresponding bound is tight. Of course, it is not possible to reconstruct a circuit from its coefficient sequence, so some information must be lost. To this end, we exhibit a family of circuits in Ex. 5.9, each of degree zero, for which arbitrarily large bounds can be obtained. In this example, relations exist between the rotations that depend on the axes-of-rotation and the parameter-free gates in the circuit, both of which are not captured by the coefficient sequence. In particular, both examples rely on the relations $(R_X(\beta))(R_X(\gamma)) = R_X(\beta + \gamma)$ and $Z(R_X(\beta)) = (R_X(-\beta))Z$.

► Example 5.8 (Necessary Bounds). Let α be any sequence over \mathbb{Z}^k with $|\alpha| = n$. For each $j \in [n]$, define a linear function $f_j(\theta) = (\alpha_j)_1 \theta_1 + \dots + (\alpha_j)_k \theta_k$ and a rotation gate $G_j = R_X(f_j)$. Now consider the circuit $C = G_1 / / \dots / / G_n$ (see Figure 4a). It follows that $A(C) = \alpha$. Moreover, $(\llbracket C \rrbracket (\theta))_{0,0} = \prod_{j=1}^n \cos(f_j(\theta)/2)$. With regard to the polynomial semantics, $\llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = 2^{-n} \prod_{a \in \alpha} (\prod_{j=1}^k z_k^{a_j} - \prod_{j=1}^k z_k^{-a_j})$. Clearly $\deg_{x_j}^+((\llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{0,0}) = \sum_{a \in \alpha} |a_j|$ and $\deg_{x_j}^-(g) = \sum_{a \in \alpha} |a_j|$ for each $j \in [k]$. Then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C)$ is tight. Since α was arbitrary, then every coefficient sequence is realizable with tight bounds.

▶ Example 5.9 (Impact of Circuit Relations). Fix k = 1 as the number of parameters and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Consider the circuit $C = R_X(n\theta) \circ Z \circ R_X(n\theta)$, as illustrated in Figure 4b. It follows that $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\theta) = (R_X(n\theta))Z(R_X(n\theta)) = (R_X(n\theta))(R_X(-n\theta))Z = R_X(0)Z = Z$. Since $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\theta)$ is constant, its associated polynomials have degree zero. However, $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(C)$ yields an upper bound of $\sum_{a \in A(C)} |a_1| = |n| + |n| = 2n$, which exceeds the true degree by 2n. Since n was arbitrary, this error can be made arbitrarily large.

5.2 A Cutoff Theorem for Parameterized Equivalence

This section shows that parameterized equivalence checking reduces to parameter-free equivalence checking for quantum circuits (Thm. 5.10). The proof proceeds as follows. First, Cor. 5.7 is used to characterize a family of polynomials which are identically zero if and only if the two circuits are equal. Using Thm. 2.1, a finite set of points $S \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^k$ can be constructed to determine if these polynomials are identically zero. The points in S are in bijection with a set of points on the complex unit circle under the transformation $x \mapsto e^{-ix/2}$. It follows that each polynomial is identically zero if and only if $[C_1](s) = [C_2](s)$ for all points $s \in S$. Note that the polynomials are never explicitly constructed. All proof details are in Appx. C.

▶ Theorem 5.10. Let $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ with $in(C_1) = in(C_2)$ and $out(C_1) = out(C_2)$. If $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_k \subseteq [0, 4\pi)$ such that $|S_j| > 2\lambda_j$ for each $j \in [k]$, then $[\![C_1]\!](\theta) = [\![C_2]\!](\theta)$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$ if and only if $[\![C_1]\!](v) = [\![C_2]\!](v)$ for all $v \in S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_k$.

▶ **Corollary 5.11.** If \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consist of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, then the parameterized equivalence checking problem is decidable for $Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

As k grows large, the utility of Thm. 5.10 decreases. For example, if each λ_j is b, then $|S_1 \times \cdots \times S_k| = (2b+1)^k$. That is, the number of instances grows exponentially with k. However, this exponential growth can be overcome by a probabilistic algorithm. Fix a finite subset S of $[0, 4\pi)^k$ and assume that s is chosen at random from S. If $[\![C_1]\!](s) = [\![C_2]\!](s)$, then conclude that $[\![C_1]\!] = [\![C_2]\!]$, otherwise conclude that $[\![C_2]\!] \neq [\![C_2]\!]$. Clearly, this algorithm has no false negatives, since $[\![C_1]\!](s) \neq [\![C_2]\!](s)$ implies $[\![C_2]\!] \neq [\![C_2]\!]$. A more interesting question is the false positive rate. Note that a false positive occurs when $[\![C_1]\!](s) = [\![C_2]\!](s)$ but $[\![C_1]\!] \neq [\![C_2]\!]$. It is shown in the following theorem that the probability of a false positive decreases with order O(1/|S|), as an application of Thm. 2.2.

▶ **Theorem 5.12.** Let $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with $in(C_1) = in(C_2)$, $out(C_1) = out(C_2)$, and $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \neq \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$. For each finite subset $S \subseteq [0, 4\pi)$, if s_1, \ldots, s_k are sampled at random both independently and uniformly from S, then

 $\Pr(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(s_1, \ldots, s_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(s_1, \ldots, s_k)) \le d/|S|$

where $d = \max\{\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} \kappa(\alpha) : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j$.

6 Extending to Rational Coefficients and Global Phase

The methods presented in Sec. 5 face several limitations. In particular, both Thm. 5.10 and Thm. 5.12 assume that the circuits are integral, and do not allow for equivalence up to global phase. In this section, we show how to extend the techniques of Sec. 5 to handle rational circuits and global phase. We also expand Thm. 5.12 into an algorithm, and consider the problem of angle sampling given a gate set over the universal cyclotomic field.

6.1 Verifying Circuits with Rational Coefficients

Most parameterized quantum circuits have fractional coefficients. For example, the equality in Figure 3 is typically stated with a parameter θ on the left-hand side and the parameters $\pm \theta/2$ on the right-hand side. The circuits in Figure 3 are related to these fractional circuits by the substitution $f(\theta) = \theta/2$. Conceptually, $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$ reparameterizes the circuit, by inducing a bijection between the parameter space of the rational circuits and the parameter space of the integral circuits. This generalizes to all examples (see Appx. D for proofs).

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▶ Lemma 6.1. Let $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. If $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$ is a bijective function, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$.

The goal of this section is to construct a syntactic transformation which eliminates all rational coefficients, which preserving the semantic interpretation via a bijective reparameterization. A syntactic reparameterization is a map $F : \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) \to \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with a bijective function $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\llbracket F(C) \rrbracket = \llbracket C \rrbracket \circ f$. The simplest syntactic reparameterization is a linear rescaling of the parameters in the circuit by a non-zero rational vector. For each vector $v \in (\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\})^k$, define the map $F_v : \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) \to \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ as follows.

- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then $F_v(G) = G$.
- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + a_2\theta_2 + \dots + a_k\theta_k + q$, then $F_v(R_M(f)) = R_M(g)$ where $g(\theta) = (v_1a_1)\theta_1 + (v_2a_2)\theta_2 + \dots + (v_ka_k)\theta_k + q$.
- If $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $F_v(C(G)) = C(F_v(G))$.
- If $C_1, C_2 \in \mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $F_v(C_1//C_2) = F_v(C_1)//F_v(C_2)$.
- If $C_1, C_2 \in \mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $F_v(C_2 \circ C_1) = F_v(C_2) \circ F_v(C_1)$.

▶ **Theorem 6.2.** For each $v \in (\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\})^k$, $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$ defined by $f(\theta) = (v_1\theta_1, v_2\theta_2, \dots, v_k\theta_k)$ is bijective and F_v is syntactic reparameterization with respect to f.

Now assume that C_1 and C_2 are circuits in $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. For the correct choice of v, both $F_v(C_1)$ and $F_v(C_2)$ are elements of $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Intuitively, each v_j must be chosen such that it clears the denominators of all coefficients tied to θ_k in both C_1 and C_2 . Formally, let denom(q) denote the denominator of $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\operatorname{lcm}\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\}$ denote the least common multiple of $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then for each $j \in [k], X_j = \{\operatorname{denom}(\alpha_j) : \alpha \in A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2)\}$ is the set of all denominators of coefficients tied to θ_k in both C_1 and C_2 . Then $v_j = \operatorname{lcm}(X_j)$ for each $j \in [k]$. Let $\operatorname{circLcm}(C_1, C_2)$ denote this vector.

▶ Theorem 6.3. If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $v = circLcm(C_1, C_2)$, then $F_v(C_1) \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $F_v(C_2) \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Moreover, $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket$.

▶ Corollary 6.4. If \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consist of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, then the parameterized equivalence checking problem is decidable for $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

6.2 Verifying Circuits Modulo Global Phase

In Sec. 5 the circuits C_1 and C_2 where defined to be equivalence when $[\![C_1]\!](\theta) = [\![C_2]\!](\theta)$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. For many applications, this notion of equivalence is far too strict. This is because C_1 and C_2 will prepare the same probability distribution provided there exists some function $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $[\![C_2]\!](\theta) = e^{if(\theta)\pi}[\![C_1]\!](\theta)$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. When such a function exists, we say that C_1 and C_2 are equivalent modulo global phase. Of course, verifying the existence of an arbitrary f is infeasible. Prior work has assumed f to be affine linear [23,41,51]. That is, $f(\theta) = \alpha_1 \theta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k + \beta$. In this section we show how to verify the equivalence of C_1 and C_2 modulo affine linear global phase, under the following assumptions.

1. All matrices in \mathcal{H} are defined over the universal cyclotomic field.

2. All matrices in \mathcal{G} are injective and defined over the universal cyclotomic field.

In practice, the second assumption restricts \mathcal{G} to unitary operations and state preparation. Since the universal cyclotomic field is closed under addition and multiplication, then every global phase will be cyclotomic when evaluated at rational multiples of π . In general, α need not be rational, since there exists cyclotomic numers of norm 1 which are not roots of unity. However, the periodicity of $[\![C_1]\!]$ an $[\![C_2]\!]$ ensure that $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}^k$. Using properties of cyclotomic numbers, such as the fact that $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2n}) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ for odd n, it is then possible to solve for α (if it exists). In Appx. E, an algorithm FindPhase(C_1, C_2) is described to compute these coefficients. The injectivity of \mathcal{G} ensures that all coefficients can be isolated (this condition is sufficient but not necessary). In the case where C_1 and C_2 are not equivalent up to global phase, then arbitrary coefficients are returned. Using $f = \text{FindPhase}(C_1, C_2)$, the global phase can be added to C_2 via a global phase gate $R_I(f)$. Then equivalence modulo global phase reduces to exact equivalence as follows.

Theorem 6.5. Assume \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consist of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, with all gates in \mathcal{G} injective. If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $(z, f) = FindPhase(C_1, C_2)$, then C_1 is equivalent to C_2 modulo affine linear global phase if and only if $[\![C_1]\!] = [\![zI \circ R_I(f) \circ C_2]\!]$.

▶ Corollary 6.6. If \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} satisfy assumptions (1-2), then the parameterized equivalence checking problem is decidable modulo affine linear global phase for $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

6.3 A Probabilistic Equivalence Checking Procedure

Imagine applying Thm. 5.12 to a pair of quantum circuits C_1 and C_2 . In practice, an end-user would have some desired upper bound $p \in (0,1]$ on the false positive rate. A simply way to bound the false positive rate is to require that $d/|S| \leq p$, meaning that $d/p \leq |S|$. Since d/pis positive and |S| is a natural number, then the minimum value of |S| which satisfies this inequality is $N = \lfloor d/p \rfloor$. Using this optimal solution, the following algorithm is obtained.

1. Compute $d = \max\{\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} \kappa(\alpha) : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j$. 2. Select a set $S \subseteq [0, 4\pi)$ such that $|S| = \lceil d/p \rceil$.

3. Sample s_1, \ldots, s_k at random both independently and uniformly from S.

4. Determine if $[\![C_1]\!](s_1, \ldots, s_k) = [\![C_2]\!](s_1, \ldots, s_k)$.

The most crucial step of this algorithm is the second step. First, the choice of S must ensure that the values of $\sin(-)$ and $\cos(-)$ are exact. As outlined in Sec. 2.2, the simplest way to do this is to sample S from $[0, 4\pi) \cap \mathbb{Q}\pi$ for with for which $\sin(-)$ and $\cos(-)$ must evaluate to cyclotomic numbers. This method is particularly effective when \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consists purely of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, in which case all computation can be carried out over the universal cyclotomic field.

Now, consider the elements of $\sin(S)$ and $\cos(S)$. For each $(j/n)\pi$ in S, the elements $\sin(j/n)$ and $\cos(j/n)$ will be elements of $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_n]$. Likewise, if ℓ is the least common denominator of all fractions in S, then $S \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_{\ell}]$. In the worst case, $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_{\ell}]$ will be an ℓ -dimensional vector space. This means that the cost of addition will grow at least linearly with ℓ , and the cost of multiplication will grow at least quadratically with ℓ .

▶ Theorem 6.7. If $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $S \subseteq [0, k) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and b = |S|, then $\operatorname{lcm}\{\operatorname{denom}(s) : s \in S\} \ge \lceil b/k \rceil$.

Let M be the smallest multiple of 4 which is greater than or equal to N. It follows from Thm. 6.7 that $S = \{0, (1/M)4\pi, (2/M)4\pi, \dots, ((M-1)/M)4\pi\}$ minimizes ℓ . This set is also easy to compute, and is therefore taken to be the definition of S.

7 Related Work

In the introduction, we discussed the cutoff-based techniques [35], which subsumes prior work such as [25]. In this section, we compare to other approaches.

Circuit Rewriting. It was highlighted in Ex. 5.9 that circuit rewriting intersects with parameterized equivalence checking. In [41], an incomplete equational theory is given for a family of parameterized circuits, which is shown to be effective for equivalence checking. In [47], a complete set of relations are derived, under the assumption that each parameter

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appears exactly once in the circuit. Relations which hold for abstract gate sets, such as $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, have yet to be explored.

Symbolic Techniques. In [51], symbolic techniques are used to determine parameterized equivalence. Particularly, trigonometric relations, together with the Pythagorean relation $\cos(\theta)^2 + \sin(\theta)^2 = 1$, are used to reduce equivalence checking to a family of equations over the theory of non-linear real arithmetic. This is then solved using the Z3 [14] solver as a black box. However, the decision problem for non-linear real arithmetic is known to be double-exponential in the number of variables [10, 26], whereas our approach is exponential in the number of variables.

Probabilistic Techniques. In [50], Thm. 2.2 was used to determine the equivalence of parameterized quantum circuits. However, our technique yields Laurent polynomials rather than ordinary polynomials, which we do not compute explicitly. In [41], Peham et al. show that if v is sampled uniformly at random from $[0, 4\pi)^k$, then $\Pr(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(v) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(v)) = 0$ given $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \neq \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$. However, sampling v from a uniform continuous distribution is impossible on a digital computer, which can only represent a countable and non-enumerable subset of real numbers [46]. In Peham et al., floating-point is used, and presumably, the error is assumed to be uniform as well. In our work, all computation is exact, and therefore, such assumptions do not apply. Since there does not exist a uniform distribution for countable sets, we instead sample uniformly from a finite subset of $[0, 4\pi)$, in which case Thm. 2.2 applies, rather than the analytic results of Peham et al.

8 Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper, we considered the problem of parameterized equivalence checking for quantum circuits. We show that the parameterized problem can be reduced to finitely many instances of the parameter-free problem, regardless of the gate set or axes of rotation. Consequently, the problem is decidable in the case of gate sets defined over the universal cyclotomic field. Moreover, we show that when the number of instances becomes intractable large, there exists a probabilistic variation of the algorithm where the probability of being incorrect can be made arbitrarily small. We have outlined how the techniques can be implemented in practice, taking into account rational coefficients, global phase, and angle sampling.

In future work, we would like to explore how these decision procedures can be implemented efficiently using circuit rewriting and sparse matrix representations. In particular, we would like to explore angle sampling and circuit evaluation using ZX-diagrams [40], tensor decision-diagrams [53], and model-counting [33], which have all proven effective in parameter-free equivalence checking. We would also like to explore how rewriting-based techniques and symmetry reductions might help to tighten the cutoffs obtained from Bnd(-). For example, the bound obtained in Ex. 5.9 could be reduced to zero by viewing each relation as a rewriting rule, and then searching for a derivation which reduces the bound.

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A Categorical Foundations for Syntax and Semantics

This section introduces the category theory necessary to understand why the syntax and semantics of Sec. 3, the abstractions of Sec. 5, and the syntactic transformations of Sec. 6.1 are all well-defined. First, the syntax for $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is formally defined and the inductive principles are established. Second, categories are introduced as a mathematical framework for modeling the semantics of typed operations with sequential composition. Third, premonoidal categories are introduced to model the composition of concurrent processes. It is shown that all of the structures studied in this paper are premonoidal categories, and that all of the transformations studied are free premonoidal functors. Finally, monoidal categories are introduced to model parallel composition in circuits. It is shown that the semantics and syntactic transformations respect the monoidal structure as well, whereas the coefficient sequences do not.

A.1 Syntax and Structural Induction

Universal algebra is the field of mathematics which studies mathematical objects constructed from free variables, function symbols, and constant symbols. We use the theory of universal algebra to formally define our syntactic structures and their various interpretations. We begin with a review of many-sorted universal algebras as described in [8]. We then use this framework to define the set of all gates and the set of well-formed valid circuits.

Let S be a finite set whose elements are referred to as *sorts*. An *S*-signature is defined by the following data.

- A set Σ whose elements are called *function symbols*.
- A function dom : $\Sigma \to S^*$ called the *domain function*.
- A function $cod : \Sigma \to S$ called the *codomain function*.

Each S-signature Σ defines a language of *(ground) terms*, denoted $T(\Sigma)$. Since Σ is manysorted, it is necessary to first define the ground terms of each sort $s \in S$, denoted $T(\Sigma, s)$. Formally, for each function symbol $f \in \Sigma$ with domain $d = \operatorname{dom}(f)$ and arity n = |d|, and for all terms $t_1 \in T(\Sigma, d_1), \ldots, t_n \in T(\Sigma, d_n)$, there is a term $f(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \in T(\Sigma, \operatorname{cod}(f))$. The base cases for this definition are the constant terms, that is, the function symbols $f \in \Sigma$ such that $|\operatorname{dom}(f)| = 0$. It can be shown that the ground terms of sort $s \in S$ are always well-defined (and can be obtained by computing a least fixed point). The set of all ground terms is defined to be $T(\Sigma) = \bigcup_{s \in S} T(\Sigma, s)$.

An interpretation of an S-signature is an assignment of sets to each sort, an assignment of values to each constant term, an an assignment of functions to each function symbol. Formally, let Σ be an S-signature. An S-interpretation of Σ consists of the following data.

- For each $s \in S$, a set X_s whose elements are called *values of sort s*.
- For each $f \in \Sigma$ with $|\mathsf{dom}(f)| = 0$ and $s = \mathsf{cod}(f)$, a choice of $v(f) \in X_s$.
- For each $f \in \Sigma$ with d = dom(f), s = cod(f), and n = |d|, a choice of function $v(f): X_{d_1} \times \cdots \times X_{d_n} \to X_s$.

Each S-interpretation of Σ defines a unique function $v: T(\Sigma) \to \bigcup_{s \in S} X_s$ which satisfies the equation $v(f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)) = v(f)(v(t_1), \ldots, v(t_n)).$

The syntax used in this paper is easily expressible through universal algebra. This construction is desirable, since the various functions defined on the gate set are merely interpretations. For the signature of gate terms, there are four types, denoted {UMat, NMat, Herm, Poly}. The sorts UMat and NMat are used to distinguish the unitary operators from the non-unitary operators. To this end, we partition \mathcal{G} into $\mathcal{G}_U \cup \mathcal{G}_N$ where, $\mathcal{G}_U = \{M \in \mathcal{G} : MM^{\dagger} = M^{\dagger}M = I\}$. The sorts Herm and Poly distinguish the elements of \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{F} when constructing a rotation. Moreover, the function symbols in the gate signature are $\Sigma_G = \{C, \mathsf{Rot}\} \cup \mathcal{G} \cup \mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{F}$ with domains and codomains as follows.

- $C: \mathsf{UMat} \to \mathsf{UMat} \text{ and } \mathsf{Rot}: \mathsf{Herm} \times \mathsf{Poly} \to \mathsf{UMat}.$
- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then dom(G) = () and cod(G) = UMat.
- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$, then dom(M) = () and cod(M) = Herm.
- If $p \in \mathcal{F}$, then dom(p) = () and cod(p) = Poly.

Then $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) = T(\Sigma_G, \mathsf{UMat}) \cup T(\Sigma_G, \mathsf{NMat})$. The functions $\mathsf{in}(-)$ and $\mathsf{out}(-)$ are then interpretations of Σ_G . This is illustrated for $\mathsf{in}(-)$.

- For each sort $s \in S$, the values of s are \mathbb{N} .
- $v(C) = (n \mapsto n+1)$ and $v(\mathsf{Rot}) = ((n,m) \mapsto n)$.
- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$ is a $(2^n) \times (2^m)$ matrix, then v(G) = n.
- If $M \in \mathcal{G}$ is a $(2^n) \times (2^n)$ matrix, then v(M) = n.
- If $p \in \mathcal{F}$, then v(p) = 0.

This coincides with the definition given in Sec. 3.

In the circuit signature, there will be a single sort, denoted Circ. Note that this sorting ignores the number of input wires and output wires on each gate. We will think of the number of input and output wires as a type associated with each term, once the circuit terms has been constructed. In the circuit signature, the function symbols are $\Sigma_C = \{(\circ), (//), \epsilon\} \cup \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with the following arities.

■ (•) : Circ × Circ → Circ and (//) : Circ × Circ → Circ.

- **dom**(ϵ) = () and **cod**(ϵ) = **Circ** where ϵ represents an empty wire.
- If $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then dom(G) = () and cod(G) =Circ.

Note that not every term in $T(\Sigma)$ is a well-formed circuit. This is because the sorting does not account for the number of input and output wires. While it is possible to define an (infinite) sorting which captures well-formed circuits, this would require infinitely many (\circ) and (//) associated with each valid typing. Instead, we associate a type (n, m) to each valid circuit $C \in T(\Sigma)$ indicating in(C) = n and out(C) = m, and the symbol \perp to each invalid circuit. Indeed, this is also an interpretation of $T(\Sigma)$. The interpretation is defined as follows. For each $s \in S$, the values of s are $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \cup \{\bot\}$.

$$v(\circ)(x,y) = \begin{cases} \bot & \text{if } x = \bot \text{ or } y = \bot \\ \bot & \text{if } y_2 \neq x_1 \\ (y_1,x_2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$v(//)(x,y) = \begin{cases} \bot & \text{if } x = \bot \text{ or } y = \bot \\ (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$v(\epsilon) = (1,1).$$

$$\text{If } G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H}), \text{ then } v(G) = (\text{in}(G), \text{out}(G)). \end{cases}$$

This defines a unique interpretation type : $T(\Sigma) \to (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \cup \{\bot\}$. Then the well-formed circuits are $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) = \{C \in T(\Sigma) : \operatorname{type}(C) \neq \bot\}$. Moreover, $\operatorname{in}(C) = \operatorname{type}(C)_1$ and $\operatorname{out}(C) = \operatorname{type}(C)_2$. It is straight-forward to check that $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is closed under parallel and well-formed sequential composition.

It is now possible to establish the inductive theorems for the gate algebra and the circuit algebra. Both theorems follow from the principle of well-founded induction [8]. First, a *well quasi-ordering* on a set X is a relation $(\succeq) \subseteq X \times X$ subject to the following conditions.

- **Reflexivity**. If $x \in X$, then $x \succeq x$.
- **Transitivity**. If $x \succeq y$ and $y \succeq z$, then $x \succeq z$.
- **Well-Founded**. There does not exist an infinite chain $x_1 \succ x_2 \succ x_3 \succ \cdots$ where $x \succ y$ denotes $x \succeq y$ and $x \neq y$.

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If (\succeq) is well-founded, then the principle of well-founded induction states that a predicate P(-) holds for all elements of X if and only if,

$$\forall x \in X, (\forall y \in X, x \succ y \implies P(y)) \implies P(x).$$

It can be shown that the inductive nature of $T(\Sigma_G)$ and $T(\Sigma_C)$ yields quasi well-orderings on their terms. In the case of $T(\Sigma_G)$, the proof of Prop. 3.2 follows almost immediately. In the case of $T(\Sigma_C)$, some care is needed to show that this well quasi-ordering interacts well with type(-). Once this is established, the proof of Prop. 3.3 also follows immediately.

Given an S-signature Σ , the quasi well-ordering \succeq_{Σ} is constructed as follows. First, define $R = \{(t, t_j) \in T(\Sigma) \times T(\Sigma) : t = f(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \land j \in [n]\}$. This relation associates each term in $T(\Sigma)$ with its top-level sub-terms. However, this relation is neither transitive nor reflextive. This can be fixed by taking the transitive symmetric closure of R, Formally, $(\succeq_{\Sigma}) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} R^n$, where R^0 is the identity relation. Then (\succeq_{Σ}) is manifestly reflextive and transitive. It remains to be shown that (\succeq_{Σ}) is well-founded. Recall that the least fixed point for $T(\Sigma)$ can be defined as $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n(\Sigma)$, where $T_n(\Sigma)$ is the set of terms obtained after n iterations. Then there exists a function $\mathsf{lv} : T(\Sigma) \to \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $\mathsf{lv}(t)$ is the least n such that $t \in T_n(\Sigma)$. Clearly, if $t \succ_{\Sigma} t'$, then $\mathsf{lv}(t) > \mathsf{lv}(t')$. If there did exist an infinite descending chain $\mathsf{lv}(x_1) > \mathsf{lv}(x_2) > \mathsf{lv}(x_3) > \cdots$ in \mathbb{N} . However, (>) is well-founded, so this is a contradiction. This means that (\succ_{Σ}) is well-founded.

▶ **Proposition 3.2.** Assume that a predicate P on $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies the following.

- Base Case (1). $\forall G \in \mathcal{G}, P(G)$.
- Base Case (2). $\forall M \in \mathcal{H}, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, P(R_M(f)).$
- **Control Induction.** $\forall G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}), G \text{ unitary and } P(G) \text{ implies } P(C(G)).$

Then P(G) holds for each $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

Proof. Since $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) \subseteq T(\Sigma_G)$, then (\succeq) restricts to $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Clearly, this preserves reflexivity, transitivity, and well-foundedness. Then the proof proceeds by well-founded induction. Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that for all $H \in \Sigma(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$, if $G \succeq H$, then P(H) holds. There are three cases to consider.

- **1.** Assume that $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Then P(G) holds by **Base Case (1)**.
- 2. Assume that $G = \operatorname{Rot}(M, f)$ for some $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$. Then P(G) holds by Base Case (2).
- **3.** Assume that G = C(H) for some $H \in T(\Sigma, \mathsf{UMat})$. Then $G \succ H$ by the definition of (\succ) . Since $T(\Sigma, \mathsf{UMat}) \subseteq \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then P(H) holds by the inductive hypothesis. Then P(G) holds by **Control Induction**.

In each case, P(G) holds. These cases exhaust all function symbols in Σ_G except for those of type Herm and Poly. However, the terms of type Herm and Poly are omitted in $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Then the cases are exhaustive, and P(G) holds. Since G was arbitrary, then by well-founded induction, P(G) holds for each $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

▶ Lemma A.1. Let $C_1 \in T(\Sigma_C)$ and $C_2 \in T(\Sigma_C)$. If either $C_2 \circ C_1 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ or $C_1//C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $C_1 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

Proof. Let $C_1 \in T(\Sigma_C)$ and $C_2 \in T(\Sigma_C)$. There are two cases to consider.

1. Assume that $C_2 \circ C_1 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Then $\text{type}(C_2 \circ C_1) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ by definition. Then there exists $x \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and $y \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{type}(C_2) = x$, $\text{type}(C_1) = y$, and $x_1 = y_2$. Then $\text{type}(C_1) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and $\text{type}(C_2) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.

2. Assume that $C_1//C_2 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Then $\text{type}(C_2//C_1) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ by definition. Then $\text{type}(C_1) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and $\text{type}(C_2) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ by definition.

In either case, $\mathsf{type}(C_1) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathsf{type}(C_2) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$. It follows by definition that $C_1 \in \mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

▶ **Proposition 3.3.** Assume that a predicate P on $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies the following.

- **Base Case (1).** $P(\epsilon)$.
- **Base Case (2).** $\forall G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}), P(G).$
- **Parallel Induction.** If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $P(C_1)$ and $P(C_2)$, then $P(C_1//C_2)$.
- **Sequential Induction.** If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $in(C_2) = out(C_1)$ with $P(C_1)$ and $P(C_2)$, then $P(C_2 \circ C_1)$.

Then P(C) holds for each $C \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

Proof. Since $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) \subseteq T(\Sigma_C)$, then (\succeq) restricts to $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Clearly, this preserves reflexivity, transitivity, and well-foundedness. Then the proof proceeds by well-founded induction. Let $C \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that for each circuit $C' \in \Sigma(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$, if $C \succeq C'$, then P(C') holds. There are four cases to consider.

- 1. Assume $C = \epsilon$. Then P(G) holds by **Base Case (1)**.
- **2.** Assume $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Then P(G) holds by **Base Case (2)**.
- **3.** Assume $C = C_2 \circ C_1$ for some $C_1 \in T(\Sigma_C)$ and $C_2 \in T(\Sigma_C)$. It follows that $C_1 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ by Lemma A.1. Moreover, $C \succ C_1$ and $C \succ C_2$ by the definition of (\succ) . Then $P(C_1)$ and $P(C_2)$ hold by the inductive hypothesis. Then P(C) holds by **Sequential Induction**.
- 4. Assume $C = C_1//C_2$ for some $C_1 \in T(\Sigma_C)$ and $C_2 \in T(\Sigma_C)$. It follows by a symmetric argument that P(C) holds, in which **Sequential Induction** is replaced by **Parallel Induction**.

These cases exhaust all of the function symbols in Σ_C . Then P(C) holds. Since C was arbitrary, then by well-founded induction, P(C) holds for each $C \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

The remaining subsections will address the semantics of $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. In particular, premonoidal semantics and monoidal semantics will be given for $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. These should be understood as interpretations of $T(\Sigma_C)$ restricted to $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

A.2 Categories and Sequential Composition

A (small) category C describes a set of typed operations under sequential composition. Formally, a *category* is defined by the following data [30].

- A set \mathcal{C}_0 of types.
- For each pair of types $(X, Y) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, a collection of operations $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$. For each operation $f \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, we write $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$.
- For each triple of types $(X, Y, Z) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, a sequential composition function $\circ : \mathcal{C}(Y, Z) \times \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \to \mathcal{C}(X, Z).$

For each type $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$, a trivial operation $1_X \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$.

As in a monoid, composition should be associative and the trivial operations should be identity elements. Then C is subject to the following conditions [30].

- If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \xrightarrow{h} W$, then $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$.
- If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$, then $1_Y \circ f = f = f \circ 1_X$.

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▶ **Example A.2** (Monoids Are Categories). This example shows that every monoid defines a one-type category. Let M be a monoid with identity e.. Then define a category BM such that $(BM)_0 = \{\star\}$ and $(BM)(\star,\star) = M$. In this category, if $\star \xrightarrow{x} \star \xrightarrow{y} \star$, then $y \circ x := yx$. Clearly, (\circ) is associative and has a trivial operation given by $1_{\star} := e$. In particular, $B(\mathbb{Q}^k)^*$ is a category.

▶ Example A.3 (Matrices Form Categories). Complex matrices form a category FHilb. The types in this category are natural numbers, corresponding to the dimensions of complex vector spaces. That is, FHilb₀ = \mathbb{N} . The operations in this category are complex matrices. More concretely, if $(n,m) \in \text{FHilb}_0 \times \text{FHilb}_0$, then FHilb(n,m) corresponds to the set of $m \times n$ matrices. In this category, if $x \xrightarrow{M} y \xrightarrow{N} z$, then $N \circ M := NM$. Clearly, (\circ) is associative, with trivial operation for $n \in \text{FHilb}_0$ given by the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

▶ Example A.4 (Circuits Form Categories). Circuits over a gate set form a category \mathcal{C} . Let Σ_0 be a set of types and Σ_1 be a set of gates, such that each gate $G \in \Sigma_1$ has input type $\operatorname{in}(G)$ and output type $\operatorname{out}(G)$. The types in the category correspond to the possible wire types. That is, $\mathcal{C}_0 = \Sigma_0$. The identities in this category are given by circuits without any gates. That is, for each type $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$, the identity operation $X \xrightarrow{1_X} X$ is a wire of type X without any gates. For each gate $G \in \Sigma_1$, G is a singleton circuit $G \in \mathcal{C}(\operatorname{in}(G), \operatorname{out}(G))$. Composition in \mathcal{C} corresponds to sequential circuit composition. This is clearly unital and associative. In the case of $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}), \Sigma_0 = \mathbb{N}$ and $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

A functor is a structure-preserving mapping between categories. Formally, if \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are categories, then a *functor* $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ from a category \mathcal{C} to a category \mathcal{D} consists of the following data [30].

- A translation of types $F_0 : \mathcal{C}_0 \to \mathcal{D}_0$.
- For each pair of types $(X, Y) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, a translation from the type $X \to Y$ to the type $F_0(X) \to F_0(Y)$ via a family of maps $F_{X,Y} : \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \to \mathcal{D}(F_0(X), F_0(Y))$.

This data is subject to the following conditions [30].

- If $X \in C_0$, then $F_{X,X}(1_X) = 1_{F_0(X)}$.
- If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$, then $F_{X,Z}(g \circ f) = F_{Y,Z}(g) \circ F_{X,Y}(f)$.

The functors of interest in this paper preserve both sequential composition and parallel composition. This is explored in the next subsection.

A.3 Premonoidal Categories and Parallel Composition

In parallel computation, it is possible to run operations both sequentially and in parallel. Let $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $X' \xrightarrow{g} Y'$ be two processes running in parallel. Then $(Y//g) \circ (f//X')$ would denote a serialization of the trace where f executes before g, and $(f//Y') \circ (X//g)$ would denote a serialization of the trace where g executes before f. If f and g share memory, for example, then it may be the case that $(Y//g) \circ (f//X') \neq (f//Y') \circ (X//g)$. Such operations are described by premonoidal categories [42]. Formally, a premonoidal category C is a category C with the following data [13].

A trivial type $\mathbb{I} \in \mathcal{C}_0$.

For each type $X \in C_0$, a functor X//(-) which executes operations on the right process. For each type $Y \in C_0$, a functor (-)//Y which executes operations on the left process. This data is subject to the following conditions [13].

- 1. If $(X, Y) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, then X//(Y) = (X)//Y, which we denote X//Y.
- 2. If $(X, Y, Z) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, then (X//Y)//Z = X//(Y//Z).

- **3.** If $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$, then $\mathbb{I}//X = X = X//\mathbb{I}$.
- 4. If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$, then $\mathbb{I}//f = f = f//\mathbb{I}$.
- 5. If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $(Z, W) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, then X//(Y//f) = (X//Y)//f.
- **6.** If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $(Z, W) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, then (f//X)//Y = f//(X//Y).
- 7. If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $(Z, W) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0$, then (X//f)//Y = X//(f//Y).

Properties (1–3) ensure that (//) defines a monoid on the types in C_0 , with I the unit. This means that even if $(Y//g) \circ (f//X') \neq (f//Y') \circ (X//g)$, the input and output types will be the same regardless of the serialization of the trace. Properties (4–7) state that there exists a unique way to execute an operation f between an idle process of type Z and an idle process of type Y.

▶ **Example A.5** (Monoids Are Premonoidal). Recall the category BM from Ex. A.2. This category is trivially premonoidal. Since $(BM)_0 = \{\star\}$, then a premonoidal structure on BM is defined by the following data: a type $\mathbb{I} \in C_0$; a functor $\star//(-)$; a functor $(-)//\star$. Clearly $\mathbb{I} = \star$ since $(BM)_0 = \{\star\}$. Then $\star//(-)$ and $(-)//\star$ must act trivially by (3) and (4). These trivial acts trivially satisfy (1–2) and (5–7). Then BM is a premonoidal category with only trivial composition in the parallel direction.

▶ Example A.6 (FHilb is a Premonoidal Category). Recall the category FHilb form Ex. A.3. For each $n \in \mathbf{FHilb}_0$, define $n \otimes (-)$ to be the functor which map each type x to nx and each matrix $x \xrightarrow{M} y$ to $nx \xrightarrow{I_n \otimes M} ny$. Likewise, for each $n \in \mathbf{FHilb}_0$, define $(-) \otimes n$ to be the functor which map each type x to xn and each matrix $x \xrightarrow{M} y$ to $xn \xrightarrow{M \otimes I_n} yn$. Then $n \otimes (-)$ and $(-) \otimes m$ define a premonoidal structure on FHilb with respect to the trivial type $\mathbb{I} = 1$. It is shown in [48] that the functions which map parameters in \mathbb{R}^k to operations in FHilb also form a premonoidal category. We denote this category Param(\mathbb{R}^k , FHilb).

Example A.7 (Circuits Form Premonoidal Categories). Recall from Ex. A.4 that circuits over a gate set form a category \mathcal{C} . For the purpose of this discussion, (\otimes) will be used to denote the premnoidal product, and (//) will be used to denote parallel wire composition. For each $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$, define $X \otimes (-)$ to be the functor which maps each type Y to type X//Yand each circuit $Y \xrightarrow{C} Z$ to $1_X//C$. Likewise, for each $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$ define $(-) \otimes X$ to be the functor which maps each type Y to Y/X and each circuit $Y \xrightarrow{C} Z$ to $C//1_X$. That is, $X \otimes (-)$ acts on circuits by introducing empty wires of type X above the circuit, and $(-) \otimes X$ acts on circuits by introducing empty wires of type X below the circuit. Since the order the wires are introduced is inconsequential, then properties (1-2) and (5-7) are satisfied. To satisfy (3-4), a trivial type I must be selected such that parallel composition with I is the same as doing nothing. The only circuit with this property is the empty circuit, so $1_{\mathbb{T}}$ must be the empty circuit, and I must be the corresponding type. For example, I = 0 in $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$. Note that $\operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ also allows for terms of the form $C_1//C_2$, where neither C_1 nor C_2 is the identity. By convention, we associate the term $C_1//C_2$ with the semantic value $(C_1/m) \circ (n/C_2)$, where in $(C_1) = n$ and $out(C_2) = m$. It will be shown in the next subsection why this convention is reasonable. 4

A premonoidal functor is a structure-preserving map between premonoidal category. Formally, if \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are premonoidal categories, the a *premonoidal functor* $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ is a functor from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} satisfying the following properties. $F_0(\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{C}}) = \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{D}}.$

If $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and $Y \xrightarrow{f} Z$, then $F_{X//Y,X//Z}(X//f) = F_0(X)//F_{Y,Z}(f)$.

If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $Z \in \mathcal{C}_0$, then $F_{X//Z,Y//Z}(f//Z) = F_{X,Y}(f)//F_0(Z)$.

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It will be shown in the next subsection that $[-], A(-), and F_v(-)$ are all premonoidal functors. It will follow that these maps are well-defined.

A.4 Constructing Premonoidal Functors with Monoidal Signatures

An important construction in category theory is the free premonoidal category. These are the categories out of which it is easy to define premonoidal functors. It must first be shown that every premonoidal category has an underlying monoidal signature Σ . It will then be shown that every monoidal signature Σ generates a premonoidal category Σ^* such that every structure-preserving map out of Σ defines a unique premonoidal functor out of Σ^* . This subsection follows [13].

A monoidal signature is a pair of sets Σ_0 and Σ_1 equipped with a pair of functions $s: \Sigma_0 \to (\Sigma_1)^*$ and $t: \Sigma_0 \to (\Sigma_1)^*$. Intuitively, Σ_0 is the set of types in the category, and Σ_1 is the set of operations in the category. The functions s and t pick out the input type and output type of each operation. Since the category is premonoidal, then s and t map into $(\Sigma_1)^*$ as opposed to Σ_1 . Given two monoidal signatures Σ and Π , a structure-preserving transformation $\gamma: \Sigma \to \Pi$ is a pair of functions $\gamma_0: \Sigma_0 \to (\Pi_0)^*$ and $\gamma_1: \Sigma_1 \to \Pi_1$ such that $s \circ \gamma_1 = \gamma_0^* \circ s$ and $t \circ \gamma_1 = \gamma_0^* \circ t$. That is, γ respects sources and targets.

Every (small) premonoidal category \mathcal{C} has an underlying monoidal signature $U(\mathcal{C})$ defined as follows. The set of types in \mathcal{C} is \mathcal{C}_0 , so $U(\mathcal{C})_0 = \mathcal{C}_0$. Then set of all operations in \mathcal{C} is the disjoint union $U(\mathcal{C})_1 = \bigsqcup_{(X,Y) \in \mathcal{C}_0 \times \mathcal{C}_0} \mathcal{C}(X,Y)$. Then for each $f \in \mathcal{C}_1$, define s(f) = X and t(f) = Y where (X,Y) is the unique element in $\mathcal{C}^0 \times \mathcal{C}^0$ such that $f \in \mathcal{C}(X,Y)$. Moreover, if $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ is a premonoidal functor, then $U(F) : U(\mathcal{C}) \to U(\mathcal{D})$ is the structure-preserving map induced by the components of F.

Given a monoidal signature Σ , the free premonoidal category generated by Σ is a premonoidal category \mathcal{C} with a structure preserving inclusion $\iota : \Sigma \hookrightarrow U(\mathcal{C})$ such that for each premonoidal category \mathcal{D} and each structure-preserving map $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(\mathcal{D})$, there exists a unique premonoidal functor $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ satisfying $U(F) \circ \iota = \gamma$. In practice, this means that any structure preserving map out of Σ defines a unique premonoidal functor out of \mathcal{C} such that F agrees with γ when evaluated on the generating types and operations. It can be shown that \mathcal{C} is unique up to isomorphism, so we write $\Sigma^{\mathbf{Pre}(*)}$ for the premonoidal category generated by Σ . Then, without loss of generality, $(\Sigma^{\mathsf{Pre}(*)})_0 = (\Sigma_0)^*$ and $F_0 = \gamma_0^*$. The evaluation of F on operations then follows inductively from the structure of a premonoidal category, starting from the operations in Σ_1 . The construction is tedious, and all details can be found in [13].

► Example A.8 (Circuits and Free Premonoidal Categories). In Ex. A.7, it was shown that $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is a premonoidal category. Moreover, $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is the quotient of a free premonoidal category (this quotient is described in the next subsection). The monoidal signature Σ used to generate this category is defined as follows.

- $\Sigma_0 = \{\bullet\}, \text{ since } \mathbb{N} \cong \{\bullet\}^*.$
- $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, since the gates in $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ are generating operations.

■ $s, t: \Sigma_1 \to (\Sigma_0)^*$ correspond to in(-) and out(-) respectively.

In the premonoidal case, parallel induction is restricted so that if $C \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then both $C//1_n$ and $1_n//C$ are in $\text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Intuitively, premonoidal categories represent circuits as sequences of gates applied to subsets of adjacent wires, as opposed to directed acyclic graphs.

Example A.9 (Semantic Interpretations). Let Σ denote the monoidal signature defined in Ex. A.8. The semantic interpretation map [-] can be defined as the free (pre)monoidal

functor induced by some $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(\mathbf{Param}(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{FHilb}))$. The first component of γ is $\gamma_0(\bullet) = 2$, since the state of a qubit is a 2-dimensional vector space. The second component of γ is defined to be the following interpretation of $T(\Sigma_G)$

- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then v(G) = f where $f(\theta) = G$.
- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$, then v(M) = M.
- If $p \in \mathcal{F}$, then v(p) = p.
- $v(C) = (f \mapsto (\theta \mapsto I \oplus f(\theta))).$
- $v(\mathsf{Rot}) = ((M, p) \mapsto (\theta \mapsto \cos(f(\theta))I + i\sin(f(\theta))M)).$

Then γ defines a unique premonoidal functor denoted by [-].

▶ Example A.10 (Polynomial Semantics). Let Σ denote the monoidal signature defined in Ex. A.8. The polynomial semantics $[-]_{Poly}$ can be defined as the free premonoidal functor induced by some $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(PolyMat)$. The first component of γ is $\gamma_0(\bullet) = 2$, since the polynomial semantics are meant to abstract the concrete semantics. The second component of γ is defined to be the following interpretation of $T(\Sigma_G)$.

- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then v(G) = G.
- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$, then v(M) = M.
- If $p \in \mathcal{F}$, then v(p) = p.
- $v(C) = (M \mapsto I \oplus M).$
- $v(\mathsf{Rot}) = ((M, p) \mapsto \mathsf{CPoly}(f)I + i \operatorname{SPoly}(f)M).$

Then γ defines a unique premonoidal functor denoted by $[-]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$.

Example A.11 (Coefficient Abstraction). Let Σ denote the monoidal signature defined in Ex. A.8. The coefficient abstraction A(-) can be defined as the free premonoidal functor induced by some $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(B(\mathbb{Q}^k)^*)$. The first component of γ is $\gamma_0(\bullet) = \star$, since \star is the

induced by some $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(B(\mathbb{Q}^k)^*)$. The first component of γ is $\gamma_0(\bullet) = \star$, since \star is the only type in $B(\mathbb{Q}^k)^*$. The second component of γ is defined to be the following interpretation of $T(\Sigma_G)$.

- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$, then v(M) = ().
- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then v(G) = ().
- If $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and $f(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + a_2\theta_2 + \dots + a_k + \theta_k + q$, then $v(f) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$.
- $v(\mathsf{Rot}) = ((x, a) \mapsto a) \text{ and } v(C) = (a \mapsto x).$

Then γ defines a unique premonoidal functor denoted by A(-).

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▶ Example A.12 (Syntactic Transformations). Let Σ denote the monoidal signature defined in Ex. A.8. Fix some $v \in \mathbb{Q}^k$. The syntactic transformation F_v can be defined as the free premonoidal functor induced by some $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(\Sigma^{\mathsf{Pre}(*)})$. The first component of γ is $\gamma(\bullet) = \bullet$, since the number of wires is preserved by this family of syntactic transformations. The second component of γ is defined to be the following interpretation of $T(\Sigma_G)$.

- If $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then $\gamma_1(G) = G$.
- If $M \in \mathcal{H}$, then $\gamma_1(M) = H$.
- If $f \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $f(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + a_2\theta_2 + \dots + v_k\theta_k + q$, then $\gamma_1(f) = g$ where $g(\theta) = (a_1v_1)\theta_1 + (a_2v_2) + \theta_2 + \dots + (a_kv_k)\theta_k$.
- $v(\mathsf{Rot}) = ((M, p) \mapsto \mathsf{Rot}(M, p)) \text{ and } v(C) = (G \mapsto C(G)).$

Then γ defines a unique premonoidal functor denoted by $F_v(-)$.

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A.5 Monoidal Categories and Side-Effect Free Composition

In many premonoidal categories, it is the case that for each pair of operations, $X \xrightarrow{J} Y$ and $X' \xrightarrow{g} Y'$, the equation $(Y//g) \circ (f//X') = (f//Y') \circ (X//g)$ holds. From a computational



Figure 5 A circuit diagram for the equation $(Y//g) \circ (f//X') = (f//Y') \circ (X//g)$.

point of view, this equation says that the operations f and g are side-effect free [42]. When a premonoidal C satisfies this property, we say that C is a *monoidal category*.

▶ **Example A.13** (Monoids as Monoidal Categories). Recall from Ex. A.5 that BM is a premonoidal category in a trivial way. If BM is in fact a monoidal category, then $(\star//f) \circ (g//\star) = (g//\star) \circ (\star//f)$ for each pair of operations $\star \xrightarrow{f} \star$ and $\star \xrightarrow{g} \star$. Since $\star//(-)$ and $(-)//\star$ are trivial, then BM is monoidal if and only if fg = gf for all $f \in M$ and $g \in M$. In other words, BM is a monoidal category if and only if M is a commutative monoid. In particular, if X is a set, then $B(X^*)$ is not a monoidal category.

▶ Example A.14 (FHilb is a Monoidal Category). Recall from Ex. A.6 that FHilb is a premonoidal category with respect to the Kronecker tensor product (⊗). An important property of the Kronecker tensor product is bilinearity, which states that $(NM) \otimes (LK) = (M \otimes K)(N \otimes L)$ for any matrices $x \xrightarrow{M} y \xrightarrow{N} z$ and $x' \xrightarrow{K} y' \xrightarrow{L} z'$. This means that $(Y \otimes g) \circ (f \otimes X') = (f \otimes Y') \circ (X \otimes g)$ for any pair of matrices matrices $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ and $X' \xrightarrow{g} Y'$.

► Example A.15 (Circuits Form a Monoidal Category). Recall from Ex. A.7 that circuits form monoidal categories with respect to parallel composition of wires. Graphically, the equation $(Y//g) \circ (f//X') = (f//Y') \circ (X//g)$ states that the two circuits in Figure 5 should represent the same operation. Obviously, this is the case, so circuits are in fact monoidal categories.

A monoidal functor is a premonoidal functor between monoidal categories. This should make sense, since monoidal categories are premonoidal categories with extra properties, as opposed to extra data. Given a monoidal signature Σ , it is also possible to construct a free monoidal category Σ^* . Intuitively, Σ^* is defined to be the premonoidal category $\Sigma^{\mathsf{Pre}(*)}$ modulo the family of relations $(Y//g) \circ (f//X') = (f//Y') \circ (X//g)$. This is constructed explicitly in [13].

▶ **Example A.16** (Coefficient Abstraction is not Monoidal). Recall from Ex. A.13 that if BM is a monoidal category, then M is commutative. Since free monoids on more than one element are non-commutative, then A(-) cannot be a monoidal functor. To illustrate way, consider the case where k = 1 and define two circuits, $C_1 = R_X(\theta_1)//1_{\bullet}$ and $C_2 = 1_{\bullet}//R_X(-\theta_1)$. It follows by definition of A(-) that $A(C_1) = (1)$ and $A(C_2) = (-1)$. Then,

$$A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2) = (1, -1) \neq (-1, 1) = A(C_2) \cdot A(C_1).$$

However, $C_1 \circ C_2 = C_2 \circ C_1$, when defined as a free monoidal category.

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It remains to be showing that the premonoidal abstraction A(-) can be used to reason soundly about the monoidal semantics [-]. This is possible since [-] is definitionally a premonoidal functor. Let $j : \Sigma^{\mathsf{Pre}(*)} \to \Sigma^*$ denote the quotient map obtained through the construction of Σ^* . The inclusion map from Σ into $U(\Sigma^*)$ is precisely $U(j) \circ \iota$. If $\gamma : \Sigma \to U(\mathbf{Param}(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{FHilb}))$ is the defining map for [-], then [-] is the unique map such that $U([-]) \circ (U(j) \circ \iota) = \gamma$. There also exists a unique premonoidal functor $F : \Sigma^{\mathsf{Pre}(*)} \to \mathbf{Param}(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{FHilb})$ such that F is the solution to $U(-) \circ \iota = \gamma$. However, $[-] \circ j$ is a solution to $U(-) \circ \iota = \gamma$. Then $F = [-] \circ j$, so the monoidal functor defined by γ is precisely the quotient of the premonoidal functor defined by γ . Then it suffices to prove Thm. 5.10 and Thm. 5.12 in the premonoidal setting.

B Proving the Correctness of the Polynomial Abstraction Bounds

In Appx. B.1, the soundness of the polynomial abstract is established. In Appx. B.2, some lemmas are introduced which show how certain functions naturally satisfy (B1) through to (B3). In Appx. B.3, these lemmas are combined with Prop. 3.2 to show that all gates in $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ satisfy $\mathsf{Bnd}(-)$ when viewed as circuits with only one gate. In Appx. B.4, this result is then extended to show that all circuits in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ satisfy $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(-)$.

B.1 Establishing the Polynomial Abstraction

This section shows that the polynomial abstraction is sound with respect to [-].

▶ Theorem 5.2. $[-]_{Poly}$ is a polynomial abstraction.

Proof. Let $\rho_j = e^{-i\theta_j/2}$ for each $j \in [k]$. First, it is shown that $[-]_{Poly}$ holds for singleton circuits. This follows by Prop. 3.2.

- **Base Case (1).** Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Then by definition, $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k) = G = \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Polv}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k)$.
- **Base Case (2).** Let $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ have integral coefficients. Then by construction, the following equations hold.

$$\mathsf{CPoly}(f)(\rho_1,\ldots,\rho_k) = \cos(-f(\theta)/2) \qquad \qquad \mathsf{SPoly}(f)(\rho_1,\ldots,\rho_k) = \sin(-f(\theta)/2)$$

Then by definition, the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket R_H(f) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) = \mathsf{CPoly}(f)(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k)I + i \operatorname{SPoly}(f)(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k)M$$
$$= \cos(-f(\theta)/2)I + i \cos(-f(\theta)/2)M$$
$$= \llbracket R_H(f) \rrbracket(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$

Control Induction. Let $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that G is unitary gate and satisfies $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k) = \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k)$. Since G is unitary, then there exists some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\mathsf{in}(G) = n = \mathsf{out}(G)$. Then by definition, the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) = I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) = I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) = \llbracket C(G) \rrbracket(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$

Then by Prop. 3.2, $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k) = \llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \left(e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_k/2} \right)$ for all $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. This can be extended to all of $\mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ by Prop. 3.3.

- **Base Case (1).** By definition, $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k) = I_2 = \llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k).$
- **Base Case (2).** From above, $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k) = \llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k)$ for all $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.
- **Parallel Induction.** Let $C_1 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that both $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k)$ and $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k)$. Then by definition, the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket C_1 / / C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k)$$
$$= \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$
$$= \llbracket C_1 / / C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$

Sequential Induction. Let $C_1 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that both $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k)$ and $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k)$ with $\operatorname{out}(C_1) = \operatorname{in}(C_2)$. Then by definition, the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket C_2 \circ C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k) \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k)$$
$$= \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$
$$= \llbracket C_2 \circ C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$

Then by Prop. 3.2, $[\![C]\!](\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k) = [\![C]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}}(e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_k/2})$ for all $C \in \mathsf{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Then $[\![-]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ is a polynomial abstraction.

B.2 Preliminary Lemmas

The section provides preliminary lemmas to prove Thm. 5.6. The first lemma (Lemma B.1) shows that constant polynomials trivially satisfy (B1) through to (B3). The second lemma (Lemma B.2) shows that the polynomials corresponding to $\sin(-)$ and $\cos(-)$ respect stricter versions of (B1) through to (B3), denoted (P1) through to (P3).

▶ Lemma B.1. Let $C \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with n = in(C) and m = out(C) and $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ a polynomial abstraction. For each pair of indices $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$, if $(\llbracket C \rrbracket_*)_{s,t}$ is a constant polynomial, then C satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ and (s, t).

Proof. Let $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ where n = in(C) and m = out(G). It remains to be shown that C satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s,t). Let $f = ([C]_*)_{s,t}$.

- Let $j \in [k]$. Clearly $\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} |\alpha_j| \ge 0$. Since f is a constant polynomial, then either f = 0and $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f) = -\infty$, or $f \ne 0$ and $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f) = 0$. In either case, $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f) \le \sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} |\alpha_j|$. Since j was arbitrary, then C satisfies both (B1) and (B2) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s, t).
- Since f is a constant polynomial, then either f = 0 and $\deg^+(f) = -\infty$, or $f \neq 0$ and $\deg^+(f) = 0$. In either case, $\deg^+(f) \leq 0$. Let $\alpha \in A(G)$ and $j \in [k]$. If $\alpha_j \geq 0$, then $\alpha_j^+ \geq 0$ and $-\alpha_j^- = 0$. If $\alpha_j < 0$, then $\alpha_j^+ = 0$ and $-\alpha_j^- > 0$. In either case, $\alpha_j^+ \geq 0$ and $-\alpha_j^- \geq 0$. Since j was arbitrary, then $\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_k^+ \geq 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^k -\alpha_j^- \geq 0$. Then $\max\{\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_k^+, \sum_{j=1}^k -\alpha_j^-\} \geq 0$. Since α was arbitrary, then the following inequality holds by the monotonicity of sums.

$$\sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} \max\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{k} \alpha_{j}^{+}, \sum_{j=1}^{k} -\alpha_{j}^{-}\right\} \ge \sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} 0 = 0 \ge \deg^{+}(f)$$

Then C satisfies (B3) with respect to $[\![-]\!]_*$ and (s,t). In conclusion, C satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $[\![-]\!]_*$ and (s,t).

- ► Lemma B.2. If $p(z_1, \ldots, z_k) = a_1 z_1 + \cdots + a_k z_k + r\pi$ with $a \in \mathbb{Z}^k \setminus \{0\}$ and $r \in \mathbb{Q}$,
- $= (P1). \ \deg_{z_j}^+(SPoly(p)) = \deg_{z_j}^+(CPoly(p)) = |a_j| \ for \ each \ j \in [k],$
- $(P2). \ \deg_{z_j}^{-}(SPoly(p)) = \deg_{z_j}^{-}(CPoly(p)) = |a_j| \ for \ each \ j \in [k],$
- $(P3). \deg^+(SPoly(p)) = \deg^+(CPoly(p)) = \kappa(a).$

Proof. Let $f = \mathsf{CPoly}(p)$ and $g = \mathsf{SPoly}(p)$. Since $a \neq 0$, then $f \neq 0$ and $g \neq 0$. It must be shown that f and g satisfy (P1) through to (P3).

- Let $j \in [k]$. There are three cases to consider.
 - 1. Assume that $a_j = 0$. Then z_j appears in neither f nor g. Since $f \neq 0$ and $g \neq 0$, then $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = 0$ and $\deg_{z_j}^+(g) = 0$. Then $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = \deg_{z_j}^+(g) = 0 = |a_j|$.
 - 2. Assume that $a_j > 0$. Then $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = a_j$ and $\deg_{z_j}^+(g) = a_j$. Since $a_j > 0$, then $a_j = |a_j|$. Then $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = \deg_{z_j}^+(g) = a_j = |a_j|$.

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3. Assume that $a_j < 0$. Then $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = -a_j$ and $\deg_{z_j}^+(g) = -a_j$. Since $a_j < 0$, then $-a_j = |a_j|$. Then $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = \deg_{z_j}^+(g) = -a_j = |\alpha_j|$.

In each case, $\deg_{z_j}^+(f) = \deg_{z_j}^+(g) = |a_j|$. Since j was arbitrary, then f and g satisfy (P1). Since $\alpha \neq -\alpha$, the the following equation holds.

$$\deg^+(f) = \deg^+(g) = \max\left\{\deg^+\left(\prod_{j=1}^k (x_k)^{\alpha_j}\right), \deg^+\left(\prod_{j=1}^k (x_k)^{-\alpha_j}\right)\right\}$$

Then by the additivity of $\deg^+(-)$,

$$\deg^+\left(\prod_{j=1}^k (z_k)^{\alpha_j}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j^+ \qquad \text{and} \qquad \deg^+\left(\prod_{j=1}^k (z_k)^{-\alpha_j}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^k -\alpha_j^-.$$

It follows that $\deg^+(f) = \deg^+(g) = \kappa(a)$. Then f and g satisfy (P3). Therefore, f and g satisfy (P1) through to (P3).

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B.3 Establishing Degree Bounds for the Gate Set

This section uses Prop. 3.2 to prove that all gates in $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfy $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(-)$ when viewed as singleton circuits. For the sake of readability, each case in Prop. 3.2 is presented as a lemma. These lemmas are combined in Thm. B.6 to prove that $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(-)$ is always satisfied.

▶ Lemma B.3. Let $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ be a polynomial abstraction. If $C \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and there exists a complex matrix M such that $\llbracket G \rrbracket_* = M$, then $Bnd_*(C)$.

Proof. Let $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ where n = in(G) and m = out(G). Then $(\llbracket C \rrbracket_*)_{s,t} = M_{s,t}$ is a constant polynomial. Then by Lemma B.1, C satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ an (s, t). Since s and t were arbitrary, then $\mathsf{Bnd}_*(G)$ holds.

▶ Lemma B.4. If $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $p \in \mathcal{F}$ has integral coefficients, then $Bnd(R_M(p))$.

Proof. Let $G = R_M(p)$, $f = \mathsf{CPoly}(p)$, and $g = \mathsf{SPoly}(p)$. Since p has integral coefficients, then there exists some $a \in \mathbb{Z}^k$ and $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $p(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + \cdots + a_k\theta_k + r$. There are two cases to consider. First, assume that a = 0. Then $\mathsf{CPoly}(p)$ and $\mathsf{SPoly}(p)$ are constant by definition. Then $\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(z) = f(z)I + ig(z)M$ is constant. Then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$ holds by Lemma B.3. Assume instead that $a \neq 0$. Since $a \neq 0$, then by Lemma B.2, f and g satisfy (P1) through to (P3). Let $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ where $n = \mathsf{in}(G)$ and $m = \mathsf{out}(G)$. Write $h(z) = (\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}(z)$. By definition, $h(z) = c_1f(z) + c_2g(z)$ where $c_1 = I_{s,t}$ and $c_2 = iM_{s,t}$. It must be shown that h satisfies (B1) through to (B3).

■ Let $j \in [k]$. Then $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(h) = \deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(c_1f + c_2g) \leq \max\{\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f), \deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(g)\}$. Since f and g satisfy (P1) and (P2), then the following inequality holds.

$$\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(h) \le \max\left\{\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f), \deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(g)\right\} = \max\left\{|a_j|, |a_j|\right\} = |a_j| = \sum_{\alpha \in (a)} \alpha_j = \sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} \alpha_j$$

Since j was arbitrary, then $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(h) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} |\alpha_j|$ for each $j \in [k]$. Then G satisfies (B1) and (B2) with respect to $[-]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ and (s, t).

Since $h(z) = c_1 f(z) + c_2 g(z)$, then $\deg^+(h) \le \max\{\deg^+(f), \deg^+(g)\}$. Since f and g satisfy (P3), then the following inequality holds.

$$\deg^+(h) \le \max\left\{\deg^+(f), \deg^+(g)\right\} = \max\left\{\kappa(a), \kappa(a)\right\} = \kappa(a) = \sum_{\alpha \in (a)} \kappa(\alpha) = \sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} \kappa(\alpha)$$

Then G satisfies (B3) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s, t).

Since s and t were arbitrary, then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$ holds.

▶ Lemma B.5. If $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is unitary and $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$ holds, then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C(G))$ holds.

Proof. Since G is unitary, then there exists an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that n = in(G) and n = out(G). Let $s \in [2^{n+1}]$ and $t \in [2^{n+1}]$. There are three cases to consider.

- Assume that $s, t \leq 2^n$. Then by definition, $(\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (I_{2^n})_{s,t}$ is a constant polynomial. Then by Lemma B.1, C(G) satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ and (s, t).
- Assume that either $(s \leq 2^n) \land (t > 2^n)$ or $(s > 2^n) \land (t \leq 2^n)$. Then by definition, $(\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = 0$ is a constant polynomial. Then by Lemma B.1, C(G) satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_*$ and (s, t).
- Assume that $s, t > 2^n$. Define $s' = s 2^n$ and $t' = t 2^n$. Then by definition, $(\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s',t'}$. Since $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$ holds by assumption, then in particular, $(\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s',t'}$ satisfies equations (B1) through to (B3) with respect to A(G). Since $(\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s',t'}$ and A(C(G)) = A(G), then $(\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}$ satisfies the same equations with respect to A(C(G)). Then C(G) satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ and (s, t).

In each case, G(C) satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s, t). Since s and t were arbitrary, then Bnd(C(G)) holds.

▶ Theorem B.6. If $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $Bnd_{Poly}(G)$.

Proof. The proof follows by Prop. 3.2.

- **Base Case (1).** Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Then by definition, $\llbracket G \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} = G$ where G is a complex matrix. Then by Lemma B.3, $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$.
- **Base Case (2).** Let $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ have integral coefficients. Then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(R_H(f))$ by Lemma B.4.
- **Control Induction.** Let $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that G is unitary gate and that $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$ holds. Then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C(G))$ holds by Lemma B.5.

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Then by Prop. 3.2, $\mathsf{Bnd}(-)$ holds for all elements of $\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

B.4 Establishing Degree Bounds for the Circuits

This section proves that every circuit in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$. First, it is shown (Lemma B.7) that given any two circuits C_1 and C_2 which satisfy $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$, an arbitrary sum over products of the components in $[\![C_1]\!]_{\operatorname{Poly}}$ and $[\![C_2]\!]_{\operatorname{Poly}}$ will satisfy (B1) through to (B3) with respect to any composite of C_1 and C_2 . This lemma subsumes both sequential and parallel composition. Using this lemma, it is shown that $C_2 \circ C_1$ (Lemma B.8) and $C_1//C_2$ (Lemma B.9) also satisfy $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$. Finally, these results are combined with Prop. 3.3 and Thm. B.6 in Thm. 5.6, to show that every circuit in $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfies $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$.

▶ Lemma B.7. Let $C_1, C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with $n = in(C_1)$, $m = out(C_1)$, $n' = in(C_2)$, and $m' = out(C_2)$. If $Bnd_*(C_1)$ and $Bnd_*(C_2)$, then for each $J \subseteq [n] \times [m] \times [n'] \times [m']$ the Laurent polynomial $f_J = \sum_{(s,t,s',t') \in J} (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_*)_{s,t} (\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_*)_{s',t'}$ satisfies,

- $= (C1). \ \deg_{z_j}^+(f) \le \sum_{\alpha \in A(C_2) \cdot A(C_1)} |\alpha_j| \ for \ each \ j \in [k],$
- $= (C3). \operatorname{deg}^+(f) \le \sum_{\alpha \in A(C_2) \cdot A(C_1)} \kappa(\alpha).$

Proof. Let $X = A(C_2) \circ A(C_1)$. The proof follows by induction on the size of J.

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- **Base Case.** Assume that $J = \emptyset$. Then f_J is the zero polynomial. This case is follows by the same argument as Lemma B.1.
- Inductive Hypothesis. For some $r \in \mathbb{N}$, if $J \subseteq [n] \times [m] \times [n'] \times [m']$ and |J| = r, then f_J satisfies (C1) through to (C3) with respect to C_1, C_2 , and J.
- Inductive Step. Let $J \subseteq [n] \times [m] \times [n'] \times [m']$ and assume that |J| = r + 1. Fix some $(s,t,s',t') \in J$ and let $J' = J \setminus \{(s,t,s',t')\}$. Then |J'| = |J| 1 = r. Then by the inductive hypothesis, J' satisfies (C1) through to (C3) with respect to $[-]_*$, C_1 , and C_2 . Let $g = ([C_1]_*)_{s,t}$ and $h = ([C_2]_*)s',t'$. Then by definition, $f_J = f_{J'} + gh$. Since $\mathsf{Bnd}_*(C_1)$ holds, then C_1 satisfies (B1) through to (B3) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s,t). Since $\mathsf{Bnd}_*(C_2)$ holds, then C_2 satisfies (B1) through to (C3) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s,t).
 - Let $j \in [k]$. Since C_1 satisfies (B1) and (B2) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s,t), then $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(g) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} |\alpha_j|$. Since C_2 satisfies (B1) and (B2) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s',t'), then $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(h) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in A(H)} |\alpha_j|$. Then the following inequality holds.

$$\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(gh) \le \deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(g) + \deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(h) \le \sum_{\alpha \in A(C_1)} |\alpha_j| + \sum_{\alpha \in A(C_2)} |\alpha_j| = \sum_{\alpha \in X} |\alpha_j|$$

Next, since J' satisfies (C1) and (C2) with respect to $[-]_*$, C_1 , and C_2 , then $\deg(f_{J'})_{z_j}^{\pm} \leq \sum_{\alpha \in X} |\alpha_j|$. Then the following inequality holds.

$$\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f_J) \le \max\left\{\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f_{J'}), \deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(gh)\right\} \le \sum_{\alpha \in X} |\alpha_j|$$

Since j was arbitrary, then J satisfies (C1) and (C2) with respect to $[-]_*, C_1$, and C_2 . Since C_1 satisfies (B3) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s,t), then $\deg^+(g) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in A(G)} \kappa(\alpha)$. Since C_2 satisfies (B3) with respect to $[-]_*$ and (s,t), then $\deg^+(h) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in A(H)} \kappa(\alpha)$. Then the following inequality holds.

$$\deg^+(gh) \le \deg^+(g) + \deg^+(h) = \sum_{\alpha \in A(C_1)} \kappa(\alpha) + \sum_{\alpha \in A(C_2)} \kappa(\alpha) = \sum_{\alpha \in X} \kappa(\alpha)$$

Since J' satisfies (C3) with respect to $[-]_*$, C_1 , and C_2 , then $\deg^+(f) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in X} \kappa(\alpha)$. Then the following inequality holds.

$$\deg^+(f_J) \le \max\left\{\deg^+(f_{J'}), \deg^+(gh)\right\} \le \sum_{\alpha \in X} \kappa(\alpha)$$

Then J satisfies (C3) with respect to $[-]_*$, C_1 , and C_2 . Then the inductive step holds.

Then by the principle of induction, for each choice of $J \subseteq [n] \times [m] \times [n'] \times [m']$, the Laurent polynomial f_J satisfies (C1) through to (C4) with respect to C_1, C_2 , and J.

▶ Lemma B.8. If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $in(C_2) = out(C_1)$ with $Bnd_{Poly}(C_1)$ and $Bnd_{Poly}(C_2)$, then $Bnd_{Poly}(C_2 \circ C_1)$.

Proof. Let $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ where $n = in(C_1)$ and $m = out(C_2)$. Moreover, let $\ell = in(C_1) = out(C_2)$. Define $J = \{(t, j, j, s) : j \in [\ell]\}$. Since $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C_1)$ and $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C_2)$ hold, then by Lemma B.7, J satisfies (C1) through to (C3) with respect to $[-]_{\mathsf{Poly}}, C_1$, and C_2 . By definition of f_J , the following equation holds.

$$f_J = \sum_{(a,b,c,d) \in J} \left([\![C_2]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{a,b} \left([\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{c,d} = \sum_{j \in [\ell]} \left([\![C_2]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{t,j} \left([\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{j,s} = \left([\![C_2 \circ C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{s,t}$$

It remains to be shown that $C_2 \circ C_2$ satisfies (B1) to (B3) with respect to $[-]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ and (s, t).

- Since $A(C_2 \circ C_1) = A(C_2) \cdot A(C_1)$ and $f_J = (\llbracket C_2 \circ C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}$, then J satisfies (C1) with respect to $\llbracket \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}, C_1$, and C_2 , if and only if $C_2 \circ C_1$ satisfies (B1) with respect to $\llbracket \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ and (s, t). Therefore, (B1) is satisfied.
- By the same argument, $C_2 \circ C_1$ satisfies (B2) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s, t).
- By the same argument, $C_2 \circ C_1$ satisfies (B2) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s, t).

Since s and t were arbitrary, then $Bnd(C_2 \circ C_1)$ holds.

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▶ Lemma B.9. If $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G})$ satisfies $Bnd_{Poly}(C_1)$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G})$ satisfies $Bnd_{Poly}(C_2)$, then $Bnd_{Poly}(C_1//C_2)$.

Proof. Let $s \in [2^{n+n'}]$ and $t \in [2^{m+m'}]$ where $n = in(C_1)$, $n' = in(C_2)$, $m = in(C_1)$, and $m' = out(C_2)$. Then by the definition of \otimes , there exists indices $q, q', r, r' \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t} = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{q,r} (\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{q',r'}$. Since $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C_1)$ and $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(C_2)$ hold, then by Lemma B.7, J satisfies (C1) through to (C3) with respect to $\llbracket - \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}, C_2$, and C_1 . By definition of f_J , the following equation holds.

$$f_J = \sum_{(a,c,b,d) \in J} \left([\![C_2]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{a,b} \left([\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{c,d} = \left([\![C_2]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{q,r} \left([\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \right)_{q',r'} = [\![C_1//C_2]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$$

It remains to be shown that $C_1//C_2$ satisfies (B1) to (B3) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s,t).

- Since $A(C_1//C_2) = A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2)$ and $f_J = (\llbracket C_1//C_2 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}$, then J satisfies (C1) with respect to $\llbracket \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}, C_2$, and C_1 , if and only if $C_1//C_2$ satisfies (B1) with respect to $\llbracket \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ and (s, t). Therefore, (B1) is satisfied.
- By the same argument, $C_1//C_2$ satisfies (B2) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s, t).
- By the same argument, $C_1//C_2$ satisfies (B3) with respect to $[-]_{Poly}$ and (s,t).

Since s and t were arbitrary, then $Bnd(C_2//C_1)$ holds.

▶ Theorem 5.6. If $C \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $Bnd_{Poly}(C)$.

Proof. The proof follows by Prop. 3.3.

- **Base Case (1).** Since $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket = I_2$, then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\epsilon)$ by Lemma B.3.
- **Base Case (2).** If $G \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\mathsf{Bnd}_{\mathsf{Poly}}(G)$ by Thm. B.6.
- **Parallel Induction**. Let $C_1, C_2 \in \text{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that both $\text{Bnd}_{\text{Poly}}(C_1)$ and $\text{Bnd}_{\text{Poly}}(C_2)$ hold. Then $\text{Bnd}_{\text{Poly}}(C_1//C_2)$ holds by Lemma B.9.
- Sequential Induction. Let $C_1, C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that both $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(C_1)$ and $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(C_2)$ hold with $\operatorname{in}(C_2) = \operatorname{out}(C_1)$. Then $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(C_2 \circ C_1)$ holds by Lemma B.8. Then by Prop. 3.3, $\operatorname{Bnd}_{\operatorname{Poly}}(-)$ holds for all elements of $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

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▶ Corollary 5.7. If $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with $in(C_1) = in(C_2) = n$ and $out(C_1) = out(C_2) = m$, then for each pair of indices $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$, there exists a polynomial $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ such that,

 $(D1). \ \deg_{x_j}(f) \le 2\lambda_j \ for \ each \ j \in [k],$

 $(D2). \ \deg(f) \le \max\{\sum_{a \in A(C)} \kappa(a) : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j, \\ (D3). \ (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket - \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket)_{s,t} (\theta) = 0 \ if \ and \ only \ if \ f(e^{-i\theta_1/2}, \dots, e^{-i\theta_k/2}) = 0,$

where $\lambda_j = \max\{\sum_{a \in A(C)} |a_j| : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\}$ for each $j \in [k]$.

Proof. Let $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$. Since $G \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\operatorname{Bnd}(G)$ holds by Thm. 5.6. Then there exists an $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_1^{-1}, \ldots, x_k, x_k^{-1}]$ such that f satisfies (B1) through to (B4) with respect to G and (s, t). Since $H \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\operatorname{Bnd}(H)$ holds by Thm. 5.6. Then there exists $g \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_1^{-1}, \ldots, x_k, x_k^{-1}]$ such that g satisfies (B1) through to (B4) with respect

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to H and (s,t). First, the polynomial h is constructed by clearing all denominators of f - g with the term $\prod_{j=1}^{k} (x_j)^{\beta_j}$. Let $j \in [k]$. Since f satisfies (B2) with respect to G and (s,t), then $\deg_{x_j}^-(f) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in C(G)} |\alpha_j|$. Likewise, since g satisfies (B2) with respect to H and (s,t), then $\deg_{x_j}^-(g) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in C(H)} |\alpha_j|$. It follows that,

$$\deg_{x_j}^{-}\left(\left(\prod_{j=1}^k (x_j)^{\lambda_j}\right)(f-g)\right) = \max\{\deg_{x_j}^{-}(f), \deg_{x_j}^{-}(g)\} - \lambda_j \le \lambda_j - \lambda_j = 0$$

Since j was arbitrary, then $h \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ where,

$$h(x_1, ..., x_k) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^k (x_j)^{\lambda_j}\right) (f(x_1, ..., x_k) - g(x_1, ..., x_k)).$$

This completes the construction of h. It remains to be shown that h satisfies (D1) through to (D3) with respect to G, H, and (s, t). 1. Let $i \in [h]$. Since deg. $(h) = deg^+(h)$.

1. Let $j \in [k]$. Since $\deg_{x_j}(h) = \deg_{x_j}^+(h)$,

$$\deg_{x_j}(h) \le \deg_{x_j}\left(\prod_{k=1}^k (x_j)^{\lambda_j}\right) + \max\{\deg_{x_j}^+(f), \deg_{x_j}^+(g)\} \le \lambda_j + \lambda_j.$$

Since j was arbitrary, then $\deg_{x_j}(h) \leq 2\lambda_j$ for each $j \in [k]$. Then h satisfies (D1) with respect to G, H, and (s, t).

2. Since $\deg(h) = \deg^+(h)$,

$$\deg(h) \le \deg^+ \left(\prod_{j=1}^k (x_j)^{\lambda_j}\right) + \max\{\deg^+(f), \deg^+(g)\}.$$

Let $d = \max\{\deg^+(f), \deg^+(g)\}/$ Since f satisfies (B3) with respect to G and (s,t), then $\deg^+(f) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in C(G)} \kappa(\alpha)$. Since g satisfies (B3) with respect to H and (s,t), then $\deg^+(g) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in C(H)} \kappa(\alpha)$. Then by the monotonicity of max, $d \leq \max\{\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} \kappa(\alpha) : C \in \{G, H\}\}$. It follows that,

$$\deg(h) \le \deg^+\left(\prod_{j=1}^k (x_j)^{\lambda_j}\right) + d \le \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j + \max\left\{\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} \kappa(\alpha) : C \in \{G, H\}\right\}.$$

Then h satisfies (D2) with respect to G, H, and (s, t).

3. Write $z_j = \exp(-i\theta_j/2)$ for each $j \in [k]$. Since f satisfies (B4) with respect to G and (s,t), then $\llbracket G \rrbracket_{s,t}(\theta) = f(z_1, \ldots, z_k)$. Since g satisfies (B4) with respect to H and (s,t), then $\llbracket H \rrbracket_{s,t}(\theta) = g(z_1, \ldots, z_k)$. Then,

$$h(z_1,\ldots,z_k) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^k (z_j)^{\lambda_j}\right) \left(\llbracket G \rrbracket_{s,t}(\theta) - \llbracket H \rrbracket_{s,t}(\theta)\right)$$

Since $\exp(i-)$ does not have any zeros on \mathbb{R} , then, $\prod_{j=1}^{k} (z_j)^{\lambda_j} \neq 0$. This means that $(\llbracket G \rrbracket - \llbracket H \rrbracket)_{s,t}(\theta) = 0$ if and only if $h(z_1, \ldots, z_k) = 0$. Then h satisfies (D3) with respect to G, H, and (s, t).

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Since s and t were arbitrary, then the proof is complete.

▶ Theorem 5.10. Let $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$ with $in(C_1) = in(C_2)$ and $out(C_1) = out(C_2)$. If $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_k \subseteq [0, 4\pi)$ such that $|S_j| > 2\lambda_j$ for each $j \in [k]$, then $[C_1](\theta) = [C_2](\theta)$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$ if and only if $[C_1](v) = [C_2](v)$ for all $v \in S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_k$.

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Proof. If $\llbracket G \rrbracket = \llbracket H \rrbracket$, then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(v) = \llbracket H \rrbracket(v)$ for all $v \in X_1 \times \cdots \times X_k$ by definition of function equality. Assume instead that $\llbracket G \rrbracket \neq \llbracket H \rrbracket$. Then $\llbracket G \rrbracket - \llbracket H \rrbracket \neq 0$. Then there exists a pair of indices $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ such that $(\llbracket G \rrbracket - \llbracket H \rrbracket)_{s,t} \neq 0$. Then by Cor. 5.7, there exists a polynomial $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ which satisfy (D1) through to (D3) with respect to G, H, and (s, t). Since f satisfies (D3) with respect to G, H, and (s, t), then $f \neq 0$. For each $j \in [k]$, define a set,

$$X_j^* = \{ \exp(-ix/2) \mid x \in X_j \}.$$

Since $x \mapsto \exp(-ix/2)$ is bijective on $[0, 4\pi)$, $|X_j^*| = |X_j| > 2\lambda_j$ for each $j \in [k]$. Since f satisfies (D1) with respect to G, H, and (s, t), then $\deg_{x_j}(f) < |X_j^*|$ for each $j \in [k]$. Then by Thm. 2.1, there exists a $v^* \in X_1^* \times \cdots \times X_k^*$ such that $f(v^*) \neq 0$. Then there exists some $v \in X_1 \times \cdots \times X_k$ such that $v_j^* = \exp(-iv_j/2)$ for each $j \in [k]$. Since f satisfies (D3) with respect to G, H, and (s, t), then $(\llbracket G \rrbracket - \llbracket H \rrbracket)_{s,t}(v) \neq 0$. Then $(\llbracket G \rrbracket - \llbracket H \rrbracket)(v) \neq 0$. Then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(v) \neq \llbracket H \rrbracket(v)$. Then the assumption $\llbracket G \rrbracket \neq \llbracket H \rrbracket$ implies that there exists a $v \in X_1 \cdots X_k$ such that $\llbracket G \rrbracket(v) \neq \llbracket H \rrbracket(v)$. In conclusion, $\llbracket G \rrbracket = \llbracket H \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket G \rrbracket(v) = \llbracket H \rrbracket(v)$ for all $v \in X_1 \times \cdots \times X_k$.

▶ **Theorem 5.12.** Let $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with $in(C_1) = in(C_2)$, $out(C_1) = out(C_2)$, and $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \neq \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$. For each finite subset $S \subseteq [0, 4\pi)$, if s_1, \ldots, s_k are sampled at random both independently and uniformly from S, then

 $\Pr(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(s_1, \ldots, s_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(s_1, \ldots, s_k)) \le d/|S|$

where $d = \max\{\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} \kappa(\alpha) : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j$.

Proof. Since $[\![C_1]\!] \neq [\![C_2]\!]$, then $[\![C_1]\!] - [\![C_2]\!] \neq 0$. Then there exists a pair of indices $j \in [2^n]$ and $\ell \in [2^m]$ such that $([\![C_1]\!] - [\![C_2]\!])_{j,\ell} \neq 0$. Then by Cor. 5.7, there exists a polynomial $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_k]$ such that (D1) through to (D3) hold with respect to C_1 , C_2 , and (j,ℓ) . Since f satisfies (D2) with respect to C_1 , C_2 , and (j,ℓ) , then $\deg(f) \leq d$. Since $x \mapsto \exp(-ix/2)$ is a bijection on $[0, 2\pi)$ and bijections preserve discrete uniform distributions, then $\exp(-is_1/2), \ldots, \exp(-is_k/2)$ are independent random variables selected uniformly from,

 $S^* = \{ \exp(-is/2) \mid s \in S \},\$

with $|S^*| = |S|$. Let E_1 denote the event $f(\exp(-is_1/2), \ldots, \exp(-is_k/2)) = 0$ and E_2 denote the event $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (s_1, \ldots, s_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (s_1, \ldots, s_k)$. If E_2 occurs, then in particular $(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (s_1, \ldots, s_k))_{j,\ell} = (\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (s_1, \ldots, s_k))_{j,\ell}$. Since f satisfies (D3) with respect to C_1, C_2 , and (j,ℓ) , then $f(\exp(-is_1/2), \ldots, \exp(-is_k/2)) = 0$. Then $E_2 \subseteq E_1$. Then by the monotonicity of probability, $\Pr(E_2) \leq \Pr(E_1)$. Then, it suffices to show that $\Pr(E_1) \leq d/|S|$. Since f satisfies (D3) with respect to C_1, C_2 , and (j,ℓ) , and since $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{j,\ell} \neq \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{j,\ell}$, then $f \neq 0$. Then by Thm. 2.2, $\Pr(E_1) \leq d/|X|$. Therefore, $\Pr(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (s_1, \ldots, s_k) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (s_1, \ldots, s_k)) \leq d/|S|$.

C.1 Decidability for Integral Cyclotomic Circuits

This section proves that parameterized equivalence checking is decidable for integral circuits with \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consisting of cyclotomic circuits. This follows from the fact that evaluating such a circuit at a rational multiple of π yields a cyclotomic matrix.

▶ **Theorem C.1.** If \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consists of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field and $C_1 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field for each $\theta \in (\mathbb{Q}\pi)^k$.

Proof. Let $\operatorname{Pred}(-)$ denote the predicate on $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $\operatorname{Pred}(C)$ if and only if $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field for each $\theta \in (\mathbb{Q}\pi)^k$. First, the claim is proven for singleton circuits using Prop. 3.2.

- **Base Case (1).** Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Let $\theta \in (\mathcal{Q}\pi)^k$. Then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta) = G$ with G a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field by assumption. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\mathsf{Pred}(G)$.
- **Base Case (2).** Let $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $p \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $\theta \in (\mathcal{Q}\pi)^k$. Since $p(\theta) = \alpha_1 \theta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k + q\pi$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^k$ and $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $p(\theta) \in \mathbb{Q}\pi$. Since $p(\theta)$ is a rational multiple of π , then $\sin(\theta)$ and $\cos(\theta)$ are cyclotomic numbers. Recall that M and I are matrices over the universal cyclotomic field. Since matrices rings are closed under additional and scalar multiplication, then $[\![R_M(p)]\!] = \cos(p(\theta))I + i\sin(p(\theta))M$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\mathsf{Pred}(R_M(p))$.
- **Control Induction.** Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that G is a unitary gate on n wires and that $\operatorname{Pred}(G)$ holds. Let $\theta \in (\mathcal{Q}\pi)^k$. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(G)$ holds, then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since I_{2^n} is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field, and the direct sum of two matrices over the same field yield a matrix over the same field, then $\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket = I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\operatorname{Pred}(C(p))$.

Then by Prop. 3.2, $\mathsf{Pred}(G)$ for all $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Next, Prop. 3.3 is used to prove the claim for all circuits.

- **Base Case (1)**. Let $\theta \in (\mathcal{Q}\pi)^k$. Since the identity matrix is amatrix over the universal cyclotomic field, then $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket(\theta) = I_2$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since θ was arbitrary, then $G(\epsilon)$.
- **Base Case (2).** If $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\mathsf{Pred}(C)$ holds by the first sub-proof.
- **Parallel Induction**. Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $H \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ and $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds. Let $\theta \in (\mathcal{Q}\pi)^k$. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ holds, then $[\![C_1]\!](\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds, then $[\![C_2]\!](\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since the tensor produce of two matrices over the same field yield a matrix over the same field, then $[\![C_1]\!/(C_2]\!](\theta) = [\![C_1]\!](\theta) \otimes [\![C_2]\!](\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1//C_2)$ holds.
- **Sequential Induction**. Let $C_1 \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with C_1 and C_2 composable. Assume that $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ and $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds. Let $\theta \in (\mathcal{Q}\pi)^k$. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ holds, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds, then $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since the tensor produce of two matrices over the same field yield a matrix over the same field, then $\llbracket C_1 \circ C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta) \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is a matrix over the universal cyclotomic field. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1 \circ C_2)$ holds.

Then by Prop. 3.3, $\mathsf{Pred}(C)$ for all $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

▶ Corollary 5.11. If \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consist of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, then the parameterized equivalence checking problem is decidable for $Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

Proof. By Thm. 5.10, parameterized equivalence can be decided by comparing matrices obtained from each parameter in $S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_k$. If $S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_k$ consists of rational multiples of π , then by Thm. C.1, each matrix will be over the universal cyclotomic field. Since the universal cyclotomic field is computable and has decidable equality, then this gives a decision procedure for the parameterized equivalence checking problem.

D Circuit Reparameterization

The section establishes all theorems in Sec. 6.1. Lemma D.1 is introduced to relate the premonoidal structure of the parameter sequence to the syntactic transformation.

▶ Lemma 6.1. Let $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. If $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$ is a bijective function, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$.

Proof. This proof has two directions.

- (⇒). Assume that $[C_1] = [C_2]$. Then $[C_1] \circ f = [C_2] \circ f$.
- (⇐). Assume that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Evaluating $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f$ and $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$ at $f^{-1}(x)$, it follows that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (x) = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f)(f^{-1}(x)) = (\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f)(f^{-1}(x)) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (x)$. Since x was arbitrary, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$.

In conclusion, $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$.

▶ **Theorem 6.2.** For each $v \in (\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\})^k$, $f : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$ defined by $f(\theta) = (v_1\theta_1, v_2\theta_2, \dots, v_k\theta_k)$ is bijective and F_v is syntactic reparameterization with respect to f.

Proof. Let $g(\theta) = (\theta_1/v_1, \theta_2/v_2, \ldots, \theta_k/v_k)$. This is well-defined, since $v_j \neq 0$ for each $j \in [k]$. Clearly $f(g(\theta)) = \theta = g(f(\theta))$. Then f is a bijection. It remains to be shown that F_v is a syntactic reparameterization with respect to f. This follows by induction on the structure of $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. First, the claim is proven for singleton circuits using Prop. 3.2.

- Base Case (1). Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Then $F_v(G) = G$ and $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta) = G$ by definition. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Then $\llbracket F_v(G) \rrbracket(x) = \llbracket G \rrbracket(x) = G = \llbracket G \rrbracket(f(x)) = (\llbracket G \rrbracket \circ f)(x)$. Since x was arbitrary, then $\llbracket F_v(G) \rrbracket = \llbracket G \rrbracket \circ f$.
- **Base Case (2).** Let $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $p \in \mathcal{F}$. Then there exists coefficients $a \in \mathbb{Q}^k$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $p(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + \cdots + a_k\theta_k + r$. Then $F_v(R_M(p)) = R_M(q)$ where $q(\theta) = (v_1a_1)\theta_1 + \cdots + (v_ka_k)\theta_k + r$. Then the following equation holds.

$$p(f(\theta)) = a_1(v_1\theta_1) + \dots + a_k(v_k\theta_k) + r = v_1(a_1\theta_1) + \dots + v_k(a_k\theta_k) + r = q(\theta)$$

Then $[\![F_v(R_M(p))]\!] = [\![R_M(q)]\!] = \cos(-p(f(\theta)/2)I + i\sin(-p(f(\theta))/2)M = [\![G]\!] \circ f.$

- **Control Induction.** Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that G is unitary and $\llbracket F_v(G) \rrbracket = \llbracket G \rrbracket \circ f$. Then $\llbracket F_v(C(G)) \rrbracket = \llbracket C(F_v(G)) \rrbracket = I \oplus \llbracket F_v(G) \rrbracket = I \oplus (\llbracket G \rrbracket \circ f) = (I \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket) \circ f = \llbracket C(G) \rrbracket \circ f$. Then by Prop. 3.2, $\llbracket F_v(G) \rrbracket = \llbracket G \rrbracket \circ f$, for all $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Next, Prop. 3.3 is used to prove the claim for all circuits.
- **Base Case (1).** By definition of ϵ , $F_v(\epsilon) = \epsilon$ and $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket(\theta) = I_2$. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Then $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket(x) = I = \llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket(f(x)) = (\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket \circ f)(x)$. Since x was arbitrary, then $\llbracket F_v(G) \rrbracket = \llbracket G \rrbracket \circ f$.
- **Base Case (2).** If $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\llbracket F_v(C) \rrbracket = \llbracket C \rrbracket \circ f$ by the first sub-proof.
- **Parallel Induction.** Let $C_1 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f$ and $\llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$. Then for each $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$, the following equation holds

$$\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket(\theta) \otimes \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket(\theta) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(f(\theta)) \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(f(\theta)) = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket)(f(\theta))$$

Since θ was arbitrary, then $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket) \circ f$ is true for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Then the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket F_v(C_1//C_2) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_1)//F_v(C_2) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket) \circ f = \llbracket C_1//C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$$

Sequential Induction. Let $C_1 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with $\text{out}(C_1) = \text{in}(C_2)$. Assume that $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f$ and $\llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$. Then for each $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$, the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket(\theta) \llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket(\theta) = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(f(\theta)) \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(f(\theta)) = (\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket) (f(\theta))$$

Since θ was arbitrary, then $\llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket \llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = (\llbracket C_1 2 \rrbracket \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket) \circ f$ is true for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Then the following equation holds.

$$\llbracket F_v(C_2 \circ C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_2) \circ F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket \llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = (\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket) \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \circ C_1 \rrbracket \circ f$$

Then by Prop. 3.3, $\llbracket F_v(C) \rrbracket = \llbracket C \rrbracket \circ f$ for all $C \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Therefore, F_v is a syntactic reparameterization with respect to f.

▶ Lemma D.1. Let $C \in Circ(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{H})$ and $v \in (\mathbb{Q}^{\times})^k$. Then $|A(C)| = |A(F_v(C))|$. Moreover, if $n = |A(C)|, j \in [n]$ and $\ell \in [k]$, then $(A(F_v(C))_j)_\ell = v_\ell(A(C)_j)_\ell$.

Proof. Let Pred(-) denote the predicate on $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that Pred(C) if and only if the following properties hold.

(R1). $|A(C)| = |A(F_v(C))|.$

(R2). If $n = |A(C)|, j \in [n]$ and $\ell \in [k]$, then $(A(F_v(C))_j)_\ell = v_\ell(A(C)_j)_\ell$.

The proof follows by induction on the structure of $Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. First, the claim is proven for singleton circuits using Prop. 3.2.

- **Base Case (1).** Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Since $F_v(G) = G$, then $|A(F_v(G))| = |A(G)|$. Then G satisfies (R1). Since |A(G)| = 0, then (R2) is vacuously true for G. Then $\mathsf{Pred}(G)$ holds.
- **Base Case (2).** Let $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $p \in \mathcal{F}$. Then there exists coefficients $a \in \mathbb{Q}^k$ and $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $p(\theta) = a_1\theta_1 + a_2\theta_2 + \cdots + a_k\theta_k + r$. Then $F_v(R_M(p)) = R_M(q)$ where $q(\theta) = (v_1a_1)\theta_1 + (v_2a_2)\theta_2 + \cdots + (v_ka_k)\theta_k + r$. Then $|A(R_M(p))| = 1 = |A(R_M(q))|$ and $R_M(p)$ satisfies (R1). Next, let $n = |A(G)|, j \in [n]$, and $\ell \in [k]$. Since n = 1, then j = 1 and the following equation holds.

$$(A(F_v(R_M(p)))_j)_{\ell} = (A(R_M(p))_1)_{\ell} = v_{\ell}a_{\ell} = v_{\ell}(A(R_M(p))_1)_{\ell} = v_{\ell}(A(R_M(p))_j)_{\ell}$$

Since n = 1, j and ℓ were arbitrary, then $R_M(p)$ satisfies (R2). Then $\operatorname{Pred}(R_M(p))$ holds. **Control Induction**. Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that G is a unitary gate and that $\operatorname{Pred}(G)$ holds. Since G satisfies (R1), then the following equation holds.

$$|A(F_v(C(G)))| = |A(C(F_v(G)))| = |A(F_v(G))| = |A(G)| = |A(C(G))|$$

Then C(G) satisfies (R1). Next, let $n = |A(G)|, j \in [n]$, and $\ell \in [k]$. Since C(G) satisfies R(2), then the following equation holds.

$$(A(F_v(C(G)))_j)_{\ell} = (A(F_v(G))_j)_{\ell} = v_{\ell}(A(G)_j)_{\ell} = v_{\ell}(A(C(G))_j)_{\ell}.$$

Since j and k were arbitrary, then C(G) satisfies (R2) as well. Then $\mathsf{Pred}(C(G))$ holds. Then by Prop. 3.2, $\mathsf{Pred}(G)$, for all $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Next, Prop. 3.3 is used to prove the claim for all circuits.

- **Base Case (1).** Since $F_v(\epsilon) = \epsilon$, then $|A(F_v(\epsilon))| = |A(C)|$. Then ϵ satisfies (R1). Since $|A(\epsilon)| = 0$, then (R2) is vacuously true for ϵ . Then $\mathsf{Pred}(\epsilon)$ holds.
- **Base Case (2).** If $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\mathsf{Pred}(C)$ holds by the first sub-proof.
- **Parallel Induction.** Let $C_1 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \text{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that $\text{Pred}(C_1)$ and $\text{Pred}(C_2)$ hold. Then by (R1), $|A(C_1)| = |A(F_v(C_1))|$ and $|A(C_2)| = |A(F_v(C_2))|$. Starting from $|A(C_1//C_2)|$,

$$|A(C_1//C_2)| = |A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2)| = |A(C_1)| + |A(C_2)| = |A(F_v(C_1))| + |A(F_v(C_2))|.$$

Likewise, starting from $|A(F_v(C_1//C_2))| = |A(F_v(C_1)//F_v(C_2))|$,

$$|A(F_v(C_1)/F_v(C_2))| = |A(F_v(C_1)) \cdot A(F_v(C_2))| = |A(F_v(C_1))| + |A(F_v(C_2))|.$$

Then by transitivity, $|A(F_v(C_1//C_2))| = |A(C_1//C_2)|$ and $C_1//C_2$ satisfies (R1). Next, let $|A(C_1//C_2)| = n, j \in [n]$, and $\ell \in [k]$. There are two cases to consider.

1. Assume $j \leq |A(C_1)|$. Then by indexing, $A(C_1//C_2)_j = (A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2))_j = A(C_1)_j$ and $A(F_v(C_1//C_2))_j = (A(F_v(C_1)) \cdot A(F_v(C_2)))_j = A(F_v(C_1))_j$. Since C_1 satisfies (R2), then $A(F_v(C_1))_j = v_\ell(A(C_1)_j)_\ell$. By equality, $(A(F_v(C_1//C_2))_j)_\ell = v_\ell(A(C_1//C_2)_j)_\ell$.

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2. Assume that $j > |A(C_1)|$ and define $i = j - |A(C_1)|$. Then by indexing, $A(C_1//C_2)_j = A(C_2)_i$ and $A(F_v(C_1//C_2))_j = A(C_2)_i$. Since $|A(C_1//C_2)| = |A(C_1)| + |A(C_2)|$, then $1 \le i \le |A(C_2)|$. Since C_2 satisfies (R2), then $A(F_v(C_2))_j = v_\ell(A(C_2)_j)_\ell$. It follows by equality that $(A(F_v(C_1//C_2))_j)_\ell = v_\ell(A(C_1//C_2)_j)_\ell$.

In either case, $(A(F_v(C_1//C_2))_j)_\ell = v_\ell (A(C_1//C_2)_j)_\ell$. Since j and ℓ were arbitrary, then $C_1//C_2$ satisfies (R2). Then $\mathsf{Pred}(C_1//C_2)$ holds.

 Sequential Induction. This case follows by the same argument, with all occurrences of the (//) connective replaced by (o).

Then by Prop. 3.3, $\mathsf{Pred}(C)$ for all $C \in \mathsf{Circ}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

▶ Theorem 6.3. If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $v = circLcm(C_1, C_2)$, then $F_v(C_1) \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $F_v(C_2) \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Moreover, $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket$.

Proof. Assume for the intent of contradiction that $F_v(C_1) \notin \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Then by the definition of $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, $A(F_v(C_1)) \notin (\mathbb{Z}^k)^*$. Let $n = |A(F_v(C_1))|$. Then there exists a $j \in [n]$ such that $A(F_v(C_1))_j \notin \mathbb{Z}^k$. Let $\alpha = A(F_v(C_1))_j$. Then there exists an $\ell \in [k]$ such that $\alpha_\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}$. Then denom $(\alpha_\ell) \neq 1$. Let $d = \operatorname{denom}(\alpha_\ell)$ and x be the numerator such that $\alpha_\ell = x/d$. Let $\beta = A(C_1)_j$. Then $x/d = v_\ell \beta_\ell$ by Lemma D.1. Define the set,

 $X_{\ell} = \{\operatorname{denom}(\alpha_{\ell}) : \alpha \in A(C_1) \cdot A(C_2)\}$

Then by definition, denom $(\beta_{\ell}) \in X_{\ell}$ and $v_{\ell} = \operatorname{lcm}(X_{\ell})$. Let $d' = \operatorname{denom}(\beta_{\ell})$ and y be the numerator such that $\beta_{\ell} = y/d'$. Since v_{ℓ} is the least common multiple of the elements in X_{ℓ} and $d' \in X_{\ell}$, then $d' \mid v_{\ell}$. Then there exists a quotient $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $qd' = v_{\ell}$. Then $x/d = v_{\ell}\beta_{\ell} = v_{\ell}(y/d') = (qd')(y/d') = qy \in \mathbb{Z}$. In other words, d = 1. However, $d \neq 1$ by assumption. Then by contradiction $F_v(C_1) \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$. By a symmetric argument, $F_v(C_2) \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{H})$. In remains to be shown that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket$. By Thm. 6.3, there exists a bijection f such that $\llbracket F_v(C_1) \rrbracket = \llbracket F_v(C_2) \rrbracket$ if and only if $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$. By Lemma 6.1, $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket \circ f = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ f$ if and only if $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$.

E Global Affine Linear Phase Inference

This section considers the problem of determining parameterized equivalence up to affine rational linear global phase, under the assumptions of Sec. 6.2. These assumptions subsume circuits over the Clifford+T gate set, with arbitrary Pauli-rotations and state preparation. This generalizes the gate sets considered in prior work, and moreover, is the first result of decidability for this problem.

Assume that $C_1 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ are two circuits which differ by an affine rational linear global phase. This means that there exists an $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}^k$ and a $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = e^{i(\alpha_1\theta_1 + \dots + \alpha_k\theta_k + \beta)} \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ for each $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. The goal of this section is to find an algorithm which, given C_1 and C_2 , can solve for α_1 through to α_k . In the case where C_1 and C_2 are not equivalent up to affine linear global phase, the algorithm should still terminate, but may return anything, since affine linear global phase can be validated easily through circuit instrumentation (we will see that α_1 through to α_k are integral).

One approach to this problem is to note that $x \to e^{ix\pi}$ is injective on any not strictly closed interval of length 2π . This means that if $e^{i\alpha_j\pi}$ could be isolated, then it would be possible to compute its inverse. However, α_j can be arbitrarily large, so it is unclear on which interval this inverse should be computed. An alternative approach is to find some $b_j \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $b_j > \alpha_j$, so that $\alpha_j/b_j \in (-\pi, \pi)$. Then $(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi \in (-1, 1)$, and consequently, it would be possible to isolate $e^{i(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi}$. This approach can be decomposed into three sub-problems. First, it must be shown how to compute an $b_j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\alpha_j/b_j \in (-1, 1)$. It will follow from this analysis that $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Second, it must be shown how to isolate $z = e^{i(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi}$. This can be done via arithmetic operations on the matrix entries of $[C_1](\theta)$ and $[C_2](\theta)$, where θ is some rational multiple of π . Since parameterized circuits over the universal cyclotomic field stay within the cyclotomic field when evaluated at rational points, then z must live within the universal cyclotomic field as well. Moreover, this is computable. Motivated by this observation we then show how to compute the inverse to $x \mapsto e^{ix\pi}$ for $x \in (-1, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$.

E.1 Normalizing the Coefficients

The goal of this section is to find some $b_j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\alpha_j/b_j \in (-1, 1)$. As in the proof of Thm. 5.10, the idea is to inspect the polynomial abstraction $[-]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ from Sec. 5.1, to restrict the set of possible values for α_j . It will first be shown that α_j must be an integer. Using this information, the degree bound on $[-]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ from Thm. 5.6 will be used to show that $|\alpha_j| < 2\lambda_j$. Intuitively, the frequency of [-] in the *j*-th component bounds α_j .

To this end, $\llbracket-\rrbracket$ must be characterized when restricted to change in the *j*-th component. Let e_{ℓ} denote the ℓ -th standard basis vector for \mathbb{R}^k and c_{ℓ} denote the ℓ -th standard basis vector for \mathbb{C}^k . Fix some starting point $\hat{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^k$. If the *j*-th parameter changes by $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then the new parameter will be $\hat{\theta} + xe_j$. It turns out that regardless of the starting point, the function $x \mapsto \llbracket C \rrbracket (\hat{\theta} + xe_j)$ is periodic with period at most 4π . As a convenience of notation, define the following two maps.

 $\omega_2 : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}^k \text{ such that } \omega_2(z) = \sum_{\ell \in [k] \setminus \{j\}} \left(\exp(-i\widehat{\theta}_\ell/2)c_\ell \right) + zc_j$

Then $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\widehat{\theta} + xe_j) = \llbracket C \rrbracket(\omega_1(x))$. Moreover, $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\omega_1(x)) = \llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}}(\omega_2(\exp(-ix/2)))$ by Thm. 5.2. It is easy to see that $\llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \circ \omega_2$ is a matrix of single variable Laurent polynomials, since ω_2 fixes all other components. Using $\llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}} \circ \omega_2$, it is straight-forward to prove that $\llbracket C \rrbracket \circ \omega_1$ is periodic.

▶ Lemma E.1. If $C \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then for each $\hat{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $j \in [j]$, the function $\llbracket C \rrbracket \circ \omega_1$ is periodic with period at most 4π .

Proof. Let $s \in [2^n]$ and $t \in [2^m]$ where n = in(C) and $m \in out(C)$. Define $F = \llbracket C \rrbracket_{s,t}$ and $f = (\llbracket C \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{s,t}$. Let $j \in [k]$. Then by Thm. 5.2, $F(\omega_1(x)) = f(\omega_2(\exp(-x/2)))$. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the following equation holds.

 $F(x) = f(\exp(-ix/2)) = f(\exp(-ix/2 - 2\pi\ell)) = f(\exp(-i(x + 4\pi\ell)/2)) = F(x + 4\pi\ell)$

Since x and ℓ were arbitrary, then by definition, $F \circ \omega_1$ is periodic with period at most 4π . Since j was arbitrary as well, then the proof is complete.

In the case where C_1 and C_2 do differ by an affine linear global phase, it then follows that $e^{-ip(\theta)/2} \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta)$ is a periodic function, since $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta)$ is a already known to be periodic. Since $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta)$ is already known to be periodic, then this claim holds if and only if $\exp(-i\theta_j/2)$ is periodic as well. It is well known that $\exp(-i\theta_j/2)$ is periodic if and only if α_j is rational. Moreover, the period of 4π enforces that α_j is in fact an integer.

▶ Theorem E.2. If $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfy $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = e^{-ip(\theta)/2} \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ where $p(\theta) = \alpha_1 \theta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k + \beta$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^k$.

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Proof. Since $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ are equal up to a scalar function, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket$ have the same dimension. If $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket$ is identically zero, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$ and $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = e^{ip(\theta)/2} \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}$. Then, $\alpha_j = 0$ and $\beta = 0$ is a valid solution. Assume instead that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is not identically zero. Then there exists some component (s, t) such that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{s,t}$ is not identically zero. Define the functions $F = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{s,t}$ and $G = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{s,t}$. Since $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{s,t}$ is not identically zero, then there exists some $\hat{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $F(\hat{\theta}) \neq 0$. Define $\gamma = \exp(-ip(\hat{\theta})/2)$. By Lemma E.1, both F and G have period at most 4π . Then the following equation holds.

$$\gamma F(\omega_1(0)) = G(\omega_1(0)) = G(\omega_1(4\pi)) = \gamma \exp(-i(4\pi)\alpha_j/2)F(\omega_1(4\pi)) = \gamma \exp(-i(2\pi)\alpha_j)F(\omega_1(0))$$

Since γ is an exponential, then $\gamma \neq 0$. Moreover, $F(\omega_1(0)) = F(\hat{\theta}) \neq 0$ by assumption. Then $1 = \exp(-i(2\pi)\alpha_j)$. Then there exists some $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $-(2\pi)\alpha_j = 2\pi\ell$. Then $\theta_j = -\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since j was arbitrary, then $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Since $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}$, then scaling $[\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}} \circ \omega_2$ by $e^{i\beta}(z_j)^{\alpha_j}$ yields a new Laurent polynomial which agrees with $[\![C_2]\!] \circ \omega_1$ on the unit circle. Since the number of points on the unit circle is infinite, then it follows from Thm. 2.1 that these two polynomials are identically equal. This means that the degree bounds for $[\![C_1]\!]_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ are also bounds on $|\alpha_j|$. It follows that $|\alpha_j| \leq 2\lambda_j$. Consequently, $\alpha_j/b_j \in (-1, 1)$ when $b_j = 2\lambda_j$.

► Corollary E.3. Assume that $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfy the equation $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = e^{-ip(\theta)/2} \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ where $p(\theta) = \alpha_1 \theta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k + \beta$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $|\alpha_j| \leq 2\lambda_j$ for each $j \in [k]$.

Proof. Let $j \in [k]$. By Thm. E.2, $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}$. It remains to be shown that $|\alpha| \leq 2\lambda_j$. Define the functions $F = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{0,0}, f = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{0,0}, G = \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket_{0,0}, \text{ and } g = (\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket_{\mathsf{Poly}})_{0,0}$. Then by Thm. 5.2, $F(\omega_1(x)) = f(\omega_2(\exp(-ix/2)))$ and $G(\omega_2(x)) = f(\omega_2(\exp(-ix/2)))$ where $\hat{\theta} = 0$. Define the new Laurent polynomial $h = \gamma x^{\alpha_j} (f \circ \omega_2)$ where $\gamma = e^{-i\beta/2}$. Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that |z| = 1. Since z is on the complex unit circle, there exists some $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $z = \exp(i\rho)$ Since $\hat{\theta} = 0$, then the following equation holds.

$$h(z) = \gamma e^{-i\alpha_j x/2} f(\omega_2(z)) = e^{-ip(\omega_1(x))/2} f(\omega_2(z)) = e^{-ip(\omega_1(x))/2} F(\omega_1(-\rho/2))$$

Then by assumption, the following equation holds.

 $h(\exp(z)) = e^{-ip(\omega_1(x))/2} F(\omega_1(-\rho/2)) = G(\omega_1(-\rho/2)) = g(\omega_2(z))$

Since z was arbitrary, then h and $g \circ \omega_2$ agree on the complex unit circle. Recall from Cor. 5.7 that $\lambda_j = \max\{\sum_{\alpha \in A(C)} |\alpha_j| : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\}$. Then by Thm. 5.6, $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(f) \leq \lambda_j$ and $\deg_{z_j}^{\pm}(g) \leq \lambda_j$. Since substituting variables for constants can only decrease the degree of a polynomial, then $\deg^{\pm}(f \circ \omega_2) \leq \lambda_j$ and $\deg^{\pm}(g \circ \omega_2) \leq \lambda_j$ as well. Then the polynomials $x^{\lambda_j}h(x)$ and $x^{\lambda_j}g(\omega_1(x))$ have strictly positive degrees and agree on the complex unit circle. In other words, every point on the complex unit circle is a root of $x^{\lambda_j}(h(x) - g(\omega_1(x)))$. Since the number of points on the complex unit circle is uncountable, then it follows trivially by Thm. 2.1 that $x^{\lambda_j}(h(x) - g(\gamma_1(x)))$ is identically zero. Since x^{λ_j} is not identically zero, then $h(x) = g(\gamma_1(x))$. There are for cases to consider.

- Assume that $\alpha_j \ge 0$ and $\deg^+(f \circ \omega_2) = 0$. Then $\lambda_j \ge \deg^+(g \circ \omega_1) = \alpha_j \deg^-(f \circ \omega_2) \ge \alpha_j \lambda_j$. Then $2\lambda_j \ge \alpha_j = |\alpha_j|$.
- Assume that $\alpha_j \ge 0$ and $\deg^+(f \circ \omega_2) > 0$. Then $\lambda_j \ge \deg^+(g \circ \omega_1) = \alpha_j + \deg^+(f \circ \omega_2) \ge \alpha_j$. Then $\lambda_j \ge \alpha_j = |\alpha_j|$.
- Assume that $\alpha_j < 0$ and $\deg^-(f \circ \omega_2) = 0$. Then $\lambda_j \ge \deg^-(g \circ \omega_1) = -\alpha_j \deg^+(f \circ \omega_2) \ge -\alpha_j \lambda_j$. Then $2\lambda_j \ge -\alpha_j = |\alpha_j|$.
- Assume that $\alpha_j < 0$ and $\deg^-(f \circ \omega_2) > 0$. Then $\lambda_j \ge \deg^-(g \circ \omega_1) = -\alpha_j + \deg^-(f \circ \omega_2) \ge -\alpha_j$. Then $\lambda_j \ge -\alpha_j = |\alpha_j|$.

In each case, $|\alpha_j| \leq 2\lambda$. Since j was arbitrary, then this completes the proof.

E.2 Isolating the Linear Phase Terms

The goal of this section is to isolate the terms $e^{i\beta}$ and each $e^{i(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi}$. This is relatively easy, since every matrix in \mathcal{G} is injective. It follows that $[\![C_1]\!](\theta)$ is injective for any choice of θ . In particular, this means that $[\![C_1]\!](0)$ will always have a non-zero component.

Let $\theta_0 = 0$ and $\theta_j = e_j(\pi/b_j)$ where e_j is the *j*-th standard basis vector for \mathbb{R}^k . Then there exists some (s,t) such that $(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_0))_{s,t} \neq 0$ and there exists some (u,v) such that $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_1))_{u,v} \neq 0$. It then follows by direct computation that the following equations hold.

$$e^{i\beta} = \frac{(\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta_0))_{s,t}}{(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta_0))_{s,t}} \qquad \qquad e^{i(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi} = \frac{(\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta_j))_{u,v}}{e^{i\beta}(\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta_j))_{u,v}}$$

Since both θ_0 and θ_j are rational multiples of π , then this can be computed exactly in the universal cyclotomic field.

▶ Theorem E.4. If \mathcal{G} consists of injective matrices and $C_1 \in Circ(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $[C_1](\theta)$ is injective for each $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

Proof. Let $\operatorname{Pred}(-)$ denote the predicate on $\operatorname{Circ}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ such that $\operatorname{Pred}(C)$ if and only if $\llbracket C \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective for all $\theta \in \mathcal{R}^k$. First, the claim is proven for singleton circuits using Prop. 3.2.

- **Base Case (1).** Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Let $\theta \in \mathcal{R}^k$ Then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta) = G$ with G injective by assumption. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\mathsf{Pred}(G)$.
- **Base Case (2).** Let $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $p \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. As explained in Sec. 3, $[\![R_M(p)]\!](\theta) = \cos(p(\theta))I + i\sin(p(\theta))M$ is unitary. Since unitary matrices are invertible, then they are injective. Then $[\![G]\!](\theta)$ is injective. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\mathsf{Pred}(R_M(p))$.
- **Control Induction.** Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that G is a unitary gate on n wires and that $\operatorname{Pred}(G)$ holds. Let $\theta \in \mathcal{R}^k$. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(G)$ holds, then $\llbracket G \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since I_{2^n} is injective, and the direct sum of injective matrices must be injective, then $\llbracket C(G) \rrbracket = I_{2^n} \oplus \llbracket G \rrbracket$ is injective. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\operatorname{Pred}(C(p))$.

Then by Prop. 3.2, $\mathsf{Pred}(G)$ for all $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Next, Prop. 3.3 is used to prove the claim for all circuits.

- **Base Case (1)**. Let $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Since the identity matrix is injective, then $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket(\theta) = I_2$ is injective. Since θ was arbitrary, then $G(\epsilon)$.
- **Base Case (2).** If $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$, then $\mathsf{Pred}(C)$ holds by the first sub-proof.
- **Parallel Induction**. Let $G \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $H \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$. Assume that $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ and $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds. Let $\theta \in \mathcal{R}^k$. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ holds, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds, then $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since the tensor produce of injective matrices must be injective, then $\llbracket C_1 / / C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta) \otimes \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1 / / C_2)$ holds.
- **Sequential Induction.** Let $C_1 \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $C_2 \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ with C_1 and C_2 composable. Assume that $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ and $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds. Let $\theta \in \mathcal{R}^k$. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1)$ holds, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since $\operatorname{Pred}(C_2)$ holds, then $\llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since the tensor produce of injective matrices must be injective, then $\llbracket C_1 \circ C_2 \rrbracket(\theta) = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket(\theta) \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket(\theta)$ is injective. Since θ was arbitrary, then $\operatorname{Pred}(C_1 \circ C_2)$ holds.

Then by Prop. 3.3, $\mathsf{Pred}(C)$ for all $C \in \Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$.

E.3 Computing the Coefficients

The goal of this section is to recover α_j from $z = e^{i(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi}$. In general, global phase recovery can be hard, since the global phase need not be a root of unity. Thanks to Cor. E.3, this is much easier for integral circuits. If $d = 2b_j$, then $z = e^{i(\alpha_j/b_j)\pi} = e^{i(\alpha_j/d)2\pi} = (\zeta_d)^{\alpha_j}$ where (ζ_d) is the primitive *d*-th root of unity. This means that $z \in \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_d]$. Moreover, since *d* is even, then all roots of unity in $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_d]$ are of degree at most *d*. Since $\alpha_j/d \in (-1/2, 1/2)$ with $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $d = 4\lambda$, then there must exist some $\ell \in \{-2\lambda, -2\lambda + 1, \ldots, 2\lambda - 1, 2\lambda\}$ such that $\alpha_j = \ell$. To find such an ℓ , it suffices to search all of the integers from -2λ to 2λ until $(\zeta_d)^\ell = z$. If no such integer exists, then C_1 and C_2 do not differ by a global phase.

E.4 An Algorithmic Summary

The previous analysis is summarized by the following algorithm, denoted $\mathsf{FindPhase}(C_1, C_2)$.

- 1. Compute $M_1 = [\![C_1]\!](\theta_0)$ and $M_2 = [\![C_2]\!](\theta_0)$.
- 2. If there exists indices (s,t) such that $(M_1)_{s,t} \neq 0$ and $(M_2)_{s,t} \neq 0$, then define the variable $z_0 = (M_2)_{s,t}/(M_1)_{s,t}$, else return the (1,0).
- **3.** If $|z_0| \neq 1$, then return (1, 0).
- 4. For each $j \in [k]$, compute $\lambda_j = \max\{\sum_{a \in A(C)} |a_j| : C \in \{C_1, C_2\}\}.$
- 5. For each $j \in [k]$, compute $M_1^j = [C_1](\theta_i)$ and $M_2^j = [C_2](\theta_i)$, where $\theta_i = e_i \pi/(2\lambda_i)$.
- **6.** For each $j \in [k]$, if there exists indices (u, v) such that $(M_1^j)_{u,v} \neq 0$ and $(M_2^j)_{u,v} \neq 0$, then define the variable $z_j = (M_2^j)_{u,v}/(z_0(M_1^j)_{u,v})$, else return the (1,0).
- 7. For each $j \in [k]$, if there exists an $\ell \in \{-2\lambda_j, -2\lambda_j + 1, \dots, 2\lambda_j 1, 2\lambda_j\}$ such that $(\zeta_{(8\lambda_j)})^{\ell} = z_j$, then define the variable $\alpha_j = \ell$, else return the (1, 0).
- **8.** Return $(1/z_0, f)$ where $f(\theta) = \alpha_1 \theta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k$.

Note that this does not solve for β explicitly. In principle, β could be any value. However, $1/z_0$ can be used in place of the $e^{i\beta}$ in all further analysis of the programs.

▶ Lemma E.5. If $(z, f) = FindPhase(C_1, C_2)$, then there exists a $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $z = e^{i\beta}$.

Proof. Note that there exists a $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $z = e^{i\beta}$ if and only if |z| = 1. Then, it suffices to show that |z| = 1. Note that the algorithm $\mathsf{FindPhase}(-, -)$ will return in one of five possible cases (lines 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8). In the first four cases, the value of z is set to 1, which implies that |z| = 1. In the fifth case, the value of z is set to z_0 . To reach the fifth return case at line 8, the return statement at line 3 must be bypassed. To bypass the return statement at line 3, it must be the case that $|z_0| = 1$, which implies that |z| = 1. Therefore, |z| = 1 in each of the five possible return cases.

▶ **Theorem E.6.** Assume \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consist of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, with all gates in \mathcal{G} injective. If $C_1 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is equivalent to $C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ modulo affine rational linear global phase and $(z, f) = FindPhase(C_1, C_2)$, then $\llbracket C_1 \rrbracket = z \left(e^{-if(\theta)/2} \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \right)$.

Proof. Since C_1 is equivalent to C_2 modulo affine linear global phase, then there exists an affine rational linear function $p(\theta) = x_1\theta_1 + \cdots + x_k\theta_k + \beta$ such that $[\![C_1]\!](\theta) = e^{ip(\theta)/2}[\![C_2]\!](\theta)$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Since all gates in \mathcal{G} are injective, then by Thm. E.4, the matrix $[\![C_2]\!](\theta)$ is also injective for all angles $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$. In particular, $M_2 = [\![C_2]\!](\theta_0)$ is injective and the following equation holds.

$$M_1 = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_0) = e^{ip(\theta_0)/2} \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_0) = e^{i\beta/2} \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_0) = e^{i\beta/2} M_2$$

Since M_2 is injective, then there exists indices (s,t) such that $(M_2)_{s,t} \neq 0$. Since $e^{i\beta/2} \neq 0$, then $(M_1)_{s,t} = e^{i\beta/2}(M_2)_{s,t} \neq 0$. It follows that $z_0 = (M_2)_{s,t}/(M_1)_{s,t} = e^{-i\beta/2}$. Next, let $j \in [k]$. Since $[C_2](\theta)$ is also injective for all angles $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$, then in particular, $M_2^j = [C_2](\theta_j)$ is injective. Moreover, since $p(\theta_j) = x_j \pi/(2\lambda_j) + \beta$, then the following equation holds.

$$M_1^j = \llbracket C_1 \rrbracket (\theta_j) = e^{i p(\theta_j)/2} \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_j) = \left(e^{i x_j \pi/(4\lambda_j)} \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket (\theta_j) \right) / z_0 = \left(e^{i x_j \pi/(4\lambda_j)} M_2 \right) / z_0$$

Since M_2^j is injective, then there exists some indices (u, v) such that $(M_2^j)_{u,v} \neq 0$. Since $z_0 \neq 0$ and $e^{ix_j\pi/(4\lambda_j)} \neq 0$, then $(M_1^j)_{u,v} = z_0 e^{ix_j\pi/(4\lambda_j)} (M_2^j)_{u,v} \neq 0$. It follows that $z_j = (M_2^j)_{u,v}/(z_0 M_1^j)_{u,v} = e^{-ix_j\pi/(4\lambda_j)}$. By Cor. E.3, $x_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $|x_j| \leq 2\lambda_j$. It follows that $x_j \in \{-2\lambda_j, -2\lambda_j + 1, \dots, 2\lambda_j - 1, 2\lambda_j\}$. It must now be shown that there exists a unique $\ell \in \{-2\lambda_j, -2\lambda_j + 1, \dots, 2\lambda_j - 1, 2\lambda_j\}$ such that $(\zeta_{(8\lambda_j)})^{\ell} = z_j$. Such an ℓ must be unique, since $\ell \mapsto (\zeta_{(8\lambda_i)})^{\ell}$ is bijective on $(-4\lambda_j, 4\lambda_j)$. It remains to be shown that ℓ exists. Consider the case where $\ell = -x_j$. Then $(\zeta_{(8\lambda_j)})^{\ell} = (e^{i\pi/(4\lambda_j)})^{-x_j} = z_j$. Consequently, $\alpha_j = -x_j$. Since j was arbitrary, then FindPhase $(C_1, C_2) = (1/z_0, f)$ where $f(\theta) = \alpha_k \theta_j + \cdots + \alpha_k \theta_k$. Since $ze^{-if(\theta)/2} = e^{-i(\alpha_1\theta_1 + \dots + \alpha_k\theta_k - \beta)/2} = e^{ip(\theta)/2}$, then $[C_1] = z(e^{-if(\theta)/2}[C_2])$.

E.5 **Proof of Theorem 6.5**

Theorem 6.5. Assume \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} consist of matrices over the universal cyclotomic field, with all gates in \mathcal{G} injective. If $C_1, C_2 \in Circ_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ and $(z, f) = FindPhase(C_1, C_2)$, then C_1 is equivalent to C_2 modulo affine linear global phase if and only if $[\![C_1]\!] = [\![zI \circ R_I(f) \circ C_2]\!]$.

Proof. By definition, $[R_I(f)](\theta) = \cos(-f(\theta)/2)I + i\sin(-f(\theta)/2)I = e^{-if(\theta)/2}I$. There are two cases to consider.

- Assume that C_1 is equivalent to C_2 modulo affine rational linear global phase. Then by Thm. E.6, $[C_1] = z \left(e^{-if(\theta)/2} [C_2] \right) = [zI] [R_I(f)] [C_2] = [zI \circ R_I(f) \circ C_2].$
- Assume that C_1 is not equivalent to C_2 modulo affine rational linear global phase. Then by definition, $[\![zI \circ R_I(f) \circ C_2]\!] = [\![zI]\!] [\![R_I(f)]\!] [\![C_2]\!] = ze^{-if(\theta)/2} [\![C_2]\!]$. By Lemma E.5, there exists some $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $z = e^{i\beta}$. Then $[zI \circ R_I(f) \circ C_2] = e^{-i(f(\theta) - 2\beta)/2}$ Since C_1 is not equivalent to C_2 modulo affine rational linear global phase, then in particular, $[\![C_1]\!] \neq e^{-i(f(\theta) - 2\beta)/2} [\![C_2]\!] = [\![zI \circ R_I(f) \circ C_2]\!]$ 4

This completes the proof.

Proof of Theorem 6.7 F

The section establishes Thm. 6.7. The idea of the proof is fairly simple. First, let d = $\operatorname{lcm}\{\operatorname{denom}(s): s \in S\}$. Then for each element $s \in S$, there will be a unique numerator $x_s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x_s/d = s$. Then the size of S will be bounded by the number of unique numerators within the given interval. To this end, define Numerator(s, d) to be the unique integer x_s such that $x_s/d = s$.

▶ Lemma F.1. If $k \in \mathbb{K}$, $S \subseteq [0, k) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $d = \operatorname{lcm}\{\operatorname{denom}(s) : s \in S\}$, then |S| = |X|where $X = \{ \text{Numerator}(s, d) : s \in S \}.$

Proof. Let $f: S \to \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f(s) = \operatorname{Numerator}(s, d)$. Then X = f(S) and $|X| \leq |S|$. Then it suffices to show that f is injective. Let $s \in S$ and $t \in S$. Assume that f(s) = f(s). By definition of f, s = f(s)/d and t = f(t). Then s = t. Since s and t were arbitrary, then f is injective. Then $|X| \ge |S|$. In conclusion, |S| = |X|.

▶ **Theorem 6.7.** If $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $S \subseteq [0, k) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and b = |S|, then $\operatorname{lcm}\{\operatorname{denom}(s) : s \in S\} \geq \lceil b/k \rceil$.

Proof. Define $d = \operatorname{lcm}\{\operatorname{denom}(s) : s \in S\}$ and $X = \{\operatorname{Numerator}(s, d) : s \in S\}$. Let $x \in X$. Assume for the intent of contradiction that $x \notin \{0, 1, \ldots, dk-1\}$. Since x is an integer, then there are two cases to consider.

1. Assume that x is negative. Then there exists an $s \in S$ such that s = x/d. Since d is positive, then s is negative. However, $S \subseteq [0, 4)$, so s is positive. By contradiction, s is not negative.

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2. Assume $x \ge dk$. Then there exists an $s \in S$ such that s = x/d. Since $x \ge dk$, then $s \ge k$. However, $S \subseteq [0, 4)$, so s < 4. By contradiction, s < dk.

Since x was arbitrary, then $X \subseteq \{0, 1, \dots, dk - 1\}$. Then |X| < dk. Then by Lemma F.1, |S| = |X| < dk. Then $b/k \le d$. Since d is an integer, then $\lceil b/k \rceil \le d$.