

# Physical constraint-aware CNOT quantum circuit synthesis & optimization

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## Abstract

1. What are the physical constraints for noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) devices?

(NN)  
Nearest-neighbour interaction and gate error

Def: A two-qubit gate can only be performed on adjacent qubits.

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quantum circuit execution success rate

Def: Various noises in the quantum system impact the precision of qc on the hardware.

2. What are the physical constraints of the CNOT circuit w.r.t mapping and optimization?



① NN interaction

② gate error rate.

3. What is the deliverable of this paper?

They presented a physical constraint-aware CNOT quantum circuit synthesis and optimization approach.

① weighted Steiner tree to account for CNOT gate errors between adjacent qubits of the NISQ device

② The minimum Steiner tree algorithm

matrix-transformation-based optimization approach

4. What are the experimental results?

They showed that <sup>on average,</sup> the proposed NN-synthesis enhanced the circuit fidelity by:

- Success rate  $\nearrow$  382.86%
- # gates  $\searrow$  58.3%

## I. Introduction

1.2 What is the purpose of such mapping?

For the logical quantum circuit to be executed in the physical quantum hardware there is a success rate.

1.1 What is the synthesis and mapping of quantum circuits?

To automatically construct a quantum circuit with a given quantum function on the target quantum computer architecture.  $\Leftrightarrow$  Find a representation of a quantum algorithm.

2. Why study the synthesis of the CNOT quantum circuit? [logical level].

(1) Universal quantum circuits can be built using CNOT gates and different single-qubit gates. A CNOT circuit only consists of CNOT gates.

(2) The synthesis of CNOT circuits helps optimize the quantum circuits.

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Improve

↓ both # gates and the fidelity.

3. What kinds of architecture do we focus on?

superconducting qubit-based quantum computing devices.

## II. Preliminaries

1. Logical qubits: the qubits that participate in a quantum algorithm. A quantum algorithm is represented by a logical quantum circuit. Each logical qubit is represented by  $q_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

2. Physical qubits: the qubits on a quantum computer. Each physical qubit is represented by  $Q_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

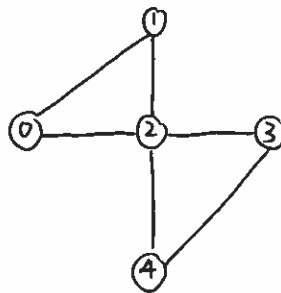
3. Initial mapping: one-to-one relationships between the logical and physical qubits.

In this context, we ignore the layer of QEC.

4. IBMQ\_YORKTOWN coupling graph:

(1) What does each vertex mean?

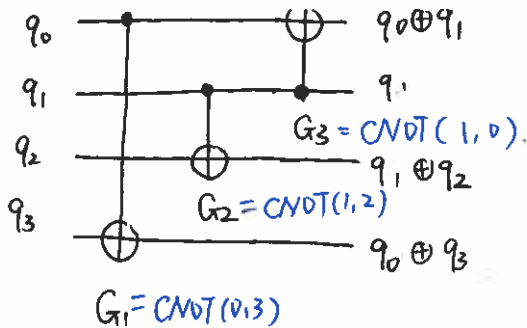
Each vertex corresponds to a physical qubit register on the hardware.



(2) What does each edge mean?

It denotes that the qubits connect to it can interact directly. Only when the CNOT gate on the logical quantum circuit is placed on the physically adjacent physical qubits can it be successfully implemented.

### Example 1



(1) Suppose we perform the mapping

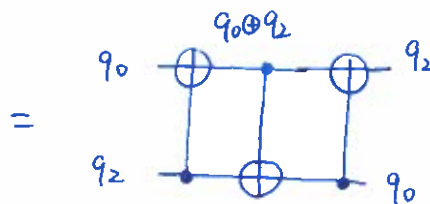
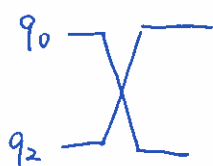
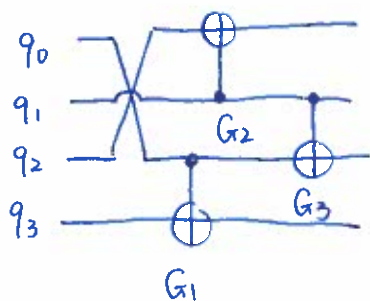
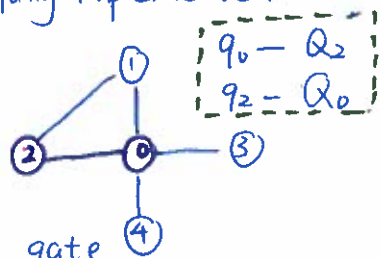
$$q'_i = Q_i \quad 0 \leq i \leq 4.$$

(2)  $G_1$  is not an NN CNOT gate because physical qubits 0 and 3 are not adjacent. This means  $G_1$  cannot be successfully implemented.

(3) How to convert  $G_1$  to an NN CNOT gate?

Approach 1: Alter the initial mapping procedure

Approach 2: Insert the SWAP gate in front of the  $G_1$  gate



5. Boolean matrix / Parity matrix:  $n \times n$  invertible matrix over  $\mathbb{F}_2$

(1) The  $i$ th row represents the output parity on the  $i$ th wire.

(2) The  $j$ th column represents the  $j$ th input qubit.

For the circuit in Example 1, write its parity matrix

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{\text{CNOT}(i,j) \\ R_j \leftarrow R_i \oplus R_j}]{q'_i \oplus q_j} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ i & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ j & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ m & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ q'_0 \\ q'_1 \\ q'_2 \\ q'_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M'$$

To generate  $M'$  from  $G_1, G_2,$  and  $G_3$ , perform the inverse product of the Boolean matrix of  $G_i$ .

$$G_3: \text{CNOT}(1,0) \rightarrow M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_2: \text{CNOT}(1,2) \rightarrow M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_1: \text{CNOT}(0,3) \rightarrow M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M' = M_3 M_2 M_1$$

$$M_1 I = M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_2 M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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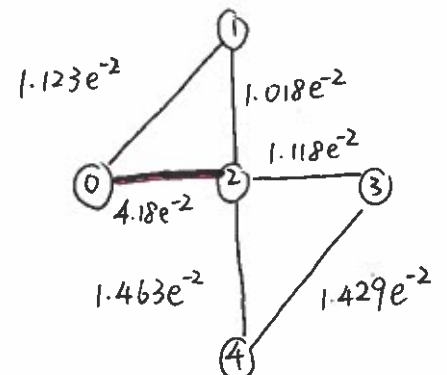
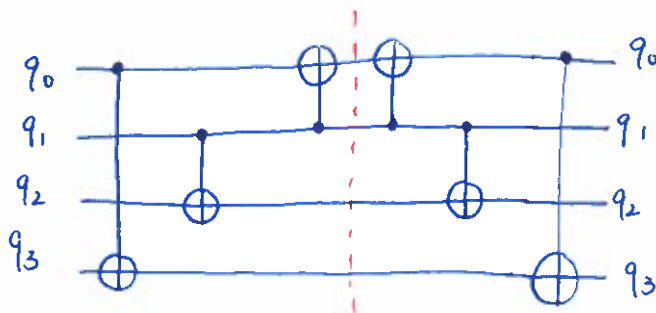
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$$M_3 M' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_2 M_1$$

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$$M_1 M_2 M_3 M' = I$$



6. What is CNOT error?

It is the error rate of operations between two adjacent qubits.

Also known as the interaction error. This error is of order of magnitude more than a single-qubit operation error.

### III Gate error-aware CNOT circuit NN synthesis

Def 1 On a quantum device, a CNOT gate is applied to the physical qubit  $Q_i$  and  $Q_j$

$$\text{CNOT}(Q_i, Q_j)$$

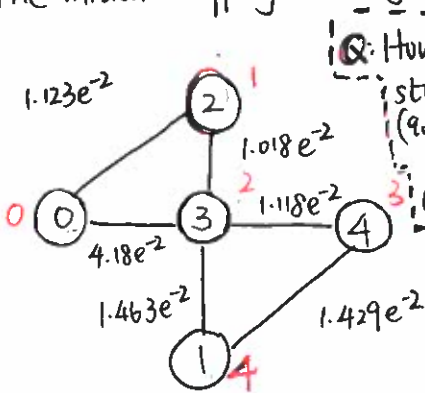
$$\text{Set}(Q_i, Q_j) = Q_i \oplus Q_j, Q_i=1, Q_j=0 \rightarrow Q_j'=1$$

$$\text{Del}(Q_i, Q_j) = Q_i \oplus Q_j, Q_i=1, Q_j=1 \rightarrow Q_j'=0.$$

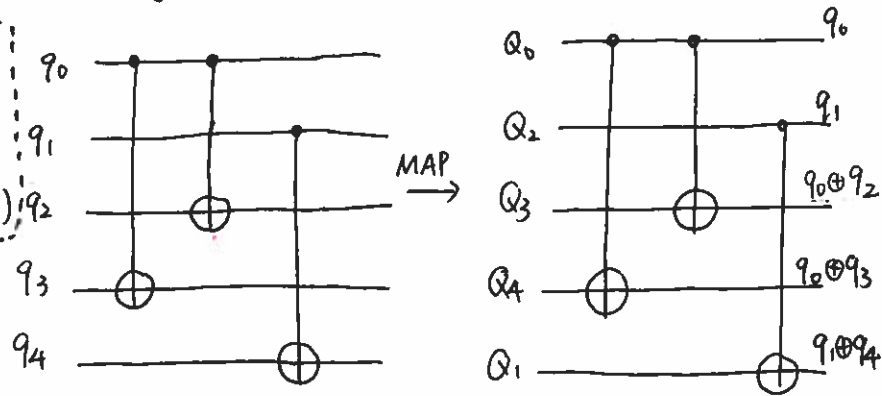
Def 2 The CNOT error is used as the edge weights of the architecture diagram  $G=(V, E)$ . The minimum spanning tree is defined as a spanning tree that covers a set of required nodes  $V_n \subseteq V$  and has the **lowest sum of edge weights**. Steiner nodes are the additional added vertices  $V_s \subseteq V$  and  $V_n \cap V_s = \emptyset$ . The tree is denoted as  $ST(V_n, V_s)$ , where  $V_0$  is the root node.

Q: Why this is not the multiplication of error rate ??  
 A:  $\prod \epsilon_i$  vs  $\sum \epsilon_i$ ? And  $\sum \epsilon_i$  corresponds to existing algorithm??

(1) The initial mapping.  $Q_i$  logical,  $Q_j$  physical,  $0 \leq i, j \leq 4$



Q: How to understand  
 $(q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)$   
 $(Q_0, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4, Q_1)$



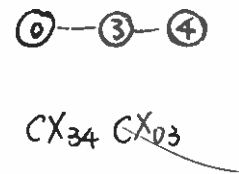
CNOT logic quantum circuit

	$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_4$
$Q_0$	1	0	0	0	0
$Q_2$	0	1	0	0	0
$Q_3$	1	0	1	0	0
$Q_4$	1	0	0	1	0
$Q_1$	0	1	0	0	1
	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_5$

The initial Boolean matrix

For  $c_1$

$Q_0$	1
$Q_2$	0
$Q_3$	1
$Q_4$	1
$Q_1$	0



(2) Generate a weighted Steiner tree based on the topology above and the CNOT error rate. Below we try to reconstruct P and D using a naive traversal approach, because Algorithm 1 is unreadable.

Step 1: Fill in the first row of P and D.

$$P = \begin{matrix} & Q_0 & Q_2 & Q_3 & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ Q_0 & [ ] & [ (0,2) ] & \begin{bmatrix} (0,2) \\ (2,3) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0,2) \\ (2,3) \\ (3,4) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (0,2) \\ (2,3) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad D = \begin{matrix} & Q_0 & Q_2 & Q_3 & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ Q_0 & 0 & 1.123e^{-2} & 2.141e^{-2} & 3.259e^{-2} & 3.604e^{-2} \\ \vdots & & & & & \end{matrix}$$

Path	Error rate	Path	Error rate	Path	Error rate
$Q_0 - Q_2$	0.01 ✓	$Q_0 - Q_3$	0.04	$Q_0 - Q_3 - Q_4$	$0.04 + 0.01 = 0.05$
$Q_0 - Q_3 - Q_2$	0.049	$Q_0 - Q_2 - Q_3$	0.019 ✓	$Q_0 - Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_4$	$0.01 + 0.009 + 0.01 = 0.029$ ✓
	$\downarrow$		$\downarrow$	$Q_0 - Q_3 - Q_1 - Q_4$	$0.04 + 0.014 + 0.013 = 0.067$ X
	$1.123 \times 10^{-2}$		$2.141 \times 10^{-2}$	$Q_0 - Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_1 - Q_4$	$3.259 \times 10^{-2}$ X
	$= 1.123e^{-2}$ ✓		$= (1.123 + 1.018) \times 10^{-2}$		$= 1.123 + 1.018 + 1.118$
Path	Error rate		$= 2.141e^{-2}$		$= 3.259e^{-2}$

$Q_0 - Q_3 - Q_1$	$0.04 + 0.014 = 0.054$
$Q_0 - Q_3 - Q_4 - Q_1$	X
$Q_0 - Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_1$	$0.01 + 0.009 + 0.014 = 0.033$ ✓ $\rightarrow 3.604e^{-2}$
$Q_0 - Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_4 - Q_1$	X
	$= 1.123 + 1.018 + 1.463 = 3.604e^{-2}$

\* Since P and D are symmetric, we only need to fill in the upper triangle part of both matrices. Also, we don't need to worry about diagonals because they are set to 1.

Step 2: Fill in the second row of the upper triangular component of P and D.

$$P = \begin{matrix} & & Q_3 & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ Q_2 & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad D = \begin{matrix} & & Q_3 & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ Q_2 & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (3,1) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Path	Error rate	Path	Error rate	Path	Error rate
$Q_2 - Q_3$	0.009 $\rightarrow 1.108e^{-2}$ ✓	$Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_4$	0.019 ✓	$Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_1$	0.023 ✓
$Q_2 - Q_0 - Q_3$	$0.01 + 0.04 = 0.05$	$Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_1 - Q_4$	0.036	$Q_2 - Q_3 - Q_4 - Q_1$	0.032

we use the previous knowledge to exclude:  $Q_2 - Q_0 - Q_3 \dots$

Step 3: Fill in the third row of the upper triangular component of P and D

$$P = \begin{matrix} \vdots & \dots & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ Q_3 & & [(3,4)] & [(3,1)] \\ \vdots & & & \end{matrix}$$

$$D = \begin{matrix} \vdots & \dots & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ Q_3 & & 1.118e^{-2} & 1.463e^{-2} \\ \vdots & & & \end{matrix}$$

Path	Error rate
$Q_3 - Q_4$	0.01 $\rightarrow 1.118e^{-2}$ ✓
$Q_3 - Q_1 - Q_4$	$0.014 + 0.013 = 0.027$

Path	Error rate
$Q_3 - Q_1$	0.014 $\rightarrow 1.463e^{-2}$ ✓
$Q_3 - Q_4 - Q_1$	0.023

Step 4: Fill in the fourth row of the upper triangular component of P and D

$$P = \begin{matrix} \vdots & \dots & Q_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ Q_4 & & [(4,1)] \\ \vdots & & \end{matrix}$$

$$D = \begin{matrix} \vdots & \dots & Q_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ Q_4 & & 1.429e^{-2} \\ \vdots & & \end{matrix}$$

Path	Error rate
$Q_4 - Q_1$	0.013 $\rightarrow 1.429e^{-2}$ ✓
$Q_4 - Q_3 - Q_1$	0.024

Q: How is the last paragraph on page 8 associated to the above naive analysis?

Def 3 The overall error of the NN circuit is defined as the sum of the products of the CNOT gates applied on each weighted Steiner tree during the error-aware CNOT circuit NN synthesis process.

Q: What does this mean? An example?

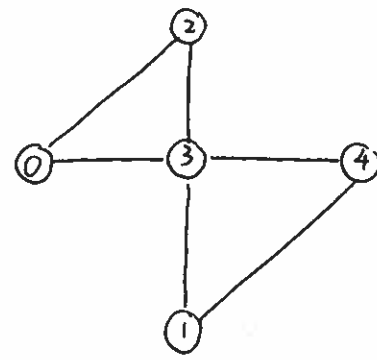
Next we use P, D, and M (shown on the next page) to perform the gate error-aware CNOT circuit NN synthesis

Example:

$$M = \begin{matrix} & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 \\ \begin{matrix} Q_0 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} & Q_0 & Q_2 & Q_3 & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ \begin{matrix} Q_0 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} [ ] & [(0,2)] & [(0,2)] & [(0,2)] & [(0,2)] \\ [ ] & [ ] & [(2,3)] & [(2,3)] & [(2,3)] \\ [ ] & [ ] & [ ] & [(3,4)] & [(3,1)] \\ [ ] & [ ] & [ ] & [ ] & [(4,1)] \\ [ ] & [ ] & [ ] & [ ] & [ ] \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$D = \begin{matrix} & Q_0 & Q_2 & Q_3 & Q_4 & Q_1 \\ \begin{matrix} Q_0 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1.123e^{-2} & 2.141e^{-2} & 3.259e^{-2} & 3.604e^{-2} \\ & 0 & 1.018e^{-2} & 2.136e^{-2} & 2.431e^{-2} \\ & & 0 & 1.118e^{-2} & 1.463e^{-2} \\ & & & 0 & 1.429e^{-2} \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



Step 1: Reduce the first column. Consider  $c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\leftarrow$  Stage 1: Reduce M to an upper triangular form.

$$\begin{matrix} \epsilon_1 & \epsilon_2 & \epsilon_3 & \epsilon_4 \\ CX_{32} & CX_{34} & CX_{23} & CX_{02} \end{matrix}$$

Q: How are errors accumulated?

$$\begin{matrix} Q_0 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

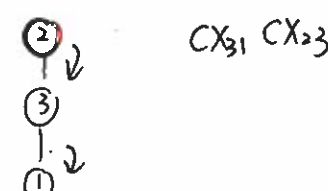
$$A = 1 - (1 - \epsilon_1)(1 - \epsilon_2)(1 - \epsilon_3)(1 - \epsilon_4)$$

when the circuit has no error

$$\begin{matrix} Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Reduce the second column

$$G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix}$$



$$\begin{matrix} Q_0 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Reduce the third column

$$G_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_1 \end{matrix}$$

