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Homework Assignment #06:

See Blackboard

Due Tuesday, April 05, 2022

Quantum circuit simulator <https://algassert.com/quirk>

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$$\rho_{\psi}^A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{\psi}^B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$