Quantum Mechanics & Quantum Computation

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Lecture 3: Two Qubits & Entanglement

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Observe j with probability $|\alpha_j|^2$. New state = $|j\rangle$.

Partial Measurement



 What is the result of measuring just the first qubit?

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