

Think Beyond 0 And 1

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Area of Research Interests

Mathematics

- Complex Analysis
One complex variable and Several complex variables
- Complex Geometry And Algebraic Geometry

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Data Science

- Quantum Computing
- Monte-Carlo Tree Search
Board game playing algorithms
- New Type of Search Algorithms
Probabilistic search algorithms

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Now, let us go to

- q-bit (reads “qubit”)
- Quantum Circuit

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- Quantum Mechanics

Schrödinger equation (Wave Equation):

$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = H\psi,$$

where H is called the **Hamiltonian** of the quantum system. The equation roughly says (if H does not depend on t),

$$\psi = e^{\frac{-it}{\hbar} H} \psi_0,$$

where ψ_0 is the initial state.

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- Linear Algebra (Hilbert Space)

Consider the **solution space** of Schrödinger equation

$$V = \{\psi \mid i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = H\psi\}.$$

- V is a **vector space**
- $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V = \infty$

In this setting, H can be treated as a **Linear transformation** of V , namely

$$H : V \longrightarrow V.$$

Quantum State

A q-bit is a quantum system consisting two states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ which are also denoted as ψ_0 and ψ_1 . They satisfy

$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi_i}{dt} = H\psi_i, \quad i = 0, 1.$$

- **Superposition Principle:**

For any $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}$

$$i\hbar \frac{d(\alpha_0\psi_0 + \alpha_1\psi_1)}{dt} = H(\alpha_0\psi_0 + \alpha_1\psi_1).$$

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- **Quantum Measurement:**

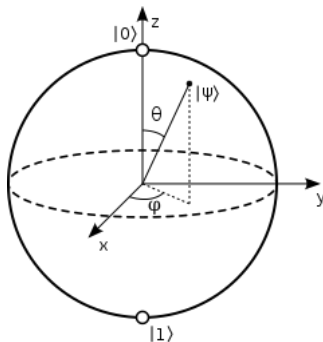
The probability to measure $|0\rangle$ is $|\alpha_0|^2$, i.e. $P(M = |0\rangle) = |\alpha_0|^2 \leq 1$.

Bloch Sphere

Let ψ be a quantum state, i.e. $\psi = \alpha_0|0\rangle + \alpha_1|1\rangle$ and $|\alpha_0|^2 + |\alpha_1|^2 = 1$. Since only the relative phase between the coefficients of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ has any physical meaning, we reassign the parameters and write

$$\psi = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} |1\rangle.$$

Then, a state ψ can be marked on a sphere:



- If quantum computer is commercialized, do we still need **traditional computers**?

I think so. In most cases, quantum computers do not perform better than traditional computers.

- Compared current **super computer** with **quantum computer**, which one is faster?

It really depends on the problem.

- What feature makes quantum computer significantly different from traditional computer?

Quantum superposition and quantum entanglement

- University of Waterloo, Quantum computing 101

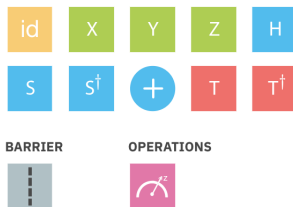
- Can I program a quantum computer using C/C++?

Yes, you can. There are some simulators.

Quantum Gates And Quantum Circuit

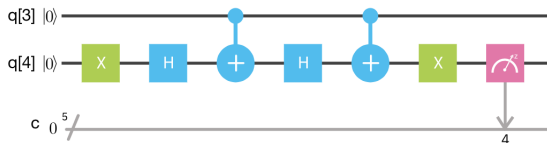
- **Basic quantum gates:**

Each gate represent a **elementary linear transformation** of V .



- **Quantum circuit:**

A circuit is a sequence of linear transformations.



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

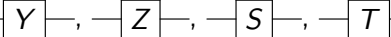
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-  **H gate:** $|0\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |+\rangle$ and $|1\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |-\rangle$
-  **X gate:** $|0\rangle \xrightarrow{X} |1\rangle \xrightarrow{X} |0\rangle$
-  **CNOT gate:** $|y, x\rangle \xrightarrow{\oplus} |y \oplus x, x\rangle$, where \oplus is $+$ mod 2
-  **Other gates:** Change phase

Oracle Function

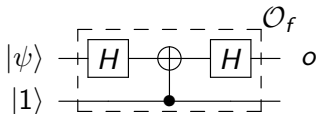
Let $f(x)$ be **balanced** such that $f(|0\rangle) = |0\rangle$ and $f(|1\rangle) = |1\rangle$.

Definition (Oracle Function)

Oracle function \mathcal{O}_f is defined as

$$|x\rangle \xrightarrow{\mathcal{O}_f} (-1)^{f(x)}|x\rangle.$$

Hence, in our case, $\mathcal{O}_f(|0\rangle) = |0\rangle$ and $\mathcal{O}_f(|1\rangle) = -|1\rangle$.

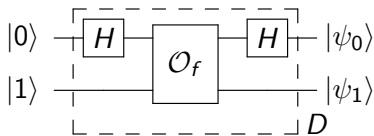


If $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$, $|0\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |+\rangle \xrightarrow{\oplus} |+\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |0\rangle$.

If $|\psi\rangle = |1\rangle$, $|1\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |-\rangle \xrightarrow{\oplus} -|-\rangle \xrightarrow{H} -|1\rangle$.

Deutsch's Algorithm I

Oracle Function solves Deutsch's problem.



If $f(x) = 0 \implies \mathcal{O}_f(|x\rangle) = (-1)^0|x\rangle = |x\rangle$.

- $|\psi_0\rangle$:

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |+\rangle \xrightarrow{\mathcal{O}_{f,0}} |+\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |0\rangle$$

- $|\psi_1\rangle$:

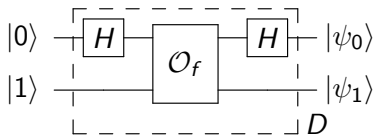
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In summary, we have

$$|10\rangle \xrightarrow{D} |10\rangle \implies P(\psi_0 = |0\rangle) = 1.$$

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- $|\psi_0\rangle$:

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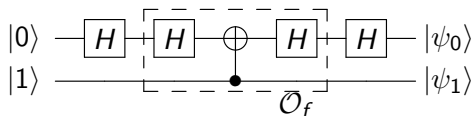
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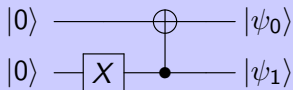
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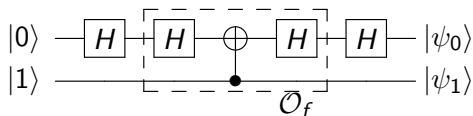
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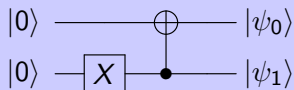
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• In summary:

We only need to measure $|\psi_1\rangle$. If $P(\psi_0 = |0\rangle) = 0$ f is **balanced**, and if $P(\psi_0 = |0\rangle) = 1$, f is a **constant**.

Question

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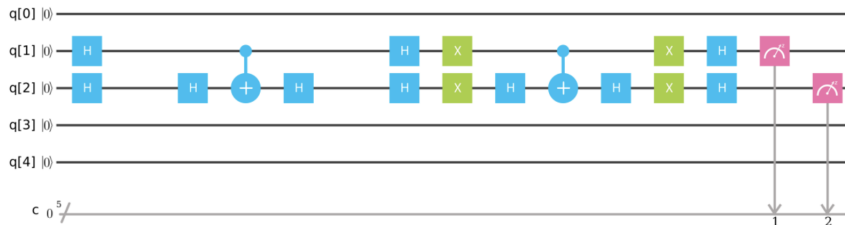
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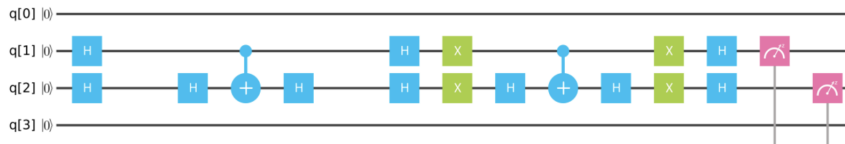
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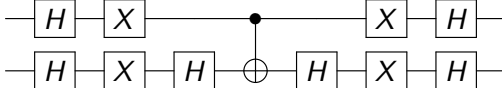
Grover's Algorithm

Quantum search algorithm consists of three parts.



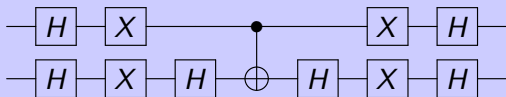
- **Superposition** — 

- **Oracle reflection** —  : $|x\rangle \xrightarrow{O_f} (-1)^{f(x)}|x\rangle$

- **Grover reflection** — 

Grover Reflection (Grover Diffusion Operator)

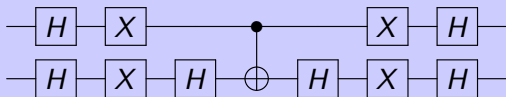
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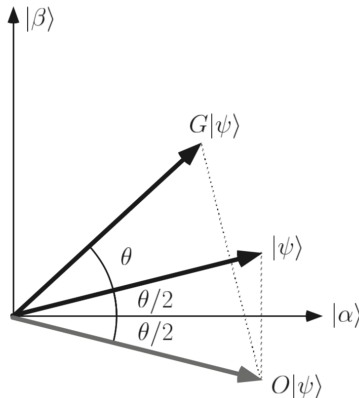
- $\text{---} [G'] \text{---}$ What G' does is $|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$ and $|x\rangle \rightarrow -|x\rangle$ for $x \neq 00$, which is equivalent to $|00\rangle \rightarrow -|00\rangle$ and $|x\rangle \rightarrow |x\rangle$ for $x \neq 00$, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

Geometry

Let $|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{x \text{ is not a sol}} |x\rangle$, $|\beta\rangle = \sum_{x \text{ is a sol}} |x\rangle$, and $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}|\alpha\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}|\beta\rangle = |+, +\rangle$. Then,

- **Oracle reflection** reflects with respect to $|\alpha\rangle$.
- **Grover reflection** reflects with respect to $|\psi\rangle$.



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Quantized MCTS algorithm, i.e. D-Wave + AlphaGo

Cloud Quantum Computers

- IBM Q.
Developed by IBM, quantum circuit
- D-Wave Leap
Developed by D-Wave, use Python

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Textbook

- Nielsen, Michael A., Chuang, Isaac L., *Quantum computation and quantum information*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
Detailed introduction
- Gershenfeld, Neil, *The physics of information technology*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
More theoretical discussion