## Problem Set 3

## AS.171.402: Applied Quantum Information [Spring 2022] Due Date: Mar 15, 2022 (11:59 pm)

## 1. Grover's Search Oracles

In this problem, we explore oracle operators and how to create them. The purpose of this problem is to help build intuition in the construction, implementation, and verification of oracle operators for Grover's Search.

(a) Consider a three-qubit Grover's Search problem where the marked state is  $|000\rangle$ . Show that the associated Boolean oracle given below performs the desired phase flip operation. More specifically, start with the state  $|\psi\rangle |-\rangle$ , where  $|\psi\rangle = 1/\sqrt{N}\sum_{x=0}^{N-1}|x\rangle$ ,  $N=2^3$ , and apply the oracle operator.

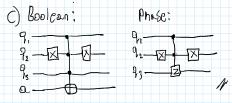


(b) Verify that the phase oracle associated with the marked state |000⟩ is given by the circuit below. Hint: start with |ψ⟩ as defined in part (a).

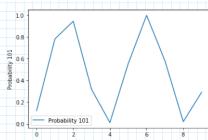


- (c) Using the oracles in part (a) and (b), construct a Boolean and phase oracle for the marked state  $|\phi\rangle=|101\rangle$ .
- (d) In class, we showed analytically that Grover's Search exhibits a <u>periodic behavior</u>. Let's now verify this result via numerical experiments. In the Jupyter notebook pro-

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vided for this homework assignment, construct the full Grover's Search algorithm using an oracle of your choice from parts (a)-(c). Plot the probability of being in the marked state as a function of k, the number of iterations of the Grover operator. Consider  $k=1,2,\ldots,10$  for this analysis. Hint: The example notebook provided on Blackboard will be helpful here.

## 2. Grover's Search and 3-Bit Satisfiability

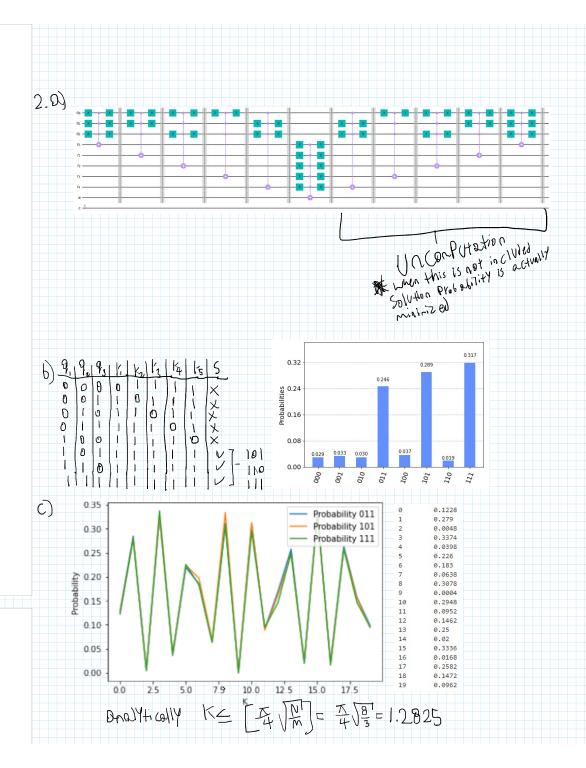
In class, we discussed the 2-Bit Satisfiability (2-SAT) problem and how to construct a quantum search algorithm to find a satisfying assignment for a given 2-SAT Boolean formula. Here, we expand on these concepts and consider the 3-bit Satisfiability (3-SAT) problem. In particular, we will focus on a 3-SAT problem defined by the Boolean function

 $f(x_1,x_2,x_3) = (x_0 \lor x_1 \lor x_2) \land (x_0 \lor x_1 \lor \neg x_2) \land (x_0 \lor \neg x_1 \lor x_2) \land (x_0 \lor \neg x_1 \lor \neg x_2) \land (\neg x_0 \lor x_1 \lor x_2),$  (1) consisting of three clauses, each with three variables. The logical operations of OR, AND, and NOT are denoted by  $\lor$ ,  $\land$ ,  $\neg$ , respectively. Let's now work through a series of steps to find satisfying assignments for  $f(x_1,x_2,x_3)$  using Grover's Search Algorithm.

- (a) First, we must construct an oracle function for the search problem. Using your knowledge of 2-SAT oracles and the results from Problem 1 as inspiration, devise an oracle for the Boolean formula in Fig. (1). Draw the circuit diagram in Jupyter notebook provided using Qiskit.
- (b) Using Qiskit's QASM Simulator, construct the full Grover's Search using the oracle constructed in part (a). Verify that the solution states resulting from the search matches the satisfying assignments expected from Eq. (1). Use more than 1000 shots to gain good statistics from the simulations and consider only one Grover iteration. Plot your results in the Jupyter notebook provided.
- (c) Let's now examine the performance of this search algorithm over multiple iterations of the Grover operator. Apply the Grover operator k times and plot the resulting cumulative probability of being in the solution states of <u>f</u> in the Jupyter notebook. Find the k value that gives the largest cumulative probability. This is your optimal number of Grover iterations. How does this compare to the analytical upper bound derived in class?

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