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Learn how to balance a binary search tree

Harvard, Stanford, Yale, JFK's Terminal 3 ... some of the worlds most prestigious educational institutes are in the US. And, as some travellers are discovering, the country's pedagogical passion is evident the moment you land on US soil. David Thornton, a (white) Australian software engineer, was given a computer science test when he landed in Newark in February. And Celestine Omin, a Nigerian software engineer, claimed that he was asked to balance a binary search tree by immigration officials at New York's JFK airport. Yeah, I have no idea what that means but it's nice to see border agents taking the Stem subjects seriously.

www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/28/trumps-america-holidays-tourism-down

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Complexity and Intractability

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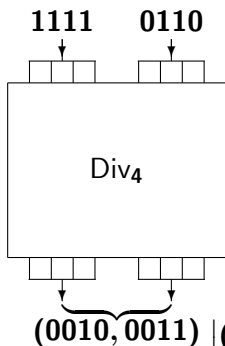
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- ▶ Ans: **573, 260, 783** and **879, 193, 171** !

Limits of Moore's Law

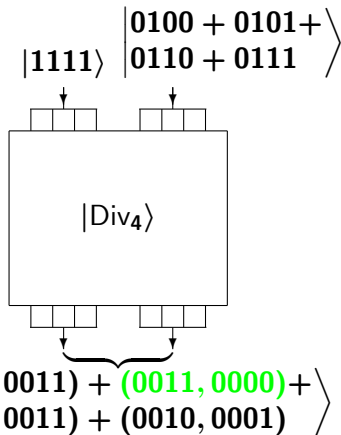
1.2: Parallelism

1.2.1: Example

Classical computers



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Limits of Moore's Law

1.2.2: Exponential Parallelism

One ...

bit Zero *or* one

qubit Zero *and* one

Two ...

bits Zero *or* one *or* two *or* three

qubits Zero *and* one *and* two *and* three

...

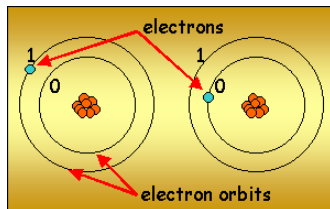
A 16 qubit word represents 65,536 values simultaneously.

Implementing Qubits

2: Implementing Qubits

2.1: Ion Traps

Use electron orbits to represent bits



- ▶ Ion trapped by electromagnetic field
- ▶ Use lasers to set and measure states

Long coherence time, reliable, but slow, and difficult to scale.

Implementing Qubits

2.2: Linear Optics

- ▶ Uses polarisation of photons
- ▶ Difficult to entangle

Implementing Qubits

2.3: Others

NMR Qubit = spin state of many molecules in a fluid

SQP¹ Qubit = frequency of oscillations in superfluids

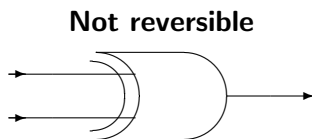
¹Superconductor Quantum Computers

Reversible gates

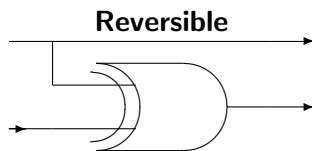
3: Quantum Circuits

3.1: Reversible gates

All quantum gates must be *reversible*. E.g.



| x | y | x xor y |
|---|---|---------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |



| x | y | x | x xor y |
|---|---|---|---------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Quantum circuits

3.2: Qubits

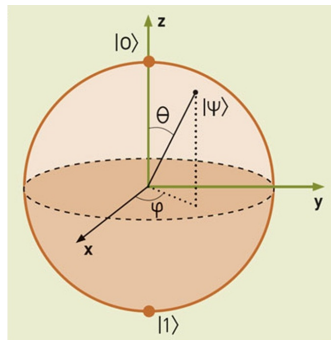
A qubit is a matrix with complex numbers:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with $|c_0|^2 + |c_1|^2 = 1$ and $|c_n|^2$ (with $n \in \{0, 1\}$) the probability the qubit is in state $|n\rangle$.

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A single qubit can be represented as a point on a *Bloch sphere*.



- ▶ Latitude — probability of $|0\rangle$, $|1\rangle$
- ▶ Longitude — evolution

Quantum circuits

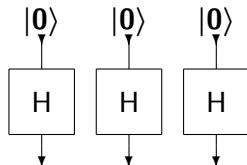
3.3: Quantum gates

3.3.1: Single qubit gates

3.3.1 A: Hadamard gate

$$\boxed{\text{H}} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

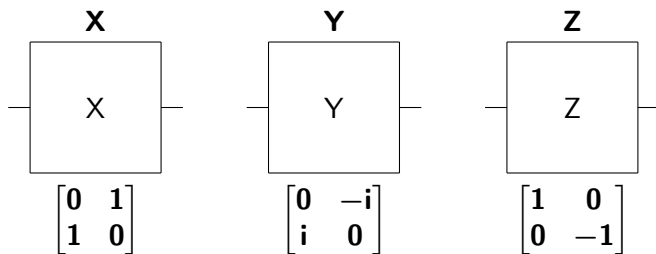
$$\text{H} |0\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, \text{H} |1\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$\frac{1}{2^{3/2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle + |2\rangle + |3\rangle + |4\rangle + |5\rangle + |6\rangle + |7\rangle)$$

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3.3.1 B: Pauli gates

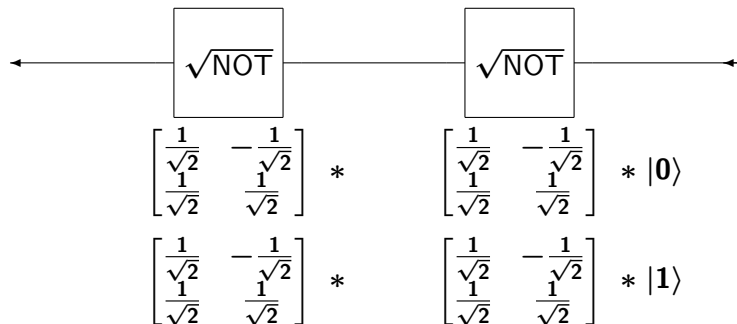


Rotate the Bloch sphere through **180°** around the **x, y, z** axes

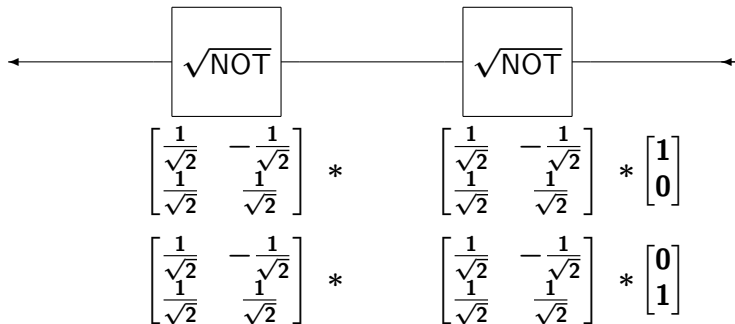
3.3.1 C: Square root of NOT

$$\sqrt{\text{NOT}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

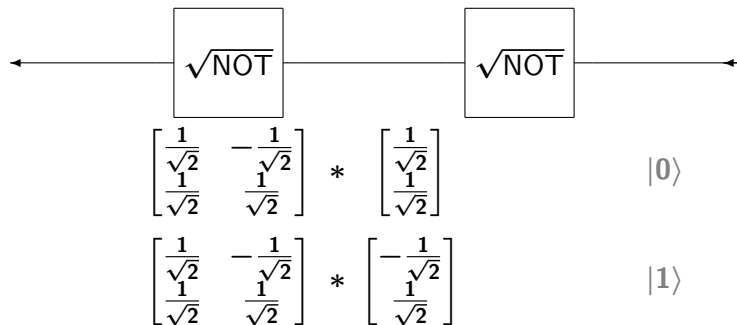
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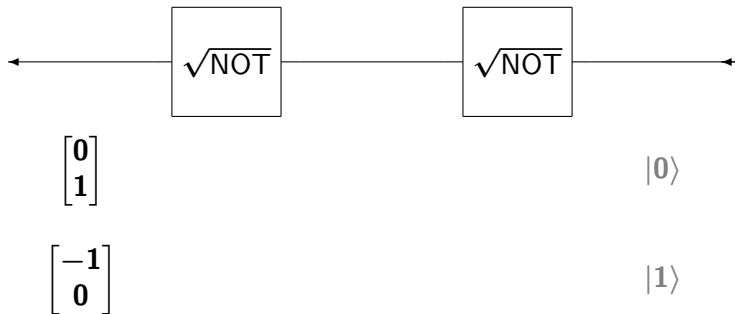
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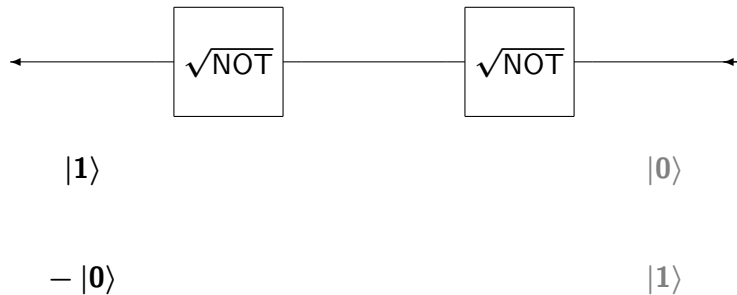
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3.3.1 D: Rotational gates

Let $\vec{v} = (x, y, z)$ be a unit vector in the Bloch sphere, then

$$R_{\vec{v}}(\theta) = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} (xX + yY + zZ)$$

rotates the Bloch sphere round \vec{v} by θ .

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Special cases:

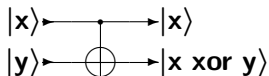
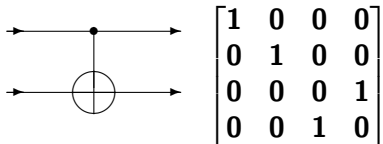
$$\begin{aligned}R_{\vec{x}}(\theta) &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} X = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\R_{\vec{y}}(\theta) &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} Y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\R_{\vec{z}}(\theta) &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} Z = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$e^{i\theta/2} R_{\vec{z}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$ is known as a *phase shift gate*

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3.3.2: Multiple qubit gates

3.3.2 A: Controlled not

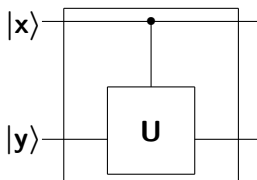


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3.3.2 B: Controlled U

If U is a single qubit gate then a controlled U gate is

```
if (x == 0) {  
    0,y;  
} else {  
    1,U(y);  
}
```



If $U = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then

$$c_U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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This generalises to n -qubit gates. E.g. if \mathbf{U}_2 is

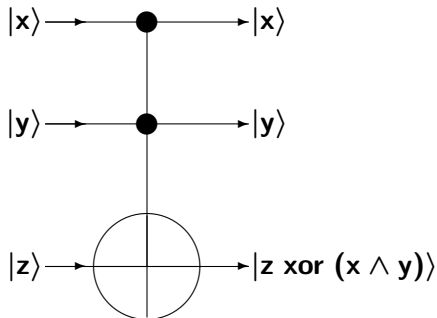
$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{0,0} & u_{0,1} & u_{0,2} & u_{0,3} \\ u_{1,0} & u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & u_{1,3} \\ u_{2,0} & u_{2,1} & u_{2,2} & u_{2,3} \\ u_{3,0} & u_{3,1} & u_{3,2} & u_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

then a ${}^c\mathbf{U}_2$ gate is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{0,0} & u_{0,1} & u_{0,2} & u_{0,3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{1,0} & u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & u_{1,3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{2,0} & u_{2,1} & u_{2,2} & u_{2,3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{3,0} & u_{3,1} & u_{3,2} & u_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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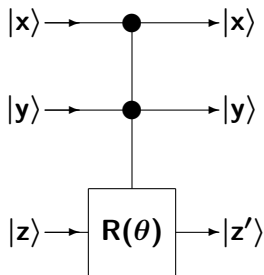
3.3.2 C: Toffoli gate



The Toffoli gate is $C(CNOT)$

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3.3.2 D: Deutsch gates



```
if ( $|x\rangle == |1\rangle$  &&  $|y\rangle == |1\rangle$ ) {  
     $|z'\rangle = R(\theta) |z\rangle$   
}  
else {  
     $|z'\rangle = |z\rangle$   
}
```

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3.4: Universal quantum gate sets

- ▶ $\left\{ \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{CNOT}, \mathbf{R} \left(\cos^{-1} \frac{3}{5} \right) \right\}$
- ▶ $\left\{ \mathbf{D}(\theta) \right\}$, for some θ for which $\frac{\pi}{\theta}$ is irrational

are both universal quantum gate sets

3.5: Example — Deutsch's Algorithm

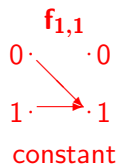
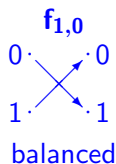
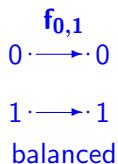
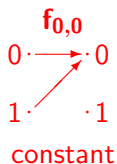
Implementing algorithms

- ▶ Start in a classical state
- ▶ Move to a superposition of states
- ▶ Act on the superposition
- ▶ Measure qubits

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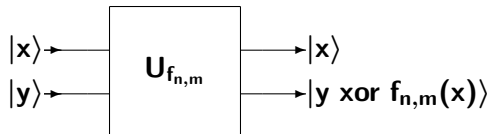
3.5.1: Problem statement

Considers functions from $\{0, 1\}$ to $\{0, 1\}$.



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Given a $U_{f_{n,m}}$ “black box”



decide if $f_{n,m}$ is constant or balanced

Quantum circuits

3.5.2: Classical circuits

Table for, e.g., $U_{f_{1,0}}$

| x | y | $f_{1,0}(x)$ | $y \text{ xor } f_{1,0}(x)$ | $U_{f_{1,0}}(x, y)$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 01 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 00 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 |

Quantum circuits

All functions

| x | y | $U_{f_{0,0}}$ | $U_{f_{0,1}}$ | $U_{f_{1,0}}$ | $U_{f_{1,1}}$ |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 01 |
| 0 | 1 | 01 | 01 | 00 | 00 |
| 1 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 10 |

On each line:

- ▶ boxed outputs are identical
- ▶ unboxed outputs are identical
- ▶ one boxed output is from a **constant** function, one from a **balanced**
- ▶ one unboxed output is from a **constant** function, one from a **balanced**

so cannot find input that will discriminate

Quantum circuits

3.5.3: Quantum circuit

3.5.3 A: Constructing matrices

Construct matrix for, e.g. $U_{f_{1,0}}$

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| x | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| y | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $f_{1,0}(x)$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $y \text{ xor } f_{1,0}(x)$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $ x, y \text{ xor } f_{1,0}(x)\rangle$ | $ 01\rangle$ | $ 00\rangle$ | $ 10\rangle$ | $ 11\rangle$ |
| | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Quantum circuits

Matrices:

| | $m = 0$ | $m = 1$ |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $n = 0$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $n = 1$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |

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Matrices:

| | $m = 0$ | $m = 1$ |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $n = 0$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{n} & n & 0 & 0 \\ n & \bar{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{m} & m \\ 0 & 0 & m & \bar{m} \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{n} & n & 0 & 0 \\ n & \bar{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{m} & m \\ 0 & 0 & m & \bar{m} \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $n = 1$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{n} & n & 0 & 0 \\ n & \bar{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{m} & m \\ 0 & 0 & m & \bar{m} \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{n} & n & 0 & 0 \\ n & \bar{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{m} & m \\ 0 & 0 & m & \bar{m} \end{bmatrix}$ |

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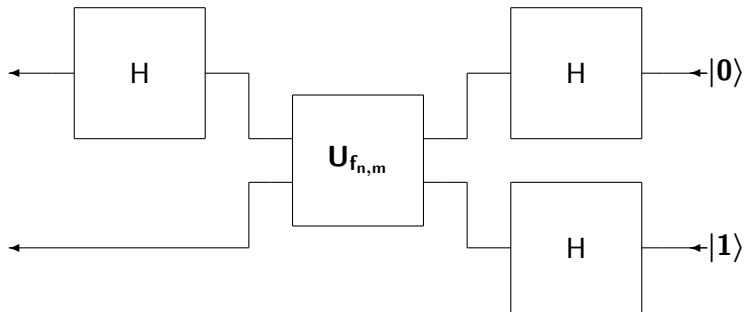
In general

$$U_{f_{n,m}} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cccc} 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \end{array} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \bar{n} & n & 0 & 0 \\ n & \bar{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{m} & m \\ 0 & 0 & m & \bar{m} \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

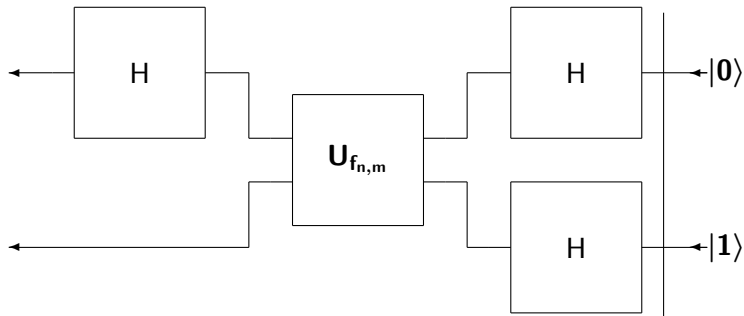
The top row gives the $|xy\rangle$ input, the column is the matrix for the output. E.g., the output for input **11** is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & m & \bar{m} \end{bmatrix}^T$ (which, e.g., for $f_{1,1}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T = |10\rangle$)

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3.5.4: Deutsch's circuit



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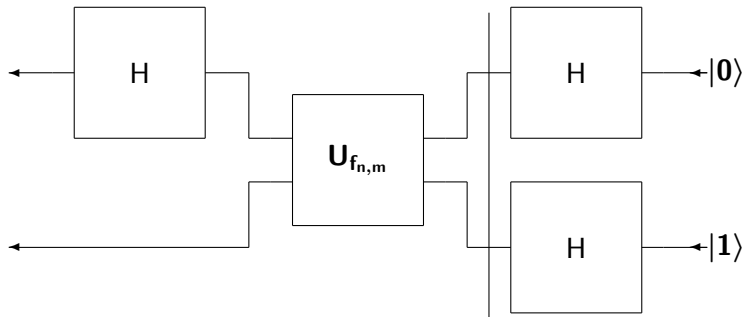
$$H \otimes I \quad *$$

$$U_{f_{n,m}}$$

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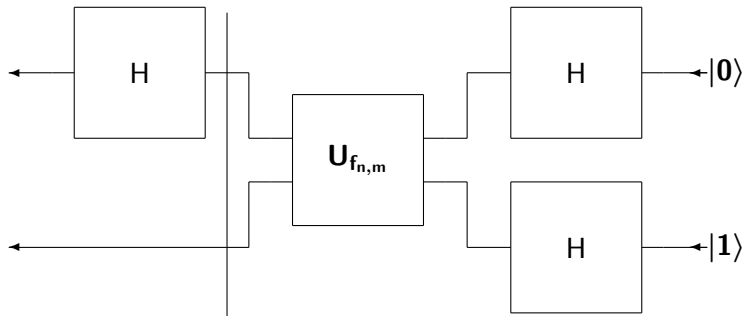
$$H \otimes H \quad * \quad |01\rangle$$

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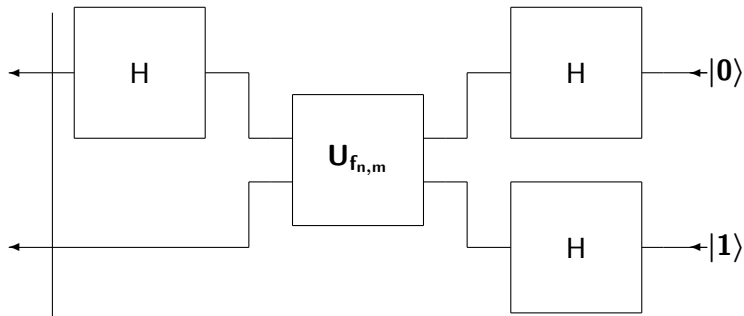
$$H \otimes I * U_{f_{n,m}} * \begin{bmatrix} +\frac{1}{2} \\ +\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ +\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$H \otimes I \quad * \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\bar{n}-n}{2} \\ \frac{n-\bar{n}}{2} \\ \frac{\bar{m}-m}{2} \\ \frac{m-\bar{m}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(\bar{n}+\bar{m})-(n+m)}{2} \\ \frac{(n+m)-(\bar{n}+\bar{m})}{2} \\ \frac{(\bar{n}+m)-(\bar{n}+\bar{m})}{2} \\ \frac{(n+\bar{m})-(\bar{n}+m)}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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The values of the entries in the:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(\bar{n}+\bar{m})-(n+m)}{2} & \frac{(n+m)-(\bar{n}+\bar{m})}{2} \\ \frac{(\bar{n}+m)-(\bar{n}+\bar{m})}{2} & \frac{(n+\bar{m})-(\bar{n}+m)}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix, for the possible values of **n** and **m** are:

| n | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| m | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $\frac{(\bar{n}+\bar{m})-(n+m)}{2\sqrt{2}}$ | $+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 | 0 | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| $\frac{(n+m)-(\bar{n}+\bar{m})}{2\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 | 0 | $+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| $\frac{(\bar{n}+m)-(\bar{n}+\bar{m})}{2\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 | $+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 |
| $\frac{(n+\bar{m})-(\bar{n}+m)}{2\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 |

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E.g., if $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0}$ the output of this circuit is

$$\left[+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad 0 \quad 0 \right]^T.$$

This is the superposition of two qubits, \mathbf{q}_0 and \mathbf{q}_1 , say, which can be written as

$$+\frac{|00\rangle - |01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Here \mathbf{q}_0 is $|0\rangle$, and \mathbf{q}_1 is $\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$.

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For the other possible values of **n** and **m**:

| | n | m | | q₀ | q₁ |
|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| constant | 0 | 0 | $+\frac{ 00\rangle - 01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $= + 0\rangle$ | $\frac{ 0-1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| balanced | 0 | 1 | $+\frac{ 10\rangle - 11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $= + 1\rangle$ | $\frac{ 0-1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| balanced | 1 | 0 | $-\frac{ 10\rangle - 11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $= - 1\rangle$ | $\frac{ 0-1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| constant | 1 | 1 | $-\frac{ 00\rangle - 01\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $= - 0\rangle$ | $\frac{ 0-1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ |

So measure **q₀**.

- ▶ If **q₀** = **|0⟩** function is **constant**.
- ▶ If **q₀** = **|1⟩** function is **balanced**.