

# Deutsch-Jozsa Algorithm

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# Problem Statement

- **Objective:** You are given a black-box function  $f(x)$  that takes a  $n$ -bit input and returns a single-bit output (either 0 or 1).
- The function is either:
  - **Constant** (outputs the same value, either 0 or 1, for all inputs), or
  - **Balanced** (outputs 0 for half of the inputs and 1 for the other half).
- **Task:** Determine whether the function is constant or balanced with the fewest possible evaluations of  $f(x)$ .

# Classical Approach



To determine if the function is constant or balanced, you would need to check the output for at least half of the inputs:

If all inputs give the same output, it's constant.  
If half give 0 and half give 1, it's balanced.



Time Complexity:

For  $n$ -bit input, in the worst case, you need to evaluate  $2^{(n-1)} + 1$  inputs.



Limitations

As  $n$  grows, the number of evaluations grows exponentially, making the classical approach inefficient for large inputs.

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# Hadamard gate

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle$$
$$H|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle$$
$$H|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle + |0\rangle - |1\rangle) \right) = |0\rangle$$
$$H|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(H|0\rangle + H|1\rangle)$$

When Hadamard gate is applied to any state in superposition there is possibility of interference. Depending upon the phase of the states, interference can be constructive (as for state 0 in given example) or destructive (as for state 1 in given example).

# Hadamard gate

$$H |00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle) = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$H |01\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle \otimes |-\rangle) = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

In General the operation of Hadamard gate is given by :

$$H |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{z=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

Here  $x = x_1x_2x_3...x_n$ , i.e decimal equivalent of binary state

The Key observation here is that :

- When Hadamard is applied on a particular state we get the superposition of all possible states that could be represented by those qubits
- When Hadamard gate is applied on any state the phase associated with the state  $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$  is always 0.

# CX Gate as XOR operator

$$C_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



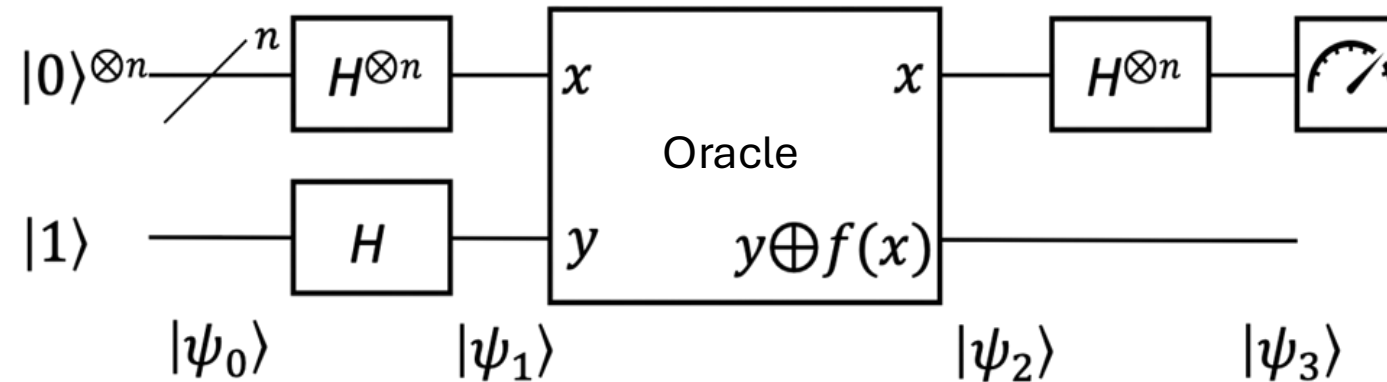
The Key observation here is that :

- When the CX operator is applied on any 2 qubit the output of the target qubit is equivalent to the XOR of the 2 inputs. So, we can say the state of the target qubit after the application of CX is equal to ( $q_0 \text{ XOR } q_1$ ).

| input control | input target | output target |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 0             | 0            | 0             |
| 0             | 1            | 1             |
| 1             | 0            | 1             |
| 1             | 1            | 0             |

# Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm

The circuit for Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm is given by



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- The oracle is a black box function and there is no information about the internal working of this oracle.
- Only the input and the output is known to us.



# Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm

The initial state of the system of the algorithm is given by:

$$|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes |1\rangle$$

This state is brought to superposition by Hadamard gate which is expressed by :

$$|\psi_1\rangle = H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes H |1\rangle \quad \text{Where } H \text{ represent Hadamard gate}$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle \otimes |-\rangle \quad , \quad \text{Where } |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

Note:  $x$  represents the decimal equivalent of binary state of qubits

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Now an operator is applied which takes two inputs  $x$  and  $y$  and gives two outputs  $x$  and  $y \oplus f(x)$ . The state of the system after this operator is applied is :

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes |f(x) \oplus -\rangle$$

Now  $|f(x) \oplus -\rangle$  can be rewritten as  $(-1)^{f(x)} |-\rangle$

Because,

$$f(x) = 0 \rightarrow |f(x) \oplus -\rangle = |-\rangle \quad (0 \oplus z = z)$$

$$f(x) = 1 \rightarrow \text{then } |f(x) \oplus -\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1 \oplus 0\rangle - |1 \oplus 1\rangle) = -|-\rangle$$

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Now if the given function is constant, i.e.  $f(x) = 0$  or  $1$  then the state of the system would be represented as :

$$|\psi_2\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes |-\rangle$$

Which is equivalent to :  $|\psi_2\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)} H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes H |1\rangle$

After the application of Hadamard gate the final state of the system is represented as :

$$|\psi_3\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)} (H^{\otimes n} H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes H |1\rangle)$$

As Hadamard gate is self-inverse, if the first  $n$  qubit is measured, all the qubits is measured as 0.

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Now if the given function is balanced, i.e.  $f(x) = 0$  for half of the inputs and equals 1 for the other half of the inputs. The state of the system is represented as:

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \otimes |-\rangle$$

This state can be represented as

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} ((-1)^{f(0)} |0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)} |1\rangle + (-1)^{f(2)} |2\rangle + \dots + (-1)^{f(2^n-1)} |2^n - 1\rangle) \otimes |-\rangle$$

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When the Hadamard gate is applied on the initial  $n$  qubits.

The state of the system becomes:

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \left( (-1)^{f(0)} H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)} H^{\otimes n} |1\rangle + (-1)^{f(2)} H^{\otimes n} |2\rangle + \dots + (-1)^{f(2^n-1)} H^{\otimes n} |2^n - 1\rangle \right) \otimes |-\rangle$$

Now if we just calculated the amplitude of state  $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$ , we get

$$amplitude = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)}$$

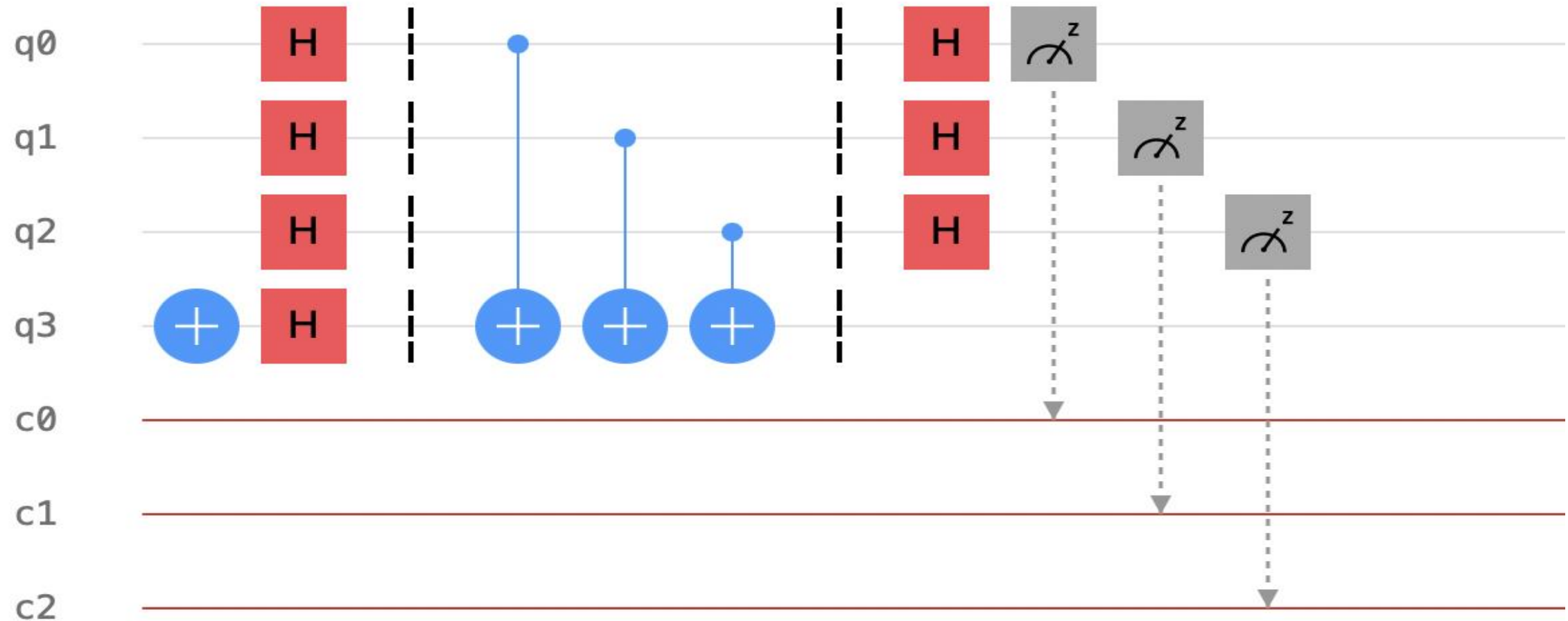
Since  $f(x)$  is a balanced function, we have equal number of 1 and -1.

Hence we get the final probability of measuring  $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$  comes out to be zero.

## Conclusion

- After applying Deutsch-Jozsa Algorithm if  $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$  is measured it is concluded that the function is constant.
- If any state other than  $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$  is measured it is concluded that the function is balanced.

# Circuit for Balanced Function



# Circuit for Constant Function

