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# Quantum Circuit Implementing Grover's Algorithm

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## Introduction

This is a tutorial on the use of Quantum`Computing` *Mathematica* add-on to implement Grover's Algorithm using Quantum Gates.

Grover's algorithm is a quantum algorithm for searching an unsorted database with  $N$  entries in  $O(N^{1/2})$  time and using  $O(\log N)$  storage space (Grover L.K.: A fast quantum mechanical algorithm for database search, Proceedings, 28th Annual ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, (May 1996) p. 212).

Grover's algorithm can be generalized to "Quantum Counting" (Brassard G., P. Hoyer and Al. Tapp, arXiv:quant-ph/9805082) and "Quantum Amplitude Amplification and Estimation" (Brassard G., P. Hoyer, M. Mosca and A. Tapp, arXiv:quant-ph/0005055).

A *Mathematica* "Demonstration" implementing Grover's Algorithm can be found in this link:

Alexander Prokopenya, "Quantum Circuit Implementing Grover's Search Algorithm" from The Wolfram Demonstrations Project

<http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/QuantumCircuitImplementingGroversSearchAlgorithm/>

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## Load the Package

First load the Quantum`Computing` package. Write:

`Needs["Quantum`Computing`"];`

then press at the same time the keys `[SHIFT]-[ENTER]` to evaluate. *Mathematica* will load the package:

```
Needs["Quantum`Computing`"]
```

```
Quantum`Computing` Version 2.2.0. (July 2010)
A Mathematica package for Quantum Computing
  in Dirac bra-ket notation and plotting of quantum circuits
by José Luis Gómez-Muñoz
```

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Execute SetComputingAliases[] in order to use
  the keyboard to enter quantum objects in Dirac's notation
SetComputingAliases[] must be executed again in each new notebook that is created
```

In order to use the keyboard to enter quantum objects write:

`SetComputingAliases[ ];`

then press at the same time the keys `[SHIFT]-[ENTER]` to evaluate. The semicolon prevents *Mathematica* from printing the help message. Remember that `SetComputingAliases[ ]` must be evaluated again in each new notebook:

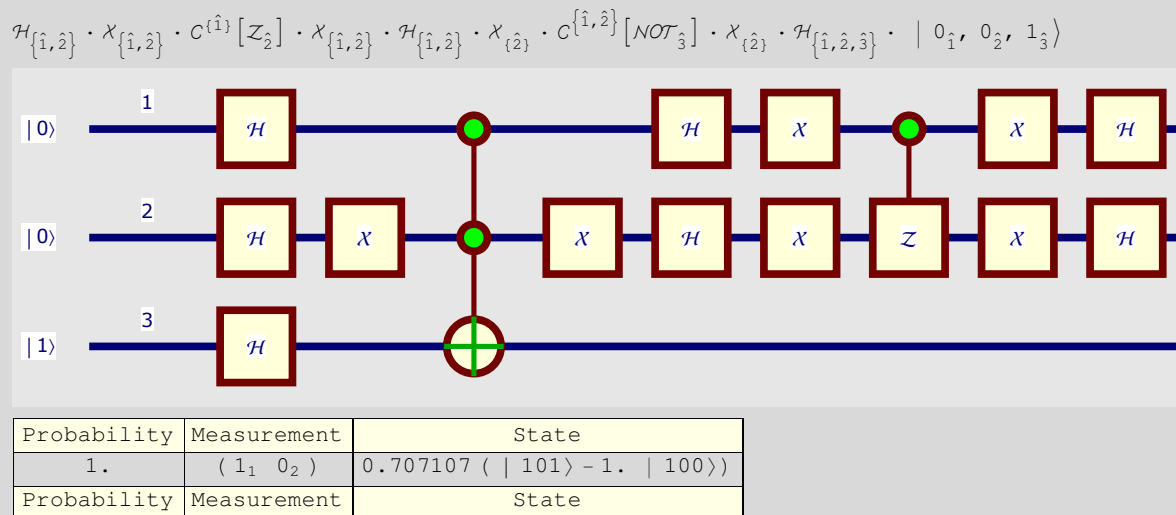
```
SetComputingAliases[ ];
```



```

n = 2;
k = 2;
it = 1;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuit = (Hn · Xn · Cn-1[Zn] · Xn · Hn · Xmylist · Cn[NOTn+1] · Xmylist)it ·
  Hn+1 · ( | 01 ⟩ )⊗n · | 1n+1 ⟩;
Column[{
  circuit,
  QuantumPlot[
    circuit, ImageSize → {600, Automatic}],
  TraditionalForm[
    N[QuantumEvaluate[QubitMeasurement[circuit, n, FactorKet → False]]]
  ]
}]

```



## Step-by-step explanation of the circuit implementing Grover's Algorithm for two qubits

### Initial State

An equally weighted superposition of all basis-states is generated using three Hadamard gates.

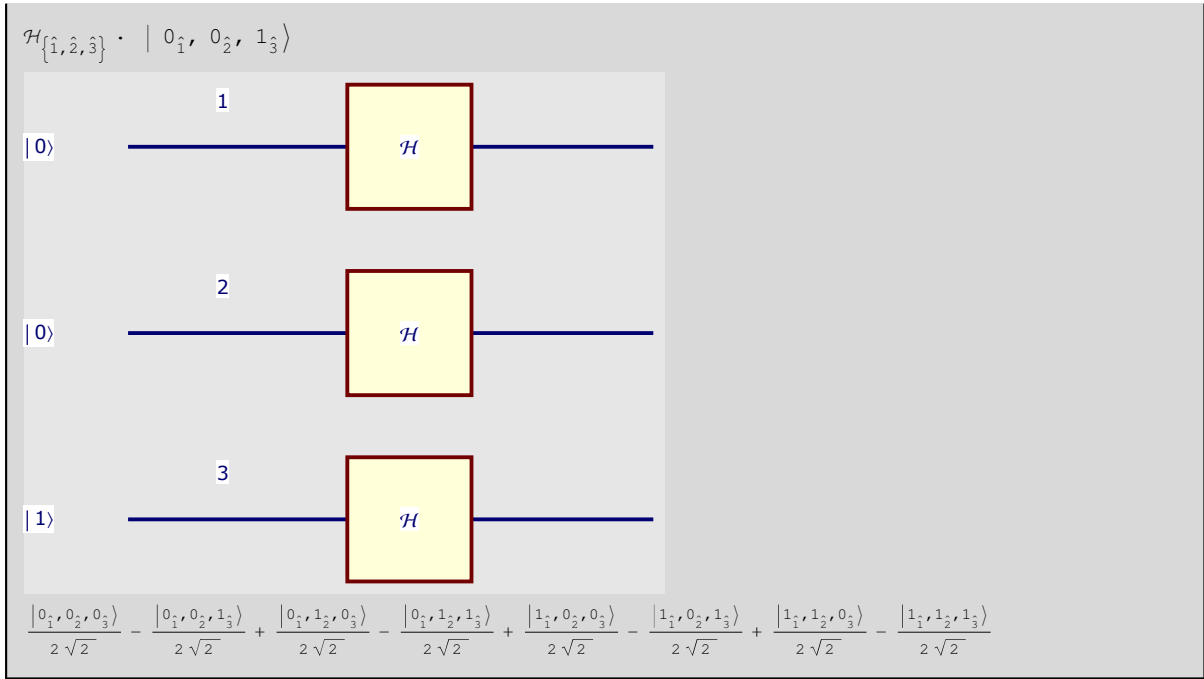
Notice that at this stage all the kets having a positive sign have the ancillary qubit set to 0<sub>3</sub>, and all the kets having a negative sign have the ancillary qubit set to 1<sub>3</sub>

The state of the system is stored in | g1 ⟩

```

n = 2;
circuitpart = Hn+1 · ( | 01 ⟩ )⊗n · | 1n+1 ⟩;
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart],
  | g1 ⟩ = QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]

```

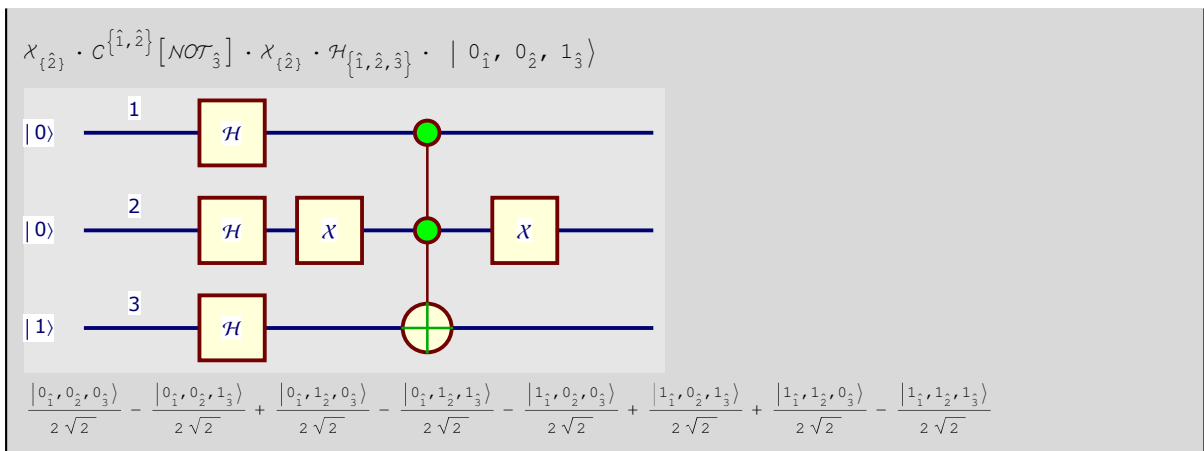


### Changing the phase of those kets that meet the search criteria

The search criteria in this example is to represent the number 2 in binary digits:  $(1_1, 0_2)$ , those kets that meet the criteria get their phase changed (the signs plus and minus are exchanged). The conditional negation of the ancillary qubit gives this change of sign.

The state of the system is stored in  $|g2\rangle$

```
n = 2;
k = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuitpart =  $\chi_{\text{mylist}} \cdot C^n[NOT_{\hat{n+1}}] \cdot \chi_{\text{mylist}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{n+1} \cdot (|0_1\rangle)^{\otimes n} \cdot |1_{\hat{n+1}}\rangle$ ;
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart],
  |g2> = QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]
```



It is very important to understand the **difference** between the states just after the Hadamard gates ( $|g1\rangle$ ), and the state after the conditional change of sign (phase) for those kets that meet the criteria ( $|g2\rangle$ ):

```
TraditionalForm[
  Column[{"The sign was changed (+↔-) only on those kets that meet the
    search criteria", | g1>, | g2>}, Dividers → All]]
```

The sign was changed (+↔-) only on those kets that meet the search criteria							
$\frac{ 000\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 001\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$+\frac{ 010\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 011\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$+\frac{ 100\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 101\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$+\frac{ 110\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 111\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$
$\frac{ 000\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 001\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$+\frac{ 010\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 011\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 100\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$+\frac{ 101\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$+\frac{ 110\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{ 111\rangle}{2\sqrt{2}}$

### Increasing the amplitude of those kets that had their phase changed

The rest of the circuit increases the amplitude of those kets that had their phase changed.  
In the case of two qubits, the other kets get their amplitude reduced to zero.

```
n = 2;
k = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuitpart =
  Hn · Xn · Cn-1[Zn] · Xn · Hn · Xmylist · Cn[NOTn+1] · Xmylist · Hn+1 · ( | 01⟩ )⊗n · | 1n+1⟩;
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart],
  QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]
```

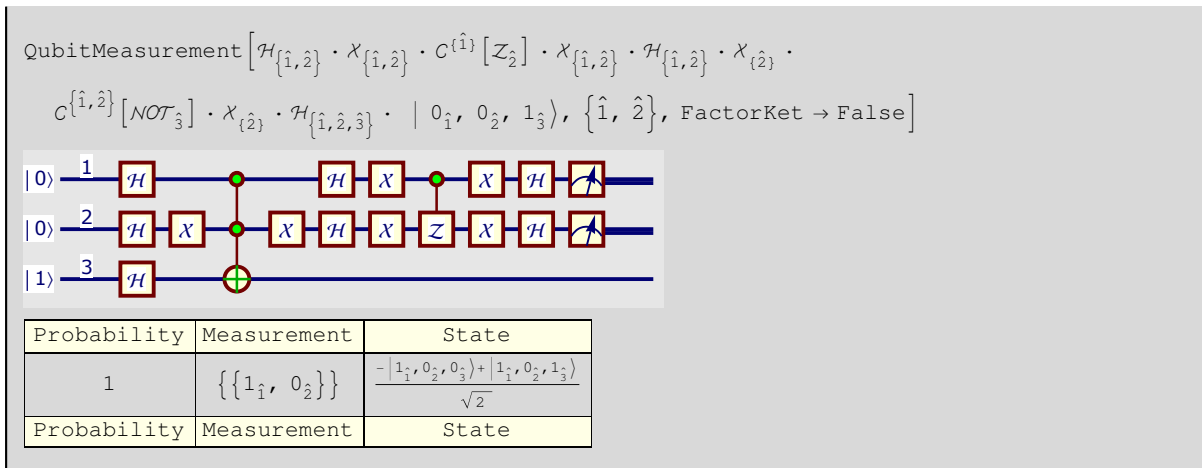
$$\mathcal{H}_{\{1,2\}} \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{1,2\}} \cdot C^{\{1\}}[Z_2] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{1,2\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{1,2\}} \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{2\}} \cdot C^{\{1,2\}}[NOT_3] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{2\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{1,2,3\}} \cdot |0_1, 0_2, 1_3\rangle$$

$$-\frac{|1_1, 0_2, 0_3\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{|1_1, 0_2, 1_3\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

### Measurement gives with those kets that had their amplitude increased

In the case of **two qubits**, measurement will give those values that satisfy the search criteria with a 100% of probability

```
n = 2;
k = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuitpart = QubitMeasurement[Hn · Xn · Cn-1[Zn] · Xn · Hn · Xmylist ·
  Cn[NOTn+1] · Xmylist · Hn+1 · ( | 01⟩ )⊗n · | 1n+1⟩, n, FactorKet → False];
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart],
  QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]
```



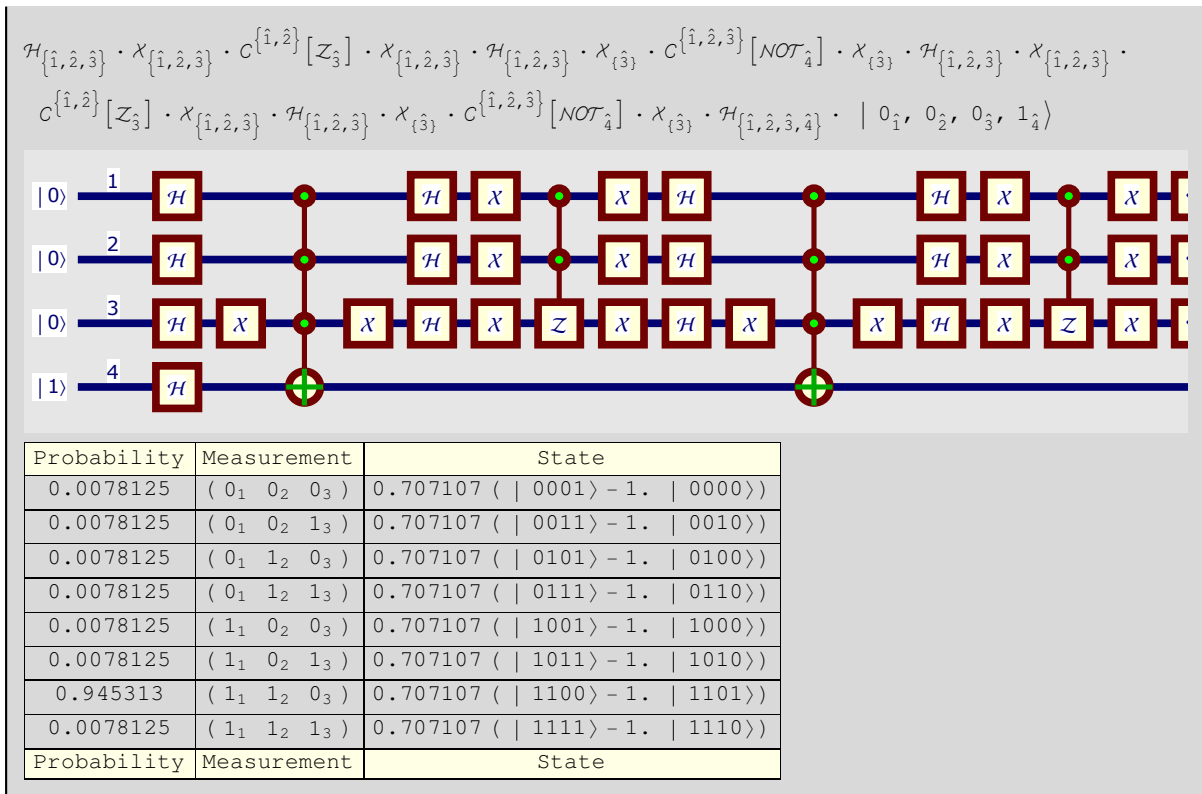
## Circuit implementation of Grover's Algorithm for three qubits

Following commands show and calculate the quantum circuit implementation of Grover's Algorithm for selecting the ket that represents the number  $k=6$  as a three-qubit binary number ( $1_1 \ 1_2 \ 0_3$ ). Please continue reading below for a detailed explanation. The use of the standard *Mathematica* command **Expand[]** makes the calculation faster because it expands the power of the operators:

```

n = 3;
k = 6;
it = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuit = Expand[ $\left( \mathcal{H}_n \cdot \mathcal{X}_n \cdot C^{n-1} [Z_{\hat{n}}] \cdot \mathcal{X}_n \cdot \mathcal{H}_n \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\text{mylist}} \cdot C^n [NOT_{\hat{n+1}}] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\text{mylist}} \right)^{\text{it}} \cdot$ 
 $\mathcal{H}_{n+1} \cdot ( \mid 0_{\hat{1}} \rangle )^{\otimes n} \cdot \mid 1_{\hat{n+1}} \rangle$ ];
Column[{
  circuit,
  QuantumPlot[
    circuit, ImageSize -> {600, Automatic}],
  TraditionalForm[
    N[QuantumEvaluate[QubitMeasurement[circuit, n, FactorKet -> False]]]]
}]

```

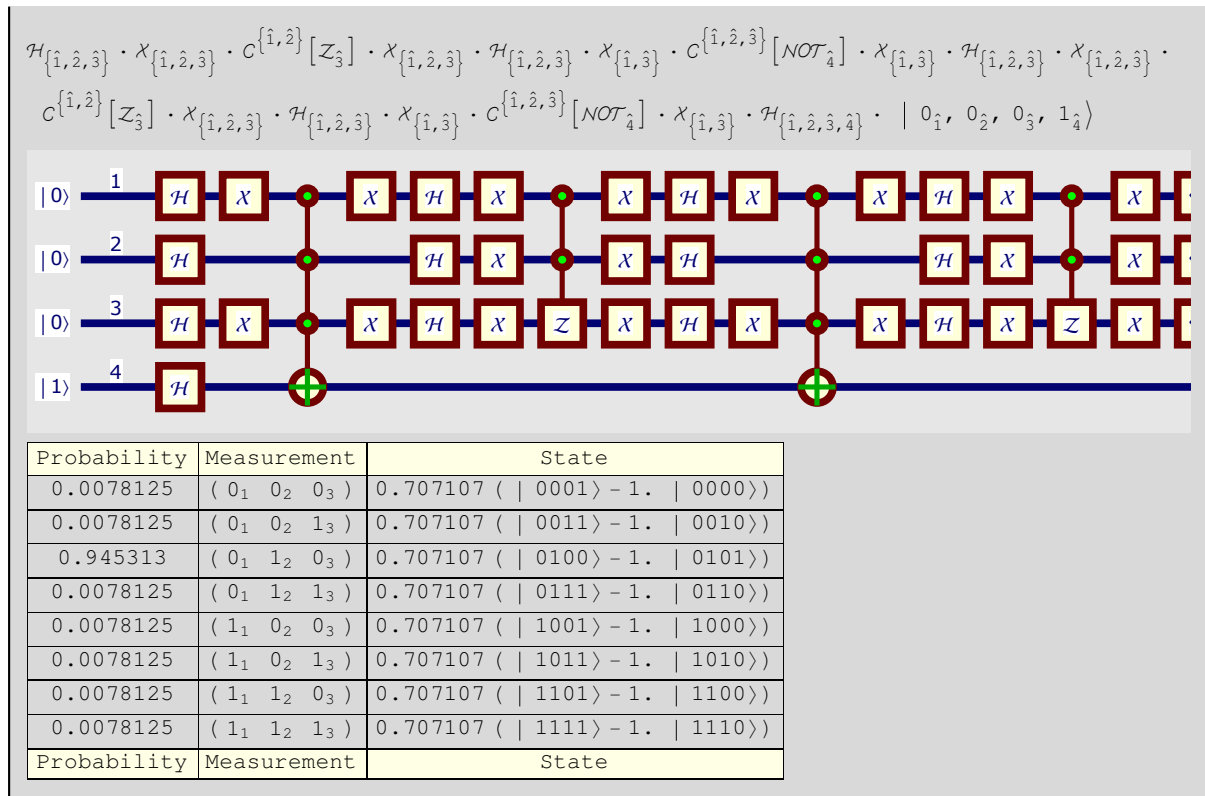


Following commands show and calculate the quantum circuit implementation of Grover's Algorithm for selecting the ket that represents the number  $k=2$  as a three-qubit binary number (0<sub>1</sub> 1<sub>2</sub> 0<sub>3</sub>). **Compare it with the previous circuit.** This circuit is explained below in this document. The use of the standard *Mathematica* command **Expand[]** makes the calculation faster because it expands the power of the operators:

```

n = 3;
k = 2;
it = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuit = Expand[ (Hn · χn · Cn-1[Zn] · χn · Hn · χmylist · Cn[NOTn+1] · χmylist)it ·
  Hn+1 · ( | 01> )⊗n · | 1n+1> ];
Column[{
  circuit,
  QuantumPlot[
    circuit, ImageSize → {600, Automatic}],
  TraditionalForm[
    N[QuantumEvaluate[QubitMeasurement[circuit, n, FactorKet → False]]]]
}]

```



## Step-by-step explanation of the circuit implementing Grover's Algorithm for three qubits

### Initial State

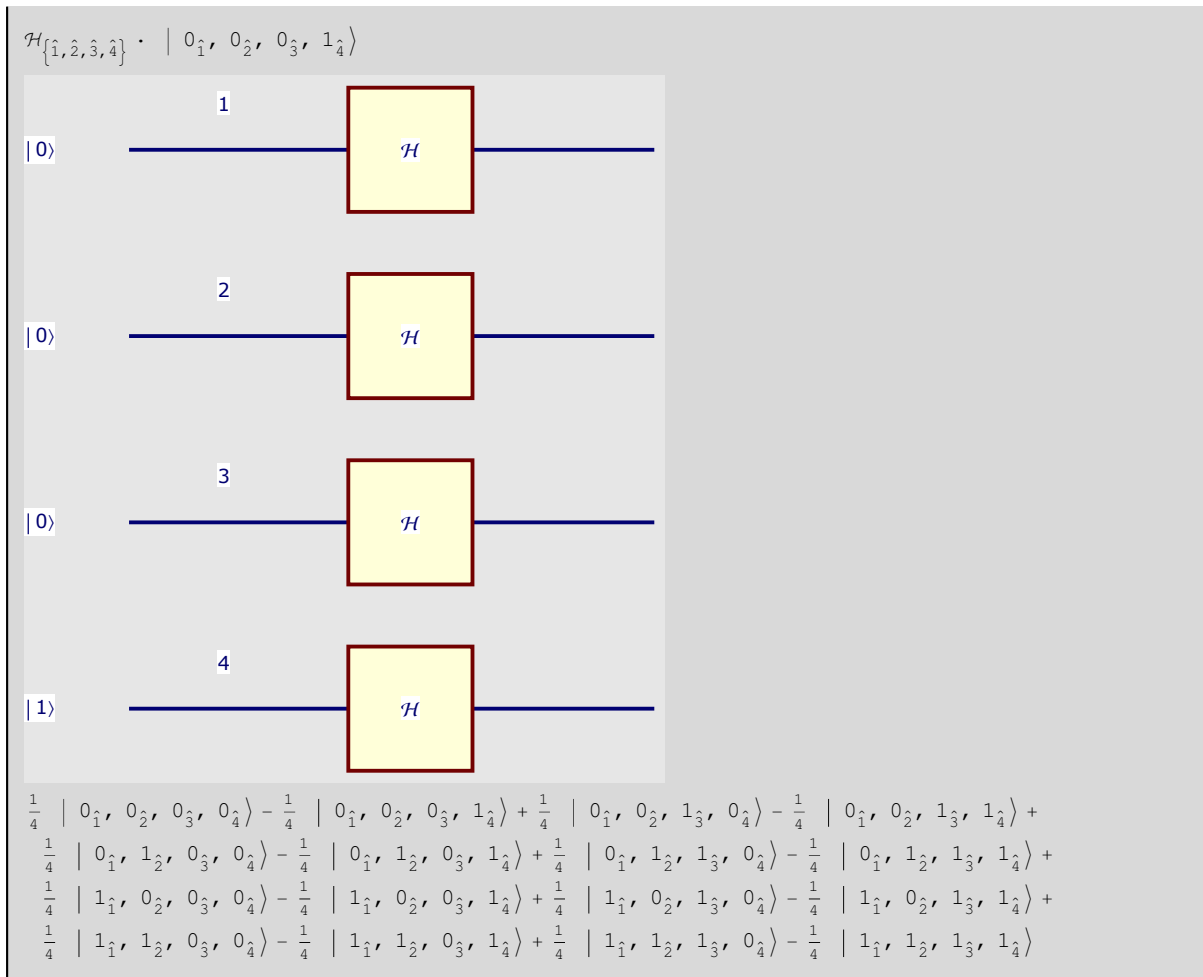
An equally weighted superposition of all basis-states is generated using four Hadamard gates.

Notice that at this stage all the kets having a positive sign have the ancillary qubit set to 0<sub>4</sub>, and all the kets having a negative sign have the ancillary qubit set to 1<sub>4</sub>

The state of the system is stored in | h1 >

```
n = 3;
circuitpart =  $\mathcal{H}_{n+1} \cdot ( | 0_{\hat{1}} \rangle )^{\otimes n} \cdot | 1_{\hat{n+1}} \rangle$ ;
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart],
  | h1 > = QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]
```





### Changing the phase of those kets that meet the search criteria

The search criteria in this example is to represent the number 2 in three binary digits:  $(0_1 \ 1_2 \ 0_3)$ , those kets that meet the criteria get their phase changed (the signs plus and minus are exchanged). The conditional negation of the ancillary qubit gives this change of sign.

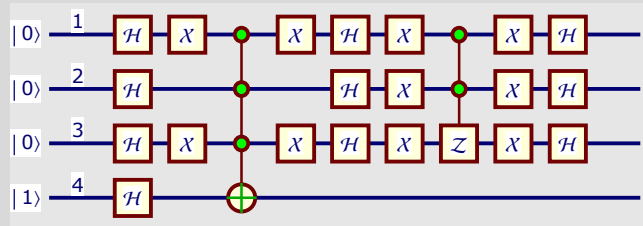
The state of the system is stored in  $|h2\rangle$

```
n = 3;
k = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuitpart = Xmylist · Cn[NOTn+1^] · Xmylist · Hn+1 · ( | 01^ )⊗n · | 1n+1^ );
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart],
  | h2> = QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]
```



$$\mathcal{H}_{\{1,2,3\}} \cdot \chi_{\{1,2,3\}} \cdot G^{\{\hat{1},\hat{2}\}}[Z_3] \cdot \chi_{\{1,2,3\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{1,2,3\}} \cdot$$

$$\chi_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot C^{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}}[NOT_{\hat{4}}] \cdot \chi_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}, \hat{4}\}} \cdot |0_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}}\rangle$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \\
& -\frac{5}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{5}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 0_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \\
& -\frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 0_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \\
& -\frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 0_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 0_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{8} \left| 1_{\hat{1}}, 1_{\hat{2}}, 1_{\hat{3}}, 1_{\hat{4}} \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

### Measurement gives with those kets that had their amplitude increased

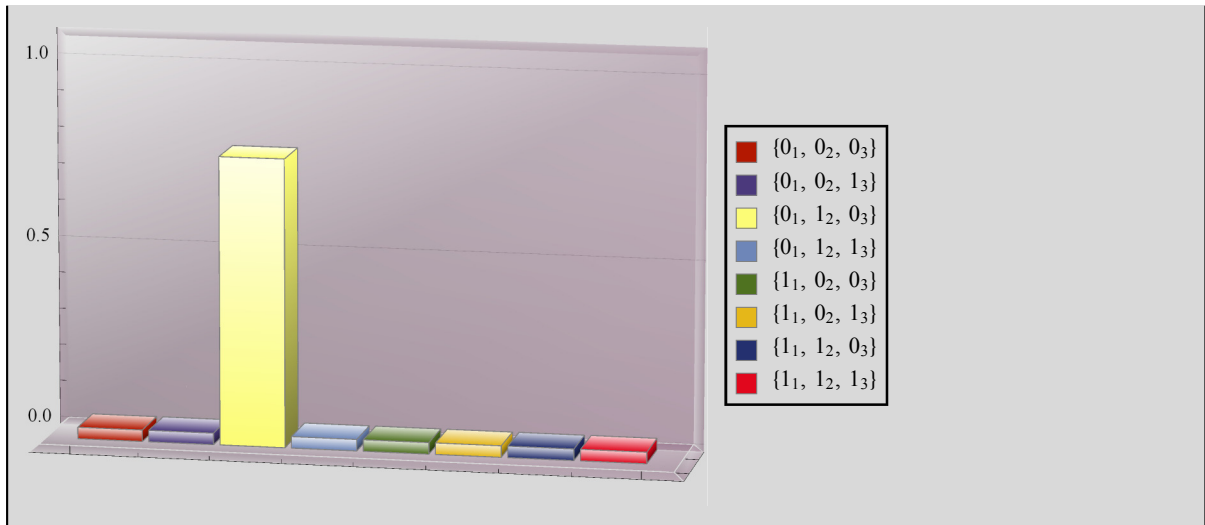
The result of a measurement on the state  $|h3\rangle$  has a high probability of giving the state that meets the search criteria:

```
TraditionalForm[
  N[QuantumEvaluate[QubitMeasurement[| h3>, {1, 2, 3}, FactorKet -> False]]]]
```

Probability	Measurement	State
0.03125	$(\mathbf{0_1 \ 0_2 \ 0_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{0001}\rangle -  \mathbf{0000}\rangle)$
0.03125	$(\mathbf{0_1 \ 0_2 \ 1_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{0011}\rangle -  \mathbf{0010}\rangle)$
0.78125	$(\mathbf{0_1 \ 1_2 \ 0_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{0101}\rangle -  \mathbf{0100}\rangle)$
0.03125	$(\mathbf{0_1 \ 1_2 \ 1_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{0111}\rangle -  \mathbf{0110}\rangle)$
0.03125	$(\mathbf{1_1 \ 0_2 \ 0_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{1001}\rangle -  \mathbf{1000}\rangle)$
0.03125	$(\mathbf{1_1 \ 0_2 \ 1_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{1011}\rangle -  \mathbf{1010}\rangle)$
0.03125	$(\mathbf{1_1 \ 1_2 \ 0_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{1101}\rangle -  \mathbf{1100}\rangle)$
0.03125	$(\mathbf{1_1 \ 1_2 \ 1_3})$	$0.707107 ( \mathbf{1111}\rangle -  \mathbf{1110}\rangle)$
Probability	Measurement	State

The result of a measurement on the state  $|h_3\rangle$  has a high probability of giving the state that meets the search criteria:

```
QuantumPlot3D[QuantumEvaluate[QubitMeasurement[| h3>, {1, 2, 3}, FactorKet -> False]]]
```



### A second iteration gives the optimal increase of probability for three qubits

A second iteration further increments the amplitude of the kets that meets the criteria.

The optimal number of iterations is given by  $\text{IntegerPart}\left[\pi / \left(4 \text{ArcSin}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}\right)\right)\right]$ . For three qubits, this optimal is two; further iterations would decrease (instead of increase) the desired amplitude.

The state of the system is stored in | h4>

```
n = 3;
k = 2;
it = 2;
mylist = Flatten[Position[IntegerDigits[k, 2, n], 0]];
circuitpart = Expand[
  (Hn · Xn · Cn-1[Zn] · Xn · Hn · Xmylist · Cn[NOTn+1] · Xmylist)it · Hn+1 · (| 01>)⊗n · | 1n+1>];
Column[{
  circuitpart,
  QuantumPlot[circuitpart, ImageSize -> 500],
  | h4> = QuantumEvaluate[circuitpart]}]
```

$$\mathcal{H}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot C^{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}\}}[Z_3] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot C^{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}}[NOT_4] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot C^{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}\}}[Z_3] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot C^{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}}[NOT_4] \cdot \mathcal{X}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{3}\}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_{\{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}, \hat{4}\}} \cdot |0_1, 0_2, 0_3, 1_4\rangle$$

$$-\frac{1}{16} |0_1, 0_2, 0_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |0_1, 0_2, 0_3, 1_4\rangle - \frac{1}{16} |0_1, 0_2, 1_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |0_1, 0_2, 1_3, 1_4\rangle + \frac{11}{16} |0_1, 1_2, 0_3, 0_4\rangle - \frac{11}{16} |0_1, 1_2, 0_3, 1_4\rangle - \frac{1}{16} |0_1, 1_2, 1_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |0_1, 1_2, 1_3, 1_4\rangle - \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 0_2, 0_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 0_2, 0_3, 1_4\rangle - \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 0_2, 1_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 0_2, 1_3, 1_4\rangle - \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 1_2, 0_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 1_2, 0_3, 1_4\rangle - \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 1_2, 1_3, 0_4\rangle + \frac{1}{16} |1_1, 1_2, 1_3, 1_4\rangle$$

### Measurement gives with those kets that had their amplitude increased

The result of a measurement on the state  $|h4\rangle$  has the highest probability of giving the state that meets the search criteria:

**TraditionalForm**  

$$\mathbf{N}[\text{QuantumEvaluate}[\text{QubitMeasurement}[\mathbf{|h4\rangle}, \{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}, \text{FactorKet} \rightarrow \text{False}]]]$$

Probability	Measurement	State
0.0078125	$(0_1 \ 0_2 \ 0_3)$	$0.707107( 0001\rangle - 1.  0000\rangle)$
0.0078125	$(0_1 \ 0_2 \ 1_3)$	$0.707107( 0011\rangle - 1.  0010\rangle)$
0.945313	$(0_1 \ 1_2 \ 0_3)$	$0.707107( 0100\rangle - 1.  0101\rangle)$
0.0078125	$(0_1 \ 1_2 \ 1_3)$	$0.707107( 0111\rangle - 1.  0110\rangle)$
0.0078125	$(1_1 \ 0_2 \ 0_3)$	$0.707107( 1001\rangle - 1.  1000\rangle)$
0.0078125	$(1_1 \ 0_2 \ 1_3)$	$0.707107( 1011\rangle - 1.  1010\rangle)$
0.0078125	$(1_1 \ 1_2 \ 0_3)$	$0.707107( 1101\rangle - 1.  1100\rangle)$
0.0078125	$(1_1 \ 1_2 \ 1_3)$	$0.707107( 1111\rangle - 1.  1110\rangle)$
Probability	Measurement	State

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