

PHYC90045 Introduction to Quantum Computing

**Week 4**

**Lecture 7**  
Reversible computation, One qubit adder, the Deutsch-Josza algorithm

**Lecture 8**  
Two basic quantum algorithms: Bernstein-Vazirani and Simon's Algorithms

**Lab 3**  
Logical statements, Reversible logic, Adder, Deutsch-Josza algorithm

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**Simple Quantum Algorithms:**  
Simon  
and Bernstein-Vazirani

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**But first...**  
Conclusion of Deutsch-Josza Algorithm

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### Multiple qubits: Deutsch-Josza

This means that there are multiple qubits in the register

Only a single qubit here

There are multiple Hadamard gates here

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### Example of multi-qubit constant function

x	f(x)
000	1
001	1
010	1
011	1
100	1
101	1
110	1
111	1

Below the circuit, the state vectors |x> and |y> are shown. |x> is a multi-qubit state with four components. |y> is a multi-qubit state with four components, where the third component contains an X gate.

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### Example of multi-qubit balanced function

x	f(x)
000	0
001	1
010	1
011	0
100	1
101	0
110	1
111	0

Below the circuit, the state vectors |x> and |y> are shown. |x> is a multi-qubit state with four components. |y> is a multi-qubit state with four components, where the third component contains an X gate and the fourth component contains a CNOT gate with control on the third component.

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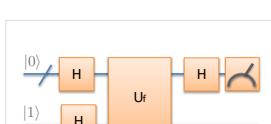
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# Multiple qubits: Deutsch-Josza



A quantum circuit diagram showing two input lines,  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ , entering from the left. The  $|0\rangle$  line passes through a Hadamard gate ( $H$ ) and then a control point for a CNOT gate. The  $|1\rangle$  line passes through a Hadamard gate ( $H$ ). Both lines then enter a large orange box labeled  $U_f$ . After exiting the  $U_f$  box, the  $|0\rangle$  line passes through another Hadamard gate ( $H$ ) and a measurement meter. The  $|1\rangle$  line passes through a measurement meter. The meter outputs are shown as a blue line and a red line.

Let's walkthrough this circuit...

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# Hadamards produce equal superposition

n qubits

shorthand notation

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{H^{\otimes n}} |\psi\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \dots \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]^n (|00\dots0\rangle + \dots + |11\dots1\rangle)$$

i.e. even superposition over binary rep of integers:  $i = 0$  to  $2^n - 1$

In general we use two representations in the QUI ( $N = 2^n$ ):

"binary"

$$|\psi\rangle = a_{0\dots0} |0\dots00\rangle + a_{0\dots01} |0\dots01\rangle + a_{0\dots10} |0\dots10\rangle + \dots + a_{1\dots1} |1\dots1\rangle$$

"decimal"

$$|\psi\rangle = a_0 |0\rangle + a_1 |1\rangle + a_2 |2\rangle + \dots + a_{N-1} |N-1\rangle$$

e.g.  $a_{101} = 1$

STATE  
BINARY DEIMAL  
PROBABILITY (%)  
MAGNITUDE (ε)  
PHASE ANGLE (θ)  
SINGLETON RAKES

(111)	(11)
0.492	0.492

$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\phi} a_{\phi} |\phi\rangle$

$a_{\phi} = |a_{\phi}| e^{i\theta_{\phi}}$

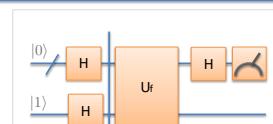
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# Deutsch-Josza Walkthrough



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After the initial Hadamard gates, the state is (n qubits,  $N = 2^n$ ):

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Equal (even) superposition of states

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### General Function Phase Kickback

Using phase kickback, after the function has been applied:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

If the function evaluates to "1" then the target qubit is flipped, and we pick up a phase. Otherwise, there is no phase applied. This is a simple way to write that.

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### Hadamard applied to a general state

$H^{\otimes n} |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} a_z |z\rangle$

Amplitude  $a_z \rightarrow$  how many times does the binary representation of  $z$  and  $x$  have 1's in the same location?  $x_0 z_0 + x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2 + \dots + x_n z_n$

Shorthand for the bitwise dot product is:  $x \cdot z = \sum_{j=0}^n x_j z_j$

When odd number of 1's in the same location, we get a sign change:  $(-1)^{x \cdot z}$

Hadamards applied to a general state ( $n$  qubits,  $N = 2^n$ ):

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


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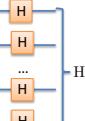
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### e.g. Hadamard applied to a general state



$$|x\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{H}^{\otimes n}} |\psi\rangle$$

$\text{H}^{\otimes 3} |000\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\text{H}^{\otimes 3} |000\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \underbrace{(|000\rangle + |001\rangle + \dots + |111\rangle)}_{\text{bitwise: } x \cdot z = 0}$

$\text{H}^{\otimes 3} |x=0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_{z=0}^{2^3-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$

$\text{H}^{\otimes 3} |100\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\text{H}^{\otimes 3} |100\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \underbrace{(|000\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle + |011\rangle - |100\rangle - |110\rangle - |101\rangle - |111\rangle)}_{x \cdot z = 0} \underbrace{x \cdot z = 1}_{x = 1}$

$\text{H}^{\otimes 3} |x=4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_{z=0}^{2^3-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$

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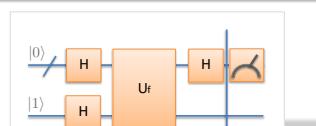
General for  $n=3$

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# Deutsch-Josza Walkthrough



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

Before and after the final Hadamard gates:

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

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{f(x)} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

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# Constant function

For a constant function ( $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ , or  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x$ ):  

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{f(x)} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{f(0)}}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{f(0)}}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} \right) |z\rangle$$

$$= (-1)^{f(0)} |z=0\rangle$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} = \begin{cases} N, & z = 0 \\ 0, & z \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

So for a constant function "0" will always be measured (global phase is unimportant).

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### Balanced Function



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

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{f(x)} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

For a balanced function (equal number of  $f(x) = 0$  and  $f(x) = 1$ ):

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{x, f(x)=0} (-1)^{x \cdot z} - \sum_{x, f(x)=1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} \right) |z\rangle$$

Which has zero amplitude for the  $|z=0\rangle$  state, and non-zero for other states.

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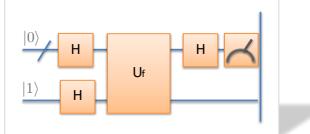
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### Deutsch-Josza Walkthrough





If 0 is measured, then the function is constant.  
If any other value is measured, then the function is balanced.

The Deutsch-Josza algorithm evaluates if a function is constant or balanced with a single query. Classically we would require  $O(2^n)$  queries.

Of course, there are classical probabilistic algorithms with establish with high probability in few queries, but only with high probability of success not with certainty.

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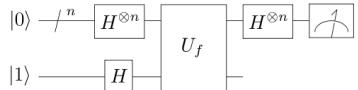
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### Deutsch-Josza algorithm





- Given a Boolean function,  $f$ , determine if:
  - $f$  is constant (always gives the same result)
  - $f$  is balanced (gives equal numbers of 0s and 1s)
- Classical algorithm (worst case) needs  $2^n/2+1$  queries
- Quantum algorithm needs just 1 query.

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# Overview

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In this lecture we will discuss some of the early quantum algorithms,

1. Bernstein-Vazirani algorithm
2. Simon's algorithm

These algorithms can be taken as simple demonstrations of quantum computation, even if they are of limited practical use.

See:

Kaye, Chapter 6  
Nielsen and Chuang, Chapters 1 & 4  
Reiffel, 7.1-7.5

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# Bernstein-Vazirani Problem

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Given a Boolean function,  $f$ :

$$f(x) = x \cdot s \mod 2$$

find  $s$ .

Recall, bitwise product:  $x \cdot s = \sum_i x_i s_i$

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## Example: Linear Boolean function

Example:

$$f(x) = x \cdot 5 \mod 2$$

Remember, in binary, 5 = 101.

x	f(x)
000	0
001	1
010	0
011	1
100	1
101	0
110	1
111	0

Given a black-box which calculates this function, find s=5.

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### Solving BV Problem Classically

$f(x) = x \cdot 5 \mod 2$

x	f(x)
000	0
001	1
010	0
011	1
100	1
101	0
110	1
111	0

Input one single digit "1" at a time.

Can determine s using n queries.

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### Bernstein-Vazirani algorithm

The circuit is the same as for the Deutsch-Josza algorithm:

The guarantees on  $f$  are different:

$$f(x) = x \cdot s \mod 2$$

Recall: Deutsch-Josza algorithm required the function to either be constant or balanced.

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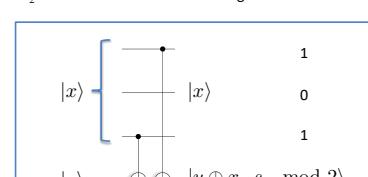
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# Implementing a Linear Boolean Function


  
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For  $s = 5 = 101_2$  the function is evaluated using this circuit:



The circuit diagram shows a quantum circuit with two input qubits,  $|x\rangle$  and  $|y\rangle$ . The  $|x\rangle$  qubit is on the left, and the  $|y\rangle$  qubit is on the right. The circuit consists of three CNOT gates. Each CNOT gate has its control point on the  $|x\rangle$  line and its target point on the  $|y\rangle$  line. The first CNOT gate has its control point at the top of the  $|x\rangle$  line. The second CNOT gate has its control point in the middle of the  $|x\rangle$  line. The third CNOT gate has its control point at the bottom of the  $|x\rangle$  line. The  $|y\rangle$  qubit starts at the bottom and passes through all three CNOT gates. The circuit is enclosed in a blue rectangular box.

The bits of  $s$  determine the location of the CNOTs.

**Every** linear, Boolean function has a circuit of the same form.

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# Many gates square to identity

Compilation tips: Most physicists looking at quantum circuit diagrams aren't multiplying matrices in their head. They're identifying common patterns.

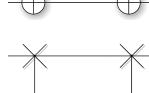






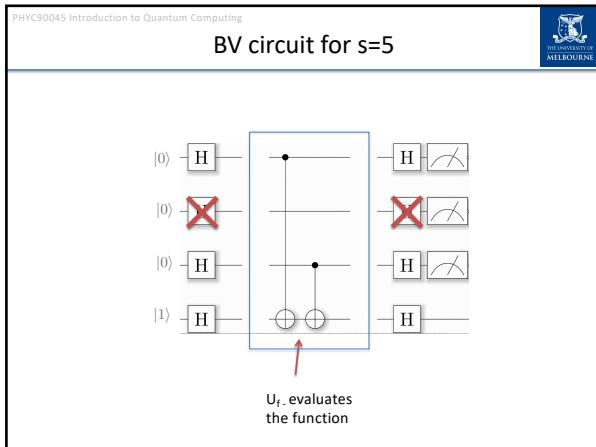




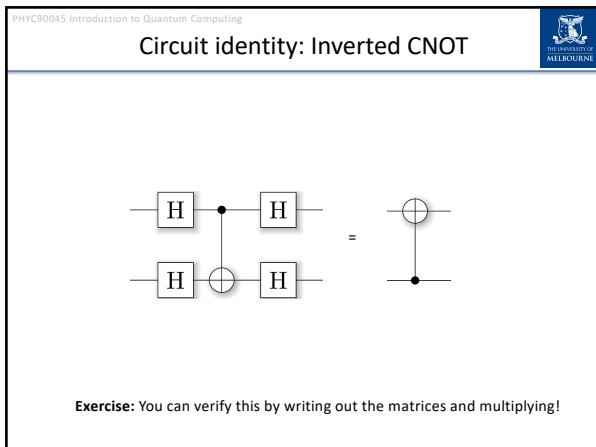


All of these combinations square to the identity (do nothing). You can check these on the QUI.

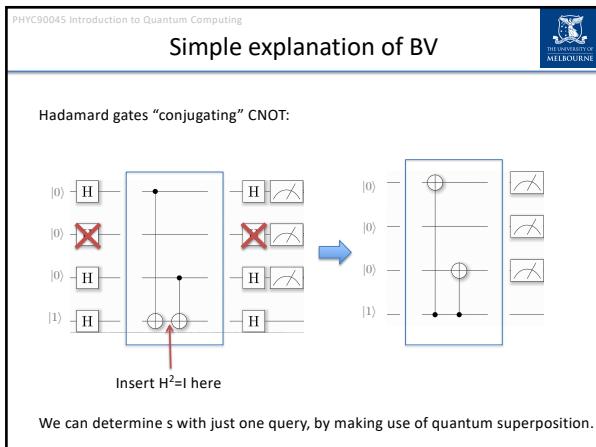
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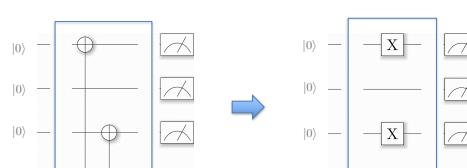


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# Simplifying circuit



The diagram illustrates the simplification of a quantum circuit. On the left, a four-qubit circuit is shown with controls on the first two qubits. The first qubit has a CNOT gate with control on qubit 0 and target on qubit 1, followed by a Hadamard gate. The second qubit has a CNOT gate with control on qubit 1 and target on qubit 0, followed by a Hadamard gate. A red arrow points from the text "Control is a 1, so these operations always happen" to the control dots of the second CNOT gate.

On the right, the circuit is simplified. The first qubit's CNOT and Hadamard gates are removed. The second qubit's CNOT and Hadamard gates remain, resulting in a single CNOT gate with control on qubit 1 and target on qubit 0.

Control is a 1,  
so these  
operations  
always happen

If in doubt, check using QUI

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## BV Solution

This circuit will measure:  
 $101 = 5$   
 which is correct ( $s=5$ )

A similar reduction would work for any  $s$ , but let us prove that formally.

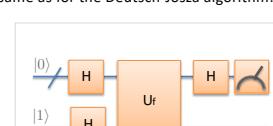
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# Bernstein-Vazirani algorithm


  
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The guarantees on  $f$  are different:

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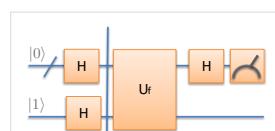
Recall: Deutsch-Josza algorithm required the function to either be constant or balanced.

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# BV algorithm explained



State after the initial Hadamard gates:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

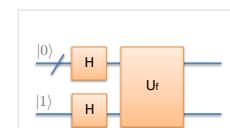
Sum of all computational basis states (again)

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## Recall: General Function Phase Kickback



Using phase kickback, after the function has been applied:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



If the function evaluates to “1” then the target qubit is flipped, and we pick up a phase. Otherwise, there is no phase applied. This is a simple way to write that.

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# BV algorithm explained

Using phase kickback, after the function has been applied:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} && \text{Phase kickback} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot s} |x\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} && \text{Since } f(x) = x \cdot s \mod 2
 \end{aligned}$$

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Recall: Hadamard applied to a general state

Amplitude  $a_z \rightarrow$  how many times does the binary representation of  $z$  and  $x$  have 1's in the same location?

$$H^{\otimes n} |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} a_z |z\rangle$$

$$x_0 z_0 + x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2 + \dots + x_n z_n$$

Shorthand for the bitwise dot product is:  $x \cdot z = \sum_{j=0}^n x_j z_j$

When 1's in the same location, we get a sign change  $\rightarrow (-1)^{x \cdot z}$

Hadamards applied to a general state ( $n$  qubits,  $N = 2^n$ ):

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

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BV algorithm explained

Considering the upper register only:

$$|\psi\rangle = H^{\otimes n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot s} |x\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

H's applied to basis state

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot (s \oplus z)} |z\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot (s \oplus z)} \right) |z\rangle$$

$\underline{x \oplus z = x_0 + z_0 \bmod 2, x_1 + z_1 \bmod 2, \dots}$

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BV algorithm explained

Simplifying the sum:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot (s \oplus z)} \right) |z\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} (-1)^0 |s\rangle$$

$$= |s\rangle$$

$\sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{x \cdot b} = \begin{cases} N, & b = 0 \\ 0, & b \neq 0 \end{cases}$

This sum (over  $x$ ) is zero unless  $s \oplus z = 0$   
That is,  $z$  and  $s$  are bitwise identical, ie.  
 $z = s$

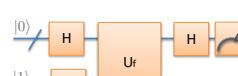
We will therefore measure  $s$  with certainty – the aim of the algorithm.

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## Bernstein-Vazirani Algorithm



Given a Boolean function,  $f$ :

$$f(x) = x \cdot s \mod 2$$

find  $s$ .

$$x \cdot s = \sum_i x_i s_i$$

- **Classical algorithm** needs  $n$  queries
- **Quantum algorithm** needs just 1 query.

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# Simon's Problem

Given a 2-to-1 function,  $f$ , such that

$$f(x) = f(x \oplus a)$$

Find  $a$ .

Unlike the previous two examples, here the range of  $f(x)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ , integers.

Simon's algorithm is an example of a "Hidden (Abelian) subgroup problem" (HSP) and was the inspiration for Shor's factoring algorithm.

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## Example of a hidden a

x	f(x)
000	0
001	1
010	2
011	3
100	2
101	3
110	0
111	1

$$f(001) = f(111)$$

We would like to find the hidden 'a' s.t.

$$f(x) = f(x \oplus a)$$

In this case:

$$a = 110_2 = 6$$

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# Solving Simon's problem classically

Just try different inputs until you see a collision:

$$\begin{aligned} f(000) &= 0 \\ f(011) &= 3 \\ f(111) &= 1 \\ f(010) &= 2 \\ f(001) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Actually this is equivalent to the famous “birthday” problem, and takes fewer queries than you might expect. Probabilistically, if there are  $N$  different inputs we need

$$O(\sqrt{N})$$

Evaluations of the function before we find a collision.

Simon’s algorithm does the same with  $O(n)$  queries.

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Randomly measure a result of the function. Collapse to a superposition of inputs which give that value. Send these through Hadamard gates, and measure:

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graph LR
    x((x)) --> H1[H]
    H1 --> Uf1[U_f]
    a((a)) --> Uf1
    Uf1 --> H2[H]
    H2 --> M[Measure to find a]
    M --> f1[f(x₀)]
    M --> f2[f(x₀ ⊕ a)]

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### Simon's algorithm

After the initial Hadamard gates:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle |0\rangle$$

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### Simon's algorithm

After evaluation of the function:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x U_f |x\rangle |0\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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### Simon's algorithm

It's easiest to consider that the bottom register is measured first. Before measurement the state is:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$$

Some value,  $f(x_0)$  will be measured at random, and the top register collapses to:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{|x_0\rangle + |x_0 \oplus a\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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### Example: Measuring function

$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} (|0\rangle |0\rangle + |1\rangle |1\rangle + |2\rangle |2\rangle + |3\rangle |3\rangle + |4\rangle |2\rangle + |5\rangle |3\rangle + |6\rangle |0\rangle + |7\rangle |1\rangle)$$

If we measure the second register, and measure obtain "3", the state collapses to only those states compatible with this measurement:

$$|\psi'\rangle = \frac{|3\rangle |3\rangle + |5\rangle |3\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{|3\rangle + |5\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |3\rangle$$

First register:  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{|x_0\rangle + |x_0 \oplus a\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

x	f(x)
000	0
001	1
010	2
011	3
100	2
101	3
110	0
111	1

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### Simon's algorithm

We now apply Hadamard to the top register:

$$|\psi\rangle = H^{\otimes n} \frac{|x_0\rangle + |x_0 \oplus a\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$


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### Hadamard applied to a general state

$x\rangle$   $\begin{bmatrix} H \\ H \\ \vdots \\ H \end{bmatrix}$  Amplitude  $a_y \rightarrow$  how many times does the binary representation of  $y$  and  $x$  have 1's in the same location?

$$H^{\otimes n} |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} a_y |y\rangle \quad x_0 y_0 + x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

Shorthand for the bitwise dot product is:  $x \cdot y = \sum_{j=0}^n x_j y_j$

When 1's in the same location, we get a sign change  $\rightarrow (-1)^{x \cdot y}$

Hadamards applied to a general state ( $n$  qubits,  $N = 2^n$ ):

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

(changed dummy index to  $y$ )

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## Simon's algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi\rangle &= H^{\otimes n} \frac{|x_0\rangle + |x_0 \oplus a\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} \sum_y \left( (-1)^{x_0 \cdot y} + (-1)^{(x_0 \oplus a) \cdot y} \right) |y\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} \sum_y (-1)^{x_0 \cdot y} (1 + (-1)^{a \cdot y}) |y\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude of any state,  $y$ , is zero unless:

$$a \cdot y = 0 \mod 2$$

Therefore, the state therefore becomes:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-1}}} \sum_{a \cdot y = 0} (-1)^{x_0 \cdot y} |y\rangle$$

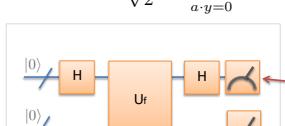
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# Simon's algorithm

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-1}}} \sum_{a \cdot y = 0} (-1)^{x_0 \cdot y} |y\rangle$$



Each time we measure, we randomly measure a “y” which is orthogonal to “a”:

Obtain n random y’s this way and **perform Gauss/Jordan elimination** to obtain “a”

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## Example of Simon's algorithm

x	f(x)
000	0
001	1
010	2
011	3
100	2
101	3
110	0
111	1

We would like to find the hidden 'a' s.t.

$$f(x) = f(x \oplus a)$$

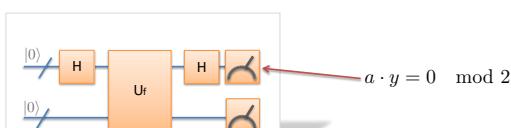
In this case,  $a=110_2=6$

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## Running the circuit



A quantum circuit diagram showing two qubits. The top qubit starts in state  $|0\rangle$  and passes through a Hadamard gate ( $H$ ), then a unitary gate  $U_f$ , and another Hadamard gate ( $H$ ). The bottom qubit starts in state  $|0\rangle$  and passes through a CNOT gate controlled by the top qubit. The circuit ends with both qubits measured. A red arrow points from the measurement result  $a \cdot y = 0 \pmod{2}$  back to the CNOT gate.

We run the circuit, and at random, obtain measure the results:

001
110
111

We want to find,  
 $a=110_2=6$

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## In matrix form



We know that  $a \cdot y = 0 \pmod{2}$

We have three values of 'y' for which this is true, so we can write a system of linear equations for the bits of 'a':

$$\mathbf{Y}\vec{a} = \vec{0}$$

001
110
111

Measured values

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $\vec{a}$

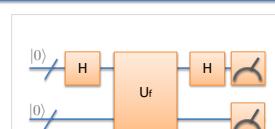
Solution is degenerate.  $\vec{a} = (0, 0, 0)$  or  $a_1 = a_2 = 1$  ie.  $\vec{a} = (1, 1, 0)$

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# Simon's Algorithm



Given a 2-to-1 function,  $f$ , such that

$$f(x) = f(x \oplus a)$$

Find  $a$ .

<b>Classical algorithm:</b>	$O(\sqrt{N})$	Queries to the oracle (probabilistically)
<b>Quantum algorithm:</b>	$O(n)$	Queries to the oracle

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