

# Quantum Circuits and Algorithms

- Modular Arithmetic, XOR
- Reversible Computation revisited
- Quantum Gates revisited
- A taste of quantum algorithms: Deutsch algorithm
- Other algorithms, general overviews
- Measurements revisited

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# Some review, some new.

- This lecture reviews some of the most important facts from the class,
- Possibly in a new light
- To help you understand not only the top quantum algorithms
- But also a philosophy and methodology of creating quantum algorithms.

# Outline

- **Review and new ideas useful for quantum algorithms**
- **Introduction to quantum algorithms**
  - Define algorithms and computational complexity
  - Discuss factorization as an important algorithm for information security
- **Quantum algorithms**
  - What they contribute to computing and cryptography
  - Deutsch algorithm and Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm
  - Shor's quantum algorithm for efficient factorization
  - Quantum search algorithms
  - Demonstrations of quantum algorithms
  - Ongoing quantum algorithms research

**Review of quantum  
formalism, circuits  
and new ideas  
useful in quantum  
algorithms**

# Universal Quantum gates

- Ideally, we'd like a set of gates that allows us to generate **all unitary operations on  $n$  qubits**
- The **controlled-NOT** plus **all 1-qubit gates** is universal in this sense
- However, this set of gates is **infinite**, and therefore not "reasonable"
- We are happy with **finite sets of gates** that allow us to **approximate** any unitary operation on  **$n$  qubits** (more in Chapter 4 of *Nielsen and Chuang*)

# Universal Q-Gates: History

- Deutsch '89:
  - Universal 3-qubit Toffoli-like gate.
- diVincenzo '95:
  - Adequate set of 2-qubit gates.
- Barenco '95:
  - Universal 2-qubit gate.
- Deutsch *et al.* '95
  - Almost all 2-qubit gates are universal.
- Barenco *et al.* '95
  - CNOT + set of 1-qubit gates is adequate.
- **Later development of discrete gate sets...**

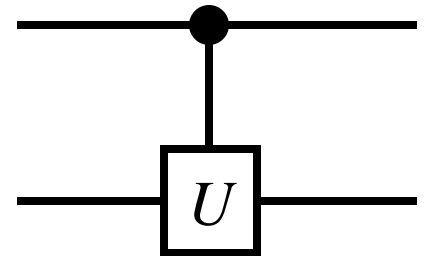


# Barenco's 2-bit generalized CNOT gate

$$A(\phi, \alpha, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & e^{i\alpha} \cos \theta & -ie^{i(\alpha-\phi)} \sin \theta \\ & & -ie^{i(\alpha+\phi)} \sin \theta & e^{i\alpha} \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- where  $\phi, \alpha, \theta, \pi$  are relatively irrational
- Also works, *e.g.*, for  $\phi=\pi$ ,  $\alpha=\pi/2$ :

$$A(\pi, \pi/2, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & i \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ & & -\sin \theta & i \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$





# Barenco *et al.* '95 results

- **Universality** of CNOT + 1-qubit gates
  - 2-qubit Barenco gate already known universal
  - 4 **1-qubit gates** + **2 CNOTs** suffice to build it
- **Construction of generalized Toffoli gates**
  - 3-bit version via *five* 2-qubit gates
  - $n$ -qubit version via  $O(n^2)$  2-qubit gates
  - No auxiliary qubits needed for the above
    - All operations done “in place” on input qubits.
  - $n$ -bit version via  $O(n)$  2-qubit gates, given 1 work qubit

# Modular arithmetic

- For any positive integer  $N$ , we say  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $N$  (denoted

$$a \equiv b \pmod{N}$$

if and only if

$N$  divides  $a-b$

- E.g.

$$\dots, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, 15 \dots \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\dots -14, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, 16 \dots \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\dots -13, -8, -3, 2, 7, 12, 17 \dots \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$\dots -12, -7, -2, 3, 8, 13, 18 \dots \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\dots -11, -6, -1, 4, 9, 14, 19 \dots \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

# Modular arithmetic

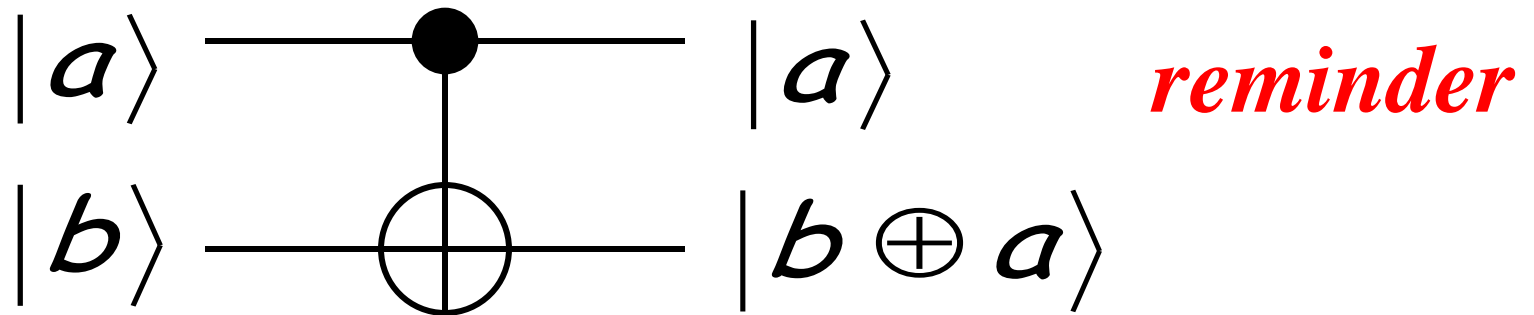
- For any positive integer  $N$ , and for any integer  $a$ , define  $a \bmod N$  to be the **unique integer**,  $\bar{a}$ , between 0 and  $N-1$  such that  $a \equiv \bar{a} \pmod{N}$
- For positive integers,  $a$ , we can say that  $\bar{a}$  is the remainder when we divide  $a$  by  $N$ .
- If  $N=2$ , then  $a \bmod 2 = 0$  if  $a$  is even  
 $a \bmod 2 = 1$  if  $a$  is odd

# Modulo versus XOR

- For  $a, b \in \{0,1\}$

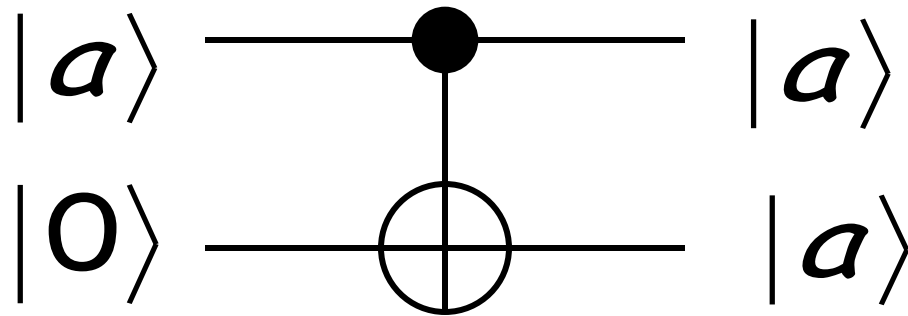
$$a \oplus b = (a + b) \bmod 2$$

- The controlled-NOT also realizes the reversible XOR function



# Controlled-NOT can be used to copy classical information

- If we initialize  $b=0$ , then the C-NOT can be used to copy "classical" information



- We can use this operation in the **copy part of reversible computation**

# Reversibly computing $f(x)$

- Suppose we know how to compute

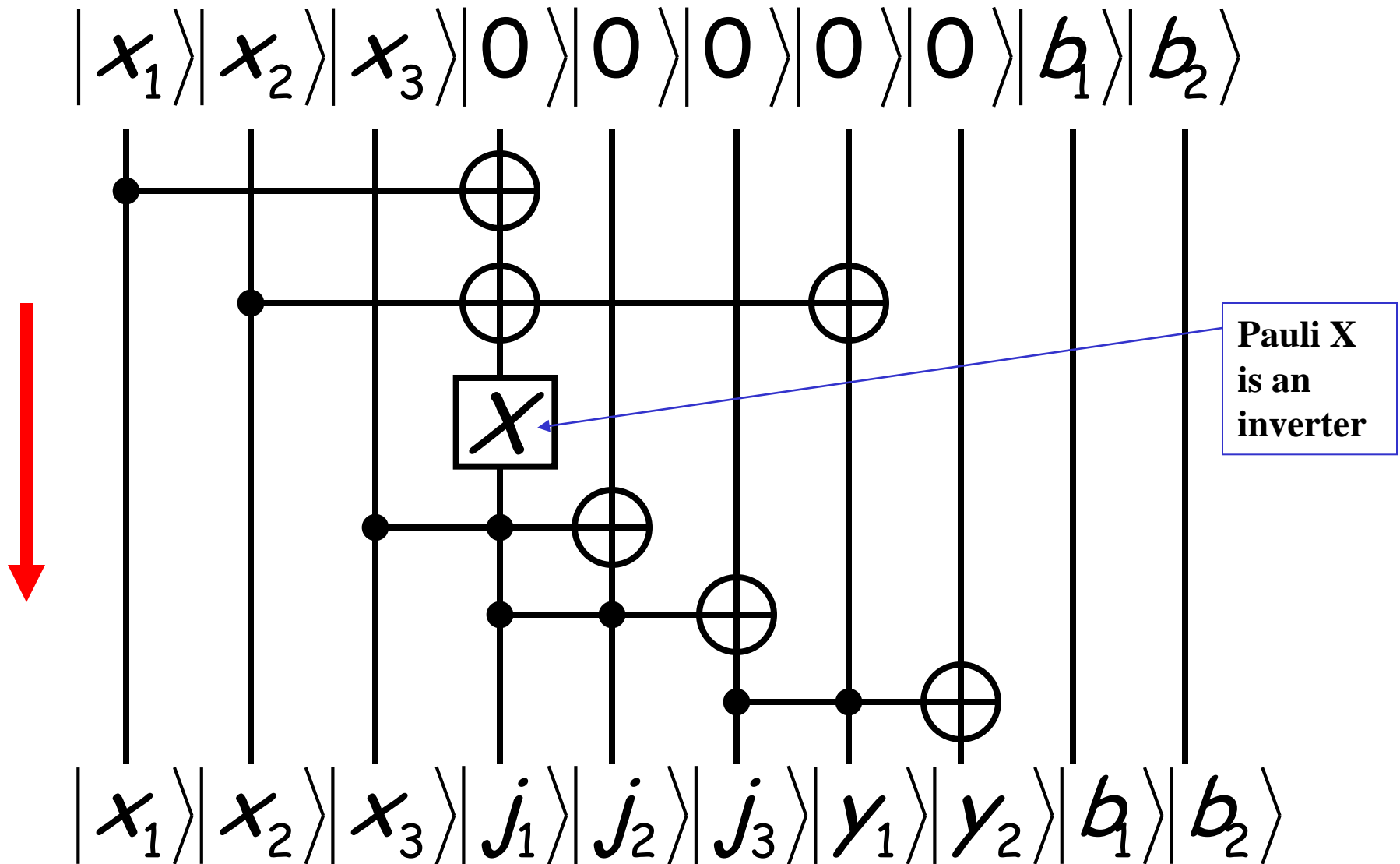
$$f : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$$

- We can realize the following reversible implementation of  $f$

$$|x\rangle|b\rangle \rightarrow |x\rangle|b \oplus f(x)\rangle$$

# Reversibly computing $f(x)=y_1y_2$

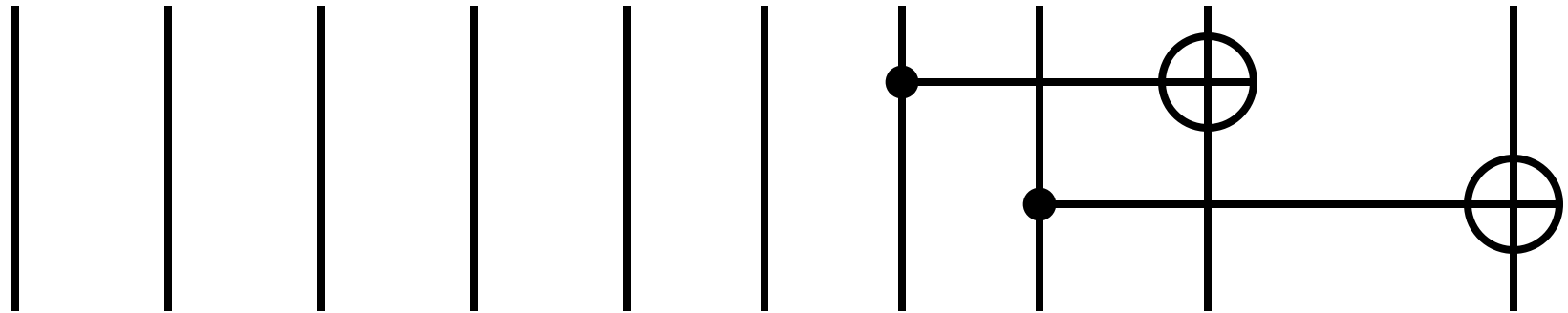
## Step 1: Compute $f(x)$



# Reversibly computing $f(x) = y_1 y_2$

Step 2: Add answer to output register

$$|x_1\rangle |x_2\rangle |x_3\rangle |j_1\rangle |j_2\rangle |j_3\rangle |y_1\rangle |y_2\rangle |b_1\rangle |b_2\rangle$$

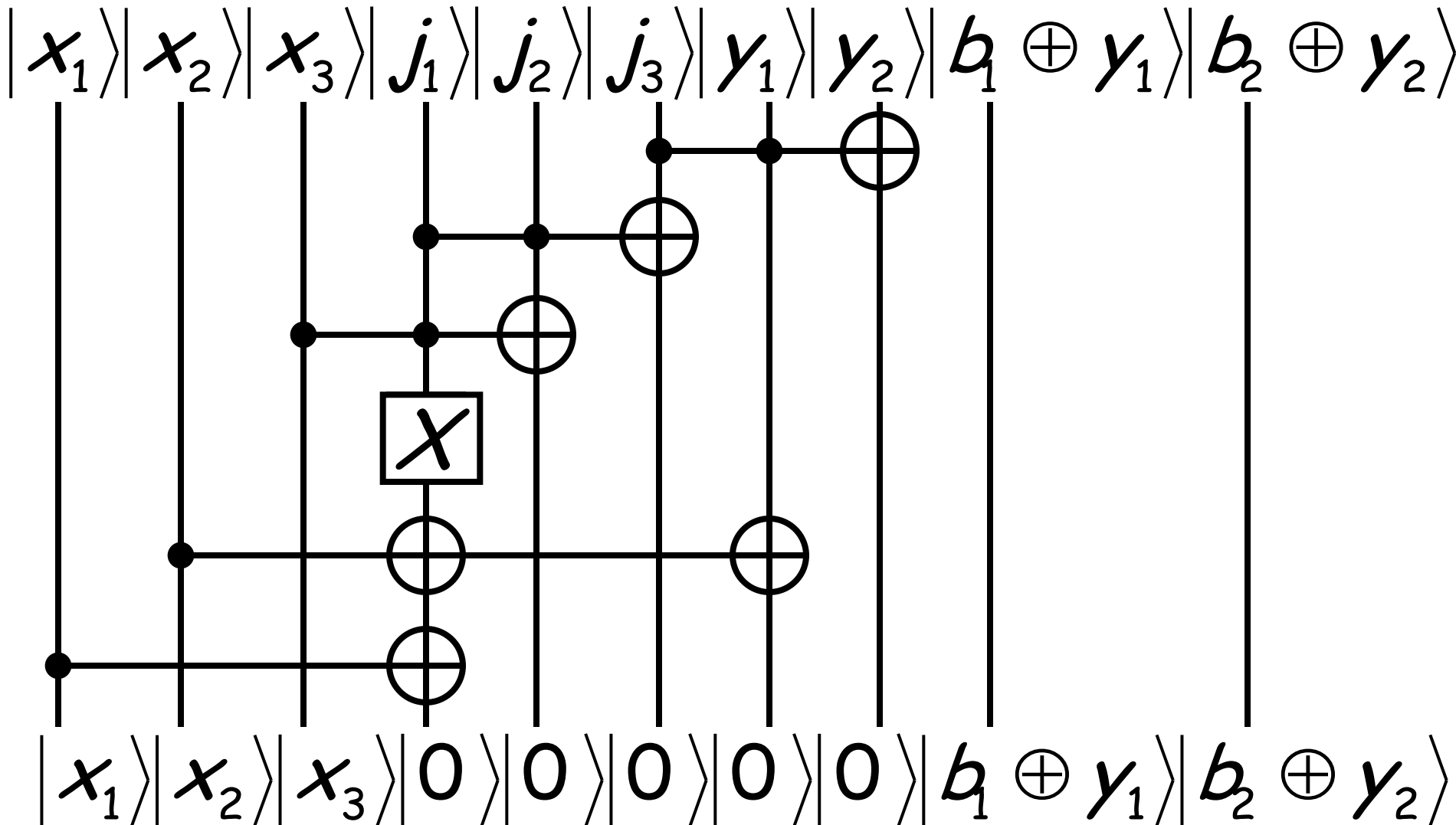


$$|x_1\rangle |x_2\rangle |x_3\rangle |j_1\rangle |j_2\rangle |j_3\rangle |y_1\rangle |y_2\rangle |b_1 \oplus y_1\rangle |b_2 \oplus y_2\rangle$$

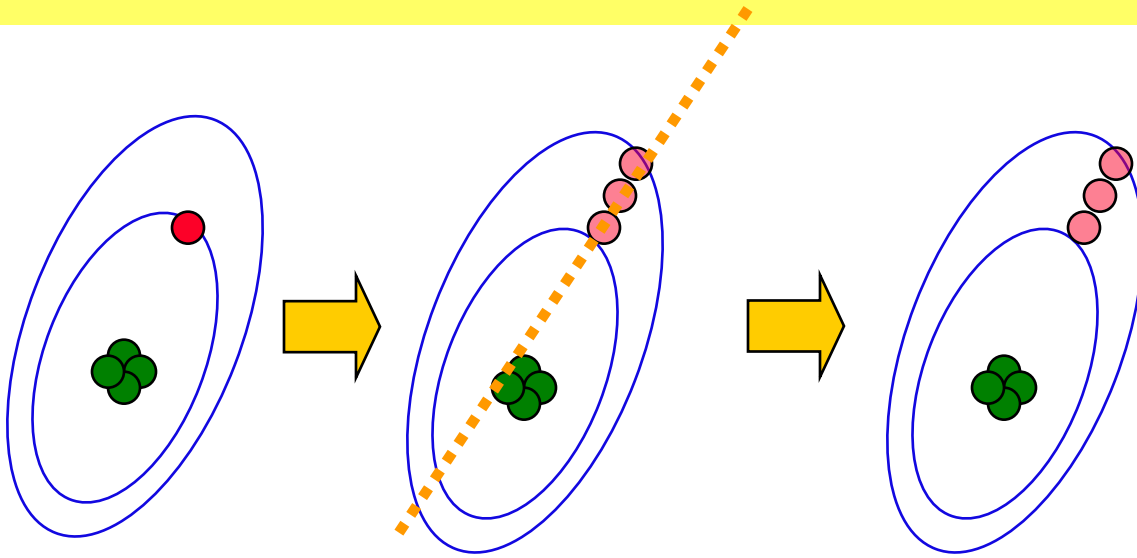


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## Step 3: Uncompute $f(x)$



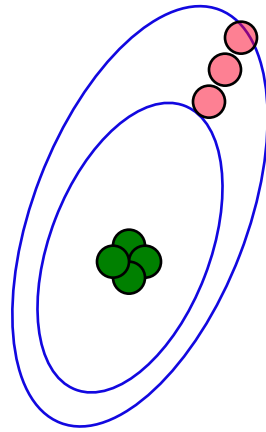
# A quantum gate



$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{\sqrt{\text{NOT}}} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle \xrightarrow{\sqrt{\text{NOT}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$$

???



What is  $\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$  supposed to mean?

# One thing we know about it

If we measure  $\alpha_0 |\mathbf{0}\rangle + \alpha_1 |\mathbf{1}\rangle$

we get  $|\mathbf{0}\rangle$  with probability  $|\alpha_0|^2$

and  $|\mathbf{1}\rangle$  with probability  $|\alpha_1|^2$

# Please recall the notation!

$|0\rangle$  corresponds to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$|1\rangle$  corresponds to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\alpha_0|0\rangle + \alpha_1|1\rangle$  corresponds to  $\alpha_0\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_1\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix}$

# Two very important 1-qubit gates



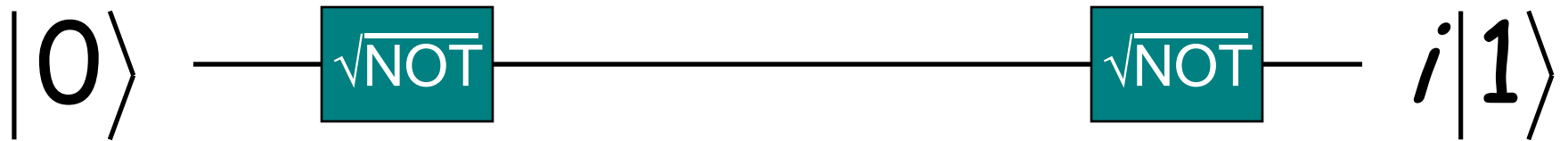
corresponds to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Another useful gate:  
(Hadamard gate)

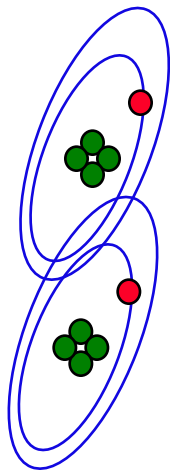
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Unexpected result again!



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Tensor Product again!


$$= \begin{matrix} |0\rangle \\ |0\rangle \end{matrix} = |00\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

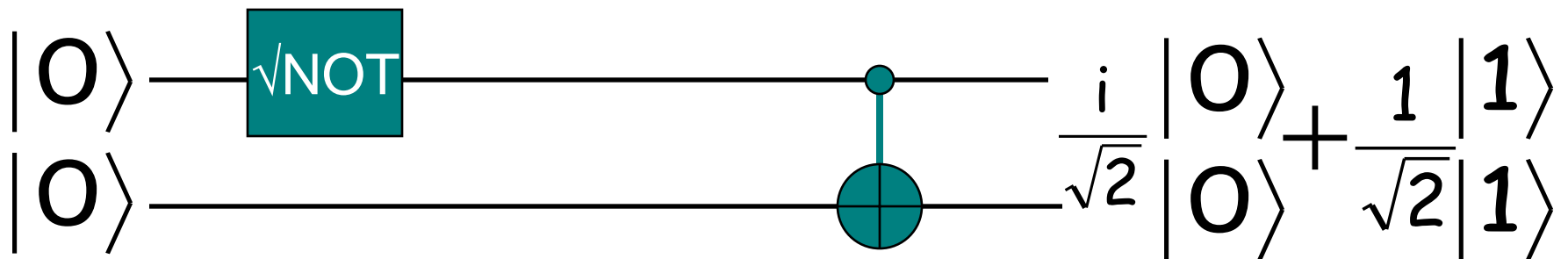
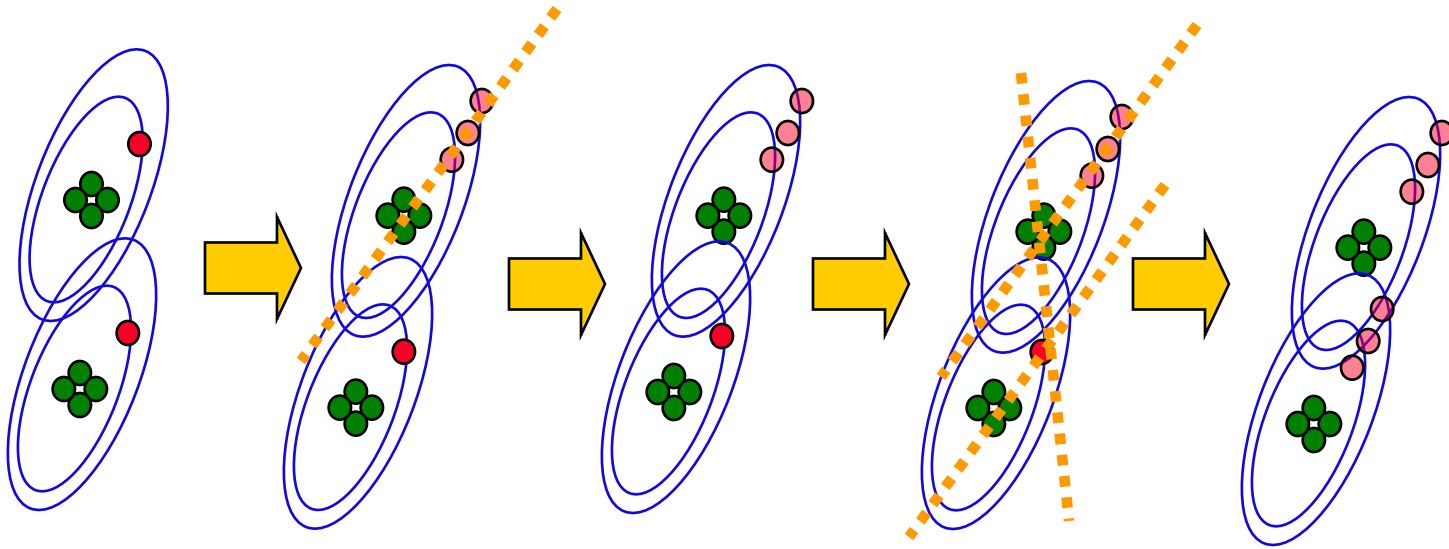
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |00\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$$



# Local versus Global description of a 2-qubit state

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle \right) \otimes |0\rangle \\ = & \left( \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \right) \\ = & \left( \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |10\rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

# A quantum computation: Entanglement



$$|00\rangle \xrightarrow{\sqrt{NOT} \otimes I} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|10\rangle \xrightarrow{c-NOT} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle$$

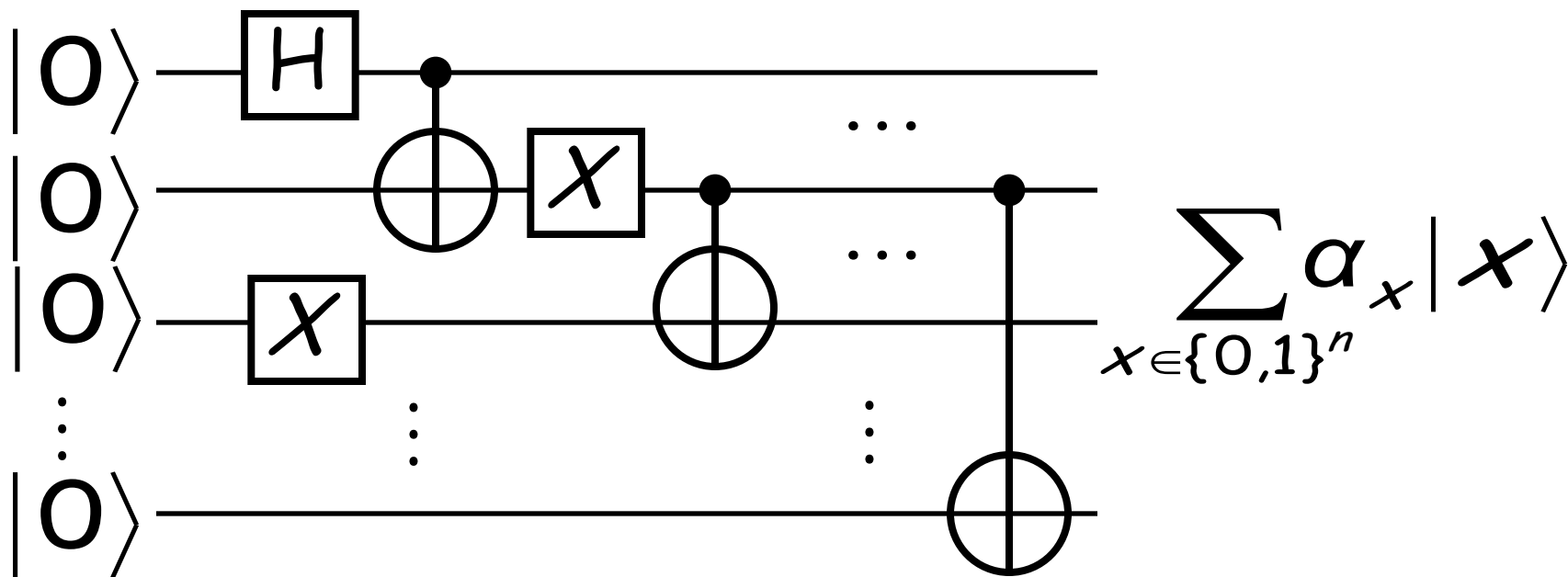
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ 1 & i \end{bmatrix} \otimes I} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

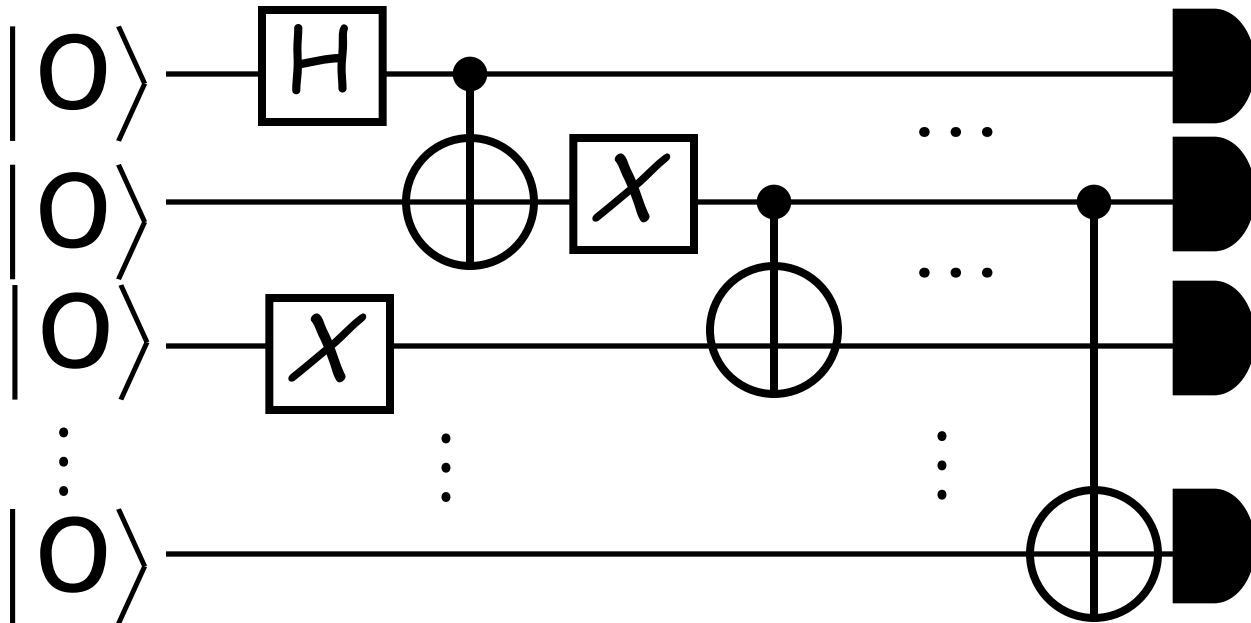
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ 1 & i \end{bmatrix} \otimes I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

# Quantum Circuit Model



$$\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |\alpha_x|^2 = 1$$

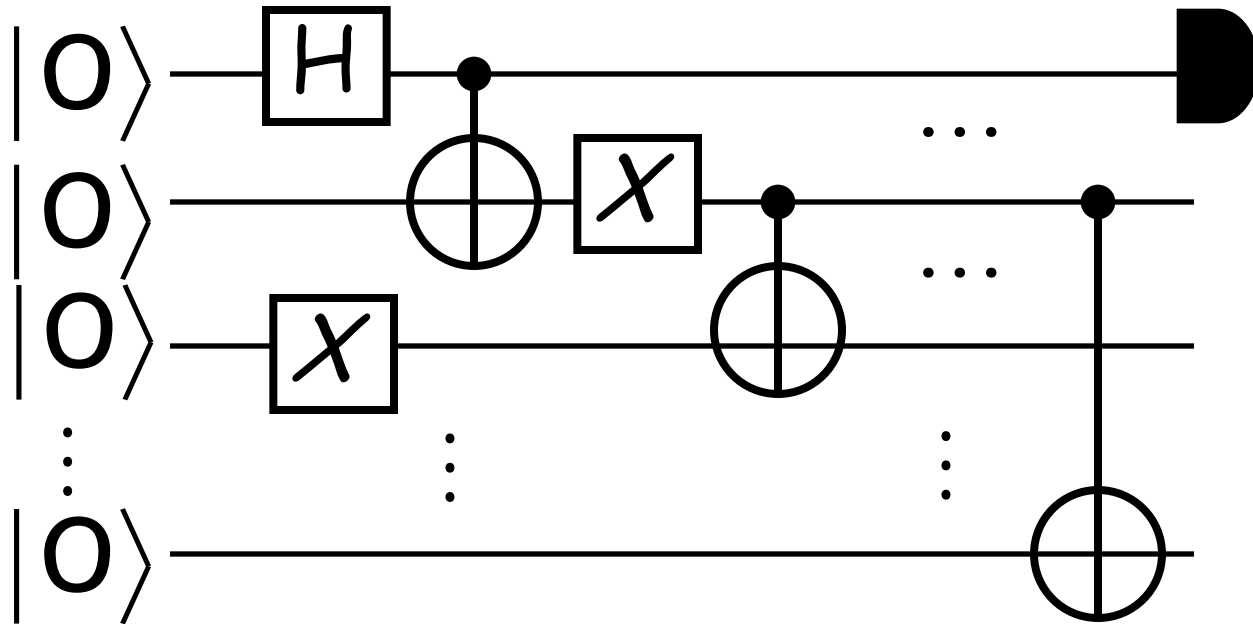
# Measurement



Measuring all  $n$  qubits yields the result

$$|x\rangle = |x_1\rangle |x_2\rangle \cdots |x_n\rangle \quad \text{with} \\ \text{probability } |\alpha_x|^2$$

# Partial Measurement



# Partial Measurement

Suppose we measure the first bit of  $\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} \alpha_x |x\rangle$  which can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \alpha_{0y} |0\rangle |y\rangle + \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \alpha_{1y} |1\rangle |y\rangle$$

$$= |0\rangle \left( \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \alpha_{0y} |y\rangle \right) + |1\rangle \left( \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \alpha_{1y} |y\rangle \right)$$

*remaining qubits*

$$= a_0 |0\rangle \left( \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \frac{\alpha_{0y}}{a_0} |y\rangle \right) + a_1 |1\rangle \left( \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \frac{\alpha_{1y}}{a_1} |y\rangle \right)$$

*qubit 0*

$$a_0 = \sqrt{\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |\alpha_{0y}|^2} \quad a_1 = \sqrt{\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |\alpha_{1y}|^2}$$

# Partial Measurement

The probability of obtaining  $|0\rangle$  is

$$|a_0|^2 = \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |a_{0y}|^2$$

and in this case the remaining qubits will be left in the state

$$\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} \frac{a_{0y}}{a_0} |y\rangle$$

(reminiscent of Bayes' theorem)



# Measurement: observer breaks a closed system

- Note that the act of measurement involves interacting the formerly closed system with an external system (the "observer" or "measuring apparatus").
- So the evolution of the system is no longer necessarily unitary.

# Note that “global” phase doesn't matter

Measuring  $\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} \alpha_x |x\rangle$  gives  $|x\rangle$  with probability  $|\alpha_x|^2$

Measuring  $\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} e^{i\varphi} \alpha_x |x\rangle$  gives  $|x\rangle$  with probability  $|e^{i\varphi} \alpha_x|^2 = |\alpha_x|^2$

# Note that “global” phase doesn't matter

Can we apply some unitary operation that will make the phase measurable? No!

$$U\left(\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} e^{i\varphi} \beta_x |x\rangle\right) = e^{i\varphi} U\left(\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} \beta_x |x\rangle\right)$$

# Another tensor product fact

$$\left( \alpha \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right) \otimes \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha ac \\ \alpha ad \\ \alpha bc \\ \alpha bd \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \otimes \left( \alpha \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \alpha \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

# Another tensor product fact

So

$$|x\rangle(\alpha|y\rangle) = (\alpha|x\rangle)|y\rangle = \alpha|x\rangle|y\rangle$$

*....please remember....*

Now we have a base of facts to discuss the most interesting aspect of quantum computing - quantum algorithms that are different than for normal (Turing machine-like, circuit-like) computing.

# **Basic Ideas of Quantum Algorithms**

# Quantum Algorithms give interesting speedups

- **Grover's** quantum database search algorithm finds an item in an unsorted list of  $n$  items in  $O(\sqrt{n})$  steps; classical algorithms require  $O(n)$ .
- **Shor's** quantum algorithm finds the prime factors of an  $n$ -digit number in time  $O(n^3)$ ; the best known classical factoring algorithms require at least time

$$O\left(2^{n^{1/3}} \log(n)^{2/3}\right).$$

# Example: discrete Fourier transform

- Problem: for a given vector  $(x_j)$ ,  $j=1, \dots, N$ , what is the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) vector

$$y_j = \sum_{k=1}^N \exp(2\pi i(j-1)(k-1)/N) x_k$$

- Algorithm:
  - a detailed step-by-step method to calculate the DFT  $(y_j)$  for any instance  $(x_j)$
- With such an algorithm, one could:
  - write a DFT program to run on a computer
  - build a custom chip that calculates the DFT
  - train a team of children to execute the algorithm (remember the Andleman DNA algorithm and children with Lego?)



# Computational complexity of DFT

- For the DFT,  $N$  could be the dimension of the vector

$$y_j = \sum_{k=1}^N \exp(2\pi i(j-1)(k-1)/N) x_k$$

- To calculate each  $y_j$ , must sum  $N$  terms
- This sum must be performed for  $N$  different  $y_j$
- Computational complexity of DFT: requires  $N^2$  steps
- DFTs are important --> a lot of work in optical computing (1950s, 1960s) to do fast DFTs
- 1965: Tukey and Cooley invent the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), requires  $N \log N$  steps
- FFT much faster --> optical computing almost dies overnight

# Example: Factoring

- Factoring: given a number, what are its prime factors?
- Considered a “hard” problem in general, especially for numbers that are products of 2 large primes

Example:  $4633 = 41 \times 113$

RSA-129  
↙

1143816257578888676692357799761466120102182 96721242362562561842935706935245733897830597123563958705058989075147599290026879543541 = 3490529510847650949147849619903898133417764638493387843990820577 x 32769132993266709549961988190834461413177642967992942539798288533

- Best factoring algorithm requires resources that grow exponentially in the size of the number (RSA-129 took 17 years)
- Example: factor a 300-digit number
  - ◆ Best algorithm: takes  $10^{24}$  steps
  - ◆ On computer at THz speed: 150,000 years
- Difficulty of factoring is the basis of security for the RSA encryption scheme used, e.g., on the internet
- Information security of interest to private and public sectors



# Quantum algorithms

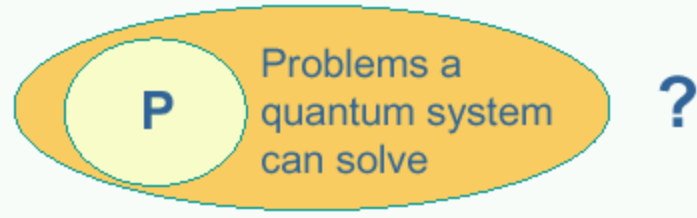


Richard Feynman

- Feynman (1982): there may be quantum systems that cannot be simulated efficiently on a “classical” computer
- Deutsch (1985): proposed that machines using quantum processes might be able to perform computations that “classical” computers can only perform very poorly



David Deutsch



Concept of *quantum computer* emerged as a universal device to execute such quantum algorithms

# Factoring with quantum systems

- **Shor (1995):** quantum factoring algorithm

Best classical algorithm: $10^{24}$ steps	Shor's quantum algorithm: $10^{10}$ steps
On classical THz computer: 150,000 years	On quantum THz computer: <1 second

- To implement Shor's algorithm, one could:
  - run it as a program on a "universal quantum computer"
  - design a custom quantum chip with hard-wired algorithm
  - find a quantum system that does it naturally! (?)

# Reminder to appreciate : exponential savings is very good!

## Factor a 5,000 digit number:

- Classical computer (1ns/instruction, ~today's best algorithm)
  - over 5 trillion years (the universe is ~ 10–16 billion years old).
- Quantum computer (1ns/instruction, ~Shor's algorithm)
  - just over 2 minutes

*...the power of quantum computing.....*

# Implications of Factoring and other quantum algorithms

- Information security and e-commerce are based on the use of **NP** problems that are not in **P**
  - must be “hard” (not in **P** ) so that security is unbreakable
  - requires knowledge/ assumptions about the algorithmic and computational power of your adversaries
- Quantum algorithms (e. g., Shor’s factoring algorithm) require us to reassess the security of such systems
- Lessons to be learned:
  - algorithms and complexity classes can change!
  - information security is based on assumptions of what is hard and what is possible --> better be convinced of their validity

# Shor's algorithm

- Hybrid algorithm to factor numbers
- Quantum component finds period  $r$  of sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, \dots$ , given an oracle function that maps  $i$  to  $a_i$
- Skeleton of the algorithm:
  - create a superposition of all oracle inputs and call the oracle
  - apply a quantum Fourier transform to the input qubits
  - read the input qubits to obtain a random multiple of  $1/r$
  - repeat a small number of times to infer  $r$

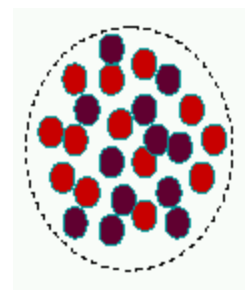
# Shor Type Algorithms

- 1985 Deutsch's algorithm demonstrates task quantum computer can perform in **one shot** that classically takes two shots.
- 1992 Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm demonstrates an **exponential separation** between classical deterministic and quantum algorithms.
- 1993 Bernstein-Vazirani demonstrates a **superpolynomial separation** between probabilistic and quantum algorithms.
- 1994 Simon's algorithm demonstrates an **exponential separation** between probabilistic and quantum algorithms.
- 1994 Shor's algorithm demonstrates that quantum computers can **efficiently factor** numbers.



# Search problems

- **Problem 1** : Given an unsorted database of  $N$  items, **how long** will it take to find a particular item  $x$ ?
  - Check items one at a time. Is it  $x$ ?
  - Average number of checks:  $N/2$
- **Problem 2** : Given an unsorted database of  $N$  items, each either red or black, how many are red?
  - Start a tally
  - Check items one at a time. Is it red?
    - If it is red, add one to the tally
    - If it is black, don't change the tally
  - Must check all items: requires  $N$  checks
- Not surprisingly, these are the **best (classical)** algorithms
- We can define **quantum search algorithms** that do better



# Oracles

- We need a "quantum way" to recognize a solution
- Define an *oracle* to be the unitary operator
- $O : |x\rangle |q\rangle \rightarrow |x\rangle |q \oplus f(x)\rangle$   
where  $|q\rangle$  is an **ancilla qubit**
- Could measure the ancilla qubit to determine if  $x$  is a solution
- Doesn't this "oracle" need to know the solution?
  - It **just needs to recognize a solution** when given one
  - Similar to NP problems
- One oracle call represents a **fixed number** of operations
- Address the complexity of a search algorithm in terms of the number of oracle calls  $\rightarrow$  separates scaling from fixed costs



# Quantum searching

Lov Grover

- Grover (1996): quantum search algorithm
- For  $M$  solutions in a database containing  $N$  elements:

Classical search	Quantum search
$N/M$ oracle calls	$(N/M)^{1/2}$ oracle calls

- Quantum search algorithm works by **applying the oracle to superpositions of all elements**,
  - it increases the amplitude of solutions (viewed as states)
- Quantum search requires that we know  $M/ N$  (at least approximately) prior to the algorithm, in order to perform the correct number of steps
- Failure to measure a solution --> run the algorithm **again** .

# Quantum counting

- What if the number of solutions  $M$  is not known?
- Need  $M$  in order to determine the number of iterations of the Grover operator
- Classical algorithm requires  $N$  steps
- **Quantum algorithm:** Use phase estimation techniques
  - based on quantum Fourier transform (Shor)
  - requires  $N^{1/2}$  oracle calls
- For a search with unknown number of solutions:
  - First perform quantum counting:  $N^{1/2}$
  - With  $M$ , perform quantum search:  $N^{1/2}$
  - **Total search algorithm:** still only  $N^{1/2}$

Example of collaboration of two quantum algorithms

# Can we do better than Grover quantum search?

- Quantum search algorithm provides a quadratic speedup over best classical algorithm

**Classical:**  $N$  steps

**Quantum:**  $N^{1/2}$  steps

- **Maybe there is** a better quantum search algorithm
- Imagine one that requires  **$\log N$**  steps:
  - Quantum search would be exponentially faster than any classical algorithm
  - **Used for NP problems:** could reduce them to **P** by searching all possible solutions
- **Unfortunately, NO:** Quantum search algorithm is "optimal"
- Any search-based method for **NP** problems is **slow**

# How do quantum algorithms work?

- What makes a quantum algorithm potentially faster than any classical one?
  - **Quantum parallelism:** by using superpositions of quantum states, the computer is executing the algorithm on *all possible inputs at once*
  - **Dimension of quantum Hilbert space:** the “size” of the state space for the quantum system is *exponentially larger* than the corresponding classical system
  - **Entanglement capability:** different subsystems (qubits) in a quantum computer become *entangled*, exhibiting nonclassical correlations
- We don't really know what makes quantum systems more powerful than a classical computer
- Quantum algorithms are helping us understand the computational power of **quantum** versus **classical** systems

# Quantum algorithms research

- **Require more quantum algorithms in order to:**
  - **solve** problems more efficiently
  - **understand** the power of quantum computation
  - make valid/ realistic **assumptions** for *information security*
- **Problems for quantum algorithms research:**
  - requires close collaboration between **physicists** and **computer scientists**
  - highly **non- intuitive** nature of quantum physics
  - **even classical** algorithms research is difficult

# Summary of quantum algorithms

- It **may be possible** to solve a problem on a quantum system much faster (i. e., using fewer steps) than on a classical computer
- **Factorization** and **searching** are examples of problems where quantum algorithms are known and are faster than any classical ones
- Implications for **cryptography**, **information security**
- Study of quantum algorithms and quantum computation is important in order to make assumptions about **adversary's algorithmic and computational capabilities**
- Leading to an understanding of the computational power of **quantum versus classical systems**



# Deutsch's Problem

*... everything started with small circuit of Deutsch.....*

# Deutsch's Problem



David Deutsch

(Deutsch '85)

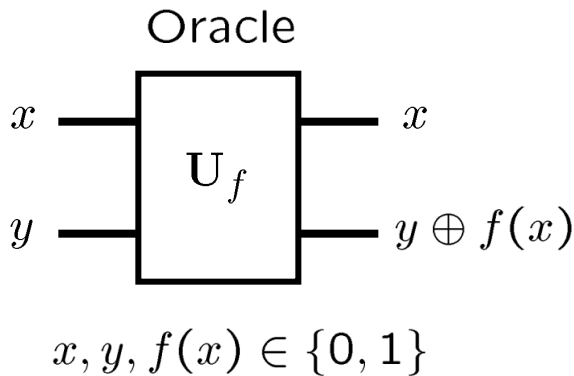
two qubits

$$\alpha_0|00\rangle + \alpha_1|01\rangle + \alpha_2|10\rangle + \alpha_3|11\rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle \\ |11\rangle \end{matrix}$$



Delphi



Example  $f(x) = x$ :

$$U_f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Four possible functions  $f(x)$ :

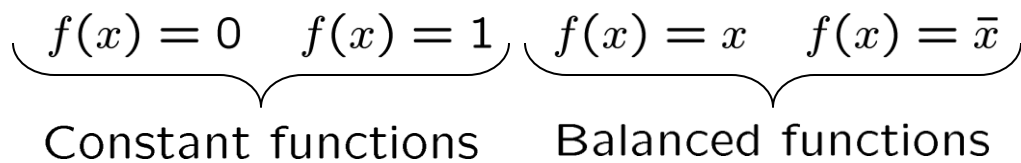
$$\underbrace{f(x) = 0 \quad f(x) = 1}_{\text{Constant functions}} \quad \underbrace{f(x) = x \quad f(x) = \bar{x}}_{\text{Balanced functions}}$$

## Deutsch's Problem

Determine whether  $f(x)$  is **constant** or **balanced** using as few queries to the oracle as possible.

# Classical Deutsch

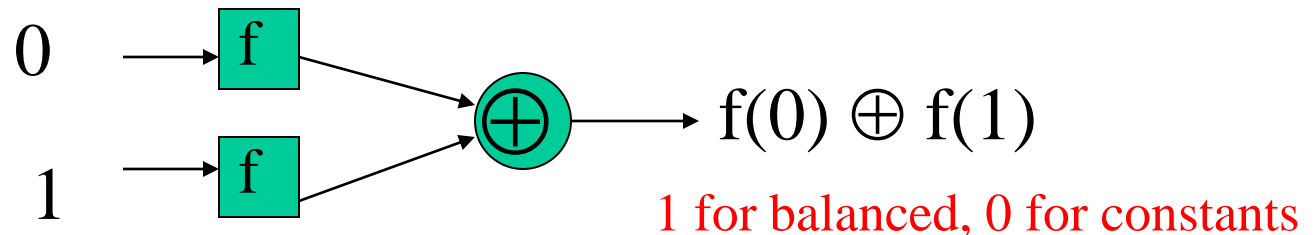
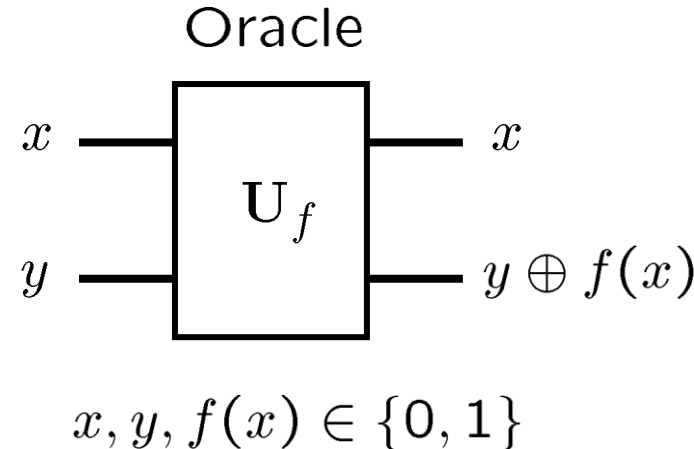
Four possible functions  $f(x)$ :



Query input of  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  only gives information about  $f(x_0)$ .

Knowing  $f(x_0)$  not enough to distinguish constant from balanced.

Classically we need to query the oracle **two times** to solve Deutsch's Problem



# Quantum Deutsch: first explanation



1. Query oracle with  $\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$
2. Producing the state  $\frac{1}{2}(|0f(0)\rangle - |0\bar{f}(0)\rangle + |1f(1)\rangle - |1\bar{f}(1)\rangle)$

$f(x) = 0$	$f(x) = 1$	$f(x) = x$	$f(x) = \bar{x}$
$\frac{1}{2}( 00\rangle -  01\rangle +  10\rangle -  11\rangle)$	$\frac{1}{2}( 01\rangle -  00\rangle +  11\rangle -  10\rangle)$	$\frac{1}{2}( 00\rangle -  01\rangle +  11\rangle -  10\rangle)$	$\frac{1}{2}( 01\rangle -  00\rangle +  10\rangle -  11\rangle)$
$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Substitute f

Constant functions

Balanced functions

3. Apply the unitary transformation

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

100 %  $|01\rangle$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

100 %  $|01\rangle$

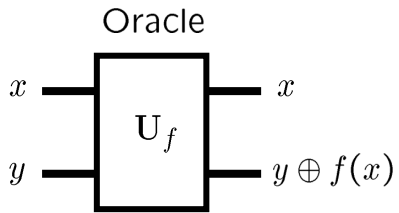
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

100 %  $|11\rangle$

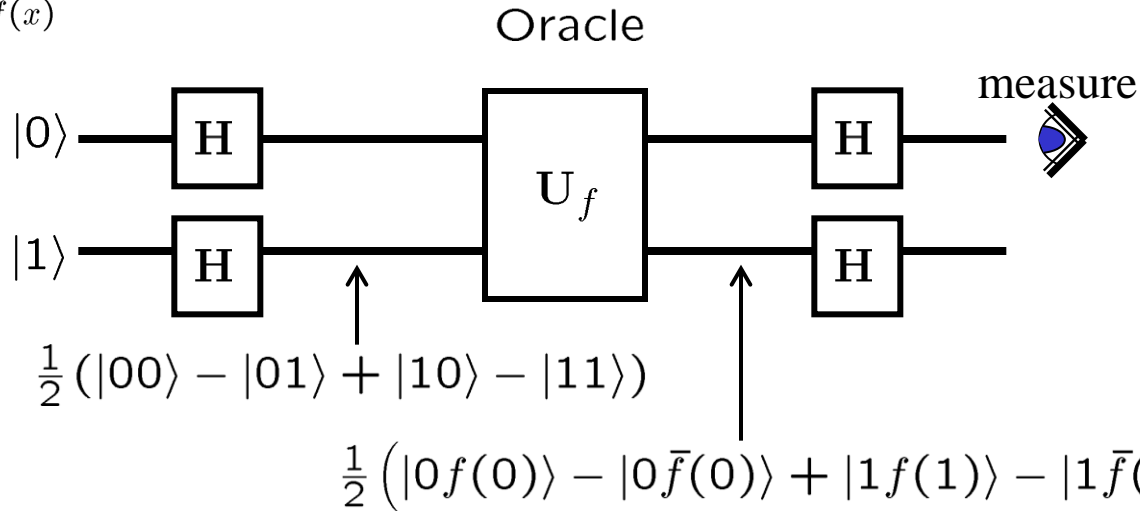
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

100 %  $|11\rangle$

# Deutsch Circuit



$x, y, f(x) \in \{0, 1\}$



$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

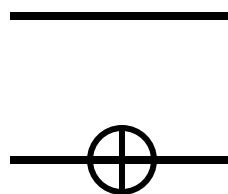
$\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\text{CNOT} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

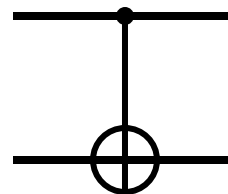
$f(x) = 0$



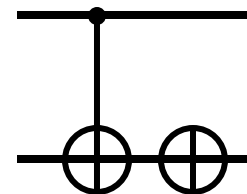
$f(x) = 1$



$f(x) = x$



$f(x) = \bar{x}$

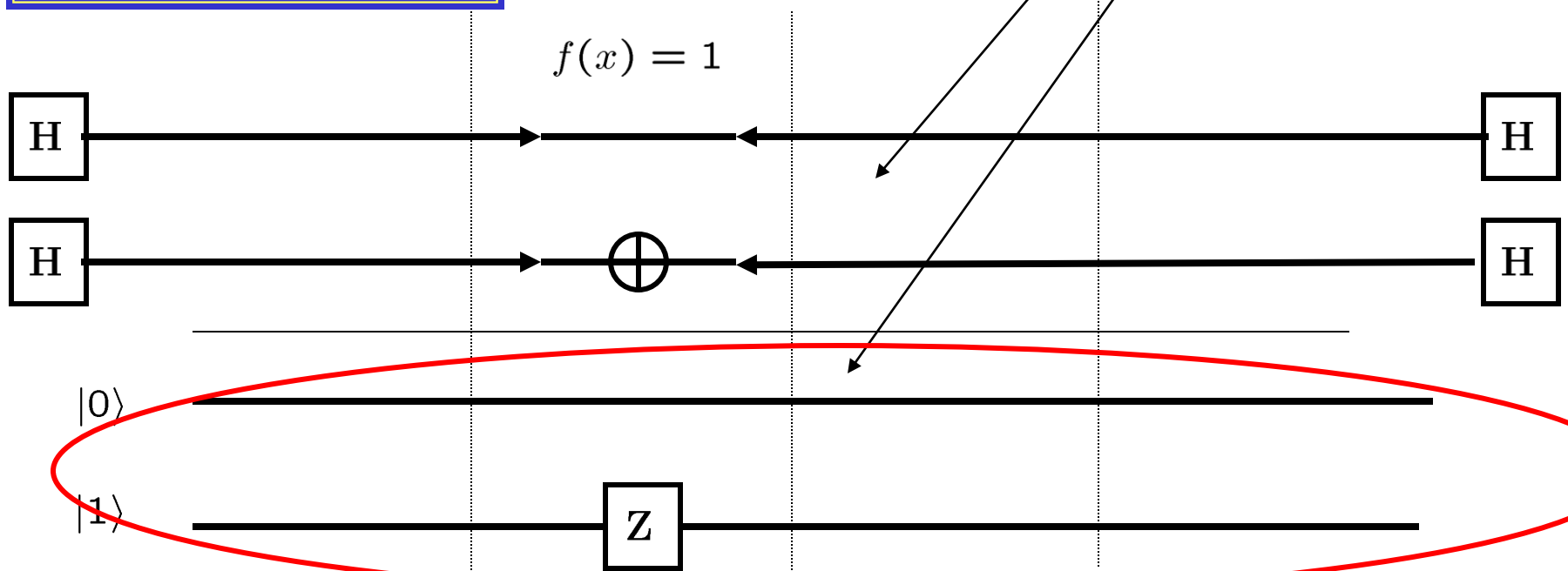


# Quantum Deutsch: second explanation

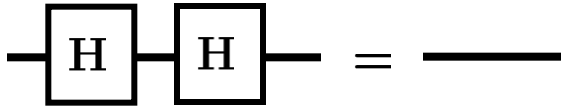
This kind of proof is often faster and more intuitive but it is better to check using matrices because you likely can make errors

$$\boxed{\text{H}} \text{---} \oplus \text{---} \boxed{\text{H}} = \boxed{\text{Z}}$$

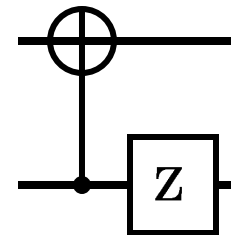
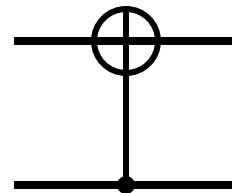
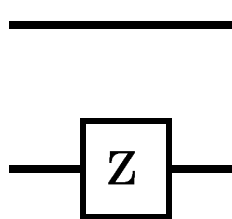
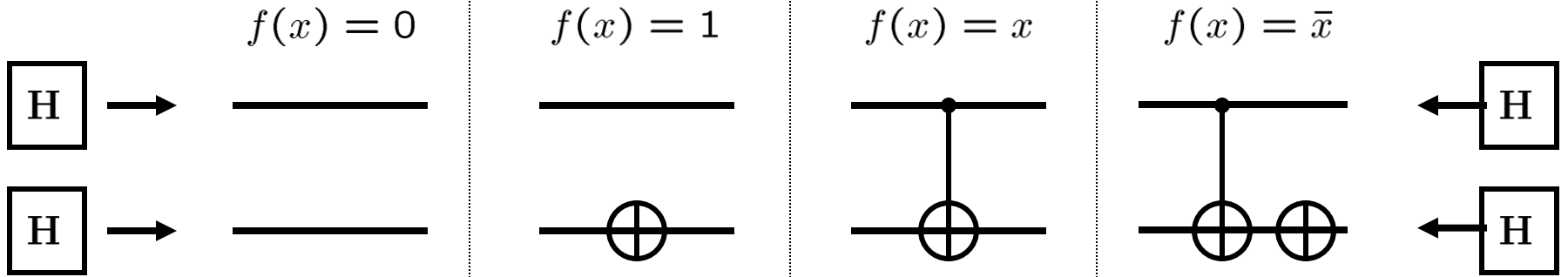
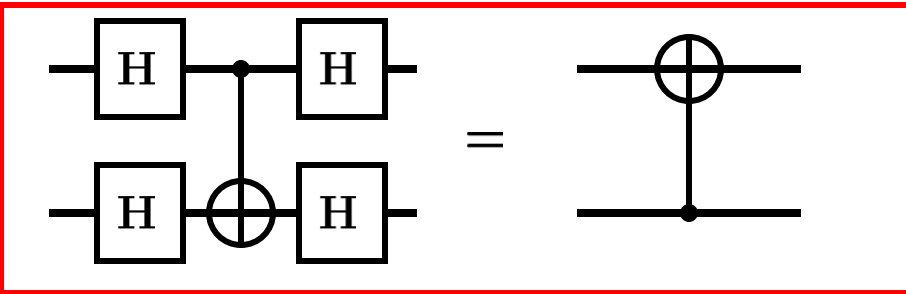
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Quantum Deutsch: second explanation



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This is obtained after connecting Hadamards and simplifying

# Generalize these ideas

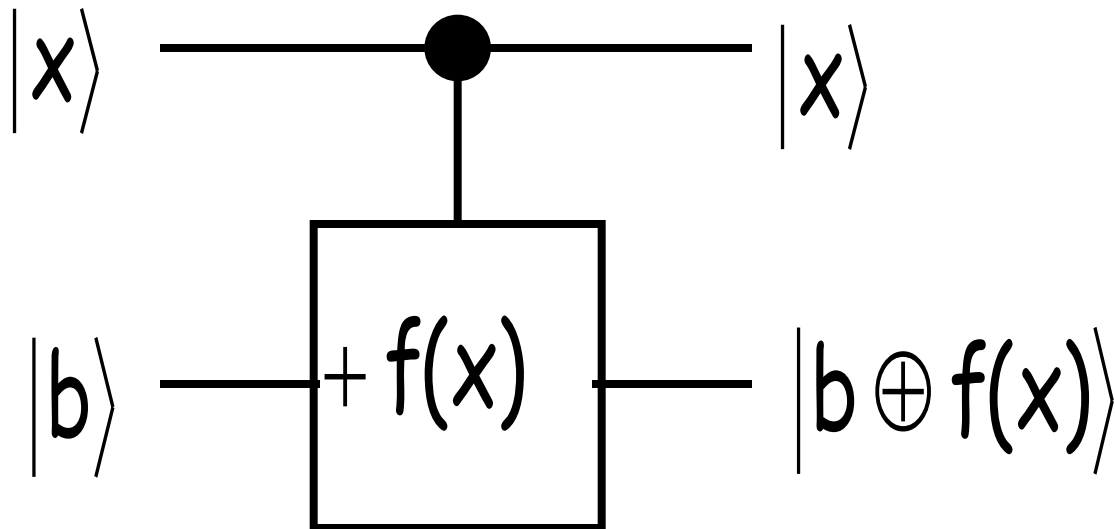
- So, we can distinguish by measurement between first two circuits from bottom and second two circuits from bottom.
- This method is very general, we can build various oracles and check how they can be distinguished, by how many tests.
- In this case, we just need one test, but in a more general case we can have a **decision tree** for decision making.



# Quantum Deutsch: third explanation

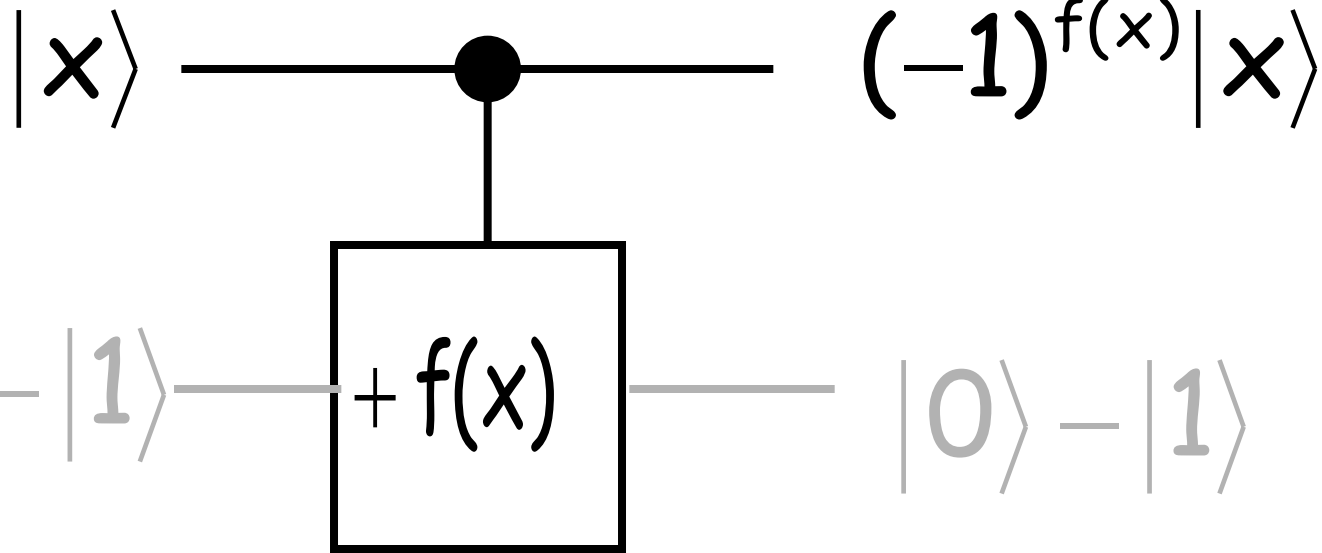
$$f : \{0,1\} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

Find  $f(0) \oplus f(1)$  using only 1 evaluation of a reversible "black-box" circuit for  $f$



# Phase “kick-back” trick

*The phase depends on function  $f(x)$*



$$\begin{aligned} |x\rangle(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) &\rightarrow |x\rangle(|f(x)\rangle - |f(x) \oplus 1\rangle) \\ &= |x\rangle(-1)^{f(x)}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \\ &= (-1)^{f(x)}|x\rangle(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

# A Deutsch quantum algorithm: third explanation continued

$$|0\rangle + |1\rangle$$

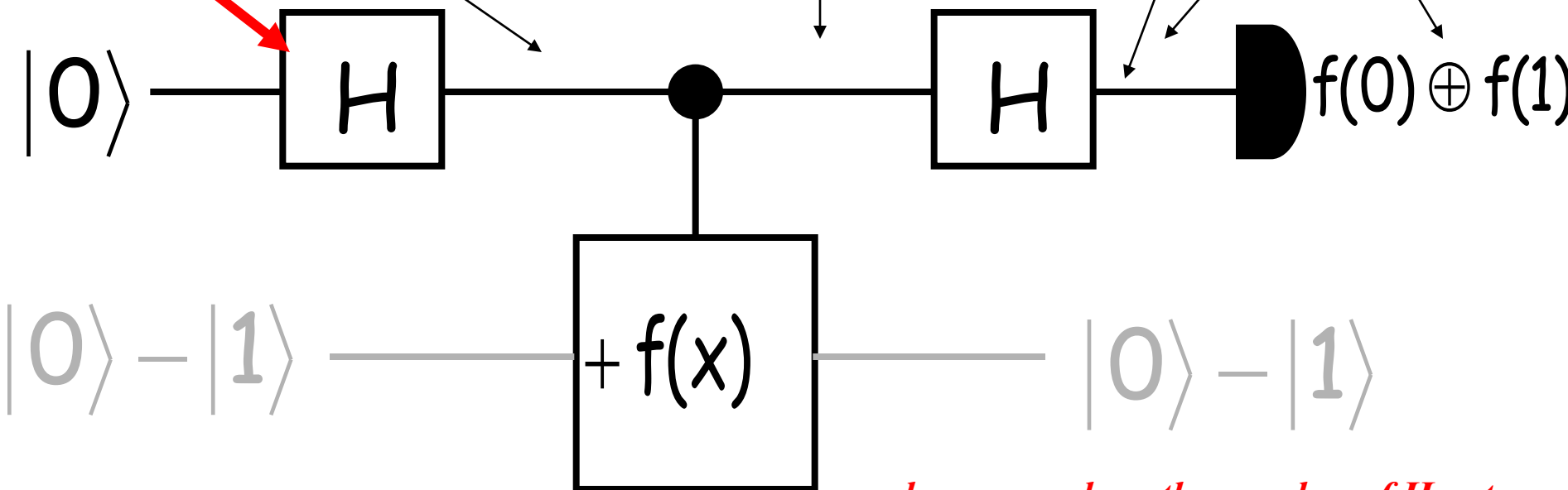
$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{f(0)}|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)}|1\rangle \\ &= (-1)^{f(0)}(|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(0)\oplus f(1)}|1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

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

In Hilbert space

After measurement

We apply one hadamard



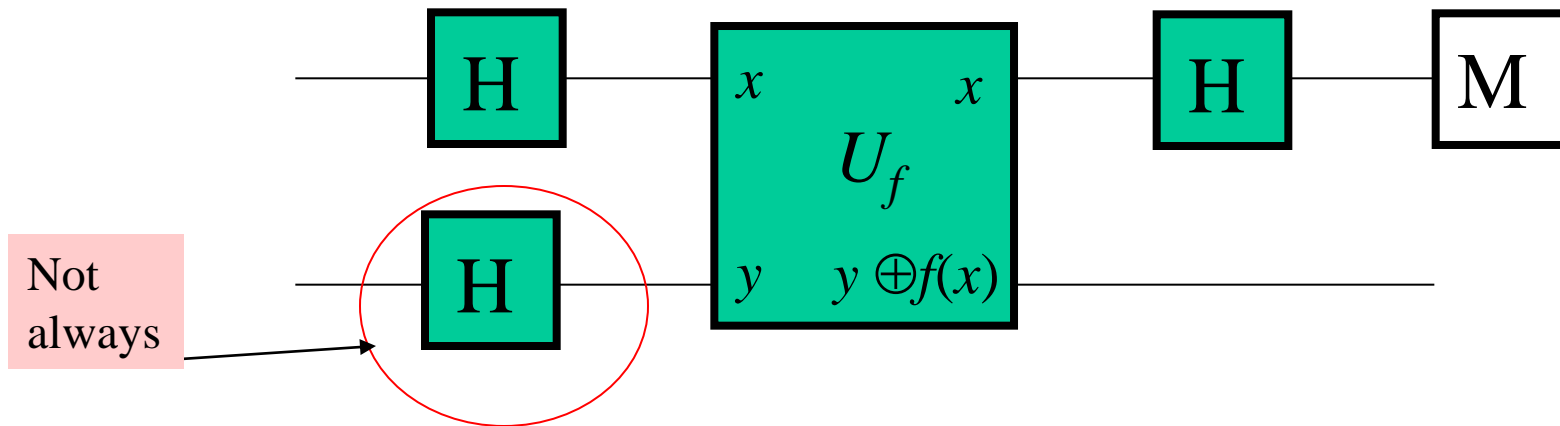
*...here we reduce the number of H gates...*

# Deutsch Algorithm Philosophy

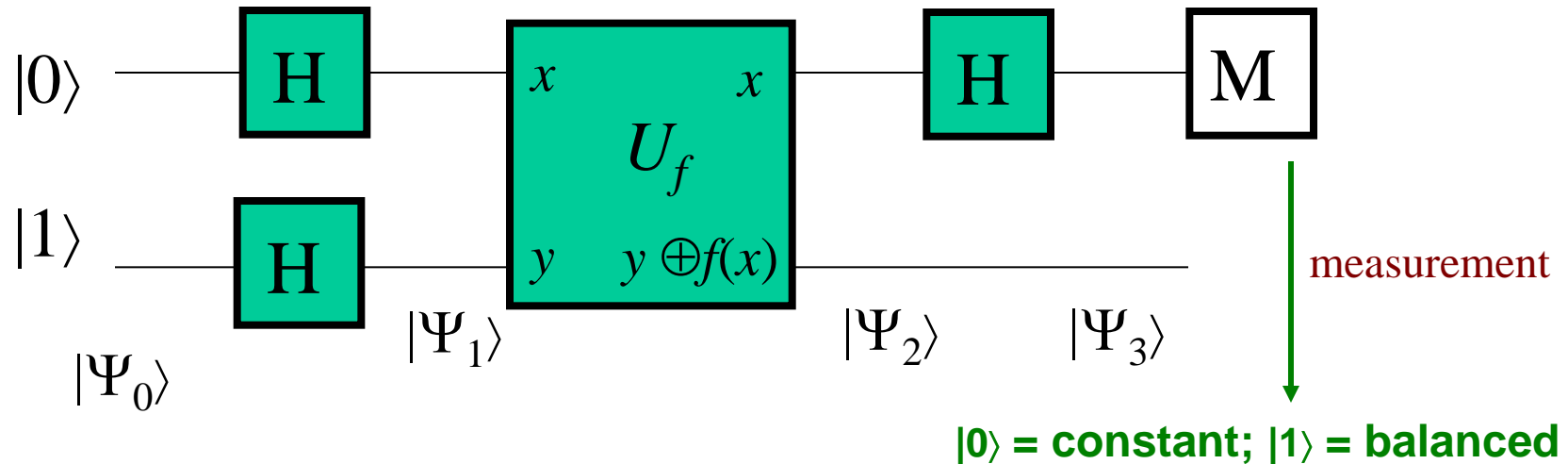
- Since we can prepare a **superposition** of all the inputs, we can learn a **global property** of **f** (i.e. a property that depends on **all** the values of  $f(x)$ ) **by only applying f once**
- The global property is **encoded in the phase information**, which we learn via **interferometry**
- Classically, one application of  $f$  will only allow us to probe its value on one input

We use just one quantum evaluation by, in effect, computing  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$  simultaneously

- **The Circuit:**

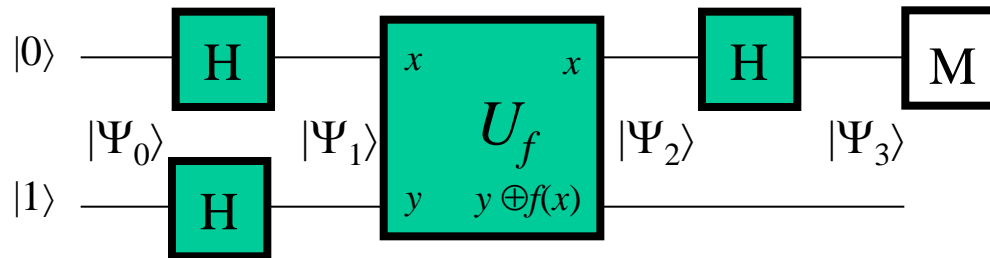


# Deutsch's Algorithm



- Initialize with  $|\Psi_0\rangle = |01\rangle$
- Create superposition of  $x$  states using the first Hadamard (H) gate. Set  $y$  control input using the second H gate
- Compute  $f(x)$  using the special unitary circuit  $U_f$
- Interfere the  $|\Psi_2\rangle$  states using the third H gate
- Measure the  $x$  qubit

# Deutsch's Algorithm with single qubit measurement



$$|\Psi_0\rangle = [|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle] \quad |\Psi_1\rangle = \left[ \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$|\Psi_2\rangle = \left[ \frac{(-1)^{f(0)}|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] = \begin{cases} \pm \left[ \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] & \text{if } f(0) = f(1) \\ \pm \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] & \text{if } f(0) \neq f(1) \end{cases}$$

$$|\Psi_3\rangle = \begin{cases} \pm [|0\rangle] \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] & \text{if } f(0) = f(1) \\ \pm [|1\rangle] \left[ \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right] & \text{if } f(0) \neq f(1) \end{cases}$$

# Deutsch In Perspective

Quantum theory allows us to do in a single query what classically requires two queries.



*What about problems where the computational complexity is exponentially more efficient?*

# Extended Deutsch's Problem

- Given black-box  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ ,
  - and a guarantee that  $f$  is either *constant* or *balanced* (1 on exactly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of inputs)
  - Which is it?
  - Minimize number of calls to  $f$ .
- Classical algorithm, worst-case:
  - Order  $2^n$  time!
    - What if the first  $2^{n-1}$  cases examined are all 0?
      - Function could be either constant or balanced.
    - Case number  $2^{n-1}+1$ : if 0, constant; if 1, balanced.
- **Quantum algorithm is exponentially faster!**
  - **(Deutsch & Jozsa, 1992.)**



# Deutsch-Jozsa Problem

(1992)

Given a function  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

function maps  $n$  bit strings to a single bit

$f$  is promised to be either

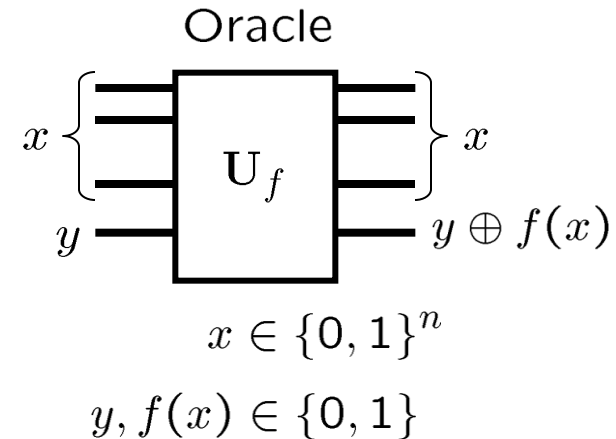
(A)  $f$  is constant.

$$f(x) = b \quad \forall x$$

(B)  $f$  is balanced.

$$f(x) = 1 \text{ if } x \in \mathcal{S} \text{ otherwise } f(x) = 0$$

$\mathcal{S}$  has  $2^{n-1}$  elements.



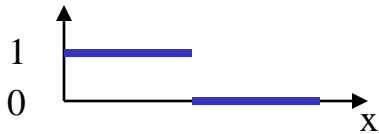
## Deutsch-Jozsa Problem

Determine whether  $f(x)$  is **constant** or **balanced** using as few queries to the oracle as possible.

# Classical DJ



(A)  $f$  is constant.  
 $f(x) = b \forall x$



(B)  $f$  is balanced.  
 $f(x) = 1$  if  $x \in S$  otherwise  $f(x) = 0$   
 $S$  has  $2^{n-1}$  elements.

If we never want to be wrong:

Worst case we need  $2^{n-1} + 1$  queries

If we allow a failure probability of  $\epsilon$ , then

Randomly choose  $k$  different  $x_k$  to query.

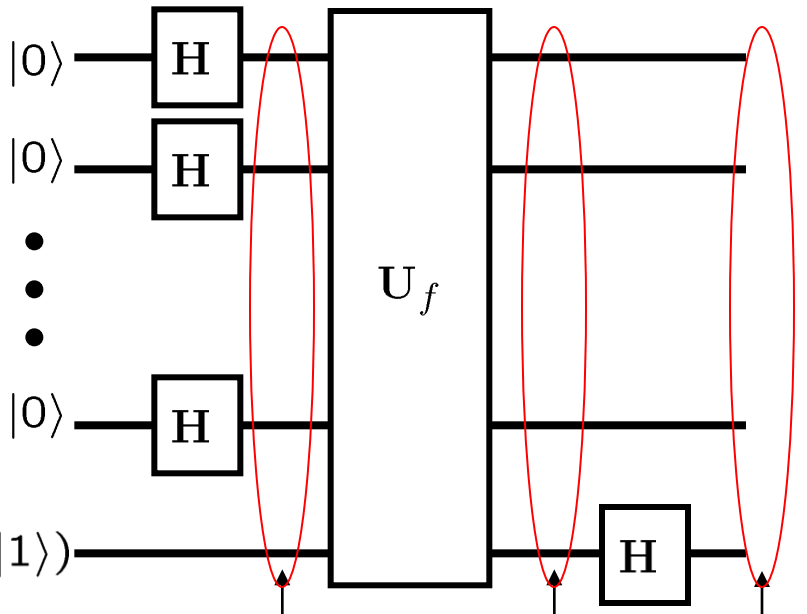
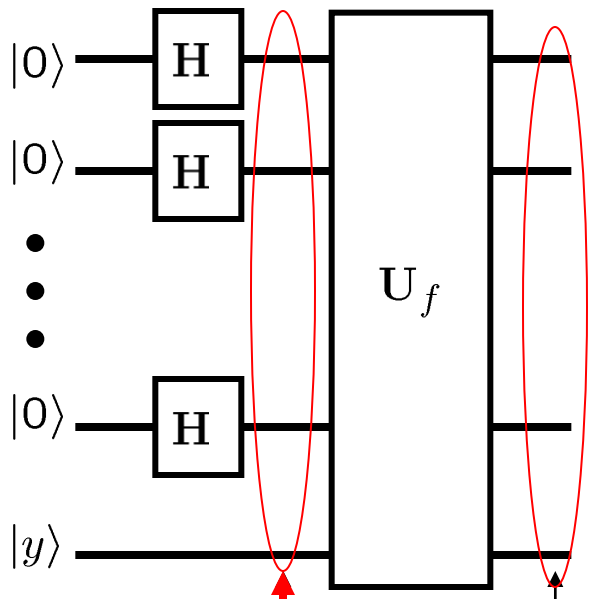
$$k = O\left(\log\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)\right)$$

Deterministically hard, probabilistically easy.

**This is a  
probabilistic  
algorithm!**

# Quantum DJ

Now we additionally apply Hadamard in output of the function



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle|y\rangle$$

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

$$|x\rangle = |x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_1\rangle$$

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

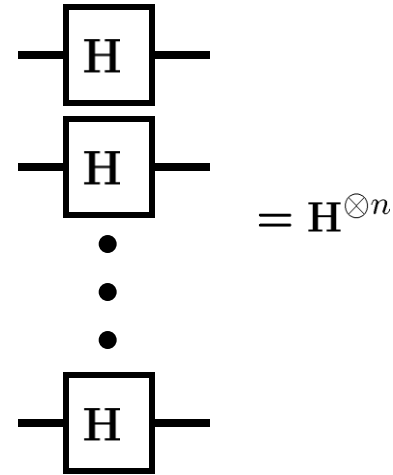
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle (|f(x)\rangle - |\bar{f}(x)\rangle)$$

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

# Quantum DJ

Information about  $f(x)$  is in the phase

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



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}^{\otimes n} |x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + (-1)^{x_n} |1\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + (-1)^{x_{n-1}} |1\rangle) \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + (-1)^{x_1} |1\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle \quad x \cdot y = x_n y_n + x_{n-1} y_{n-1} + \dots + x_1 y_1 \pmod{2} \end{aligned}$$

All matrix elements of  $\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}$  are  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}$

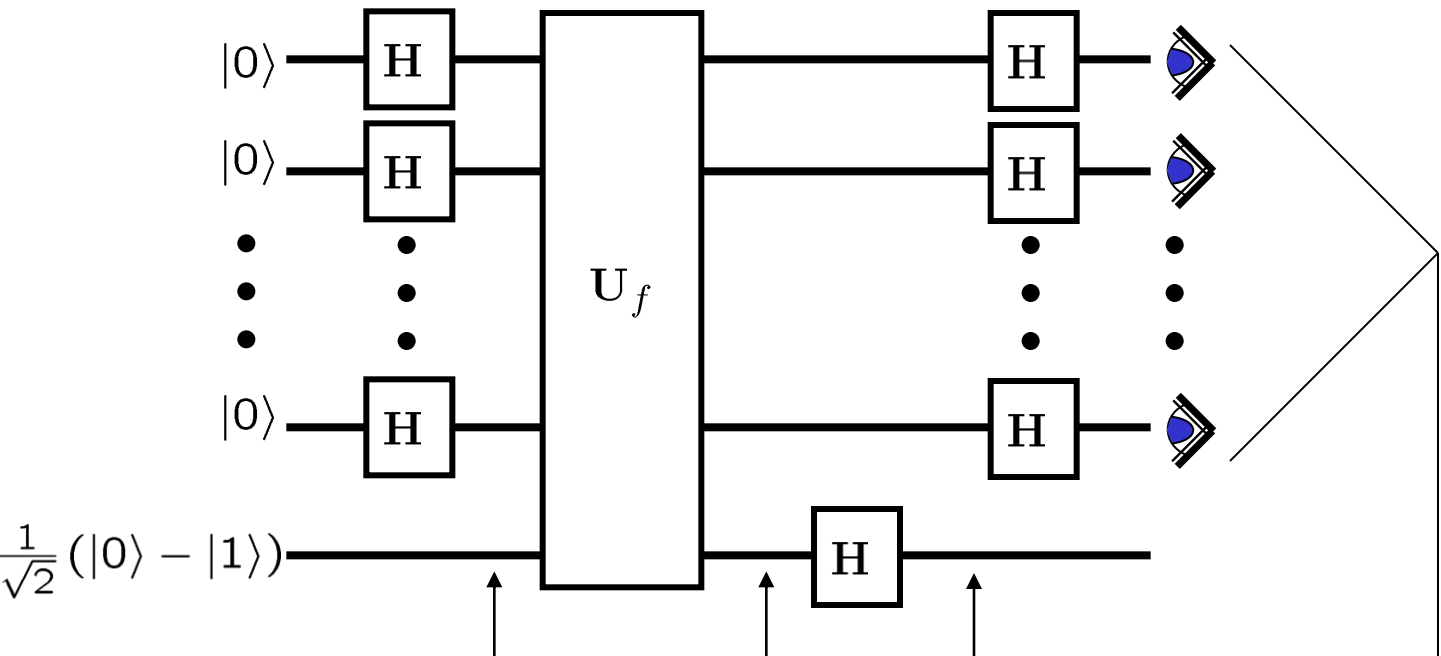
First row of  $\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}$  has all elements  $+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}$

Other rows have equal number  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}$  elements.

If  $f(x)$  is constant, applying  $\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}$  to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle$  always gives  $|0\rangle$ .

If  $f(x)$  is balanced, applying  $\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}$  to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle$  always gives a superposition without  $|0\rangle$ .

# Full Quantum DJ



If all bits are 0, then  $f$  is constant.  
 If all bits are not 0, then  $f$  is balanced.

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

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

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

Solves DJ with a SINGLE query vs  $2^{n-1}+1$  classical deterministic!!!!!!!!!!

# Deutsch-Josza Algorithm (contd)

- This algorithm distinguishes **constant** from **balanced** functions *in one evaluation* of  $f$ , versus  $2^{n-1} + 1$  evaluations for classical deterministic algorithms
- **Balanced functions** have many interesting and some useful properties
  - K. Chakrabarty and **J.P. Hayes**, “Balanced Boolean functions,” *IEE Proc: Digital Techniques*, vol. 145, pp 52 - 62, Jan. 1998.