# Symbolic Evaluation of Hadamard-Toffoli Quantum Circuits

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Traditional partial evaluation and symbolic evaluation techniques apply to an interesting class of quantum circuits with surprising effectiveness!



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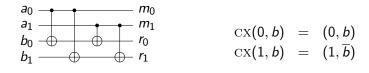
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So, writing inputs/outputs horizontally:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} |0111\rangle & \Rightarrow & |0111\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |0111\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |0101\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |0100\rangle \\ \\ |1100\rangle & \Rightarrow & |1110\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |1111\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |1101\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |1101\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |1100\rangle \\ & \Rightarrow & |1111\rangle \\ \end{array}$$



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$$a_{0} = |0\rangle - H$$
  $m_{0}$   $m_{1}$   $m_{1}$   $m_{2}$   $m_{3}$   $m_{4}$   $m_{5}$   $m_{1}$   $m_{5}$   $m_{1}$   $m_{5}$   $m_{1}$   $m_{5}$   $m_$ 

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

So the top two wires are in the state

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle+|1\rangle)\otimes\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle+|1\rangle)=\frac{1}{2}(|00\rangle+|10\rangle+|01\rangle+|11\rangle)$$



# Superpositions

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$$a_1 = |0|$$

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$$b_0 =$$

$$b_0 = |0\rangle \longrightarrow 0$$
 $b_1 = |0\rangle \longrightarrow 0$ 

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

Thus for the whole circuit:

$$\begin{array}{ll} |0000\rangle & \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{2}(|0000\rangle + |0100\rangle + |1000\rangle + |1100\rangle) \\ & \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{2}(|0000\rangle + |0100\rangle + |1010\rangle + |1110\rangle) \\ & \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{2}(|0000\rangle + |0100\rangle + |1011\rangle + |1111\rangle) \\ & \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{2}(|0000\rangle + |0110\rangle + |1011\rangle + |1101\rangle) \\ & \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{2}(|0000\rangle + |0111\rangle + |1011\rangle + |1100\rangle) \end{array}$$



# Symbolic Execution (new)

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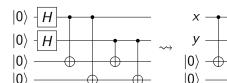
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Replace  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$  by a symbolic variable:



Maintain formula in algebraic normal form (ANF). So

$$|xy00\rangle \Rightarrow |xyx0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |xyxx\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |xy(x \oplus y)x\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |xy(x \oplus y)(x \oplus y)\rangle$$



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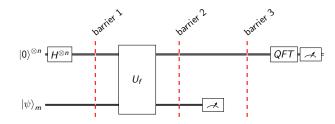
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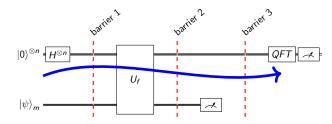
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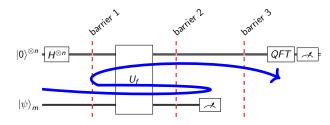
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## Examples: Deutsch and Deutsch-Josza

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## Definition

A boolean function is **balanced** if it outputs the same number of 0/1 outputs.

### Deutsch:

### Problem

Given  $f: \mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{B}$ , decide if f is constant or balanced.

### Deutsch-Josza:

## Problem

Given  $f: \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{B}$ , where f is known to be constant or balanced, decide which one it is.



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### Grover:

### **Problem**

Given  $f: \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{B}$  where there exists a unique u such that f(u) = 1. Find u.

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### Variabilities:

- multiple representations of boolean values,
- 2 multiple representations of boolean formulae,
- **3** different evaluation means (directly, symbolically, forwards, backwards, retrodictive).

## Possible to implement:

- 4 a reusable representation of our circuits,
- a reusable representation of the inputs, outputs and ancillae,
- **6** a synthesis algorithm for  $\mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{B}$  functions
- 7 a reusable library of circuits

Also, non-functional characteristics to hold:

evaluation of reasonably-sized circuits should be reasonably efficient.

# Design

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class (Show v, Enum v) => Value v where

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```

Implemented four times.

Design

```
class (Show v, Enum v) => Value v where
  zero :: v
  one
  snot :: v -> v
  sand :: v -> v -> v
  sxor :: v -> v -> v
  -- has a default implementation
  snand :: [v] \rightarrow v -- n-ary and
  snand = foldr sand one
Implemented four times.
data VarInFormula f v = FR
  { fromVar :: v -> f
  , fromVars :: Int -> v -> [ f ]
```



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```
First, naïve implementation:
newtype Ands = Ands { lits :: [String] }
  deriving (Eq, Ord)

(&&&) :: Ands -> Ands -> Ands
(Ands lits1) &&& (Ands lits2) =
  Ands (lits1 ++ lits2)

newtype Formula = Formula { ands :: [Ands]}
```



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Second, using sets of ints and occurrence maps:
           type Literal = Int
           newtype Ands = Ands { lits :: IS.IntSet }
            {-# INLINABLE compAnds #-}
            compAnds :: Ands -> Ands -> Ordering
            compAnds (Ands a1) (Ands a2) =
              compare (IS.toAscList a1) (IS.toAscList a2)
            (\&\&\&) :: Ands -> Ands -> Ands
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            (Ands lits1) &&& (Ands lits2) =
              Ands (IS.union lits1 lits2)
            -- raw XOR formulas
           type XORFU = Map.Map Ands Int
            -- Normalized XOR formulas, i.e occur 0 or 1 time
           newtype Formula = Formula { ands :: MS.MultiSet Ands }
```



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Third, using bitmaps and occurrence maps:
           type Literal = Natural
           newtype Ands = Ands { lits :: Literal }
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            compAnds :: Ands -> Ands -> Ordering
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## Sample outputs:

- $x_0 = 0$ ,
- $x_0 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4 \oplus x_5 = 0$ , and
- $1 \oplus x_3x_5 \oplus x_2x_4 \oplus x_1x_5 \oplus x_0x_3 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_3x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_3x_5 \oplus x_1x_3x_5 \oplus x_0x_3x_5 \oplus x_0x_1x_4 \oplus x_0x_1x_2 \oplus x_2x_3x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_2x_3x_5 \oplus x_0x_3x_4x_5 \oplus x_0x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_0x_2x_3x_5 \oplus x_0x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_0x_1x_3x_5 \oplus x_0x_1x_3x_4 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_4 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3x_5 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3x_4 = 0.$

How to decide? If it mentions a variable, it's balanced. We tested all 12872 functions  $\mathbb{B}^6 \to \mathbb{B}$ .



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Recall: guess the position of the single 1 bit.

```
n=4, w in the range \{0...15\}
u=0
1 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_0 \oplus x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_0x_3 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_1 \oplus x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_1 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_1 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_1 \oplus x_0x_2 \oplus x
```

u = 2  $x_1 \oplus x_1 x_3 \oplus x_1 x_2 \oplus x_0 x_1 \oplus x_1 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$  u = 2

u = 3  $x_0x_1 \oplus x_0x_1x_3 \oplus x_0x_1x_2 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 

 $u = 4 \qquad x_2 \oplus x_2 x_3 \oplus x_1 x_2 \oplus x_0 x_2 \oplus x_1 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

u = 5  $x_0x_2 \oplus x_0x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_1x_2 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 

u = 6  $x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_1x_2 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 

 $u=7 \qquad x_0x_1x_2 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 

 $u = 8 \qquad x_3 \oplus x_2 x_3 \oplus x_1 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_3 \oplus x_1 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

 $u = 9 \qquad x_0 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$   $u = 10 \qquad x_1 x_2 \oplus x_1 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

u = 10  $x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_1x_3 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 

u = 11  $x_0 x_1 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

u = 12  $x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_2x_3 \oplus x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 

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u = 14  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \oplus x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

 $u=15 \qquad x_0x_1x_2x_3$ 



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Factoring 15:

Base		Solution			
a = 11	$x_0 = 0$				$x_0 = 0$
a = 4, 14	$1 \oplus x_0 = 1$	$x_0 = 0$			$x_0 = 0$
a = 7, 13	$1 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_0 x_1 = 1$	$x_0 x_1 = 0$	$x_0 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_0 x_1 = 0$	$x_0 \oplus x_0 x_1 = 0$	$x_0=x_1=0$
a = 2, 8	$1 \oplus x_0 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_0 x_1 = 1$	$x_0x_1 = 0$	$x_1 \oplus x_0 x_1 = 0$	$x_0 \oplus x_0 x_1 = 0$	$x_0=x_1=0$

Auto-generated circuits: 56,538 generalized Toffoli gates.

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For 3\*65537=196611 (4,328,778 gates), 16 small equations that refer to just the four variables  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  constraining them to be all 0, i.e., asserting that the period is 16.



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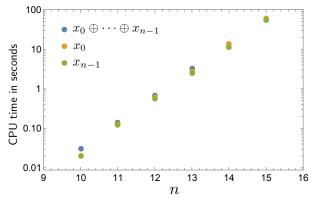


Figure: Retrodictive execution on 3 balanced functions at different sizes



## Timings: Grover on different values

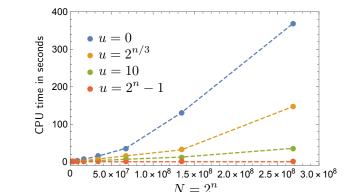


Figure: Retrodictive execution of the Grover algorithm on different "secret" values *u* at different sizes

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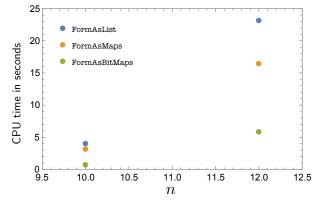


Figure: Retrodictive execution of the Grover algorithm on secret value u=0 at two sizes but using different ANF representations



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Problem: circuit with T generalized Toffoli gates over n + m qubits split into two registers (A,B).

- Design oracle / circuit.
- 2 Let  $A = |00...0\rangle$  and  $B = |00...0\rangle$  and run classically.  $\mathcal{O}(T)$ . Leaves A intact, produce b in B.
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### Bottlenecks:

- step (3) at worst case  $\mathcal{O}(Tm2^n)$ ,
- step (4) "solve", which is NP-complete.

### However:

 Sometimes 'typical' case has expected run-time depending on bit-size of the information contained in the answer.



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- Speculation: some common quantum algorithms might not need quantum after all.



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Conclusion

- White-box model: We implement U<sub>f</sub> and the cost of implementing it and the cost of using it is counted as part of the overall complexity
- Black-box model: "Someone" implements  $U_f$  and gives us access to it; the complexity analysis only counts the number of times  $U_f$  is used. There are different cases based on what kind of access we are given:
  - Query  $U_f$  on a classical input
  - Query  $U_f$  on a quantum superposition
  - Query U<sub>f</sub> on a symbolic formula (NEW!)