## Grover's Algorithm and its application

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Grover's Algorithm (1996)

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# Recap

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Complex number.  $z = a + bi$  where a and b are real numbers.

- $-a = Re(z)$  is the *real part* of z
- $-b = Im(z)$  is the *imaginary part* of z
- $-z^* \coloneqq a bi$  is the *conjugate* of z.

-  $|z| = \sqrt{Re(z)^2 + Im(z)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  is the *magnitude* of z.

Observation.  $|z|^2 = (a + bi)(a - bi) = z^*z$ .

#### Recap – qubit

The *Qubit* (short for *quantum bit*).  $|\phi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ 

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex numbers such that  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$ .

Superposition. Measuring  $|\phi\rangle$  will yield either zero w/ probability  $|\alpha|^2$  or one w/ probability  $|\beta|^2$ .

The state of the qubit  $\ket{\phi}$  is two-dimensional complex vector  $\binom{\alpha}{\beta}.$ 

 $\phi| \coloneqq (\alpha - \beta)^* = (\alpha^* - \beta^*)$ , i.e., the conjugate transpose of  $\binom{\alpha}{\beta}$ .

Systems of Qubit. (Tensor product or Kronecker product)

$$
|\phi_1 \phi_2\rangle = |\phi_1\rangle \otimes |\phi_2\rangle = {\alpha_1 \choose \beta_1} \otimes {\alpha_2 \choose \beta_2} = {\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \choose \beta_1 \alpha_2} = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 |00\rangle + \alpha_1 \beta_2 |01\rangle + \beta_1 \alpha_2 |10\rangle + \beta_1 \beta_2 |11\rangle
$$

The state below is *entangled* i.e., not separable.

$$
|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)
$$

The state  $\ket{\phi'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ (|01) + |11)) is not entangled. Since

$$
|\phi'\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |1\rangle
$$

Inner product.  $\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle = (\alpha_1 \ \beta_1)^* \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_1^* \alpha_2 + \beta_1^* \beta_2$  where  $(\alpha_1 \ \beta_1)^* = (\alpha_1^* \ \beta_1^*).$ 

*Outer product*.  $|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_2|$  =  $\alpha_1$  $\beta_1$  $\alpha_2 \quad \beta_2)^* =$  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2^* \quad \alpha_1 \beta_2^*$  $\beta_1 \alpha_2^*$   $\beta_1 \beta_2^*$  $|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_2|$ : a matrix with mapping  $|\phi_1\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_2\rangle$ 

Exercise (expressing matrix).

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- |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| =1 0
                         0 -1= Mapping \{|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow -|1\rangle\}-|00\rangle\langle00|+|01\rangle\langle01|+|10\rangle\langle11|+|11\rangle\langle10|=1 0
                                                                            0 1
                                                                                         0 0
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                                                                                         0 1
                                                                                         1 0
    = Mapping \{ |00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle, |01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle, |10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle, |11\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle \}
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*Unitary Matrix*. The matrix *U* is unitary if  $UU^{\dagger} = U^{\dagger}U = I$  where  $U^{\dagger}$  is the transposed conjugate of *U*. -  $U^{\dagger} \coloneqq U^{*T}$  is sometimes called Hermitian conjugate matrix or adjoint matrix.

Unitary Transformation. Change of the state is done by a series of unitary transformations. Basic unitary transformations are called *gates*.

Unitarity implies

- 1. #input qubits =  $\#$ output qubits
- 2. Reversible

Not. NOT = 
$$
X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$
  
-  $\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \rightarrow \beta|0\rangle + \alpha|1\rangle$ 

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

Exercise.

$$
- \hspace{.08cm} |0\rangle \longrightarrow \hspace{.08cm} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

$$
- |1\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

#### Recap – common gates (multi-qubit gates)

Controlled-NOT. CNOT = 
$$
\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ \end{pmatrix}
$$

 $- \alpha_1 \alpha_2 |00\rangle + \alpha_1 \beta_2 |01\rangle + \beta_1 \alpha_2 |10\rangle + \beta_1 \beta_2 |11\rangle \rightarrow \alpha_1 \alpha_2 |00\rangle + \alpha_1 \beta_2 |01\rangle + \beta_1 \beta_2 |10\rangle + \beta_1 \alpha_2 |11\rangle$ 

Observe. CNOT = 
$$
|00\rangle\langle00| + |01\rangle\langle01| + |10\rangle\langle11| + |11\rangle\langle10| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$

### Recap – applying transformations

 $CNOT(H \otimes I)$ 



1. 
$$
(H \otimes I)(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle) = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |0\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
$$
  
2.  $CNOT \frac{|00\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (CNOT|00\rangle + CNOT|10\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ 

Bell state  $|\beta_{00}\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ . (Note that its state is entangled.)

## Quantum Oracle

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"Function" should be something like a quantum gate... and note that it must be **unitary**...

Suppose we are given a black box unary function  $f(x): \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ .

Using this black box, one can build a new (unitary) gate that

- takes  $(n + 1)$ -bits in and  $(n + 1)$ -bits out,
- computes  $f$  when proper input is given, and
- has the same computational complexity.

How?

$$
|x\rangle|y\rangle \xrightarrow{U_f} |x\rangle|f(x) \oplus y\rangle
$$

where ⊕ is integer mod-2.



#### Quantum Oracle for Unary Function



0 0

1 0

 $\sigma_x$ : Pauli matrix

Unitary?

• A square matrix is unitary if it can be broken down into smaller unitary matrices along its diagonal.

Suppose we are given a unary function  $f(x): \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}.$ 

Consider when  $x = 00 \cdots 0$ .





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and it is unitary.

#### Relativized Time Complexity

- The time complexity without knowledge of the oracle's design. (If we allow small error, no speed-up.)
- Deutsch-Jozsa's algorithm offers a deterministic exponential speed-up *relative to the oracle.*
- Bernstein-Vazirani's algorithm offers a polynomial speed-up *relative to the oracle.* (even if small error is allowed)

#### Absolute Time Complexity

- The time complexity with knowledge of the oracle's design
- Shor's algorithm provides absolute speed-up.

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Given a quantum oracle  $\bm{o}_{f}$ , find a (n-bit) target string  $\bm{x}^*$ .

Grover's Algorithm. Requires  $\Theta(\sqrt{N})$  calls to the quantum oracle.

Let  $|\psi\rangle \coloneqq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  $\frac{1}{N}$ ( $\ket{00\cdots00}$  +  $\ket{00\cdots01}$  +  $\ket{00\cdots10}$  +  $\cdots$  +  $\ket{11\cdots11}$ ) be the uniform superposition. (Shorthand)  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  $\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} |i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}}$  $\frac{1}{N}\sum_i|i$ Grover operator  $G := ((2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N) \otimes I_2)O_f$ The action of 2 $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N$  on an arbitrary state  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_i a_i |i\rangle =$  $a_0$  $a_1$  $\ddot{\cdot}$  $a_{N-1}$  $2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N)|\phi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} (2$ i  $a_0 + \cdots + a_{N-1}$  $\overline{N}$  $- a_i | |i\rangle$  $\psi \rangle \langle \psi | =$ 1  $\overline{N}$ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 … … … 1 1 1  $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$ 1 1 1 ⋯ 1  $I_N =$ 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 … … … 0 0 0  $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\ddots$   $\vdots$ 0 0 0 ⋯ 1  $I_2 =$ 1 0 0 1

Step 1. Perform state initialization

- $-$  (*n* qubits)  $|00 \cdots 0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  $\boldsymbol{N}$  $00 \cdots 00$  +  $|00 \cdots 01$  +  $|00 \cdots 10$  +  $\cdots$  +  $|11 \cdots 11$
- (ancillary qubit)  $|0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{|0\rangle |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ 2

Step 2. Apply Grover operator  $\left|\frac{{\pi\sqrt{N}}}{4}\right|$  times

Step 3. Perform measurement on all qubit (except the ancillary qubit)

Step 1. Initialization

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q_0
$$
 |0⟩  $\overline{H}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   
\n $q_1$  |0⟩  $\overline{H}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   
\n $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$   
\n $q_{n-2}$  |0⟩  $\overline{H}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   
\n $q_{n-1}$  |0⟩  $\overline{H}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   
\n $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}(|00\cdots00\rangle+|00\cdots01\rangle+|00\cdots10\rangle+\cdots+|11\cdots11\rangle)$   
\nancilla |0⟩  $\overline{X}$   $\overline{H}$   $\frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ 

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(|00\cdots00\rangle+|00\cdots01\rangle+|00\cdots10\rangle+\cdots+|11\cdots1\rangle\right)\otimes\frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

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Step 2. Apply  $G := ((2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N) \otimes I_2)O_f$ 

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

$$
O_f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}(|00 \cdots 00\rangle + |00 \cdots 01\rangle + \cdots + |x^*\rangle + \cdots + |11 \cdots 11\rangle) \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)
$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(O_f\left(|00 \cdots 00\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \cdots + O_f\left(|x^*\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \cdots + O_f\left(|11 \cdots 11\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right)$   
=  $O_f \frac{|x^*\rangle|0\rangle - |x^*\rangle|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{O_f(|x^*\rangle|0\rangle) - O_f(|x^*\rangle|1\rangle)}{\sqrt{2}}$   
=  $\frac{|x^*\rangle|1\rangle - |x^*\rangle|0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$   
=  $|x^*\rangle \otimes \frac{|1\rangle - |0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ 

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$$
  
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=  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(|00 \cdots 00\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + |x^*\rangle \otimes \frac{-|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + |11 \cdots 11\rangle \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$   
=  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}(|00 \cdots 00\rangle + |00 \cdots 01\rangle + \cdots + (-1)|x^*\rangle + \cdots + |11 \cdots 11\rangle) \otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ 

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$$
\left((2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|-I_{N})\otimes I_{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}(|00\cdots00\rangle+|00\cdots01\rangle+\cdots+(-1)|x^{*}\rangle+\cdots+|11\cdots11\rangle)\otimes\frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)
$$

$$
= (2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (|00 \cdots 00\rangle + |00 \cdots 01\rangle + \cdots + (-1)|x^*\rangle + \cdots + |11 \cdots 11\rangle) \right) \otimes \left( I_2 \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right)
$$

$$
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$$

Step 2. Apply 
$$
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$$
  
\n
$$
(2|\psi)(\psi| - I_N) \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}(|00 \cdots 00\rangle + |00 \cdots 01\rangle + \cdots + (-1)|x^*\rangle + \cdots + |11 \cdots 11\rangle)\right)}_{=\sqrt{N-2}}
$$
\n
$$
= \left(\frac{2}{N}\frac{N-2}{\sqrt{N}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)|00 \cdots 00\rangle + \cdots + \left(\frac{2}{N}\frac{N-2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)|x^*\rangle + \cdots + \left(\frac{2}{N}\frac{N-2}{\sqrt{N}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)|11 \cdots 11\rangle
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(\frac{N-4}{N}|00 \cdots 00\rangle + \cdots + \frac{3N-4}{N}|x^*\rangle + \cdots + \frac{N-4}{N}|11 \cdots 11\rangle\right)
$$
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Step 2. Apply  $G := ((2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N) \otimes I_2)O_f$  again

$$
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$$

$$
O_f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(\frac{N-4}{N}\left|00\cdots00\right\rangle + \cdots + \frac{3N-4}{N}\left|x^*\right\rangle + \cdots + \frac{N-4}{N}\left|11\cdots11\right\rangle\right)\otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(\frac{N-4}{N}\left|00\cdots00\right\rangle + \cdots + (-1)\frac{3N-4}{N}\left|x^*\right\rangle + \cdots + \frac{N-4}{N}\left|11\cdots11\right\rangle\right)\otimes \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}
$$
  
flipped

Step 2. Apply  $G := ((2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N) \otimes I_2)O_f$  again

$$
(2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N)|\phi\rangle = \sum_i \left(\frac{2}{N}(a_0 + \dots + a_{N-1}) - a_i\right)|i\rangle
$$

$$
(2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left( \frac{N-4}{N} |00 \cdots 00\rangle + \cdots + (-1) \frac{3N-4}{N} |x^*\rangle + \cdots + \frac{N-4}{N} |11 \cdots 11\rangle \right) \right)
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left( \frac{N^2 - 12N + 16}{N^2} |00 \cdots 00\rangle + \cdots + \frac{5N^2 - 20N + 16}{N^2} |x^*\rangle + \cdots + \frac{N^2 - 12N + 16}{N^2} |11 \cdots 11\rangle \right)
$$
  
more amplified

Step 2. Apply G fixed amount

(informally) 
$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (\epsilon |00 \cdots 00\rangle + \cdots + (\sqrt{N} - \epsilon') |x^*\rangle + \cdots + \epsilon |11 \cdots 11\rangle)
$$
  
amplified a lot

for some small  $\epsilon, \epsilon'$ .

Step 3. Measurement

(informally) 
$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (\epsilon |00 \cdots 00\rangle + \cdots + (\sqrt{N} - \epsilon') |x^*\rangle + \cdots + \epsilon |11 \cdots 11\rangle)
$$

Obtain  $|x^*\rangle$  with probability close to 1.

# Analysis

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Why applying Grover operator (exactly)  $\left|\frac{{\pi\sqrt{N}}}{4}\right|$  times?

Let 
$$
|\omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-1}} (\sum_i |i\rangle - |x^*\rangle)
$$

Note that  $|\omega\rangle$  and  $|x^*\rangle$  are orthonormal.

Note. After the step 1, the state is

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(|00\cdots00\rangle+|00\cdots01\rangle+|00\cdots10\rangle+\cdots+|11\cdots1\rangle\right)
$$

$$
= \frac{\sqrt{N-1}}{\sqrt{N}} |\omega\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} |x^*\rangle
$$
  
= cos  $\theta$  |ω\rangle + sin  $\theta$  |x^\*\rangle

 $=$  cos  $\theta$  |ω  $+$  sin  $\theta$  |x<sup>\*</sup>

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Applying  $(2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I_N)$  = Reflection about  $|\psi\rangle$ 

inner product  $\langle \psi || \psi^{\perp} \rangle = 0$ 



After applying  $k$  times,

 $\cos(\theta + 2k\theta) \, |\omega\rangle + \sin(\theta + 2k\theta) \, |x^*$ 

Recall 
$$
\frac{\sqrt{N-1}}{\sqrt{N}}|\omega\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}|x^*\rangle = \cos\theta |\omega\rangle + \sin\theta |x^*\rangle
$$
.

$$
-\theta = \arccos \sqrt{\frac{N-1}{N}}
$$

Find *k* that maximizes 
$$
\sin^2(\theta + 2k\theta) = \sin^2\left((2k + 1)\arccos\sqrt{\frac{N-1}{N}}\right)
$$

or find  $k$  such that  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  $\sim (2k+1)$  arccos  $\sqrt{\frac{N-1}{N}}$  $\boldsymbol{N}$ 

$$
k_{optimal} = \frac{\pi}{4}\sqrt{N} - \frac{1}{2} - O(\sqrt{1/N})
$$



## Applications

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Factor an integer  $M = p \times q$  into  $p$  and  $q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are primes (2<sup>2n–1</sup>  $\leq M < 2^{2n}$  for some  $n)$ WLOG,  $p \leq \sqrt{M} < 2^n$ .

Given a function  $f(x)$  that outputs 1 if  $x = p$ ; 0 otherwise Given a function  $f(x)$ : {0,1}<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$  {0,1}, find the target string p.

#### Grover's Algorithm.

Requires  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  $\overline{N}-\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} - O(\sqrt{1/N})$  calls to the quantum oracle. ( $N = 2^n$ 

Shor's algorithm runs in  $O(n^3\log n)$  times, using  $O(n^2\log n\log\log n)$  gates.

If there are t number of target strings, by calling  $k_{optimal} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ 4  $\overline{N/t} - \frac{1}{2}$ 2  $- O(\sqrt{t/N})$ 

or  $\Theta(\sqrt{N/t})$  calls to the oracle, we can find a target string.

What if the number of target strings  $t$  is unknown?

Theorem (Boyer et al., 1996).

There is an (randomized) algorithm that find a target string in expected time in  $O(\sqrt{N/t})$ .

Given a function  $F(x): \{0,1\}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , find a n-bit string x<sup>\*</sup> that minimizes  $F(x^*)$ .

- We are given an oracle that "compares"  $F$  with some constant  $c$ .

E.g.)  $F(0) = 9, F(1) = 5, F(2) = 6, F(3) = 7$  (Here,  $n = 2$ .) Suppose  $c = F(3) = 7$ . Then,  $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, f(2) = 1, f(3) = 0.$ 

Construct a Grover-Search-Problem instance, i.e., given a function  $f(x): \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ , find a *n*-bit string x<sup>\*</sup> such that  $f(x^*) = 1$  where the number of target strings, say t, is unknown.  $\Rightarrow O(\sqrt{N/t})$  calls to the oracle (in expectation).

 $E.q.$ ) output = 2

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 $E.g.$ ) output = 1

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E.g.)  $F(0) = 9, F(1) = 5, F(2) = 6, F(3) = 7$  (Here,  $n = 2$ .) Suppose  $c = F(1) = 5$ . Then,  $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 0, f(2) = 0, f(3) = 0.$ 

Given a function  $F(x): \{0,1\}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , find a n-bit string x<sup>\*</sup> that minimizes  $F(x^*)$ .

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Step 1. Pick an index *j* uniformly at random among  $\{0,1,\dots,N-1\}$ 

Step 2. Repeat the following until the total running time is more than  $\Theta(\sqrt{N})$ :

Let  $O_f$  be the comparison oracle with  $c = F(j)$ 

Construct a Grover-Search-Problem instance and run the algorithm.

Let *j'* be the output. Update *j* to *j'* if  $F(j') < F(j)$ .

#### Theorem (Dürr and Høyer, 1996).

This algorithm finds the index of the minimum value of F with probability at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  and runs in  $\Theta(\sqrt{N})$ .

### Minimum Searching with Different Types

Given a function  $F(x): \{0,1\}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  and an onto function type(x):  $\{0,1\}^n \to \{1,2,\cdots,d\}$ , find  $\{x_1^*, \dots, x_d^*\}$  where  $x_i^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{type(x)=i} F(x)$  for each type  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ .

Naïve application of the previous algorithm – run d times for each type, having  $\Theta(d\sqrt{N})$  running time.

Theorem (Dürr et al., 2006).

There is an algorithm solves the problem with probability at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  and runs in  $O(\sqrt{dN})$ .

### Minimum Spanning Tree

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Repeat until  $|\mathcal{T}| = 1$ :

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Return  $T_1$ 

Consider the directed version of the graph, i.e.,  $(u, v) \rightarrow (u, v)$ ,  $\langle v, u \rangle$ 

$$
F(\langle u, v \rangle) = c((u, v))
$$
 if  $\langle u, v \rangle$  is leaving some tree and  $F(\langle u, v \rangle) = \infty$  if not.

 $type((u, v)) = i$  such that  $u \in T_i$ 

Then, apply the algorithm for the Minimum Searching with Different Types (with *more* queries).

Let  $n = |V|$  and  $m = |E|$ .

On  $\ell^{th}$  iteration, queries  $(\ell + 2) O(\sqrt{mk})$  times.

#of queries

- Observe that  $k \leq n/2^{\ell-1}$ .

$$
\sum_{\ell \ge 1} (\ell+2) O\big(\sqrt{mk}\big) \le \sum_{\ell \ge 1} (\ell+2) O\bigg(\sqrt{\frac{mn}{2^{\ell-1}}}\bigg) = O\big(\sqrt{nm}\big)
$$

Error probability at most



Connectivity

Network flow problem. (Finding Max Flow)

Matching on graph

Graph coloring

3-SAT

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approximation algorithms

Thank you