Quantum Computing

- Lectures 4-5 (May 7 and 8, 2025)
- Today:
 - Unitary operations on multi-qubit systems
 - Some examples (do it on the board)

Unitary Operations

- A quantum gate is a unitary operator (A unitary represents some quantum gate)
 - A unitary operator has **linearity:** $U(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2) = c_1Uv_1 + c_2Uv_2$
- Quantum gates operate on superposition: Linearity
 - View any quantum gate as a unitary linear operator (matrix)
 - Quantum gates act on superpositions according to linearity
- Make a classical computable function unitary $f \rightarrow U_f$
 - Use input qubits and ancilla qubits to make it invertible
 - Any classical algorithm can be simulated by quantum computers



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Some **isolated** single-qubit system



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The composite
$$|\psi_1\rangle = H^{\otimes 2}|\psi_0\rangle = \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{2}\right) \otimes \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{2}\right)$$
 system

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The composite
$$|\psi_2\rangle = U_f |\psi_1\rangle = \left(\frac{|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(0) \bigoplus f(1)}|1\rangle}{2}\right) \otimes \left((-1)^{f(0)} \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{2}\right)\right)$$
system

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composite
$$|\psi_3\rangle = (\mathbf{H} \otimes \mathbf{I})|\psi_2\rangle = (|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) \oplus \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{1})\rangle) \otimes \left((-1)^{f(0)} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{0}\rangle - |\mathbf{1}\rangle}{2}\right)\right)$$

system

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The composite system

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \pm |f(0) \oplus f(1)\rangle \left[\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right]$$

(We just let $(-1)^{f(0)} = \pm$, which does not change the measurement outcome)

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Let $\boldsymbol{b} \coloneqq b_{n-1}b_{n-2}\dots b_0$ be the classical bit string



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The Deutsch-Jozsa Algorithm

- Let $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$ be a bit function...
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Homework

References

- [NC00] Quantum Computation and Quantum Information.
 - Sections 1.4.3
- [KLM07] An Introduction to Quantum Computing.
 - Sections 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4
- [RP11] Quantum Computing: A Gentle Introduction.
 - Section 7.3.1

Next Topic

- No lectures in the next week!
- First homework set (will be announced in the Moodle system soon):
 - Submit your handwritten solutions (photos, scanned pdf, etc.), or typeset in LaTeX
 - Solutions may be found in the textbook...
 - But please include all intermediate equations and their explanation