

Präsenzübungen zur Vorlesung  
Quantenalgorithmen

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**Exercise 1:**

The goal of this exercise is to construct the operator  $\mathbf{W}$  – ‘rotation about mean’. We denote  $|\psi\rangle = H|0^n\rangle$  – the uniform superposition of all possible inputs.

1. Given an embedding  $U_g$  for

$$g : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0^n \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq 0^n. \end{cases}$$

construct a QC that

- on input  $|\psi\rangle$  outputs  $|\psi\rangle$ ,
  - on input  $H|x\rangle$  outputs  $-H|x\rangle$  for  $x \neq 0^n$ .
2. Consider an arbitrary superposition  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_x \alpha_x |x\rangle$  with  $\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum \alpha_x$  – the mean of the amplitudes. Using the QC constructed above show that it transforms

$$|\phi\rangle \rightarrow \sum (2\mu - \alpha_x) |x\rangle.$$

3. Finally, show that for an arbitrary  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_x \alpha_x |x\rangle$

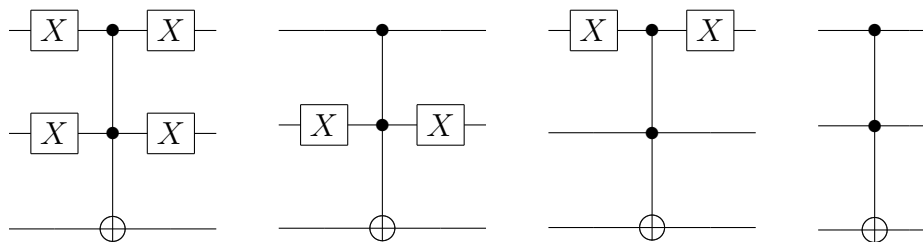
$$\mathbf{W} = (2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)(\sum_x \alpha_x |x\rangle) = \sum (2\mu - \alpha_x) |x\rangle.$$

**Exercise 2:**

**Searching for one item out of four.**

We consider a function  $f : \{0, 1\}^2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f(x) = 1$  if and only if  $x = a$ . We show that using Grover’s algorithm we need only one query to determine  $a$ .

1. What is the mean number of queries of the classical oracle required to determine  $a$ ?
2. We have only 4 possibilities for a quantum oracle  $U_f$ . Label which circuit below corresponds to which value of  $a$  (recall that  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ).



3. Show that after applying a  $U_f$  oracle the resulting states are orthonormal for different  $a$ .
4. Since the states are orthonormal, there should be a unitary transformation that distinguishes between the four cases. Find this transformation and construct a QC for such a distinguisher using Hadamard and CNOT.

**Exercise 3:**

**Collision finding**

You are given a two-to-one function  $f : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ . Classically you can find a collision (i.e. a pair  $x, y$  s.t.  $f(x) = f(y)$ ) in time  $\mathcal{O}(2^{n/2})$  using birthday-paradox. Devise a quantum algorithm that finds a collision in time  $\mathcal{O}(2^{n/3})$  with Grover's algorithm as black-box.

**Exercise 4:**

**Phase-error correcting code.** In order to being able to correct a phase-error (represented by the Pauli operator  $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ) in addition to repeating the initial qubit we apply Hadamard transformation. That is, the phase error-correcting code is:

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(|000\rangle + |011\rangle + |101\rangle + |110\rangle),$$

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(|111\rangle + |001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle).$$

Give a QC that corrects a single phase-error in this code.