

Solving binary MQ with Grover's algorithm

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Quantum (Grover): if f can be given* as a quantum circuit then it takes $2^{\frac{n}{2}}$ calls to f .

Grover teaser

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-- |Reflects (in place) over the standard uniform superposition of qubits.
-- This is used as the second part of the Grover iteration.
reflect_over_a :: [Qubit] -> Circ ()
reflect_over_a qs = do
  with_basis_change (forM_ qs hadamard_at) $ do
    with_basis_change (forM_ qs qnot_at) $ do
      with_basis_change (hadamard_at $ head qs) $ do
        qnot_at (head qs) `controlled` tail qs

-- |Grover's algorithm. 'oracle' is a circuit that should map exactly
-- 'm' 'n'-qubit-words to |1> and the others to |0>. 'grover' returns
-- a circuit that creates a superposition over all 'n'-qubit words that
-- are mapped to |1> by the oracle.
grover :: ([Qubit] -> Circ (Qubit)) -> Int -> Int -> Circ ()
grover oracle n m = do
  -- Create a standard uniform superposition over all qubits.
  qs <- qinit $ replicate n False
  forM_ qs hadamard_at
  iterations qs
  return ()
  where
    n_iters = floor $ pi / 4 / asin(sqrt((fromIntegral m) / (2^n)))
    iterations :: [Qubit] -> Circ ([Qubit])
    iterations = nbox "grover-iteration" n_iters $ \qs -> do
      -- First, the adapted oracle. The following will send a computational
      -- basis vector w to -w if its tagged by the original oracle and
      -- leave it in place otherwise.
      with_computed (oracle qs) $ \r -> do
        gate_Z_at (head qs) `controlled` r
      -- Then, reflect over the standard uniform superposition.
      reflect_over_a qs
      return qs
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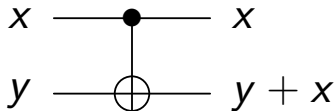
Because of the invertibility requirement,
some things are way slower on a quantum
computer than on a classical computer!

Gates (1): NOT gate

$$x \text{ --- } \boxed{X} \text{ --- } 1 + x$$

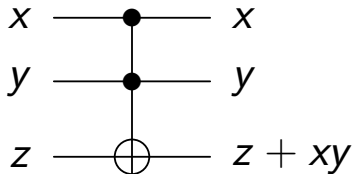
Quantum people like to call this the X-gate to confuse you.

Gates (2): CNOT gate



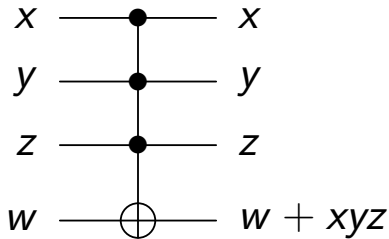
This is the invertible version of the XOR-gate.

Gates (3): Toffoli gate



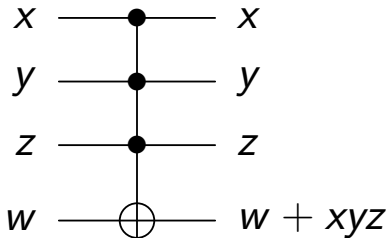
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Classically big AND-gates are easy. For quantum computers it's more costly.

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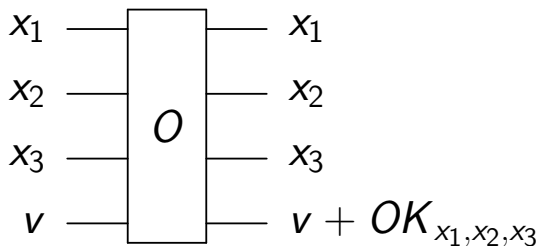
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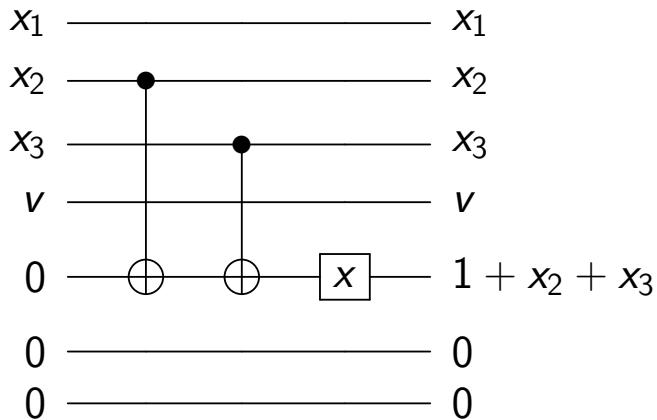
Building the circuit (1)

We will use 3 extra qubits:

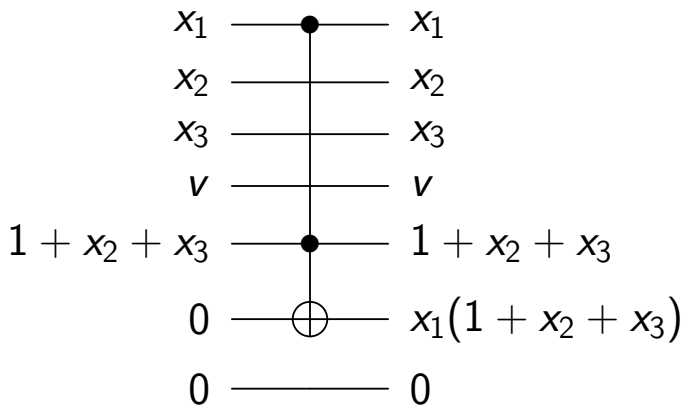
1. One for each equation to store its value.
2. One temporary.

So $n + m + 1$ total in general.

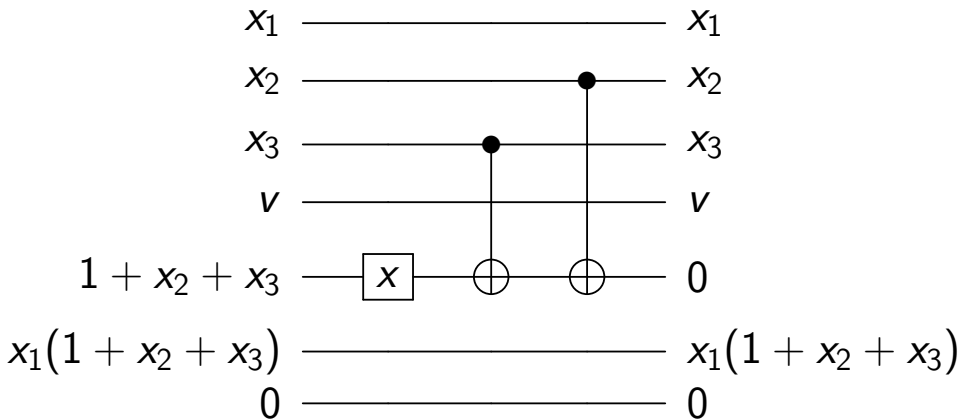
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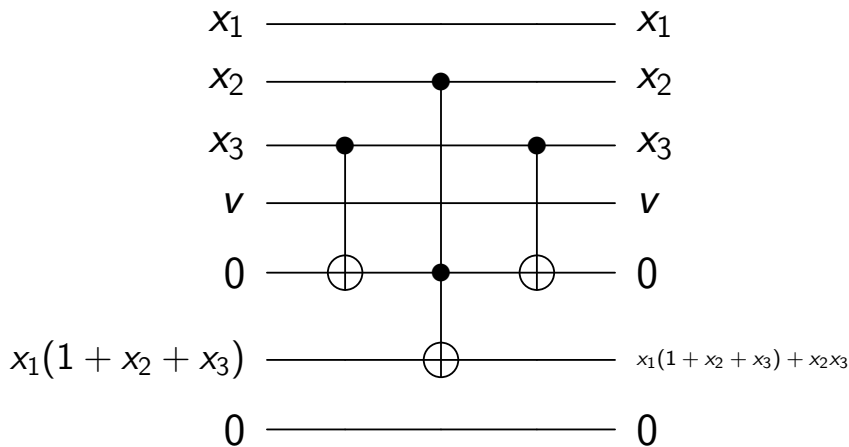
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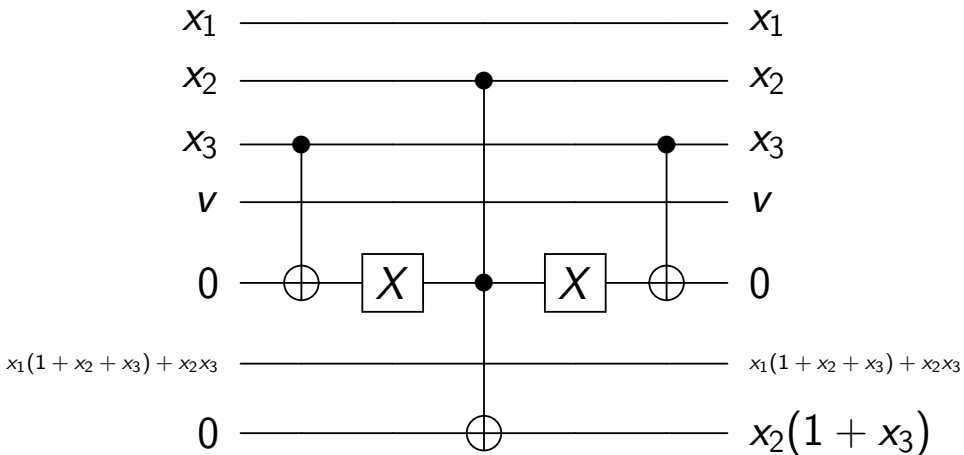
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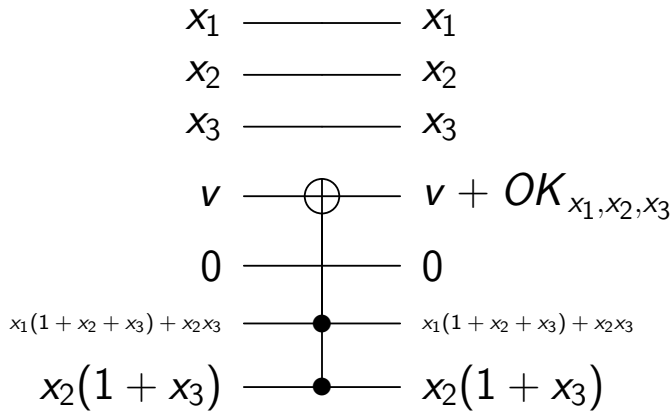
Building the circuit (5)



Building the circuit (6)



Building the circuit (7)



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-- Compute  $y_i^{(k)}$  from the coefficients  $\lambda_{ii}^{(k)}$ , ...,  $\lambda_{in}^{(k)}$ 
-- and the assignment  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
compute_y :: [Bool] -> [Qubit] -> Circ (Qubit)
compute_y cs xs = withM (qinit False) $ \t ->
  unless (null cs) $ do
    when (head cs) $ qnot_at t
    zipWithM_ (\c x -> when c (qnot_at t `controlled` x)) (tail cs) (tail xs)

-- Computes  $E^{(k)}$  from the "triangle"  $\lambda^{(k)}_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ )
-- and the assignment  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
compute_e :: [Qubit] -> [[Bool]] -> Circ (Qubit)
compute_e xs csss =
  withM (qinit False) $ \e ->
    forM_ (zip csss (init $ tails xs)) $ \ (cs, xs') ->
      with_computed (compute_y cs xs') $ \t ->
        qnot_at e `controlled` (t, head xs')

-- The first (straight-forward) oracle. Computes whether the
-- assignment  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  satisfies the given system of equations.
oracle1 :: [[Bool]] -> [Qubit] -> Circ (Qubit)
oracle1 csss xs =
  withM (qinit False) $ \r -> do
    label (r:xs) ("r":["x" ++ (show i) | i <- [1..length xs]])
    es <- mapM (compute_e xs) csss
    label es ["E" ++ (show i) | i <- [1..length es]]
    qnot_at r `controlled` es

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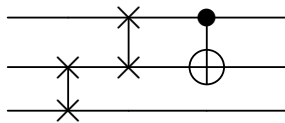
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parallel time	2^{60}	2^{61}	$\sim 2^{50}$

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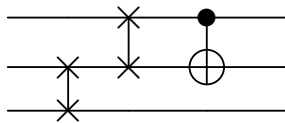
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oracle2 :: [[Bool]] -> [Qubit] -> Circ (Qubit)
oracle2 csss xs = do
  ctr <- init counter $ length csss
  label xs ["x" ++ (show i) | i <- [1..length xs]]
  forM_ csss $ \css ->
    with_computed (compute_e xs css) $ controlled $ inc counter ctr
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