

QUANTUM COMPUTATION

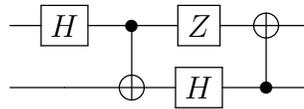
Exercise sheet 1

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1. The quantum circuit model.

(a) Consider the following quantum circuit C :



- i. Write down the matrix of the unitary operation U corresponding to C , with respect to the computational basis.
 - ii. Write down a quantum circuit corresponding to the inverse operation U^{-1} .
 - iii. If C is applied to the initial state $|0\rangle|0\rangle$ and is followed by a measurement of each qubit in the computational basis, what is the distribution on measurement outcomes?
- (b) The SWAP gate for 2 qubits is defined as $\text{SWAP}|x\rangle|y\rangle = |y\rangle|x\rangle$ for $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ and is denoted by the circuit element . Show that SWAP can be implemented as a product of CNOT gates and write down the corresponding circuit.
- (c) Show that a CZ gate can be implemented using a CNOT gate and Hadamard gates and write down the corresponding circuit.
- (d) The classical OR gate takes as input a pair of bits $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ and outputs 1 if either x or y is equal to 1, and 0 otherwise. Use the generic construction of reversible functions discussed in the lecture notes to write down a unitary operation on 3 qubits which corresponds to a reversible implementation of the OR gate.

2. The Bernstein-Vazirani algorithm.

A parity function $f_s : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, for some $s \in \{0, 1\}^n$, is a function of the form $f_s(x) = x \cdot s$, where the inner product is taken modulo 2. For example, with $n = 3$, $f_{110}(x)$ is the function $x_1 \oplus x_2$.

(a) Show that f_s is a balanced function for all $s \neq 0^n$.

- (b) Imagine we apply the circuit for the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm with the oracle U_{f_s} . Show that the measured output is precisely the string s .
- (c) Consider the following problem: given oracle access to a parity function f_s , determine s using the minimal number of queries to f_s .
 - i. Conclude from (b) that there is a quantum algorithm that solves this problem with one query to f_s .
 - ii. Give a tight bound on the number of queries to f_s required for a classical algorithm to solve the problem with certainty.

3. Simulation of various kinds. (Harder)

- (a) Show that the phase oracle U_f as defined in the lecture notes cannot be used to implement the bit oracle O_f in general, even if f only has 1 bit output.
- (b) Imagine we are given a quantum circuit on n qubits which consists of $\text{poly}(n)$ gates picked from the (universal) set $\{H, X, \text{CNOT}, T\}$, followed by a final measurement of all the qubits. Assume that at each step in the computation the quantum state is unentangled (i.e. is a product state of the n qubits). Show that the circuit can be simulated efficiently classically: that is, there is an efficient classical algorithm for exactly sampling from the probability distribution on the final measurement outcomes.