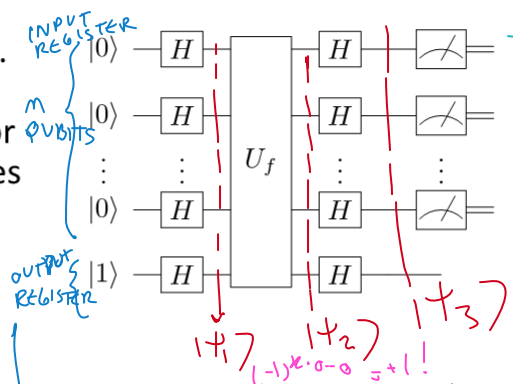


# Generalizing Deutsch's algorithm, Bernstein-Vazirani

## Generalizing Deutsch to $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

Now there are  $2^n$  inputs "x". Suppose you know a priori that  $f(x)$  is either constant or balanced. How many queries to certify that it's constant?

IF  $f$  IS BALANCED: ONLY A FEW QUERIES TO FIND OUT!  
 IF  $f$  IS CONSTANT, IT WILL TAKE YOU  $\frac{2^n}{2} + 1 = 2^{n-1} + 1$  QUERIES TO CERTIFY!



IF YOU GET 0  $\Rightarrow f$  CONSTANT!  
 IF YOU GET 1  $\Rightarrow f$  IS BALANCED!

$$H \otimes \dots \otimes H |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{x \cdot z} |z\rangle$$

$m$  qubits  $x = x_{n-1} x_{n-2} \dots x_0$

$$x \cdot z = (x_{n-1} z_{n-1}) \oplus (x_{n-2} z_{n-2}) \oplus \dots \oplus (x_0 z_0)$$

EXAMPLE:  
 $H \otimes H |110\rangle = (H|1\rangle)(H|0\rangle) = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \underbrace{(-1)^{1 \cdot 0}}_{=+1} |00\rangle + \underbrace{(-1)^{1 \cdot 01}}_{=+1} |01\rangle + \underbrace{(-1)^{1 \cdot 10}}_{=-1} |10\rangle + \underbrace{(-1)^{1 \cdot 11}}_{=-1} |11\rangle \right\}$$

$$|t_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} \frac{|x\rangle (f(x) - |f(x)\rangle)}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$= \frac{|x\rangle (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)}{\sqrt{2}}$  IF  $f(x)=0$   
 $= \frac{|x\rangle (|1\rangle - |0\rangle)}{\sqrt{2}}$  IF  $f(x)=1$

"PHASE KICK-BACK TRICK"

$$|t_3\rangle = (H \otimes \dots \otimes H) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{f(x)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{z \cdot x} |z\rangle |1\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^m} \left( \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{f(x) + z \cdot x} \right) |z\rangle |1\rangle$$

$\underbrace{= 0}_{\text{for } z \neq 0!}$

prob.  $(|z\rangle = |0 \dots 0\rangle) = \left| \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{f(x)} \right|^2 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } f(x) \text{ IS CONSTANT!} \\ 0 & \text{IF } f(x) \text{ IS BALANCED!} \end{cases}$

## Bernstein-Vazirani problem

Suppose  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  is  $f(x) = a \cdot x$  where "a" is an unknown constant n-bit string:  
 $f(x) = a \cdot x = (a_{n-1} x_{n-1}) \oplus (a_{n-2} x_{n-2}) \oplus \dots \oplus (a_0 x_0)$

- How many "classical" queries to determine value of "a"?
- Ans.: Need to do n queries. To determine  $a_0$ , query  $x=00\dots01$ , to determine  $a_1$ , query  $x=00\dots010$ , etc.
- The generalized Deutsch's algorithm finds the answer with one query!

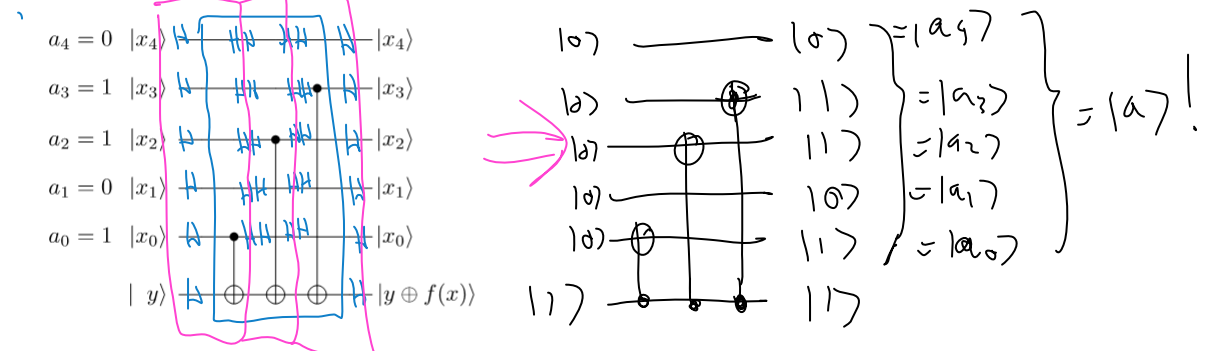
$$|t_3\rangle = \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^m} \left( \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} (-1)^{f(x) + z \cdot x} \right) |z\rangle |1\rangle$$

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$$= \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^m} \left( \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} [(-1)^{a_j z_j + 1}] \right) |z\rangle |1\rangle = \begin{cases} |0\rangle & \text{IF ANY } a_j \neq z_j \\ 2^m & \text{IF } a = z \end{cases} \Rightarrow |t_3\rangle = |a\rangle |1\rangle$$

## Circuit derivation of Bernstein-Vazirani

It's actually quite easy to implement the  $f(x) = a \cdot x$  Oracle:



What happens when we apply Hadamards to the left and right of all qubits?

## Summary

- Deutsch's algorithm inputs a superposition state containing ALL computational basis states into the Oracle:  
 $H \otimes H \otimes \dots \otimes H |00\dots0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^m} |x\rangle$
- Due to linearity, when the Oracle acts on this state, it evaluates  $f(x)$  for all x simultaneously! This is called "quantum paralelism".
- The resulting state can now be "engineered" with additional unitaries in order to yield useful information when read out. For example, applying  $H \otimes \dots \otimes H$  again converts the state into  $00\dots0$  if and only if  $f(x) = \text{constant}$ . This enables the certification that  $f(x) = \text{const.}$  with a speed exponentially faster than classical! In this case quantum advantage increases exponentially with the size of the problem.
- If  $f(x)$  is instead equal to  $a \cdot x$ , where "a" is a n-bit string, the end state of the input register becomes equal to the constant "a". For this case the quantum speed up increases linearly with the size of the problem.