

Quantum Circuits for Coherent Conditional Iteration

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If we had a quantum computer ...

What could we do with it?

Quantum Computing has many general-purpose techniques:

- QM Period-finding,
- Grover fixed-point search,
- Quantum Counting,
- etc. ...

Crucial questions:

What can we do with these?

Why is it so hard to find useful applications?

How quantum algorithms are arranged

Never mind -how- they work ... what do they look like?

A quantum computer:

- 1 Takes, as input, a *classical computation*.
- 2 Performs some *quantum magic*. (a technical term!)
- 3 Returns some *global information* about the input.

In a quantum algorithm:

How can a *classical computation* be an input?

We need a **quantum oracle** for the classical computation.

These are:

- Unitary maps that ‘look classical’ on some fixed basis (the *computational basis*.)
- In general, very tedious to construct.

What is a quantum oracle?

In the classical world:

F is a reversible function on n bits.

For any bit-string b , both $|b\rangle$ and $|F(b)\rangle$ are basis vectors.

In the quantum world:

An **oracle** for F is simply ' F lifted to the quantum setting'.

It is a quantum operation U_F satisfying

$$U_F |b\rangle = |F(b)\rangle \quad \text{for any bitstring } b$$

How do oracles behave on arbitrary inputs?

These oracles are **unitary**, and hence linear.

For an input that is a superposition of basis vectors

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |b_1\rangle + \beta |b_2\rangle$$

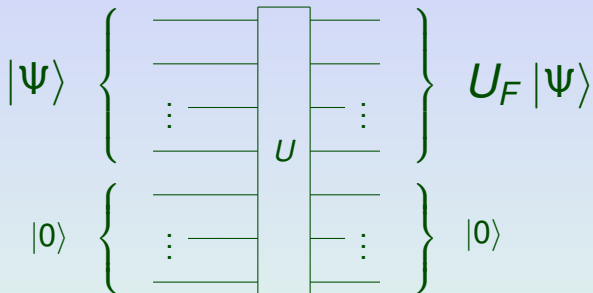
It returns the corresponding superposition of output vectors

$$U_F |\psi\rangle = \alpha |F(b_1)\rangle + \beta |F(b_2)\rangle$$

This is the key requirement!

Oracles with ancillas

Oracles often use *ancillas* — additional registers that play a part in the computation:



The ancilla must *start* and *finish* in some fixed state, to ensure it is *not entangled* with the result we want.

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The problem with Quantum Turing machines

Consider a **fully quantum Turing machine**

- It has a state space, instead of a state set.
- We can also have superpositions of states ...
including 'halting states' and non-halting states'.

Myer's question:

What happens 'after halting'?

When the qTm is in the state

$$|\text{halting state}\rangle + |\text{non} - \text{halting state}\rangle$$

What should happen next?

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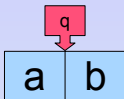
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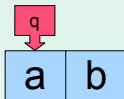
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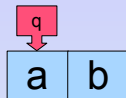
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The pointer moves onto a cell:

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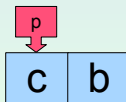


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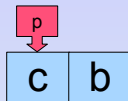
The transition function determines a new symbol / label pair:

$$(q, a) \xrightarrow{T} (p, c)$$

These are written into the pointer / cell respectively.



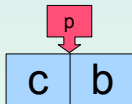
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Step 3.

The pointer moves back to the cell boundary:

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- The right boundary, when p is right-moving.



Bounded Turing machine states

A **state** for a bounded Turing machine is a:

“complete instantaneous description”.

This requires:

- The contents of the tape.
- The position of the pointer.
- The label of the pointer.

What are the halting states?

A BTM is in a **halting state** when either:

The pointer is on the far left of the tape, with a left-moving label.

OR

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The dual concept — starting states

A BTM is in a **starting state** when either:

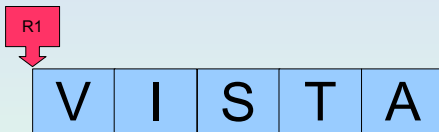
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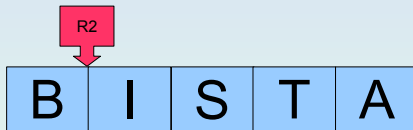
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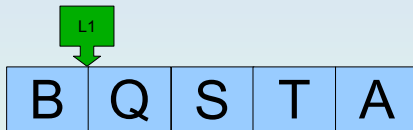
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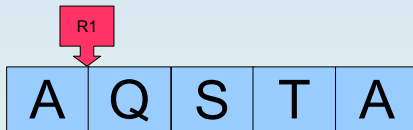
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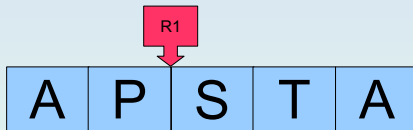
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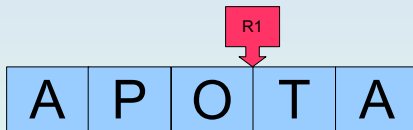
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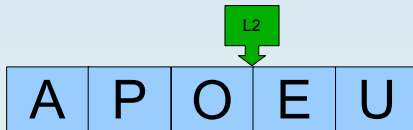
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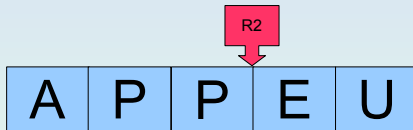
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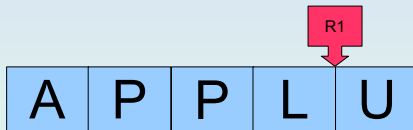
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The function computed by a BTM

A Bounded Turing machine \mathcal{T} defines a *(partial) function* $[\mathcal{T}]$, that takes *starting states* to *halting states*.

Reversible bounded Turing machines

When the *transition function* is reversible,

- 1 The dynamics of \mathcal{T} are (partial) reversible.
- 2 The function $[\mathcal{T}]$ is a *bijection*.

Our goal: To produce a quantum oracle, for this bijection.

What happens after halting?

To answer J. Myer's question, *without using an infinite ancilla*, there is only one possibility:

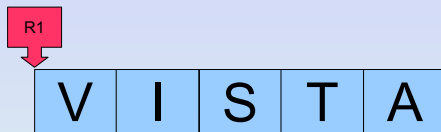
After halting ...

the Bounded Turing machine reverses its operation
& 'uncomputes' what it has just computed.

A machine with starting / halting states is transformed into a machine that is entirely *cyclic*.

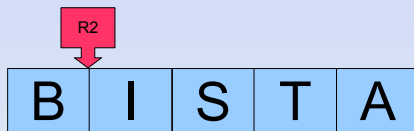
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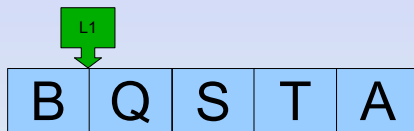
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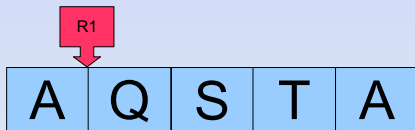
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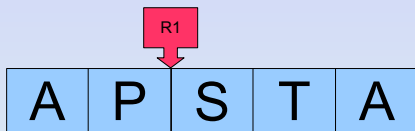
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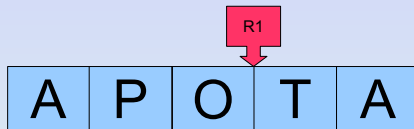
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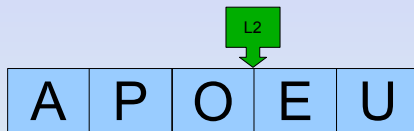
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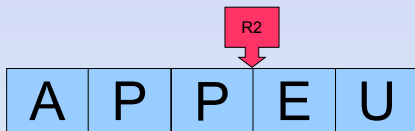
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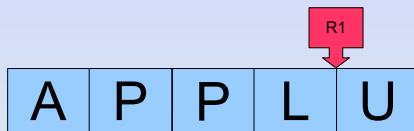
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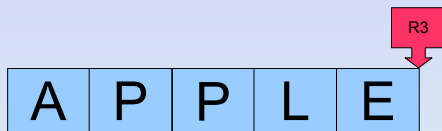
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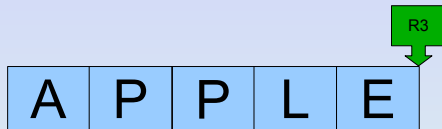
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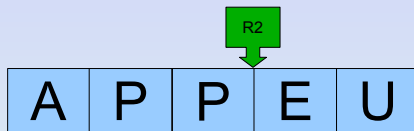
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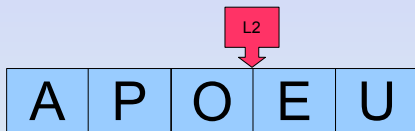
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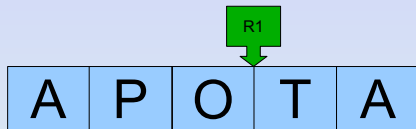
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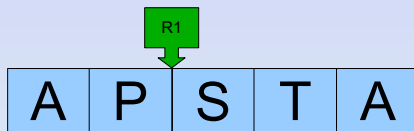
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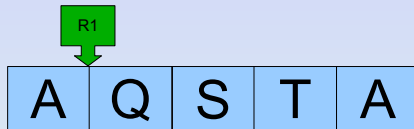
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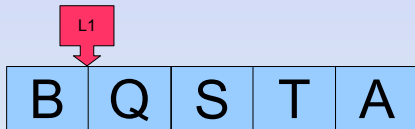
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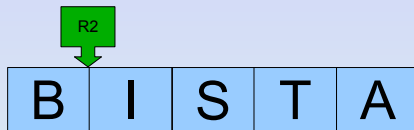
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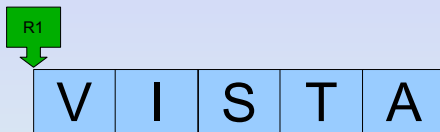
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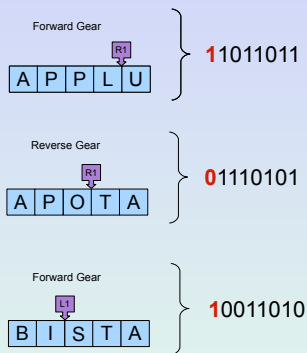
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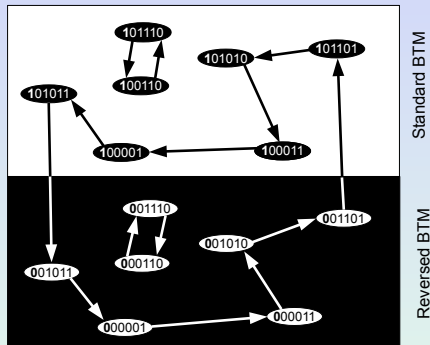
Each state is represented by a binary number:



The **most significant bit** specifies whether *forward* or *reverse* gear is selected.

Turing through the looking-glass

Each state is mapped to the next state by a function \mathcal{P} .



This function, the **Primitive Evolution**, is a bijection.

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We use the “**Resolution Formula**”, applied to the primitive evolution \mathcal{P} .

This:

- Takes a function defined on a set, and
- returns a (possibly partial) function defined on a subset.

The Resolution formula

- 1 Arose in logical models,
- 2 Has a strongly categorical interpretation,
- 3 Is useful for *state machines*.

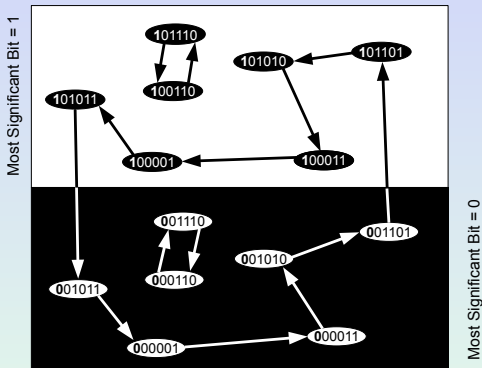
The Resolution, computationally

- Start with a binary string whose Most Significant Bit is 0.
- Apply \mathcal{P} .
- Repeat, until the M.S.B. of the new string is again 0.

This defines a function $Res_0(\mathcal{P})$ on
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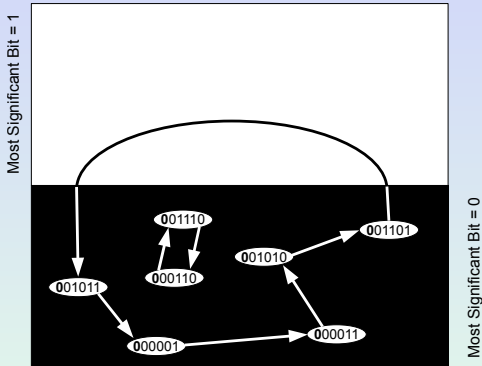
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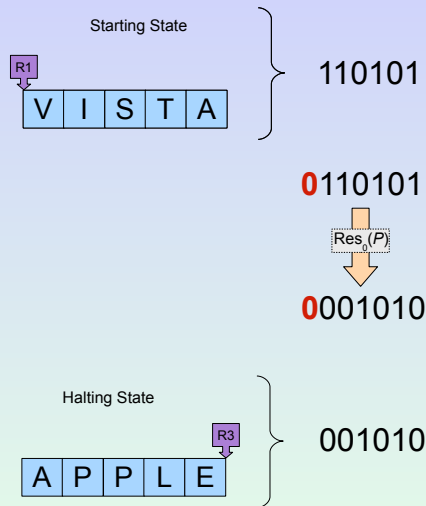


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The “Resolution at 0” of \mathcal{P}



The Resolution, and BTM computations



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- The bijection \mathcal{P} acts on the **set**: $000\dots 00$, \dots , $111\dots 11$
- The oracle $U_{\mathcal{P}}$ acts on the **space** with basis:

$$|000\dots 00\rangle , \dots , |111\dots 11\rangle$$

We can divide this basis set into

$$\{ \text{vectors starting with } 0 \} \cup \{ \text{vectors starting with } 1 \}$$

The space \mathbb{S} naturally splits up as $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{F}$

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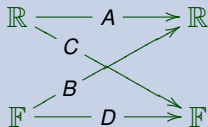
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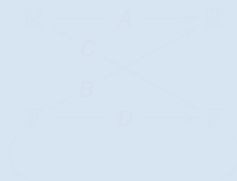
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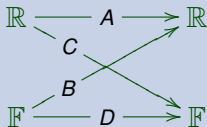


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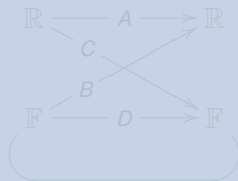
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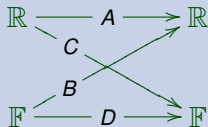


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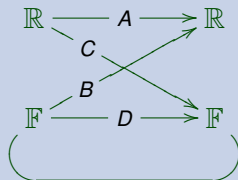
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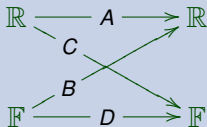


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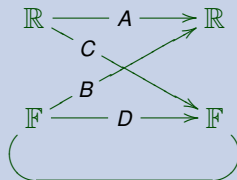
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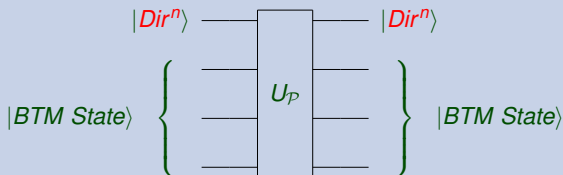
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Some Simple Circuits.

What gates do we require?

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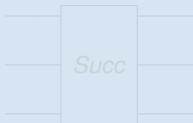
The *oracle* for the **primitive evolution**



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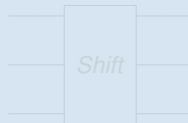


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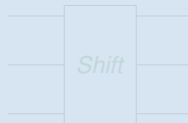


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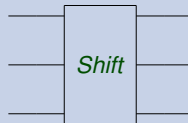


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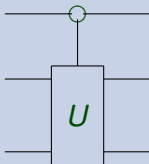
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The circuit toolkit: controlled gates

We also need ‘controlled’ or ‘conditional’ gates.

“Control on 0”



- The first qubit does not change.
- For the remaining qubits:
 - If the first qubit is $|0\rangle$, apply U .
 - If the first qubit is $|1\rangle$, do nothing.

Matrices for control-on-0

Writing U as a block matrix:

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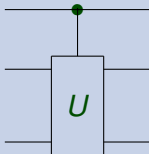
$CRTL_0 U$ has the matrix

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The circuit toolkit: controlled gates

The alternative form:

“Control on 1”



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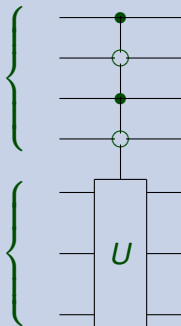
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$CTRL_1 U$ has the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & U_{00} & U_{01} \\ 0 & 0 & U_{10} & U_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

Daisy-chaining control gates

Controlled gates, can themselves be controlled, etc.

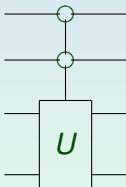


- The first register does not change.
- For the second register:
 - If the first register is $|1010\rangle$, **apply U** .
 - Otherwise, **do nothing**.

Matrices for multiply-controlled gates

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The circuit:



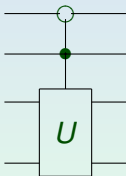
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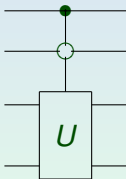
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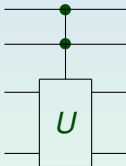
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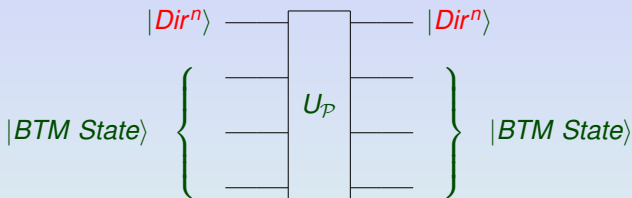
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THE CONSTRUCTION

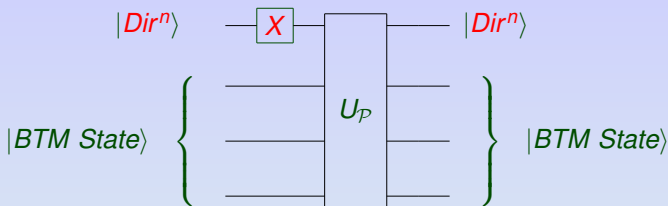
A preliminary ...

We modify the (oracle for the) *Primitive Evolution*:



Before each application:

The “forward / reverse gear” qubit is flipped.



Call this operation $^X U_P$

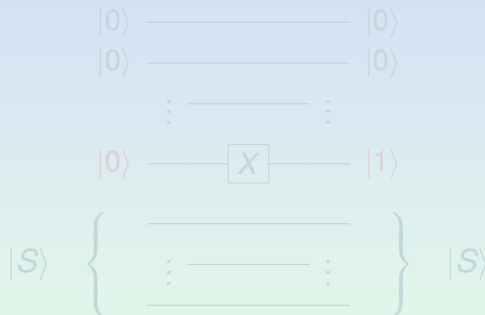
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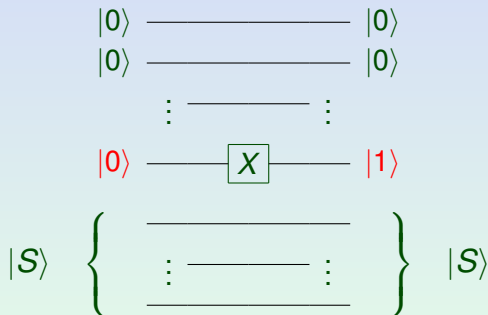


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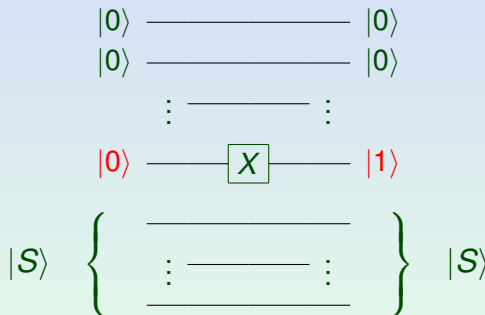
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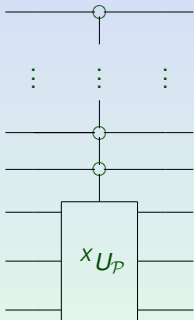
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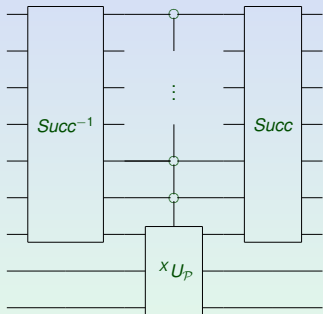


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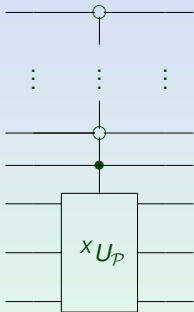


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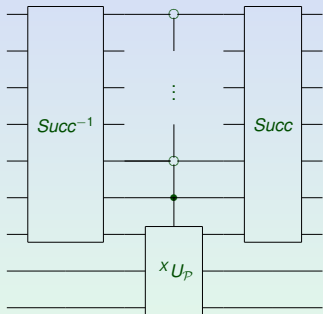


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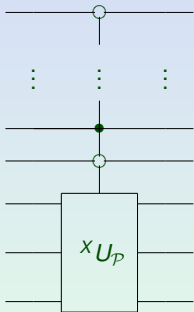


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This process continues for T steps.

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Note the individual terms of the Resolution, in each column.

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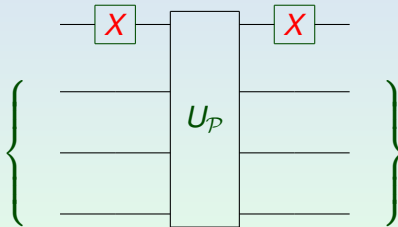
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What to do next?

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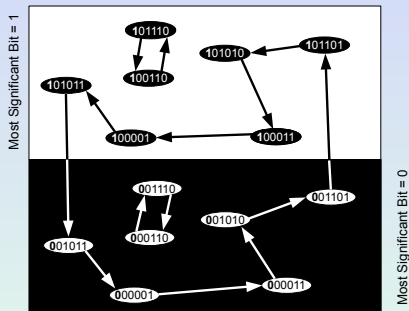
... using the *inverse* of U_P , instead of U_P itself.

This has a convenient circuit form:



A reminder:

The “Primitive Evolution”, \mathcal{P}



We compute \mathcal{P}^{-1} by

- 1 Flipping the M.S.B.
- 2 Applying \mathcal{P}
- 3 Flipping the M.S.B. again.

This time, we continue
for $2T$ steps.

What is the effect of this ?

This then 'uncomputes' the computation just performed.

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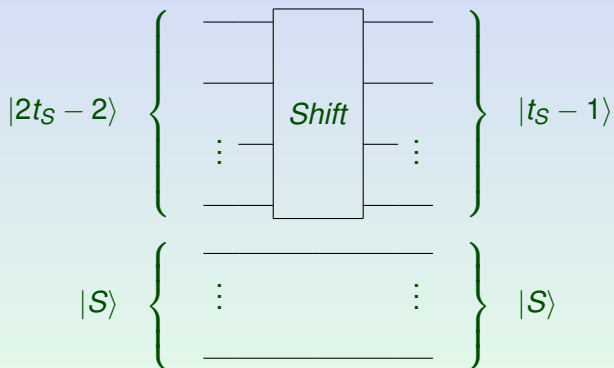
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The natural next step:

We use the *cyclic shift* to divide the ancilla by 2.



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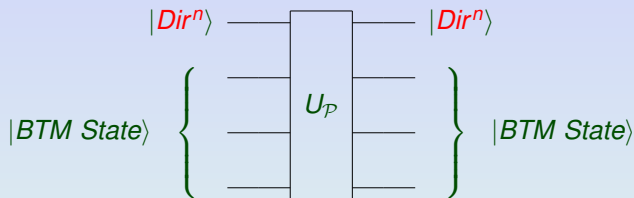
**Repeat the first section,
with the operations in the reverse order.**

The intention:

Re-do the computation, with the ancilla *decreasing*.

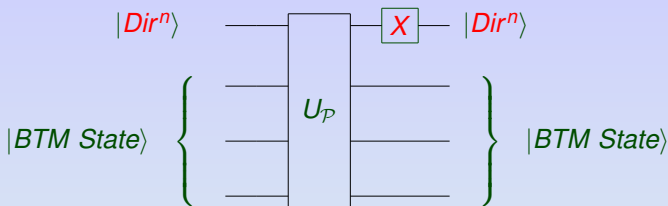
We reverse everything ...

The (oracle for the) *Primitive Evolution* is modified:



After each application:

The “forward / reverse gear” qubit is flipped.



Call this operation U_P^X

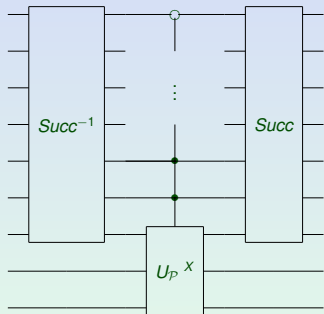
As matrices:

$$U_P = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

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We apply a series of maps:

The map U_P^X , controlled on $|01\dots 11\rangle$
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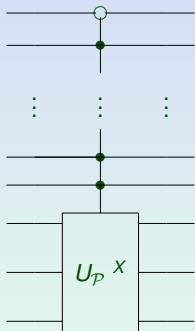


This has matrix:

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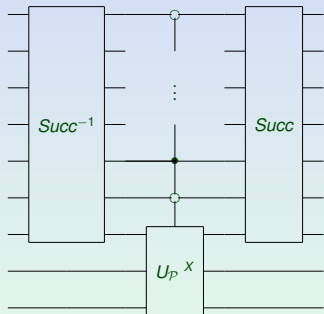


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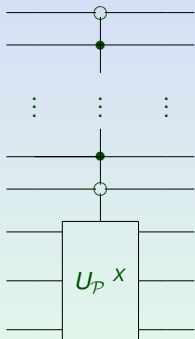


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We continue this for T steps.

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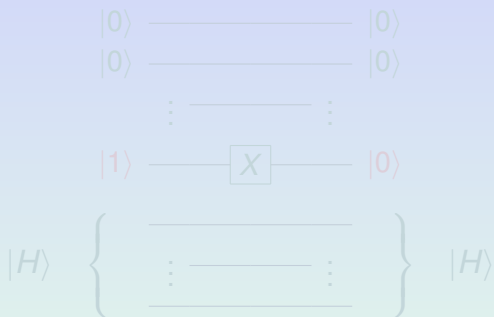
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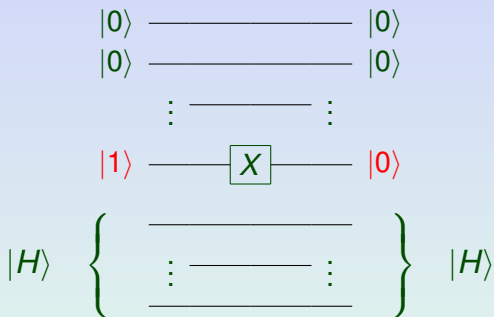
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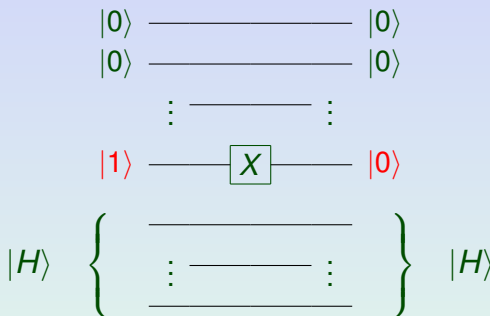
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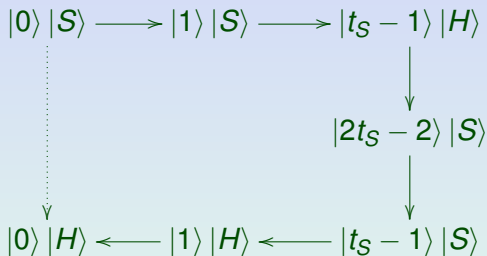
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An overview of the whole process

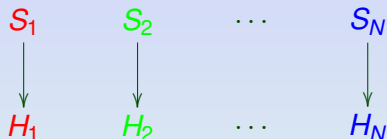
S is a starting state for the bounded Turing machine.



H is the corresponding halting state.

What about superpositions ?

Consider a series of BTM computations:



We run this procedure, starting with a superposition:

$$\alpha_1 |S_1\rangle + \alpha_2 |S_2\rangle + \dots + \alpha_N |S_N\rangle$$

The action on superpositions

As the ancilla *starts* and *finishes* in a constant state $|0\rangle$,

It is not entangled with the result of the computation.

$$|0\rangle \otimes (\alpha_1 |S_1\rangle + \alpha_2 |S_2\rangle + \dots + \alpha_N |S_N\rangle)$$



$$|0\rangle \otimes (\alpha_1 |H_1\rangle + \alpha_2 |H_2\rangle + \dots + \alpha_N |H_N\rangle)$$

We have a genuine **oracle** for a bounded Turing machine.

A Coda:

“After my lecture, no one raised any objections, or asked any embarrassing questions. I must say this very fact proved a terrible disappointment to me.”

— Niels Bohr (1952).