## Abstract structure of unitary oracles for quantum algorithms

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The traditional Deutsch-Joza circuit is:



Here is its abstract structure:



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This is the oracle's internal structure:



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Theorem Oracles with this abstract structure are unitary in general.

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This represents the abstract structure of an observable.

## Complementary observables

Definition [Coecke & Duncan]: Two †-Frobenius algebras on the same object are complementary when:



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#### Complementary observables

Complementary observables in **FHilb** come from finite abelian groups

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$$\checkmark :: |g\rangle \mapsto |g\rangle \otimes |g\rangle$$
  
 $\flat :: |g\rangle \mapsto 1$ 

Group multiplication

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Produce the unitary morphism:





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  - To develop a new group theoretic quantum algorithm

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To apply result in signal-flow calculus

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 Group Representations as measurements: projections onto a subspace

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- Graphical rules for group representations:



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Case: Let *A* be a cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .





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- One-dimensional representations are isomorphic only if they are equal.

Homomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow A$ 

- We generalize with proof by induction via the Structure Theorem. A = Z<sub>p₁</sub> ⊕ ... ⊕ Z<sub>pk</sub>
- ► Can identify the group homomorphism in *k* oracle queries.
- ► The naive classical solution requires a number of queries equal to the number of factors of *G* rather than *A*.

#### Comparison to the hidden subgroup algorithm



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$$\int_{O} = \sum_{i} \frac{1}{\rho_{i}}$$

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- Composition of linear relations *f* : *U* → *V* and *g* : *V* → *W* is defined as the following subspace of *U* ⊕ *W*:

 $\{(u, w) | \exists v \in V \text{ with } (u, v) \in S_f \text{ and } (v, w) \in S_g\}$ 

This defines a linear subspace of  $U \oplus W$ .

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- Big Idea: Symmetric monoidal categorical setting productively unifies process theories at an abstract level.

## The Non-Abelian Case

