
Quantum computing, non-determinism, probabilistic systems... and the logic behind

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 - ▶ $|0\rangle$ if 0 was measured, with probability $p_0 = |\alpha|^2$
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- ▶ **Entanglement** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle$ is a 2-qubit system but cannot be written as $|\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle$...
Consequence: Measuring the first qubit... both collapse!

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$$(H \otimes I)U_f(H \otimes H)|00\rangle = \dots = \begin{cases} \pm|0\rangle|-\rangle & \text{if } f(0) = f(1) \\ \pm|1\rangle|-\rangle & \text{if } f(0) \neq f(1) \end{cases}$$

with $|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$

Measuring the first qubit, we have the answer...

with only one call to the oracle

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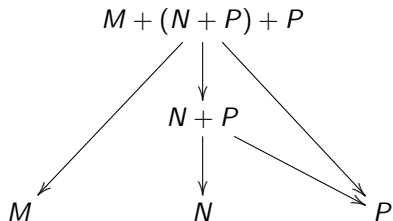
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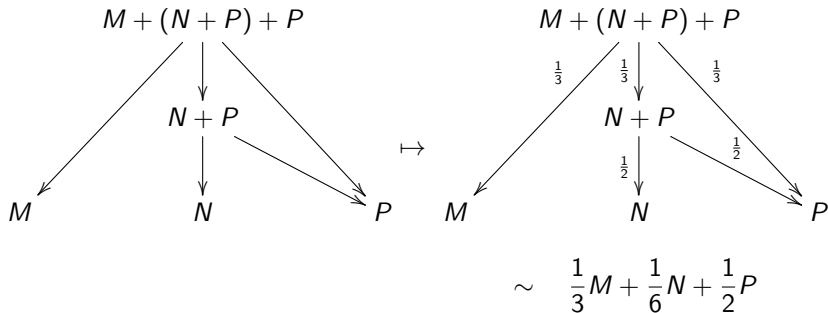


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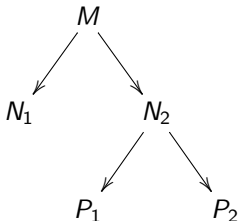
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$B \subseteq \Omega$ of the form

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Definition (Probability function)

Let $B = \{f \mid f(M_1) = N_1, \dots, f(M_n) = N_n\}$

$$m(B) = \frac{1}{\rho(M_1) \times \dots \times \rho(M_n)}$$

$$P(S) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{B \in \mathcal{C}} m(B) \mid \mathcal{C} \text{ is a countable family of boxes s.t. } S \subseteq \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{C}} B \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq \Omega \mid A \text{ is Lebesgue measurable}\}$$

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Theorem

(Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) is a probability space

- ▶ Ω is the set of all possible oracles
- ▶ \mathcal{A} is the set of events (Lebesgue measurable subsets of Ω)
- ▶ P is the probability function

Proof.

We show that it satisfies the Kolmogorov axioms. □

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