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Exercise Set 2 : Solution  
Quantum Computation

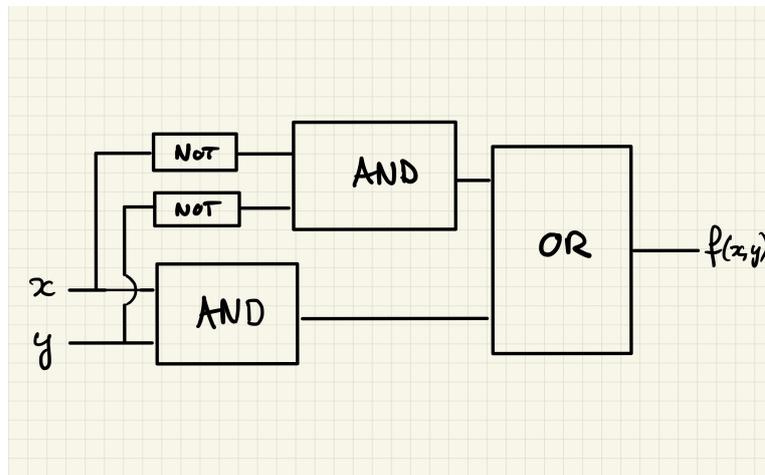
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**Exercise 1** *Boolean functions and classical circuits*

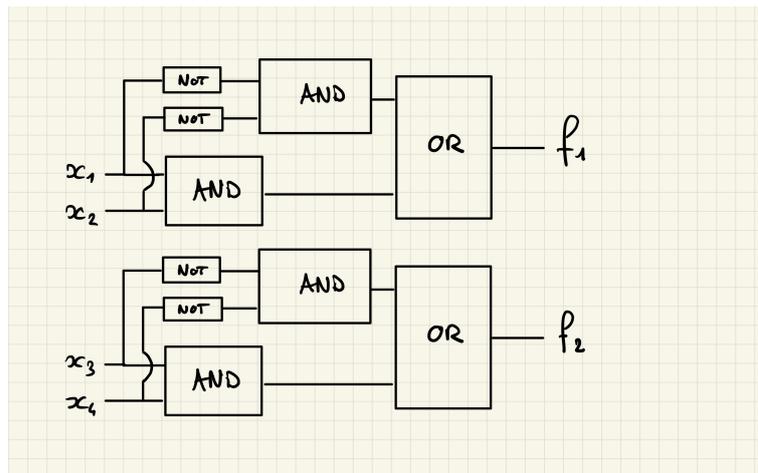
(a) Building a circuit for  $f : \{0, 1\}^2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f(x, y) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y$  can be obtained by noting that

$$f(x, y) = 1 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad (x = 1 \text{ and } y = 1) \text{ or } (x = 0 \text{ and } y = 0)$$

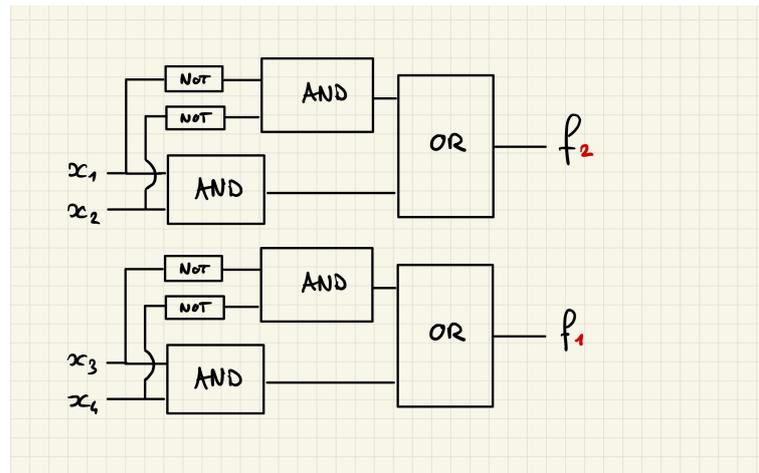
so  $f(x, y) = (x \text{ AND } y) \text{ OR } (\text{NOT } x \text{ AND } \text{NOT } y)$  and the circuit is :



The final circuit is given by :

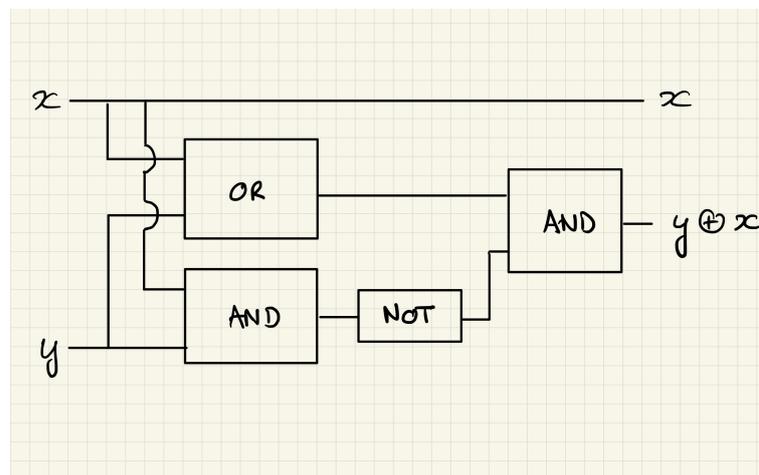


(b) In this case, it suffices to invert the outputs of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in order to obtain what we want :

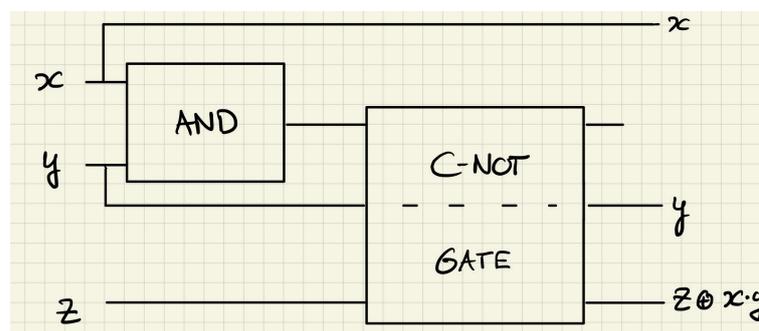


**Exercise 2** NOT, C-NOT, CC-NOT gates

The C-NOT gate is obtained by noting that  $x \oplus y = (x \text{ OR } y) \text{ AND NOT } (x \text{ AND } y)$  :



And here is the CC-NOT or Toffoli gate, obtained via the previous gate :



**Exercise 3** *Production of Bell states*

(a) 1. Let  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|10\rangle + \alpha_{11}|11\rangle$ . Then

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} & \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1)$$

if and only if the rows are colinear, which means we can re-parametrize :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} & \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ ax & ay \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

with some  $x, y, a \in \mathbb{C}$ . This happens if and only if

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|a|^2}}(|0\rangle + a|1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|^2+|y|^2}}(x|0\rangle + y|1\rangle). \quad (3)$$

2. State (i) is a Bell entangled state (see below).

State (ii) is a product state  $= |0\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ .

State (iii) is an entangled state.

State (iv) is a product state  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ .

State (v) is also a product state  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ .

(b) A direct computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} (CNOT)(H \otimes I)|x\rangle \otimes |y\rangle &= (CNOT)(H|x\rangle \otimes |y\rangle) \\ &= (CNOT)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + (-1)^x|1\rangle) \otimes |y\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}CNOT|0, y\rangle + \frac{(-1)^x}{\sqrt{2}}CNOT|1, y\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0, y\rangle + \frac{(-1)^x}{\sqrt{2}}|1, \bar{y}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

More explicitly, we enumerate all the cases :

$$\begin{aligned} (CNOT)(H \otimes I)|00\rangle &= (CNOT)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = |B_{00}\rangle \\ (CNOT)(H \otimes I)|01\rangle &= (CNOT)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |11\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle) = |B_{01}\rangle \\ (CNOT)(H \otimes I)|10\rangle &= (CNOT)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |10\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle) = |B_{10}\rangle \\ (CNOT)(H \otimes I)|11\rangle &= (CNOT)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle) = |B_{11}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

(c) The operation  $(CNOT)(H \otimes I)$  examined in the previous section is a unitary operation (as it is a composition of unitaries). Therefore, the image of an orthonormal basis under

it is an orthonormal basis itself. To be explicit, we define the set  $\mathcal{B}$  as the image of the standard basis under  $(CNOT)(H \otimes I)$  :

$$\mathcal{B} := \{(CNOT)(H \otimes I) |xy\rangle\}_{x,y \in \{0,1\}} . \quad (4)$$

We recognize now that  $\mathcal{B}$  is the set of the four Bell-states  $|B_{xy}\rangle$  and therefore the set forms an orthonormal basis.

(d) The reverse circuit is given by  $U = (H \otimes I)(CNOT)$ , as

$$U(CNOT)(H \otimes I) = (H \otimes I)(CNOT)^2(H \otimes I) = (H \otimes I)(I \otimes I)(H \otimes I) = I \otimes I$$

(e) See the Jupyter notebook “Worksheet 2 Solutions”.

**Exercise 4** *Matrix representation of a few gates / circuits*

- (a) The Hilbert space here is  $\mathbb{C}^8$  and its matrix representation in the computational basis  $\{|000\rangle, |001\rangle, |010\rangle, |011\rangle, |100\rangle, |101\rangle, |110\rangle, |111\rangle\}$  is given by

$$CCNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) The matrix representation of this circuit in the computational basis  $\{|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle\}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^4$  is given by

$$NOT_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) The matrix representation of this circuit (in the same basis) is given by

$$NOT_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) The matrix representation of this circuit (in the same basis) is given by

$$NOT_x \cdot CNOT \cdot NOT_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

All the above matrices are permutation matrices, and are also equal to their own inverse.

**Exercise 5** *Hadamard Transform of NOT-Gate*

- (a) A matrix  $U$  is unitary if  $UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I$ . Note that for Hadamard and NOT(X) gates, we have  $HH^\dagger = H^\dagger H = I$ ,  $XX^\dagger = X^\dagger X = I$ . For  $HXH$ , we have

$$HXH(HXH)^\dagger = HXH H^\dagger X^\dagger H^\dagger = HXX^\dagger H^\dagger = HH^\dagger = I$$

With similar computations,  $(HXH)^\dagger HXH = I$ . Thus  $HXH$  is unitary.

- (b) We obtain successively for  $|\varphi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$  :

$$\begin{aligned} H|\varphi\rangle &= \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle \\ XH|\varphi\rangle &= \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle + \frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle \\ HXH|\varphi\rangle &= \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \alpha_0 |0\rangle - \alpha_1 |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The above gives

$$HXH|0\rangle = |0\rangle \quad HXH|1\rangle = -|1\rangle \quad HXH|+\rangle = |-\rangle \quad HXH|-\rangle = |+\rangle$$