# Quantum rejection sampling 

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A useful primitive for constructing quantum algorithms:
- Quantum algorithm for linear systems of equations [HHLO9]
- Quantum Metropolis algorithm [TOVPV11]
- Preparing PEPS [STV11]
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- Monte-Carlo simulations
- optimization (simulated annealing), etc.


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Goal: preparing $|\sigma\rangle$

- What $\delta$ should we choose?
- We are done if $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}} \geq \sqrt{1-\varepsilon}$ where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}=\boldsymbol{\delta} /\|\boldsymbol{\delta}\|_{2}$


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## Weak vs. strong quantum rejection sampling

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Strong quantum resampling problem

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