

# Quantum algorithms for the hidden shift problem of Boolean functions

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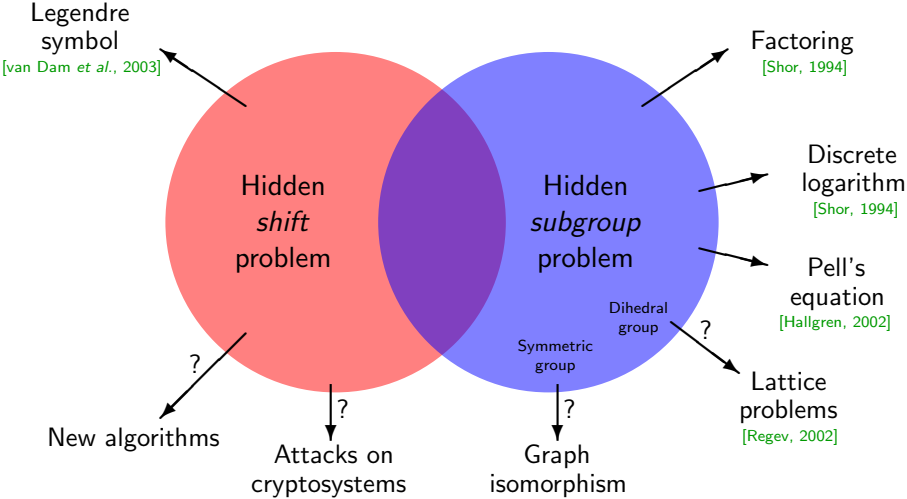
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## Hidden *shift* and *subgroup* problems



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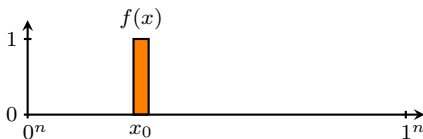
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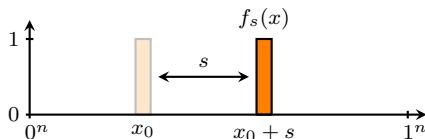
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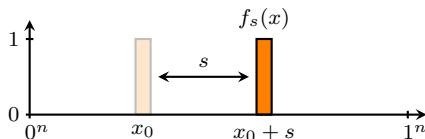
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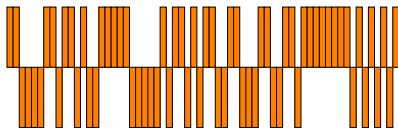
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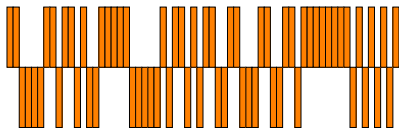
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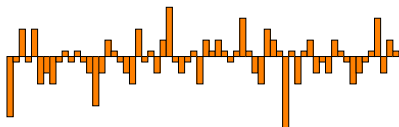
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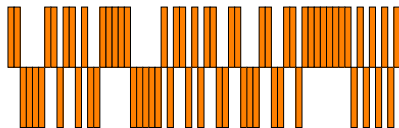




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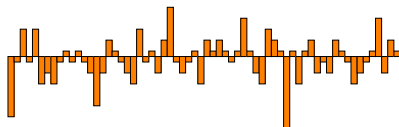
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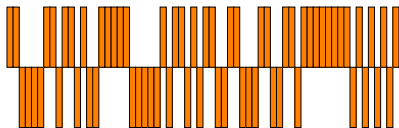
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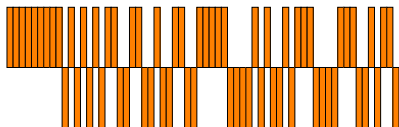
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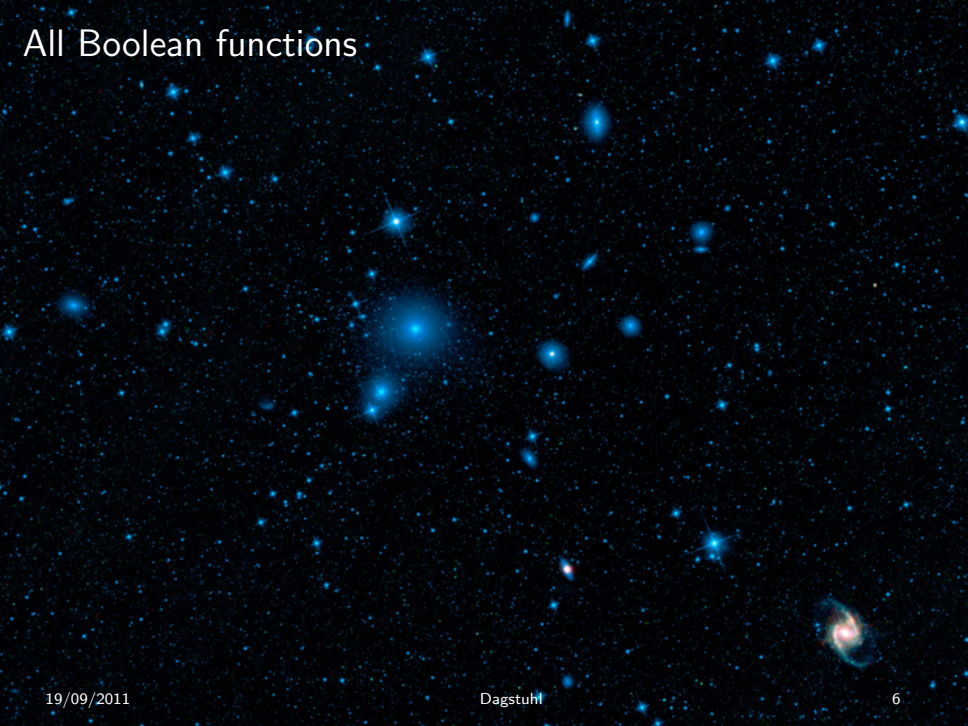
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Three approaches:

1. Grover-like [Grover'00] / quantum rejection sampling [ORR'11]
2. Pretty good measurement
3. Simon-like [Rötteler'10; GRR'11]

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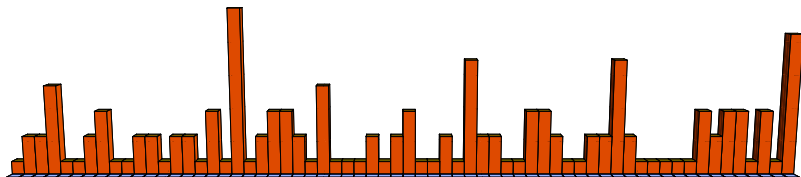
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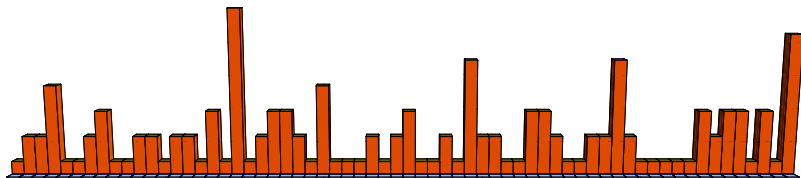
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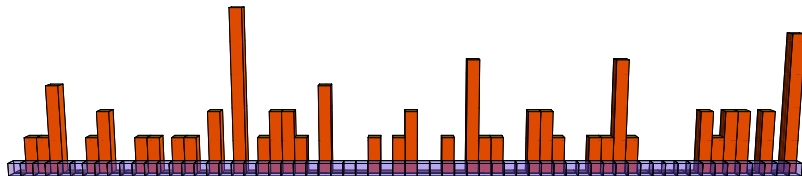




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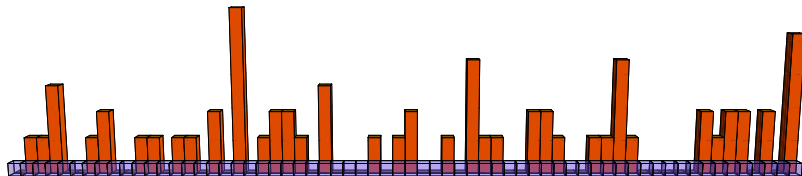
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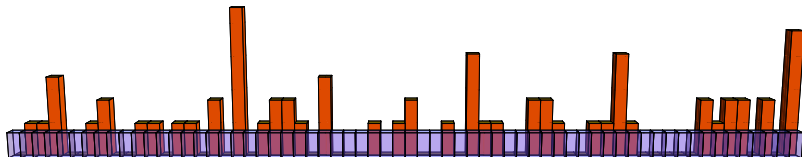
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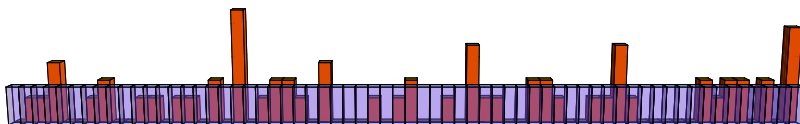
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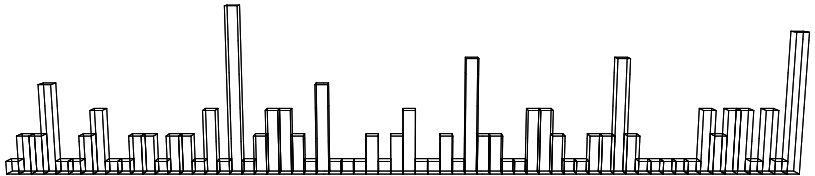
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## Issues

- ▶ What if  $\hat{F}_{\min} = 0$ ?
- ▶ Undetectable anti-shifts:  $f(x + s) = f(x) + 1$

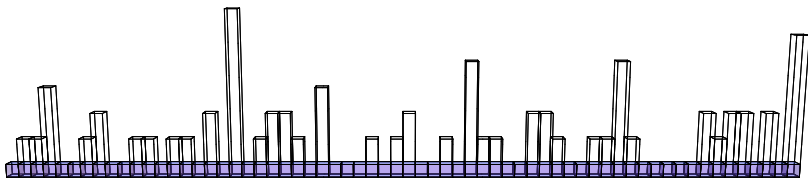


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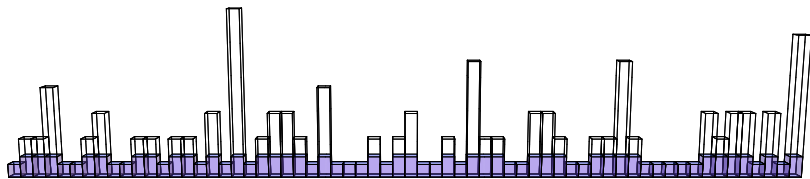
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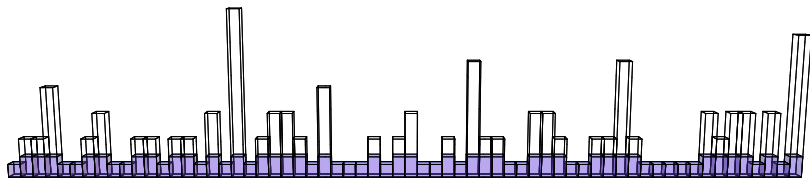
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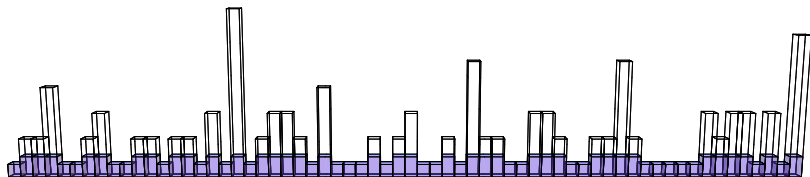
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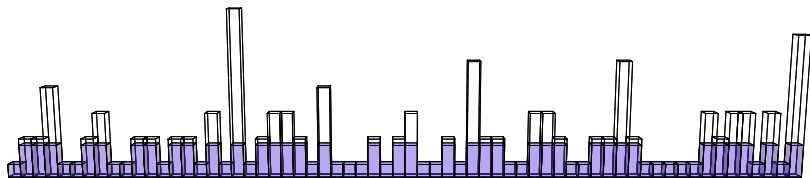
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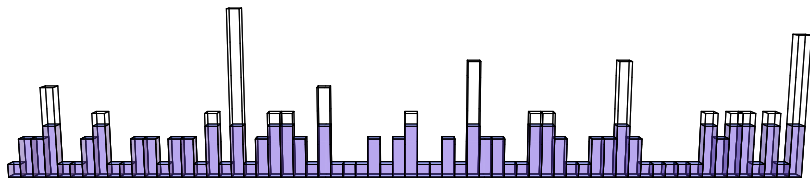
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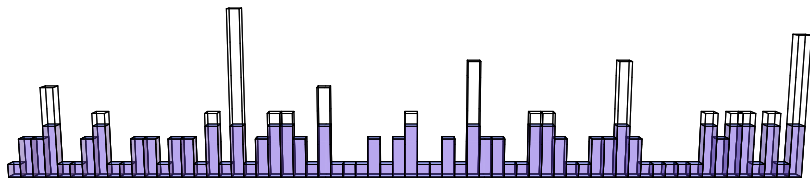
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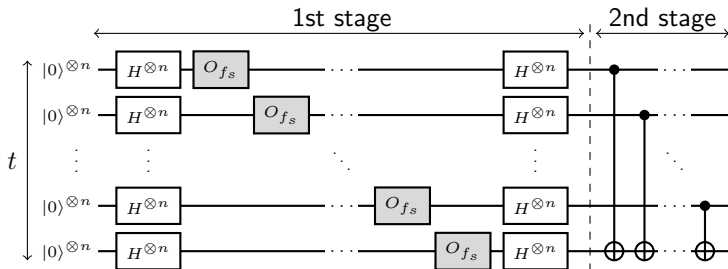
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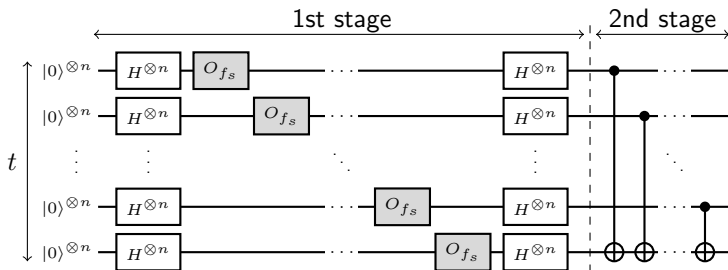




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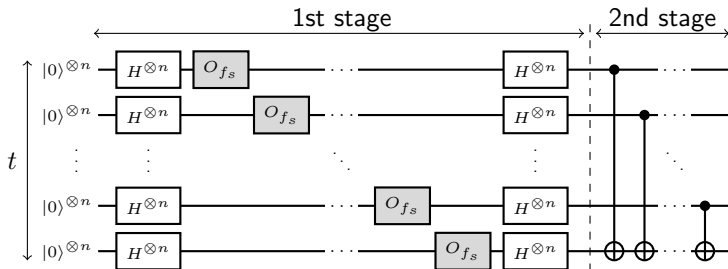


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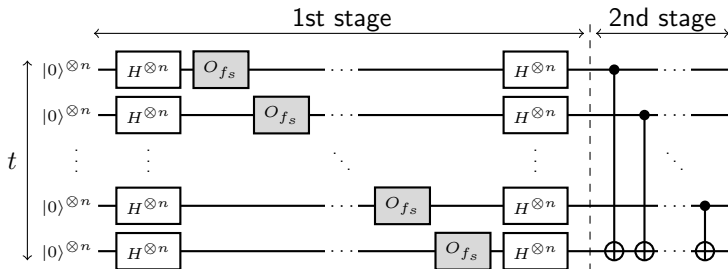
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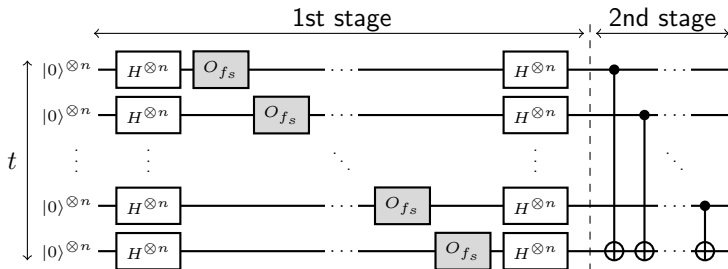


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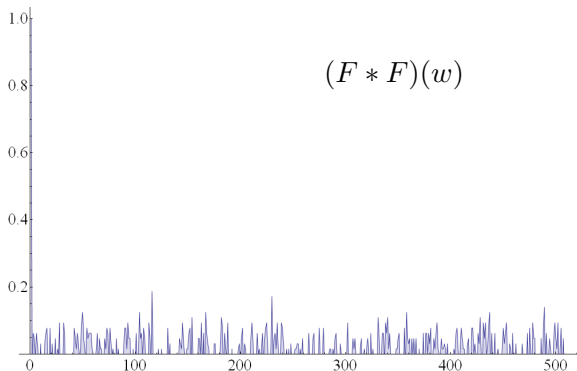
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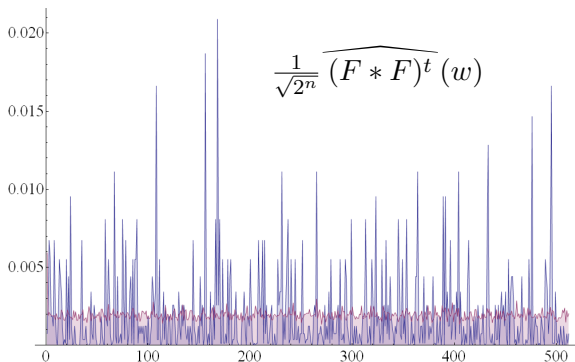
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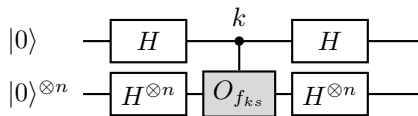
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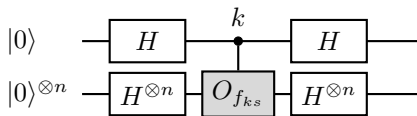
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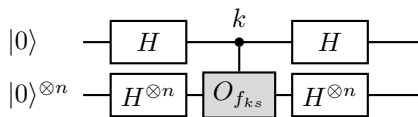


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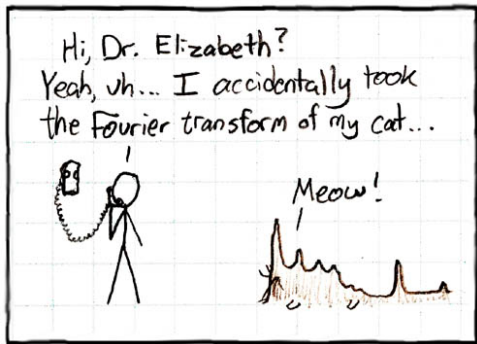
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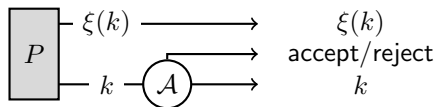


# Classical rejection sampling

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## Classical algorithm



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