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Cost Metrics for Reversible and Quantum Logic Synthesis

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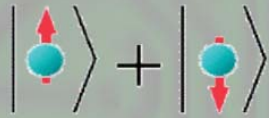
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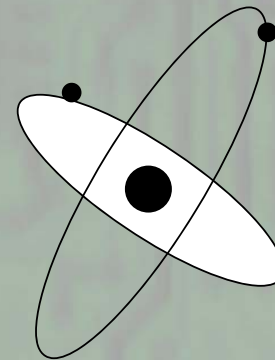
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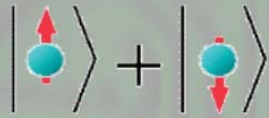


Introduction

Quantum bit could be a state of a single proton in a static magnetic field (magnetic spin). For a fixed proton state of a magnetic spin is known to be probabilistic, in other words, only the measurement tells what was the state.

$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ - state of a proton.
 $|\alpha|$ - probability of finding the proton in a lower energy state
 $|\beta|$ - probability of finding the proton in a higher energy state





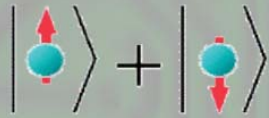
Introduction

Quantum n-bit system is described by a vector of length 2^n with complex coefficients, called amplitudes.

$$\alpha_{00\dots 0} |0,0,\dots,0\rangle + \alpha_{00\dots 01} |0,0,\dots,0,1\rangle + \dots + \alpha_{11\dots 1} |1,1,\dots,1\rangle$$

Quantum computation is done through multiplication of the state vector by $2^n \times 2^n$ unitary matrices.

Rather than working with huge matrices, we consider a **circuit computation** model. This saves space and illustrates what happens better.



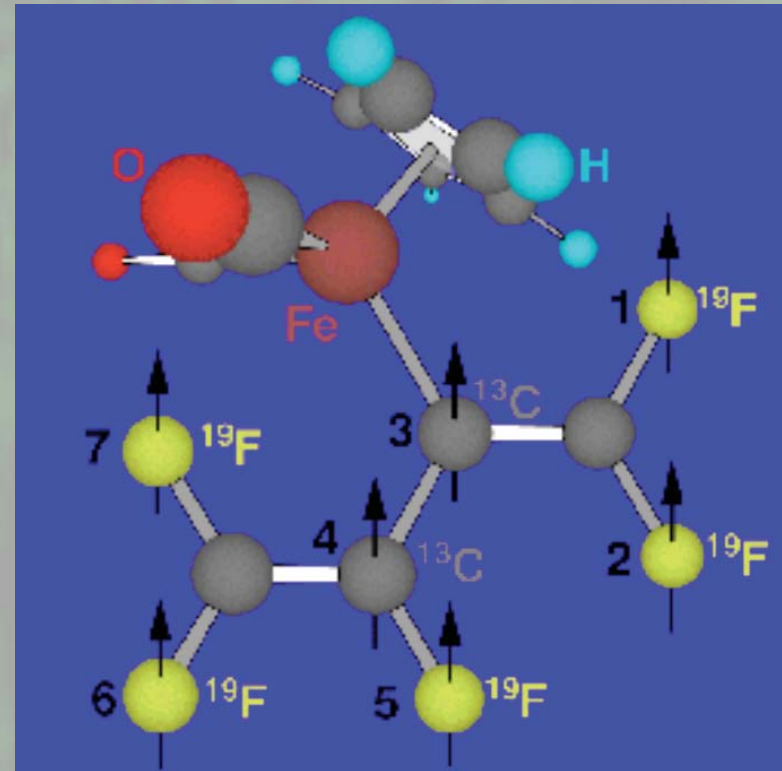
Introduction

Quantum computation features:

1. **Quantum errors.** At any time state $|0\rangle$ can spontaneously change to the state $|1\rangle$ and vice versa.
2. **Measurement kills the system.**
3. **Copying is impossible.** No fan outs.
4. **Computation lifetime is limited** by approximately 2 sec.
5. **Limited number of basic (elementary) gates.**
- 5.5. All the computations are **reversible**.
6. **Scaling is difficult.**
7. **Quantum superposition.** Quantum system with n qubits is associated with presence of 2^n complex numbers.
8. **Quantum parallelism.** It is possible to compute a Boolean function on all the possible inputs simultaneously.

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Introduction



IBM research group, 2001: 7-qubit quantum processor.

$$|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle$$

Introduction



Quantum key distribution.

Main features

- First commercial quantum key distribution system
- Key distribution distance: up to 100 km



Quantum random number generator.

Main features

- PCI card
- random bit rate of up to 16Mbps

Problem Statement

- Find optimal NCV circuits for the $8!$ 3-variable quantum Boolean (reversible) functions.
- Optimal can be based on gate count or on total gate cost for some costing model.
- Gate count is just a cost model where all gates have cost 1.

Motivation

- NOT, CNOT, controlled-V and controlled-V+ (NCV) gates are elementary and well studied blocks.
- We are interested in the direct synthesis of small circuits composed of NCV gates (rather than of libraries with macros).
- Observing optimal circuits for small cases often will shed light on good (if not optimal) synthesis approaches.
- Since we know the optimal results for 3-line Toffoli circuits, it is of interest to know what the optimal NCV circuits might look like.
- It is in its own right a challenging problem ($21^{16}=1,430,568,690,241,985,328,321 \sim 10^{21}$).

Definitions

- A Boolean function $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ is reversible if it maps each input pattern to a unique output pattern (it is a bijection).
- There are $2^n!$ n -variable reversible functions.
- For $n=3$, this yields $8! = 40,320$ functions.

Definitions

- A quantum circuit is a sequence of quantum gates (cascade), linked by “wires”
- The circuit has fixed “width” corresponding to the number of qubits being processed
- Logic design (classical and quantum) attempts to find circuit structures for needed operations that are
 - Functionally correct
 - Independent of physical technology
 - Low-cost, e.g., use the minimum number of qubits or gates
- Quantum logic design is not at all well developed.

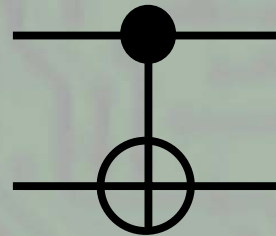
Definitions



NOT

In	Out
0	1
1	0

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

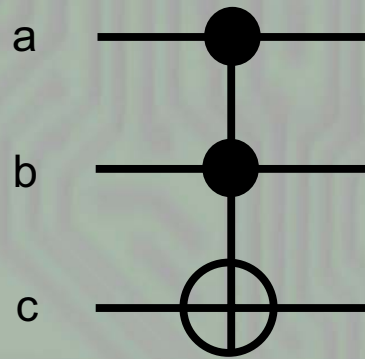


CNOT

In	Out
0 0	0 0
0 1	0 1
1 0	1 1
1 1	1 0

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definitions

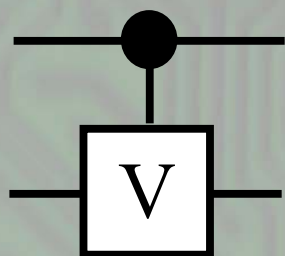


Toffoli

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In			Out		
a	b	c	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
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1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	0

Definitions

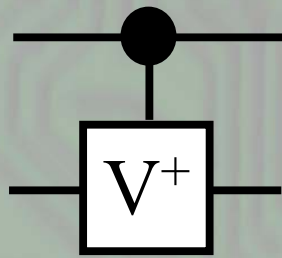


Controlled- V

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

In	Out
0 0	0 0
0 1	0 1
1 0	1 v0
1 1	1 v1
0 v0	0 v0
0 v1	0 v1
1 v0	1 1
1 v1	1 0

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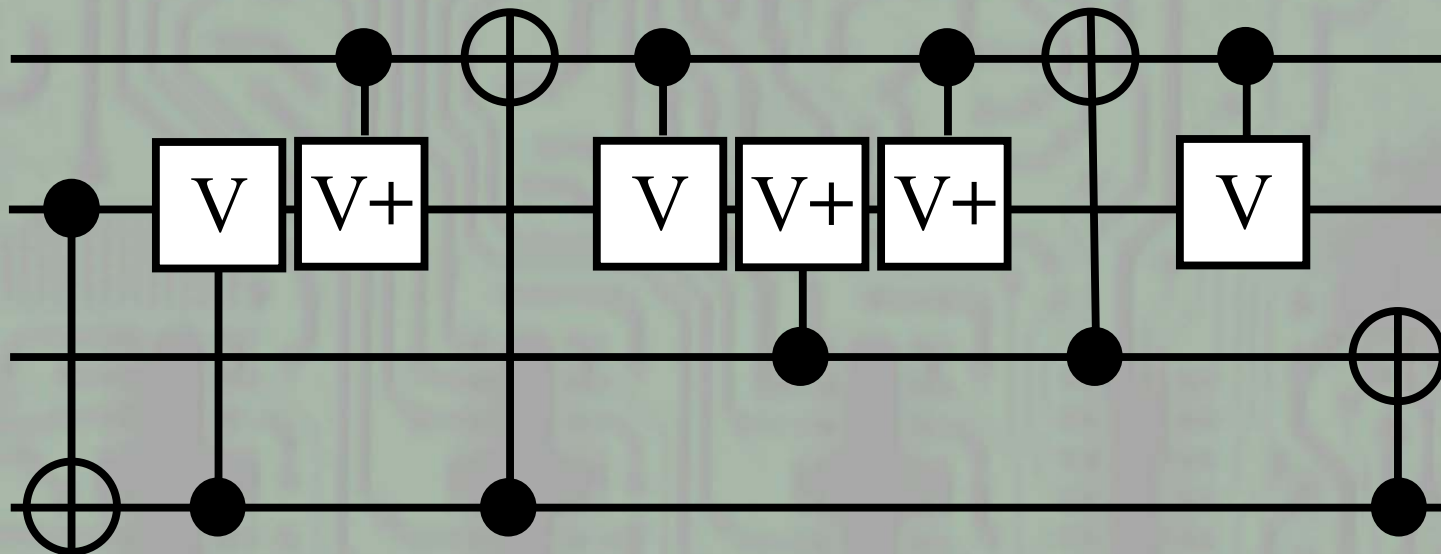


Controlled- V^+

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

In	Out
0 0	0 0
0 1	0 1
1 0	1 v1
1 1	1 v0
0 v0	0 v0
0 v1	0 v1
1 v0	1 0
1 v1	1 1

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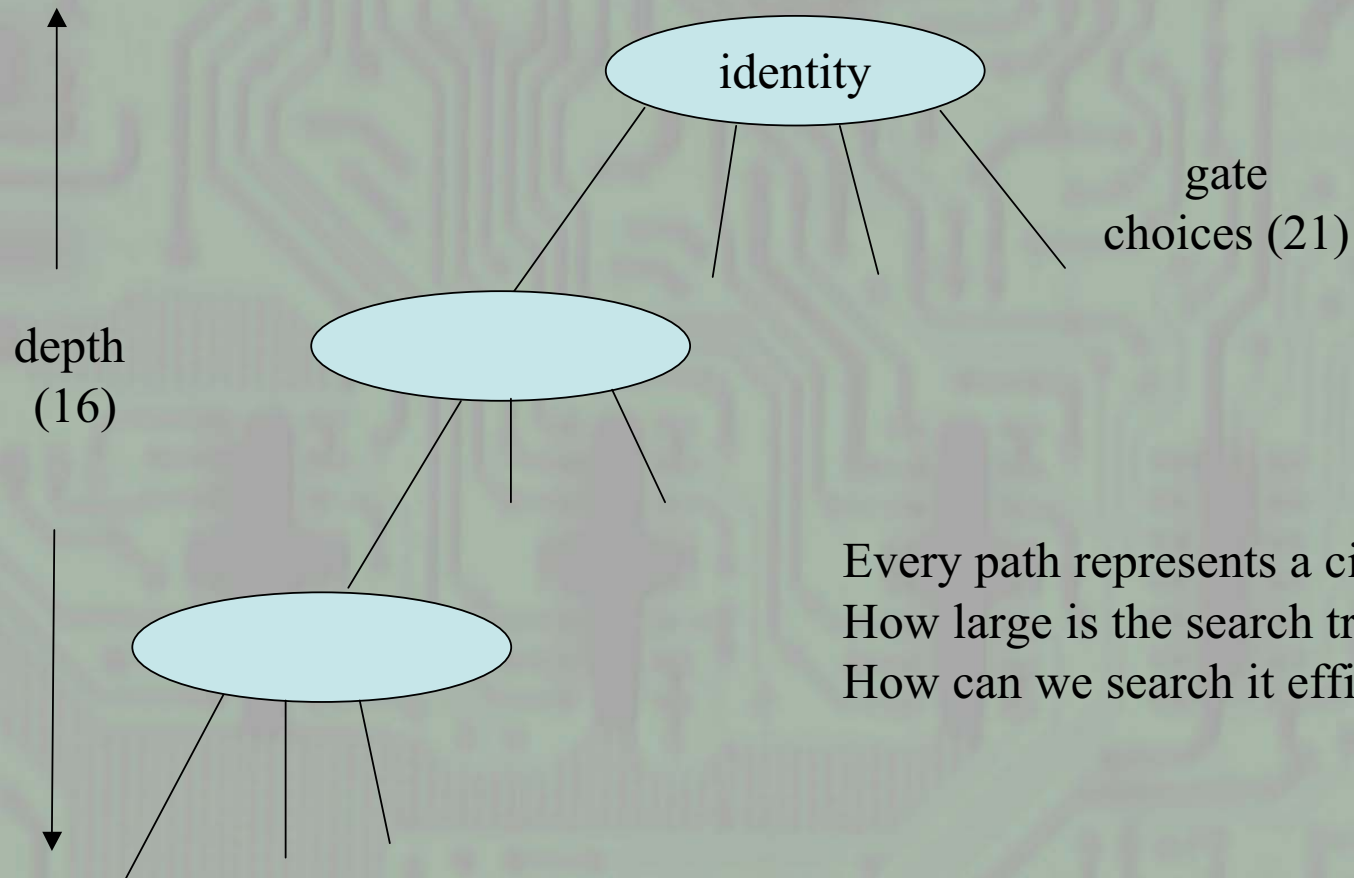


Example of a quantum circuit (3-bit full adder)

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Our solution



Every path represents a circuit.
How large is the search tree? 10^{21}
How can we search it efficiently?

- works well for 'small' trees but pruning is often required for large problems
- should work for gate count cost but what about other cost models?

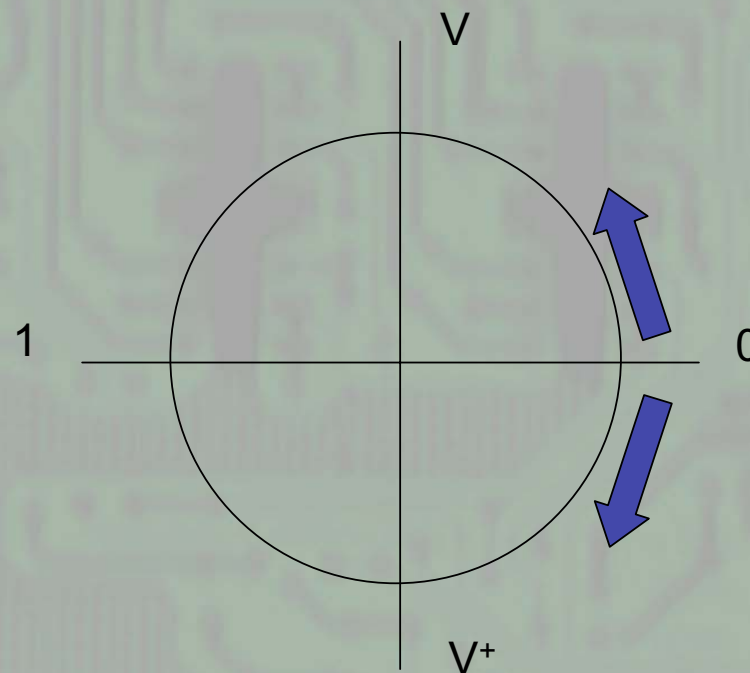
Our solution

- Issues:
 - How to code the functions accounting for Boolean and quantum values?
 - How to limit the search space?
 - How to search the tree efficiently?
 - How to account for different gate costs?
- Assumption: never use a ‘quantum’ line as a control for a V or V^+ gate.

Our solution

How to code functions?

- The Boolean and quantum values can be treated as follows:



A V gate is a quarter turn counter-clockwise

A V^+ gate is a quarter turn clockwise

Our solution

A simple coding is sufficient

0	0 0
V	0 1
1	1 0
V+	1 1

We can think of a quantum function as having a base Boolean function (reversible parent) with a quantum signature added.

a	b	c	A	B	C	a	b	c	A	B	C
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	V	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1	V+	0	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	V	1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	V+	1	0	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0

Our solution

How to limit the search space?

Theorem. A circuit realizing a Boolean reversible function realizes the same function if controlled-V gates are replaced by controlled-V⁺ gates and controlled-V⁺ gates are replaced by controlled-V gates.

Proof: Obvious from circle of values.

Hint 1: during the search it is always enough to use gate controlled-V as the first quantum gate.

Our solution

The number of gate choices is 21:

- 3 NOT
- 6 CNOT
- 6 controlled- V
- 6 controlled- V^+

But not all gate choices are applicable in all situations.

Hint 2: Don't follow a gate with another gate with the same control and target – such a pair can always be reduced to one gate regardless of the gate types.

Assumes no gate type is realizable by a lower cost composition of other gates types.

Our solution

Hint 3: Once an optimal implementation of a function is found, we have also found an optimal implementation for all functions that differ from this one only by their input-output labeling.

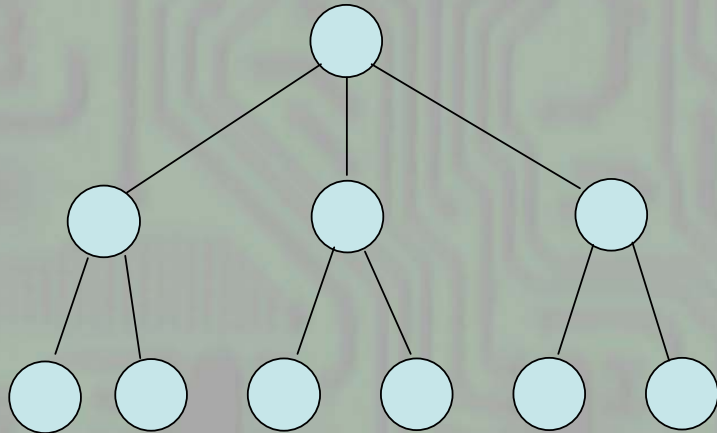
Hint 4: don't consider a circuit (tree node) if we have already found a cheaper realization for that function.

Hint 5 (not used): once $G_1 G_2 \dots G_k$ is an optimal circuit for a reversible function f , $G_k^{-1} G_{k-1}^{-1} \dots G_1^{-1}$ is an optimal circuit for f^{-1} .

Our solution

- There are 40,320 3-line Boolean reversible functions.
- We don't know how many quantum function will have to be considered.
- In the breadth-first search we want to visit the cheaper circuits first. For gate count cost, this is easy and can be done with one queue.
- But for a cost model with different costs for different gate types, multiple queues are required.

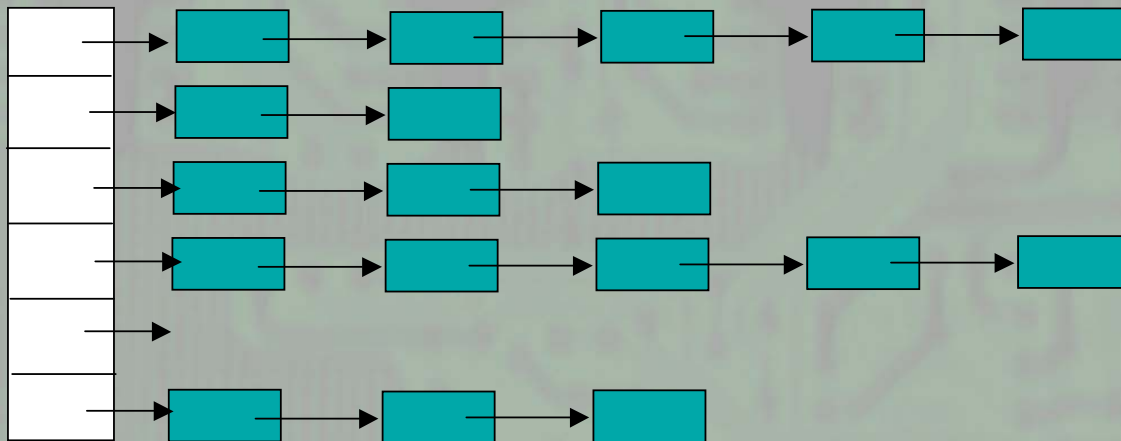
Our solution



$$NQ = \text{max gate cost} + 1$$

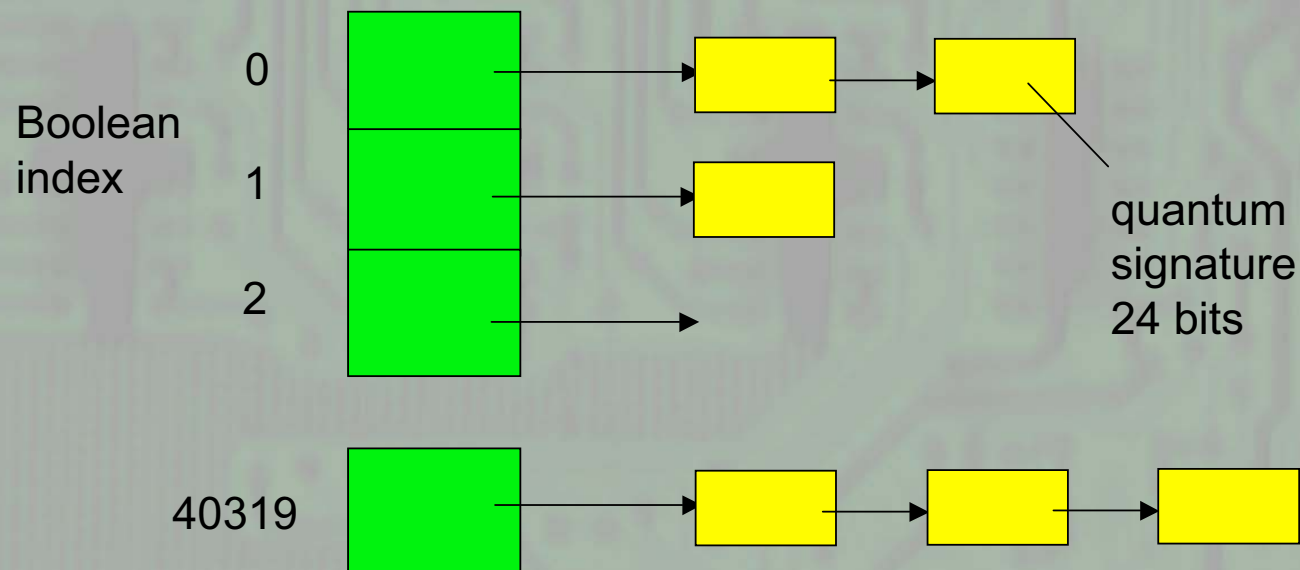
a circuit of cost C is queued in
queue $C \bmod NQ$

**This is a prioritized
breadth-first search.**



Our solution

- A *reversible parent* is readily mapped to an index (integer) and vice versa (see p. 161 in Combinatorial Algorithms, by Reingold, Nievergelt and Deo).



Results

NCV-111 cost model

- average gate count: 10.03
- average cost: 10.03
- Boolean functions queued: 6,828
- Boolean function cost reductions: 0
- Quantum functions queued: 206,410
- Quantum function cost reductions: 0
- user time: 61 seconds on a fairly fast UNIX box

Results

0 : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 : 0 : ;

5167 : 1 0 3 2 5 4 7 6 : 0 : N(1,0);
11536 : 2 3 0 1 6 7 4 5 : 1 : N(2,0);
23616 : 4 5 6 7 0 1 2 3 : 2 : N(3,0);

121 : 0 1 3 2 4 5 7 6 : 0 : N(1,2);
1565 : 0 3 2 1 4 7 6 5 : 1 : N(2,1);
3109 : 0 5 2 7 4 1 6 3 : 2 : N(3,1);
7 : 0 1 2 3 5 4 7 6 : 3 : N(1,3);
16 : 0 1 2 3 6 7 4 5 : 4 : N(2,3);
592 : 0 1 6 7 4 5 2 3 : 5 : N(3,2);

5046 : 1 0 2 3 5 4 6 7 : 0 : N(1,0).N(1,2);
10814 : 2 1 0 3 6 5 4 7 : 1 : N(2,0).N(2,1);
21410 : 4 1 6 3 0 5 2 7 : 2 : N(3,0).N(3,1);
5160 : 1 0 3 2 4 5 6 7 : 3 : N(1,0).N(1,3);

Results

28024 : 5 3 7 2 4 6 0 1 : 2 :
N(3,1) .V(1,3) .N(1,0) .V(1,2) .N(2,3) .VP(1,2) .V(3,1)
.VP(3,2) .N(2,1) .V(3,2) .V(2,3) .VP(2,1) .N(1,3) .VP(2,1);

37137 : 7 2 4 3 1 5 6 0 : 0 :
N(1,2) .V(3,1) .V(3,2) .N(2,1) .V(3,2) .V(1,2) .N(2,3) .
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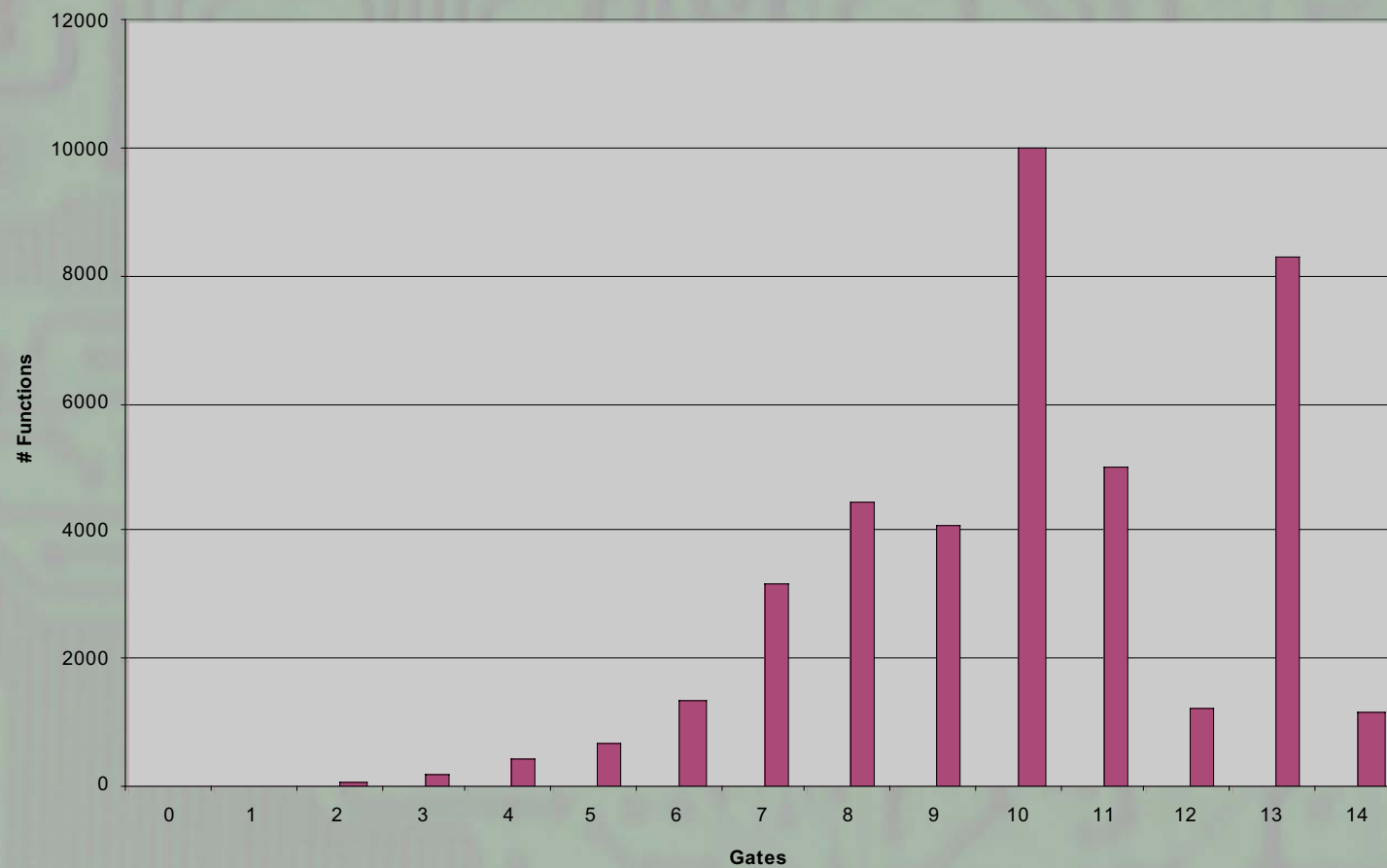
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N(1,2) .V(3,1) .V(3,2) .N(2,1) .V(3,2) .V(1,2) .N(2,3) .
VP(1,2) .VP(1,3) .V(3,1) .N(2,0) .N(1,2) .V(3,1) .V(3,2);

36209 : 7 1 2 5 4 6 3 0 : 0 :
V(1,2) .N(2,3) .V(1,3) .VP(1,2) .V(2,1) .V(2,3) .N(3,1)
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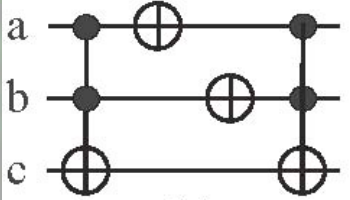
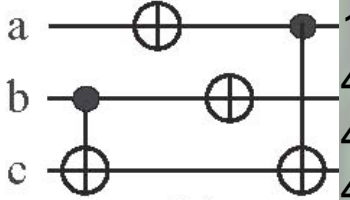
36231 : 7 1 2 6 4 3 5 0 : 0 :
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.VP(2,3) .V(1,2) .N(3,0) .N(3,2) .N(2,3) .VP(1,2) .VP(1,3);

Results

NCV Cost 1-1-1 Gate Count



Results

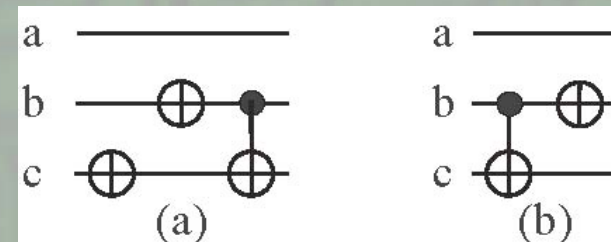
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Cost	GC	NCV-111	NCV-111	14	0	8318	1180
0	1	1	1	15	0	4385	0
1	12	9	9	16	0	255	0
2	102					1297	0
3	625					4626	0
4	2780					4804	0
5	8921					475	0
6	17049					106	0
7	10253	335	3176	21	0	503	0
8	577	1300	4470	22	0	357	0
9	0	3037	4122	23	0	4	0
10	0	3394	10008	24	0	17	0
11	0	793	5036	27	0	2	0
12	0	929	1236	28	0		
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Conclusion 1: small Toffoli gate count is not an effective illustration of the implementation cost.

Results

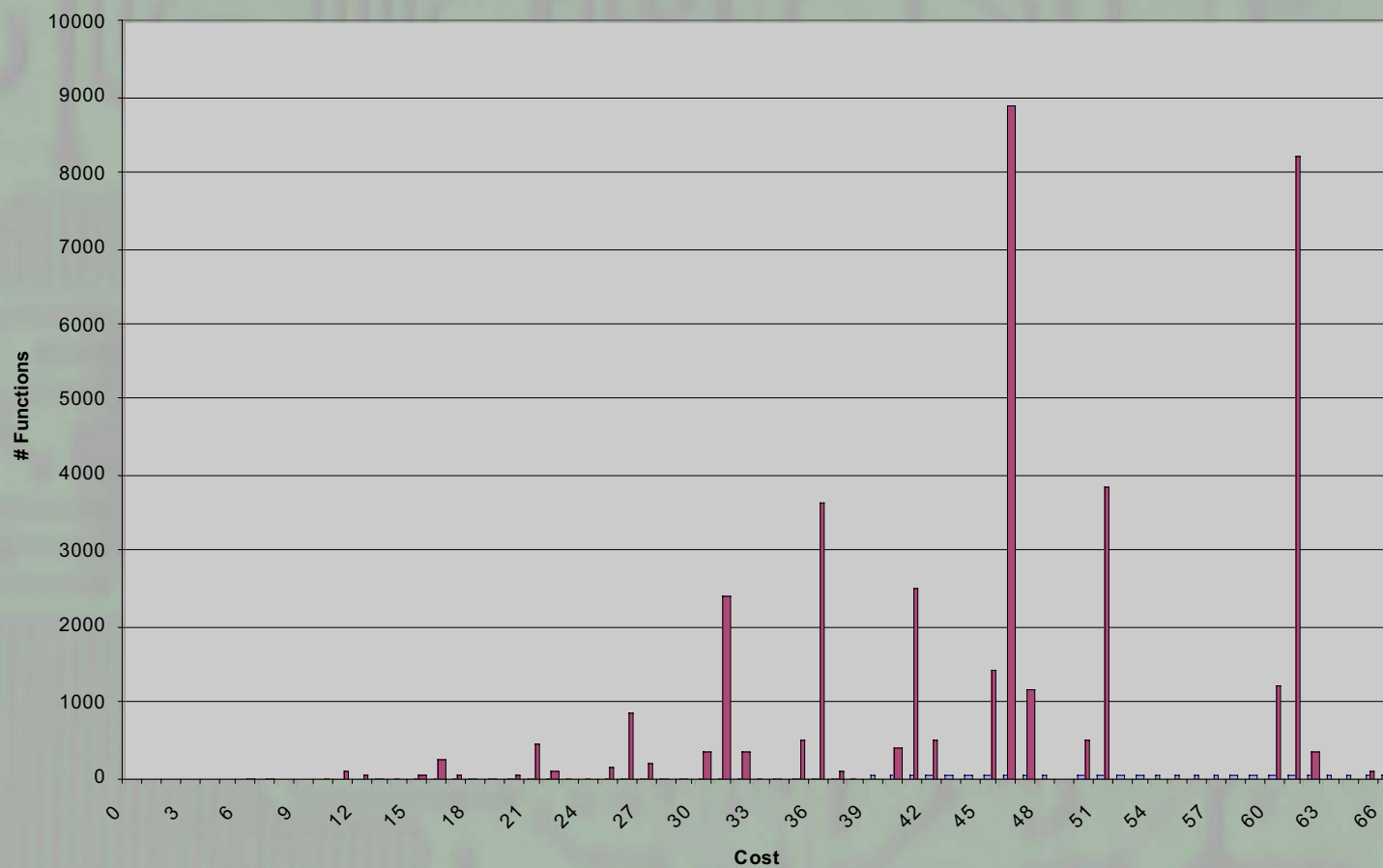
NCV-155 cost model

- average gate count: 10.03
- average cost: 46.35
- Boolean functions queued: 6,878
- Boolean function cost reductions: 50
- quantum functions queued: 232,406
- Quantum function cost reductions: 19,038
- user time: 68 seconds



Results

NCV Cost 1 - 5 - 5 Cost



Results

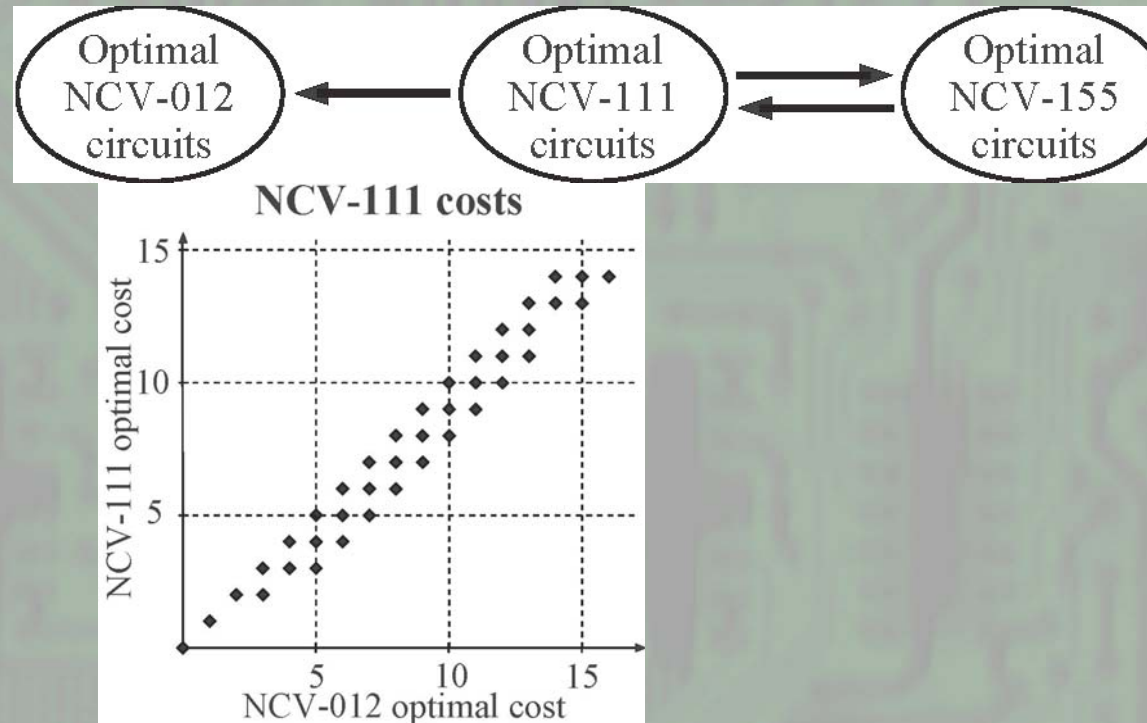
Distribution of controlled-V/controlled-V⁺ gates.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	187	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	393	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	474	0	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	215	0	0	1158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	14	0	0	3162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	4110	0	0	360	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	714	0	0	3408	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10008	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	5036	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1232	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8340	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1180	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Conclusion 2: number of controlled-V/controlled-V⁺ gates in optimal implementations is divisible by 3.

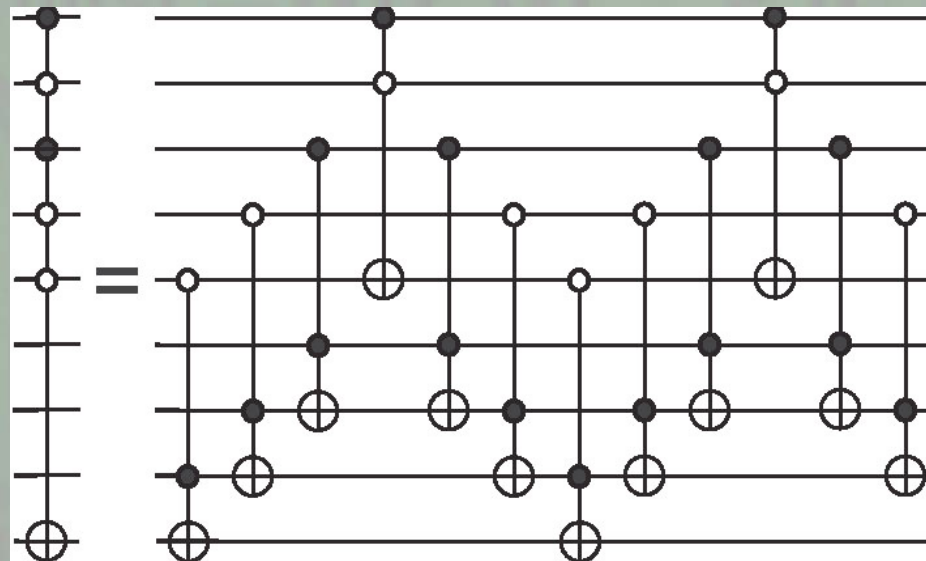
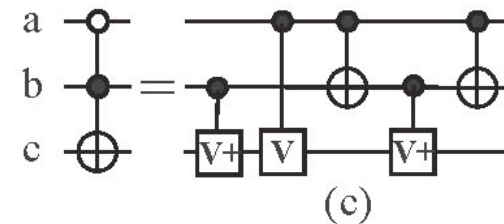
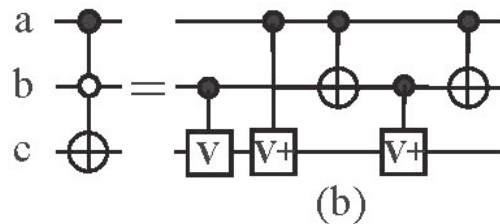
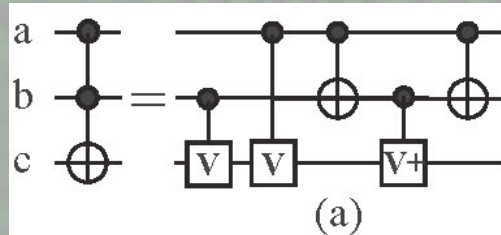
Results

Interchangeability chart.



Conclusion 3: for small functions, it does not matter much in which metric to minimize a circuit. NCV-111 metric, however, seems to be more useful.

Results



Conclusion 4: multiple control Toffoli gates with some but not all negations are no more expensive than Toffoli gates with all positive controls.

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Thank you!

Comments, Questions, Critiques?