



Portland State University

**S'20 CS410/510**

**Intro to  
quantum computing**

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## **Week 7**

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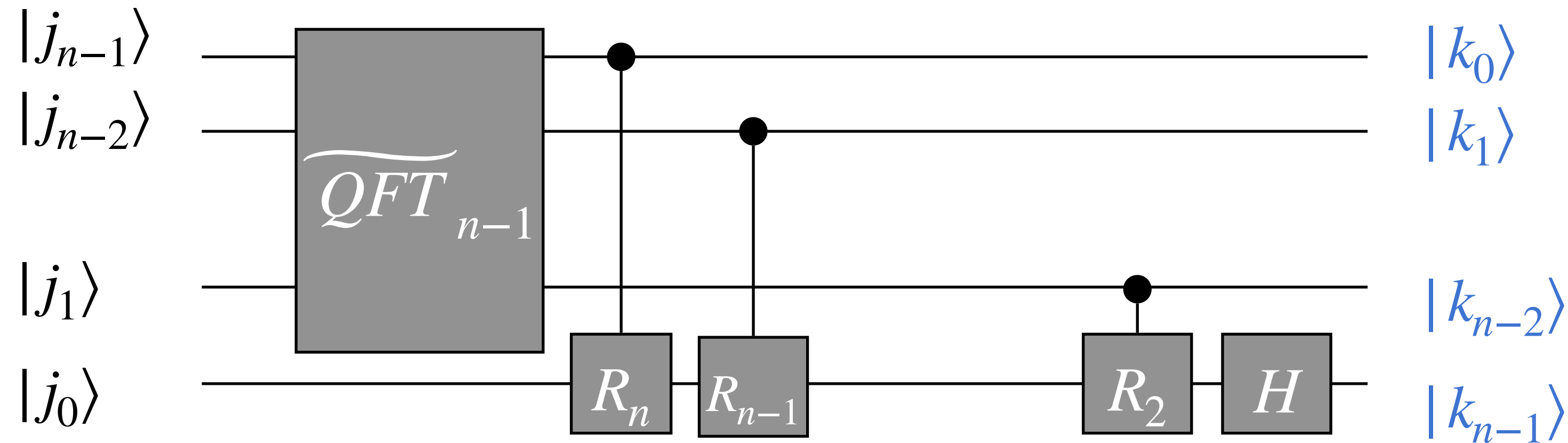
- QFT recap
- Grover's algorithm
- Optimality of Grover's alg.

Credit: based on slides by Richard Cleve

# Review: QFT

$$QFT_n : |j_{n-1}j_{n-2}\dots j_0\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \omega_{2^n}^{jk} |k_{n-1}k_{n-2}\dots k_0\rangle$$

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$$R_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_{2^k} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Exercise

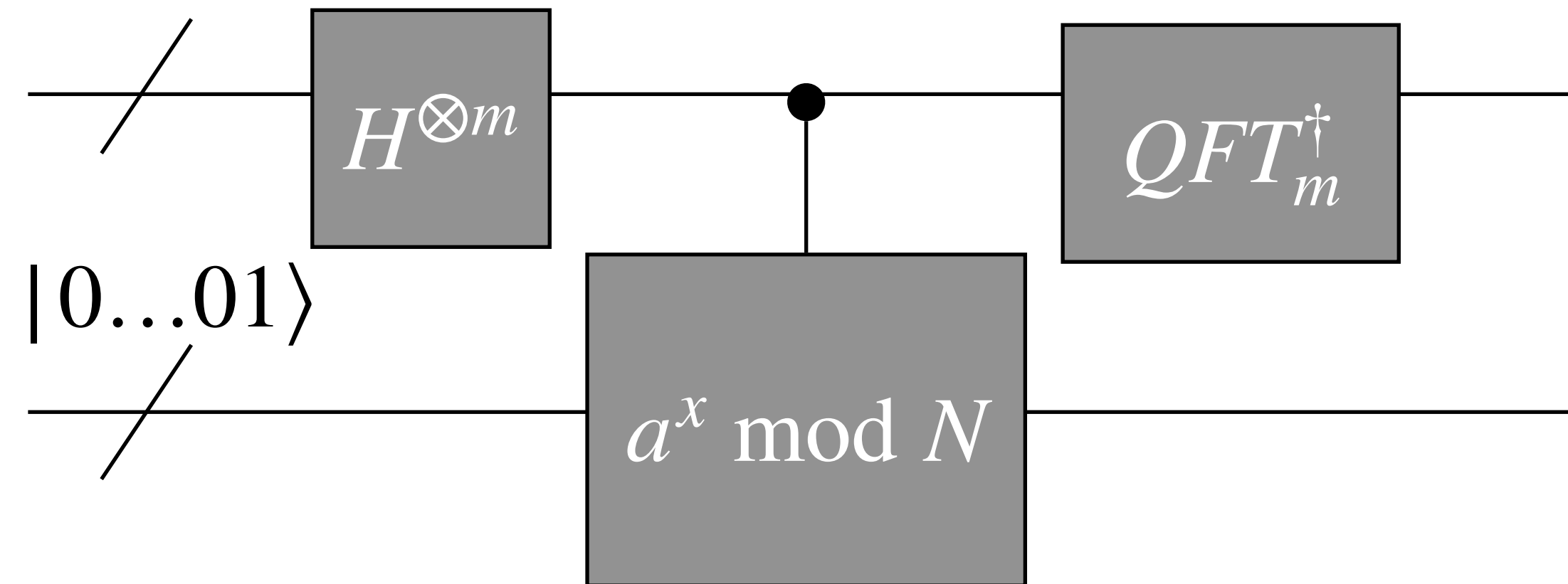
1. Let  $\vec{x} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0, \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^T$ . Compute  $\vec{y} = F_4 \vec{x}$ .

$$F_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_4 & \omega_4^2 & \omega_4^3 \\ 1 & \omega_4^2 & \omega_4^4 & \omega_4^6 \\ 1 & \omega_4^3 & \omega_4^6 & \omega_4^9 \end{pmatrix}$$

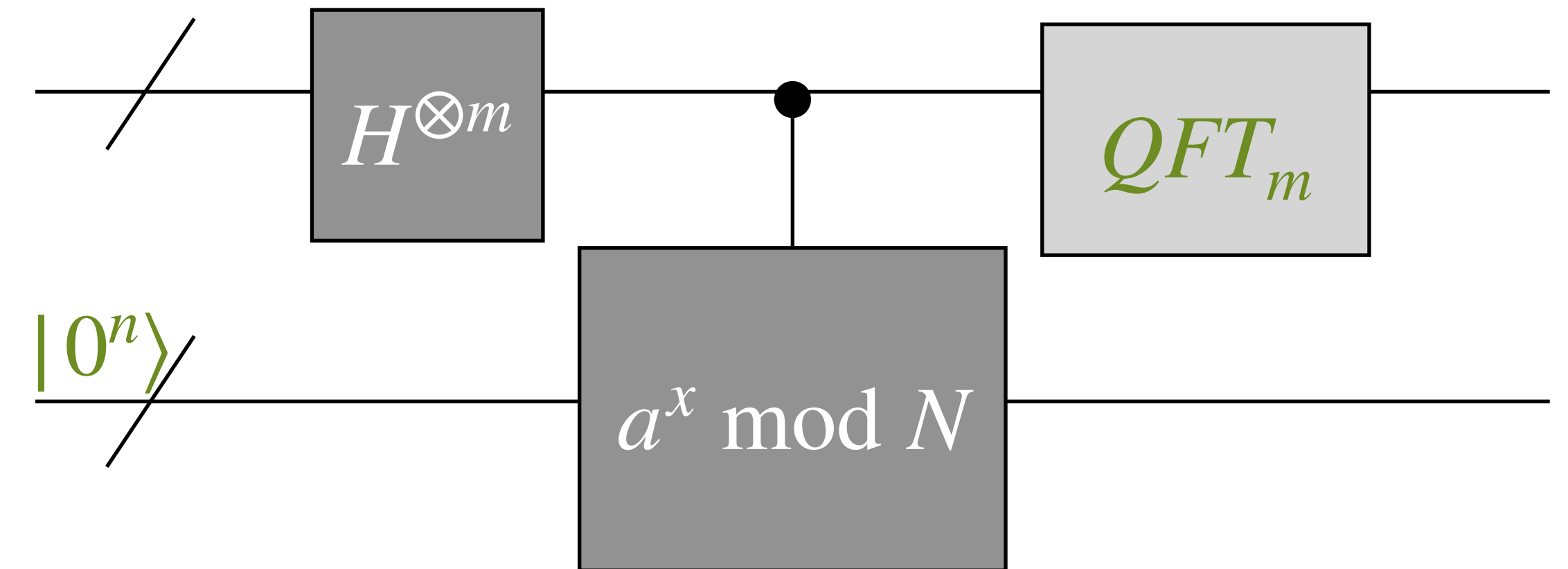
2. Draw the **QFT** circuit implementing  $F_4$  (i.e.  $QFT_2$ ). How about  $QFT_2^\dagger$ ?

# Quantum order finding/factorization

- Order finding à la **phase estimation** [Kitaev'95]



- Shor's algorithm à la **quantum Fourier sampling** [Shor'94]



# Quantum speedup for “structured” problems

Problem	Deterministic	Randomized	Quantum
Deutsch	2	2	1
Deutsch-Josza	$2^n/2$	$O(n)$	1
Simon	$2^n/2$	$\sqrt{2^n}$	$O(n^2)$
Order-finding Factoring $N$	$2^{O((\log N)^{1/3}(\log \log N)^{2/3})}$		$(\log N)^3$

Oracle/Query model

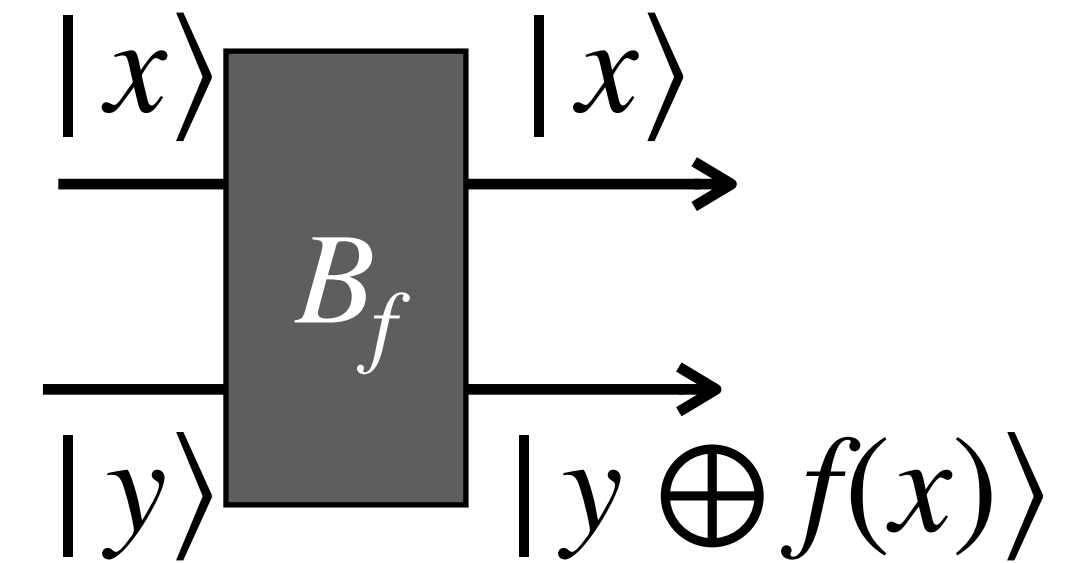
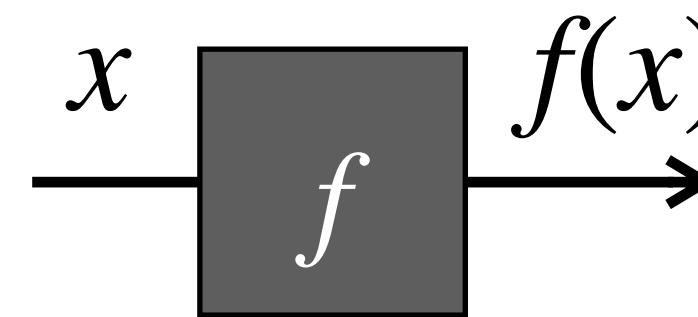
© Today. Generic quantum speedup for **unstructured** search.

# Grover's quantum search algorithm

# Unstructured search

Given: a black-box function  $f : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

Goal: find  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 1$  (if there is one).



## ● Example.

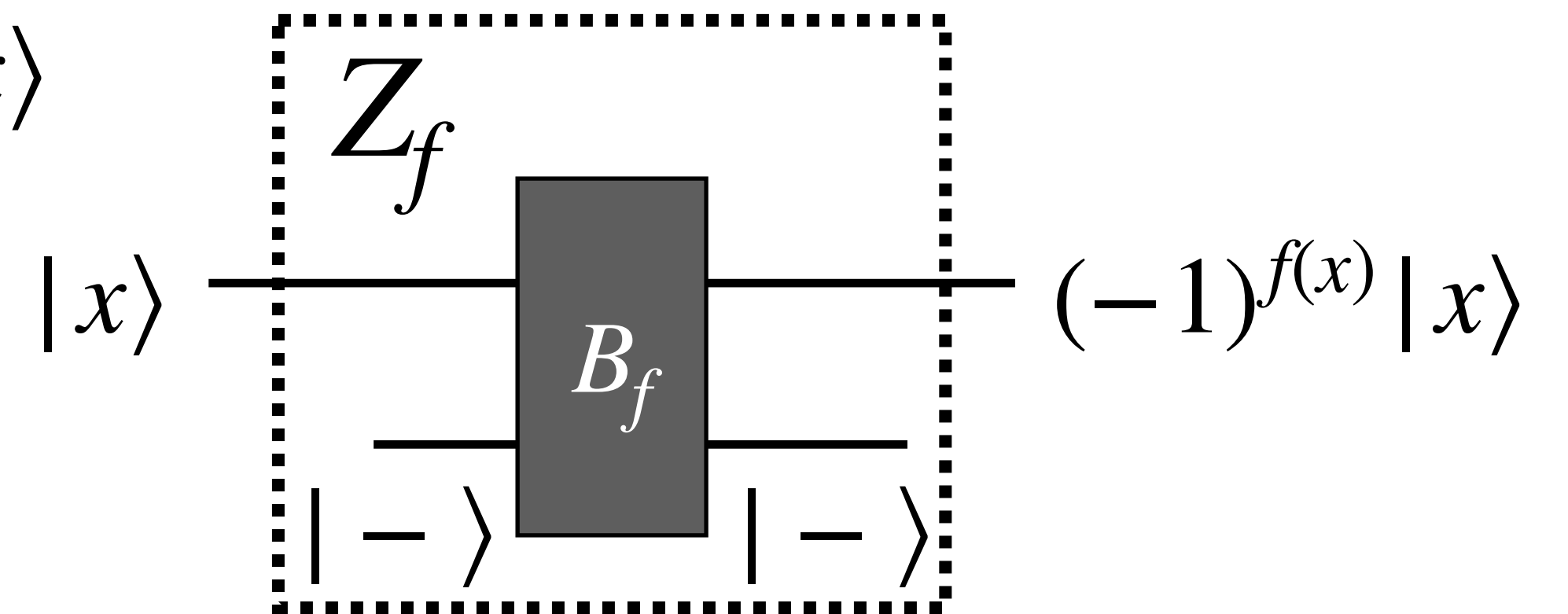
- $x \in \{0,1\}^n$  represents a record of a patient at a hospital
- $f(x) = 1$  if  $x$  is tested positive for DIVOC-91

● Classical algorithms:  $2^n$  queries necessary

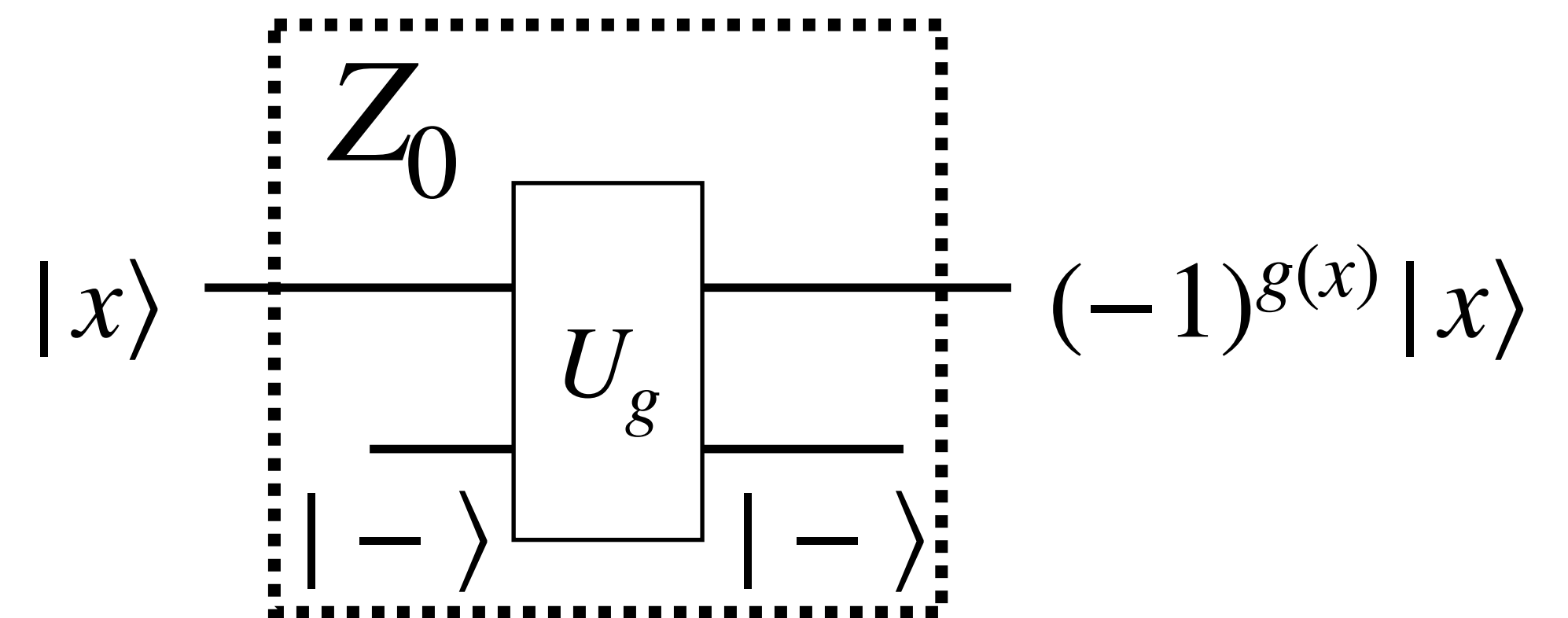
● Grover's quantum algorithm:  $O(\sqrt{2^n})$  queries

# Grover's algorithm: basic operations

$$\odot Z_f : |x\rangle \mapsto \begin{cases} -|x\rangle, & f(x) = 1 \\ |x\rangle, & f(x) = 0 \end{cases} = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$



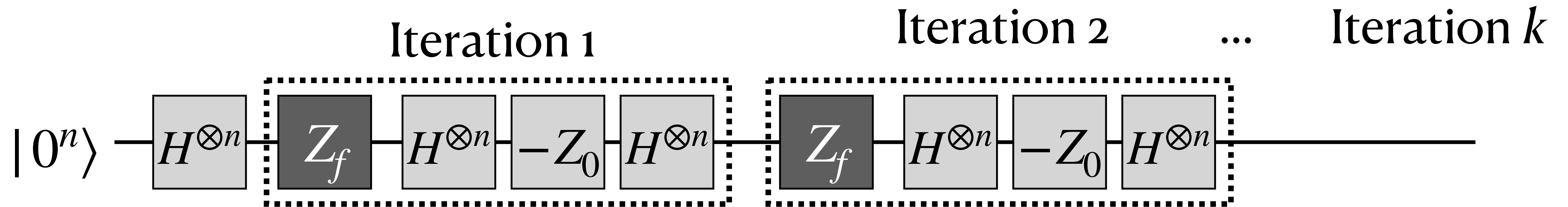
$$\odot Z_0 : |x\rangle \mapsto \begin{cases} -|x\rangle, & x = 0^n \\ |x\rangle, & x \neq 0^n \end{cases} = (-1)^{g(x)} |x\rangle$$



$$\odot g(x) = 1 \text{ iff. } x = 0^n.$$

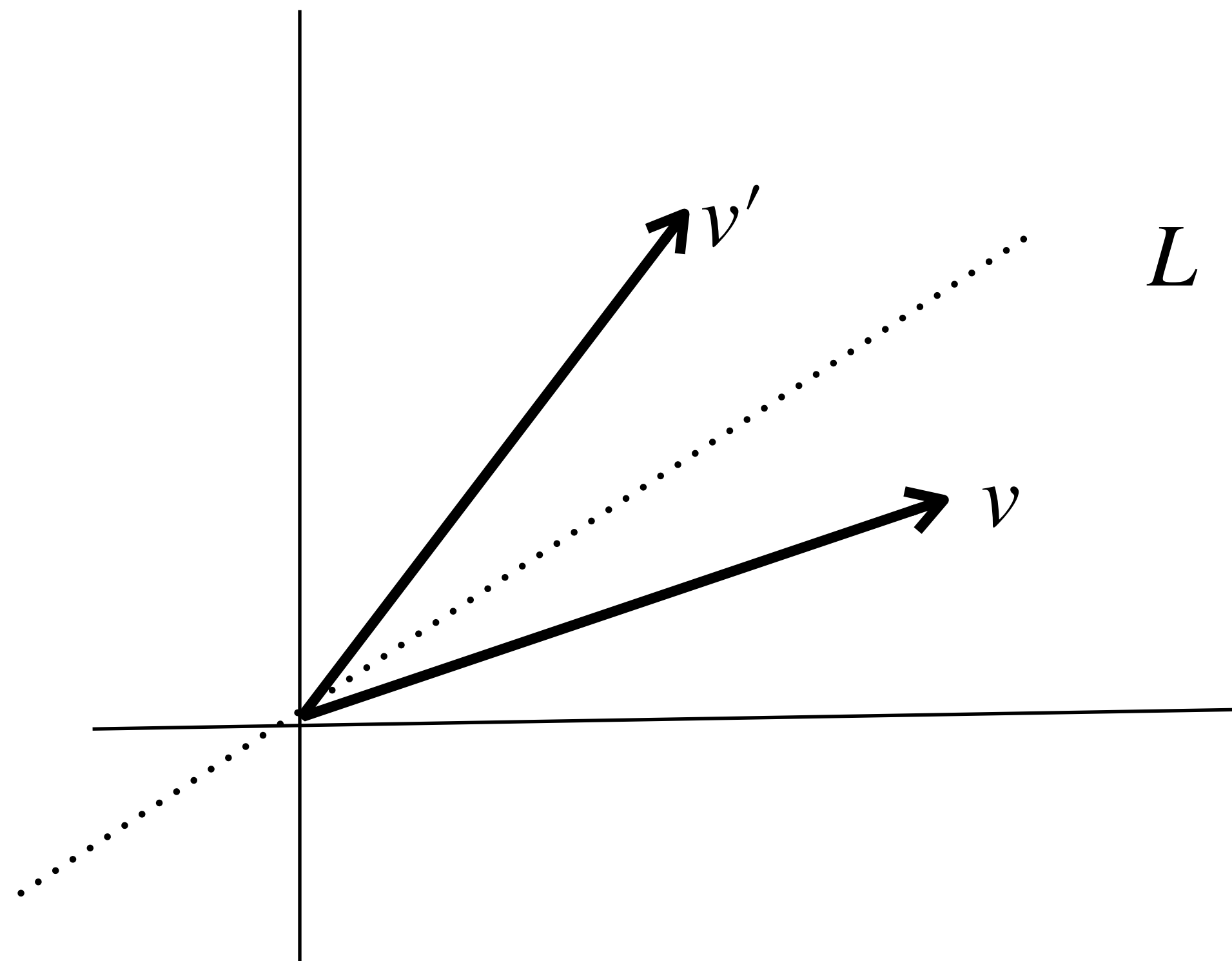


# Grover's algorithm

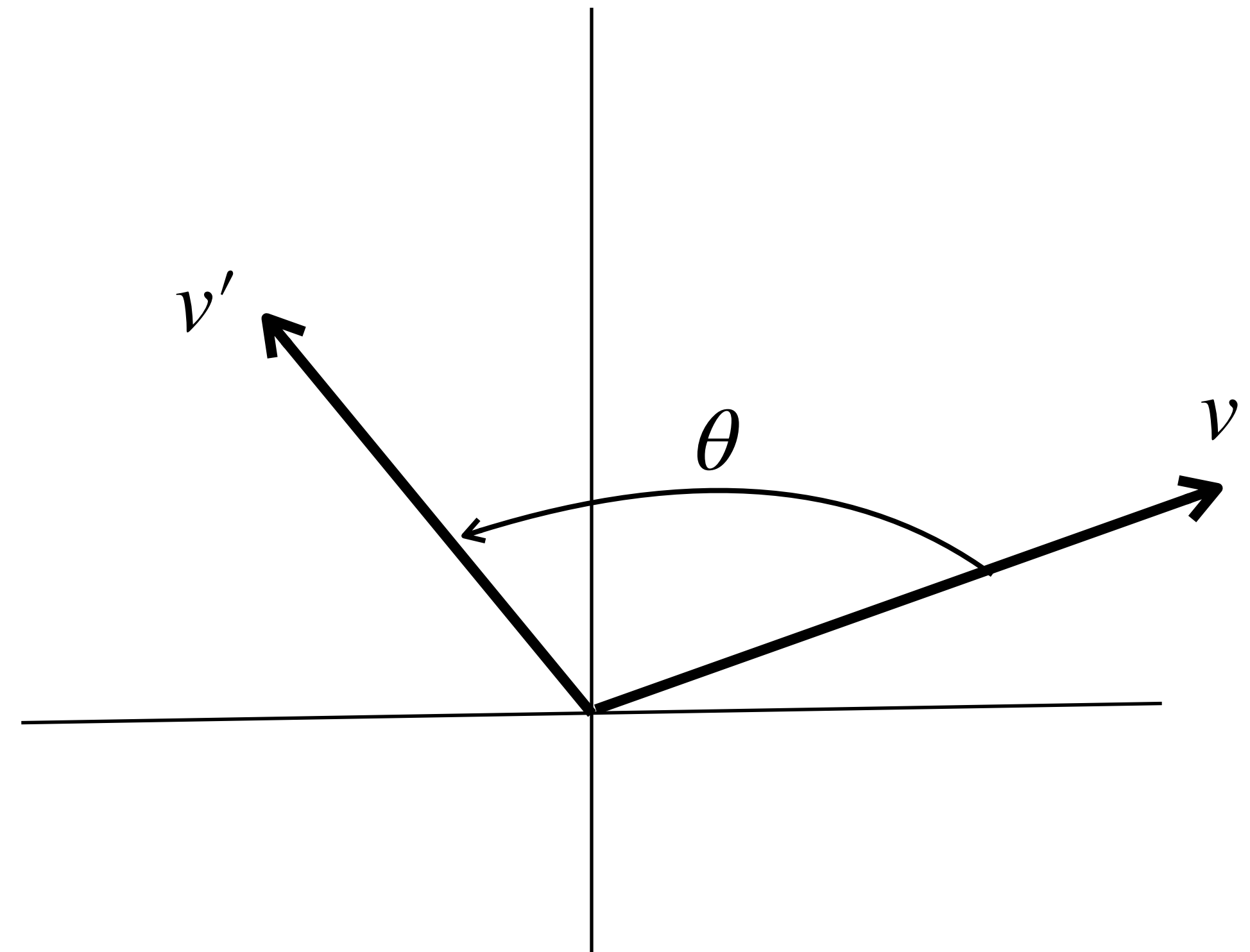


- Prepare  $|h\rangle := H^{\otimes n} |0^n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle$ .
- Repeat  $k$  times:  $(-HZ_0H)Z_f$ .
- Measure and get  $x$ , check if  $f(x) = 1$ .

# Reflections and rotations

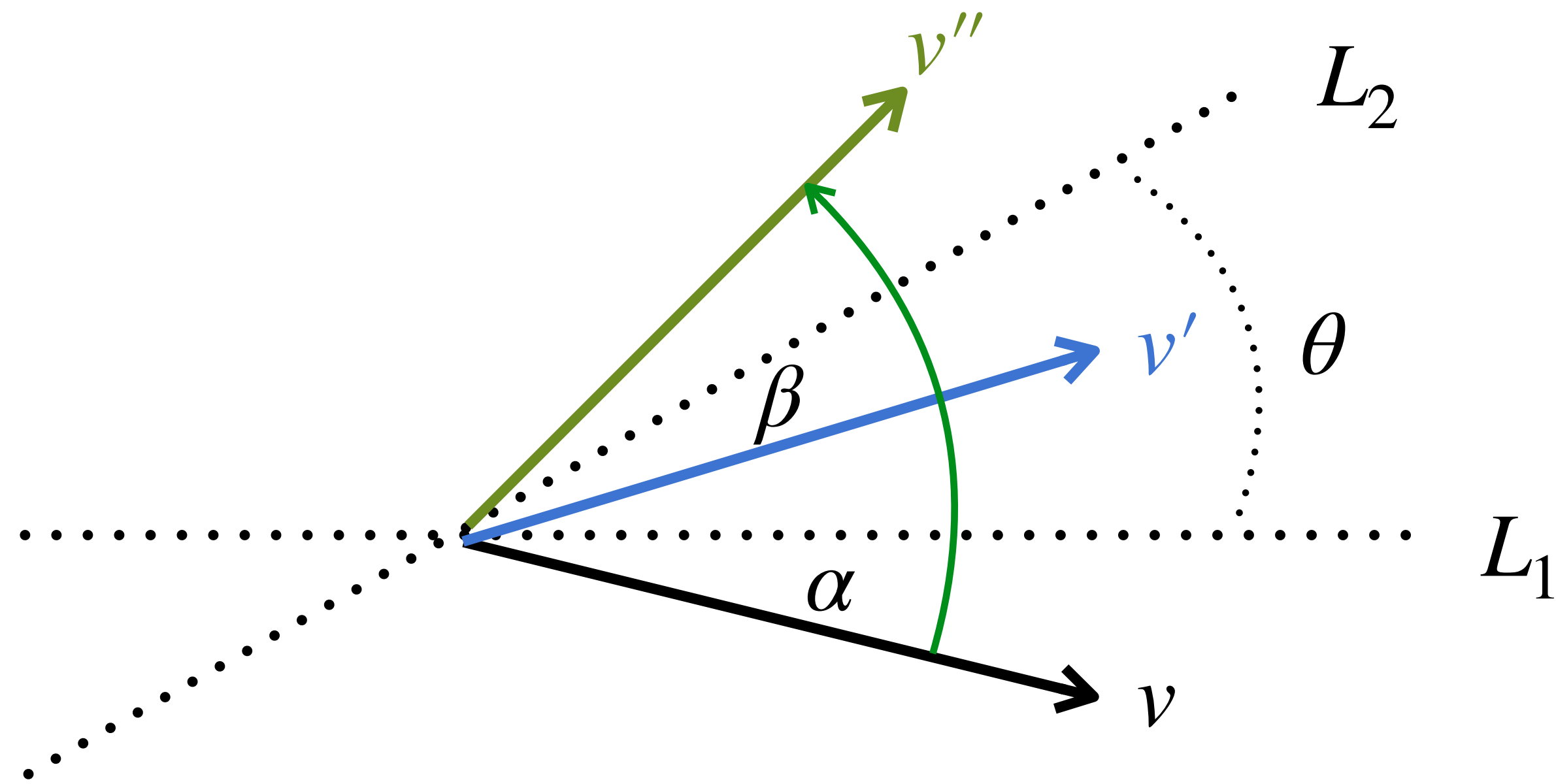


Reflection



Rotation

# 2 reflections = 1 rotation



$$(L_1, L_2) = \theta$$

Reflection about  $L_1$  and  $L_2$   $\equiv$  Rotation by  $2\theta$

# Grover's algorithm: analysis

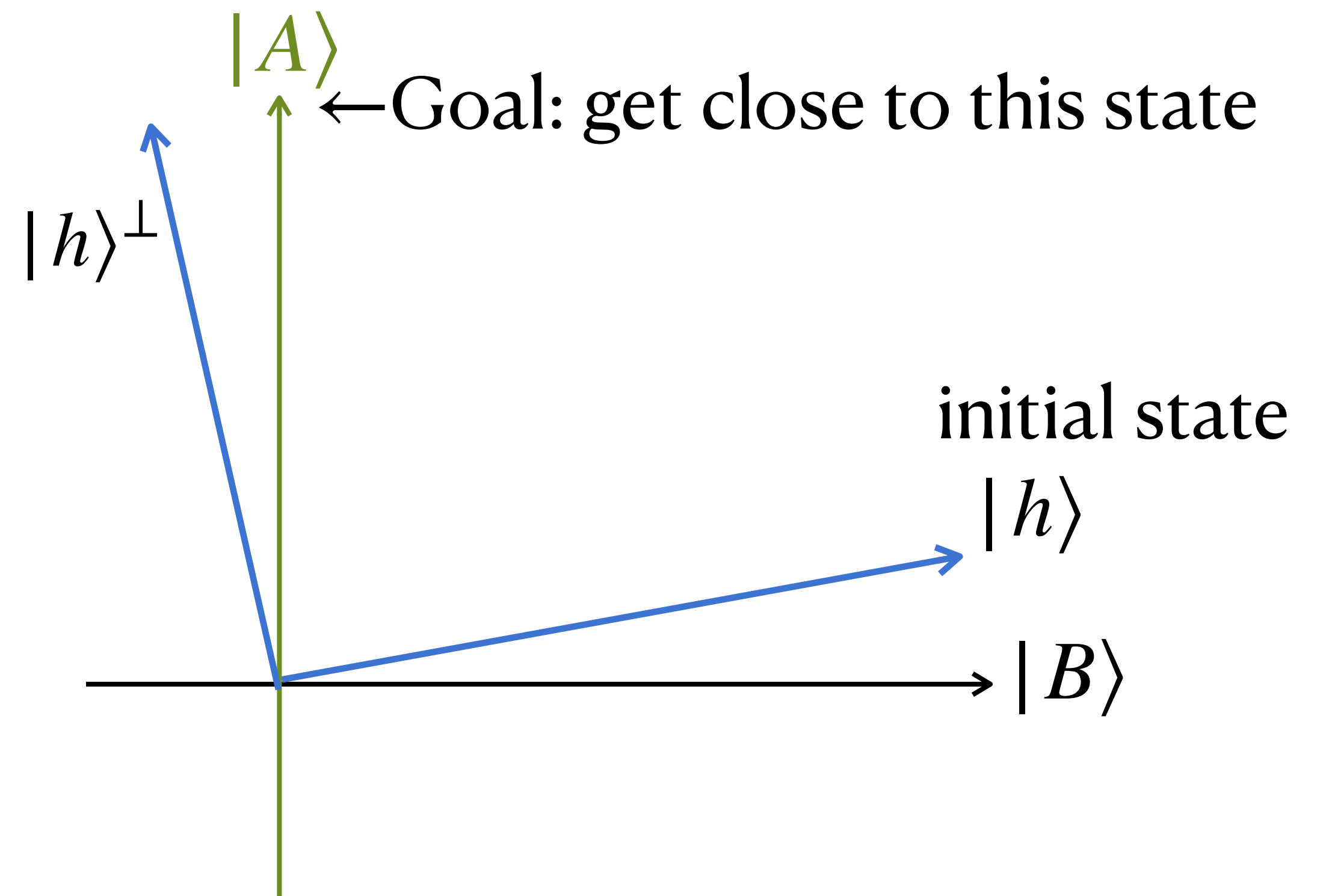
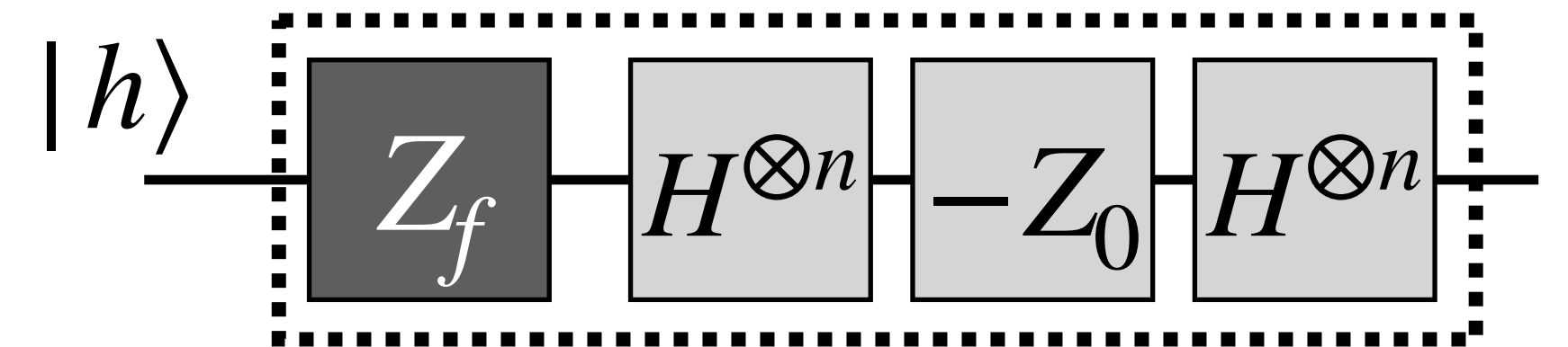
Grover Iteration

## Notations

- $A := \{x \in \{0,1\}^n : f(x) = 1\}$
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- $N = 2^n, a = |A|, b = |B|$

## A fundamental 2D-plane

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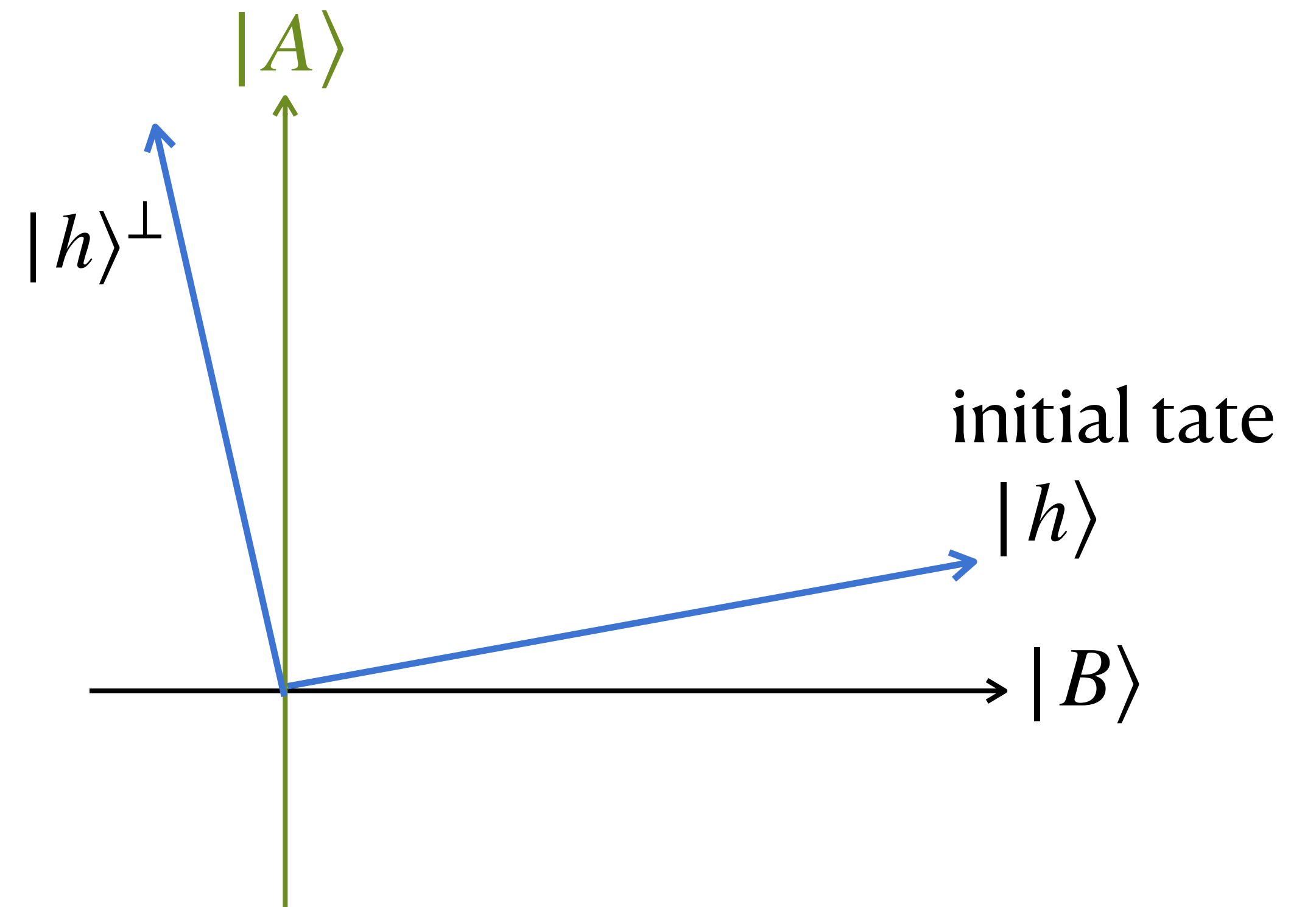
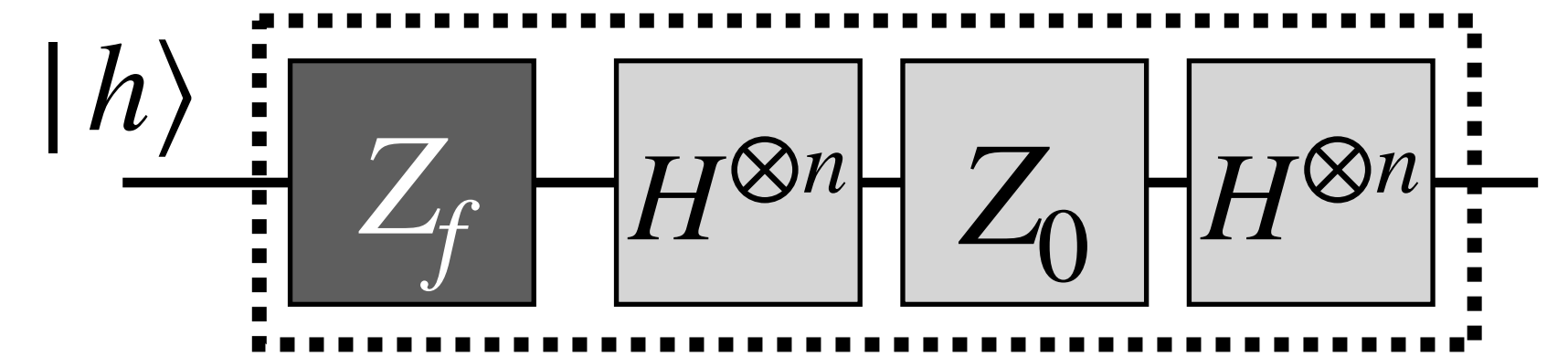
2. Find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  so that  $|h\rangle = \alpha |A\rangle + \beta |B\rangle$

# Grover's algorithm: analysis

Grover Iteration

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- **Obs. 1.**  $Z_f$  is a **reflection** about  $|B\rangle$



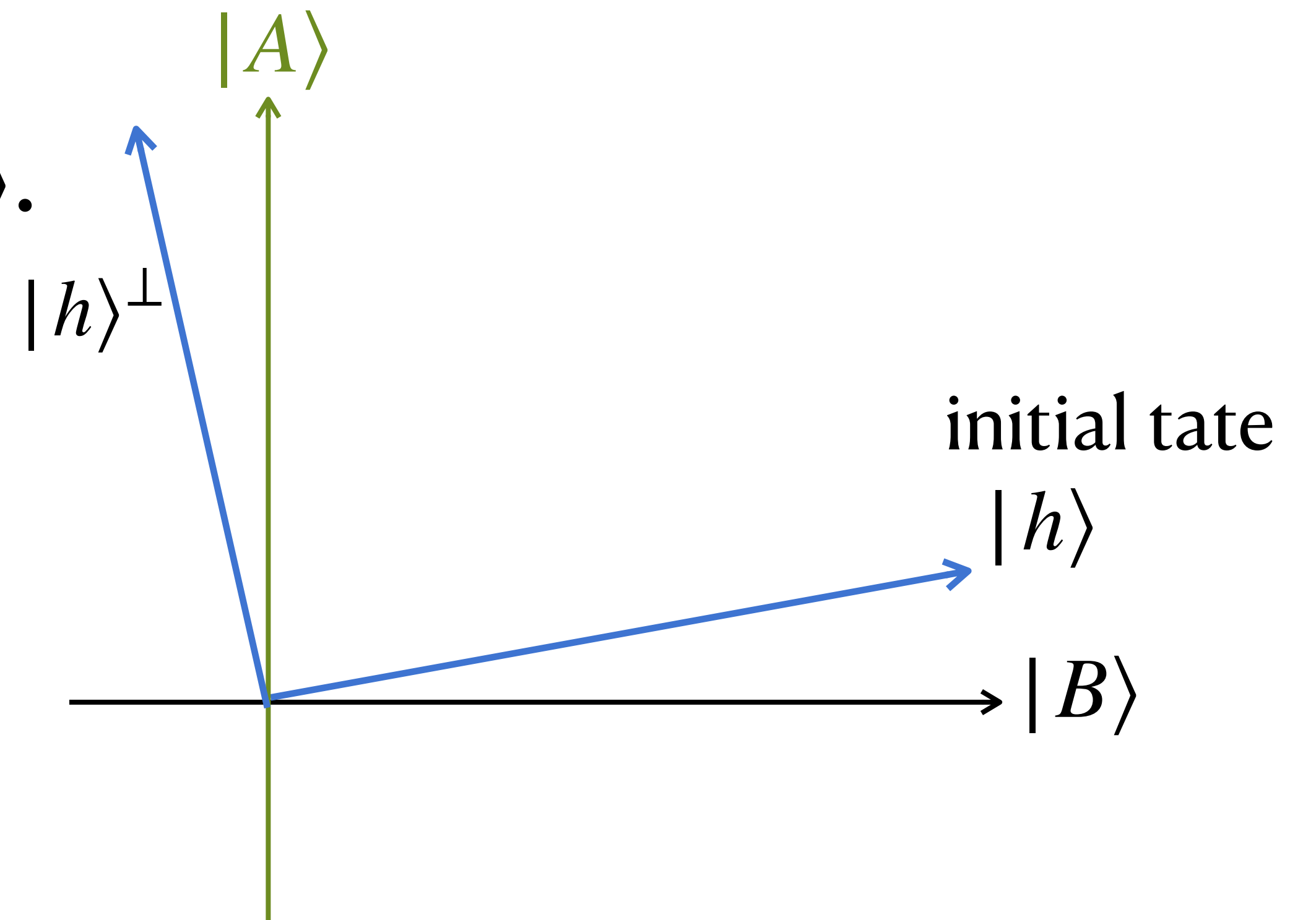
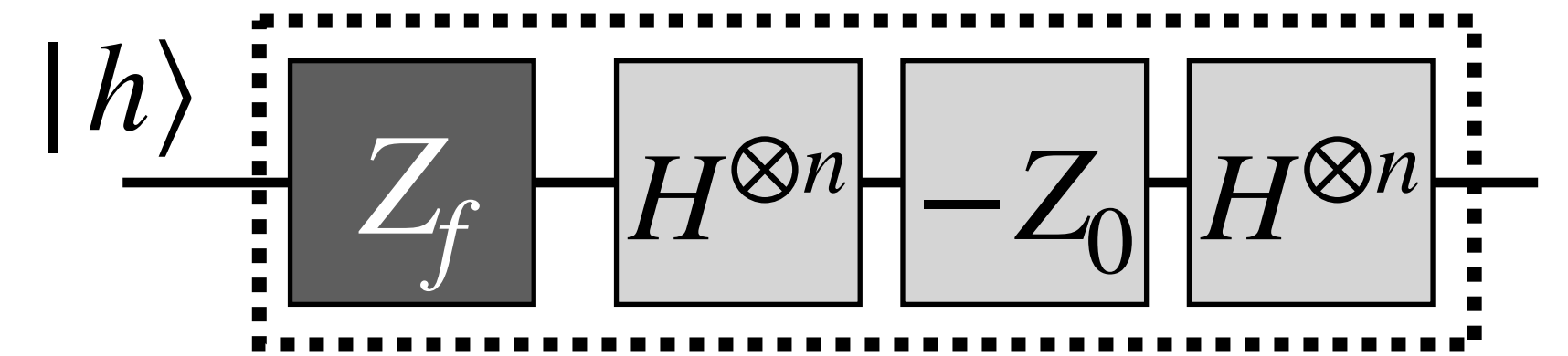
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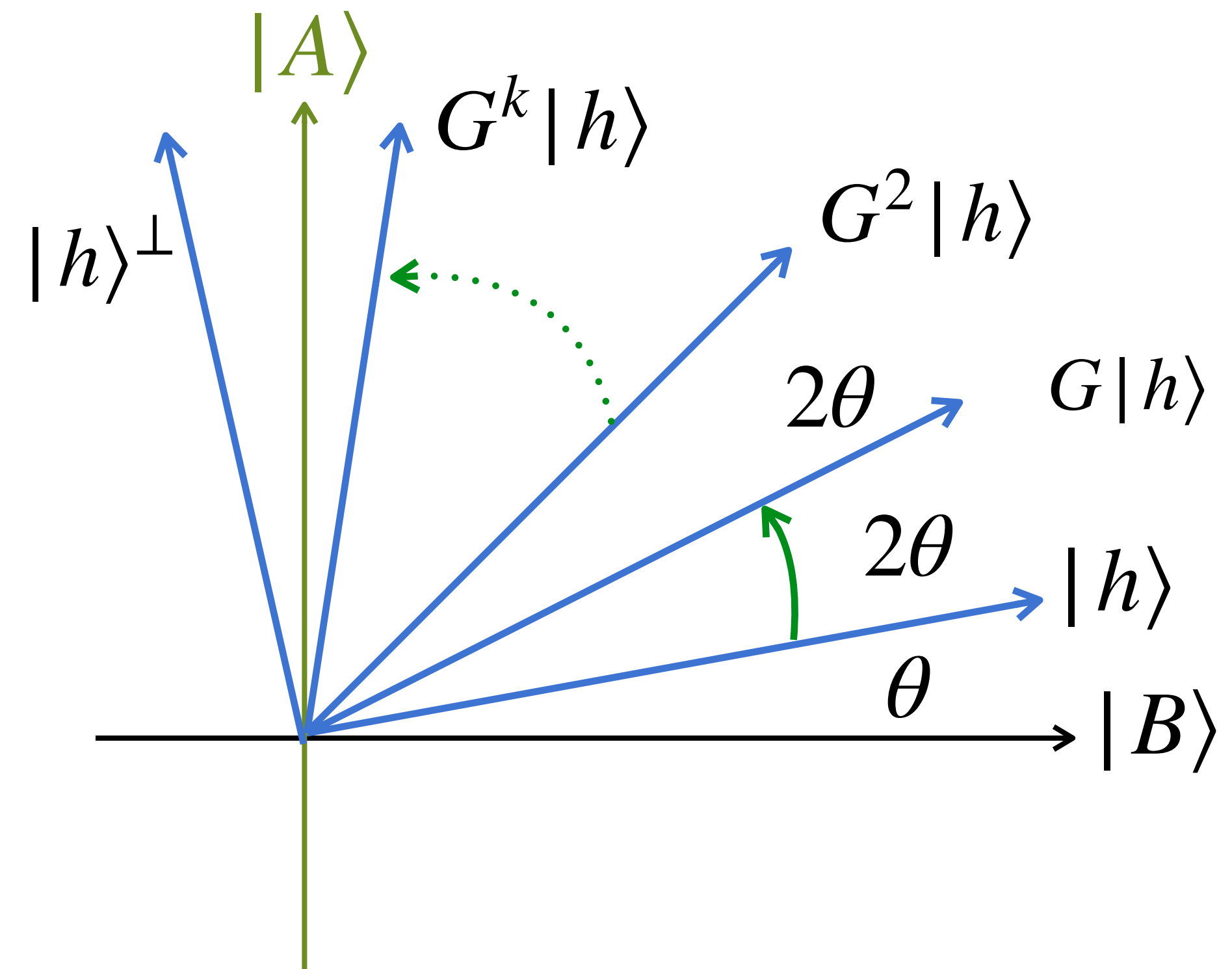
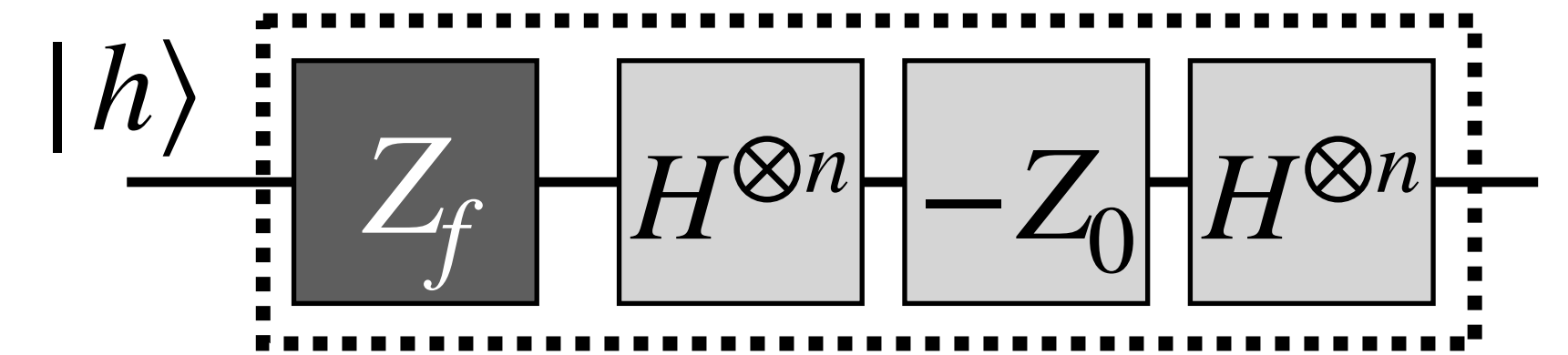
© Obs 2.  $-HZ_0H$  is a **reflection** about  $|h\rangle$ .



# Grover's algorithm: analysis

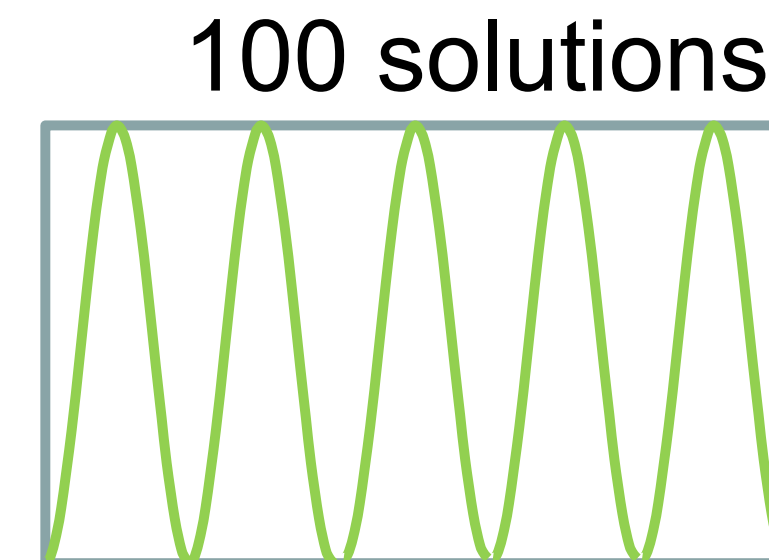
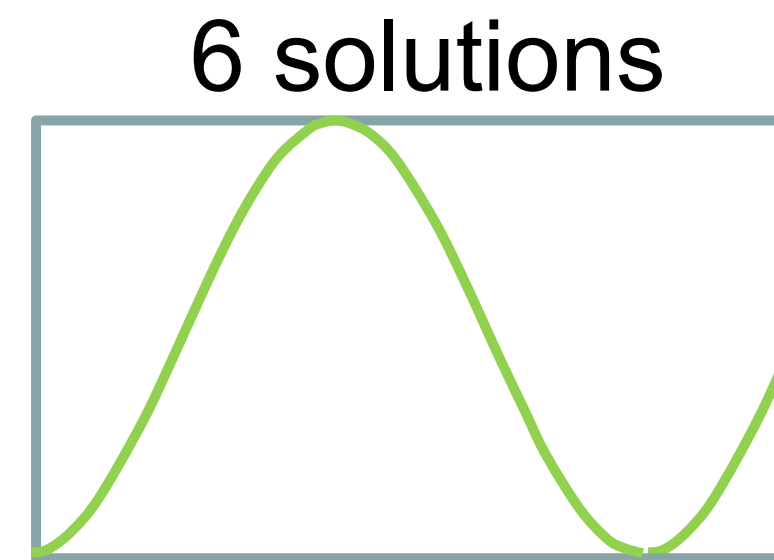
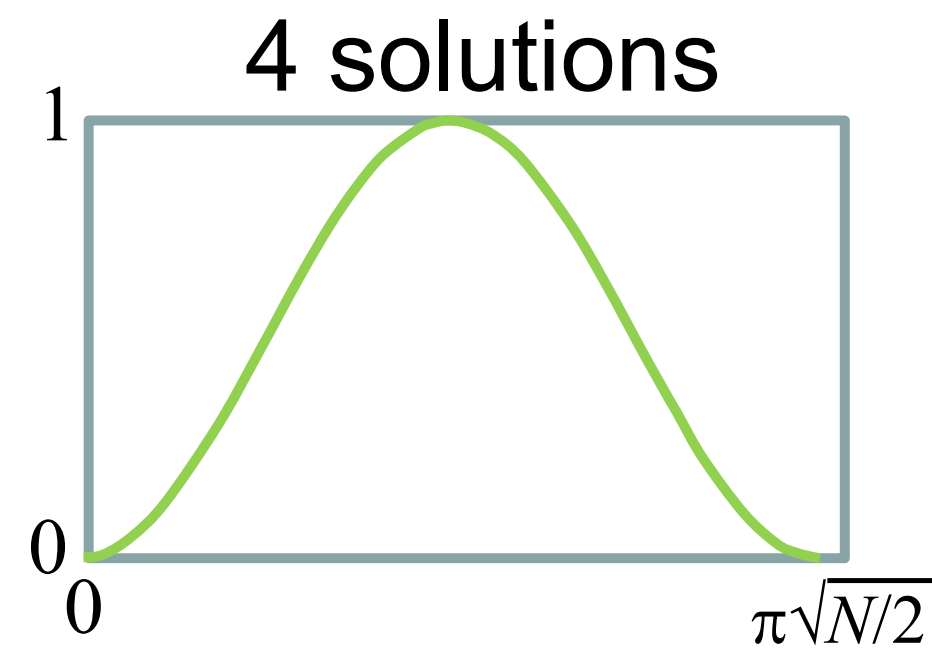
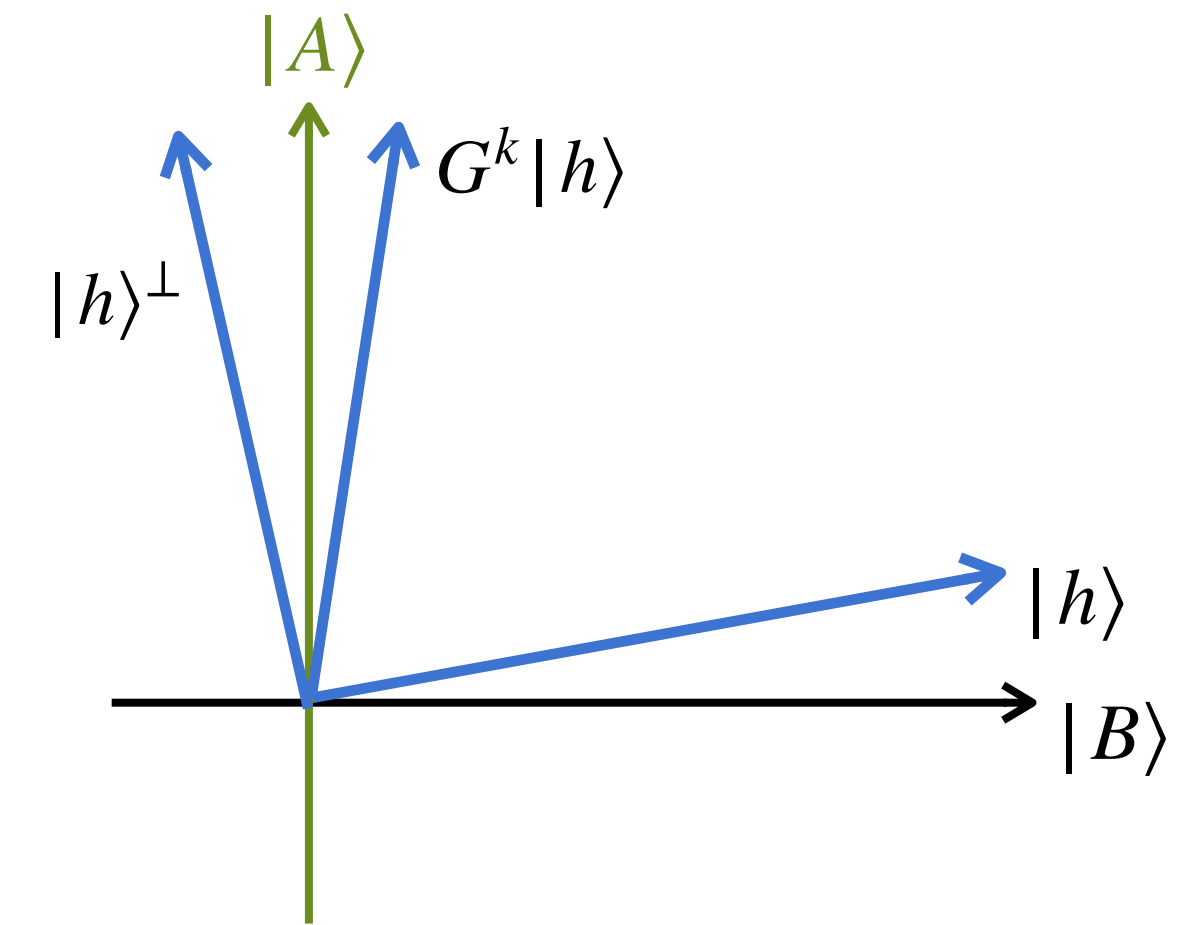
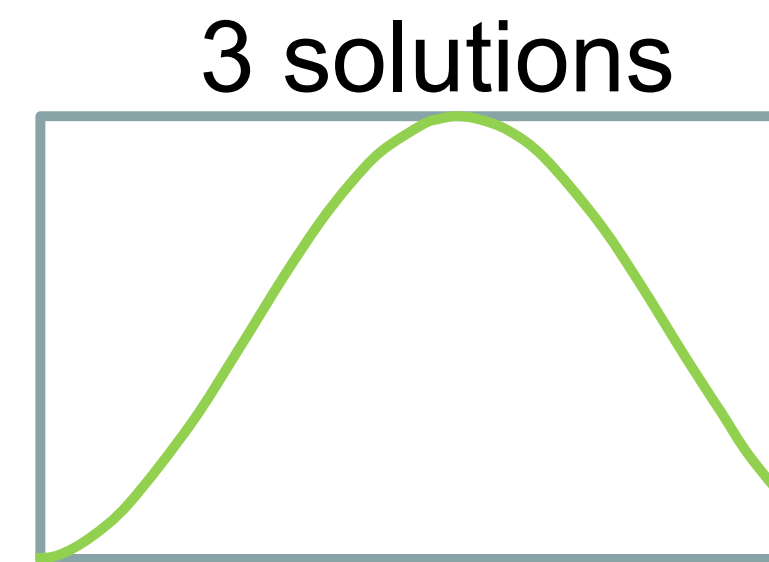
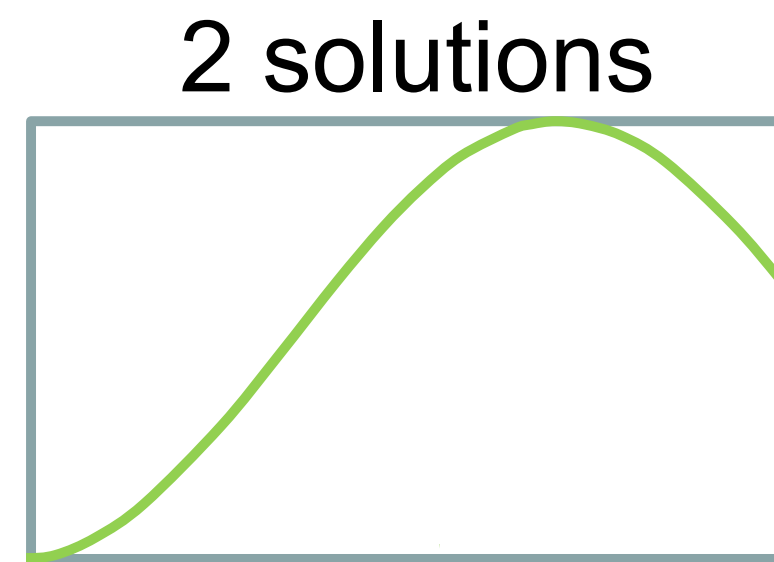
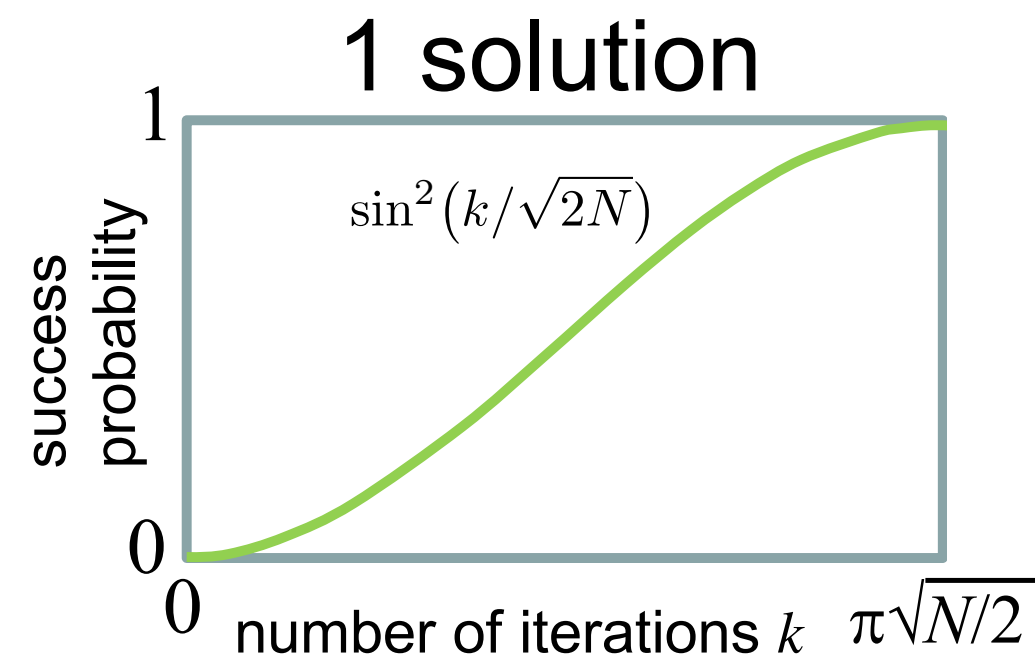
- **Obs.** Each Grover iteration is a rotation of  $2\theta$ ,  $\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \sqrt{a/N} \right)$ .
- **Goal:**  $(2k + 1)\theta \approx \pi/2$
- **Theorem.**  $k = \Omega(\sqrt{N/a})$  suffice for  $\Omega(1)$  success prob.

Grover Iteration  $G$





# Unknown number of solutions



© One approach: if **random**  $k$ , then success prob. is the **area** under the curve

- ... It turns out to be always  $> 0.4$

© Read more if interested <https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.01236>

# **Optimality of Grover's algorithm**

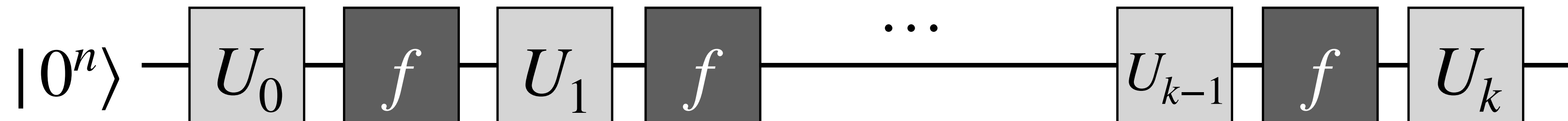
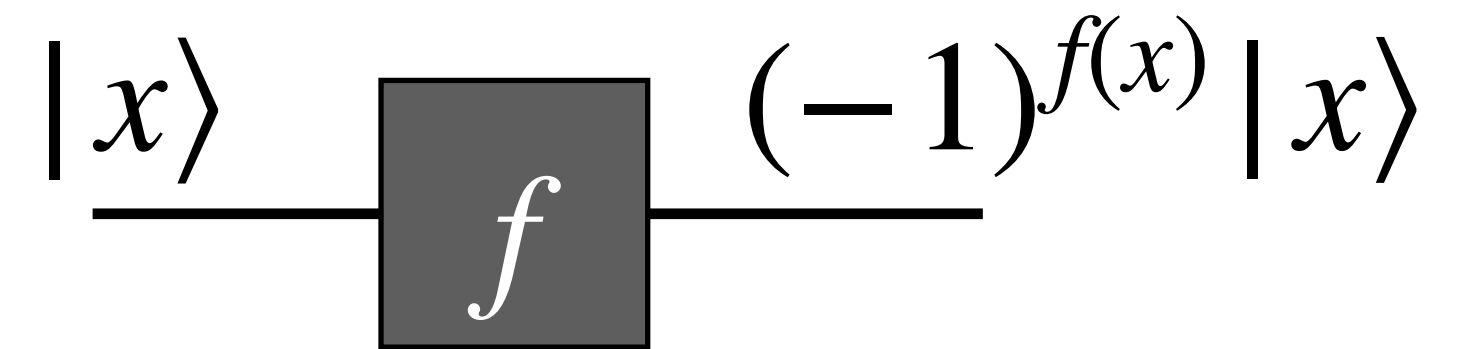
# An unfortunate news ...

© **Theorem.** Any quantum algorithm must make  $\Omega(\sqrt{2^n})$  queries to  $f$  (assuming a **single** marked item).

© A  $k$ -query quantum algorithm is of the form below

- $f = Z_f : |x\rangle \mapsto (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$

- $U_0, U_1, \dots, U_k$  are arbitrary unitary operations



# Optimality of Grover's algorithm: proof sketch

© For every  $r \in \{0,1\}^n$ , let  $f_r : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be such that  $f_r(x) = 1$  iff  $x = r$ .



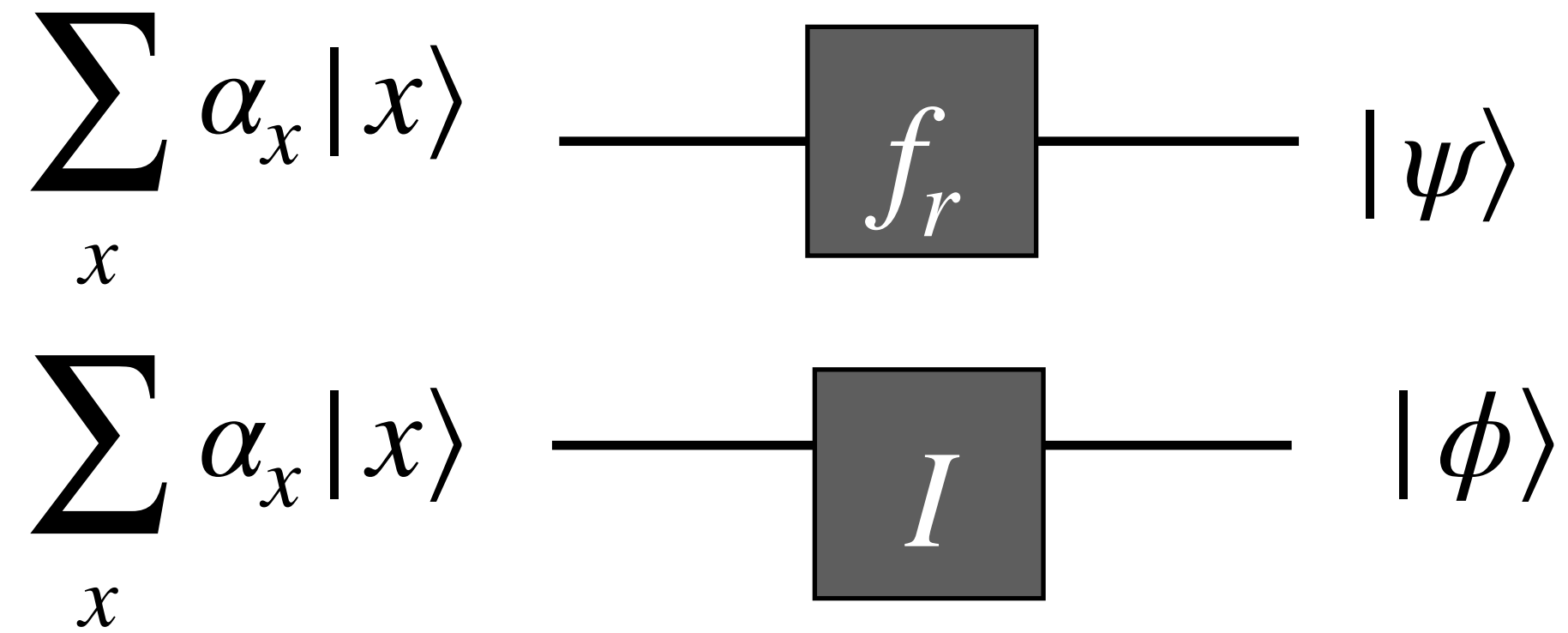
© Averaging over  $r \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,  $\| |\psi_r^{(k)}\rangle - |\phi^{(k)}\rangle \| \leq 2k/\sqrt{2^n}$

- each query only drifts the states apart by a tiny bit

# Exercise

1. Show that  $\| |\psi\rangle - |\phi\rangle \| \leq 2 |\alpha_r|$

$$f_r(x) = 1 \text{ iff. } x = r.$$



# Logistics

## ● HW5 due Sunday

- One more to go! Keep up the good work

## ● Project [Sign up on google [spreadsheet](#)]

- Week8. Progress check-up
  - Office hour + after Friday's lecture: mandatory meetings. Sign up ASAP.
- Week10. Presentations
  - Office hour: voluntary meetings, sign up as you wish
  - Friday's lecture: presentations from you! Sign up a slot ASAP. Details to follow.

# Discussion: quantum factoring experiments

- ◎ **[SSV13] Oversimplifying quantum factoring**

- What are the main critique of prior experiments?

- ◎ **[MNM+16] Realization of a scalable Shor algorithm**

- Does it address adequately the criticisms in the SSV13? Why and why not?

- ◎ **Recent estimate on quantum Factoring [hear more from a final presentation]**

