

# Techniques algébriques en calcul quantique

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# Introduction

	<b>Classical</b>	<b>Quantum</b>
<b>State</b>	$q$	$\sum \alpha_i q_i$ The system may be in all states simultaneously
<b>Operators</b>	Maps	Unitary (hence reversible) maps

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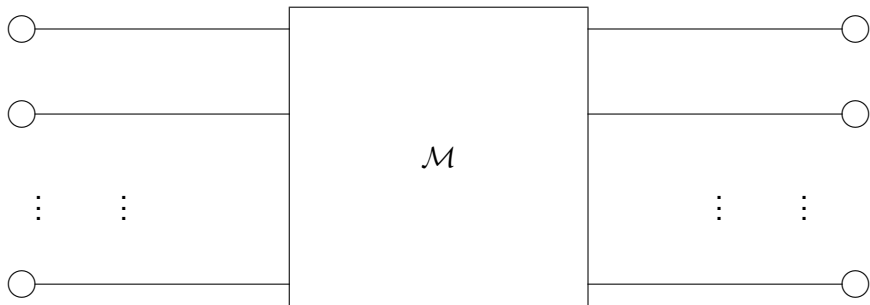
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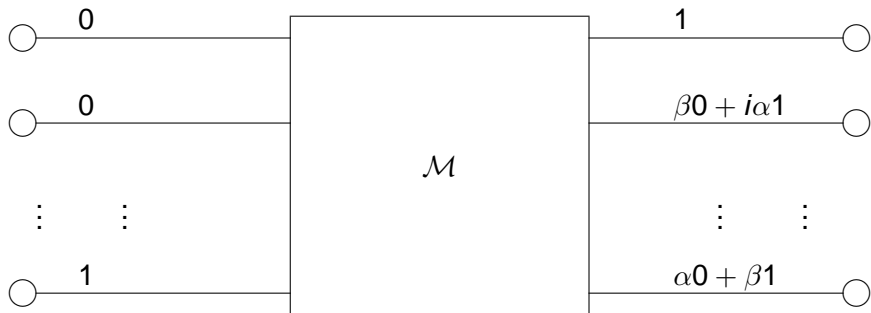
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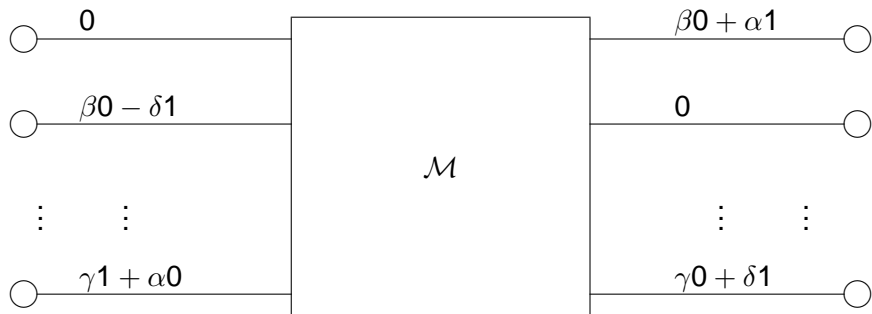
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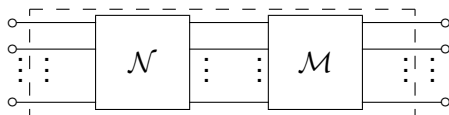


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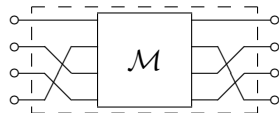




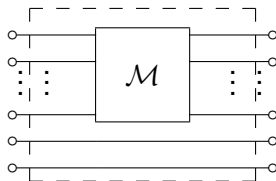
# What can we do with quantum gates ?



(a) The multiplication  $\mathcal{M}\mathcal{N}$



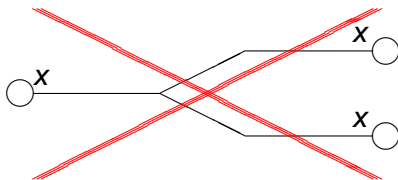
(b)  $\mathcal{M}[\sigma]$



(c) The operation  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{I}$

A quantum circuit is everything we can obtain by applying these constructions.

# What we cannot do



Quantum mechanics implies no-cloning.

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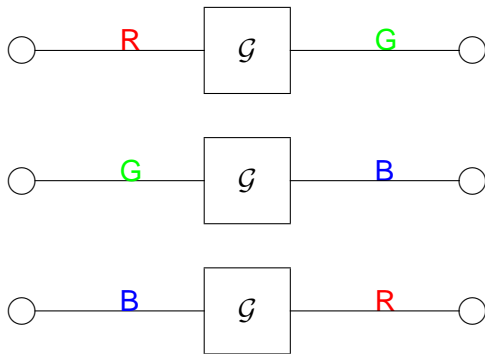
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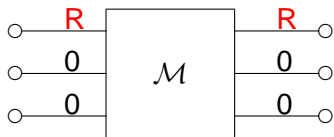
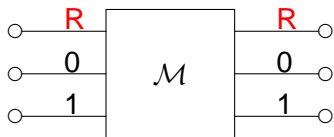
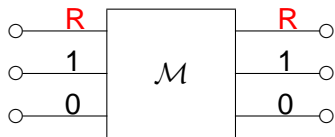
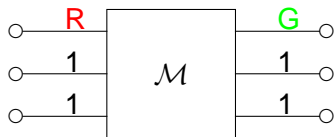
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# Game: Design this gate



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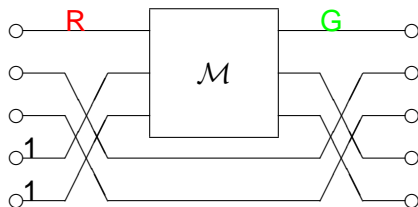


# Toolkit 1: Universality

## Fact

*If there are two wires set to 1, we can make the gate  $G$ .*

This is called **universality with ancillas**.



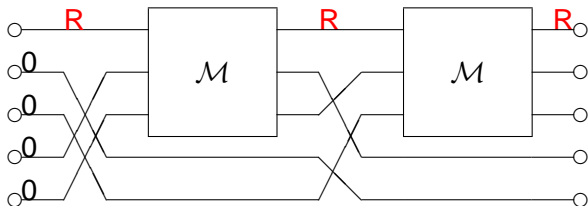


# Toolkit 1: Non-completeness

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*If among the additional wires, strictly less than 2 are set to 1, the gate  $G$  cannot be made.*

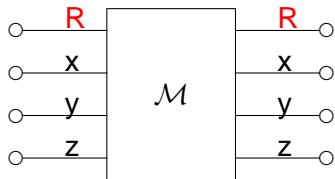
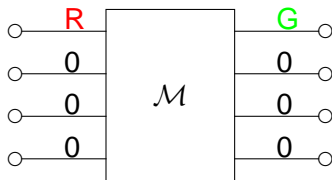
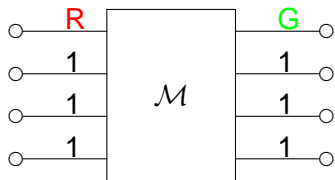
Any circuit, even the most intricate, cannot produce any 1 using only the gate  $\mathcal{M}$ .



## Theorem (8.7)

*There exists a set of gates  $\mathcal{B}_i$  such that  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is 2-universal but neither 1-universal nor  $k$ -complete.*

# Toolkit 2



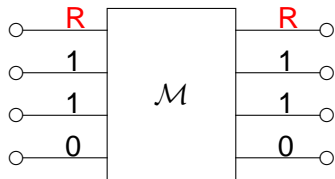
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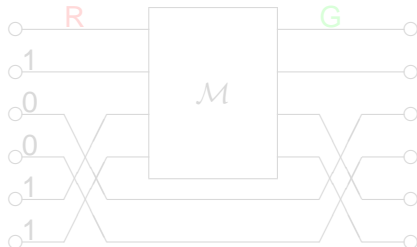
*Without any additional wire, we cannot realise the gate  $G$ .*

If the three given wires are set to 1, 1 and 0 there is no mean to have three 1 or three 0.



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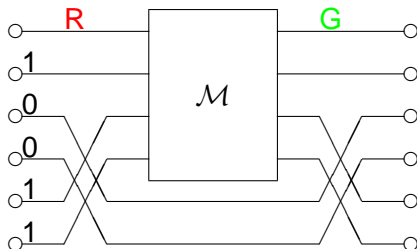
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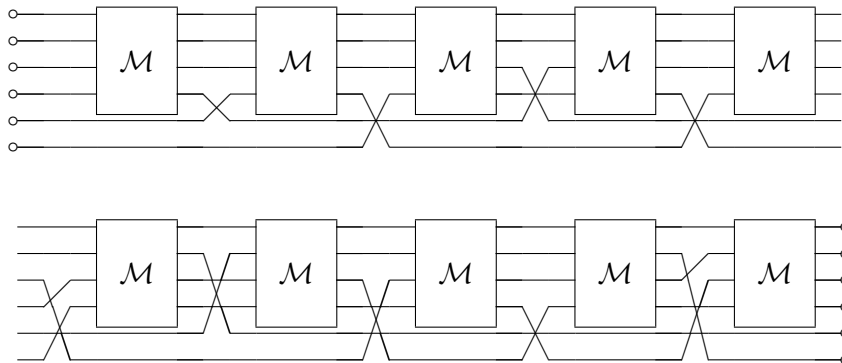
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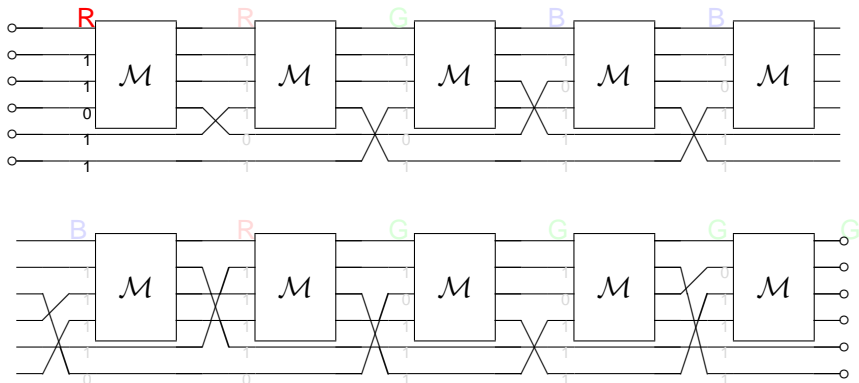
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Consider the following circuit:



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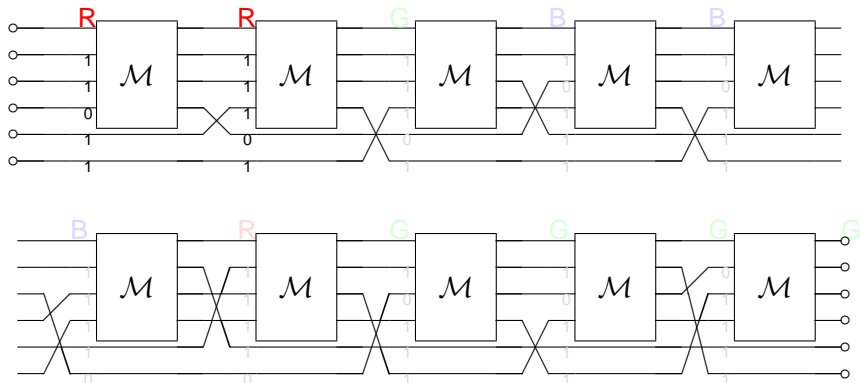
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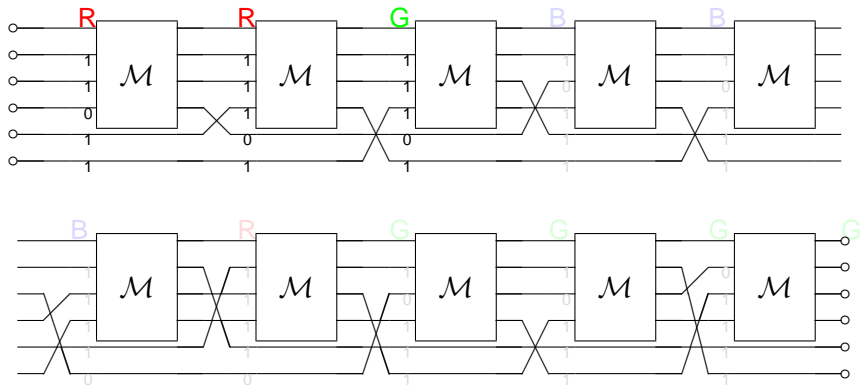
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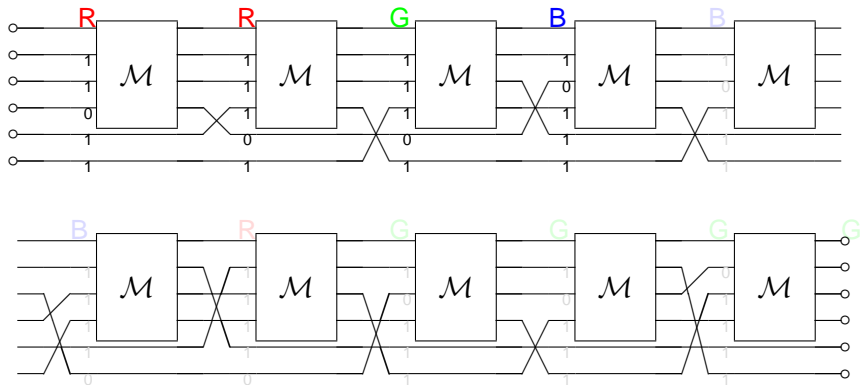
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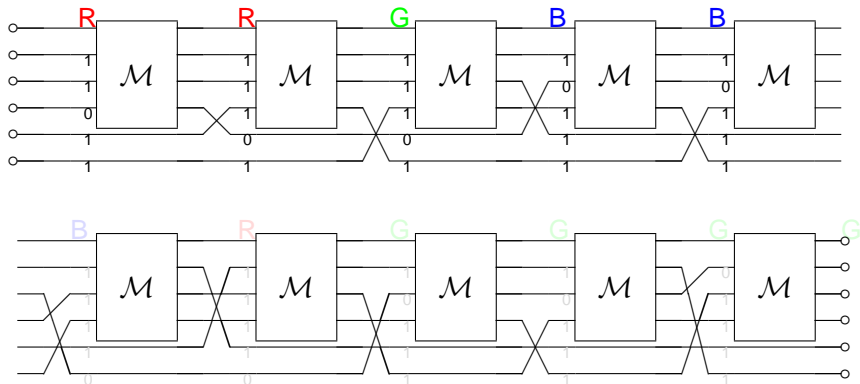
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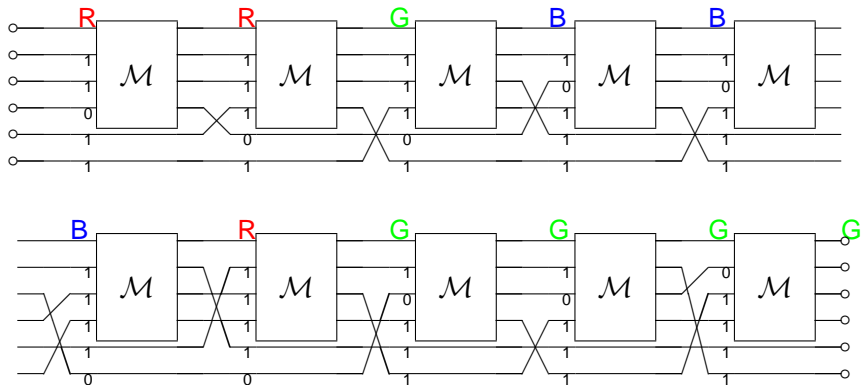
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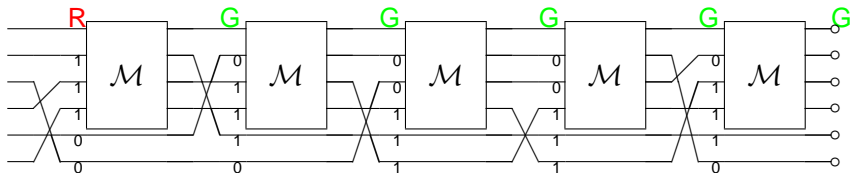
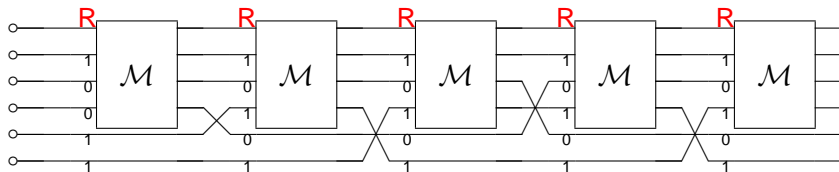
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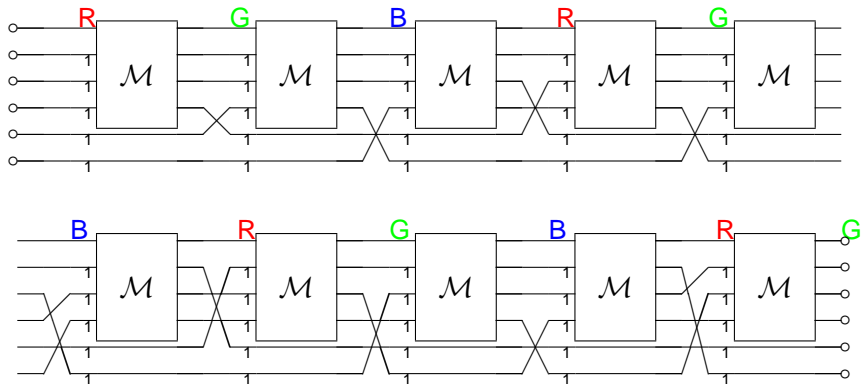
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If 3 bits are equal:



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If all 5 bits are equal:



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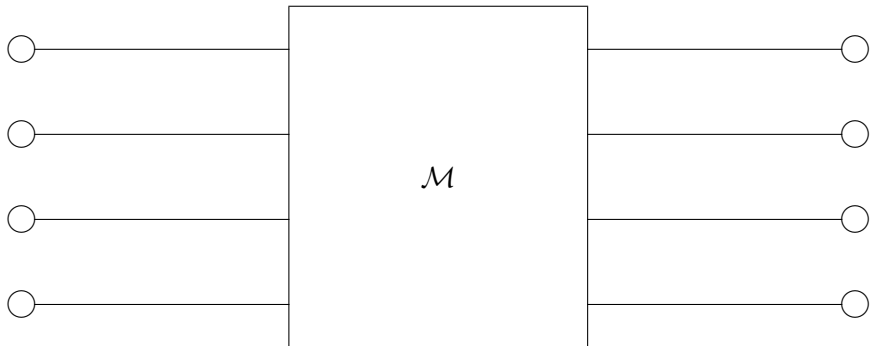
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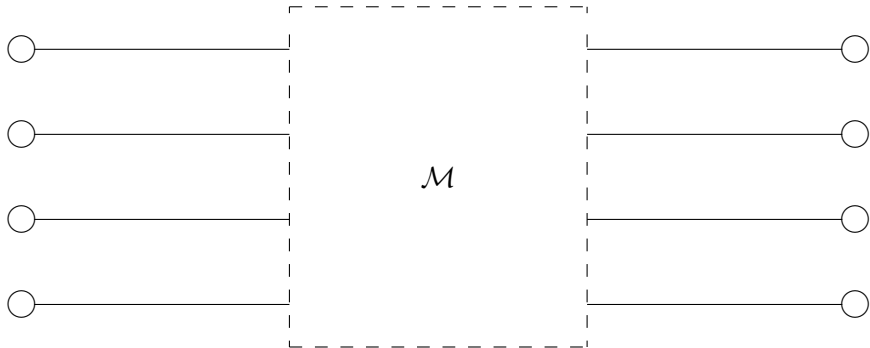
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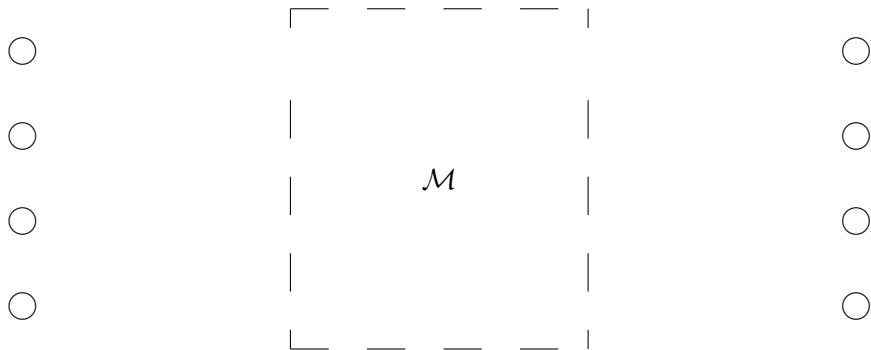
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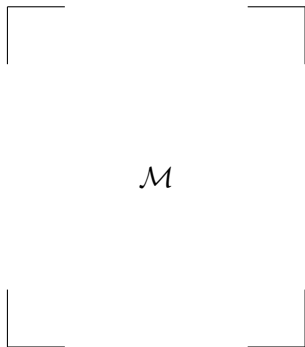
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A quantum gate over  $n$  qubits

$$\mathcal{M}$$

is a  $2^n \times 2^n$  unitary matrix

# Approximating Quantum Circuits

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# Why compact groups ?

## Property

A compact group  $G$  of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is algebraic. That is there exists polynomials  $p_1 \dots p_k$  such that  $\mathcal{X} \in G \iff \forall i, p_i(\mathcal{X}) = 0$

For instance, if  $G = O_2(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$G = \left\{ X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : XX^T = I \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : \begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 - 1 = 0 \\ c^2 + d^2 - 1 = 0 \\ ac + bd = 0 \end{cases} \right\}$$

We can compute things !

Now we focus on algebraic groups.

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Computing the group means finding polynomials  $p_i$  such that

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Algebraic sets (defined by polynomials) are the closed sets of a topology called the Zariski topology.

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( $\overline{A}$  is the Zariski-closure of  $A$ , the smallest algebraic set containing  $A$ .  
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Sketch of proof: At each step  $H$  is an irreducible algebraic variety. If  $\overline{H \cdot H} \neq H$ ,  $\overline{H \cdot H}$  is of a greater dimension, which proves that the algorithm terminates.

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# The new algorithm works

## Theorem

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We need only to know how to compute the group generated by one matrix.

# Group generated by one matrix : example

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta\gamma^{-3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

The group generated by  $X$  is

$$\langle X \rangle = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \beta^{2k} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta^k \gamma^{-3k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma^k \end{pmatrix}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

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A unitary matrix, up to a change of basis is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(Multiplicative) relationships between the  $\alpha_i$  is the key point:

$$(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \Gamma \iff \prod_i \alpha_i^{m_i} = 1$$

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To find  $\Gamma$ , we must find bounds for the  $m_i$ .



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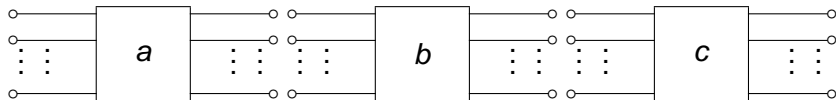
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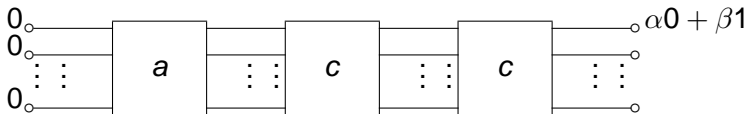
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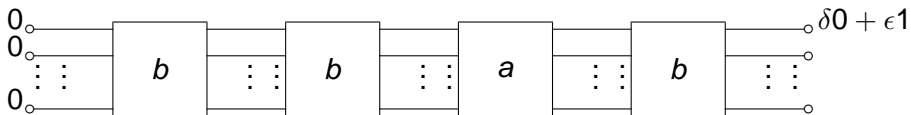
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