

Quantum Hamiltonian Complexity

Part II

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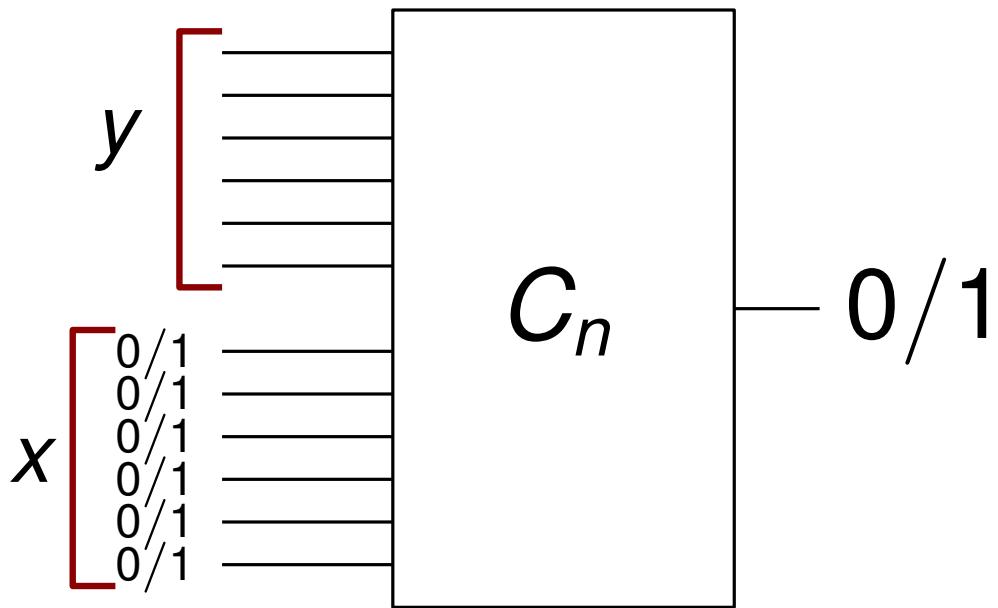
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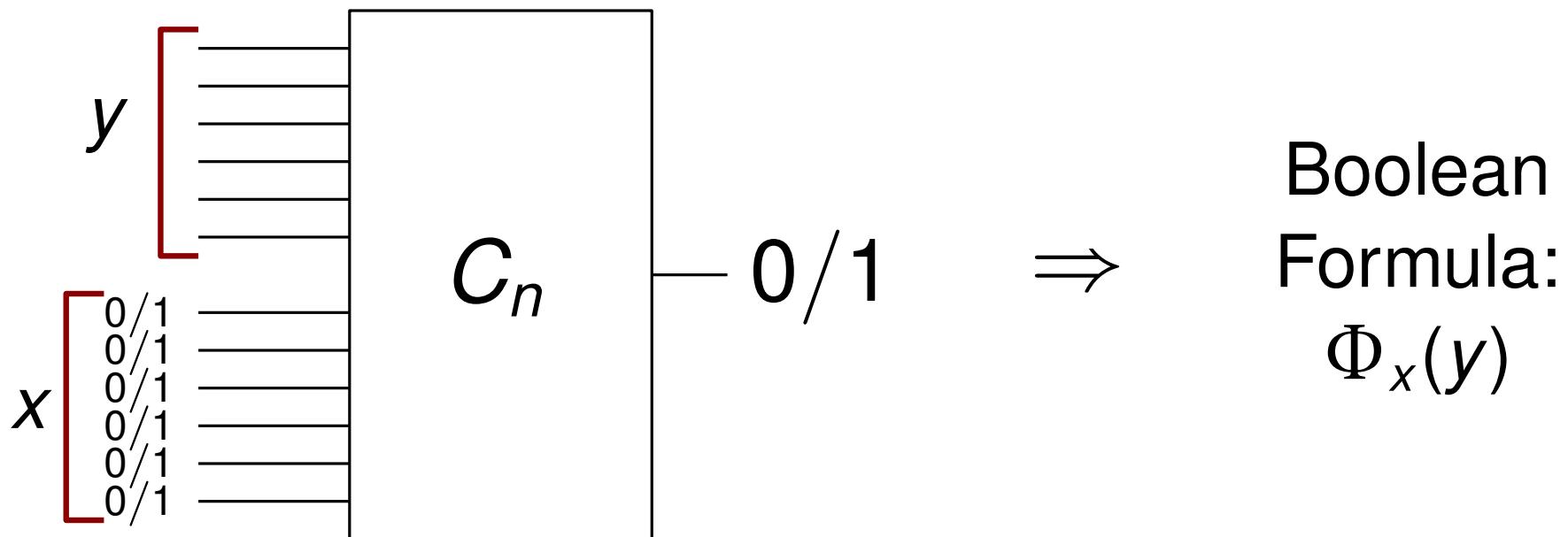


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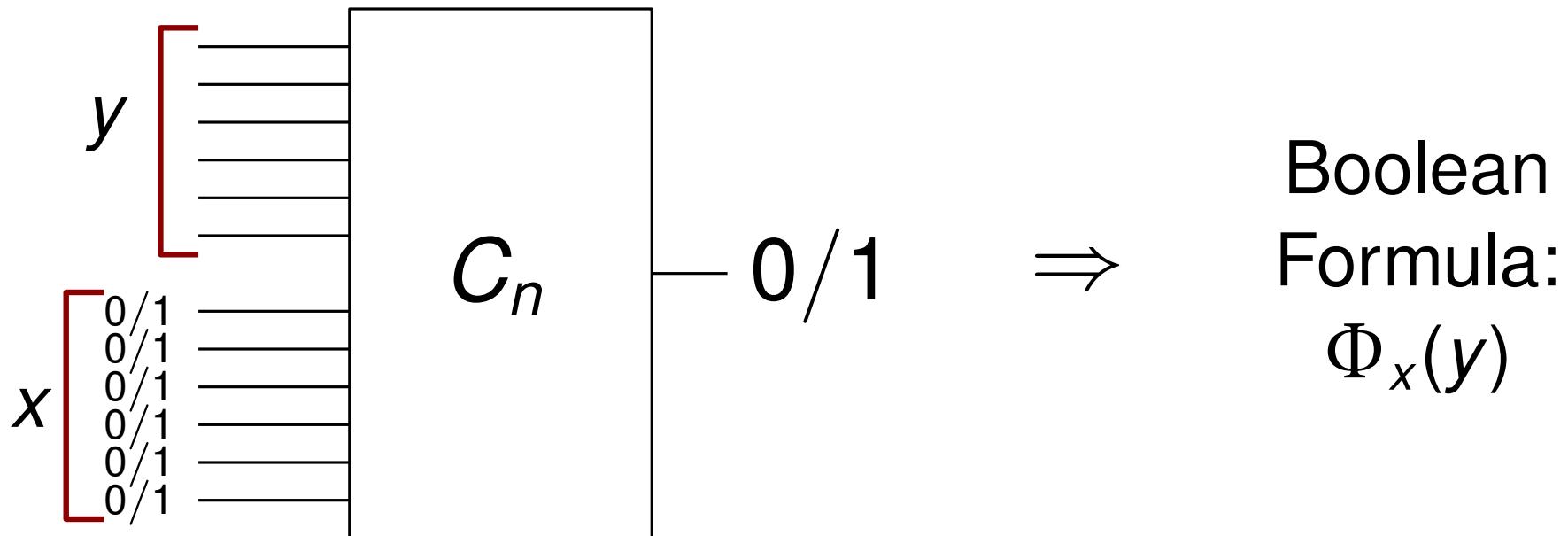


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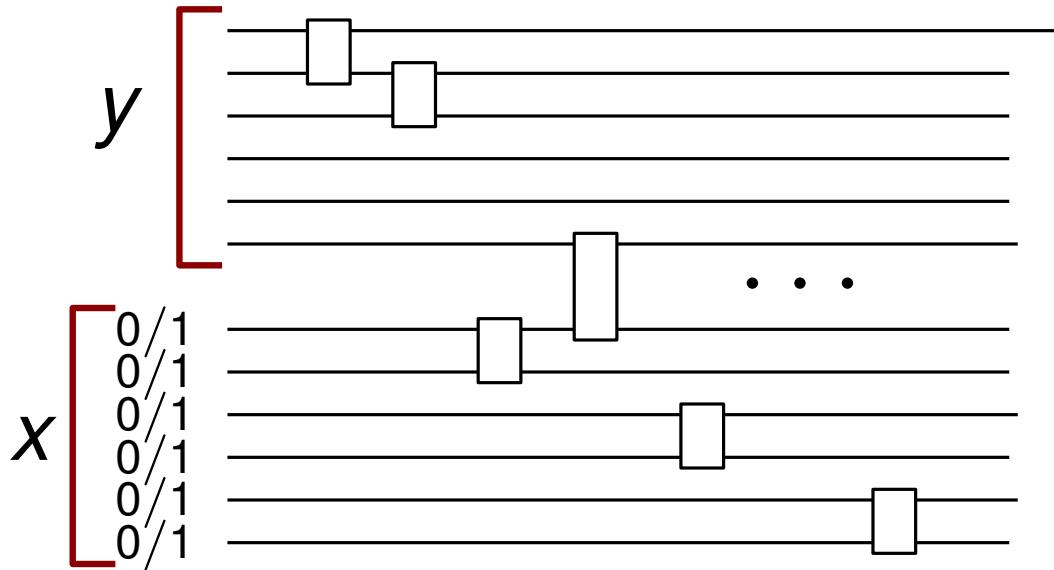
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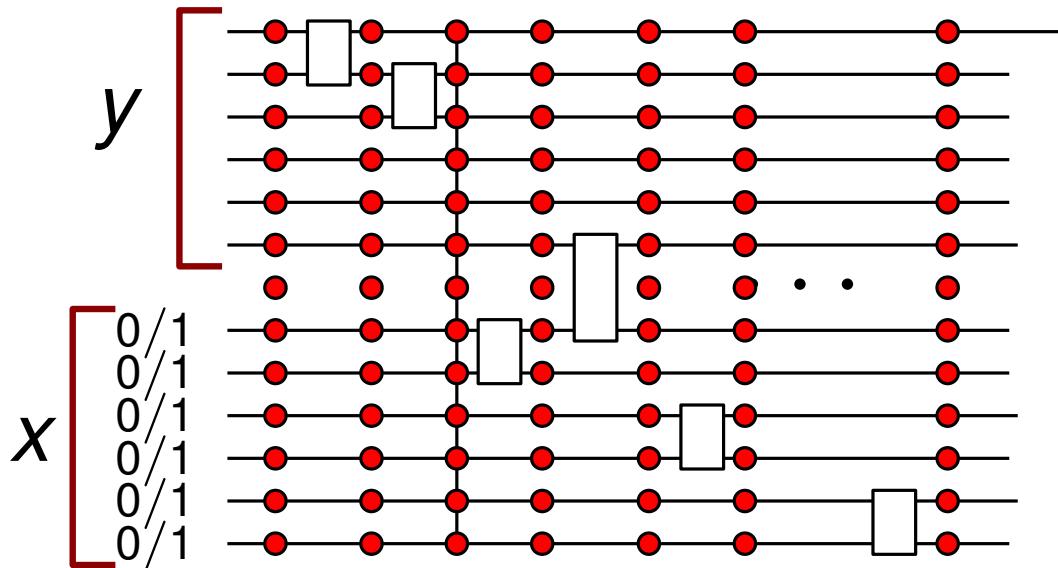
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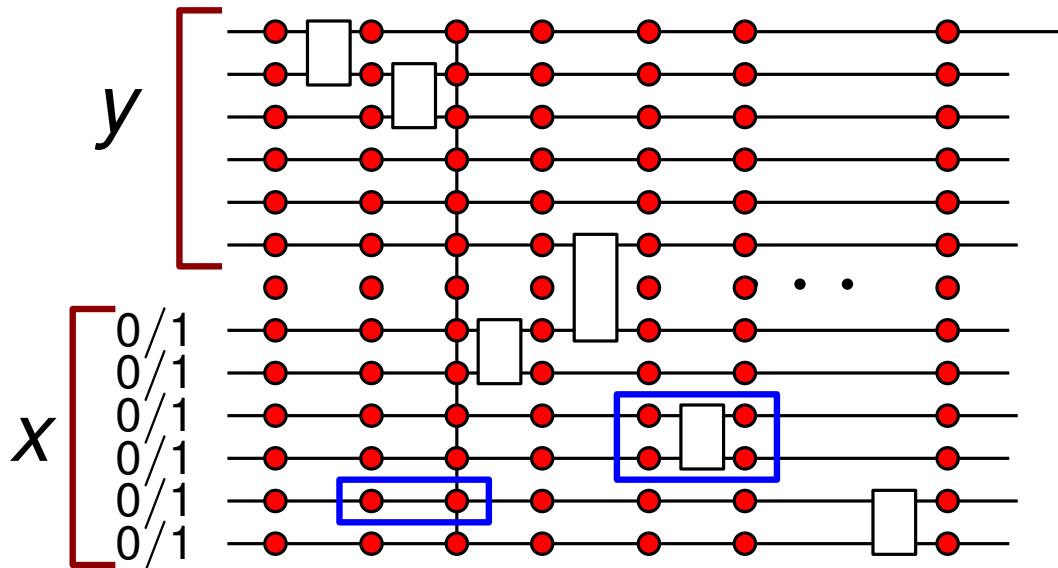
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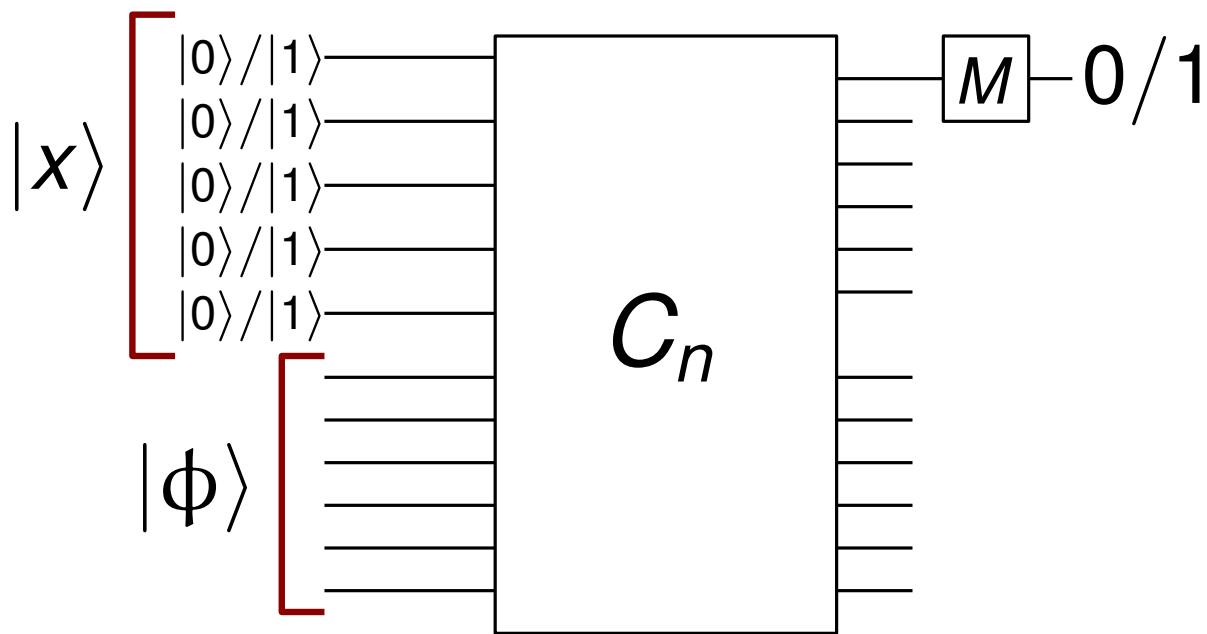
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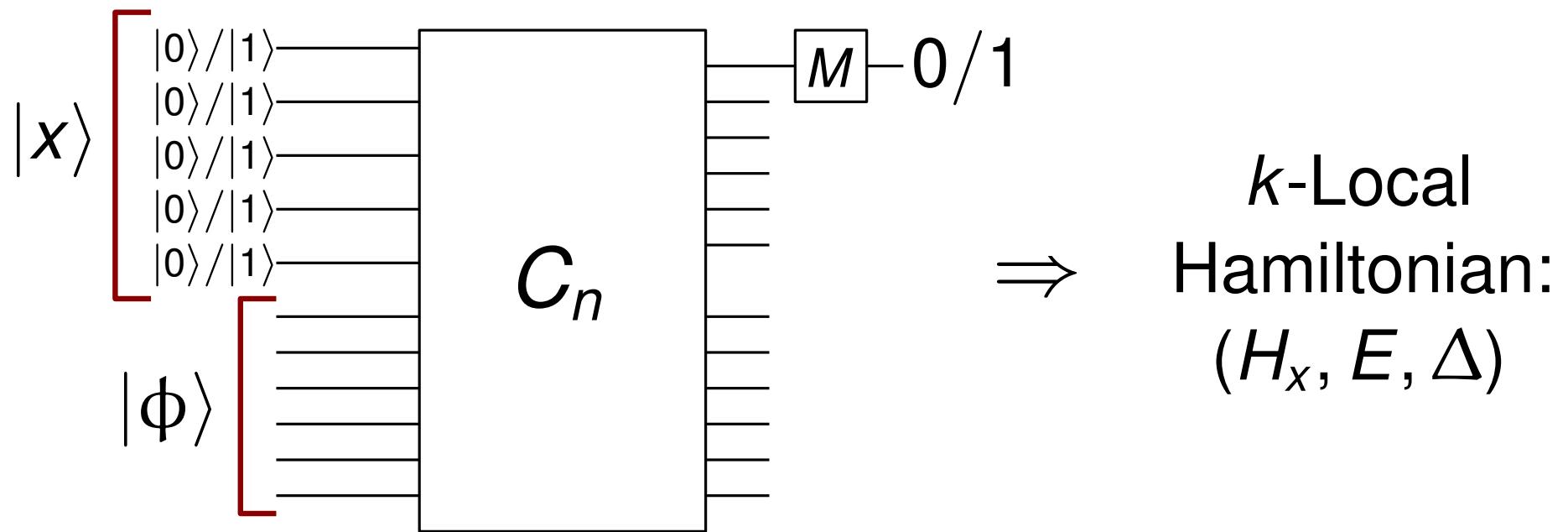


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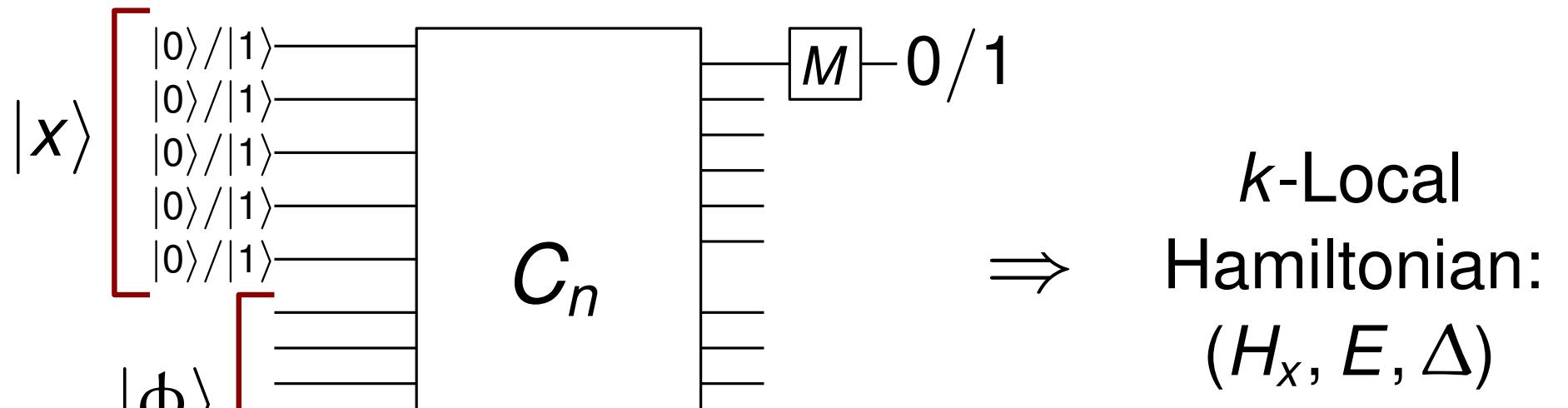


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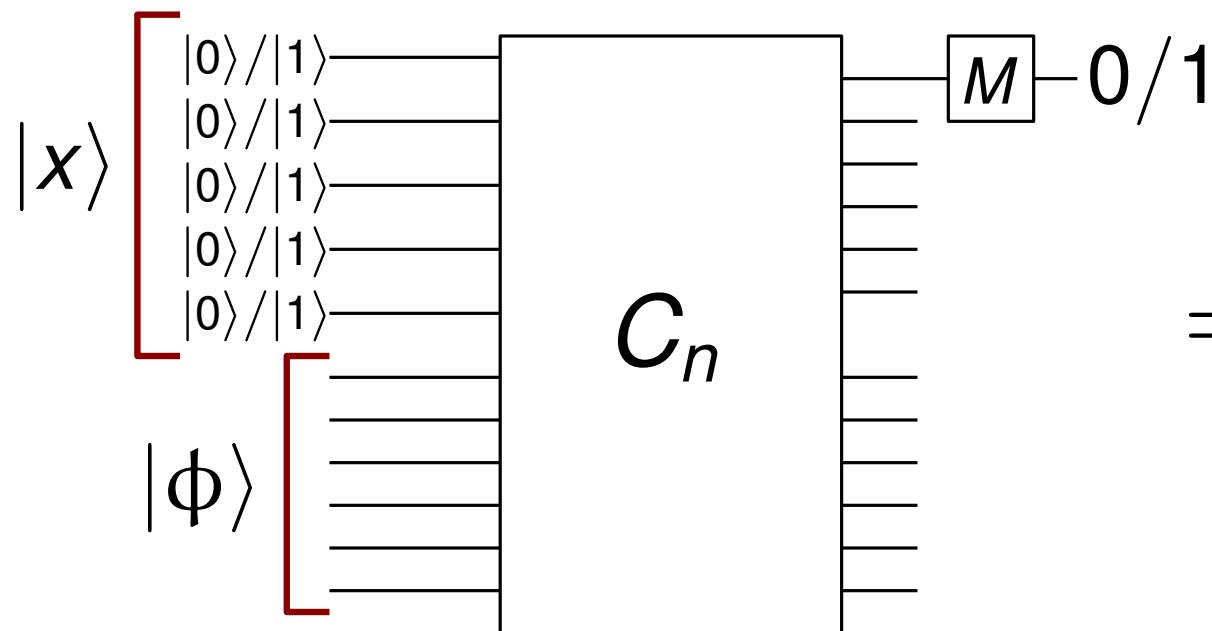
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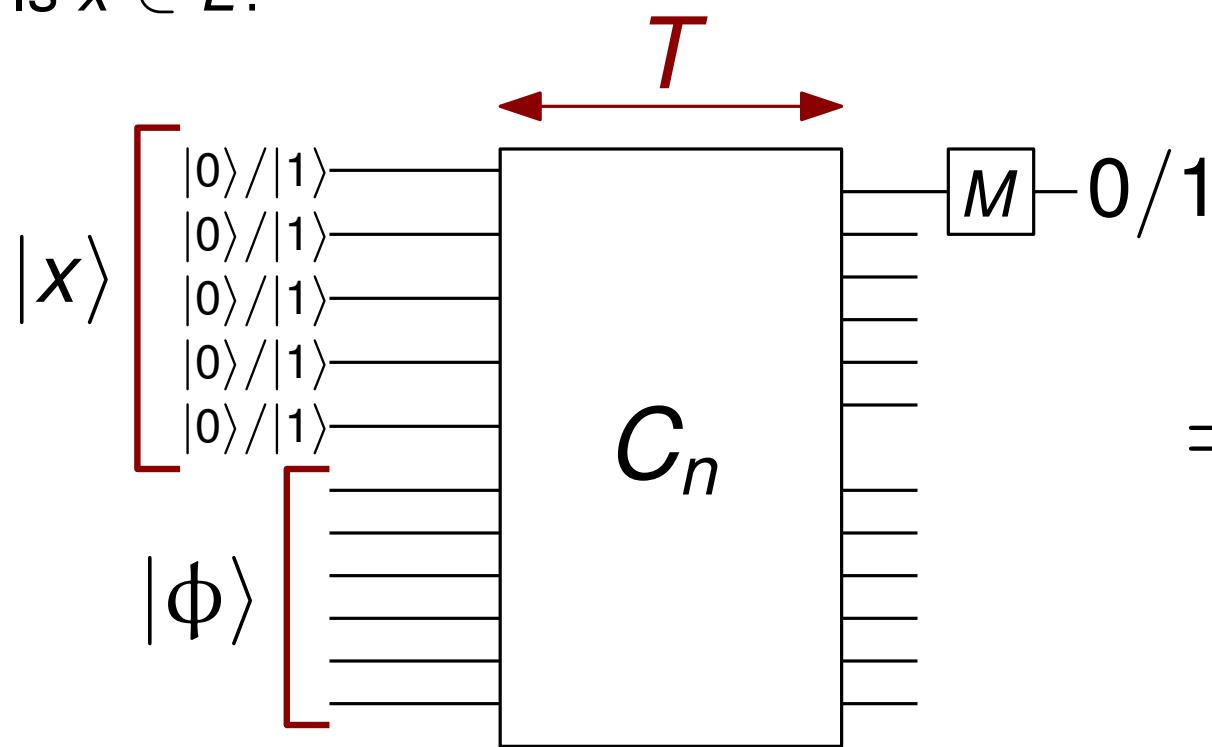


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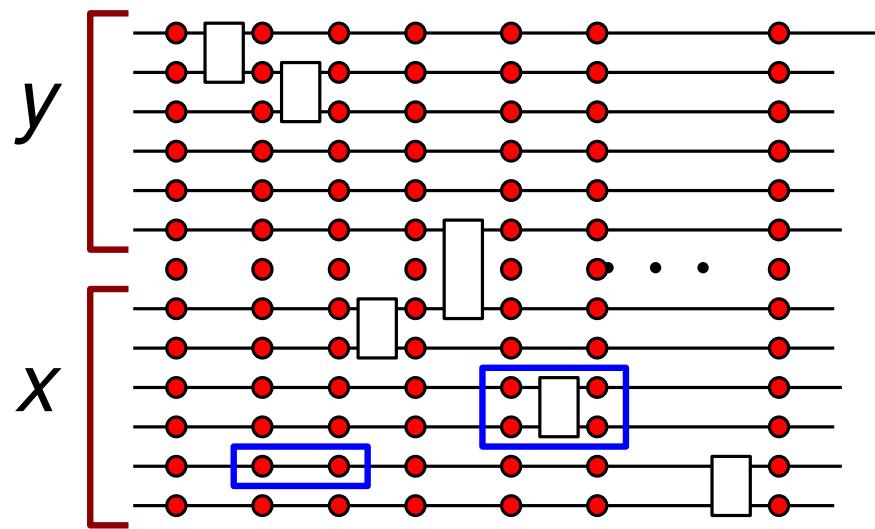
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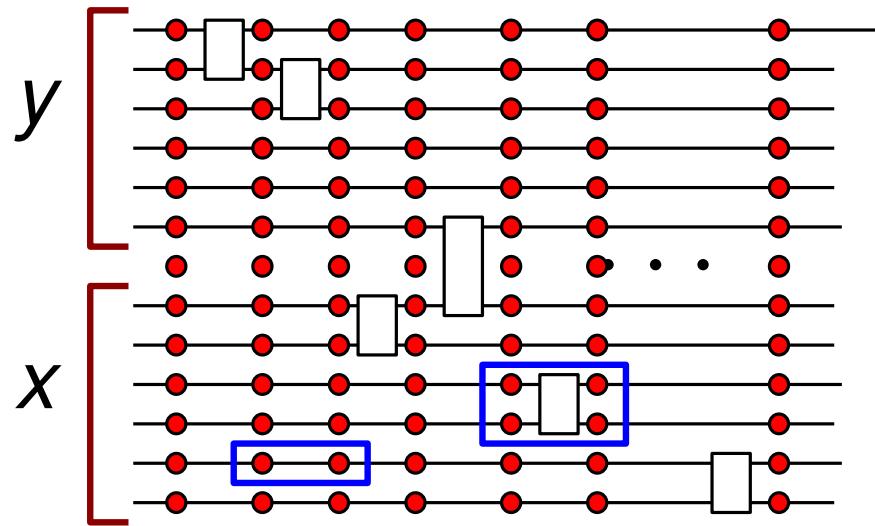
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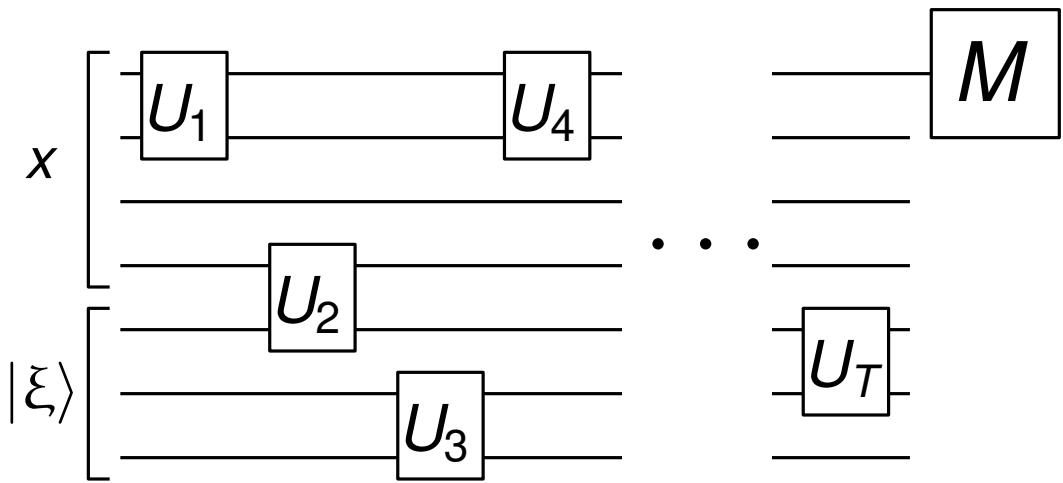


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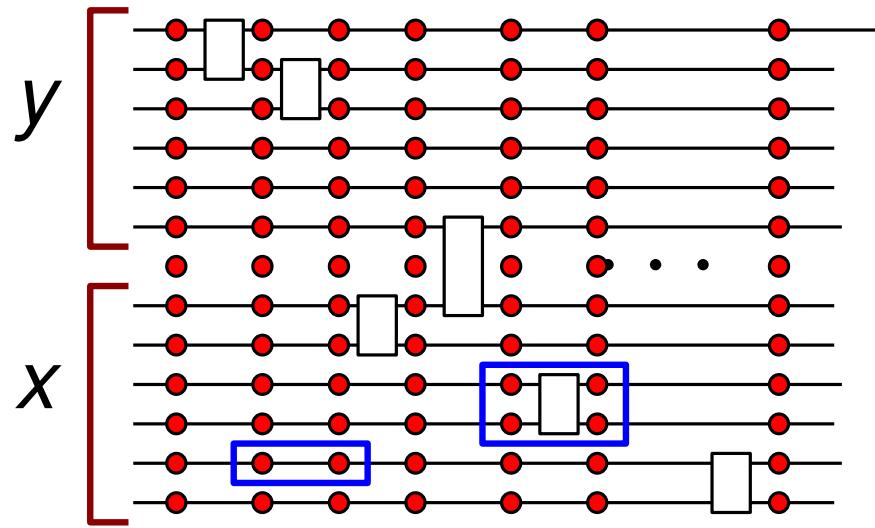


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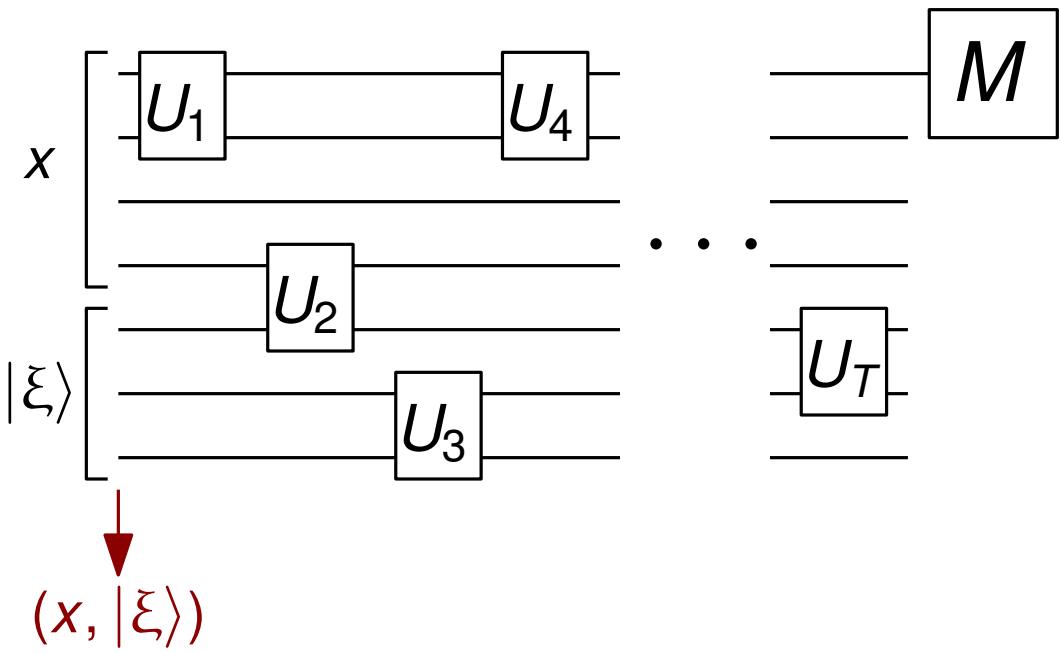


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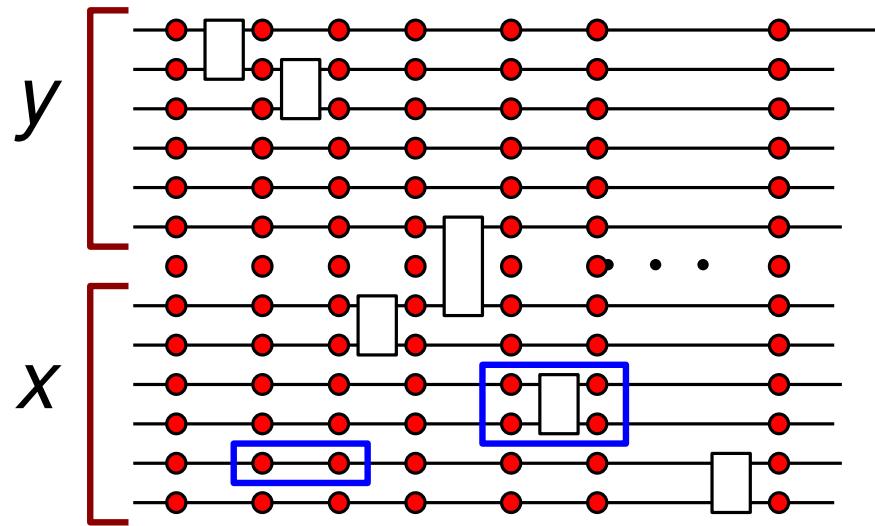


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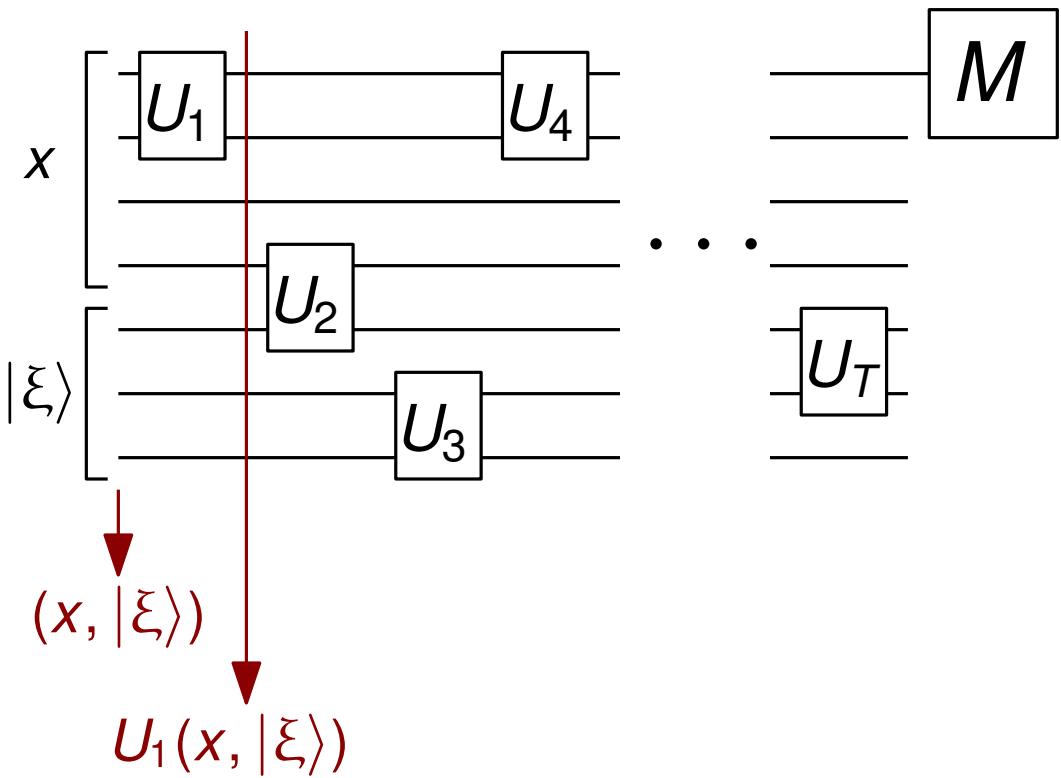


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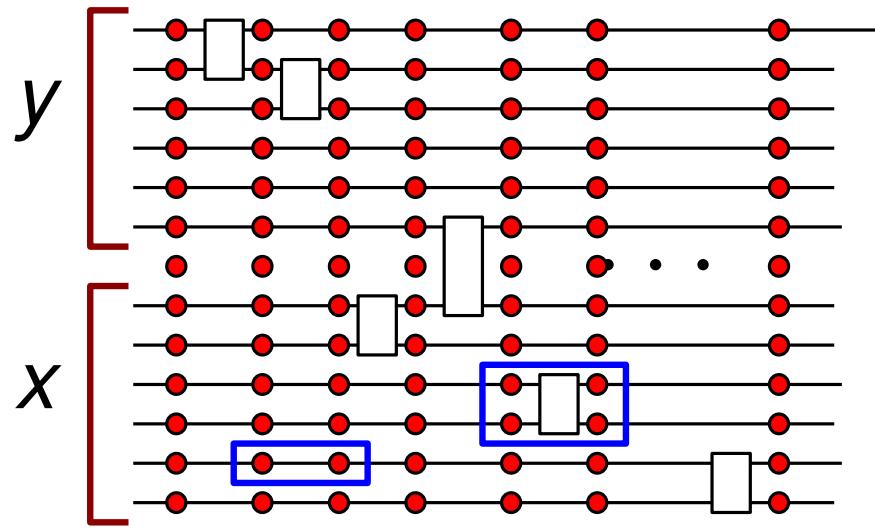


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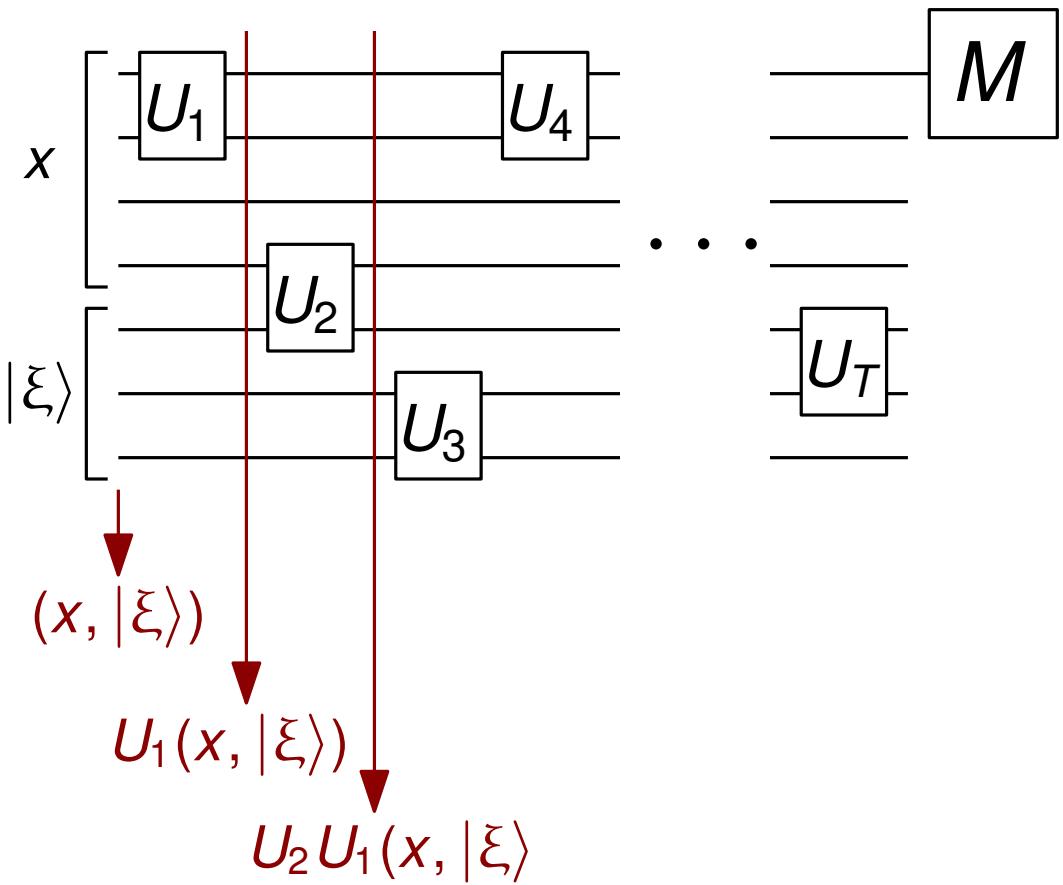


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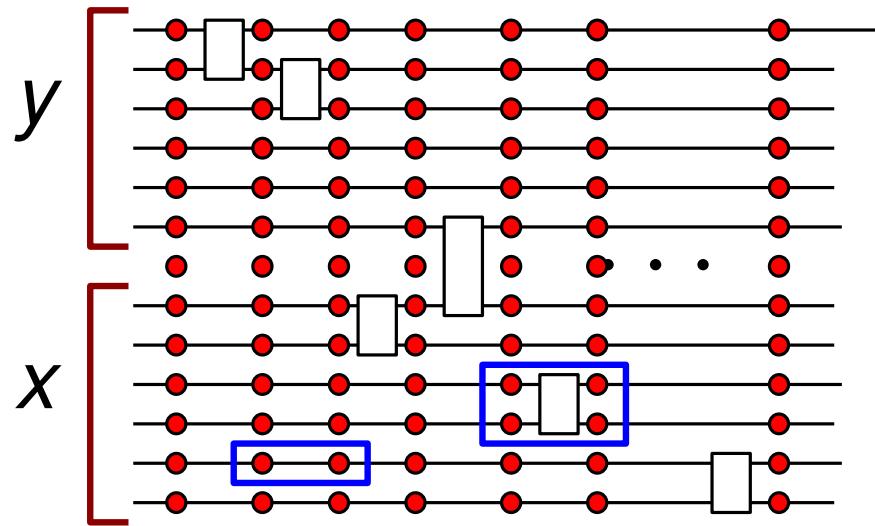


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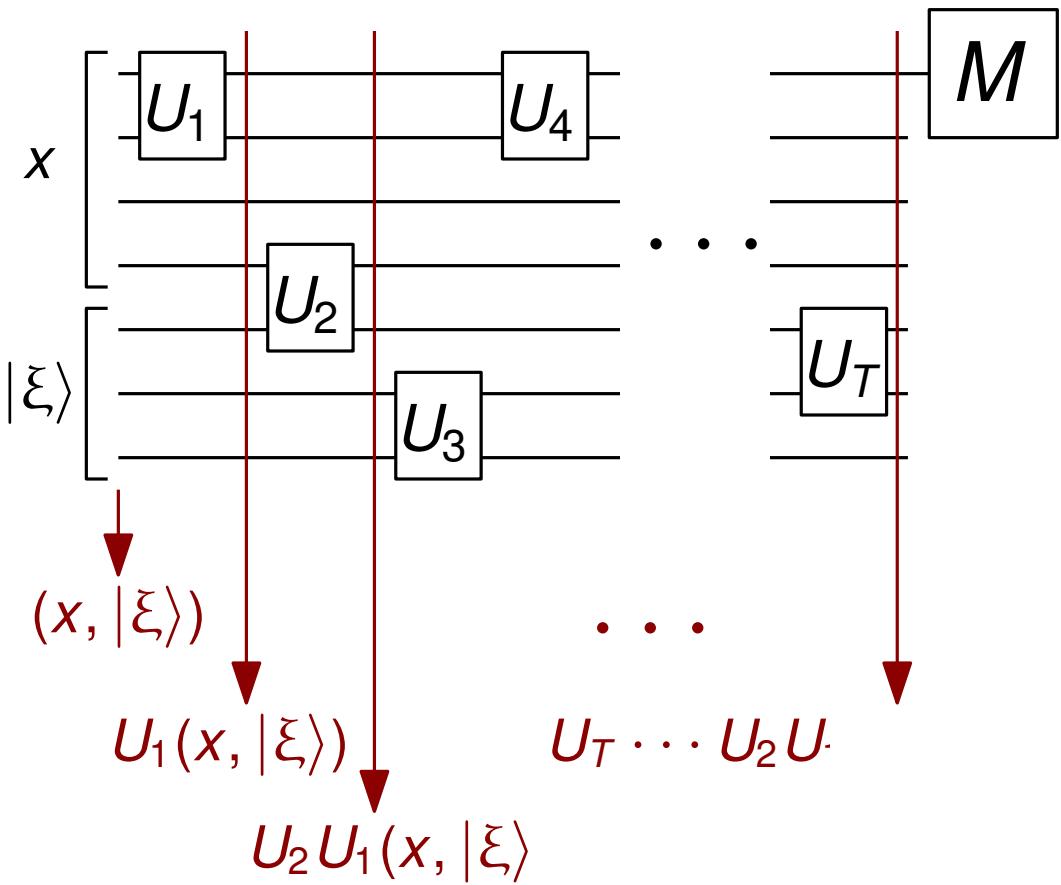


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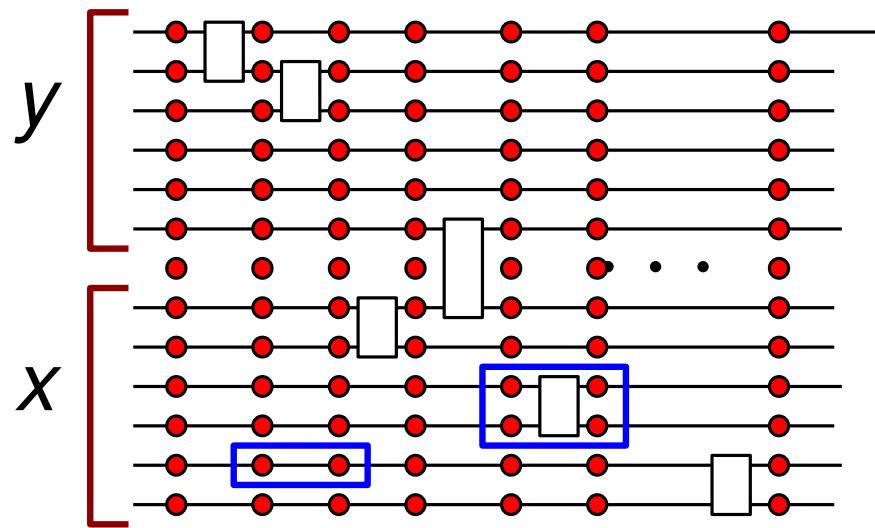


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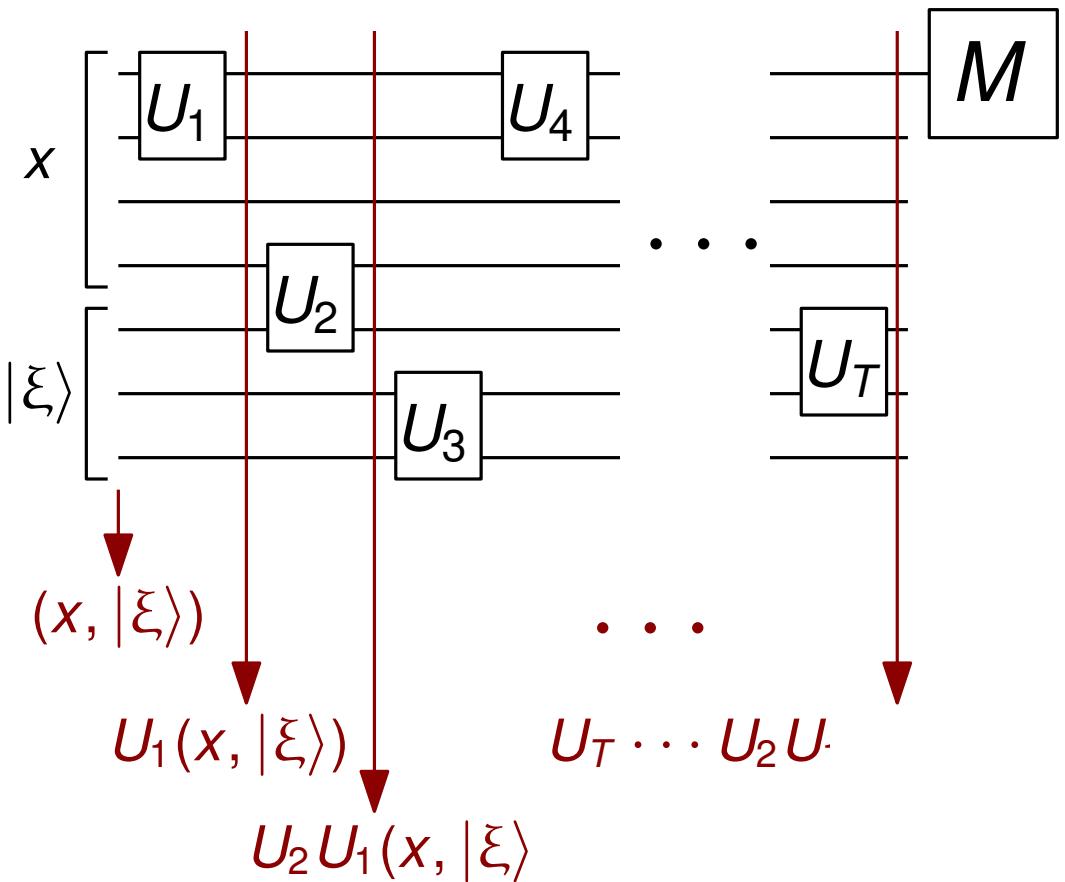


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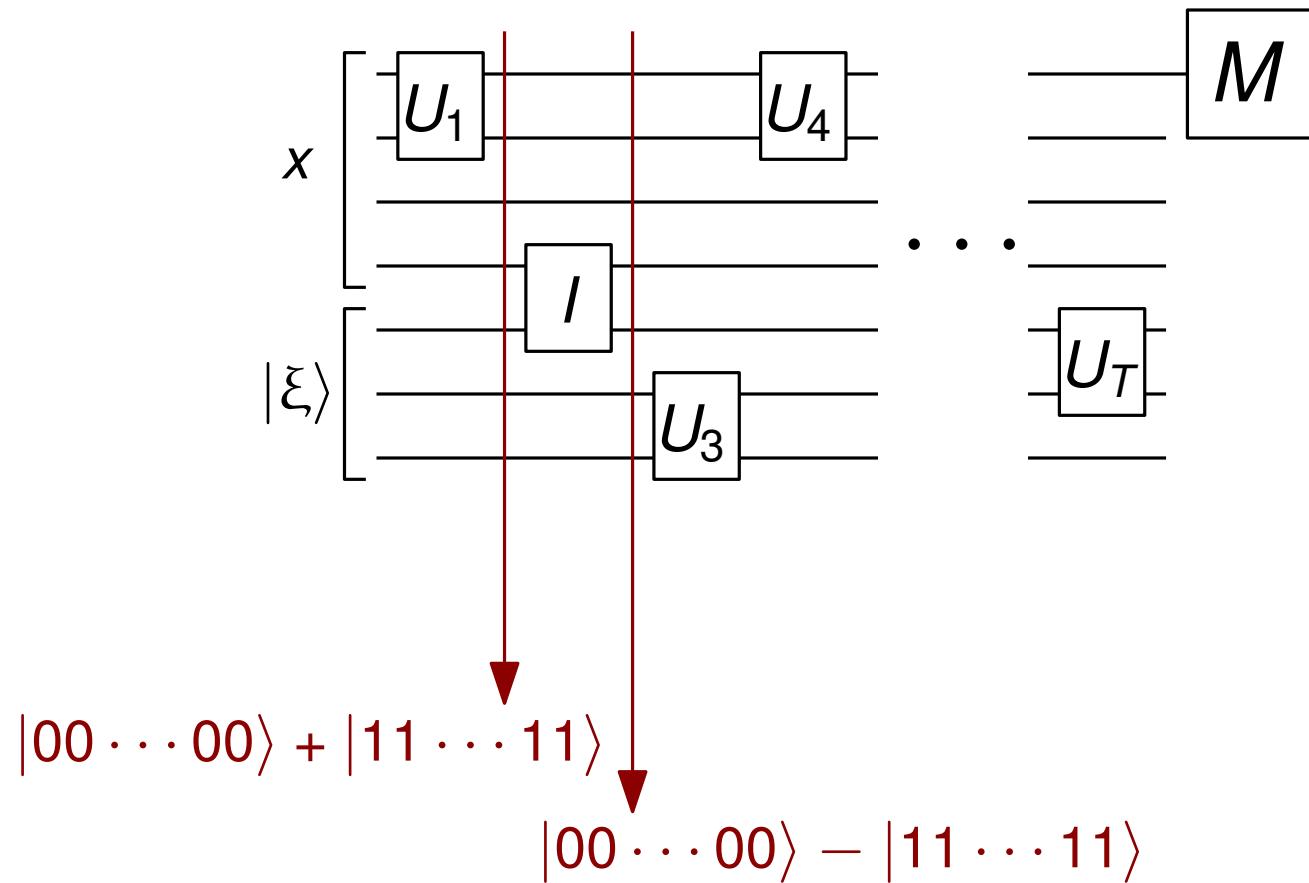
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Idea: Store the history of the computation in quantum superposition.

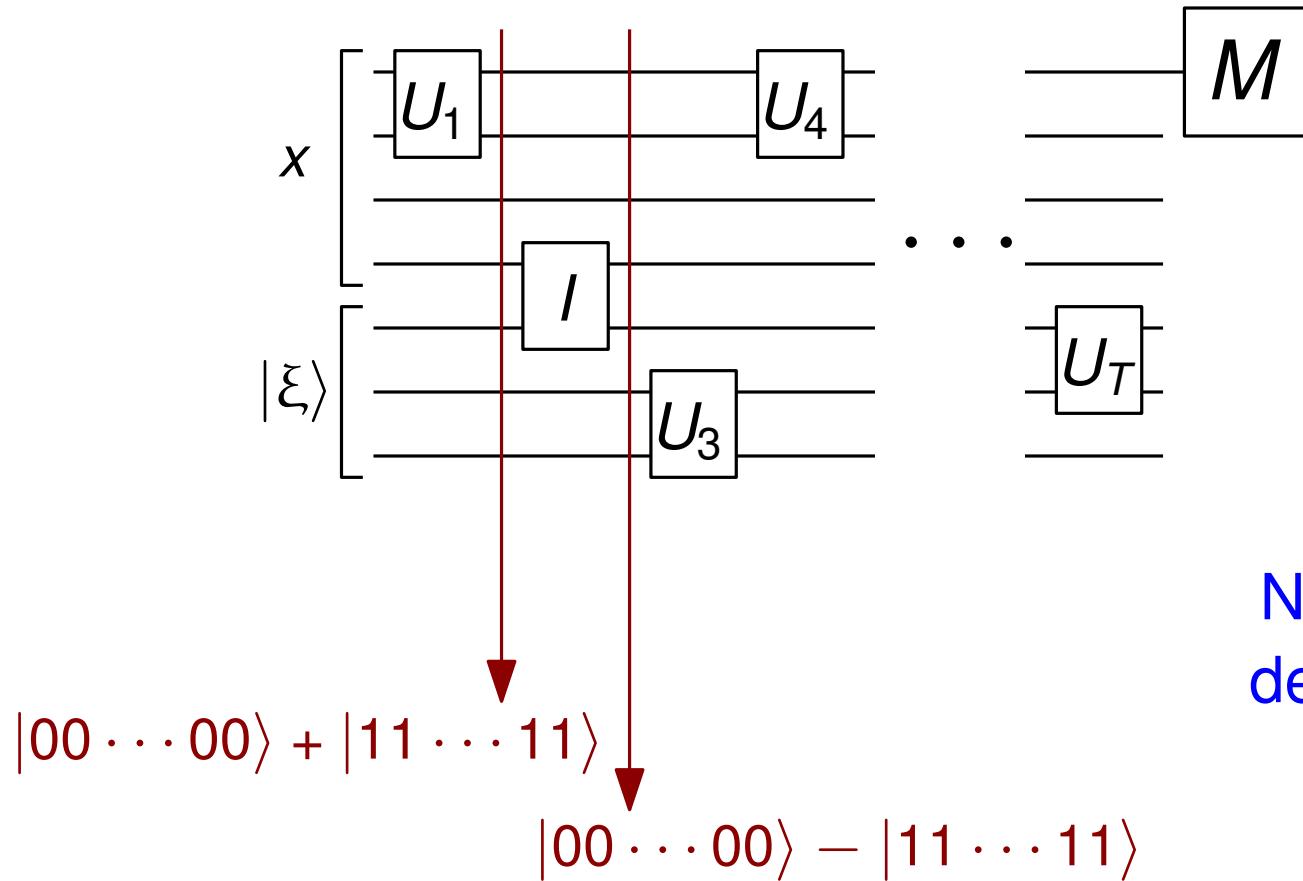
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Computation Qubits **Clock Qubits**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T+1}} \sum_{t=0}^T \underbrace{U_t U_{t-1} \cdots U_2 U_1}_{\text{Computation Register}} |x\rangle|\xi\rangle \otimes |t\rangle$$

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 s qubits
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λ : eigenvalue of B

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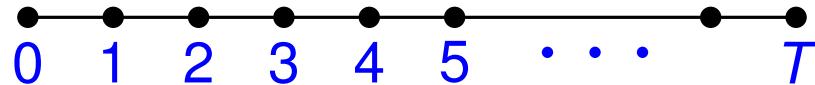
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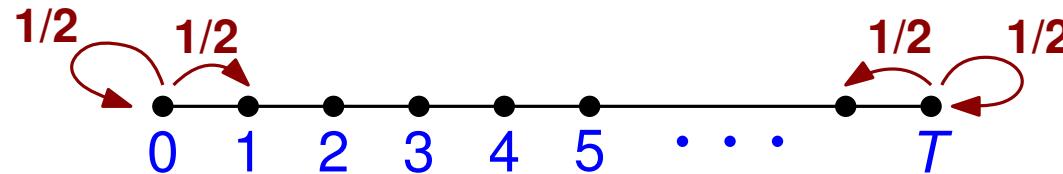
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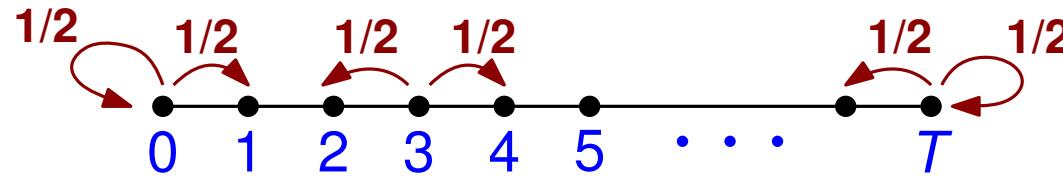
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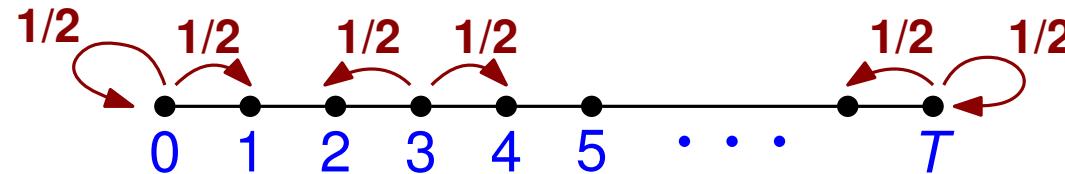
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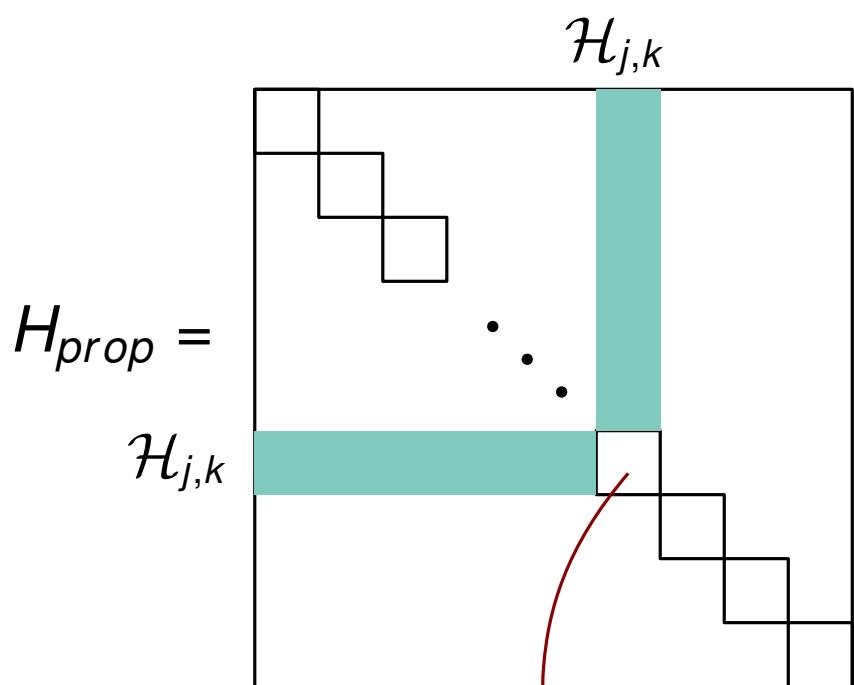
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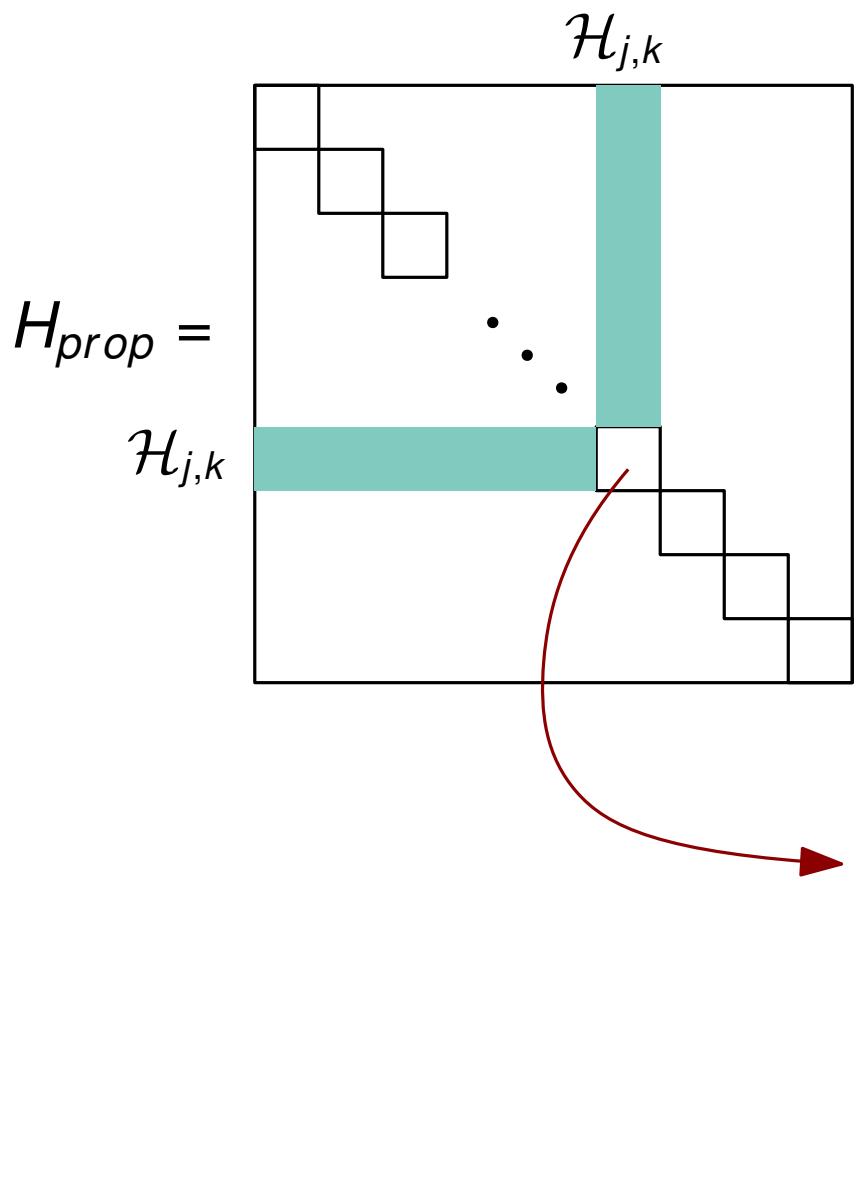


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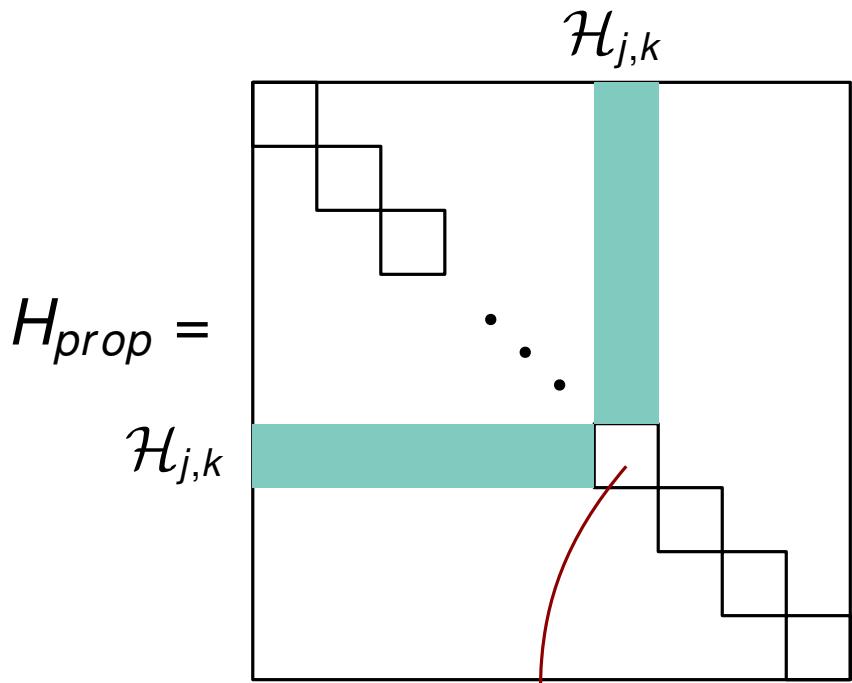
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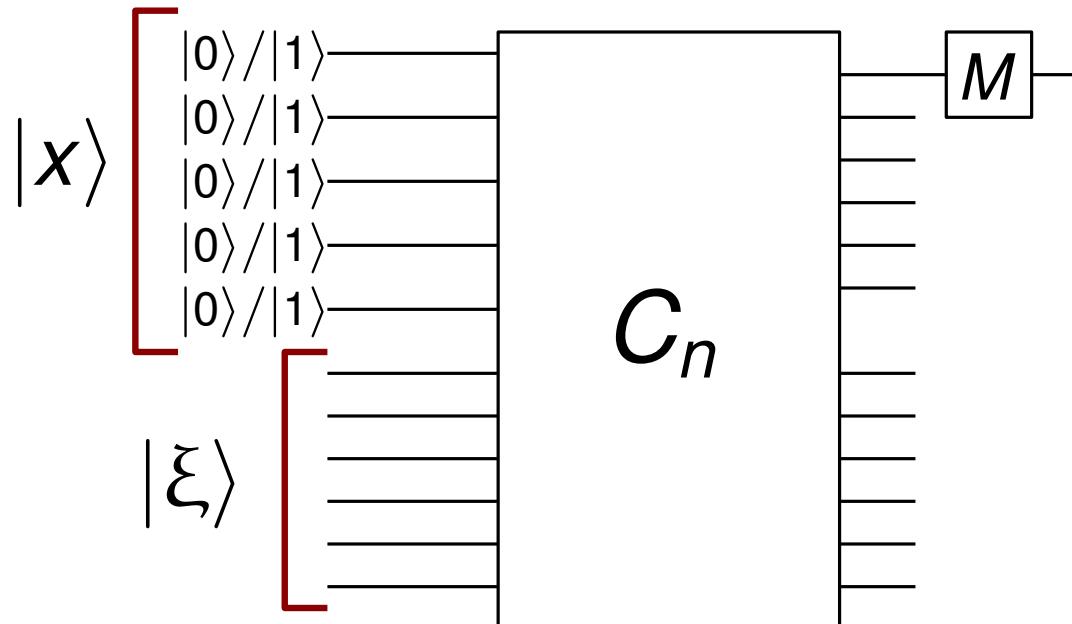
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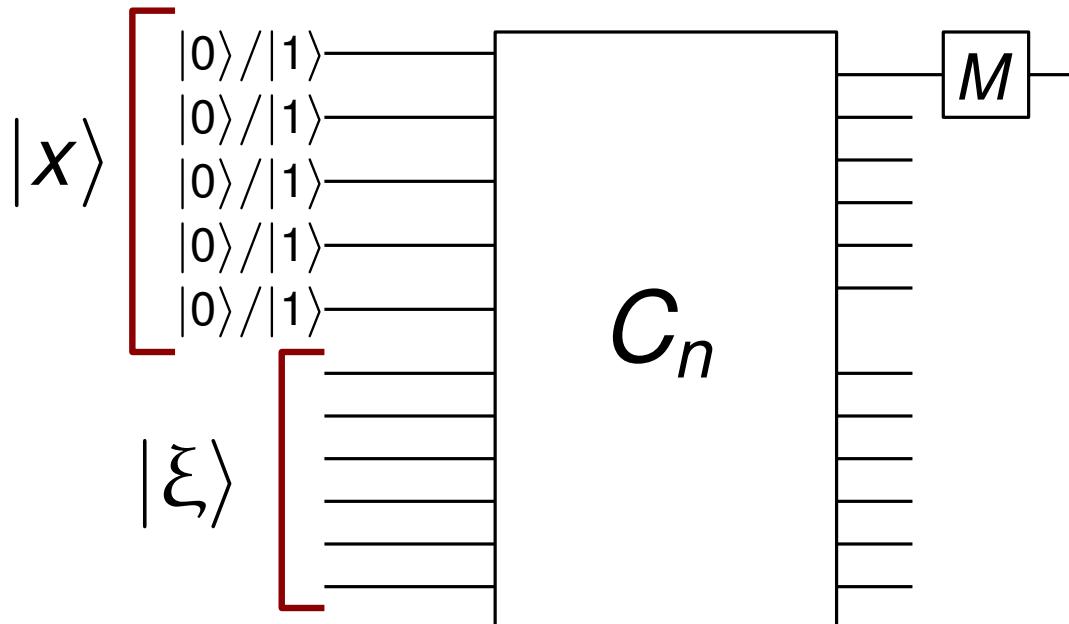
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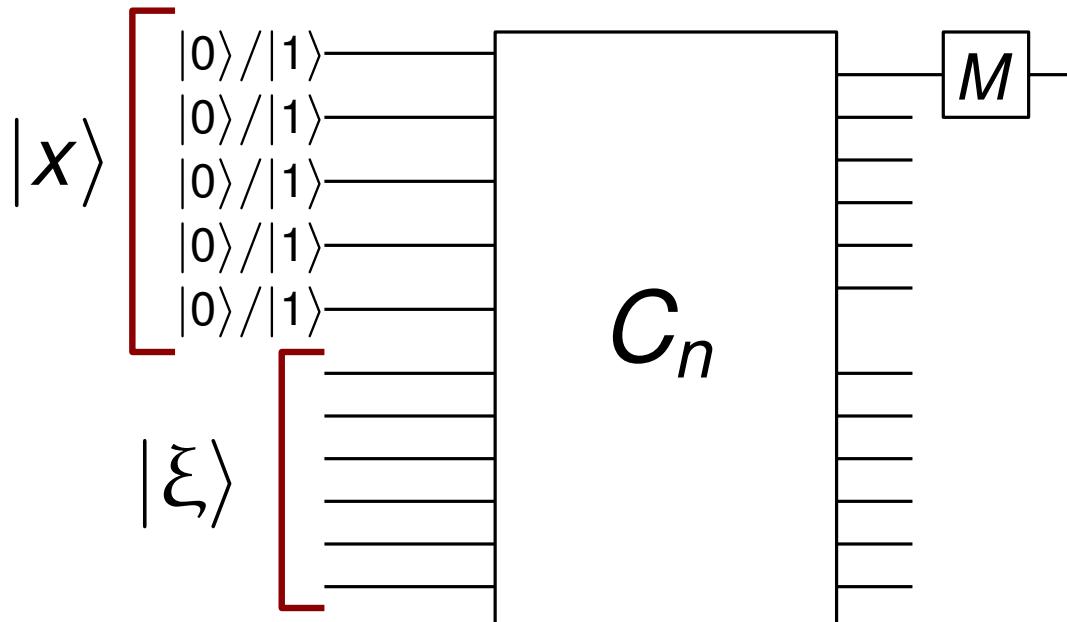
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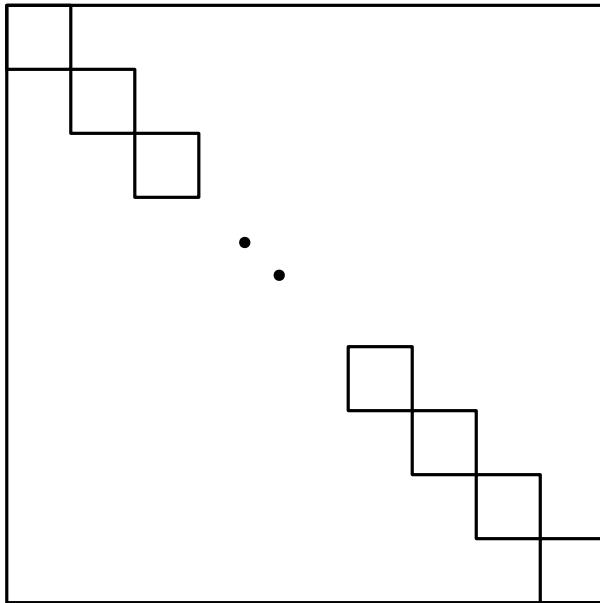
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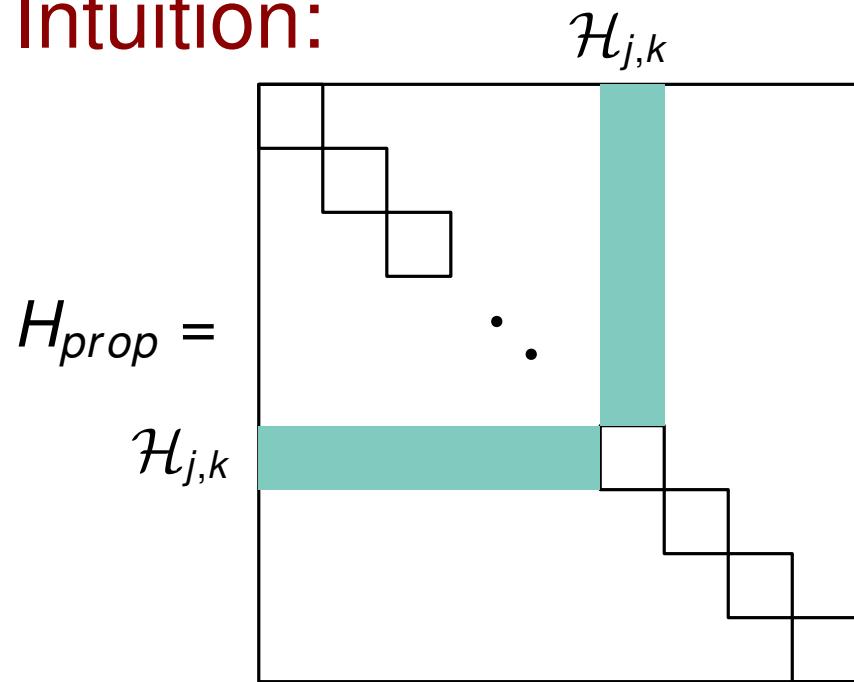
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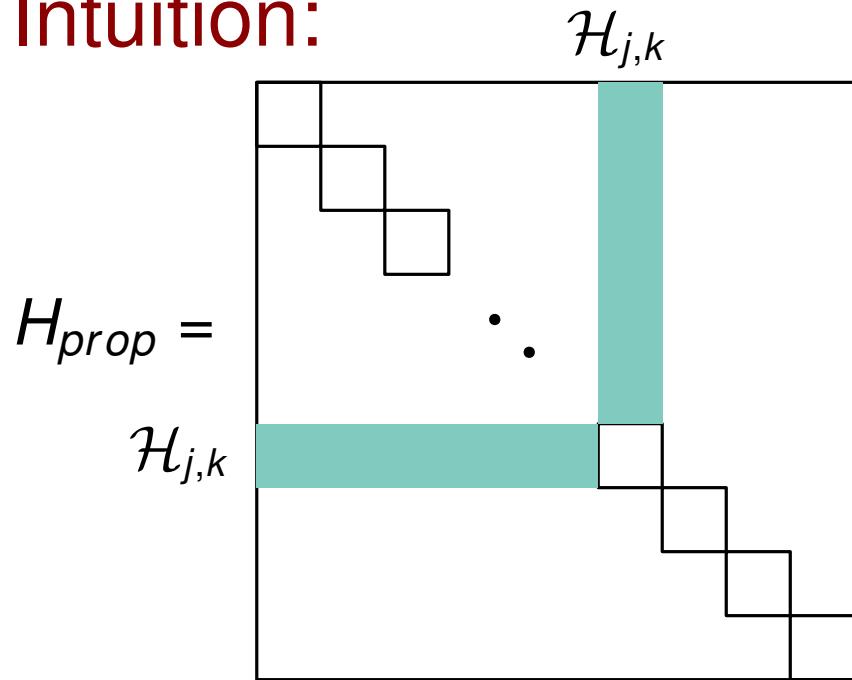
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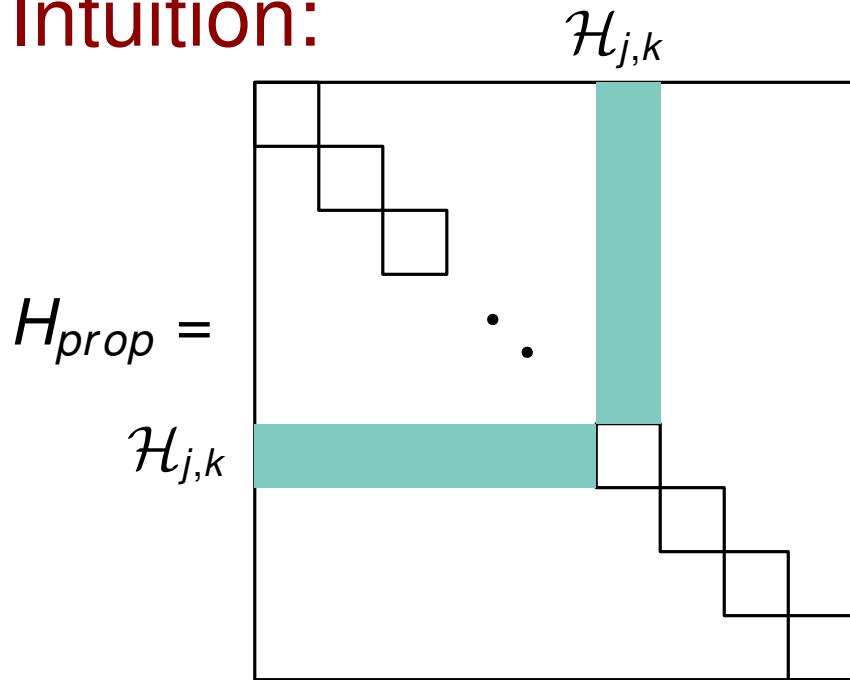


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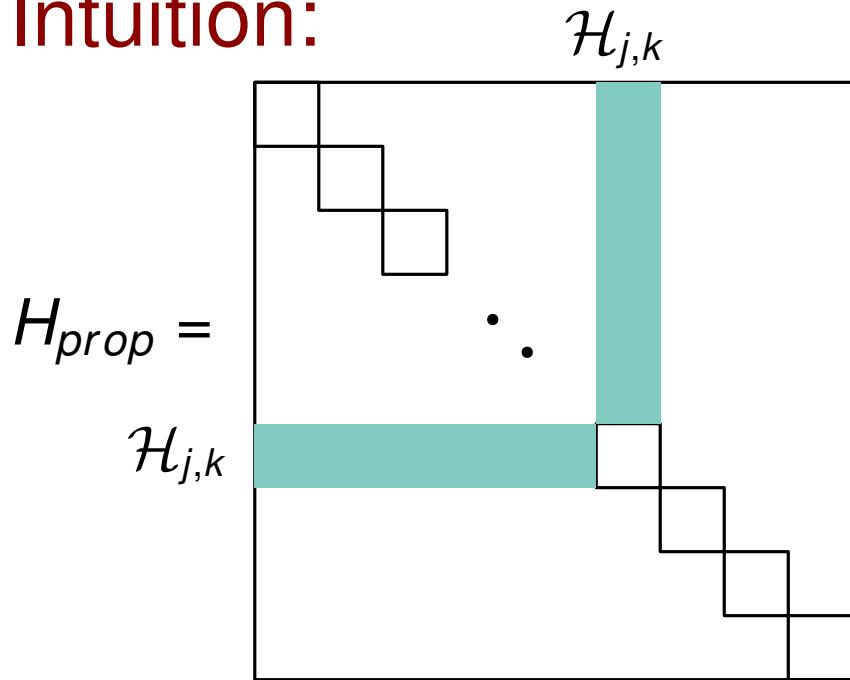
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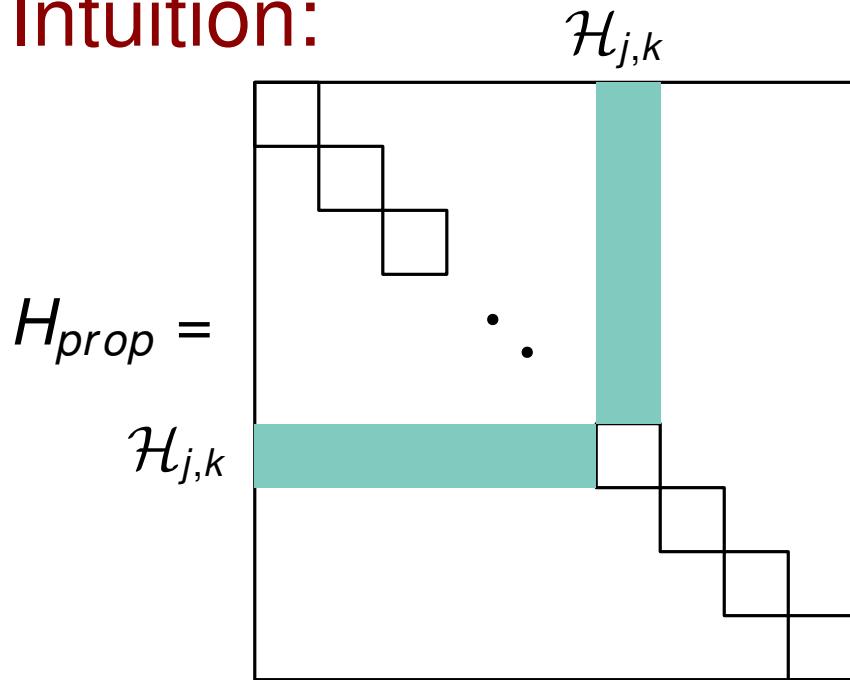
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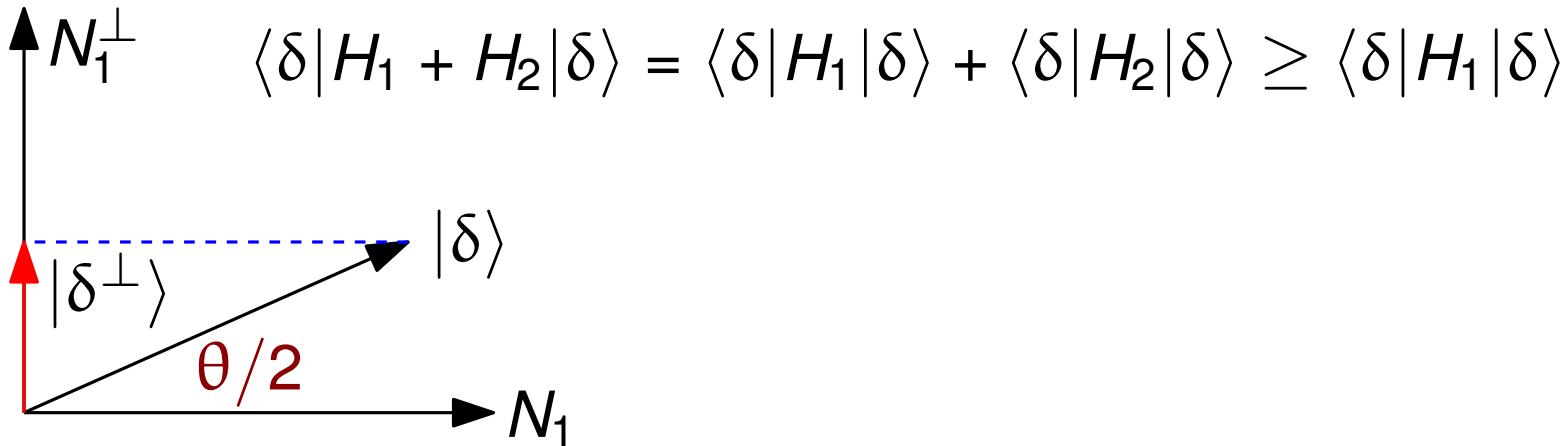
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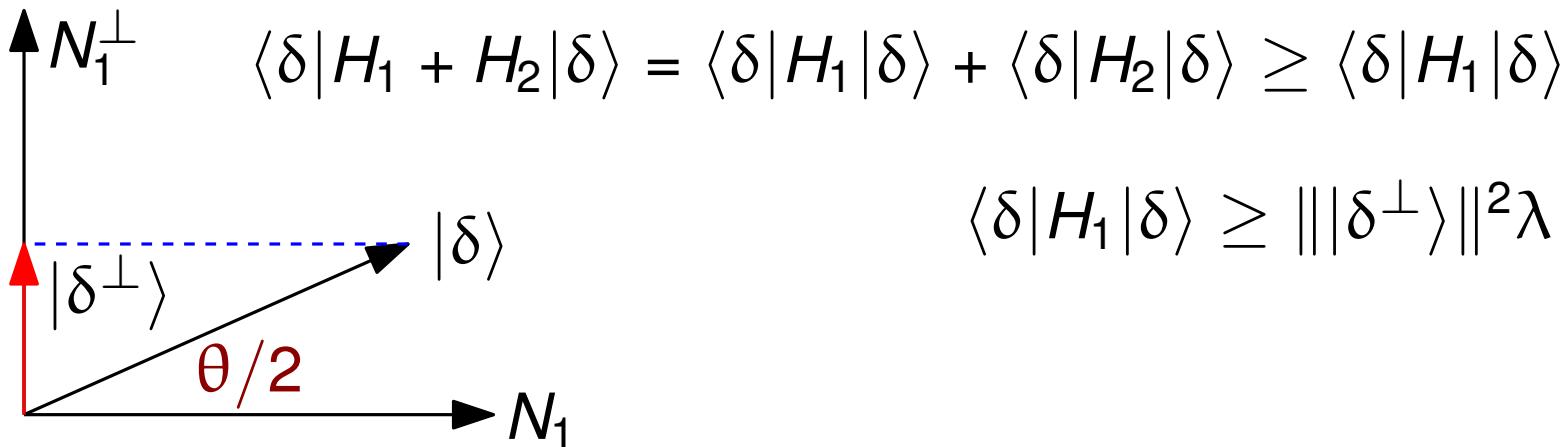
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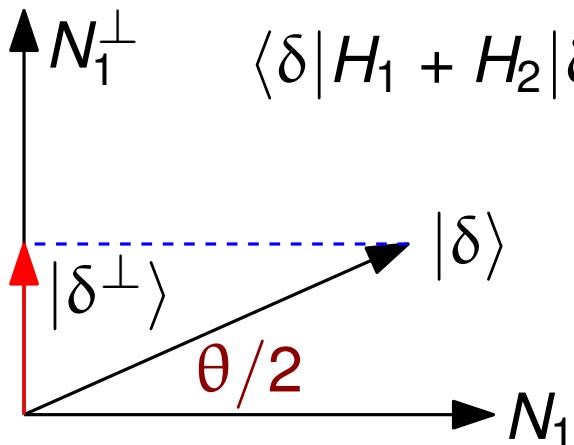
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$$\text{Recall } E = \frac{1}{2^n(T+1)}$$

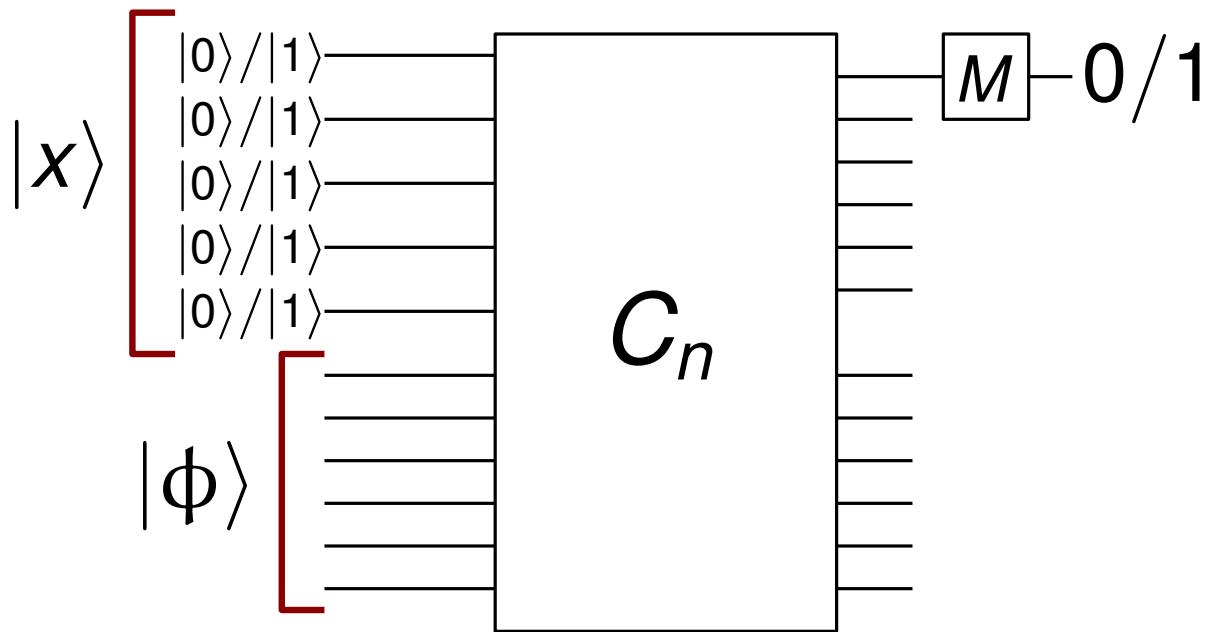
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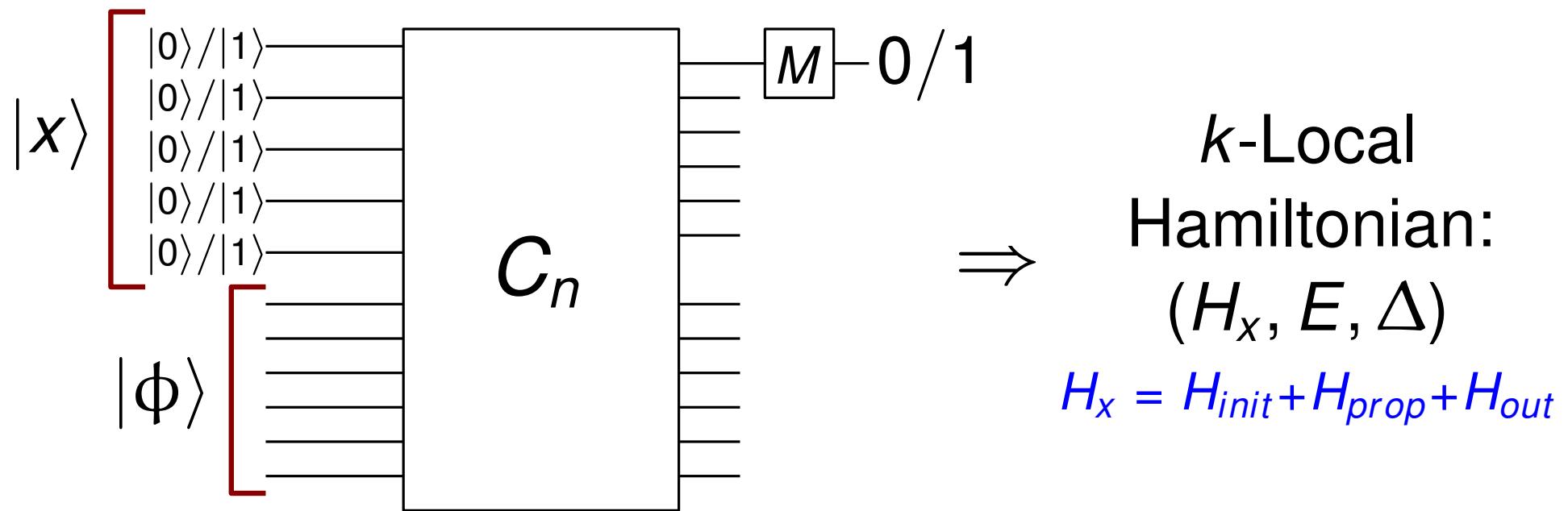


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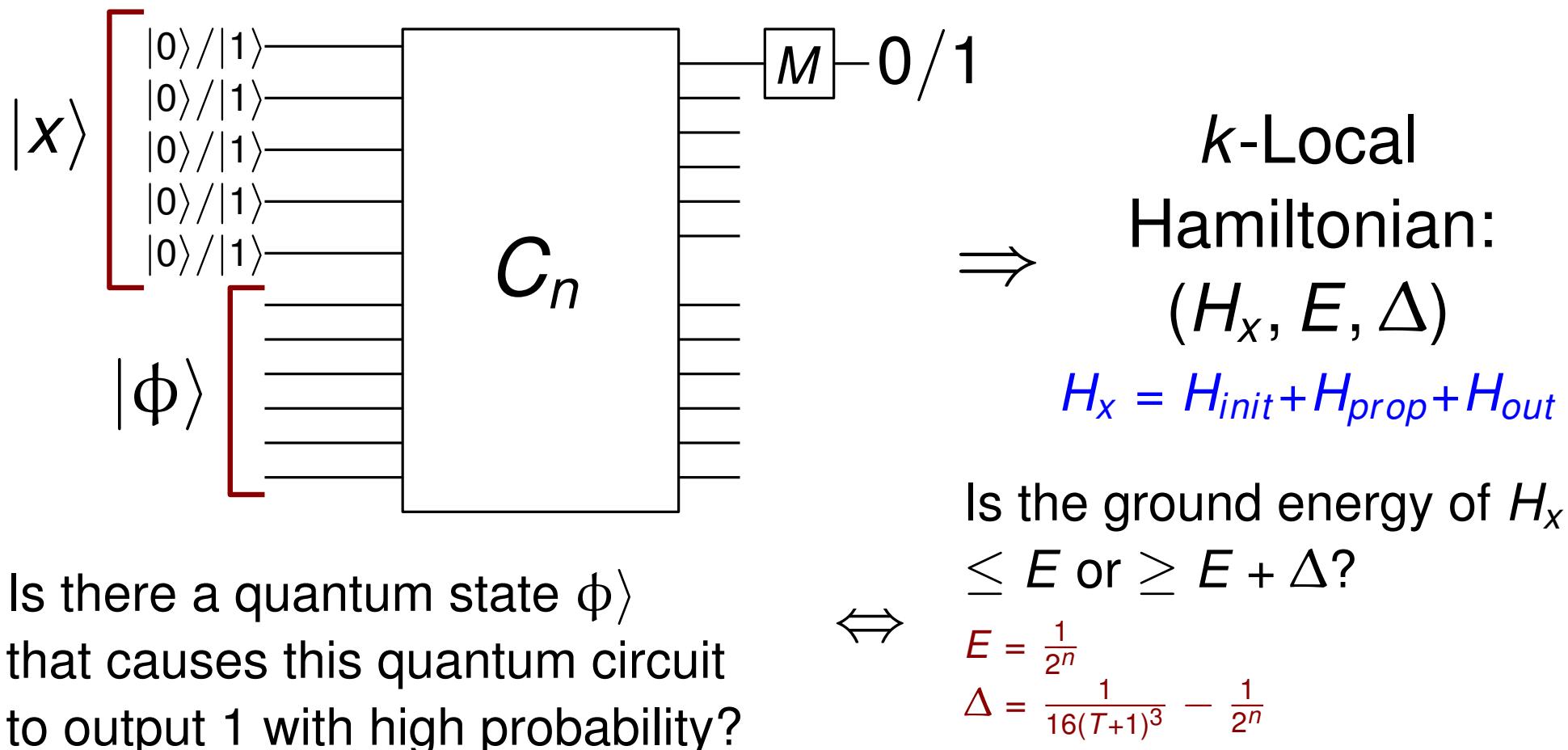


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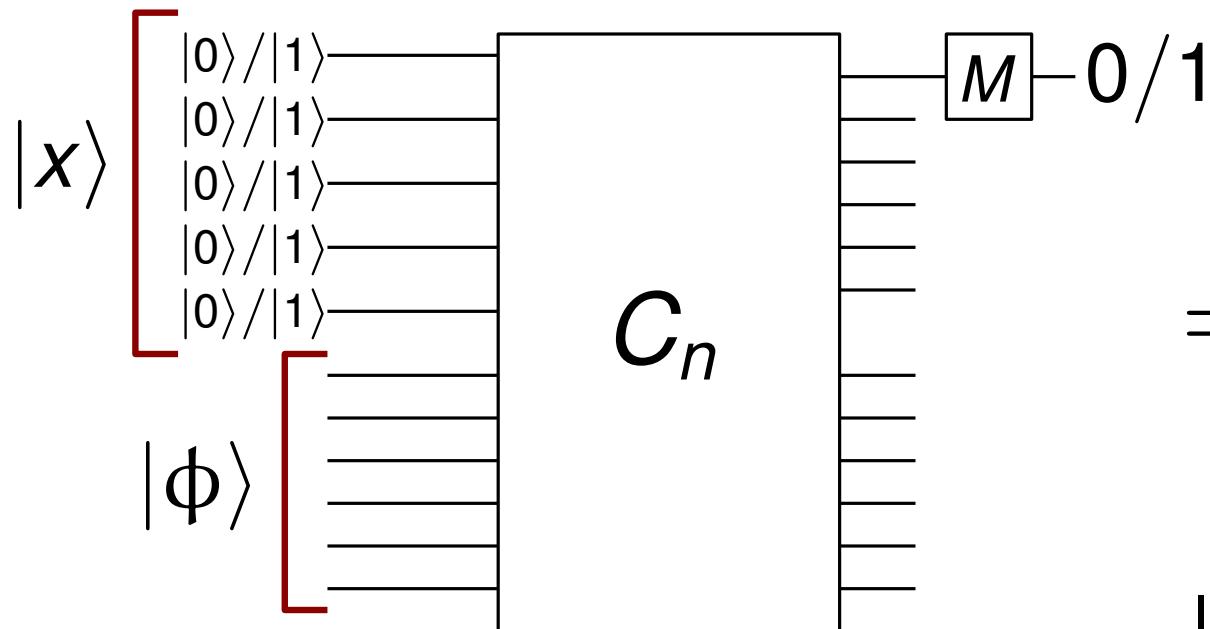
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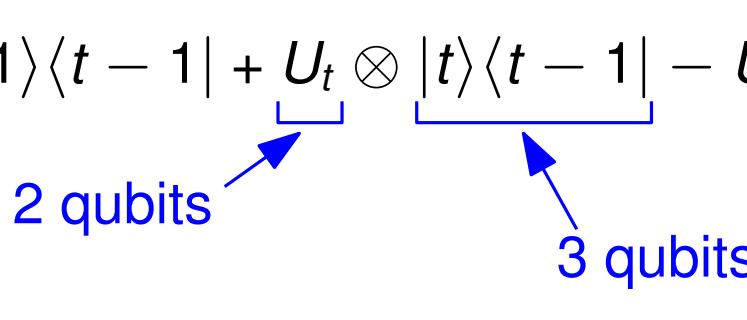
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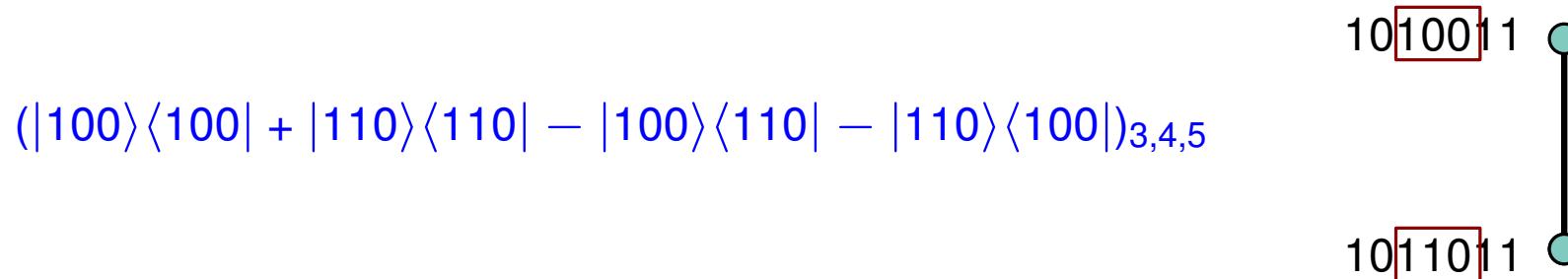
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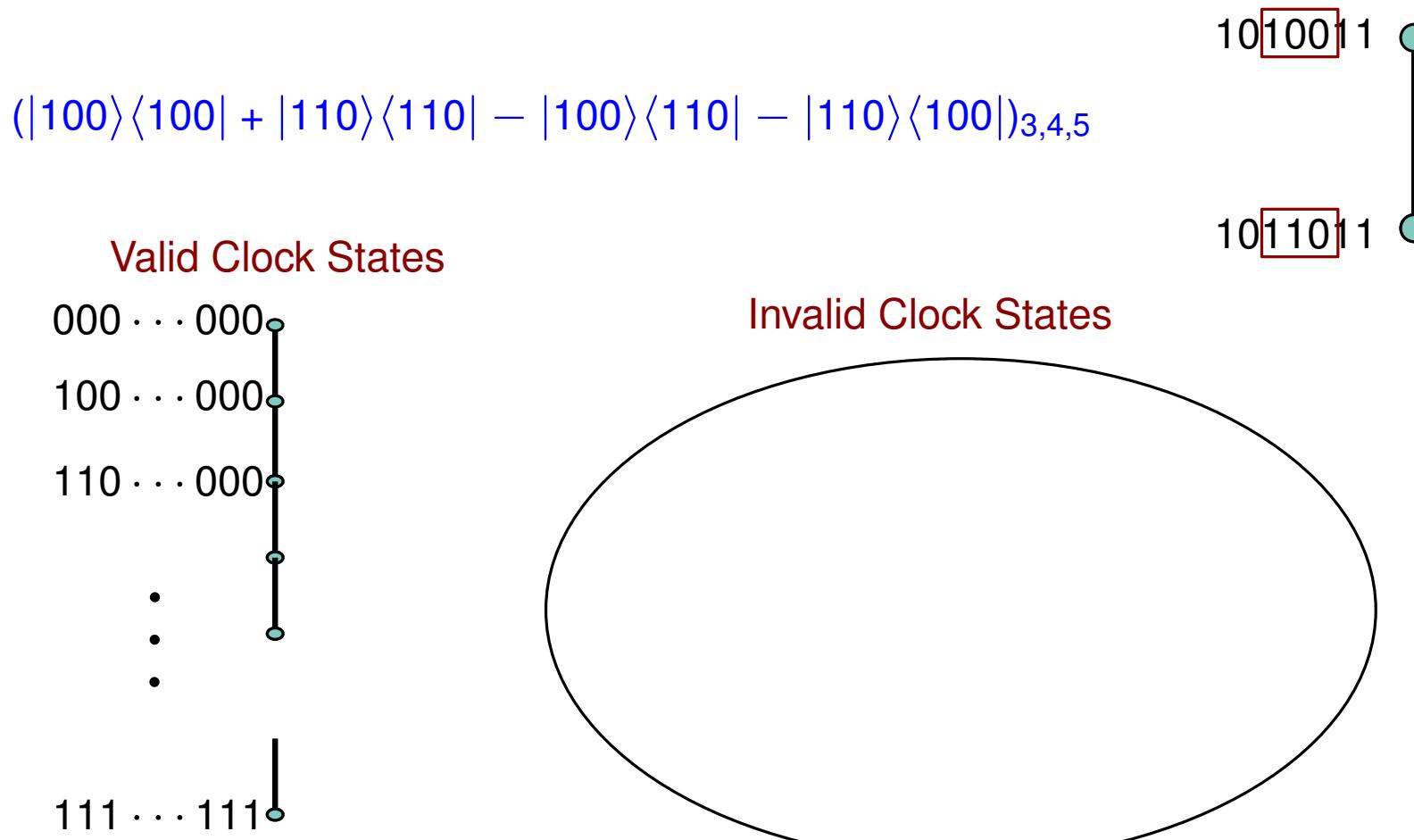
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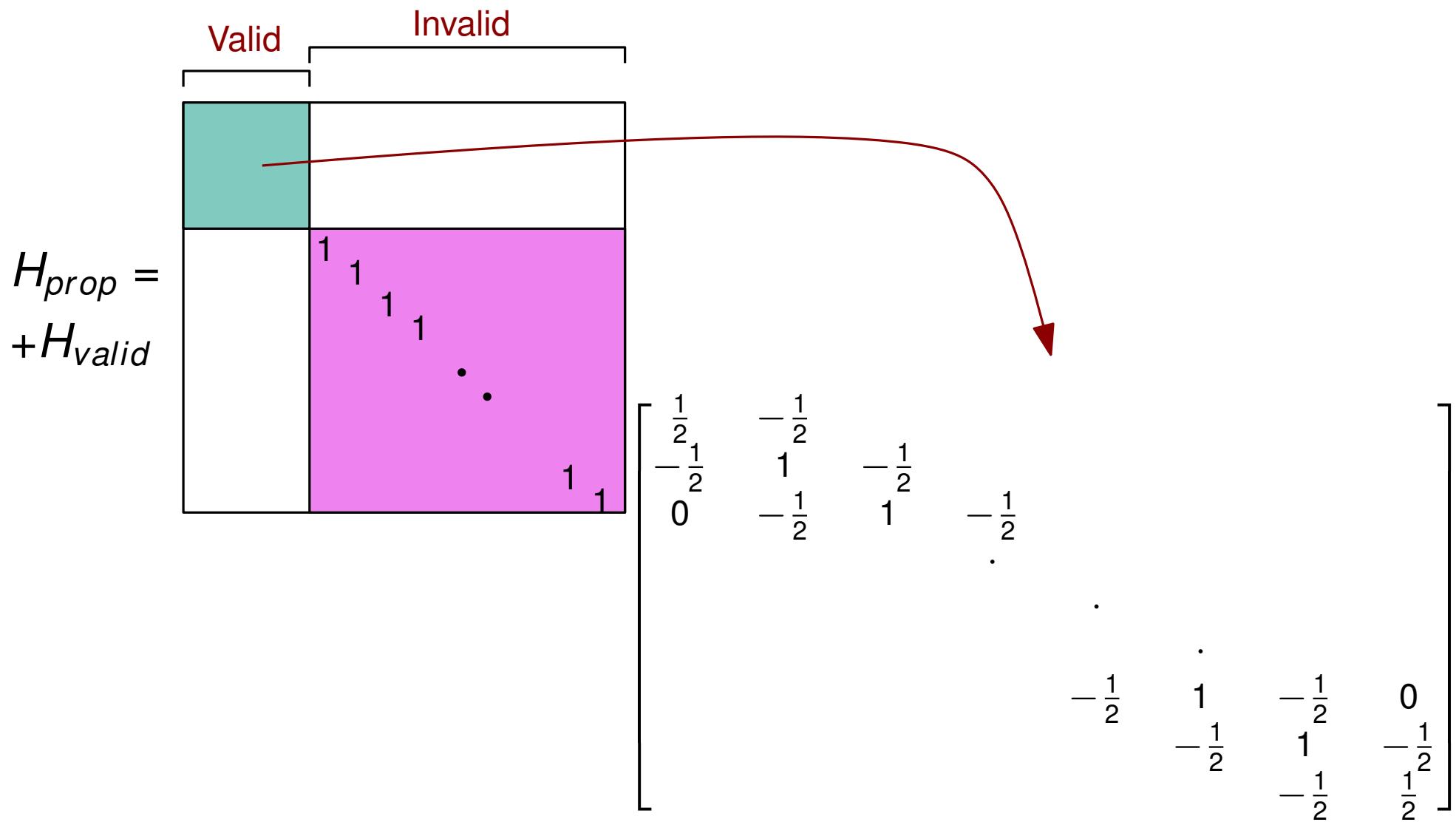
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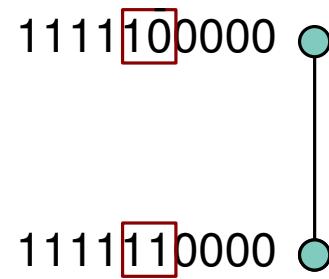
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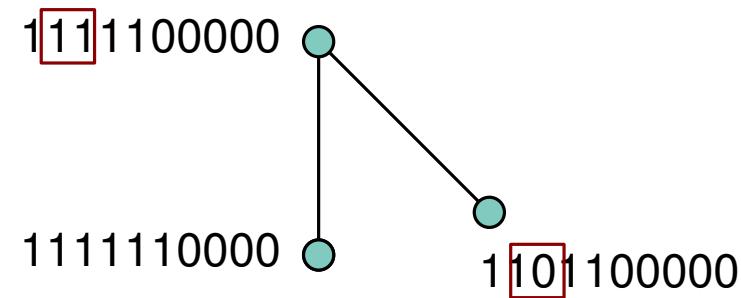
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