

# The Category TOF

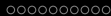
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# Background

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The Toffoli gate is a linear map  $|x_1, x_2, x_3\rangle \mapsto |x_1, x_2, x_1 \cdot x_2 + x_3 \pmod 2\rangle$ .  
It is given by the following matrix:

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

The Toffoli gate is universal for classical reversible computing: every reversible Boolean function can be simulated with Toffoli gates and fixed/input/output bits.

The Toffoli gate is the “most-universal” classically reversible gate, since we don’t have to ignore any of the output bits.

This leads to the question: *what identities characterize this universal class of circuits?*

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Define the symmetric monoidal category TOF:

**Objects:** Natural numbers.

**Maps:** Generated by the following components:

$$tof \equiv \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \oplus \end{array} \quad |1\rangle \equiv \blacktriangleright \quad \langle 1| \equiv \blacktriangleleft$$

$|1\rangle$  and  $\langle 1|$  are called the 1-ancillary bits.

**Composition:**

$$\text{---} \boxed{fg} \text{---} := \text{---} \boxed{f} \boxed{g} \text{---}$$

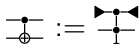
**Tensor:**

$$\text{---} \boxed{f} \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \boxed{g} \text{---} := \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \boxed{f} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \boxed{g} \text{---} \end{array}$$

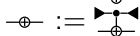
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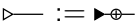
The controlled-not (*cnot*) gate :



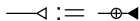
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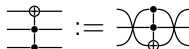
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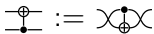
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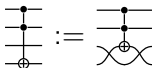
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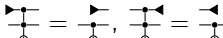


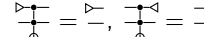
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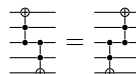
We require that these components satisfy the following identities:

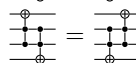
# The Category TOF: Identities

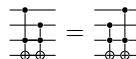
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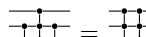
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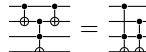
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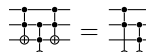
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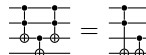
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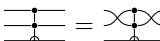
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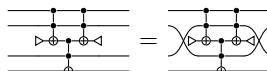
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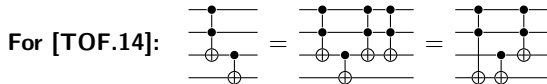
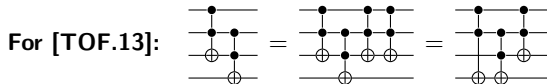
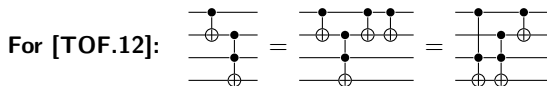
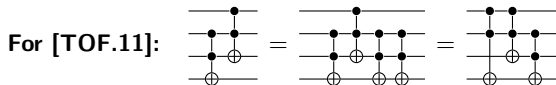
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# Justification for [TOF.11]-[TOF.14]



# Proof Overview

We show:

## Theorem

*TOF is discrete-inverse equivalent to  $\text{FPinj}_2$ .*

The proof follows the same general structure of CNOT, for which we proved a similar completeness result for the *cnot* gate:

1. Prove that TOF is a discrete inverse category.
2. Construct a normal form for the idempotents of TOF.
3. Construct a functor  $H : \text{TOF} \rightarrow \text{FPinj}_2$  and use the normal form to show it is full and faithful on restriction idempotents.
4. Use the discrete inverse structure of TOF to extend the fullness and faithfulness of  $H : \text{TOF} \rightarrow \text{FPinj}_2$  on idempotents to show  $H : \text{TOF} \rightarrow \text{FPinj}_2$  is an equivalence.

## TOF is a Discrete Inverse Category

## Restriction Categories

A **restriction category**  $\mathbb{X}$  is a category along with an assignment of an arrow  $\bar{f} : A \rightarrow A$  for each  $f : A \rightarrow B$  such that the following identities hold:

$$[\text{R.1}] \quad \bar{f}f = f$$

$$[\text{R.2}] \quad \bar{g}\bar{f} = \bar{f}\bar{g}$$

$$[\text{R.3}] \quad \overline{\bar{f}g} = \bar{f}\bar{g}$$

$$[\text{R.4}] \quad f\bar{g} = \bar{f}gf$$

Maps of the form  $\bar{f}$  for some  $f$  are called **restriction idempotents**.

Restriction categories generalize the category of sets and partial maps,  $\text{Par}$ , where:

$$\bar{f}(x) := \begin{cases} x & \text{If } f(x) \downarrow \\ \uparrow & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Inverses and isomorphisms are generalized in restriction categories.

Given a map  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , a map  $g : B \rightarrow A$  is the **partial inverse** of  $f$  when  $fg = \bar{f}$  and  $gf = \bar{g}$ .

A map is a **partial isomorphism** when it has a partial inverse.

Just like normal inverses, partial inverses are unique and the composition of two partial isomorphisms is a partial isomorphism.

# Inverse Categories

A restriction category is an **inverse category** when every map is a partial isomorphism.

Alternatively,  $\mathbb{X}$  is an inverse category when there is an identity-on-objects functor  $(-)^{\circ} : \mathbb{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  such that:

$$\text{(INV.1)} \quad (f^{\circ})^{\circ} = f$$

$$\text{(INV.2)} \quad ff^{\circ}f = f$$

$$\text{(INV.3)} \quad ff^{\circ}gg^{\circ} = gg^{\circ}ff^{\circ}$$

The functor takes maps to their partial inverses, so that  $\bar{f} := ff^{\circ}$ .

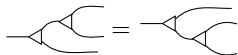
All idempotents in inverse categories are restriction idempotents.

Denote the category sets and partial isomorphisms by  $\text{Pinj}$ .

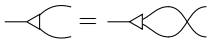
# Discrete Inverse Categories

An inverse category  $\mathbb{X}$  has **inverse products** when it has a symmetric tensor product which preserves restriction and there is total natural diagonal transformation  $\Delta$  such that:

- ▶  $\Delta$  is coassociative:

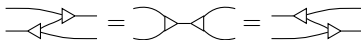


- ▶  $\Delta$  is cocommutative:

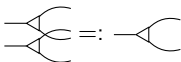


# Discrete Inverse Categories

- ▶  $\Delta$  satisfies the semi-Frobenius (non-unital Frobenius) identity:



- ▶  $\Delta$  satisfies the uniform copying identity:



A category with inverse products is a **discrete inverse category**.

# Discrete Inverse Structure of TOF

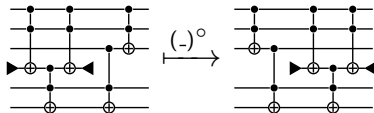
TOF is a discrete inverse category in the same way as CNOT:

- ▶  $\Delta$  is defined inductively, such that  $\Delta_0 := 1_0$ ,

$$\Delta_1 = \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} := \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \oplus \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{n+1} = \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} := \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \\ \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \oplus \end{array}$$

- ▶ The functor  $(-)^{\circ} : \text{TOF}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{TOF}$  is defined by horizontally flipping circuits, taking  $|1\rangle \mapsto \langle 1|$ ,  $\langle 1| \mapsto |1\rangle$ ,  $\text{tof} \mapsto \text{tof}$ .

For example:



The total points look like an  $n$ -fold tensor product of computational ancillary bits.

The other points are equivalent to a circuit containing the map  $\text{---} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array}$ .



## Generalized controlled-not Gates

# Generalized controlled not gates

Before we can construct a normal form for the restriction idempotents of TOF, we must construct generalized controlled not gates:

## Definition

$$cnot_0 := not, \quad cnot_1 := cnot, \quad cnot_2 := tof$$

$$cnot_{n+1} \equiv n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \oplus \end{array} \right\} := \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \oplus \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \oplus \text{---} \end{array}$$

The wires with the dots are called the **control wires** and the wire with the  $\oplus$  is called the **target wire**.

Algebraically denote a  $cnot_n$  gate with gaps/permuted wires by  $\oplus_x^X$ , where  $X$  are the control wires and  $x$  is the target wire.

To prove the completeness of TOF, we must also exhibit some of the basic properties of  $cnot_n$  gates.

## Iwama's identities

In their paper, “Transformation rules for designing cnot-based quantum circuits,” Iwama, Kambayashi, and Yamashita, gave an infinite, complete set of identities for circuits of the form:

$$|x_1, \dots, x_n, y\rangle \mapsto |x_1, \dots, x_n, y + f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \pmod{2}\rangle$$

generated by  $cnot_n$  gates and finitely many  $|0\rangle$  auxiliary bits.

An auxiliary bit for the state  $|x\rangle$  is a designated pair of extra ignored input and output wires, satisfying the condition that if  $|x\rangle$  is plugged into an auxiliary bit input wire,  $|x\rangle$  will be produced on the designated output wire.

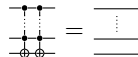
Note, that *these circuits are only a small fragment of the circuits of TOF*. For example, using auxiliary bits instead of ancillary bits forces all circuits to be total.

## Iwama's identities

The identities are as follows: (where  $\triangleright_x$  denotes the input of a  $|0\rangle$  auxiliary bit on wire  $x$  wedged by identity wires):

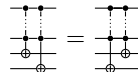
$$(i) \oplus_x^X \oplus_x^X = 1$$

graphically:



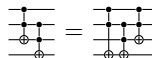
$$(ii) \oplus_x^X \oplus_y^Y = \oplus_y^Y \oplus_x^X \text{ if } x \notin Y \text{ and } y \notin X$$

for example:



$$(iii) \oplus_x^X \oplus_y^{\{x\} \sqcup Y} = \oplus_y^{X \cup Y} \oplus_y^{\{x\} \sqcup Y} \oplus_x^X$$

for example:



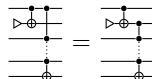
We call this identity the “pushing Lemma” because it allows  $cnot_n, cnot_m$  gates to be pushed past each other with a trailing  $cnot_k$  gate.

$$(iv) \oplus_y^{\{x\} \sqcup Y} \oplus_x^X = \oplus_x^X \oplus_y^{\{x\} \sqcup Y} \oplus_y^{X \cup Y}$$

this is dual to (iii)

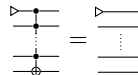
$$(v) \triangleright_z \oplus_z^{\{x\}} \oplus_y^{\{x\} \sqcup X} = \triangleright_z \oplus_z^{\{x\}} \oplus_y^{\{z\} \sqcup X}$$

for example:



$$(vi) \triangleright_x \oplus_y^{\{x\} \sqcup X} = \triangleright_x$$

for example:



Indeed, all of these identities hold in TOF.

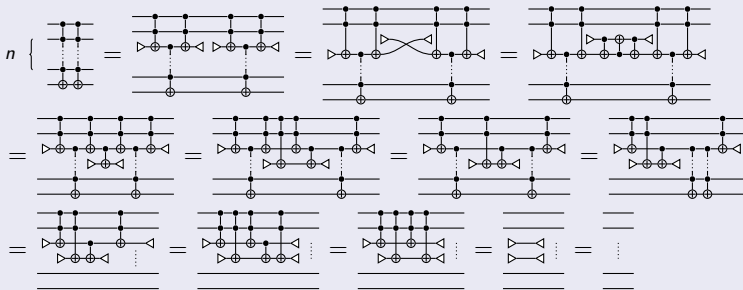
Identity (i) is easy to prove:

## Lemma

$cnot_n$  gates are self-inverse.

## Proof.

The base cases for  $not$ ,  $cnot$  and  $tof$  are easy. For the inductive case:



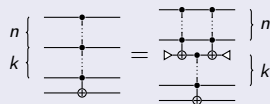
# The zipper

With these two Lemmas, it isn't too hard to prove the following claim (by simultaneous induction on claims (i) and (ii)):

## Proposition

For  $n \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ :

(i)  $cnot_{n+k}$  gates can be zipped and unzipped:



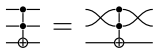
(ii)  $cnot_n$  gates can be pushed past Toffoli gates in the following sense:



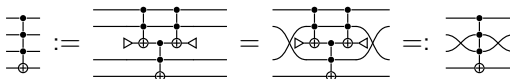
Notice that part (ii) is a special case of Iwama's identity (iii), where  $|X| = 2$ .

Recall the two identities:

[TOF.16]

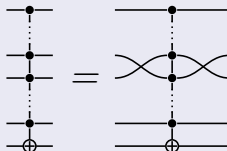


[TOF.17]



These two identities and part (i) of the previous proposition imply:

Corollary



## Completeness of TOF



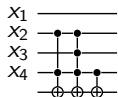
# Representations of Polynomials in TOF

Iwama et. al give a normal form for their restricted classes of circuits; in TOF this corresponds to:

## Definition

A circuit  $f : n \rightarrow n$  is said to be in **polynomial form** when it is the composition of circuits  $f = c_1 \cdots c_k$  where each  $c_i$  is a generalized controlled-not gate targeting the last wire.

These circuits correspond to polynomials (up to the normal form for polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ), for example, the following circuit corresponds to the polynomial  $x_2x_4 + x_2x_3x_4 + x_4$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$ :



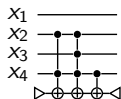
# A Normal Form for the Restriction Idempotents of TOF

For the normal form for the restriction idempotents of TOF, we restrict the value of the polynomial to 0:

## Definition

A circuit  $e : n \rightarrow n$  in TOF is a **polyform** if  $e = (1_n \otimes |0\rangle)q(1_n \otimes \langle 0|)$  for some  $q : n + 1 \rightarrow n + 1$  in polynomial form.

For example, the following circuit corresponds to the polynomial equation  $x_2x_4 + x_2x_3x_4 + x_4 = 0$ :



The uniqueness of polyforms follows from the uniqueness of polynomial expansions along with the self-inverse property of  $cnot_n$  gates and obvious commutativity results.

# Polyforms are Idempotent

For the one direction:

## Lemma

*Polyforms are idempotent.*

## Proof.

Consider some map  $e := (1_n \otimes |0\rangle)q(1_n \otimes \langle 0|)$  a polyform, as above, then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{---} \boxed{e} \text{---} \boxed{e} \text{---} &= \text{---} \boxed{q} \text{---} \boxed{q} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{q} \text{---} \boxed{q} \text{---} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



# Idempotents have polyforms

Conversely:

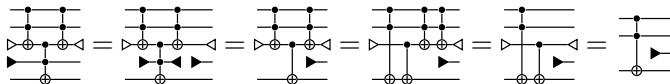
## Lemma

*Idempotents have polyforms.*

The proof is by structural induction, wedging maps between all of the generators and their partial inverses.

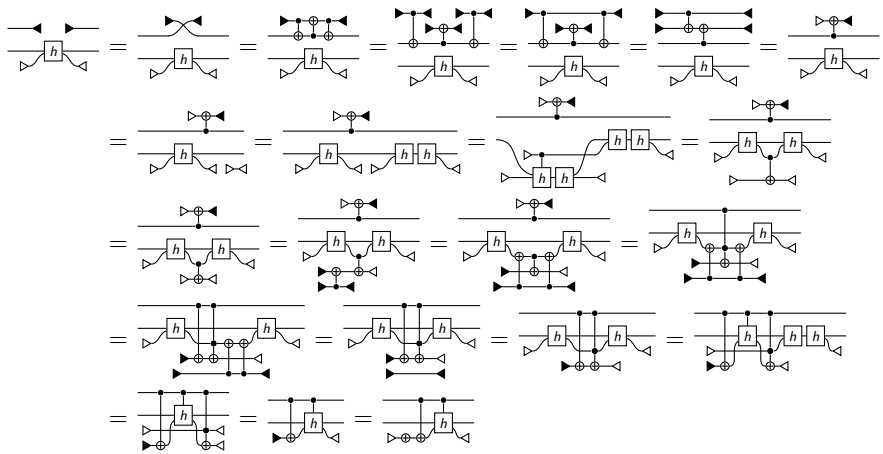
**Case 1:** For the generator  $tof$ , the claim follows from Iwama's identity.

**Case 2:** For  $|1\rangle$  we can use the previous corollary to only consider the case where  $|1\rangle$  is on the very bottom control wire:



**Case 3:** For  $\langle 1|$ : The structure proof similar to the proof that polyforms are Idempotent, but involves Iwama's pushing identity.

### Case 3: For $\langle 1|$ :



# The Full and Faithful $(-)^{\circ}$ -Functor from TOF

## Definition

Let  $\text{FPinj}_2$  be the full subcategory of  $\text{Pinj}$  with objects: sets with cardinalities finite powers of 2.

Define a functor into this category (which will be shown to be an equivalence):

## Definition

Define the functor  $H : \text{TOF} \rightarrow \text{FPinj}_2$ :

**On Objects:**  $H(n) := \{f \in \text{TOF}(0, n) \mid \bar{f} = 1_0\}$

**On Maps:** For each map  $f : n \rightarrow m$ , for all  $g \in H(n)$ :

$$(H(f))(g) := \begin{cases} gf & \text{if } \bar{gf} = 1_0 \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

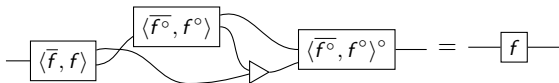
It is not hard to show that  $H : \text{TOF} \rightarrow \text{FPinj}_2$

- ▶ ...preserves inverse products.
- ▶ ...is full and faithful on idempotents (using their normal form).

# Completeness

We lift the fullness and faithfulness of  $H : \text{TOF} \rightarrow \text{FPin}_2$  on idempotents, to its fullness and faithfulness in general.

For the fullness, note that for all total maps  $f$  in  $\text{FPin}_2$ , using polynomial forms we can construct a map  $g$  in TOF such that  $H(g) = \Delta(1 \otimes f) = \langle 1, f \rangle$ . But since  $H$  is full on restriction idempotents, for any map  $f$  in  $\text{FPin}_2$ , the following map is in  $H(\text{TOF})$ :



For the faithfulness we use the fact that discrete inverse categories have meets, given by  $f \cap g := \Delta(f \otimes g)\Delta^\circ$ .

Therefore:

## Theorem

TOF is discrete-inverse equivalent to  $\text{FPin}_2$ .

Thank you for Listening.  
Questions?



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