

Grover's Algorithm: Single Solution

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Application

- Grover's algorithm can identify an item from a list of N elements in $O(\sqrt{N})$
- What's this good for?
Unstructured database search
(virtual database)
 - breaking DES (Data Encryption Standard)
 - SAT (Satisfiability of boolean formula)
 - map coloring with 4 colors

Application: DES

- clear text + key = ciphertext
- “attackatdawn” + 3726495784 = “ojbevjewbv”
- 56-bit key
- Best classical algorithm
 - 36 quadrillion
- Grover’s algorithm
 - 118 million

$$\frac{2^{56}}{2}$$