

# Quantum algorithms for the subset-sum problem

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## Binary search (0.5)

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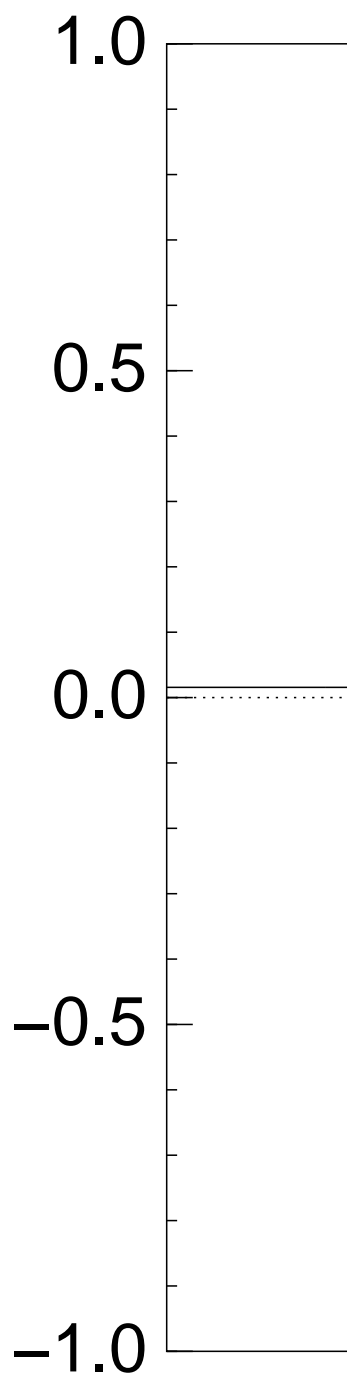
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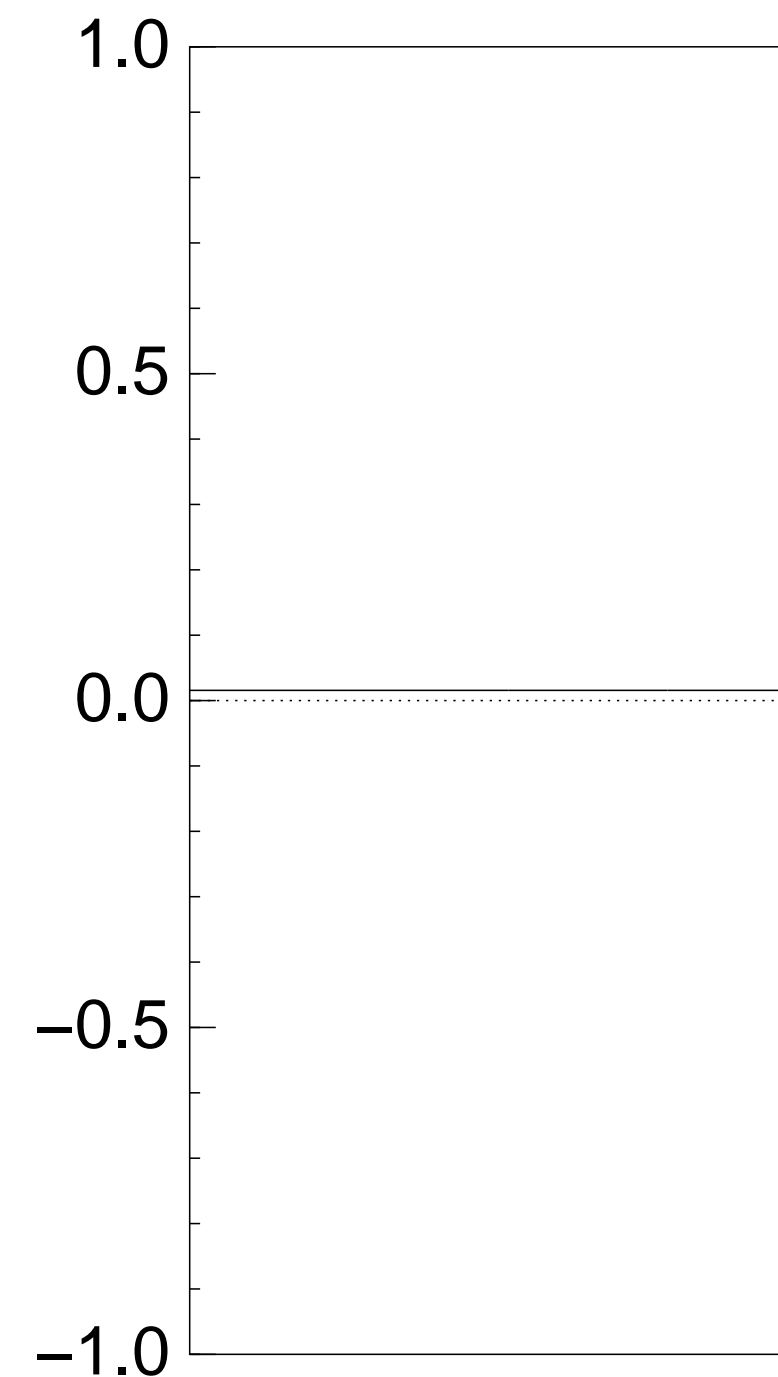
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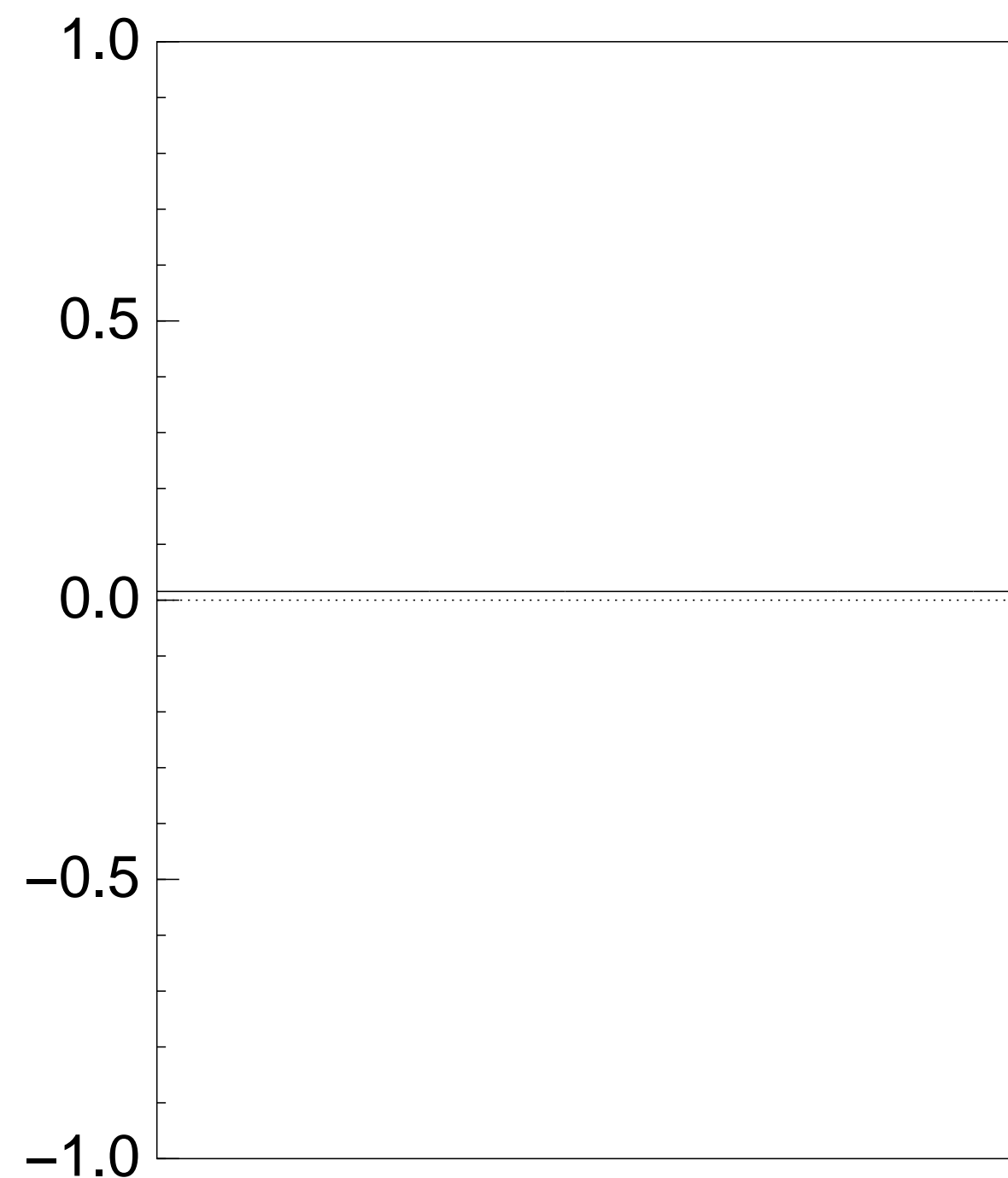
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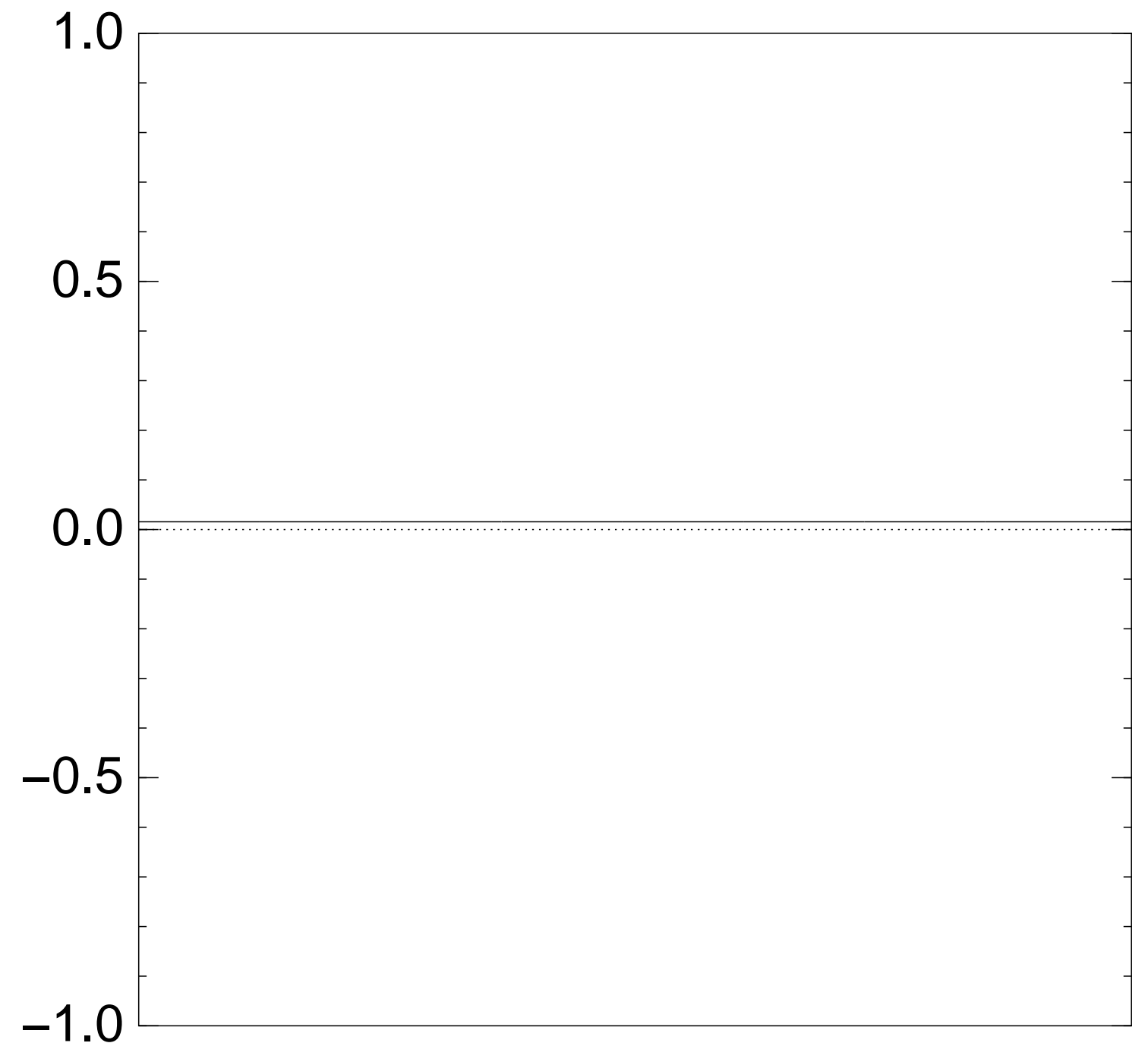
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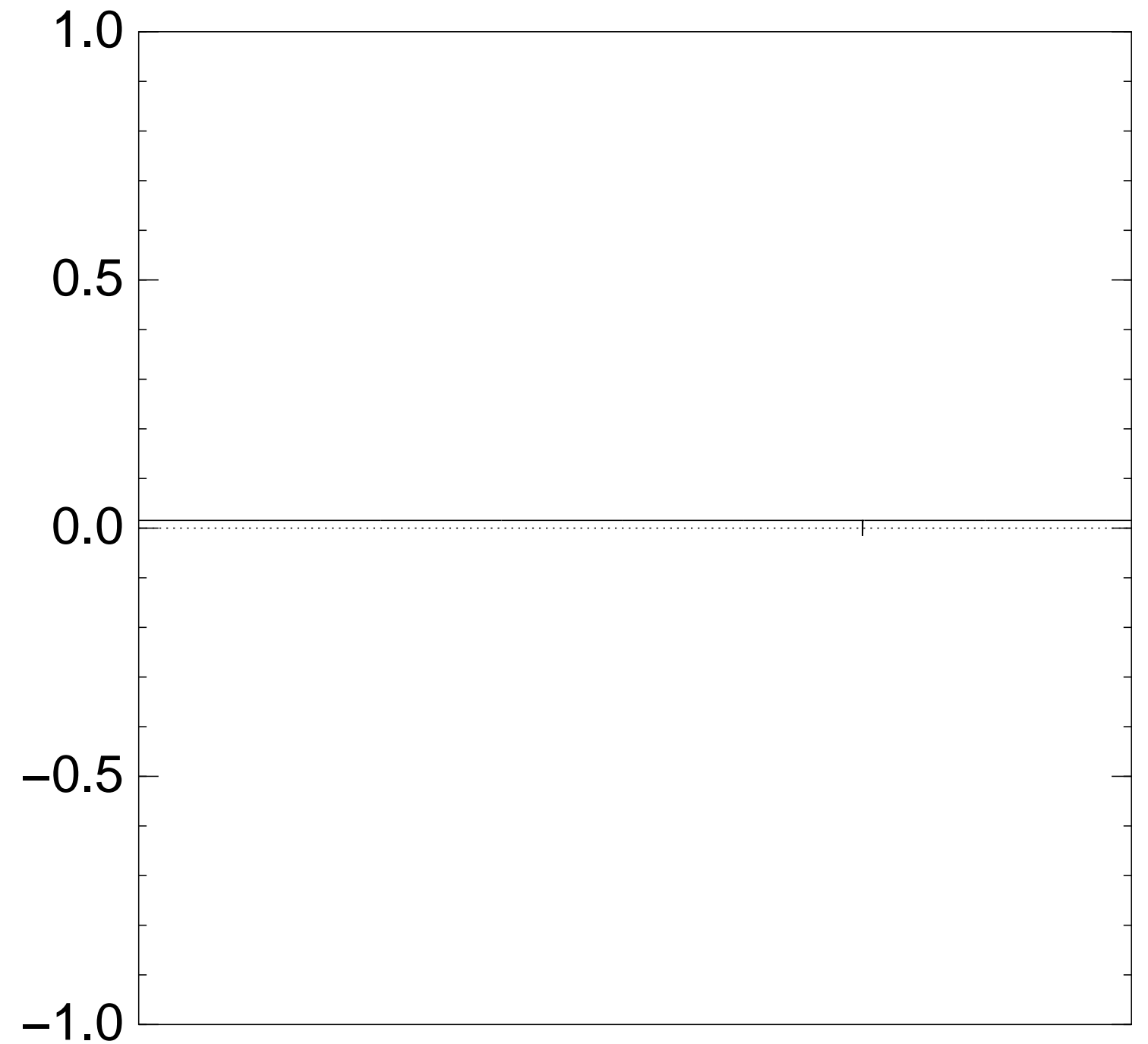
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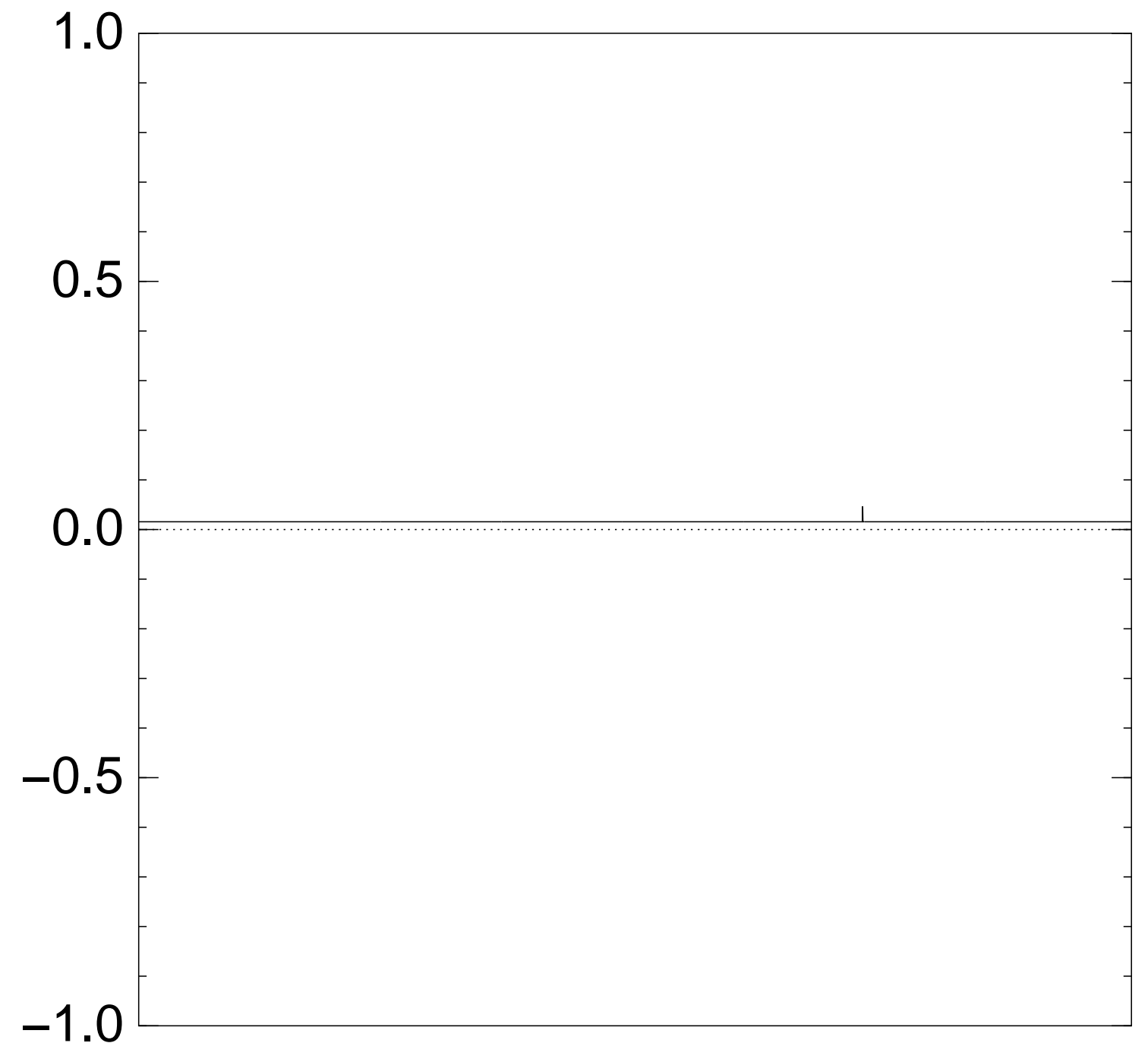
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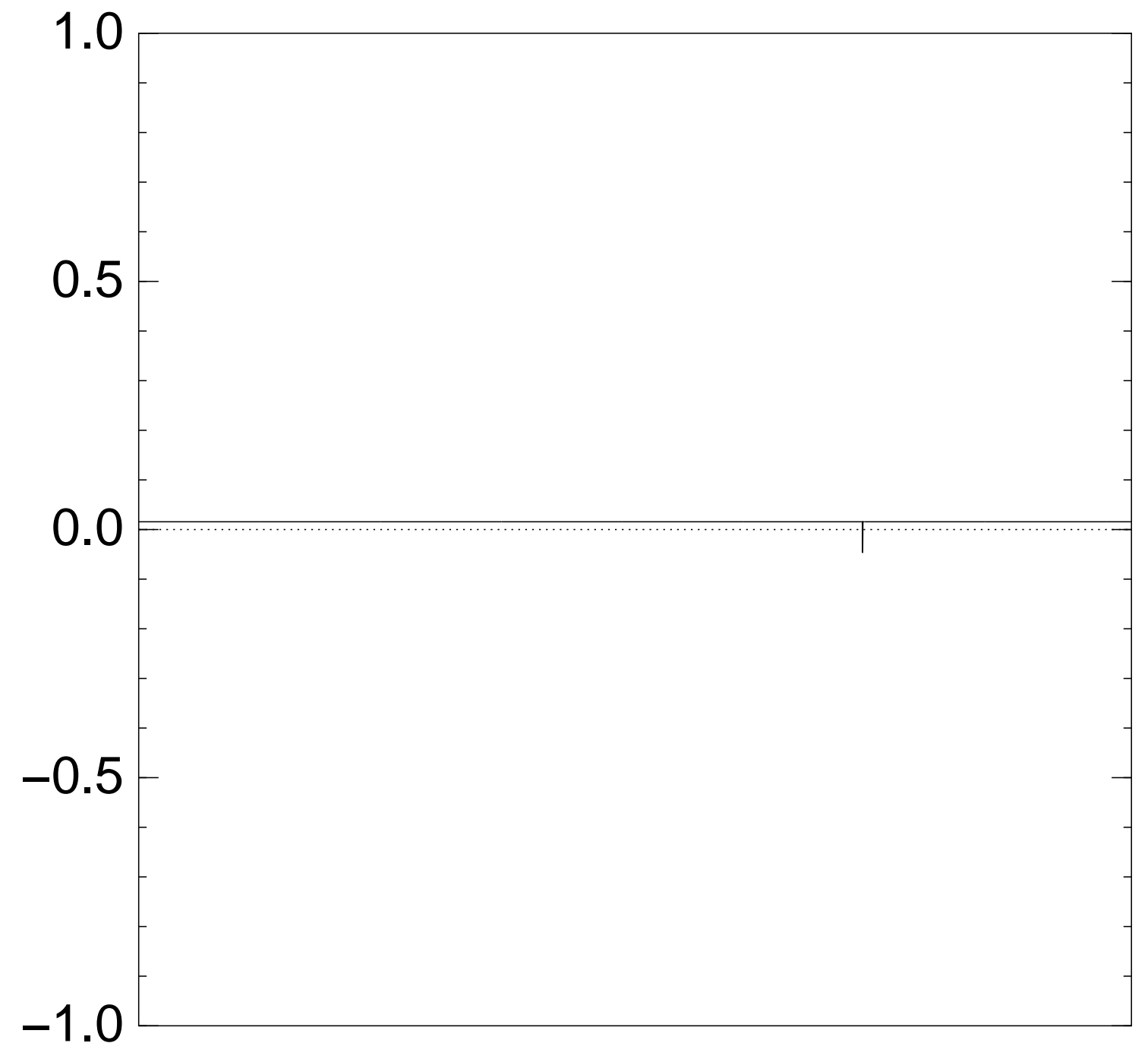
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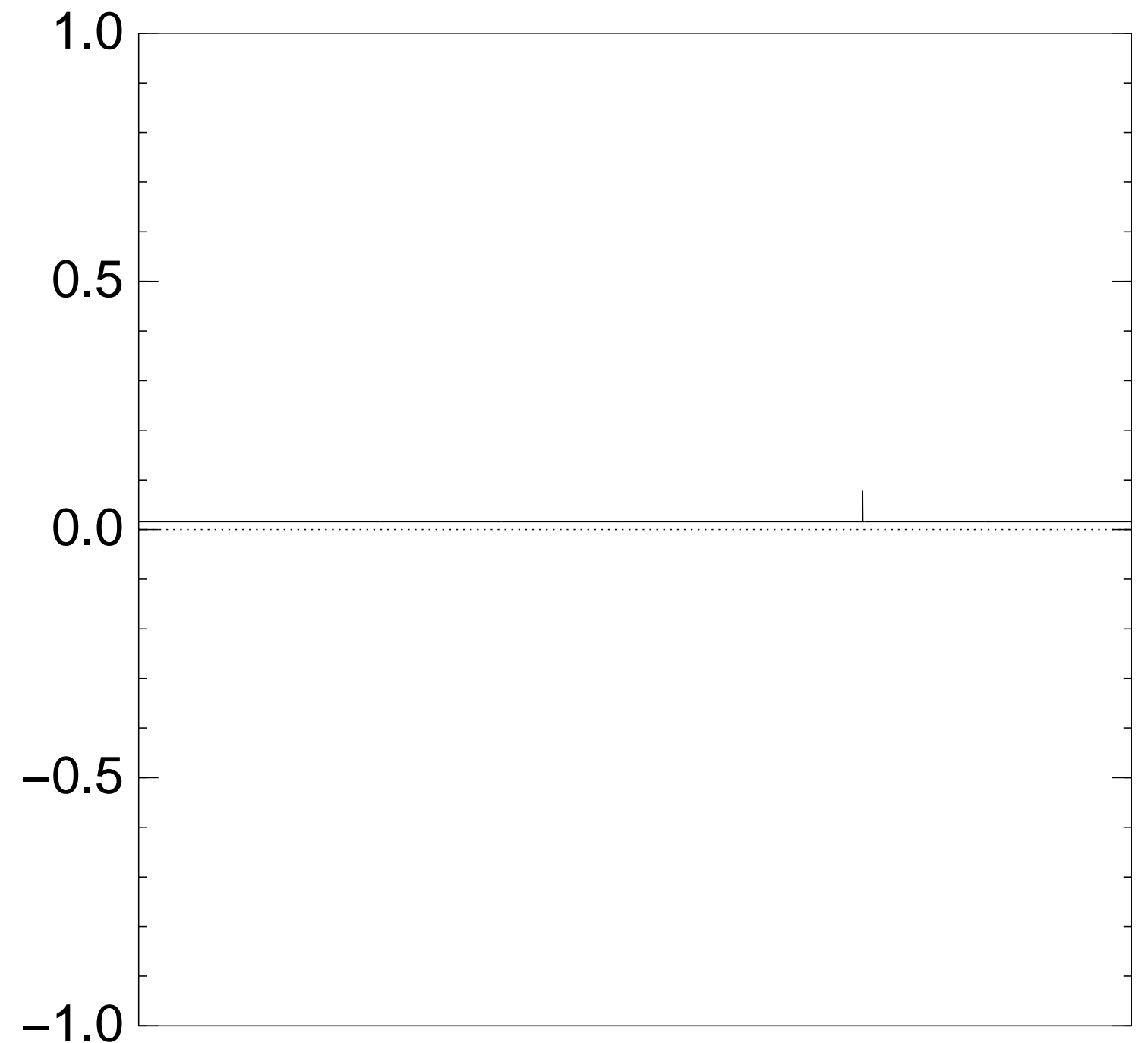
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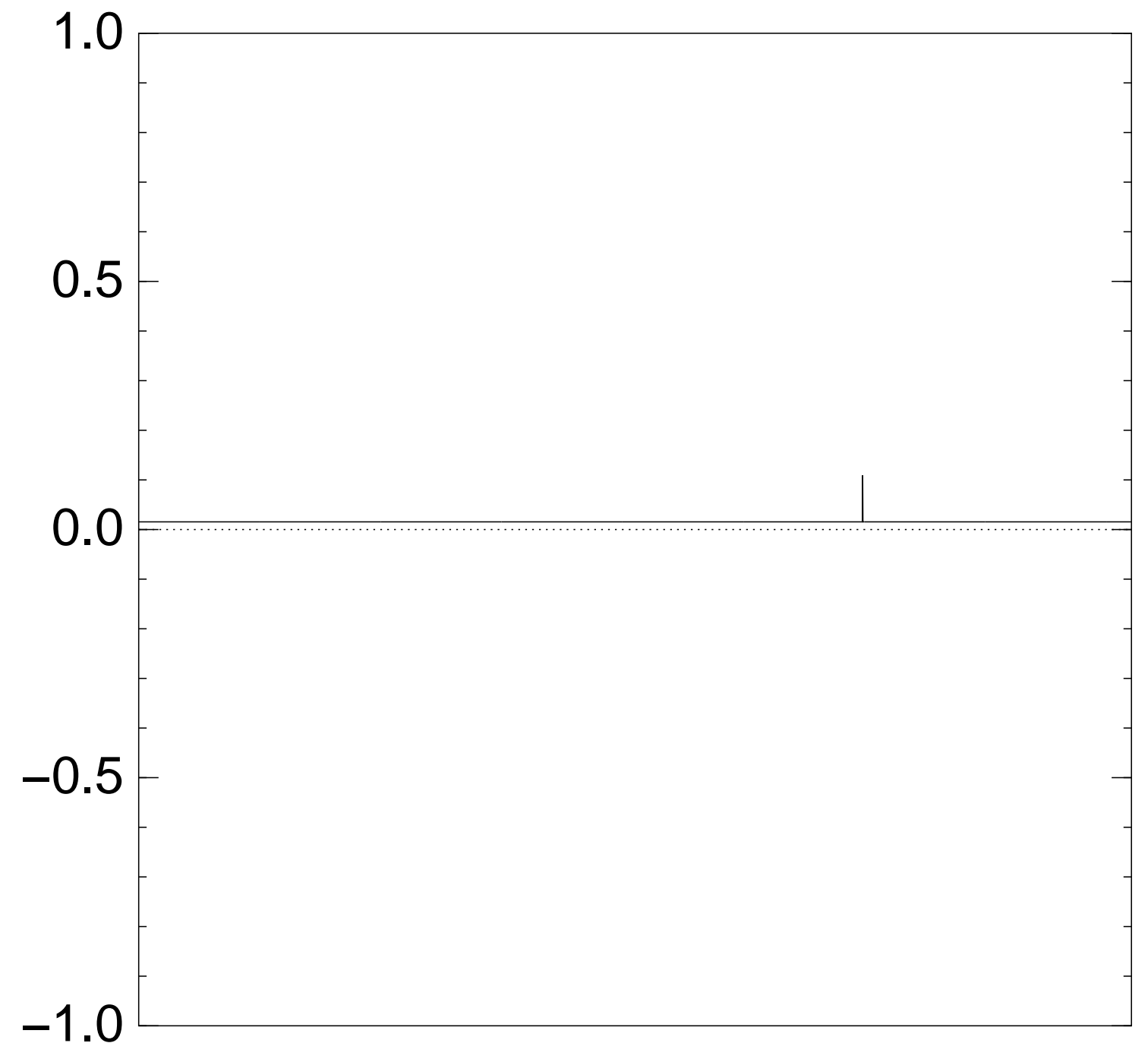
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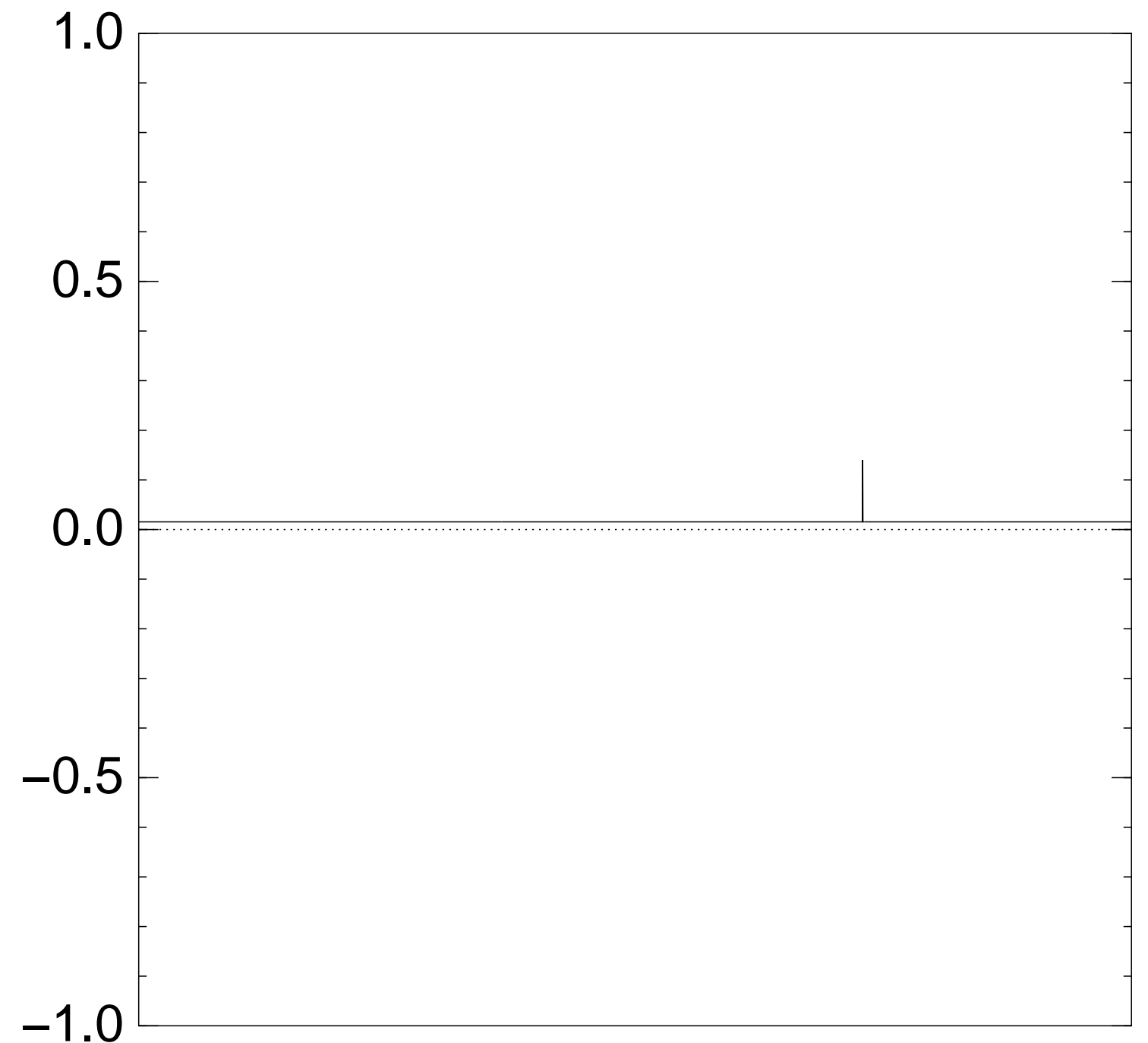
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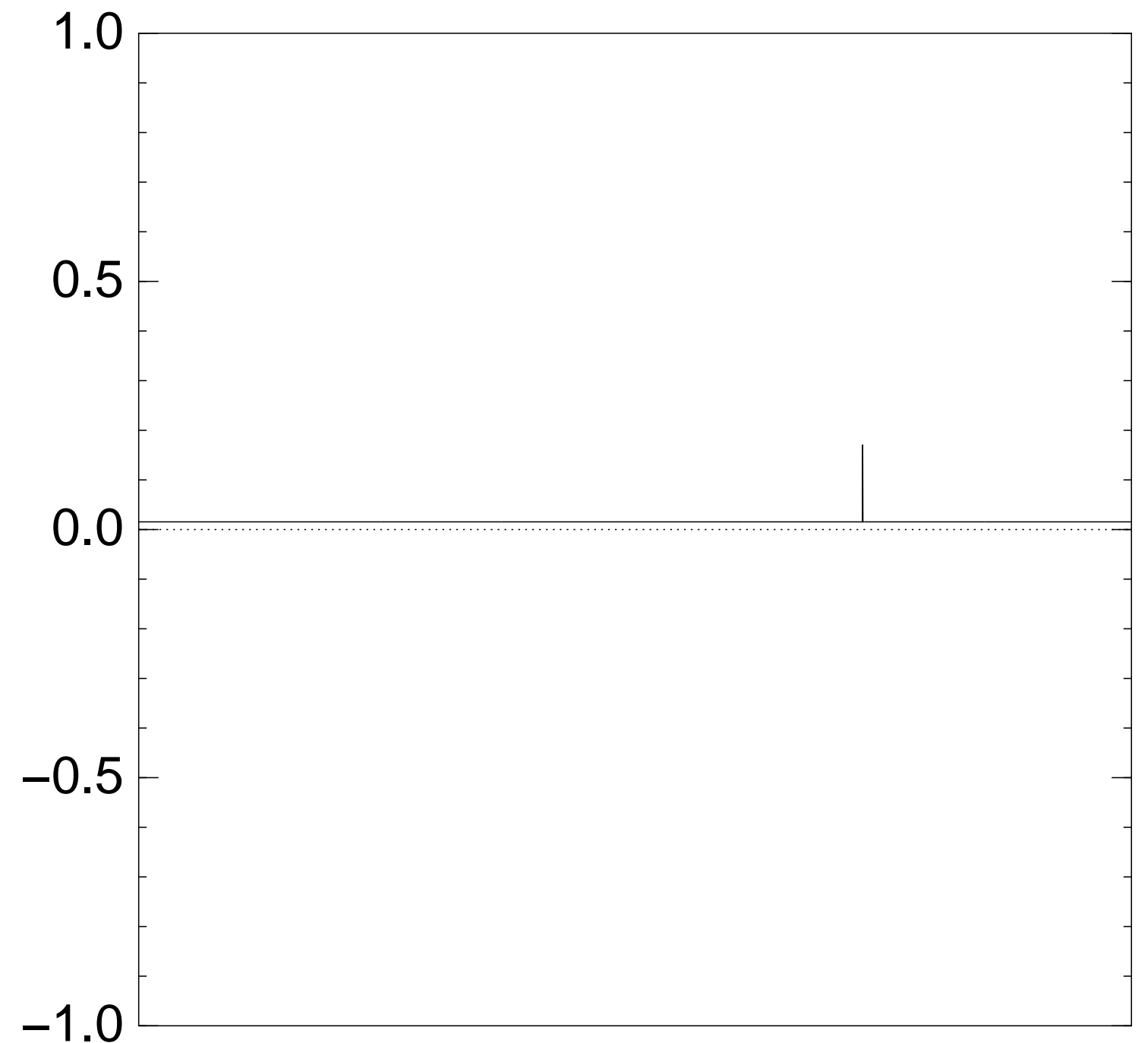
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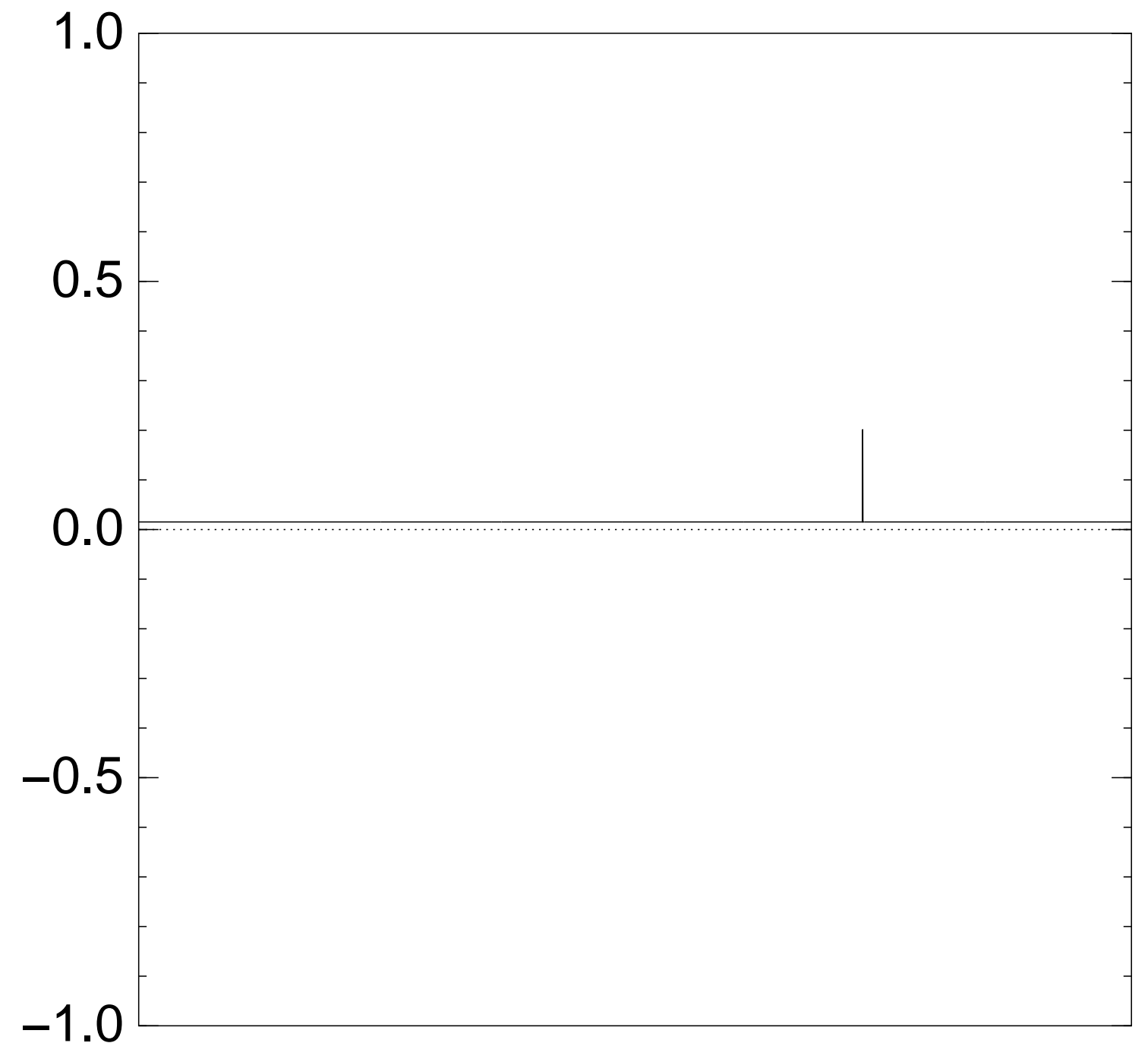
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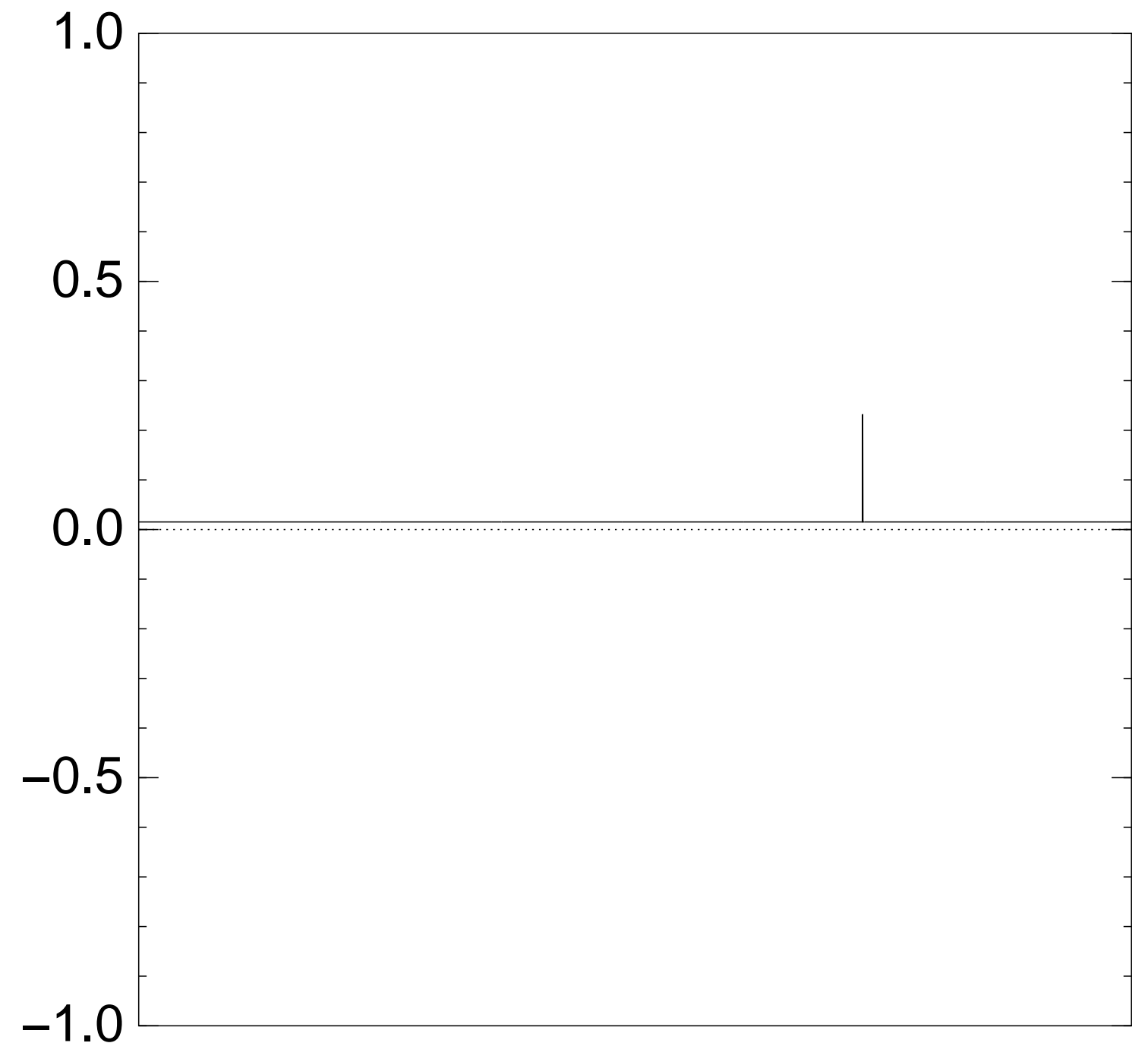
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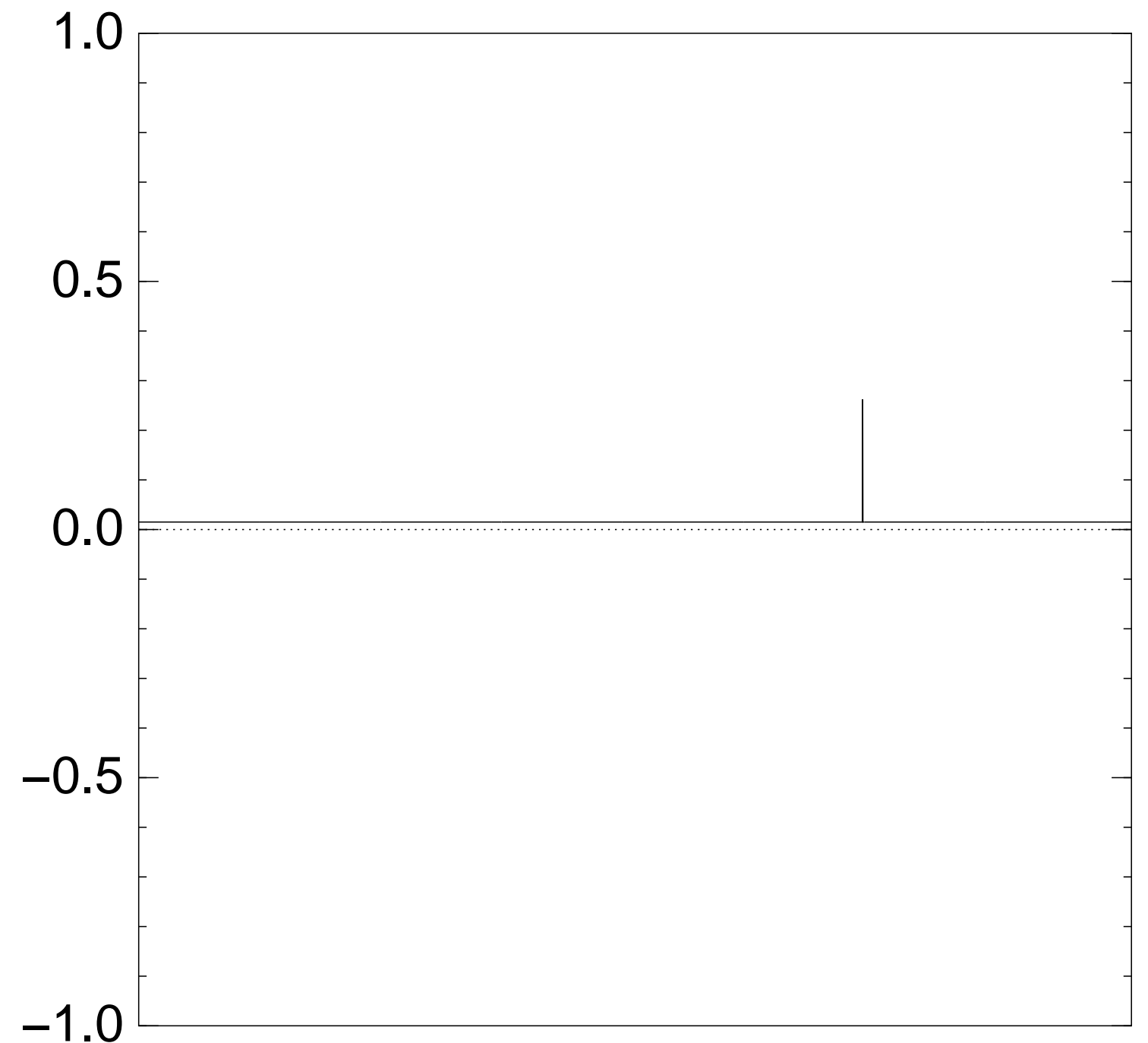
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $8 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

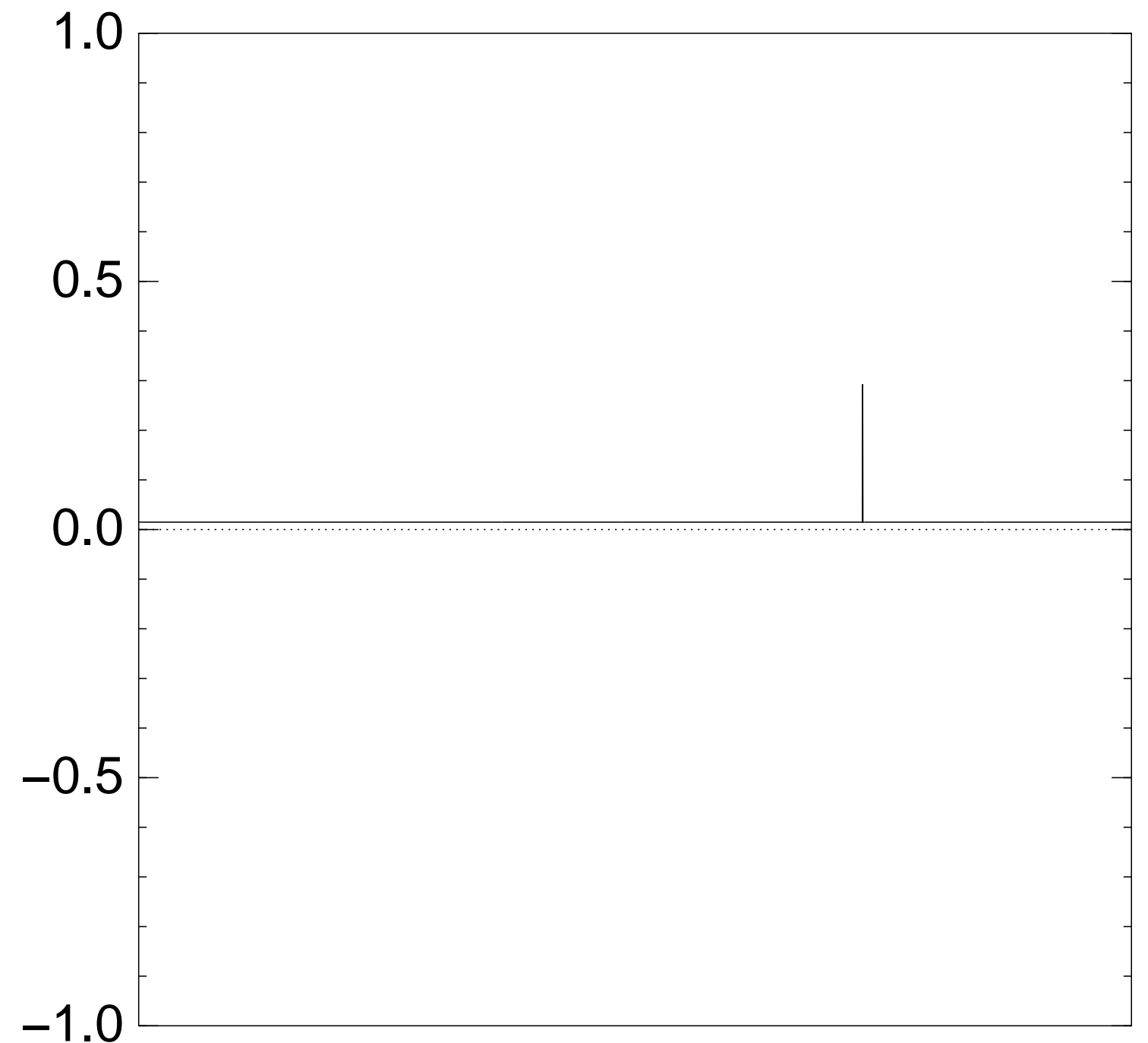
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $9 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

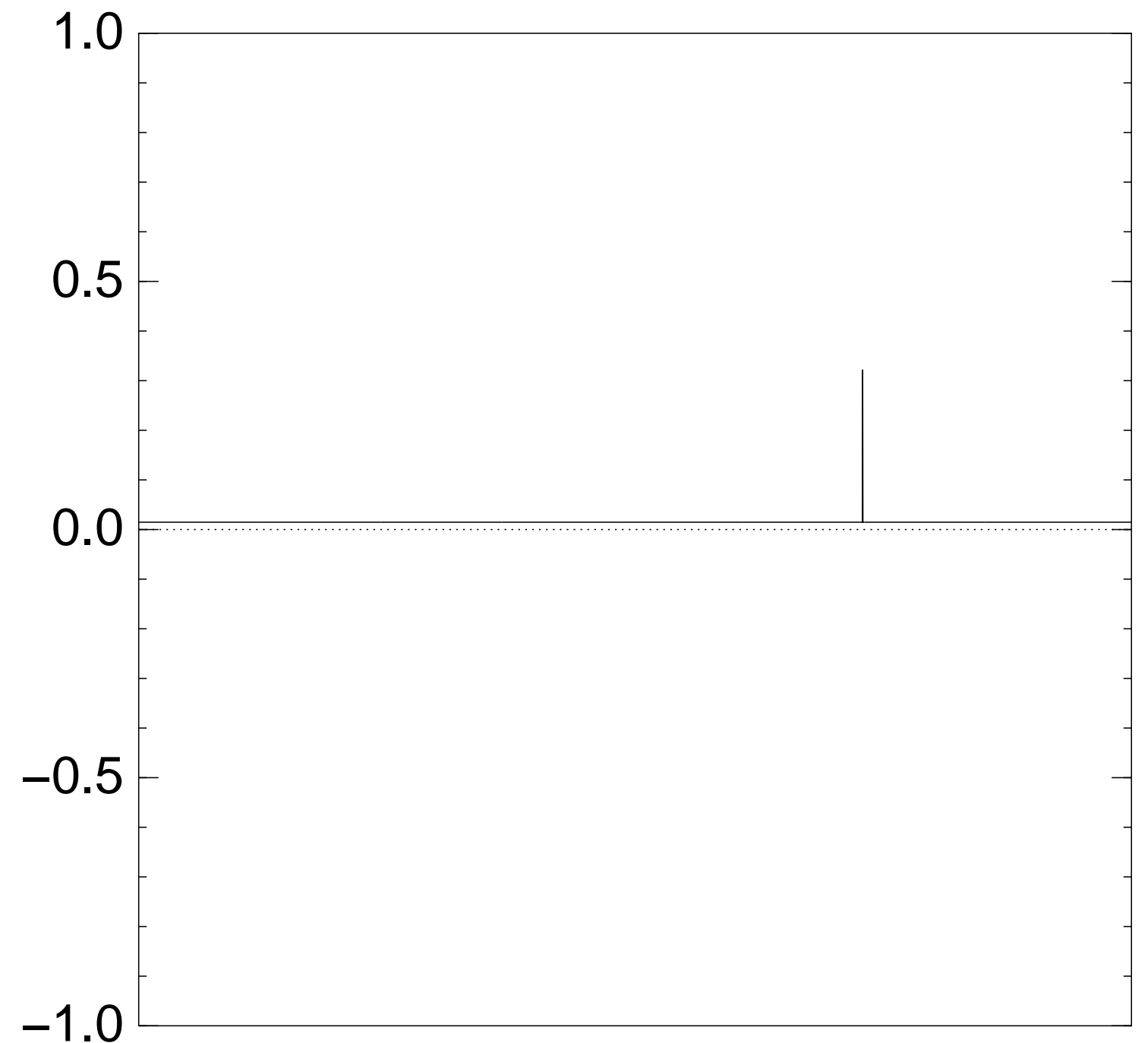
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $10 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

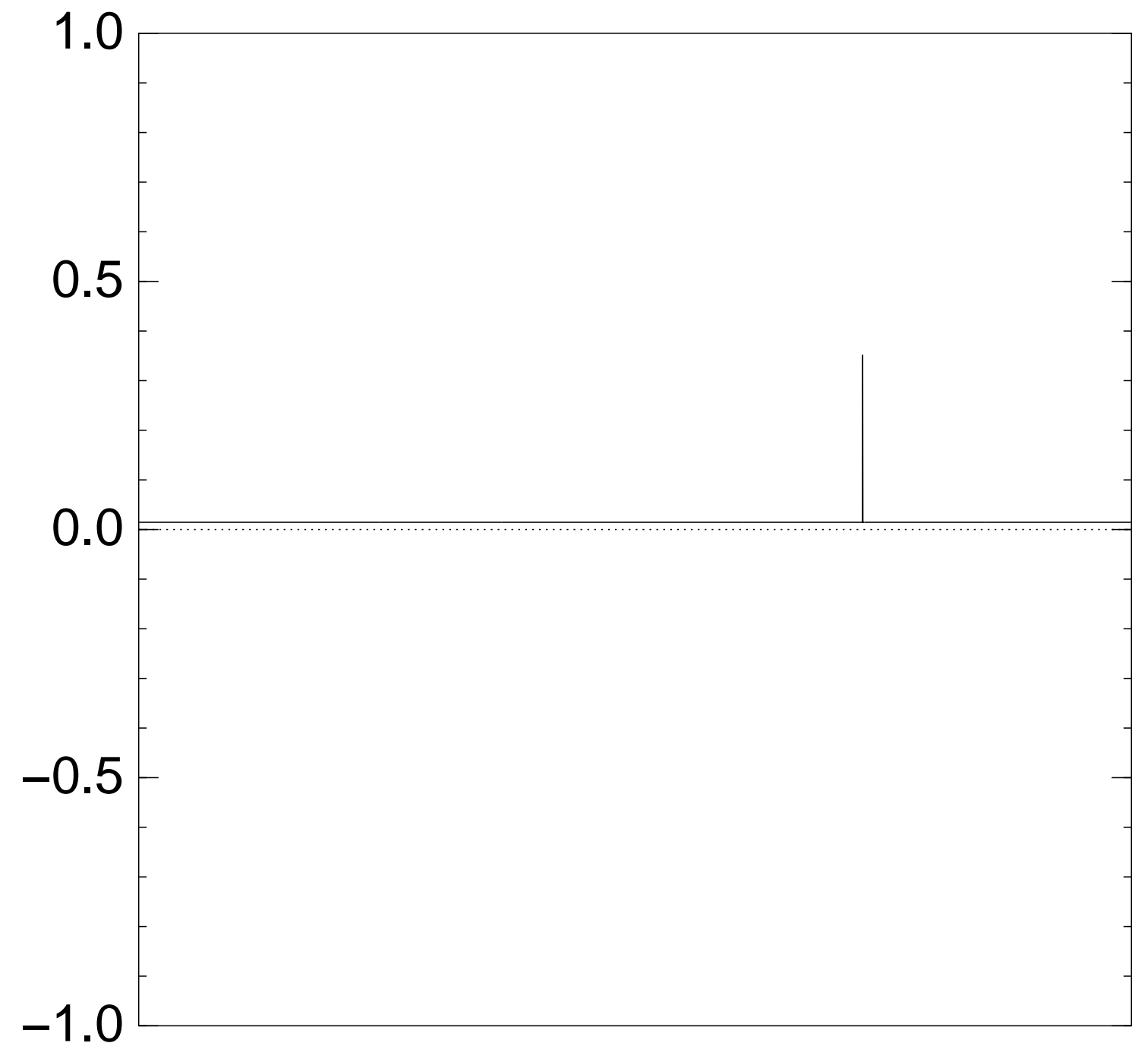
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $11 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

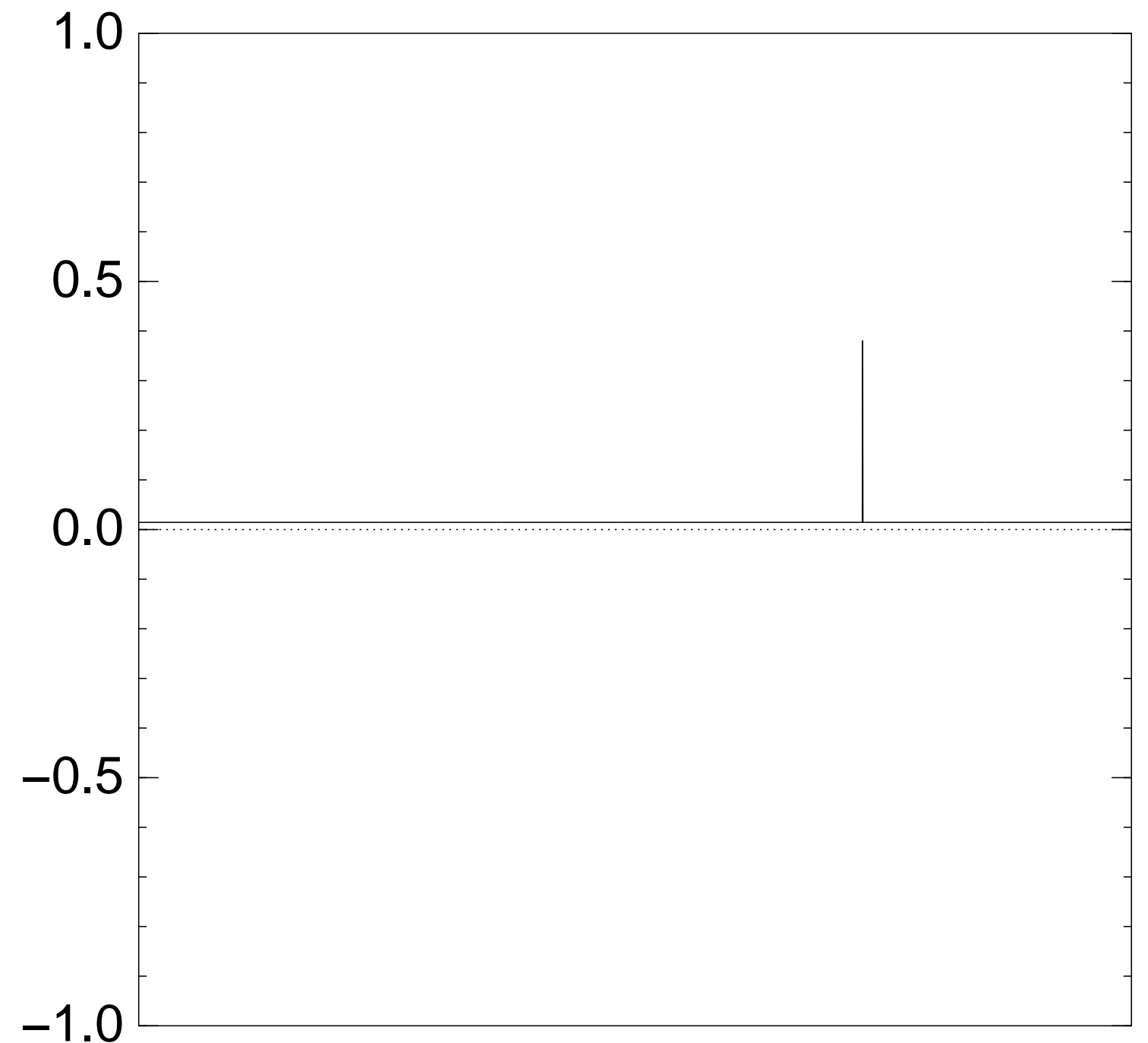
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $12 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

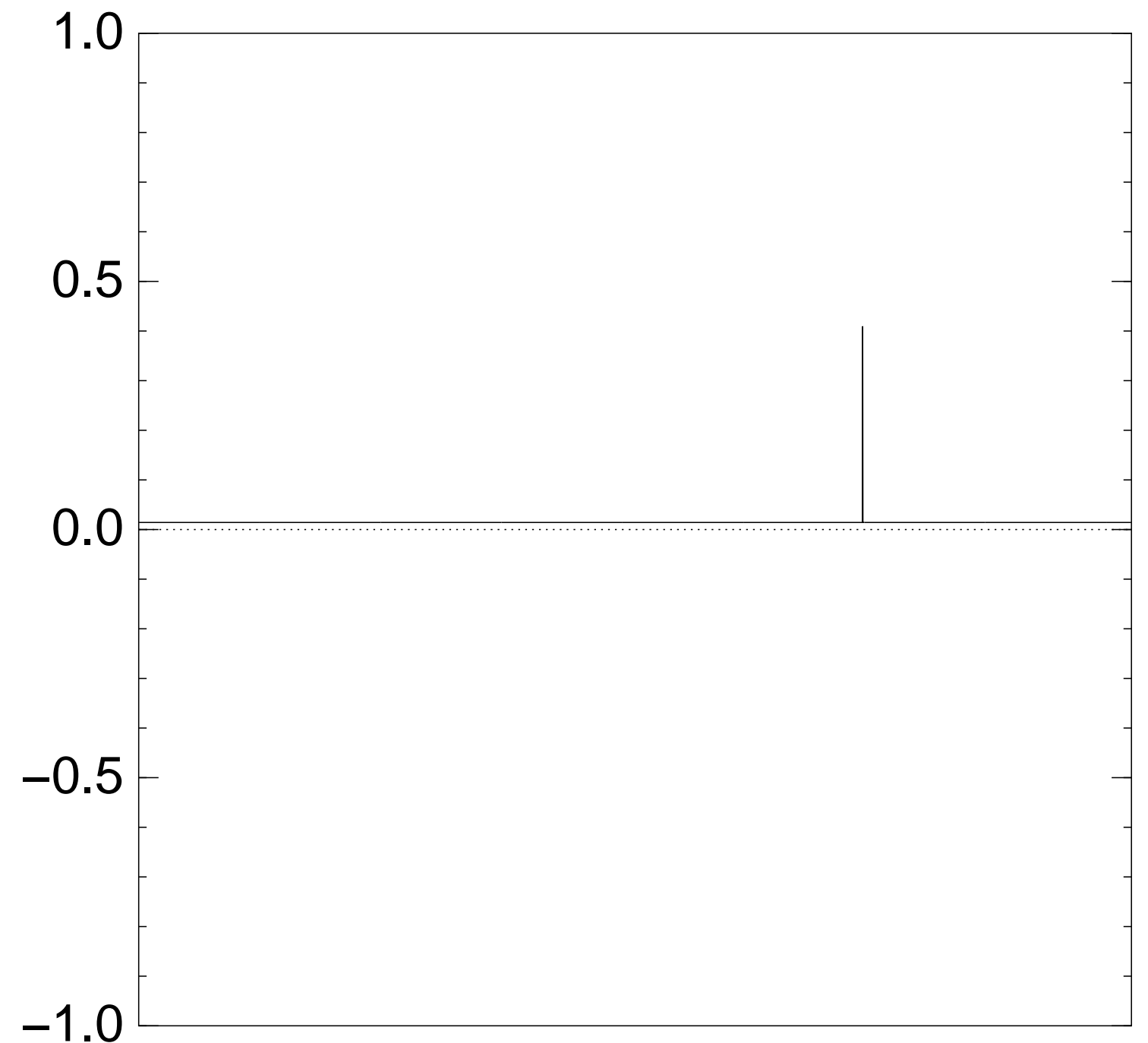
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $13 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

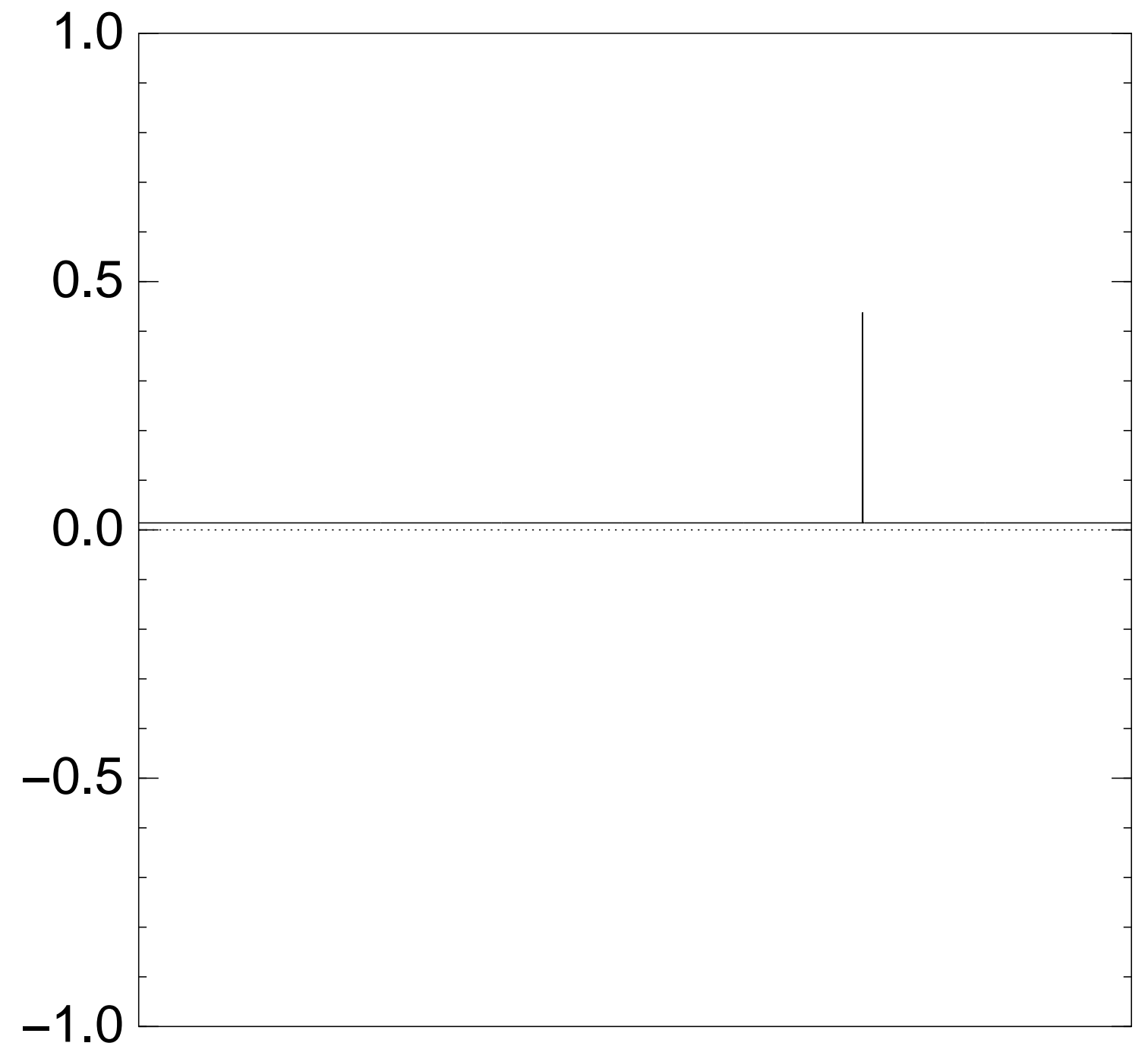
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $14 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

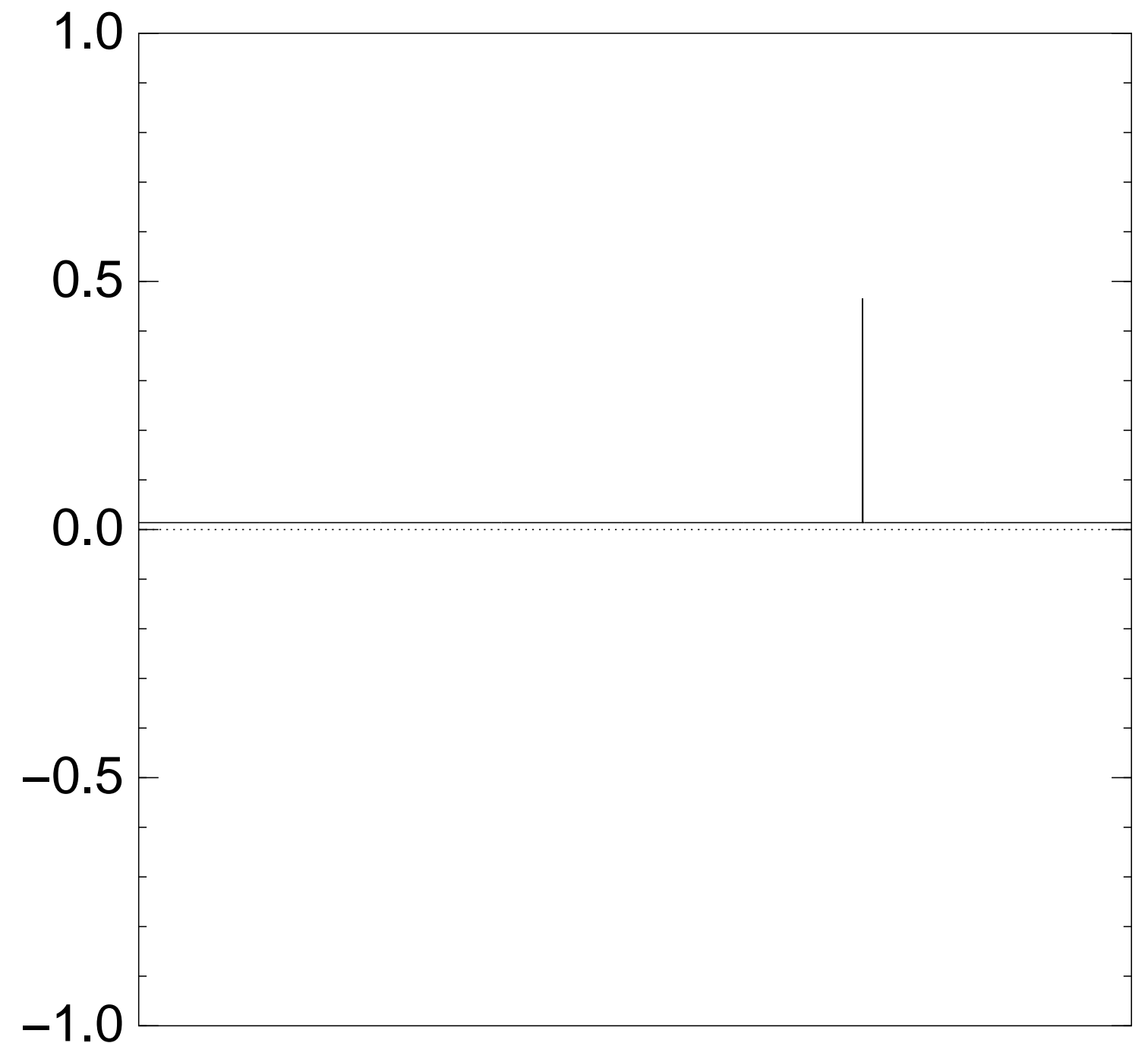
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $15 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :





Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

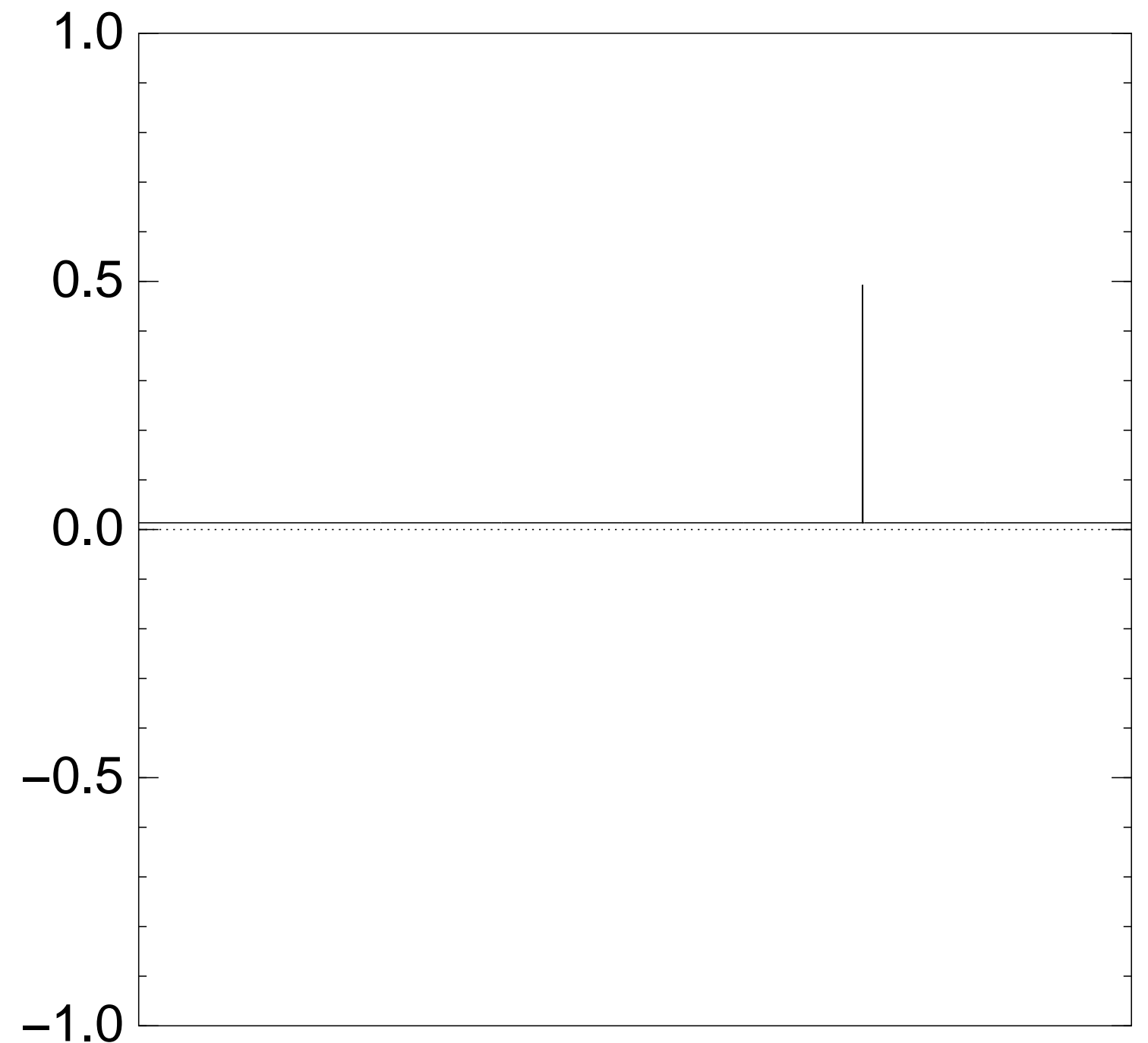
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $16 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

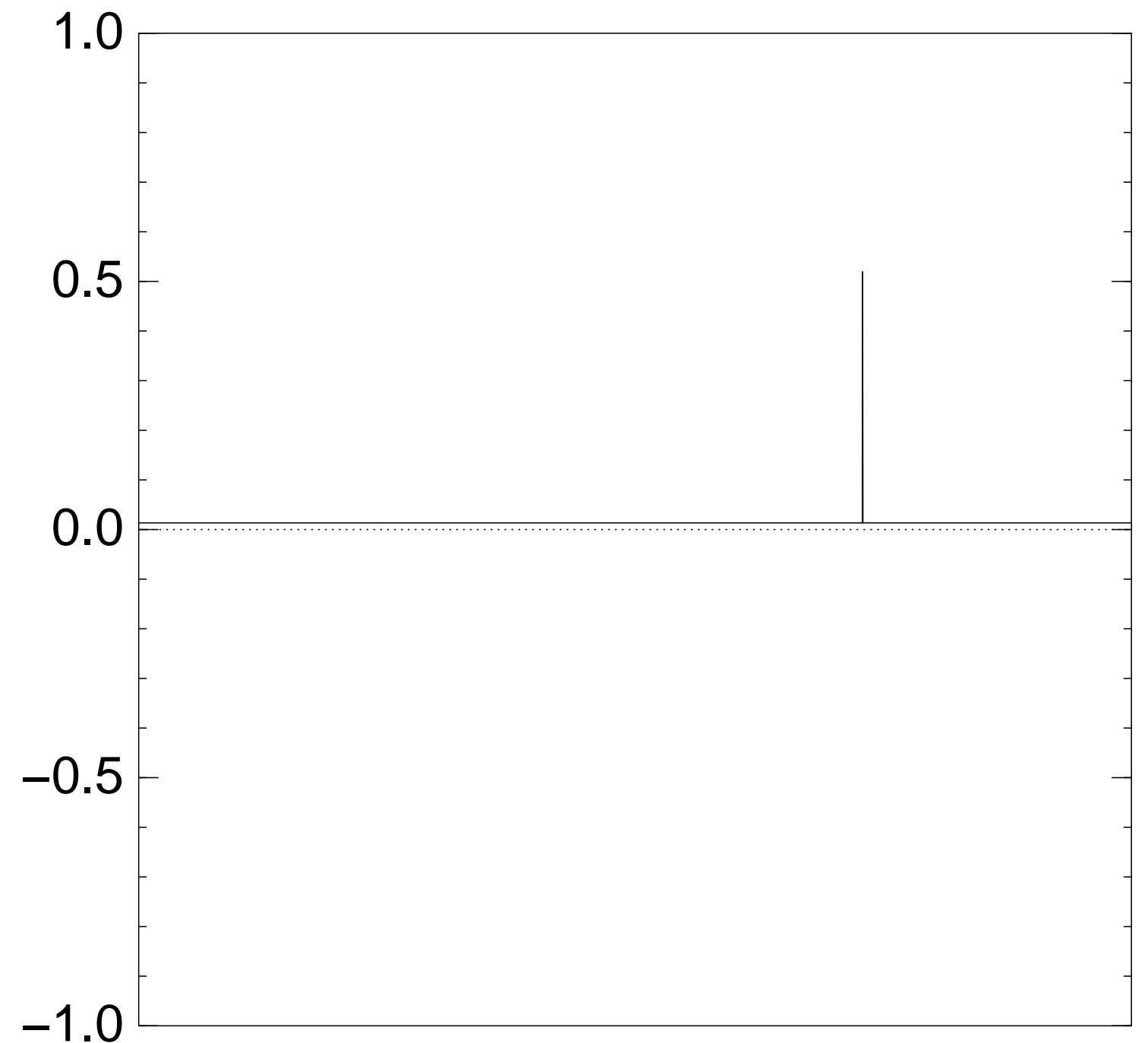
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $17 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

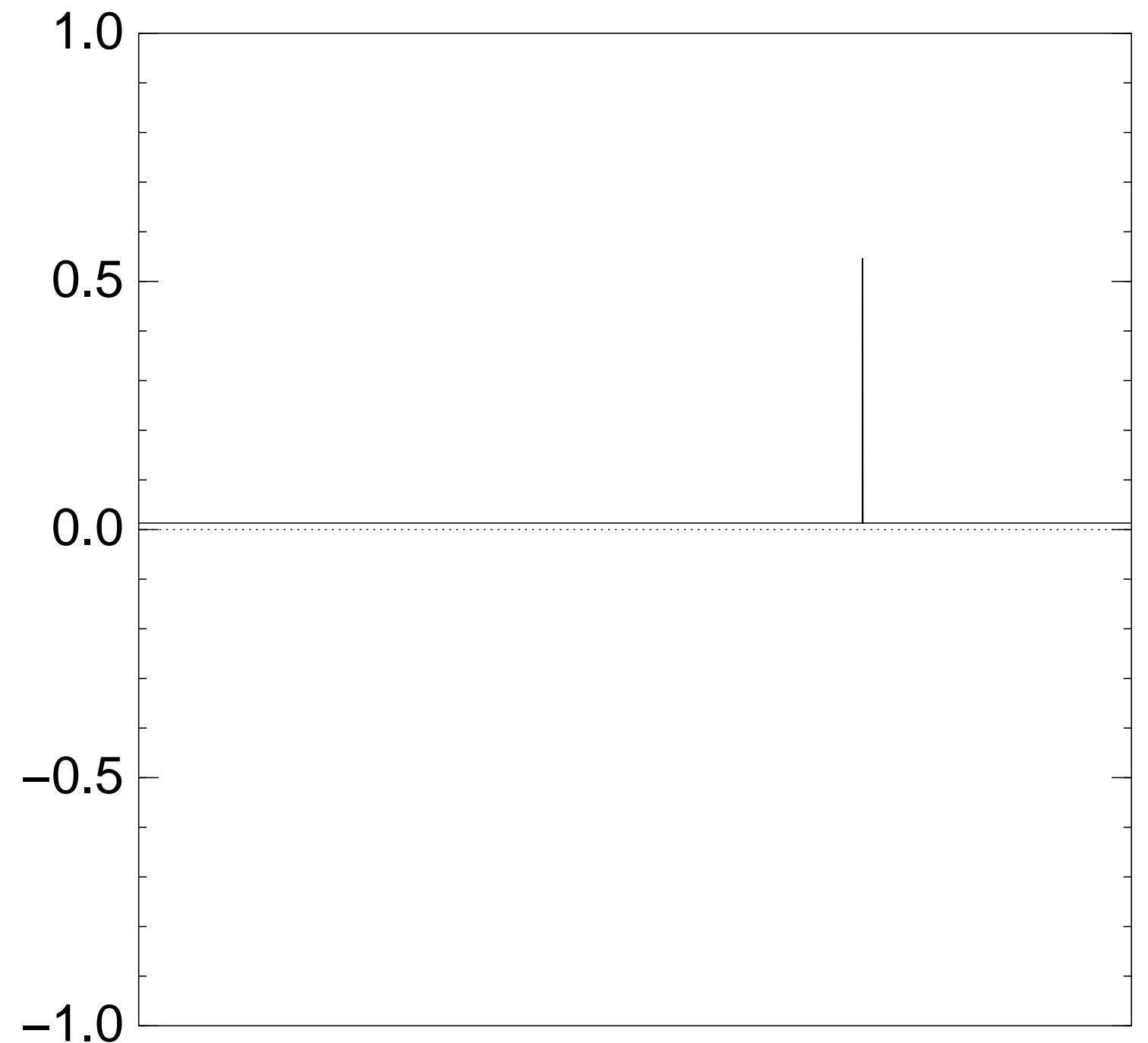
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $18 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
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Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

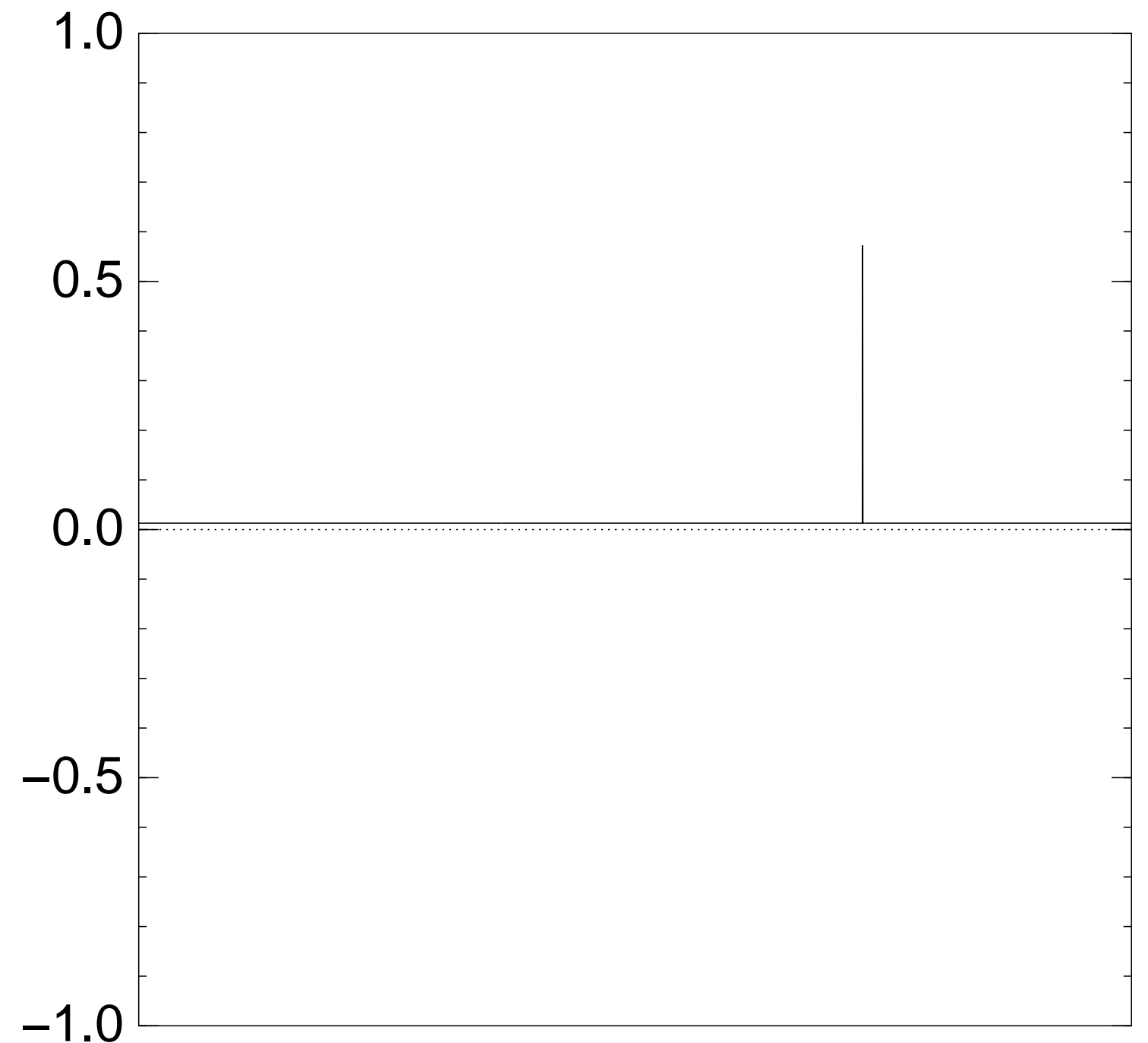
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $19 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

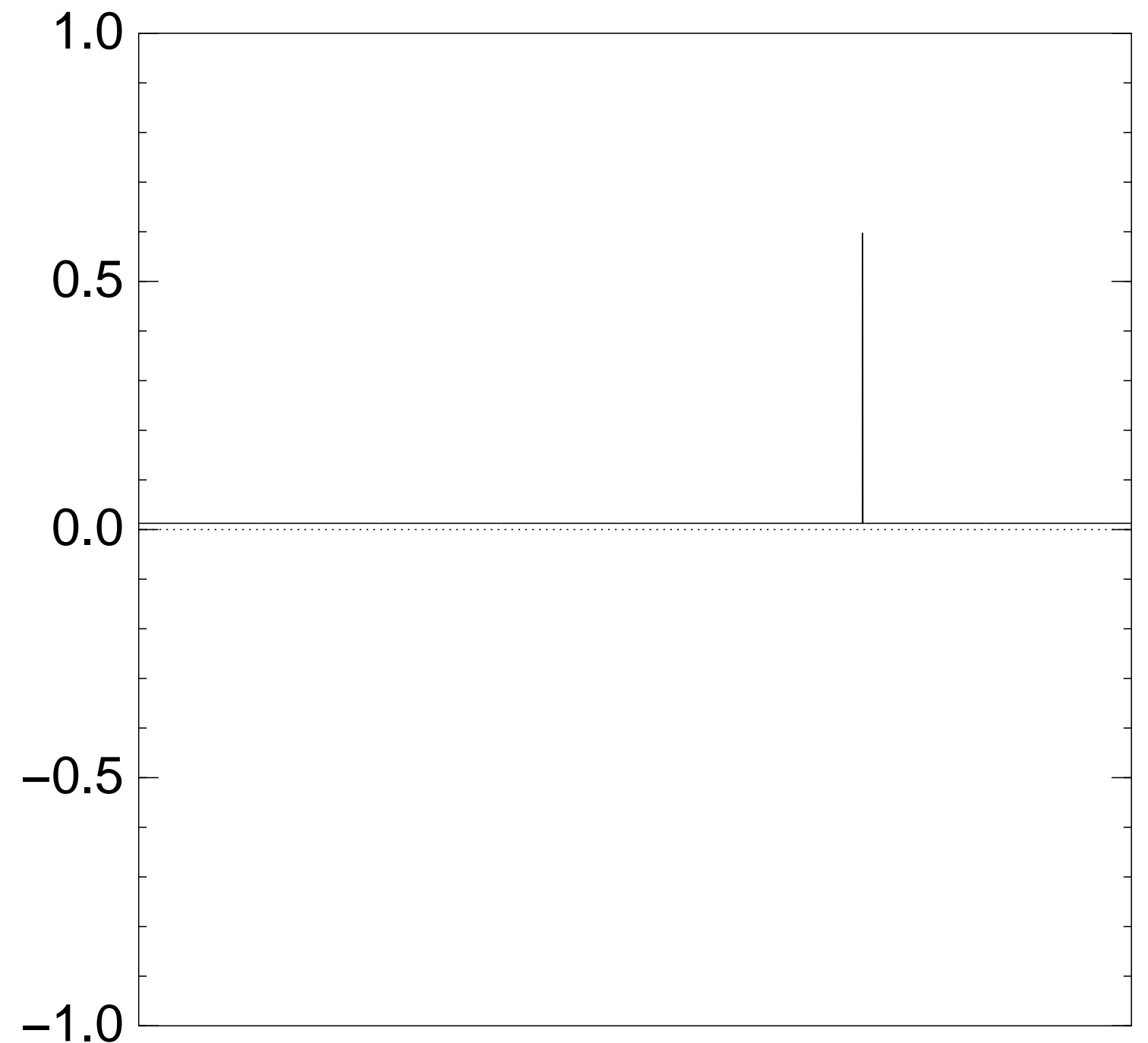
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $20 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

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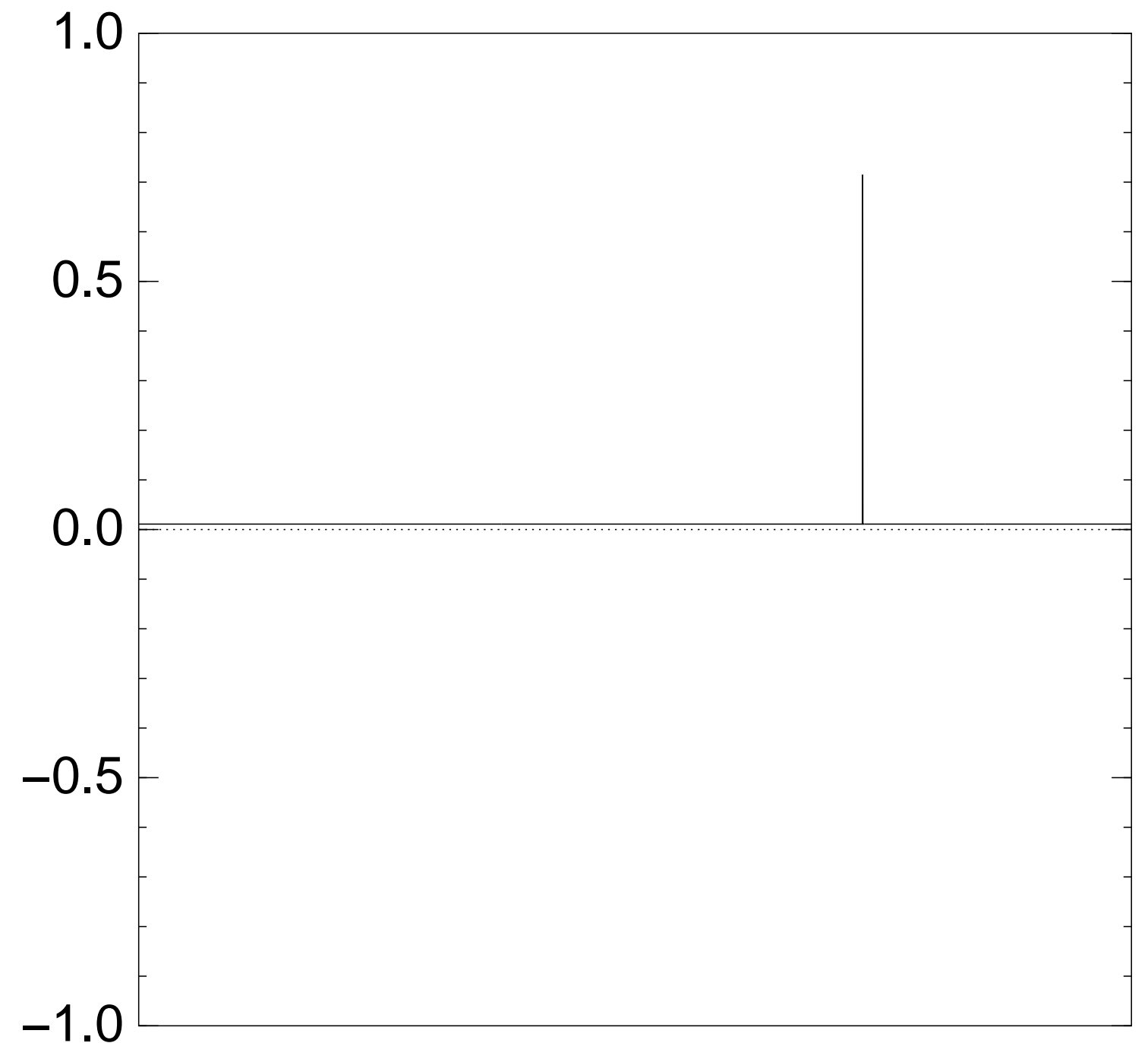
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $25 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

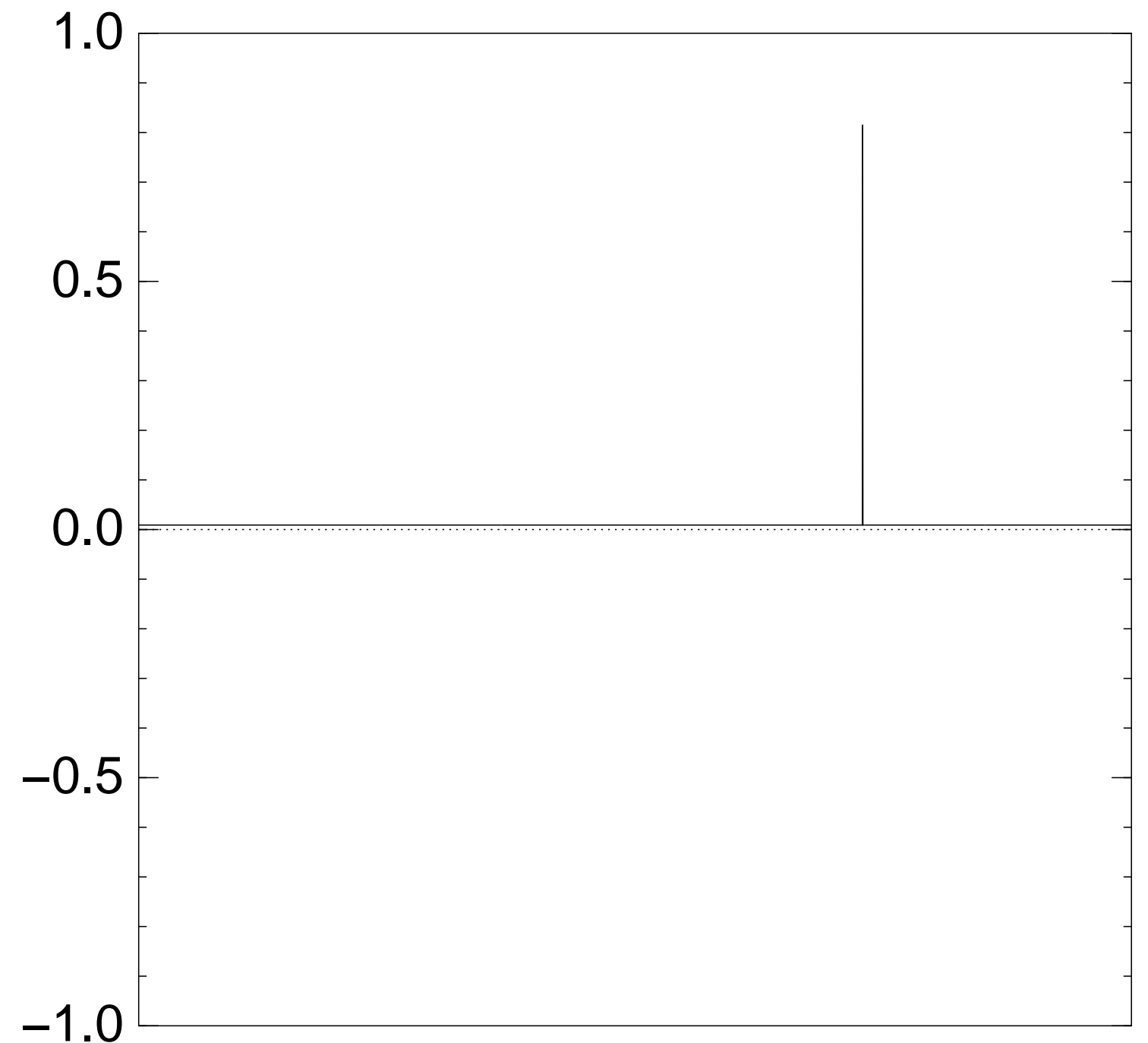
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $30 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

This is also easy.

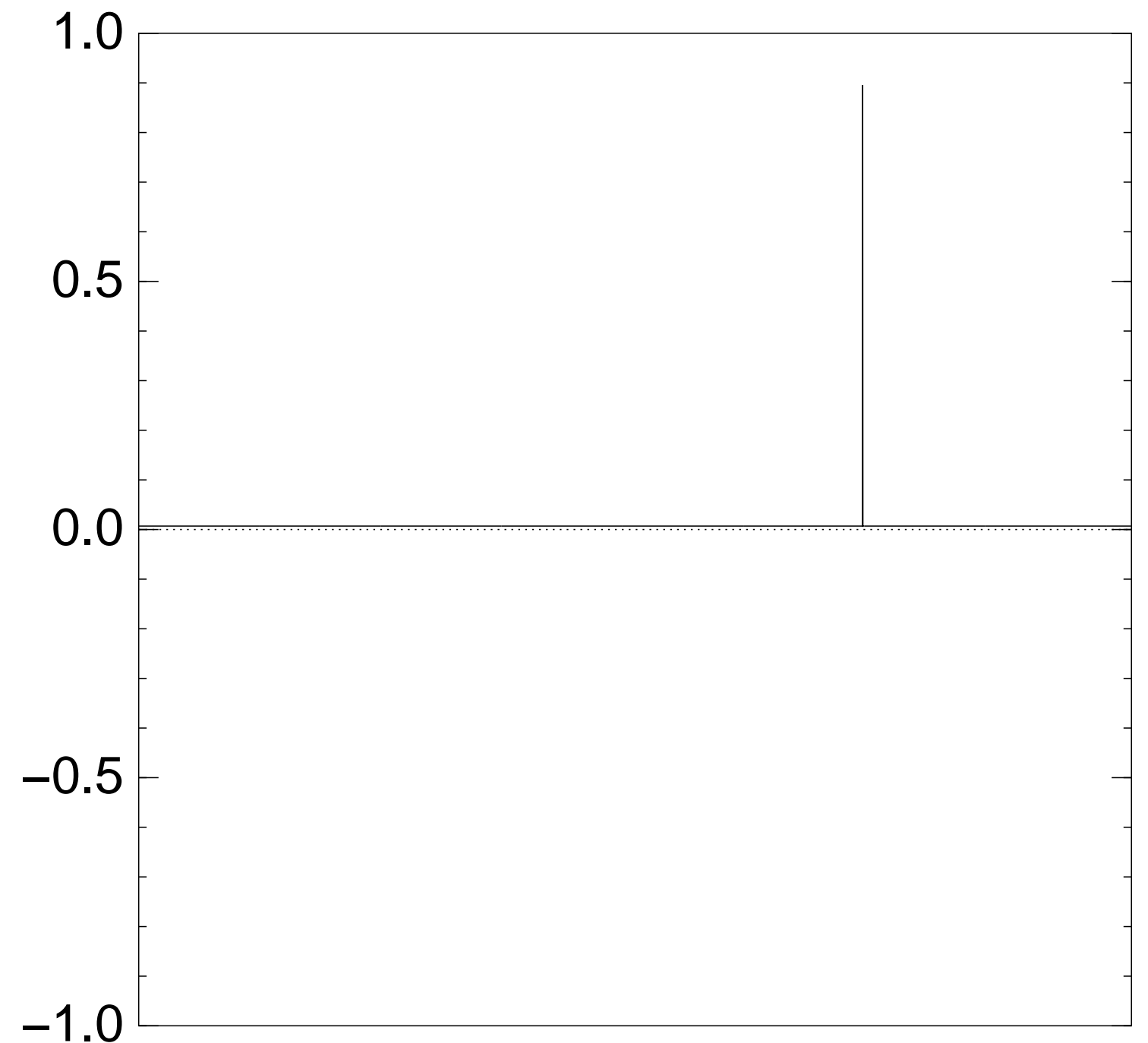
Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$

for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $35 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Good moment to stop, measure.



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
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Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

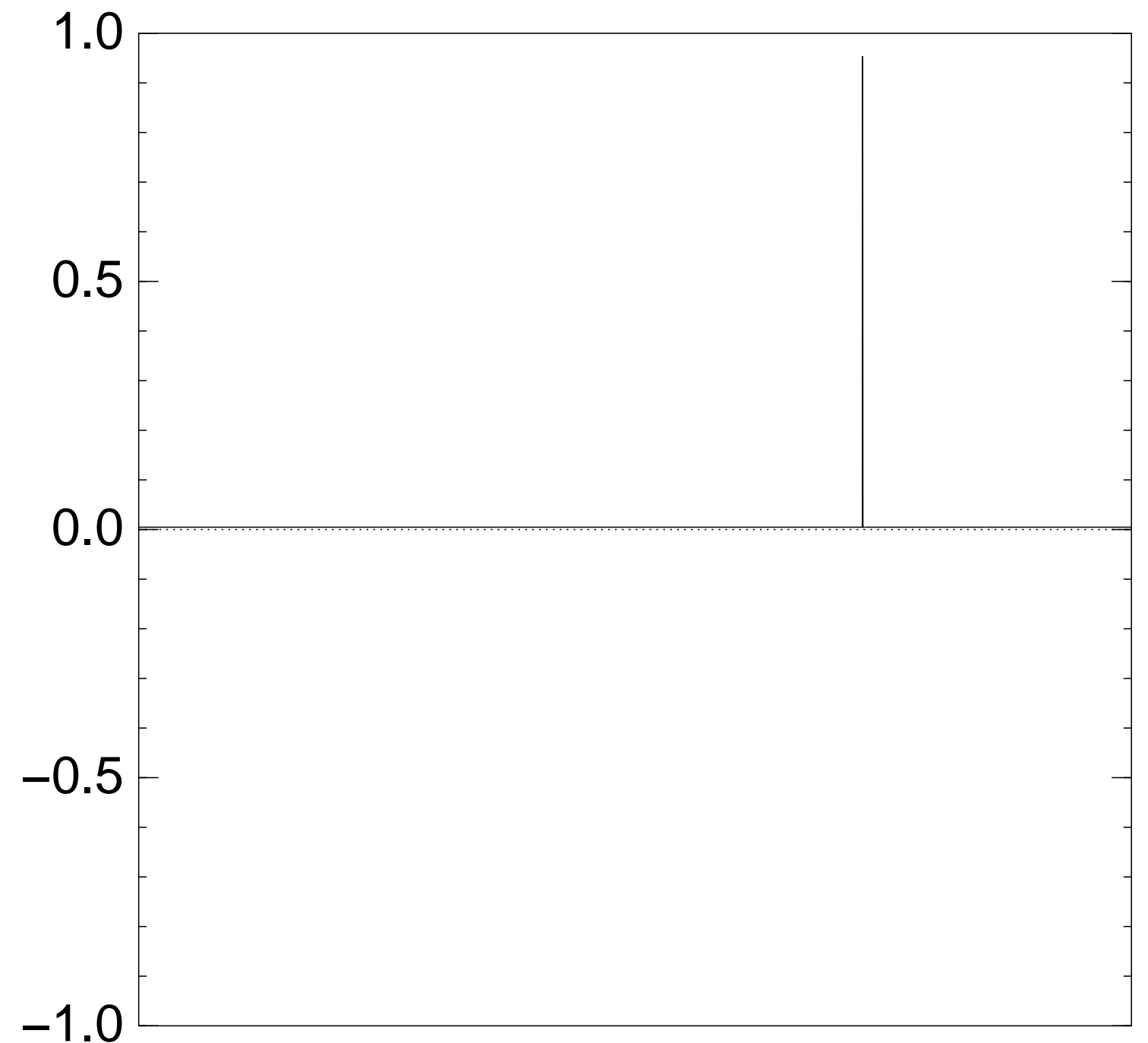
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $40 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

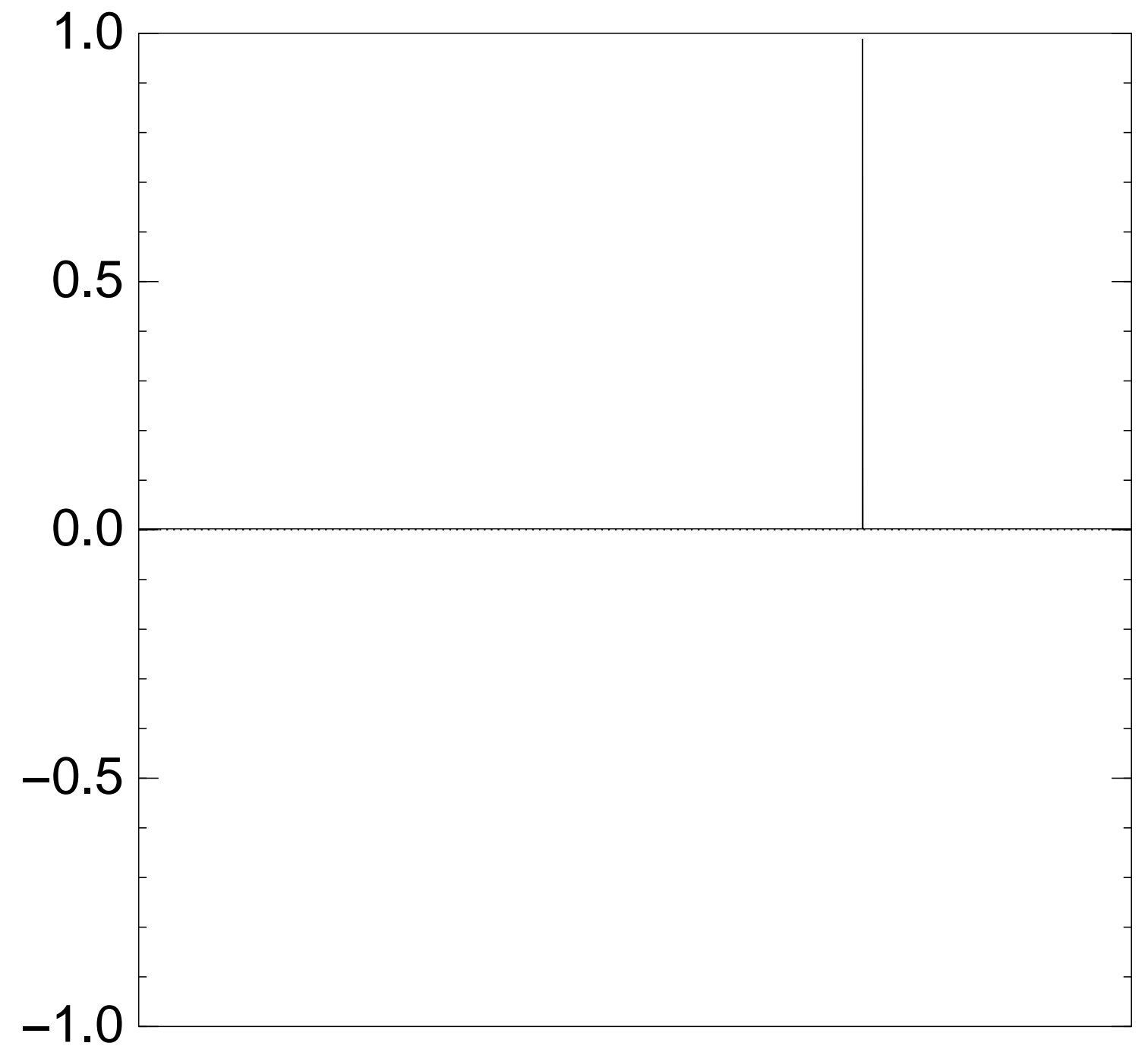
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $45 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

This is also easy.

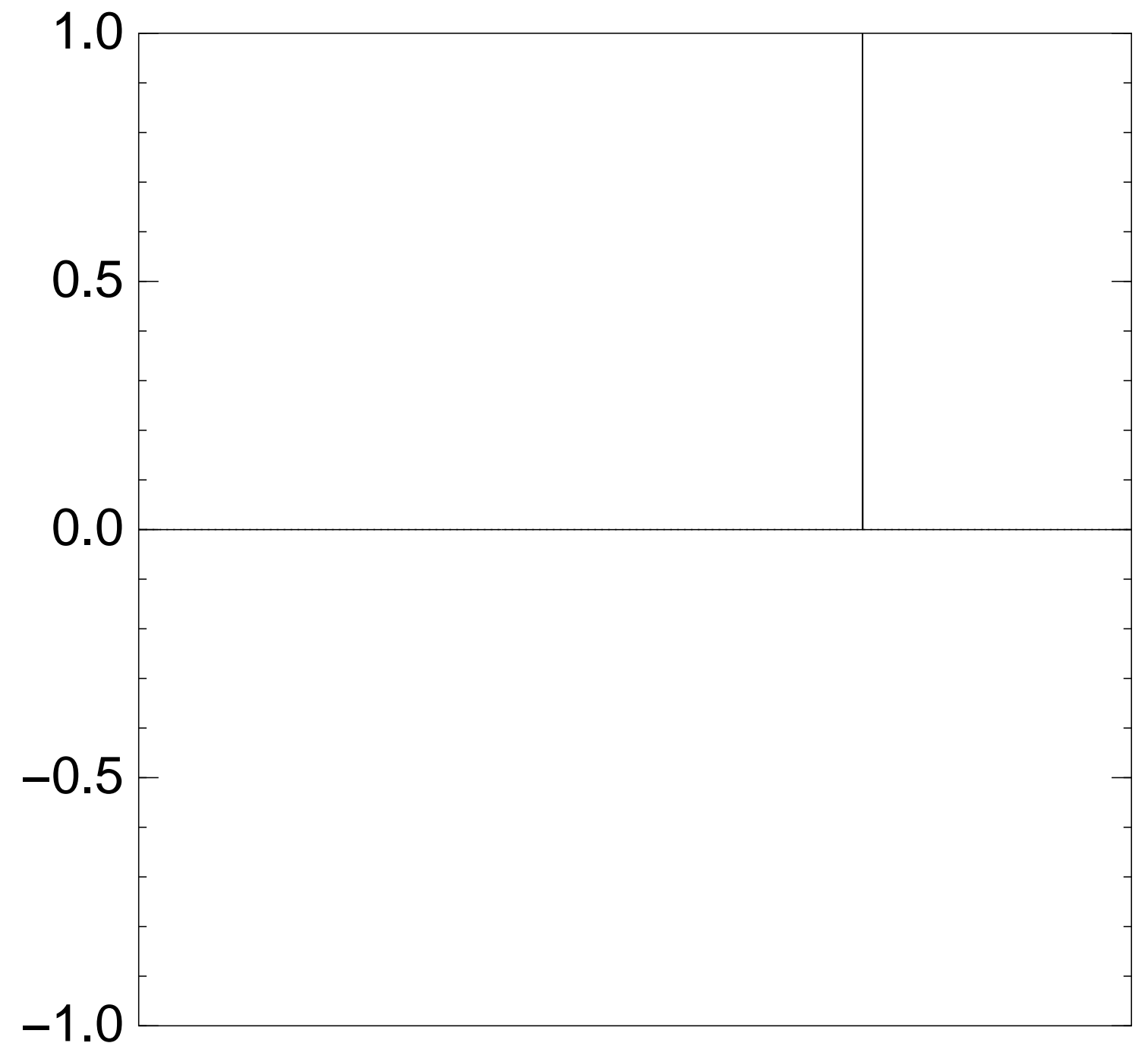
Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$

for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $50 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Traditional stopping point.

Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

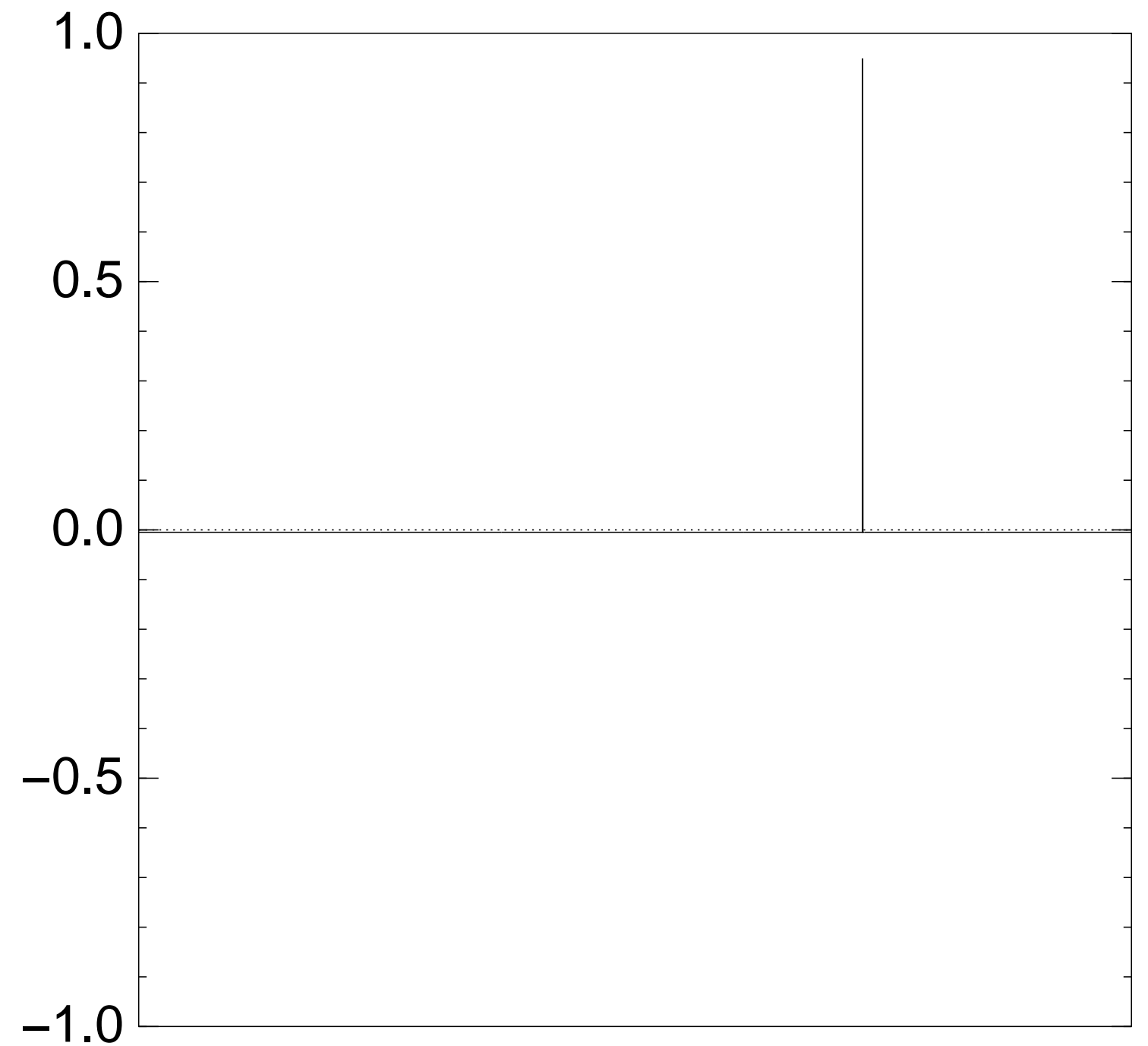
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $60 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

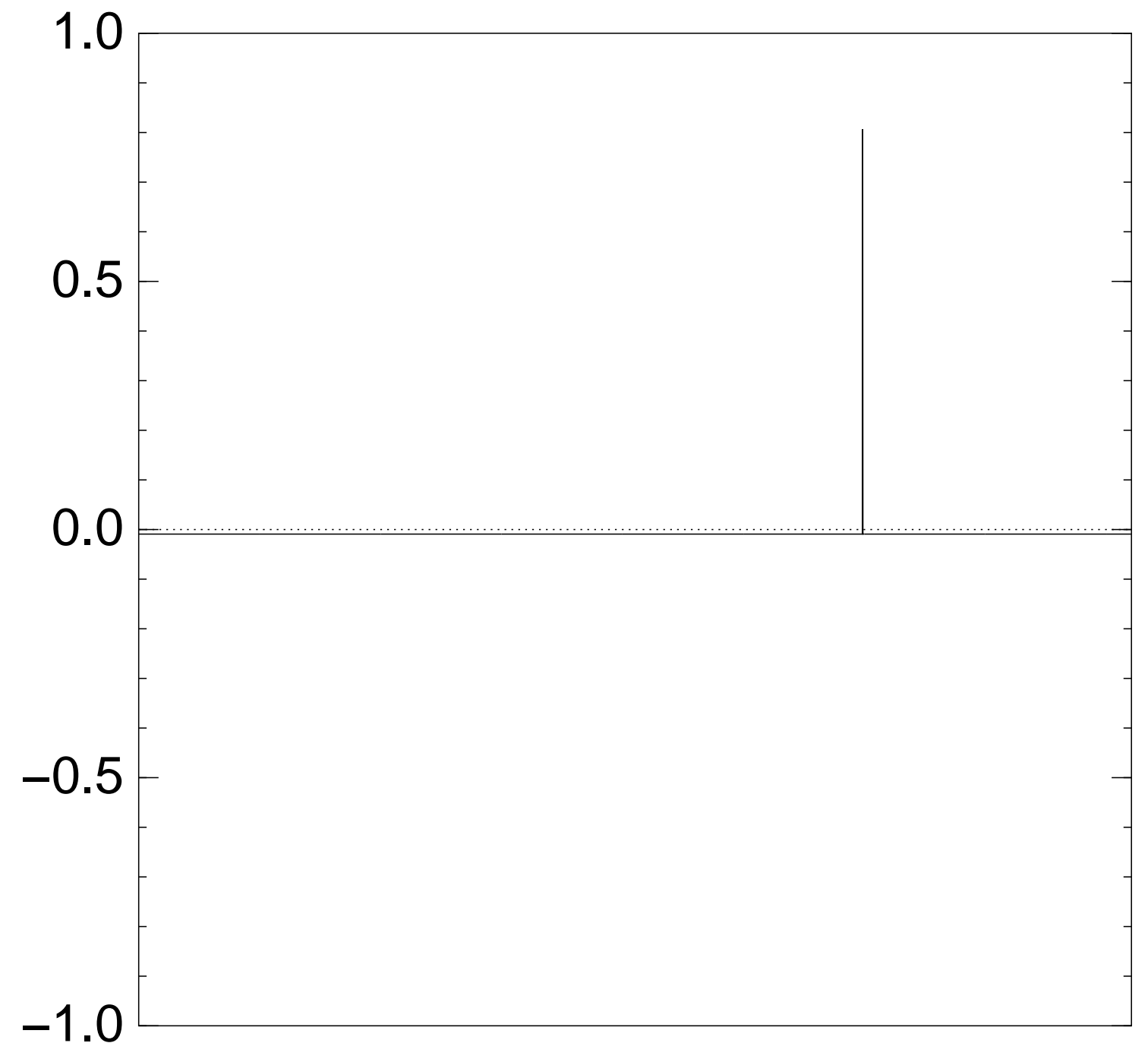
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $70 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

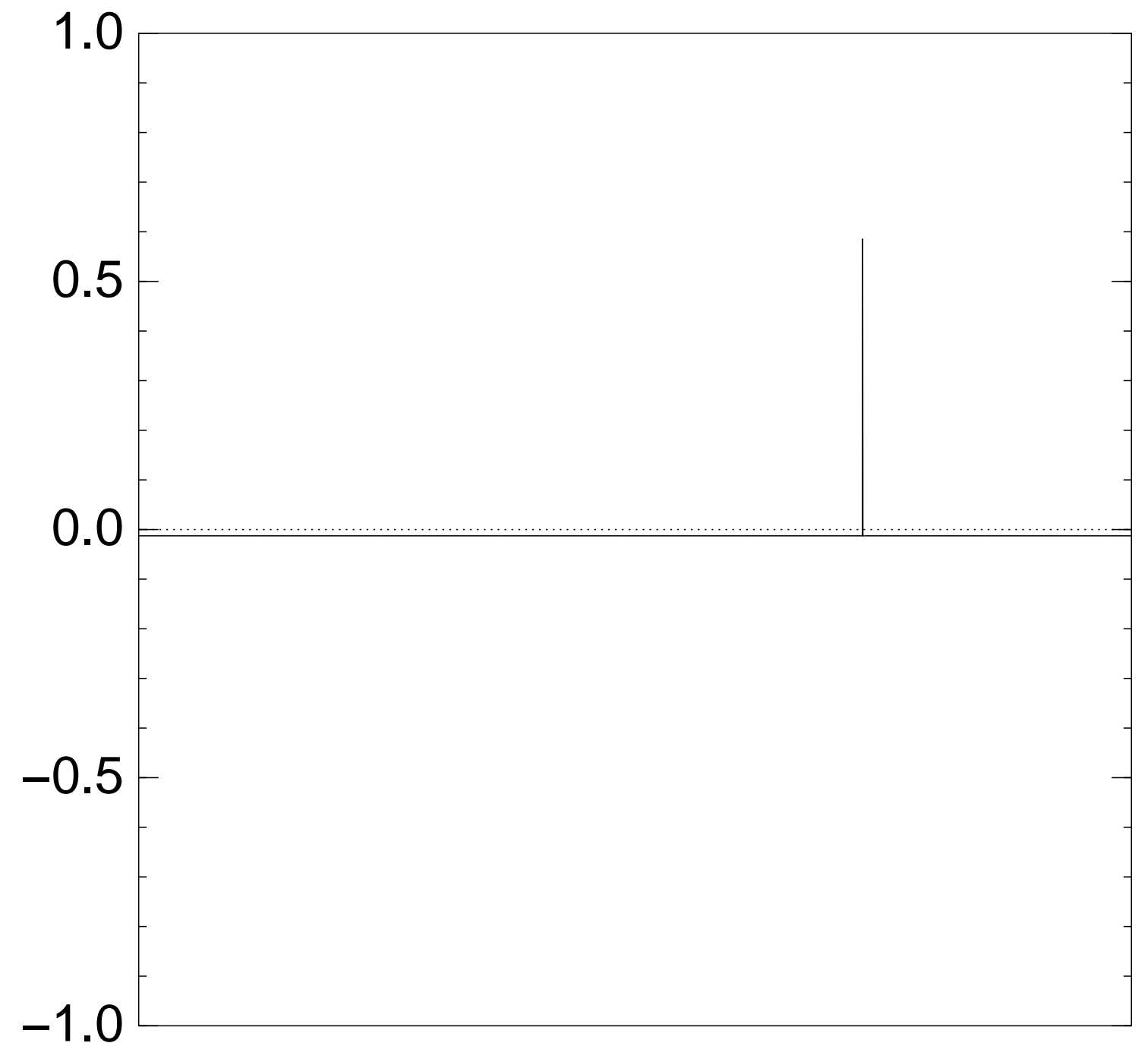
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $80 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

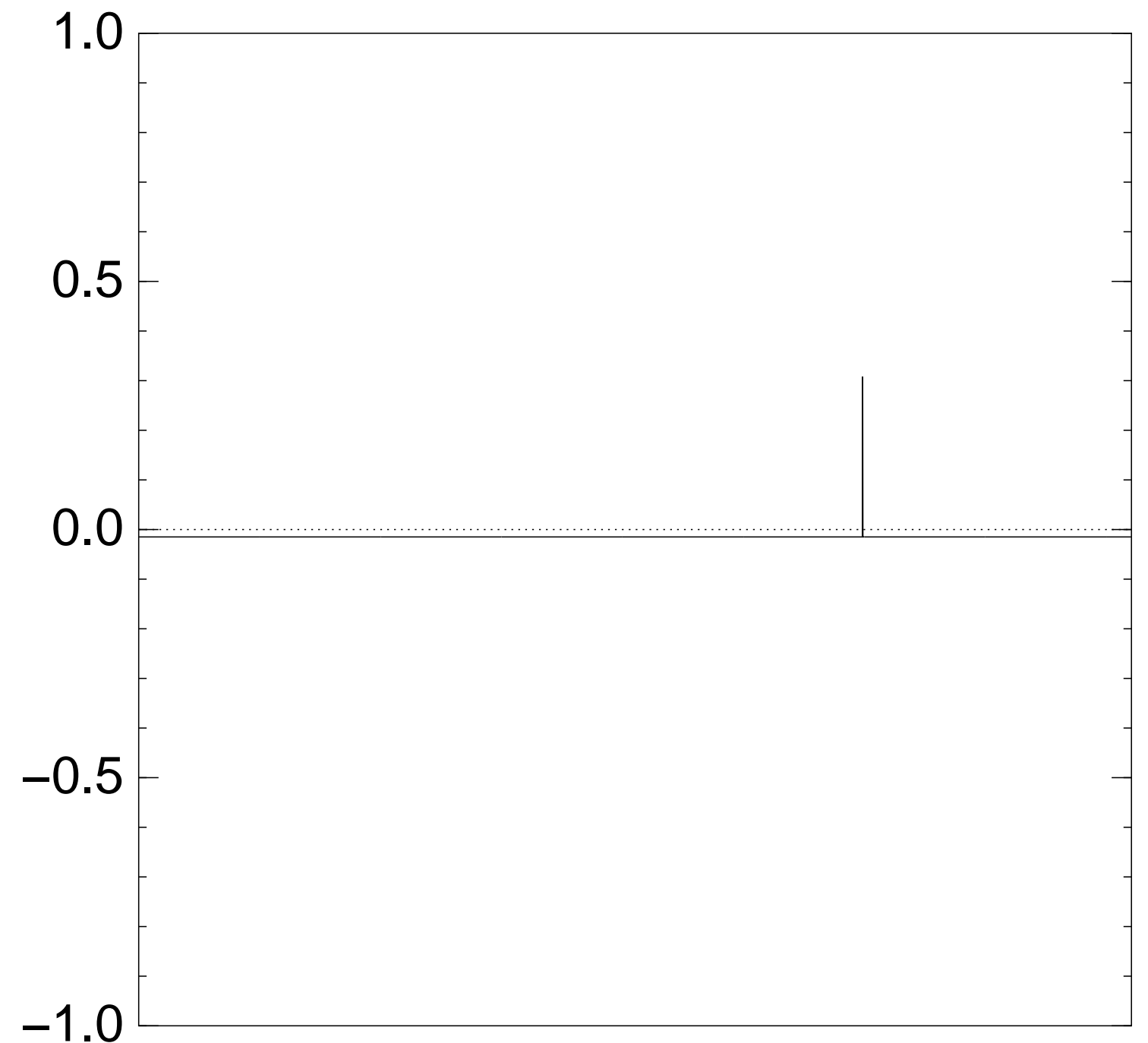
This is also easy.

Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$   
for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $90 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Step 1: Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $b_J = -a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
 $b_J = a_J$  otherwise.

This is about as easy  
as computing  $\Sigma$ .

Step 2: “Grover diffusion”.

Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where

$$b_J = -a_J + (2/2^n) \sum_I a_I.$$

This is also easy.

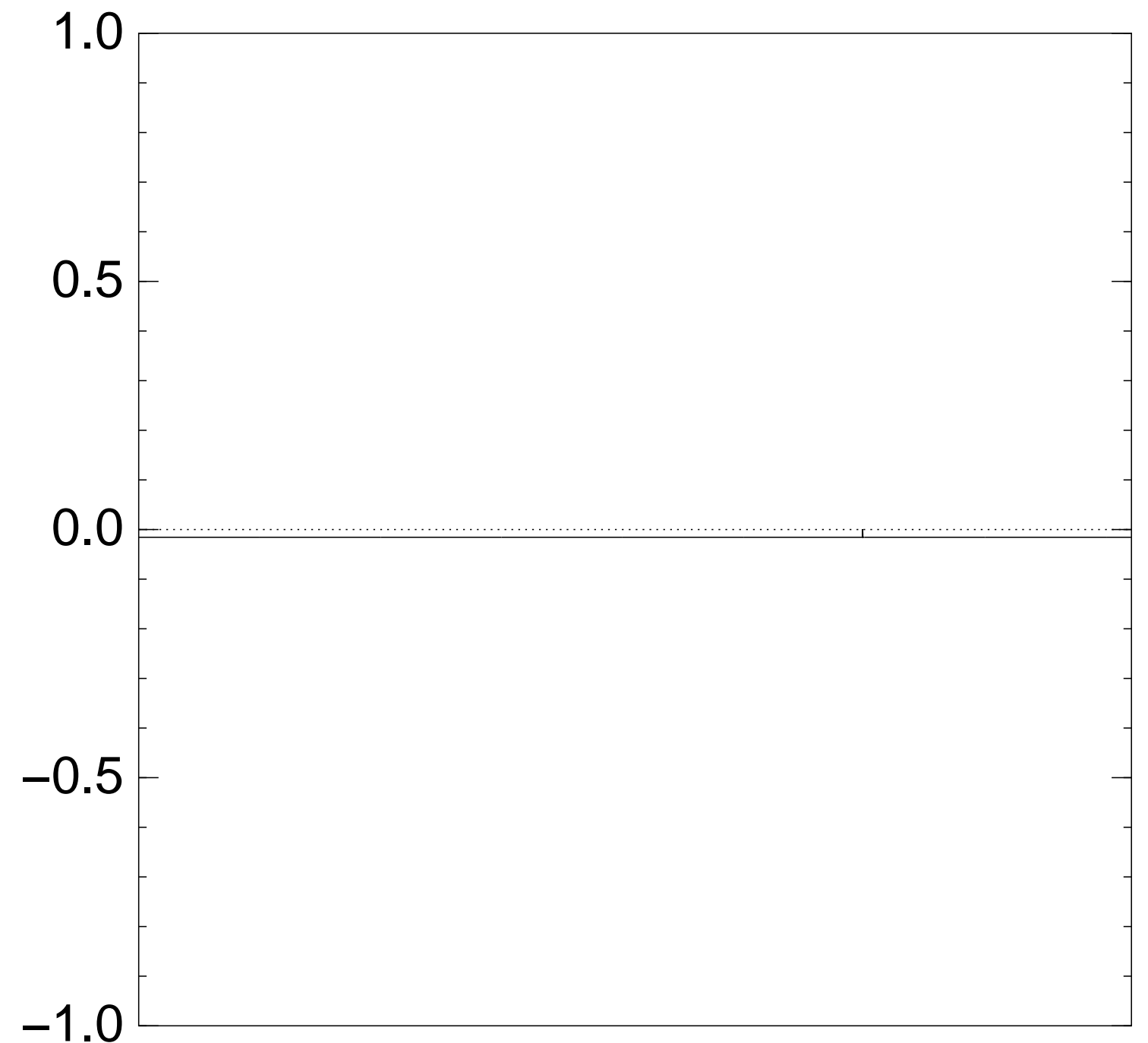
Repeat steps 1 and 2  
about  $0.58 \cdot 2^{0.5n}$  times.

Measure the  $n$  qubits.

With high probability this finds  
the unique  $J$  such that  $\Sigma(J) = t$ .

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$

for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $100 \times$  (Step 1 + Step 2):



Very bad stopping point.



Set  $a \leftarrow b$  where  
 $a_J$  if  $\Sigma(J) = t$ ,  
otherwise.

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“Grover diffusion”.

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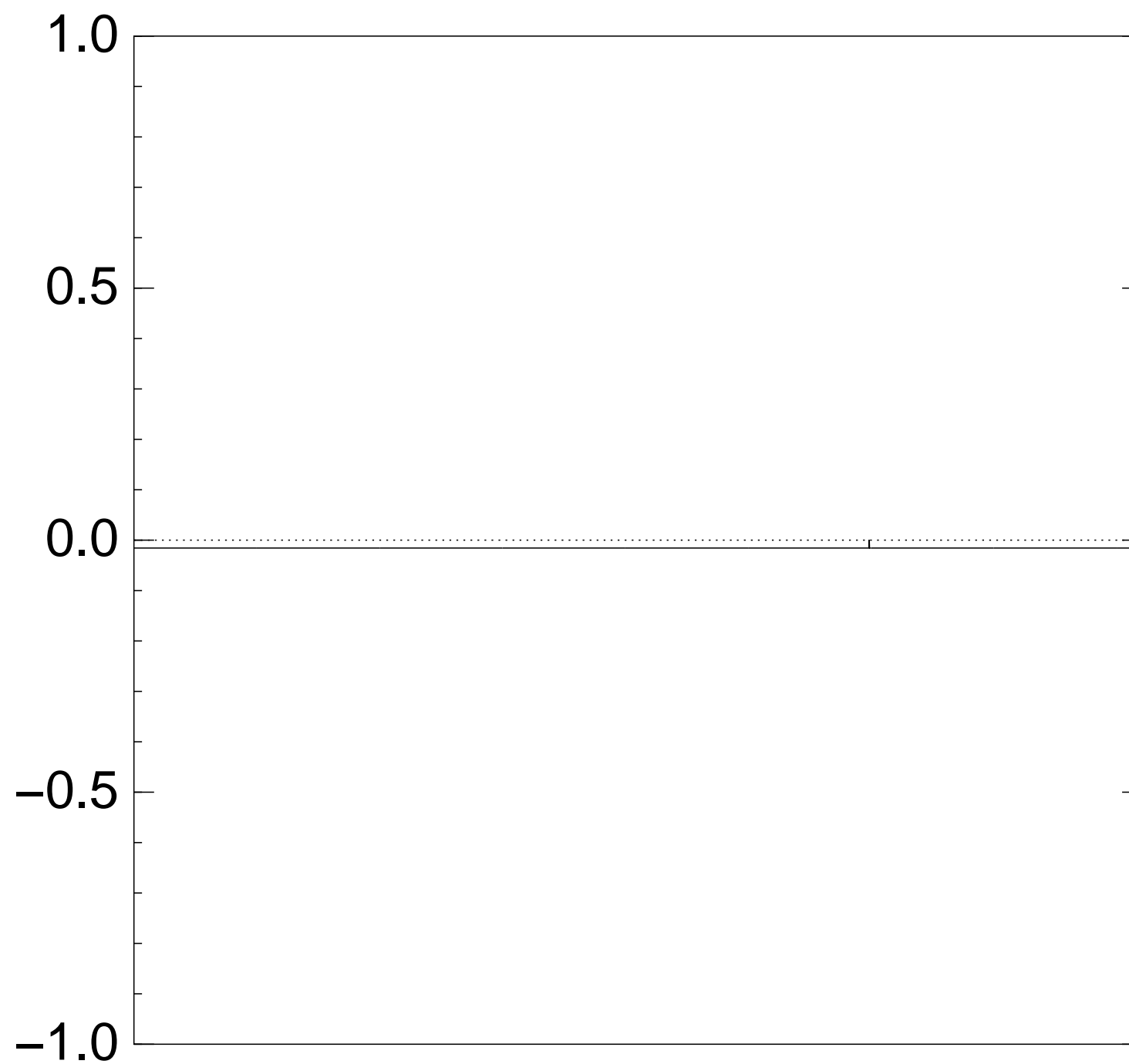
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$$\text{value } J \text{ such that } \Sigma(J) = t.$$

Graph of  $J \mapsto a_J$

for 36634 example with  $n = 12$   
after  $100 \times (\text{Step 1} + \text{Step 2})$ :



Very bad stopping point.

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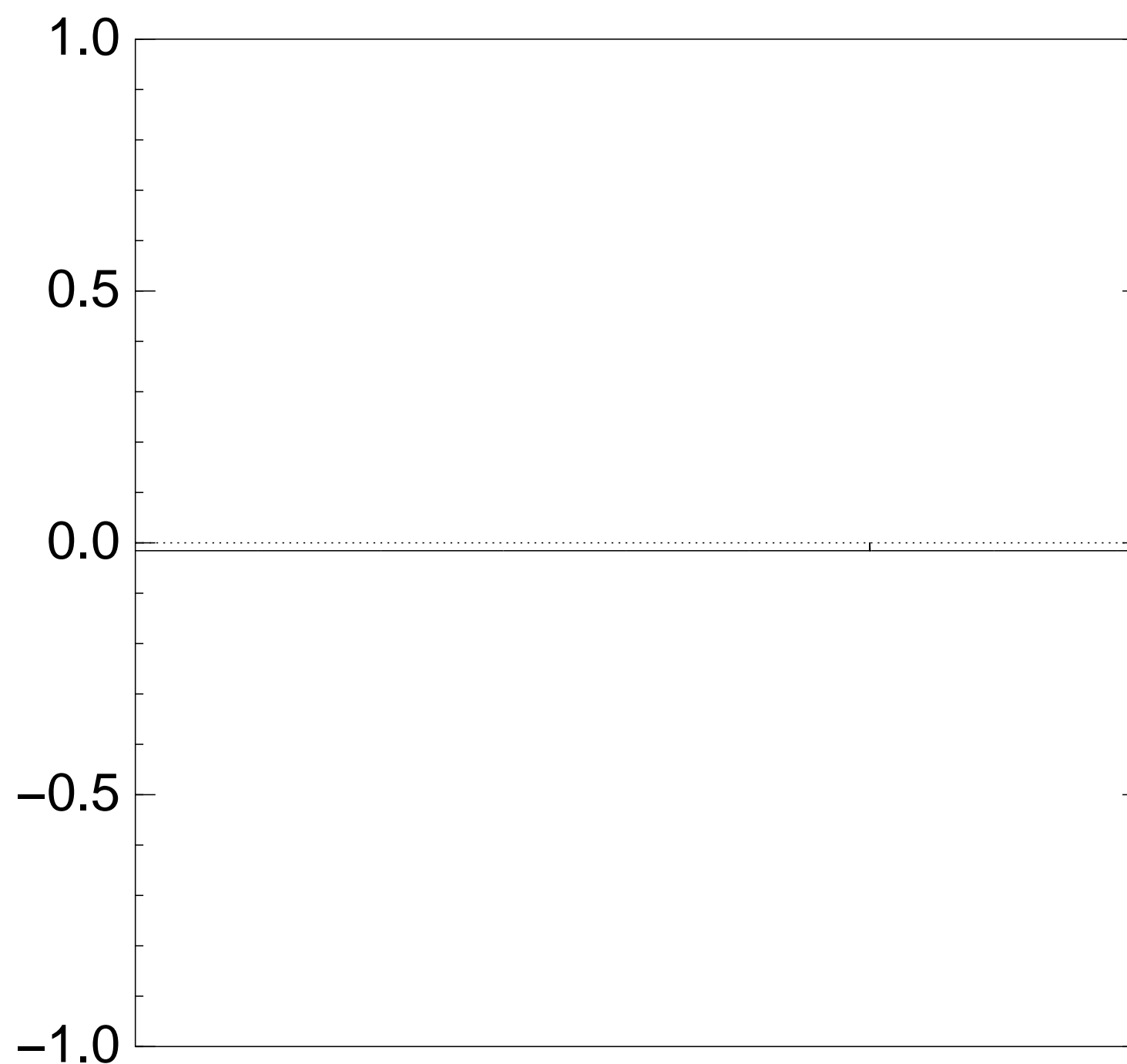
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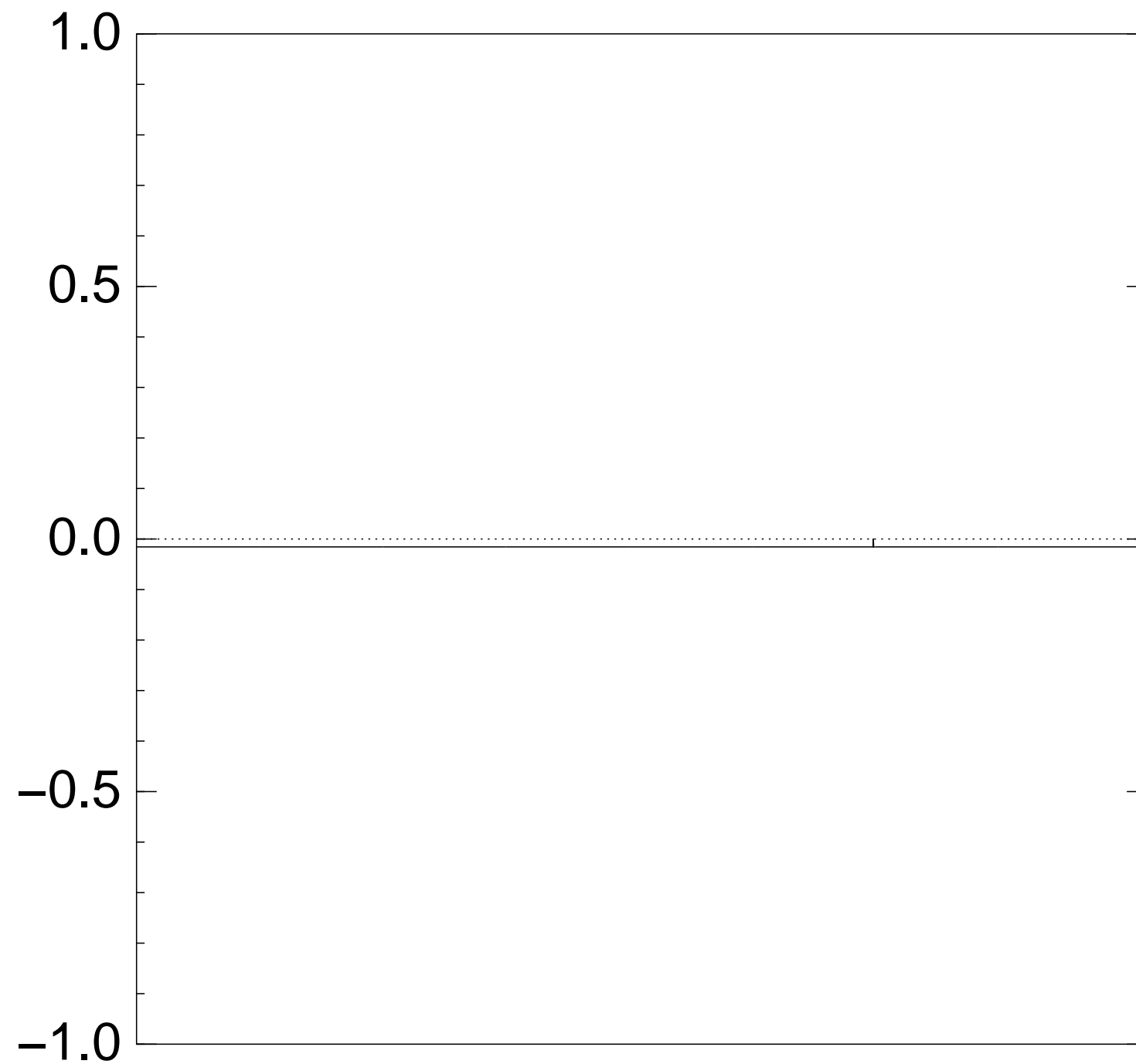
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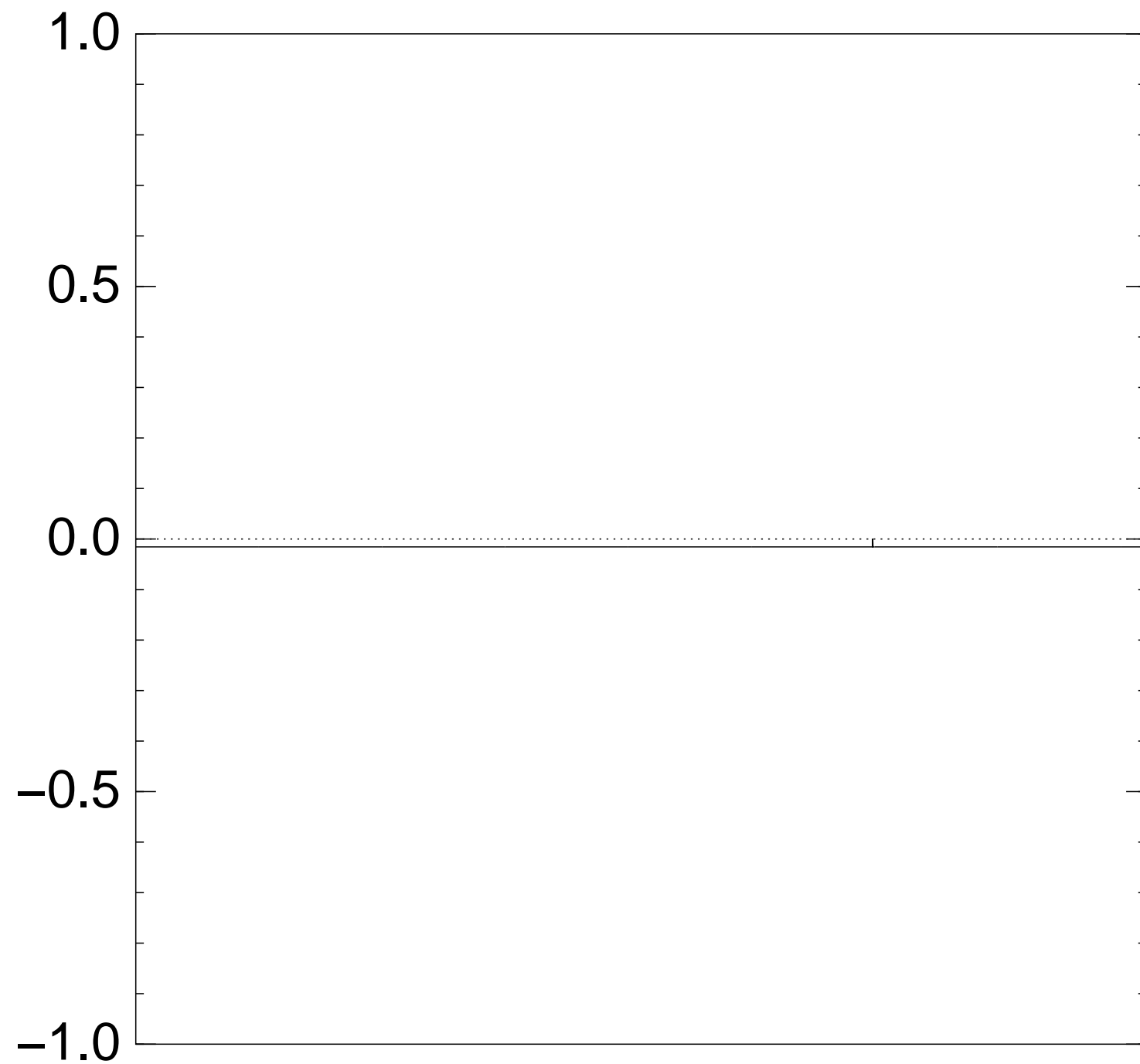
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Let  $S = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^n \mid \Sigma(x) \in L \text{ and } \Sigma(x) \in R\}$ .

Efficiently compute  $L$  and  $R$ .

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$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0$

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$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0$

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Now high probability

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vec

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

0 negations and 0 diffusions

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.938; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.060; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

1 negation and 46 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.935; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.057; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.008; +$

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if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

2 negations and 92 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.918; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.059; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.022; +$

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Now high probability

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

3 negations and 138 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.897; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.058; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.042; +$

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Now high probability

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

4 negations and 184 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.873; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.054; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.070; +$

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

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Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

5 negations and 230 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.838; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.054; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.003; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.104; +$

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

6 negations and 276 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.800; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.051; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.006; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.141; +$

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

7 negations and 322 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.758; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.047; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.184; +$

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reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

8 negations and 368 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.708; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.003; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.046; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.234; +$

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Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

9 negations and 414 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.658; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.003; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.042; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.009; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.287; +$

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reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

10 negations and 460 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.606; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.003; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.002; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.037; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.013; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.338; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

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Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

11 negations and 506 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.547; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.004; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.003; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.036; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.015; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.394; +$

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Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

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Now high probability

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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

12 negations and 552 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.491; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.004; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.003; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.032; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.014; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.455; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .



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Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

13 negations and 598 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.436; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.005; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.003; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.026; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.017; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.513; +$

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Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

14 negations and 644 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.377; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.006; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.004; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.025; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.022; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.566; +$

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Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

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if  $S$  contains collision.

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Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

15 negations and 690 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.322; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.005; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.004; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.021; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.023; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.623; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

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Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

16 negations and 736 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.270; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.006; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.005; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.017; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.022; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.680; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

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Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

17 negations and 782 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.218; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.005; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.015; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.024; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.730; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

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Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

18 negations and 828 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.172; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.006; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.005; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.011; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.029; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.775; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

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Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

19 negations and 874 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.131; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.006; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.008; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.030; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.816; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

For each  $S$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

20 negations and 920 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.093; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.007; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.027; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.857; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .



How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

For each  $S$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

21 negations and 966 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.062; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.006; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.004; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.030; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.890; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

For each  $S$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

22 negations and 1012 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.037; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.008; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.007; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.034; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.910; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

For each  $S$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

23 negations and 1058 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.017; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.008; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.007; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.034; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.930; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

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Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

24 negations and 1104 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.005; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.007; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.030; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.948; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

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Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

25 negations and 1150 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.008; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.008; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.000; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.031; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.001; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.952; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

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Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

26 negations and 1196 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.002; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.008; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.008; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.000; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.035; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.002; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.945; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

How the quantum walk works:

Start from uniform superposition.

Repeat  $\approx 0.6 \cdot 2^n / r$  times:

Negate  $a_{S,T}$

if  $S$  contains collision.

Repeat  $\approx 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{r}$  times:

For each  $T$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $S$ .

For each  $S$ :

Diffuse  $a_{S,T}$  across all  $T$ .

Now high probability

that  $T$  contains collision.

Cost  $r + 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15$ ,  $r = 1024$ , after

27 negations and 1242 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.011; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 0)] \approx 0.007; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.034; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.003; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.938; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

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$\approx 2^n / \sqrt{r}$ . Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to

$(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;

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Optimize:  $2^{2n/3}$ .

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to  
 $(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;  
reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

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27 negations and 1242 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.011; -$

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$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.938; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

Subset-sum walk

Consider  $f$  defined

$f(1, J_1) = \Sigma(J_1)$

for  $J_1 \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$

$f(2, J_2) = t - \Sigma(J_2)$

for  $J_2 \subseteq \{n/2 + 1, \dots, n\}$

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 reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.

Analyze evolution of this vector.

e.g.  $n = 15, r = 1024$ , after

27 negations and 1242 diffusions:

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 0)] \approx 0.011; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (0, 1)] \approx 0.007; +$

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$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 1)] \approx 0.001; -$

$\Pr[\text{class } (1, 2)] \approx 0.034; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 1)] \approx 0.003; +$

$\Pr[\text{class } (2, 2)] \approx 0.938; +$

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

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Subset-sum walk (0.333...)

Consider  $f$  defined by

$$f(1, J_1) = \Sigma(J_1)$$

for  $J_1 \subseteq \{1, \dots, n/2\}$ ;

$$f(2, J_2) = t - \Sigma(J_2)$$

for  $J_2 \subseteq \{n/2 + 1, \dots, n\}$ .

Good chance of unique

collision  $\Sigma(J_1) = t - \Sigma(J_2)$ .

$n/2 + 1$  bits of input,

so quantum walk costs  $2^{n/3}$

Easily tweak quantum walk

to handle more collisions,

ignore  $\Sigma(J_1) = \Sigma(J'_1)$ , etc.

Classify  $(S, T)$  according to  $(\#(S \cap \{p, q\}), \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;  
 reduce  $a$  to low-dim vector.  
 Analyze evolution of this vector.  
 e.g.  $n = 15, r = 1024$ , after  
 27 negations and 1242 diffusions:

Pr[class (0, 0)]  $\approx 0.011$ ; -  
 Pr[class (0, 1)]  $\approx 0.007$ ; +  
 Pr[class (1, 0)]  $\approx 0.007$ ; -  
 Pr[class (1, 1)]  $\approx 0.001$ ; -  
 Pr[class (1, 2)]  $\approx 0.034$ ; +  
 Pr[class (2, 1)]  $\approx 0.003$ ; +  
 Pr[class (2, 2)]  $\approx 0.938$ ; +

Right column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

## Subset-sum walk (0.333...)

Consider  $f$  defined by  
 $f(1, J_1) = \Sigma(J_1)$   
 for  $J_1 \subseteq \{1, \dots, n/2\}$ ;  
 $f(2, J_2) = t - \Sigma(J_2)$   
 for  $J_2 \subseteq \{n/2 + 1, \dots, n\}$ .

Good chance of unique  
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$n/2 + 1$  bits of input,  
 so quantum walk costs  $2^{n/3}$ .

Easily tweak quantum walk  
 to handle more collisions,  
 ignore  $\Sigma(J_1) = \Sigma(J'_1)$ , etc.

$(S, T)$  according to  
 $\{p, q\}, \#(T \cap \{p, q\}))$ ;  
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 iterations and 1242 diffusions:

$(0, 0) \approx 0.011; -$   
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 $(1, 1) \approx 0.001; -$   
 $(1, 2) \approx 0.034; +$   
 $(2, 1) \approx 0.003; +$   
 $(2, 2) \approx 0.938; +$

column is sign of  $a_{S,T}$ .

### Subset-sum walk (0.333...)

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$$f(2, J_2) = t - \Sigma(J_2)$$

for  $J_2 \subseteq \{n/2 + 1, \dots, n\}$ .

Good chance of unique  
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$n/2 + 1$  bits of input,  
 so quantum walk costs  $2^{n/3}$ .

Easily tweak quantum walk  
 to handle more collisions,  
 ignore  $\Sigma(J_1) = \Sigma(J'_1)$ , etc.

### Generalization

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### Subset-sum walk (0.333...)

Consider  $f$  defined by  
 $f(1, J_1) = \Sigma(J_1)$   
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 for  $J_2 \subseteq \{n/2 + 1, \dots, n\}$ .  
 Good chance of unique  
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 $n/2 + 1$  bits of input,  
 so quantum walk costs  $2^{n/3}$ .  
 Easily tweak quantum walk  
 to handle more collisions,  
 ignore  $\Sigma(J_1) = \Sigma(J'_1)$ , etc.

### Generalized moduli

Choose  $M, t_1, r$  v  
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 of all  $J_{11} \subseteq \{1, \dots$   
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 for each  $J_{11} \in S_{11}$   
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 for each  $J_{12} \in S_{12}$

## Subset-sum walk (0.333...)

Consider  $f$  defined by

$$f(1, J_1) = \Sigma(J_1)$$

for  $J_1 \subseteq \{1, \dots, n/2\}$ ;

$$f(2, J_2) = t - \Sigma(J_2)$$

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