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- Example with 30 operators:

Recover last 15 operators:

???...??	???...???	Ops
<u>000...000</u>	$q_1 q_2 \dots q_{15}$	Query 1
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$+0$ and $\times 1$ do not change the query outcome.

Continue with the next 15 operators.

???...??	$+ \times + \dots + \times$	Ops
$0q_1 \dots q_{15}$	010...01	Query 2

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- If not, repeat with a new random query.