

# Quantum algorithms

## Quantum computing

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## Faster computations

The whole point of quantum computing is that some quantum algorithms exhibit **quantum advantage**: *i.e.* run "faster" than the best known classical algorithms

In extreme cases, this is expected to lead to

**quantum supremacy**: *i.e.* the ability to compute things that could never practically be achieved with classical computers.

Oct. 2019: Google claims achievement of quantum supremacy by sampling the output distribution of random quantum circuits on 53 qubits, a computation allegedly taking 10,000 years of classical computing (IBM says: 2.5 days)

## Complexity of an algorithm

Classically: the complexity of an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  is a bound on the number of computing steps needed for an input of a given size

*i.e.* the function

$$n \mapsto \max_{|x|=n} N_{\mathcal{A}}(x)$$

where  $N_{\mathcal{A}}(x)$  denotes the number of steps used to perform  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $x$  in a given computing model (usually: [Turing machines](#))

## Quantum computing model

There exist a (rather inconvenient) notion of **quantum Turing machine**

Most people prefer to use the (equivalent) **quantum circuit model**:

- given input  $x$ : a circuit  $U_{\mathcal{A},x}$  made out of quantum gates taken from a standard universal set is prepared
- the output  $y$  is the result of the measure of  $U_{\mathcal{A},x}|0\rangle$
- (then some classical post-processing is typically applied)

The **complexity** of the quantum algorithm is a bound on the number of gates needed:

$$n \mapsto \max_{|x|=n} |U_{\mathcal{A},x}|.$$

## The Deutsch-Jozsa problem

Given a boolean function  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  assumed to be either

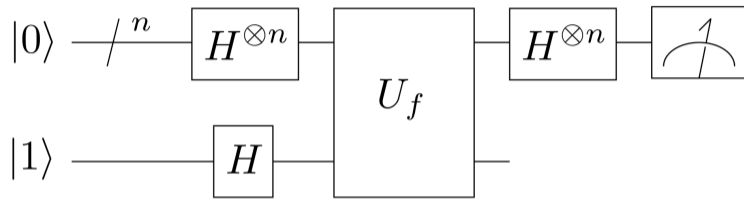
- constant:  $f(x) \equiv 0$  or  $f(x) \equiv 1$  ("type 0") or
- balanced:  $|\{x \mid f(x) = 0\}| = |\{x \mid f(x) = 1\}| = 2^{n-1}$  ("type 1"),

problem: compute its type.

A classical algorithm needs at least  $2^{n-1} + 1$  evaluations of  $f$  to decide

$\implies$  **EXP** (EXponential time) complexity class

## The Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm



**Proposition:** output is  $|0\rangle^{\otimes n} \iff f$  is constant

**EQP** (Exact Quantum Polynomial time) complexity class

$\implies$  exponential speedup !

## Deutsch-Jozsa: remarks

- Here  $U_f$  is considered an **oracle** for  $f$  (black box implementation)
- Classical decision algorithm:  $2^{n-1} + 1$  evaluations are required to guarantee the answer... but we can get a probable answer with much less evaluations.
- With  $k$  evaluations, assuming constant and balanced functions are equiprobable:
  - if not all values are equal,  $f$  is certainly balanced
  - if all values are equal,  $f$  is constant with probability

$$\geq \frac{1}{1 + 2^{1-k}} \geq \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2$$



## Probabilistic algorithms

In practice: we prefer a fast algorithm with a good probability of giving a right answer to a slow algorithm that is always right!

Example: [Rabin-Miller](#) vs [AKS](#) primality tests

The Deutsch-Jozsa problem is in the

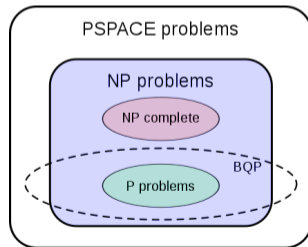
**BPP** (Bounded-error Probabilistic Polynomial time) complexity class

But since quantum algorithms are typically also probabilistic...

The speedup here is not so impressive after all!

## Aside: the Complexity Zoo

- We know that  $\mathbf{P} \subseteq \mathbf{NP}$  (Nondeterministic Polynomial time)
- Whether the inclusion is strict is **an open question** (\$1,000,000)
- We also know that  $\mathbf{P} \subseteq \mathbf{BPP} \subseteq \mathbf{BQP}$  (Bounded-error Quantum Polynomial time)
- Reverse inclusions *also unknown*;  
complexity classes are **a real zoo**



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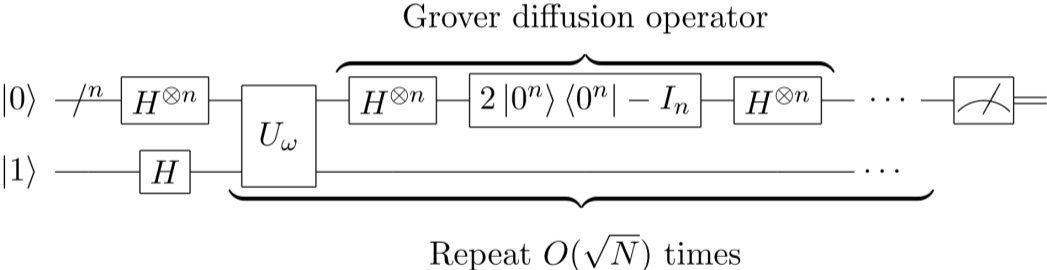
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# Grover (1996)



## Search problem

Suppose we have a decision function  $f : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  defined on a set  $X$  of size  $N$ .

The search problem defined by  $f$  is to find some  $x \in X$  for which  $f(x) = 1$ .

**Examples:** database queries, factoring integers, bitcoin mining, ...

In the general (unstructured) case: a classical algorithm requires  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  queries.

(Of course can do better if e.g. the data is sorted)

## Grover's algorithm

Performs unstructured searches for arbitrary criteria in  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N})$  time.

$\implies$  **quadratic speedup**

Works in two steps:

- phase inversion
- amplitude amplification

iterated a certain number of times

## Phase inversion

Simplifying assumptions:

- $X = \llbracket 0, N \llbracket$
- $N = 2^n$
- the equation  $f(x) = 1$  admits a unique solution  $\omega \in X$

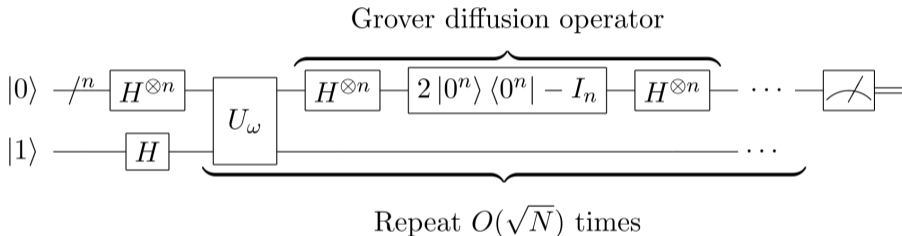
So the problem is now: find  $\omega \in X$  given access to an oracle for  $f : \llbracket 0, N \llbracket \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$$\text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \omega \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$



## Phase inversion

$\omega$  is detected by inverting its phase: " $U_\omega|x\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)}|x\rangle$ "



Actually

$$U_\omega |x\rangle \otimes |-\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \otimes |-\rangle$$

This is exactly what the oracle  $U_f$  does! So in fact  $U_\omega = U_f$ .

## Amplitude amplification

The **Grover diffusion operator**  $G$  is

$$G = 2|s\rangle\langle s| - I$$

where

$$|s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle.$$

Geometrical interpretation:

$$G|s\rangle = |s\rangle$$

$$G|\psi\rangle = -|\psi\rangle \quad \text{when } \langle s|\psi\rangle = 0$$

$U_s = -G$  is a reflection through the hyperplane normal to  $|s\rangle$

## Amplitude amplification

Remark:  $U_\omega$  is a reflection, too.

Actually  $U_\omega$  acts on  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_N \otimes |-\rangle$  as

$$I - 2|\omega\rangle\langle\omega| = \text{diag}(1, \dots, \underbrace{-1}_\omega, \dots, 1).$$

In general  $I - 2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$  is a reflection through the hyperplane normal to  $|\psi\rangle$ .

$GU_\omega$ : unitary transformation of  $\mathcal{V}$  that inverts every vector  $|\psi\rangle$  orthogonal to both  $|s\rangle$  and  $|\omega\rangle$  – and acts as a rotation in the plan spanned by  $|s\rangle$  and  $|\omega\rangle$

## Amplitude amplification

Consider unitary  $|s'\rangle \sim |s\rangle - \langle\omega|s\rangle|\omega\rangle$ , and write  $\langle\omega|s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$ .

Initial state:

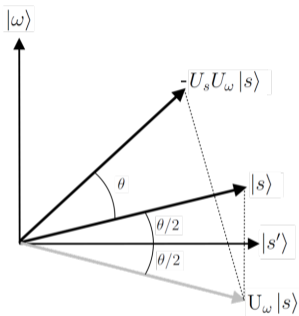
$$|\psi\rangle = |s\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |s'\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |\omega\rangle$$

$GU_\omega$  is a rotation of  $\theta$  (exercise!), so after  $k$  iterations:

$$(GU_\omega)^k |\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + k\theta\right) |s'\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + k\theta\right) |\omega\rangle$$

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{M}(GU_\omega)^k |\psi\rangle = |\omega\rangle] = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + k\theta\right)$$

## Optimal number of iterations



Each iteration brings the state closer to  $|\omega\rangle$  by an angle of  $\theta = 2 \arcsin \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$ .

Until it starts moving away... [Sage](#) visualization

## Optimal number of iterations

So, in order to maximize the probability of measuring  $|\omega\rangle$ , take

$$(k + \frac{1}{2})\theta \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \iff \quad k \approx \frac{\pi}{2\theta} - \frac{1}{2}$$

When  $N$  is large (interesting case!) we have  $\theta \approx \sin \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{N}}$

so the optimal number of iterations is  $k \approx \frac{\pi\sqrt{N}}{4}$ .

Closely related to [this](#) rather surprising way to approximate  $\pi$  !

## Implementation of $G$

$$G = 2|s\rangle\langle s| - I$$

- $G$  is more easily computed if we change the basis:

$$G = H^{\otimes n} \otimes \underbrace{(2|0\rangle\langle 0| - I)}_{G_0} \otimes H^{\otimes n}$$

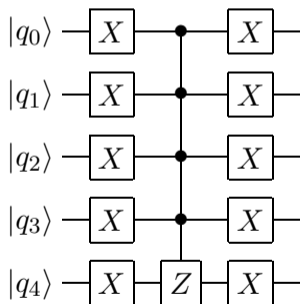
- $G_0 \sim -G_0 = U_0 = \text{diag}(-1, 1, \dots, 1)$ :

$$U_0|x\rangle = \begin{cases} -|x\rangle & \text{if } x = 0 \\ |x\rangle & \text{if } x \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

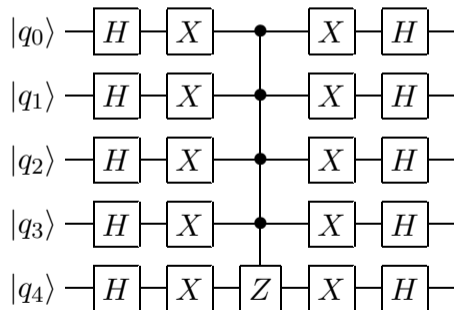
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Example: with  $n = 4$

$G_0$ :



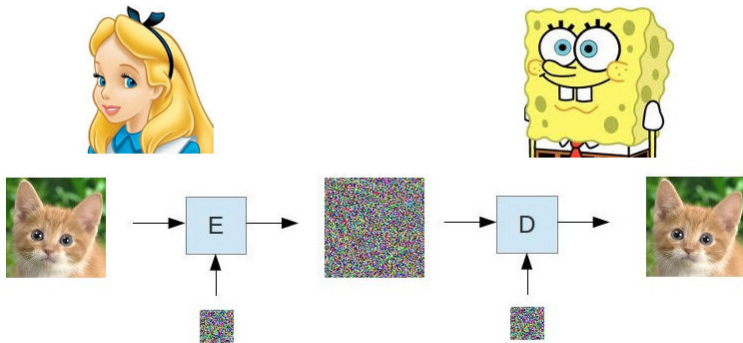
$G$ :





## Application: breaking cryptography

Alice sends secret messages to Bob:



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They agree on a secret  $n$ -bit encryption key  $k$ .

Alice encrypts her messages with  $k$ :

$$c = E(k, m)$$

and Bob decrypts them using the same  $k$ :

$$m = D(k, c).$$

## Known plaintext attack

Imagine the attacker, Eve, knows the message  $m$  corresponding to *one* ciphertext  $c$ .

Then she can try to recover the secret key  $k$  in order to be able to decrypt *all* messages exchanged by Alice and Bob.

(A plausible scenario: this is exactly what happened with Enigma during WWII).

This is a search problem: she's looking for  $k \in \llbracket 0, 2^n \llbracket$  for which  $D(k, c) = m$ .

## Brute force attack on the key

Suppose  $n = 128$  (today's standard for AES).

With a classical computer: Eve will need to go through the  $2^{128}$  possibilities: impractical for at least the next 30 years.

⇒ secure communication ✓

With a quantum computer running Grover's algorithm: Eve will recover the key in  $\sqrt{2^{128}} = 2^{64}$  steps: doable today using **specialized hardware**.

⇒ no more confidentiality ✗

## Solution

In case this happens:

”post-quantum symmetric cryptography”: just move to 256-bit keys

No biggie!



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## Quantum circuits

In the end, a quantum circuit is just a big unitary matrix.

$n$  qubits:  $2^n \times 2^n$  unitary matrix

Things we can implement using unitary matrices:

- reflections
- rotations
- ...
- **Fourier transforms**

## Recall: Discrete Fourier Transform

$N$ -point Fourier transform of a sequence  $x[0], \dots, x[N-1]$ :

$$y[k] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi ijk}{N}} x[j]$$

Matrix formulation:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \zeta & \zeta^2 & \dots & \zeta^{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 1 & \zeta^{N-1} & \zeta^{2(N-1)} & \dots & \zeta^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\zeta$  is *some* primitive  $N$ -th root of unity



## Discrete Fourier Transform

Special case:  $N = 2$

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = H \quad (!)$$

Inverse Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1} = \mathcal{F}^* = \mathcal{F}^\dagger$$

**Fourier transforms are unitary**

# Quantum Fourier Transform

Suppose we have a quantum state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{V}_N$ :

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{x < N} \alpha_x |x\rangle$$

Its **Fourier transform** is the state

$$\mathcal{F} |\psi\rangle = \sum_{y < N} \beta_y |y\rangle$$

defined by

$$\beta_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x < N} \zeta^{xy} \alpha_x.$$

## Quantum Fourier Transform

In other words: from a theoretical point of view

QFT of a state = DFT of the probability amplitudes

Often written in the equivalent form:

$$\mathcal{F} |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y < N} \zeta^{xy} |y\rangle$$

Naive classical algorithm:  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  operations

Cooley-Tukey (1965): *Fast Fourier Transform*  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$  operations

# Quantum Fourier Transform

## Theorem

*There exists a quantum circuit with  $\mathcal{O}((\log N)^2)$  gates that computes the QFT.*

For  $N = 2^n$ , a circuit with  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

- Hadamard gates  $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- controlled phase shifts  $R_m = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^m}} \end{bmatrix}$
- swaps

suffices.

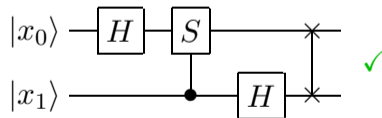
## Small values of $n$

$$n = 0: F = I \checkmark$$

$$n = 1: F = H \checkmark$$

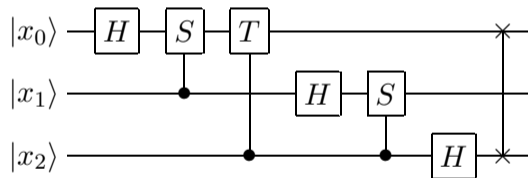
$$n = 2:$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix} =$$

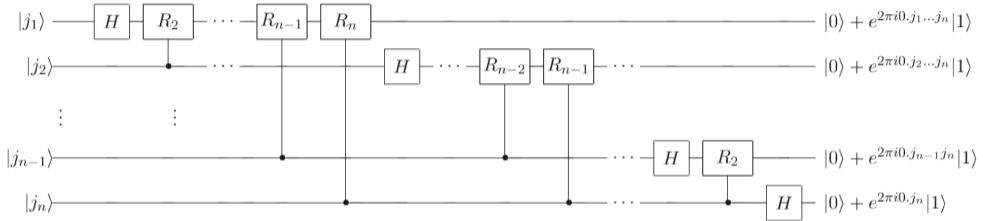


## Small values of $n$

$n = 3$ :



# General QFT circuit



- $n$  Hadamard gates
- $1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1) = \binom{n}{2}$  controlled phase shifts
- $\leq \binom{n}{2}$  swaps

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## Recall: QFT

Fix  $N = 2^n$ .

The  $N$ -point (quantum) Fourier Transform

$$\mathcal{F}|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y < N} \zeta^{xy} |y\rangle, \quad \zeta^N = 1 \text{ primitive}$$

is computable with a quantum circuit of size  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ .

## Application: Period detection

Suppose  $f : \mathbb{Z}_N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$  is  $p$ -periodic:

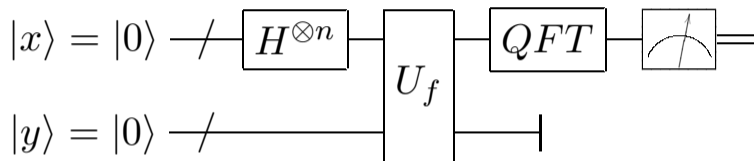
$$f(x + p) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } x.$$

Problem: find  $p$ .

A special case of the **hidden subgroup problem**.

Idea: we can detect the period using a Fourier transform.

## Quantum period detection



### Theorem

*If  $f$  is  $p$ -periodic, then a multiple of  $\frac{N}{p}$  is measured.*

Remark: for the moment we are assuming that  $p \mid N$  (else replace  $p$  by  $\text{GCD}(p, N)$ )

## Proof in the $p \mid N$ case

Write  $N = pq$ .

Evolution of the quantum state:

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle &\xrightarrow{H^{\otimes n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x < N} |x\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \xrightarrow{U_f} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x < N} |x\rangle \otimes |f(x)\rangle \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{QFT}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x < N} \sum_{y < N} \zeta^{xy} |y\rangle \otimes |f(x)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now write  $x = j + kp$ , so that  $f(x) = f(j)$ .

## Proof in the $p \mid N$ case

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j < p} \sum_{k < q} \sum_{y < N} \zeta^{(j+kp)y} |y\rangle \otimes |f(j)\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{y < N} \sum_{j < p} \zeta^{jy} \underbrace{\sum_{k < q} (\zeta^{py})^k}_{0 \text{ unless } \zeta^{py}=1} |y\rangle \otimes |f(j)\rangle$$

since

$$\sum_{k < q} (\zeta^{py})^k = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - (\zeta^{py})^q}{1 - \zeta^{py}} = \frac{1 - 1}{1 - \zeta^{py}} = 0 & \text{if } \zeta^{py} \neq 1 \\ \sum_{k < \frac{N}{p}} 1 = q & \text{if } \zeta^{py} = 1 \text{ i.e. } q \mid y \end{cases}$$

In the end we have

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{r < p} \sum_{j < p} (\zeta^q)^{jr} |rq\rangle \otimes |f(j)\rangle$$

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Only values of  $y$  of the form  $rq$  have a non-zero probability of being measured:

$$\mathbb{P}[y = rq] = \frac{1}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{j < p} (\zeta^q)^{jr} |f(j)\rangle \right\|^2$$

In particular, in the special case where all values  $f(j)$  are distinct:

$$\mathbb{P}[y = rq] = \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{j < p} |(\zeta^q)^{jr}|^2 = \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{j < p} 1 = \frac{1}{p}$$

## Approximate period detection

Now suppose  $f : \llbracket 0, N \llbracket \rightarrow \llbracket 0, N \llbracket$  is **almost  $p$ -periodic**:

$$f(x + p) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x < N - p.$$

### Theorem

*If  $f$  is almost  $p$ -periodic, then an approximate multiple of  $\frac{N}{p}$  is probably measured.*

And then we can (probably) recover  $p$  with classical post-processing.

## Analysis in the general case

Write  $N = pq + a$  with  $0 \leq a < p$ . Everything is the same until

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{y < N} \sum_{j < p} \zeta^{jy} \sum_{k < q_j} (\zeta^{py})^k |y\rangle \otimes |f(j)\rangle$$

$$\text{with } q_j = \begin{cases} q + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq j < a \\ q & \text{if } a \leq j < p \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{k < q_j} (\zeta^{py})^k = \frac{1 - (\zeta^{py})^{q_j}}{1 - \zeta^{py}} = \zeta^{\frac{py(q_j-1)}{2}} S_{q_j} \left( y \frac{p}{N} \right) \quad \text{where } S_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\alpha\pi x)}{\sin(\pi x)} & x \notin \mathbb{Z} \\ \alpha & x \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$



## Analysis in the general case

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{y < N} \sum_{j < p} \zeta^{jy + \frac{py(q_j-1)}{2}} S_{q_j} \left( y \frac{p}{N} \right) |y\rangle \otimes |f(j)\rangle$$

To simplify: under the assumption that all the  $p$  values  $f(j)$  are distinct:

$$\mathbb{P}[y] = \frac{1}{N^2} \left( a S_{q+1} \left( y \frac{p}{N} \right)^2 + (p-a) S_q \left( y \frac{p}{N} \right)^2 \right)$$

*cf.* Sage visualization

## Analysis in the general case

### Proposition

The probability that  $\lfloor r \frac{N}{p} \rfloor$  or  $\lceil r \frac{N}{p} \rceil$  is measured is asymptotically  $\geq \frac{4}{\pi^2} \approx 40\%$

with  $r$  uniformly distributed among  $\llbracket 0, p \llbracket$ .

Thus probability  $.4(1 - \frac{1}{p})$  of getting a "good" result  $y$ .

**Fact:** If  $N > 2p^2$ , the period  $p$  can be efficiently recovered since  $\frac{r}{p}$  appears in lowest terms in the [continued fraction expansion](#) of  $\frac{y}{N}$  and if  $p$  is large,  $r$  and  $p$  will most likely be coprime (probability  $\approx \frac{1}{\log \log p}$  of failure).

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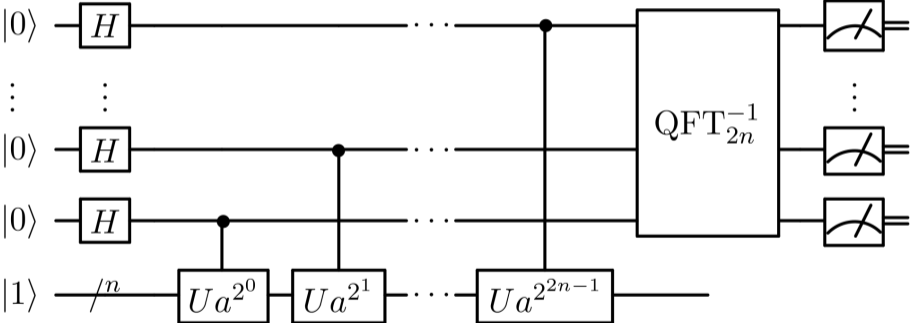
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# Shor's algorithm (1994)



## Shor's algorithm

(Probably) factors an integer  $N$  with quantum complexity

$$\mathcal{O}((\log N)^2(\log \log N)(\log \log \log N))$$

This is much better than the **best currently known classical algorithm**

that has complexity

$$\mathcal{O}(e^{1.9(\log N)^{\frac{1}{3}}(\log \log N)^{\frac{2}{3}}})$$

**subexponential speedup**

NB:  $\log N$  is the natural parameter to measure the size of an integer  $N \implies$  **BQP**

## Factoring vs period finding

Suppose  $N = pq$  with  $p$  and  $q$  two distinct prime numbers.

**Theorem** (Euler)

For any integer  $a$  coprime with  $N$ , we have  $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  for

$$r = \varphi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1).$$

In other words:  $r$  is a period for the function  $f : x \mapsto a^x \pmod{N}$ .

## BPP reduction from factoring to period finding

To factor  $N = pq$ :

- pick a random integer  $a \in \llbracket 0, N \llbracket$
- with high probability  $\text{GCD}(a, N) = 1$
- if  $x \mapsto a^x \bmod N$  has *odd* period, pick another  $a$
- so now we have an integer  $a$  of even order  $2r$ :  $a^{2r} \equiv 1 \pmod N$

$$N \mid a^{2r} - 1 = (a^r - 1)(a^r + 1)$$

- there is a 50% chance that  $\text{GCD}(N, a^r \pm 1)$  are non-trivial divisors of  $N$

## Small example: $N = 21$

Try  $a = 4$ :

$$4 \rightarrow 4^2 = 16 \rightarrow 4^3 \equiv 1 \quad \times$$

Try  $a = 5$ :

$$5 \rightarrow 5^2 \equiv 4 \rightarrow 5^3 \equiv 20 \rightarrow 5^4 \equiv 16 \rightarrow 5^5 \equiv 17 \rightarrow 5^6 \equiv 1$$

$$\text{but } \text{GCD}(5^3 - 1, 21) = 1, \text{GCD}(5^3 + 1, 21) = 21 \quad \times$$

Try  $a = 2$ :

$$2 \rightarrow 2^2 = 4 \rightarrow 2^3 = 8 \rightarrow 2^4 = 16 \rightarrow 2^5 \equiv 11 \rightarrow 2^6 \equiv 1$$

$$\text{and } \text{GCD}(2^3 - 1, 21) = 7, \text{GCD}(2^3 + 1, 21) = 3 \quad \checkmark$$



## Implementation

So we need a quantum implementation  $U_f$  of the function

$$f(x) = a^x \bmod N.$$

Shor picks  $Q = 2^n > N^2$  in order to be able to apply postprocessing and considers the function  $f(x)$  for  $x \in \llbracket 0, Q \rrbracket$ .

If  $x$  is written in binary:

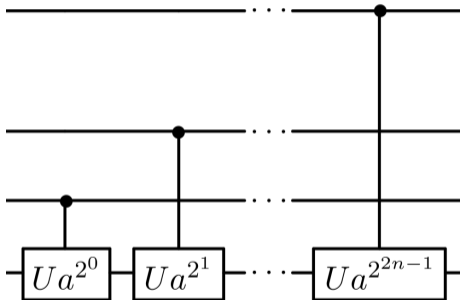
$$x = 2^{n-1}b_{n-1} + \dots + 2^1b_1 + 2^0b_0$$

then

$$a^x = (a^{2^{n-1}})^{b_{n-1}} \dots (a^{2^1})^{b_1} \cdot (a^{2^0})^{b_0}$$

## Implementation

Thus we would only need to implement "multiplication by  $a^{2^k} \bmod N$ "



This is actually the difficult part. One approach is to translate *reversible* classical arithmetical circuits into quantum circuits + classical pre-processing

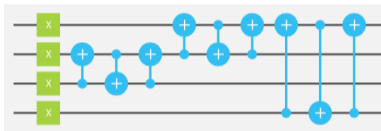
## Quantum factoring: summary

To find a nontrivial factor of  $N$ :

- Pick  $Q = 2^n$  large enough
- Choose  $a$  coprime with  $N$  randomly
- Implement modular exponentiation  $f(x) = a^x \bmod N$  as a quantum circuit
- Apply QFT + classical post-processing to recover period  $R$  of  $f$
- Repeat until  $R = 2r$  is even and  $\text{GCD}(a^r - 1, N) \neq 1, N$
- Output  $\text{GCD}(a^r - 1, N)$

## Lab 4: Factoring 15 (or pretending to) – due March 20

1. What are the *good* values of  $a$  that can be used to factor 15 ? What is the period of  $f$  in each case?
2. Verify that the following circuit acts as multiplication by 7 mod 15 on 4 qubits:



3. Can you come up with a (simple) circuit that acts as multiplication by  $7^2$ ? By  $7^4$ ?  
*Controlled* versions of these circuits would be needed to implement Shor's algorithm with  $a = 7 \dots$
4. Since arithmetic is hard: implement quantum period finding for the function  $f(x) = x \bmod 2$ ,  $x \in \llbracket 0, 16 \llbracket$  (5 qubits suffice). You will need to use a circuit for the **4-qubit QFT**. (Bonus: what about  $f(x) = x \bmod 3$  ?)