

Quantum Fourier Transform

I - Discrete Fourier transform

We give a refresher on the discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

Def: for $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$, F_N defined by

$$\forall 0 \leq j \leq N-1, (F_N x)_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} e^{2i\pi \frac{jx}{N}} x_x \quad \text{where } x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: the DFT in the canonical basis is the matrix

$$F_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \omega & \omega^2 & \dots & \omega^{N-1} \\ \vdots & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \dots & \omega^{2(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \omega^{N-1} & \dots & \dots & \omega^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \omega = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{N}}$$

$$\cdot (F_N^* F_N)_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (\omega^*)^{ix} \omega^{xj} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ \frac{1-\omega^{N-1}}{N\omega-1} = 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow F_N$ is an isometry.

- for $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$, $F_N x$ can be performed in $O(N \log N)$ multiplications (better than $O(N^2)$ of a naive matrix-vector multiplication).

II - Reminder on quantum computing

- * quantum computer stores a state $|\psi\rangle \in \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}^{2^n}$ where $|\psi\rangle$ is normalised (i.e. $\|\psi\|_2 = 1$).
- computational basis = canonical basis of $\bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}^2$

$$= \{e_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_m}, i_k \in \{0, 1\}\} \\ = |i_1 \dots i_m\rangle$$

• $|\psi\rangle$ in the computational basis: $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m \in \{0, 1\}} c_{i_1, \dots, i_m} |i_1 \dots i_m\rangle$
with $\sum |c_{i_1, \dots, i_m}|^2 = 1$.

→ notation: by writing $j \in [0, 2^m - 1]$ in binary j^k , we can write

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} \alpha_j |j\rangle \quad \text{where } \alpha_j = c_{i_1, \dots, i_m} \text{ for } j = \sum_{k=1}^m 2^{k-1} i_k$$

* measurement:

• $|\psi\rangle$ "collapses" on the computational basis i.e.

measurement operator $\rightarrow M |\psi\rangle = |i_1 \dots i_m\rangle$ with probability $|c_{i_1, \dots, i_m}|^2$.

• partial measurement: suppose $|\psi\rangle = c_0 |10\rangle \otimes |\Phi_0\rangle + c_1 |11\rangle \otimes |\Phi_1\rangle$
where $|\Phi_0\rangle, |\Phi_1\rangle \in \bigotimes_{i=1}^{m-1} \mathbb{C}^2$, then the partial measurement over the first copy of \mathbb{C}^2 is the operator

$$M_1 |\psi\rangle = \begin{cases} |10\rangle \otimes |\Phi_0\rangle & \text{with probability } |c_0|^2 \\ |11\rangle \otimes |\Phi_1\rangle & \text{with probability } |c_1|^2 \end{cases}$$

* "computation" as a quantum computer

= unitary transformation U (to preserve the norm).

• particular transformations:

* 1-qubit gates i.e. acting on \mathbb{C}^2

→ examples: Pauli gates X, Y, Z

Hadamard $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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* 2-qubit gates: acting on $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^4$

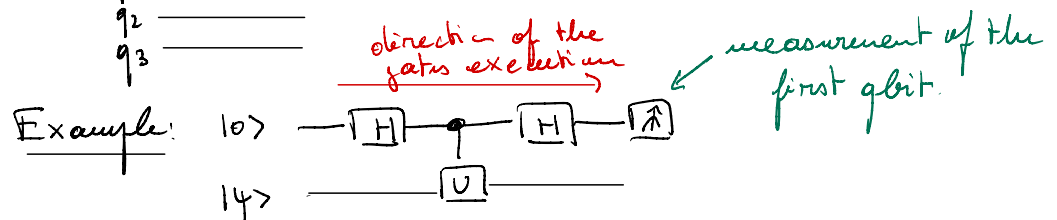
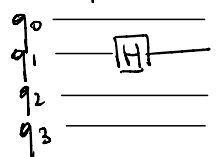
→ examples: CNOT = $\begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $CU = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & \\ & U \end{bmatrix}$

SWAP

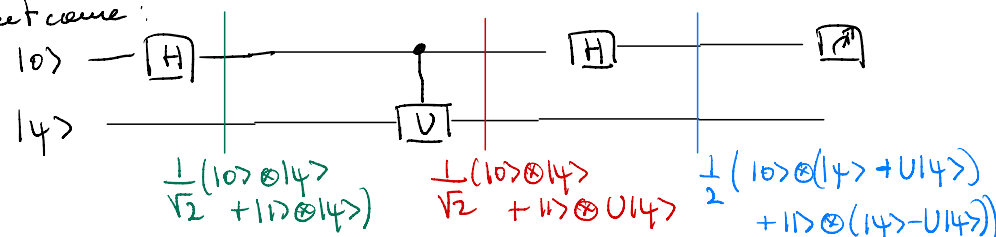
$$= \begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & 1 & 0 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

* circuit: 1 qbit or 2 qbit gates can be applied on $\bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}^2$ by acting on the relevant copies of \mathbb{C}^2 .
 Mathematically, if H is applied on the k -th copy then the operation on $\bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}^2$ is $\underbrace{I_{2^{k-1}} \otimes H \otimes I_{2^{n-k}}}_{\text{identity on } \mathbb{C}^{2^k} \text{ identity on } \mathbb{C}^{2^{n-k}}}$

This operation can be represented in a circuit (here $k=2, n=4$)



* circuit case:



→ if $U|1\rangle = e^{i\theta}|1\rangle$, then we get the state $|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$ with probability $|\frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{i\theta})|^2 = \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$.

→ suppose we have $\theta \approx 0$ and we want to estimate θ : then $\theta = \pm \arcsin \sqrt{p(i)}$. Then using the estimation for $|1\rangle$ has a variance $\frac{p(i)(1-p(i))}{N_{\text{samples}}}$
 $\Rightarrow N_{\text{samples}} \gg \frac{1}{p(i)}$ s.t. we have an accurate estimation of $p(i)$.

III - Quantum Fourier transform

We define the QFT on a quantum state as the unitary transformation applying the DFT on the coefficients of $|1\rangle$ in its computational basis.

Definition (QFT)

The QFT is the unitary transformation such that for any $|y\rangle \in \bigotimes_{i=1}^{2^m} \mathbb{C}^2$, $|y\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} c_j |j\rangle$,

$$\text{QFT}_{2^m} |y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^m-1} c_j e^{\frac{2i\pi}{2^m} jk} |k\rangle.$$

Remark: for $|0\rangle \in \bigotimes_{i=1}^{2^m} \mathbb{C}^2$, then $\text{QFT}_{2^m} |0\rangle = \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} |j\rangle = (H \otimes \dots \otimes H) |0\rangle$.

Towards an implementation of the QFT

Let $j = j_{n-1} 2^{n-1} + \dots + j_0 2^0$, then $\frac{j}{2^n} = \frac{j_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{j_{n-2}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{j_0}{2^n}$,

thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{kj}{2^n} &= k_{n-1} 2^{n-1} \frac{j}{2^n} + k_{n-2} 2^{n-2} \frac{j}{2^n} + \dots + k_0 \frac{j}{2^n} \\ &= k_{n-1} (2^{n-2} j_{n-1} + \dots + j_1 + \frac{j_0}{2}) \\ &\quad + k_{n-2} (2^{n-3} j_{n-1} + \dots + j_2 + \frac{j_1}{2} + \frac{j_0}{4}) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + k_0 (\frac{j_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{j_{n-2}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{j_0}{2^n}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence after exponentiation:

$$\exp(2i\pi \frac{kj}{2^n}) = \exp(2i\pi [k_{n-1} \frac{j_0}{2} + k_{n-2} (\frac{j_1}{2} + \frac{j_0}{4}) + \dots + k_0 (\frac{j_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{j_{n-2}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{j_0}{2^n})])$$

Injecting in the expression of QFT_{2^m} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{QFT}_{2^m} |j\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^m-1} \exp(2i\pi \frac{kj}{2^n}) |k\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^m-1} \exp(2i\pi k_0 (\frac{j_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{j_{n-2}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{j_0}{2^n})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots \exp(2i\pi k_{n-2} (\frac{j_1}{2} + \frac{j_0}{4})) \exp(2i\pi k_{n-1} \frac{j_0}{2}) |k\rangle$$

Using that $|k\rangle = |k_0 \dots k_{n-1}\rangle = |k_0\rangle \otimes |k_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |k_{n-1}\rangle$,
we have:

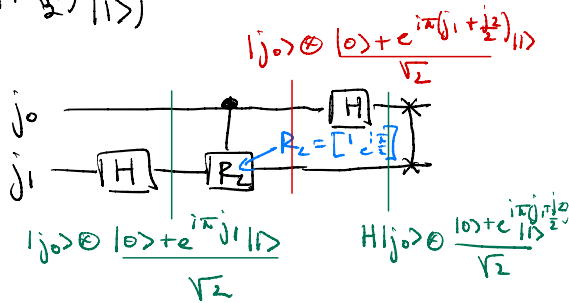
$$\begin{aligned} \text{QFT}_{2^n} |j\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{k_0=0}^{2^n-1} \exp(2i\pi k_0 (\frac{j_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{j_{n-2}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{j_0}{2^n})) |k_0\rangle \\ &\quad \otimes \dots \otimes \exp(2i\pi k_{n-2} (\frac{j_1}{2} + \frac{j_0}{4})) |k_{n-2}\rangle \\ &\quad \otimes \exp(2i\pi k_{n-1} (\frac{j_0}{2})) |k_{n-1}\rangle \\ &= \sum_{k_0, k_{n-1}=0}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + \exp(i\pi (j_{n-1} + \frac{j_{n-2}}{2} + \dots + \frac{j_0}{2^{n-1}})) |1\rangle) \\ &\quad \otimes \dots \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + \exp(i\pi (j_1 + \frac{j_0}{2})) |1\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + \exp(i\pi j_0) |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

For $n=1$: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{i\pi j_0} |1\rangle) = * |j_0\rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{i\pi j_0} |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$
 $* |j_0\rangle = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{i\pi j_0} |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$

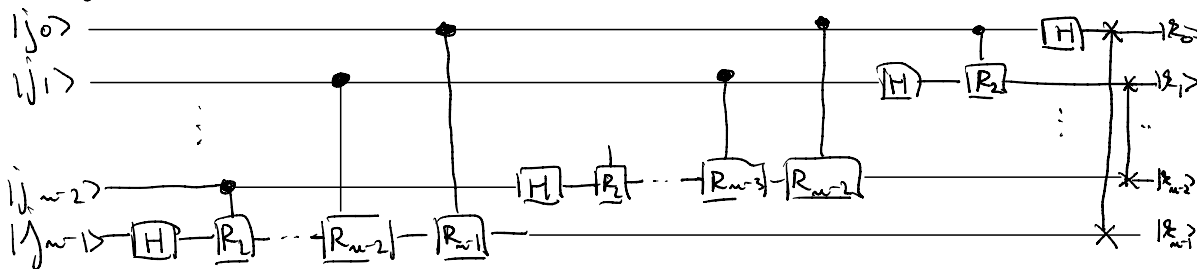
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{i\pi j_0} |1\rangle) = H |j_0\rangle$$

For $n=2$: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{i\pi (j_1 + \frac{j_0}{2})} |1\rangle)$

Corresponding circuit:



For general n :



→ number of gates:
 n Hadamard + $\underbrace{[(n-2) + (n-3) + \dots + 1]}_{= \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2}}$ controlled gates
 + $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ SWAP = $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ gates.

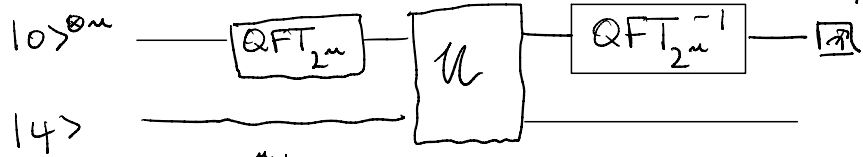
This means that the complexity of the QFT is of order $\mathcal{O}((\log N)^2)$.

Remark: the same construction holds by substituting $e^{2i\pi/2^n}$ by any other 2^n -th root of the unity. For -1 , the circuit simplifies to $H \otimes \dots \otimes H$.

IV - Quantum phase estimation

Assumption: let $U|y\rangle = e^{2i\pi\theta} |y\rangle$ with $\theta = \frac{z}{2^m}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}, 2^m - 1$.

Consider the circuit



where $U = \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} |j\rangle\langle j| \otimes U^j$

One can check that $U^* U = \left(\sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} |j\rangle\langle j| \otimes (U^j)^* \right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{2^m-1} |k\rangle\langle k| \otimes U^k \right)$
 $= \sum_{\substack{j,k \\ j \neq k}} |j\rangle\langle j| \otimes \langle k| \otimes (U^*)^j U^k$
 $= \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} |j\rangle\langle j| \otimes I_m = I_m \otimes I_m$

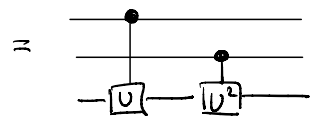
Thus U is indeed unitary.

Now we have

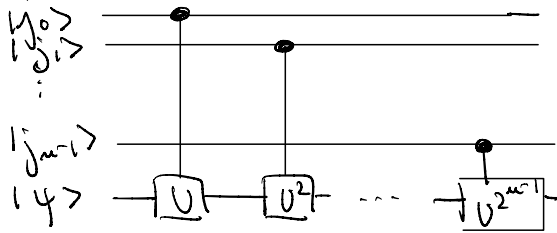
$$U = \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} |j\rangle\langle j| \otimes U^j = \sum_{j_0, \dots, j_{m-1}=0}^1 |j_0\rangle\langle j_0| \otimes \dots \otimes |j_{m-1}\rangle\langle j_{m-1}| \otimes U^{j_0 + 2j_1 + \dots + 2^{m-1}j_{m-1}}$$

→ for $m=1$: $U = |j_0\rangle\langle j_0| \otimes U^{j_0} = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes U$
 $= \text{Control} - U$

→ for $m=2$: $U = |j_0\rangle\langle j_0| \otimes |j_1\rangle\langle j_1| \otimes (U^{j_0} U^{2j_1})$

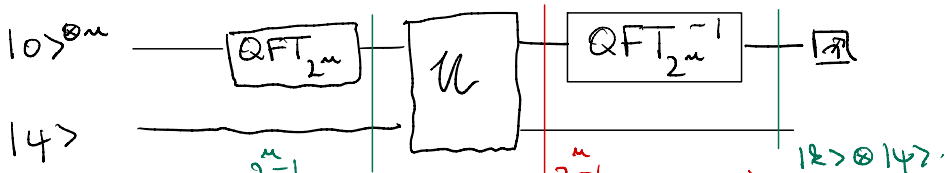


The transformation U can be efficiently represented using controlled gates:



\Rightarrow # gates = n controlled gates.

Thus the output of the circuit is given by:



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} |j\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} |j\rangle \otimes U^j |\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} e^{2i\pi \frac{\theta j^2}{2^n}} |j\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle$$

This means that the measure is deterministic and we need a single measurement to retrieve the value θ and thus $\theta = \frac{z}{2^n}$.

Cost of the eigenvalue estimation: $\mathcal{O}(n^2) = \mathcal{O}((\log N)^2)$ gates.

Limitations:

* $\theta \approx \frac{z}{2^n}$: then instead of having a Dirac at $|z\rangle$, we have a distribution of values centered at z .

* if $|\psi\rangle$ is not an eigenvector:

suppose that $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} c_j |j\rangle$ where $U|j\rangle = e^{2i\pi \theta_j} |j\rangle$.

Suppose that $\theta_j = \frac{z_j}{2^n}$, $z_j \in [0, 2^n]$, with $0 < \theta_0 \leq \dots \leq \theta_{2^n-1} < 1$.

by linearity:

$$\text{QPE}(|0\rangle^{\otimes n} \otimes |\psi\rangle) = \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} c_j |z_j\rangle \otimes |j\rangle$$

\Rightarrow we have the lowest eigenvalue $2^n \frac{z_0}{2^n}$ with probability $|c_0|^2$.

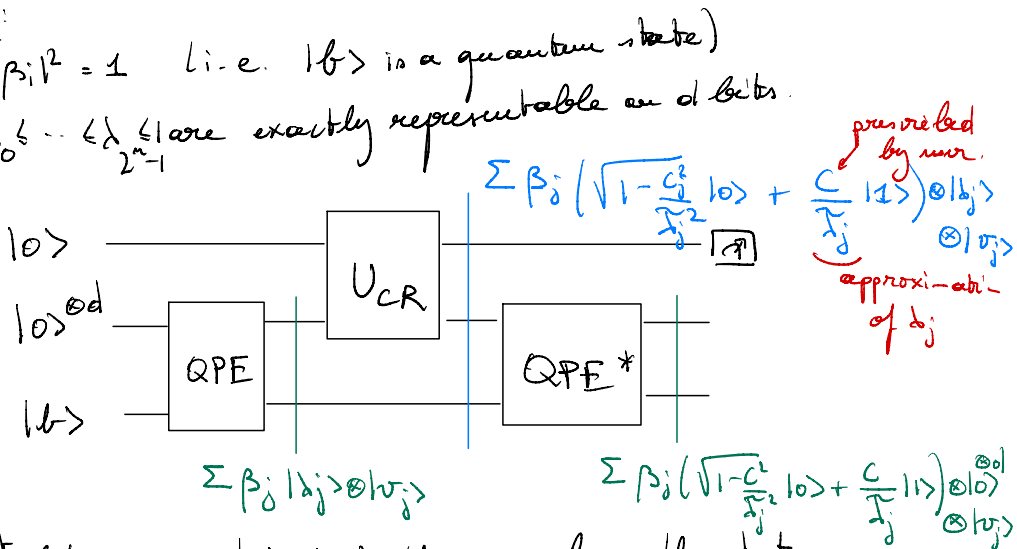
V - HHL algorithm

The goal of the HHL algorithm is to solve a linear system $Ax = b$, where A is Hermitian.

The idea is to decompose A in its eigenvalue decomposition $A = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} \lambda_i |w_i\rangle\langle w_i|$ and $b = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} \beta_i |w_i\rangle$.

Assumption:

- (i) $\sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} |\beta_i|^2 = 1$ (i.e. $|b\rangle$ is a quantum state)
- (ii) $0 < \lambda_0 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{2^n-1}$ are exactly representable on n qubits.



If the 1st qubit measured is $|1\rangle$, then we have the state

$$\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{\beta_j}{\lambda_j} |0\rangle^{\text{od}} |w_j\rangle}{\left\| \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{\beta_j}{\lambda_j} |0\rangle^{\text{od}} |w_j\rangle \right\|} = \frac{|0\rangle^{\text{od}} \otimes \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{\beta_j}{\lambda_j} |w_j\rangle}{\left\| |0\rangle^{\text{od}} \otimes \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{\beta_j}{\lambda_j} |w_j\rangle \right\|} = \frac{|0\rangle^{\text{od}} \otimes x}{\|x\|} =: |0\rangle^{\text{od}} \otimes x$$

We thus obtain x up to a normalisation constant. This constant can be retrieved by noticing that the probability to get $|1\rangle$ in the 1st qubit is equal to $\sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{\beta_j^2}{\lambda_j^2} = C^2 \|x\|^2 =: P(|1\rangle)$

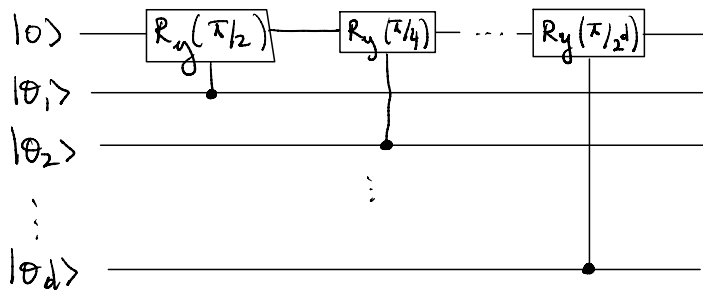
Thus $x = \frac{|x\rangle}{C} P(|1\rangle)$.

Implementation of U_{CR} :

U_{CR} is defined as: $U_{CR} |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = (\cos(\pi\theta) |0\rangle + \sin(\pi\theta) |1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$

where $\theta = 0.\theta_1 \dots \theta_d$ in binary.

→ U_{CR} is implementable by



$$\text{as } \cos(\pi\theta) |0\rangle + \sin(\pi\theta) |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\pi\theta) & -\sin(\pi\theta) \\ \sin(\pi\theta) & \cos(\pi\theta) \end{bmatrix} |0\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^d \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\pi\theta_j/2^j) & -\sin(\pi\theta_j/2^j) \\ \sin(\pi\theta_j/2^j) & \cos(\pi\theta_j/2^j) \end{bmatrix} |0\rangle$$

Back to HHL: for HHL, we need $\sin(\pi\theta_j) = \frac{C}{d_j}$ for all $j=0, \dots, 2^m-1$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \arcsin\left(\frac{C}{d_j}\right)$$

→ this means that $C \leq \lambda_0 = \min_{0 \leq j \leq 2^m-1} d_j$

Remark: the computation of the angles is only approximate as d_j and θ_j are represented on d -bits.

Remark: as $p(|1\rangle) = C^2 \|x\|^2$ we want to pick $C = \lambda_0$ (i.e. the largest possible)

$$\text{This means that } p(|1\rangle) = d_0^2 \|x\|^2 = d_0^2 \|A^{-1}b\| = O\left(\frac{\lambda_0^2}{\lambda_{2^m-1}^2}\right) = \frac{1}{(\text{cond}_2 A)^2}$$

→ if $\text{cond}_2 A \gg 1$, then $p(|1\rangle)$ is very small

This issue can be alleviated using the amplitude amplification as we have $U_{\text{HHL}} |0\rangle \otimes |b\rangle = \sqrt{p} |1\rangle \otimes |\psi_{\text{good}}\rangle + \sqrt{1-p} |0\rangle \otimes |\psi_{\text{bad}}\rangle$

VI - Period search problem

① Simon's problem

In this problem, we have an oracle (i.e. a function) $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$ such that $\exists s \in \{0,1\}^n: \forall x \neq y, f(x) = f(y) \Leftrightarrow y = x \oplus s$

The period s is unknown and we would like to design an algorithm to find the period s .

$\Leftrightarrow g_i = x_i \oplus s_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$
 $a \oplus b = a + b \pmod{2}$

[Note: there is only a pair (x, y) s.t. $f(x) = f(y)$ as $x = x \oplus s \oplus s = y \oplus s$]

→ the function is different than in the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm, as the output of the function in DJ is in $\{0,1\}$.

We suppose that we have a quantum gate acting on $\bigotimes_{i=1}^m \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}^2$

$U_f(|x\rangle \otimes |w\rangle) = |x\rangle \otimes |w \oplus f(x)\rangle$

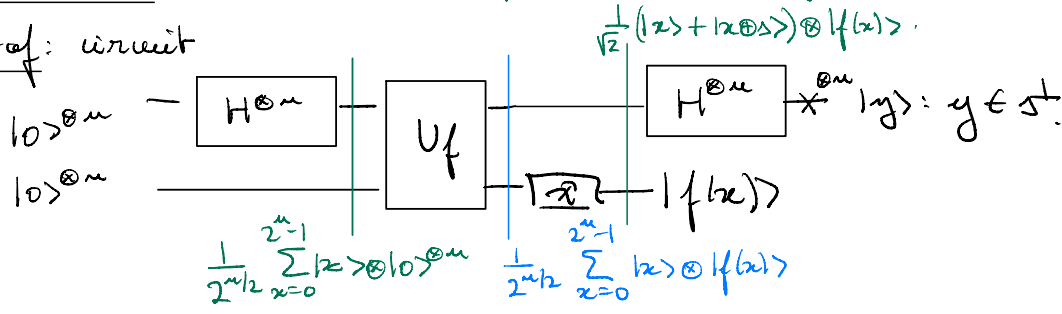
We check that $U_f^\dagger = U_f = U_f^{-1} = U_f^2$
 $U_f^2(|x\rangle \otimes |w\rangle) = |x\rangle \otimes |w \oplus f(x) \oplus f(x)\rangle = |x\rangle \otimes |w\rangle$

thus U_f is indeed a unitary transformation.

Classical cost: $O(2^{n/2})$ to determine s .

Quantum cost: $O(n)$ [⇒ exponential advantage]

proof: circuit



By a direct calculation:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} H^{\otimes m} |x\rangle + H^{\otimes m} |x \oplus s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{|0\rangle + (-1)^{x_i} |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \bigotimes_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{|0\rangle + (-1)^{x_i + s_i} |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} \sum_{i=1}^n 2|0\rangle + \underbrace{((-1)^{z_i} + (-1)^{z_i + \delta_i})|1\rangle}_{=0 \text{ if } z_i \neq \delta_i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} \sum_{y^{\circ s} = 0} |y\rangle$$

We measure $n+k$ samples of the first register, we then obtain $(n+k)$ vectors y_1, \dots, y_{n+k} .

→ with probability $\geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}$, (y_1, \dots, y_{n+k}) generates s +

$$\text{thus we can solve } \begin{cases} y_1 \cdot s = 0 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n+k} \cdot s = 0 \end{cases}$$

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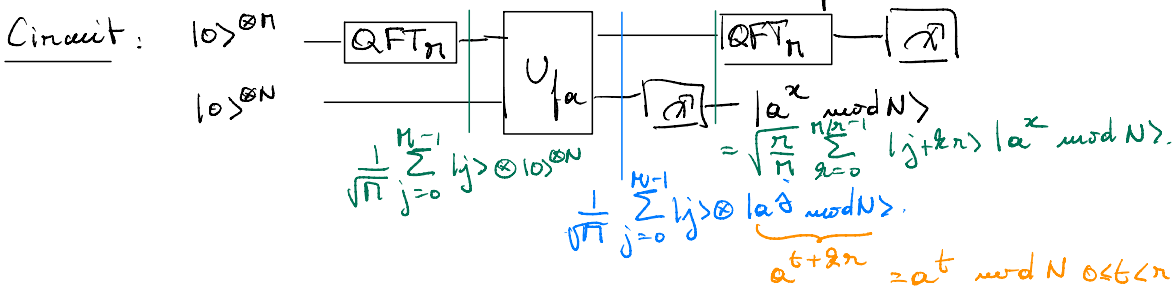
② Order finding

In the order finding problem, we have two numbers a, N s.t. a and N are coprime (i.e. their common greatest divisor is 1), and we want to find the smallest integer $r > 0$ s.t. $a^r = 1 \pmod{N}$.

Remark: if we have such an algorithm, where r is even, then we can deduce efficiently a prime factor of N .

We suppose that $n = 2r$, $2 \in \mathbb{N}^+$ and that we can define a QFT_n with a circuit with $\mathcal{O}((\log n)^2)$ gates.

Let $f_a: \mathbb{Z}[0, n-1] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[0, n-1]$ and U_{f_a} a unitary on $\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ s.t. $U_{f_a} |x\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |x\rangle \otimes |a^x \pmod{N}\rangle$.



Now by the QFT:

$$\text{QFT}_n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{z=0}^{n-1} |j+2rz\rangle \right) = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \sum_{y=0}^{n-1} \sum_{z=0}^{n-1} \omega^{(j+2rz)y} |y\rangle$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{r}}{n} \sum_{y=0}^{n-1} \omega_{\frac{y}{n}} \sum_{z=0}^{n/r-1} (\omega_{\frac{y}{n}})^{rz} |y\rangle.$$

$= 0$ if $\omega_{\frac{y}{n}}^{yr} \neq 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow yr \neq 0 \pmod{n}$

→ la mesure du 1^{er} qbit permet de déterminer $y = \frac{\Delta n}{r}$ for $0 \leq s \leq r-1$

→ if $yr \neq 0$, then with high probability $\frac{y}{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ by assumption. $\frac{y}{n} = \frac{\Delta}{n}$ is irreducible thus Δ is chosen at the beginning.