



Hidden Subgroup Problem

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What is it ?

Given a group G , a subgroup $H \leq G$, and a set X , we say a function $f: G \rightarrow X$ **hides** the subgroup H if for all $g_1, g_2 \in G$, $f(g_1) = f(g_2)$ if and only if $g_1H = g_2H$ for the cosets of H . Equivalently, the function f is constant on the cosets of H , while it is different between the different cosets of H .



Why do we care ?

- Shor's quantum algorithm for factoring and discrete logarithm (as well as several of its extensions) relies on the ability of quantum computers to solve the HSP for finite Abelian groups.
- The existence of efficient quantum algorithms for HSPs for certain non-Abelian groups would imply efficient quantum algorithms for two major problems: the graph isomorphism problem and certain shortest vector problems (SVPs) in lattices. More precisely, an efficient quantum algorithm for the HSP for the symmetric group would give a quantum algorithm for the graph isomorphism. An efficient quantum algorithm for the HSP for the dihedral group would give a quantum algorithm for the $\text{poly}(n)$ unique SVP.



Some Algorithms under HSP

For Abelian groups

- Bernstein-Vazirani - $F:\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$, where $F(x)=X.S$, $H=\{z \text{ belongs to } \mathbb{Z}_2^n \mid X.z=0\}$
- Simon's Problem - $F:\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow G$ (some set), $F(x) = F(x \text{ xor } L)$ "L shift" for every X , Find L .
- Period Finding - $\mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow G$ (Some set), $F(x) = F(x+nL \bmod N)$, n belongs to $\{0,1,2,\dots\}$, L divides N and it is the period, Find L .
- Shor Algorithm



For non-abelian groups

- Dihedral group D_n - $G = \{\text{all permutation } \pi: \{1, 2..n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2..n\} \text{ that are automorphisms of } N\text{-cycle graph, can be applied in approximate shortest vector problem in lattice (NP-hard)}\}$
- Symmetric group S_n - $G = \{\text{all permutation } \pi: \{1, 2..n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2..n\}\}$ for Graph isomorphism



Complexity

Both query and time complexities for quantum algorithm are polynomial in $\log(|G|)$, which is significantly smaller than classical complexities.



Shor's Algorithm

- Shor's algorithm shows that a quantum computer is capable of factoring very large numbers in polynomial time
- The problem is: given an odd composite number N , find an integer d , strictly between 1 and N , that divides N .
- The algorithm is dependent on
 - Modular Arithmetic
 - Quantum Parallelism
 - Quantum Fourier Transform
- Finding a factor of a n -bit integer requires $\exp(n^{1/3}(\log n)^{2/3})$ operations using classical algorithm but Shor's algorithm can accomplish this task in $O(n^2(\log n(\log \log n)))$ operations.



Shor's Algorithm

Shor's algorithm consists of two parts:

- A reduction, which can be done on a classical computer, of the factoring problem to the problem of order-finding. (Classical Part)
- A quantum algorithm to solve the order-finding problem. (Quantum Part - Period Finding subroutine)



Classical Part

1. A random number $a < N$ is picked.
2. Compute $\gcd(a, N)$. This may be done using the Euclidean algorithm.
3. If $\gcd(a, N) \neq 1$, then there is a nontrivial factor of N .
4. $F(x+r) = a^{x+r} \bmod N = a^x \bmod N = f(x)$.
5. If r is odd, go to step 1.
6. If $a^{r/2} = -1 \pmod{N}$, go back to step 1.
7. $\gcd(a^{r/2} \pm 1, N)$ is non trivial factor of N .



Depth Analysis


To Factor an odd integer N (Let's choose $N=15$) :

1. Choose an integer q such that $N^2 < q < 2N^2$; let's pick 256
2. Choose a random integer x such that $\text{GCD}(x, N) = 1$; let's pick 7
3. Create two quantum registers (these registers must also be entangled so that the collapse of the input register corresponds to the collapse of the output register)
 - a. Input register must contain enough qubits to represent numbers as large as $q-1$; Up to 255, so we need 8 qubits
 - b. Output register: must contain enough qubits to represent numbers as large as $N-1$; Up to 14, so we need 4 qubits.

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4. Load the input register with an equally weighted superposition of all integers from 0 to $q-1$. 0-255
 5. Load the output register with all zeros.

The total state of the system at this point will be

6. Apply the transformation $x^a \bmod N$ to each number in the input register, storing the result of each computation in the output register.
7. Now take a measurement on the output register. This will collapse the superposition to represent just one of the results of the transformation, let's call this value c .
8. Since the two registers are entangled, measuring the output register will have effect of partially collapsing the input register into an equal superposition of each state between 0 and $q-1$ that yielded c (the value of the collapsed output register.)



9. We now apply the Quantum Fourier transform on the partially collapsed input register. The Fourier transform has effect of taking a state $|a\rangle$ and transforming it into a state given by :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{c=0}^{q-1} |c\rangle * e^{2\pi i ac / q}$$

10. Now that we have the period, the factors of N can be determined by taking the greatest common divisor of N with respect to $x^{(p/2) + 1}$ and

$x^{(p/2) - 1}$. The idea here is that this computation will be done on a classical computer.



Shor's Algorithm-Problems

- The QFT comes up short and reveals the wrong period. This probability is actually dependant on your choice of q . The larger the q , the higher the probability of finding the correct probability.
- The period of the series ends up being odd.
 - If either of these cases occur, we go back to the beginning and pick a new x .
- Quantum modular exponentiation, much slower than the quantum Fourier transform.



Applications

- Factoring RSA - RSA is based on assumption that factoring large numbers is infeasible.
- Quantum Simulation - Quantum simulator permit the study of quantum systems that are difficult to study in the laboratory and impossible to model with a supercomputer.
- Spin-off technology - spintronics, quantum cryptography



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