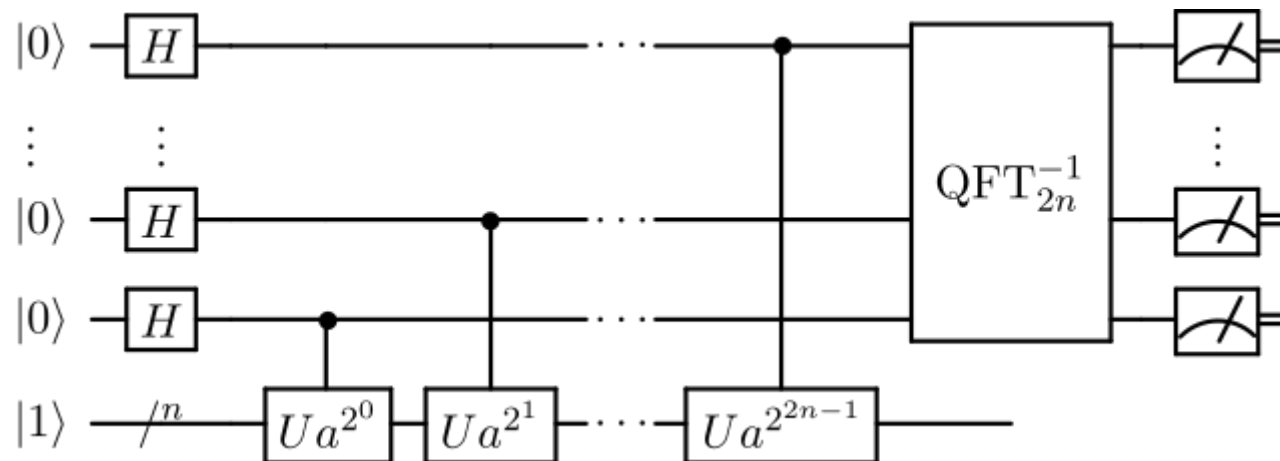


# Shor's Algorithm

Shor's algorithm is a quantum algorithm for finding the prime factors of an integer. It was developed in 1994 by the American mathematician Peter Shor. Shor proposed multiple similar algorithms solving the **factoring problem**, the **discrete logarithm problem**, and the **period (order) finding problem**. The discrete logarithm and the factoring problems are instances of the period finding problem.



# Shor's Algorithm – What is period finding problem?

The **modulo** operation returns the remainder of a division. Given two positive numbers  $a$  and  $n$ ,  $a \pmod n$  is the remainder of the Euclidean division of  $a$  by  $n$ . For example:

$$7 \pmod{15} = 7, \quad 49 \pmod{15} = 4$$

Right hand side of equation can be rewritten with modulo operation too, such as

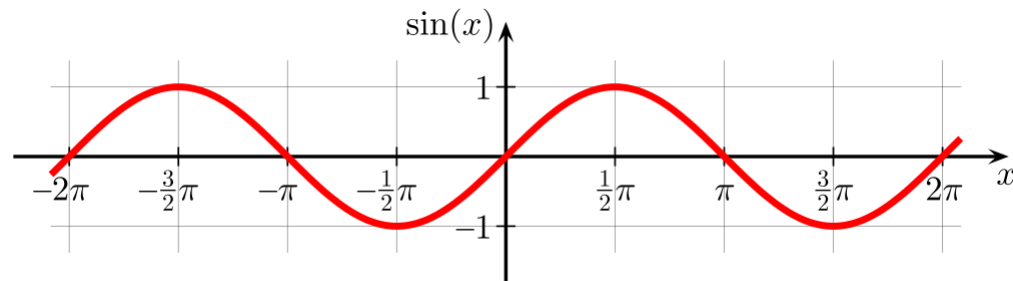
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**Period finding problem** involves finding the period (repeating cycle) of a periodic function. A function  $f(x)$  is said to be periodic if,

$$f(x) = f(y), \text{ if and only if } y = x + r$$

where  $r$  is some nonzero constant, which is called the period of the function. With module operation, a periodic function is defined as,

$$f(x) = f(y), \text{ if and only if } y \equiv x \pmod r$$



For example, sin function has a period of  $2\pi$ :

$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x), \quad x + 2\pi \equiv x \pmod{2\pi}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – What is discrete logarithm problem?

**Discrete logarithm problem** is a fundamental problem in the field of cryptography and computational number theory. It defines as finding the solution for function  $f(x)$ ,

$$f(x) = a^x \equiv b \pmod{N}$$

where  $a, b, N$  are constant, and  $N$  is a prime number.

For example, let's take  $a = 7, b = 4, N = 15$

$$f(x) = 7^x \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

By testing few small positive integers,

$$\text{when } x = 2, \quad 7^2 = 49 = 3 \times 15 + 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

$$\text{when } x = 6, \quad 7^6 = 117649 = 7843 \times 15 + 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

$$\text{when } x = 10, \quad 7^{10} = 282475249 = 18831683 \times 15 + 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

$\vdots$

The solution is  $x = 2, 6, 10, \dots, 2 + 4n$  where  $n$  is a positive integer.

**We notice that  $f(x)$  has a period of 4.  $f(2) \equiv f(6) \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$**

# Shor's Algorithm – What is factoring problem?

**Factoring problem** involves finding the prime factors of a composite (not prime) number, which is a number that can be divided by numbers other than 1 and itself.

A complete factoring algorithm is possible if we're able to efficiently factor an arbitrary integer  $N$ , find two integers  $p$  and  $q$  greater than 1, such that

$$N = p \cdot q$$

For example,  $15 = 3 \cdot 5$ . Then for complete factoring problem we can keep solve this problem until only primes factors remain. For example,

$$120 = 2 \cdot 60 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 30 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 15 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

To solve the factoring problem, Shor's algorithm consists of two parts

- A **classical reduction** of the factoring problem to the problem of order-finding.
- A **quantum algorithm** to solve the order-finding problem.

# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

Before explaining how to perform classical reduction, we need to introduce several terms:

- Greatest common divisor
- Chinese remainder theorem
- Euler's totient function
- Fermat's little theorem
- Euler's theorem
- Order finding problem

# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

**Greatest common divisor (GCD)** of two integers, which are not all zero, is the largest positive integer that divides each of the integers. For two integers  $a, b$ , it is denoted as  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

$$\gcd(15, 21) = 3, \quad \gcd(21, 98) = 7, \quad \gcd(7, 15) = 1$$

**Chinese remainder theorem** states that if one knows the remainders of the Euclidean division of an integer  $n$  by several integers, then one can determine *uniquely* the remainder of the division of  $n$  by the product of these integers, under the condition that the divisors are pairwise coprime (no two divisors share a common factor other than 1).

Let  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n$  be pairwise coprime ( $\gcd(p_i, p_j) = 1$ , where  $i \neq j$ ). The system of  $n$  equations

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv a_1 \pmod{p_1} \\ x \equiv a_2 \pmod{p_2} \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv a_n \pmod{p_n} \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution for  $x \pmod{N}$ , where  $N = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdot \dots \cdot p_n$ . There could be more solution, such as  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , but they are congruent modulo  $N$ .

$$x_1 \equiv x_2 \equiv x \pmod{N}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

**Chinese remainder theorem** implies we can represent an element  $x \pmod{pq}$  by one element of  $a \pmod{p}$  and one element of  $b \pmod{q}$ , and vice versa.

Example system of 2 equations:

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

We can easily find  $x = 4, 19, 34, 49, \dots$ , which is  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$ .

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{15} \text{ can write as } x \equiv (1, 4) \pmod{3, \text{mod } 5}$$

To compute  $7^3 \pmod{15}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 7^3 \pmod{15} &\equiv 7 \times 7 \times 7 \pmod{15} \\ &\equiv (1 \times 1 \times 1, 2 \times 2 \times 2) \equiv (1, 8) \equiv (1, 3) \pmod{3, \text{mod } 5} \\ &\equiv 13 \pmod{15} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 7^4 \pmod{15} &\equiv 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \pmod{15} \\ &\equiv (1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1, 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) \equiv (1, 16) \equiv (1, 1) \pmod{3, \text{mod } 5} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{15} \end{aligned}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

**Euler's totient function** counts the positive integers up to a given integer  $n$  that are relatively prime to  $n$ . It is written as  $\varphi(n)$ . In other words, it is the number of integers  $k$  in the range  $1 \leq k \leq n$  for which the greatest common divisor  $\gcd(n, k) = 1$ .

For example,  $n = 15$ , there are 8 numbers coprime to 15: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14

$$\varphi(15) = 8$$

To compute Euler's totient function

$$\varphi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_r}\right)$$

where  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \cdots p_r^{k_r}$

For example,

$$15 = 3 \times 5, \quad \varphi(15) = 15 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) = 8$$



# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

**Fermat's little theorem** states that if  $p$  is a prime number, then for any integer  $a$ , such as  $a \leq p$ . The number  $a^p - a$  is an integer multiple of  $p$ .

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p} \Rightarrow a^p - a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

If  $a$  is coprime to  $p$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow a^{p-1} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} a = 1, p = 2, & \quad 1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ a = 2, p = 7, & \quad 2^7 \equiv 128 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

**Euler's theorem** is a generalization of Fermat's little theorem: For any modulus  $n$  and any integer  $a$  coprime to  $n$ ,

$$a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(15) = 8 \Rightarrow a^8 & \equiv 1 \pmod{15} \\ 1^8 \equiv 1, 2^8 \equiv 1, 4^8 \equiv 1, 7^8 \equiv 1 \cdots & \pmod{15} \end{aligned}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

**Order-finding problem** is similar to discrete logarithm problem. But instead of finding the solution for function  $f(x)$ , it finds the period of function  $f(x)$ ,

$$f(x) = a^x \pmod{N}$$

Find period, or order  $r$ , which is the smallest (non-zero) positive integer such that:

$$a^r \pmod{N} \equiv 1 \quad \text{or} \quad a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

Using a similar example  $a = 7$  and  $N = 15$ :

$$7^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^2 = 49 \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^3 = 343 \equiv 13 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^4 = 2401 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$$

$\vdots$

We find the order  $r = 4$

# Shor's Algorithm – Classical Reduction

1. If  $N$  is not an even integer or a perfect power of prime, we start the algorithm.
2. Pick a random number  $1 < a < N$
3. Compute  $K = \gcd(a, N)$ , the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $N$ .
4. Determine whether  $K == 1$  or not.
  1. If  $K \neq 1$ , then  $K$  is a nontrivial factor of  $N$ . **We done**  $p = K$ ,  $q = \frac{N}{K}$ .
  2. If  $K = 1$ , then use the **quantum algorithm** to find the order  $r$  of  $a$ , where  $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ .
5. If  $r$  is odd, then go back to step 2.
6. Compute  $g = \gcd(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1, N)$ . Determine whether  $g == 1$  or not
  1. If  $g \neq 1$ , then  $g$  is a nontrivial factor of  $N$ . **We done**  $p = g$ ,  $q = \frac{N}{g}$ .
  2. If  $g = 1$ , then go back to step 2.

# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

The first important part Shor's algorithm is **quantum Fourier transform (QFT)**. QFT is a quantum implementation of the discrete Fourier transform. Using quantum computing, QFT is exponentially faster than the famous Fast Fourier Transform of classical computers.

The classical Fourier transform acts on a vector  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{N-1})$  and maps it to the vector  $(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{N-1})$  according to the formula:

$$y_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x_j e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} \cdot (jk)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x_j \omega_N^{jk}$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$  and  $\omega_N = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}}$

Similarly, the **QFT** acts on a quantum state  $|x\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x_j |j\rangle$  and maps it to a quantum state  $|y\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} y_k |k\rangle$  according to the same formula above. In case that  $|j\rangle$  is a basis state, the QFT can also be expressed as the map:

$$|j\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \omega_N^{jk}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

The **QFT** can be performed efficiently on a quantum computer with a decomposition into the product of simpler unitary matrices. The **QFT** can be viewed as a unitary matrix acting on quantum state vectors:

$$F_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & \omega^3 & \dots & \omega^{N-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 & \dots & \omega^{2(N-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega^9 & \dots & \omega^{3(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{N-1} & \omega^{(N-1)2} & \omega^{(N-1)3} & \dots & \omega^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}}$ . For example, in case of  $N = 4$  and  $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}} = i$ :

$$F_4 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

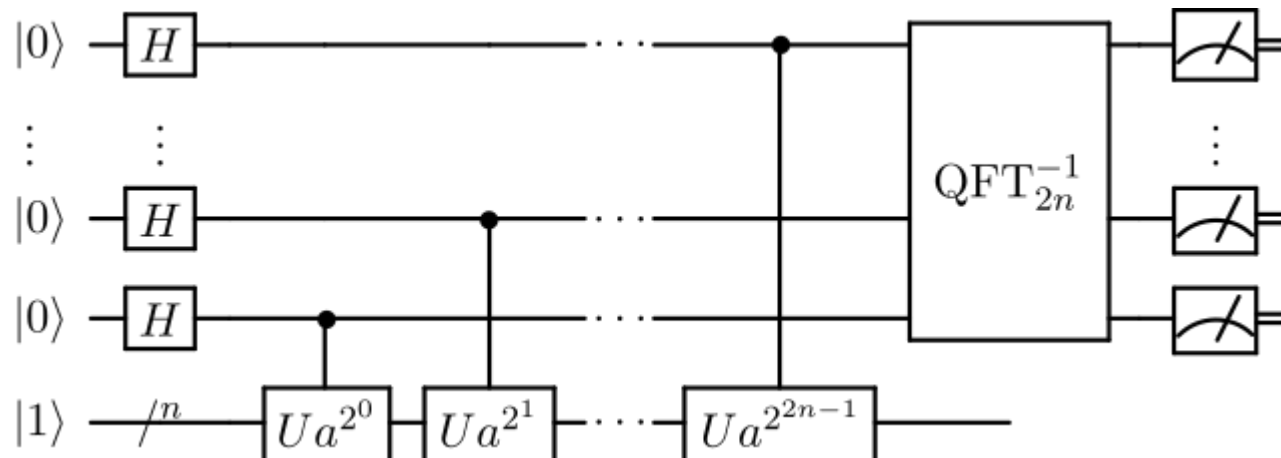
From step 4.2. “If  $K = 1$ , then use the **quantum algorithm** to find the order  $r$  of  $a$ , where  $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ .”

The goal of the quantum order-finding subroutine of Shor's algorithm is finding the order  $r$ :

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

where  $r$  is the smallest positive integer, not zero.

1. Use **quantum phase estimation** with unitary  $U$  representing the operation of multiplying by  $a \pmod{N}$ . Then we will measure a phase  $\phi = \frac{s}{r}$ .
2. Use **continued fractions algorithm** to extract the period  $r$  from the measurement outcomes obtained in the previous stage.



# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

1. Use **quantum phase estimation** with unitary  $U$  representing the operation of multiplying by  $a \pmod{N}$ . Then we will measure a phase  $\phi = \frac{s}{r}$ .

We have a unitary operator:

$$U|x\rangle = |a \cdot x \pmod{N}\rangle$$

A superposition of the states in this cycle  $|u_0\rangle$  would be an eigenstate of  $U$ :

$$|u_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad U|u_0\rangle = |u_0\rangle$$

Prove:

$$\begin{aligned} U|u_0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} |a \cdot a^k \pmod{N}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} |a \cdot a^{r-1} \pmod{N}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-2} |a \cdot a^k \pmod{N}\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} |a^r \pmod{N}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=1}^{r-1} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a^r \equiv 1 \equiv a^0 \pmod{N}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} |a^0 \pmod{N}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=1}^{r-1} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle = |u_0\rangle$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

1. Use **quantum phase estimation** with unitary  $U$  representing the operation of multiplying by  $a \pmod{N}$ . Then we will measure a phase  $\phi = \frac{s}{r}$ .

Similar, we can define another eigenstate and apply the same unitary operator:

$$|u_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i k}{r}} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad U|u_1\rangle = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r}} |u_1\rangle$$

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# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

1. Use **quantum phase estimation** with unitary  $U$  representing the operation of multiplying by  $a \pmod{N}$ . Then we will measure a phase  $\phi = \frac{s}{r}$ .

Then we can define general eigenstate and apply the same unitary operator:

$$|u_s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i k}{r} \cdot s} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad U |u_s\rangle = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r} \cdot s} |u_s\rangle$$

where  $0 \leq s \leq r - 1$ , and each eigenstate is unique.

If we sum up all these eigenstates, the different phases cancel out all computational basis states except  $|1\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} |u_s\rangle = |1\rangle$$

Since the computational basis state  $|1\rangle$  is a superposition of these eigenstates:

$$U|1\rangle = U \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} |u_s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r} \cdot s} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} |u_s\rangle = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r} \cdot s} |1\rangle$$

we will measure a phase  $\phi = \frac{s}{r}$

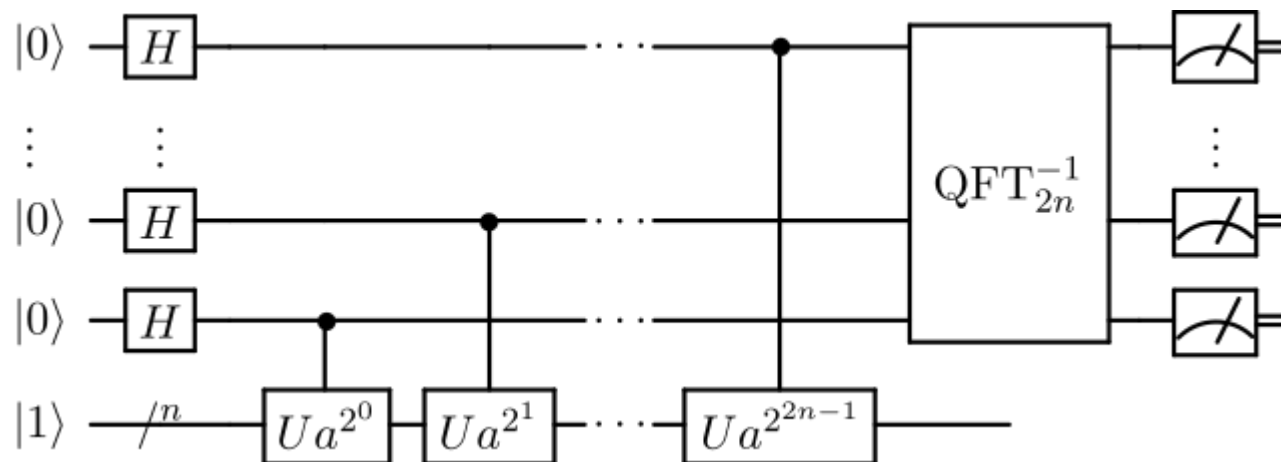
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1. Use **quantum phase estimation** with unitary  $U$  representing the operation of multiplying by  $a \pmod{N}$ . Then we will measure a phase  $\phi = \frac{s}{r}$ .
2. Use **continued fractions algorithm** to extract the period  $r$  from the measurement outcomes obtained in the previous stage.



# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

## 1. Example using quantum phase estimation.

Give example  $a = 7$  and  $N = 15$ :

$$7^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^3 \equiv 13 \pmod{15}$$

$$7^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$$

$\vdots$

$$r = 4$$

With quantum phase estimation on the unitary operator  $U$ :

$$U|1\rangle \equiv |7\rangle$$

$$U^2|1\rangle \equiv |4\rangle$$

$$U^3|1\rangle \equiv |13\rangle$$

$$U^4|1\rangle \equiv |1\rangle$$

$\vdots$

With eigenstates:

$$|u_0\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|1\rangle + |7\rangle + |4\rangle + |13\rangle)$$

$$|u_1\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|1\rangle + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}}|7\rangle + e^{-\frac{4\pi i}{4}}|4\rangle + e^{-\frac{6\pi i}{4}}|13\rangle)$$

$$|u_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|1\rangle + e^{-2\frac{2\pi i}{4}}|7\rangle + e^{-2\frac{4\pi i}{4}}|4\rangle + e^{-2\frac{6\pi i}{4}}|13\rangle)$$

$$|u_3\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|1\rangle + e^{-3\frac{2\pi i}{4}}|7\rangle + e^{-3\frac{4\pi i}{4}}|4\rangle + e^{-3\frac{6\pi i}{4}}|13\rangle)$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

## 1. Example using **quantum phase estimation**.

With eigenstates:

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$$\begin{aligned} U|u_0\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}(U|1\rangle + U|7\rangle + U|4\rangle + U|13\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(|7\rangle + |4\rangle + |13\rangle + |1\rangle) = |u_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$|u_1\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|1\rangle + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}}|7\rangle + e^{-\frac{4\pi i}{4}}|4\rangle + e^{-\frac{6\pi i}{4}}|13\rangle)$$

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# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

1. Example using **quantum phase estimation**.

Sum up all these eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned} U|1\rangle &= U \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \sum_{s=0}^3 |u_s\rangle = U \frac{1}{2} (|u_0\rangle + |u_1\rangle + |u_2\rangle + |u_3\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|u_0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}} |u_1\rangle + e^{\frac{4\pi i}{4}} |u_2\rangle + e^{\frac{6\pi i}{4}} |u_3\rangle) \\ &= e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4} \cdot s} |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq s \leq 3$

## Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

2. Use **continued fractions algorithm** to extract the period  $r$  from the measurement outcomes obtained in the previous stage.

The **continued fractions algorithm** find integers  $b$  and  $c$ , where  $\frac{b}{c}$  gives the best fraction approximation for the approximation measured from the quantum circuit. For  $b, c < N$  and coprime  $b$  and  $c$ .

$$\frac{s}{r} = \frac{192}{256} = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{b}{c}$$

# Shor's Algorithm – Quantum Algorithm

2. Use **continued fractions algorithm** to extract the period  $r$  from the measurement outcomes obtained in the previous stage.

Give example  $a = 7, N = 15$ , and  $r = 4$ .

$$U|1\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|u_0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}} |u_1\rangle + e^{\frac{4\pi i}{4}} |u_2\rangle + e^{\frac{6\pi i}{4}} |u_3\rangle)$$

Using 8 qubits for the quantum circuit, we could have the following measurements:

00000000	=	0 (dec),	$\frac{0}{256} = 0$
01000000	=	64 (dec),	$\frac{64}{256} = \frac{1}{4}$
10000000	=	128 (dec),	$\frac{128}{256} = \frac{1}{2}$
11000000	=	192 (dec),	$\frac{192}{256} = \frac{3}{4}$

Therefore, we find  $r$  could be 2 or 4. We can the larger probability one  $r = 4$ .