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Factoring



What are the prime factors of

$$p \cdot q = 216063710836763057$$

Factoring



$$p = 225865261$$

$$q = 956604437$$

Shor's Algorithm

Shor's Algorithm



- ▶ Shor's algorithm is a quantum algorithm for integer factorization.
- ▶ It was invented in 1994 by Peter Shor.
- ▶ It solves the following problem in polynomial time:

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

- ▶ Where N is a composite number and $2 \leq a < N$ is a random integer.

Shor's Algorithm



Find r such that $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

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

Implications

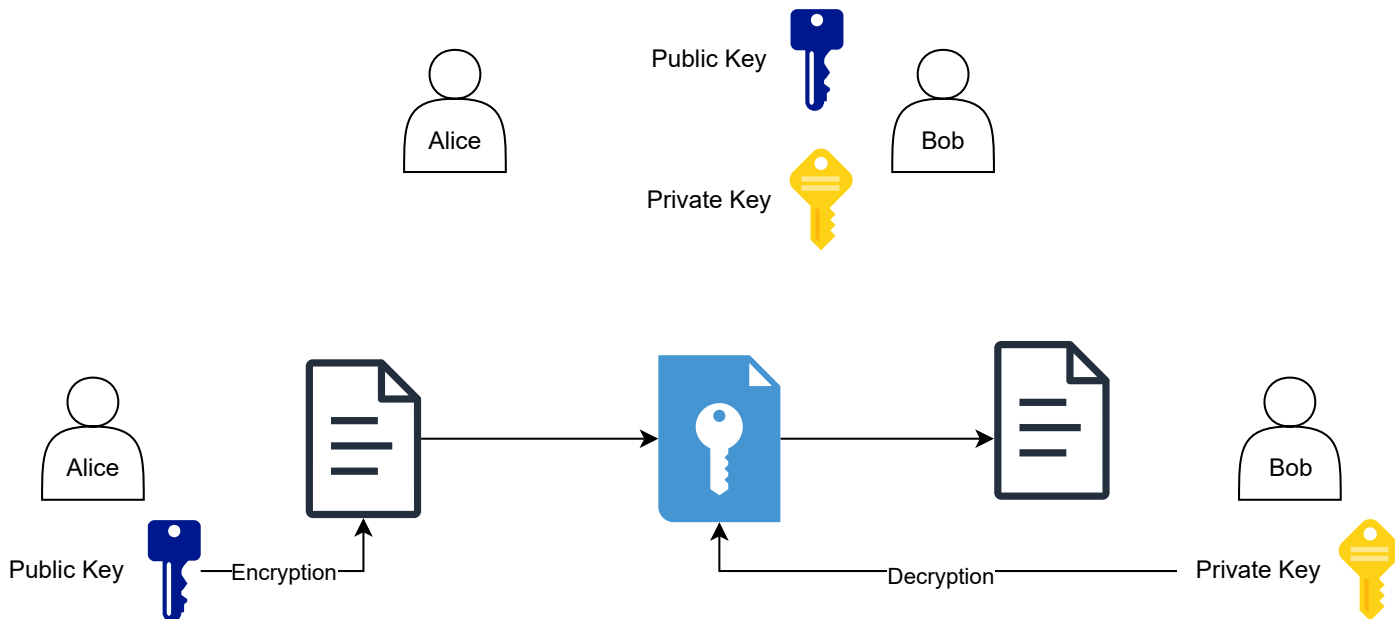


- ▶ Shor's algorithm can be used to break RSA encryption.
- ▶ It can also be used to solve the discrete logarithm problem.
- ▶ It can be used to solve the hidden subgroup problem.

RSA Protocol



RSA encryption is based on the difficulty of factoring large integers (2048 bits - 600 decimal digits).



NISQ Era



John Preskill coined the term Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) in 2017.

- ▶ NISQ computers are quantum computers with 50-100 qubits.
- ▶ They are noisy and have a short coherence time.
- ▶ They are not powerful enough to run Shor's algorithm.
- ▶ They can be used to run variational quantum algorithms.

Grover's Algorithm

Grover's Algorithm



- ▶ Grover's algorithm is a quantum search algorithm.
- ▶ It was invented in 1996 by Lov Grover.
- ▶ It solves the following problem in polynomial time:

$$f(x) = 1 \tag{3}$$

- ▶ Where f is a function that takes n -bit strings as input and returns a single bit.

Grover Operator



Let's define the Grover operator G as follows:

$$G \equiv U_d U_f \quad (4)$$

where,

$$U_f |x\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \quad \text{Oracle} \quad (5)$$

U_d Diffusion Operator

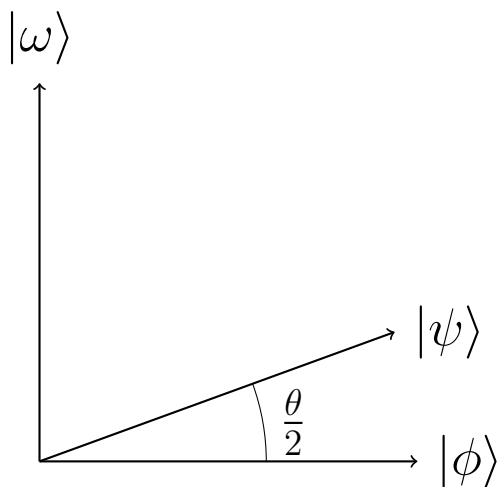


$$U_d = 2 |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| - I \quad (6)$$

where,

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle \quad (7)$$

Geometry of Grover's Algorithm

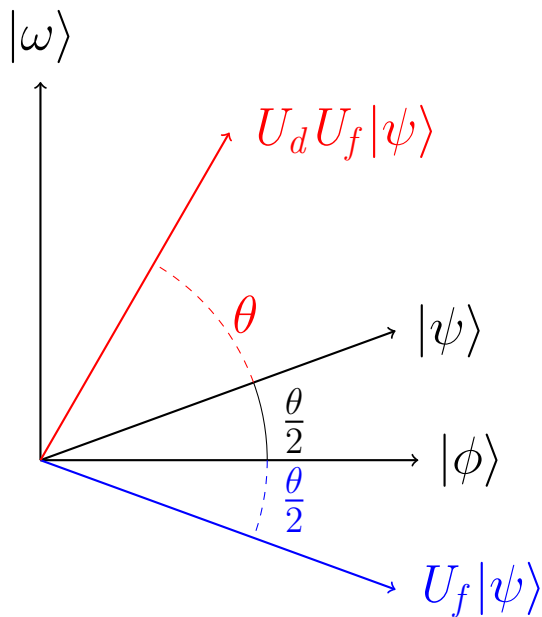


$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{N-1}}{\sqrt{N}} |\phi\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} |\omega\rangle \quad (8)$$

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-1}} \sum_{x \neq \omega} |x\rangle \quad (9)$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |\phi\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |\omega\rangle \quad (10)$$

Geometry of Grover's Algorithm



$$U_f|\psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|\phi\rangle - \sin\frac{\theta}{2}|\omega\rangle$$

$$U_d U_f|\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + \theta\right)|\phi\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + \theta\right)|\omega\rangle$$

Grover Iterator



The Grover iterator G is defined as follows:

$$G = U_d U_f \quad (11)$$

Each iteration of G increases the angle $\frac{\theta}{2}$ by θ .

$$G^k |\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + k\theta\right) |\phi\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + k\theta\right) |\omega\rangle \quad (12)$$

The number of iterations required to find the solution is $k \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \sqrt{N}$.

Implications



- ▶ Cryptography
- ▶ Golberg's Conjecture
- ▶ Amplitude Amplification

Complexity Theory

Complexity Theory



- ▶ **P**: Problems that can be solved in polynomial time.
- ▶ **NP**: Problems that can be verified in polynomial time.
- ▶ **BQP**: Problems that can be solved in polynomial time by a quantum computer.

Note: The Godel's incompleteness theorem states that there are problems that cannot be solved by any computer.

Cryptography

Cryptography



- ▶ **Cryptography** is the study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of third parties.
- ▶ **Classical Cryptography** is based on the difficulty of solving mathematical problems.
- ▶ **Quantum Cryptography** is based on the laws of quantum mechanics.

Quantum Cryptography



- ▶ Quantum cryptography is the science of exploiting quantum mechanical properties to perform cryptographic tasks.
- ▶ The best known example of quantum cryptography is **quantum key distribution** which offers an information-theoretically secure solution to the key exchange problem.

Post-Quantum Cryptography



- ▶ **Post-quantum cryptography** refers to cryptographic algorithms (usually public-key algorithms) that are thought to be secure against an attack by a quantum computer. (Dilithium)
- ▶ **Quantum-resistant** algorithms are designed to be secure against both quantum and classical computers.

Quantum Internet



- ▶ The **quantum internet** is a network that will let quantum devices exchange some information within an environment that harnesses quantum mechanics' weird properties.
- ▶ The quantum internet will be used to distribute quantum keys.

Discussion

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