

## - Quantum Mechanics

↳ probability with negative signs ☺

## - Probabilistic Computing ← parallel for QC

↳ Deterministic + coin flip

Q Is probabilistic computing  $\gg$  classical?

Ans: Yes, by definition eg. generate random bits.

Ans: Maybe not, when just computing functions

eg. multiply, factorize, find MST etc.

- Probabilistic computation trades errors for efficiency  
eg: primality testing. (polynomial speedup, not exp)

## Primality Testing:

naive :  $O(\sqrt{2^n}) = O(2^{n/2})$  steps

G. Miller '76 : Assuming Extended Riemann Hypothesis

↳  $O(n^4)$  steps  $\equiv$  in "P" time

Solovay - Strassen '77 :  $\approx O(n^3)$  steps

Rabin '80 : prob. iff on Miller

↳  $O(n^2)$  steps

AKS '02 : Deterministic alg. Provable

$O(n^{12})$  steps

Leandra - Pomerance :  $O(n^6)$  steps

deterministic

Strongly believed :

\* Every algorithm that's "in P" probabilistically, is also "in P" deterministically

Probabilistic Computation :

- Deterministic + one extra power
- Quintessential use : simulate random phenomenon
- Speedups over deterministic for many problems
- Doesn't give exponential speed ups (strongly believed)

{ shor, grover, SAT, }  
Subset Sum

Quantum Computation :

- Classical + one extra power
- Simulate quantum phenomenon
- gives speedups over deterministic & probabilistic
- QC gives exponential speeds over classical  
eg : factoring
- Strongly believed that QC doesn't give exp speedups for many problems, eg : SAT and other NP complete problems

## Probabilistic Code

- Initialize  $A[i]$  of length 1000
- for  $0 \leq i < 100$   
     $A[i] := \text{Coin Flip}(0/1)$
- followed by deterministic code
- state is defined by  $2^{1000}$  #s

## QC code

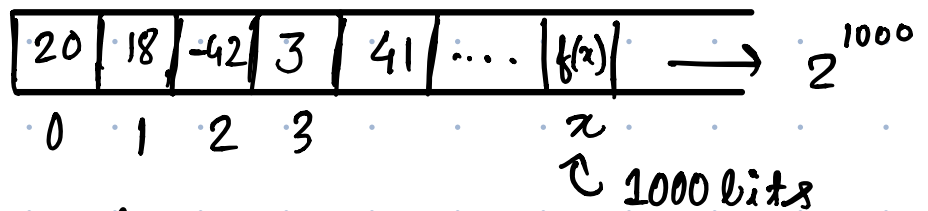
- Initialize 1000 photons
- run through obstacle course (mirror, prism, lens)
- state is defined by  $2^{1000}$  #s ("amplitudes")

## QC's one extra power:

ELI4: Finding patterns in a list of #s

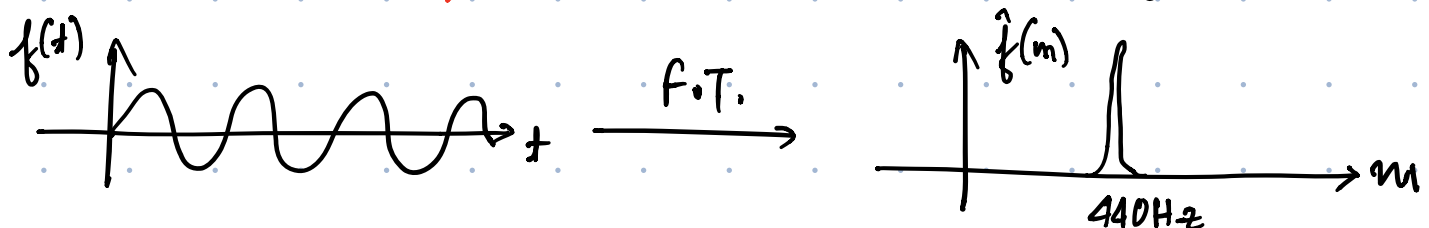
ELI8: Getting clues about "very long list of #s  
(eg.  $10^{500}$  length)

ELI high schooler: implicitly represented list



$$f: \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^{1000} - 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

ELI undergrad: ~~patterns~~  $\rightarrow$  discrete fourier transform



$$f: \{\text{domain}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\hat{f}: \{\text{domain}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

①  $\mathbb{R}$  on  $[0, 1]$

②  $\{0, 1, 2 \dots N-1\}$   
integers mod  $N$   
 $N = 2^n$

$n \leftarrow$  no. of particles involved

③  $\{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

"Boolean" cube

"Hadamard f.T."

"Simon's algorithm"

freqs: sin/cos

freqs: discretized sin/cos

freqs: XOR function

Discrete Fourier Transform:

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow N \\ \left[ \begin{matrix} W_N \\ \text{(DFT)} \end{matrix} \right] \\ \leftarrow N \end{matrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \\ \vdots \\ f(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}(0) \\ \hat{f}(1) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{f}(N-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

↶ this is a rotation/reflection operator  
it preserves the lengths

Naive algorithm

$\hookrightarrow O(N^2)$

FFT (divide and conquer)

$\hookrightarrow O(N \log N)$

Quantum algorithm

$\hookrightarrow O(\log N)$

$2^{1000}$  combined state: "Measure", QM. You "detect" some  $y^* \in \{0, 1\}^n$   
with probability  $|\hat{f}(y^*)|^2$

$$\hat{f}(y) = \mathbb{1}_{y=y^*}$$

↶ once a measurement is done states collapse