

# BAD HONNEF LECTURE 1

## 'QUANTUM ALGORITHMIC TECHNIQUES'

PROBLEM: "imaginary time evolution"

First: real time evolution

~ Schrödinger's equation

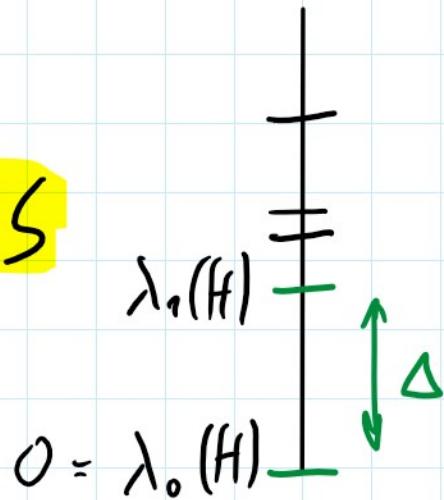
$$\partial_t |\psi_t\rangle = -iH |\psi_t\rangle, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$|\psi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$

~ quantum dynamics

However, often interested in

## GROUND STATES



? prepare ground state of Hamiltonian  $H$



|| imaginary time evolution

$$t \rightarrow -it \quad H = \sum \lambda_j(H) |v_j\rangle \langle v_j|$$

$$e^{-itH} \sim e^{-tH} = \sum e^{-t\lambda_j(H)} |v_j\rangle \langle v_j|$$

$\sim 1 \text{ for } t \ll 0, \quad t \gg 1$

$$\approx |v_0 \times v_0| \text{ for } t \gg \frac{1}{\Delta}.$$

So, given  $|y_0\rangle$  with  $\langle y_0 | v_0 \rangle \neq 0$ ,

$$e^{-tH} |y_0\rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} |v_0 \times v_0 | y_0 \rangle \sim |v_0\rangle.$$

? How to implement  $e^{-tH}$  ?



real time evolution

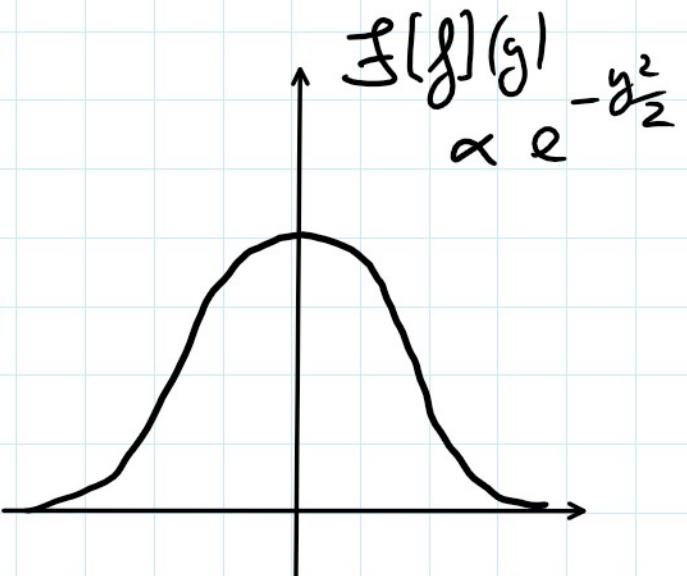
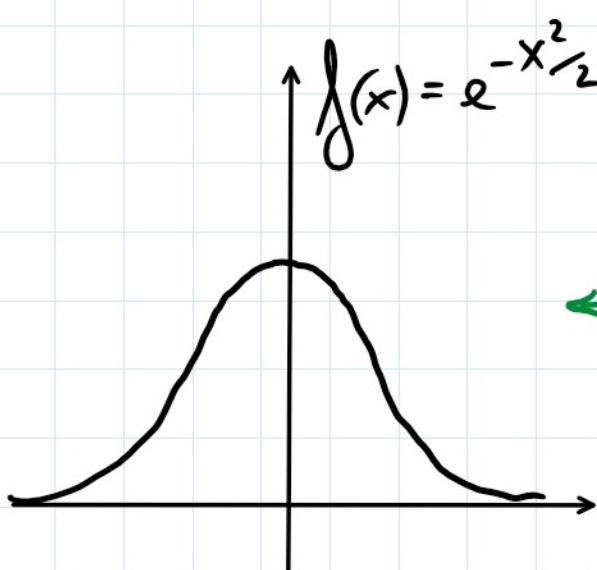
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"Linear combination of unitaries"

↳ uses elementary Fourier analysis

\* uses elementary unitary arrays

(or "Hubbard-Stratonovich transform"):



$$\text{i.e., } e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-ixy}$$

$$x = \sqrt{2E} H$$

$$e^{-tH^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-iy\sqrt{2t} H}$$

(imaginary, nonunitary)

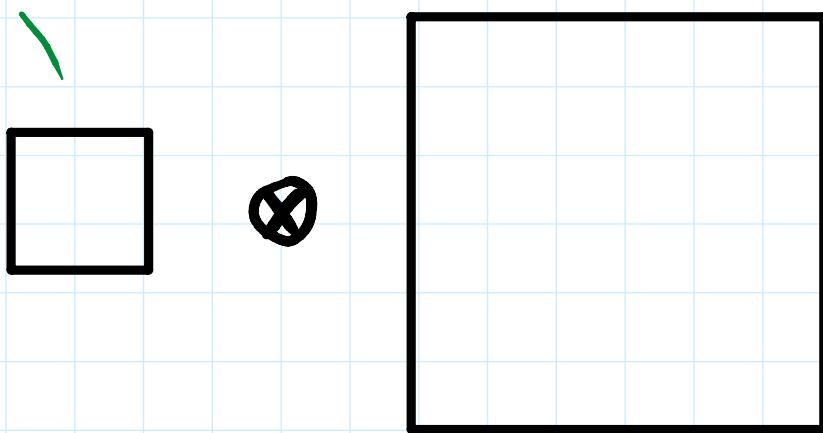
(real, unitary)

linear combination

\* LINEAR COMBINATION OF UNITARIES:

auxiliary system

primary System



state  $|N\rangle \otimes |y\rangle$

||

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{4}} |y\rangle = \text{"Gaussian state"}$$

Hamiltonian  $H' = \hat{y} \otimes H$

$$\int dy y |y\rangle \langle y| = \text{"position operator"}$$

$\int dy |y\rangle \langle yx| = \text{"position operator"}$

s.t.  $e^{-itH'} (|y\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle)$

$$= |y\rangle \otimes (e^{-it_y H} |\psi\rangle)$$

$\hookrightarrow H' = \text{"controlled"} - H$

LEMMA:

$$(|N\rangle\langle N| \otimes \mathbb{1}) e^{-i\sqrt{2\epsilon} H'} (|N\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle)$$

$$\quad\quad\quad \swarrow = |N\rangle \otimes (e^{-\epsilon H^2} |\psi\rangle).$$

postselection after measurement  $\{|N\rangle, |N^\perp\rangle, \dots\}$ ,  
success probability  $\|e^{-\epsilon H^2} |\psi\rangle\|_2^2$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( |N\rangle\langle N| \otimes \mathbb{1} \right) e^{-i\sqrt{2f}H'} \left( |N\rangle\langle \psi \rangle \right) \\
 &= \left( |N\rangle\langle N| \otimes \mathbb{1} \right) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-iy\sqrt{2f}H} |y\rangle |\psi\rangle \\
 &= |N\rangle \otimes \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-iy\sqrt{2f}H} |\psi\rangle \right) \\
 &\quad \underbrace{e^{-tH^2} |\psi\rangle}_{\square}
 \end{aligned}$$

More general (and discrete):

if

$$\begin{cases} cU = \sum_t |t\rangle\langle t| \otimes U^t \\ |\Omega\rangle = \sum \sqrt{\Omega(t)} |t\rangle \quad (\Omega(t) \geq 0, \sum \Omega(t) = 1) \end{cases}$$

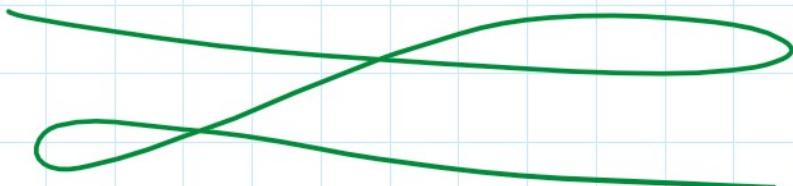
$$0 \quad \left| f \right\rangle = \sum_e \sqrt{f(e)} |e\rangle \quad (f(e) \geq 0, \sum f(e) = 1)$$

then

$$(f X f) \otimes \mathbb{1} \subset U |f\rangle |4\rangle$$

$$= |f\rangle \left( \sum f(e) U^e |4\rangle \right).$$

$$= LCU.$$



(2ND) PROBLEM:

HAMILTONIAN SIMULATION

! quantum computers expected to be

DIGITAL

(discrete time, space)

gates ↪ qubits

(time)

? integrate continuous Schrödinger equation ?

$$|\psi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_f\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$



LCU?

$$e^{-iHt} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-it)^k}{k!} H^k$$

↪ discrete,

$R=0$

$K:$

↳ discrete,

but nonunitary!

→ use "BLOCK ENCODING" of  $H$ ,  
 $\|H\| < 1$

unitary

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} H & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes H + \dots$$

$$\text{s.t. } (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I) U |+\rangle|0\rangle$$

postselection,  
success probability  
 $\|H|+\rangle\|_2^2$

$$= |0\rangle (H|+\rangle)$$

$$\|H|\psi\rangle\|_2$$

→ implements  $H$ !  
What about  $H^k$ ?

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} H & R \\ L & D \end{bmatrix}$ ,

assume  $\mathcal{U}$  is "reflection":

$$\mathcal{U}^2 = \mathbb{1} = \begin{bmatrix} H^2 + RL & HR + RD \\ LH + DL & LR + D^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$= \mathbb{1}$        $= 0$   
 $= 0$        $= \mathbb{1}$

Then

$$\mathcal{U} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} \\ -\mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} H & R \\ L & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H & R \\ L & D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ -1 & \end{bmatrix} U = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -L & -D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} H^2 - RL & HR - RD \\ LH - DL & LR - D^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} RL &= 1 - H^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2H^2 - 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} H & \cdot \\ - & \cdot \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ -1 & \end{bmatrix} U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ -1 & \end{bmatrix} U = \begin{bmatrix} 2H^2 - 1 & \cdot \\ - & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

CLAIM: (exercise)

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ -1 & \end{bmatrix} U \right)^k = \begin{bmatrix} T_k(H) & \cdot \\ \downarrow & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

k-th Chebyshev poly  
= basis for polynomials

Now, rewrite

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta H} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \ddots \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum \alpha_k T_k(H) & \cdot \\ \cdot & \ddots \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum \alpha_k \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} U \right)^k$$

$= LCU$ . "easy" to implement

? How to obtain block encoding

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} H & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

→ exercise.