

Qiskit Fall Fest 2025: Malaysia

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Workshop on quantum algorithms

Timetable

Day 1	30 October 2025
0800 - 0900	Registration
0900 - 1200	Introduction to quantum information and quantum computing
1200 - 1330	Lunch break
1330 - 1630	Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm
Day 2	31 October 2025
0900 - 1200	Shor's algorithm
1200 - 1500	Lunch break and prayer time
1500 - 1545	Yap Yung Szen: Control System for Superconducting Quantum Computers
1545 - 1630	Tomasz Paterek: Quantum Reservoir Processing: NISQ AI

Introduction to quantum information and computing

9.00am - 12.00pm GMT+8, 30 October 2025

Quantum computing

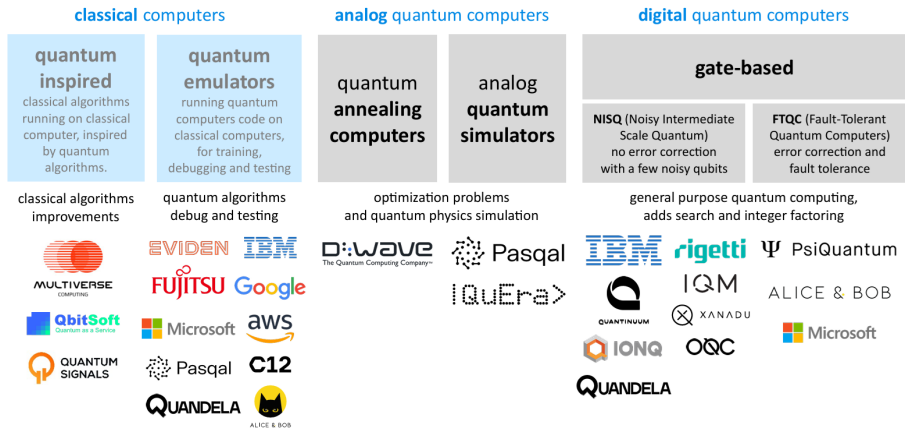


Figure 1: Different computing paradigms with quantum systems, hybrid systems and classical systems (Ezratty, 2025).

Quantum emulator

- 1 Classical software and hardware that can execute quantum algorithms which are designed to run on quantum computers.
- 2 This terminology coincides with the classical view of an emulator, which runs some software code on one machine that was designed for older hardware.

Quantum simulator

- 1 Quantum computing system that is used to simulate low temperature physics and many-body quantum physics, as envisioned by Richard Feynman.

Quantum-inspired algorithm

- 1 Classical algorithm that runs on classical hardware with new efficiencies inspired by quantum algorithm.

Quantum algorithm

- 1 Algorithm that runs on a realistic quantum computer and uses some essential quantum phenomena.

NISQ algorithm

- 1 Quantum algorithm that is designed for quantum processors in the noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) era.
- 2 Usually, some calculations are offloaded to classical processors.

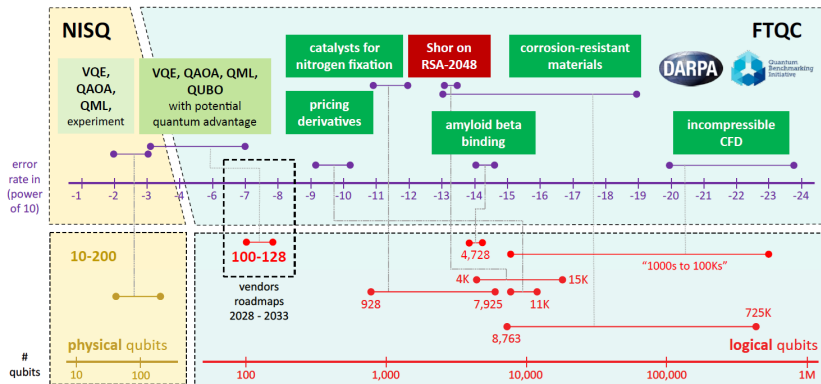


Figure 2: Algorithmic-level resource estimates for key algorithms which have some industry relevance (Ezratty, 2025).

Quantum communication

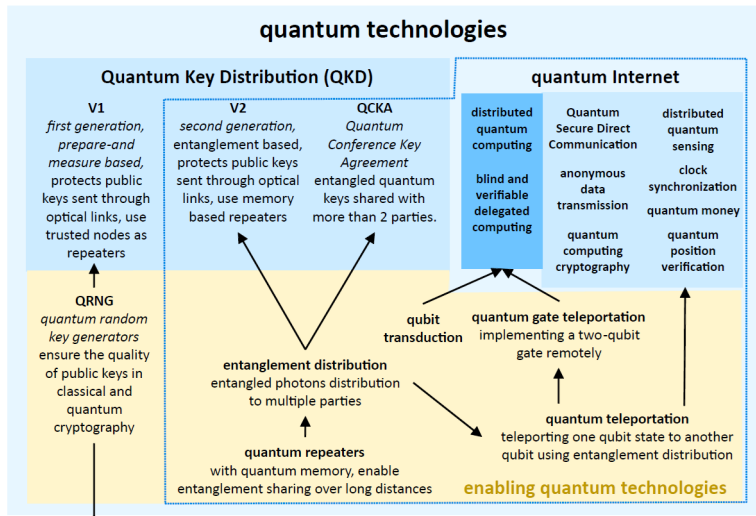


Figure 3: Various types of quantum communication and cybersecurity technologies (quantum) (Ezratty, 2025).

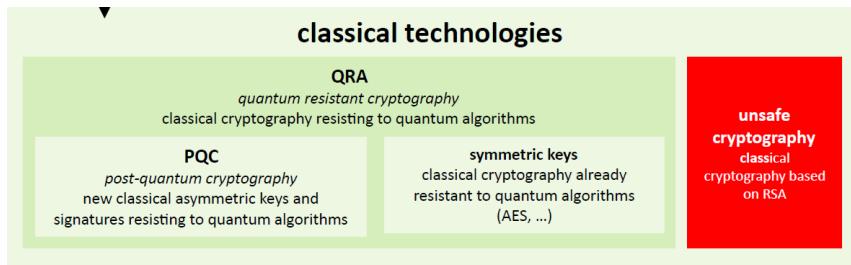


Figure 4: Various types of quantum communication and cybersecurity technologies (classical) (Ezratty, 2025).

Quantum key distribution: BB84

- 1 Alice creates a random bit (0 or 1) and randomly selects one of her two basis sets, ($Z = \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ or $X = \{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$) to transmit her information to Bob using the quantum channel.
- 2 This process is repeated with Alice recording the state, basis and time of each photon sent.
- 3 As Bob does not know the basis the photons were encoded in, he randomly selects a basis (Z or X) to measure. He does this for each photon he receives, recording the time, measurement basis used and result.
- 4 After Bob has measured the photons, Alice broadcasts the basis each photon was in, and Bob broadcasts the basis each photon was being measured.
- 5 They discard the photons where Bob used a different basis (half on average).
- 6 If more than p bits differ, they abort the key and try again with a different quantum channel.

Alice's random bit	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Alice's random qubit	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ -\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ -\rangle$	$ +\rangle$	$ +\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$
Bob's random measuring basis	Z	X	X	X	Z	X	Z	Z
Bob's result	$ 0\rangle$	$ +\rangle$	$ -\rangle$	$ +\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ +\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$
Shared secret key	0		1			0		1

Table 1: Example of BB84.

Quantum sensing¹ is typically used to describe one of the followings:

- ① Use of a quantum object to measure a physical quantity (classical or quantum). The quantum object is characterized by quantized energy levels.
- ② Use of quantum coherence (wave-like spatial or temporal superposition states) to measure a physical quantity.
- ③ Use of quantum entanglement to improve the sensitivity or precision of a measurement, beyond what is possible classically.

¹Degen, Reinhard & Cappellaro. Quantum sensing. Rev. Mod. Phys. 89, 035002, 2017.

In analogy to DiVincenzo criteria for quantum computing, a set of attributes for quantum sensing can be defined:

- 1 The quantum system has discrete, resolvable energy levels.
- 2 It must be possible to initialize the quantum system into a well-known state and to read out its state.
- 3 The quantum system can be coherently manipulated, typically by time-dependent fields.
- 4 The quantum system interacts with a relevant physical quantity, quantified by a coupling parameter, and will lead to a shift of the quantum system's energy levels or to transition between energy levels.

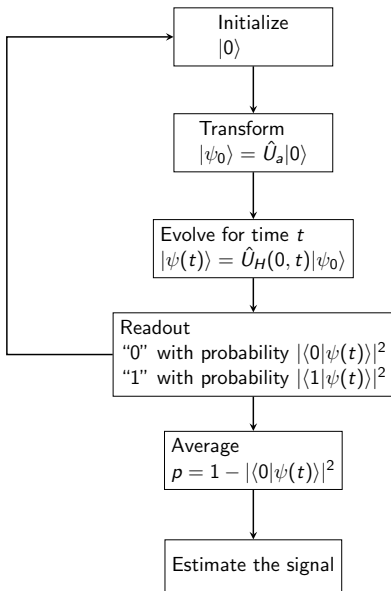
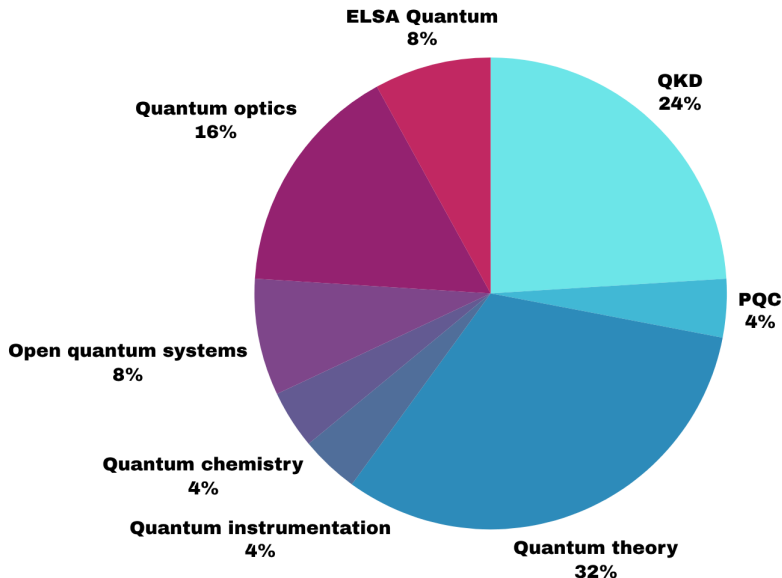


Figure 5: Basic steps of the quantum sensing process.

Malaysia's quantum research landscape



Classical bits

Imagine an unfair coin. The probability of getting a head is $P(C = H) = p$, the probability of getting a tail is $P(C = T) = 1 - p$.

It can be represented as a probability table:

	$P(C)$
H	p
T	$1 - p$

More compactly, one can represent it as a column matrix,

$$\begin{aligned} P(C) &= \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 - p \end{pmatrix} \\ &= p \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (1 - p) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

If we want to transform into different physical systems with different probability vectors, we can apply stochastic matrices on the probability vectors. A stochastic matrix S satisfies the following conditions to preserve the properties of probability vectors:

- 1 Every matrix elements are non-negative;
- 2 The sum of every matrix elements in a column is equals to 1.

The matrix element S_{ij} represents the probability of moving from i to j , $P(j|i)$.

Example of a 2×2 stochastic matrix $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1-p & p \\ p & 1-p \end{pmatrix}$, where $0 \leq p \leq 1$.

Consider two independent events, for example two coin tosses C_1 and C_2 . The probability table of C_1 and C_2 can be given as follow.

	$P(C_1)$		$P(C_2)$
H	p	H	q
T	$1 - p$	T	$1 - q$

The combined probability table of two coin tosses can be given as follows.

	$P(C_1 C_2)$
HH	pq
HT	$p(1 - q)$
TH	$(1 - p)q$
TT	$(1 - p)(1 - q)$

Or, written as a probability vector,

$$P(C_1 C_2) = \begin{pmatrix} pq \\ p(1 - q) \\ (1 - p)q \\ (1 - p)(1 - q) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Since C_1 and C_2 are independent events, $P(C_1|C_2) = P(C_1)$ and $P(C_2|C_1) = P(C_2)$, i.e. the outcome of event C_1 (C_2) is independent of event C_2 (C_1).

Also, note that $P(HH) \times P(TT) = P(HT) \times P(TH)$.

In other words, if C_1 and C_2 are not independent events, then $P(HH) \times P(TT) \neq P(HT) \times P(TH)$. C_1 and C_2 are correlated in this scenario.

One example of dependent events is drawing two cards from a deck without replacement.

Complex numbers

We denote the symbol $i = \sqrt{-1}$ with the understanding that $i^2 = -1$ to represent imaginary unit.

Any constant c multiplying with the imaginary unit is called imaginary number. For example, $12i$.

The combination of real and imaginary number is called complex number.

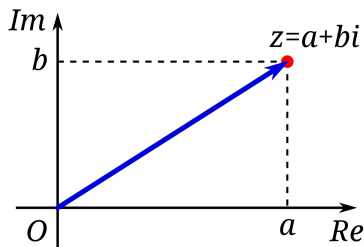


Figure 6: Argand diagram

The rectangular form, $z = a + bi$, can be rewritten into the polar form,

$$z = a + bi = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = re^{i\theta}. \quad (3)$$

Note that $\operatorname{Re}(z) = a$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = b$.

The complex conjugate of z is defined as $\bar{z} = a - bi = re^{-i\theta}$.

The modulus or absolute value of z is defined as $|z| = r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.

Hence, $|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}}$.

A vector can be seen as a geometric entity (arrow in a coordinate system) or a set of numbers, with components relative to a coordinate system. Mathematically, a vector can be represented as a column matrix. For a two-dimensional vector \vec{v} ,

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$= x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$= x\vec{e}_x + y\vec{e}_y \quad (6)$$

We call \vec{e}_x and \vec{e}_y as the unit vectors along x and y directions respectively.

For complex vector spaces, x and y are complex numbers.

The conjugate transpose operation of a vector \vec{v} is denoted by the dagger symbol \dagger and defined by

$$\vec{v}^\dagger = (\bar{x} \quad \bar{y}) \quad (7)$$

The inner product is defined as the multiplication between \vec{v}^\dagger and \vec{v} , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}^\dagger \vec{v} &= (\bar{x} \quad \bar{y}) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= |x|^2 + |y|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The outer product (or tensor product) is defined as the multiplication between \vec{v} and \vec{v}^\dagger , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} \otimes \vec{v}^\dagger &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \otimes (\bar{x} \quad \bar{y}) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} |x|^2 & x\bar{y} \\ \bar{x}y & |y|^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

More generally, tensor product is done with Kronecker product operation. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} \otimes \vec{v}^\dagger &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \otimes (\bar{x} \quad \bar{y}) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x(\bar{x} \quad \bar{y}) \\ y(\bar{x} \quad \bar{y}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} |x|^2 & x\bar{y} \\ \bar{x}y & |y|^2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Kronecker product is not the same as matrix multiplication. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} a \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} & b \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \\ c \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} & d \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ae & af & be & bf \\ ag & ah & bg & bh \\ ce & cf & de & df \\ cg & ch & dg & dh \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Consider a matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ with complex entries.

The transpose of a matrix A is given as

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

A Hermitian matrix is defined as $A = (\bar{A})^T = A^\dagger$.

The inverse matrix of A is written as A^{-1} .

The matrix multiplication between a matrix with its inverse, $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$, where I is the identity matrix.

A unitary matrix is defined as $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$.

Quantum bits

We use a different notation for vectors. Let $|\psi\rangle$ be a vector in complex vector space \mathbb{C}^2 ,

$$|\psi\rangle = \psi_0|0\rangle + \psi_1|1\rangle \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0 \\ \psi_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

, where $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, ψ_0 and ψ_1 are complex numbers called probability amplitudes.

$|\psi\rangle$ is called a ket vector. The dual is a bra vector,

$$\langle\psi| = \bar{\psi}_0\langle 0| + \bar{\psi}_1\langle 1| \quad (13)$$

$$= (\bar{\psi}_0 \quad \bar{\psi}_1) \quad (14)$$

, where $\langle 0| = (1 \quad 0)$ and $\langle 1| = (0 \quad 1)$.

The probability of getting $|0\rangle$ is $|\psi_0|^2$, while the probability of getting $|1\rangle$ is $|\psi_1|^2$. Therefore,

$$|\psi_0|^2 + |\psi_1|^2 = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1. \quad (15)$$

There are three orthonormal basis sets:

- 1 Z-basis: $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- 2 X-basis: $|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
- 3 Y-basis: $|+i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$, $|-i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$

We use tensor product to describe composite quantum systems. For two qubits A and B , $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$, the quantum state becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi_{AB}\rangle &= |\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle \\
 &= (\psi_0|0_A\rangle + \psi_1|1_A\rangle) \otimes (\phi_0|0_B\rangle + \phi_1|1_B\rangle) \\
 &= \psi_0\phi_0|0_A\rangle \otimes |0_B\rangle + \psi_0\phi_1|0_A\rangle \otimes |1_B\rangle + \psi_1\phi_0|1_A\rangle \otimes |0_B\rangle \\
 &\quad + \psi_1\phi_1|1_A\rangle \otimes |1_B\rangle \\
 &= \psi_0\phi_0|00\rangle + \psi_0\phi_1|01\rangle + \psi_1\phi_0|10\rangle + \psi_1\phi_1|11\rangle
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0\phi_0 \\ \psi_0\phi_1 \\ \psi_1\phi_0 \\ \psi_1\phi_1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{17}$$


In general, a two-qubit state can be written as

$$|\psi\rangle = \psi_{00}|00\rangle + \psi_{01}|01\rangle + \psi_{10}|10\rangle + \psi_{11}|11\rangle. \tag{18}$$

Similarly, if $\psi_{00}\psi_{11} = \psi_{01}\psi_{10}$, the two-qubit state is separable. Otherwise, the two-qubit state is entangled.


Quantum gates

Quantum circuit reads from left to right. There are several common quantum gates:-

Pauli $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, equivalently the NOT (bit-flip) gate 


$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} |0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |1\rangle \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle \quad (20)$$

Pauli $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, equivalently the phase-flip gate 


$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} |0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -|1\rangle \quad (22)$$

Pauli $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, a combination of Pauli X and Z gates 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} |0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = i|1\rangle \quad (23)$$

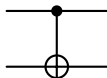
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -i|0\rangle \quad (24)$$

Hadamard gate $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |+\rangle \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} |1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = |-\rangle \quad (26)$$

CNOT gate



$$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$$CNOT|00\rangle = |00\rangle \quad (28)$$

$$CNOT|01\rangle = |01\rangle \quad (29)$$

$$CNOT|10\rangle = |11\rangle \quad (30)$$

$$CNOT|11\rangle = |10\rangle \quad (31)$$

Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm

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Constant and balanced functions

Let f be a function that maps the set $\{0, 1\}$ into the set $\{0, 1\}$, $f : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. There are two possibilities.

A constant function gives the same output regardless of the input, i.e. $f(0) = f(1)$.

A balanced function gives an equal number of 0 and 1 as output, i.e. $f(0) \neq f(1)$.

x	$f_0(x)$	$f_1(x)$
0	0	1
1	0	1

Table 2: Constant function

x	$f_2(x)$	$f_3(x)$
0	1	0
1	0	1

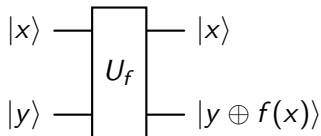
Table 3: Balanced function

Quantum oracle

A quantum oracle is a black-box that evaluates a function f . it is often represented as a unitary transformation U_f that acts on a bipartite system,

$$U_f|x\rangle|y\rangle = |x\rangle|y \oplus f(x)\rangle, \quad (32)$$

where \oplus denotes addition modulo 2.



$|x\rangle$ is called the input state, $|y\rangle$ is called the ancillary state.

Show that

$$U_f^2|x\rangle|y\rangle = |x\rangle|y\rangle. \quad (33)$$

Some preliminary results

State preparation

$$\begin{aligned} H \otimes H |00\rangle &= |++\rangle \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|0\rangle + |1\rangle] \right) \otimes \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|0\rangle + |1\rangle] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^2} |x\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\{0,1\}^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$.

In general,

$$H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle^{\otimes n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle. \quad (34)$$

Modulo 2 arithmetic

Modulo 2 addition, \oplus , is also known as the XOR operation, with the following truth table:

x	y	$x \oplus y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

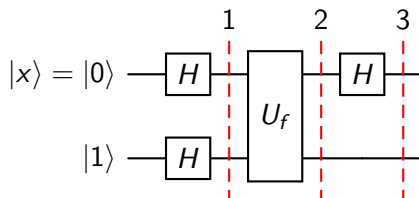
Table 4: Truth table of XOR

Let c be either 0 or 1. Find $0 \oplus c$.

Let $c_0 = 0$, $c_1 = 1$. Find $1 \oplus c_0$ and $1 \oplus c_1$. Will the result change if $c_0 = 1$, $c_1 = 0$?

Deutsch algorithm

Consider the following circuit.



Note that $|1\rangle = X|0\rangle$. For simplification, we initiate the two-qubit state as $|0\rangle|1\rangle$. At Step 1,

$$H \otimes H|0\rangle|1\rangle = |+\rangle|-\rangle = \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right). \quad (35)$$

At Step 2,

$$\begin{aligned} U_f \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) &= \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|0 \oplus f(x)\rangle - |1 \oplus f(x)\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|f(x)\rangle - |1 \oplus f(x)\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad (36) \end{aligned}$$

Regardless of the value of x , if $f(x) = 0$, then

$$\frac{|f(x)\rangle - |1 \oplus f(x)\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

If $f(x) = 1$, then

$$\frac{|f(x)\rangle - |1 \oplus f(x)\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|1\rangle - |0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Combining both cases, we have

$$\frac{|f(x)\rangle - |1 \oplus f(x)\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = (-1)^{f(x)} \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right).$$

Hence, we can rewrite Equation (36) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|f(x)\rangle - |1 \oplus f(x)\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left[(-1)^{f(x)} \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left((-1)^{f(0)} |0\rangle |0\rangle - (-1)^{f(0)} |0\rangle |1\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)} |1\rangle |0\rangle - (-1)^{f(1)} |1\rangle |1\rangle \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{(-1)^{f(0)} |0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)} |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \tag{37}
 \end{aligned}$$

At Step 3, we apply a Hadamard gate on the first qubit, $|x\rangle$, from Equation (37),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & H \otimes I \left(\frac{(-1)^{f(0)}|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{(-1)^{f(0)}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) + (-1)^{f(1)}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)}{2} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{[(-1)^{f(0)} + (-1)^{f(1)}]|0\rangle + [(-1)^{f(0)} - (-1)^{f(1)}]|1\rangle}{2} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

If f is a constant function, i.e. $f(0) = f(1)$, Equation (38) becomes

$$\pm |0\rangle \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right). \tag{39}$$

If f is a balanced function, i.e. $f(0) \neq f(1)$, Equation (38) becomes

$$\pm |1\rangle \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right). \tag{40}$$

Before we go into Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm, it is useful to know that

$$H^{\otimes n}|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle, \quad (41)$$

where $x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 \oplus x_2 y_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n y_n$.

For one qubit,

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{y=0}^1 (-1)^{0 \cdot y} |y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle),$$

$$H|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{y=0}^1 (-1)^{1 \cdot y} |y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle).$$

Or, in general,

$$H|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{y=0}^1 (-1)^{x \oplus y} |y\rangle.$$

Equation (41) can be shown to take its form by combining the action of two Hadamard gates on two qubits $|x_1\rangle, |x_2\rangle$ and generalize to n qubits,

$$\begin{aligned} H^{\otimes 2}|x_1\rangle|x_2\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{y_1=0}^1 (-1)^{x_1 \oplus y_1} |y_1\rangle \right) \left(\sum_{y_2=0}^1 (-1)^{x_2 \oplus y_2} |y_2\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 (-1)^{x_1 \oplus y_1} (-1)^{x_2 \oplus y_2} |y_1\rangle |y_2\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 (-1)^{x_1 \oplus y_1 + x_2 \oplus y_2} |y_1\rangle |y_2\rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find $H^{\otimes 2}|10\rangle$.

Using Equation (41), we can rewrite Equation (38) as follow:

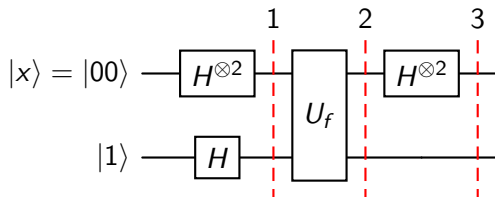
$$\begin{aligned}
 & H \otimes I \left(\frac{(-1)^{f(0)}|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(1)}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} H \otimes I \left(\sum_{x=0}^1 (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{x=0}^1 (-1)^{f(x)} \sum_{y=0}^1 (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{x=0}^1 \sum_{y=0}^1 (-1)^{f(x) + x \cdot y} |y\rangle \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \tag{42}
 \end{aligned}$$

Verify that Equation (42) can be expanded into Equation (38), provided as follow:

$$\left(\frac{[(-1)^{f(0)} + (-1)^{f(1)}]|0\rangle + [(-1)^{f(0)} - (-1)^{f(1)}]|1\rangle}{2} \right) \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm

Consider the following example circuit.



The three-qubit state is initiated as $|00\rangle|1\rangle$. At Step 1,

$$H^{\otimes 2} \otimes H|00\rangle|1\rangle = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^2} |x\rangle \right) \otimes \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right). \quad (43)$$

At Step 2,

$$\begin{aligned} U_f \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^2} |x\rangle \right) &\otimes \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^2} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \right) \otimes \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

We know from Deutsch algorithm that the ancillary qubit is not important. Hence, we can focus only on the input state during Step 3.

At Step 3,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & H \otimes H \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^2} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} H \otimes H \left((-1)^{f(00)} |00\rangle + (-1)^{f(01)} |01\rangle + (-1)^{f(10)} |10\rangle + (-1)^{f(11)} |11\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left((-1)^{f(00)} |++\rangle + (-1)^{f(01)} |+-\rangle + (-1)^{f(10)} |-+\rangle \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (-1)^{f(11)} |--\rangle \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left((-1)^{f(00)} [|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle] \right. \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{f(01)} [|00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle] \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{f(10)} [|00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle - |11\rangle] \\
 &\quad \left. + (-1)^{f(11)} [|00\rangle - |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |11\rangle] \right) \tag{45}
 \end{aligned}$$

Verify that the following simplification can be expanded into Equation (45).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2^2} \left(\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^2} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^2} (-1)^{f(x) + x \cdot y} |y\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left([(-1)^{f(00)} + (-1)^{f(01)} + (-1)^{f(10)} + (-1)^{f(11)}] |00\rangle \right. \\
 &\quad + [(-1)^{f(00)} - (-1)^{f(01)} + (-1)^{f(10)} - (-1)^{f(11)}] |01\rangle \\
 &\quad + [(-1)^{f(00)} + (-1)^{f(01)} - (-1)^{f(10)} - (-1)^{f(11)}] |10\rangle \\
 &\quad \left. + [(-1)^{f(00)} - (-1)^{f(01)} - (-1)^{f(10)} + (-1)^{f(11)}] |11\rangle \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

If the function is constant, due to the constructive interference for $|00\rangle$, the probability of getting $|00\rangle$ is 1.

If the function is balanced, due to the destructive interference for $|00\rangle$, the probability of getting $|00\rangle$ is 0.

Shor's algorithm

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Some preliminary results

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Let $|\psi\rangle$ be a vector. An eigenvector is a vector that remains unchanged under a linear transformation. For a unitary transformation U , the eigenequation is given by

$$U|\psi\rangle = e^{2\pi i\omega}|\psi\rangle, \quad (46)$$

where $e^{2\pi i\omega}$ is the eigenvalue of the unitary transformation. ω is the phase of the eigenvalue.

Binary fraction

The decimal fraction allows us to express rational numbers as a fraction whose denominator is a power of ten. For example,

$$0.15625 = 1 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} + 6 \times 10^{-3} + 2 \times 10^{-4} + 5 \times 10^{-5}.$$

Similarly, the binary fraction allows us to represent the above rational number as a fraction whose denominator is a power of two,

$$0.00101 = 0 \times 2^{-1} + 0 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3} + 0 \times 2^{-4} + 1 \times 2^{-5}.$$

A binary representation is useful because we can encode it using qubits.

Factorization problem

Suppose we have a dividend a , with divisor m , quotient k and remainder b . We can write the following equation,

$$a = km + b.$$

In congruence relation terminology, we can write

$$a = b \bmod m.$$

For example,

- ① $1 \bmod 15 = ?$
- ② $2 \bmod 15 = ?$
- ③ $4 \bmod 15 = ?$
- ④ $8 \bmod 15 = ?$
- ⑤ $16 \bmod 15 = ?$
- ⑥ $32 \bmod 15 = ?$
- ⑦ $64 \bmod 15 = ?$

Notice that there is a repetition of the outcomes after every four numbers. The cycle (or period) length r is equal to 4 in our example.

Take note that $2^4 = 1 \pmod{15}$.

Then, 15 can be divided by $2^4 - 1$, i.e. $15 | 2^4 - 1$. We can break down the factor $2^4 - 1$ by difference of squares,

$$15 | (2^2 - 1)(2^2 + 1).$$

Hence, we identified the prime factors of 15, i.e. 3 and 5.

In general,

$$N | (a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1)(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1). \quad (47)$$

One caveat of this approach is that r has to be even, since $a^{\frac{r}{2}}$ needs to be an integer.

To factor $N = pq$, a factoring algorithm follows the steps below:

- 1 Select any number $1 < a < N$ and find the greatest common divisor (gcd) of a and N . If $\text{gcd} \neq 1$, then it is a nontrivial common factor of a and N , hence we found one of the factors of N , $p = \text{gcd}(a, N)$. The other factor will be $q = \frac{N}{p}$.
- 2 If $\text{gcd} = 1$, we find the period r of $a^r \bmod N$. If r is odd, we go back to step 1 and pick a different a .
- 3 Now, $a^r = 1 \bmod N$. Subtract 1 from both sides, $a^r - 1 = 0 \bmod N$. This means that $a^r - 1 = kN = kpq$.
- 4 Factoring the left hand side, we have $(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1)(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1) = kpq$.
- 5 Hence, $a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1 = cp$, $a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1 = dq$. Since each term $a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1$ and $a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1$ share a non-trivial factor with $N = pq$, we have thus factored N .

Quantum Fourier Transform

Quantum Fourier Transform (qFT) can be thought of as a unitary transformation with the following unitary matrix,

$$\hat{U}_{qFT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j,k=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi ijk}{N}} |j\rangle\langle k|, \quad (48)$$

where $N = 2^n$.

Example: Let $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}}$. Write down the unitary matrix \hat{U}_{qFT} for $N = 2^2 = 4$.

\hat{U}_{qFT} acts on a quantum state $|x\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k |k\rangle$ and maps it to $|y\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} y_j |j\rangle$, where

$$y_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i j k}{N}} x_k. \quad (49)$$

For a single qubit, $n = 1$. \hat{U}_{qFT} becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U}_{qFT} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j,k=0}^1 e^{\pi i j k} |j\rangle \langle k| \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \langle 0| + |0\rangle \langle 1| + |1\rangle \langle 0| + e^{\pi i} |1\rangle \langle 1|) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \langle 0| + |0\rangle \langle 1| + |1\rangle \langle 0| - |1\rangle \langle 1|) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

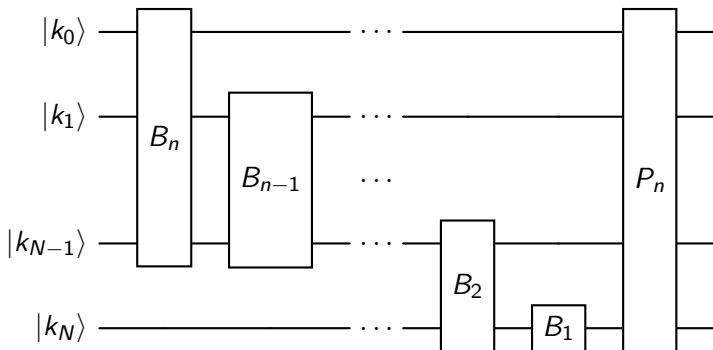
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{U}_{qFT}|0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|)|0\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{U}_{qFT}|1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|)|1\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle,\end{aligned}$$

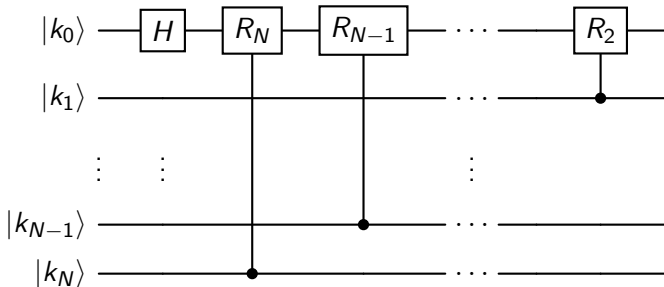
Example: Identify the general form of qFT for two qubits based on Equation (48). Hence, find the qFT of $|00\rangle$ and $|01\rangle$.

Since qFT is a unitary transformation, there exists an inverse qFT that maps $|y\rangle$ into $|x\rangle$.

In general, the qFT circuit looks like



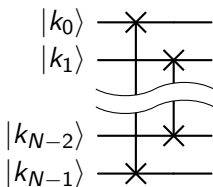
The gate $\boxed{B_n}$ means



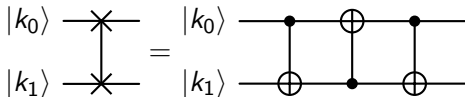
where $\boxed{R_n}$ is the unitary rotation,

$$R_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (50)$$

The gate $\text{---}\boxed{P_n}\text{---}$ means a set of permutations of (i) -th qubit to $(N - i - 1)$ -th qubit,

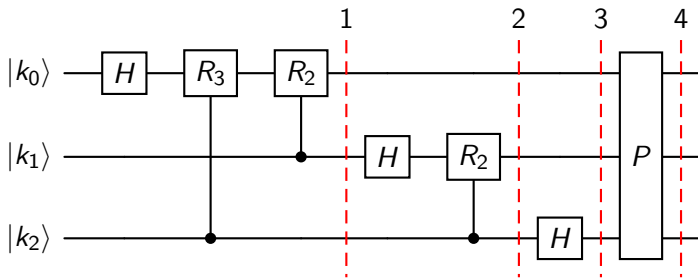


where the permutation between two qubits can be executed through 3 CNOT gates,



Note that the permutation P_n depends on how the hardware orders the qubits and sometimes it is not necessary to perform P_n .

Example: Three-qubit quantum Fourier transform



The rotation matrices are given by

$$R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^3}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} H|k_j\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (-1)^{k_j} |1\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{\pi i})^{k_j} |1\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{\pi i k_j}) |1\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i \frac{k_j}{2}}) |1\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i [0.k_j]}) |1\rangle \right) \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

Also,

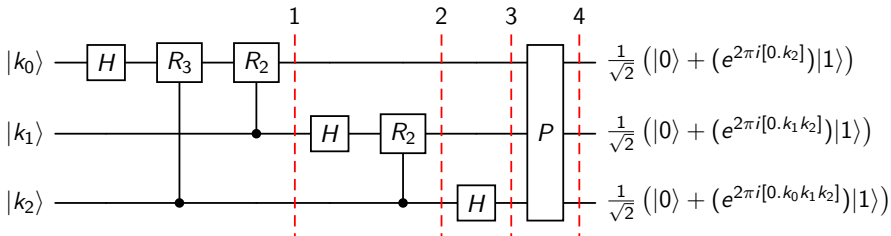
$$R_n|0\rangle = |0\rangle, \tag{52}$$

$$R_n|1\rangle = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n}} |1\rangle. \tag{53}$$

We can view each step from the example as the consequence of the B_n gates. If we understand how B_n works, we can generalize for every B_n gates. For step 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |k_0\rangle &\xrightarrow{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i[0.k_0]})|1\rangle \right) \\
 &\xrightarrow{C-R_3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i[0.k_0]} e^{2\pi i \frac{k_2}{2^3}}) |1\rangle \right) \\
 &\xrightarrow{C-R_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i[0.k_0]} e^{2\pi i \frac{k_2}{2^3}} e^{2\pi i \frac{k_1}{2^2}}) |1\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i[0.k_0]} e^{2\pi i[0.00k_2]} e^{2\pi i[0.0k_1]}) |1\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + (e^{2\pi i[0.k_0k_1k_2]}) |1\rangle \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,



Quantum phase estimation

The purpose of quantum phase estimation is to estimate the eigenvalue $e^{2\pi i\omega}$ of a unitary operator,

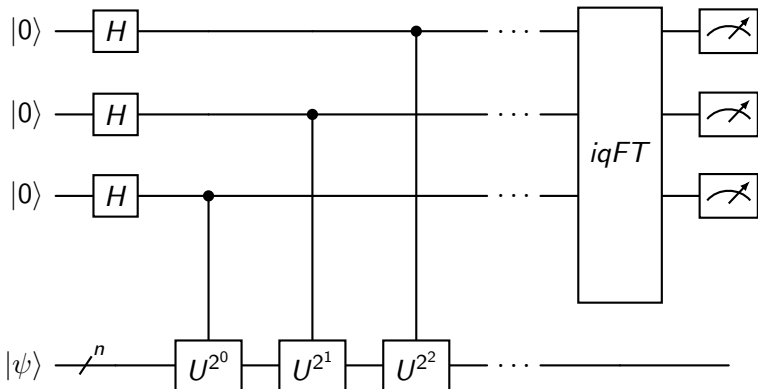
$$U|\psi\rangle = e^{2\pi i\omega}|\psi\rangle, \quad (54)$$

by preparing a quantum circuit to transform

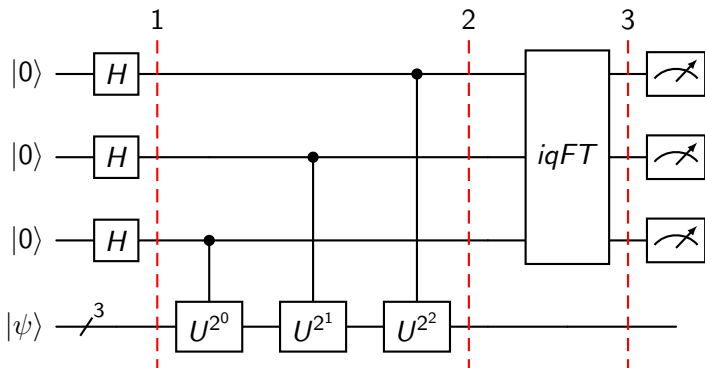
$$|\psi\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |\psi\rangle|\phi\rangle \quad (55)$$

and then obtaining the phase estimation by measuring $|\phi\rangle$.

A general quantum phase estimation algorithm looks like the following:



Example: Three-qubit quantum phase estimation



The unitary matrix U^{2^k} introduces the phase,

$$U^{2^k} |\psi\rangle = e^{2\pi i \omega 2^k} |\psi\rangle. \quad (56)$$

After the first step, we have

$$\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |\psi\rangle. \quad (57)$$

At step 2, the first control- U^{2^0} will introduce a phase to $|\psi\rangle$,

$$|+\rangle^{\otimes 2} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle|\psi\rangle + e^{2\pi i[\omega]}|1\rangle|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = |+\rangle^{\otimes 2} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |\psi\rangle. \quad (58)$$

Following the same logic, the final state at step 2 is

$$\frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[2^2\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[2\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |\psi\rangle \quad (59)$$

If we let $\omega = 0.k_0k_1k_2$, then the final state at step 2 becomes

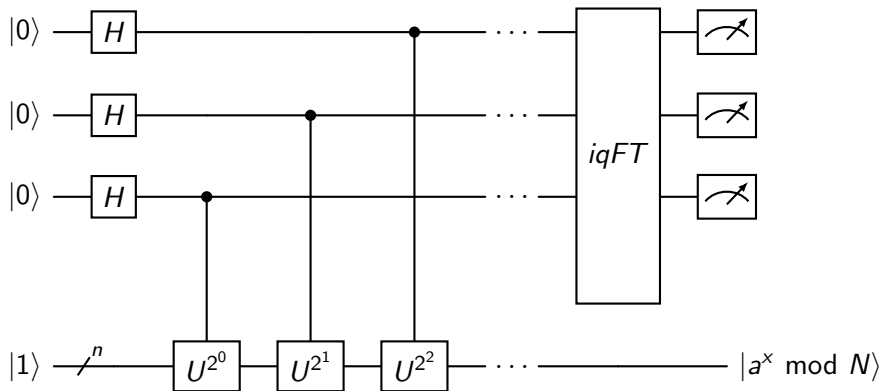
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[2^2\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[2\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[\omega]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |\psi\rangle \\
 &= \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[k_0k_1.k_2]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[k_0.k_1k_2]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[0.k_0k_1k_2]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |\psi\rangle \\
 &= \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[0.k_2]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[0.k_1k_2]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i[0.k_0k_1k_2]}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes |\psi\rangle
 \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

We note that the integers in front of the binary representation in the first equality is ignored in the second equality, because $e^{2\pi ij} = 1$ for any integer j .

This is the quantum Fourier transform that we have seen just now! By applying the inverse quantum Fourier transform, the measurement of the three qubits $|k_0k_1k_2\rangle$ will tell us the phase of $|\psi\rangle$.

Shor's algorithm

The complete quantum circuit of Shor's algorithm looks like the following:



The second register $|1\rangle$ uses $n = \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$ number of qubits. For the first register, $2n$ qubits will be sufficient to achieve the accuracy to find r .

Modular exponentiation

U^{2^n} can be found through modular exponentiation. In the module, it is labeled as M_2^k . For the first iteration M_2 , we want to find $2k \bmod 15$.

Original state	Binary representation	After M_2	Binary representation
$ 0\rangle$	$ 0000\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 0000\rangle$
$ 1\rangle$	$ 0001\rangle$	$ 2\rangle$	$ 0010\rangle$
$ 2\rangle$	$ 0010\rangle$	$ 4\rangle$	$ 0100\rangle$
$ 3\rangle$	$ 0011\rangle$	$ 6\rangle$	$ 0110\rangle$
$ 4\rangle$	$ 0100\rangle$	$ 8\rangle$	$ 1000\rangle$
$ 5\rangle$	$ 0101\rangle$	$ 10\rangle$	$ 1010\rangle$
$ 6\rangle$	$ 0110\rangle$	$ 12\rangle$	$ 1100\rangle$

Original state	Binary representation	After M_2	Binary representation
$ 7\rangle$	$ 0111\rangle$	$ 14\rangle$	$ 1110\rangle$
$ 8\rangle$	$ 1000\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0001\rangle$
$ 9\rangle$	$ 1001\rangle$	$ 3\rangle$	$ 0011\rangle$
$ 10\rangle$	$ 1010\rangle$	$ 5\rangle$	$ 0110\rangle$
$ 11\rangle$	$ 1011\rangle$	$ 7\rangle$	$ 0111\rangle$
$ 12\rangle$	$ 1100\rangle$	$ 9\rangle$	$ 1001\rangle$
$ 13\rangle$	$ 1101\rangle$	$ 11\rangle$	$ 1011\rangle$
$ 14\rangle$	$ 1110\rangle$	$ 13\rangle$	$ 1101\rangle$
$ 15\rangle$	$ 1111\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1111\rangle$

This is a permutation of q_0 to q_1 , q_1 to q_2 , q_2 to q_3 , resulting from $q_0q_1q_2q_3$ to $q_1q_2q_3q_0$. For the next iteration M_2^2 , we want to find $4k \bmod 15$.