

STRONG APPROXIMATION

AND

GOLDEN GATES

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CLASSICAL COMPUTING

SINGLE BIT STATE $\{0, 1\}$

GATES FOR CIRCUITS ACHIEVE ANY

BOOLEAN $f: \{0, 1\}^N \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

VIA \sim, \wedge etc.

COMPLEXITY IS THE SIZE OF THE CIRCUIT.

THEORETICAL QUANTUM COMPUTING

SINGLE QUBIT STATE

$$\Psi = (\Psi_1, \Psi_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2, |\Psi|^2 = 1$$

A 1-BIT QUANTUM GATE IS AN ELEMENT $A \in U(2)$ OR BETTER $G = PU(2)$ (NO PHASES).

A UNIVERSAL GATES SET G IS ONE WHICH GENERATES G TOPOLOGICALLY
• n -QUBITS, $(\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes n}$ AND GATES ARE BUILT FROM THE 1-QUBIT GATES.

$$d_G^2(x, y) = 1 - \frac{|\text{tr}(x^*y)|}{2} = d(hx, hy) = d^2(xh, yh),$$

$$h \in G.$$

μ -HAAR MEASURE ON G

$B_r(x)$ BALL CENTERED AT x RADIUS r .

$$\mu(B_\epsilon) \sim c \epsilon^3, \epsilon \text{ small.}$$

• WANT GATE SETS WHICH HAVE SHORT CIRCUITS TO APPROXIMATE A GENERAL $x \in G$.

SOLOVAY / KITAEV THEOREM (95):
EFFICIENT UNIVERSAL GATE SETS EXIST.

TEXT BOOK
GATES:

Hadamard	\boxed{H}	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-X	\boxed{X}	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-Y	\boxed{Y}	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-Z	\boxed{Z}	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Phase	\boxed{S}	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$
$\pi/8$	\boxed{T}	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix}$

H AND S GENERATE A FINITE SUBGROUP OF G OF ORDER 24 - THE "CLIFFORD GATES". THESE ALONE CAN BE SIMULATED WITH A CLASSICAL COMPUTER (CHEAP MEMBERS OF A CIRCUIT). ADDING T TO H AND S GIVE A UNIVERSAL GATE SET.

ROSS-SELINGER (2014): GIVE AN OPTIMALLY EFFICIENT HEURISTIC ALGORITHM TO APPROXIMATE ANY DIAGONAL $A \in G$, WITH MINIMAL T-COUNT.

EG: $d\left(U, \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\pi/128} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\pi/128} \end{bmatrix}\right) < 10^{-10} = \epsilon$

WITH THE CIRCUIT U

$$U = HTSHTSHT \dots \dots \dots HTH$$

T-count is 102 (100 is optimal).

$\epsilon = 10^{-20}$, T-count 200 (198 optimal).

$\epsilon = 10^{-2000}$, T-count 19942 (19934 optimal)

"V-GATES" (ALL ARE SPECIAL CASES
OF A GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
LUBOTZKY - PHILLIPS - S 88)

$$V_1 = \frac{I+2iX}{\sqrt{5}}, V_2 = \frac{I+2iY}{\sqrt{5}}, V_3 = \frac{I+2iZ}{\sqrt{5}}$$

THE GROUP (GATES) GENERATED BY
 V_1, V_2, V_3 IS FREE. THE NUMBER
 N_t OF (REDUCED) WORDS OF LENGTH $\leq t$ IS

$$N_t = 6 \cdot 5^{t-1}.$$

THE BASIC PROBLEM IS TO APPROXIMATE
AN ARBITRARY GEG BY CIRCUITS OF
MINIMAL AND SHORT LENGTH.

- ALGORITHM ; HERE WE SEEK
SOMETHING LIKE A CONTINUED
FRACTION ALGORITHM IN G
- HOW WELL DO THE GATES DO?

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EUCLID AND CONTINUED FRACTIONS:

ACCORDING TO KNUTH AND NOW
WIKIPEDIA "THE EUCLIDIAN ALGORITHM
TO COMPUTE THE GCD IS ONE OF THE
OLDEST ALGORITHMS THAT IS STILL USED"

CLOSELY RELATED IS THE CONTINUED
FRACTION ALGORITHM:

LET $\frac{a}{q} \in [0, 1]$, $(a, q) = 1$, $q \in \mathbb{Q}$
BE THE FAREY FRACTIONS OF ORDER Q .

THE CONTINUED FRACTION ALGORITHM GIVES
THE a/q CLOSEST TO $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ (WHICH IS
GIVEN) AND FAST, $\text{POLY}(\log Q)$.

BASED ON THE PROJECTIVE LINEAR
TRANSFORMATIONS

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

WHICH GENERATE $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

DIOPHANTINE ANALYSIS:

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HOW WELL DO THESE \mathbb{Q}^2 POINTS DO?

• RATIONALS WITH SMALL DENOMINATOR REPEL

$$\left| \frac{a}{q} - \frac{a'}{q'} \right| \geq \frac{1}{q q'} \quad (\geq \frac{1}{Q^2})$$

• BY DIRICHLET'S BOX PRINCIPLE -SHARP

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{a}{q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}, \text{ some } q \leq Q.$$

$-2 + o(1)$

• MOST INTERVALS OF LENGTH Q
HAVE A FAREY POINT.

IT TURNS OUT THAT AT
THE HEART OF NAVIGATING $P\mathbb{U}(2)$
WITH "GOLDEN GATES" IS
STRONG APPROXIMATION FOR QUADRICS
IN A^4 .

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STRONG APPROXIMATION:

CONCERNED WITH THE DENSITY (REAL AND p -ADIC) OF INTEGER POINTS ON AFFINE VARIETIES.

HYPERSURFACES:

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

$$X_m : F(x) = m.$$

$X_m(\mathbb{Z})$ INTEGER SOLUTIONS.

FOR $q \geq 1$, $X_m(\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\text{mod } q} X_m(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})$.

DO WE GET ALL SOLUTIONS mod q ?
(p -ADIC DENSITY).

ARCHIMEDEAN DENSITY, SAY F
IS HOMOGENEOUS DEGREE k ; project

$$\frac{x}{m^{1/k}} \in X_1(\mathbb{R})$$

CAN WE APPROXIMATE $\beta \in X_1(\mathbb{R})$ BY SUCH
AS $m \rightarrow \infty$.

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IN GENERAL THESE ARE HOPELESS PROBLEMS,
EVEN WHETHER $X(Z) \neq \emptyset$ HAS NO DECISION
PROCEDURE. THE ONLY GENERAL METHOD
TO PRODUCE MANY POINTS AND WITH IT
STRONG APPROXIMATION IS THE HARDY-
LITTLEWOOD CIRCLE METHOD. HOWEVER IT
REQUIRES MANY VARIABLES COMPARED TO
THE DEGREES. MUCH EFFORT IS PUT
INTO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF VARIABLES
(EG WOOLEY'S WORK FOR DIAGONAL F).

BALLS IN BOXES:

WHAT IS THE OPTIMAL FORM OF
STRONG APPROXIMATION THAT ONE CAN ACHIEVE?

IF ONE PLACES N BALLS IN N -BOXES
ONE HAS TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO
HAVE EACH BOX OCCUPIED.

HOWEVER IF $\epsilon > 0$, THEN
PLACING N^{ϵ} BALLS IN N -BOXES AT
RANDOM WILL CAPTURE EACH BOX
WITH HIGH PROBABILITY AS $N \rightarrow \infty$,
AND ALMOST EVERY BOX WITH VERY HIGH PROB.

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QUADRATICS : $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
IS AN INTEGRAL QUADRATIC FORM
(MORE GENERALLY "S-INTEGRAL" OVER
A NUMBER FIELD K).

NO GO THEOREM (ADLEMAN-MANDERS,
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(QUADRATIC EQUATIONS ARE COMPUTATIONALLY HARD)

GIVEN a, b, h POSITIVE INTEGERS
THE PROBLEM : IS THERE AN
INTEGER $0 \leq x \leq h$ SUCH THAT

$$x^2 \equiv a \pmod{b}$$

IS "NP - COMPLETE"

AND THIS IS SO EVEN IF ONE
CAN FACTOR QUICKLY !

(THE LATTER IS SOMETHING
WE WILL ASSUME WE CAN DO)

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TWO VARIABLES
 $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = m$

OR INDEFINITE

IE A TORUS

$$X : x^2 - 2y^2 = 1$$

$X(\mathbb{Z})$ IS INFINITE AND A GROUP
(CYCLIC)

TORI NEVER OBEY STRONG APPROXIMATION
(BASICALLY: 2 IS NOT A PRIMITIVE
ROOT MOD MANY P'S).

ALGORITHMIC:

FERMAT: $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = p$, P AN ODD PRIME
HAS A SOLUTION IFF
 $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

CAN WE FIND x_1, x_2 QUICKLY?

YES! (SCHOOF 85) IN $\text{poly}(\log p)$ STEPS!

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = m$$

FACTOR $m = p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_k^{e_k}$

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SOLVE FOR EACH FACTOR $p_i^{e_i}$ THEN
MULTIPLY IN $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$.

• HOWEVER IF m HAS MANY PRIME FACTORS THERE CAN BE MORE THAN $\text{Poly}(\log m)$ SOLUTIONS AND THE PROBLEM OF FINDING THE CLOSEST ONE TO A POINT (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) SUFFERS THE SAME FATE AS WITH $A = M$.

THREE VARIABLES

$$X_m: x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = m > 0$$

$m \neq 4^a(8b+7)$ THEN $X_m(\mathbb{Z}) \neq 0$
GAUSS (1800).

$$N(m) = |X_m(\mathbb{Z})| \quad \text{SUBTLE}$$

$N(m) \rightarrow \infty$ AS $m \rightarrow \infty$
HEILBRONN (1934)

$$N(m) = m^{\frac{1}{2} + o(1)} \quad \text{SIEGEL - INEFFECTIVE!}$$

HOW DO THE PROJECTIONS DISTRIBUTE
THEMSELVES (IE $\frac{x}{\sqrt{m}}$) ON S^2 ?

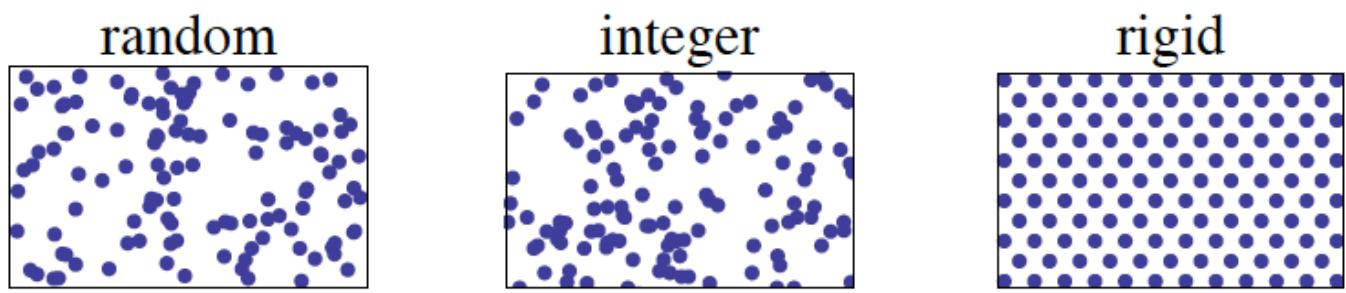


FIGURE 1. Lattice points coming from the prime $n = 1299709$ (center), versus random points (left) and rigid points (right). The plot displays an area containing about 120 points.

THEOREM (DUKE 87):

THESE $N(m)$ POINTS BECOME DENSE AS $m \rightarrow \infty$.

HOW DENSE?

BOURGAIN-RUDNICK-S (2014):

CONJECTURE WITH SOME EVIDENCE
THAT THESE POINTS BEHAVE LOCALLY
LIKE RANDOM POINTS (N OF THEM)

SO THAT THE COVERING RADIUS IS

$N^{-1/2+o(1)}$ (THE BALL RADIUS ε IN
 \mathbb{S}^2 HAS VOL $C\varepsilon^2$, SO " ε^{-2} BOXES").

IE OPTIMALLY SMALL!

- (B-R-S): ASSUME THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS FOR GL_2 AUTOMORPHIC L -FUNCTIONS, THE ALMOST ALL $\xi \in \mathbb{S}^2$ HAVE A POINT FROM X_m IN $B(\xi, N^{-1/2+o(1)})$, OPTIMAL!

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ALGORITHM : (ADAPTATION OF ROSS SELINGER)
ROOTS IN WORK OF PETIT, LAUTER,
QUASQUATER

FINDING THE POINT IN $X_m(\mathbb{Z})$

CLOSEST TO ANY GIVEN ζ IS HARD
(NP COMPLETE), BUT GIVEN $\zeta = \frac{a}{|a|}$

WITH $(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ FIXED OR SMALL
($\log m$ IN SIZE) AND $\epsilon > 0$ DETERMINES
IF THERE IS A POINT OF $X_m(\mathbb{Z})$ IN
 $B(\zeta, \epsilon)$. IF ONE CAN FACTOR QUICKLY
AND ASSUMES SOME HEURISTICS ABOUT
PRIMES THE ALGORITHM RUNS IN $\text{Poly}(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$.

IDEA: SAY $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (1, 0, 0)$

$$d^2 \left(\frac{(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\sqrt{m}}, (1, 0, 0) \right) < \epsilon^2$$

$$\sqrt{m} - x_1 \leq N \epsilon^2$$

So for each such x_1 solve

$$m - x_1^2 = x_2^2 + x_3^2 \dots$$

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FOUR VARIABLES

$$X_m: x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = m > 0$$

Lagrange $X_m(\mathbb{Z}) \neq \emptyset$

Jacobi: $N = |X_m(\mathbb{Z})| \approx m$.

ALGORITHM: (ROSS - SELINGER)

Given $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{S}^3$

and $\epsilon > 0$ determines if there is an $x \in X_m$ s.t. $\frac{x}{\sqrt{m}} \in B_\epsilon(\zeta)$ and provides one such x if there is one. Assuming that one can factor quickly and some strong heuristics about primes in certain sets, their algorithm runs in $\text{poly log } \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ steps.

While the heuristic assumptions are very strong, they are no doubt true for most ζ as above which is why the algorithm works in practice.

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DIOPHANTINE ANALYSIS:

(FOLLOWS L-P-S ANALYSIS USING THE
RAMANUJAN CONJECTURES)

(ii) EVERY BALL B IN S^3 OF
RADIUS $N^{-1/6}$ CONTAINS A POINT OF
 $X_m(\mathbb{Z})$.

(iii) "Almost all points $\xi \in S^3$
have an $x \in X_m(\mathbb{Z})$ in $B_\varepsilon(\xi)$
with $\varepsilon = N^{-1/3 + o(1)}$ (OPTIMAL!)

(iii) THERE ARE BIG HOLES
IE. POINTS $\eta \in S^3$ FOR WHICH
 $B_\varepsilon(\eta)$ HAS NO POINTS FROM $X_m(\mathbb{Z})$

WITH $\varepsilon = N^{-1/4}$

CONJECTURE: THE COVERING RADIUS IS $N^{-\frac{1}{4} + o(1)}$.

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FIVE OR MORE VARIABLES

N. SARDARI (PRINCETON THESIS 2016)
HAS DETERMINED THE EXACT COVERING
EXPONENT FOR STRONG APPROXIMATION FOR
ANY INTEGRAL QUADRATIC FORM F .

GHOSH - GORODNIK - NEVO HAVE DEVELOPED
A THEORY OF DIOPHANTINE APPROXIMATION
FOR HOMOGENEOUS VARIETIES FOR LINEAR
ALGEBRAIC GROUPS (" S -ARITHMETIC ORBITS")

CUBICS
FOR HOMOGENEOUS CUBIC FORMS F
 $X : F(x) = 0$ (PROJECTIVE)

THE SEARCH FOR RATIONAL POINTS
AND STRONG APPROXIMATION IS A VERY
ACTIVE TOPIC.

SEE THE 2014 SURVEY BY BROWNING
AND IN PARTICULAR WORKS OF
HEATH-BROWN, SWINNERTON-DYER, BROWNING,
SKOROBEGATOV, ...

OUR INTEREST IS IN INTEGRAL POINTS
ON AFFINE CUBIC SURFACES IN A^3
(IN A^2 THERE ARE ONLY FINITELY
MANY INTEGRAL POINTS — SIEGEL,
IN A^3 WE EXPECT FEW INTEGRAL
POINTS IN GENERAL; VOJTA CONJECTURES)

EG: $X_m : x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 = m$

IF $m \not\equiv 4 \text{ or } 5 \pmod{9}$, PERHAPS
 $|X_m(\mathbb{Z})| = \infty$. HOWEVER THE STRONGEST
FORMS OF STRONG APPROXIMATION FAILS
(CASSELS, HEATH-BROWN, COLLIOU-THELENE/
WITTENBERG)

MARKOFF SURFACES :

$$X_k : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 3x_1 x_2 x_3 = k$$

AFFINE CUBIC SURFACES.

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$$X_0: x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 3x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0$$

$X_0(\mathbb{Z})$ IS INFINITE; THE GROUP Γ OF NONLINEAR AFFINE MORPHISMS OF \mathbb{A}^3 GENERATED BY PERMUTATIONS, VIETA INVOLUTIONS $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (x_1, x_2, 3x_1 x_2 - x_3)$ AND $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (-x_1, -x_2, x_3)$, HAS TWO ORBITS ON $X_0(\mathbb{Z})$, $\{0, 0, 0\}$, $(1, 1, 1)$.

CONJECTURE (STRONG APPROXIMATION) BOURGAIN - GAMBURD - S

$X_0(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow X_0(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ IS ONTO FOR ALL PRIMES p .

THEOREM (B-G-S 2015):
THE SET OF PRIMES $p \leq T$ FOR WHICH STRONG APPROXIMATION FAILS IS $O_\epsilon(T^\epsilon)$, $\epsilon > 0$.

• THE TECHNIQUES INVOLVE NONLINEAR DYNAMICS, COMBINATORICS, ... CRITICAL TO THE ANALYSIS IS THE DETERMINATION OF THE FINITE ORBITS OF Γ IN $\mathbb{A}^3(\mathbb{C})$. THIS IS CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF ALGEBRAIC PAINLEVÉ VI !

BACK TO OPTIMAL UNIVERSAL QUANTUM GATES

H HAMILTON QUATERNIONS

$$x_1 + x_2 i + x_3 j + x_4 k$$

$$\alpha \in H(\mathbb{R}), \text{ Norm}(\alpha) = \bar{\alpha}\alpha = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2.$$

H(Z) INTEGRAL QUATERNIONS

THESE HAVE UNIQUE FACTORIZATION
(NON-COMMUTATIVE!) (HURWITZ).

$$v_1 = 1+2i, v_2 = 1+2j, v_3 = 1+2k$$

then up to units the elements of
H(Z) of Norm = 5 are $v_1, v_2, v_3, \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3$.

$$\alpha \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + ix_2 & x_2 + ix_3 \\ -x_2 + ix_3 & x_1 - ix_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a morphism of $H_1(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)$.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} v_j \rightarrow V_j \quad \text{the "V gates".}$$

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ALL ELEMENTS OF $H(\mathbb{Z})$ OF NORM 5^k ARE PRODUCTS (ESSENTIALLY UNIQUELY) OF $U_1, U_2, U_3, \bar{U}_1, \bar{U}_2, \bar{U}_3$.

KEY POINT: IF $N_m(\alpha) = 5^k$ THE
THE FACTORIZATION OF α AS A PRODUCT
OF k OF THE U_j 's CAN BE DETERMINED
EFFICIENTLY BY FACTORIZATION IN $H(\mathbb{Z})$!

THE CIRCUITS FORMED FROM V_1, V_3, V_3^{-1}
OF LENGTH k ARE IN BIJECTION WITH

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 5^k$$

$SU(2)$ WITH ITS INVARIANT METRIC
IS ISOMETRIC WITH S^3 ; $\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2 + \xi_4^2 = 1$.

HENCE GIVEN $g \in SU(2)$ TO BE
APPROXIMATED BY CIRCUITS OF LENGTH
 $\leq t$ AMOUNTS TO FINDING SOLUTIONS \mathbf{x}
 \mathbf{x} WITH $d\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{5^{k/2}}, \xi_g\right) < \varepsilon$.

• FOR g DIAGONAL, ROSS-SELINGER
GIVES SUCH AN \mathbf{x} .

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MOREOVER THE DIOPHANTINE ANALYSIS
ENSURES THAT MOST g 'S HAVE AN
OPTIMALLY SHORT CIRCUIT !

FOR A GENERAL $g \in SU(2)$ FIRST
FACTOR $g = a_1 a_2 a_3$ IN DIAGONALS
(EULER ANGLES) AND APPROXIMATE EACH
 a_j . THIS YIELDS A CIRCUIT WHICH IS
3-TIMES LONGER THAN OPTIMAL.

EXCEPT FOR THE LAST THIS GIVES
AN OPTIMAL NAVIGATION SCHEME
OF $SU(2)$ WITH V-GATES.

THE CLIFFORD + T GATES
ARE A VARIANT OF THE ABOVE.
THAT THE GROUP (UNITARY)
GENERATED BY THEM HAS A NUMBER
THEORETIC DEFINITION IS DUE TO
KLICHNIKOV-MASLOV-MOSCA (2012)
BOCHAROV-GUREVICH-SVORE (2012)

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IT IS ANOTHER SPECIAL CASE OF
A CONSTRUCTION VIA INTEGRAL QUATERNIONS.

H HAMILTON QUATERNIONS / K

$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, \mathbb{Q}_k INTEGERS
IN K.

THE PRIME 5 IN THE V-GATES
IS REPLACED BY THE PRIME $\sqrt{2}$
IN \mathbb{Q}_k .

AGAIN (REMARKABLY) THE T-COUNT
OF CIRCUITS IS k WHERE

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 2^k$$

WITH $x_j \in \mathbb{Q}_k$!

SO THE ALGORITHMS AND
DIOPHANTINE ANALYSIS PROCEEDED
AS BEFORE.

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