

Quantum Speedup on Exhaustive-search Attacks on Cryptosystems

Week 7 Report for Class 75

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Backgrounds

Mathematical Backgrounds

- Complex numbers
 - Complex plane $a + bi = (a, b)$
 - Complex polar $\rho e^{\phi i} = \rho \cos \phi + \rho \sin \phi i$
- 2-dimensional Hilbert space
 - A complex vector space, utilizing conjugate transposes.
 - When constricted to \mathbb{R} , same as \mathbb{R}^2 vector space.
- Most of the time on Week 4 was spent on understanding the mathematical backgrounds on 2-dimensional Hilbert spaces and special matrices which can only be considered on \mathbb{C} .
- Additionally, analyzing Grover's Algorithm implementation in Microsoft Q# was done.

Qubits

Qubits

- Quantum Bit(Qubit for short) is a probabilistic vector of information.
- $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- A general qubit is represented as $u = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$

Three Main Types of Operation

- Creation
- Reversible Operation
- Measurement

Creation

- As simple as creating $|0\rangle$ or $|1\rangle$.

Reversible Operation

- Represented using unitary matrix
 - $U^* U = U U^* = I$, where U^* is a conjugate transpose of U
- Two frequently used operations
 - X-gate $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (so-called NOT gate)
 - Hadamard Gate $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 - Hadamard Gate creates a Quantum Superposition

Measurement

- A non-deterministic(probabilistic) measure of a qubit u .
- For a vector $u = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ where $\|u\| = 1$
 - returns "true" with probability $\|\alpha\|^2$, and u becomes $|0\rangle$
 - returns "false" with probability $\|\beta\|^2$, and u becomes $|1\rangle$
- Destroys quantum superposition; often called "destructive".

Grover's Algorithm

Overview

- Grover's algorithm can find a specific state satisfying some condition among $N = 2^n$ candidates in $O(\sqrt{N})$ time, compared to classical runtime complexity $O(N)$.
- Grover's algorithm exploits qualities of quantum amplitudes to gain advantage of probability separation.
- It can brute-force 128-bit symmetric cryptographic key in roughly 2^{64} iterations.

Algorithm

Input:

- A quantum oracle \mathcal{O} which performs the operation $\mathcal{O} |x\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$, where $f(x) = 0$ for all $0 \leq x < 2^n$ except x_0 , for which $f(x_0) = 1$.
 - Such quantum oracle is viable, and takes $O(1)$ time.
- n qubits initialized to the state $|0\rangle$

Output: x_0 , in runtime $O(\sqrt{2^n})$ with error rate $O(\frac{1}{2^n})$

Algorithm

Procedure:

- ① $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$ (initial state)
- ② $H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle^{\otimes n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ (Hadamard transform)
- ③ $[(2|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| - I)\mathcal{O}]^R |\psi\rangle \approx |x_0\rangle$ (Grover iteration for $R \approx \frac{\pi}{4}\sqrt{2^n}$ times)
- ④ x_0 (measure)

Grover iteration in a nutshell: negate the amplitude of the desired state, followed by 'diffusion transform' which increases the amplitude of the desired state and lower the others.

Quantum S-DES Oracle

S-DES

- Simplified DES with 2 rounds
- Structure similar to DES but simplified with 10-bit key and 8-bit plaintext.
- Quantum oracle needs to be reversible, of which S-DES is (normally) not.

Quantumizing S-DES

- Most parts are permutations or compressions; no problems here.

- Two parts poses a challenge:

① S-Boxes

- Consists of lookup table: not ideal for our situation.
- Currently working on breaking it down to fundamental and/or/not-gates
 - Possibly change up the set of gates?
 - Possibly automate generation on S-Boxes on actual DES?
- Classic gates are not reversible; use CNOT/CCNOT gates to make them reversible.

② Expansion

- Due to No-cloning theorem, directly copying a qubit is not possible.
- Currently looking for a workaround; i.e. partially using classic bits or use 0-initialized qubits and XOR operation.
- Increasing the number of qubits is a final resort.

Current Works and Future Plans

Work in Progress(Mingyu Cho)

- Read a paper on AES quantum oracle
- Basic Assumption: a valid encryption pair(of 1-block length) is given, and the target is to gain the key.
- Broken S-DES down to its fundamentals; working on conversion to quantum.
- Implement a non-quantum S-DES for testing the quantum version(once completed).

Work in Progress(Sangheon Lee)

- Still learning Microsoft Q# syntax such as (implicit) closure
- Learn how to construct an oracle in Grover's (by phase kickback trick)
- Devise classic logical gates(AND, OR, XOR) in quantum computing via CCNOT gate (a.k.a Toffoli gate)
- Understand S-DES fundamentals

Future Plans

- Construct and test S-DES and apply Grover's.
 - Since S-DES consists of various components, all of these must be implemented carefully and in order
- Hope to import Microsoft Q# implementation to qiskit (IBM Quantum Experience)
- Reduce complexity of quantum gates if possible (as Prof. Hong suggested)