

# 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
  - $U^*U = UU^* = I$ , 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(i.e. using Ancilla Bits) 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)