

Outline:

- Order-finding (period of modular exponentiation)
 - Shor's algorithm.
- Shor's algorithm → Classically transformed into "order-finding" problem
→ apply Quantum order-finding algorithm.
- Quantum order-finding algorithm { Quantum Phase Estimation → Inverse QFT
Continuous fractions algorithm

■ Basics of number theory

- (I) • For N integer

① 1

② prime number 2, 3, 5

③ composite number $p \times q$, $p, q \neq 1$

- For any integer N , we have the following decomposition.

$$N = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n} \quad (\text{fundamental theorem of arithmetic})$$

Example $N = 84$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 | 84 \\ 2 | 42 \\ 3 | 21 \\ \hline & 7 \end{array} \quad 84 = 2^2 3^1 7^1$$

Sieve N check all prime $1 < p \leq \sqrt{N}$

- Factoring: Given $N = pq$, output p, q .

- gcd of N and M

▷ $a|b$ means b is divisible by a

Example $3|9$, $2|8$, ...

▷ Let $a|M$, $a|N$ a is called common divisor of M and N , the largest such a is greatest common divisor $\gcd(M, N)$

$$\gcd(M, N) | M, \quad \gcd(M, N) | N$$

▷ If $\gcd(M, N) = 1$, M, N coprime.

(II) Modular arithmetic [motivation of order-finding]

- Def Given integer $N > 1$, called a modulus; two integers a, b are called congruent modulo N , if N is a divisor of their difference
 $N|(a-b)$ (or \exists integer k such that $a-b = k \cdot N$).

• Congruence modulo N

$$a \equiv b \pmod{N}$$

▷ b is the remainder when dividing a by N

▷ Example ① $\frac{28}{5} = 5 \cdots 3$

$$5 \times 5 + 3$$

$$28 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$28 - 3 = 5 \times 5$$

② $\frac{19}{3} = 6 \cdots 1$

$$3 \times 6 + 1$$

$$19 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

• Modular arithmetic

▷ Fix $N > 1$ integer, the remainder can only be

$0, 1, \dots, N-1$

▷ Fix a, N

$$a \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

$$a \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

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$$a \equiv N-1 \pmod{N}$$

- Modular exponentiation

▷ motivation:

$$2^0 \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^1 \pmod{7} = 2 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^2 \pmod{7} = 4 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^3 \pmod{7} = 8 \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^4 \pmod{7} = 16 \pmod{7} = 2 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^5 \pmod{7} = 32 \pmod{7} = 4 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^6 \pmod{7} = 64 \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^7 \pmod{7} = 128 \pmod{7} = 2 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^8 \pmod{7} = 256 \pmod{7} = 4 \pmod{7},$$

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6\}$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}_7$$

Def Fix a and N (modulus), find the smallest $r > 0$ such that $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

This r is called the order or α modulo N .

Remark ① $(\mathbb{Z}_N, +)$ is a group

② (\mathbb{Z}_N, \cdot) is not a group in general.

\mathbb{Z}_N^\times is a group of order $\varphi(N)$.

Claim: ① For a, N integers, and a, N coprime, $\gcd(a, N) = 1$.

There always exist an r such that

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}.$$

② The order of a modulo N must satisfy $1 \leq r \leq N$.

Claim (not crucial for us here):

① Fermat's little theorem: p prime, a is arbitrary integer
then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

proof: Group theory

② Generalized Fermat's little theorem: a, N coprime,
then $a^{\varphi(N)} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ \Rightarrow order of a modulo N
★ $\varphi(N)$ is the Euler function must divide $\varphi(N)$
the number of positive integers that is coprime with N

Example. ① $\varphi(5) = 4$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textcircled{2} \quad \varphi(3) = 2 & a=1, a=2 & a \cancel{=} \\ & N=3 & N=3 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \varphi(10) = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{llllll} a=1 & a=2 & a=3 & a=4 & a=5 & a=6 \\ \checkmark & \times & \checkmark & \times & \times & \times \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} a=7 & a=8 & a=9 & a=10 \\ \checkmark & \times & \checkmark & \times \end{array}$$

★ For $N=7$, $a=2$ $\varphi(7)=6$

$$2^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\varphi(N) = \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_j-1} (p_j - 1) \quad N = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$$

- modular exponentiation period $\Leftrightarrow \bullet \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$
if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

▷ Claim: $\left. \begin{array}{l} a \equiv x \pmod{N} \\ b \equiv y \pmod{N} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a \cdot b \equiv x \cdot y \pmod{N}$
★ !!!

$$a = kN + x$$

$$b = lN + y$$

$$a \cdot b = (kN+x) \cdot (lN+y)$$

$$= klN^2 + lyN + xkN + xy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright \quad a^0 &\equiv x_0 \pmod{N} & x_0 = 1 \\ a^1 &\equiv x_1 \pmod{N} \\ &\vdots \\ a^{N-1} &\equiv x_{N-1} \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^r &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} \\ a^{\varphi(N)} &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r \mid \varphi(N) \\ \text{otherwise} \quad \varphi(N) &= kr + s \quad 0 \leq s < r \\ a^{\varphi(N)} &\equiv a^{kr} \cdot a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \\ &\equiv 1 \cdot a^s \pmod{N} \\ \Rightarrow \quad a^s &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad \text{contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

\triangleright Claim: there is a period $a^n \pmod{N}$ for n .
the period is the order r .

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} a^0 &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} & x_0 = 1 \\ a^1 &\equiv x_1 \pmod{N} \\ &\vdots \\ a^{r-1} &\equiv x_{r-1} \pmod{N} \\ a^r &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} & x_r = 1 \\ a^{r+1} &\equiv a^r \cdot a^1 \pmod{N} \equiv x_r \cdot x_1 \equiv x_1 \\ a^{r+2} &\equiv a^r \cdot a^2 \pmod{N} \equiv x_r \cdot x_2 \equiv x_2 \\ a^{r+3} &\equiv \dots \\ &\vdots \\ \text{period} &= \text{order} \end{aligned}$$

IV Quantum order-finding algorithm

(I) Problem: modular exponentiation period-finding problem.
Given a, N such that $\gcd(a, N) = 1$
Find the order r

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

(II) Classical solution:

Repeating square method

- input some n and calculate

$$a^n \equiv x_n \pmod{N}$$

Difficulty: calculating x_n

- Example. $q_1 = a \quad N = 131 \quad n = 43$

$$q_1^{43} \equiv x_{43} \pmod{131}$$

$$x_{43} = ?$$

$$43 = 101011_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 \\ &= 1 \cdot 32 + 0 \cdot 16 + 1 \cdot 8 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_1^{43} \pmod{131} &= q_1^{1 \cdot 32 + 0 \cdot 16 + 1 \cdot 8 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1} \pmod{131} \\ &= q_1^{32} q_1^{0 \cdot 16} q_1^{1 \cdot 8} q_1^{0 \cdot 4} q_1^{1 \cdot 2} q_1^{1 \cdot 1} \pmod{131} \\ &= (q_1^{32})^1 (q_1^{16})^0 (q_1^8)^1 (q_1^4)^0 (q_1^2)^1 (q_1^1)^1 \pmod{131} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_1^1 \pmod{131} = q_1 \pmod{131},$$

$$q_1^2 \pmod{131} = 8281 \pmod{131} = 28 \pmod{131},$$

$$q_1^4 \pmod{131} = (q_1^2)^2 \pmod{131} = 28^2 \pmod{131} = 784 \pmod{131} = 129 \pmod{131},$$

$$q_1^8 \pmod{131} = (q_1^4)^2 \pmod{131} = 129^2 \pmod{131} = 16641 \pmod{131} = 4 \pmod{131},$$

$$q_1^{16} \pmod{131} = (q_1^8)^2 \pmod{131} = 4^2 \pmod{131} = 16 \pmod{131},$$

$$q_1^{32} \pmod{131} = (q_1^{16})^2 \pmod{131} = 16^2 \pmod{131} = 256 \pmod{131} = 125 \pmod{131}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_1^{43} \pmod{131} &= (125)^1 (16)^0 (4)^1 (129)^0 (28)^1 (91)^1 \pmod{131} \\ &= 125 \cdot 4 \cdot 28 \cdot 91 \pmod{131} \\ &= 1274000 \pmod{131} \\ &= 25 \pmod{131} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 125 \cdot 4 \cdot 28 \cdot 91 \bmod 131 &= 125(4(28 \cdot 91)) \bmod 131 \\
 &= 125(4(2548)) \bmod 131 \\
 &= 125(4(59)) \bmod 131 \\
 &= 125(236) \bmod 131 \\
 &= 125(105) \bmod 131 \\
 &= 13125 \bmod 131 \\
 &= 25 \bmod 131.
 \end{aligned}$$

(III) Quantum order-finding algorithm.

- Procedure:**
- ① Quantum phase estimation $\theta = \frac{s}{n}$
 - ② From phase to obtain the order n via continuous fractions

(a) Map the order into phase

• Unitary operator:

Fix a, N construct a unitary operator $\gcd(a, N) = 1$

$$U_{a,N} |y\rangle = |a \cdot y \pmod{N}\rangle \quad y = 0, \dots, N-1$$

• Exercise: Show that $U_{a,N}$ is unitary

$$N=5 \quad a=2$$

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle \quad 0$$

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 1\rangle = |2\rangle \quad 2$$

$$|2\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 2\rangle = |4\rangle \quad 4$$

$$|3\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 3\rangle = |6\rangle = |1\rangle \quad 1$$

$$|4\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 4\rangle = |8\rangle = |3\rangle \quad 3$$

one-to-one and orthogonal

only need to show that $U_{a,N}$ is one-to-one.

► To show $U_{a,N} |y_1\rangle \neq U_{a,N} |y_2\rangle$ if $y_1 \neq y_2 \pmod{N}$

assume that

$$ay_1 \equiv ay_2 \pmod{N}$$

$$ay_1 - ay_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow N \mid a(y_1 - y_2)$$

$$\text{since } \gcd(N, a) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow N \mid (y_1 - y_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y_1 \equiv y_2 \pmod{N}$$

- Suppose the order is r

$$U^0|1\rangle = |1 \pmod{N}\rangle = |a^0 \pmod{N}\rangle,$$

$$U^1|1\rangle = |a \pmod{N}\rangle = |a^1 \pmod{N}\rangle,$$

$$U^2|1\rangle = |a^2 \pmod{N}\rangle,$$

$$U^3|1\rangle = |a^3 \pmod{N}\rangle,$$

⋮

$$U^r|1\rangle = |a^r \pmod{N}\rangle = |a^0 \pmod{N}\rangle.$$

- Eigenstates of $U_{a, N}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_s\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} |a^0 \pmod{N}\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} |a^1 \pmod{N}\rangle + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(r-2)/r} |a^{r-2} \pmod{N}\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} |a^{r-1} \pmod{N}\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-2\pi i sk/r} |a^k \pmod{N}\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

eigenvalues : $\exp\left(\frac{2\pi i \zeta}{r}\right)$

$$\zeta = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$$

Proof :

$$\begin{aligned}
U|v_s\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-2\pi i s k / r} U |a^k \bmod N\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s (0) / r} U |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (1) / r} U |a^1 \bmod N\rangle + \dots \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s (r-2) / r} U |a^{r-2} \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (r-1) / r} U |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s (0) / r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (1) / r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s (r-2) / r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (r-1) / r} \underbrace{|a^r \bmod N\rangle}_{|a^0 \bmod N\rangle} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s (r-1) / r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (0) / r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s (1) / r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i s (r-2) / r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by $1 = e^0 = e^{2\pi i s / r - 2\pi i s / r} = e^{2\pi i s / r} e^{-2\pi i s / r}$, this becomes

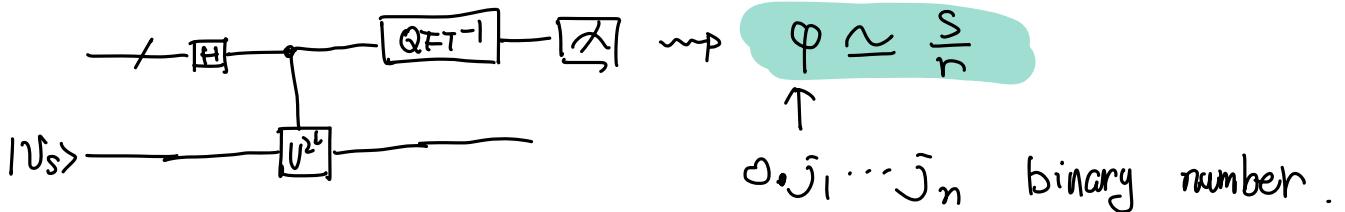
$$\begin{aligned}
U|v_s\rangle &= e^{2\pi i s / r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s (r) / r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (1) / r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s (2) / r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i s (r-1) / r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Note the first coefficient $e^{-2\pi i s (r) / r} = e^{-2\pi i s} = 1$ since s is an integer, and since $e^{-2\pi i s (0) / r} = 1$, the equation can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
U|v_s\rangle &= e^{2\pi i s / r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s (0) / r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s (1) / r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s (2) / r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i s (r-1) / r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right) \\
&= e^{2\pi i s / r} |v_s\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $|v_s\rangle$ is an eigenvector of U with eigenvalue $e^{2\pi i s / r}$.

(b) phase estimation of $U_{a, N}$, $|v_s\rangle$



(c) Obtain the order r from $\varphi = 0.\bar{j}_1 \cdots \bar{j}_n \approx \frac{r}{s}$

continued fractions (approximate arbitrary $\frac{p}{q}$)

$$[a_0, \dots, a_M] \equiv a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\dots + \frac{1}{a_M}}}}$$

- 0th order $[a_0] = a_0$

- 1st order $[a_0, a_1] = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1}$

- 2nd order $[a_0, a_1, a_2] = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2}}$
 \vdots

Now, we have $\varphi = 0.\bar{j}_1 \cdots \bar{j}_n \approx \frac{s}{r}$

To find r , notice that $r \approx N$

Find best expression of

$$\varphi = 0.\bar{j}_1 \cdots \bar{j}_n = \frac{\tilde{s}}{\tilde{r}} \quad \tilde{r} < N$$

Example. $\varphi = 0.1562 = \frac{1562}{10000} = 0 + \frac{1562}{10000}$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{\frac{10000}{1562}}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{528}{1562}}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{\frac{1562}{528}}}$$

$$= 0 + \cfrac{1}{6 + \cfrac{1}{2 + \cfrac{306}{628}}}$$

$$0.1562 = 0 + \cfrac{1}{6 + \cfrac{1}{2 + \cfrac{1}{2 + \cfrac{1}{19 + \frac{1}{8}}}}}$$

$\cong \frac{s}{r}$

Now suppose that $N = 7$ we have $r < N$.

0th convergent = $[0] = 0$,

$$\text{1st convergent} = [0, 6] = 0 + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6},$$

$$\text{2nd convergent} = [0, 6, 2] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{13},$$

$$\text{3rd convergent} = [0, 6, 2, 2] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{5}{32},$$

$$\text{4rd convergent} = [0, 6, 2, 2, 19] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{19}}}} = \frac{97}{621},$$

$$\text{5th convergent} = [0, 6, 2, 2, 19, 8] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{19 + \frac{1}{8}}}}} = \frac{781}{5000}.$$

■ Shor's algorithm

(I) RSA cryptosystem. (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman)

$$N = p q \quad \text{Euler function } \varphi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

▷ choose $e < \varphi(N)$ and $\gcd(e, N) = 1$

public key (e, N)

▷ Euler theorem: If $\gcd(x, N) = 1 \exists y$ such that
 $x^y \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

▷ Since $\gcd(e, \varphi(N)) = 1$

secret key $d = e^{-1}$

(d, N) $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$

▷ Encryption: $a^e \equiv b \pmod{N}$ \sqrt{?} a is secret message

Decryption: $b^d \equiv a^{ed} \equiv a^{k\varphi(N) + 1} \pmod{N}$
 $\equiv a \pmod{N}$

If for arbitrary $N = p q$, we can find p, q , then we can directly break it !! (Shor's algorithm).

(II) Shor's algorithm

• Problem. Input $N = p \cdot q$

Output p, q

• Shor's algorithm.

(a) Classically transform the factoring problem into an order-finding prob.

① Pick arbitrary $1 < a < N$.

calculate $\gcd(a, N)$

If : (i) $\gcd(a, N) = p \neq 1$ done !

(ii) $\gcd(a, N) = 1$ step ②

② Find order of a modulo N .

If : (i) r is odd, go back to step ①

and choose different a

(ii) r is even, calculate $a^{\frac{r}{2}} \pmod{N}$

{ if " $= N-1$ " go back to step ①
if " $\neq N-1$ " go to step ③

The reason will become clear later.

③ r even

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

$$(a^r - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

$$a^r - 1 = kN = kpq$$

$$(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1)(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1) = kpq$$

Since p, q are prime numbers,

1. $\underbrace{(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1)}_c \underbrace{(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1)}_{kpq} = kpq,$

2. $\underbrace{(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1)}_{cp} \underbrace{(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1)}_{dq} = kpq,$

3. $\underbrace{(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1)}_{cpq} \underbrace{(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1)}_a = kpq.$

Since $(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

$(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

1 and 3 are impossible

Proof. suppose $(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{r}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

contradiction with the definition of r

suppose $(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{r}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{N}$$
$$\equiv N-1 \pmod{N}$$

This is not true because in step ② we have assume that this is not true.

④ $p = \gcd(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1, N)$

$$q = \gcd(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1, N)$$