# Quantum Computation

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# 0 Introduction

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Thursday 8 November lecture is moved to Saturday 10 November 11am (still MR4).

—Lecture 2—

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Recall that we have an oracle  $U_f$  for  $f: \mathbb{Z}_M \to \mathbb{Z}_N$  periodic, with period r, A = M/r. We want to find r in O(poly(m)) time where  $m = \log M$ .

### The quantum algorithm

Work on state space  $\mathcal{H}_M \otimes \mathcal{N}$  with basis  $\{|i\rangle|k\rangle\}_{i\in\mathbb{Z}_M,k\in\mathbb{Z}_N}$ .

- Step 1. Make state  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\sum_{i=0}^{M-1}|i\rangle|0\rangle$ . Step 2. Apply  $U_f$  to get  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\sum_{i=0}^{M-1}|i\rangle|f(i)\rangle$ . Step 3. Measure the 2nd register to get a result y. By Born rule, the first register collapses to all those i's (and only those) with f(i) equal to the seen y, i.e.  $i = x_0, x_0 + r, ..., x_0 + (A-1)r$ , where  $0 \le x_0 < r$  in 1st period has f(m) = y. Discard 2nd register to get  $|per\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A}} \sum_{j=0}^{A-1} |x_0 + jr\rangle$ .

Note: each of the r possible function values y occurs with same probability 1/r, so  $0 \le x_0 < r$  has been chosen uniformly at random.

If we now measure  $|per\rangle$ , we'd get a value  $x_0 + jr$  for uniformly random j, i.e. random element  $(x_0^{th})$  of a random period  $(j^{th})$ , i.e. random element of  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ , so we could get no information about r.

• Step 4. Apply quantum Fourier transform mod M (QFT) to  $|per\rangle$ . Recall the definition of QFT:  $QFT: |x\rangle \to \sum_{y=0}^{M-1} \omega^{xy} |y\rangle$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/M}$  is the Mth root of unity. The existing result is that QFT mod M can be implemented in  $O(M^2)$  time.

Then we get

$$QFT|per\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{MA}} \sum_{j=0}^{A-1} \left( \sum_{y=0}^{M-1} \omega^{(x_0+jr)y} |y\rangle \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{MA}} \sum_{y=0}^{M-1} \omega^{x_0y} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{A-1} \omega^{jry} \right] |y\rangle \ (*)$$

where we group all the terms with the same  $|y\rangle$  together. One good thing is that the sum inside the square bracket is a geometric series, with ratio  $\alpha = \omega^{ry} = e^{2\pi i r y/M} = (e^{2\pi i/A})^{y}.$ 

Hence term inside bracket = A if  $\alpha = 1$ , i.e.  $y = kA = k\frac{M}{r}, k = 0, 1, ..., (r-1),$ and equals 0 otherwise when  $\alpha \neq 1$ . Now

$$QFT|per\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{A}{M}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} \omega^{x_0 k \frac{M}{r}} |k \frac{M}{r}\rangle$$

The random shift  $x_0$  now appears only in phase, so measurement probabilities are now independent of  $x_0!$ 

Measuring  $QFT|per\rangle$  gives a value c, where  $c=k_0\frac{M}{r}$  with  $0 \le k_0 \le r-1$  chosen uniformly at random. Thus  $\frac{k_0}{r} = \frac{c}{M}$ , note that c, M are known, r is unknown (what we want), and  $k_0$  is unknown but uniformly random.

So note that if we are lucky and get a  $k_0$  that is coprime to r then we could just simplify  $\frac{c}{M}$  to get r. Obviously we cannot be always lucky every time, but by theorem in number theory, the number of integers < r coprime to rgrows as  $O(r/\log\log r)$  for large r, so we know probability of  $k_0$  coprime to r is  $O(\frac{1}{\log\log r}).$ 

Then by some probability calculation we know that O(1/p) trials are enough to achieve  $1 - \varepsilon$  probability of success.

So after Step 4, cancel c/M to the lowest terms a/b, giving r as denominator b (if  $k_0$  is coprime to r). Check b value by computing f(0) and f(b), since b=r iff f(0) = f(b).

Repeating  $K = O(\log \log r)$  times gives r with any desired probability.

Further insights into utility of QFT here:

Write  $R = \{0, r, 2r, ..., (A-1)r\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_M$ .  $|R\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A}} \sum_{k=0}^{A-1} |kr\rangle$ , and  $|per\rangle =$  $|x_0+R\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{A}}\sum_{k=0}^{A-1}|x_0+br\rangle$  where  $x_0$  is the random shift that caused problem

For each  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_M$ , consider mapping  $k \to k + x_0$  (shift by  $x_0$ ) on  $\mathbb{Z}_M$ , which is a 1-1 invertible map.

So linear map  $U(x_0)$  on  $\mathcal{H}_M$  defined by  $U(x_0):|k\rangle \to |k+x_0\rangle$  is unitary, and  $|x_0 + R\rangle = U(x_0)|R\rangle.$ 

Since  $(\mathbb{Z}_M, +)$  is abelian,  $U(x_0)U(x_1) = U(x_0 + x_1) = U(x_1)U(x_0)$  i.e. all  $U(x_0)$ 's commute as operators on  $\mathcal{H}_M$ .

So we have orthonormal basis of common eigenvectors  $|\chi_k\rangle_{k\in\mathbb{Z}_M}$ , called *shift* invariant states.

 $U(x_0)|\chi_k\rangle = \omega(x_0,k)|\chi_k\rangle$  for all  $x_0,k\in\mathbb{Z}_M$  with  $|\omega(x_0,k)|=1$ . Now consider

 $|R\rangle$  written in  $|\chi\rangle$  basis,  $|R\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} a_k |\chi_k\rangle$  where  $a_k$ 's depending on r (not  $x_0$ ). Then  $|per\rangle = U(x_0)|R\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} a_k \omega(x_0, k)|\chi_k\rangle$ , and measurement in the  $\chi$ -basis has  $prob(k) = |a_k \omega(x_0, k)|^2 = |a_k|^2$  which is independent of  $x_0$ , i.e. giving information about r!

#### —Lecture 3—

Recall last time we had  $\mathcal{H}_M$ : shift operations  $U(x_0)|y\rangle = |y+x_0\rangle$  for  $x_0,y\in$ 

 $\mathbb{Z}_M$ , which all permute, so have a common eigenbasis (shift invariant states)

 $\{|\chi_k\rangle\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z}_M},\ U(x_0)|x_k\rangle=\omega(x_0,k)|\chi_k\rangle.$  Measurement of  $|x_0+R\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{A}}\sum_{l=0}^{A-1}|x_0+l_r\rangle=U(x_0)|R\rangle$  in  $|\chi\rangle$  basis has output distribution independent of  $x_0$ , therefore gives information about r.

Introduce QFT as the unitary mapping that rotates  $\chi$ -basis to standard basis, i.e. define  $QFT|\chi_k\rangle = |k\rangle$ . So QFT followed by measurement implements  $\chi$ -basis

Explicit form of  $|\chi_k\rangle$  eigenspaces (!): consider

$$|\chi_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} e^{-2\pi i k l/M} |l\rangle$$

Then

$$\begin{split} U(x_0)|\chi_k\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} e^{-2\pi i k l/M} |l+x_0\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{\tilde{l}=0}^{M-1} e^{-2\pi i k (\tilde{l}-x_0)/M} |\tilde{l}\rangle \text{ where } \tilde{l} = l+x_0 \\ &= e^{2\pi i k x_0/M} \cdot |\chi_k\rangle \end{split}$$

i.e. these are the shift invariant staets, eigenvalues  $\omega(x_0,k)=e^{2\pi i k x_0/M}$ .

Matrix of QFT: So

$$[QFT^{-1}]_{lk} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}e^{-2\pi i lk/M}$$

(componets of  $|\chi_k\rangle = QFT^{-1}|k\rangle$  as  $k^{th}$  column). So

$$[QFT]_{kl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}e^{2\pi i lk/M}$$

as expected.

## 2 The hidden subgroup problem (HSP)

Let G be a finite group of size |G|. Given (oracle for) function  $f: G \to X$  (X is some set), and promise that there is a subgroup K < G such that f is constant on (left) cosets of K in G, and f is distinct on distinct cosets.

The problem: determine the *hidden subgroup* K (e.g. output a set of generators, or sample uniformly from K).

We want to solve in time  $O(poly(\log |G|))$  (an efficient algorithm) with any constant probability  $1 - \varepsilon$ .

Examples of problems that can be cast(?) as HSPs:

(i) periodicity:  $f: \mathbb{Z}_M \to X$ , periodic with period r. Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_m, +)$ , the hidden subgroup is  $K = \{0, r, 2r, ...\} < G$ , cosets  $x_0 + K = \{x_0, x_0 + r, x_0 + 2r, ...\}$ . The period r is generator of K.

(ii) discrete logarithm: for prime p,  $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, 2, ..., p-1\}$  with multiplication mod p.  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  is a generator (or primitive root mod p). If powers generate all of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{g^0 = 1, g^1, ..., g^{p-2}\}$ , then also  $g^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  (easy number theory). Fact: the generator always exists if p is prime. So any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  can be written  $x = g^y$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ , write  $y = \log_q x$  called the discrete log of x to base g.

Discrete log problem: given a generator g and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , compute  $y = \log_g x$  (classically hard).

To express as HSP, consider  $f: \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \to \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ :  $f(a,b) = g^a x^{-b} \mod p = g^{a-yb} \mod p$ .

Then check:  $f(a_1, b_1) = f(a_2, b_2)$  iff  $(a_2, b_2) = (a_1, b_1) + \lambda(y, 1)$  where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ .

So if  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ ,  $K = \{\lambda(y,1) : \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}\} < G$ . Then f is constant and distinct on the cosets of K in G, and generator (y,1) gives  $y = \log_a x$ .

(iii) graph problems (G non-abelian now): consider undirected graph  $A = \{V, E\}$ , |V| = n, with at most one edge between any two vertices. Label vertices by  $[n] = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ .

Introduce the permutation group  $\mathcal{P}_n$  of [n]. Define Aut(A) to be the group of automorphisms of A, which is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{P}_n$ , containing exactly the permutations  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n$  such that for all  $i, j \in [n]$ ,  $(i, j) \in E \iff (\pi(i), \pi(j)) \in E$ , i.e. the labelled graph  $\pi(A)$  obtained by permuting labels of A by  $\pi$  is the same labelled graph as A.

Associated HSP: Take  $G = \mathcal{P}_n$ . Let X be set of all labelled graphs on n vertices. Given A, consider  $f_A : \mathcal{P}_n \to X$  by  $f_A(\pi) = \pi(A)$ , A with labels permuted by  $\pi$ . The associated hiiden subroup is Aut(A) = K.

Application: if we can sample uniformly from this K, then we can solve graph isomorphism problem (GI): two labelled graphs A, B are isomorphic if there is 1-1 map  $\pi: [n] \to [n]$  such that for all  $i, j \in [n]$ , i, j is an edge in A iff  $\pi(i), \pi(j)$  is an edge in B, i.e. A and B are the same graph but just labelled differently.

Let's come back to the graph isomorphism problem.

Problem: given A, B, decide if  $A \cong B$  or not. This can be expressed as a non-abelian HSP (on example sheet), no known classical polynomial time algorithm. However it is in NP, but it is not believed to be NP-complete.

Recent result (2017): a quasi-poly time classical algorithm (L.Babai).

Quantum algorithm for finite abelian HSP: Write group (G, +) additively.

Construction of shift invariant states and FT for G:

Let's introduce some representation theory for abelian group G. Consider mapping  $\chi: G \to \mathbb{C}^* = (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  satisfying  $\chi(g_1 + g_2) = \chi(g_1)\chi(g_2)$ , i.e.  $\chi$  is a group homomorphism. Such  $\chi$ 's are called *irreducible* representations of G. We have the following properties (without proof), which we'll call Theorem A later when we refer to it:

(i) any value  $\chi(g)$  is a  $|G|^{th}$  root of unity (so  $\chi: G \to S^1 = \text{unit circle in } \mathbb{C}$ );

(ii) (Schur's lemma, orthogonality): If  $\chi_i$  and  $\chi_j$  are representations, then  $\sum_{g \in G} \chi_i(g) \bar{\chi}_j(g) = \delta_{ij} |G|$ ;

(iii) there are always exactly |G| different representations  $\chi$  (well, this is a special case of general representation theory).

By (iii), we can label  $\chi$ 's as  $\chi_g$  for  $g \in G$ . For example,  $\chi(g) = 1$  for all  $g \in G$  is always an irreducible representation (the trivial representation), labelled  $\chi_0$ ; Then by orthogonality (ii) for any  $\chi \neq \chi_0$  gives  $\sum_{g \in G} \chi(g) = 0$ .

Shift invariant states: in space  $\mathcal{H}_{|G|}$  with basis  $\{|g\rangle\}_{g\in G}$ , introduce *shift operators* U(k) for  $k\in G$  defined by  $U(k):|g\rangle\to|g+k\rangle$ . Clearly these all commute, so there is simultaneous eigenbasis:

For each  $\chi_k$ ,  $k \in G$ , consider state  $|\chi_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{g \in G} \bar{\chi}_k(g) |g\rangle$ . Then theorem A(ii) implies these form orthonormal basis, and  $U(g)|\chi_k\rangle = \chi_k(g)|\chi_k\rangle$ .

Proof.

$$U(g)|\chi_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{h \in G} \chi_k (h)|h + g\rangle$$

$$\stackrel{h' = h + g}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{h' \in G} \chi_k (h^{\bar{i}} - g)|h'\rangle$$

This implies that

$$\chi_k * -g) = (\chi_k(g))^{-1} = \chi_k(g),$$
  
 $\chi_k(h^{-1} - g) = \chi_k(h')\chi_k(-g) = \chi_k(h')\chi_k(g)$ 

So

$$U(g)|\chi_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} = \sum_{h' \in G} \chi_k(g)\bar{\chi}_k(h')|h'\rangle = \chi_k(g)|\chi_k\rangle$$

So  $|\chi_k\rangle$ 's are common eigenspaces, called *shift-invariant states*. Introduce (define) Fourier transform QFT for group G as the unitary that

 $QFT|\chi_g\rangle = |g\rangle$  for all  $g \in G$ . In  $|g\rangle$  -basis matrices,  $k^{th}$  column of  $(QFT^{-1})$  =components of  $|\chi_k\rangle$ , i.e.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}}\bar{\chi}_k(g)$  = So  $[QFT]_{kg}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \chi_k(g)$ , and so  $QFT|g\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{k \in G} \chi_k(g)|k\rangle$ .

**Example.**  $G = \mathbb{Z}_M$ . Check  $\chi_a(b) = e^{2\pi i a b/M}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  is a representation. Similarly, for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{M_1} \times ... \times \mathbb{Z}_{M_r}, (a_1, ..., a_r) = g_1, (b_1, ..., b_r) = g_2$  where  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,

$$\chi_{g_1}(g_2) \stackrel{def}{=} e^{2\pi i \left(\frac{a_1 b_1}{M_1} + \dots + \frac{a_r b_r}{M_r}\right)}$$

is a representation of G. And we get

$$QFT_G = QFT_{M_1} \otimes ... \otimes QFT_{M_r}$$

on  $\mathcal{H}_{|G|} = \mathcal{H}_{M_1} \otimes ... \otimes \mathcal{H}_{M_r}$ .

This is exhaustive, since by classification theorem, every finite abelian group Gis isomorphic to a direct product of the form  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{M_1} \times ... \times \mathbb{Z}_{M_r}$ . Furthermore, we can insist that  $M_i$  are prime powers  $p_i^{s_i}$ , where  $p_i$  are not necessarily distinct.

Quantum algorithm for finite abelian HSP:

Let  $f: G \to X$ , hidden subgroup K < G. We have cosets  $K = 0 + K, g_2 + G$  $K,...,g_m+K,$  where m=|G|/|K|. State space as usual, with basis  $\{|g\rangle,|x\rangle\}_{g\in G,x\in X}.$ • make the state  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}}\sum_{g\in G}|g\rangle|0\rangle;$ 

• Apply oracle  $U_f$ , get  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{g \in G} |g\rangle |f(g)\rangle$ ;

measure second register to see a value  $f(g_0)$ .

Then first register gives coset state (remember the function is constant on each coset).  $|g_0 + K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|K|}} \sum_{k \in K} |g_0 + K\rangle = U(g_0)|K\rangle$ .

Apply QFT and measure to obtain result  $g \in G$ .

#### —Lecture 5—

Last time we discussed how to solve the abelian HSP problem. Now how does the output g related to K?

• the output distribution of g is independent of  $g_0$ , so same as that obtained from  $QFT|K\rangle$  (i.e.  $g_0=0$ ) since:

write 
$$|K\rangle$$
 in shift invariant basis  $|\chi_g\rangle$ 's,  $|K\rangle = \sum_g a_g |\chi_g\rangle$ , then  $|g_0 + K\rangle = U(g_0)|K\rangle = \sum_g a_g \underbrace{\chi_g(g_0)|\chi_g\rangle}_{=U(g_0)|\chi_g\rangle}$ ; but  $QFT|\chi_g\rangle = |g\rangle$ , so  $Prob(g) = |a_g\chi_g(g_0)|^2 = \underbrace{U(g_0)|\chi_g\rangle}_{=U(g_0)|\chi_g\rangle}$ 

$$|a_g|^2$$
 as  $\chi_g(g_0)| = 1$ .

Thus look at  $QFT|K\rangle$ . Recall  $QFT|k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ , so  $QFT|K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G} \chi_l(k)|l\rangle$ .  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}}\frac{1}{\sqrt{|K|}}\sum_{l\in G}\left[\sum_{k\in K}\chi_l(k)\right]|l\rangle.$ 

The terms in [...] involves irreducible representation  $\chi_l$  of G restricted to subgroup K < G, which is an irreducible representation of K. Hence

$$\sum_{k \in K} \chi_l(k) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} |K| & \chi_l \text{ restricts to trivial irreducible representation on } K \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

and

$$QFT|K\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{|K|}{|G|}} \sum_{l \in G \text{ with } \chi_l \text{ reducing to trivial irreducible representation of } K} |l\rangle$$

So measurement gives a uniformly random choice of l such that  $\chi_l(k) = 1$  for all  $k \in K$ .

e.g. If K has generators  $k_1, k_2, ..., k_M, M = O(\log |K|) = O(\log |G|)$ , then output has  $\chi_l(k_i) = 1$  for all i.

It can be shown that if  $O(\log |G|)$  such l's are chosen uniformly at random, then with probability > 2/3 they suffice to determine a generating set for K via equations  $\chi_l(k) = 1$ .

(see example sheet 1 for particular examples).

**Example.** If  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{M_1} \times ... \times \mathbb{Z}_{M_q}$ . We had for  $l = (l_1, ..., l_q), g \in (b_1, ..., b_q) \in G$ ,

$$\chi_l(g) = e^{2\pi i(\frac{l_1 k_1}{M_1} + \dots + \frac{l_q b_q}{M_q})}$$

So for  $k = (k_1, ..., k_q), \chi_l(k) = 1$  becomes

$$\frac{l_1k_1}{M_1}+\ldots+\frac{l_qk_q}{M_q}\equiv 0\pmod 1$$

(i.e. is an integer), a homogeneous linear equation on K, and  $O(\log |K|)$  is independent such that equations determine K as null space.

Some remarks on HSP for non-abelian groups G (write multiplicatively): As before, can easily generate coset states

$$|g_0K\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|K|}} \sum_{k \in K} |g_0K\rangle$$

where  $g_0$ 's are randomly chosen. But problems arise with QFT construction, because now there's no basis of shift-invariant states exists! (this is since  $U(g_0)$ 's don't commute anymore, so no common full eigenbasis).

Construction of non-abelian Fourier Transform (some more representation theory):

- d-dimensional representation of G is a group homomorphism  $\chi: G \to U(d)$  where U(d) is the space of  $d \times d$  unitary matrices acting on  $\mathbb{C}^d$ , by  $\chi(g_1g_2)\chi(g_1)\chi(g_2)$ . (see part II representation theory for the general form)
- $\chi$  is irreducible representation if no subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^d$  is left invariant under  $\chi(g)$  for all  $g \in G$  (i.e. cannot simultaneously block diagonalise all  $\chi(g)$ 's by a basis change).
- a complete set of irreducible representation: set  $\chi_1, ..., \chi_m$  such that any irreducible representation is unitarily equivalent to one of them (equivalence  $\chi \to \chi' = V \chi V^T$ ).

**Theorem.** (non-abelian version of theorem A – properties of representations) If  $d_1, ..., d_m$  are dimensions of a complete set of irreducible representations

 $\chi_1,...,\chi_m$ , then:

(i)  $d_1^2 + \dots + d_m^2 = |G|$ ;

(ii) Write  $\chi_i(g)_{jk}$  for the  $(j,k)^{th}$  entry of matrix  $\chi_i(g)$ , where  $j,k=1,...,d_i$ . Then (Schur orthogonality):

$$\sum_{g} \chi_{i}(g)_{jk} \bar{\chi}_{i'}(g)_{j'k'} = |G| \delta_{ii'} \delta_{jj'} \delta_{kk'}$$

Hence states

$$|\chi_{i,jk}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{g \in G} \bar{\chi}_i(g)_{jk} |g\rangle$$

is an orthonomal basis.

• QFT on G defined to be the unitary that rotates  $\{|\chi_{ijk}\rangle\}$  basis into standard basis  $\{|g\rangle\}$ . However,  $|\chi_{ijk}\rangle$  are not shift invariant for all  $U(g_0)$ 's, and consequently measurement of coset state  $|g_0K\rangle$  in  $|\chi\rangle$ -basis gives an output distribution *not* independent of  $g_0$ .

However, partial shift invariance survives: Consider the incomplete measurement  $M_{rep}$  on  $|g_0K\rangle$  that distinguishes only the irreducible representations (i.e. i values) and not all (i, j, k)'s.

i.e. with measurement outcome i associated to  $d_i^2$ -dimensional orthogonal subspaces spanned by  $\{|\chi_{(i),jk}\rangle\}_{j,k=1,...,d_i}$ .

Then  $\chi_i(g_1, g_2) = \chi_i(g_1)\chi_i(g_2)$  implies output distribution of i values is independent of  $g_0$ , giving direct, albeit imcomplete, information about K. E.g. conjugate subgroups K and  $= g_0 K g_0^{-1}$  for some  $g_0 \in G$  give same output

distribution.

#### —Lecture 6—

Non-abelian  $\operatorname{HSP}/\operatorname{FT}$  remarks:

For efficient HSP algorithm, we also need QFT to be efficiently implementable, i.e.  $poly(\log |G|)$ -time.

This is true for any abelian G and some non-ablien G's (such as  $\mathcal{P}_n$ ), but even in latter case there's no known efficient HSP algorithm.

Some known result:

for normal subgroups, i.e. gK = Kg for all  $g \in G$ :

Theorem. (Hallgrer, Russell, Tashma, SIAM J.Comp 32 p916-934 (2003)) Suppose G has efficient QFT. Then if hidden subgroup K is normal, then there is an efficient HSP quantum algorithm.

(Construct coset state  $|g_0K\rangle$ , perform  $M_{rep}$  on it.)

Repeat  $O(\log |G|)$  times. Then K normal implies outputs suffice to determine K.

**Theorem.** (Ettinger, Hoyer, Knill)

For general non-abelian HSP,  $M = O(poly(\log |G|))$  random coset states  $|g_1K\rangle,...,g_MK\rangle$ suffice to determine K from M coset states, but it's not efficient.

See example sheet for a proof – construct a measurement procedure on  $|g_1K\rangle \otimes$ ...  $\otimes g_M K$  to determine K, but it takes exponential time in  $\log |G|$ .

The phase estimation algorithm:

- a unifying principle for quantum algorithms, uses  $QFT_{2^n}$  again.
- many applications, e.g. an alternative efficient factoring algorithm (A.Kitaev).

Given unitary operator  $\mathcal{U}$  and eigenstate  $|v_{\phi}\rangle \cdot \mathcal{U}|v_{\phi}\rangle = e^{2\pi i \phi}|v_{\phi}\rangle$ , we want to estimate phase  $\phi$ , where  $0 \le \phi < 1$  (to some precision, say to n binary digits).

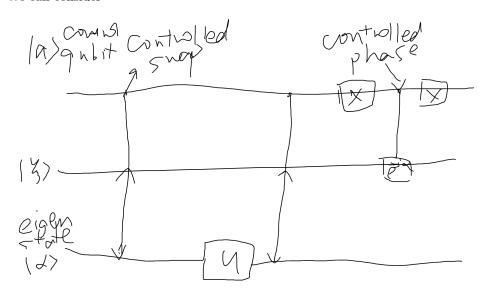
We'll need controlled- $U^k$  for integers k, writte  $C-U^k$ , which satisfies  $c-U^k|0\rangle|\xi\rangle=|0\rangle|\xi\rangle$ ,  $C-U^k|1\rangle|\xi\rangle=|1\rangle U^k|\xi\rangle$ , where  $|\xi\rangle$  in general has dimension d

Note  $U^k|v_{\phi}\rangle = e^{2\pi i k \phi}|v_{\phi}\rangle$ ,  $C - (U^k) = (C - U)^k$ .

**Remark.** Given U as a formula or (arant?) description, we can readily implement C-U, e.g. just control each gate of U's circuit.

However, if U is given as a black box, we need further info:

• it suffices to have an eigenstate  $|\alpha\rangle$  with known eigenvalue  $U|\alpha\rangle=e^{i\alpha}|\alpha\rangle$ : We can consider

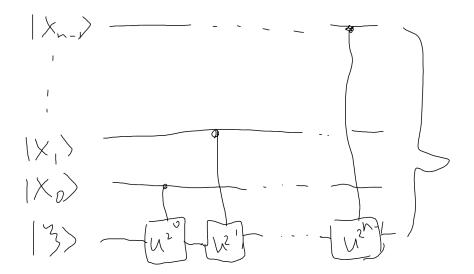


Where we get  $CU|a\rangle|\xi\rangle$  at the first two row and the third row  $|\alpha\rangle$  is always unchanged.

To see how it works, just check circuit action. (...)

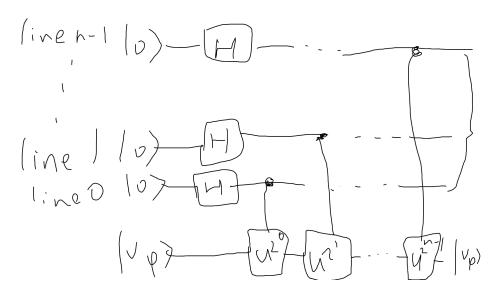
We'll actually want generalised controlled-U with  $|x\rangle|\xi\rangle \to |x\rangle U^x|\xi\rangle$ , where  $|x\rangle$  has n qubits, i.e.  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^n}$ .

We can make this thing from  $C - (U^k)$  as follows:



We get  $|x\rangle U^x|\xi\rangle$ , where  $x=x_{n-1}...x_1x_0$  binary,  $U^x=U^{2^{x_{n-1}}}...U^{2^{x_1}}U^{2^{x_0}}$ . Note: if input  $|\xi\rangle=|v_\phi\rangle$ , then get  $e^{2\pi i\phi x}|v_\phi\rangle$ .

Now suppose over all  $x=0,1,...,2^{n-1}$  and use  $|\xi\rangle=|v_{\phi}\rangle,$ 



Where the output is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}\sum_x e^{2\pi i\phi x}|x\rangle$ , we call this state  $|A\rangle$ .

Finally apply  $QFT_{2^n}^{-1}$  to  $|A\rangle$  and measure to see  $y_0,...,y_{n-1}$  on lines 0,1,...,n-1. Then output  $0.y_0...y_{n-1}=\frac{y_0}{2}+...+\frac{y_{n-1}}{2^{n-1}}$ , as the estimate of  $\phi$ . That's the phase estimation algorithm (for given U and  $V_{\phi}\rangle$ ).

Suppose  $\phi$  actually had only n binary digits, i.e.  $\phi$  exactly equals  $0.z_0z_1...z_{n-1}$  for some  $z_k=0,1$  for all k.

Then  $\phi = \frac{z_0 \dots z_{n-1}}{2^n} = \frac{z}{2^n}$  where z is n-bit integer in  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^n}$ , and

$$|A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x} e^{2\pi i x z/2^n} |x\rangle$$

is  $QFT_{2^n}$  of  $|z\rangle$ .

So  $QFT^{-1}|A\rangle = |z\rangle$  and get  $\phi$  exactly, with certainty.

In this case the algorithm up to (not including) final measurements is a unitary operation, mapping  $|0\rangle...|0\rangle|v_{\phi}\rangle \rightarrow |z_0\rangle...|z_{n-1}\rangle|v_{\phi}\rangle$ .

—Lecture 7— Phase Estimation (continued):

U is a  $d \times d$  unitary operation/matrix with eigenstate  $U|v_{\phi}\rangle = 2^{2\pi i \phi}|v_{\phi}\rangle$ , and we want to estimate  $\phi$ .

U as a quantum physical operation is equivalent to  $\tilde{U} = e^{i\alpha}U$  for any  $\alpha$  and  $\tilde{U}$ has  $\phi \to \phi + \alpha/2\pi$ .

So if U given as quantum physical operation alone, we cannot determine  $\phi$ . But controlled versions different: C-U and C-U are different as physical operations (set  $\{e^{i\alpha}C-U\}_{\alpha}\neq\{e^{i\alpha}C-\tilde{U}\}_{\alpha}$ ), and  $C-U/\tilde{U}$  does fix  $\phi$  associatied to choice of phase  $\alpha$ .

So quantum phase estimation algorithm use C-U  $(C-U^{2^k})$  physical operations (not just U's).

We had 
$$\underbrace{|0\rangle...|0\rangle}_{r} |v_{\phi}\rangle \xrightarrow[C-U's]{\text{unitary}}_{r} |A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{2\pi i \phi x} |x\rangle$$
 (*n* qubits).

Apply  $QFT^{-1}$  we get  $QFT^{-1}|A\rangle$ , measure to see  $y_0,...,y_{n-1}$ ; output  $\phi=\frac{(y_0y_1...y_{n-1})}{2^n},\ 0\leq y<2^{n-1}$ , where the numerator is a n-bit integer.

If  $\phi = \frac{z}{2^n}$  for integer  $0 \le z < 2^n$ , i.e.  $\phi$  has exactly n binary digits, then  $|A\rangle = QFT|z\rangle$ , so we get z with certainty in the measurement.

Now suppose  $\phi$  has more than n bits, say  $\phi = 0.z_0 z_1 z_2 ... z_{n-1} | z_n z_{n+1} ...$  Then we have:

**Theorem.** (PE) If measurement in above algorithm give  $y_0,...y_{n-1}$  (so output is  $\theta = 0.y_0...y_{n-1}$ ), then

(a)  $\mathbb{P}(\theta \text{ is closet } n \text{ binary digit approximate to } \phi) \geq 4\pi^2;$ (b)  $\mathbb{P}(|\theta - \phi| \geq \varepsilon)$  is at most  $P(\frac{1}{2^n\varepsilon})$  (we'll show it's at most  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}\varepsilon}$ ).

**Remark.** In (a), we have probability  $\frac{4}{\pi^2}$  that all n lines of n-line QPE process

But, if we want  $\phi$  accurate to m bits with probability  $1-\eta$ , then we use theorem (PE) (b) with  $\varepsilon = 1/2^m$ . Then we'll use n > m lines with

$$\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\varepsilon=\eta, \varepsilon=\frac{1}{2^m}$$

i.e.  $n = m + \log(1/\eta) + 1$ . In words, number of lines needed is only number of bits wanted with good probability  $1 - \eta$  plus a modest polynomial increase for exponetial reduction in  $\eta$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$QFT^{-1}|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y=0}^{2^n - 1} e^{-2\pi i y x/2^n} |y\rangle$$

So

$$QFT^{-1}|A\rangle = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{y} \left[ \sum_{x} e^{2\pi i (\phi - y/2^n)x} \right] |y\rangle$$

So for measurement,

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{see } n - \text{ bit integer } y = y_0 y_1 ... y_{n-1}) = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \left| \sum_{x=0}^{2^{n-1}} e^{2\pi i \underbrace{\left(\phi - \frac{y}{2^n}\right)_x}_{:=\delta(y)}} \right|^2$$

Note that this is a geometric series  $e^{2\pi i\delta(y)}$ , so

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{see } y) = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \left| \frac{1 - e^{2^n 2\pi i \delta(y)}}{1 - e^{2\pi i \delta(y)}} \right|^2$$

Let's call this equation (P) (maybe for *phase*).

We want to bound/estimate this expression.

For (a): Let  $y = a = a_0 a_1 ... a_{n-1}$  give closest n-bit approximation to  $\phi$ , i.e.  $|\phi - \frac{a'}{2^n}| \le \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ , i.e.  $\delta(a) \le \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ . Now we bounds:

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } |1-e^{i\alpha}|=|2\sin\frac{\alpha}{2}|\geq\frac{2}{\pi}|\alpha| \text{ if } |\alpha|<\pi; \\ \text{(ii) } |1-e^{2\pi i\beta}|\leq 2\pi\beta. \end{array}$ 

In equation (P), use (i) with  $\alpha = 2^n \cdot 2\pi \delta(a) \le 2^n 2\pi \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \le \pi$  to lower bound top line, and (ii) with  $\beta = \delta(a)$  to upper bound bottom line, get

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{see } a) \ge \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \left( \frac{2^{n+1}\delta(a)}{2\pi\delta(a)} \right)^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$$

For (b), we want to upper bound equaiton (P): for top line,  $|1 - e^{i\alpha}| \le 2$  for any  $\alpha$ ; for bottom, use (i) get  $|1 - e^{2\pi i \delta(y)}| \ge 4\delta(y)$ . So

$$\mathbb{P}(y) \le \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \left(\frac{2}{4\delta(y)}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \delta(y)^2$$

Now sum this for all  $|\delta(y)| > \varepsilon$ ,  $\delta(y)$  values spaced by  $1/2^n$ 's. Let  $\delta_+$  be first  $\begin{array}{l} \delta(y) \text{ (jumps?) with } \delta(y) \geq \varepsilon, \ \delta_- \text{ be that with } \delta(y) \leq -\varepsilon. \text{ So } |\delta_+|, |\delta_-| \geq \varepsilon. \\ \text{Then if } |\delta(y)| \geq \varepsilon, \text{ we have } \delta(y) = \delta_+ + \frac{k}{2^n}, \ k = 0, 1, ..., \text{ or } = \delta_- - \frac{k}{2^n}, \ k = 0, 1, .... \end{array}$ So  $|\delta(y)| \ge \varepsilon + \frac{k}{2^n}$  with k = 0, 1, 2, ... in each case.

So

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(|\delta(y)| > \varepsilon) &\leq 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \frac{1}{(\varepsilon + \frac{k}{2^n})^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2^n \varepsilon + k)^2} dk \\ &= \int_{2^n \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{k^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1} \varepsilon} \end{split}$$

Further remarks on QPE algorithm:

(1) If  $C-U^{2^k}$  is implemented as  $(C-U)^{2^k}$ , the QPE algorithm needs exponential time in n as we have  $1+2+\ldots+2^{n-1}=2^n-1$  (C-U) gates.

However, for some special U's,  $C - U^{2^k}$  can be implemented in poly(k) time, so we get a poly time QPE algorithm.

It can be used to provide alternative facoring (order finding) algorithm (due to A. Kitaev) using PE.

—Lecture 8—

First exercise class: Saturday 3 Nov 11am MR4.

(2) If instead of  $|v_{\phi}\rangle$ , use general input state  $|\xi\rangle$ :

$$|\xi\rangle = \sum_{j} c_{j} |v_{\phi_{j}}\rangle$$

$$U|v_{\phi_i}\rangle = e^{2\pi i \phi_j}|v_{\phi_i}\rangle$$

Then we get in QPE (before final measurement) a unitary process  $U_{PE}$  with (lecturer had that) effect

$$|0...0\rangle|\xi\rangle \xrightarrow{U_{PE}} \sum_{j} c_{j}|\phi_{j}\rangle|v_{\phi_{j}}\rangle$$

and final measurement will give a choice of  $\phi_j$ 's (or approximation) chosen with probabilities  $|c_j|^2$ .

**Example.** Implement  $QFT_{\mathcal{Q}}$  for  $\mathcal{Q}$  not a power of 2, with a quantum curcuit of 1– and 2– qubit gates of circuit size  $O(poly(\log \mathcal{Q}))$  (Kitaev's method).

**Remark.** For  $Q = 2^m$ , we have explicit known circuit of  $O(m^2)$ . H and C-phase gate to implement  $QFT_{2^m}$  exactly (cf part II QIC Notes).

For  $QFT_{\mathcal{Q}}$ : Introduce

$$|\eta_a\rangle = QFT_{\mathcal{Q}}|a\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{Q}}} \sum_{b=0}^{\mathcal{Q}-1} \omega^{ab}|b\rangle, a \in \mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Q}}, \omega = e^{2\pi i/\mathcal{Q}}$$

It suffices to make circuit hat does  $|a\rangle \rightarrow |\eta_a\rangle$  (\*).

Let  $2^{m-1} < \mathcal{Q} < 2^m$ , and set  $M = 2^m$ , view  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{Q}}$  as subspace of m qubits (spanned by  $|a\rangle : 0 \le a < \mathcal{Q} - 1 < 2^m$ ).

To achieve (\*), consider instead on  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{Q}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{Q}}$ 

$$|a\rangle|0\rangle \xrightarrow{(1)} |a\rangle|\eta_a\rangle \xrightarrow{(2)} |0\rangle|\eta_a\rangle$$

(1): get  $\eta_a$  from  $|a\rangle$  while remembering  $|a\rangle$ ;

(2):  $erase/forget |a\rangle$ .

For (1), first do  $|0\rangle \to |\xi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{Q}}} \sum_{b=0}^{\mathcal{Q}-1} |b\rangle$  as follows:

on m qubits  $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes m}$  gives  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^m-1} |x\rangle$ . Then consider the step function f(x) = 0 if  $x < \mathcal{Q}$  and 1 if  $x \ge \mathcal{Q}$ . It's classically efficiently computable, so can efficiently implement  $U_f$  on (m+1) qubits.

So applying  $U_{\rho}$  to  $(H^{\otimes m}|0\rangle)|0\rangle$  and measure output  $(m+1^{st})$  qubit to get  $|\xi\rangle$ 

on first n qubits if measurement result is 0. Note that prob(0) > 1/2 as  $Q > 2^{m-1} = 2^m/2$ , so we can use multiple trials to

We can do offline: failures/re-tries do not affect state to which we want to apply  $QFT_{\mathcal{Q}}$ . So now we have  $|\tilde{\xi} = |a\rangle \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{Q}}} \sum_{b=0}^{\mathcal{Q}-1} |b\rangle\right)$ .

Next consider  $V|a\rangle|b\rangle = \omega^{ab}|a\rangle|b\rangle$ .

Then  $V|\tilde{\xi}\rangle = |a\rangle|\eta_a\rangle$  as we want for (1).

To implement V, consider

$$U:|b\rangle o \omega^b|b\rangle$$

If  $|b\rangle$  in m qubits given by  $|b_{m-1}\rangle...|b_0\rangle$ , i.e.  $b=b_{m-1}...b_0$  in binary, then  $\omega^b = \omega^{b_{m-1}2^{m-1}}...\omega^{b_02^0}$ . So U is product of 1-qubit phase gates

$$P(\omega^{2^{m-1}}) \otimes ... \otimes \mathbb{P}(\omega^{2^0})$$

where  $P(\xi) = Diag(1, \xi), |\xi| = 1$  is a phase gate.

Similarly, for  $C - U^{2^k}$  (starting with  $U \to U^{2^k}$  i.e.  $\omega^b \to \omega^{2^k b}$ ), and V =generalised C-U:

$$|a\rangle|b\rangle \xrightarrow{V} |a\rangle U^a|b\rangle$$

which is constructed as before, from  $C - U^{2^k}$ 's.

So now we have  $|a\rangle|0\rangle \xrightarrow{(1)} |a\rangle|\eta_a\rangle$ .

For (2), i.e.  $|a\rangle|\eta_a\rangle \xrightarrow{(2)} |0\rangle|\eta_a\rangle$ , if we had U with eigenstates  $|\eta_a\rangle$ , eigenvalues  $\omega^a = e^{2\pi i a/\mathcal{Q}}$ , then  $U_{PE}$  would give

$$|0\rangle|\eta_a\rangle \xrightarrow{U_{PE}} |a\rangle|\eta_a\rangle$$

(we are a bit loose on how information is presented – writing eigenvalue output as a, and note we are assuming that PE works exactly)

Hence  $U_{PE}^{-1}$  (inverse gates taken in reverse order) would give desired (2)!

Consider  $U: |x\rangle \to |x-1 \mod \mathcal{Q}\rangle$ , and check that  $U|\eta_a\rangle = \omega^a|\eta_a\rangle$  as wanted. Now note  $x \to x - k \mod \mathcal{Q}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Q}}$  is classically computable in  $poly(\log \mathcal{Q})$ time, thus we also have  $U^k: |x\rangle \to |x-k \mod \mathcal{Q}\rangle$ , and PE algorithm with

 $m = O(\log(Q))$  lines.

Then implementing (1) then (2) gives  $poly(\log Q)$  sized circuit for  $QFT_Q$ .

But PE is not exact. However, using more qubit lines  $(O(\log 1/\varepsilon) \text{ lines})$ , we can achieve (by theorem PE(b))

$$|0\rangle|\eta_a\rangle \xrightarrow{U_{PE}} (\sqrt{1-\varepsilon}|a\rangle + \sqrt{\varepsilon}|a^{\perp}\rangle)|\eta_a\rangle$$

(where  $a^{\perp}$  is a state orthogonal to  $|a\rangle$ ) for any (small) deserved  $\varepsilon$ . Then

$$|| |a\rangle - \sqrt{1-\varepsilon}|a\rangle + \sqrt{\varepsilon}|a^{\perp}\rangle || = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$$

So

$$||U_{PE}^{-1}|a\rangle|\eta_a\rangle - |0\rangle|\eta_a\rangle|| = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$$

(as unitaries preserve lengths). So we can approximate  $QFT_{\mathcal{Q}}$  to any desired precision (omit details).

#### $\mathbf{3}$ Amplitude Amplification

Note that this is a very good name – a fifth order literation (both starting with

Apothesis of technique in Grover's algorithm.

Some background:

We'll make much use of reflection operators.

—Lecture 9—

A reminder that we don't have lecture next thursday.

Reflection operators:

• State  $|\alpha\rangle$  in  $\mathcal{H}_d \to 1$ -dimensional subspace  $L_\alpha$  and (d-1)-dimensional orthogonal complement  $L_{\alpha}^{\perp}$ 

$$I_{|\alpha\rangle} \stackrel{def}{=} I - 2|\alpha \times \alpha|$$

 $\text{has } I_{|\alpha\rangle}|\alpha\rangle = -|\alpha\rangle,\, I_{|\alpha\rangle}|\beta\rangle = |\beta\rangle \text{ for any } |\beta\rangle \perp |\alpha\rangle.$ So  $I_{|\alpha\rangle}$  is reflection in (d-1)-dimensional subspace  $L_{\alpha}^{\perp}$ .

Note that for any unitary U,  $UI_{|\alpha\rangle}U^{\dagger} = I_{U|\alpha\rangle}$ , since  $U|\alpha \times \alpha|Y^{\dagger} = |\xi \times \xi|$  of  $\xi = U|\alpha\rangle$  (basically a change of basis).

• Take k-dimensional subspace  $A \subseteq \mathcal{H}_d$ , and any orthonormal basis  $|a_1\rangle, ..., |a_k\rangle$ .

Then  $P_A = \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i \times a_i|$  is projection operator into A. Define  $I_A = I - 2P_A$ . Then we have  $I_A |\xi\rangle = |\xi\rangle$  if  $|\xi\rangle \in A^{\perp}$ , and  $I_A |\xi\rangle = -|\xi\rangle$  if

So  $I_A$  is reflection in (d-k) dimensional mirror  $A^{\perp}$ .

Recap of Grover's algorithm (part II notes page 68-73):

• search for unique good item in unstructured database of  $N=2^n$  items for malised as: (write  $B_n$  to be the set of all n-bit strings,  $N=2^n$ ): Given oracle for  $f: B_n \to B$ , promised that there is unique  $x_0 \in B_n$  with  $f(x_0) = 1$ , and we wish to find  $x_0$ .

This is closely related to class NP and Boolean satisfiability problem (see part II notes p 67-68).

Using one query to (n+1)-qubit  $\mathcal{U}_f$ , we can implement reflection operator  $I_{|x_0\rangle}: |x\rangle \to |x\rangle$  if  $x \neq x_0$ , and to  $-|x\rangle$  if  $x = x_0$ .

(viz. apply  $\mathcal{U}_f$  to  $|x\rangle(\frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ ) and discard the last qubit.) Then consider *Grover iteration operator* on n qubits:

$$Q \stackrel{def}{=} -H_n I_{|0...0\rangle} H_n I_{|x_0\rangle} = -I_{|\psi_0\rangle} I_{|x_0\rangle}$$

here  $H_n = H \otimes H \otimes ... \otimes H = H_n^{\dagger}$ , and  $|\psi_0\rangle = H^n |0...0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in B_n} |x\rangle$ . So one application of Q uses 1 query to  $\mathcal{U}_f$ .

Theorem. (Grover, 1996)

In 2-dimensional span of  $|\psi_0\rangle$  and (unknown)  $|x_0\rangle$ , the action of Q is rotation by angle  $2\alpha$  where  $\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$ .

Hence (Grover's algorithm) to find  $x_0$  given  $U_f$ :

- 1. Make  $|\psi_0\rangle$ ;
- 2. Apply Q m times where  $m = \frac{\arccos(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}})}{2\arctan(frac1\sqrt{N})}$  to rotate  $|\psi_0\rangle$  very close to  $|x_0\rangle$ .
- 3. Measure to see  $x_0$  with high probability  $\sim 1 \frac{1}{N}$ .

For large N,  $\arccos(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}) \approx \pi/2$ ,  $\arcsin(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$  so  $m = \frac{\pi}{4}\sqrt{N}$  iterations/queries to  $U_f$  suffice.

Classically we need O(N) queries to see  $x_0$  with any *constant* probability (independent of N), so get *square-root* speed up quantumly.

#### Amplitude Amplification:

Let G be any subspace (good subspace) of state space  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $G^{\perp}$  is orthogonal complement (bad subspace)  $\mathcal{J} = G \oplus G^{\perp}$ .

Given any  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have unique decomposition with real positive coefficients

$$|\psi\rangle = \sin\theta |g\rangle + \cos\theta |b\rangle$$

where  $|g\rangle \in G$ ,  $|b\rangle \in G^{\perp}$  normalised. Introduce reflections: flip  $|\psi\rangle$  and good vectors:  $I_{|\psi\rangle} = I - 2|\psi \times \psi|$ ,  $I_G = I - 2P_G$  (projection into G), so  $\sin\theta = ||P_G|\psi\rangle||$  is the length of good projection.

Introduce 
$$Q \stackrel{def}{=} -I_{|\psi\rangle}I_G$$
.

#### Theorem. (Amplitude Amplification)

In the 2-dimensional subspace spanned by  $|g\rangle$  and  $|\psi\rangle$  (or equivalently by orthonormal vectors  $|g\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$ ), Q is rotation by  $2\theta$  where  $\sin\theta$  is the length of good projection of  $|\psi\rangle$ .

*Proof.* We have  $I_G|g\rangle = -|g\rangle$ ,  $I_G|b\rangle = |b\rangle$ . So  $Q|g\rangle = +I_{|\psi\rangle}|g\rangle$ ,  $Q|b\rangle = -I_{|\psi\rangle}|b\rangle$ . Now

$$I_{|\psi\rangle} = I - 2(\sin\theta|g\rangle + \cos\theta|b\rangle)(\sin\theta\langle g| + \cos\theta\langle b|)$$
  
=  $I - 2[\sin^2\theta|g \times g| + \sin\theta\cos\theta|g \times b| + \sin\theta\cos\theta|b \times g| + \cos^2\theta|b \times b|]|b\rangle$ 

And direct calculation (using  $\langle g|b\rangle=0,\ \langle g|g\rangle=\langle b|b\rangle=1$ ) gives

$$Q|b\rangle = I_{|\psi\rangle}|b\rangle$$

$$= 2\sin\theta\cos\theta|g\rangle - (1 - 2\cos^2\theta)|b\rangle$$

$$= \cos 2\theta|b\rangle + \sin 2\theta|g\rangle$$

and  $Q|g\rangle = +I_{|\psi\rangle}|g\rangle = -\sin 2\theta|b\rangle + \cos 2\theta|g\rangle$ .

So in  $\{|b\rangle, |g\rangle\}$  basis, matrix of Q is exactly the matrix of rotation by  $2\theta$ .