

**Tutorial 3** (Number theory fundamentals<sup>1</sup>)

We denote the *greatest common divisor* of two integers  $a$  and  $b$  by  $\gcd(a, b)$ . By the *representation theorem for the greatest common divisor*,  $\gcd(a, b)$  is the least positive integer which can be written in the form  $ax + by$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are integers. Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be *co-prime* if their greatest common divisor is 1.

Euclid's algorithm can efficiently compute  $\gcd(a, b)$ . It is based on the following

**Theorem.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers, and let  $r$  be the remainder when  $a$  is divided by  $b$ . Then provided  $r \neq 0$ ,

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r).$$

As demonstration, we find  $\gcd(6825, 1430)$  using Euclid's algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} 6825 &= 4 \cdot 1430 + 1105 \\ 1430 &= 1 \cdot 1105 + 325 \\ 1105 &= 3 \cdot 325 + 130 \\ 325 &= 2 \cdot 130 + 65 \\ 130 &= 2 \cdot 65 \end{aligned}$$

From this we see that  $\gcd(6825, 1430) = 65$ .

Euclid's algorithm has runtime cost  $\mathcal{O}(L^3)$ , where  $L$  is the number of bits required to represent  $a$  and  $b$ . One can adapt it to compute the integers  $x$  and  $y$  in the representation

$$ax + by = \gcd(a, b),$$

too, by successive substitution. For the example above:

$$\begin{aligned} 65 &= 325 - 2 \cdot 130 \\ &= 325 - 2 \cdot (1105 - 3 \cdot 325) = -2 \cdot 1105 + 7 \cdot 325 \\ &= -2 \cdot 1105 + 7 \cdot (1430 - 1 \cdot 1105) = 7 \cdot 1430 - 9 \cdot 1105 \\ &= 7 \cdot 1430 - 9 \cdot (6825 - 4 \cdot 1430) = -9 \cdot 6825 + 37 \cdot 1430. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) When does a number  $a$  have a multiplicative inverse in modular arithmetic, that is, given  $a$  and  $n$ , when does there exist an integer  $b$  such that  $ab = 1 \pmod{n}$ ? For example,  $2 \cdot 3 = 1 \pmod{5}$ , so the number 2 has multiplicative inverse 3 in arithmetic modulo 5. Answer this question by deriving the following

**Proposition.** Let  $n$  be an integer greater than 1. Then another integer  $a$  has a multiplicative inverse modulo  $n$  if and only if  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , that is,  $a$  and  $n$  are co-prime.

- (b) Prove the following

**Theorem** (Fermat's little theorem). Suppose  $p$  is a prime, and  $a$  is any integer. Then  $a^p = a \pmod{p}$ . If  $a$  is not divisible by  $p$  then  $a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$ .

This theorem has a generalization based on the Euler  $\varphi$  function:  $\varphi(n)$  is defined to be the number of positive integers less than  $n$  which are co-prime to  $n$ . As an example, note that all positive integers less than a prime  $p$  are co-prime to  $p$ , and thus  $\varphi(p) = p - 1$ . One can derive the useful relation  $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$  if  $a$  and  $b$  are co-prime via the Chinese remainder theorem.

- (c) Deduce that, for  $p$  prime,

$$\varphi(p^\alpha) = p^{\alpha-1}(p - 1).$$

Thus, we can obtain  $\varphi(n)$  based on the prime factorization of  $n$ ,  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ :

$$\varphi(n) = \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_j-1} (p_j - 1).$$

Finally, we state the following remarkable generalization of Fermat's little theorem, due to Euler:

**Theorem.** Suppose  $a$  is co-prime to  $n$ . Then  $a^{\varphi(n)} = 1 \pmod{n}$ .

<sup>1</sup>M. A. Nielsen, I. L. Chuang: *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information*. Cambridge University Press (2010), Appendix 4

### Exercise 3.1 (Order-finding)

Let  $x$  and  $N$  be positive integers with no common factors and  $x < N$ . Recall that the *order* of  $x$  modulo  $N$  is the least positive integer  $r$  such that  $x^r = 1 \pmod{N}$ . We denote the number of bits required to represent  $N$  by  $L$ . The quantum algorithm for order-finding is the phase estimation algorithm applied to the unitary operator

$$U|y\rangle = \begin{cases} |x \cdot y \pmod{N}\rangle & 0 \leq y < N \\ |y\rangle & N \leq y < 2^L \end{cases}$$

for  $y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^L - 1\}$ . (Only the case  $y < N$  is relevant here.)

(a) We discuss in the lecture that the states

$$|u_s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-2\pi i s k / r} |x^k \pmod{N}\rangle \quad \text{for } s = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$$

are eigenstates of  $U$  with corresponding eigenvalues  $e^{2\pi i s / r}$ , and that

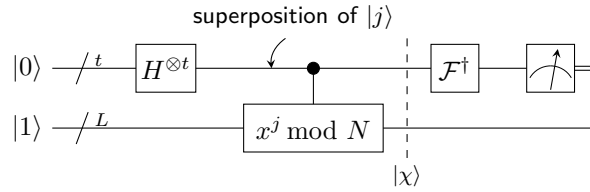
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} |u_s\rangle = |1\rangle. \quad (1)$$

Verify the following generalization of Eq. (1):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} e^{2\pi i s k / r} |u_s\rangle = |x^k \pmod{N}\rangle \quad \text{for all } k = 0, 1, \dots, r-1.$$

Hint: Use that  $\frac{1}{r} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} e^{2\pi i s k / r} = \delta_{0, k \pmod{r}}$  for all integer  $k$ .

Based on Eq. (1), the quantum algorithm for order-finding uses  $|1\rangle$  as input in the second register. You should convince yourself that  $U^j|1\rangle = |x^j \pmod{N}\rangle$ . This leads to the following schematic circuit:



Thus the quantum state  $|\chi\rangle$  before the inverse Fourier transform is

$$|\chi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^t}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^t-1} |j\rangle |x^j \pmod{N}\rangle.$$

- (b) In the following, we set  $N = 15$  and  $x = 7$ . What is the order  $r$  of  $x$  modulo  $N$ ? Write down the state  $|\chi\rangle$  explicitly for  $t = 5$ .

The *principle of implicit measurement* states that, without loss of generality, any unterminated quantum wires (qubits which are not measured) at the end of a quantum circuit may be assumed to be measured.

- (c) Apply this principle by projecting  $|\chi\rangle$  from (b) onto one of the (randomly selected) basis states appearing in the second register, say  $|4\rangle$ : that is, retain only basis states of the form  $|j\rangle|4\rangle$  in  $|\chi\rangle$ , and normalize the resulting state  $|\chi'\rangle$  to 1.
- (d) Finally, compute the inverse Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger|\chi'\rangle$ , and plot the probability distribution of the result.

Hint: You can use the following Python code for this purpose, where you still have to insert  $|\chi'\rangle$  represented as vector. Because of different conventions, we use NumPy's forward Fourier transform here.

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

chip = np.array([...])

Fchip = np.fft.fft(chip, norm='ortho')

plt.plot(np.abs(Fchip)**2, '.')
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The nonzero entries of  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger|\chi'\rangle$  should appear at indices  $\ell$  with  $\frac{\ell}{2^t} = \frac{s}{r}$  for some  $s \in \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$ , in accordance with phase estimation.

3.1. (a)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i s k / n} |u_s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i s j / n - 2\pi i s k / n} |x^k \bmod N\rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s,k} \exp[2\pi i (s j - s k) / n] \cdot |x^k \bmod N\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s,k} \exp(2\pi i s (j-k) / n) \cdot |x^k \bmod N\rangle \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \delta_{0, (j-k) \bmod n} \cdot |x^k \bmod N\rangle =$$

based on hint:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \exp(2\pi i s l / n) = \delta_{0, l \bmod n}$

$$\text{if } (j-k) \bmod n = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \delta_{0, (j-k) \bmod n} |x^k \bmod N\rangle = |x^j \bmod N\rangle$$

(b)

$$N = 15$$

$$x = 7$$

order  $n$  of  $x \bmod N$  ( $x \bmod 15$ )

$$7^n = 1 \bmod 15$$

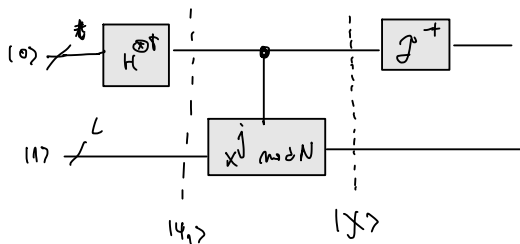
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n=0 \quad 7^0 = 1 \bmod 15 \\ 1 \quad 7^1 = 7 \bmod 15 \\ 2 \quad 7^2 = 4 \bmod 15 \\ 3 \quad 7^3 = 13 \bmod 15 \\ 4 \quad 7^4 = 1 \bmod 15 \end{array} \right\} x^j \bmod N$$

$\Rightarrow$  the order of  $x \bmod N$  is 4

$$t=5$$

$$N = 2^t$$

$$|4\rangle = H|0\rangle \otimes u_x^{\otimes L}$$



$$L=4$$

$$|u_1\rangle = H^{\otimes 5} |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle^{\otimes L}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^5}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^5-1} |j\rangle |x^j \bmod N\rangle$$

$$t=5$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \sum_{j=0}^{31} |j\rangle |x^j \bmod N\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \left( \begin{array}{l} (10 + 142 + 187 + \dots + 1282) |10\rangle + \\ (117 + 182 + \dots + 1292) |17\rangle + \\ (20 + 160 + \dots + 1320) |4\rangle + \\ (132 + 172 + \dots + 1312) |13\rangle \end{array} \right)$$

⑤. Retaining basis states  $|j\rangle|1\rangle, |1\rangle$

$$|x'\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} [ |2\rangle + |6\rangle + |10\rangle + |14\rangle + |18\rangle + |22\rangle + |26\rangle + |30\rangle ]$$

⑥ Compute the inverse Fourier transform  $F^{-1}|x'\rangle$  and plot...

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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Python

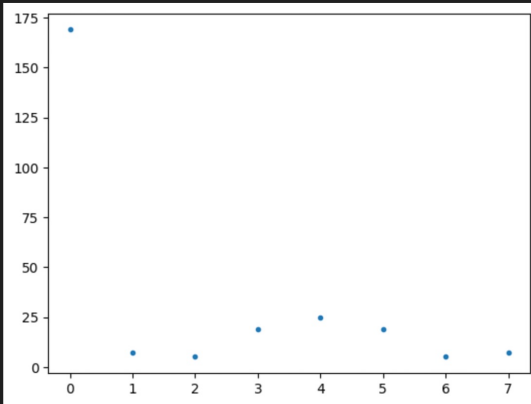
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chip = 1/(np.sqrt(8))*np.array([2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 2, 30])
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Fchip = np.fft.fft(chip, norm='ortho')
plt.plot(np.abs(Fchip)**2, '.')
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Python

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**Exercise 3.2** (Quantum Fourier transform for prime dimensions)

Construct a quantum circuit which performs the quantum Fourier transform

$$|j\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} e^{2\pi i j k / p} |k\rangle,$$

where  $p$  is a prime number.

Hints: You can assume that  $|j\rangle$  is encoded via  $n$  qubits, with  $n$  the smallest integer such that  $p \leq 2^n$ , and that  $j < p$ . To simplify the problem, you can further assume that the output of the circuit is to be stored in a separate quantum register with  $n$  qubits, which is already initialized to the equal superposition state  $|\Phi_p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} |k\rangle$ . Thus the overall transformation reads

$$|j\rangle \otimes |\Phi_p\rangle \mapsto |j\rangle \otimes \text{QFT } |j\rangle = |j\rangle \otimes \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} e^{2\pi i j k / p} |k\rangle \right).$$

(Note that the two registers become entangled in general.) Finally, you may use (controlled) rotation gates of the form

$$R_{m,p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2\pi i 2^m / p} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Quantum Fourier transform for prime dimensions.

sum:  $j \cdot k / p$

$$R_{m,p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2\pi i 2^m / p} \end{pmatrix}$$

encoding bit  $\rightarrow \frac{j \cdot k}{p} = \frac{2^m}{p}$

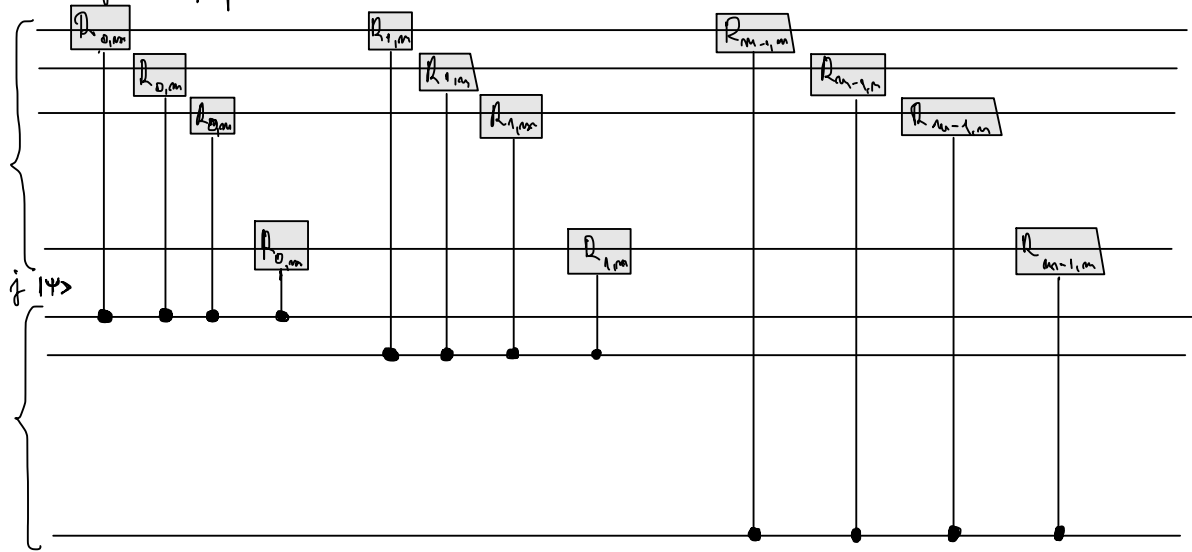
$$\frac{1+2+\dots+p-1}{p}$$

final state:  $|j\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} e^{2\pi i j k / p} |k\rangle$

$$|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} |k\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{2}{p} + \dots + \frac{p-1}{p}$$

$|0\rangle$  equal superposition note:  $m = p$



$$R_{m,p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2\pi i 2^m / p} \end{pmatrix}$$